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#### LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Dear IAI Members I wish you ALL a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Lord Sri Rama said "Janani Janmabhoomi-scha Swargadapi Gariyasi. That means "Mother and Motherland are greater than Heaven". Wherever we are and whatever we do, our Mother-land India is always dear to us.

Let me thank you for electing me the Chairman of IAI Board for 2011and giving me an opportunity to serve you. I am humbled by the trust you placed in me.

I along with members of the Board and Executive committee as well as other committees, we believe in the Mission, Vision and Values of IAI. We are grateful to all the community leaders that created and nurtured this Organization and are committed to making it stronger and vibrant. I request your advice, guidance and full support in the coming year to help us achieve our goals.

The mission of the India Association of Indianapolis is to promote cultural activities of India, to foster cultural exchange between people of India and the USA, and to carry out educational and charitable activities.

During this year, we have some ideas/plans which shall be implemented.

- Create a Strategic Plan for 5 years
- Enhance communications among the various subgroups of Indian Community, promote relations with the community at large.
- Increase our presence and involvement in the community at large
- Increase IAI membership especially Grand Patron and Patron
- Redefine Community Services and serve, help and support our community members who may not be able to meet their daily living needs
- Continue some of the existing IAI programs like Soup Kitchen, Health Fair, etc.
- Partner with Habitat for Humanity and other similar organizations to support the community at large through increased volunteering activities
- Bring out Membership Directory which is due in 2011

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#### LETTER FROM THE IAI PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year to all!

I am greatly honored and humbled to be the president of IAI Executive Committee 2011. I have been involved with IAI for some years. When I look back over these years, it seems that things have gone smoothly and IAI has matured into a widely popular and respected organization. This is due in large part to the participation of IAI members in the events that have been coordinated by our diligent committee and board members. I am thankful to all of those who have contributed in some capacity to IAI in the past and I hope that you will continue to support IAI this year. If you have not had a chance to experience the excitement of an IAI event, please come and join us and I promise you great enjoyment.

IAI has developed into a great platform to celebrate its mission of rejoicing in Indian culture and promote cultural exchange within American communities. We plan on continuing to further IAI undertaking by holding several exciting events this year. Some of the main planned events are:

Holi Dhamaka - April 16th

(Entry form for entertainment available on page 3) India Day – August 14th.

Diwali Gala - November 12th.

International Festival India Booth - Nov. 17th - 20th.

Please mark your calendars and save the dates for these events. As the year progresses and the new committee members become active in their respective positions, we might add more events. IAI youth group has made their presence felt in 2010 and they will continue to do so this year with several events that will give our youth a chance to mingle, enjoy, and provide community service. We will keep you updated and please log on to the IAI website for more details. I request and encourage all of you to consider participating in all IAI events at whatever level is comfortable to you.

Most of all I would like to invite each and every one of you to become members of IAI for year 2011. There are several levels of memberships available to suit your needs. Please log on to the IAI website for details. Your membership ensures that we will continually practice to celebrate our culture and traditions in a grand manner TOGETHER!

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## The deadline for receiving articles and advertising for the April-May issue is March 15, 2011.

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#### Holi Dhamaka 2011 - ENTERTAINMENT ENTRY FORM

Event Date: April 16,th 2011 · Sign up date: Starting March 1st, 2011

#### Skits, Mimes and performances that symbolize Holi are encouraged!

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- Registrants must submit valid email and telephone # on THIS form for performance confirmation
- Any Participant, Choreographer, or anyone whose name is associated with an item or wants his/her name to be recognized, MUST BE a member of IAI for 2011
- First Come, First Served. Form submit deadline: March 30th, 2011
- No Song Duplication
- Solo performances restricted to ages 14 and above

\*\*\* Coordinator will be contacted to confirm performance. If attempts to contact coordinators fail, those entries WILL NOT be included in the program \*\*\*

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Member Yes / No Phone # Email:

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I would like to express sincere thanks to members, spouses and family members of all IAI executive committee and Board Members for their sacrifices and support in the past years. I express my sincere thanks to all the sponsors for their generous donations and hope they will continue to support IAI. I want to thank my family and friends for their support, and especially my wife Prasanna and my son Anoop without their love, sacrifice and support my participation in the community would not be possible.

Please visit http://www.myiai.org/membership.html and renew your membership for 2011 and get your friends who are not yet members to become one. Please feel free to contact me at rajuchinthala@gmail.com or cell no. 317-339-7461 if you have any questions/issues/suggestions/ comments/input.

"Be the change you want to see in the world."

- Mahatma Gandhi

"We can do no great things, only small things with great love." - Mother Teresa

God Bless you ALL! Thank you & Jai Hind! Sincerely Yours Raju Chinthala Chairman, IAI Board www.myiai.org

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I take great pleasure in introducing to you the members of the IAI Executive Committee 2011. I consider myself blessed to have the support of these talented and dedicated individuals.

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On behalf of all the Executive Committee members, I thank you with all my heart for your trust and support and look forward to sharing a great year with you.

Sincerely, Reeta Bhargava President, India Association of Indianapolis

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