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Bharati meets e-

Unquestionably, this is the age of electronic communication. The use of weightless electrons (well, 9.11×10^{-31} Kg to be scientifically accurate) racing at the speed of light to communicate has seen unparalleled market penetration - from billion-dollar businesses to household maids (recall the movie *Monsoon Wedding*) are hooked to this medium. Nowadays, electronic communication is so pervasive that sometimes we wonder -- How did we exist without it? It has enhanced our vocabularies with new e-prefixed words such as e-mail, e-booking, e-commerce, e-banking, etc. How could Bharati go unscathed? Bharati is meeting e- and becoming e-Bharati. The Strategic Planning Committee and the Board of IAI have approved the launch of electronic, online version of the very newsletter that you have in your hands at this moment. Imagine reading this column on your smart phone or blackberry device. The goal is simple: more frequent, just-in-time delivery of richer content to you without hurting our wallets and environment. Smart people think outside the box, smarter people think outside the mailbox.

Beyond just making this important announcement of the launch of e-Bharati, the purpose of my writing this column is to invite volunteers to help us make e-Bharati successful. This is your magazine that lets you enrich your community. Come. Join the team. Give it to yourself. You are especially sought if you have the knack for designing and maintaining web sites; if you have the skills to compile and compose electronic documents; if you have the talent of recruiting constant stream of content contributors; and above all, if you have the spirit to give. Winston Churchill once quoted: "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give". Please contact me or any other member of the Communications & Public Relations Committee of IAI listed below to volunteer in this endeavor of taking our proud publication beyond the bounds of our mailing list. contd. on page 2

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For 2008, first preference will be given to IAI members. Other non-Indian rentals are being severely restricted so that the facility is easily available to our community members. Please make use of this recently upgraded facility, as your financial support is absolutely necessary to meet the nearly \$45,000* annual expense of maintaining the facility. (*For 2006 the approximate overhead cost breakdown is as follows: Insurance \$9,500; Utilities \$15,500; Cleaning & facility maintenance \$21,000).

In recent years, in order to cover these costs, IAI was put in a position to seek outside rentals to cover costs. However due to the under-availability of the Center for our members and due to other problems that ensued with outside renters, for 2008, the facility is being marketed primarily to our community members. Therefore your use of the facility is critical for its continued viability.

Kanchana Ishwar, Treasurer, IAI

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Bharati meets e-

The inaugural issue of e-Bharati is planned for January 2008. The major sections of e-Bharati include Health and Wellness, Financial, Legal, Technology, Cooking, and Children's Corners. And, of course, a Classifieds Corner. For your contributions to be included in any of these sections of the inaugural issue, please rush them to Ram Ravindran, Editor, at rravindr@iupui.edu, before 10 Dec 2007. For advertising your products and services, please contact Kanchana Ishwar at kvishwar@sbcglobal.net or (317) 848-8943.

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of Central Indiana. Bharati invites advertisements, articles and letters to the editor. Articles should be of general interest and not be more than 600 words. Letters to the editor should not exceed 200 words. Letters should be typed double spaced and must include your name. The editor reserves the right to edit any material selected for publication.

The deadline for receiving articles and advertising for the January-February issue is December 15, 2007.

The advertisement rates are as follows. Please make checks payable to India Association of Indianapolis.

	one issue	six issues
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D.J Center for Youth

The Center is a newly founded organization with a mission to provide youth with information regarding life choices by addressing the issues that today's youth face through various awareness sessions and activities. DJ Center for Youth, Inc. also offers scholarships to high school seniors graduating in December.

The organization and scholarship stemmed from Educator Angela J. Nealy who wanted to recognize students like Devina Jani. Devina excelled in academia, dedicated time to serve the community and participated in extra-curricular activities. Since January 2001 the "Devina Janisa Jani Scholarship" has given seven recipients \$100 to put towards application fees, books, testing costs and/or other costs associated with applying to college.

This year the Center in collaboration with Little Caesars Pizza and Subway Restaurant will be awarding five scholarships at \$200 each. Interested applicants (Junior/Senior HS Student) must submit a well written biographical essay and meet the following requirements:

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- * Participate in a minimum of one academic and/or athletic activity
- * Encourage a positive family environment
- * Exemplify strong character

The Center intends to reach its mission by holding with, great significance, the diversity of our communities and organizations which represent and are devoted to promoting and advocating fairness, tolerance, unity, goodwill and respect. The organization teaches self-awareness, strengthens self-esteem, provides a positive environment for growth, emphasizes being a cohesive family, encourages academic excellence, promotes fitness and nutrition and demonstrates strong leadership.

The DJ Center for Youth, Inc. scholarship application is attached. Please have all students eligible to complete the application requirements and submit to djcenter4youth@yahoo.com <mailto:djcenter4youth@yahoo.com> by Friday, December 21, 2007. If further information is needed please contact Devina Jani or Angela Nealy at 317-658-6701.

Angela J. Nealy Devina J. Jani
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Submitted by Dr. Mohini Ahuja

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We welcome you as a member of the India Association of Indianapolis and look forward to your active involvement.

Visit www.myiai.org for more information.

Condolences...

Smt. Shanta Ramaswamy, mother of Suneela Ramaswamy, passed away in Mysore, India, on October 4th 2007. She was 84. She is survived by two daughters, two sons, eight grand children and two great grandchildren.
 She enjoyed coming to the U.S. and had visited twice. She is fondly remembered by her family and those who knew her well. India Association of Indianapolis pays deepest sympathy and prays for her soul.

International Day of Non-Violence

Ramakrishnan Nagarajan

October 2nd was Gandhi's 138th birthday. The United Nations marked this day as the first International Day of Non-Violence.

The United Nations General Assembly invited Sonia Gandhi to address the General Assembly on this day. She said "At the heart of Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy of non-violence was his belief that strength comes from righteousness, not force, power comes from truth, not might, victory comes from moral courage, not imposed submission."

"He held that means and ends are inseparable, and that in fact the means themselves shape the ends. He believed unworthy means can never produce worthy ends," she added.

History, both past and contemporary, she emphasized, confirms that violence only begets violence in an unending spiral, fostering hatred and revenge. "Violence seeks to impose and overwhelm, which is why its victories are transitory. Non-violence seeks to engage and persuade, which is why its results are enduring," she said amidst cheers.

In these days of religious wars, termed variously as "clash of civilizations" or "jihad" or name what you may, Gandhi's message becomes very important and has greater relevance.

Gandhi was the first leader of a large nation to adopt the revolutionary non-violent satyagraha method to free a great nation. Since then, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Nelson Mandela have freed their respective people to freedom, using non-violent methods. The Dalai Lama and Aung San Suu Kyi are still struggling to free their respective people by non-violent methods. We all hope and pray that one day these oppressed people will also be free.

All had early leadership training; Gandhi's grandfather and father were Prime Ministers of princely states in India, M.L.King's father was a Baptist minister of an important church, Nelson Mandela's father was a tribal chief, a king's advisor and a king maker, the Dalai Lama was selected as an infant and trained to be the supreme spiritual leader of Tibet and Aung San Suu Kyi's father was a general and leader of Myanmar (Burma). All these leaders have spent large portions of their life in jail; the Dalai Lama in exile. Another similarity is that all these leaders were awarded the Nobel Peace Prize; the glaring exception being the Mahatma. However, now the whole world recognizes his greatness, and the United Nations has declared Gandhi's birthday as the International Day of Non-Violence.

It is ironic that the first leader to invent this non-violent revolutionary method and successfully defeat the oppressive rule of a super power was not recognized by the Nobel Prize Committee. There were two reasons.

Firstly, England was a super power then, and the Nobel Prize Committee may not have wanted to antagonize it. Englishmen in general, and Winston Churchill in particular, did everything to put down Gandhi. Churchill called the Mahatma a "half-naked fakir." Being a master of the English language, it is this author's guess that Churchill chose this particular derogatory epithet by design. Secondly, the methods used by Nobel Prize Committee in its selection of Nobel Prize winners, to this day, are secretive and mysterious. The selection of the Peace Prize winner, in particular, may even have had political overtones.

There are also many differences among the five leaders, and it is best revealed in the early lives of the leaders. Gandhi in his autobiography describes in brutal details how he and an errant friend, both indulged in smoking the thrown away butts of his uncle cigarettes, because they could not afford to buy new ones; ate meat, and how Gandhi felt the bleating of a sheep in his stomach all night! He gave up these habits, because he could not tell a lie to his mother. There are more anecdotes of Gandhiji frankness in his autobiography, it is an excellent book. Gandhi was not athletic, but liked to take long walks.

Nelson Mandela was a tall, athletic and an imposing figure with robust health. Mandela spent his early childhood fighting with other boys, was good in stick-fighting - an essential knowledge of any rural African boy, boxing and was a good long distance runner. He learnt to knock birds out of the sky with a slingshot, to gather wild honey, fruits and edible roots, to drink warm, sweet milk straight from the udder of a cow, to swim in clear cold streams and to catch fish with a twine and sharpened bits of wire.

Young Martin Luther King, Jr., spent his early childhood riding the bike, flying kites and model planes. He liked roller-skating, playing baseball. He played hard to prove he was strong. By the time he was five, he could recite long passages from the Bible, and he loved books. Being smart, his mother decided to slip him into school a year early. He could never keep his mouth shut; he proudly described the five candles on the birthday; his teachers overheard him and sent him home to wait another year!

The Dalai Lama was selected as an infant to be supreme spiritual leader of Tibet, and spent his early years training by the monks at the Potala Palace. Not much is known of the early childhood of Aung San Suu Kyi.



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Har Pal ki Zindagi

(Every moments Life)

Bhavini.A.Shah

Saanson se bandhi ek patli dor;
Woh koshish hai jo bandhe rakhti hain;
Umeed use khiche rakhti hain;
Yeh ehसाas hume hota hain;
Ki zindagi har pal jeene jaisi hain.

(There is a thin string that connects each breath that we take to our life and that is the effort of trying to get what we want and hope of achieving it. It is this spirit that keeps us going and makes us realise that life is worth living for every moment.)

Nafrat, gussa, aakrosh hai har disha;
Par khushiyon ke phool bhi phelein hain;
Patoon pe hai khoon kisi ka;
Par uspe bhi os sheetal giri hain;

(There is hatred, anger and revenge all around us but there are also moments of happiness; there is blood fallen on leaves but so are the dew drops on those leaves too.)

Patharoon pe lashe giri hain;
Samai Dharti ma ke aanchal mein;
Makhmal mulayam kapdoon mein phir bhi;
Aas lipti kiran roop masom se bache mein.

(There are dead bodies lying on floor beds high and low, in the lap of mother Earth but yet there is hope of life wrapped in the softest velvet cloth which exist in the form of a new born child.)

Shrishti ki hai kriya anokhi;
Dhoop kabhi baadal garajte;
Kohre mein bhi ek kiran hai aati;
Yeh ehसाas hume woh hai dilati;
Ki zindagi har pal jeene jaisi hain.

(Universe works in a unique manner, unknown to anyone. There is hot sun one moment and the very next there can be rain. In the thickest fog, we can still see a ray of light and that's when we realise that Life is worth living for every moment.)