**HON. JULIAN HILL MP**

**FEDERAL MEMBER FOR BRUCE**

**MARY DOYLE MP**

**FEDERAL MEMBER FOR ASTON**

 **MUSEUM AND LIBRARY DIGITISATION AND UPGRADES**

**AT AUSTRALIAN INDIAN COMMUNITY CENTRE IN ROWVILLE**

Federal Member for Aston, Mary Doyle and Federal Member for Bruce, Julian Hill announced that a re-elected Albanese Labor Government will support Australian Indian Community Charitable Trust (AICCT) to digitise the Indian Languages Library and enhance the memorial lecture theatre.

This $690,000 election commitment will allow the Museum to procure advanced audiovisual equipment, establish a library dedicated to Indian subcontinent studies, support research and development initiatives, and implement interactive digital education programs.

The museum’s collection currently contains a broad collection of arts on Hindu mythology, an exclusive collection of original paintings, engravings, sculptures, coins and stamps and this upgrade will secure and make available this collection for future generations.

Consistent with past practice, election commitments will be delivered in line with Commonwealth Grants Rules and Principles.

**QUOTES ATTRIBUTABLE TO HON JULIAN HILL MP:**

“The Australian Indian Community Centre is a hub of multicultural community life in Melbourne’s East.

“A re-elected Albanese Labor Government will support this terrific project to be delivered in partnership with the Trust.

“Ultimately, this will digitise and preserve a valuable collection of over 2,000 artifacts, more than 300 historic coins dating back to 600 BC, and a vast stamp collection from various nations. A digital library for researchers and a Gandhi Memorial Lecture Theatre to further cultural and academic engagement will complement the digitisation work.”

**QUOTES ATTRIBUTABLE TO MARY DOYLE MP:**

“I am proud to be part of an Albanese Labor Government that supports Aston’s vibrant multicultural and multifaith communities.”

“Everyone deserves spaces where they feel safe, welcomed, and where they can learn—and we’re committed to making that a reality.”

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