



Recap of past events...

Dear members of the India Cultural Society,

Welcome to our March newsletter. We hope you are keeping warm in this seemingly unending winter. Just hang in there. Summer is around the corner.

ICS members have been quite busy the past few months. In this note you will find a recap of events and happenings from the months of January, February and March.

January started out with a celebration of the *Indian Republic Day* and *Dance Dhamaka*. It was quite a success with couples and children moving to the beats of filmi and non-filmi songs from yesterday and today. What a way to beat the cold! It was a great success.



Dance Dhamaka

The big event of the recent past was *Milap 2006*, the Annual Cultural Event. This was a huge success with over 400 people & 100 participants crowding into Chippewa Middle School auditorium for an evening of dance, music, movie, and great food. Of course the evening showcased the wide variety of local talent we have. We are grateful to all the guests, volunteers, parents, ICS members, and children who volunteered great deal of time and effort to bring this program to the stage and make it successful. ICS board would also like to thank Mr. Samip Patel who graciously agreed to come on the board temporarily to help with the annual function.

We just finished a *Spring Festival* with *Jokes Night*. It was again a very big success. Children from all ages participated enthusiastically and cracked lots of jokes. It was a fun evening with people gathered around for laughter and pizza. We thought this was another opportunity to meet old friends and make some new ones.

This year we are again organizing a kid's cricket camp in summer. Also mark your calendar for the General Body meeting and election in May. Details of each of these is included in this newsletter.

We hope you will be able to attend these events. Please spread the word around about these events among your friends. Please visit ICS website at www.icslansing.org for more information and updates.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Sincerely
ICS board

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ICS General Body Meeting and Election

May 13th • 1:30 pm - 4:00pm • Tomie Raines Office, Okemos

The Board will have the annual General Body Meeting of ICS from 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM on Saturday, May 13, 2006 at the Office of Tomie Raines Inc. in Okemos. The office of Tomie Raines is located at 4800, Okemos Road in Okemos (at the corner of Grand River & Okemos Road, next to Okemos Meier). The agenda for the meeting will be as follows:

1. President to introduce special guest for High School graduates recognition
2. Graduates award and their future plan
3. Guest Speaker
4. President's Report and recognition of out-going office bearers
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Chair of Nominating Committee
6. Election of new Board for 2006-2007
8. Other Business
9. Refreshments

There are 5 vacancies at this time to serve ICS board (1 President and 4 directors). If you are interested in serving on the ICS Board, please contact one of the Nomination Committee members below: Aparna Agrawal, Matangi Buch (347-8047), Vijaya Jayaraman (349-5565).



Summer Cricket Camp for Kids

Camp Duration: 18th June - 30th July (6 weeks)
When: Sundays, 4:00 - 6:00 pm
Location: Kinawa Middle School Ground
Age Group: 7+ years
Fee: \$25.00
Requisite: Must be an ICS member for 2006-07 term

This year again Lansing Cricket Club (LCC) and India Cultural Society (ICS) are organizing the Cricket Camp for kids in summer. This is a great opportunity for our community kids - both boys and girls - to learn and enjoy cricket. Anyone 7+ years can come join in the fun. Best of all, the camp fee is nominal, \$25.00. So long as you are an ICS member for 2006-07, you can register your child for this camp.

This camp will include warm up, fielding, bowling, and batting. The kids will play mini matches during the camp as well. The first parent informational meeting with the coaches will be held on Sunday 18th June on Kinawa Middle School grounds at 4:00 pm. The registration can also be completed on the same day. During this meeting, information will be provided regarding camp rules, time schedule, and equipment among other things. You can take this opportunity to get to know your kids coaches and other parents involved with this camp.

For more information please contact Dev Ganguly at 347-6051 or devganguly2004@yahoo.com. ICS would like to thank volunteers of L.C.C. and ICS for putting this together. Why wait, register your kids now!



Music Concert

April 30th • 5:00 pm • Kellogg Center Auditorium, East Lansing

Concert of 'Sangeet Samrat' Shri Chitravina N Ravikiran on the Chitravina accompanied by Akkarai Subhalakshmi on the violin and Rohan Krishnamurthy on the Mridangam at Kellogg Center Auditorium, East Lansing on April 30th, Sunday, at 5:00 PM. The tickets are \$15/- per person and \$5/- for Senior Citizens and full time students.

Honoring Graduating High School Students

May 13th • 1:30 pm • Tomie Raines Office, Okemos

We will be felicitating our graduating High School seniors at the General Body Meeting on **13th May, 2006**. Please forward your kid's names if they are graduating this year. You can send your kid's names to Jyotsna Pendse or any other board member. This is a great achievement and we hope to see your kids at the function.

Food Bank Donations

This year Our Community Donated generously for the Lansing Food Bank. With the help and participation, our community donated a record sum of over \$ 20,000 to the Lansing Food bank. This donation goes to feed the Hungry and homeless people in Lansing area as well as disaster relief like in case of Katrina and Rita Hurricane victims. It is a noble effort.

We must thank our Esteemed Members Mr. Jai Jaglan and Mr. Bidhan Redey for their effort and guidance in the fund raising activity and dedicated work. This year ICS board Sponsored the Dinner for the homeless on the day the check was handed out to the Food bank Officials. Thank you for your donations.

You can expect a letter from Mr. Jaglan next year around October for the Food Bank Donation and keep this worthy cause in mind.

*Thanks,
ICS board.*



Mr. Jai Jaglan, Bidhan Redey and Jyotsna Pendse at the annual Food Bank Dinner

Please visit us at <http://www.icslansing.org> for more information and updates.

India Cultural Society Membership Form
Annual membership is from July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006

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members only**

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

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. _____

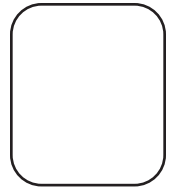
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**For full-time students only, with non-voting rights ** Age 65 and above*

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