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Thousands braved the drizzle yesterday to visit the Istana grounds, which were open to the public in celebration of Deepavali. Visitors were treated to Bollywood-style dance performances and had the chance to get up close and personal with ponies from the Singapore Zoo. Performers came from schools, including the National University of Singapore's Indian Dance Group and Singapore Management University's Samba Masala percussion group, as well as volunteer arts groups such as the People's Association's PAssionArts. **PHOTO: WEE TECK HIAN**