



# BHARATI **भारती**

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## FUND RAISER FOR THE INDIA COMMUNITY CENTER

INDIA ASSOCIATION OF INDIANAPOLIS

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Fundraiser for the India Community  
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**Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> 2005  
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Classical Indian Dances, Bollywood Performances,  
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## 2005 International Festival

Exposition Hall, Indiana State Fairgrounds  
1200 East 38th Street, Indianapolis

### Date & Time

Thursday, November 3, 2005 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
Friday, November 4, 2005 10:00 AM – 9:00 PM  
Saturday, November 5, 2005 10:00 AM – 9:00 PM  
Sunday, November 6, 2005 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Participation in International Festival is a privilege and a matter of pride for all of us. Please volunteer your ideas, material and time to make our Culture Booth informational and presentable. Those interested in volunteering or setting up Food Booths under IAI banner contact us at hareshgangwani@yahoo.com.

Please provide material for display at the IAI Culture Booth (will be returned after the event) and help our booth in educating visitors about India (culture, rituals, dance, music, advances in Science and Technology etc). For details/suggestions please contact us at 317-803-4324.

Those interested in performing please contact  
Rita Devnani at rdevnani@indy.rr.com

**All participants need to be members of IAI. Items  
are accepted on a first come first served basis.**

Please fillout these forms  
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IAI MEMBERSHIP AND  
IAI NOMINATION FOR 2006  
inside this issue.

Visit Our Website: <http://www.iaibharati.com>

## Please become a volunteer for Indy's International Festival 2005

Indy's International Festival is an annual event organized by the Nationalities Council of Indiana to bring together the nations of the world to Indianapolis. It is going to be held November 3-6, 2005 at the Exposition Hall, Indiana State Fair Grounds. IAI is planning to exhibit a cultural booth and participate in the cultural entertainment program as well. Several volunteers are needed to make our participation a success. I personally think this is a very important event for ALL of us.

As individuals, in various capacities, we are enmeshed in this American community. As we look physically different we and our children will be identified as Americans of Indian ancestry. The IAI organizes 4 events each year namely the Republic Day, Holi, India Day and Diwali. In all these events we pretty much showcase ourselves to ourselves. There is very little participation by the larger American society in these events. However, the International Festival is different. In this event, through our participation we present a face-to-face interaction to the American community. So many American children and their parents pass by the Indian cultural booth and get to know more about India. Through interactions with large number of Americans we can understand them better, and they too can expand their knowledge of Indians and Indian culture. It gives us an opportunity to dispel any misinformation they may have about Indians and their position in the global village. It is to our collective advantage that we make this event a successful one. Please call the members of the executive committee or me (291-2986) to volunteer your time. We especially need the services of retirees, Indian visitors and homemakers to man the booth on weekdays (3, 4).

Ram Rivandran

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**MSMI Celebrates.....**  
**GANESH PUJA on**  
**Friday, Sept 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**Venue : 4H grounds**  
**2003 Pleasant Street (Hall C)**  
**Noblesville, IN 46060**

*Puja @ 6:30pm, Aarti + Prasad @ 7:30pm*  
*followed by Dinner and Disco Dandiya!!*

**All are welcome.....**

\$5 pp entrance to cover hall rental, etc (Kids under 5 ..free)  
 Dinner ticket: member \$3 Non-member \$6

## Navratri Raas ~ Garba Nights

Navratri 2005 will be celebrated on Friday 30th of September and Saturday 1st of October at 4H Grounds, 2003 E. Pleasant Street, Noblesville, IN 46060 from 9:00 pm to 2am.

Events details call Bhartesh Shah at 317-331-7327 or Harish at 317-513-8803.

## Geeta Mandal /HTCI Upcoming Events

### *Vedic Consecration of Asian Galleries*

Invocation to Ganesha, the purifying power

Thursday, September 8 from 6pm-7pm

Indianapolis Museum of Art

### *Akhand Ramayan - September 10 to 11 at ICC*

This is a 24 hour event. The holy book Ram Charitra Manas by Goswami Tulsidas is recited to be completed in 24 hours. Puja starts at 9:15am on Saturday and ends on Sunday followed by Geeta Mandal congregation.

### *Diwali - Saturday, October 29, 2005 at ICC*

Puja, Entertainment Program and Dinner

To participate in entertainment program, or like to become a sponsor for puja or sponsor the dinner, please call Poornima Kini at 570-8499 or Hansa Dave at 889-7328 or Deb Lahiri at 753-5545 or Madhu Bhargava at 899-1020 (day).

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 NOVEMBER-DECEMBER ISSUE IS OCTOBER 10, 2005

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

	one issue	six issues
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IAI is not responsible for ad formatting and misprint. Please provide pre-formatted ad to our publisher and verify ads prior to print by request. Business Card size advertisements will be provided free to Non-Profit Sister Organizations.

## IAI Fine Arts Committee Presents



### Kathak Dance Recital

*By Kaveri Agashe and Manasi Tapikar*

**Date: Saturday, October 1, 2005, 5 p.m.**

**Where: Shelton Auditorium  
Christian Theological Seminary  
1000 West 42nd Street, Indianapolis**

**Tickets: \$15; IAI Members \$10; Students \$5 ~  
Sponsors: \$50 or \$100 (2 or 4 tickets)**

The Fine Arts Committee brings you “Kathak Gunjan”, an elegant and inspiring dance presentation in the classical North Indian Kathak style by two young disciples of the world renowned Guru Shama Bhate. Live musical accompaniment will be provided by Ramdas Palsule (tabla), by Subhash Dasakkar (sitar and harmonium) and by Shekhar Kumbhojkar (vocal).

Kaveri, a Fulbright scholar with a Masters degree in Music and Dance from the Lalit Kala Kendra, has many accomplishments to her credit. Amongst them are performances at national and international for a, fusion projects together with jazz musicians of repute and an appearance in the film “Devdas” together with actress Madhuri Dixit. Manasi is also an accomplished artist who performs with maturity much beyond her young age. She has given numerous performances in India and abroad.

A short sitar and tabla presentation by Ramdas and Subhash, both accomplished performers in their own fields, would be an added attraction at the event.

Save the date for a delightful evening. Come with family and friends. Show your support in large numbers to these young performers and let our youth find inspiration in their achievements.

To learn more about the artists, check out the website - [www.kathakgunjan.com](http://www.kathakgunjan.com)

An Upcoming Attraction: In collaboration with the Carnatic Music Association of Indianapolis, the Fine Arts Committee will present a unique Sitar & Veena jugalbandi by Gaurav Mazumdar and Veena Jayanthi on Saturday, October 29, 2005.

For more information and to be placed on FAC’s mailing list, please contact:

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#### IAI UPCOMING EVENTS

Fund Raiser - Gateway to India .....	September 17
Kathak Dance .....	October 1
Financial Planning Seminar .....	October 8
International Festival .....	November 3-6
IAI Diwali .....	November 12

#### OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Vedic Consecration - Indpls. Museum of Art .....	Sep. 8
Akhand Ramayan .....	September 10-11
Ganesh Puja MSMI (Maharashtra) .....	September 16
Navratri Garba .....	Sep 30 and October 1
Geeta Mandal Diwali .....	October 29

**Friendly Reminder**

Below is the list of paid Grand Patron and Patron for 2005. Please renew your 2005 Grand Patron or Patron memberships prior to the Diwali event so as to receive your Diwali tickets (4 for GP and 2 for Patrons). GP family membership is \$250 and Patron \$125. Your payment is 50% tax deductible. Preferred seating will be reserved for Grand Patrons and Patrons. Grand Patrons & Patrons must mail the form on page 11 to receive their tickets.

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Last Name	First name (s)
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Patel	Jitendra & Kailas
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Reddy	Gopal & Tulasi
Shah	Rajesh
Shah	Shreyas & Aarti
Subramaniam	Mahesh & Sujatha
Sundaram	CP & Nandini
Thakkar	Arvind
Thanawala	Amit & Rupal

**India Association of Indianapolis**  
*presents*  
**Diwali 2005**

- **Date:** Saturday November 12th, 2005
- **Venue:** The Murat Center, Egyptian Room
- **Ticket Pickup Time:** 5:30pm
- **Program Start Time:** 6:30pm
- **Grand Performance by The Gregory Hancock Dance Theatre followed by live DJ**

*Please fill the form on page 11*  
**TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE GATE**

Seating will be assigned as per the receiving date of the filled in form and the payment

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:  
**India Association of Indianapolis**  
AND MAIL TO – Haresh Gangwani,  
3709 Gould Drive, Carmel IN-46033

If you prefer SEATING with someone please send in one (COMBINED) request for total tickets. THIS NAME WILL BE USED FOR RESERVING SEATS FOR THE GROUP AND ALL TICKETS WILL BE MAILED TO THIS ADDRESS ONLY.

DEADLINE FOR MAILING IN THIS FORM IS October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2005 to be assured of tickets

## Community Services Page

Sponsored by the **Community Services Group of IAI**

### Our Mission

1. To provide community service programs and activities to benefit the Indian community
2. To establish a support system and infrastructure to provide assistance to community members in need
3. To actively engage the Indian community with the local community through increased volunteering activities

## Community Services Group Activities

### Recently concluded CSG event

#### Seniors Nite

The Community Services Committee of IAI organized a get together for our wise and distinguished Senior members on July 31, 2005 at the India Community Center. The evening was well attended by 85 guests, who seemed to have an enjoyable time.

Thanks to the presenters and the performers including Sri. Rangaraja Iyengar, Niteen Nevrekar, Archana Thaker and the Fogana dance group, for contributing their time and efforts. Thanks to Kiran Adhlakha for her generous contribution of the tasty meal. Thanks to the many volunteers - Swetha Narasimhan, Shreeya Raman, Ambat Babu, Sumit Thaker, Ram Ravindran, Kanchana Ravindran, Alka Kapur, Mina Patel and Geeta Nevrekar - for their help during the event. And finally thanks to Subhash Mahajan and IAI for helping make the event possible.

We hope that this is the first kickoff for regular meetings where the Seniors can enjoy each others company and participate in activities of interest. Future events will be planned based on the feedback collected from the guests. We welcome volunteers who are interested in participating and furthering this cause. A slide show of the event can be viewed at <http://www.iaibharati.com>

### Upcoming CSG event

#### Financial Planning Seminar

**Date:** October 8, 2005 (Saturday)  
**Time:** 11:00 AM - 12:00 NOON  
**Venue:** India Community Center  
 4420 W 56th St., Indianapolis, IN 46254

Please mark your calendar for a presentation by Sunita Malhotra, a financial planner with Prudential. Sunita is based in Downers Grove Illinois. She has earned Prudential's honored President's citation and is a qualifying member of the Million Dollar Round Table – one of the insurance industry's highest honors.

Sunita will speak on Strategies for Financial Planning and discuss the various choices available in investing, including tax deferred accounts, mutual funds, annuities, life insurance, long term care insurance, wills and trusts. Her seminars have been reported to be dynamic and engaging, insightful and informative.

Attendance will be free of charge. For more information, please contact Sunil Mohandas at (317) 946-1980 or email us at [iai\\_cs@yahoo.com](mailto:iai_cs@yahoo.com).

### Come, be a part of us

We would like to hear from you if you have any ideas, comments or suggestions to share. As always we love to encourage volunteers of all ages. Please contact anyone of our team members if you would like to be involved in serving your community. You can also reach us by email at [iai\\_cs@yahoo.com](mailto:iai_cs@yahoo.com).

## IAI General Body Notification

The Board of Trustees of IAI passed on August 14, 2005 the following four (4) resolutions for consideration and approval by the General Body.

- (I) Position of Chairman of the Board 2006:  
As a special and one-time consideration, re-elect the current Chairman of the Board, Mr. Subhash Mahajan to continue in the same position for an additional term in 2006. This action is necessitated by the vacancy created on the Board due to the resignation of the 2005 Vice Chairman, Mr. Debasish Roychowdhury. This will ensure continuity, seniority and experience that Mr. Mahajan brings to the role of Chairman.
- (II) Formation of a Strategic Planning Committee (SPC):  
As our community has grown, so have the needs of the community. In order to further reach out to the community, The Board of Trustees recommends to the General Body creating a Strategic Planning Committee.  
Role: to assist the Board of Trustees in developing a long term vision and strategic planning for IAI. The SPC shall not be involved with the normal activities and operations of the Board or IAI.  
Members: SPC shall consist of six (6) members; five (5) members shall be nominated by the Board of Trustees and shall be elected by the General Body' the sixth member of the Strategic Planning Committee will be the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees.  
Term: The term for the five (5) members of the Strategic Planning committee members shall be four (4) years. After four years, the term for any member of the Strategic Planning committee can be extended on a yearly basis based upon the approval of two third (2/3) majority of the Board of Trustees. Only one member of the Committee will vacate each year so as to maintain continuity.  
Qualifications: The candidate for the Strategic Planning Committee should be an active member of the Association, and who is recognized in the community for his/her contributions to the community.
- (III) Nomination of an 'Acting' Vice Chair for the remainder of 2005:  
The current Secretary of the IAI Board of Trustees 2005, Mrs. Archana Thaker, was nominated as the 'Acting' Vice Chair for the remainder of 2005. She will play the role of both the Secretary and the Vice Chair for 2005.
- (IV) Addition of two (2) more joint secretaries to IAI Executive Committee from 2006. The number of joint secretaries will increase from five (5) to seven (7) as a result of increased responsibilities and the growth in the Community.

Please only send in objections, if any, in writing to the Secretary of the IAI Board of Trustees 2005.

## Consciousness

**Vertichelvan Jayaprakashan** (Vetri@iamresearchcenter.com)

Consciousness is awareness. Consciousness is a non physical entity which is different from the four basic entities of space, time, energy and matter of the traditional science. Consciousness manifests in the form of knowledge

In Bhagvad Gita, we talk about Krishna consciousness. It is the same consciousness which I am talking about. Once you know how to be in conscious state, you are in Present, Here and Now. We can call it Christ/Krishna/Buddha/Mohammed/God consciousness .That is one and the same. Consciousness, in other words, means awareness, self observation and conscious choice. All aspects of the spiritual path are equally important, but the development and refinement of our consciousness is the foundation to the entire process. So, it is the most important and yet, it is the biggest blind spot in the spiritual path for almost all disciples and spiritual leaders on earth.

Let's take for example you are eating breakfast. What happens is, you are eating the breakfast, but your mind is running at thousand miles per hour. You are worried about your bills, getting late to office, kids shouting for outfit to get ready to go to school. So we are not focused on the act of eating breakfast. Though we eat very fast, we don't pay attention at all to what we eat.

Next time you have food, pay attention to your thoughts. Most of us keep talking or watch TV while having our meals. Instead, switch off TV, and be silent while taking your meal. Concentrate on what you are eating. Keep your thoughts focused on what you are eating and relish your food. You will notice, it will be really difficult to control your thoughts. Keep trying, and you will understand how much we are controlled by our thoughts. That is the reason we practice meditation so that we can control our thoughts. These thoughts belong to our ego and are motivated by seven deadly sins namely anger, lust, pride, envy, laziness, gluttony and greed. Once you learn to separate yourself from your thoughts then you can overcome seven deadly sins. That is possible only by being in the Present, Here and Now- by being aware-by being in self observation, and yes by being conscious.

You and your thoughts are different. You have the choice to control your thoughts. But who is the controller? Are you servant or master of your thoughts? Either you have positive thought or negative thought. Either you see a glass of half filled with water or half empty. It is your choice. Either you are love finder or fault finder. Choice leads to consequences in your life. How do we practice awareness or consciousness in our daily life so that we always make the right choice in life? There is no such thing as luck or chance for the one who is in touch with their consciousness.

Namaste!

## North South Foundation, Indianapolis chapter-Competition

North South Foundation, Indianapolis chapter conducted Spelling Bee, Vocabulary Bee, Math Bee and GeoBee for Indian kids from 1<sup>st</sup> grade to 8<sup>th</sup> grade on April 22, '05 at IUPUI. The event was sponsored by India Association of Indianapolis. We had 85 entries from children all over Indiana. The following children qualified to participate in Nationals conducted from August 6-7 at Northwestern University, Evanston, IL.

Shuchay Subramanian Junior Spelling Bee

Priyanka Prasad	Junior Vocabulary Bee
Theja Bhamidipati	Junior Vocabulary Bee
Nevin Vijay	Junior Vocabulary Bee
Vikas Vavilala	Junior Vocabulary Bee
Rushi Patel	Math Bee Level I
Gargi Balasubramanian	Math Bee Level I
shuchay subramanian	Math Bee Level I
Pankhuri Mohan	Math Bee Level II
Priyanka Prasad	Math Bee Level II
Vignesh Dakshinamurthy	Math Bee Level III
Vignesh Dakshinamurthy	Senior Spelling Bee
Sameer Mishra	Senior Spelling Bee
Harsha Vemuri	Senior Spelling Bee
Vikas Vavilala	Senior Spelling Bee

Over four hundred fifty finalists from over sixty North South Foundation centers throughout the US participated in the event. The following Indiana kids were among the top ten contestants at the nationals in their respective categories.



Sameer Mishra – Senior spelling bee – 4<sup>th</sup> rank  
Vikas Vavilala – Junior Vocabulary bee – 7<sup>th</sup> rank  
Vignesh Dakshinamurthy – Senior spelling bee – 9<sup>th</sup> rank

NorthSouth Foundation, Indianapolis chapter expresses their sincere thanks to Subhash Mahajan, Kris Dasari and Haresh Gangwani of IAI for their support as well as the judges and parents for their dedication in conducting the event so successfully.

North South Foundation is a non-profit, tax-exempt and a wholly volunteer-run organization that awards scholarships to exceptionally qualified but needy students in India entering colleges regardless of religion, gender, caste, creed or geographic origin. To date, the Foundation ([www.northsouth.org](http://www.northsouth.org)) awarded more than 2,500 scholarships for students in India. In addition, the Foundation organizes educational contests for children of Indian origin living in USA.

## Midwest Regional FOGANA Competition:



The Aarohi Group of Indianapolis, choreographed by Bela Jones, participated in the annual FOGANA (Garba) dance competition held in Detroit this year on July 23rd, for the Midwest Sectionals. Our girls came in second in their Senior Folk dance category, with a solid performance! The dance group includes Ushma Jones, Preya Dave, Sweety Patel, Priya Ishwar, Ravisa Patel, Darshi Bosamia, Maya Das, Radhika Patel, Gauri Bajpai, Sonali Patel, Chanda Pandey, Krupali Patel, Deepali Patel, Namrata Patel. Congratulations!

Kanchana Ishwar

## 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Invitational Golf Tournament



The 11<sup>th</sup> AIGT organized by the Indian American Golf League and the Sunrise Golf League was enjoyed by all the golf enthusiasts. Twenty-two invitees participated in the tournament held at the South Grove Golf Course on 21<sup>st</sup> of August 2005. Several prizes were handed out at the end of the tournament. A few senior members of the above two leagues have offered to give free lessons to any new comers. Hopefully the members of the IAI will take advantage of the free golf lessons and join the leaguers next year.

R. Nagarajan, Dan Trivedi, M.S. Murali and Ram Ravindran

**GREGORY HANCOCK DANCE THEATRE**  
Presents  
**THE GYPSY VAMPIRES OF DRAKOV**  
*a Halloween tradition to die for...*  
October 28 & 29, 2005 at 8:00 PM  
Pike Performing Arts Center  
Located at 6701 Zionsville Road  
For Ticket information call (317) 846-2441

## Daily Inspirations

1. The body is temple of God. Keep it beautiful and bright through right thinking.
2. The test of a man is how much he can bear and how much he can share and how soon he confesses a mistake and makes amends for it.
3. Our true wealth does not consist in what we have but what we are!
4. What is the rarest thing in the universe, "perfection". We must keep striving for it, though it might be difficult to attain.
5. There are 3 types of people. The unwise, partially wise and the wise. The unwise finds faults with others, partially wise finds fault with themselves. The wise finds fault with no one, thither themselves or others.
6. Think little, feel less, love more!
7. Knowledge is one thing, but knowledge without understanding it is empty.
8. Every problem is a challenge. Do not seek to run away from it. Face it with courage and faith and walk like a man.
9. Would you be a God? Then keep on doing as much good as you can, in as many occasions as you can, and in as many ways as you can!

*Submitted by Dr. Mohini Ahuja*

### Mirgtrishna [Mirage]

Kal tak hareyali thee jaha  
Aaj viranagi najar aatee  
Paid poday jo thai harai bharai  
Aaj sukhai aur udhas najr aatai  
Ritu badaltee her moosum may  
Jaisay sardi aur garami  
Gum aur khushi lagi rahatee zindgi may  
Jaisay dhoop aur chavo  
Baharai jaati kahaa  
Kuch aagay nikal jati hai  
Intajar karti hai tumhara nukkad pay  
Aankh khultai hee sub hara bhara ho jata  
Baharai yahee tho thee  
Vo gayee kahaa ?

*By Uma Gupta*

## Second Announcement: 2006 IAI Directory



The current edition of IAI Directory was published in 2001. Since then, there has been an exponential growth in the size of the Central Indiana Indian community. We plan to update the IAI Directory with your help. We invite all Central Indiana community members to become part of the new IAI Directory. As in the past, India Association Members will be entitled to one free copy with paid membership.

To be included in the Directory, please fill out the following form (write in capital letters) and mail to:

**Ajai Chaudhary • 13949 Saben Court, Carmel, IN 46032 ~**

Alternatively, you can email the details to at ~ [archana618@hotmail.com](mailto:archana618@hotmail.com).

Our website [www.iaibharati.com](http://www.iaibharati.com) will also display a fillable form very soon.

For further details please contact Ajai Chaudhary (317) 705-0278

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

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Nominations for officers to serve INDIA ASSOCIATION OF INDIANAPOLIS (2006)

1. **Board of Trustees: 1 position (4 year term)**
2. **Executive Committee: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Joint Treasurer, Seven (7) joint secretaries, Youth Group Advisor**
3. **Five (5) members for Strategic Planning Committee**

For further information, please contact any of the following "Nomination Committee" members:

Subhash Mahajan (317 823-8032), Archana Thaker (317 297-9470), Kanchana Ishwar (317 848-8943)

Please complete the form and mail it by October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005 to Archana Thaker, 6223 Weller Circle, Indianapolis, IN 46268

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City, State and Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Position being nominated for: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**IAI Directory form continued...**

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

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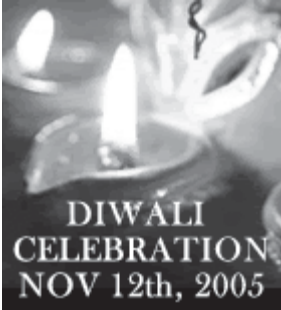
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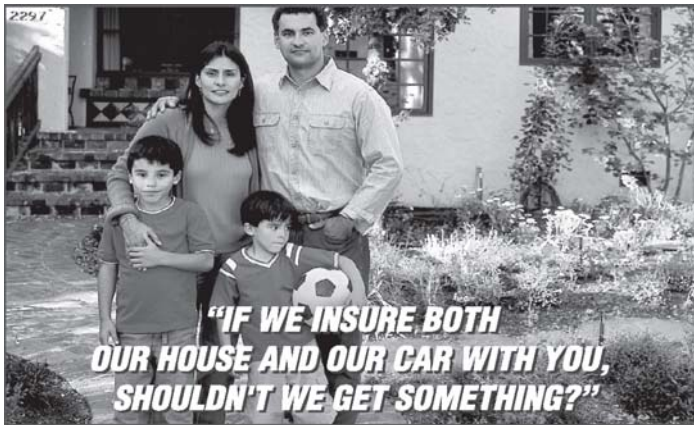


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## “INDIAN ENGLISH: IT VILL BE WERY HELPFUL, YAAR!”

It is the year 2020 and call centers are opening all over the West, as the new economic power India outsources work to the countries where many jobs originated. Millions of Americans, still struggling to adapt to a global economy, are willing to accept jobs that pay them in a new currency sweeping much of the world: EuRupees.

Some of them, eager to land one of the customer service jobs from India, are attending special training sessions in New York City, led by language specialist Dave Ramsey, who goes by a simpler name for his Indian clients: Devendra Ramaswaminathan.

On this warm afternoon, the professor is teaching three ambitious students how to communicate with Indian customers.

Professor: “Okay, Gary, Randy and Jane, first we need to give you Indian names. Gary, from now on, you’ll be known to your customers as Gaurav. Randy, you’ll be Ranjit. And Jane, you’ll be Jagadamba. Now imagine you just received a call from Delhi. What do you say?”

Gary: “Name as tea?”

Professor: “I think you mean ‘namaste.’ Very good. But what do you say after that?”

Gary: “How can I help you?”

Professor: “You’re on the right track. Anyone else?”

Jane: “How can I be helping you?”

Professor: “Good try! You’re using the correct tense, but it’s not quite right. Anyone else?”

Randy: “How I can be helping you?”

Professor: “Wonderful! Word order is very important. Okay, let’s try some small talk. Give me a comment that would help you make a connection with your Indian customers.”

Randy: “It’s really hot, isn’t it?”

Professor: “The heat is always a good topic, but you haven’t phrased it correctly. Try again.”

Randy: “It’s deadly hot, isn’t it?”

Professor: “That’s better. But your tag question can be greatly improved.”

Randy: “It’s deadly hot, no?”

Professor: “Wonderful! You can put ‘no?’ at the end of almost any statement. You are understanding me, no?”

Jane: “Yes, we are understanding you, no?”

Professor (smiles): “We may need to review this later. But let’s move on to other things. Have you ever heard Indians use the word ‘yaar’?”

Randy: “Yes, my Indian friends use it all the time. Just last night, one of them said to me, ‘Randy, give me yaar password. I am needing it to fix yaar computer.’”

Professor (laughs): “That’s a different ‘yaar,’ yaar. The ‘yaar’ that I’m talking about means friend or buddy. You can use it if you’ve developed a camaraderie with a customer. For example, you can say, ‘Come on, yaar. I am offering you the best deal.’ Do you understand, Jagadamba?”

Jane: “Yaar, I do.”

Professor (smiles): “Okay, let’s talk about accents. If your client says ‘I yam wery vorried about vat I bought for my wife,’ how would you respond?”

Randy: “Please don’t be vorrying, yaar. She vill be wery happy and vill give you a vild time tonight.”

Professor: “Vunderful! I mean, wonderful. You have a bright future, Ranjit. And so do you, Jagadamba. But Gaurav, you haven’t said anything in a while. Do you have any questions about what we’ve just learned?”

Gary: “Yes, Professor, I do have one question: Wouldn’t it be simpler to learn to speak Hindi?”

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