

INDIAN CULTURAL SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA
TASMANIA
NEWSLETTER (No. 12) TO MEMBERS
APRIL 1975

1. INDIAN HIGH COMMISSION GRANT FOR 1974/75

The Council had planned to hold an essay competition for all high schools on a statewide basis and a public speaking contest for matriculation students from Matriculation Colleges in Hobart in order to disburse the grant of \$113.00 received for 1974/75 from the Indian High Commission, Canberra, A.C.T., for the promotion of cultural and social activities for better relations between India and Australia.

A very poor response for the essay competition was received from the high schools and in consequence the Council cancelled the competition and has decided to purchase books on Indian themes and subjects and to present these books to the State Library of Tasmania, Hobart.

An encouraging response was received from the Matriculation Colleges for the public speaking contest. A total of seven students from four colleges have entered the contest which will be held in Friends' School Asten Hall, Commercial Road, North Hobart, on Friday, 11 April 1975 at 8 p.m.

The subject of the contest is "Dr. Rabindranath Tagore's Contribution to Literature" and the speaking time of each contestant will be limited to five minutes. The contest will be judged by a member from the Rostrum Club.

Cash prizes from the balance of the grant (amounting to \$50.00) has been allocated to the contest and these prizes will be distributed immediately after the contest. The prizes are:

1st Prize: Best Speech	:	\$25.00
2nd Prize: Second best speech	:	\$15.00
3rd Prize: Third best speech	:	\$10.00

Members and their friends are cordially invited to attend the contest in order to make the occasion a success for the Society.

No attendance charge is being made and supper will be served at the conclusion of the contest.

2. TAGORE DAY

The public celebration of Tagore Day, similar to the public functions held by the Society for Diwali and Id-Milan during the month of November in 1972 and 1973 respectively, will now be held in the Police Club, Argyle Street, Hobart, on Saturday 24 May 1975 at 7 p.m.

The programme will consist of an Indian style dinner followed by a Cultural programme and documentaries for the late Dr. Rabindranath Tagore.

Prices of the tickets for the function will be \$5.00 per adult and \$2.50 per child under 12 years of age.

All members are requested to make every effort to attend this function and bring their friends and relatives.

3. INDIAN RECORDS

Approach has been made through the Indian High Commission to help us receive 50 Indian records ordered by the State Library on our recommendation a year ago. There is some hope that they may arrive soon.

4. INDIAN MAGAZINES

At the instigation of this Society the State Library has promised to subscribe immediately to "Filmfare" and "Femina" in addition to "Illustrated Weekly" which they already receive.

5. FILM CLUB

There is some possibility of screening latest Indian (Hindi) movies in Hobart regularly at a cost of about \$140 (all inclusive). To guarantee this amount we should have at least 30 people paying \$5 each (or \$10 per family). Please give your name, to the secretary if you are interested in this proposition bearing in mind that the cost may go down if more people come to these movies. But we must have a hard core of 30 people who will guarantee the money by buying tickets before the screening. How about it?

6. ENGLISH CLASSES

<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Standard</u>
Elizabeth Matric. College 256 Elizabeth St.	Tues. & Thurs. 7-9 pm	Mrs. Pfister Mrs. A. Dew Mr. J. Baker (Teacher-in-charge)	Beginners Intermediate Advanced
Domain House Aberdeen St., Rm. 10	Thurs. 7-10 pm	Mrs. E. Hodson	Advanced Emphasis on written work

7. NEW INDIANS

Please inform the secretary of any new arrivals in this country.

8. ADDRESS

Please keep the secretary informed of any change in your address.