



## INDIAN CULTURAL SOCIETY OF TASMANIA INC

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### Dear Member

The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held on 21st August, 94 at the Migrant Resource Centre, Hobart. The annual report for the year 1993-94 was presented by the President Mrs Keta Marker and her committee members. Dr Charles Indrajeet volunteered to be the chairperson for the election of the new committee members for the year 94-95. The following five committee members of the six required were elected. One position of the committee member remained unfilled and the chairperson ruled the position to be filled later by any willing member of the Society.

This position of committee member was later accepted by Miss Sonia Sangha. Sonia is a talented young lady studying for her Degree in Commerce & Economics at the University Of Tasmania, Hobart. She has been attending the Society's social functions since she came to Hobart from Melbourne. As most of you know, she is a talented Bhangra dancer and would have lot to contribute towards our social functions' activities. I am very happy to have her on the committee.

The elected members of the committee for the 1994-95 year are as follows and form a good mix of old & young talents:

Mr Dinesh Patel

President

Dr Ulhas Lad

Vice-President

Mr Saleh Parker

Secretary

Mr Brij Datta

Treasurer

Ms Sujata Dasgupta

Committee Member

Miss Sonia Sangha

Committee Member



As many of you know, My wife Bhavini & I moved to Hobart from Sydney in March, 1988 and have been the members of the Society since then. While we have not been involved as a committee member until this year, we have been involved in the activities of the Society and especially in the preparation of Annual Dinner. I have been instrumental as a professional Engineer in sorting out the technical problems for establishing the India House.

My committee members & I have decided to emphasise on the following matters:

- (1) We intend to organise interesting social functions throughout the year and would like to see that all of you participate and make the functions enjoyable. We are planning to celebrate Dipawali, Christmas & Id events by holding a pot curry night followed by interesting events. We are planning to hold our annual dinner sometime in April, 1995 and would organise a few barbecue outings in the summer and a couple of restaurant dinners. We intend to involve the young children of our community in the Society's functions and are open for any suggestion from the members. I hope to inform you about the program for the functions in my next Newsletter.
- (2) We would like to see more members in the Society and would like to request all the members to bring their friends and acquaintances to the Society's functions and encourage them to become a member.
- (3) I intend to keep you all well informed about the Society's functions and activities by forwarding this Newsletter as frequently as I can.

*Now let me tell you about the first Social function of the year.*

**The High Commissioner for India to Australia, His Excellency Mr Akbar Mirza Khaleeli and his wife Mrs Rafat Shamsi Khaleeli are visiting Hobart on 11th & 12th September, 1994.**

They have visited Hobart before and some of the Society's members have become good friends with them. He is a very learned and knowledgeable person and this may be our last chance to meet him in Hobart as he is going to be transferred in the near future. He has been very helpful to the Indian Community in Hobart especially with expediting visa formalities.

**The Committee have decided to hold a Well-Come Dinner for his Excellency on Sunday the 11th September, 94. It is to be held at Dr Ulhas Lad's residence at 9 Jewel Drive, Blackmans Bay, 7052 at 7.30 PM.**

Everybody is requested to attend to show our appreciation for his help and bring one dish for the dinner. **You are requested to contact Dr Gita Lad on 294111 regarding the food arrangement.** Ulhas & Gita Lad are one of the friends of his Excellency Mr Khaleeli and have offered their home for the venue, which is most appreciated.

I am sorry if this first Newsletter reads rather like a Policy Paper but I hope to make a complete tone change next time onwards.

I Hope to see you all on 11th September, 94 at the Well-come Dinner for his excellency.

Dinesh Patel