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**Invitation to give a performance at a Major Government of India Event in
Sydney on November 11, 2013**

Dear Ms Nandjule Vishwaneth,

On behalf of the Government of India, it gives me great pleasure to invite you to to give a lecture demonstration/performance at a major event which will be held from November 10-12, 2013 in Sydney.

The name of the event is Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention (PBD Sydney). Pravasi Bharatiya Divas means Overseas Indian Day in Hindi. Its objective is to promote business, cultural and social engagement involving the Government of India, the Indian diaspora and business, government and community leaders from India and the host country. The event is run in a selected country every year. Previous host countries have been USA, UK, Canada, the Middle East, Europe, Singapore and Mauritius. This is the first time the event will be run in Australia, reflecting the Government of India's recognition of the importance of its partnership with Australia as well as the rapidly growing strength and significance of the Indian community in this country and the Pacific region.

We expect some 1000 delegates from around Australia and the Pacific region, including New Zealand, Fiji, the ASEAN countries and Hong Kong. This will be the largest ever gathering of the Indian diaspora in Australia, something unlikely to happen again for a number of years. We also expect significant participation from members of the wider Australian community who have an interest in business, social and cultural engagement with India.

This Convention is not only for the Indian community but all those who are interested in plugging into India's growing relationship with Australia and Pacific countries. The program will include sessions on resources, energy, infrastructure, services, skills, education, languages, women in business, youth, media and culture.

India's Minister for Overseas Indian Affairs, the Honourable Vayalar Ravi, will be leading a high-level delegation from India to the event. The delegation will include other Central and State Government ministers as well as a number of senior officials and business leaders.


Given your strong focus and involvement in the promotion and preservation of Indian culture and traditions your presence at the event and your performance would be an invaluable contribution to the success of the conference and will have a strong positive impact on Australia-India relations.

The conference runs from the afternoon of November 10 to the afternoon of November 12. We would like you to give a performance in the Bharatanatyam tradition of Indian classical dance (duration: 20 minutes) at the Session on "Engagement through Culture" at the Conference which will be held from 1100-1230 hrs. on November 11, 2013 at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre.

I look forward to your early and positive response. Please have your office call Mr. K. Ramalingam, Second Secretary, High Commission of India, Canberra, if you need any additional information or clarification. [Email: dhc@hcindia-au.org; Tel: 02-62731106].

Also attached is our Speaker Agreement Form which we would request you to complete and return to the High Commission by October 15, 2013. We will be in touch with you closer to the event to give clarifications on the specifics of your presentation and requirements of the Conference.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely,

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