

# Aamir to hoist the Indian National Flag in Melbourne

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In a symbolic moment of cultural celebration, Aamir Khan will hoist the Indian national flag at the 16th Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM) 2025 in August. The prestigious ceremony will take place as part of the festival's annual Independence Day celebrations, a tradition that honours India's spirit and its vibrant global cultural influence. Each year, the flag hoisting at IFFM holds emotional significance for the Indian diaspora.

Backed by the Government of Victoria, the festival will be held from August 14-24, and Aamir is scheduled to attend the film festival as the chief guest. A special retrospective of his films will be showcased, including his latest release, *Sitaare Zameen Par*. A conversation with Aamir, director RS Prasanna and Aparna Purohit from Aamir Khan's production house will also be part of the event.

Festival director Mitu Bhowmick Lange told *Mirror*, "The flag hoisting ceremony at IFFM is more than just a formal tradition. It's a deeply emotional and unifying experience.

Seeing the tiranga unfurl on foreign soil, surrounded by artistes, filmmakers and members of the Indian and Australian communities, fills our hearts with pride. Having Aamir Khan, whose voice, vision and cinema have had a profound impact on generations of film lovers not just in India but globally, is an honour. His presence represents the strength and integrity of Indian storytelling."

IFFM 2025 will screen over 75 films in 31 languages.



Aamir Khan