



## Adjutant General: An Inventory of Its Military Service Record Cards

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The India Club of Minnesota  
c/o 3510 Siems Ct  
St. Paul, MN 55112  
April 21, 1983

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Dear \*\*\*\*\*:

We, the members of the India Club, are writing this letter on behalf of the Asian Indian community of Minnesota, some two thousand families. We are expressing opposition to some changes introduced before you in the Immigration Reform Act of 1983 because we believe that retention of the rules regarding family reunification are in the best interest of the United States, and is only just in terms of precedent.

In the basic Nationality Act of 1952, siblings of U.S. Citizens were placed in the same category of importance as progeny of Citizens and the same concept applied throughout our history. We feel strongly that the changes introduced in the bill will hurt the concept of family unity and cohesion that forms the core of Asian Indian and other cultures. This concept is of immeasurable good to the society of the United States as it is the family that instills values of morality, self-help, and ambition that are so necessary to a vital nation.

The number of Asian Indians in the United States is small, but their contribution to the welfare of this society is inordinately great. Most are professionals or entrepreneurs, who are self-sustaining within an extended family unit. Few are drains on the economy, and many are in the leading edge of technological and economic advances. Forbes magazine has pointed out that 80% of the successful entrepreneurs in the United States are first generation immigrants. Would you deny the United States of the opportunities and resources expressed in these accomplishments?

The majority of Asian Indians have become citizens very recently. As new citizens, society should afford them the same privileges and opportunities as those of us who became citizens prior to the introduction of legislation by Congressmen Simpson and Mazzoli. The changes suggested regarding eligibility for the second preference and elimination of the fifth preference will have serious implications for the new citizen.

As well, recent statements by the president of Control Data notwithstanding, changes with regard to students is also to our detriment. Many students remain in the United States and put the technology acquired here to the use and benefit of the United States. We believe they should be given the freedom of choice, so long as there is no superceding contract with their native government.

In conclusion, we urge you to consider our views when the final version of the bill comes to a vote. If you have access to any of the involved committees, please bring our concern regarding these changes to the attention of the committee members.

Very Truly Yours,

F. F. Zdenek, President

JAMES L. OBERSTAR  
8TH DISTRICT, MINNESOTA

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## Congress of the United States

### House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

April 29, 1983

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Mr. F. F. Zdenek  
President  
The India Club of Minnesota  
c/o 3510 Siems Court  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55112

Dear Mr. Zdenek:


I appreciate receiving your letter advising me of the interest of the India Club of Minnesota in immigration reform legislation.

The Mazzoli bill being considered by the House Judiciary Committee and the Immigration Subcommittee does not recommend any changes whatsoever in the existing preference system. My study of the issues over the past several months has led me to the conclusion that this nation should first address the problems presented by illegal immigration and regularization of the status of long-term, undocumented residents. Changes in the long-term, public policy of permitting immigration to reunite families should be considered separately if it becomes necessary in the future to reassess immigration policy after we have had an opportunity to review the impact of legalization/illegal immigration legislation.

Thank you so much for writing.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

  
James L. Oberstar, M.C.

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INDIA CLUB ACTIVITIES NOTICE

!EVENT: PRESENTATION OF THE CONSUL GENERAL OF INDIA FROM CHICAGO,  
MR. RAJNIKANT VERMA.

PRESENTATION BY PROFESSOR S.K. SAXENA, PHD, PRESIDENT OF  
THE ASSOCIATION OF INDIANS IN AMERICA.

!PLACE: THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE, 1694 COMO AVENUE, ST. PAUL,  
JUST SOUTH OF THE FAIRGROUNDS

!TIME: 2 PM TO 4 PM *SUNDAY, July 17, 1983*

!CALL: RAMANIK SHAH 636-9833 FOR DETAILS

THIS PRESENTATION WILL BE OF VITAL INTEREST TO ANY ONE INTERESTED  
IN LEARNING THE SERVICES AND RESOURCES OF THE INDIAN CONSULAR  
CORPS AND ANYONE WHO IS CONCERNED ABOUT RESTRICTIVE IMMIGRATION  
LEGISLATION PRESENTLY BEFORE CONGRESS.

EVENT: JULY REGULAR MEETING

TIME: THURSDAY JULY 21, 1983 7:30PM

PLACE: INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE

# Jagadish Desai, CLU

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October 3, 1983

Mrs. Nina Gada  
Vice President  
India Club  
147 14th Ave SW  
New Brighton, Mn. 55112

Dear Nina:

Your Committee which organized the India Day deserves many congratulations for the tremendous success...both in the content of the program and the number of attendees and participants. Please convey my sincere thanks to all who worked so hard to make India Day a truly Indo-American event.

The response to India Day by the local Indo-American community reinforces the need for a non-provincial and non-religious organization like India Club. I saw many people, during my relatively short stay at the International Institute, who normally do not go to provincial or religious programs. I am sure that we have every attendee's name and address (on the door prize tickets) and that would make an excellent list for a membership drive.

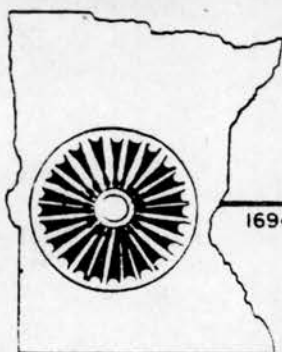
Once again, Nina, thanks to you, your committee, and all other people who worked so hard to make India Day a memorable event.

Sincerely yours,

  
Jagadish Desai

cc. Mr. F. F. Zdenek, President, India Club





## INDIA CLUB

1694 Como Avenue - St Paul, Minnesota 55108

February 22, 1984

Dear *Ram Gader* (*Gujarathi Samaj*)

It is almost an year since some of us, office bears of various linguistic, cultural, religious and social associations in Twin Cities met at the residence of Zeke, the president of India Club.

A similar meeting we feel would help us identify projects and programs of interest for the community as a whole and open channels of communication hopefully leading to co-operation and mutual assistance.

We have scheduled Friday, March 2, 7:30 pm for such a get-together at the residence of Zeke.

Your presence will be very much appreciated and we look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely

*K Ramakrishnan*

K. Ramakrishnan.

P.S: If you are indisposed please have a colleague of yours represent your association.

India Club is releasing a newsletter shortly. For this we would appreciate if you could bring along or mail us an abstract from your association on the last five months' activities, plans for the near future and names of a couple of office bears and their numbers.

Zeke Zdenek  
3510 Siems Court  
Arden Hills  
631-3663

From 694 take Snelling South.  
From 36 take Snelling North.

Take County Road E and go West.  
After the first stop sign and a few hundred yards the rather obscure Siems Court would appear offering you a Left turn as the only recourse.

A few houses down the road on the left is 3510.

623-8324

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GEORGE LATIMER  
MAYOR

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347 CITY HALL  
SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA 55102  
(612) 298-4323

July 15, 1985

Neena Gada  
147 16th Ave. SW  
New Brighton, MN 55112

Dear Ms. Gada:

Our great country is like the beautiful patchwork quilts our great-grandmothers pieced together with their strong, straight stitches. Rich and varied colors, textures and designs are all sewn together with a common thread. This is the fabric of America.

On Saturday, September 7, a history-making event will take place on the steps of our magnificent Capitol here in Minnesota's Capital City -- Saint Paul. As many as fifty-five ethnic cultures will be present to honor the countries of their origins. Their purpose will be to celebrate the unity of cultures and peoples the world over, and to reaffirm the fundamental ideals established as the foundation of our country at the moment of its birth. Among these are: the brotherhood of man and the inherent dignity and value of all, regardless of class, race, sex or national origin. I will be there to pay tribute to my ancestors as well as yours.

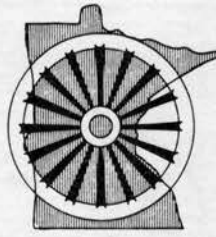
We invite you to honor your respective heritage and celebrate together the diversity that makes our country unique. Please select one to four official representatives from your cultural organization to be present on that day, wearing authentic costumes of your heritage.

This will be a time of song and celebration for all who have contributed to our great country. We would like to see your heritage represented. Please contact the coordinator of this celebration, Agnea Antoniades, by August 15 with names, addresses and phone numbers of your official representatives. Her address is: Agnea Antoniades, International Institute of Minnesota, 1694 Como, Saint Paul, 55108. (647-1091)

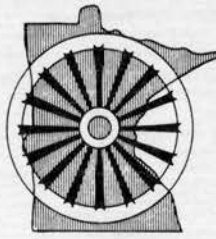
This event is in cooperation with the International Institute of Minnesota.

Very truly yours,

*George Latimer*  
George Latimer  
Mayor



**THE INDIA CLUB**  
OF MINNESOTA



## THE INDIA CLUB OF MINNESOTA

Dr. George Kliger  
Natyakala

July 4, 1987

Dear Dr. Kliger,

The India Club of Minnesota is happy to inform you that the ambassador of India Hon. P.K Kaul and Consul General of India, Mr. D. Lahiri have accepted our invitation to come to the Twin Cities on July 17 and 18 to be the guests of honor in the Tagore anniversary program.

The program includes a reception and meeting at the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs on July 17 at 7 P.M, in honor of the Mr. & Mrs. Kaul and Mr. & Mrs. Lahiri. This program is jointly sponsored by the India Club and the Asia Pacific Council of Minnesota. Ambassador Kaul and Mr. Lahiri will be pleased to meet you and our community at this meeting. The program for the evening is

7 to 7.30 P.M : Social hour

7.30 to 8.30 P.M : Address by the Ambassador on U.S-India Relationship.

Place : Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota, West Bank campus, Minneapolis.

I take this opportunity to invite you and your family on behalf of the India Club to come to the meeting and show our hospitality to our guests. I will appreciate if you can inform all the other members of your organization to come.

You are also invited to attend the Tagore anniversary program on July 18 at 7.30 P.M at the Northrop Auditorium of the University of Minnesota where the Ambassador and Mrs. Kaul will be the guests of honor. The program will include the musical dance drama "Sapmochan" written by India's famous poet R. Tagore.

Sincerely

Sudhansu S. Misra  
President, India Club  
Tel: 631-9579



RUDY PERPICH  
GOVERNOR

## STATE OF MINNESOTA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

ST. PAUL 55155

October 26, 1990

RAM AND NINA GADA  
147 - 14TH AVENUE S.W.  
NEW BRIGHTON MINNESOTA 55112

Dear Ram and Nina:

I am pleased to invite you to take part in our "Capital For A Day" Community Reception and Recognition Ceremony. The event will be held at the International Institute of Minnesota, 1649 Como Avenue, St. Paul, on Thursday, November 1. I will present a certificate of commendation to you for your work with the Asian-Pacific community.

Our "Capital For A Day" program will focus on the many contributions Asian Pacific Minnesotans have made to strengthen our great state. Throughout the day, commissioners from a number of state agencies and I will be meeting with teachers, students, business, housing and health groups and others interested in discussing the many challenges and opportunities facing our state's diverse population and to learn how state government can cooperate more fully to help your community realize its goals.

This "Capital For A Day" provides us with opportunities for discussion and celebration. Please RSVP to 296-0538 by October 24th. I sincerely hope you will join me at the International Institute at 5:00 p.m. for the Community Reception. Please feel free to bring your family. See you on November 1.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rudy Perpich".

RUDY PERPICH  
Governor





# STATE OF MINNESOTA

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RUDY PERPICH  
GOVERNOR

October 15, 1990

S.I.L.C.  
Neena Gada  
147 14th Avenue SW  
New Brighton, Minnesota 55112

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RUDY PERPICH  
Governor



CAPITAL FOR A DAY  
CELEBRATING MINNESOTA'S ASIAN-PACIFIC COMMUNITY  
November 1, 1990

AWARDEES

ASIAN-INDIAN: Mr. Mukul & Mrs. Aparna Ganguli  
Mr. Sameer Jejurikar  
Mr. P.C. Manglic  
Dr. Suhas Patanker  
Cultural Group Nritya Joyoti  
Mr. Ram and Mrs. Neena Gada

CAMBODIAN: Mr. Chhem Pen and Company  
Ms. Ing Ching Te  
Mr. Kim Seng Nguon  
Ms. Duong Ratha

CHINESE: Mr. Yi-Fu Lin  
Ms. Charlotte King  
Ms. Janet Mason

FILIPINO: Mr. Filemon Asuncion  
Ms. Nilda Panganiban  
Ms. Gregoria Ramirez  
Ms. Willa Ramos  
Mr. Fred de los Reyes  
Mr. Daniel Soriano

HMONG: Mr. Nkajlo Y. Vangh  
Sai Vang  
Chue Xiong  
Dr. Dao Yang  
Cultural Group: Ly Vang

INDONESIAN: Mr. Sugianto Tandio  
Ms. Swat Chan  
Ms. Sonja Dooper  
Ms. Dewi Tjaden

JAPANESE: Mr. Masami Matsuda  
Mr. Masayuki Komine  
Mr. Sam Honda

KOREAN: Dr. Hee Kwan Lee  
Mrs. Yoon Ju Park

LAOTIAN: Mr. Fong Chanthakhoun  
Mr. Phomma Vilay  
Mr. Phien Phommahaxay

THAI: Dr. Pradub Sukhum  
Dr. Uttra Rasmusen  
Mr. Pratana Chayabugr

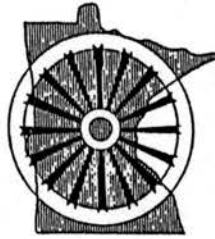
VIETNAMESE: Mr. Nguyen Dinh Tri  
Mr. Thomas Tran Xuan Thoi  
Mr. Vu Quang  
Ms. Dai Thi Minh

CAPITAL FOR A DAY  
CELEBRATING MINNESOTA'S ASIAN-PACIFIC COMMUNITY  
NOVEMBER 1, 1990  
5:00 - 7:00 PM  
INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE  
HALL OF NATIONS  
GOVERNOR'S RECEPTION & COMMUNITY RECOGNITION

- \* Cultural Performance - Lion Dance  
- by the Gin Foon Mark Lion Dance Club
- \* Greetings and Introductions  
- Dr. Albert V. de Leon  
Executive Director  
Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans
- \* Cultural Performance - Asian-Indian Dance  
- Nritya Joyoti Group
- \* Presentation of Asian-Pacific Awardees  
- Governor Rudy Perpich  
Assisted by Lt. Governor Marlene Johnson  
and Council Members
- \* Cultural Performance - Cambodian Traditional Music  
- The Pen Chhem Ensemble
- \* Presentation of Asian-Pacific Awardees (cont'd)
- \* Presentation of "Capital For A Day" Proclamation  
- Governor Rudy Perpich
- \* Cultural Performance - Cambodian Traditional Music  
- The Pen Chhem Ensemble



January 31.1992



Dear Friend:

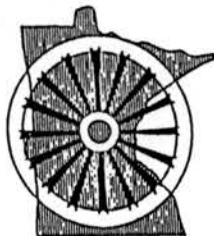
## THE INDIA CLUB OF MINNESOTA

The India Club was established in 1973 as a non-profit organization to develop fellowship and understanding among Minnesotans. Now that 1992 is underway so is the India Club's annual membership drive. We need your help. Thanks for your generous support in the past. The membership fee has not changed for many years. Your membership in the Club helps to assure continuation of services and programs in 1992.

Examples of services and programs conducted by India Club are as follows:

- \* 1. Participation in the Festival of Nations, where Indian culture and food would be presented on April 30th, May 1,2,& 3rd of 1992 at the St. Paul Civic Center.
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- \* 7. Newsletters throughout the year of 1992.

One of the India Club's goals is to increase the number of new members as well as renewals of existing members. The India Club's main objective is to promote awareness of India, its culture, history and traditions to Minnesotans.




## THE INDIA CLUB OF MINNESOTA

The India club needs your help! Won't you please fill out the membership application form and return it in the enclosed envelope with your check made out to India Club of Minnesota.

If you are interested in any of the India Club activities, please check the box indicated. You will be contacted by one of the board members.

Sincerely,

  
Ram Reddy Elgonda (612) 559-4914  
Chairman, Membership Committee  
The India Club of Minnesota

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### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / DIRECTORY INFORMATION

\_\_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal  
\_\_\_\_\_ Student \$5.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Family \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Business \$25.00  
\_\_\_\_\_ Life Membership \$100.00

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(last) (first) (middle)

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Profession/Business: \_\_\_\_\_

I want to be an active member, please contact me for the following. \_\_\_\_\_ Festival of Nations \_\_\_\_\_ Festival of India

\_\_\_\_\_ Host Family Program \_\_\_\_\_ Community Services

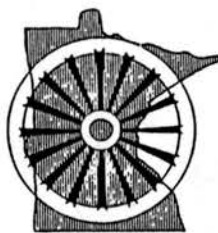
\_\_\_\_\_ Speakers Bureau \_\_\_\_\_ Youth Activities \_\_\_\_\_ Newsletter



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THE INDIA CLUB  
OF MINNESOTA

May 20, 1992

DEAR FRIEND,

THANKS FOR VOLUNTEERING FOR TELEPHONE CANVASSING FOR MEMBERSHIP. OUR GOAL IS TO GET 100 NEW MEMBERS TO THE EXISTING MEMBERSHIP LIST. THIS COULD HAPPEN ONLY IF ALL OF US WORK HARD FOR IT.

WE MAILED NEW MEMBERSHIP MAILING THIS WEEK. THIS CONTAINED A LETTER EXPLAINING INDIA CLUB'S ACTIVITIES, AN APPLICATION FORM AND A SELF ADDRESSED ENVELOPE (COPIES OF THESE MATERIAL ARE INCLUDED HERE-WITH)

ENCLOSED IS A PAGE FROM OUR MAILING LIST.

A SUGGESTED PROCEDURE FOR TELEPHONE CANVASSING IS AS FOLLOWS:

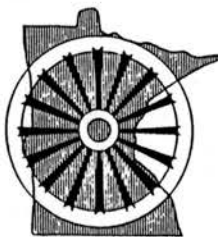
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2. WRITE DOWN WHAT YOU ARE GOING TO SAY & MAKE SURE TO INCLUDE THANKS FOR PAST SUPPORT TO EXISTING MEMBERS (RIGHT-HAND SIDE OF THE LIST SHOWS MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION)
3. MAKE CALLS WHEN IT IS CONVENIENT TO YOU FROM FIRST WEEK-OF JUNE 1992. BETTER NOT CALL AFTER 10.00 PM.
4. ALWAYS THANK AT THE END OF THE CALL.
5. RETURN THE LIST BACK TO ME WITH SUGGESTIONS, COMMENTS, FOR NEXT

THANKS

*RR*  
Ram Reddy Elgonda  
Chairman, Membership Committee



April 30, 1992



AUG. 15 - PREREQ.  
SEPT 27 - FESTIVAL OF INDIAN  
JUNE 27, YOUTH -

Dear Friend:

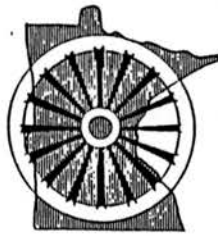
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8. Youth activities in 1992 such as the Youth Festival, etc.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Type:

Student (\$5) \_\_\_\_\_ Family (\$10) \_\_\_\_\_ Business (\$25) \_\_\_\_\_ Life (\$100) \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Profession/Business (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

I want to be an active member. Please contact me for the following activities:

Community Service \_\_\_\_\_ Festival of Nations \_\_\_\_\_ Newsletter \_\_\_\_\_

Festival of India \_\_\_\_\_ Youth Activities \_\_\_\_\_

Host Family Program \_\_\_\_\_ Speaker's Bureau \_\_\_\_\_

# UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

*Twin Cities Campus*

*Department of Geography*

*College of Liberal Arts*

*414 Social Sciences Building  
267 19th Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55455*

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Fax: 612-624-1044*

June 4, 1993

Mr. Jacob Cherucheril  
12240 Hummingbird Street N.W.  
Coon Rapids, MN 55448

Dear Mr. Cherucheril;

Thank you for your recent expression of concern and outrage at the harassment and persecution of several students and a faculty member in our department. This has been an extremely difficult situation for all concerned, and we have invested much thought and energy into dealing with it. Unfortunately, there are no easy solutions. Our goals, however, are unequivocal: a) to do whatever is necessary to apprehend the party or parties guilty of the offenses; b) to make clear that we regard such behavior as absolutely intolerable and subject to appropriate legal and academic sanctions; and c) to underscore our continuing commitment to a climate of respect for diversity.

When the first political and racist communications were received, having never faced such a situation, the faculty were slow to act. It was our mistaken belief that we were dealing with an isolated incident, originating, we supposed, from outside the department, and that ignoring it would be the most effective response. This was also the initial attitude of the University Police Department, and the result was a somewhat desultory investigation.

When the incidents continued, we requested and received a much more active police investigation. Physical evidence was collected and tested, but no clues leading to the identification of a suspect were found. The escalation of the attacks to include the vandalism and ransacking of a graduate student office led us to re-key a number of sensitive areas in the department, including the offices of students and faculty who had been or might be threatened. This was at least partially effective; the next case of physical damage was confined to the exterior door of the office that had been vandalized earlier. Most recently, there have been several additional racist and threatening notes. The office doors of two additional faculty members were sprayed with a foul-smelling chemical, and threatening messages were left underneath the doors. The police investigation into all of these incidents continues.

The goal of this harassment seems to be to intimidate certain students of color and/or international students, in particular those with a Marxian analytical viewpoint, into leaving the department. This is deeply disturbing, especially because we have made a concerted and remarkably successful effort over the past five to ten years to attract to our department students of color, students with diverse methodological and philosophical perspectives, and students whose work focuses on issues of gender, race, class and ethnicity. Similar broad diversity characterizes our faculty, and today we have one of the most culturally, racially, methodologically, and philosophically diverse student bodies and faculties in North American geography.

We have worked vigorously to counteract the effects of this racially and politically motivated harassment. Among our responses are the following:

- Insisted on an active and thorough police investigation.
- Established a \$2,000 reward for information leading to the apprehension of the person(s) responsible for the acts of terrorism against students and faculty in the department.

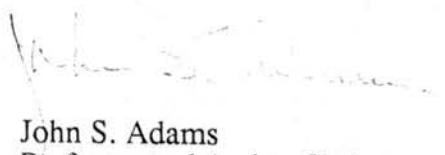
- Relieved the three targeted students from their teaching responsibilities, while continuing their financial aid, so that they could salvage as much from the academic year as possible.
- Cooperated with a University crisis task force formed to assist with this situation.
- Invited a facilitator from the Office of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action to meet with departmental groups and individuals in formulating a response.
- Had a counselor available in the department .
- Requested ideas from other departments and the broader University community for dealing with the situation.
- Formed an Ad Hoc Committee to address departmental attitudes and actions bearing on race, gender, sexual orientation and diversity of belief. Committee activities have included:
  - a) Seeking to identify problems underlying the current crisis in the department;
  - b) Holding a series of twelve focus group meetings, in which students and faculty discussed issues surrounding the incidents with members of the Ad Hoc Committee;
  - c) Formulating plans for a departmental retreat to address these and related issues;
  - d) Encouraging discussion and interaction among groups with different interests and approaches within the department (including two departmental panel discussions and a departmental meeting);
  - e) Providing opportunities for diversity training.


In addition, we have collectively and individually expressed our support on numerous occasions for the three students and the faculty members targeted in the various incidents. We have strongly urged all of them to remain in our program and continue to contribute to its intellectual and social life.

It would be sad and ironic if a department which has done so much to create a climate in which diversity has not only been encouraged, but actually achieved, were to see the work of a decade undone by these sick and deranged activities. Examine our responses, think what you would do in a similar situation, and, if you can, provide us with constructive suggestions for additional counter-measures. But please be assured that we are doing everything that we can think of to oppose this type of racist and political hatred.

We need and appreciate your support.

Sincerely,

  
John S. Adams  
Professor and Acting Chair

  
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Subject: India Club History Project

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OF YOU. I WAS PLANNING  
TO HAVE A MEETING TO-DAY WITH THOSE OF YOU WHO HAD  
SPECIFICALLY INDICATED THAT THEY WILL VOLUNTEER TO HELP  
IN 1994 (SEE THE NAMES WITH ASTERICK\* ABOVE.) AND  
RAM GADA, SNOW & CLOSURE OF SILC SCOTCHED  
THAT PLAN.

BUT I HAD PROMISED NIRU THAT I WILL  
GIVE HER A '94 PLAN & BUDGET. SO I AM  
WRITING THIS AND SHARING WITH ALL OF YOU WHERE  
WE STAND TO-DAY & WHAT I THINK WE COULD  
ACCOMPLISH IN '94.

PLEASE GIVE ME A CALL AND LET US  
DISCUSS. I NEED SOME VOLUNTEERS TO TAKE ON  
SPECIFIC ASSIGNMENTS.

I WILL TRY TO CALL A MEETING IN FEB.

Godan Nambudiripad



JAN 16 1994

## INDIA CLUB HISTORY PROJECT

### OVER ALL PLAN

1. Oral History
2. Photo Collage / Poster Board
3. Video Programs
4. Pamphlets, booklets, monographs
5. Collection & Exhibition of
  - a) written material such as News letters
  - b) letters, manuscripts, diaries.
  - c) other artifacts

### 1993 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Completed 2 oral histories (90% Complete)
2. Made contacts with Minnesota Historical Society.
3. Spent \$400<sup>00</sup> of a budget of \$1000

### PLAN FOR 1994

We would like to do as many items from the overall plan as money and resources allow. Having said that following are items I feel we can realistically achieve:

1. Do more oral history projects. We think we can do about 10. This will cost about \$2000<sup>00</sup>. Explanation - It takes about 18 to 20 hours of work. Polly has given us a proposal to do the projects for \$200<sup>00</sup> each, with only \$150<sup>00</sup> each for the first 2 projects. Min Historical Society has indicated potential for grants to help this project to Polly Sonifer.
2. Collect News Letters - Min Historical Society like to have them.
3. Complete a Photo Collage / Poster Board.

Budget \$4000

Anticipated grants \$3000

4. See the following page for job break down and need for volunteers.

Jan 1994

## HISTORY PROJECT

### JOB BREAK DOWN -

### NEED VOLUNTEERS

#### 1. FUND RAISING

(ALL EXCEPT THE 1<sup>st</sup> 4)

Writing grant requests/proposals  
Any other ideas

#### 2. PHOTO COLLAGE

Identify sources  
Collect and take photos

(Mr David Das has indicated interest in taking photos.)

#### 3. COLLECT NEWS LETTERS etc

Jacob Cheru Cheril has indicated that he can help some. Need more volunteers.

4. ORAL HISTORY - Polly Somfer is doing this. (Need some help in identifying people who is the earliest Indian in Minnesota)

5. ANY OTHER IDEAS? TO HELP THE PROJECT? ... - PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

Dear Chaperone,

Thank you again for donating your time to chaperone the youth committee dance. It means a great deal to the youth who have worked so hard on this project to have your support and presence. Without your help, this event would not be possible.

In your role of chaperone, we would ask your assistance at the front desk taking the \$2.00 entrance and answering any question that parents accompanying their children might have. We would also ask your help in reminding youth that they may not go in and out of the building. For older youth and college students this is a most annoying rule but it is the position of the youth committee that it is necessary due to the wide range of ages of youth attending the dance.

We are providing tea, coffee and snacks for chaperones who might enjoy a break and a little less noise, in the basement. There will also be a T.V., vcr and movie there. These are also available to parents who wish to stay.

The youth committee members who have organized this activity and who will be present are: Preetham Meka

Abha Jain  
Lena Mohapatra  
Malli Arudi  
Nelima Babu

I will be sure that full introductions are made when you arrive.

Preetham and another young man, Nanu, will be the DJ's for the dance. We reviewed the contemporary music titles in our recent youth committee meeting and believe that all of the songs should be acceptable. It is really appreciated if you would let us know if there are any songs played that would not be acceptable for future dances.

Previous dances have drawn from 20-70 youth. Response received so far from youth in the community has been very positive and there is a possibility that the number could be higher. We have found in the past that younger teens tend to come earlier in the event and college and graduate students arrive later.

We would ask that one or two chaperones would stay after the dance to help the youth close up. This is primarily for safety.

Chitra Subramanian will also be chaperoning though she will only be available until 10:00. We are hoping that we have a couple more young adults joining to chaperone.

I will be helping with set-up and introductions but will need to leave for another commitment. I will come back later in the evening for a while.

Before closing, I would like to give a special thank you to Prabha Sharma who has helped us think through the details of this dance.

On Behalf of the Youth Committee

Lynn Malfeld

September 30, 1994

Ms. Neena Gada  
147 - 14th Avenue Southwest  
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Dear Neena:

Let me begin by expressing my regret at having taken so long to get back to you in regard to the series of classes on Indian history and culture that we had discussed. My good intentions to be prompt got side tracked by a series of unanticipated family and work responsibilities. Life seems a bit more settled now and I can begin work on projects such as this.

I reviewed the previous course outline with Cheryl Schwichtenberg who is also an adoptive parent. I will also be talking with Shivani Minocha who is with Children's Home Society to get feedback from her. At this time, what we are thinking of would be a six- or seven-class series following the topics outlined in the previous course outline:

1. Overview of Indian history since independence.
2. The family in India; parenting and child-rearing practices.
3. Religions and festivals of India.
4. Myths, literature and folklore.
5. Performing arts.
6. Cooking (we would expand the length of this class to whatever is needed).

I have contacted Pranab Lahire to find out how much it would cost us to use the India Lodge and what dates would be available. Tentatively, we are looking at trying to begin the series in late January or early February. We would like to do the classes on Saturday.

Fee structure will depend on how much the India Lodge rent will be (which Pranab and I have not determined) and also on how much we should plan to reimburse the presenters and/or SILC. Perhaps we could talk about that sometime soon. We should also add in any costs for copying.

We would plan to advertise the mini-series through the PIC newsletter, the India Club newsletter, and the adoption agencies. We are also in contact with groups in St. Cloud and Mankato and would inform them as well.

I'll get more information from Mr. Lahire regarding the India Lodge rent and perhaps we could talk in the next couple of weeks. Thank you for your work on this series. It is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

  
Lynn Malfeld

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Dear Community Leaders,

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As always, thanks for your input,

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