

Consulate General of India
Melbourne

Press Release

Celebrations of Festival of India

As part of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' to celebrate the 75 years of India's Independence, Consulate organized the 'Festival of India'-a medley of dance performances by two cultural troupes sent to Melbourne by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations from 9-11 October 2022. Two Cultural groups - one by Pavithra Art Visual Institute and another by Vande Bharatam Gujarati Folk dance group (Margam) performed at various places showcasing the diversity of Indian culture by presenting dances from across India, including Bharatnatyam, Bhangra, Garba, Ghoomar, Dhakla etc and enthralled the audience with their mesmerizing performances.

First performance by the Margam group was during Dussehra celebrations at the Durga Temple, Rockbank on 9 October which was attended by large number of Indian diaspora and Victorian dignitaries including Minister of Education & Women, Leader of Opposition and several Members of Parliament. A Workshop on Lecture cum demonstration and performance by both cultural troupes was organized at the Australia India Community Centre, Rowville on 10 October where students of various Indian dance academies in Melbourne learnt some intricacies of Indian classical and semi classical dance forms. The last performance was held at Thornbury theatre on 11 October which was attended by a large number of guests comprising Senator, Members of Diplomatic Corp, Senior officials, business leaders and members of Indian Diaspora. Few glimpses of events:

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14 October 2022

1. Dance Performance by Margam Garba Folk Dance Group at Sri Durga Temple Rockbank
9th October 2022





2. Lecture & Demonstration by Margam Garba Folk Dance Group & Pavithra Art Visual Institute Group followed by Bharatanatyam Dance Performance by Pavithra Art Visual Institute Group at AICCT Community Hall 10th October 2022





**3. Festival of India - Cultural evening at Thornbury Theatre
11th October 2022**





