



SAMACHAR

Presented by: INDIA CLUB OF GREATER DAYTON

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From the President's desk

Dear friends and members,

My faithful services as the president of our India club is coming to an end this year but my voluntary services to our India club will continue. On behalf of the entire executive committee (EC), I would like to thank each and every one for providing an opportunity to serve India club for over five years in the EC. It was a great experience for all of us at EC including myself. Personally I am grateful to my team of EC members for their hard work and spirit of volunteerism throughout the year.

Our club has achieved the following feats during this 2010 year:

- **First time**, we extended the essay competition from Middle, High school to Elementary school levels also.
- **First time**, we introduced the drawing competitions for all these three school levels.
- **First time**, we did all the competitions in two venues, two different dates, which increased the record participation of 34 kids (from average 3).
- **First time**, our Republic day event was educative, entertaining, and an opportunity to all sections of members.
- We had many successful events such as: Republic Day, Holi, Independence Day, Various sports including passionate "cricket tournament", DIFI, Baal Sabha, Senior events, and Diwali this year. Also we had sports for seniors and "Baal Sabha symposium" on Dec 18th and 19th.
- **First time in 37 years** we won the 1st place in DIFI with two ribbons for participating with World A'fair. **Our "INDIA" name is engraved in their plaque permanently.**
- We also brought the "LamHe live", bollywood play back singers Kavita Krishnamoorthy and Suresh Wadker, to Dayton for entertaining our members. We are delighted to be part of small donation to the American Redcross.

For all these, I would like to express my appreciation to the hard-work of respective EC chair, volunteers, and all the sponsors, friends whose generosity allowed such endeavors.

We reduced printing & mailing cost using electronic media of emails and announcing in web site but provided all the events at free of cost for dinner (except Diwali) and cultural shows to all our members. We are planning to bring out our annual directory "Namaskar" to be distributed in January and request all your support for advertisement and sponsorship. My best wishes to the new committee of 2011.

Last but not the least, I want to express my personal gratitude to my wife Lakshmi and to both my children Madhumitha and Sushmitha without whose continuous support & assistance throughout my EC period, I would not have been able to fulfill my commitment and responsibilities for the Club.

Wishing all of you for the safe holidays, a happy and prosperous new year to all our members..!

Pichu Ravikumar "Ravi"
President-2010

Our 2011 Executive Committee:

President	<i>Hyacinth Dey</i>	DIFI Delegate	<i>Anupriya Krishnan</i>
President Elect	<i>Ravi Swaminathan</i>	DIFI Alternate	<i>Yogesh Sethi</i>
Secretary	<i>Silvian Rosario</i>	Senior events Chair	<i>Anjali Balwally</i>
Treasurer	<i>Sudha Mani</i>	Youth Representative	<i>Juhi Rattan</i>
Cultural Chair	<i>Vandana Krishnan</i>	Youth Representative	<i>Sajal Kantha</i>
Membership Chair	<i>Sunita Reddy</i>	Education Chair	<i>Daman Khalon</i>
Sports Chair	<i>Rajesh Raghavan</i>	Ex-Officio	<i>Pichu Ravikumar "Ravi"</i>

Local achievement announcements:

Aditya Phadke, son of Mr. Atul Phadke and Dr. Pratibha Phadke-Gupta was recently recognized as Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Youth of the Year 2010. This ceremony was held at the Pentagon in Washington D.C. He also received \$1000 U.S. Savings Bond for this achievement. In all there were 60 recipients of this award from Air Force bases all around the World.

Aditya has been a member of the Wright-Patterson Youth Center since 2006. A great role model for younger youths at the center, Aditya became a leader at the Prairies Youth Center when he became the President of the Torch Club. He has become very active in the Keystone Club leading various community services projects. Aditya has visited numerous retirement homes and completed several service projects for the elderly community. Congratulations Aditya – we are very proud of you!

Now:

- **Don't forget to communicate your email ID with our current membership chair, if changed, to get in touch always with our Club activities.**
- **Don't forget to become member if you are an annual member of 2010.**
- **Don't forget to communicate any personal membership changes like address, phone number.**

Republic Day Celebration 2011

Saturday, February 5th, 2011

3 pm to 7 pm at

Bellbrook High School

3737 Upper Bellbrook Road

Bellbrook, OH 45305

Events Include:

Fashion Show, Cultural Program

Miss and Mr. India Competition and Dinner

To participate or volunteer, contact us at

culturalevent@indiaclubdayton.org

GUIDELINES:

Music and Dance Program

We would like to see as many children participating in all India Club Programs. If you can sing, dance, act or play an instrument, India club is interested to see you in their cultural programs this year. Please note that you must have a current membership of India Club (2011) to participate. Our suggestion would be for you to support your club by becoming a life member for \$250.

Those who wish to participate in the Republic day celebrations including essay competitions: please email Cultural Chairperson- Vandana Krishnan at culturalevent@indiaclubdayton.org

Fashion Show, Cultural program and awards ceremony

Fashion Show: "Weddings of India"

The theme of this show is to showcase different wedding traditions of India and their respective traditional dressing. We would like to invite everyone ages 5-99 to take part. We will train you to walk the ramp!

Youth Volunteers needed to help with management of participants, structuring and organizing this event. Please contact culturalevent@indiaclubdayton.org.

REGISTER BY JANUARY 5TH 2011..!

Cultural Program:

If you are interested in singing, dancing or acting, and if you want to participate in the cultural event, email us with your entry by January 5th 2011. Please pay attention to the following rules.

- * Each participant is restricted to ONE item only
- * The time limit for every entry is 6 minutes
- * Each Item must have at least 6 participants
- * Duplication of songs are not allowed

All music CDs & tapes related to the event need to reach Vandana Krishnan by January 15, 2011. Please contact her at email culturalevent@indiaclubdayton.org to be advised regarding auditions and other details.

Guidelines for Junior and Senior Miss and Mr. India

The following guidelines apply to the participants of Junior and Senior Miss and Mr. India competition:

1. Participants must model an Indian outfit.

2. Participants must provide the following information on an index card to Vandana Krishnan, Cultural Chairperson, by Jan 15, 2011

Name, Age, and Grade

Community service, involvement

Extracurricular activities

3. Each contestant must answer to question(s) regarding their Indian Heritage and other related topics in an extemporaneous interview not to exceed 2 minutes.

4. Junior age group: 9-14 yrs; Senior age group: 15-20 yrs (by 04/01/2011)

5. Follow D.I.F.I. Miss World A'Fair Guidelines* as they apply to the Miss World A'Fair competition-both Junior and Senior

6. The winner and the runner-up of the Senior Miss and Mr. India competition will be expected to serve as active members of the D.I.F.I. Youth Group for a period of one year.

7. Upon completing one year of membership into D.I.F.I. Youth Group, the winner of the Senior Miss and Mr. India competition will represent the India club as Miss India during the Ambassador World A'Fair competition (for example, the winner of Senior Miss India 2011 will compete as Miss India during Miss World A'Fair competition in 2012).

8. If the winner of Senior Miss India is unable to compete in the Ambassador World A'Fair competition during the following year, the runner-up will take her/his place.

D.I.F.I. Miss World A'Fair Guidelines (To be followed as Ambassador World A'Fair guidelines are under review)

Contestants must:

* Be between ages of 15-20 at the time of the pageant and festival

* Be the only representative from a particular ethnic group participating

- * Be a member of the Youth Group for one year (must start in September of the year prior)
- * Attend scheduled rehearsals with escort, pre-pageant meeting with Advisor and DATV taping prior to pageant
- * Miss no more than two meetings between September and June
- * Have application and involvement sheet turned in by February meeting
- * Be present at the festival all three days (only exception is if contestant is graduating from high school that weekend)
- * Participate in opening parade each day and other ceremonies throughout the festival as needed
- * Maintain active membership in the Youth Group

If selected; Miss World A'Fair, must be willing to do the following:

- * Have a 8x10 head shot taken with crown and sash (and place in a frame) prior to the festival (the cost will be reimbursed)
- * Participate in radio/TV print interviews/promotions as needed
- * Serve as emcee for Junior Miss World A'Fair pageant Friday evening of the festival

Junior Miss World A'Fair Guidelines

Contestants must:

- * Be between the ages of 7-12 at the time of the Festival
- * Be the only representative from a particular ethnic group participating
- * Attend rehearsals on Thursday evening prior to festival
- * Wear ethnic dress for pageant
- * Have registration forms turned in by April meeting

Guidelines for Junior, Senior, and Sub-junior writers

All junior, senior, and sub-junior writers will participate in “live-essay writing” on Jan 15th, 2011

Centerville public library,

111 W. Spring Valley Road,

Centerville, OH 45458

Telephone #: 937-433-8091

Arrival time: 2:00 pm and Not Later than 3:00 pm

Time limit: 45 minutes

Length of Essay: Between 2 to 3 pages

Guidelines for junior and senior writers (Grades 6-8):

Essay Topic will be on the following topic:

My experience of a festival of India.

The following guidelines apply for all junior competitors:

1. Name (first & last), address, and telephone number must be provided on a separate sheet of paper before due date Jan 5, 2011
2. Specify age and grade level
3. The essay will focus on the topic with ample supporting ideas and examples
4. Evaluation based on the contents, spelling, grammar, presentation (introduction, body paragraphs, and conclusion), and hand-writing
5. Due date for registration: Jan 5, 2011

Note: We request sponsors for essay prize money to the winners from interested members and to encourage writing habits with our young writers.

Drawing Topic will be:

“Cover for Namaskar 2011”

The following guidelines apply for all competitors:

Open to all ages.

Judges are Art teachers from respectable schools and colleges

Note: We request sponsors for the “best artist” prize money from interested members and to encourage artistic talent with our kids.

All attendees and participants must have a current membership of India Club (2011). To renew your membership, please contact us at membership@indiaclubdayton.org

Additional detailed guidelines are available with the cultural chair and will be shared with you upon registration.

We are always looking for new content for Samachar. Please contact us at secretary@indiaclubdayton.org to share art, poems, articles, pictures, awards, celebrations, milestones or ideas to make Samachar more interesting.