

Indian Cultural Society of Tasmania Inc.



Indian Cultural & Community Welfare Centre



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Dear Members

It is time to rejoice and be merry, for the Christmas is with us that brings the message of "Togetherness and Hope" for a better world for the mankind.

On behalf of the Committee members of the Indian Cultural Society, I wish all members a merry Christmas and happy and prosperous new year.

Christmas is the time for caring, giving and sharing with the loved ones and time to forgive and be generous; May Almighty God enthuse the Christmas spirit in us.

The date for our Christmas function has been changed from 13th December to 20th December due to unavoidable circumstances. I have informed all the members about this change on phone and found that 20th December is convenient for most of the members. I am sorry for some members for whom 20th December may not be convenient to attend the function.

Please bring a spicy food dish as usual and inform Bhavini Patel on 236209 or Gita Lad on 294111 as most of the ladies did last time for Dipawali Function.

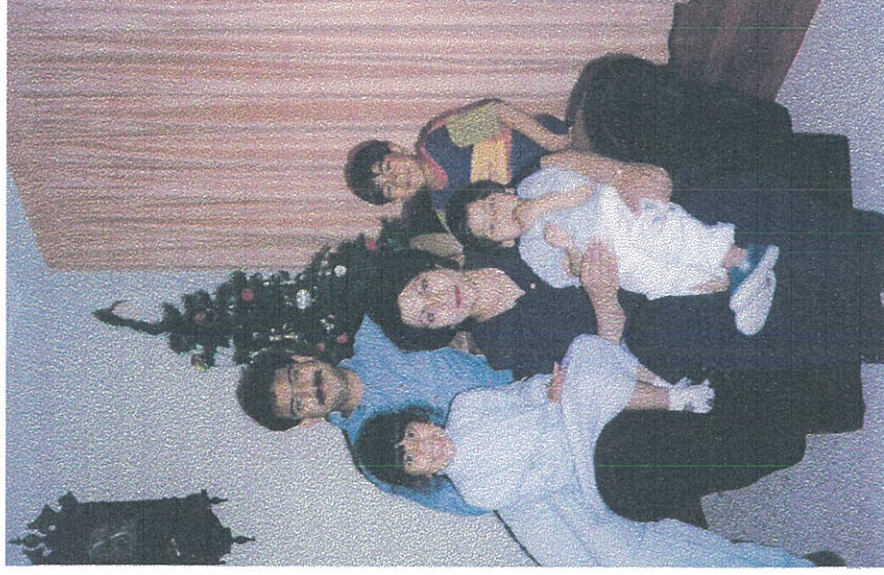
HOPE YOU ATTEND THE CHRISTMAS FUNCTION ON 20TH DECEMBER, 1996 AT 7.00 PM AT THE MIGRANT RESOURCE CENTRE, 49 MOLLE STREET, HOBART AS YOU DID FOR THE DIPAWALI FUNCTION.



FAREWELL TO MR ANOOP CHARLES INDERJEETH

Charles is leaving Hobart on 11th January, 97 for a year and moving to Perth to pursue interest in Rheumatology and to see more of Australia. He will be working at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital at Perth from 1997 to 1998.

Charles and Yasmin came to Australia in 1988 from Durban, South Africa where they were born. They have three children since coming to Hobart, two lovely boys, Keenan and Diren and one beautiful girl Andrishia.



Charles graduated in Medicine from University of Natal, South Africa and has been working at the Royal Hobart Hospital since 1991. Yasmin is a qualified Radiographer and is presently busy bringing up the three children. Charles obtained his FRACP specialist qualification from Royal Australian College of Physicians in 1995. He was President of the Indian Cultural Society in 1992-93 and was a committee member in 1995-96.

We will all miss this lovely family and specially I will miss Charles for tennis on Wednesdays but the good thing is that he is going to return to Hobart. Charles has requested me to let all the members know that all are welcome to visit them at Perth.

On behalf of the Committee and members of the Indian Cultural Society, I wish Charles and Yasmin a very successful and rewarding trip to Perth.

D. J. Patel
President, Indian Cultural Society Of Tasmania Inc.

SOCIETY'S RECENT PAST FUNCTIONS:

(i) DIPAWALI FUNCTION:

What a great gathering ! About 120 people turned up for the Dipawali Function on 8th November, 96. We would soon have to look for a bigger premises at this rate and I am prepared to accept that task with pleasure. More than anything I am greatly delighted that you responded to my message in the Newsletter in a very positive way and came to the function.

The Light parade and the dances by the children were really amusing and the food was great as usual. I hope we have a repeat attendance for the Christmas function on 20th December, 96.

(ii) INDIAN MOVIE EVENING- RANGILA:

The function was organized on short notice by the vice-president Dr. Ulhas Lad. Since the date for the movie was not announced in my first Newsletter, Ulhas and Gita rang all the members personally.

I am sure the younger crowd really enjoyed **RANGILA** and as a whole it proved an enjoyable evening. Again there was a very good attendance and it only suggests that we should have a few more movie shows and the planning is already underway.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

The Committee Members are helping me to organize the functions and I intend to organize more functions this year being our 25th Anniversary. Just as Dr. Ulhas Lad organized the Movie evening, the next two functions of Eid Celebration and Barbecue at Tolosa park are going to be organized respectively by Mr. Saleh Parkar and Mr. Abnash Signal. The Eid function is to be held at the Migrant Resource Centre as usual at 7.00 PM on Saturday, 15th February 1997. There should be another Newsletter before this date and you will be reminded about it but please put this date in your diary.

The barbecue at **TOLOSA PARK** is organized to be held on 20th March, 1997. This is a general function which is held every year at the Tolosa Park and is very popular outdoor function. Our only enemy for the day could be the Weather. However, let us hope it is a typical lovely bright Tasmanian summer day!

GENERAL NEWS ABOUT MEMBERS:

Congratulations to Mr. Mansoor Ahmed Parker, the youngest son of Mr. & Mrs. Hamza Parker for passing his final MBBS examination from the University of Tasmania. Mansoor is going to have his internship at the Launceston General Hospital and the Royal Hobart Hospital and intends to go for higher studies. On behalf of the Society, I wish Mansoor all the best for his career.

Mr. Osman Khan and Dr. Rashida Khan held a prayer and hosted a lunch on 1st December, 96 at their new residence on the occasion of house warming for their magnificent house at Sandy Bay. Osman and Rashida have planned the house in very effective and pleasing manner and Osman being a Civil Engineer, the quality of construction is a class above. Well done and congratulations both of you. It was a large gathering and everybody enjoyed the delicious lunch and rested upto 4.00 PM for the movie (Rangila) to start at the University theatre.

Mr. Awadash Sharma who is teaching Hindi at the India House is performing a marriage ceremony of Ragini Mishra from Fiji and Adrian from Sydney in Hindu tradition on 13th December, 1996.

Mr. Ashay Prabhu and Mr. Anoop Lad are both going to Bombay, India for a visit.

Mr. Ikram Naqvi is leaving for India soon on business for a month.

Welcome back to Mr. Iftikar Aziz from Pakistan on 20th December, 1996.

Mr. Abdul Haroon, Shiaz and family members are going home to Fiji on the Christmas period.

Bhavini and myself are leaving for Christmas holidays to Fiji and Auckland, New Zealand and are returning on 4th January, 1997.

Dr. Pravin Maharaj and Asha are also going for Christmas holidays to Fiji.

Belated Condolences to Mrs. Ruhina Pasha for her beloved mother who expired so suddenly. May Allah bring peace to her soul.

Dr. Ravi Soin's parents are visiting him from Singapore and are returning on 8th December.

Our Society was in news in November in both the Australian Indian Newspapers, **DOWN UNDER** from Sydney and **INDIAN VOICE** from Melbourne. **SBS Sydney** broadcasted my Dipawali message in full even though it was one of the longest messages. It was also nice to find out for me that I have still not forgotten my Hindi as many of you who heard the radio message echoed that feeling.

By the way anybody who wants to subscribe for the above papers can ring directly or ring me and I would organise for you.

Mr. Ashokkumar, Counsellor from The High Commission of India office at Canberra is sending us **Indian newspapers and some Indian magazines** regularly. These newspapers and magazines are kept at our library at the India House for the members to read. This is a great service provided to us by the High Commission of India and I have conveyed our thanks to Mr. ashokkumar.

I request all the members to keep me informed about members' news so that I can include in the Newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP:

I am attaching a draft copy of the membership list for 1996-97 of our Society. Please check all the details included in the list for you and let me know of any discrepancy when you come to the Christmas function or by ringing me on 333301 at my office. The list cannot be finalised as many members still have not paid up their subscription. Please post your membership soon or pay up to the treasurer at the Christmas function. **If your subscription is not paid by the time I am ready to forward the final membership list, your name will not be included in the list.**

JUST A PLAIN JOKE FOR OUR FOR HUMOR!

SUBJECT : PSYCHIATRIC TELEPHONE HOTLINE !

Hello. Welcome to the **PSYCHIATRIC** Hotline.

In order to serve you better, please choose from the following menu:

If you are **obsessive-compulsive**, Please press **1** repeatedly.

If you are **CO-dependent**, please ask someone to press **2** for you.

If you have **multiple personalities**, please press **3, 4, 5, and 6**.

If you are **schizophrenic**, listen carefully and a little voice inside your head will tell you which number to press.

If you are **manic-depressive**, it does not matter which number you press. **No one answer will answer.**

If you are **paranoid**, we know who you are and what you want. Just stay on the line and **stay calm**. Government agents are coming to help. **Don't be afraid** just let them in.

I hope you enjoy reading the Newsletter. See you soon.

Dinesh Patel
President, Indian Cultural Society of Tasmania Inc.