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MULTI-ETHNIC WHITE RIBBON DAY CELEBRATIONS

DATE ---13 NOVEMBER 2011. 2 .30 PM-5 30 PM.

VENUE---THE LANGHAM HOTEL

PROGRAM

2 30 pm – Welcome by Dr Manjula O'Connor

2 35 pm - 240 pm – Opening of the day by **CGI Dr S. Behera**

'Why White Ribbon Day Should Be Celebrated By Indian and South Asian communities?'

2 40 - 2 48 pm – *Classical Odissi Dance Performance*
Mrs Rajashree Behera.

2. 48 – 2 58 pm – **Ms Heidi Victoria MP.**
Parliamentary Secretary to Premier Ted Bailleu.

Governments And Communities Working Together To Break The Silence On DV.

2 58 – 3 06pm – **Mr Colin Brooks** State Labor MP for Bundoora and Parliamentary Secretary to the Opposition **and** Representative of the Leader of Opposition Mr Daniel Andrews

3 08 – 3 17 PM - Prof Amitabh Mattoo.

*'How does family abuse and domestic Violence erode human rights and culture?
Can men be a part of the solution?'*

3 18 PM- 3.23 PM- MS DIVYA DHINGRA. Rising Bollywood Star
Youth Voice On White Ribbon Day

3 .24 - 4 15 PM - PANEL DISCUSSION.

Moderators --- Dr Manjula O'Connor And Prof Ajay Kapoor.

Topic- *Men can be a part of the solution.*

3 20 PM - 3 35 PM - Dr Manjula O'Connor. Chair AISV taskforce Against DV
Setting the context for Panel Discussion.

'Melbourne Indian Community Participation Research Findings '

3 35 - 4 30 pm Panel Discussion

Each Member Speaks For 4 Minutes

- **Prof Ajay Kapoor.** Dean Swinburn University. ‘Ancient Vedic View of respect for wife.’
- **Mr Kashif Boun-**(co-founder/honorary advisor , Pakistani students association of Australia Essendon Football Club Multi-Cultural Officer) representing Pakistani culture and Islamic view on respect for women.
- **Dr. Nazmul Alam** (CSIRO) Representing the strengths of Bangladeshi Culture that prevent DV and remedies .
- **Deepa Mathews- CQU** - Christian view on DV in both continents.
- **MP Jude Perera** (representing Sri Lankan cultural view point).
- **Mr Amit Tiwari** -(representing Dowry ‘s impact on respectful relations.).
- **Mr Phulwinder Grewal(Craigieburn Gurdwara social service unit)— Do** International Students’ need elder guidance in case of Family abuse and Domestic violence
- **Mr Jasvinder Sidhu- 5 minutes- The impact of mothers on sons and their relationship with their wife**
- **Young men ‘s view --Ananth Gopal** , Actor enhancing community cultural development –‘Male strength is not diminished by show of vulnerability.
- **Students representative- Jeewan** –‘Alcohol Abuse and Domestic Violence , Sri Lankan Experience’.
- **Police View--Ash Dixit and Dinesh Nettur** (Vic Police, Multi-cultural unit) the lack of reporting to police and ways forward .

4 30 - 4 35 PM – Ms Deepa Mathews(CQU) and Ms Manpreet Kaur(SBS Radio)

Summing Up Of Panel Discussion And Future Directions.

4 35 - 5 30 PM

AFTERNOON TEA

5 20 - 5 25 PM- VOTE OF THANKS by Ms Reeta Verma and Mr Alex Singh

Entertainment by *Rajasthani Folk Dance Group.*

Bhangra Dance Group.

5 35- ---CLOSING REMARKS

