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## 1993 Festival of Nations

When: April 29, 30, May 1, 2, 1993  
 Where: St. Paul Civic Center  
 What: Dance, music, cultural exhibits, costumes, craft demonstrations, chess tourney, shops representing the cultures of the world & exotic food booths.

Volunteers are needed to support the India Club sponsored activities representing culture of India. If interested, please contact the appropriate individuals :

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Adult Program	Ranjan Patel	770-3155
Children's Program	Uma Padinjaredath	487-6411
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## Message from the President

I am honored to have been elected as the President of the India Club for 1993. First, I thank our outgoing President Shanti Shah, the outgoing Board of Directors, and the active members of the India Club for an extremely successful year of activities in 1992.

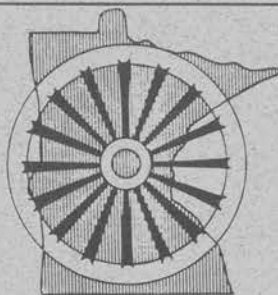
We have already started our 1993 activities. Various committees have been formed, and they are planning their activities for the year. I urge you to participate and support these activities. If you'd like to volunteer or need information about the activities of any of the committees, please call me or the chair person of the respective committee.

I also want to take this opportunity to express my strong condemnation of the actions involving the destruction of a mosque at Ayodhya by a small group of people, the subsequent eruption of violence and destruction of many temples and mosques, and the enormous suffering this has caused to the people of India. It is disheartening that the communal violence has not subsided. I strongly urge and pray that the government and the people of India make all efforts to restore peace and harmony to keep India secular, where everyone has the freedom to purse the religion, and profession of their choice.

Let me reassure everyone that the India Club is a secular organization which encompasses all communities. Our mission is to spread an understanding of Indian culture and values among Asian Indians living in Minnesota and the community at large. I request your involvement and support for fulfilling our mission. Together, we can work towards promoting and carrying forward our culture and values to make a difference.

Jacob Cherucheril, President, The India Club of Minnesota

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India Association Telephone 456-9292

## IT'S DINNER TIME! MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND!

The India Association of Minnesota will be hosting the second **annual dinner** for the Indian community on **December 2, 1994**. The dinner will be held at the Thunderbird Hotel in Bloomington. Last year's dinner was a wonderful event with an opportunity for the adults who attended to socialize and enjoy dinner and good speaker in a nice environment. We received so many good comments after last year's event that we are deciding to repeat it this year.

This year we have invited Dr. James Laine from Macalester College to be our guest speaker. Dr. Laine is an expert on Indian religion and has traveled to India frequently. He has just returned from a trip there this summer. Dr. Laine has been a featured speaker on Minnesota Public Radio, and is considered one of the local experts on Indian culture. We are really looking forward to his talk which will focus on the issues of having dual cultures. We have also received word from Senator Paul Wellstone's office that he will also be attending. We are honored to have such renowned guests at this dinner.

Tickets for this event are limited. Please do act now to reserve your seats. A simple phone call to **Ajit Varghese (894-1860)** or **Gupthan Namboodiripad (296-1151)** will take care of that. Details for the annual dinner can be found on the last page of this newsletter. We look forward to seeing you!



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

The Board and members of the India Association are to be congratulated on a very successful Festival of India this past September 25th. We had a great day celebrating the culture and heritage of India. The Consul General's office from Chicago was present and provided many passport renewals and visas for travelers. My sincere thanks to **Ajit Varghese** and his assistants for their tremendous efforts. Ajit did a great job of organizing the whole event. I know that numerous volunteer hours and personal sacrifices on the part of many people went into creating this success. Our thanks are due to all who were involved.

Over the past year I have often been asked about the role of India Association in our community. There are many who are skeptical about what the Association can and does do. While I can't claim to represent all views, I can offer my insights into what I believe is the value of this organization. It is clear that we have many groups within the Indian community. There are regional groups, religious groups, artistic groups, and political groups. Yet, there is only one organization that tries to balance all these interests and represent the whole of India. I believe very strongly that we have needs for all the subgroups in our community and we should support them. But we should also support India Association in its efforts to provide representation for the whole Indian community.

This unity is especially important when we try to represent India to the greater community of Minnesotans. Many of India Association's efforts, such as the Festival of Nations and the Festival of India, are in this direction. As we approach a time when minority issues and concerns are growing, we will need to increasingly pull together to educate the public, pass on our culture, and continue our pride in our heritage. I hope all of you will continue to support India Association. I encourage you to become active members by contributing your time and energy as you are able.

As the 1994 year draws to a close, I must recognize some of the projects that have made this a successful year for this organization. We had many great events. We saw the emergence of a group of our respected elders (the 55Plus Group) who have gotten together and provided comradery for each other. We have seen the continued development of our Youth Club, which has held many successful events. We held some community service events. We had a great year at the Festival of Nations, helping to support both India Association and SILC. We have seen progress on the History Project, which has completed several oral histories and received several grants. We had a beautiful picnic for India's Independence Day. And we had another year to be proud of at the Festival of India.

We expect to have an evening to remember for 1994's Annual Dinner on December 2nd. And we hope that by receiving your continued support and participation we will get stronger in the years to come.

Finally, my thanks to all the Board of Directors and friends of India Association who helped to make this such a great year! This is truly a community to be proud of and I feel fortunate to be a part of it.

Sincerely,  
Niru Misra  
President, India Association



## ONCE AGAIN, FESTIVAL OF INDIA A BIG SUCCESS

The India Association held its annual Festival of India on September 25th at the Landmark Center in St. Paul. The Festival was a huge success with many attendees, good entertainment, and many organizations participating.

### Highlights of this year's Festival included:

- Visits by our distinguished speakers, **Dr. Albert DeLeon** and **Father Cherian** from the Asia Pacific Council, **Congressman Bruce Vento**, and a representative from **Senator Wellstone's** office.
- From noon to 5pm we had many dance and music programs. The talented participants came from all age groups. We want to thank them all for their great performances. Thanks to **Jay Karai** for co-ordinating all the entertainment of the day. Thanks also to our MC's: **Bansri Mehta, Prabha Sharma, Arvind Suri, Shanti Shah and Tom Conlin**.
- There was also a slide presentation at the auditorium put together by the Education Committee. We had good feedback from many who saw it.
- The **Consulate General of India** from Chicago was present for visa applications and passport renewals. As usual it was a big success and we had over a hundred people who utilized this service offered by the India Association. Thanks to the volunteers who assisted the Consul's office in providing this service.
- **Bharat Pant** also told stories from the Ramayana for the younger audience. Thanks to Bharat for his time and devotion to this project.
- **Deepa Gupta** also made instant models of the women who stopped by the Sari Wrapping booth. Thanks to Deepa for her efforts.
- We had 9 nonprofit organizations who had booths and 10 for profit organizations who also had booths. All were a big hit. These provided a great opportunity to examine, see, and taste India culture. We want to extend a special thanks to **Sunu Kunjummen** for her hard work and special efforts in co-ordinating the booths and providing many areas of assistance.

The Festival of India was very well attended and enjoyed by all. The credit goes to **Betty Thomas** for the excellent job she did in publicity. Thanks very much to Betty for her work. **Stefan Peterson** co-ordinated the set up for the Festival. Thanks much to Stefan for coming in early and working hard even though he had tickets to the Vikings game at noon!

Finally, a great thanks are due to **Ajit Varghese**, our **1994 Festival of India Chairperson**. Ajit did a fantastic job of managing endless details and unexpected events. The India Association is grateful for his sacrifices, dedication, and good attitude. Thanks, Ajit, for a great event!



## LAMP Thanks the Community

LAMP ( Literacy As Movement of the People) is an organization that has successfully integrated the literacy movement with rural development. Minnesotans are in the forefront of this movement.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Indian community for their support of this organization. Through the sincere and sole efforts of MN volunteers and contributions from you all we have managed to literate 10,000 Indians in different states of India. As you know, literacy is directly related to the economic and social progress of a country.

Let me give you a few highlights about our work in Minnesota.

- 1) Apart from the money we send to all other states, every year we choose a special state program that will receive a large sum of money from us. Tamil Nadu was the chosen state in 1993 and we have sent \$5300 to BGVS-Tamil Nadu.
- 2) In the year 1993 we also sent \$3462 to all other states. For the year 1994 we have so far collected \$5305 as contributions. It takes \$5 to literate one person.
- 3) In the summer of 1994 one of our volunteers taught in Delhi and saw to the appropriate distribution of our funds. As you already know our volunteers have visited and taught in Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Haryana, Andhra Pradesh and Pondicherry. Many associated India groups are involved in similar efforts in several cities in the United States.
- 4) Starting in 1995 we hope to approach the American Community to lend their support to our movement. If any of you have good ideas on this please contact us.

In the past few months there has been considerable activism in the Indian Community in political matters in U.S. which will also impact on the progress of Indians here as well as in India. We hope this enthusiasm persists and we work together as a Community. We would also like to thank India Association for their continued support of our organization.

We wish you a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Leena Ranade (Treasurer LAMP)

Contacts for LAMP: K.P.S. Menon      379-1886  
Leena Ranade      824-9812

## Reception Planned for Indian Classical Dancer

The India Association will be hosting a reception for **Malavika Sarukkai** following her dance performance at the Ordway. Ms. Sarukkai is a very well known dancer in India and we are delighted to have her here in the Twin Cities on November 18 for an 8pm performance. If you are interested in tickets please contact the Ordway ticket office at 224-4222. If you are attending the performance, please do stop by the informal reception immediately following the performance for a chance to meet with Ms. Sarukkai and her musicians.

## COME ON, WE'RE HAVING FUN ! 55 PLUS GROUP ON THE NORTH SHORE



The 55Plus Group which has been formed since December 1993 is about to complete one year soon. Sudhansu Misra, Anand Mathur, Jagdish Desai, Mahendra Sharma and a score of others who have attained the empty nest stage of their lives, have been successful in keeping the group active. A brochure called "55 Plus Group" has been prepared to describe our objectives. Although there is no formal membership yet, our mailing list has been growing.

Recently, on August 29, eight of us spent three days in northern Minnesota at Lutsen in a condominium overlooking Lake Superior. We car pooled, ate together, talked, hiked, visited Grand Marais and Grand Portage, and did a lot of sight-seeing. In the evenings, we played cards while Jagdish Desai, Harish Mahant and Anand Mathur entertained us with some old nostalgic songs. We liked our time together so much that we plan to repeat such trips in the future.

On October 7th a potluck dinner was arranged at the family house of Harish Mahant in Woodbury with 14 of us present. Harish, who is a retired Principal of an Arts College in India, is a talented artist and painter. We were pleased to see some of his beautiful paintings which can easily top any arts show. The Mahants were wonderful hosts.

More activities are planned for the future. If you would like to be included in this group call **Anand Mathur at 483-0793**. We will keep you informed about the up-coming events.



### INCREASE IN FEES FOR VISAS TO INDIA

The Consulate General of India in Chicago has informed us that there has been an increase in fees for various kinds of visas. These increased rates are in effect as of November 1, 1994. The new fee schedule is given below:

Special Tourist visa valid for 1 month	\$25
Tourist visa valid for 6 months	\$45
Visitor/Tourist/Business visa valid for 1 year	\$70
Student visa	\$70
Long Term visa valid for 1-5 years	\$120

There are no increases for passport and other services. All questions related to visas should be directed to the Consulate office in Chicago at (312)781-2680 or (612)781-6269.

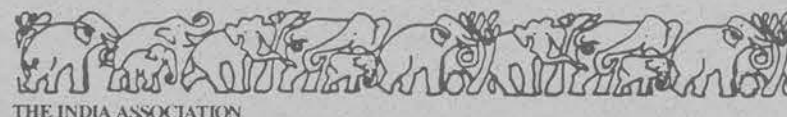
### GIVE US A CALL AT 456-9292

The telephone number for the India Association of Minnesota is **456-9292**. It is answered by voicemail and regularly checked for messages. If you would like to learn more about the association or should you have any questions, please leave a message. Your message will be channeled to the appropriate individual who will contact you. You may want to leave both a day and evening phone number.

You could also call 456-9292 to find out about events sponsored by the India Association. Please use this vital communication link so we can be in touch. We look forward to hearing from you!

### YOUTH CLUB INVITES YOU TO JOIN

The Youth Club of the India Association of Minnesota invites the Indian youth community and families to become involved. We need your help and support to continue events for youth. The Youth Club has done many events such as potlucks, dances, parties, picnics and games for children to young adults. This group has been active in developing connections between youth and adults and between youth. Please call Alli Cherucheril at 552-8064 for more information.



## The India Association of Minnesota

(formerly The India Club of Minnesota)

invites you to our

### SECOND ANNUAL DINNER

**WHEN:** Friday, December 2, 1994  
**WHERE:** Thunderbird Hotel & Convention Center  
 Bloomington, Minnesota  
 (Located at Highway 494 & 24th Ave  
 1 1/2 blocks North of the Mall of America)  
 Telephone: (612) 854-3411

**Time:** 6:15 PM (Social Hour & Cocktails)  
**Dinner:** 7: 15 PM

**MENU:** Boneless Breast of Chicken stuffed with broccoli &  
 cheese with rice pilaf \$ 17.50  
 or  
 Fettucine Alfredo (vegetarian dinner) \$ 15.50

Both entrees include: Tossed salad with dressing vegetable, fruit cup, roll with butter, cheesecake and choice of coffee, tea or milk. Taxes and gratuity are included.

**RESERVATIONS:** Due to limited to seating capacity, please make reservations as soon as possible by calling any of the following individuals:

Gupthan Namboodiripad	(work) 296-1151	(home) 785-2970
Ajit Varghese	(work) 844-8585	(home) 894-1860
Rahim Rahiman	(work) 229-2107	(home) 832-0461

Please be sure to give the names and phone numbers of the persons who will be attending as well as choice of entrees.

### PAYMENT:

All phone reservations will be taken on a first come first served basis.  
 Please make your  
 check payable to the "India Association of Minnesota" and mail to:

Gupthan Namboodiripad, Treasurer  
 The India Association of Minnesota  
 5242 Red Oak Drive  
 Mounds View, MN 55112



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/DIRECTORY INFORMATION

New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Last Name First Name Middle Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address City State Zip

Children living with you:

1st Child Age 2nd Child Age 3rd Child Age 4th Child Age

( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number

Membership Type:  
 Student (\$5) \_\_\_\_\_

Family \_\_\_\_\_  
 1 year (\$15) \_\_\_\_\_  
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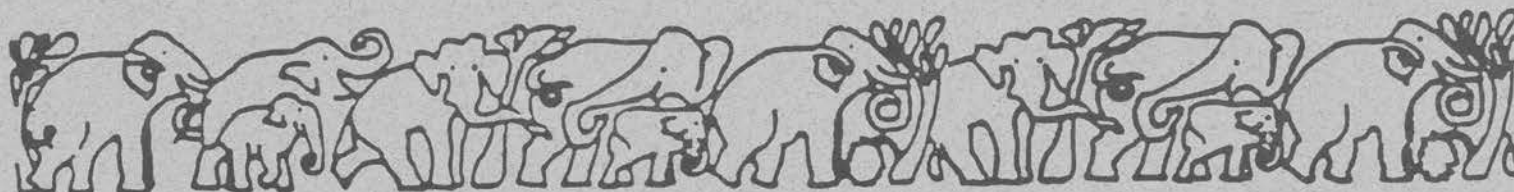
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 Today's Date

Business (\$25) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Profession/Business (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Community Service \_\_\_\_\_ Festival of India \_\_\_\_\_ Newsletter \_\_\_\_\_ Speaker's Bureau \_\_\_\_\_

Host Family Program \_\_\_\_\_ Festival of Nations \_\_\_\_\_ Youth Activities \_\_\_\_\_ History Project \_\_\_\_\_



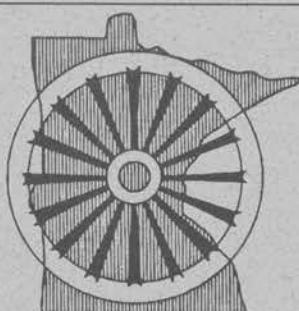
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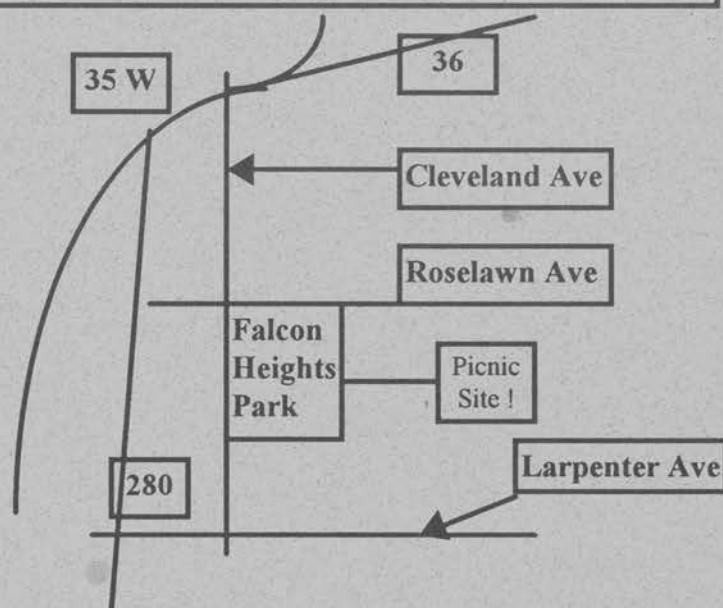
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## INDIA INDEPENDENCE DAY PICNIC !

The India Association of Minnesota is holding the annual India Independence Day Picnic on August 13, 1994 at Falcon Heights Park. This event is an occasion for all of us to celebrate together. We will have food, games, and a flag raising ceremony. In addition, we will have a GAIANT map of India on which we will ask all attendees to mark their point of origin. Please bring your family, friends, and a blanket and join with the entire Indian Community for this celebration ! Join us rain or shine (a large park building has been reserved in case of bad weather) and be a part of the fun !

### The picnic details:-

**Date:** August 13, 1994 (Saturday)  
**Time:** 11 am to 3 pm  
**Place:** Falcon Heights Park (see map below)  
**Food:** Lunch free for India Association Members.  
For non-members \$ 3.0 per person.  
**Contact:** Padmaja @ 943-2034.



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### President's Message **Niru Misra**

Dear Friends,

We are now well into the 1994 year and we have seen several events already take place. The Festival of Nations committee had a very successful year representing India. My thanks and congratulations to all volunteers, especially Sarat Mohapatra (general chairperson); Gupthan Namboodiripad (cafe chair); Punhabhai Patel, Deepshikha Gupta, Mukul Ganguli, Ajit Varghese (Day Captains); Ranjan Patel (Adult Program Chair); and Khurshid Rudina (Exhibit Booth Chair). These people along with the many volunteers (well over 100 in number) are responsible for the pride we show for India at the Festival of Nations.

We have also held many other meaningful activities. The Youth Committee has already held a potluck dinner, a dance, and a picnic. This committee, largely run by our youth, has done a great job in developing youth leadership and bringing the younger members of our community and their families together.

The Membership Committee has been very busy trying to reach out to new and old members. Vasant Sukhatme has also done a tremendous job in developing a much needed

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new data base. Our sincere thanks to him for his many many hours of volunteer time.

The 55 Plus Group has been busy bringing together the senior members of our society. We are all pleased to see the development of this new group which gives our most respected community members a chance to get together and enjoy activities and company of their contemporaries.

The History Project is continuing their task of putting together the first phase of our history in Minnesota. The research and oral histories are proceeding with the assistance of a \$ 3,500 grant (awarded to Polly Sonifer). We are all pleased to see their hard work and progress.

Finally, please do accept our invitation to attend the upcoming Independence Day Picnic on August 13, 1994. We look forward to seeing you all there for an afternoon of fun !

### Party at the Cedar Pines Nursing Home **Naseem Kassim**

Under the direction of Kishore Khankari, Chairperson of the Committee for the Community Services, a party was organized for

the residents of the Cedar Pines Nursing Homes in Minneapolis on March 26, 1994. According to some of the residents, the party was a much anticipated event. This speaks for the success of the past events hosted by the committee.

The afternoon party was again a hit with the residents. They truly enjoyed the entertainment, the costumes and the treats provided.

Special thanks to the performers, their parents and the teachers for their time and efforts. Shan Sharma entertained the group with an instrumental piece on his keyboard. Sufala Patankar and Nikhil Khankari gave wonderful individual performances at the piano, including both the popular and the classical pieces. Delightful performances of the Indian Classical Dances were given by Sonia Sharma (Kathak) and Padmaja's young troupe (Andhranatyam). Jagruti Dave's troupe charmed the audience with the colorful Gujariti Garba.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Sugrabai Lalani and family, Rajani Patankar, Prabha Sharma, Meena Khankari and to all present who helped out with the food service and clean up. Their support and help

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made the work effortless. Special thanks also to Mrs. Sugrabai for her kind donation of funds.

We are very grateful to all volunteers who have helped make this and the past events successful with their support and services.

### Please note:

Anyone interested in volunteering at such future functions, please contact Kishor Khankari at 486-8240.

The committee is hoping to have a "Neighborhood Clothes Drive" in the fall. Watch for details in future newsletter !

### Festival of Nations

**Sarat K. Mohapatra**

The 63rd celebration of the Festival of Nations came to an end on April 24, 94 after four days of ethnic extravaganza. Undoubtedly, it is the biggest ethnic celebration in the United States. An additional seven ethnic group participation this year signifies an increased ethnic awareness in Minnesota. India Club participated in five different activities such as cafe, exhibit, adult and children's cultural programs and India Bazaar. Overall, it was a very successful event. An event of this proportion requires a large number of volunteers. I estimated this number to be in the



neighborhood of 150. I had the pleasure and privilege of working with all these people who impressed me with team spirit, dedication and sacrifice at its best. My sincere thanks to all of them. This year we made some changes in our traditional cafe procedures. We introduced a local caterer for food and introduced a new menu item for trial. These gave us some good insight for future planning. My sincere thanks to Gupthan Namboodiripad who coordinated the Cafe activities.

The exhibit theme for this year was "Tapestry of fabrics and textiles". Our exhibit booth presented an Indian cloth store with an imaginary name, "Ratanlal Cloth Store". The spectacular display of sarees, fabrics and tapestries was done by Khursid Rudina and friends. Nina Gada's demonstration of thread making in the exhibit booth from cotton was nostalgic.

Two veterans, Ranjan Patel and Uma Padinjaredath coordinated the Adult and Children's dance programs. I was marveled by the dazzling costumes and the flawless performance by both groups.

Magan Agarwal was responsible for the India Bazaar booth at the festival. The traditional Indian jewelry and merchandise in the

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booth attracted a lot of visitors to our booth. My sincere thanks to Magan Agarwal and his team who make this participation so easy every year. **Again**, I would like to thank all the volunteers for a job well done and making an event memorable for all of us.

India Association of Minnesota extends its sincere appreciation to the following volunteers for their help during the Festival of Nations, 94.

Gupthan Namboodiripad : Cafe Chair

Punjabhai Patel : Day Captain

Shanta Patel Bhupat Desai Sumita Desai	Jyotsna Pandya Niket Pandya Nirmal Pandya	Niru Misra Mukesh Patel Naseem Kasim
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Deepshikha Gupta: Day captain

Neena Gada Fern Panda Barbara Rajan	Tom Conlin Parichay Rudina Kairus Rudina	Mehtab Kaz Rashi Hemnani Reshmi Dutt
Aman Hemnani Jonathan Raymond	Debali Mukherjee Sonia Dasgupta	Shruti Gupta Preeti Gupta Vinod Gupta
Sundar Rajan Ed Joseph Eujeen Joseph	Sridevi Varadarajulu Namrata Thakur	Bernice Ankure

Mukul Ganguli: Day Captain

Sudhansu Misra	Indu Misra	Brian Stenquist
Durga Panda	Naseem Kasim	Shahnawaz Punjawani

Ashok Chattopadhyay	Pranab Chatterjee	Kajal Chatterjee
Vinoo Patel	Ranjan Patel	Stephen Peterson
Shanti Shah	Ram Gada	Neena Gada
Hari Gori	Sumant Dev Dumra	Kairus Rudina
Aman Hemnani	Jonathan Remund	Vasant Sukhatme
Monika Sukhatme	Kalyan Mustaphi	Semanti Mustaphi
Aparna Ganguli	Suvranu Ganguli	Namita Lahiri Krishna Dasgupta

Ajit Varghese: Day Captain

K. P. Subrahmanian	Indira Subrahmanian	Sandhya Sahu
Kusuma Kotini	Rupa Dash	Asish Dash
Raj Ramaswamy	Sunny Namboodiripad	Shaji Varghese
Tani Misra	Rita Mohapatra	Anne Bhandari
Nilima Gaddam	Maria Cheruchiril	Arati Dash
Nihar Nanda	Gyana Dwibedy	Shibani Dwibedy

Uma Padinjaredath : Chair, Children's Program

Anne Rene	Theresa Rene	Shruti Gupta
Preeti Gupta	Shruti Mathur	Veena Padmanabhan

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Aparna Suri	Lakshmi Krishnan	Ambika Seshadri

Ranjan Patel : Chair, Adult program

Miral Bhakta	Rimpal Bhakta	Shephali Bhakta
Gargi Ghandhi	Lisa Gada	Syana Mukadam
Manila Mathur	Reena Patel	Rachana Patel
Ranjan Patel	Hiral Patel	Urvashi Roongta
Arati Shah	Chitra Subrahmanian	Rupal Shroff
Bharati Shroff	Gira Shroff	Chandani Shroff
Daksha Patel		

Khurshid Rudina: Chair, Exhibit Booth

Geeta Hemnani	Kumud Sahgal	Sonia Sahgal
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### History Project      Godan Nambudiripad

#### Progress To-Date

As advised by the Minnesota Historical Society (MHS) we our first focus has been on "Oral History". This will be a collection of history of individuals which collectively tell our story. So far we have done two. Polly Sonifer who is conducting these interviews and does the transcripts has been awarded a grant of about \$3,500 by the Minnesota Historical Society. We hope to complete 15 more "Oral Histories" by this fall. This will provide material for articles in the MHS magazines, and will be a part of the permanent collection of materials there for future research and studies.

Bharti Khanchandani has been in contact with the University of Minnesota. We hope we can get material on students from India in the years past.

Another collection we just acquired is a recording of radio programs that Suren & Raj Choudhury and friends had done in the seventies.

#### Next Project:

We like to produce a photo collage of early life of people of Indian origin in Minnesota.

#### How can You help:

If you have any photographs depicting events in the life here please contact Godan Nambudiripad at 894-8945. We like to borrow

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them for duplication. Any personal or social event will qualify. Identification of people (or group), location and approximate date are important to make these "historical documents".

If you have any other collectibles or ideas or want to help in any of these projects let us hear from you. Give Godan a call.

### Membership Update      Vasant Sukhatme

Several members of the Board of the India Association spent a couple of hours on Sunday, April 17, 1994, on a Membership Phonathon. This was the second year in a row that such a phonathon was organized. The participants in the phonathon were, in alphabetical order, Tom Conlin, Ram Gada, Hari Gori, Niru Misra, Godan Nambudiripad, Prabha Sharma, Vasant Sukhatme, and Mukhtar Thakur.

Mukhtar had arranged for access to a phone facility and the participants phoned various members of the Indian community in the Twin Cities to urge them to formally become dues-paying members of the India Association. About 300 phone calls were made in a three-hour period. The principal objective of the phone effort was to spread the word about the existence and activities of the India Association and to encourage active membership and involvement in the activities of the India Association.

If you, the reader of this newsletter, were a phone call recipient, then we hope that reading about it will bring a smile to your face! If, however, you did not get a phone call, then we have an apology to make - we had access to the phone facility for only a short period and were unable to complete all the calling that we had intended to make. We, the phone callers, are sorry that we were not able to speak with you in person. Notwithstanding that, however, we urge all readers of this Newsletter to pay their membership dues and become active members of the Association.

The participants were very pleased at the opportunity that the phonathon presented to speak with members of the Indian community and to share with them the reasons why they were involved with the India Association. The principal reason for joining is, of course, intangible — the satisfaction of knowing that one belongs to an association that lays claim to being the umbrella organization of all language-based and cultural organizations of people originally from India and having a genuine interest in India. We also talked about the major activities of the Association, including the Festival of Nations, the Festival of India, the Picnic, the History Project, etc. We were delighted that the recipients of our phone calls

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were very pleased at the personal call to join the IAM. Many recipients were not particularly informed about the Association and were pleased that a live, personal phone call was made to urge them to join.

The success of the phone effort now depends on how many do decide to join the Association and send in their dues! So, once again, the Membership Committee of the India Association urges all readers of this Newsletter to come forward and become active members. We welcome all of you!

### INDIAN YOUTH COMMITTEE

The Youth Committee under the leadership of Chitra Subramanian has been organizing various events for youth and their parents. In February we began with a potluck for children and their families. Approximately 100 people attended, enjoying this time to become acquainted and reacquainted with others members of the community.

In April, we sponsored a youth dance which was held at the India Lodge. There were close to 80 youth ages 10 and up. While they were dancing up a storm, some parents watched an Indian movie and enjoyed refreshments in the basement.

Most recently, some members of the Indian Youth Committee assisted the Children's Home Society in their April Showers Program - a festival for adopted international children.



Committee members assisted in preparing food and in helping children dress in sarees. The Youth Committee continues to plan more fun events for the future. If you are interested in becoming more involved please contact Chitra Subramanian at 739-5557.

Watch for specific information about upcoming events. Look for flyers at local Indian grocery stores, places of worship, or at the India Lodge. THANKS FOR YOUR INTEREST !

#### 55 PLUS GROUP

Sudhansu S. Misra

The India Association formally adopted a resolution to support the 55 Plus Group and approved a budget of \$ 200 to cover mailing costs for the year 1994.

As announced before, the 55 Plus Group is an organization intended for people over 55 to get together regularly to participate in activities of common interest. Since December 1993, the group has met every month. Attendance in these meetings has been averaging from 12 to 15. Besides socializing, slides of India were shown by Jack Desai in March and a visit was made to the Minnesota Historical Society in April. On occasions some members of the group go out for lunch.

For the summer months some members of the group are either engaged in summer activities on their own, visiting families in India or traveling. Because of this, the group is taking a summer recess and meet only once in July. Please call Sudhansu Misra at 631-1145 if you want to be included in the mailing list.

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### The India Association of Minnesota

(formerly The India Club of Minnesota)

invites you to our

### SECOND ANNUAL DINNER

WHEN:

Friday, December 2, 1994

WHERE:

Thunderbird Hotel & Convention Center

Bloomington, Minnesota

(Located at Highway 494 & 24th Ave

1 1/2 blocks North of the Mall of America)

Telephone: (612) 854-3411

Time:

6:15 PM (Social Hour & Cocktails)

Dinner:

7: 15 PM

MENU:

Boneless Breast of Chicken stuffed with broccoli &  
cheese with rice pilaf \$ 17.50

or

Fettucine Alfredo (vegetarian dinner) \$ 15.50

Both entrees include: Tossed salad with dressing vegetable, fruit cup, roll with butter, cheesecake and choice of coffee, tea or milk. Taxes and gratuity are included.

RESERVATIONS: Due to limited seating capacity, please make reservations as soon as possible by calling any of the following individuals:

Gupthan Namboodiripad	(work) 296-1151	(home) 785-2970
Ajit Varghese	(work) 844-8585	(home) 894-1860
Rahim Rahiman	(work) 229-2107	(home) 832-0461

Please be sure to give the names and phone numbers of the persons who will be attending as well as choice of entrees.

#### PAYMENT:

All phone reservations will be taken on a first come first served basis. Payment must be received no later than October 15, 1994. Please make your check payable to the "India Association of Minnesota" and mail to:

Gupthan Namboodiripad, Treasurer  
The India Association of Minnesota  
5242 Red Oak Drive  
Mounds View, MN 55112



Please consider becoming a member of India Association of Minnesota. Fill out the form and mail with payment to India Association, P.O. Box 130158, St. Paul, MN 55113.

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/DIRECTORY INFORMATION

New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name \_\_\_\_\_

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2 years (\$25) \_\_\_\_\_

3 years (\$30) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Business (\$25) \_\_\_\_\_

Profession/Business (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Community Service \_\_\_\_\_ Festival of India \_\_\_\_\_ Newsletter \_\_\_\_\_ Speaker's Bureau \_\_\_\_\_  
Host Family Program \_\_\_\_\_ Festival of Nations \_\_\_\_\_ Youth Activities \_\_\_\_\_ History Project \_\_\_\_\_

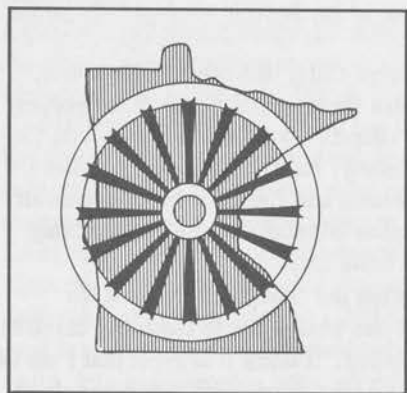


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## 1993 FESTIVAL OF NATIONS

When: April 29, 30, May 1, 2, 1993

Where: St. Paul Civic Center

What: Dance, music, cultural exhibits, costumes, craft demonstrations, chess tourney, shops representing the cultures of the world & exotic food booths.

Volunteers are needed to support the India Club sponsored activities representing culture of India. If interested, please contact the appropriate individuals :

General Chairperson	Neena Gada	636-1075
Exhibit	Deepshikha Gupta	454-2124
Adult Program	Ranjan Patel	770-3155
Children's Program	Uma Padinjaredath	487-6411
Food Chairperson	Mukul Ganguli	483-5438
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Thursday	- Linda Schultz	825-1193
Friday	- Ram Reddy Elgonda	559-4914
Saturday	- Govind Shah	786-5097
Sunday	- Sarat Mahapatra	739-0426

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am honored to have been elected as the President of the India Club for 1993. First, I thank our outgoing President Shanti Shah, the outgoing Board of Directors, and the active members of the India Club for an extremely successful year of activities in 1992.

We have already started our 1993 activities. Various committees have been formed, and they are planning their activities for the year. I urge you to participate and support these activities. If you'd like to volunteer or need information about the activities of any of the committees, please call me or the chair person of the respective committee.

I also want to take this opportunity to express my strong condemnation of the actions involving the destruction of a mosque at Ayodhya by a small group of people, the subsequent eruption of violence and destruction of many temples and mosques, and the enormous suffering this has caused to the people of India. It is disheartening that the communal violence has not subsided. I strongly urge and pray that the government and the people of India make all efforts to restore peace and harmony to keep India secular, where everyone has the freedom to pursue the religion, and profession of their choice.

Let me reassure everyone that the India Club is a secular organization which encompasses all communities. Our mission is to spread an understanding of Indian culture and values among Asian Indians living in Minnesota and the community at large. I request your involvement and support for fulfilling our mission. Together, we can work towards promoting and carrying forward our culture and values to make a difference.

*Jacob Cherucheril, President, The India Club of Minnesota*



## P.I.C.

### (Adoptive) Parents Of Indian Children

Minnesota is home to over 718 children born in India, who have been adopted by married couples or single people who are not of Indian descent. The children come from all parts of India - Calcutta, Kerala, Bombay, Madras, Patna, Delhi and points beyond. These children range in age from one year to 18 years old.

International adoption is relatively new. The first adoptions of Indian born children occurred in 1978. Recognizing how essential a child's culture of origin is to his or her sense of self, several adoptive parents joined together to form (Adoptive) Parents of Indian Children, or P.I.C.

The organization has four objectives. The first is to provide parenting support for the parents of adopted Indian born children. Second, to offer information and guidance to parents waiting for their Indian born children. Third, to provide cultural activities and events to enhance the families knowledge and appreciation of the child's cultural heritage. The last objective is to provide opportunities of social and/or cultural nature which would allow development of relationships with Indian children and adults.

Currently, P.I.C. has a membership of 100 families.

Activities over the last year have included a well attended workshop by Raneeramaswamy and a cultural camp which was planned and conducted with the generous support of the School of Indian Language and Culture. This year, P.I.C. will be conducting a workshop for parents on working with the schools on cultural competency issues. It will again be sponsoring a culture camp and other social/cultural events for members.

P.I.C. is a resource to families both in the area of multi-cultural heritage and in the area of being an adoptive family. Parents and children who come together to form adoptive families face predictable developmental issues which are unique to adoption. P.I.C. works with adoption programs to provide long term resources to families.

P.I.C. members are grateful for the support and interest shown by the Indian Community of Minnesota. We would welcome a chance to answer any questions people might have regarding our work or regarding adoption. Please feel free to contact Lynn Malfeld at 645-9068 if you would like more information.

### Perspectives of a P.I.C. Child:

Children begin to tell their parents and the P.I.C. organization how they feel about their Indian heritage and what things have been supportive to them in learning about themselves and their country of origin. One young girl who was willing to share her thoughts on this is 13 year old Holly

Cole. Holly arrived home to her parents while a very young infant.

Her parents, Lon and Marge Cole, like other PIC parents, have been strong advocates for the importance of supporting the children's (and their adoptive families) linkages with the Indian culture and community. Holly and her parents have been involved in social events and Indian cultural events all of her life. They are regular attendees of the culture camp, Festival of Nations, and India Day.

When Holly was asked what her thoughts are about her Indian heritage and what she would like to teach her children about her heritage she replied, "I think it is great that I am of Indian heritage because my friends may ask questions about India and I can answer them, I'm not treated differently than anyone else because I'm from India. When I have children, I'll tell them all the things I've learned from P.I.C., especially from the Indian people in the community."

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL:

The Membership Committee chaired by Iqbal Kazi, requests all existing and past members to renew their membership in the India Club of Minnesota, at the earliest. Family memberships can be renewed for two or three year periods at discounted rates. Please see page 6 for details.

### ST. PAUL NEEDS "SISTER CITY" IN INDIA:

During a recent meeting with the Board of Directors of The India Club of Minnesota Mr. William Wilson, President, City Council of Saint Paul requested assistance in identifying a city in India that could eventually become a "sister city" with the City of Saint Paul.

The India Club of Minnesota requests all Asian Indians in the Twin Cities to identify any city in India that could become a sister city with the city of Saint Paul. General guidelines that should be kept in perspective are as follows: the city should be a medium size city in India with schools, colleges, museums, theaters, commerce and industry that are similar to Saint Paul. For example, the city of Saint Paul established a sister city relationship with the City of Nagasaki, Japan in 1955.

Some of the by-products of a sister city relationship between Saint Paul and a city in India will be the establishment of exchange of arts, culture and official visits by city officials from India to Saint Paul and vice versa. Visits by scientists, artists, scholars and journalists also will be made possible between the two cities.

If you have any suggestions, please call Rahim A. Rahiman, Chair of the Sister City Committee for The India Club of Minnesota at (612) 229-2107.

## L.A.M.P.

### Literacy As Movement of People

An amazing human experiment is going on in India. The objective is to make India 100 % literate. LAMP was started in 1976 and has successfully integrated the literacy movement with rural development. It is responsible for a lot of innovative projects to achieve maximum literacy. Minnesotans are in the forefront of the LAMP movement. Local efforts are all the more remarkable since the group operates on a zero external budget! Every dollar raised is forwarded to LAMP. The local chapter's goal is to involve more Minnesotans with ethnic origins in India, into volunteering time, efforts and money to LAMP. The Minnesota chapter of LAMP is led by the efforts of Dr. K.P.S. Menon under the auspices of the India Club of Minnesota. Teaching trips have taken Dr. Menon to the states of Andhra, Bengal, Haryana, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and the union territories of Delhi and Pondicherry. LAMP achievements include helping make Kerala, Goa, Pondicherry, Midnapur district in West Bengal and Pudukotai district in Tamilnadu "fully literate".

LAMP extends a special thanks to all Minnesotans who helped directly and indirectly in so many different ways. All it takes is \$5 to make one person literate within one year. LAMP has several ideas to get the local community involved in its noble efforts.

### INDIA CLUB'S YOUTH COMMITTEE

#### PARTY ! PARTY !! PARTY !!!

The Youth Committee of India Club invites all youths of Indian ethnic origin, ages 10 and above to their 1993 kickoff event - FOR YOUTHS ONLY !! Activities include a movie on being of two cultures, pizza and discussions on issues of concern.

This event will be at the India Lodge (formerly India Community Center) on April 3rd, 1993 at 5.00 pm.

Come and meet some old and new friends while sharing an evening full of conversation and camaraderie !!!

This event is being organized by the youth of India Club. Please call Chitra Subramannian at 739-5557 for further details.

### COMMITTEES OF THE INDIA CLUB

The India Club has several committees that are involved in various activities in the community. A list of the committees and their respective chairpersons is published below. For further details on any committee and how to become involved in any of the listed activities, please contact the respective chairperson listed.

<i>Festival of Nations:</i>	Neena Gada	636-1075
<i>Community Liaison:</i>	Shanti Shah	934-1667
<i>Community Services:</i>	Ram Elgonda	559-4914
<i>News Letter:</i>	Saroj Mohanty	949-2911
<i>Membership:</i>	Iqbal Kazi	431-3433
<i>Youth Activities:</i>	Chitra Subramanian	739-5557
<i>History Project:</i>	Godan Nambudiripad	894-8945

<i>Festival of India:</i>	Gupthan Namboodripad	487-6411
<i>Independence Day Picnic:</i>	Jai Karai	757-6300
<i>Speakers Bureau:</i>	Ella Baldwin	927-7546
<i>Artistic Promotion:</i>	Rita Mustaphi	537-8291
<i>Host Family:</i>	S. Balakrishnan	942-7014
<i>Sister City:</i>	Rahim Rahiman	832-0461
<i>Long Range Planning:</i>	Ram Gada	636-1075

The excellent efforts of our community in 1992 toward making India 100 % literate is summarized.

- \* Visited and taught in 4 areas of India.
- \* Connections in India directly cover 5 states and 2 union territories.
- \* Made the largest single dollar contribution from U.S.A at \$5,000.
- \* To date we have made the largest contribution of \$17,000.
- \* Per capita, operated at thirty times the donative effort of the total U.S.A.
- \* '93 Q & A brochure released, which elaborately expresses how to become actively involved with LAMP.
- \* Regular monthly meetings have been held for 3 years.
- \* To become involved with LAMP, please contact local co-ordinators at  
Eden Prairie 829-7050  
Minneapolis U of M 379-7978  
Minneapolis 379-1886  
Rochester (507)263-0154.

Local artists, Raneeramaswamy Robert Bly and David Whetstone are volunteering their time to an upcoming event, "DAWN", a spring feast of dance, music and poetry. The event will feature the coming together of East and West. DAWN will be held on Sunday, May 23, 1993 at 7.00 PM at the American History Theater, St. Paul. Proceeds will benefit LAMP. Please contact Anusha Srinivasan at 942-7104 for tickets and further information.

**INDIA CLUB, Inc.**  
**1992 YEAR END FINANCIAL STATEMENT**  
**11/21/92**

<u>Operations</u>	<u>Cash</u>
<b>Revenue</b>	
1992 Revenue from Operations	\$ 16,820.61
<b>Expenses</b>	
1992 Operating Expenses	\$ 14,628.74
<b>Net Income</b>	
1992 Operating Net Income	\$ 2,191.87
<b>Beginning Fund Balance 1/1/92</b>	<b>\$ 14,294.36</b>
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 16,486.23</b>

Prepared by: M. Periakaruppan, Treasurer  
P. Periakaruppan, CPA

**INDIA CLUB, 1992 : IN RETROSPECT**  
**Outgoing President's Report**

1992 was a year full of activities for the India Club. The Board of Directors participated actively. Financially, the year ended in a positive note. The following is a brief synopsis of the activities:

\* The club participated in the Festival of Nations very successfully with Neena Gada's leadership and approximately 100 volunteers.

\* The Festival of India was successfully organized by Raja Ramaswami. Several leaders from the State and City governments and the Indian Consul General were present at the Festival.

\* Political Liaison activities were led by Rahim Rahiman. There was reception organized for the Indian Ambassador. Discussions to organize a "Sister City" program with St. Paul were initiated. Godan Nambudiripad and Rani Ramaswami were recognized as Distinguished Asian American leaders by the Asian Pacific Council.

\* India Club participated in the Fil-Minnesota Youth Conference. Navjot Singh successfully organized the Youth Festival.

\* Under the leadership of Niru Misra, the editorial board of the News Letter successfully revised the format of the News Letter, published 4 issues and distributed it about 600 households.

\* Ella Baldwin successfully supported the Speakers Bureau single handedly.

Opening Cash Balance	\$ 8,229.69
Revenue	\$ 16,820.61
Expenses	<u>\$(14,628.74)</u>
Total	\$ 10,421.56
Timing Adjustments	<u>\$ 410.54</u>
Total Cash Balance	<u>\$ 10,832.10</u>
TCF Checking Account Balance	<u>\$ 10,832.10</u>

\* Ram Elgonda led the activities of the Membership Committee to increase the membership to 255 households.

\* Under Rajani Pathankar's leadership, we organized and participated in several community activities.

\* The India Independence Day picnic was successfully organized on August 15th, 1992.

\* Godan Namudripad is spearheading the History of Asian Indians in Minnesota project.

It was my pleasure to serve as the 1992 President of the India Club. I am confident that 1993 will be a great year under the leadership of Jacob Cherucheril.

*Shanti Shah, Past President, India Club*

**BI-CULTURAL YOUTH ISSUES CONFERENCE**

After last year's great success, the India Club will be once again participating in the one day conference on bi-cultural youth issues and concerns in May 1993. This conference is being organized by the Fil-Minnesotan Association ( the umbrella Filipino-American organization in Minnesota. The conference addresses issues and concerns of youth born and/or growing up in the USA in a multi-cultural organization. Other organizations participating in the conference are the University of Minnesota, the Council for Asian-Pacific Minnesotans, the Minneapolis YMCA and the Institute for Youthwork.

Parents and young adults are invited to attend the conference and participate in group discussions. Please call Niru Misra at 483-4279 for further details about the conference and participation.

# India Lodge

(Formerly India Community Center)

Will hold a meeting to:

- Incorporate as a secular non-profit organization
- Elect the first Board of Directors
- Approve the Constitution
- Form Activity Committees

The meeting will be held on Saturday, March 20, 1993 at 2:00 at the India Lodge, 1429 - 2nd Street N.E. Minneapolis. Building Tours and refreshments are included.

Please contact Anil Jain at 490-7592 or Pranab Lahiri at 432-8829 if you have any questions.

Within the last three months, the India Lodge has been the site of numerous events including community meetings, social activities and weddings. Future events are expected to include youth programs, entertainment and sports programs and community celebrations.

**India Lodge Membership Application**      Family ☐    Single ☐    Student ☐

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Interested in:    Volunteer Work ☐

\_\_\_\_\_  
Committee membership ☐

\_\_\_\_\_  
Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_ (India Lodge Use Only)

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP (\$90 per year) Membership includes: Eight (8) tickets for various functions; a \$40 discount for India Lodge facility rental (maximum of two rentals per year)

SINGLE MEMBERSHIP (\$50 per year) Membership includes Four (4) tickets for various functions; a \$40 discount for India Lodge facility rental (maximum of two rentals per year)

STUDENT MEMBERSHIP (No charge)

Please mail your check and application to the India Lodge 1429 - 2nd Street Minneapolis, MN 55413 or bring it to the meeting on March 20



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

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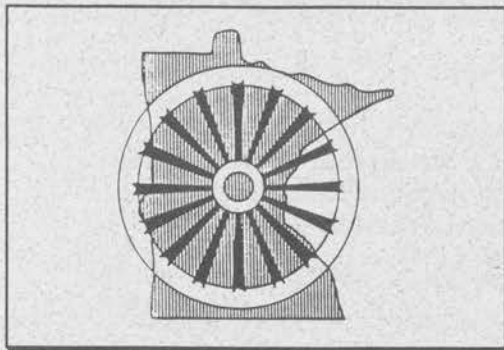
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## Annual Membership Meeting

The India Club will conclude this year with our annual membership meeting. This meeting is an opportunity for us all to get together and visit, as well as get to know the Board members of this year and those nominated for next year.

The meeting will be held on **November 21 from 2-5pm at the new Indian Community Center in Northeast Minneapolis**. Refreshments will be served, and the new Board of Directors will be elected.

We look forward to this chance to meet all of you! Please come and provide your presence and input. A notice will be sent to all members and will include the location of the Indian Community Center. If you do not receive a notice, please call Shanti Shah at 894-1273 or Jacob Cherucheril at 888-3599.

### Message from the President

Once again the Festival of India was a big hit. It was a day full of fun, festivities, food and dignitaries. The Festival opened with remarks from Mr. P.L. Santoshi, the Counsel General of India. Mr. Bill Wilson, President of the St. Paul City Council presented a proclamation which declared September 27, 1992 as India Day. Among other dignitaries who were present during the day were Minnesota Attorney General Skip Humphrey and St. Paul Mayor Jim Schiebel.

The India Club's next and last event this year is the annual Meeting during which elections are held. The meeting will be on November 21st. We hope to see you there. Please stop by and enjoy some refreshments with us.

This is the last newsletter for 1992 and it is time for the Board to sit back and relax after a busy year. I want to thank the Board who worked extremely hard to make every India Club event successful. We hope you had as much fun attending the events as the Board had organizing them. We could not have done these events without the help of India Club's long time friends--Rahim Rahiman, Ram Gada, Sudhansu Misra, and Nina Gada.

I would strongly encourage anyone who is interested in doing something in the Indian community to join hands with other India Club volunteers and make things happen.

Have a happy Dewali and a happy New Year.

Shanti Shah  
President, the India Club of Minnesota



## *Festival of India*

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The India Club hosted the Festival of India on September 27, 1992. More than one thousand people attended the event.

This year's theme was Flowers, and was well represented by the creation of decorative "pandal" with mannequins and flower decorations. It also featured food, exhibits and entertainment.

Mr. Santoshi, Indian Consulate General from Chicago inaugurated the Festival. This year we were fortunate to have four distinguished guests: Mr. Humphrey, Attorney General, Mr. Scheibel, Mayor of St. Paul, Mr. Wilson, St. Paul Council President, and Dr. DeLeon, President of the Asia Pacific Council of Minnesota. They all spent time visiting various exhibits and watching the entertainment.

Schubert Club opened the museum of Indian musical instruments for public viewing, and they also arranged two concerts featuring Bill Stille who played Sarod and Sitar.

The Indian Consulate General's office were present to issue visas and renew passports. Many took advantage of these services.

We would like to thank all the volunteers and participants who dedicated countless hours and made this a great success.

Our very special thanks to the following folks for making the Festival of India a great event!



## *Festival of India Volunteers:*

Program Chairperson: Raj Ramaswamy

Audio: Sundar Hemnani, Aman Hemnani, Jason Dodge

Masters of Ceremony:  
Arvind Suri, Sarjit Singh Bains, Anandhi Somasundaram

Booth Rental: Guptan Nambudiripad, Jacob Cherucheril

Games Booth: Shams Rehman

Cleanup and Packing:  
Naseem Kassim, Rozina Karmali, Farah Lakha, Stefan Peterson, Shabram Ali Mohammed

Booth Layout: Niru Misra

Decoration: Linda Schultz, Indu Sekhar, Govind Shah

Sari wrapping/Bindi: Vinatha Elgonda, Madhavi Elgonda

India Club Booth: Shanti Shah, Ram Elgonda, Dipankar DasGupta, Ella Baldwin, Mutu

Periakaruppan, Vishant Shah, Jonathan Remond, Gayathri

Schubert Club: Bruce Carlson, Bill Stille

Promotion: Kashmira Irani, Vinatha Elgonda, Ram Elgonda, Madhavi Elgonda, Padmaja, Shams Rehman, Indu Shekar, Neelam Singh, Geetha Hemnani, Khurshid Rudina, Meena Khanchandani

Flower Booth (including Rangoli, hair decoration, and stories): Rama, Padu, Vikram, and Veena Padmanabhan, Swami Sundaram, Rajan and Vatsala Menon, Gita Kar, Valli Sivasailam, Chithra Subramaniam, Geetha Peethambaram, Vatsala Menon, Rajan Menon, Preethi Mathur

Entertainment coordinator: Jayanthika Karai.

We would like to thank the many many talented and generous children and adults who provided entertainment for the event. Certainly the music and dance and drama presented on stage are the backbone of the Festival and are critical to the way in which we display our culture. Thanks to all who participated and made this event a success!! If we have missed any names in this list it is purely inadvertant.





# PERSPECTIVES

We asked young members of our community to write their thoughts on the following questions:

**What are some Indian customs or traditions that you think you will pass on to your children?**

**What are some that you think you won't pass on?**

(Customs or traditions might include food, dress, arts, music, religion, or social activities.)

We received some interesting responses and would like to share some of them with you.

I would teach them the language and get them used to the food. I would teach them cultural things like dances and songs. I would make them study and get good grades. I don't want them to get lazy because when the servants come they won't do any work.

Pavitra, Age 10

I would pass on language, food, songs, and praying (pooja's). I would not pass on feasting, being late for parties, and clothing.

Leena Mohapatra, age 11

There is no Indian culture that I do not want to pass on to my children.

Abhijit Mishra, age 10

I would pass on the tradition of respect of my elders, our rituals and how much India means to them. I want everything about the Indian Culture to be passed down to my children. At least I want them to know everything about the culture, if they choose they can recognize their cultures. If they don't then they won't, though "I hope not".

Asish Dash, age 15

Do: language, dances and family traditions.  
Don't: Being greedy

Sunita Mohanty, age 8

Traits to pass on:  
-respect of elders  
-be proud of your religion  
-be proud of India  
-take studies seriously  
-do your best

Ashish Mohanty, age 16



All the beautiful graphics in this issue were drawn by Saleema Amershi, age 11. The editors thank her very much for her aesthetic contribution.

The editors apologize for omitting the name of Ranjan Patel as the adult entertainment coordinator at the Festival of Nations. Ranjan has always been a very able and pleasant participant in India Club activities. Our error was inadvertent but regrettable.



If anyone is interested in speaking to youth or adult audiences about India, please contact Ella Baldwin at 927-7546 (home) or 625-5560 (work) about the India Club Speakers Bureau. Help is needed!

## Community Services Activities

The India Club and the Community Services Committee would like to thank you all for the generous support you all gave at Diwali time last year.

Soon afterwards two Christmas parties for underprivileged groups were organized. One was given for the children at the Northeast Child Development Center in Minneapolis; the other was arranged for the elderly with support from the Little Brothers and Sisters for the Elderly. Both parties were greatly appreciated and helped to spread good will in the local community.

This year 24 boxes of used clothes were collected from the Indian community and sent to the Share and Care Foundation of India in New Jersey. In addition, throughout the year we supply volunteers to a number of organizations. For example, about ten volunteers were sent to the telethon at KTCA Channel 2 in March and in August.

Now there are major events being planned for Thanksgiving and Christmas. We shall organize dinners and Christmas parties for senior citizens and the needy.

In all these activities we need your support. We shall be collecting donations for the India Club Community Fund. Please give generously. Also, we need volunteers. If you are

interested in participating in any activities please contact Rajani Patankar at 420-7667 or Ram Gada at 636-1075.

The Community Services Committee would like to thank you all for your past support and express full confidence that similar support will continue in the future.



## India Club and PIC

**SOME NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO INCREASE FRIENDSHIP AS OUR CHILDREN GROW UP TOGETHER IN MINNESOTA**

We are fortunate in the Twin Cities to have a large population of children adopted from India and belonging to families not of Indian descent. We are also fortunate to have a large population of Indian families who have immigrated to the United States.

India Club and PIC (Parents of Asian Indian Children) have come up with the wonderful idea of bringing the two groups together to increase friendship and share our cultures.

PIC currently has a membership of over 100 families. The children who are adopted from India come from all parts of India—Calcutta, Kerala,

Bombay, Madras, Patna, Delhi and points beyond.

India Club invited a member of the PIC board (Jan Gilbert) to become a board member of India Club in order to increase communication between the two organizations. When India Club asked PIC members what they would like in terms of more interaction with the Indian Community, PIC responded that it would be wonderful to have a buddy family that would take a direct interest in Indian children of PIC families.

Some of the roles the buddy family could play could include exchanging dinner invitations, meeting at cultural events, inviting the buddy family to PIC events, serving as greeters to introduce PIC families to other Indian families at large events, sharing information on customs, etc. We are sure that there are many more ways to welcome PIC parents and their children into the Indian community.

Would you like to be a buddy family? You do not need to have children at home to do this. The only requirement for PIC families is that they also be members of India Club. Please contact Shanti Shah at 894-1273 or Jan Gilbert at 724-0756 and we will try to match families together.

This is an opportunity for immigrant Indian families to reach out and share Indian culture and for PIC families to assimilate some of that culture. We hope for a strong response from both groups!



## Upcoming Film

The University Film Society will be showing a film titled **In The Name of God.**

This feature length documentary by one of India's top filmmakers, Ananth Patwardhan ("Bombay, My City") presents what is arguably one of India's great social threats, the rise of extreme, militant right-wing religious fundamentalism—the Lord Ram movement. This separatist Hindu vs. Muslim movement is attempting to redefine India as a Hindu nation. But the voice of reason and humanity will not be silenced. Centuries of caste and class oppression have taught the working Indian to resist the attempts of those who spread intolerance and hatred.

Heated discussion of the issues, an electrifying screen picturing the rallies and the strategies of the protagonists, the mobility of the camera all prove Patwardhan's "mastery of cineme verite filming at its best" (Toronto International Film Festival '92 note).

This film will be shown as a part of a special University of Minnesota Film Society Documentary Film Week, Nov. 6-12) Admission is \$4.00 general, \$3.00 students (with valid I.D.), seniors, UFS members. For more information call 627-4430 for a recorded message.

## Farewell message from an Editor

It has been a busy and productive year for India Club. This newsletter has tried this year to be a vehicle to bring you the major events and some insights from our community.

I have enjoyed working with the many people who have contributed to this effort. I feel I must thank all of you whose names may not have appeared on these pages but who have contributed articles or information which we have shared.

A special thanks is due to Rahim Rahiman for his assistance in many areas. Rahim is a courteous and productive member of our community, and it is always a joy to work with him.

Additional thanks are due to Rajani Patankar, Neena Gada, Jacob Cherucheril, K.P.S. Menon, Ram Gada, Ella Baldwin, and Raj Ramaswamy for their able assistance on various articles. Also thanks to Naseem Kassim for directing us to good resources and for her always ready smiles and cheerfulness.

Photographs from all earlier issues this year were well taken by Stefan Peterson. Stefan has been a great help

in providing much needed assistance in many ways.

Thanks also to Vijay Karai for the nice photographs in this issue.

Of course, thanks are due to Shanti Shah for her attention to detail and for her open ear in listening to all our various views.

Finally, a great deal of gratitude goes to my husband, Brian Stenquist, for his "Macintosh-MacTalent". Without Brian's help in layout and formatting work each issue would have been a rather lifeless disaster.

I am honored to have been able to serve India Club this year and to have met many wonderful people through this organization. We each belong to sub-groups and sub-cultures connected to India in various ways. Yet it is our immense common ground, that when kept foremost in our minds, best celebrates and represents India.

It is that common ground and shared spirit that has made this a good year for India Club. I hope each of you will feel welcome and needed in the many meaningful tasks that India Club undertakes. We are a strong community when we work together.

Happy holidays to you all!

*Niru Misra, Co-editor*



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

Profession/Business (optional)\_\_\_\_\_

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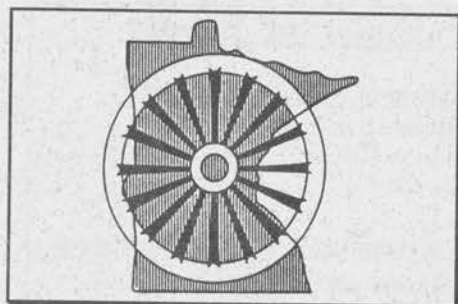


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## FESTIVAL OF NATIONS TIME!

Once again we are on the verge of the Festival of Nations. You may be asking, WHAT IS ALL THE FUSS ABOUT? Well, the Festival of Nations is one of the major annual efforts of India Club. We asked some of the organizers and performers in last year's event to give us a feel for why it is so important.

"Where else do you have the opportunity to travel around the world in four days?" This is a great way to meet and get to know people from other cultures. The performers from last year told us that they enjoyed seeing how others danced and dressed. They also felt pride in being able to teach others about Indian culture through food and dance. When asked what message these dancers would like to communicate to their audience, they

responded "Dance with us! Join in! Dance for friendship and peace!"

We hope that all of you will accept the invitation of our young cultural diplomats. Please attend the Festival of Nations, open to the public on May 1, 2 and 3. For advance tickets (at a discount) contact Naseem Kassim at 439-0064. For opportunities to join in the volunteer activities, contact the following Day Captains:  
Linda Schultz 825-1193  
Jacob Cherucheril 888-3599  
Vinu Patel 733-7471  
Ram Reddy Elgonda 559-4914

See you at the Festival!

(Thanks to the dancers and Ranjan Patel for their help on this article)



## Message from the President

The Ambassador of India to the United States, Mr. Abid Hussain and Mrs. Hussain were in the Twin Cities in March. The India Club sponsored the reception and dinner with the Ambassador for the Twin Cities Indian community. I am so pleased that the evening was such a success thanks to the hard work by Rahim Rahiman and Jacob Cherucheril.

I am excited about two more India Club events coming up in April. The annual Festival of Nations and a youth event called the Conference on Bicultural Youth Concerns and Issues. The Festival of Nations is organized by the International Institute of Minnesota, the India Club will be representing India. We are co-sponsoring the youth event with Fil-Mimmesota Association. I would like your enthusiastic participation in both events. It promises to be an exciting spring.

Events like these become successful because of volunteers and memberships. Your valued membership will help support many events that are coming up. Our Membership Chairman, Ram Reddy Elgonda, will be sending a membership form and a request to those of you who have not already received a membership renewal notice. Please take few moments to complete the membership form and send a check. For a small amount of a \$10 for family membership, you will be a proud sponsor of the unique events organized by the India Club.

I will see you at the Festival of Nations and the Youth Conference.

Sincerely,  
Shanti Shah, President, The India Club of Minnesota



## A Visit from the Ambassador

The Twin Cities' Asian Indian community has hosted diplomats from India in the past, but His Excellency Abid Hussain, Ambassador to the U.S. from India was exceptional in his substance and truthfulness. Mr. Hussain spoke to an audience of about 90 of us at a dinner reception at the Minneapolis Radisson Plaza Hotel on the evening of March 16. The Ambassador had come to the area to promote American business investments in India. He was accompanied by The Honorable Orville Freeman, former Governor of Minnesota, and Mrs. Freeman.

Mr. Hussain treated us to a very enjoyable and enlightening speech in which he discussed the changes in India's economic future at great length. He focused on the need to let go the collapsing economies and the money losing government run industries of the past. He described how the private business and commerce sectors of India's economy is doing quite well. Mr. Hussain spoke of an economic wind of change which is sweeping India, propelled by a growing population of over 200 million middle class

citizens who want quality services and products at a competitive price.

The Ambassador also praised educational and financial successes of Asian Indian immigrants to the U.S., and their children. He praised the American system that provides a good climate of economic independence and hoped that new economic reforms in India will help create a similar type of environment in India in the future.

Nearly everyone who attended the evening's gathering with the Ambassador was taken by his charm, eloquence, and honesty. We felt optimistic that India will take on the challenges facing her. We shared the Indian Government's dreams to bring India into economic growth and independence as she moves into the 21st century. And we drove home that evening after the dinner and speeches feeling a little enchanted by this new voice from India to the United States. We wish him success in his mission in Minnesota to involve American businesses in the new Indian dream.



**Ambassador Abid Hussain.**

## Calendar of Events

### Festival of Nations 4/30 - 5/3

Advance tickets available from  
Naseem Kassim  
439-0064

### Conference on Bicultural Youth Issues and Concerns

April 25 8:30 am - 4 pm  
St. Paul Student Center

### August 15 Day Picnic

India Club will be sponsoring a picnic celebration for the entire Indian community on Indian Independence Day

### Festival of India 9/27/92

Anyone interested in this event please call Jacob Cherucheril at 888-3599

### Indian Music Society

5/8 Karnatic Flute  
N. Ramani  
St. Paul Student Cntr.  
7:30 pm \$10/\$6

5/29 Karnatic Vocal  
T.N. Seshagopalan  
Hindu Mandir  
7:30 pm \$10/\$6

### Hindu Mandir

4/19 Mahaveer Jayanti

### Nritya Jyoti

4/16-19 Ragamala  
Interpretations of 16th century Indian miniature paintings and Bharatnatyam dance  
8 pm Southern Theater  
\$8(Thurs, Sun) \$10 (Fri, Sat)

### 7/11-12

"Love-That Tremendous Word" Kathak Indian Dance with live musicians from India.

Calendar continued on next page



## Calendar of Events (cont.)

### Jain Society

4/19 Mahavir Jayanthi  
Hindu Mandir 10:30

### Marathi Association

4/4 Men's Dinner (The men are cooking!!!)

### 5/2 Springfest

3pm Hindu Mandir, celebration with food/games

### Tamil Group

4/18 Laksmi Ramani  
Hindu Mandir 5:30-8:30

### Bengali Association

4/25 Spring Festival  
Hindu Mandir 6pm

## INDIA CLUB BOARD MEMBERS

Over the next several issues we will be printing brief interviews with India Club Board Members. These interviews are intended to provide some pertinent and some whimsical information on our board members. The Board is responsible for developing the Club's annual activities and providing leadership in carrying out these activities. We hope these brief interviews will give a little insight into the real people who serve India Club.

### Name: Shanti Shah

Where are you from? Bombay  
Where do you live now?

Burnsville

If you could live anywhere, where would it be? Someplace warm!

What is your favorite food: Indian snacks

Profession: Manager of Information Systems for Rosemount, Inc.

If you could have any other profession, what would it be? Professional traveler

Shanti has been with India Club for 12 years. She currently serves as the President of the club.

### Name: Jacob Cherucheril (Vice President)

Where do you live?

Bloomington

If you could live anywhere where would it be? Kerala, India

What is your favorite food:

Idaly and Sambar

Profession: Accountant

If you could have any other profession what would it be? Lawyer

Jacob has been with the India Club for 4 years. He has made great contributions during that time, including organizing last year's Festival of India at the Landmark Center.

### Name: Jayanthika Karai ("Jay")

Where are you from:

Bangalore

Where do you live? Blaine

If you could live anywhere, where would it be? In a world where there would be no war, where all people are treated equally, and where differences in skin color are cherished and not used as a basis for superiority.

What is your favorite food? I like all food.

Profession: Income management specialist (Anoka County)

If you could have any profession, what would it be? Singer and dancer

Jay is serving her first year with the India Club Board. She has been active as a teacher with SILC school and is organizing the children's dance program for the Festival of Nations.

### Name: Jan Gilbert

Where are you from? New York City

Where do you live now?

South Minneapolis

If you could live anywhere, where would it be? Sardenia (off the coast of Italy)

What is your favorite food:

Spaghetti

Profession: composer

If you could have any profession, what would it be? Auto Mechanic

This is Jan's first year on the India Club Board. She has a daughter, Maya, (from India) and she also serves on the board of PIC (Parents of Indian Children)

### Name: Muthuramen

Periakaruppan ("Mutu")

Where do you live? Plymouth

Where would you live if you

could live anywhere? the

shores of Lake Minnetonka

What is your favorite food?

Steak

Profession: Accountant,

Aliant Tech Systems

If you could have any

profession, what would it be?

Professional tennis player or

Corporate raider

Mutu is serving his first year with the India Club Board. He was recently (Aug, 1991) married in India. He and his wife Pappu would like to serve India Club by continuing to build on its solid foundation for the next generation.



## Youth Truth: a new age page

### A Beginning

Beginning with this issue, the Newsletter of the India Club of Minnesota will have a youth page. This page is specifically directed to matters of concern to our younger members. In this issue we are presenting an enlightening guest article by Jaicy Cherucheril, an article on the upcoming Bicultural Youth Conference, and an invitation to our younger readers to write to us. In future issues we hope that this page will be exclusively written and edited by a youth group. While we have a few interested participants we welcome other participants to join us for a fun and productive time. If you are interested please contact Niru Misra at 483-4279.

In the meantime, we hope to get a flood of letters in response to the next article.

### "PERSPECTIVES"

*A column with a youthful point of view.*

Many of you have seen the "Mindworks" features of the Star and Tribune newspaper. In "Mindworks", children around Minnesota write to the newspaper in response to a question that the newspaper has posed. Well, we thought it would be interesting to try such a feature in our own community. There are many interesting experiences that our youth face because they are of Indian descent growing up in the U.S. These experiences and issues can be wonderful and do a lot for our ego or they

can be very painful and difficult to get through. In either case, all of us who grow up here in the U.S. have some experiences in common and we can benefit from sharing our responses to them. It may even be valuable for our parents to hear about some of those things that maybe they didn't realize that we faced or thought about.

Our first two questions that we would like to have you all write us about are these:

WHAT DO MY FRIENDS THINK OF MY BEING AN INDIAN?

or

WHAT WAS IT LIKE FOR MY PARENTS TO LEAVE THEIR HOME AND COME TO LIVE HERE?

If you are between the ages of 5 and 20 please take a few minutes of your time to write to us about EITHER of these questions. This is NOT a competition. We are interested in hearing from as many of you as are out there. We are looking for one or two paragraphs, so please, keep it short! We will print as many as we can in the youth page of the next newsletter issue. Please send your brief write-ups to:

Niru Misra, India Club  
2473 Brenner St. W.  
Roseville, Mn 55113

Please provide your age; names of authors are optional (if you feel better writing anonymously, feel free to do so). All articles should be submitted by May 21, 1992.

To get us started, Jaicy Cherucheril provided some of her thoughts on the subject:

### WHAT MY FRIENDS THINK OF MY BEING AN INDIAN by Jaicy Cherucheril, age 15

My fellow classmates and friends mainly regard my Indian nationality as being unique. They like the thought of my being from a far away, exotic country. They presume that I know another language, so they're anxious to hear some of the words or phrases from my native tongue. I, being amused by their curiosity, announce a few words and sentences, in which they become puzzled, but still urge for more.

Because I am from India, my friends also want to know why we wear, as they state, "those red dots on our forehead". I tell them it's used as an accessory, similar to earrings or rings. Although they think it's rather peculiar, they respect our choices. A particular friend of mine thought all Indians were Hindus. She was surprised I was a Catholic. I told her even though the majority of them are Hindus, others are also Moslems, Christians, or other religious followers. Remarks like that often irritate me and I think of them as ignorant, but at least I stated the facts to her. Therefore, being an Indian may be looked upon as a minority in the United States, but we are at most thought of as a normal family living our own life just like everyone else.



### BICULTURAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

India Club is cooperating with the Fil-Minnesota (Philippine) Organization in presenting a day long conference for young adults.

The conference is titled **Bicultural Youth Concerns and Issues** and will take place on **April 25th**. The conference is intended for young adults (high school through early 30s) and is meant to provide a forum to raise and discuss issues of concern to young people growing up with an Asian background in the United States. We invite all of you to look over the enclosed brochure and we hope that you will choose to attend the conference. India Club has offered its cooperation in this endeavor because we believe there is great need and value in discussing these matters. Please mark it on your calendars and be ready for an exciting day!

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*The new Indian representative to the Asia Pacific Council is **Father Cherian Puthiyottil**. We look forward to working with Father Cherian on those issues of concern to the community. We would also like to take the opportunity to thank **Sudhansu Misra** for his representation of the Indian community on the Council for the past 4 years.

\*The editors regret misspelling **Suphala Patankar's** name in the last issue. If we misspelled other names we extend our apologies to those individuals as well. Sorry, Suphala!

\*If you would like to advertise your business in this newsletter please contact **Linda Schultz** at **825-1193**. This newsletter receives broad circulation within the Twin Cities' Indian community. The India Club extends its appreciation to those businesses on this page for their support.



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Profession/Business (optional)\_\_\_\_\_

I want to be an active member. Please contact me for the following activities:  
Community Service\_\_\_\_\_ Festival of India\_\_\_\_\_ Festival of Nations\_\_\_\_\_  
Host Family Program\_\_\_\_\_ Newsletter\_\_\_\_\_ Speaker's Bureau\_\_\_\_\_ Youth Activities\_\_\_\_\_

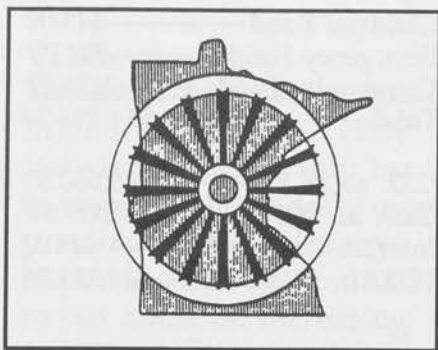


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Niru Misra	631-9579
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## Message From the President

I am pleased to have been elected President of the India Club at the December annual meeting! I am expecting 1992 to be an exciting year for the India Club. Efforts toward this goal are well underway as we begin to form the activity committees and plan eagerly for the Festival of Nations, membership drive, community activities and many other programs coming up in 1992. I invite you to join India Club's enthusiastic directors and members as a participant or volunteer in this year's activities! I am looking forward to working with all of you to make 1992 a highly successful year for the Club.

### FROM THE EDITORS:

With the new year comes a new look for our newsletter. We hope that it will be easy to find the news of India Club under this format. We also invite each of you to take pen in hand and write thoughts, ideas, and concerns that you may feel are of interest to the community at large.

We will print those that are of interest, as space permits.

In this issue, you will find a calendar of upcoming events in the Indian community. We anticipate this to be a regular feature. This calendar was put together based on information which we were aware of and felt was of broad concern. If we left anything out please contact us so that we may correct any inadvertent oversights for future issues.

We also hope that each of you will read and respond to the article on membership. In order to be effective, India Club needs the support of all the Indian Community.

Finally, we thank the newsletter's past editors, Vijay Balakrishnan and Ramesh Ajitaprasad. They provided much interesting reading and food for thought. Their services were appreciated.

We look forward to a busy and fulfilling new year. We also hope to meet many more of you through this year's activities.

Niru Misra  
Linda Schultz  
Jan Gilbert



## New Board Members

The following eighteen new board members were elected to serve India Club for 1992:

Rakesh Atreya  
Sarjit Bains  
Jacob Cherucheril  
Sanjeev Dabade  
Dipankar Dasgupta  
Ella Baldwin  
Ram Elgonda  
Jan Gilbert  
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Niru Misra  
Srinivasa Murthy  
Rajani Patankar  
Shanti Shah  
Govind Shah  
Linda Schultz  
Navjot Singh

More information on board members will be in future issues. We welcome all the board members and anticipate that they will serve India Club well for the coming year.

## YOUTH NEWS

India Club is looking for interested members of the youth of our community to serve as youth editors of their own section of this newsletter. A youth section might consist of articles, poetry, artwork, discussions on current

topics of interest, or anything else that the youth editors might conceive of to print in this newsletter. We believe that we have a very talented group of youth and we would all benefit from their contributions. At this point the format is wide open to input. The idea is for the youth editors to develop this themselves. If you are between ages 5 and 18 and are interested, or know someone who is interested please contact Niru Misra at 631-9579.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Restricted fund: 4,095.29  
General fund: 10,199.07  
Total Balance: 14,294.36

Balance on 1/1/91:  
Gen. Fund-----\$12,231.68  
Children Fund-----643.00  
Emergency Fund-----824.00  
Total-----\$13,698.68

Total Revenue:  
General Fund:-----\$13,353.57  
Children Fund:-----0.00  
Emergency Fund:-----0.00  
Community Fund:-----2,708.54  
Total Fund:-----\$16,062.11

Total Expenses:  
General Fund-----\$15,386.18  
Children Fund-----0.00  
Emergency Fund-----0.00  
Community Fund-----80.25  
Total Expenses-----\$15,466.43

Fund Balance on December 31, 1991  
General Fund-----\$10,199.07

Children Fund-----643.00  
Emergency Fund-----824.00  
Community Fund-----2628.29  
Total-----\$14,294.36

C.D. at TCF-----5,850.35  
Cash at TCF-----8,229.69  
Interest Receivable-----214.32  
TOTAL FUNDS-----\$14,294.36

## 1991--IN REVIEW

The 1991 India Club year was one of great events, many good memories, and wonderful people. As we look back on the year certain occasions and projects stand out. Here are the highlights, in review:

### Festival of Nations

The Festival of Nations was held in late April. This event, as sponsored by the International Institute of Minnesota, gave many of us a chance to work together to promote awareness of Indian culture. Students and staff of SILC and other members of the community participated in cultural programs, food booths, bazaar, and exhibits. India Club's participation was well received. Our sincere thanks to all who participated (read the next article to find out how to be part of the happening this year!).

### Annual Membership

The annual membership drive was conducted early last year. Membership has increased substantially over previous years. It is very important that we continue to put effort on increasing membership in the club. With a better membership base, the India Club can take on more activities and better meet the needs of the area.

### Youth and Students

In March India Club held a youth party with games and demonstrations of folk dance and music. The India Club also co-sponsored Diwali activities with the Indo-American Association at the University of MN. As part of the general body meeting in December there was a social gathering where we welcomed new students from India. Members of India Club are invited to become host families for these new students.

### Festival of India

The Festival of India was held at the Landmark Center in St. Paul in September. Participation from various community members in cultural activities, and local merchants in the bazaar, made this program a grand success. One of the

highlights of this event was the presence of the Vice Consul from the Indian Consulate in Chicago, Mr. B. S. Dhir. Mr Dhir opened the Festival and spent the entire day providing consulate services at the event, including passport renewal and visa issuance.

### LAMP

India Club has been an active supporter and fund raiser for "LAMP" (Literacy As a Movement of People). Through major efforts in India, literacy there has increased from 38% in 1980, to 52% today. LAMP has helped to increase awareness and provide support for this very important issue.

### Special Olympics

The International Special Olympics was held in Minneapolis/St. Paul in July 1991. There were 35 athletes, 12 coaches and two delegates from India that participated in this program. To most of the members it was the first time that they had been to America. Dilip Malik and Pranab Lahiri planned a special award ceremony in which all athletes, coaches, and delegates were presented with a trophy and certificate of participation. Mr P.L. Santoshi, the Indian Consulate General from

Chicago, made a special trip to present the trophies and certificates to each team member.

### 1991 Committee Chairs

We thank all the members of India Club for their support and participation in 1991s events. A special thanks goes to all the committee chairs and Board executives:

Shrin Murthy,  
President  
Rajani Patankar,  
Vice President  
Chandra Meka,  
Secretary/Community  
Godan Nambudiripad,  
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Jacob Cherucheril,  
Festival of India  
Ramesh Ajitaprasad,  
Newsletter  
Vijay Balakrishna,  
Newsletter  
Ella Baldwin,  
Speakers Bureau





## Volunteers Needed for Festival of Nations

India Club will continue its long tradition of participating in the Festival of Nations, to be held this year on April 30, May 1, 2, and 3 at the Civic Center in St. Paul. India Club will provide entertainment, a cultural exhibit, a food booth, and a bazaar. As you might expect, such efforts require many willing and able volunteers. In past years our youth and adult volunteers have had a great time, enjoying each other's company while demonstrating Indian culture to the over 70,000 visitors who attend the Festival.

If you are interested in sharing good company and a great time, please contact one of the volunteer coordinators listed below.

### General Chairperson:

Neena Gada 636-1075

### Cafe Coordinator:

Sudhansu Misra 631-9579

### Exhibit Coordinator:

Rama Padmanabham  
631-1799

### Adult Program Coord.:

Ranjan Patel 770-3155

### Children Program Coord.:

Jayanthika Karai  
757-6300

In addition, on each of the 4 days, one male and one

female, 16 years or older, are needed to carry the Indian Flag for the flag rally. Over 65 ethnic groups will be represented at these rallies. If you are interested, please contact Neena Gada, 636-1075.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Festival especially as volunteers!

## Membership Information for 1992

The membership drive for India Club will soon be underway. Your membership in India Club is an investment in the area's Indian community, and its cultural and charitable projects. India Club is the prime organizer of India's representation at the Festival of Nations. It also puts on the India Day Festival at the Landmark Center each year. India Club is the area's only organization that serves to unite all people and organizations who have an interest in India. These people range from Indian immigrants, their children, Indian businesses, parents of adopted Indian children, Indian cultural groups, and people who just enjoy our activities.

For a small annual investment, you can be part

of all the activities and fun. In the near future you will receive your membership pledge form. Please send in your pledge and encourage your friends to do so as well. We are an open organization and are anxious to have each of you join us. By working together with broad based support, there are many things that we can achieve.



## BRINGING INDIA TO MINNESOTA

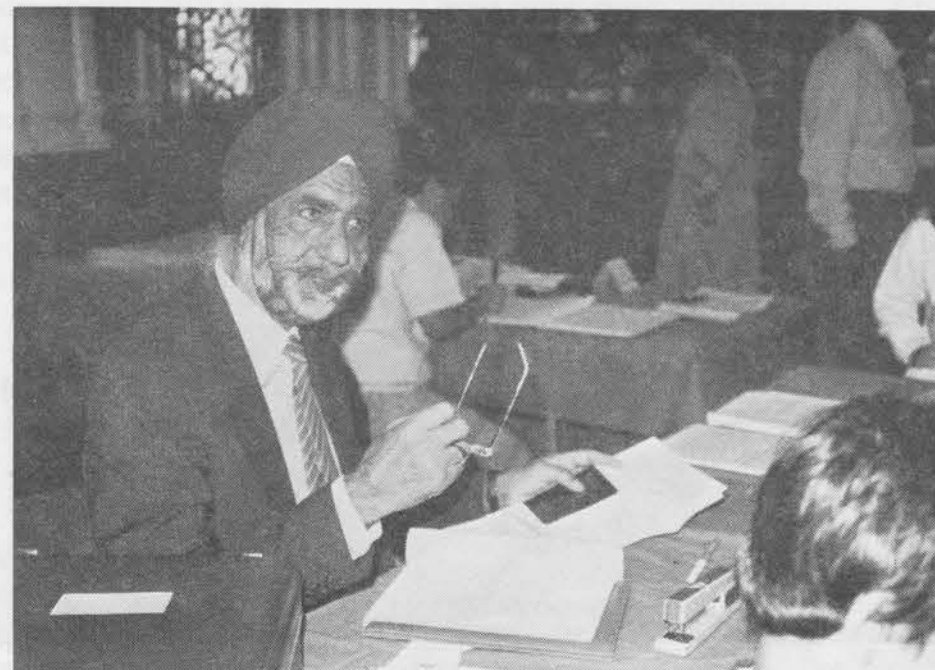
One of the many services provided by India Club is referred to as the "Speaker's Bureau". Through this bureau, India Club provides a speaker, upon request, to classrooms or other interested parties. The speaker provides an insider's view of India.

Recently, Ram Gada spoke to two 8th grade classes at Sandberg Junior High School about Indian history and culture. His presentations were well received and provided

## Festival of India 1991



Mr. Dhir, vice consul from Chicago, assists Festival attendees.



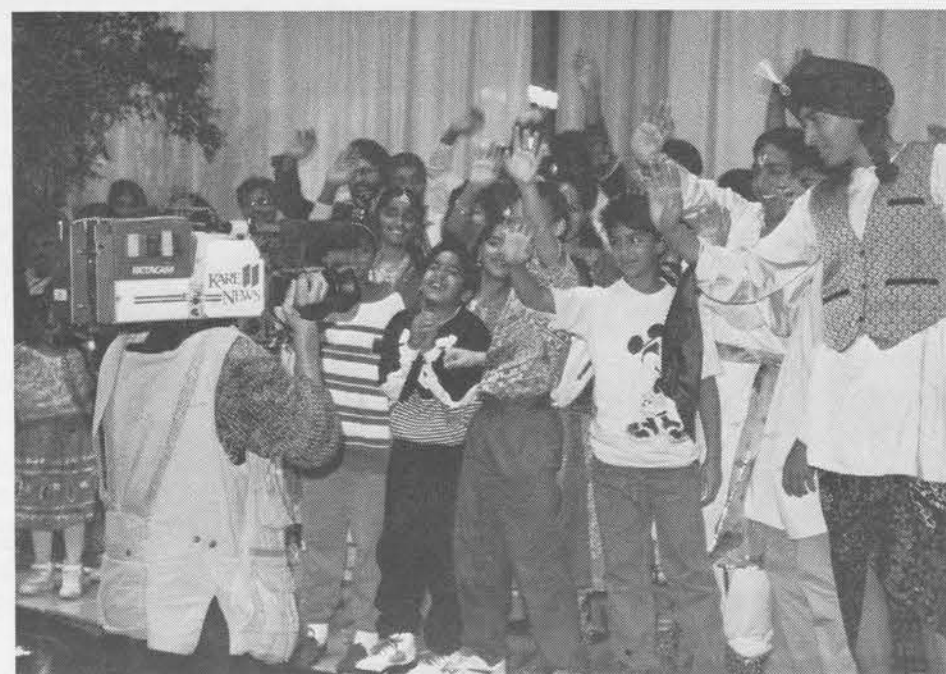
Dancers enliven the crowd.

India Club of Minnesota



## Festival of India 1991

Bindi applied to young Festival goer.



A jolly farewell till next year.



depth to the students' understanding of India.

If you are interested in making such presentations, please contact Ella Baldwin at 927-7546. India Club also extends its thanks to Ella for coordinating this activity and responding to many of the requests herself and on her own time.

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECT OFF TO A GREAT START

India Club has been assisting with is the Community Outreach Project. Through this effort the Indian community contributes energy, money, and needed resources to those in our area who are in need. The 1991-1992 committee has identified 5 projects. These are:

- to serve meals to the needy and homeless
- to participate in "Little Brothers", Friends of the Elderly
- to organize a Christmas party in NE Mpls
- to assist in the food share program
- to collect used clothes for India

Many of you have been asked to help with these goals through your time, energy, and funds. The following is a progress report so that you may see how your contributions have paid off.

Collections to date:	\$2930
Pledges made:	\$1377-233
Total amount:	\$ 4307

The task committee will continue to appeal to businesses and individuals for their generous support of these projects. The committee has set a goal of \$6000.

To date, contributions have been generous from throughout the Indian community, including Hindu Society (\$500), Gujarati Samaj (\$1863), and members at the Marathi Diwali (\$712). Funds were also raised at gatherings of Hindu Mandir, Kannada Koota, Malayalee Community, Tamil Sangham, Bengali Association, and Oriya Community. Our heartfelt thanks go especially to the Kakde family for their \$200 donation in memoriam of Madhu's father.



### Christmas Party at Senior Nursing Home

On Saturday afternoon (12/7/91), several Indian Community volunteers shared the holiday spirit and lent an Indian cultural flavor with senior citizens of Cedar Pine Nursing Home in Minneapolis. This was done in conjunction with "Little Brothers - Friends of the Elderly". Malayalee children performed a colorful folk dance. Ina Ganguli and Ashawini Ramaswamy dazzled the audience with Bharat Natyam dance. Sulfa Patankar and Mayuk Sukhatme were at their best on piano. Ketan Gada was a jolly Santa Claus with a bag full of gifts for the residents. The Indian sweet "jalebi" was prepared and donated by Shakuntla Trivedi and was a special treat for everyone. Naseem Kasim brought a variety of cookies. Residents were very happy to share their life stories with adult and youth volunteers.

The event was very successful and meaningful for all the participants. Residents were excited and are looking forward for the next Christmas celebration. Volunteers felt that we should visit more nursing



and senior places and share the life experiences of the elderly.

Thanks to all participants and volunteers: Malayalee children and their Parents, Raneer and Jacob Cherucheril, Patankar Family, Vinu and Ranjan Patel, Gada Family, Ganguli Family, Sukhatme Family, Kaseem Family, Ramaswamy Family, Shakuntla Bervedi.

### Children's Christmas Party

On Friday evening (12/20/91), several children in NE Minneapolis enjoyed a Christmas party with the Indian community volunteers. The event was sponsored in conjunction with the East Side Neighborhood Services (United Way Agency) at their headquarters. Colorful Bharat Natyam and Kathak dances were beautifully performed by Ina Ganguli and Neha Joglekar respectively. Sulfa Patankar, emcee for the evening, played Christmas sing along songs on piano. Ina Ganguli played violin. The highlight of evening was magic tricks performed by Suhas Patankar. He kept all the kids on their feet with his marvelous feats.

Kids loved Santa Claus (Suhas) when he showed up with a bag of gifts. It was wonderful to watch the smiles and curiosity on each child's face when Santa's helper announced his/her name. Cookies, chips, and punch were plentiful. The children and their parents had a good time, as did all the volunteers.

Thanks to all participants: Naseem Kasim, Suhas Patankar, Joglekar Family, Ganguli Family, Ram Gada, Ketan Gada, Sulfa Patankar.

### Future Events

1. Meal for the needy
2. Used clothes collection
3. Indian senior get together
4. Food Shelf drive

### Thanks Thanks Thanks!!!

On behalf of all Indian Community organizations we thank you for your generous contributions to the Community Outreach Project fund. You have truly shared the holiday spirit and joy with many who need your help and support.

You can still send your contributions to the project

fund. Make your check payable to : India Club - Community Fund and mail to India Club, P.O. Box 130158 St. Paul MN 55113.

We thank all Indian organizations who helped us to appeal to their membership. Many thanks to volunteers for their help and participation at the community sharing events. All our hearts are a little warmer this winter.

The following people and organizations contributed to the Community Outreach Project--our gratitude to you all!

### Contributors over \$101

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Orissa Community members

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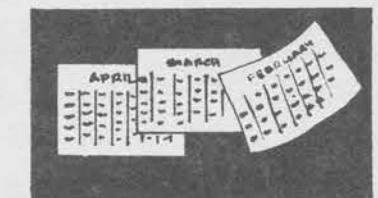
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### Student Opportunities

The PATHWAYS TO HEALTH CAREERS program is being offered through the Affirmative Action Office of the MN Department of Human Services. This program is intended to help minority college students who might be interested is working at Regional Treatment Centers in Minnesota. Financial assistance (up to \$2000) and internships will be available. Emphasis is in

areas of physical therapy, occupational therapy, and registered nursing.

If you are interested in the Pathways program, please contact Ms. Twanda MacArthur at 612/296-5254, or Mr. Charles Fields at 612/297-5245 (both are with the Dept. of Human Services).



### CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Bengali Association

Saraswati Puja 2/8  
(Hindu Mandir) (10 am)

#### Geeta Ashram

Shivratri Puja 2/29  
(8 pm onwards)  
Jagrata Puja 4/10  
(all night)  
(493-4229)

#### Hindu Society of MN

Basant Panchami 2/9  
Maha Shivratri 3/1  
Holi 3/22

#### Jain Society

Monthly meeting,  
2nd Sunday of each month  
(Hindu Mandir) (4:30-7:30pm)

#### Nritya Jyoti

Ragamala. April 16-19.  
Interpretations of 16th century  
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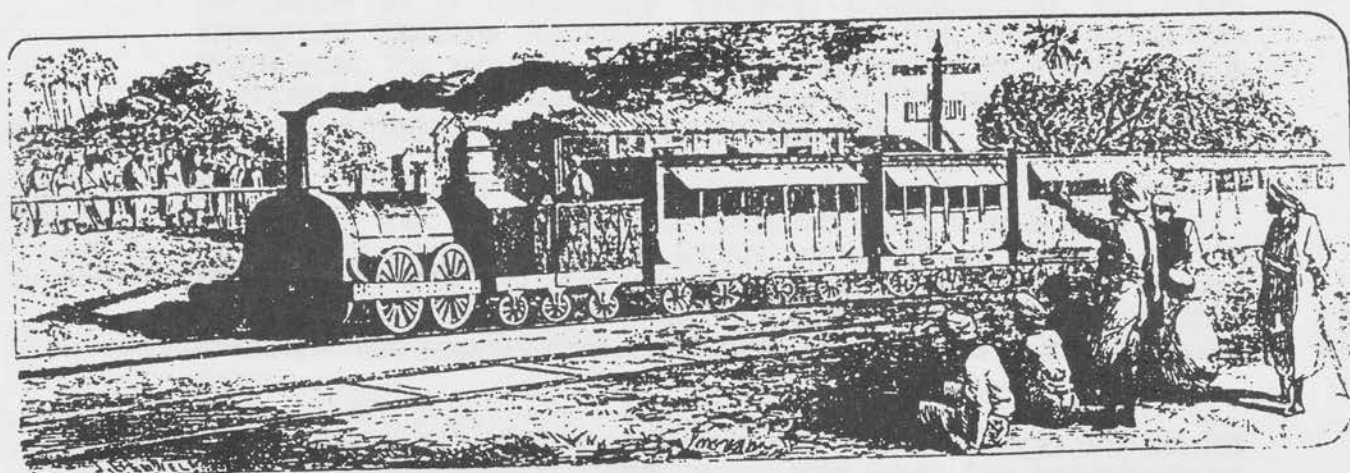
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#### **linkages.....**

The immigrant experience in the United States is not unlike being a bit piece in a continuously evolving kaleidoscope. As each immigrant fashions his own niche within the larger American framework, the vibrancy and energy embodied in the process is multiplied by other immigrants, and reflected in myriad ways by the uniquely American concept of a melting pot.

This publication from the India Club of Minnesota is dedicated to promoting the fellowship and understanding that is a vital by-product of immigration. The Indian subcontinent embodies the culture and vitality of almost a billion people, representing several major linguistic, religious, and economic groups. There is much that Indians in this country can contribute, and indeed much they can learn.

The goal of this publication is to facilitate this exchange. The pages within are attempts to forge lasting links while the kaleidoscope tumbles on---

-Editor-

"Where the mind is without fear  
 and the head is held high,  
 Where knowledge is free;  
 Where the world has not been broken  
 up into fragments by narrow domestic  
 walls;  
 Where words come out from the  
 depth of truth;  
 Where tireless striving  
 stretches its arms towards  
 perfection;  
 Where the clear stream of reason  
 has not lost its way into the  
 dreary desert sand of dead habit;  
 Where the mind is led forward  
 by thee into ever-widening  
 thought and action-  
 into that heaven of freedom,  
 my Father,  
 let my country awake."

Rabindranath Tagore

## link feature article

### The Eagle and the Peacock

"Will you walk a little faster?"  
 said a whitting to a snail.  
 "There's a porpoise close behind us,  
 and he's treading on my tail.  
 See how eagerly the lobsters and the  
 turtles all advance!  
 They are waiting on the shingle-  
 will you come and join the dance?  
 Will you, won't you, will you  
 won't you, will you join the dance?"

The Mock Turtle's song  
 from Alice in Wonderland

The world's largest and richest democracies have had a tumultuous relationship. The political side of the equation has often resembled a roller coaster ride. The alternating phases of romance and benign neglect, sprinkled with a dose of 'tilts' (to use Nixonesque) to one side or other, make for an atmosphere not unlike the one Alice fell into through the looking glass.

There is, nevertheless, a history of positive interchange between India and the United States that spans several decades, if not centuries. Arguably the most significant of all events was that of an errant Italian navigator who set out for India and landed in New World in 1492. The understandable error in navigation was later compounded by labelling the unsuspecting inhabitants of this continent with a moniker shared by several million of us half a world away. The result, of course, is that we go about brandishing prefixes like 'Asian' or 'East' before our national origin identifiers.

Several centuries later, revolutionaries (contras please note) dressed in costumes normally worn by the very same indigents featured in the Columbus story, decided to decant several crates of Assam tea into Boston harbor; thus sparking off the revolution that created this republic. (If only Dukakis had known how far back the pollution of Boston Harbor started etc., etc..)

But, historical accidents and trivia aside, the Indian freedom movement received significant support from both Presidents Roosevelt and Truman. That this occurred despite the close nexus between the Presidency and Winston Churchill, who was dead set against Indian independence, is remarkable.

The intervening decade of the Cold War saw the two countries at ideological loggerheads, with the bipolar Washington world vision colliding with the winds of non-alignment emanating from New Delhi. It is nevertheless notable that the U.S did come to India's aid during the Chinese aggression of 1962. Democrats will be pleased to know that there are movie houses and other businesses named after Kennedy doing well in India today.



The decade of the 60's saw a close link between the two countries at a grass roots level, despite a cooling of governmental relations that hit the sub-zero mark during Nixon's infamous 'tilt' in 1971. The decade, however, saw the Civil Rights movement under Dr. Martin Luther King change race relations in this country, with the help of a page or two from Mahatma Gandhi's thoughts and ideas. There was also the wholesale import of Indian thought, music, yoga, and clothing care of the Woodstock generation. (If you think the 60's are over, just go to Anjuna Beach in Goa sometime and count the Strawberry Fields Forever!).

In the opposite direction was the flow of massive American food aid and the Peace Corps, that were invaluable in the dismal days before the Green Revolution.

As we draw nearer to the dawn of the 1990's, the United States remains India's largest trading partner. India's large trained, English speaking workforce, and expanding middleclass, indicate significant bidirectional mercantile exchange ahead.

But, dollars and rupees notwithstanding, the fact remains that there is a tremendous commonality in the fundamental belief in the human spirit, and its infinite capacity to fashion a better world.

Therein lies the promise—

"What matters is how far we go?" his scaly friend replied.  
 "There is another shore, you know, upon the other side  
 The further off from England the nearer is to France—  
 Then turn not pale, beloved snail, but come and join the dance.  
 Will you, won't you, will you, won't you, will you join the dance?"

from Alice in Wonderland

Vijay

## Book review by Victor B

Mix arid deserts, towering mountains and plateaus, to the rich cultural milieu of the most populous nation on earth, season with keen insights into the human condition and serve. The delightful result is **From Heaven Lake** by Vikram Seth (his previous book was *Golden Gate*), winner of prestigious Booker prize.

While the book is an account of Seth's trek across China from Sinkiang, across Qinghai and Tibet into Nepal and India, the work goes beyond mere travel writing. The book also reflects Seth's inherent ability to relate to the many people he meets, whose cultural meanings are far removed from his own ethnic Indian background. It is as much a book about people as one about places.

The chapter on Tibet is particularly revealing in light of the recent revolt and suppression on the Roof of the World. Seth writes from an Indian perspective, offering his thoughts on the comparative development of the two Asian giants.

The book is made particularly appealing to readers who know India, ranging from a desert rendition of **Awaara Hoon** to a chance encounter with an abandoned purple match box (the kind that is ubiquitous on the subcontinent) on the Nepal-Tibet border.

A weekend spent trekking along with Seth is the best frequent flier award around.

## Notes and Chords.

Here are some recommendations on additions you may wish to make to your music collection.

- ④ Indo-Fusion: "Global Village", Tor Dietrichson and others (including Pt Zakir Hussain and Scott Cossu), Global Pacific records.
- ④ Light Ghazals: "Beyond Time", Jagjit and Chitra Singh, EMI Records.
- ④ Indian Classical: "Raga Misra Pahadi", Shivkumar Sharma and Zakir Hussain, AKSA records.  
 "Classical Instrumental", Mandolin Srinivas, AVM Audio,
- ④ Popular/Film: "Qayamat se Qayamat Tak", by Anand Milind, Super Cassettes.

## community desk

### of mango shakes and chicken --

On May 5, 6, and 7 the India Club will participate in the Festival of Nations. This annual festival celebrating ethnicity is a big draw in the twin cities. Advance tickets are available from the India Club at a \$1.50 discount (Call Nina Gada at 636-1075). The Club's participation features an exhibit on costumes, entertainment and a food booth featuring -- (you guessed it!).

### youth tales

The annual India Club Youth Festival was held on March 6 1989. It featured competitions in essay writing debates, art, music, and dance. The event was organized and run by the youth with guidance from Youth Activities Chair Shanti Shah, Hari Arimilli and Aditya Gurajada. Prize winners will be announced in the next issue.

### capitol item

The Council on Asia-Pacific Minnesotans held the first Minnesota Asia-Pacific Day on April 27th at the Capitol. It featured discussion forums, meeting with legislators, food and cultural events. India Club was represented by Smarjit Mitra and Sudhansu Misra. Others participating were Gita Sivasailam, Indrani Mullick, and Taj Mahal foods. The event is vital as it brings various communities of Asian origin together. Noodles and Kebabs anyone ??

### round tables

The first Community Issues Discussion meeting was held on April 22. The meeting facilitated by the India Club, was attended by the leaders of 15 Twin Cities based India-interest organizations. The issues discussed were: Integration with the main stream, Integration within the Indian Community, and Youth Affairs. Some of the actions were to establish a Community Resource Guide, look into joint Newsletters and Data bases, establishing Community Support Groups, and participation in Human Services activities. For details call Ram Gada at 636-1075.

### dance moves

The Metropolitan Regional Arts Council has recommended approval of a grant of \$8530, for the production of the Tagore dance drama *Tasher desh*. The event scheduled for July 29th, will be choreographed by Rita Mustaphi and music will be directed by Manisha Sarkar. This is the second year that the India Club has received such a grant. Thanks to Smarjit Mitra, Rahim Rahiman, and Rita Mustaphi.

### raags and swaras

The Indian Music Society launched its spring season with a Bang! The first event was a vocal concert by up and coming Hindustani artist Shruti Sadolikar. This was followed by a Kathak performance on April 22 by Chitresh Das and company. Future events include concerts by Vilayat Khan, and Bombay sisters. If last year's lineup is any indication, this year promises a lot of great music.

## happenings

- \* Festival of Nations, May 5, 6, 7 1989 at Civic Center St. Paul, Call 636-1075 for discount tickets.
- \* Sitar Concert by Vilayat Khan, May 20 1989 at Jefferson High School, Bloomington. Call 781-0114.
- \* Karnatic Vocal Concert, Bombay Sisters, May 27 1989. Call 781-0114.
- \* Marathi Association Picnic, June 24 1989, Call 738-5901.
- \* Tasher Desh Tagore Dance Drama July 29th O'Shaughnessy Auditorium, Call 537-8291.
- \* Tamil Association Picnic, Call 545-6632.

## announcements

### Registration at SILC for 1989-90

Applications will be accepted until June 4 1989 for the 1989-90 school year. SILC is a non-profit volunteer teacher-parents organizations providing instruction in 8 Indian languages, History, Geography, Political and Social systems, Applied Arts (dance, music, yoga). For information and application forms contact Aparna Ganguly at 483-5438.

### Calendar Clearing House

The India Club has established a Calendar Clearing House to avoid calendar conflicts in community events. If scheduling an event, please call Ram Gada at **636-1075** (or Vijay Balakrishnan at **934-1795** as a backup), to check whether there is a conflict in dates. With summer coming up, this will be the best mechanism to avoid multiple events on the same day.



## TREASURER REPORT

### India Club of Minnesota Financial Report of 1988

Balance as of 12/31/87	\$9,887.34
1988 Net Change	\$ 621.85
Net Change in Balance After Paying all 1988 Expenses	\$10,509.19
Special Emergency Fund Collected in 1988	\$46.00
Balance Carry Over to 1989 as of December 31, 1988	\$10,555.19

### 1988 INCOME/EXPENSE DETAILS

Category	Income \$	Expenses \$	Net Income or (Loss) \$
1. General			
-Interest	607.37		
-Membership	1,743.00	91.02	
-Miscellaneous		139.72	
-Newsletter	765.00	1,872.50	
-Int. Institute Room Rental		120.00	
-Storage Rental		95.00	
	3,115.37	2,318.24	797.13
2. Youth Festival	- 0 -	294.88	(294.88)
3. Minnesota Food Share	- 0 -	80.00	( 80.00)
4. Festival of Nation	5,136.10	4,268.71	867.39
5. Tagore Celebration	8,825.00	9,026.66	(201.66)
6. India Day	2,070.00	2,474.27	(404.27)
7. Sports Events	- 0 -	11.14	( 11.14)
8. Youth in Government	- 0 -	50.72	( 50.72)
	19,146.47	18,524.62	621.85

Special Funds on Hand in India Club Account as of December 31, 1988:

Children Toys Fund, Carry Over from 1987	\$1,143.00
Emergency Fund, Carry Over from 1987	\$ 778.00
Emergency Fund, Collected in 1988	46.00
Total	\$1,967.00

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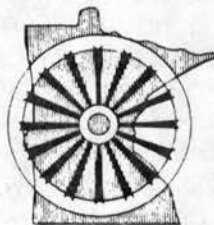
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# INDIA CLUB NEWSLETTER



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In an era of global perestroika, it is perhaps not an exaggeration to state that constant change is the most evident sign of our times. Paradigms and symbols from the "the evil Soviet empire" to the Pillsbury doughboy, have either been rendered irrelevant or cast into molds of new meaning.

India is not immune to these winds of change. After many years of particularly slothful progress, the economy is showing signs of stirring awake. Shimmering ever so faintly on the geo-political horizons the hope of a rapprochement with both Pakistan and China. If all this does indeed come about, there is a distinct possibility that India will be able to harness its millions and make a mark in the world, in the vein of a latter day Korea or perhaps Japan.

We as immigrants or as Americans with a keen interest in India, have a unique role to play in this process. We represent, in spirit if not by office, the image of India as it appears to most Americans. We have an implicit mission to share our heritage, and raise awareness of the remarkable synergy between the fundamentally Indian ethos of free thought and the American ideals of liberty and democracy.

It is exciting to contemplate the building of strong links between the world's largest and richest democracies, based on values and beliefs. Links that can transcend the occupancy of the White House or the Prime

Minister's residence, and other changes that typify our times.

It is the India Club of Minnesota's mission to help structure such bonds. In the grand scheme of things our efforts are perhaps minuscule. I am nevertheless convinced that the commitment of our collective energies is vital.

This year is the 100th birth Anniversary of Late Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. His message of peace and understanding amongst the people of the world, is the essential theme of our club. It presents an opportunity and a challenge to get this message across to our community.

We plan to begin this year's activity with the Youth Festival scheduled for 5th March 1989. Details of this event are available elsewhere in this newsletter. We invite you to participate in this inaugural event.

As President for 1989, I look forward to your participation and support in progressing towards fulfillment of our mission. Your contributions in the form of ideas, time or funds are of crucial importance.

Let me close by wishing you and your family a fulfilling and productive 1989! Thank you.

Sincerely

Vijay Balakrishnan.

The India Club Newsletter is free to members. A voluntary contribution of \$5.00 is suggested for non-members.

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## JAN MEETING MINUTES.

The first board meeting of the India club was held on 18 Jan 1989. In addition to the President Vijay Balakrishnan and Treasurer Arun Kumar Khambapatti, two new executive board members were announced to the attendees. They were Samarjit Mitra as Vice President and Program Chair, and Ramesh Ajitaprasad as Secretary and Communication Chair.

The new club organization chart was introduced and approved without comment. The chairpersons of the various activities then briefly described their missions. It was suggested that the news of the activities of the Asia-Pacific council be disseminated through the various community organizations. It was also suggested that the India club strive towards facilitating the issuance of one combined newsletter, coming from all the community organizations. Other suggestions were to set up a service bureau with youth, to collate, label, and sort the various newsletter.

The date for the Youth festival is set for 5th March 1989. Shanti Shah's Youth affairs committee will take the lead in organizing events. Activities have already begun in earnest for the Festival of Nations with Vinu Patel as the Cafeteria chairperson and Nina Gada as the overall coordinator.

The meeting closed with a request for all attending to complete their yearly plans and budgets before the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on 15th Feb 1989 at 7:30 p.m. at the International Institute, 1694 Como Avenue St.Paul.

Submitted by Vijay Balakrishnan

## INDIA CLUB ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting for the election of Officers and review of the year was held on December 17, 1988 at the Hindu Mandir. The meeting was called to order by President Stefan Peterson who discussed the year's accomplishments. New programs initiated during the year included the successful student

host family program which was organized by Ram Gada and Vijay Balakrishnan in conjunction with Aditya Gurajada of the Indo American Association.

Ram Gada, Chairman of the nominating committee, presented the candidates for President and Treasurer, who were elected by the members for the 1989 year.

Refreshments were served after the meeting and the members enjoyed the opportunity to socialize.

The India club officers for the year 1989 are

**PRESIDENT: Vijay Balakrishnan.**

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Samarjit Mitra

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Shanti Shah - 894-1273.

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Submitted by Stefan Peterson.

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**FESTIVAL OF NATIONS**

The annual Festival of Nations will be held on May 5, 6 and 7 1989 at the St Paul Civic Center. It is not too early to think about participating in this event. We are especially interested in volunteers for the cafe booth and the exhibition booth. Please contact the chairperson listed below for these activities.

If any individual or a small groups are interested in performing dances, please contact Shanti Shah.

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**MEMBER PROFILE**Godan Nambudiripad

Godan Nambudiripad is an active member of the India Club, the School Of India for Language & Culture (SILC) and the Malayali



Association. Most recently he served as the chairman of the 1988 Festival of India held at the Landmark center in St Paul. Godan is a teacher and an active participant at SILC where he was President in 1985-86. He has been a regular participant at the annual Festival of Nations exhibit displays of Indian Culture have been outstanding and in 1987 won a First Place Prize.

Godan was born in the village of Piravon in the state of Kerala. He came to the United State in 1972 and is presently working as an Industrial Engineer with Pillsbury. Godan's family consists of his wife Savithry and 3 sons, Unny, Krishnan and Guptan who is a student at the University of Minnesota.

Godan is known as a highly motivated upbeat friendly person. India Club salutes him for his timeless contribution to the community.

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**Jamshed-I-Navroz - March 14:** This is the New Year's day for one section of the Parsis and goes back to the time of the King of ancient Persia Jamshed who introduced the solar calendar. The festival is celebrated by wearing new clothes and visiting fire-temples and make offerings of sandalwood.

**Ram Navami - March 26:** This day celebrates Shri Ram's birth and is observed in homes and temples.

**Mahavir Jayanti - March 31:** This day commemorates the birth anniversary of Lord Mahavira, the founder of Jainism, a highly ascetic religion preaching Ahimsa or non-violence birth anniversary.

## COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND OFFICERS DIRECTORY - 1989

India Club's Community Liason Committee has updated the list of

organizations and officers for 1989. Congratulations and thanks to all officers and representatives. Please contact Ram Gada at 636-1075 or Bipin Prasad at 424-5068 if you have any updates, upcoming events or community news items that you would like to have listed.

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## HAPPENINGS

### March

**YOUTH FESTIVAL** - March 5, 1989 at 2:00pm  
- St. Paul Student Center. Sponsored by India Club. See details in this newsletter.

**HOLI CELEBRATION** - end of March at the newly renovated Hindu Mandir. Contact Pranab Lahiri for exact dates and details.

**TELUGU ASSOCIATION MEETING** - March 18, St. Paul Student Center.

**CLASSICAL DANCES OF INDIA** - March 23 at 7:30 pm at the Edinborough Park located at 7700 York Ave. S. An evening of classical dances of North and South India. The performance features Miriam Stonehill and Indrani Mallick performing dances in Bharat Natyam and Kathak. Set in the indoor park, this event will be like spring sunshine in the twilight of the winter months of Minnesota. Admission is free. Contact Miriam Stonehill at 822-6421 for further details.

**LAYA LAVANYA (Beauty of Rythm)** - March 25th, at 8:00 pm in the St Paul Student Center. Indian Classical dances (Bharat Natyam & Kathak) with innovative coreography and live music by Rita Mustaphi and Raneer Ramaswami. The program is sponsored by the Indian Music Society and Nritya Jyoti with a fellowship from the McKnight Foundation.

### March-April

**INDIAN VOCAL MUSIC EVENINGS**  
sponsored by the Indian Music Society with the following artists: Vilayat Khan, Shruthi Sadolikar and Bombay Sister. Contact Ram Iyar at 781-0114 for exact dates and location.

### April

**NEW YEAR CELEBRATION** - The following groups are planning Celebrations:

- >>> Bengali Community - April 15 - Contact Ganguli at 483-5438 for details
- >>> Kanada Kooti - in April - Contact Kumar at 488-3736 for dates & details
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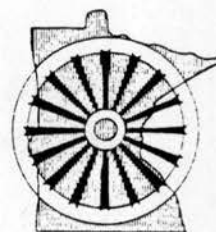
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# INDIA CLUB

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THE INDIA CLUB  
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April

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring is a busy time for India Club members. After a successful Youth Festival in March, our attention is turned to the Festival of Nations on April 29,30 and May 1 at the St. Paul Civic Center. The Indian community is one of the most active ethnic groups at the Festival and club members look forward to the annual event. India Club, with the help of volunteers and participants from throughout the Indian community, sponsors a food booth, cultural exhibit, bazaar, workshops, adult and childrens dances and cabaret events that are among the best presented by the many participating groups. In fact, last years cultural exhibit created by India Club director Godan Nambudiripad was awarded a first place prize. Regular Festival attendees return each year to the India cafe booth to enjoy the food and seek out the Indian performances and displays to enjoy a unique experience.

If you are not already involved, we invite you to join us in one of the many India Club sponsored Festival events. You'll find details of the events in an article in this issue.

Sincerely,

*Stefan K. Peterson*

Stefan K. Peterson  
President, The India Club

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### 1988 INDIA CLUB CALENDAR

April 29, 30, May 1 - Festival of Nations

July 16 - Tagore Jayanti at the Northrup Auditorium, U of M campus.

September - India Day at St. Paul's Landmark Center

November - Diwali Feast. A special meal and program for the elderly.

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# YOUTH FESTIVAL

## YOUTH FESTIVAL 1988

"On behalf of the India Club and the Indo American Club I welcome you all to the second annual Youth Festival", remarked Sujana Kamran, the Youth Coordinator, opening the Youth Festival '88 at the Northstar Ballroom, St Paul Student Center on March 20, 1988. Sujana, the youth coordinator under the able guidance of Anoop Mathur the Adult Coordinator and with help from other youth coordinators Muthu Periakaruppan for debate competition, Suman Ganguli for essay writing competition, Shilpa Patel for art competition, and Deepa Iyengar for music and dance competition did an excellent job in organizing this event. The chief guest was Dr. Albert de Leon, Executive Director of the Asian Pacific Council of Minnesota.

The purpose of this program is to encourage and appreciate the myriad talents of the youth. There were 68 youth between the ages of 6 and 19 who participated in the various competitions. First place prize, consisting of a beautiful wooden plaque in the shape of the Minnesota map with India Club emblem in the middle, was awarded to winners of each event. The names of the winners are listed below.

### ART COMPETITION (Coordinator: Shilpa Patel)

The judges awarded this by age category based on originality, creativity, and composition to:

Age 13 - 17	Deepa Iyengar
Age 9 - 12	Mayukh Sukhatme
Age 5 - 8	Perianan Periakaruppan

### DEBATE COMPETITION (Coordinator: Muthu Periakaruppan)

The judges awarded this based on material and evidence, analysis, organization and delivery to:

Category 1. (upto 9th grade)	Rajeev Iyengar
Category 2. (Grades 10 +)	Deepa Iyengar

### MUSIC COMPETITION (Coordinator: Deepa Iyengar)

The judging criteria for vocal and instrumental music were: intonation, rhythm, voice projection, diction, melody, bhavam ornamentation, stage presence and overall presentation.

Vocal Music	Kirupakaran Suntharalingam, Rajeev Iyengar (tied for first place)
Instrumental	Mayukh Sukhatme

### DANCE COMPETITION (Coordinator: Deepa Iyengar)

The judging criteria for Western and Indian dance categories were: expression, rhythm, posture, costume and choreography.

Western Dance	Renee Maheshwari
Indian Dance	Raka Mustaphi

### ESSAY COMPETITION (Coordinator: Suman Ganguli)

Category 1. (Grades 1-3)	Puja Puri
Category 2. (Grades 4-6)	Preetam Gandhi
Category 3. (Grades 7-9)	Deepa Iyengar
Category 4. (Grades 10 +)	Rashmi Shirole

Certificate of participation was awarded to all the participants. Sandhya Joshi and Sadagopal helped with the publication of the certificates.

The judges for the various competitions were: Freni Irani, John Miller, Vishwanath, Sadagopal, Raj Dhir, Godan Nambudiripad, Adelaide Trettel, Sandhya Joshi, Peter Stenchoel, Usha Balakrishnan, Ramki, Shanti Shah, Aarti Darnanya. Several volunteers including Ram Gada, Paddu Arimilli, Vishant Shah, Stefan Peterson, Ranjan Patel, Vinu Patel, Reena Patel, vijay Balkrishnan and parents of participants and others helped with the setup.

## YOUTH FESTIVAL 1988

### YOUTH FESTIVAL ESSAY CONTEST FIRST PLACE WINNER Category 3 (Grades 7-9)

JAWAHARLAL NEHRU:  
His Legacy to India and the World

By Deepa Iyengar

Jawaharlal Nehru, India's first Prime Minister, was a talented diplomat and statesman who has left his mark on many aspects of modern India and world-wide affairs. For instance, India's unique democratic-socialist-secular ideology was Mr. Nehru's concept. He is also responsible for the stability of India's government today, for he looked upon his office as a way to serve the people rather than a vehicle by which to gain power for himself. Furthermore, he determined India's non-aligned status. In fact, he was instrumental in forming the "Third World" non-aligned group of countries.

Another debt that India owes Mr. Nehru is the major industrial advancements it has made since independence. Mr. Nehru managed to turn a totally agriculturally oriented economy into one that is industrially oriented.

Today, India turns out thousands of skilled workers due to the extensive educational programs instituted by Mr. Nehru. Mr. Nehru truly believed in children as humanity's principal resource for the future. That is why his birthday is celebrated as "Children's Day" in India today.

Modern India owes many of its better aspects to Jawaharlal Nehru. However, he has left other legacies for us to deal with. For example, Mr. Nehru's consent to statehood based languages helped lead to the lack of a common identity in India today. Mr. Nehru's achievements in industrial development, though phenomenal, were unfortunately made at the expense of agriculture. Very little money was

spent on agricultural development in the first few five-year plans. As a result, there is widespread poverty in the rural areas and a constant influx of people into the cities. During Mr. Nehru's residence in office, India's stockpile of weapons was kept small. This led to loss of land later in the 1962 China invasion, and a land dispute with Pakistan over part of Kashmir. Unfortunately, Mr. Nehru's characteristic faith in people did not lead to a good result in these cases.

Jawaharlal Nehru was a great man whose dynamism and idealism set the patterns for India today.

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YOUTH FESTIVAL ESSAY CONTEST  
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My favorite person in  
School by Pooja Pri

My favorite person in school is Nickie Hagen. She is eight years old. I like her because she is very different from other people at school. She is kind, helpful and a lot of fun to be with.

Nickie has two sisters and three brothers. She likes to play running games like soccer, hockey, baseball, and basketball. She has a lot of energy in her. Nickie likes to play with boys and girls but I don't mind. Actually her best friend is a boy named Travis.

The only thing that I don't like about her is that she lives so far away. I only get to play with her once in a while. I also think she is very pretty. She has silky blond hair, clear blue eyes, and



She is one of my very best friends.

picture of her that I drew



Deepa, Shilpa, Mithun, Suman, Suján

## URBAN CONCERNS SEMINAR

### INDIA CLUB MEMBERS LEARN POLITICAL CAUCUS PROCESS

India Club was honored to have Mr. Ernest Swinson, Community Program Director of the Urban Concerns Workshop and Dr. Albert DeLeon, Executive Director of the Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans as special guests at the February 17th meeting. Mr. Swinson was invited to do a workshop presentation on the political caucus process in order to familiarize club members with the Minnesota political political caucuses which were held on February 23rd. India Club has been encouraging its members to become more involved in civic and political processes as a way of contributing to the community at large.

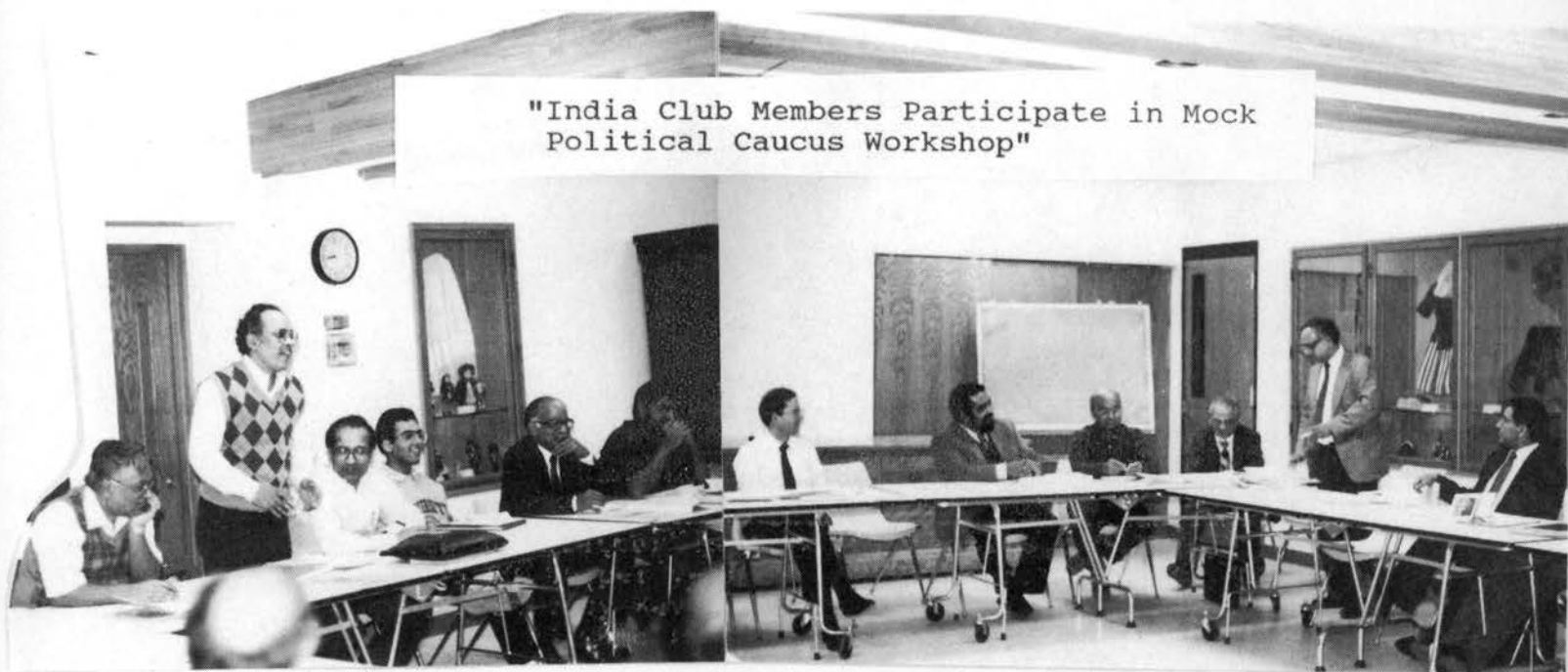
Mr. Swinson gave an informative and entertaining overview of political caucuses in Minnesota and then held a mock caucus so that those attending could actually experience what a caucus would be like on February 23rd. Participants presented and debated resolutions on issues and conducted an election of delegates. Nominees got to explain to the group why they were the "best" candidates. An election followed the candidates presentations to "elect" delegates. A question and answer session was held to complete the participants understanding.

Dr. DeLeon closed the session by emphasizing the importance of Asian community involvement in the political process at the state and local level. Dr. DeLeon concluded by stating his belief that representatives of the Asian community will be appointed and elected to an increasing number of important civic and political posts in Minnesota in the near future.

On February 23rd many India Club members and their friends attended political caucuses throughout the metropolitan area and participated in important issue and candidate discussions. Many of the precinct caucus attendees were also elected to serve as delegates at district conventions held in March.

India Club wishes to thank Mr. Ernest Swinson and Dr. Albert DeLeon for their presentations and their support and encouragement of the India Club and its members.

"India Club Members Participate in Mock Political Caucus Workshop"





UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 7:30 p.m.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### SANJAY KUMAR - STATE SPELLING BEE CHAMPION

Our Congratulations to 8th Grader, SANJAY KUMAR, age 14, son of Dr. and Mrs. Prasanna Kumar, who won the FIRST PLACE in the 1988 Star and Tribune State Spelling Bee Contest among 27 other competitors. He will represent Minnesota in the Scripps-Howard Spelling Bee Contest in Washington D.C. next month. Sanjay also won a \$1000 bond from the Star Tribune and a \$250 clothing allowance from Donaldson's. SANJAY, WE WISH YOU THE BEST AT THE NATIONAL CONTEST!

### RANG - E - MEHFIL - A GREAT EVENING

Sabir Hasan and other local artists put up a great evening of musical entertainment from India and Pakistan on Saturday, April 9, 1988 at ALL INDIA INSTITUTE. Music melted the boundaries when National Anthems of India and Pakistan were sung together by all the attendees.

### S.I.L.C. ANNUAL WORKSHOP

The 5th Annual workshop by parents, teachers, and students of the School of India for Languages and Culture (SILC) was well attended at Hennepin County Government Center on April 3, 1988.

### RAMNAVAMI & MAHAVIR JAYANTI AT HINDU MANDIR

Birthdays of BHAGWAN RAM and BHAGWAN MAHAVIR were jointly celebrated by Hindus and Jain followers at Hindu Mandir on March 27, 1988. Young & Adult speakers explained the meaning of their teachings in today's world.

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MAHATMA GANDHI MEMORIAL AT WASHINGTON D.C.

A casual review of newspaper and TV headlines will convince you that we live in an era of unprecedented violence. In this light, the meaning of Mahatma Gandhi's life and message is more relevant than ever.

To acknowledge his undeniable impact on history and the fundamental commonality in the values of the people of India and the United States, the Honorable Congressman Dymally and the Honorable Senator Paul Sarbanes have introduced a resolution (s) to establish a memorial for Mahatma Gandhi in Washington D.C. (A letter from Hon. Dymally is attached).

We need your support to get bills passed in the Senate and the House for this resolution. We urge you to write your Senators and House of Representatives to request their support.

Please write individually, or in groups, preferably in your own words. A sample letter with opening remarks is included with names and addresses of Minnesota Senators and Congressmen.

MERVYN M. DYMALLY  
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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515**  
**February 10, 1988**

Dear Colleague:

On October 8, 1987 I introduced H.R. 3455 to authorize the establishment of a memorial for Mahatma Gandhi in the District of Columbia.

Although authorization for the memorial was approved by Congress in 1949, the relatively new Indian American community at the time was unable to raise funds for its construction. In 1982, the Indian American Forum for Political Education was established to provide political education of American citizens and residents of Asian-Indian origin. Today, this organization remains firmly committed to raising private funds for the memorial so that no expense will incur on U.S. taxpayers.

I am confident that many of you share in the enormous contribution by Mahatma Gandhi to world peace and human dignity. His non-violent approach towards political and social change represents a model respected by millions. In the United States, Gandhi's perspective on peace and the applicability of his pacifist approach had an enormous influence on our civil rights movement.

As a major figure of peace in our century, Gandhi warrants our serious attention, both for his ideas of nonviolence and for his courageous translation of these ideas into action. As Martin Luther King, Jr., so aptly said, "If humanity is to progress, Gandhi is inescapable. We may ignore him at our own risk."

If you would like to join me in honoring the legend of Mahatma Gandhi by cosponsoring this resolution, please contact Melvenia Gueye at x67523, or send a copy of the following form to, Attn: Melvenia Gueye, Room 608, House Annex #1.

Sincerely,

MERVYN M. DYMALLY  
Member of Congress



## SAMPLE LETTER

Senator  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator \_\_\_\_\_:

We are writing to request that you co-sponsor S.1766 introduced by Senator Paul Sarbanes to authorize a memorial to Mahatma Gandhi in Washington, D.C. A similar joint resolution was enacted on September 28, 1949, (Public Law 309), but expired after five years.

Please call Senator Sarbanes' office (224-4524) to give your consent to co-sponsor S. 1766.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

(Please print your name, address, & phone  
no. of each signee.)

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Representative  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative

We are writing to request that you co-sponsor HR.3455 introduced by Congressman Mervyn Dymally to authorize a memorial to Mahatma Gandhi in Washington D.C. A similar resolution was enacted on September 28, 1949, (Public Law 309), but expired after five years.

Please call Congressman Dymally's Office (225-5425) to give your consent to co-sponsor HR.3455.

Thank you for your support.

(please print your name, address, and  
phone number of each signee)

Sincerely,

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# MEMBER PROFILE

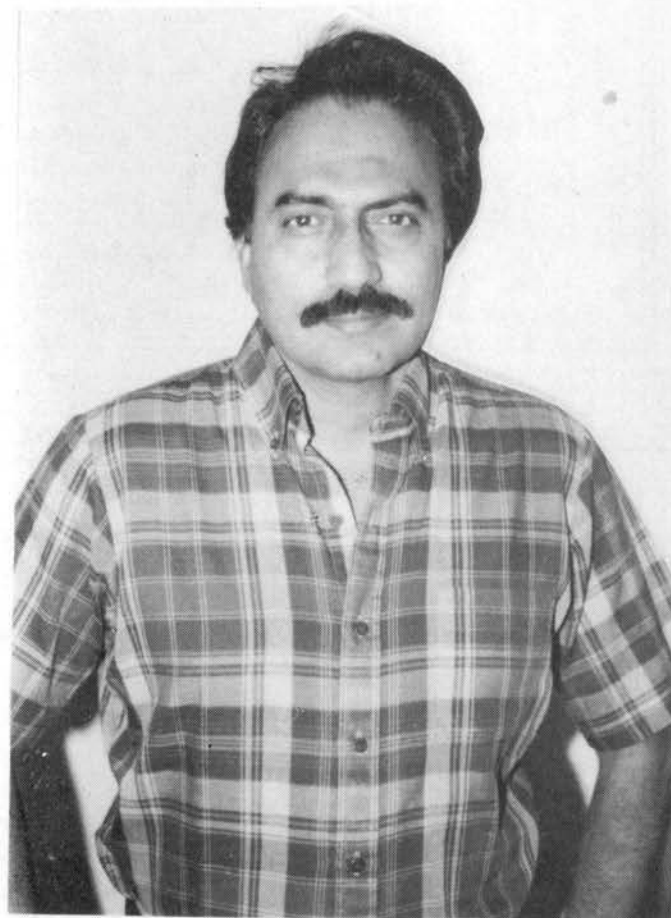
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Dr. Gundu Rao is a Professor in the Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology, School of Medicine, University of Minnesota. His field of expertise is the biochemistry, physiology and pharmacology of blood platelets, the particles that act like a natural band-aid to arrest bleeding.

He is presently involved in establishing a long range research collaboration with Indian physicians and clinics over a period of several years. He also lectures extensively in India, and offers workshops. He would like to spend a few weeks each year in India in order to assist development of platelet research laboratories.

Dr. Rao would like Indian scientists to know that there are opportunities in International development programs. One such program is called TOKTEN, a United Nation sponsored project administered through CSIR of India. The program funds short term visits of Indian scientists in order to transfer technology. He has additional information for people who are interested in this program.

Dr. Rao has been in the Twin Cities for 23 years. He lives in Bloomington with his wife Yasheoda, and they have two children - Anupama and Prashant. Dr. Rao can be contacted by phone at 835-9725.



Dr. Gundu Rao

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## THE INDIA CLUB

OF MINNESOTA

### Membership Dues:

Family	\$10.00
Business	\$25.00
Single	\$5.00

### Please mail your check to:

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1694 Como Ave.  
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If you would like to take an active part in the India Club's programs, please contact the chairpersons.

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# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/DIRECTORY INFORMATION 1988

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I want to be an ACTIVE member. Contact me for  
Festival of Nations, committee work, etc. ☐

PLEASE RETURN TO: THE INDIA CLUB, 1694 COMO AVENUE, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA 55108

## 1988 INDIA CLUB OFFICERS

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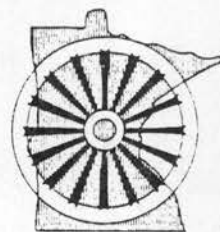
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# INDIA CLUB

NEWSLETTER



THE INDIA CLUB  
OF MINNESOTA

February

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am pleased to have been elected President of the India Club at the November annual meeting. As a member of the Board of Directors for the past three years, I have seen the Club grow significantly in its membership, programs and particularly in its role as a leading Indian organization which serves to involve all of the Indian community in the presentation of programs and events that no single organization could produce. The strength of the India Club is in the contributions of its directors and members who come from all parts of the Indian community.

1988 promises to be another successful year for the India Club. I invite you to join India Club's enthusiastic directors and members as a participant or volunteer in this years programs.

Our 1988 program begins in February at the regular board meeting. The Urban Concerns Coalition will be presenting a workshop on how to become involved in the political process in 1988 which begins with the Minnesota political caucuses on Tuesday February 23. We want the Indian community to become active participants in local and state politics and we encourage your attendance at this session.

In March, India Club presents the second annual Youth Festival. Last years successful festival featured young people performing dance, music and debate and included displays of art and an essay contest. The program is largely organized by young people. We hope you will encourage your children to participate in this event. Details of this program and the caucus workshop appear elsewhere in this newsletter.

*Stefan Peterson*

Stefan Peterson  
President, The India Club

The India Club Newsletter is free to members. A voluntary contribution of \$3.00 per year is suggested for non-members. Published and edited by Kavita Mehta and Preeti Mathur.

Office address: 1694 Como Ave. St. Paul, MN 55108.

Newsletter correspondence: 9101 W 23rd St., St. Louis Park MN 55426. (591-9889)



# 1988 INDIA CLUB CALENDAR

February 17 - Urban Concerns  
Seminar at the International  
Institute, 1634 Como Ave. St.  
Paul at 7:30.

March - Minnesota Food Share Drive

March 20 - Youth Festival

April 29,30,May 1 - Festival of  
Nations

July 16 - Tagore Jayanti at the  
Northrup Auditorium, U of M  
campus.

September - India Day at St. Paul's  
Landmark Center

November - Diwali Feast. A special  
meal and program for the  
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November - Thanksgiving Food Basket  
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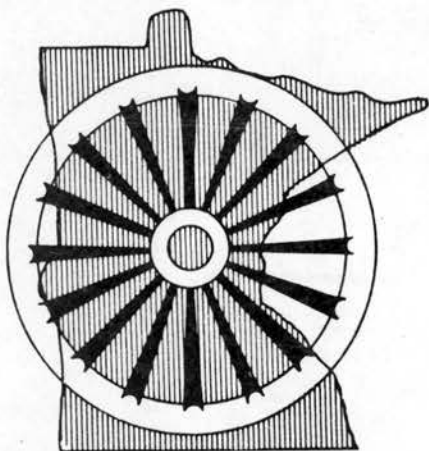
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# THE INDIA CLUB

OF MINNESOTA  
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## TRESURER REPORT

### INDIA CLUB OF MINNESOTA ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT - 1987

Balance Carry Over, December 31, 1986	\$8,896.92
1987 Net Change	(930.58)
Net Change in Balance After Paying all 1987 Expenses	\$7,966.34
Special Funds on Hand in India Club Account	
- Children Toys Fund	1,143.00
- Emergency Fund	778.00
Balance Carry Over to 1988 as of December 31, 1987	\$9,887.34

### 1987 INCOME/EXPENSE DETAILS

Category	Income \$	Expenses \$	Net Income or (Loss) \$
1. General			
Interest	562.46	- 0 -	
Membership	1,868.00	- 0 -	
Miscellaneous	66.00	125.15	
Newsletter Printing/Mailing	- 0 -	2,067.01	
Intl. Institute Room Rental	- 0 -	175.00	
	<u>2,496.46</u>	<u>2,367.16</u>	<u>129.30</u>
2. Youth Festival	- 0 -	298.88	(298.88)
3. Minnesota Food Share	50.00	50.00	- 0 -
4. Festival of Nations	5,118.45	3,936.52	1,181.93
5. Tagore Celebration	5,984.20	6,829.65	(845.45)
6. India Day	1,627.00	2,330.33	(703.33)
7. Minnesota Dance Alliance	- 0 -	250.00	(250.00)
8. Sports Events	- 0 -	94.15	(94.15)
9. Youth in Government	- 0 -	50.00	(50.00)
	<u>15,276.11</u>	<u>16,206.69</u>	<u>(930.58)</u>

Prepared by: *V. M. Patel*  
Treasurer

### TAJ MAHAL CARRY OUT RESTAURANT SPECIALS

#### FRIDAY

Dosa Masala	2.79
Lamb Biryani	3.75
Chicken Curry	2.99
Samosa per piece	0.60
Idli	1.99
Combination Plate	4.50

#### Saturday

Veg. Biryani	2.99
Dosa Masala	2.79
Dosa Plain	1.99
Idli	1.99
Upma	1.99
Pakoda	0.99
Chole	1.50
Samosa	0.60
Combination Plate	4.50

#### Sunday

Kebab Roti	1.99
Gosh (meat) Roti	1.99
BEEF Biryani	2.99
DAL ROTI	0.99
Samosa	0.60
Chole	1.50
Combination Plate	3.99

Tuesday - Thursday  
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# CLUB NEWS

## 1988 INDIA CLUB OFFICERS

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## Board of Directors Meeting News

Once again India Club is sponsoring the Tagore Jayanti. This program is scheduled in July at the Northrup Auditorium. One of this year's goals is to provide major funding for the Tagore presentation through community grants. The India Club is providing assistance by serving as the grant applicant and by managing the application process. Board members Rahim Rahiman and Smrajit Mitra have completed two grant applications to the Metropolitan Regional ARTS Council and the Compas Community Art Fund.

## MEMBERSHIP DUES - 1988

Thank you for your support of the India Club in 1987. We are beginning our membership drive for 1988. Annual dues help support the programs and activities of the Club throughout the year. Thanks to those of you who renew your membership.

A membership application is on the last page of this newsletter. If you are not already a member - please join us!

### Membership Dues:

Family	\$10.00
Business	\$25.00
Single	\$5.00

### Please mail your check to:

The India Club  
1694 Como Ave.  
St. Paul, MN 55108

If you would like to take an active part in the India Club's programs, please contact the chairpersons listed below:

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## URBAN CONCERNS SEMINAR

URBAN CONCERNS SEMINAR ON THE  
AMERICAN POLITICAL PROCESS

At many India Club meetings in the past year members have raised the question of the future of the Indian community in the United States. One of the ways to ensure that we belong here is to take part in the political process of the country. Recognizing this, India Club has arranged a seminar in association with the Urban Concerns Workshop Inc.

Location: International Institute  
of Minnesota.

Date: Wednesday, February 17, 1988  
from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm.

(A question and answer session will  
follow the presentation)

Topics:

1. Overview of the political  
process at the:
  - local level
  - state level
  - national level
2. A general understanding of the  
February 1988 precinct caucus system  
in Minnesota.
3. How can a citizen be involved in  
the political process at the local  
level.

For further information, call Rahim  
Rahiman at 633-8751.

Indian Students At  
Youth In Government

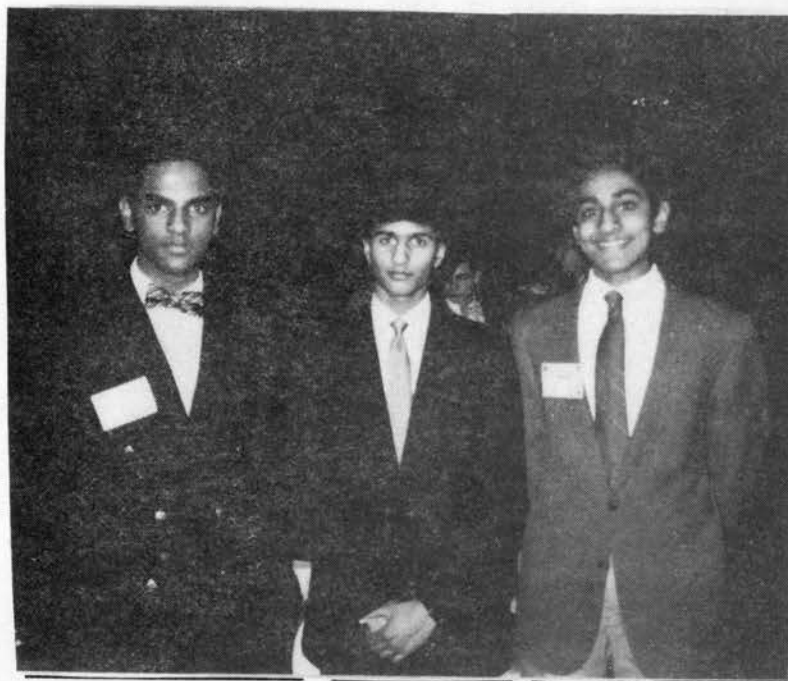
The 1988 YMCA Youth in  
Government program was well repre-  
sented by three outstanding Indian  
students at the recent session.

Sreenu Tadavarthy, a 17-year-old  
Eden Prairie High School Senior  
and son of Dr. and Mrs. S.M.  
Tadavarthy lead over 800 teenage  
leaders from throughout Minnesota  
in four days of model lawmaking.  
The students met in January at the  
State Capitol for the annual YMCA  
sponsored Youth in Government  
session.

Tadavarthy was elected Youth  
Governor along with Sridhar  
Venkata who was elected House  
Speaker Pro-Tempore and Vishant  
Shah who was elected Freshman  
Speaker of the House. Sridhar is  
the son of Mr. and Mrs. Narender  
Venkata and a senior at Eden  
Prairie High School. Vishant is  
the son of Shanti Shah and Stefan  
Peterson and a sophomore at  
Burnsville Senior High School.

Youth in Government is a pro-  
gram that gives teenagers a first  
hand working knowledge of state  
government. The program is a  
model of real-life state govern-  
ment with an executive branch,  
legislative branch, lobbyist,  
media, pages and law sections.

India Club encouraged partic-  
ipation in the Youth in Government  
program by offering to provide up  
to \$50.00 for expenses incurred  
while attending the preliminary  
session last fall in Mankato.



Sridhar

Sreenu

Vishant



# YOUTH FESTIVAL

## SECOND YOUTH FESTIVAL

India Club in cooperation with the Indo-American Association will celebrate its second youth festival. The entire program will be conducted by youth with some adult coordination. The purpose of the program is to encourage and appreciate the talents among our young people.

Date: Sunday, March 20, 1988

Location: Northstar Ballroom  
St. Paul Student Center  
U of M (St. Paul Campus)

Program: ■ Debate Competition  
■ Essay Competition  
■ Dance and Music  
-Vocal  
-Instrumental  
■ Art Exhibit

Participants: Ages 5 upto college age.

Prizes: The winners in the above mentioned competitions will be awarded prizes.

Admission: FREE!

Contact:

Adult Coordinator:  
Anoop Mathur 483-0793

Youth Coordinator:  
Sujan Kamran 645-9827

Program Details:

### ART EXHIBIT

Coordinator: Shilpa Patel 770-3155

Display your paintings, sketches, photographs or anything that you have created yourself. Call early for details and space requirements.

## DEBATE

### • Category 1. (Upto 9th grade)

Subject: "Why do I prefer vegetarian or non-vegetarian food?"

Time: Two minutes per participant.

### • Category 2. (Grades 10 and up)

Subject: a) "Is a compulsory second language requirement in our schools desirable?" OR

b) "Should the current provisions of 'Affirmative Action Plan' of the US government be stronger or weaker to attain its stated goals?"

Time: Four minutes per participant.

Choose a pro or con side of the subject you want to debate on.

Entry deadline is March 12, 1988. Call with your debate choice and address any questions to Muthu Periakaruppan at 559-5343.

## DANCE AND MUSIC

Entry Deadline: Friday, March 11, 1988.

Coordinator: Deepa Iyengar  
636-0857

### • Dance:

Style: Your choice of Indian, Western dance.

Participants: Solo or upto 3 in a group.

Time: 3 minutes.

### • Music:

Vocal: Your choice of western, Indian, classical or pop.

Participants: Solo

Time: 3 minutes.

Instrumental: Instrument of your choice. Please bring your own instrument.

Participants: Solo or upto 3 in a group.

Time: 3 minutes.



## ESSAY

### • Category 1. (Grades 1-3)

Subject: "My favorite person in the family or at school"  
One page, typed or written.

### • Category 2. (Grades 4-6)

Subject: "What would I do if I won a million dollars lottery"  
Two pages, typed or written.

### • Category 3. (Grades 7-9)

Subject: "Pandit Nehru's Legacy to India and the World"  
Atleast 300 words typed, double spaced.

### • Category 4. (Grades 10-12)

Subject: "India after 40 years of Independence"  
Atleast 300 words, typed double spaced.

Deadline: Friday, March 12, 1988

Contact: Suman Ganguli 636-8006

Submit or mail essays to:  
Anoop Mathur  
4341 Rustic Place  
Shoreview, MN 55126  
483-0793

First prize essay in each category will be read during the Festival program. Other entries will be displayed.

## FESTIVAL OF NATIONS

Date: April 29, 30 & May 1

Location: St. Paul Civic Center

India Club will participate in entertainment, cultural exhibit and food booth. In past years, our youth and adult participants have had lots of fun in the three day festival which includes over 65 ethnic organizations and 70,000 visitors. India Club will sell advance tickets at a reduced rate from March 16. Please purchase your tickets from one of the Club's representatives. If you would like to join in the activities, please contact one of the following persons:

General Chairperson	
Neena Gada	636-1075
Adult Entertainment	
Shanti Shah	894-1273
Children's Entertainment	
Ranjan Patel	770-3155
Exhibit Booth	
Godan Nambudiripad	894-8945
Food Booth	
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### Flag Ceremony

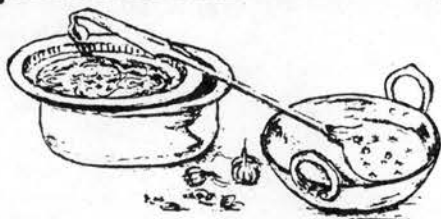
Volunteers are needed for a flag ceremony: 1 male and 1 female 16 years or older to hold the Indian flag in a 65+ ethnic flag rally at the festival each day. Volunteers should dress in their national costume.

Flag ceremony times: Friday, April 29 at 7pm, Saturday, April 30 at 7pm and Sunday, May 1 at 2pm.

Rehersal attendance required:  
Tuesday, April 28 at 7:30.

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# ■ COMMUNITY NEWS

## ANNUAL SILC DAY

The School of India for Languages and Culture (SILC) celebrated its 7th annual day on January 24, 1988 at Highland Park Junior High School. The events included songs, poems, skits, displays of eight Indian language groups, a quiz about India's history and geography and a lively debate. The program was followed by lunch. At present there are over 100 students at SILC who learn one of eight languages, lessons in Indian history, geography and government, and one of many electives including music, dance, yoga, coking, sewing, table, arts and crafts and SILC Achievement Project.

## EXHIBIT-CROSS-CULTURAL VISIONS-YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW

Location: First Universalist Church, 500 Girard Ave. South, Minneapolis.

Dates: January 16 through February 27, 1988.

Hours: Wed. 1-5pm, Thurs. 1-5, 7-9pm, Fri. 1-5pm, Sat. 10-4pm, Sun. 9-1pm.

Theme: 26 artists of different ethnic backgrounds teach their philosophies, values and history through their art works. Sunanda Apte-Kakade, an Indian artist has her Rangoli art work displayed as part of the exhibit. Don't miss this display. For more information call Fran Addington at 825-1701.

## RHYTHMS OF FIVE WORLDS

An evening of cultural dance and music from five regions of the world: India, Islands of Polynesia, Middle East, Sub-Sumaran Africa and Uzbektstan.

Date & Time: April 7, 1988, 8pm.  
Location: Landmark Center, St. Paul.

Artists: Miriam Stonehill, Bonnie Korek, Pepo Alfajuri and Tatiana Reichow.

For more information: 822-6421 or 861-2383.

## VOLUNTEER WORK

We thank Ella Baldwin and Ramakrishnan for organizing the 'Basket Packages for Thanksgiving' program. The Northeast Minneapolis area was chosen as it has the highest concentration of Indians in Minneapolis. India Club volunteers did a great job; they finished work scheduled for 4 days in 2 days! We hope to continue volunteering for Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas every year.

The names of the volunteers are: Neena Gada, K.P.S. Menon, Anoop Mathur, S. Ramakrishnan, Stephen Peterson, Rahim Rehman, Pramod Khargonekar, Arun Kambhampati, Carla Prakash, Kavita Mehta, Ketan Gada, Harin Dave, Arun Subra, Ella Baldwin, C. R. Balagopal and friend.

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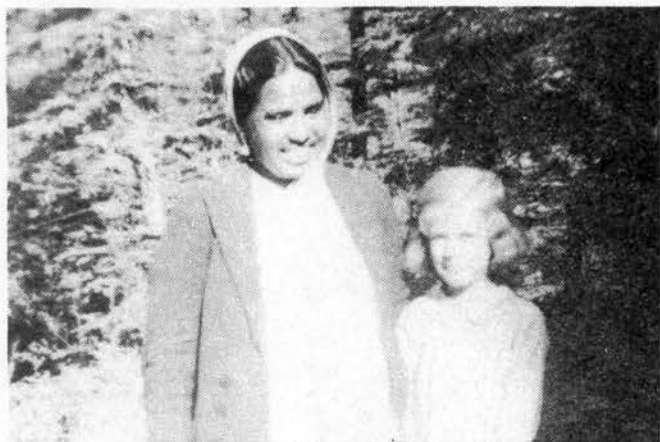
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# Woman Seeks Long Lost 'Ayah'



**Asha and Gillian, Middlelands, Simla, 1942**

Gillian Ronson was 11 years old, daughter of a British civil servant, when she last saw the Indian woman who had raised her since infancy.

That was 43 years ago in Simla.

Gillian is married and living in the United States but tears still well in her eyes when she talks about "my ayah," the Indian woman who cared for her when she lived in India as a child.

"I feel she's a part of me," Gillian Furst says. "I feel a terrible inner distress that I have been separated from her all this time, that I haven't been able to tell her that I appreciated her kindness and love for the first 11 years of my life."

The Indian woman's name was Asha Bebe, but shortly before Gillian left India in 1945, Asha remarried a man who was a cook and Gillian does not know his name. Today, Asha would be about 72 years old.

"I love her," Gillian Furst says. "She is part of my roots in life and I feel a terrible loss that I haven't been able to contact her."

In an attempt to locate Asha, Gillian has printed up leaflets with a photo of Asha and herself as a child, and given them to Americans and Indians who are travelling to India. She is also planning to go on a trip with her husband to see if she can locate the woman.

"I have never faced losing her, even though I lost her," Gillian says.

Gillian, who is British, was the daughter of Harry Ronson, a British civil servant, and Accountant General in charge of the sugar supply, prior to Indian independence from Britain.

Gillian was born in Lahore, then a part of British India in 1933 and she and her father and mother, lived in various parts of India over the next decade. Her father was based in Delhi, but they spent much of their time in Simla. His last job was in Ranchi (in Bihar) and he died in Poona, now Pune, on September 13, 1944.

Gillian and her mother returned to Simla—the last house they lived in was Minorma, and in 1945 they returned to England where Gillian grew up.

Today, Gillian is a factory worker, living in Minneapolis, Minnesota in the United States, where she is married to an American journalist.

And her heart still pounds when she thinks about Asha who she longs to see again.

"She was intelligent and kind and nurturing," says Gillian. "And she did everything for me. She changed my diapers. She trained me. The first words I spoke were Hindi. This was the person who brought me up. I don't know what village she came from, but she always lived with us."

Gillian remembers that Asha's first husband was Hashim Bebe who she divorced. Asha remarried a cook in Simla in 1942 or 1943...

"She was unusual in that she spoke some English which she learned from me," Gillian says. "She was extremely admired and sought after as an ayah because she was such a good one with me."

When the family moved to Bombay, Asha went with them. When they returned to Simla, so did Asha.

For a short period they lived in a house called Middlelands in Simla where a photo of Gillian and Asha was taken in 1942 when Gillian was 8 years old.

"My impression was that her (second) husband wanted her to stay home and have children," Gillian recalls. "She was extremely admired by my mother's friends and by my mother because she did brilliant embroidery. She was highly skilled."

At the end of World War II, Gillian and her mother were stranded in India. Gillian's father had died, and they had to wait some 9 months to return to England, because British troops were being given priority on ships leaving India.

Gillian vividly recalls the day she left Simla for the last time.

She and her mother were going to be picked up by a car that would drive them to a railroad station that would take them by train to Delhi, and then to Bombay where they would get a ship to go to England.

"We were going to meet Asha," says Gillian. "She was going to give me her address and I was going to give her mine."

But the car had to leave a little early.

"I dug in my heels," Gillian says, "and said, I'm not going to go until I see her. But my mother said we had to go because if we don't go this car won't get this connection and we'll miss the ship we've waited nearly a year to get a passage on. And I was virtually forced into the vehicle and I never saw her. I never said goodbye. I never gave her my address and she never gave me her address."

Forty-three years later, Gillian Furst is still searching for her ayah.

She asks anyone who has any information to write to her as follows:

Gillian Furst  
3813 Harriet Avenue South  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55409, USA

Or they can call her collect at 612-822-0317.

"I love her still and want to be able to tell her that if I possible can."



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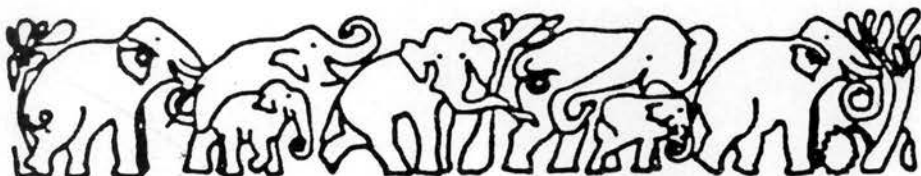
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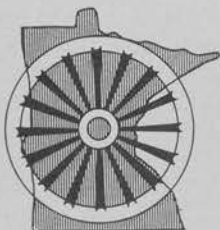


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## THE INDIA CLUB OF MINNESOTA

## NEWSLETTER

MAY/JUNE 1987

### What Have We Done So Far - A Progress Report

We have crossed the fourth month of the year 1987. The India Club has been fortunate to get the cooperation of a large number of people in the community. Through their support we have participated in some noteworthy programs since the beginning of the year.

After the new board was formed, we promoted the Youth Festival in February which was organized to a great extent by our young people with the board members serving as mentors.

Then we concentrated our efforts to raise food for the needy in the month of March, as participants in the state wide Minnesota Food Share Drive. Details are given elsewhere in this Newsletter.

In the first week of May, we participated in the Festival of Nations. Our members and the SILC took an active role in displaying Indian cultural programs and serving Indian food at the Festival. Through their hard work the India booth received first prize for original display. Details are given in this Newsletter.

We learnt about the proposal by the University of Minnesota to eliminate the South Asian Studies which will discontinue research and intensive study of Indian languages. We have submitted a petition to the Vice President, Academic Affairs and to the members of the Board of Regents to retain the department. We joined the Asia Pacific Council members to meet our state legislators and senators and urge them to retain the Southwest and South Asian Studies department at the University. We also participated in a Town Hall meeting organized by the Asia Pacific Council to discuss this issue and express our concern.

We take pleasure in demonstrating Indian dance, music and costume to various local organizations. To name a few, who have requested and appreciated our participation, are The Children Home Society, Parents of Indian Children (adopted from India), organizers of the Ethnic Day Celebration, Compatible Technology Incorporated and some church groups. It goes without saying that we cannot thank enough to Indrani Mallik, Rita Mustafi, Shirin Friestad, Rajshree Puri, Neena Gada and many others who very gracefully display their talents with short notice on these occasions.

On April 29, we participated in in the Women's organization of the Asia Pacific Council. This organization is formed to promote fellowship and understanding and to highlight the responsibilities and needs of Asian women in our community. Indu Misra presented the role of Indian women and their contribution to our community.

We are happy to report that Hon. Ambassador P.K.Kaul, of India has accepted our invitation to come to the Twin Cities on July 18 to be our guest of honor at the Tagore Jayanti program. Our board meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month at the International Institute, 1694 Como Av., St. Paul. You are welcome to attend these meetings and contribute in any way you can.

*Sudhansu S. Misra*

#### India Club Members At The Asian Pacific Community Meeting

On April 27, the Asian Pacific Community held a reception for the state legislators and the senators at the Christ Lutheran Church on Capitol Hill. Members of India Club were present at this meeting to lobby in support of retaining the South Asian Study department at the University of Minnesota.

The Asia Pacific Council of Minnesota which is formed by the Governor, serves the Asian community by providing a link between the government and the community. Mr. Jagdish (Jack) Desai is the representative for the Asian Indians. Any one wishing to get more information can call 296-0538.



Vijay Balakrishnan of India Club and Senator John Marty at the Legislator's Reception

Indira Junghare and Lt. Gov. Marlene Johnson discussing the Department of South Asian Studies



#### INDIA AT FESTIVAL OF NATIONS- Ram Gada

Indian culture was well represented at the Festival of Nations May 1, 2 and 3 at the St. Paul Civic Center. India Club joined with 65 ethnic groups in "Celebration", the theme for this year's festival.

#### Indian Exhibit Shares "The Best"

The Indian exhibit booth was judged "The Best" along with two other ethnic group's exhibits. The exhibit theme Festivals of India fit right in with the overall Festival of Nations theme, "Celebration". Our exhibit displayed pictures, signs, symbols and artifacts from all over India. The religious and social festivals included Diwali, Holi, Id, Vaishakti, Mahavir Jayanti, Dashera, Navratri, Christmas, Shivratri, Pongal, Raksha Bandhan, etc. Live demonstrations of Rangoli, Kolam and Onam were spectacular. The award carries a \$350 cash prize. Many thank to Godan Nambudiripad and Preeti Mathur of SILC School for organizing the exhibit.

India Club thanks all the volunteers who helped at the exhibit booth.

#### I. Exhibit Booth Design/Construction

Preeti & Anoop Mathur, Godan Nambudiripad, Raj & Ranees Ramaswamy, Krishna & Uthi Nambudiripad, Valli & Chad Sivasailam, Gupthan Nambudiripad, Rajan Menon

#### II. Demonstrations

Kolam- Ranees Ramaswamy, Valli Sivasailam  
Rangoli- Dr. Sunanda Kakde  
Onam Flowers Arrangement- Vatsala & Rajan Menon

#### III. Exhibit Booth Staff

Ram & Neena Gada, Aparna Ganguli, Naman Atrey, Preeti & Anoop Mathur, Anju Relan, Vishant Shah, Manjula Shyam, Gupthan & Godan Nambudiripad, R. Suranarayan & friends

#### IV. Thanks to India Bazaar and many other people for providing display materials.





### Food Booth

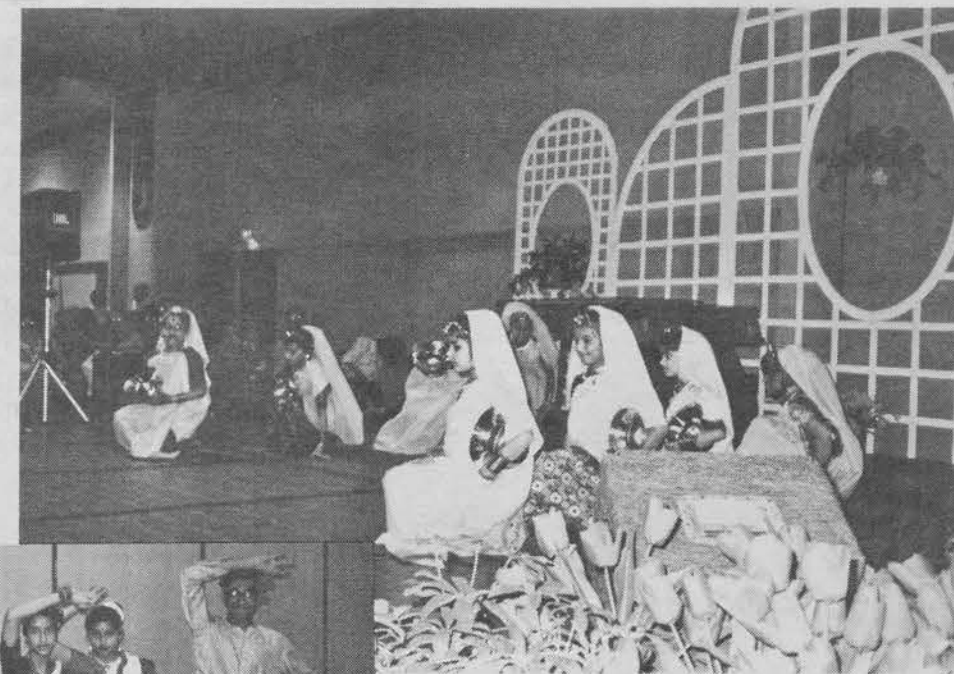
Our food booth satisfied the Festival-goer's craving for exotic food by serving chicken curry, samosa, rice pilau, vegetable curry, and the ever-popular mango shake. Heavy demand at the Festival kept our volunteers busy. India Club appreciates the fine leadership of Padu Arimilli, whose planning and organization contributed to our success. The day managers and their volunteer corps did a bang up job at the food booth. Our youth proved to be excellent sales staff ( and had a good time, too!)



### Entertainment

Many dancers in colorful costumes entertained the public with a variety of Indian classical and folk dances. Our thanks to all participants and instructors who offered their time and talent for the event.

- I. Bengalee Folk Dance (SILC Children)  
Instructor- Rita Mustaphi  
Dancers- Ketki Atreya, Pranali Desai, Ketan Gada, Suman Ganguli, Shubranu Ganguli, Manjali Gupta, Purnima Kamran, Shibani Khera, Runa Lahiri, Raka Mustaphi, Krishnan Nanbudiripad, Shilpa Patel, Dimple Sahni, Aparna Ramaswamy, Sarika Sahni, Vishant Shah
- II. Gujarati Folk Dance (SILC Children)  
Instructor- Shobana Marfatia  
Dancers- Gargi Gandhi, Inna Ganguli, Shika Mangalick, Aditi Munshi, Alka Patel, Reena Patel, Pujapuri and Rupal Shroff
- III. Gujarati Raas (Gujarati Samaj)  
Dancers- Arti & Bhavesh Damania, Lisa Gada, Tarak Gordia, Reena Patel, Mayink Patel, Hiren Shah, Nishma Shah, Vishant Shah, Parul & Amit Seth
- IV. Punjabi Folk Dance  
Dancers- Nina, Simmi & Kavita Madan, Mandeep Sondhi, Sajiyid Usmani
- V. Classical Dances  
Bharat Natayam- Geeta Sivasailam  
Khatak- Indrani Mallick





THANK YOU to all the volunteers!

Padu, Vijaya & Bhavani Arimilli  
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### What did we gain?

Many times people ask if it's worth the effort. Our participation requires many months of planning, hours of practice and preparation and hours of hard work during the three-day festival. In monetary terms, we make a modest profit which does become insignificant if we divide it by the total work hours of the volunteers. However, the intangible benefits derived from such activities are such that they can not be valued in dollars. Indian cultural heritage imparted to the community and to our children through exhibits and entertainment, experiencing other ethnic cultures, the joy of fellowship, fostering participation by our youth, are just a few of the benefits of participation in the Festival of Nations.

Thanks again to all the volunteers who contributed so generously of their time and talents to make the Festival a success. See you next year!

General Chairperson- Neena Gada  
 Cafe-Food Chairperson- Padu Arimilli  
 Entertainment Chairperson (Adult)- Shanti Shah  
 Entertainment Chairperson (Children)- Ranjan Patel  
 Exhibit Chairperson- Godan Nambudiripad

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Indu Misra and Mamnu Stenquist-Misra sold soft drinks at the Hindu Mandir as a fund-raiser for Mn. Food Share



#### Minnesota Food Share

The India Club with the support of Hindu Mandir, SILC, Geeta Ashram, and the Center for Higher Consciousness raised 260 lbs. of non-perishable food which was donated to the Cedar Riverside Food Shelf. In addition, a cash donation of \$51.00 was made which was raised with ice cream sale, pop sale and jolly bean contest. A lot of unselfish hard work in collecting and delivering the food was rendered by Rakhes Agarwal, Brian Stenquist and Punjabhai Patel. The reward for them and those who contributed generously, is the gratitude from some who needed food.

The need for food continues throughout the year and non-perishable food can be donated at any time. If you can make a collection during a religious or social gathering, your contributions will be very much appreciated. Take your collections to Cedar Riverside Food Shelf located at 1507 5th. St. SE, Minneapolis behind the Cedar Squire apartments.

#### YOUTH CORNER



Deepa Iyengar is an eighth grader at St. Anthony Middle School and is also a student at SILC. She is in Project GATE (Gifted and Talented Education) and is active in Dramatics and Quiz Bowl. She plays the flute in her school band. Deepa placed First in the District and Regional level and Fifth at the State level at the 1986 Minnesota State Spelling Bee. She also recently won the Essay Contest sponsored by the Consulate General of India in Chicago. Her essay on "My generation, what can we contribute to Indo-US friendship?" took First Place in the 11-14 year old category.

Mohsin Ansari, son of Ahsan & Zehra Ansari, is a junior at St. Paul Academy. He was a top individual scorer in the Twin Cities Private School Division of the Minnesota State High School Mathematics League. Mohsin helped his school team to win First Place in their division and Sixth Place in the State championship. Individually he is the 2nd top scorer out of 2560 in the State and will compete at the national level at Penn State University as a member of the first Minnesota State All-Star Math Team. Congratulations, Mohsin, and good luck.

Suman Ganguli is a 3rd year student at SILC and an eighth grader at Parkview Middle School. He participates in the High Potential Program and is a 2nd year student in the University of Minnesota Talented Youth Mathematics Project. He stood First in his grade level at a regional current events contest and is a member of the Student Council. His sports and hobbies are soccer, tennis, reading and calligraphy.

#### INDIA CLUB SPORTS TOURNAMENT

Do you have a regular sport you participate in? Here is your chance to play a good game and win a trophy or two. After hosting its first Youth Festival, which was very successful, our program committee is ready to launch the First Annual Sports Tournament. This event is planned for the last week in July or the first week in August, with competition in tennis, bridge, chess, bowling and badminton.

Details on the tournament will be mailed to all paid India Club members by mid June. So sharpen those backhands, conventions or moves and plan to enter the competition. This tournament is open to all paid India Club members, so if you are not yet a member, complete the application in this newsletter.

We need tournament directors for tennis and badminton- to volunteer contact Anoop Mathur 483-0793.



# UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS:

May 28	7:30pm	Discourse on Jain Philosophy Dr. H. Bharill, distinguished writer and speaker from India, will speak on this subject in Hindi. Hindu Mandir-1875 Polk St NE,Mpls For details- Ram Gada 636-1075
May 30	7pm	Indian Music Society- Carnatic Instrumental Concert Mandolin Sreenivas, acclaimed child prodigy, has been performing in concerts since age 12. Hubert Humphrey Institute (UofM West Bank) 301 19th Av S, Mpls For details- Arun Kumar 483-3647
June 4,5		Dances of India and the Far East Rita Mustaphi, Rane Ramaswamy & Cassandra Shore Ordway Music Theater, St. Paul Box Office 224-4222
June 7	10am	School of Indian Languages and Culture (SILC) "Annual Day"- achievement certificates awarded, elections, music and dance performances Advance reservations required Contact Ullas Kamath 488-3097
June 20	Noon	Gujarati Samaj Picnic Elm Creek Park Reserve, Maplewood Contact: Vinu Patel 770-3155
July 18	7:30pm	Tagore Jayanti Northrup Auditorium, UofM, Mpls Contact: Pranab Lahiri 432-8829
Sept 20	Noon	India Day Celebration Landmark Center, St. Paul

## 1987 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

As part of the continuing membership drive, we recently sent out renewal notices. We hope that you will respond, if you have not already done so. Thanks to those of you who have renewed your membership and to our new members for your support of India Club. Stephan Peterson.

## PASSPORTS/VISAS

For passport renewals, applications for new passports or visas- contact the Indian Consulate , 230 North Michigan, Suite 600, Chicago, IL 60601.

## TAGORE JAYANTI

India Club will celebrate Tagore Jayanti (the poet Tagore's birth anniversary) on July 18, 1987 at Northrup Auditorium at the University of Minnesota. The event will begin at 7:30pm and the honored guests will be Ambassador P.K. Kaul and Consul General D. Lahiri. All are cordially invited to attend and watch for details in a future mailing. For information contact: Pranab Lahiri 432-8829 or Sudhansu Misra 631-9579.

## ALL INDIA INSTITUTE FACILITY

The inauguration "havan" ceremonies for the All India Institute building are scheduled for Sunday, June 14 at 10am. The building is located at 10537 Noble Ave in Brooklyn Park. This facility can be used for a variety of activities such as weddings, birthday parties, receptions. The building houses the Geeta Ashram Temple along with classroom, auditorium and kitchen spaces. For more information, contact Ram and Madhu Gupta 835-3102 or Kunal and Kumud Kamran 645-9827.

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## INDIANS AT THE FESTIVAL OF NATIONS

Indian culture was well represented at the Festival of Nations on April 25, 26 and 27, 1986 at the St. Paul Civic Center. This three day festival has become an unique event to celebrate the ethnic heritage of people who have immigrated and settled in this chosen land of freedom. This year's theme was "Liberty" with an appropriate prelude to the centennial celebration of the "Statue of Liberty" this July.

## INDIAN EXHIBIT

At Indian booth, "Liberty" got a special meaning with an innovative theme represented by symbols, signs, and pictures: Indian immigrants leaving "Gateway of India, Bombay", arriving at New York with greetings from "the Statue of Liberty, wrapped in colorful Saree and shining with Bindi on forehead", and leaving behind the dreams "Gopuram Temple and Taj Mahal". How the migration of ideas from Vedas to Thoreau and Emerson to Gandhi to King has affected the history of both countries. PC computer drew many inquisitive minds to try a quiz on India. Many got chuckles to read the "first impressions" and to see the pictures in action of the Indian immigrants settled in Minnesota. The history of Indian immigrants and their contributions was an eye opener. Many thanks to Godan Nambudiripad of SILC school for organizing this excellent exhibit.

## INDIAN ENTERTAINMENT

On Saturday, children, coached by Rita Mustaphi, performed Bengali folk dance and Kathak classic. On Sunday, students, instructed by Ranee Ramaswami, performed Bharata Natyam dance. Both performances were superb. Many thanks to Rita and Ranee.

Our young ladies were very busy in demonstrating Saree wrapping, Bindi and face design, and Mehndi design on palm. Many thanks to Beena, Bharati, Lisa, Mona, Reena, and Tasneem.

## INDIAN CAFE

Under the leadership of Stefan Peterson and with the help of many volunteers, the Indian cafe satisfied the craving for exotic food by serving chicken curry, pakora, rice pilaf, papadm. Of course, mango shake was the king of all shakes. Festival visitors kept these folks busy all three days. Many thanks to all volunteers, day managers, and Stefan for the job well done.



## THANKS TO ALL VOLUNTEERS

We thank you all the volunteers who helped at the Festival of Nations. Your time, talent, support, and cooperation are appreciated very much. You have made the difference. You have entertained and enlightened thousands who were there. Many, many thanks again.

Neena Gada - General Chairperson  
Shanti Shah - Entertainment Chairperson  
Ranjan Patel - Children Entertainment Chairperson  
Stefan Peterson - Cafe-Food Bazaar Chairperson  
Godan Nambudiripad - Exhibit Chairperson

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### ALARMEL VALLI RETURNS TO TWIN CITIES

Natyakala Minnesota Society for South Asian Dance is sponsoring a BharataNatyam performance by the internationally acclaimed South Indian dancer, Alarmel Valli.

Time: May 18 and 20 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul Student Center, U of M  
For more info, call 927-7546 or 452-8629.

### THE INDIAN MUSIC SOCIETY OF MINNESOTA - MUSIC CONCERTS

- Karnatic vocal concert by T.K. Govindrao. Nagai Murlidharan - violin.  
Koiladi Madhawa Prasad - mridangam.

Time: 7:30 p.m., Friday, May 9, 1986  
Location: Hindu Mandir, 1835 Polk Street, N.E. Minneapolis

- Hindustani vocal concert by Pandit Rajan Mishra and Sajan Mishra.

Time: 7:00 p.m., Saturday, June 14, 1986  
Location: Landmark Center, Downtown St. Paul  
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### "THE HINDU" AND "INDIA NEWS" READING

You can read the current weekly editions of "The Hindu", an international edition, and of "India News" on each Sunday at the SILC School from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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India Club is grateful to the Indian Consulate General at Chicago for this weekly gift.

### "INDIA DAY WORKSHOP"

The Children's Home Society of Minnesota has planned a full day workshop on May 31, 1986 about India for the prospective parents adopting children from India. India Club members will participate in the following activities at the workshop:

Panel Discussion: Family Life in India  
Lunch: Indian Food Menu  
Demonstrations: Saree Wrapping, Mehndi and Bindi, Folk Dance

For more information call Mr. P.A. Arimilli - 770-1597.

### RANEE RAMASWAMY RETURNS

A noted Bharata Natyam dancer, Ranee Ramaswamy, gave an exciting performance at the St. Paul Student Center on April 5, 1986 at the season opening nite for the Indian Music Society of Minnesota.

Ranee has just returned from Madras, India after intensive Bharata Natyam training from well known dancers Alarmel Valli and Chamundeeswari. Ranee was a recipient of the apprenticeship grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. Ranee is an honorary dance instructor at SILC School. She also conducts private dancing classes.

### RANEE PERFORMANCE AT ORDWAY

Ranee will perform Bharata Natyam at the famous Ordway Studio Theatre, St. Paul on July 23 and 24, 1986 along with Cassandra, who will perform Egyptian dances.

For more details call Ranee at 894-9785.



## AAUW OBSERVES "INDIA"

The Minnesota Chapter of American Association of University Women (AAUW) saluted "India" on its international day observance on May 5, 1986. India Club volunteers were there to enlighten the audience of 300 women. Karuna Patel spoke about Indian women and life in India; Ranee Ramaswamy performed Bharata Natyam dance; costume demonstration depicting various parts of India was very colorful. Thanks to Bhawinder, Ayesha, Bhavani, Malathi, Preeti, Mona, Rohini, and Vicky for modeling. Our thanks to Usha Balkrishnan, Karuna Patel, and Anuradha Jha for organizing the presentation.

GUJARATI SAMAJ - 1st TALENT SHOW: Gujarati Samaj celebrated the first talent show on April 12, 1985. Young and adult artists entertained the audience with instrumental and vocal music, film favorites, dances, and poetry recital.

ODDISI DANCE: Madhulekha Das performed an Oddissi dance on March 15, 1986 at St. Paul Student Center. Her explanation of dance movement and rhythm added to the understanding of the dance. This free program was sponsored by Indo-American Association and India Club.

## MINNESOTA FOOD SHARE DRIVE

India Club is grateful to all individual donors and Indian communities in the Twin Cities for their contribution and support for such a worthwhile cause. Many thanks to Sudhansu Mishra and his program committee for their hard work. India Club was recognized by Honeywell as per the following article published in the "Circulator", a weekly Honeywell newsletter:

### **India Club donates food, cash**

The India Club, a Twin Cities organization, joined Honeywell in raising food and cash for the annual FoodShare Drive.

The club joined Honeywell partly in appreciation for a grant received from the Commercial Aviation Division (CAvD) in 1985 to hold an India Day celebration at the St. Paul Landmark Center.

"Helping Honeywell seemed an appropriate opportunity to express the club's appreciation and to take part in a worthy and important cause," said CAvD

Honeyweller Sudan Misra.

With the cooperation of Hindu Mandir, Geeta Ashram, School for Indian Languages and many individuals, the India Club raised a total of 480 pounds of food and \$85 in contributions.

Misra, along with Honeywellers Rakesh Agarwala, Corporate Information Management and Anoop Mathur, Technology Strategy Center, spent many hours collecting food, selling ice cream and promoting FoodShare within the Indian community.

- Hindu Mandir celebrated Ramnavmi on April 20, 1986.
- Mahavir Jayanti was celebrated on April 27, 1986 at Hindu Mandir.
- Telugu Association enjoyed their annual spring get together on April 5, 1986.

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### INDIA CLUB NEWS

New members: Congratulations and welcome to India Club. This is your organization. We invite you to participate in the Club activities. Let us hear from you. Come in at monthly meetings at the International Institute, 1694 Como Avenue, St. Paul.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, May 21, 1986, 7: 30 p.m.

Members and their support are the sustenance of any organization. We also appreciate your membership renewal. Please send your dues if you have not done so yet. Please talk to your friends about India Club activities, and help them to become a part of this cause: to strengthen the Indian heritage and culture.

We will try our best to keep you informed on a timely basis. Let us hear from you regarding any news, events, and comments which may be of interest to India Club and the community at-large in the Twin Cities.

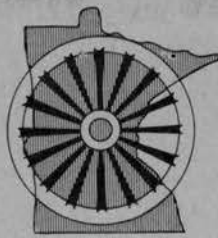
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### NEXT ISSUE-YOUTH EDUCATION

The next issue of India Club Newsletter will recognize the high school graduates and youths attending colleges. Please send information about your children, friends, or relatives. Community youth members will help to compile such data. If you are interested, call Lisa Gada @ 636-1075.

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## THE INDIA CLUB OF MINNESOTA

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends of India Club;

Greetings! I welcome the opportunity to contribute to the continued success of India Club in 1986. That the 1986 Board of Directors approach the year with enthusiasm is an understatement. The source of our enthusiasm is the support we are receiving from all sectors of the community. We are however, not without a certain degree of apprehension in view of the enormity of the challenges that face us.

India Club, under the able leadership of Mr. Zeke Zdenek, has re-established itself as a viable entity representing the Indian community at the Festival of Nations, celebrating India Day in the fall of each year and co-sponsoring a variety of cultural events. While staging these high visibility events established the awareness of the Club to the community at large, the grass roots formed through the efforts of dedicated individuals. India Club continues to provide assistance to groups such as the Indo-American Club, Children's Home Society, Parents of Indian Children, etc. and to interact with community leaders. That over 4000 people attended the India Festival at Landmark Center last fall is a tribute to the progress achieved by the Club and the results of cooperation between organizations such as the Indian Music Society. It is gratifying to watch a number of dedicated individuals discharge their self-imposed commitments in the spirit of camaraderie to promote the traditions and culture of the whole of India. I am convinced the spirit of ownership in the Club exhibited by these members is largely responsible for the success of the Club so far.

Early successes such as these lead to loftier goals. I am sure you will approve of the ambitious mission undertaken by the current Board of Directors. Plans for the coming year include 1) establishing closer working relationships with local organizations of Indian as well as non-Indian origin, state and local government agencies, educational institutions, etc; 2) building the resource collection of materials on India; 3) arranging visits to the Twin Cities by dignitaries; and 4) expanding the cultural activities list by considering participation in the State Fair, the Winter Carnival, the Aquatennial, etc.

In order to accomplish these goals we need a larger reservoir of volunteers. India Club is a collection of such volunteers with the common goal of serving the community at large. On behalf of India Club, I solicit active participation from every one of you by becoming a member and volunteering whatever time you can spare. The Festival of Nations is fast approaching and help is still needed at the food stall and in selling advance tickets. India Club receives percentage on each advance ticket sold.

As most of you know, the meetings of the Board of Directors of India Club are held the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm at the International Institute on Como Avenue in St. Paul. These meetings are open to everyone. Please drop in and participate. Your input and ideas are most important to the progress of India Club.

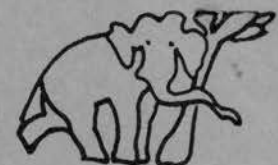
Sincerely,

P.A. Arimilli, President

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CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS NEWSLETTER ARE VERY WELCOME. PLEASE SEND ME YOUR NEWS AND I'LL INCLUDE IT (AND I'LL TRY NOT TO MAKE TOO MANY TYPOS) CARLA PRAKASH.  
679 N FREEWAY ROAD, MENDOTA HTS, MN 55118 452-8629.

## PAST PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:



Looking back at three years of facilitating the activities of India Club, it is easy to feel a certain sense of accomplishment as the Club now participates in a goodly number of civic and service projects in the community that bring Indians in the Twin Cities into contact with the larger community in a very positive way.

I feel a sense of gratitude to have been able to do a little management and facilitation and to have had the opportunity to work some really dedicated volunteers. The folks that have built India Club are the folks who, members or not, will put incredible amounts of effort into each of the projects that we have been involved in. Carla has limited me to 250 words, so I won't be able to mention everyone, but it is folks like the Gada's, Shanti and Stefan, Ramanik and Sushila, the Shenoi's, the Sathykumar's, the Mathur's, Kannankutty, the Seshadri's, the Bhatt's, the Iyer's, Ella, the Arimilli's, the Mustafi's, the Lahiri's, the Mangalick's, the Balakrishnan's and the many local businesses that have supported our programs that make India Club a success. These are the people who deserve the credit for the vitality of India Club and your support.

The future is even more bright. The 1986 Board and it's Executive Committee are a group of active, dedicated managers, ready to listen to and implement the ideas and wished of the community. I am sure you will be delighted with the 1986 activities.

How India Club develops is, in large part, up to you, the members of the community. Your ideas have to be presented before they can bear any fruit. India Club is YOUR forum and avenue to become active in the Indian, as well as the broader community. The benefits, in terms of your contacts, both personal and professional are great, and will become greater as the Club expands its activities. Therefore I urge you to become members, as well as become actively involved in India Club activities.

Best Regards,

Zeke Zdenek, Past-President

## MINNESOTA FOOD SHARE PROGRAM

The Food Share Program is in urgent need of food and cash donations. India Club is participating with Honeywell during March in the collection of non-perishable food items and cash donations. Honeywell will store and transport the item collected during this drive. So far SILC, Geeta Ashram and Hindu Mandir have agreed to be "collection" points for the boxes, boxes will also be available at any India Club events. On March 17 there will be a recognition dance at the Prom Center in St. Paul where India Club and any other donors will be given certificates of appreciation. Contribute generously and take pride in helping with community needs. For more information, call Sudhansu Misra- 631-9579 or Carla Prakash- 452-8629.

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## FATAL HEART ATTACK CLAIMS PHD CANDIDATE

Recently a fatal heart attack claimed the life of Sunderajan Ramamurthy, a PhD candidate in the Physics Department at the University of Minnesota. He was also the Past President of the University Tennis Club. Sunderajan was survived by his mother and brother, both in India.

The best in mankind came to the forefront on this tragedy. Members of the community and friends of the deceased all put in considerable effort and donations toward the disposition of the remains and settlement of debts. Raja Seshadri and an anonymous (by request) volunteer spent untold hours on the phone with local authorities, the Consulate in Chicago and with the family in India ensuring that the proper steps were taken in honor and dignity given the absence of local family members or written final instructions. Dr. Dixit performed the final ceremonies.

With no estate or instructions available, the community responded generously to an appeal for funds to defray expenses, with India Club offering to settle any claims forthwith and making up any shortfall. The generous donors were: Somasuderam, Sadagopal, Sadasivan, Dr. Premanand, Dr. Reddy, Dr. Naidu, Geetha Seshaiyar, Sivanesan, Dr. Dixit, S. Ramakrishnan, Ramadas, Venkat and Carla Prakash, P. Palaniswamy, Dr. Murthy (Sleepy Eye, MN), Dr. Athinarayan, T.V. Rao, Balasingham, Ramaswamy, Periakaruppan, Balu Iyer, Rajan Menon, Dr. Varadachari, Venkatasetty, R. Surianarayanan, Dhayalan Kumaraswamy, S. Ramachandran, Xavier Selvam, Ambrose Manning, S. Krishnan, V. Narayanan, Prakash Puram, Ganapathyswamy, Subramanian, Arokiaswamy, Godam Nambudripad, R. Sahyukumar, Shivaji, Sitaraman, Raja Seshadri and R. Kannankutty.

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### ADDENDUM: PREPARING FOR THE WORST

It seems worthwhile to comment on preparedness for such a tragedy, especially for the single members of the community who may not have family here to carry out their wishes should they become incapacitated for any reason. A contingent plan covering your wishes in the form of a legal document like a will, will assure that your wishes are carried out. To prepare these documents, plenty of help, much of it free, is available. The Legal Aid Society, for example, can help with a simple will. Life insurance agents are a fountain of information and can help with writing a small term insurance policy to cover any expenses.

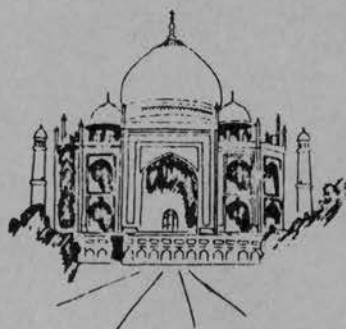
In those documents you can specify some good things, if you wish. Not that anyone would want my liver, but I am an organ donor, which is noted on my drivers license. Also, remains can be donated to the University Medical School with final disposition according to wishes.

From my experience there is one thing that is really important in case of death, and that is a final ceremony that allows those who know you to grieve and say a final goodbye. Your document should make provisions for such a ceremony.

Incapacitation or death are never easy subjects to address, but do keep in mind that you will help yourself and your friends and family by preparing. Even though one is healthy there are all kinds of things that can happen, from lab explosion to a car accident. We kill more people with cars in a year than the Irish kill with guns in a decade.

With best intentions,

Zeke



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(Frederick Asher is Professor of Art History at the University; Catherine Asher is a professor at Carleton College, Northfield)

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## INDIAN MUSIC SOCIETY

The Indian Music Society is planning a full season of music and dance performances. Details were not available in time for this newsletter but call for information, 379-1653.

## ODISSI PERFORMANCE

Indo-American Association in cooperation with India Club is presenting a FREE performance by Madhulekha Das on March 15 at 7pm at the St Paul Student Center on the St Paul campus of the Univ of Minn. Madhulekha Das has studied since the age of 5 under Guru Harekrishna Behera and has performed all over India and most recently at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis. For more info, 631-9579.

## ALARMEL VALLI RETURNS TO TWIN CITIES

Natyakala: Mn Society for South Asian Dance is sponsoring a Bharata Natyam performance by Alarmel Valli on May 18 and May 20, at 7pm at the St Paul Student Center on the St Paul campus of the Univ. of Minn. Tickets will be available from Dayton's a few weeks before the event. Her previous performances were to capacity crowds. For more info, 927-7546, or 452-8629.

## MN CONSORTIUM FOR SO. ASIAN STUDIES

Mar 18 12:15pm Rm 710 Social Science Tower  
Univ of Minnesota West Bank  
"Transcendence & Transformation in Samkhya  
Philosophy"- David Burke, Dept of South Asian  
Studies, Univ of Minn.

Apr 16 7pm Rm 306 Coffman Union  
Univ of Minnesota East Bank  
"Compact Discs: Utilizing New Technologies in  
South Asian Studies"-David Nelson, State Law Lib.

## TOYS FOR TOTS (IN INDIA)

Moved by the plight of children in hospitals in India who have very little in the way of toys, books or games to brighten their lives, Kashmira Irani has taken on the noble task of organizing the shipment of over 2000 lbs of toys and other items to the Cancer Institute in Bangalore and other institutions. She has collected these toys from the Marine Corp "Toys for Tots" program here and from individual donors. India Club is working with Kashmira on fund-raising to cover the shipping costs. Call 542-9299 for information.



# Film-Utsāv India



AAR PAAR, by Guru Dutt

Largest tour of Indian cinema ever organized....

Showings through April at the University of Minnesota and the Minneapolis Institute of Art

Call the U Film Society at 373-5381 for more information and group rates.

## CONTEMPORARY AND CLASSIC FILMS FROM INDIA

"Utsāv" is the Sanskrit word for festival or celebration; it is the cinema component of the widely publicized "Festival of India 1985-86," which is the biggest cultural blitz ever to hit the U.S.—an ambitious potpourri of the arts and cultures of India playing in 90 cities and 36 states and ranging from exhibits of sculpture, jewelry, calligraphy to dance, music, theater and film. Estimated total cost for the more than 500 events in this moveable feast, celebrating the 5,000-year legacy of the Indian sub-continent: \$15 million, with the U.S. putting up more than half. (*Time* and *Newsweek* carried major stories last fall.)

(The surprising thing is that the Twin Cities has not plugged into the riches the Festival has offered, except for the film portion, which will be shared by the Minneapolis Institute of Arts and the U Film Society.)

The planning began in 1982 when the late Prime Minister Indira Gandhi visited the U.S. The idea was to try to reach cities and towns across the U.S., not just the ethnic India populations of major cities, Americans who have only a passing acquaintance with the "real India"—tandoori chicken, the Nehru jacket, Masterpiece Theater and all those nasty upper-class Englishmen, the Oscared rendition of Gandhi.

The film tour is composed of two sections—a "Panorama" series of 19 major films comprising "India Cinema 1980-1985" and four big documentaries (the Nehru and Satyajit Ray profiles were included in the Dec. to Feb. flyer), and a "Profile" series, which spotlights the works of five directors considered important both to the development of Indian film from the Thirties on as well as artistically significant

in their own right. (V. Shantaram, a classic studio director of the '30s; Raj Kapoor and Guru Dutt, who represent "the golden age" of the Indian musical of the '40s and '50s right after Independence ('47); and Ritwik Ghatak and Mrinal Sen, who, like their better-known contemporary Satyajit Ray (*The Apu Trilogy*), brought to Indian films of the 1960's and '70s social and political concerns seldom found in the commercial Indian cinema.)

Because of intersecting programming among more than a dozen museums and film groups across the country, a sampling of "profiles" directors will be presented by UFS between Feb. and April. Their remaining works would be shown at June and July dates. (If you think you might be interested in any of the works of these "name" Indian directors, you should try to see one or two of their films when they are first shown in Feb. and Mar. You will then know if you want to see the rest later.)

India is the world's most prolific producer of feature films, as some filmgoers in the area may know, turning out some 800 titles a year. (The U.S. film industry—primarily Hollywood—racks up 250 a year by comparison.) Owing to the strong national character of Indian film, few of these reach the U.S. It is doubtful that even the knowledgeable reviewers in the Twin Cities press, let alone the faithful cinephile at the Uptown, Bell or Walker, could name more than one or two Indian directors on the shooting set today. For the ethnic Indian audience in the Twin Cities (estimated 5,000 population, many of them in highly skilled professions) it is a different matter; they are heavily into videocassette.

(Here is a chance, however, to see Indian "classics" in beautiful, new 35mm prints or re-see those famous films many left back home a decade or more ago. All films are subtitled in English, with original dialog intact.)

Film is by now the dominant art form of the 850 million people of India, evolving into a medium since its beginnings in 1913 (the almost-forgotten figure of D.G. Phalke, "the father of Indian film," set up the first studio), translating mythology, ritual, music and dance into the highly spirited and choreographed brew of Hindi (or all-India) films centered around Bombay. The power of film is enormous and filmgoers have been known to take off their shoes and prostrate themselves before their screen gods and goddesses. In the 24 states that make up the nation (16 languages, more than 1,500 dialects), movie stars more and more are becoming powers in politics (as in U.S.), regional filmmaking has been flourishing (there are "many Indias", so goes a cliché in the West).

*Film-Utsāv India* will be, thus, a window on a culture the realities of which Americans too long have ignored. The *Profiles* of five directors will introduce a more sober note to the traditional melodrama structure of Indian film. The *Panorama* series will reveal the most significant development in Indian cinema history, the emergence of what Indian critics themselves now call "the New Indian Cinema movement," stark and uncompromising visions of village and city life and new positions of women and minorities within the culture.—A.M.



### Bell Auditorium (Bell)

Auditorium located on main floor of James Ford Bell Museum of natural History, corner of 17th Ave. & Univ. SE, on U of M East Bank campus (kay-corner from Newman Center). Parking in 4th St. SE lots, one block north of auditorium or in Nolte Underground Garage beneath auditorium.

## Raj Kapoor

The key link between the unsophisticated, glossy formula films of the Bombay industry (girls running through tree-tops singing away) and the serious work of the New Indian Cinema is director, actor, producer, writer Raj Kapoor, who ushered in what critics have come to call "the golden age" of Indian cinema of the '50s and '60s. His own screen persona, introduced in *Awara* was a variation on the Chaplin tramp, a quick-witted simpleton, the criminal with a heart of gold. Kapoor was the Indian alter-ego of Busby Berkeley, Frank Capra and Chaplin all rolled into one and most famous member of the family that has dominated Indian show business for almost 50 years. (They are known as the Barrymores of India.) His films are deeply felt and "populist" protagonists in his tales of village and city poor are often the luckless poor.

Sat., Feb. 22 2:00 p.m.

### Shree 420 (Mr. 420) Bell

A mixture of high jinks and social conscience that proved a triumph in socialist countries (one of the songs brought down the house from Russia to the Fiji Islands, "My Shoes Are Made in Japan, but My Heart Was Made in India"). An honest country boy comes to Bombay in search of work and quickly discovers that honesty is not much of an asset in the big city. Raju (in the first half) is decidedly the Chaplinesque tramp underdog; in the second half he encounters the jolly have-nots, out of Capra's 30's social comedies.

India 1955/dir. Raj Kapoor; script by A.K. Abbas, b&w, 170 min., in Hindi (Eng. subtitles)

Sun., Feb. 23 2:00 p.m.

### Awaara (The Vagabond) Bell

This is the Raj Kapoor classic that made his name a household word across Asia, the Middle East and Russia. Kapoor stars as the abandoned son of a wealthy Bombay magnate (played by his father Prithviraj Kapoor). He grows up a low-life and thief, but learns the circumstances of his birth when he falls in love with his father's ward (the beautiful and earthy Nargis).

India 1951/dir. prod. Raj Kapoor; written by A.K. Abbas, music by Ravi Shankar, in Hindi, Eng. subtitles, 175 min. b&w

### West Bank Showings (Willey & WBPH)

Special programs, long runs are presented at two theaters located in Willey Hall (U of M West Bank campus, next to the Law School and one block east of 7 Corner business area): Willey Hall 125 on main floor, remodeled West Bank Program Hall (WBPH) on ground floor, east end. Parking in Law School lots.

## Ritwik Ghatak

Ritwik Ghatak (1924-1975) with only eight films exerted a profound influence on the contemporary Indian cinema. A native of East Bengal, Ghatak was shattered by the partition of that "orphan state" after the Hindu-Muslim riots of 1947 into the creation of Bangladesh in 1972. His films reflect the personal urgency of refugees whose lives and culture are forever ruptured. During his tenure at the National Film School at Pune he became "spiritual father" to leading talents of the "New Indian Cinema" (see *Tarang*). Steeped in the rich Bengali culture, Ghatak's work attempts a fusion of epic and archetype (the Mother image as a destructive and regenerative force), Jung and Marx.

Sat., Mar. 8 3:00 p.m.

### Fire (Aag) Bell

Kapoor's feature debut, right after Partition, was seen as a breath of fresh air to Indian cinema. The 24-year-old director borrowed heavily from *Citizen Kane* and German Expressionism to etch a brooding melodrama of a theatrical producer who meets a woman off the street. Stars Kapoor and the seductive Nargis (the two of them became the Garbo and Gilbert of the Indian screen, commented critic Elliott Stein.) 1948, b&w, 133 min.

Sun., Mar. 9 1 p.m.

### The Mechanical Man (Ajantrik) Bell

Ghatak's best known film and one of the seminal works in the development of modern Indian cinema, this is the ironic story of a taxi-driver whose greatest friend is his vintage taxi; a comedy about obsession. 1958, b&w, 102 min.

E-Flat (Komal Gandar) 3:00 p.m.

Based on incidents from Ghatak's early life, when he travelled small villages doing plays, *Komal Gandar* tells the story of a young man whose mission in life is to reach people through his "People's Theater Group." Film crystallizes many of Ghatak's preoccupations: the fate of an exile (from Bangladesh), the meaning of patriotism in a partitioned country, experiments with sound and image. 1961, b&w, 110 min. (see also Ghatak screenings Sun., Mar. 23)



Sat., Mar. 22 2:00 p.m.

### Stay Awake (Jagte Rabo) Bell

The populist Kapoor plays a down-at-the-heels country yokel desperately searching for a drink of water in the fashionable Chowringhee district of Calcutta. This is the first Indian film to win a prize at an international film festival (Karlovy Vary, Czech.) after its first unsuccessful release at home. It often crops up on Indian critics' 10-best lists. 1957, b&w, 143 min.

Sun., Mar. 23 1:00 p.m.

### Reason, Debate and a Tale Ghatak Bell

Ghatak's last completed feature and highly autobiographical, Ghatak stars as an alcoholic intellectual in the Bengali '70s scene, caught up in militant movements and the 1972 Bangladesh liberation (from E. Pakistan). Remarkable performances highlight Ghatak's own personal story with his estranged wife. 1974, b&w, 123 min.

### The Runaway (Bari Theke Paliye) 3:15 p.m.

Ten-year-old boy from a village runs away from the cruelty of his father and is befriended in Calcutta by a street peddler, once a school teacher. Eventually, the boy returns and tells his father what city life is really like. Ghatak, 1959, b&w, 123 min.

Sat., March 29 3:00 p.m.

### Boot Polish Kapoor Bell

Kapoor teamed up with "leftist" writer A.K. Abbas to pen and direct one of the great tear-jerkers of all time ("Right up there with *Stella Dallas* and *Les Misérables*" - Stein) in a story of a destitute brother and sister and an eccentric bootlegger, played by the late Jewish character actor from India, David Abraham. Film was patterned after DeSica's Italian masterpiece, *Sboeshine*; set in Bombay. "Seven-year-old Baby Naaz and Ratan Kumar are remarkable as the slum kids" - Stein. 1954, b&w, 131 min.





# Film-Utsāv India



Superstar Smita Patil, *Tarang*

Sat., Apr. 5

7:30 p.m.

## Wages and Profits

(*Tarang*)

Bell

Described as kind of an Indian "Diary of a Chambermaid," this story of two women (widely diverging in class background) in the household of an industrial tycoon is a multi-levelled exploration of Indian epic and archetype story-telling form, from myth in the *Vedas* to power struggles of the *Mahabharata*, by visionary poet/director Kumar Shahani, who is considered the heir and disciple of Ritwik Ghatak. (Shahani, 45, spent the late '60s studying film in France and as an assistant to Robert Bresson). Amol Pelekar, Smita Patil and Girish Karnad star in the film. 1985, color, 171 min.

Sun., Apr. 6

5:00 p.m.

## Holi (Festival of Fire)

Bell

The Indian festival of fire, *Holi*, the traditional spring holiday involving ritual sacrifice for good crops, gets turned on its head when a student rebellion breaks out in an overcrowded high school during a tour by a visiting administrator. Director Ketan Mehta (his Brechtian *Bhuvan* *Bhavan* was seen here in our '81 India season) borrows from some of his European mentors (Godard in particular) in this psychological probe of contemporary Indian youth. (Film contains only 40 shots) 1984, color, 120 min. (Director expected for screening).

Sun., Apr. 6

7:30 p.m.

## Ardh Satya (Half-Truth)

Bell

Police corruption has moved to the fore and out of the closet as a taboo subject in India. This daring film by Govind Nihalani, a Mpls. visitor with his *Aakrosh* in 1981, bears a superficial resemblance to *Dirty Harry*. Om Puri stars as the idealistic policeman driven to take revenge when corruption infiltrates the force. Film took top Hindi feature award, 1984, and was called by many Indian critics "most provocative political film" of that year. 1984, color, 130 min.

Tues., Apr. 8

7:30 p.m.

## Arth (The Meaning)

Bell

India's *Unmarried Woman*, *Arth* is the story of an actress (Smita Patil) who runs off with a film business executive to his beachhouse near Bombay. Film was seen as a sign of the once-pot-boiler Indian cinema coming up with "mature adult drama," which means subverting the mainstream (the "Bachchan" formula, after India's derring-do male star) cinema in favor of re-defining the role of women in society. (Kissing is even no longer taboo!) The fetching Shabana Azmi is the "wronged woman" in the triangle and Kulbhushan Kharbanda is the owner of the bed. Directed by Mahesh Bhatt. 1983, color, 140 min.

Sun., Apr. 13

5:30, 9:30 p.m.

## 36 Chowringhee Lane

Bell

An Anglo-Indian spinster (the late Jennifer Kendall and wife of Shashi Kapoor) teaches Shakespeare in a Calcutta girls school. One of her pupils, in love with a handsome young poet, needs a trysting place; she offers them her apartment in this "Checkohivan" love story. First feature by rising director Aparna Sen, daughter of one of Calcutta's leading critics, Chinandra Das-Gupta. (Film has been selling out wherever shown, said tour organizers, meaning New York and L.A., but Minneapolis? We'll see.) 1981, color, 113 min.

Sun., Apr. 13

7:30 p.m.

## Umbarcha (The Theshhold)

Bell

Sociologist (Smita Patil) takes over a rescue center for battered women, partly to escape her stifling marriage to an upper-class lawyer (Girish Karnad). The Marathi pediatrician-turned-film director, Jabbar Patel, and Ms. Patil took national honors for the best Marathi film of the year, which coincided with a burgeoning movement for women's liberation. 1982, color, 120 min.

## Film-Utsāv India

*Film-Utsāv India*, under the auspices of the Festival of India 1985-86, has been organized in the United States by the UCLA Film, Television and Radio Archives with the special assistance of the Department of Film of The Museum of Modern Art, New York. In India, the project has been coordinated by the National Film Development Corporation, Bombay; the Directorate of Film Festivals, New Delhi; and the National Film Archive of India, Pune.

*Film-Utsāv India* is organized in the United States by Geoffrey Gilmore, Director of Programming at the UCLA Film, Television and Radio Archives, with the special assistance of Adrienne Mancía, Curator, Film Exhibitions, Department of Film, The Museum of Modern Art, New York.

*Film-Utsāv, India* is made possible through generous grants from the Ford Foundation, the Government of India, the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Indo-US Subcommission on Education and Culture, the Smithsonian Institution Special Foreign Currency Program and Air India.

Sun., Apr. 20

7:00 p.m.

## A Summons for Joshi

(*Mohan Joshi Hazi Ho*)

Bell

A retired government clerk living in a dilapidated old part of Bombay decides to do battle for human dignity and against old sewer pipes in this political satire by Saeed Mirza, one of India's brightest new directors, whose *What Makes Albert Pinto Angry* was enthusiastically received at our '81 retro. Mirza's new "angry" film questions the Indian legal system as well as the housing system in its probe of justice for the common Indian man and woman. 1984, color, 130 min.

Sun., Apr. 20

9:15 p.m.

## Face to Face

(*Mukhamukham*)

Bell

A revolutionary leader in a small town in the south India state of Kerala (the one ruled by the Communist Party) goes underground after a strike and returns 10 years later to discover a rival faction using the memory of his name for its own political power. (Film recalls the '55-'65 decade and party schisms in Kerala). Director Adoor Gopalakrishnan is one of south India's most original directors and a leader in the regional cinema movement in India. 1984, color, 107 min.

Tues., Apr. 22

7:30 p.m.

## The Silent Storm

(*Neeraba Jhada*)

Willey

Shades of Minn. farm struggles, the two last members of a group of uprooted peasants in Orissa state (East India) try to keep the family plot from the landlord at the same time they face worries about their respective daughters of marriageable age. The plight of rural India amid obsolete feudal laws going back generations unfolds in this neorealist drama of survival. 2d feature of Manmohan Mahapatra won national award for best film and best photography of the year in Oriya state. 1984, b&w, 120 min.



# FESTIVAL OF INDIA FILMS—SCHEDULE

Minneapolis Institute of Arts *Pillsbury Auditorium*

University Film Society *Bell Museum*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Director</i>	<i>Time, Location</i>
Sat., Feb. 22	MR. 420	Raj Kapoor	2 pm, UFS, Bell
Sun., Feb. 23	AWARA	Raj Kapoor	2 pm, UFS, Bell
Sun., March 2	MAHATMA: THE LIFE OF GANDHI	V.K. Jhaveri	4 pm, MIA, Pillsbury
Sat., March 8	FIRE	Raj Kapoor	3 pm, UFS, Bell
Sun., March 9	AJANTRIK	Ritwik Ghatak	1 pm, UFS, Bell
Sun., March 9	E - FLAT (Komal Gandar)	Ritwik Ghatak	3p.m. Bell
Sat. & Sun., March 15 & 16	THE MIND OF CLAY	Mani Kaul	2 pm, MIA, Pillsbury
Sat., March 22	STAY AWAKE	Raj Kapoor	2 pm, UFS, Bell
Sun., March 23	REASON, DEBATE, TALE	Ritwik Ghatak	1 pm, UFS, Bell
Sun., March 23	THE RUNAWAY	Ritwik Ghatak	3:10 pm, UFS, Bell
Sat., March 29	BOOT POLISH	Raj Kapoor	3 pm, UFS, Bell
Tues. & Wed., April 1 & 2	THAGAYYA	S. Lakshminarayana	8 pm, MIA, Pillsbury
Sat., April 5	TARANG	Kumar Shahani	7:30 pm, UFS, Bell
Sun., April 6	HOLI	Kethan Mehta	5 pm, UFS, Bell
Sun., April 6	HALF-TRUTH	Govind Nihalani	7:30 pm, UFS, Bell
Tues., April 9	ARTH	Mahesh Bhatt	7:30 pm, UFS, Bell
Fri. & Sat., April 11 & 12	MAYA MIRIGA (The Mirage)	Nirad Mohapatra	8 pm, MIA, Pillsbury
Sun., April 13	36 CHOWRINGHEE LANE	Aparna Sen	5:30 & 9:30 pm, UFS, Bell
Sun., April 13	THE THRESHOLD	Dr. Jabbar Patel	7:30 pm, UFS, Bell
Tues. & Wed., April 15 & 16	ADI SHANKARA (The Philosopher)	G. V. Iyer	8 pm, MIA, Pillsbury
Sun., April 20	SUMMONS FOR JOSHI	Saeed Akter Mirza	7pm, UFS, Bell
Sun., April 20	FACE TO FACE	A. Gopalakrishnan	9:15 pm, UFS, Bell
Tues., April 22	THE SILENT STORM	M. Mohapatra	7:30 pm, UFS, Bell
Fri. & Sat., April 25 & 26	PHANIYAMMA	Prema Karanth	8 pm, MIA, Pillsbury
Tues. & Wed., April 29 & 30	PHATIK CHAND (Phatik & the Jugglers)	Sandip Ray	8 pm, MIA, Pillsbury

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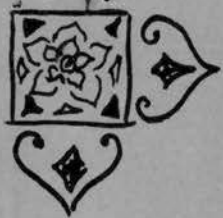
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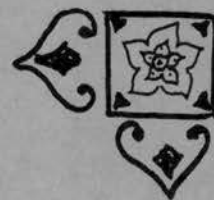
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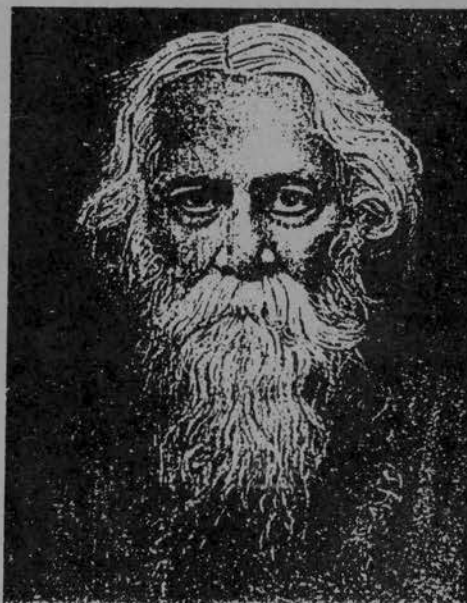




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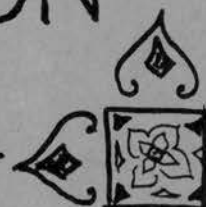
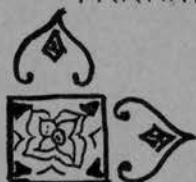
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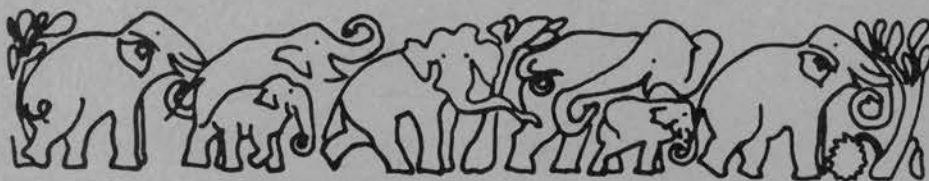
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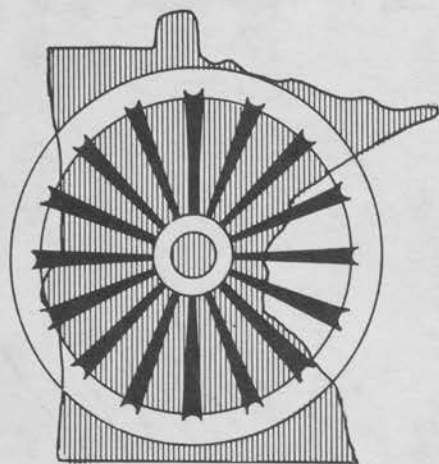


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## President's message

As we are midway through our third year of revitalization,perhaps it is timely to describe what the INDIA CLUB is and more importantly what it is not.

There are several fine religious,cultural and linguistic organizations that can meet your internal needs for a tie to the motherland-a little piece of the Old Country-as my immigrant grandparents would have put it. We are not such an organization.

The main thrust of the India Club is external in nature so that we can be involved in the mainstream. All the better to introduce ourselves to America and Americans to India. We have only two regular functions during the year. Both the Festival of Nations,and India Day are intended to present a small slice of our culture to our countrymen of different national origins.

We are in the process of adding more such activities,for example building up a resource center for teaching aids,participation in other community events such as Aquatennial, and a continuing interest in cooperating with the civic mainstream of Minnesota.

Scholarship,in the bilateral sense,is a cornerstone of our charter.The club hopes to be able to help bright students without minimum means obtain a fitting education, whether it be the American wishing to study in India or whether it is one of our own progeny in the years to come when our socioeconomic profile more nearly approximates that of the community in general.



Let's look at what we are not. The Indian Music Society and Natyakala can produce and stage music and dance in superlative fashion. While we can act as a forum for several groups to undertake a performance of enormous scale, we are not a producer of cultural events.


We are not a religious organization. Again, there are several that do an outstanding job. Nor are we a school. SILC and other avenues of instruction in the language and arts of India are available to you.

Is it important to have that interface to the community of the United States? Ask a Jew that survived the Holocaust. Ask an Indian whose family had resided in Africa for generations. You will get from your own self the answer to the above question.

Is it important to be in the mainstream? Ask your children, if they are in their early teens or are older, what their nationality is.

Won't you join us? We can offer you an avenue to expand your horizons and some hard work with an outstanding cross section of colleagues.

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Zeke Zdenek, President

## EDITOR'S COLUMN

In the above column, Zeke Zdenek has given a brief description of what INDIA CLUB is and what it is not. To elaborate on the purpose of the India Club, an essential part of the Long Range Goals and Planning Committee's report that was approved by the Board of Directors last year is given below:

I would like you to read this report and if you have any comments on these goals or the way the Club has operated, let us hear from you- I would even consider publication of the comments in the Newsletter. If you approve them, please show your approval by becoming an active member of the Club. Dues are \$ 10.00 per family and \$ 5.00 for individuals. A Membership Application/ Directory Information Form is attached herein. We need your active voluntary participation and also your membership dues for carrying out these goals of the Club;

### 1. STUDENT AID PROGRAM

- 1.1 Financial Aid: Direct loans or co-signature for loans from commercial and/or charitable organizations.
- 1.2 Student Host and Exchange Program: Host for students from India; Exchange of students between families in India and Minnesota.

### 2. NETWORK OF INTERACTION & INTERFACE

- 2.1 Develop a data base of all members- name, address, phone number, name and age of children. Publish a Telephone Directory. Mailing List for the Newsletter.
- 2.2 Develop a data base of professional expertise: name, address, business phone, professional expertise, availability and interest to provide voluntary and paid services. Publish a Professional Directory-Who's Who among Indians in Minnesota- to promote interaction.
- 2.3 Develop interface between the whole Indian community and the rest of the society, through the Institute - as the official representative organization of all Indians. Establish liaison with other ethnic groups on issues of common interest

- 2.4 Develop and maintain closer interaction with Asian Indian community organizations in other parts of US

### 3. COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

- 3.1 Community Resource Center. Media Resources and museum, library.
- 3.2 Co-operation and co-sponsorship of cultural and social activities with other organizations

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## FESTIVAL OF NATIONS

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This year, the Festival of Nations will be held on May 3-5, 1985 at the St. Paul Civic Center and INDIA CLUB will participate in several activities during these three days along with more than 100 other ethnic organizations that represent countries from all over the world. This Festival has become well-known in all parts of USA and draws a large number of tourists and visitors who wish to attend this unique event for celebration of the ethnic heritage of people who have immigrated and settled in this land.

The India Club will run a food booth featuring chicken curry, pilaf rice, naan, pakodas and mango milk shake. This year, Stefan Peterson is the general manager for this operation and he would certainly appreciate if members of the Indian community would volunteer to help in the preparation and selling the food on 4-6 hour shifts. Please call him on 894-1273.

Neena Gada (636-1075), Preethi Mathur (483-0793) Shanti Shah (894-1273) and Ranjan Patel (770-3155) will be working long hours in the next two weeks on such other arrangements as the art exhibits, rangoli demonstration, sari draping fashion show, dance by SILC students as well as classical dances by students of Rane Ramaswamy. All members of the community are requested to buy the tickets in advance from any of the above persons or the Directors of the Board only-as sale of tickets by the Club generates a small amount of revenue for the Club. Names and phone numbers of Directors are given elsewhere in this Newsletter.

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## FESTIVAL OF INDIA

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When the late Prime Minister of India, Indira Gandhi visited USA in 1982, the governments of the two countries agreed to designate an 18-month period beginning in mid-1985 as the Festival of India in the United States. All activities to be held in this country are being coordinated by the Indo-US Subcommission on Education and Culture-American Secretariat, 280, Madison Ave., Room 1202, NEW YORK, NY 10016

To give you some idea about these activities let me quote from the April 1985 issue of the National Geographic Magazine. In May the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. will open an exhibition, "The Sculpture of India: 3000 B.C-1300 A.D." This event will lead off an 18-month Festival of India in the United States, perhaps the largest program of its kind ever. The festival will bring art, music, drama, dance, film, and crafts to scores of institutions in this country, including New York's Metropolitan Museum and Lincoln Center, Washington's Smithsonian Institution and Kennedy Center, the Cleveland Museum of Art, and the Asian Art Museum of San Francisco.....



The festival will also bring to this country 150 scholars and academicians, 40 films, displays of modern scientific achievements, living folk arts, puppeteers, magicians, displays of village life-all to depict the variety and richness of modern India

The India Club and the Indian Music Society of Minnesota have been working together to collect as much information as possible about the details of these activities in order to arrange some of them in the Twin Cities. Though our plans are still sketchy, we have been able to reserve the Landmark Center, St. Paul on September 8, 1985 for organizing some program of a concert, exhibit and food. The India Club is also planning to celebrate the annual India Day during the same weekend. Please make a note of these dates in your calendar. If members of the community come to know of activity being organized by government or civic agencies and public institutions in this area or have any useful information to pass along, please call Raja Seshadri (379-1653) or Zeke (631-3663) so that all activities of the Festival of India are well coordinated and well organized.

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#### MEETINGS OF INDIA CLUB

The India Club meets third Wednesday of each month at the International Institute, 1694 Como Ave, St. Paul (opposite State Fair Ground gates) at 7.30 P.M. e.g April 17, May 15 and June 19, 85 are the dates for the next three meetings. The schedule for the summer months of July and August are a bit flexible but from September we will go back to the third Wednesdays.

You are welcome to attend all the meetings and get involved in the Club activities. Become a member and join hands with other members in revitalizing the India Club. Its future and your interests are tied together.

#### Wanted

A hard-working, intelligent, good-looking, young person to draw beautiful pictures and graphics images for the remaining three issues of the News letter. Satisfaction guaranteed. Write to: India Club, 1694 Como Ave. ST. PAUL 55108.

## NEWS ITEMS

**AN EXHIBITION CRICKET MATCH ON JULY 4,85** will be held in the Twin Cities between a contingent of past and present Test cricketeers led by Sunil Gavaskar against Minnesota Cricket Association XI. The Indian Team will include S.Gavaskar,R.Binny, A.Gaekwad,M.Azahrudin,Bharat Reddy,Jaisimha and a few more. For details, contact Pranab Lahiri (432-8829),Kalyan Mustaphi(537-8291),Santanu Kar (331-8334) and Charles Dutchin(789-4042) a few days before the match.

**"MANIFESTATIONS OF SHIVA"**-A film photographed primarily in Southern India,which 'subtly reveals the ancient Indian view of the nature of reality' will be shown at the Orpheum Theater,St.Paul on April 28 at 4.00 PM only and at the Bell Museum Auditorium,Minneapolis campus on April 29 at 7.00 PM only. For information,call 373-5397.

Bengali Community has announced the following events for 85:

Spring Festival May 11,contact Niteen Bhattacharya 420-3138

Annual Picnic Aug.3, contact Rita Mustaphi, 537-8291

Durga Puja Oct.19,contact Pranab Lahiri 432-8829

Bijoya Festival Nov.9,contact Ila Nath 546-8968

We would like to publish an updated information on the religious,cultural and social associations serving the community-as published in the July 84 issue of the Newsletter. Officers of these associations are requested to send such information to the India Club,Newsletter Editor,International Institute,1694,Como Ave. St.Paul,55108



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/DIRECTORY INFORMATION

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP ☐ \$5.00      FAMILY ☐ \$10.00      COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY STUDENT ☐ GRATIS

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PLEASE RETURN TO: THE INDIA CLUB, 1694 COMO AVENUE, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA 55108



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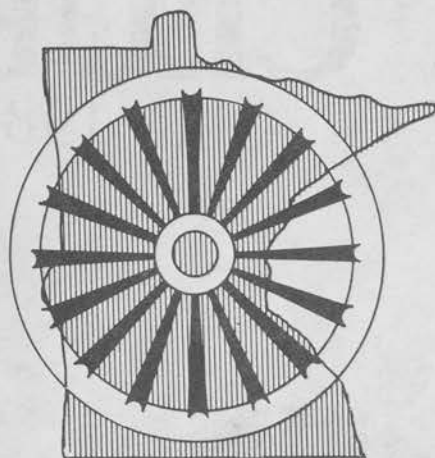
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## President's message

As my term as President of the India Club comes to an end, it is gratifying to look back at the last two years' progress and look forward to the future. The events of the last two years are well enough known, ranging from India Day, to getting interviews with our congressional delegation for voicing our opinion on the Simpson-Mazzoli Bill. Some activities have been of a service nature and some of a cultural nature. Like any other group, we have sometimes veered away from our main mission of being a service organization and of developing a scholarship fund. Two years ago our treasury had only a meager operating capital. Now there are enough funds to think about isolating the scholarship funds and starting to invest those funds. Our membership, which we have not pressed actively, approaches 75 or so families, and that I hope will rise more rapidly in the future.

It has been a privilege for me to serve the last two years. All the activities of the club, from their conception through execution, are the direct results of the efforts of some very talented people that have worked hard to serve both the Indian community and the broader community of our city, state, and nation. My own role in these activities was minor compared to theirs. If I were to thank each of those that contributed so much here, this newsletter would need another ten pages. Those same people will continue to serve and a few bright young people are joining to bring new viewpoints and talents to the club.

Now, I'd like to look to the future and your involvement in the club. First, this is an outward looking service club. We are not here to sponsor professional music and dance. Events have proved that the Indian Music Society is very accomplished at such cultural events and our role should be only supportive. More recently a new association, Natyakala, has also made its mark to foster South Asian dance. Social events are ably handled by each of several clubs and our role there should also be only supportive.

The India Club can best serve by hewing closely to our published long range goals of educational funding by scholarships; interfacing with the broader community to present Indians as Americans, and India as a fellow democracy, not an adversary; and to share that rich 5000 or more years of heritage with our neighbors of other heritages.

Now the avenue to those ends is involvement-your involvement. As one of the board members put it, "Let's not become an old boys club, let's have new blood and youth in the club to direct it!" It's good advice, and the broader the base of activities, the broader and more complete the abilities of the club.

The club works by consensus and your consensus counts!

Let's put some numbers to that concept of volunteerism. Let's say that each of the two thousand families here adds an hour of work for the community each week for each member of the family. How many manhours is that? Let's also say that each member of those families puts away the price of a coke each day for community service. How much would that total in a year? Would the combination of the manhours and the funds bring within reach some of the projects you hold dear?

As the new board takes over, I am looking forward to you becoming an active member of the club, with its modest dues of \$10.00 per family, \$5.00 per individual, gratis to students, and contributing your talents to the club and the community.

Thank you for the last two years.

Zeke

## ANNUAL MEETING-DEC 19

The India Club meets every third Wednesday at the International Institute, 1694 Como Avenue at 7:30 p.m. You are welcome to attend every meeting! The December meeting is our annual meeting to elect a new board, and it is particularly important for a good turnout. The agenda for December is:

**Annual Elections:** India Club elections function on a committee basis. In October, a nominating committee, under the chairmanship of Ram Gada is selected to gather and present 21 names of prospective board members to the November meeting. As wide a representation as possible is selected. The candidates for the board as presented at the November meeting are:

Rakesh Agarwal	631-2334	Stefan Peterson	894-1273
Ella Baldwin	927-7546	Carla Prakash	452-8629
Vijay Balakrishnan	644-8940	K. Ramakrishnan	379-1653
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All the candidates were asked if they were willing to serve prior to being placed on the slate.

There are two opportunities to add names to this slate. First at the November meeting, and again at the December meeting. If no names are added, the slate is voted on as it stands. If names are added, then a secret ballot is used at the December meeting to elect the 21 members of the board recommended by the bylaws.

Once elected, the board selects its own executive. The incumbent vice president is usually asked to assume the presidency.

With the start of the new year, the various committees welcome new input, and new members. Committee chairpersons do not have to be on the board and anybody is welcome to serve and have a say in the destiny of the club. Some of the committees are long range planning, program, scholarship fund, membership, publicity and publications.

There is ample scope for you to put in a little time on a special skill you have which could benefit the club and the community. Some of the areas that need manpower and skill are: database and mailing management; special event management; graphics; newsletter publishing; event publicity; presentation of the culture and heritage of India to schools, churches, and adoption agencies; scholarship program.

Come to the meeting. You might end up giving a change to your dormant talents.

The agenda for the December meeting also includes allocation of funds for the resource center and selection of the chairperson for 1985 Festival of Nations program.

Schedule of upcoming meetings of 1985: January 16, February 20, March 20, April 17, May 15; summer schedule to be determined.

## CLUB ACTIVITIES

**PANIGRAHI PRESENTS ODISSI DANCE:** On October 7, 1984, Mrs. Sanjukta Panigrahi and troupe presented a well-received performance of Odissi Dance at the St. Anthony High School.

With an attendance of over 250, the program was an artistic success, with Mrs. Panigrahi exhibiting the skill and finesse that has earned her and her troupe world renown in this classical dance form. S.K. Dash acted as manager of the event.

The Indian Music Society and the India Club, with the support of other clubs, cooperated in the sponsorship of this program.



**SECOND ANNUAL INDIA DAY:** Under the management of Shanti Shah, the second annual India Day, at the St. Anthony High School on October 13, 1984 was a rousing success, with nearly 400 adults and children in attendance for the afternoon. A stage show, organized by Vijay Balakrishnan, included a wide variety of music and dance to the delight of the audience. Among the exhibits, an India information booth organized by Padu Arimilli featured an outstanding computer quiz about India, programmed by Godam Nambudripad's son. Neena Gada's sari wrapping booth, and Rajan Patel's and Neena's hand and face painting booth proved popular among our guests. Preeti Mathur coordinated the exhibition with the theme "Cuisine of India." An outstanding menu was provided by Suman Sheno, Asha Nath, Bash Singh, and several others much to the delight of the trenchermen in the crowd.

**INDIAN COMMUNITY SPONSORS GANDHI MEMORIAL:** A remembrance evening in honor of the late Mrs. Indira Gandhi was held at the International Institute on Sunday, November 18, 1984. Friends of the community who spoke in honor of Mrs. Gandhi were Marlene Johnson, the lieutenant governor of Minnesota, John Derus of the Hennepin County Board and a former Peace Corps volunteer in Haryana, Dr. Paul Singh, an elder of the Sikh community, Dr. Rao, Anita Raturi, Preeti Mathur, Sabir Hasan, and Dr. Raj Dutt. The central theme by all the speakers was that of conciliation and responsibility to the democracy in India.

The people of India are struggling to overcome the shock of the death of Mrs. Gandhi and of the innocent people that followed. And now the tragedy at Bhopal stares at us. Nothing can redeem the lives that were lost and suffering that was borne. But one could look to the future with courage to overcome the obstacles.

If you have plans to assist the bereaved families, we recommend you approach the following agencies. India Abroad Foundation, 43 W. 29th St., New York, NY 10010; CARE, 600 1st Ave., New York, NY 10016; SAVE THE CHILDREN, 54 Wilton Rd., Westport, CT 06880. If you decide to send money to these agencies, please mark your check with "For India."

**RESOURCE CENTER IN INCEPTION:** Sushila Shah has undertaken to compile a library of slides, printed matter, and other audio visual aids that will be available to the community for presentations before schools, churches, and other groups on the various aspects of the culture and land of India. Donations in kind are actively being solicited. If you have slides or other materials that you are willing to donate or lend for copying, please contact Sushila at 636-9833.

## Radio Programme in Hindi and Urdu

On November 5, WMIN at 1010 AM dial started a radio broadcast for the Indian and Pakistani communities in Minnesota and western Wisconsin. Hosted by Sabir Hasan, who hails from Eau Claire, the program airs from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday afternoons. The program features community and social news, film music, light music, and news from the subcontinent. Mr. Hasan also coordinates the production of the program.

Requests and suggestions for programming are most welcome. Tune in and send your comments to Mr. Sabir Hasan, 130 Princeton Dr., Elk Mound, WI 54739; (715) 879-5240.

This program is sponsored by individual subscribers at a cost of \$12.00 per family for six months. The entire membership fee goes to pay for the \$135/hour cost of air time. If you can support the radio program, please contact Anu Zdenek (631-3663), Sushila Shah (636-9833), or Mr. Hasan.

## THE INDIAN MUSIC SOCIETY OF MINNESOTA

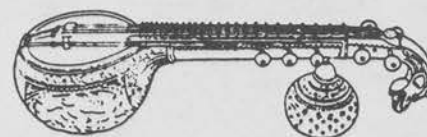
WELCOMES YOU TO JOIN THE JOURNEY INTO THE WORLD OF CLASSICAL DANCE AND MUSIC.

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MEMBERS HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF DISCOUNTED ADMISSION TO PERFORMANCES. THE DISCOUNT WILL MORE THAN PAY BACK YOUR DUES, WHICH IS \$40 FOR FAMILIES, AND \$25 FOR INDIVIDUALS.

CALL PRABHAKAR SHENOY AT 636-0523 OR SEND YOUR MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTION TO HIM AT 521 DRIFTWOOD CIRCLE, NEW BRIGHTON, MN 55112.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO ANYONE FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: RAJA SESHADRI (379-1653); DINNAG MEHTA (439-5700); ARUNKUMAR KAMBAMPATHI, PHILIP REGAL, AND PRABHAKAR SHENOY.



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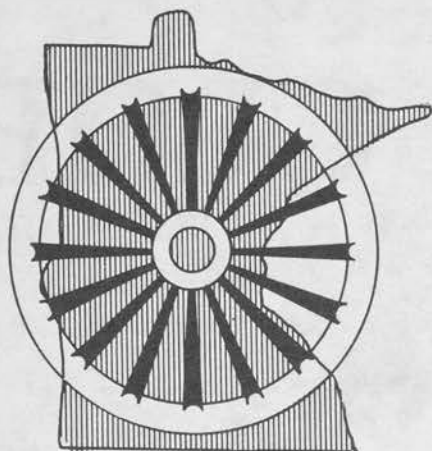


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The renowned Bharata Natyam  
dancer returns to Minnesota  
for concerts, lectures and classes  
during a period of residency,  
September 17-30

## President's message

It is not much more than a year since a few members got together to revitalize the India Club. In this short period of time the club has attracted several energetic members and has organized programs and initiated projects which indeed should guarantee continued vitality. Our long range plan is in place which includes a scholarship fund, a resource center, a directory (with a special section of businessmen, professionals and artists). The underlying theme is to provide a means whereby several segments of our Indian Community can join together for a specific project that no one segment can accomplish on its own.

Upcoming projects of this nature include assembling a team to visit Senator Boschwitz to hear his views and to convince him of ours, cooperation with the students to insure that their university or college careers are successful, various fund raisers for the scholarship fund that your children may be able to draw on, and support for other groups in bringing outstanding or unusual artists to the Twin Cities. As well, we are planning local artist's evenings to provide a serious forum to keep their skills at a high level and a regular newsletter with a composite community calendar.

India Club is a totally nonsectarian group with no regional or linguistic bias. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in the Indian subcontinent. In fact we have enrolled a few Minnesotans who have adopted children from India as well as others to have a balanced viewpoint. Meetings are open, and you are welcome. Unless the by-laws require a specific vote, issues are debated until a consensus is reached, much in the same way Quakers do. There is a board of directors of nineteen, but the real advances made by the club are in committees, such as Long Range, Program, Student Affairs, By-Laws, Resource Center, Public Relations, and the Youth Wing. Committees are also formed for specific projects.

Do you have a project you want to realize? Bring it over. India Club is the catalyst. Join us. Your membership and your contribution of ideas are important to the club.

*Zeke Zdenek*  
Zeke Zdenek



# CLUB ACTIVITIES

## INDIA CLUB SPONSORS INDIA DAY

October 2, 1983 was the first full day program of the India Club, celebrating Gandhi's birthday. The Governor of Minnesota, the mayors of the Twin Cities, the Hennepin County Board and the City Council of Minneapolis declared the day "Gandhi Day".

Over 800 people attended a wide variety of cultural and culinary delights of India. Dance, music, food, exhibits, slides, movies and games presented an excellent picture of the rich Indian heritage to attendees at the International Institute that day, from morning till evening. This has been decided as an annual event and this year "India Day" will be on October 6.

## CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY SEEKS INFORMATION

Members of the India Club following the lead of other members of our community have given generously of their time to educate prospective and past adoptive parents who are bringing children from India. Activities have included panel members, providing lunches, and planning activities. The latest program of the Children's Home Society is a series of weekly evening presentations which started on May 8. If you would like to help please contact the coordinator — Neena Gada at 636-1075.

## RESOURCE CENTER STARTED

To have a central depository of film, slides, printed matter and artifacts, the India Club has started a Resource Center under the direction of Shushila Shah. It will take us a while to assemble it, but we are planning to have a comprehensive collection that you can use for educational or cultural events at schools, churches, companies, etc. as well as for personal or club use. If you have some favorite slides that we can duplicate for the collection, please contact Shushila at 636-9833.

## STUDENT MENTORS WANTED

As new students arrive from India or from countries where there are large Indian populations, they suffer periods of homesickness, cultural shock, and reach some of the same decision points that you have. Conversations with student advisors have indicated that some sort of a loosely organized mentorship program to augment the host family program already in place is desirable. If you are interested in lending your experience to a student please contact me at 631-3663. Since financial aid at the University is not always secure there are students who would be glad to spend a few hours tutoring juniors. Call me if you need any assistance in contacting them.

## INDIA CLUB HOSTS CONSUL GENERAL

After a snowed out start, Mr. R. Verma, Consul General of India in Chicago, and Dr. S.K. Saxena, President of the Association of Indians in America (AIA) made a visit to the Twin Cities to present the services and benefits of their respective organizations. Mr. Verma was keen that Indians in the Twin Cities be aware that a consul is there to serve them and would welcome a call if he can be of service. Dr. Saxena reviewed the considerable political accomplishments of the AIA.

## COMMUNITY VISITS, CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATIONS

Over the first few months of the year, several members of the club and others in the community visited several members of Congress, and responded with others to pass on the consensus of the community in opposition to the Simpson-Mazzoli legislation in Congressional committee last year. All the politicians contacted gave us a courteous and attentive reception.

## INDO AMERICAN ASSOCIATION AND INDIA CLUB COHOST INDEPENDENCE DAY PICNIC

With the India Club providing the food and the site, and the IndoAmerican Association providing the rest, a festive Independence Day picnic was held at Wirth Park in August. The event will be repeated this year at Bassett Creek on August 18, 1984 noon to six.

## INDIA CLUB HOSTS WIDE RANGE OF GUESTS

Regular meetings of the India Club have seen a wide variety of speakers including representatives of the Institute for Cultural Affairs, Mayor of New Brighton, and Crossroads (an organization mediating adoption procedures).

## MINI-SERIES ON INDIAN CULTURE

For Children's Home Society of Minnesota, Neena Gada from India Club coordinated a mini-series on five consecutive Tuesdays beginning May 8th. The people who participated in offering these special courses are:

Neena Gada, Preeti Mathur, Mahita Kumar and Chaya .....	Indian Cooking
Drs. Shashi and Kumad Sane .....	Religions and Festivals of India
Ella Baldwin, Dr. Gundu Rao .....	Myths, Literature and Preeti Mathur and Folklore
Preeti Ozza, SILC Children, .....	Performing Arts, Music, Shanti Shah, Neena Gada Dance and Theatre
Dr. & Mrs. Dixit, Ram and Neena Gada , .....	Family in India Medh Dutta and Daven Parenting and Child Rearing Practices

On June 3rd India Club participated in a picnic arranged by 'PIC' Parents of Indian children. Arvind Desai and Ashok Sharma led the contingent.

## FESTIVAL OF NATIONS

This year Santi Shah from India Club coordinated the representation of India at the festival which was in the last weekend of April. If those who have not attended the festival look at the items from India, they would realize what a mammoth affair the festival was because we were only one among 50-odd nations who participated.

**Food Booth:** An extremely successful menu of sheek kabob, rice, pakodas, and mango shakes at the Festival of Nations kicked off the India Club Scholarship Fund with a substantial deposit. The cafe also featured the help of almost all parts of the community to prepare, sell, and serve the food at

the cafe. Two "supersalesmen", and a good crew made a reputation for fast and courteous service of excellent food with a sense of humor to reach as far as the St. Paul paramedics and other Americans who visited the stall. At times customers were seven deep at the stall.

**Exhibition Booth:** Preeti Mathur coordinated the presentation and originated this year's theme the "Cuisine of India". She proclaimed "Here is our chance to dispel the 'curry myth' and explain to the visitors that Indian cuisine is as diverse as the country itself." And there were spices, dry food goods, grains, cooking utensils, serving vessels, vibrant pictures of vegetables and cooked dishes, all arranged to transport you to another world. It was a feast for the eyes, to look at the raw materials and equipment for feasts. It drew numerous people and was hailed as the most informative and for its exquisite design.

The Cabaret area entertainment consisted of classical dances by Aparna Ramaswami, Geeta Seshaiyer, harvest dance by children from SILC and raas by Gujarati Samaj. Rani Ramaswamy arranged an adult folk program in the entertainment area. In the Demonstration Booth, SILC children guided by Anju Relan presented yoga postures; Reena Patel and Lisa Gada thrilled people by their exposition of the art of sari-cladding. Want to participate next year? There are plenty of things to do. If nothing captures your fancy, we have the Carom board for you. Sit and play it and drown in nostalgia, in the games booth.

## MEMBERS PITCH IN TO HELP STUDENTS

On a last minute call for help from the students at the University, several members of the club and the community pitched in to provide anand bazaar snacks at a cultural presentation at the St. Paul Student Center, for the spring festival.

## KUCHIPUDI DANCE DRAMA

On June 12th the troupe from Kuchipudi Art Academy from Madras performed the dance ballet 'Srinivasa Kalyanam'. Several associations joined hands with the leadership, initiative and verve of Padu Arimilli to organize this program. Many were enthralled. A success it was. Of thirty or so performances in the U.S. the artists themselves rated three cities in the top for planning and organization, stage facilities, fullness of the hall, size, response of audience and participation by Americans. Twin Cities was there along with Miami and Milwaukee.



# MINNI-INDIA

A revised list of linguistic, cultural and social associations.

## **BHARATI CULTURAL ASSOCIATION OF THE TWIN CITIES**

It is in the organizational stage. Initiatives for this venture are from Prakash Puram 375-0477 and Kris Balasubramaniam 941-3233. The new association, like its predecessor, plans to cater to the cultural interests of the Tamil speaking South-Indian Community.

## **GEETA-ASHRAM**

The activities of Geeta-Ashram are directed to the development of a fuller man, closer to God, devoted to the service of mankind through selfless work, in accordance with the teachings of 'Bhagwad-Geeta'. Monthly meetings are scheduled for the first Sunday (11:30 AM) of each month at the residence of families. These meetings include Bhajans, Geeta-path, discourse by a speaker followed by Arti and Prasad, Weekly Sunday meetings (8:30 AM) are also held which primarily focus on seeking the application of 'Bhagwad-Geeta' in our day to day living.

Children and youth programs are an important part of the monthly meetings. The children narrate stories and Bhajans, and present talks on topics such as religious festivals. The major project now underway at Geeta-Ashram is the development of a common facility named INDIA-INSTITUTE, to be used by all groups for their religious, social, cultural and spiritual needs. The facility is planned to be constructed on an eleven acre piece of land in Brooklyn Park. S. R. Arora 633-0076; Kunal Kamran 645-4827.

## **GUJARATI SAMAJ**

A non-profit cultural organization, Gujarati Samaj has a current membership of 116 Gujarati families. The Samaj's activities include organizing Gujarati dramas, Garbas, Ras, movies, variety sports and recreation including Cricket and of course Navratri and Dewali celebrations. Dhanendra Shah 786-0491; Bharat Kothari 941-9187.

## **HINDU MANDIR**

Hindu Mandir of the HINDU SOCIETY OF MINNESOTA through the past few years has become the center of religious activities in the Twin Cities. Weekly discussions on the fundamentals of Hinduism in both theoretical and practical aspects, take place every Sunday from 10 AM to noon. These discussions are based on key vedic scriptures such as Geeta, Upanishada, Ramayana, and also

on many aspects of Jainism and Sikhism. This is followed by Arti, Prasad, and community luncheon.

Almost all types of religious services from Namkaran to Antyasamskar are available at the Mandir. A small library of books on Indian culture and philosophy is also maintained. Indian dance classes are held every Sunday. Bal-Vihar, a special educational program designed for exposing the children to Indian heritage and religion is also conducted on Sundays. The materials are taught primarily through stories, discussions and audio-visual presentations.

Durga Pooja, Dashehra, Diwali, Holi, Ram Navami, Mahavir Jayanti, Krishna Janmashtami and Ganesh Chaturti are celebrated at the Mandir on a regular basis. Guest speakers such as Swami Bhashyananda-Vivekananda Vedanta Society, Swami Chinmayananda-Hrishikesh, Swami Chinmayananda-Chinmaya Mission, Sant Kesavdas, Prof. Puri-Nirankari Mission, Dr. Usharbudha Arya and Dr. Palvia have visited the Mandir on several occasions. Music concerts of the Indian Music Society are often held in the mandir. Several ethnic groups such as the Bengali Samaj, Kannada Koota, Marathi Mandal, Telugu Association, Bharati Cultural Association and Gujarati Samaj celebrate their special events at the Mandir. In addition, members of the Indian community use the Mandir facilities for Poojas, birthdays, vedic weddings etc. With the objective of serving the religious, cultural, social and human needs of the Indian community the Mandir has become the focal point where the entire community could get together. K.S.P. Kumar 488-3736; Durga Mallampalli 788-5325; Kusum Saxena 426-2031.

## **INDIA CLUB**

In 1973 an association was formed to promote activities of interest to both India-born persons and native Minnesotans. This association - INDIA CLUB - is a secular organization and is without any particular provincial orientation. It has as its purpose the general advancement of the Indian community and the preservation of its national and cultural values.

In pursuit of those goals, the club has participated in programs of The Festival of Nations as well as providing support for the Children's Home Society. Members have met with Minnesota Representatives Vento, Frenzel and Sabo to discuss pending immigration bills. Work is underway to develop a Directory of Indians in Minnesota to aid professional contacts throughout the community. The club has also worked in cooperation with the International Institute of Minnesota, U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service,

the Indian Embassy and the Office of Foreign Students' Advisors of the University of Minnesota.

In its short history, the club has demonstrated its potential to serve as a forum presenting the many aspects of Indian culture to other international communities and Minnesotans.

Looking to the future, the India Club has established several important priorities and projects. Realizing the importance of education, the club has turned its attention to the specific needs of Indian students. About 40 students per year arrive in the Twin Cities in pursuit of higher education. To assist them, a scholarship fund is being promoted. Funding will come through membership dues, participation in the Festival of Nations and other fund raising events such as the State Fair. The needs of these students, however, are not solely financial. Many can benefit from the counseling of community members who have themselves survived the academic experience and are thus well suited to offer useful advice.

Considerable attention is also being given to the establishment of a Media and Resource Center. With an India-born population of almost 4,000, the Twin Cities abounds with professional and technical people as well as artists and scholars. From their ranks can be drawn persons to work through the Resource Center in presenting Indian life and culture to local schools, clubs and other organizations.

The goal, therefore, of the India Club is nothing less than the gathering together of the entire Indian community. It provides a means for sharing talents and expertise to the benefit of individual members and the community at large.

It can succeed in that ambition only to the extent that participation of all potential members is secured. Those interested in advancing the Indian community are thus urged to join in the India Club's work. Membership fees are modest. The potential returns are limitless. F.F. Zdenek 631-3663; Neena Gada 636-1075.

#### **INDIAN MUSIC SOCIETY OF MINNESOTA**

Indian Music Society of Minnesota is a registered non-profit organization supported by members interested in fostering and promoting classical music and dance of India in the Twin Cities region. Founded in 1980, the Society received a grant from the Metropolitan Arts Council in the 1981/82 seasons. Since then membership contribution and concert receipts have been the sole source of financial support. Eight to ten concerts are arranged every year.

Membership contributions are the most important resource for the continued success of the Music Society. These dues allow the Society to make commitments to artists well in advance of the concert date and arrange for them to perform in the Twin Cities area as part of their North American tour. Annual memberships are \$40 for a family and \$25 for an individual. Members receive mailings on all upcoming events and receive a discount for admission to the concerts. While funding is important, the Society offers an opportunity for additional support - volunteerism. Member volunteers who help in ticket selling, publicity, mailings, staging, ushering etc., are the life blood of the organization and its activities. Ramakrishnan 631-8622; Raja Seshadri 379-1653; Dinnag Mehta 439-5700.

**INDO-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION** A student organization at the University of Minnesota, Indo-American Association is one of the many nationality clubs under Minnesota International Student Association. Its activities are primarily for fostering cultural exchange. The association has actively taken part in programs arranged by the Minnesota International Center such as the Spring Festival, and has had the privilege of co-sponsoring several concerts with the Indian Music Society. Commendable indeed are the association's efforts in welcoming the new students, providing temporary accommodation and assisting them to settle down in the new environment. The main celebrations organized by the association are the Indian Independence Day and Dewali. Hindi movies are screened regularly with the hope of providing an occasion for interaction between the Indian community and the students. Arup 376-3911; Santanu Kar 331-8334.

**KANNADA KOOTA** Kannada Koota is an informal association of people from Karnataka. The Koota welcomes all who would like to participate in its activities which include the celebration of festivals like Sankranti, Ugadi, Ganesh Chaturti and Depawali. These festivals include Pooja, a short entertainment program and dinner. Kannada and other South Indian movies are occasionally screened. Ullas Kamath 488-3097; Rajkant 784-5996.

**MINNESOTA CONSORTIUM FOR SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES** Fosters inter-institutional cooperation in scholarly and cultural activities bearing on South Asia (the Indian subcontinent and adjacent areas). The institutional members of the consortium are the Department of South Asian Studies, U of M (which now has merged with the faculty of Near and Middle



Eastern Studies), Carleton College, Hamline University and the College of Liberal Arts, U of M. It promotes education and research on South Asia. The consortium invites on a regular basis renowned scholars and speakers for lectures. Monthly meetings of the members are organized to share and discuss their work and research. A quarterly newsletter is published which also lists forthcoming events of interest. The membership is open to anyone interested in South Asian Studies. John Zylla 379-8515; Sharon Kemp 644-8593.

**NATYAKALA** A new organization devoted to the dance traditions of South Asia and related cultures has recently been organized. NATYAKALA, the Minnesota Society for South Asian Dance, has two main purposes: 1) to sponsor and promote presentations of such dances in a wide variety of contexts, both educational and entertaining and 2) to use these events as a tool to develop appreciation and awareness of the many South Asian cultural traditions in a multidisciplinary way.

The current project of NATYAKALA is a two-week residency by Bharata Natyam dancer Alarmel Valli and Company in late September. See the announcement elsewhere in this newsletter. Natyakala was one among several associations which co-sponsored the June 12 performance of Kuchipudi dance. In the future, Natyakala hopes to be even more active, especially in the area of educational outreach. If you would like to become involved in the activities of NATYAKALA, please call George Kliger (373-5225 days, 333-0746 eves) or Alan Kagan (373-9777 days, 788-3427 eves). If you would simply like to be on the mailing list, call Ella Baldwin (373-3112 days, 927-5365 eves).

**SILC SCHOOL OF INDIA FOR LANGUAGE AND CULTURE** is a non-profit organization teaching Indian languages, history, music and dance. The objective is to provide the children a place where they can learn about their rich heritage. Classes are on Sundays from 10 AM to 1 PM at the Commonwealth Community Center on the St. Paul Campus of U of M. There are excellent volunteers to teach Gujarati, Hindi, Bengali, Marathi and Kannada.

Plans to expand the activity to other languages are under consideration. Music and dance are taught by Ramki and Rani Ramaswamy respectively. The children from SILC have participated in such cultural functions as Festival of Nations and Indo-American Association Dewali celebration. For a small tax-deductible membership fee, members can send their children for a whole year to SILC and participate in its activities. Anoop Mathur 483-0793; Neena Gada 636-1075.

**SOUTH ASIA FOLK PERFORMERS** The association founded by Prof. Ramdayal Munda is active in propagating and teaching folk dance and music especially of the Munda, Nagpuri and Santal tribes of Northeastern India. With a troupe of about twenty-five the group has had several performances in and out of the state. Chandrika Seshadri 379-1653.

#### **TWIN CITIES TELUGU ASSOCIATION**

is a member of Telugu Association of North America. Activities are being planned with the objective to preserve and perpetuate the heritage of the people of Telugu origin, to promote literary, cultural, educational, social and community affairs of the Telugu speaking people, and to support humanitarian causes. Padmanabhan A. Arimilli 770-1597.

**OTHER GROUPS** People from West Bengal although do not have an official association, are active and in informal gatherings celebrate Saraswati Pooja, Durga Pooja and the Bengali New Year. Friends from Bangladesh also take part in these functions. Aparna Ganguli 636-8006.

The Malayalam speaking community organizes two main functions: Onam and Christmas. Krishman 786-0366; Joseph Thomas 780-5984.

The community of Marathi speaking people which comprises about fifty families is active in informal meetings. The Ganesh Chaturti and Dewali are celebrated with a variety entertainment program. Rujita Pathre 483-9848; Shaila Shirole 537-4794.

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# BHARATA NATYAM

The renowned Bharata natyam dancer Alarmel Valli with her ensemble of musicians, who mesmerized everyone last year will be back in Minnesota. This time for a period of residency from September 17-30, for concerts, lecture-demonstrations and classes. The project is co-sponsored by Natyakala, University of Minnesota, Minnesota Humanities Commission and with assistance from other community organizations.

A detailed schedule for her residency is given below. For information on class enrollment, tuition and location call Ella Baldwin 373-3112(0), 927-7546(H). Enrollment is limited and in order to reserve a place call in advance and mail to Ella Baldwin (3518 St. Paul Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55416) a deposit check of \$10 made out to 'Natyakala'. The fee is \$105 for advanced Bharata Natyam course and \$70 for the others.

**CLASSES** at St. Paul Student Center, U of M  
Sept. 18, 20, 22, 24, 25, 27, 29 evenings

Advanced class in Bharata Natyam - Valli 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Introductory class in Bharata Natyam 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Class in voice-P. Ramamoorthy  
3 classes  
I. 4:00-5:30  
II 6:00-7:30  
III 7:30-9:00

Class in flute-T. Sankaran  
2 classes  
I 6:00-7:30  
II 7:30-9:00

Class in Drum(Mridangam)-P. Srinivasam  
2 classes  
I 6:00-7:30  
II 7:30-9:00

## DANCE CONCERTS

Sunday Sept 23, St. Paul Student Center Aud. 7:00 p.m.

Sunday Sept. 30, Scott Hall Auditorium, U of M 7:00 p.m.

## LECTURE DEMONSTRATIONS

Sept 17, Minn. Ins. of Arts Auditorium 7:00 p.m.  
Valli on dance

Sept. 19, Scott Hall, on Music 7:00 p.m.

Sept. 21, Hennepin Center for the Arts, on Dance 7:00 p.m.

Sept. 22, St. Paul Student Center 3:00 p.m.  
Lecture by Michael Rabe

Sept. 26, Coffman Memorial Union Theatre 7:00 p.m.  
U of M, on Music

## CHOREOGRAPHY WORKSHOP BY VALLI

Sept 21, Hennepin Center for the Arts 10:00-12:00 a.m.

Sept 28, Hennepin Center for the Arts 10:00-12:00 a.m.

# CALENDER 1984

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GUJARATI SAMAJ		4 PICNIC	29 NAVARATRI	6 NAVARATRI DIWALI 27		
* HINDU MANDIR	15 GURU PAURNIMA	19 JANMASHT- AMI	2 GANESH CHATURTI	7 VIJAYA- DASAMI DIWALI 21		2 GITA JAYANTI
INDIA CLUB				6 INDIA DAY		
INDIAN MUSIC SOCIETY		11 PRAVEEN SULTANA & DILSHAD KHAN		13 MANDOLIN SRINIVAS		
INDO- AMERICAN ASSOC.		18 INDEPEN- DENCE DAY				
KANNADA KOOTA			1 GANESH CHATURTI		3 DIWALI	
NATYAKALA			17-30 DANCER ALARMEL VALLI'S RESIDENCY			

\*All programs of Hindu Mandir fall on Sundays; the rest are all on Saturdays

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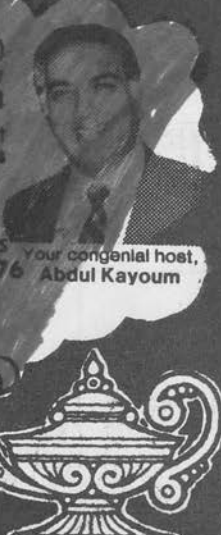
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