



**Consulate General of India
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Press Release

CGI and SVCC Bali Present a Colorful Cultural Evening Indian Folk Dance Featuring ‘Mudra Creation’ from Maharashtra, India

Consulate General of India and the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, Bali organized a vibrant cultural evening to celebrate India’s rich performing arts traditions. The event showcased the visiting cultural troupe ‘Mudra Creation’ led by Ms. Sugandha Vinay Dhulap from Maharashtra, India.

As we all know that there are many cultural similarities between India and Bali, the art, dance, music in Bali is quite similar to India, Ramayana and Mahabharata also have a very deep impact in Balinese culture. Keeping all this in mind and to make the cultural relations between India and Bali stronger, the Government of India established a cultural centre in Bali in 2005. Since then, ICCR in Bali (Swami Vivekananda Cultural Center, Bali) represented the cultural image of India by conducting countless programs throughout Bali. These programs include workshops and performance on dance, music, yoga, art, Indian cinema, Indian cuisine, India Day, India Corner, cultural conferences and Indian festivals.

The program commenced with warm welcome remarks by the Director of SVCC Bali, Shri Naveen Meghwal who highlighted the Centre’s ongoing efforts in promoting Indian culture in Bali. This was followed by an address by the Consul General of India, Dr. Shashank Vikram who talked about the significance of cultural exchange in strengthening people-to-people connections between India and Bali.

The highlight of the evening was a series of captivating dance performances. The cultural extravaganza began with an energetic folk dance presented by the ‘Mudra Creation’ troupe, showcasing the vibrant traditions of Maharashtra including Malahari, Lawani, Koli Dance. This was followed by a graceful Kathak performance by a talented SVCC student, reflecting the classical elegance of Indian dance heritage. The evening concluded with a lively and colorful Bollywood dance by the troupe, which enthralled the audience and brought the event to a festive finale.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from over 250 people including the dignitaries, local community, cultural enthusiasts, and members of the Indian diaspora, everyone appreciated the beauty and diversity of Indian performing arts. This cultural program stands as another milestone in the ongoing cultural outreach of CGI and SVCC Bali, reinforcing the shared bonds between the people of India and Indonesia through the universal language of art.
