

# INDIAN CULTURAL SOCIETY OF TASMANIA INC.

## NEWSLETTER

MARCH 1988

As we are now all back from our holiday break, I feel sure that all of us are looking forward to taking an active part in the activities of our Society. I therefore on behalf of the Council take this opportunity of inviting you and your family to take part in all the activities as outlined below.

### 1. INDIAN FOOD STALL

The Council agreed to have an Indian food stall at the conclusion of the "March for the Millions" in the grounds of Hobart Casino on Sunday 20 March starting at 11.00 a.m. Your co-operation in making this activity a success will be much appreciated. If you are able to make contributions in any way, please do not hesitate to contact any of the Council Members.

### 2. MEMBERS AND FRIENDS LUNCH

The Council will be holding this lunch on Sunday 27 March at the Migrant Resource Centre starting at 12.00 noon. Each family is requested to bring its favourite dish and share this with other dishes. We will also be catering for children, as we hope to have some games, e.g. Bingo after lunch. From previous experience these lunches are always a great success. Please make every effort to attend.

### 3. INTERNATIONAL APEX CONFERENCE

This will be held during the month of September 1988. Indian participants of this Conference will probably require your assistance. We hope to have more details available in the near future. In the mean time please direct your enquiries to Dr. Ulhas Lad.

4. MAIN CELEBRATION FOR THE YEAR 1988

This function was planned for the 11th January 1988, but due to circumstances beyond our control, this had to be postponed. Now this function in the form of a reception and an authentic Indian Buffet Dinner will be held:

WHEN 7.00 P.M. Saturday 4 June 1988

WHERE "Hellenic Hall", Federal Street, North Hobart

TO Celebrate the Fortieth Anniversary of Indian's Independency and to commemorate the Birth Centenary of the late Jawahar Lal Nehru (First Prime Minister of India) and to take part in the exciting and interesting happenings of the "AUSTRALIAN BICENTENNIAL PROGRAM"

The Chief guests of the function will be the Governor of Tasmania, His Excellency, General Sir Phillip and Lady Bennett AC, KBE, DSO and the High Commissioner for India.

Please make sure to keep this date free. Do not miss this memorable occasion.

THE INVITATION TO THIS FUNCTION WILL BE COMING YOUR WAY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

5. REPUBLIC DAY 26TH JANUARY 1988

S. Parkar, the President of our Society spoke to the members and general public of Hobart on F.M. radio Indian Program hosted by M. Pathik. The text of his address is included for the information of members:

"26 January 1988

Dear Fellow Indians and Friends of India in Tasmania.

On 26 January 1988 we celebrate two happy occasions, one India's 38th Republic Day in its 40th year of Independence; the other Australia Day in its Bicentennial year. On this happy occasion I greet you all and convey my best wishes for a peaceful and prosperous year.

On this occasion I also pay my respectful homage to the statesmanship and vision of Indian Leaders who framed a constitution declaring India as a Republic with new polity and destin. as a sovereign nation.

The founding fathers of the constitution enshrined in the document, in the tradition of its history and culture the principles of socialism, secularism and democracy. We can take legitimate pride that despite many obstacles, India has held fast to these principles.

India has inherited a rich and composite cultural heritage to which contribution have been made over the centuries, by people professing different faiths, following different customs and speaking different languages.

India has done well to preserve and enrich this precious heritage, based on mutual respect and tolerance, trust and goodwill, sacrifice and service to humanity.

Let us be worthy of our noble traditions and live up to the teachings of our saints, peers and gurus who have given us the message of unity, love and goodwill.

In the conclusion I see appropriate to read to you the preamble to the Indian Constitution:

In it is enshrined the resolve of the people to secure for all citizens "Justice, social,

economic and politica;  
Liberty of thought, expression  
belief, faith and worship;  
Equality of status and of  
opportunity; and to promote  
among them all fraternity  
assuring the dignity of the  
individual and unity of the  
Nation".

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6. SOCIAL NEWS

The Council of the Society extends it heartiest congratulations and wish a very happy and prosperous future to:

Nafeesa and Noor on their marriage  
Betty and Tony on their marriage  
Susmita and Damendram on their marriage  
Anita and David on their engagement

7. DIRECTORY OF MEMBERSHIP

The Secretary, Abnash Singal is in the process of compiling an updated directory of the members. If you have changed your address or the phone number, please advise as soon as possible. Late advice may miss the correct entry.

8. VIDEO CASSETTE CLUB

Mr. Pathik is investigating the possibility of forming the "Indian Movie Video Club". Please contact Mahindra for details.

9. SOCIETY'S STALL AT GLENORCHY CHAMBERS

The Council is very grateful to the following lady members for their generous and untiring help at the Indian Stall on 26 January 1988, held on the front lawns of Glenorchy Chambers, to celebrate the Australian Bicentenary.

Mrs Safia Parker, Mrs Jean Singal, Kamla Durairagah,  
Mrs Shirley Rowbottom, Mr & Mrs Sivarajah.

Their efforts made a handsome profit for the Society. Many thanks to you ladies.

10. HOLIDAYS FROM INDIAN CALENDER

26th March	RAM NAVAMI
31st March	MAHAVIR JAYANTI
13th April	BAISHKHI
1st May	BUDH PURNIMA
16th May	IDUL FITAR