

INDIAN CULTURAL SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

TASMANIA

NEWSLETTER (NO. 8) TWO MEMBERS

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1. Visit of Musical Artistes

Shri Debu Chandry, the well-known Indian sitar player and his tabla accompanist, Shri Faiyas Khan, together with a tambura player are touring Australia from 14 July to 15 August 1974 under the auspices of the Australian Elizabethan Theatre Trust.

While in Australia, they will be performing in various cities. Performances in Tasmania will be at Launceston and Hobart and will take place on Thursday 1 August and Saturday 3 August 1974 respectively at venues and times which will be announced by the Australian Elizabethan Theatre Trust at future dates.

2. English Classes for Migrant Women

English classes for migrant women are being held at present in the Salvation Army Moonah Youth Centre, 73 Hopkins Street, Moonah.

Classes are held from 10 to 12 am on Wednesdays and 1 to 3 pm on Fridays.

Mothers may take their babies and young children with them. A nurse will take care of the babies and children whilst the mothers are learning English. No charges are being made for any of these services.

For information about these classes and other day and evening classes as well as free correspondence lessons, contact:

Mrs Keil, Migrant Education, Second Floor, Red Cross House, 53 Collins Street, Hobart. The telephone number is 303376.

3. All India Radio's External Services

General Overseas Services II and IV of All India Radio are beamed to Australia and New Zealand. Times of broadcasts and wavelengths etc are indicated below against each of the two services:

<u>Service</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Meters</u>	<u>Frequencies (KHZ)</u>
GOS II	1530-1630 IST (1000-1100 GMT)	25.48 19.73 16.88	11775 15205 17775
GOS IV	0215-0400 IST (2045-2930 GMT)	41.32 30.27 25.55	7260 9912 11740

The High Commission of India, Canberra, A.C.T. would be grateful if members could send to the High Commission detailed reception reports on each frequency along with their comments/suggestions on the content of the programmes listened to so that an analysis and assessment could be made of both the reception and quality and the content of the programmes.

Reception reports are required to be on a detailed proforma and copies of this proforma report may be obtained upon request to the Secretary, Mr I. H. Naqvi, Telephone Nos. 304013/478341.

4. Good Neighbour State Conference

Mr I. H. Naqvi, the Society's representative, attended the 1974 State Conference of the Good Neighbour Council of Tasmania held in Launceston on Friday, 29 and Saturday, 30 March 1974 at which some important ideas were discussed.

Delegates attending the conference were allocated to one of the three groups, namely (1) Accommodation and Housing, (2) Children of Immigrants: Education Needs, and (3) Migrant Women in Tasmania. Each Group made a number of recommendations.

(1) Accommodation and Housing

Recommendations included abolition of stamp duty and the use of credit union funds for housing for migrants.

(2) Children of Immigrants : Education Needs

Mr Naqvi attended the discussion on education. A thought provocative paper by Mr G. N. Ceron on his pilot investigation of migrant children's educational problems and needs was discussed. Mr Ceron found many inadequacies in the education of migrant children in Tasmania and has made a number of positive recommendations to alleviate the problems. If you wish to read all these recommendations, please contact Mr Naqvi on Telephone No. 478341 and he will give you Mr Ceron's paper.

(3) Migrant Women in Tasmania

On the subject of the integration of migrant women in Tasmania a number of recommendations were made, the most important being:

- (i) A Community Centre where migrant women can meet and where brochures on all community resources should be available in the different languages, and
- (ii) The present ways of life in overseas countries to be depicted in regular press articles, radio and T.V. programmes.

Conclusions:

In his final assessment of the Conference, Mr Hendy of the Commonwealth Department of Immigration, Canberra, remarked that there was room for every age group in the Good Neighbour movement and that there was a noticeable lack of young people at the Conference. He suggested that the Good Neighbour movement should also be involved in helping people who have moved interstate.

Mr Naqvi feels that to keep the Good Neighbour movement alive and contemporary it must involve young people. He also observed that many delegates appeared to be more concerned with keeping the status quo than solving the real social problems of migrant settlement. This was reflected in their reluctance to accept changes and new ideas as they still appeared to live in the Australia of the past - the old British Empire.

Of the many important recommendations made at the Conference, only time will tell as to how many of them will be acted upon.

5. Ladies' Luncheons

It has been proposed by lady members that ladies' luncheons be held at regular intervals and that these luncheons become a feature in the activities of the Society.

The proposal encompasses that the luncheons be held at about monthly intervals in members' households and those ladies attending would be required to bring a small quantity of their favourite Indian or other dish. Little children would be welcome to attend these luncheons.

Mrs M. Pathik will hold the first luncheon at her residence (18 Reynolds Court, Dynnyrne) at about 12.30 pm on Tuesday, 4 June 1974. Ladies who will be able to attend this luncheon are requested to telephone Mrs Pathik (Tel. No. 232164) accordingly but not later than Friday 31 May 1974.

6. Feature Films

The next Indian feature film will be screened in the Arts Theatre of the University of Tasmania, Sandy Bay, on Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 June 1974. The time of the screenings on both days will be 7.45 pm.

The film will be in B & W and in Hindi. It will be one of the four very popular films selected by the Society and its title together with other pertinent details will only be known within the next few days after its despatch by the suppliers in Singapore.

Further information on the film may be obtained in due course from the Secretary, Mr I. H. Naqvi. Telephone No. 478341.

Members and their friends are requested to make every effort to see the movie as screenings of other feature films will depend very largely upon good attendances at this movie.

7. Annual Subscriptions

Annual subscriptions become payable on 1 June 1974 and all members and associate members are kindly requested to forward their remittances to the postal address of the Society which is GPO Box 14A, Hobart, Tas. 7001.

8. Shahi Dinner

All financial members and associate members as well as their children are invited to a dinner, comprising of exotic Indian dishes, to be held in the Diocesan Hall, 125 Macquarie Street, Hobart, at 6.30 pm on Sunday, 30 June 1974.

The dishes for the dinner will be cooked by members of the Society.

The Society will subsidise a part of the cost of the dinner and the following charges will be made at the door to defray the remaining costs:

Per adult member or child over 12 years of age	:	\$1.50
Per child between the ages of 6 and 12 years	:	\$0.75
Per child below the age of 6 years	:	No charge

Members and their families who will be attending the dinner are requested to advise their intention before 22 June 1974 to either Messrs. I. H. Naqvi or M. G. Hardaker whose telephone numbers are as follows:

Mr I. H. Naqvi	:	478341
Mr M. G. Hardaker	:	304008 or 284860

9. Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the 1974/75 Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held in the Salvation Army Moonah Youth Centre (also known as the International Drop-In Centre), 73 Hopkins Street, Moonah, commencing at 2 pm on Saturday, 13 July 1974.

All members are requested to attend this important meeting during which the election of the new Council, consisting of eight members will take place.

Only full members have voting rights and are eligible for election to the Council.

AGENDA OF BUSINESS

1. Apologies for Absence.
2. Confirmation of Minutes of 1973/74 Annual General Meeting.
3. Business arising from the Minutes.
4. Presentation of Secretary's Annual General Report.
5. Presentation of Treasurer's Financial Report.
6. President's Address.
7. Declaration of poll for election of President, Vice-President, and Council Members, for 1974/75.
8. General Business.