

**Penang**

# Festival brings Indian treasures to the fore



**Sukesh Gupta** arranging bridal set jewellery from Hyderabad, India, for the 2nd Penang International Indian Shopping Festival 2010.

**GEORGE TOWN:** Some 120 exhibitors, both local and foreign, are participating in the week-long 2nd Penang International Indian Shopping Festival 2010 at Penang Times Square.

The foreign exhibitors included those from India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka with traders from Kashmir, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Gujarat and Kerala.

They displayed products such as handicraft, textiles, jewellery, sarees, Punjabi suits, women's fashion accessories, leather items, packed foods as well as spices and condiments.

Jointly organised by the Malaysia-

India Chamber of Commerce and ASC Agenda Suria Communications Sdn Bhd, the exhibition, which started last Saturday, will end this Sunday. It is on from noon to 10pm.

The festival celebrated Indian cultures through music, dance, visual arts and performances.

It provided both artistic and cultural exchange opportunities for the local community so as to create harmony among Malaysian cultures.

One of the participants, Sukesh Gupta, said most of the jewellery were from Hyderabad, India.

"I have selected some special jewellery particularly for women to wear at dinner functions. They are all reasonably priced."