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Dear Member

It was nice to see a good number of the members at the farewell party for the High-Commissioner on 11th September 94. The dinner was followed by Indian dancing and singing and everybody seemed to be enjoying. The food was superb and enjoyed by all and thanks again to all ladies for their contribution. Every member had chance to meet and talk with Mr & Mrs Khaleeli but I have come to know that ladies developed a special rapport with Mrs Khaleeli ! Mr & Mrs Khaleeli were invited by his excellency Sir Philip Bennet, the Governor of Tasmania for luncheon at the governor house next day and later that day they visited the Premier Mr Ray Groom.

The photographs on the back page show some of the members who attended the farewell dinner.

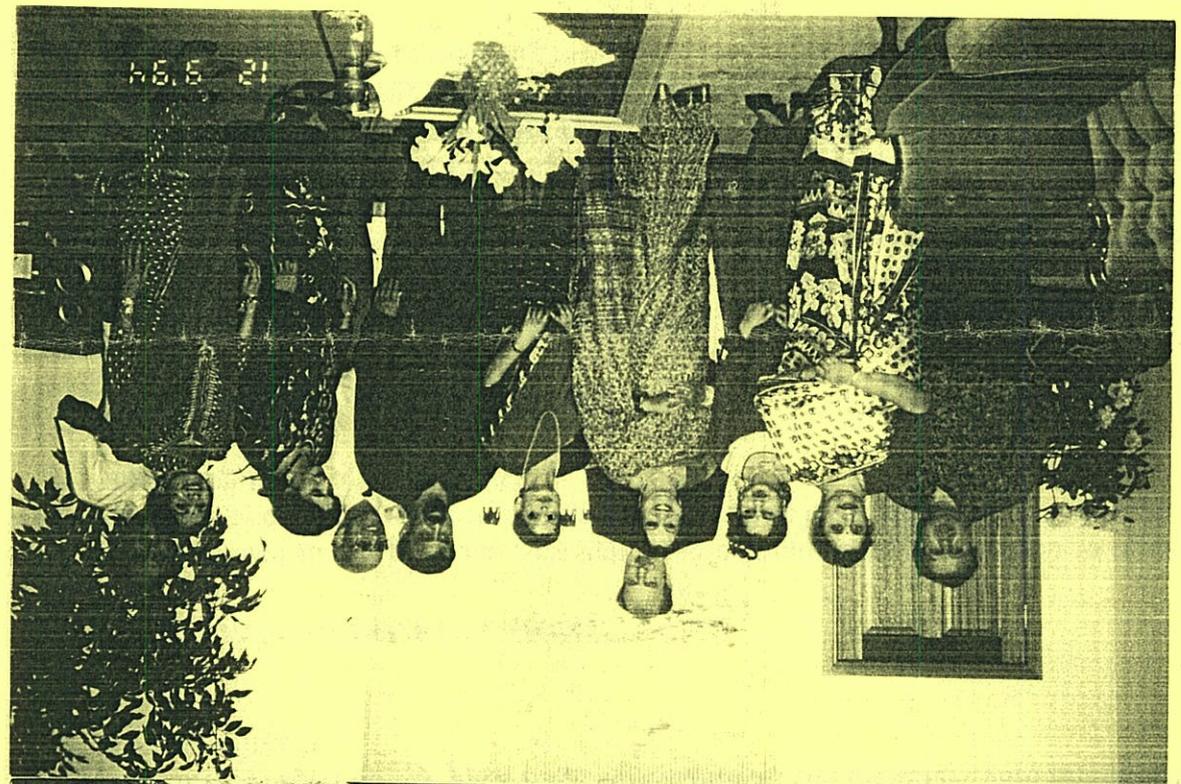
UPCOMING SOCIAL FUNCTIONS:

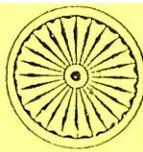
As mentioned in my previous Newsletter the committee have discussed to organise interesting social functions throughout the year. The next two social functions in the immediate future are as follows:

(1) DIPAWALI CELEBRATIONS:

The Dipawali is on 3rd November 94 followed by Hindu New Year of 2051 the next day. The committee have organised a function at the Migrant Resource centre to celebrate the Dipawali on Saturday the 12th November 94 at 7.00 p.m. It is requested to all attending to bring a dish as usual for the occasion. Your cooperation in this regard with Bhavini Patel or Dr Gita Lad would be most appreciated. **While I have promised to organise various functions and to have fun it is possible only if each individual member supports the efforts and attends the functions.** So please show your appreciation and come along.

I would like to bring to your attention that the Migrant Resource Centre has moved from 138 Bathurst Street to 49 Mollie Street, Hobart.





(2) CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS:

A function to celebrate Christmas is organised on Saturday the 17th December at 7.00 p.m. at the same venue as above - the Migrant Resource Centre. All the members attending are requested to get in touch with Bhavini or Gita to plan the dinner for the occasion. The function would be on the similar line to the Dipawali function.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations to Thambia & Vigi Gunaseelan on the birth of their first son Harrikanth who was born on 2nd September 1994.

Congratulations to Dr Charles Inderjeeth & Yasmin on the birth of a baby boy on 15th October 94. Yasmine & the new arrival are both fine.

ACHIEVEMENT BY THE SOCIETY MEMBERS:

We should all feel proud that some of the members of the Society have made outstanding career achievement recently. I congratulate them on behalf of the Society Members.

MR MAHENDRA PRATHIK

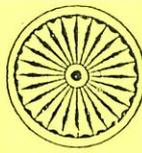
Mahendra has been elected as the chairperson for the Ethnic Communities' Council of Tasmania for the year 1994/95. This year the Ethnic Communities' Council of Tasmania (ECC-TAS) in conjunction with the Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia (FECCA) are jointly hosting the Fifteenth National Conference from 1 to 4 Dec. 94 at the Wrest Point Casino Convention Centre, Hobart, Australia. A number of distinguished personalities will be the key speakers including Hon Simon Crean, Hon Joan Kirner, Mr Phillip Adams & Dr Brendon Nelson. It is a great opportunity for Mahendra and I wish him all the best for the conference

MR SALEH PARKAR

Saleh has been appointed to serve as a **Member of the Multicultural Advisory Council, Canberra for a period of three years from July 1994 to June 1997.** The Multicultural Advisory Council will have a role in advising both the Prime Minister and the Minister for Immigration & Ethnic Affairs Senator Nick Bolkus. Saleh is the only representative from Tasmania and it is a great achievement for him.

DR GITA LAD

Gita has been elected as a council member to the **Tasmanian Council on Multicultural & Ethnic Affairs.** Gita would be one of the twelve members on the Council who would discuss Multicultural & Ethnic issues for the State and report to Hon Dr Madill. Good on you, Gita.



MR ASHAY PRABHU

Ashay was nominated by his employers Hazell Bros. Civil Contracting Pty Ltd for the **young Achiever Award for Tasmanians for outstanding Career achievement**. He is on the committee of young Engineers -Australia and has won awards in the Institution Of Engineers Public Speaking Competitions. While he has not been selected as the first three young achievers in the State, he is invited to receive a certificate for the outstanding career achievement. Congratulations Ashay keep it up.

EVENTS IN HOBART:

The International Wall of Friendship is celebrating the second anniversary at the Wall at 10.0 am. on 29th October 1994. A dinner & dance is also planned to be held at the Polish Hall on the same night for an admission fee of \$15.0 per person. Those members interested in attending any of the two functions is advised to get in touch with Mr Saleh Parker (Bus. Ph: 332739) as soon as possible.

The 24th November 1994 is the **TASMANIA DAY**. Various celebrations are planned by the State Government from the week surrounding 24th Nov. to the whole of November.

The Cricket Club of India (CCI Bombay) is planning to visit Hobart on 28th December 1994 to play cricket. They enjoyed our hospitality when they came first time to play cricket at Hobart & Launceston in 1991. There would be about 18 players in the team and may include couple of test players. Any members who would like to accommodate them for about three to four days while they are in Hobart, are requested to get in touch with me.

NEW MEMBERS:

Welcome to the following new members who have recently joined the Society.

Vigi & Thambia Gunaseelan, Satya & Vicki Daniel, Anoop & Dr Kiran Sindhu, Sudha & awadhesh Sharma, Miss Sonia Sangha.

BEST WISHES:

Best Wishes to all the young students in the Society in their upcoming Examination. Mr Santosh Bose, the Secretary of Shanti-Nivas is admitted to the Calvary Hospital. Our prayers to Almighty God for his speedy recovery & well being.

I take this opportunity to wish the members a very happy Deepawali & prosperous New Year.

Dinesh Patel

