

## A Perfect Confluence Of East & West

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**MANATARAM** ART Foundation hosted an impressive audiovisual presentation of **Rina Schenfeld**, (one of the foremost contemporary Israeli dancers) followed by an interactive session on Monday at the India Habitat Centre.

Eminent artists as well as bureaucrats attended the presentation. Drawing beautifully on the concept of 'East Meets West', eminent Kathak dancer **Padmashri Shovana Narayan** explained, "the evening was a very beautiful and meaningful session where we got to know about a diverse culture." The two graceful

artists not only spoke about their experiences, but also shed light on some the creative aspects of dancing, which were radically similar. Narayan posed a series of questions regarding about classical ballet to Rina Schenfeld.

Speaking on the occasion **Rakesh Kumar**, Additional Secretary, MEA said, "Indian art and culture has been warmly received in Israel. And cultural programs such as this, are a great way to bridge greater bonds between the two countries". The audiovisual presentation showcased some of the famous dances of Rina, where she worked more with free associations and

not any particular story line.

Rina who was honoured and excited to be here, pointed out: "Performing in India was a dream come true. I absolutely love everything about the country, especially the gorgeous jewellery that women sport here all the time."

Also present on this occasion were **Yaron Mayer**, First Secretary, Embassy of Israel. ■

Kathak dancer **Shovana Narayan** (left) with Israeli contemporary dancer **Rina Schenfeld** who compared notes on their art and also had a lot to say to each other



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