

# Bollywood Sargam Diwali meet honors Elites

SURESH BODIWALA

CHICAGO IL: Pratibha Jairath of Bollywood Sargam and Altaf Bukhari of AB Entertainment organized a grand Diwali Party on November 3 at Ashyana Banquets in Downers Grove with an attendance close to 500 people dressed in vibrant outfits.

The best part of this event was that it was not merely a musical extravaganza and variety show but it included people from different religions, states, and communities of India to once again show unity within diversity that is India. Anil Loomba, one of the honored guests, commented 'Pratibha how do you bring people from different walks of life?

Ms Jairath, the host, opened



Bollywood Diwali Lamp Lighting by guests and sponsors



Bollywood singers Anil Sharma, Pratibha Jairath and Raju Bankapur

the evening by welcoming guests and presenting a prayer and Diwali Badhai in creative style. For Lamp lighting, honored guests Sunil Shah, Anil Loomba and Dr. Anuja Gupta, Sponsor Anil Kumar Sharma, Co-organizer Altaf

Bukhari, Shen were invited by Pratibha Jairath along with her consistent supporters Brij Sharma, Surinder Jain of Ashyana and Om Dhingra.

Ms Jairath started with Diwali segment of Piya Tose, continuing with both classical and new numbers such as Thode Badmash from Sanwariya and other hits like Channa Mereya. Within 15 minutes, the dance floor was full with energetic folks ready to rock.

Anil Sharma, a well-known established singer merized folks with Kishore Kumar classics such as Neele Neele Amber, Dil kya kare and Arjit Singh's hits like sunona sangemarmar.

Raju Bankapur, another

singer kept folks on dance floor with lots of new and Bollywood hits such as Bachna ae haseeno. His rendition of Badan pe sitare brought Sunil Ji and friends on dance floor.

multi-dimensional variety show.

The slide show of excerpts from films matching with song being performed was a great touch, thanks to Virender



Bollywood Qawwali

Raju Bankapur's flute numbers and Anil Sharma's Mahobbat barsa and some unique numbers were applauded by all. Pratibha Jairath's Qawali item was a mix of few Qawalies. It is such things that made this party a

Kothari. Ms Jairath thanked her friends, supporters invited guess for showing awesome support. She made a special mention of the decoration and reception team, starting with Vandana Bankapur and Asha Mehta.



Audience members enjoying themselves with festival dancing



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