

Cultural Association of India

Wichita, KS



Namaste,

First of all, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Yudhishtir Joshi and I am your CAI president for 2018 along with a new Executive Committee who will be introduced in this issue of the Samachar Patrika.

And just like that, we celebrated Republic Day 2018 on January 27th at the Morningstar Church. The event comprised of General Elections and a mini cultural show which featured some of the amazing talent in our community. A review of the event is found in Page 2.

We have a packed year ahead! By the time this edition goes to print, we would have sent a delegation to the Kansas State Capitol to bear witness to the signing of the Proclamation to observe India Day in Kansas on March 14th 2018. A review of this event can also be found on Page 2. There is a special keepsake replica of the proclamation with this edition!

In addition to our traditional events such as Holi, Independence Day and Diwali Night, we hope to bring you other cultural programmes which highlight the diversity of India. As always, we welcome any suggestions you may have for events. Please get in touch with us through our website www.caiwichita.org, or feel free to get in touch with me directly via email: culturalict@gmail.com. You may also leave a comment or two on our Facebook page; @wichitacai.

I would encourage you to be open about your comments as it is only through feedback that we can find out which direction the community would like to take CAI. Also, remember, we are always looking for volunteers.

I thank you once again for being a part of CAI and look forward to seeing you at future events!

Yudhi Joshi

Yudhishtir Joshi, President



CAI CALENDAR* (Spring)



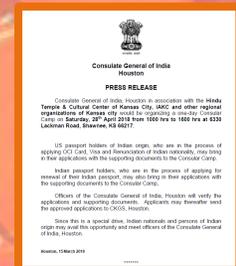
Holi @ WSU April 7th



Passport to India @ KC <https://nelson-atkins.org/> April 15th



Vasant/ Miss India @ WSU April 15th



Consular Camp @ KC April 28th

*Visit www.caiwichita.org for more upcoming details.

"Let all listen,
and be willing
to listen to the
doctrines
professed by
others."

-Ashoka





Republic Day Celebrations 2018

By Ms. Alka Athavale

Every year I attend the Republic day event at my work place in India and enjoy the Parade telecast from Delhi. This year was different. Being in Wichita, I was excited & curious to attend the Republic day program hosted by CAI.

The venue was bustling with people wearing colorful Indian attires, a soothing sight when being away from home. Lots of greetings and smiles were around. Everybody was looking forward to the cultural program and the sumptuous meal to go with it. It was good to meet people that I knew before and some that I did not.

The program began with the election of the new CAI committee. I keep hearing from my son in law, Yudi, how the committee works through the year organizing various events, working for the local community. And here is when they hand the baton to the next committee. I felt happy to see him get elected as the next president and an enthusiastic team supporting him. The elections were followed by national anthems of both the USA and India. Once again I realized how various cultures from all over the world coexist here and thus truly showing the 'Unity in Diversity'. Standing up for national anthems is always an emotional moment for me but it was special this time. Really gave me goosebumps.

Following the anthems, were the enthralling classical music & dance performances by the Gurus of Wichita. This was a platform given to people who promote Indian performing arts in Wichita by imparting their knowledge and skills to their students. What better way to celebrate the Indian culture. This wonderful program concluded with a sumptuous & delicious Indian food that everyone relished.

I felt proud to be a part of this Republic Day function of CAI. Heartiest congratulations to CAI for organizing the event & best wishes to the new managing team of the CAI for a very successful tenure.



India Day – March 14th

By Dr. Anita Raghavan-Lawless



Kansas Governor Dr. Jeff Colyer recognized the first anniversary of last year's tragic, racially-motivated murder of Mr. Srinivas Kuchibhotla in Overland Park, but also celebrated the contributions of our state's Indian community, when, at the State Capital rotunda in Topeka, he declared Wednesday, March 14, 2018 to be the State of Kansas' first "India Day."

At this remarkable event, the governor, his staff, and representatives of diverse Kansas Indian communities stood together in solidarity. This was a stand to counter racism and hatred. We celebrated the many contributions the Indian community has made and continues to make to the towns and cities of Kansas even as we mourn the loss of Mr. Kuchibhotla.

Dr. Colyer emphasized the value the Indian community brings to Kansas, and his statement was met with loud applause that reverberated throughout the beautifully-domed Capitol. He celebrated the Kansas' Indian community with pride, friendship, and hope for our future, even as we sadly remembered the horror of one year ago when a bright, talented young man, a husband and a father, was violently brought to an untimely death. It was a loss not only for his family, but for all of us. And a loss we feel every day. But from that loss we come together. We celebrate what we have in common rather than letting fear or animosity tear us apart.

I think Srinivas would be happy to see that the horrible act against him is being met with greater community and togetherness, a remembrance of the positive things he brought to the lives of those who knew him and a remembrance of the positive contributions of the Indian community to our state.

Everyone beamed.....

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Consular Camp 2018



The 2018 Team



Consulate General of India
Houston

PRESS RELEASE

Consulate General of India, Houston in association with the Hindu Temple & Cultural Center of Kansas City, IAKC and other regional organizations of Kansas city would be organizing a one-day Consular Camp on Saturday, 28th April 2018 from 1000 hrs to 1600 hrs at 6330 Lackman Road, Shawnee, KS 66217.

US passport holders of Indian origin, who are in the process of applying OCI Card, Visa and Renunciation of Indian nationality, may bring in their applications with the supporting documents to the Consular Camp.

Indian passport holders, who are in the process of applying for renewal of their Indian passport, may also bring in their applications with the supporting documents to the Consular Camp.

Officers of the Consulate General of India, Houston will verify the applications and supporting documents. Applicants may thereafter send the approved applications to CKGS, Houston.

Since this is a special drive, Indian nationals and persons of Indian origin may avail this opportunity and meet officers of the Consulate General of India, Houston.

Houston, 15 March 2018



Yudhishtir Joshi, President

Work got me to Wichita and It's been close to 6 years that I have been here. We have quite a big community for a midsize town and getting involved in the community gives me the feeling of home away from home. CAI gives me the opportunity to build this relation and work with an enthusiastic team.



Madhuremya Jagadeesh, Vice-President

I am proud to serve as Vice-President for my second year. I encourage our community members to get involved and benefit from the valuable experience of CAI. I have met many new people, developed long-lasting friendships, and enjoy being part of a team that "gives back" to our community.



Ravikumar Appavu, Treasurer

I have lived in Wichita since 2015. I am a senior business analyst with Coleman, Inc. I love sports and volunteer as a soccer coach at the YMCA and love tennis. I look forward to serving on the committee and the Community at large.



Seema Gangakhedkar, Secretary

Moving to Wichita 4 yrs back was a welcoming break from a very fast paced life in Pune. I am excited to be part of CAI. It gives me an opportunity to meet new people from different backgrounds. It's a great feeling to serve our community and also pass on our rich culture and values to the next generation.



Members

Sachin Bharati
Immediate past president.



Andy Ghosh

General Consul to the 2018 CAI Team.



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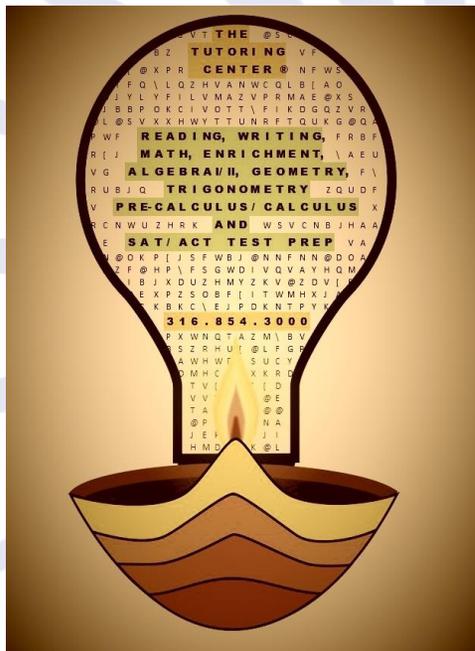
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STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION
BY THE
GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, Kansas values of respect, faith, family, friendship and hard work are shared by our Indian-American neighbors; and

WHEREAS, many Indian-Americans living in Kansas are employed in high-performance jobs and industries such as computer and software engineering, the medical field, the tech sector, and education; and

WHEREAS, many serve in our military and hold local and state government positions; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Indian-Americans who have called Kansas home over generations have enjoyed tremendous success through their ingenuity, hard work and determination; and

WHEREAS, we welcome all Indians that wish to come to Kansas to live, work and raise a family in our communities; and

WHEREAS, we thank them for contributing to our state's prosperity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeff Colyer, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim March 14th, 2018 as

INDIA DAY AT THE CAPITOL

DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka
under the Great Seal of the
State this 14th day of
March, A.D. 2018

BY THE GOVERNOR: _____




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Secretary of State

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