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RE: Championing 'The Australian Way' of Swim Teaching and Water Safety in India

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Championing 'The Australian Way' of Swim Teaching and Water Safety in India

A contingent of Indian swimming and water safety teachers is in Australia this week (until Feb 27) to gain additional skills and knowledge with AUSTSWIM.

The group of seven will be visiting **Hobart, Launceston and Melbourne** as part of the program in which AUSTSWIM has partnered with Winning Matters Consulting Private Limited to improve the quality of swimming and water safety teaching in India.

It is the first time a group of Indian teachers has participated in such an AUSTSWIM program, which is possible with the support of the **Australian Government through the Australia-India Council of the Department of Foreign Affairs.**

The itinerary includes observation and participation in

- Infant and preschool programs
- Learn to swim and water safety programs – children through to adults
- Coaching programs – juniors through to national swimmers

AUSTSWIM CEO Jennifer Schembri-Portelli said swimming, along with water safety skills, was a basic life skill that every person in India, especially children, should be taught correctly.

"As access to swimming pools is growing, the need for accredited swim teachers to deliver swimming and water safety skills is becoming increasingly important," Mrs Schembri-Portelli said. "The information they gain here can then be implemented into programs these teachers are already working in."

Teachers attending are

- Nisha Millet, from Nisha Millet's Swimming Academy
- Madhukumar Budanuru Madappa, from Dolphin Aquatics
- Partha Varanashi, AUSTSWIM Presenter from India
- Kylie Olsthoorn, from American School of Bombay
- Mohammed Rashid Mohammed Bashi Ansari, from Bombay YMCA
- Khadeer Ahmed Abdul, from Oakridge International School-Newton
- Parampal Johal, from Sports Authority of India

They also took part in a series of workshops held in November 2015 in India with Australia's Leigh Nugent, Technical Coaching Director for Swimming Australia.

AUSTSWIM – the Australasian Council for Swimming and Water Safety is a not-for-profit, national organisation whose sole purpose is education for safer aquatic participation.





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