

SAMACHAR PATRICA

FEBRUARY 2015 BHARAT KENDRA - INDIA CENTER, INC 800 Green Road, P.O. Box 8985, South Charleston, WV 25303

THANK YOU NOTE...

"We thank our past chairperson Mr. Tushar Shah, Secretary, Mr. Vinayaga Prasad, board members Mrs. Prabha KrishnaMurthy, Dr. Nilima Bhirud, Mrs. Meenu Patel, and Mr. Hemant Parikh for their hard work and dedication. We are grateful that Mr. Bhupinder Gill and Mrs. Moumita Banerjee have agreed to continue for another term. We are also grateful that Mr. Hemant Shah agreed to renew his term for another two years as a board member.

It would be a great honor to serve as the Chairperson of India Center. I would also welcome Dr. Susmitha Reddy as secretary, Dr. Rupali Sangrampurkar, Mrs. Lauren Shah, Ms. Sanjot Savant and Dr. Arun Nagarajan as our new board members. We would like it very much if all the members, their families and friends participate in all of our events. Volunteering your time and talent will make our events successful. We appreciate our youth council for helping us at all the events and we are confident that they would continue to do so.

- Jyoti Desai, on behalf of the new board

This India Center newsletter includes schedule for our regular yearly events, main contact person for events, some updates, membership information, rental details and reminder of other activities at the center.

UPDATE:

Under the guidance of Dr. Ashish Sheth, our new sound system is going to be installed soon. It would be installed by our next event, Fellowship dinner.

Our Directory is in the final stage of publication. If there is any change in your contact details to be included in the Directory, please email the changes to kiran_sanghavi@yahoo.com before February 16th.

Youth Council:

This council is planning to volunteer/represent as a group at various events. The council is led by Sneha Patnaik. Dr. Arun Nagarajan is the counselor to the youth council. At this time, the council members include Sneha Patnaik, Nikita Kanuri, Ananya Reddy, Manisha Kukkilaya, Vishnupriya Kasireddy, Jay Sheth, Dhruva Gupta, and Arka Gupta. Please encourage your upcoming 9th grader to join the youth council. It would be a great experience for them. If your youngster is interested in

2015 EVENTS

March 1st, Sunday
India Center Cleanup day
2 p.m.

March 14th, Saturday
Fellowship Dinner
5:30 p.m.

May 1st, Friday
Bollywood Night

May 16th, Saturday
Heritage Fair
11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

May 23rd, Saturday
Holi Day, 12 p.m.
Coonskin Park

September 13th, Sunday
Annual Picnic
Shawnee Park
1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

October 10th, Saturday
Gandhi Jayanthi
6 p.m.

November 8th, Sunday
India Center Cleanup day
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

November 14th, Saturday
Diwali
6 p.m.

November 22nd, Sunday
Life Member's Dinner
6 p.m.

December 6th, Sunday
Annual General Body Meeting
1:30 p.m.

joining the "Youth Council", please contact Sneha Patnaik at snpatnaik97@yahoo.com

INDIA CENTER EVENTS 2015

MARCH...

March 1st 2015 at 2 PM is the first India Center cleanup day. This event is going to be coordinated by Jyoti Desai. Please come and help so we can make India Center presentable and enjoyable space for our community.

March 14th Fellowship Dinner: All community male members are challenged to come and help in cooking for this year's **Fellowship Dinner** on March 14th, Saturday at 5:30 p.m. Arun Nagarajan will be coordinating this event with assistance from Hemant Shah. To perform in the evening entertainment, please contact Rupali Sangrampurkar.

MAY

May 16th HERITAGE FAIR: The Heritage Fair is on May 16th, Saturday between 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. With this event we showcase India Center and our Indian Culture to the surrounding communities. The planning committee is being led by Dr. Madan Bhasin and assisted by Dr. Ashish Sheth, Kiran Sanghavi, Jyoti Desai and Yogesh Patel. Moumita Banerjee is in charge of food. The entertainment is being led by Susmitha Reddy. Please contact any one of the committee members to be a volunteer at the fair. More details to follow.

NEW EVENT: HOLI CELEBRATION

May 23rd at Coonskin Park at 12 PM: New event for this year is the Holi Celebration. This event was very popular with the Bal Vihar families last year so it was decided to extend this event to India Center this year. Moumita Banerjee is coordinating this event. Bring your family and friends for a very colorful celebration of spring and life in general. This event is taking place on May 23rd at Coonskin Park at Shelter# 15 at 12 PM.

REST OF THE YEAR...

Here is the brief preview of the rest of the events for the year. The final details for each event to follow in upcoming newsletter.

Hemant Shah is planning a fun filled live Garba event. India Center is booked for **August 29th**. Stay tuned for more info....

Annual Picnic: Lauren Shah is coordinating our annual picnic, which is scheduled for **September 13**, Saturday between 11 p.m. to 5 p.m. The venue is going to be Shawnee Park. Details to follow.

On **October 10th**, Saturday at 6 p.m. we will celebrate **Gandhi Day**. As always, Dr. Krishna Murthy will coordinate this event.

Clean up day is on November 8th 2015 at 11:00 AM.

Diwali is a major celebration for all Indians. **Diwali** celebration will be on **November 14th, Saturday at 6 p.m.** Hemant Shah will be coordinating the

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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(Chairperson)

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(Chairperson)
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main event. Moumita Banerjee is to coordinate the kids' entertainment. The guidelines for participation in the entertainment program and other details to follow.

Life Member's Dinner on November 22nd, Sunday at 6 p.m. This event will be coordinated by Bhupinder Gill.

Annual General Body Meeting is scheduled for **December 6th Sunday @ 1:30 p.m.**

MANNA MEAL...

The India Center sponsors lunch at Manna Meal (free meals to the needy) on India Independence Day and Thanksgiving. Please consider a donation for a special day in your life such as an anniversary or in memory of a loved one. If you would like to contribute to this cause through the India Center, please send your check (made out to India Center) with a note that it is for Manna meal. For more information or if you wish to help, please contact Joseph Noronha (304)-344-8756 or Jyoti Desai (304)-776-2807.

OTHER EVENTS AT INDIA CENTER

Monthly Puja

The Hindu Worship Society conducts prayers and bhajans on the first Sunday of every month starting at 11:00 am in the Prayer Hall of the India Center. There is a short spiritual talk by one of our community members after the puja. Puja is followed by lunch (pot luck or hosted). There are special pujas for Mahashivaratri, Rama Navami, Janmashtami and Ganesh Chaturthi. For more information, please contact Amrit Agarwal (304)-346-3780 or Thakor Patel (304) 346-8726. To receive email announcements regularly, send your email address to agarwalpcc@aol.com.

Monthly Path

The Sikh Community of Greater Charleston area meets for the Monthly Worship "Path" on the third Sunday of every month in the Prayer Hall of India Center from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Community free lunch "Langar" is served after the "Path". For more information, please contact Amarjit Saluja (304)-346-6510 or Gurpreet Gill (304)-744-4939.

Meditation Group

The meditation group (Sahaj Marg) meets every Wednesday in the Prayer Hall of India Center at 6:45 P.M. For further information, please contact Nayana Megha (304)-545-8128 or visit sahajmarg.org.
Time: 6:45 PM to 8:0 PM Every Wednesday

The India Center Annual Membership Dues

\$101.00 for the calendar year (Jan. 1 to Dec. 31) are due at the beginning of the year. Dues are \$101 if paid by March 22nd (Fellowship Dinner). It would be greatly appreciated if the payment of the annual membership is made **as soon as possible**. Send checks to **"India Center", P. O. Box 8985, South Charleston, WV 25303**. If you are interested in becoming a life member or a permanent member, please contact Bhupinder Gill (304-744-4939) , Kiran Sanghavi (304-345-7517) or Jyoti Desai (304-776-2807) .

Swadhyaya Group

The Swadhyaya group meets every Sunday in the Prayer Hall at 4:00 P.M. For more information, please contact Vanita and Jayesh Shah (304)-744-8209.

Time: 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM Every Sunday

Bal Vihar

To preserve Hinduism and Indian culture in the community, the Sunday school meets at 10:30 a.m. in the India Center Basement. All school going children above five years and up to High School are welcome. Hindu scriptures, chanting Vedic slokas, and Puranic stories are taught to the children. For further information please contact either Shoba Sampath at (304)-342-2533 or Sandhya Kukkillaya at (304)-444-0936

Free Yoga

Yoga classes are conducted at India Center twice a week. For more information, please contact Diane White (304)-552-2995, whitebird419@yahoo.com

Yoga timings:

Tuesday 6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Thursday 6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Badminton Club

Badminton is played every Sunday at 1:30 P.M. at India Center. For further information, please contact Krishna Davuluri (304)-926-0657 or Prasanna Nagarajan (304)-768-8874.

Act of Kindness.....

President of Health Right, Angie Settle informed us that their staff member Sarah Dunn is traveling to Kolkata with Dentist Heather Gibson and 12 other volunteers for 2 weeks. The purpose of the mission is to serve the women and girls who have been rescued from human trafficking. We wish them well and appreciate their kindness towards our fellow women in India.

Any Change of Your Contact Information

Please e-mail Kiran Sanghavi at kiran_sanghavi@yahoo.com if your address or e-mail address has changed from the present information in Indian Directory. This will help us to update addresses in the directory.

