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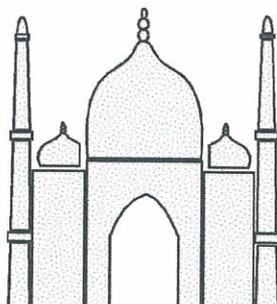
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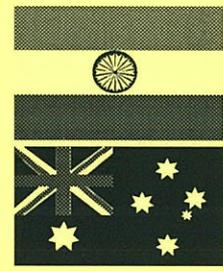
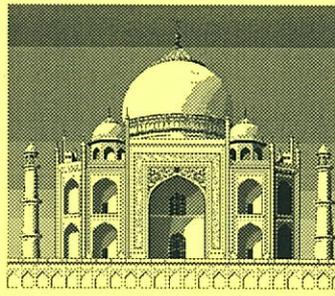
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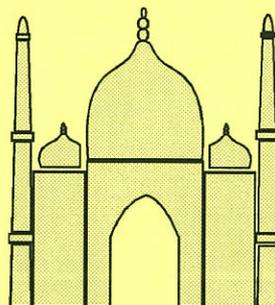
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Top photograph shows Mr. John White MLA & Mr. Robert Wait, Director of Immigration with the members enjoying the dinner.

Middle photograph shows Miss Aparna Lad and her Carol Singing Team.

Bottom photograph shows members enjoying the Christmas function dinner.

EID-AL-FITRI FUNCTION:

The Moslem members of the Society will finish their fasting for the month of Ramadan on 8th February, 97 and will celebrate EID-AL-FITRI on the following day. The Committee members of the Society have rescheduled Eid function from Saturday, 15th February as indicated in my last newsletter to **Sunday, 16th February** due to unavoidable circumstances. **The venue is as usual the Migrant Resource Centre, 49 Molle Street, Hobart. The starting time for the function is 6.30 PM** in order to finish early as the next day is a working day.

As mentioned in my last newsletter, Mr Saleh Parkar, the Secretary of the Society is organising the function. All members are requested to **attend the function on Sunday, 16th February and bring a food dish as usual. Please contact Mrs. Safia Parkar on 62731415 or Dr. Rashida Khan on 62238926** regarding the food dish you may bring. Your Co-operation in this regard would provide variety of foods for the function.

UPCOMING FUNCTIONS:

The next function after the Eid function is the barbecue at Tolosa Park. In my last newsletter, there was a typing error and the date printed was 20th March, 1997. I am sorry about this misprint and **the barbecue function is now fixed on Sunday 23rd March, 1997 at Tolosa Park at hut no. 3 starting at 11.30 am.** You are requested to bring meat, salad and drinks for yourself. Mr. Abnash Singal and Jean have returned from their holidays to India and Abnash is organising this function so please direct any inquiry about this function to Abnash on 62725239. There may not be any other newsletter before this barbecue function and so **please make a note of the date for this function in your diary.**

OTHER NEWS:

(1) INDIAN MUSICIANS FROM INDIA:

Two Indian musicians from Calcutta, India took part in the Hobart City Council's Festival of Southern Lights and played sitar and tabla at the casino on 26th January, the Australia Day. These two musicians were the guests of the local Anand Marga group to Hobart and are on their tour around Australia. They performed in concerts at the Peacock theatre, Salamanca Place on three nights from 30th January to 1st February. **Deba prasad Chakraborty played sitar and Pradeep Paul played tabla brilliantly and mesmerised the local audience at the peacock theatre.** Quite a few of our members attended the concert at the Peacock theatre and some of us also had the pleasure of listening to them again at Dr. Lad's residence where they were invited to have their meals. Both of them were very friendly and their brilliant music made all of us very proud of our culture and heritage.

(2) HINDI LANGUAGE SCHOOL:

Hindi language classes are being held at the India House by the Indian Cultural Society's Hindi School since 1993. If any member of the society wants to learn Hindi or those who attended the school last year and wish to continue this year, are requested to enrol and get in touch with Mr. Mahendra Pratik, 18 Reynolds Court, Dynnyrne on phone 62310357 (Home) or 62337706 (Business). Mr. Awadash Sharma and Sudha are the teachers for this year as well and **the school recommences on Sunday 23rd February, 1997 at India House, 7 Lodge Street, Glenorchy at 2.00 PM.**

(3) INDIAN NEWSPAPERS:

The High Commission's office at Canberra is sending us Hindustan Times and some magazines regularly. Members can read them at the India House Library and if that is inconvenient you may get in touch with me so that some arrangements may be worked out. I am including the **NEWS FOR 1996-97 FOR INDIA** as published by the Hindustan Times on the last page for your information.

(4) GRANT FOR THE SOCIETY:

Our application for grant to the Department of Multicultural & Ethnic affairs to help us bring artists, musicians etc. for our annual function has been successful and we have been awarded \$ 500.00. This would add some colour to our 25th anniversary celebrations.

GENERAL NEWS CONCERNING THE MEMBERS:

Mr. Nisar Parkar who got married last year to Sadia has bought house and they have moved in the house just before the holy month of Ramadan. They have settled down well and enjoying their stay in the new house. Congratulations to Nisar and Sadia and wish them all the best for their future in the new house.

Mr. Noor Parkar has left Hobart for India for a visit and is heading to UK to work and see Europe for a couple of years. There is no substitute for learning by working round the world and I am glad to see that all our young people to-day want to travel.

Mrs. Amina Tanke, sister of Mr. Saleh Parkar is coming to Hobart on 15th February to visit the family members and friends and we hope to see Amina at the Eid function.

Mr. Hamza Parker's son Zahid and his wife Shahida have a baby boy named Yosuf. Congratulations to Zahid and Shahida. They intend to visit Hobart at the end of March, 1997.

So much so for the Parkar family news, I could as well have written a book on them!

Mr. Ujwal Datta, Sangita and their children have returned to Hobart after staying at New Delhi, India for couple of years. Welcome back to Hobart, Ujwal & Sangita.

Good news from Ashay Prabhu is that when he went to Bombay last month he got engaged to be married to a beautiful young lady Ujwala. Later in the year he will be going back to India to bring her here to settle in Hobart. Congratulations to Ashay for getting caught in the slip after a brilliant inning!

Mr. Anoop Lad has just returned from India after a wonderful trip visiting all his grandparent and relatives as well as the friends from CCI. Anoop travelled in India extensively this time and returned back after a short holiday at Bali as a guest of Qantas Airways!

Miss Husna Pasha, the youngest daughter of Dr. Iqbal Pasha and Ruhi, has secured admission to Sydney University to read a degree course in Occupational Therapy. She is very thrilled about it and will be moving to Sydney along with her best friend Aparna Lad. Aparna Lad has passed her first year exams in Occupational Therapy with distinction. Congratulations and Well Done Aparna and what a good study set up for Husna! Best of luck to both of you.

Mr. Xarxes Meher Homji, Parvin and their two lovely sons Farhad and Zal, who were our members when they were in Hobart, are now in Perth. Xarxes went from here to Brisbane for

short while and then to Jakart, Indonesia for six months, returned to Sydney and now is at Perth as the General manager of Sheraton Hotel. Xarxes has requested me to convey his regards to all the friends at Hobart.

Our trip to Fiji and North Island of NewZealand was very enjoyable. The hospitality of the friends in Fiji was great and I enjoyed KAVA everywhere we went. **BULA, BULA to all the Fijian friends of the Indian Cultural Society!**

MEMBERSHIP:

Several members whose names appear on the membership list which I forwarded with my last newsletter have still not paid their subscription. This is now the last chance for those members and if the subscription remains unpaid, their name will be removed from the membership list and will not receive any more newsletter. **Besides, in the last committee meeting, the members of the committee have decided to keep all the future functions after the Eid festival for the members only.** Please come along to the Eid function and pay up your subscription.

It has also been noticed that many members bring guests to our functions. **While guests are welcome, firstly it will be appreciated if you ring me in advance on 62333301 (Business) or 62236209 (Home)** so that we know in advance how many guests are coming and that would also help me in introducing them to the members when they attend the function. **Secondly and most importantly, please make sure you bring extra food for your guests.**

HUMOUR:

A lady awoke one morning and found her dog was not moving. She called her vet who asked to bring the dog to his surgery. After a brief examination, the vet pronounced the dog dead.

“Are you sure?” the distraught woman asked. “He was a great family pet. Isn’t there anything else you can do?”

The vet paused for a moment and said, “there is one more thing we can do.” He left the room for a moment and returned carrying a large cage with a cat in it. The vet opened the cage door and the cat walked over to the dog. The cat sniffed the dog from toe to head and walked back to the cage.



“Well, that confirms it.” The vet announced. “Your dog is dead.”

Unhappy but satisfied that the vet had done all he can possibly could, the woman sighed, “How much do I have to Pay?”

That will be \$330.” The vet replied.

“I don’t believe it!” screamed the woman. “What did you do that cost \$330???”

Well, “It is \$ 30 for the surgery visit and \$ 300 for the CATSCAN as per the scale, replied the vet.”

I hope you enjoy reading the Newsletter. See you on Sunday,16-2-97 at the Eid Function.
Dinesh Patel, President, Indian Cultural Society of Tasmania Inc.

INDIA 1996 HIGHLIGHTS

- Hawala rocks political parties as top leaders are named; Advani quits Lok Sabha, Jan 16; Shukla, Jakhhar resign from the cabinet, Jan 18.
- Hung Parliament after the 11th general elections; BJP single largest party; Rao resigns as PM, May 10; Vajpayee is PM for 13 days; resigns as BJP is unable to gather support, May 28.

- P.V. Narasimha Rao implicated in various cases; manages to stay out of jail; quits as Congress president, Sep 21; forced to resign as CPP leader, Dec 19.

- Sitaram Kesri takes over as Congress president, Sep 23; initiates unity move; many expelled leaders return to the party.

- Minority United Front government formed with Congress support; Deve Gowda is PM, June 1.

- Main battle tank 'Arjun' dedicated to the nation, Jan 9

- H.K.L. Bhagat held in '84 riots case, Jan 24; gets bail, Feb 19

- Kalpnath Rai arrested under TADA, Feb 12; granted bail May 6

- PSLV-D3 successful in placing IRS-P3 satellite in orbit, Mar 21

- Chandraswami arrested in Lakhubhai case, May
- CBI files FIR against Rao, 7 others in JMM case following court pressure, June 12
- Rs 133 crore Urea scam unearthed, June; Rao's kin and son of former minister in CBI net.
- Leander Paes wins sole medal (bronze) for India in Atlanta Olympics, Aug 3

- India rejects CTBT despite international pressure, Aug 14

- Euphoria over Ramar Pillai's herbal fuel, claim proves to be a hoax following series of tests

- Supreme Court imposes Rs 50 lakh fine on Satish Sharma in petrol pump allotment case, Nov 4

- Tendulkar named captain of Indian cricket squad; India win Titan Cup, Nov 6; test series against Australia & South Africa

- Chinese president Jiang Zemin visits India, Nov 29

- Sukh Ram arrested following huge cash seizures, Sept, 16; accused in Telecom deals; expelled from Congress, Dec 3

- Seshan retires, Gill takes over as CEC, Dec 11

- Pact on Ganga waters signed during Bangla PM visit, Dec 12

- Unprecedented judicial activism generates nation-wide debate

- Sheila Kaul indicted in housing scam; resigns as HP governor, Mar 21

- K.P.S. Gill retires, Jan 1; found guilty in Rupam Bajaj case, Aug 5
- Bhattal takes over as new Punjab CM from Brar, Nov. 20

- Bansi Lal heads HVP-BJP govt. in Haryana, May 11; prohibition comes into force, July 1

- 351 killed in mid-air collision between Saudi-Kazhak planes over Charkhi Dadri, Nov 12

- Blast in Jhelum Express at Ambala leaves 12 dead, Dec 2

- BJP govt. dismissed in Gujarat, Sep 19; Waghela new CM with Cong support, Oct 23

- J.H. Patel new Karnataka CM, May 30
- Miss World Paegent takes place in Bangalore amidst protests from social activists, Nov 23

- Left Front comes to power in Kerala after assembly polls; E.K. Nayanar new CM, May 20

- Hundreds die of rain and snow during Amarnath Yatra, Aug 24

- Farooq Abdullah is J & K CM following peaceful elections, Oct 9

- Khurana steps down as Delhi CM following hawala, Shahib Singh takes over, Feb 28

- 60 die as trains collide in Gorakhpur, Apr 18

- Stalemate following no party getting clear majority in UP polls; BJP single largest party; HC quashes parliament's proclamation of president's rule in landmark judgement, Dec 19; SC stay order till Jan '97

- Left front retains power in West Bengal for the record fifth time

- Involvement of top officials found in Bihar fodder scam; Laloo Prasad also comes under cloud

- N.T. Rama Rao dies in Hyderabad, Jun 18

- Hundreds perish in Andhra cyclone, Nov 7

- Controversial Enron power project revived, Jan 8

- Michael Jackson performs in Mumbai, Nov 1

- Congress splits in Tamil Nadu, Apr 3, DMK-TMC sweep polls; Karunanidhi new CM, May 13

- Jayalalitha arrested on corruption charges, Dec 9

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