



INDIA CULTURAL SOCIETY

Quarterly Publication on News and Events Happening around Lansing Area
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Welcome!

Dear members of the India Cultural Society,

Welcome to our July newsletter. We have a new board and lots of new events planned for the year.

Thank you all for trusting me with the role of the president of ICS. I am honored to have such an able board, I think we all will work well together. I was fortunate to have worked under two ICS presidents, Bidhan Redey and Maya Dedhia who were great organizers and good friends. I will always trouble them by seeking their advice.

I hope to make ICS a progressive organization. When I first moved to the greater Lansing area I heard about ICS as being an organization that puts up a cultural show. But it was only after getting involved in ICS that I learned that ICS does much more than organizing cultural programs. I realized that ICS plays an important role in maintaining and enriching the lives of Indians and non-Indians alike. ICS is involved in organizing picnics and food banks, cricket camps for kids and collecting funds for tsunami relief. ICS, over the years has become an integral and vital part of the social and cultural landscape of the Greater Lansing area.

Despite its successes, there is much more that we can do. One of my goals will be to make ICS more helpful in our day to day lives. I would like ICS help develop solutions for problems we all face, such as finding good baby sitters for our children; arranging rides for the elderly; developing rich and educational after-school programs for children. We are also exploring the use of the Web to develop an emergency contact system.

We know that you may have many suggestions for us as well. We welcome your thoughts and comments. You can contact us with your suggestions through the ICS website www.icslansing.org. Please visit this site if you haven't already. We are planning to form different committees from amongst ICS members for programs like Camps, Trips. Annual function, Golf Outing etc. I hope and request members to volunteer to be on these committees.

An organization is alive when members participate actively. Changes do not come on their own. If we, members do not participate in the program planning and execution, there will not be any change and ICS will continue to be a Board driven organization. Let us be a member driven organization. I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you once again for your confidence in me. I hope that I will be able to live up to your expectations.

I take this opportunity to congratulate our past ICS president Jai Jaglan on receiving "Walt Campbell Local Hero" award. I request members generous help for Mala Kashyap's appeal. Details are inside.

Sincerely
Jyotsna V. Pendse, ICS President

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Kite Flying :

July 31st, Sunday • 4:00pm to 6:00pm. • Location: Nancy Moore Park, Okemos

Imagine a sunny afternoon in the park. Brightly colored diamond shaped kites dot the sky (and some litter the ground). Grandmothers sit on the bleachers enjoying the afternoon sun. Children and families are welcome to spend this afternoon flying kites at Nancy Moore Park. Please bring your own kites. We look forward to meeting new members. So please come and enjoy!

ICS Annual Picnic and Independence Day Celebration

August 13th, Saturday • 12:00pm to 4:00pm • Lake Lansing Park, Haslett

Please join us for an exciting and wonderful day of fun and frolic under the sun. We will celebrate Independence Day at the picnic. ICS will provide food and drinks. So don't miss out this great opportunity to meet people and make new friends!

When: Sunday, August 13

Where: Lake Lansing Park

Time: 12:00-4:00

Mark Your Calendars for **Upcoming Events for 2005-06 Year**

10th September • Volley Ball tournament at Wonch Park.

It will be free for ICS members. Non members pay \$ 5.00 per person.

22nd, October • Antakshri starting with music competition for children.

At Tomie Rainnes Hall. Time 5p.m. to 10 p.m. ICS will provide Pizza.

11th Nov to 12th Dec. 05.

Food bank Drive

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21st January 06 • Dance Dhamaka

Chippewa Middle School Senior Center. 7p.m. to 11 p.m. Food will be Pot Luck.

25th February 06 • ICS Annual Program

5:00-8:00 Chippewa Middle School.

25th March 06 • Jokes Night

5:30 to 10 p.m. at Tomie Raines office.

6th May, 06 • Annual General Body Meeting

2:00 - 4:00 at Tomie Raines Office

Achievements and Awards

Food Bank honors Treasury Department auditor

Jai Jaglan, auditor for the state Treasury Department, was awarded the *Walt Campbell Local Hero Award* on June 23 at the Greater Lansing Food Bank's monthly board meeting. The award was presented to Jai, for his tireless efforts to help the Lansing food bank. He is courageous, compassionate and committed to the Food Bank and ideals that extend well beyond himself and his own well-being.

Since 1994, Jai has raised more than \$9,000 each year for the *Greater Lansing Food Bank* in his role as secretary and president of the *India Cultural Society*. His efforts in supporting the Food Bank in serving the hungry in the Lansing area are tireless.

Jai also was recognized as a 2005 Governor's Service Awards nominee, signed by Daniel Mulhern, first gentleman of Michigan. The certificate was "*in appreciation for outstanding service given to Michigan citizens.*"

from Lansing State Journal and Treasury News

Membership Invoice and Reminder

This is your invoice and reminder if you have not paid your membership dues for the year July 2005-June 2006. Please fill out the form below and mail your payment at the address given below. If you become member in July, you can enjoy the benefits of free events that are provided by ICS through out the year. See our attached calendar! If you have already paid your dues, we thank you for renewing your membership. Please share this newsletter with your friends and colleagues who may not have heard of ICS. We greatly appreciate your support and participation! **Please visit us at <http://www.icslansing.org>.**

Annual membership is from July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006

Last Name: _____ First Name _____

Spouse's Name _____ Phone No. _____

Address: _____ City: _____ ZIP Code: _____

E Mail Address _____ Fax No. _____

Annual Single (\$15) Life Single (\$150) Annual Student * (\$5)

Annual Family (\$25) Life Family (\$250) Organization (\$150)

Annual Senior Citizen ** (\$10) Life Senior Citizen** (\$150)

Optional: Other Members in the Immediate Family (Family Membership)

Name: 1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____
5. _____ 6. _____

**For full-time students only, with non-voting rights ** Age 65 and above*

Please make check payable to ICS and mail to ICS, P.O. Box 90, Okemos, MI 48805-0090

Act now! Become a member or renew your membership! Be a part of ICS!

Community Service: Help for A Cause!



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is sent to ICS
members only**

Please visit us at
www.icslansing.org.

**Become a
member of
India Cultural
Society today!**

Dear Friends,

I am training to run in the Detroit Free Press Marathon on October 23, 2005, as a member of *The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Team In Training*. All of us on Team In Training are raising funds to help stop leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin lymphoma and myeloma from taking more lives. I'm completing this marathon in honor of all individuals who are battling blood cancers. These people are the real heroes on our team, and we need your support to cross the ultimate finish line - a cure!

A dear friend of mine, lived with leukemia for several months. Her strength, and courage amazed me. She passed away in December, but her kind heart and humor stay with me everyday. Many of my college memories are with Sarah and I am so lucky to have had her as friend, I have always wanted to run a marathon, and with '*Team in Training*' I feel it can benefit a good cause, in Sarah's memory.

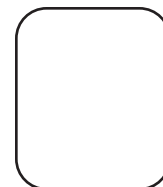
Please make a donation to support my participation in Team In Training and help advance the Society's mission. The donation is 100% tax deductible. Please make checks out to '*The Leukemia Lymphoma Society*', and send it to my address at,

1841 Yosemite Drive, Okemos MI 48864. You may also check out my website at,
https://www.active.com/donations/fundraise_public.cfm?key=kasbyapm

Please call if you have any questions at (517) 349-5220. Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,
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To Promote Indian
Culture to the
Community of Greater
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