Indo-French dance festi val opens today in Nashik

Nashik : The 'Indo-Frech Dance Festival 1999-2000' under the aegis of Shri. Nadabrahma Cultural Centre, Shivalay Nrityakala mandir and Indo-Frech cultural circle will be inaugurated today the 9th January at Kalidas Kala Mandir in the evening at 5 pm.

Minister for State for Rural Development, Shri. Tukaram Dighole will be inaugurating the festival Mayor Ashok Dive founder-President of Indo-German cultural circle, Prof. H.D. Patil and Director of Alliance franchise. Pune Mme. Evelyne Beraug will be the Chief guests. The session will be opened by a welcome song in Raveendra Sangeet style by Kshipra Das and after that adivasi dance adivastes from Burgaon will perform an advices dance students. In this inaugural session of the festival Mise. and Msr. Glayse of Marscilles. France, will present nine compositions inauguraing a ballet, Kantuvam' in Bharat natyam style for the audience of Nashik. The second session of the festival will be on the morning of 10th Jan in which 55 artistes from Nashik's Shivalaya Dance Acadamy will perform a ballet From Bharatnatyam to Lavni' which will introduce Bharatnatyam to Lavni' which will introduce to the people, especially the foreign guests, to various classical as well as folk dance style of India.

This yearlong festival is an important cultural event for Nashik's residents. There will be five sessions held throughout the year in which a French and more than 500 Indian artistes will perform in Nashik.

The founder-secretary of Shri. Nadabrahma Cultural centre, Prof. Deepak Magare has fruitfully completed a cultural tour of France. Various cultural organisation from Framce have extended cooperation to make this festival a reality while all the session of the festival will take place in Nashik, they will be video-taped and exhibited throughout Europe in various cities through the organisation, informs Smt. Damayanti Magare, founder-President of Shivalaya Nrityakala centre.

About the Glayse's

MMC and Mssr. Glayse, performing in the opening, session, are world famous exponents of Bharatnatyam. They have performed at a number of international dance festivals which have taken place at cities including Chennai, Delhi, Paris, Marceilles, Rome, Edinburgh, Bratislava, Avignon etc. The duo have choreographed three ballets, namely, 'Kautuvam', Natyalayam Paduka, and 'Kamasutra'. World famouse composers like Ravi Shankar, Zakir Hussain, Allarakha, K. Mohapatra, John Garbareck etc. have provided musical score for the Glays couple.

Mme Nirmal and Mssr. Patrick Glayse being welcomed on arrival at Shivalya Nrityamandir by Smt. Damayantibai Magare looking on are Shri Deepak Magare and Shri Magare.