



INDIAN CULTURAL SOCIETY OF TASMANIA INC

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Dear Members,

The **Annual General Meeting** of the Indian Cultural Society Tasmania Inc. was held on the 20 August 1995 at the Migrant Resource Centre. This meeting was attended by very few members.

At the AGM we had the election of office bearers. Everyone was reluctant to be nominated to any of the positions on the committee, however after a lot of persuasion the following members of the committee were elected. The names are as follows:-

Dr Ulhas Lad	President	29 4111
Mr Hamza Parker	Vice President	49 8926
Ms Sujata Dasgupta	Secretary	49 2866
Mr T Sivrajah	Treasurer	73 1530
Mrs Surinder Mahindroo	Committee Member	25 4120
Dr Charles Inderjeeth	Committee Member	25 4356

I must say that I am very delighted with the committee. We have had the first meeting of the committee 2 weeks ago and have decided to give the members an entertaining year. At the same time we are hoping that all the members will join in with great enthusiasm.

Our first function of the year will be to celebrate **DIWALI** function on **Friday 20 October 1995** at the **Migrant Resource Centre 49 Molle Street Hobart** starting at **7:30pm**. The committee has decided to get special Diwali sweets **JILEBIES** from the mainland for this function. We shall have a pot curry night and all the families are requested to join in with great enthusiasm. We would like every family to bring along a favourite dish of their choice to make it a very pleasant and enjoyable evening. Would you please phone either Geeta Lad (294111), Sharifa Parker (498926) or Surinder Mahindroo (254120) to liaise on regarding catering arrangements. We are intending to have entertainment programs and a quiz night to keep the young members of the community actively involved. I would like all of you to take part in this function and make it an enjoyable occasion.

The committee has firmly decided to hold the annual dinner early next year rather than having a date very close to the school exams or Christmas. Therefore we have decided to hold the **Annual Dinner on Saturday 16 March 1996** at the **Hellenic Hall, Federal Street New Town**. I would like to request all members to make a note of this date in your diary right now and to keep that date free. We shall certainly keep in touch with you as the date approaches to start the preparations for the dinner. We would like everyone to participate in the preparation for this dinner and also in the entertainment program to be presented at the time of the annual dinner.

Recently the **Consul General of India Mr Vijay Kumar** from Sydney was here on an unofficial visit to Hobart to see his niece Mrs Anup Sindhu, wife of Dr Kiran Sindhu. We invited him with Kiran and Anup Sindhu for lunch on Sunday 17 September '95 and had the opportunity of spending

a couple of hours with him. Later the same afternoon he left for Sydney. He has promised to visit Hobart in the near future again and at that time he will take the opportunity of meeting all the other members of the Indian community.

A note of sadness - You must have heard recently on the local television news that an Indian overseas student was reported missing, his name was Dhanunjay Rodda. He was from Andhra Pradesh in India. He was last seen on 17 August 1995, then he was reported being seen jumping of the Tasman Bridge and two weeks later his body was found at Bruny Island. The Department of International Students Office from the University of Tasmania has contacted his parents and arrangements are being made for his body to be sent to India at the request of his parents.

To assist in this matter the High Commission of India in Canberra has sent the councillor **Mr Ashok Kumar**. He was in Hobart for 3 days and had meetings with the other Indian overseas students as well as with the University staff and the Coronar and Police etc. He has been a great power of strength to the overseas Indian students who are naturally very sad and shocked. I commend the Indian High Commission for sending a representative to assist and help in the process of getting this matter sorted out and getting the body released and making arrangements to have the body sent to India at the request of the sad and bereaved parents.

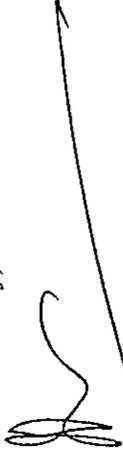
The University is having a condolence prayer meeting in the Union Building on the 2nd floor in the Union Board Room on Tuesday 26 September at 12-00noon. Members of our community are requested to attend this condolence meeting and pray for the departed soul of the young boy to rest in peace.

Geeta and myself will be travelling to Sydney on 29 September '95 to attend All-Australia Maharashtra bi-annual conference to be held on 30 September and 1 October '95 at Parramatta NSW. The first such conference was held in Melbourne 2 years ago which was a most enjoyable and very successful function. At this conference we met Maharashtrians who are settled in all the different states of Australia. They had great cultural entertainment as well as exchange of thoughts and ideas during the conference. I shall be able to bring back new ideas and news from this conference and pass it on in my next newsletter.

Once again I would like to remind you of the **Pot Curry Night** to celebrate **DIWALI** function at the **Migrant Resource Centre** on **Friday 20 October 1995** starting at **7:30pm**. I would like to see all of you at this function.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



Dr. Uthas Lad
President