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## FUND RAISER FOR THE INDIA COMMUNITY CENTER

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## India Independence Day Essay Competition



IAI executive committee would like to invite children between the ages of 10 and 16 years to participate in an essay writing competition. The winners (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place) will be given cash rewards. 1<sup>st</sup> place winning essay will be published in Bharati and will be read on the stage on Aug 27<sup>th</sup>.

### Essay Rules

- Participation is limited to children 10 to 16 years of age.
- Essay theme to be related to "India Independence Day".
- Essay not to exceed 1000 words.
- Only one essay per child will be accepted.
- Participant's name, age and contact information should be clearly stated.
- Parents involvement should be limited to providing directions and not towards contributing to the content of the essay.
- Deadline for receiving the essays is August 17<sup>th</sup> 2005.
- Essays to be mailed to Haresh Gangwani at 3709 Gould Drive, Carmel IN-46033.



For more information please send in email to  
hareshgangwani@yahoo.com

Please become a member of India Association by filling the form on page 15 and another form for IAI Directory on page 7 to receive a FREE copy of directory.



Hindu Temple of Central Indiana

invites you to

# Temple Picnic 2005

**Saturday, August 13, 2005**

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

3350 German Church Road

Phase I construction (Balaalayam) will soon be complete  
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or

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## Vedic Consecration of Asian Galleries - Invocation to Ganesha, the purifying power.

Venue: Indianapolis Museum of Art  
4000 Michigan Road, Indianapolis

Time: Thursday, September 8 from 6pm-7pm  
Admission is FREE  
Museum is open till 8:30pm

In the Hindu calendar September 8 of this year, the fourth day of the lunar month is a special day for Ganesha, the elephant-headed popular Hindu god of success, wisdom and wealth, and remover of all obstacles. In the Hindu tradition Ganesha is prayed to first on all auspicious occasions. Vedic scholar Sree Aswathji will perform an invocation and purification ceremony for the Asian galleries and explain the significance of Ganesha. Sree Aswath is a purohita (priest) from Columbus OH. He is a teacher of Hindu scriptures and author of several volumes of Hindu prayers for daily use and booklets for adults and children. He learned Sanskrit from his grandfather and from his Guru, Shri Ananta Krishna, Professor of Yajur Veda. Dr. Bhuwan Garg, a member of the Indianapolis Hindu community, will introduce Mr. Aswath.

Please note: All but those with special needs will be invited to be seated on the floor on a rug in the gallery.

*Cosponsored by the IMA Education Division and the Asian Art Society with promotional support from Asian American Alliance.*

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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 SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER ISSUE IS AUGUST 10, 2005

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

	one issue	six issues
Full page	\$300.00	\$1400.00
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Quarter page	\$ 80.00	\$ 400.00
Business Card	\$ 50.00	\$ 250.00
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The India Association of Indianapolis was founded in 1967. Today, we step in to our 37<sup>th</sup> successful year with a community of over 2,500 families in Indianapolis and over 5,000 families in Central Indiana.

We would like to invite you to the celebration of our **India's 58<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Independence at 'India Day', on August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at the Garfield Park Conservatory** (2505 Garfield Plaza Drive, Indianapolis, Indiana).

For your entertainment, there will be music, dances, and fashion shows. There will be a cricket match, face painting and mehendi for kids and youth. You'll have an opportunity to browse through a book sale, boutique sale, and enjoy sumptuous Indian food. Join us with your family members and have fun as we celebrate our heritage in this country.

By sponsoring this event, you as a sponsor have the great advantage of making our people aware of you and your business. Our events also represent an opportunity for business and community leaders to demonstrate their support towards the association and us.

### Following are the sponsorship levels

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- Booth for display of your material in the Pavilion
- 2 tickets to the "India Day" event
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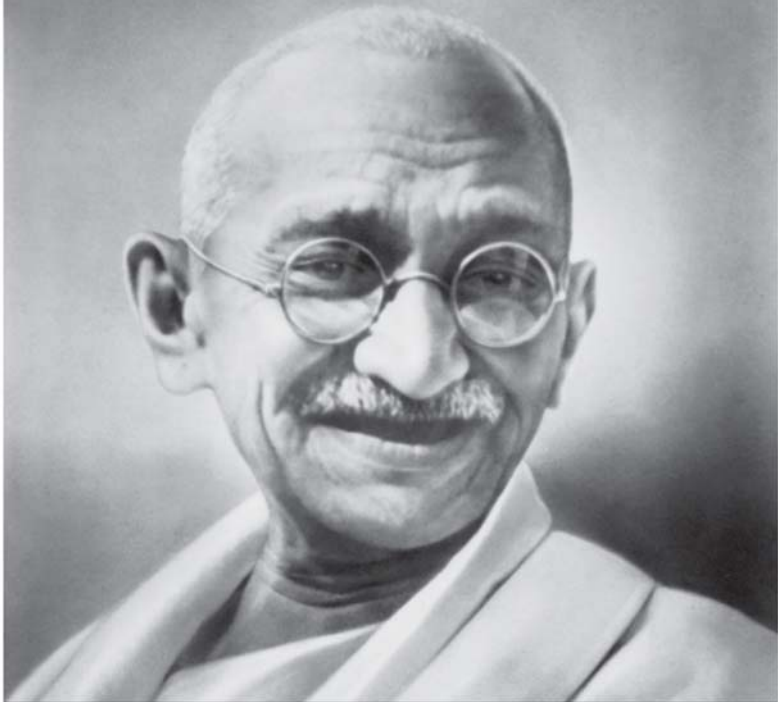
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## 'MERA DESH MAHAN'

India's Independence Day Celebration  
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We hope you take this opportunity to support the community and the association.

Please contact Rohit Dalmia at [dalmia\\_r@yahoo.com](mailto:dalmia_r@yahoo.com) or Manjusha Prasad at [manju331@yahoo.com](mailto:manju331@yahoo.com) and show your support.

Thank you for your patronage.

Haresh Gangwani  
President, 2005 IAI Executive Committee  
[hareshgangwani@yahoo.com](mailto:hareshgangwani@yahoo.com)

## Graduations

### *All the Grads Congratulations!!*

**HEMANT DINKAR**, son of Lallu Ram Dinkar  
Graduating From: College (Master)  
Achievements: Masters in Telecommunication and Software Engineering from IIT CHICAGO in May 2005  
Future Plans: I got a job in INDIANAPOLIS

**RUPAL PATEL**, daughter of Sukumar & Mayuri Patel  
Graduating From: College (Bachelor)  
Future Plans: Planning on attending medical school.

**NIKITA PATEL**, daughter of Sukumar & Mayuri Patel  
Graduating From: College (Bachelor)  
Future Plans: Working as an accountant at Defense Finance & Accounting Service for the Department of Defense. Planning on obtaining my CPA by the end of next year as well as, planning to attend graduate school for my MBA.

**ZAREEN KAPADIA**, daughter of Abu and Zubi Kapadia  
Achievements: Graduated from IU School of Dentistry with High Distinction in May of 2005. She finished in the top 10 of her class and also was inducted into OKU, the National Dental Honor Society.  
Future Plans: Zareen will be practicing dentistry in Chicago, IL.

**SONIA NEVREKAR**, daughter of Niteen and Geeta  
Graduating From: High School  
Achievements: Top 7% of class at Hamilton Southeastern High School, National Honor Society, Mathematics Honor Society, Varsity swimmer, Spanish Honor Society, Student Council member.  
Future Plans: will attend Purdue University and major in Pharmaceutical Science.

**PRIYA THAKKAR**, daughter of Arvind Thakkar  
Graduating From: College (Master)  
Achievements: Received with Honors her MSSW (Master of Science in Social Work) from the University of Texas (Austin), May 2005. Did a 4-month internship at the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland.

Future Plans: Plans to work in Portland, Oregon in the area of Planning and Administration.

Kishen Parikshak, son of Yogen and Neeta has graduated from Carmel High School with high grades. He attended State and National competitions in 'DECA' program.

Future Plans: He has achieved direct admission in Kelly School of Business, at Indiana University, Bloomington.

### Graduation time... some of my thoughts

#### Ram S. Ravindran

Congratulations to those Indian-American youngsters who are graduating from, high schools, colleges, grad schools and professional colleges. You have done a commendable job so far. Your parents and your community are proud of you.

More challenges are about to come your way. I have lived in this country for quite some time. Things have changed quite a bit. With globalization of industry, markets, and outsourcing of work, the work environment in the US has changed dramatically. Well paying jobs are harder to find and keep. The world has become a highly competitive place. The playing ground has become flat all over the world. American workers have to compete against the workers in other parts of the world with no additional advantage. Yet the cost of living in America is going up. American corporations tend to relocate themselves wherever the business environment is to their advantage. An average American worker may have to switch jobs 3 or 4 times in their life time.. Prepare yourself to face all these challenges by studying hard, working hard and staying focused.. You may have to constantly upgrade your knowledge and skill set. You have to be good at communication, science, technology, life skills and money matters. Fortunately the resources available in this country to advance yourself in life are enormous. Take advantage of them.. Don't count on second chance. It is available to the lucky few. One more thing. While in college, keep an eye for your future life partner. The choices will become limited when you get into work world. May the good Lord help you and guide you.

## 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 events

#### *Successful completion of Visa Camp*

On May 21st, IAI hosted a Visa Camp at the India Community Center. The event was a tremendous success, with 137 Indian visas being processed for US Citizens traveling to India. Officials from the Chicago Indian Consulate traveled to Indianapolis and issued visas on the same day. The feedback received was extremely positive. Thanks to several volunteers who helped make this event a great success! Look for this to be an annual event!

#### *March of Dimes Walkathon*

IAI team participated in the March of Dimes walk, an ongoing annual tradition. The team and its many donors collectively made a contribution of \$7,409 to March of Dimes. The top contributor was Dr. Vidyasagar Tumuluri. Congratulations to Dr. Tumuluri and all those who participated.

### 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).

Community Services Committee:

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### Upcoming CSG events

#### Seniors Club - Inaugural Party

**Date: July 31, 2005 (Sunday)**

**Time: 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

**Venue: India Community Center**

**4420 W 56th St., Indianapolis, IN 46254**

Please mark your calendars for a Seniors Club Inaugural Party. This kickoff evening will set the stage for future events for Seniors on a regular basis. We would particularly like to honor our community members in the age group 55+. The evening will consist of social time, entertainment, dinner and group activities. Future events will be informative and fun. For more information, please contact Anu Ganith at 872-6785 or Kanchana Ishwar at 848-8943 or email us at [iai\\_cs@yahoo.com](mailto:iai_cs@yahoo.com).

#### Junior Cricket Club

Practices have started for the IAI Junior Cricket Club. The first practice was held on June 19th. The team meets for practice each Sunday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at River Road Park (126th and River Road in Carmel). Players in the age group 5 – 17 are requested to sign up to learn this enjoyable and popular sport that is played all over the world. Equipment will be provided. The season runs through late September. During the season, youth cricket teams from other Midwest cities will be invited for exhibition matches. We are looking for enthusiastic players! Please contact Sunil Mohandas at 946-1980 or Hareesh Gangwani at 815- 1235 or email [indy\\_jcc@yahoo.com](mailto:indy_jcc@yahoo.com) for more information and for sign-up.

## Your membership counts!

It is July and 2005 is halfway over! That's hard to believe since it feels like we just welcomed in the New Year. Along with that we brought in a new and invigorated Trustee Board and Executive Committee to serve you and the Association. As these volunteers work hard to make this a better organization and strive to serve this community, I make this request to each of you to consider becoming a member of the Association. If you are a past member and have just forgotten to renew, this is the time to do it. Why, you ask yourself, should I be a member of IAI?

India Association of Indianapolis has made great strides in recent years to serve the needs of this community. *The mission of IAI is to promote cultural activities of India, to foster cultural exchange between Indian Americans and the local American community and to carry out educational and charitable activities.* We have achieved and continue to work toward achieving each of these goals in a meaningful manner. To cite some examples – each year the Association puts forward four exciting cultural events, Republic Day, Holi, Independence Day and Diwali. Many of these events are set up for local participation, which encourages cultural enhancement for our youth. Two years ago, IAI created a Fine Arts Committee that brings high caliber classical music and dance performances to Indianapolis. Most recently, IAI created a Community Services Group, which has already made its mark with increased volunteering opportunities and a successful Visa Camp. This group will continue to bring topical and service oriented events to you. A Junior Cricket Club has taken shape since 2004, and our Community Center has been equipped with a recreational room for meetings and other recreational activities. We now have a wonderful interactive website that can be viewed at [www.iaibharati.com](http://www.iaibharati.com). And last but not least, IAI puts out the Bharati bi-monthly publication and a directory to keep us all connected. These are only a few of the several initiatives under way. All these activities bring both tangible and intangible benefits and a sense of belonging to all members of this Indian American community.

How are your membership dollars spent? As you know, IAI is a non-profit organization and every dollar earned is

spent in giving back to the community. All the initiatives mentioned earlier have a cost attached to it. Most importantly, the upkeep of our aging Community Center places a huge financial burden on the funds of the Association, and this is reason alone to support the Association with your membership. There are very few cities around the US that have an Indian Community Center, especially one that is made available to members for rent at very reasonable rates. The publication of the Bharati newsletter and the directory are also not self-supporting activities. If we wish to continue receiving these benefits then we must all financially support our Association.


There are three levels of annual membership: Grand Patron \$250, Patron \$125, regular family membership \$25 and single member \$15. Grand Patrons receive four free tickets to Diwali and Holi programs and Patrons receive two free tickets to these events. Both these types of memberships are eligible for a 50% tax deduction of the membership fee.

Please send in your membership payment at your earliest convenience along with a completed membership form that is available in the Bharati. Thank you.

Kanchana Ishwar

Treasurer, Board of Trustees

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## First 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: [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

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

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

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

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*Registration Fees: \$25 per child & \$100 per family of four, \$10 each additional family member (includes snacks, lunch, dinner, lodging etc)*

*Register Early: A \$5 late fee will be charged for registrations received after August 14, 2005*

For Information and Registration Forms, Please Contact

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Poornima/Anant Kini	317-570-8499
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Vivek Joshi	317-421-0464

***Krishna Janmasthanmi*** will be celebrated by all devotees on Friday, August 26, 2005 from 9.00 PM to midnight in the Temple premise of the ICC.

Please join us for the special Bhajans, Puja, Aarti and Prasad. Chanting of shlokas and singing of various devotional songs are other highlights of the program. Admission is free. We also solicit volunteers, singers and sponsors for these special events. Om Shanti!  
For more information please call:  
Deb Lahiri, Nataraj Kote, Ananth Kini, Madhu Bhargava

## Registration Form

(Please fill in all the items)

### Participant Information

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name \_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_

3. Name \_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_

4. Name \_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Name (s):

\_\_\_\_\_

Address:

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\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_)–\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: (\_\_\_\_)–\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Insurance Information:

\_\_\_\_\_

(Please provide your medical information above.)

Number of family members attending \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Items to bring:** Sleeping bag      Personal hygiene items  
Clothes (sweaters)      Medicines  
An open mind and a positive attitude

**Items not to bring:** Video Games      Cellphones  
Walk-mans or tapes      A complaining mind  
Valuable items like jewelry

*Please make checks payable to:*

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Please write your telephone number on the check.

**Mail Completed Registration Form to: Kumar Dave**  
**7526 S. Forest Park Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46217**

**Parents and college students: Please write your name here if you wish to volunteer at this event -**

\_\_\_\_\_

(Geeta Mandal is a Not-for-profit organization registered in Indiana)

## What is “up” with the Indians and Indian-Americans?

*Ram S. Ravindran*

*“They are hard working, helpful, quiet and serious people” but....*

Since most of us are permanent residents of this country, we need to take stock of ourselves and find out how our American co-workers perceive us. With that in mind I talked to a few American employees at three different institutions. All these three entities employ a significant number of us. These employees have had interaction with Indian software professionals and other permanent resident Indians. As I requested them to do so, they sort of offered this “wish list”

Here are their impressions of us aside from the positive comments mentioned above.

1. We talk softly (we mumble. They can barely hear us).
2. We talk too fast (It is hard to understand some of us).
3. Some of us are heavily accented despite living in this country for years.
4. We don't look at and acknowledge people while walking in the hallway.
5. We don't look at them in their eyes while we converse.
6. We don't smile and appear to be very serious all the time.
7. Some of the older people forget to use “thank you” and “please” words.
8. At work, we sort of retreat to our offices.
9. We don't mingle with other co-workers (mistaken for being secretive).
10. We avoid break rooms (some of us eat in our offices).
11. We don't engage in light hearted conversation.
12. We avoid office parties and after work get together.
13. We don't speak up (and be heard) at conferences.
14. We want to be only members and not volunteer to head committees.
15. We don't seem to care how we dress and groom ourselves.
16. We don't wear seasonal clothes. We wear the same

outfits in all seasons.

17. Some of us “heat –up” heavily curried food in the microwave oven.
18. Indian software folks walk around in a group
19. Some of the Indians smoke a lot (software programmers)
20. Some Indians converse in some non-English language at work.

On the face of it, the above mentioned comments may seem like stereotypical ones. Please keep in mind, I prompted them to list them. It may apply to only a few of us. But it is still worth knowing. It is my feeling that some of these comments may indeed be valid. Maybe, we should take corrective action and blend better with our fellow workers.

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## National Spelling Bee Competition!

IAI proudly recognizes and salutes the achievement of Vaibhav Vavilala, a 9-year-old boy of Indian descent, who became the Spelling Bee champion of Hamilton County. Vaibhav attends Orchard Park Elementary School in Carmel. According to the Noblesville Ledger, the sponsoring newspaper, this is the first time a 4<sup>th</sup> grader has represented Hamilton County. He was one of the 273 contestants who participated in the final Spelling Bee competition held in Washington, DC. Vaibhav made it to the 2nd round of the 10 rounds, in the final competition. Noteworthy is the fact that his brother Vikas, a seventh grader of Creekside Middle School won the third place in the county wide competition. The Spelling Bee is open to kids who are 16 or younger and who have not finished 8<sup>th</sup> grade. I was intrigued by the presence of 21 names of South Asian descent in the list of 273 final contestants. (I guessed it from their names). Fourteen other kids from Indiana were among the finalists. (Sameer Mishra (Lafayette)). Anurag Kashyap of California won the championship this year! In general people of Indian descent have a good sense of logic. However, I didn't know Desis have a good mind for sound and spelling linkage as well. Good job Vaibhav.

Ram Ravindran

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