



PRIME MINISTER
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MESSAGE: AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE OF *MYSTIC INDIA*

It gives me great pleasure to provide this message for the Australian premiere of *Mystic India: An Incredible Journey of Inspiration*. The film gives a breathtaking sweep of the rich tapestry of geography, traditions and people which make India the dynamic, vibrant place it is today.

Mystic India celebrates harmony in diversity. This could not be more relevant today. The Australian Government firmly believes in a modern and diverse Australia in which all people have the freedom to express and share their cultural values. The contribution of the Indian Australian community to Australia's cultural diversity has been considerable and is greatly appreciated. This film should inspire Australians and other people around the world.

The film will also remind Australians of the importance of our bilateral relationship with India. Australia places great importance on this relationship and our two countries have much in common. We share a proud history of commitment to democracy. We are leading members of the Commonwealth and have shared interests in a stable and prosperous region. This is underpinned by warm person-to-person, cultural and sporting ties.

I commend BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha and all those who have collaborated in the production of this remarkable epic.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'John Howard'.

(John Howard)