

## **Amrita Sher-Gil Cultural Centre (ASCC)**

Embassy of India  
Budapest, Hungary

### **Indo-European Youth Orchestra**

(Press Release)

Marking the celebration of the 77th Independence Day of India and as part of the ongoing celebrations under "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" (India@75), Amrita Sher-Gil Cultural Centre (ASCC), Embassy of India, Budapest, Hungary presented a music concert by 'Indo-European Youth Orchestra,' led by Mr. Michael Makhal on 12 August 2023 at its Auditorium.

While welcoming the audience and the Orchestra team, Head of Chancery, Mr. S Ramji highlighted the achievements of the Orchestra in his opening remarks. Indo-European Youth Orchestra is known for its inter-cultural music performances. It brings both young and talented musicians from diverse backgrounds.

Orchestra began concert with "Vande Mataram", the NATIONAL SONG of India. Taking the audience into the melodious journey, the orchestra presented an interesting blend of Indian folk and raga-based compositions along with western classical pieces. The musical evening organized by the ASCC concluded with remarks of its new Director, Dr. Mukesh Kumar Srivastava, who thanked the orchestra team and the audience for their exuberance. He also underlined the leadership acumen of Ambassador, Mr Partha Satpathy for promoting cultural engagement between India and Hungary. Untiring efforts of ASCC team were also acknowledged by Dr. Srivastava for success of the event.

Dr. Srivastava concluded his remarks with a Sanskrit phrase, "अंतः अस्ति प्रारंभः", which means 'The End is the Beginning', that co-relates with his recent joining and assures that today's concert is just the beginning of a series of cultural events that ASCC endeavours to organize in the coming months with overwhelming participation of our Hungarian friends and Indian Diaspora in Hungary.

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