

Samaj Patra

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and much more.....

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Message from the President

It is that time of the year when NHAAI changes guard. I notice little change to the association's management team since I took over the responsibility in 1994. We will be having our elections once again as per our by-laws. I will relinquish my responsibility at the end of the association fiscal year. The new business climate makes it difficult for me to devote my efforts to manage the association. I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to you and the management team who have endured difficult times during the past years. I have one message for all of you; ask yourself if you need the association. If the answer is yes, please come forward, take the responsibility, and do your best to keep the association. The association can function only when everyone takes part. Folks! It is time to wake up and do your best.

Prithvi Kumar

Association calendar of events

- 5.11.97 General Body Meeting/Elections and Mother's day celebrations.
- 7.1.97 Last date to submit articles to Samaj Patra.

NHAAI New Address

We request you to address all future correspondence to, NHAAI, P.O. Box 3132, Manchester NH 03105.

Republic Day Celebrations:

The NHAAI celebrated Republic Day on Feb. 2, 1997 at the Londonderry Lions Club. The celebrations got off to a grand start with an Introduction by Prof. Virendra K. Mathur, and a speech by Dr. Dhirendranath Varma. Dr. Varma, who has served as Curator of the National Museum of India in New Delhi, and the Salarjung museum in Hyderabad, gave a very inspiring talk on the Independence movement in India that led to the celebration of Republic day. This was followed by very inspiring vocal performances by Varna Anantharaman, Vinitra Sharma, Renuka Bhartula and Avinash Shukla, and instrumental performances by Rana Brahma and Neil Brahma. Dr. Dhirendranath Varma, Mrs. Aruna Varma and Mrs. Shuchita Rao then delighted the audience with their medley of Carnatic and Hindustani music. The music was interspersed with delightful anecdotes and a very educational lesson on the similarities between the two schools of music. Following the entertainment program, a pot-luck dinner was served. The program was well attended and all in all, the function was a huge success. We appreciate all those who volunteered to help out. Our sincere thanks to the volunteers, and to the artists who presented a very superior performance.

General Body Meeting

Please note that this year's General Body meeting will be held on May 11 at the Londonderry Lion's Club. Please see attached flyer for details. Nominations are welcome for all the Executive Committee positions, and may be sent to Dr. Padma Mathur, 1008 Ray St., Manchester, NH 03104. A Nomination form is attached for your convenience.

Tax Related Humor

Contributed by Prithvi Kumar

It's tax time. I know you will be stressed doing your tax forms. This note would probably cheer you up. Enjoy.

[H&R Block, editor's note: The following is a real letter submitted to the IRS in the midst of last year's weird and bizarre denial of dependents, exemptions, and credits. We believe the letter speaks for itself.]

Dear Sirs:

I am responding to your letter denying the deduction for two of the three dependents I claimed on my 1994 Federal Tax return. Thank you. I have questioned whether these are my children or not for years. They are evil and expensive. It's only fair that since they are minors and not my responsibility that the government (who evidently is taxing me more to care for these waifs) knows something about them and what to expect over the next year. You may apply next year to reassign them to me and reinstate the deduction. This year they are yours!

The oldest, Kristen, is now 17. She is brilliant. Ask her! I suggest you put her to work in your office where she can answer people's questions about their returns. While she has no formal training, it has not seemed to hamper her knowledge of any other subject you can name. Taxes should be a breeze; Next year she is going to college. I think it's wonderful that you will now be responsible for that little expense. While you mull that over keep in mind that she has a truck. It doesn't run at

the moment so you have the immediate decision of appropriating some Department of Defense funds to fix the vehicle or getting up early to drive her to school. Kristen also has a boyfriend. Oh joy. While she possesses all of the wisdom of the universe, her alleged mother and I have felt it best to occasionally remind her of the virtues of abstinence. This is always uncomfortable and I am quite relieved you will be handling this in the future.

Patrick is 14. I've had my suspicions about this one. His eyes are a little close together for normal people. He may be a tax examiner himself one day if you do not incarcerate him first. In February I was awakened at three in the morning by a police officer who was bringing Pat home. He and his friends were TP'ing houses. In the future would you like him delivered to the local IRS office or to Ogden, UT? Kids at 14 will do almost anything on a dare. His hair is purple. Permanent dye, temporary dye, what's the big deal? Learn to deal with it. You'll have plenty of time as he is sitting out a few days of school after instigating a food fight. I'll take care of filing your phone number with the vice principal. Oh yes, he and all of his friends have raging hormones. This is the house of testosterone and it will be much more peaceful when he lives in your home. DO NOT leave any of them unsupervised with girls, explosives, inflammables, inflatables, vehicles, or telephones. (I'm sure that you will find telephones a source of unimaginable amusement, and be sure to lock out the 900 and 976 numbers!)

Heather is an alien. She slid through a time warp and appeared quite by magic one year. I'm sure this one is yours. She is 10 going on 21. She came from a bad trip in the sixties. She wears tie-dyed clothes, beads, sandals, and hair that looks like Tiny Tim's. Fortunately you will be raising my taxes to help offset the pinch of her remedial reading courses. Hooked On Phonics is expensive so the schools dropped it. Good news! You can buy it yourself for half the amount of the

deduction that you are denying! It's quite obvious that we were terrible parents (ask the other two) so they have helped raise this one to a new level of terror. She cannot speak English. Most people under twenty understand the curious patois she fashioned out of valley girls/boys in the hood/reggae/yuppie/political double-speak. I don't. The school sends her to a speech pathologist who has her roll her R's. It added a refreshing Mexican/Irish touch to her voice. She wears hats backwards, pants baggy and wants one of her ears pierced four more times. There is a fascination with tattoos that worries me but I am sure that you can handle it. Bring a truck when you come to get her, as she sort of "nests" in her room and I think that it would be easier to move the entire thing than find out what it is really made of.

You denied two of the three exemptions so it is only fair you get to pick which two you will take. I prefer that you take the youngest, I will still go bankrupt with Kristen's college but then I am free! If you take the two oldest then I still have time for counseling before Heather becomes a teenager. If you take the two girls then I won't feel so bad about putting Patrick in a military academy. Please let me know of your decision as soon as possible as I have already increased the withholding on my W-4 to cover the \$395 in additional tax and to make a down payment on an airplane.

Yours Truly,
Robert W.

Note: Robert later notified us: "Rats, they allowed the deductions instead of taking the kids!"

Sometimes you just can't get a break.

"Windows" based humor

Subject: Bill Gates in India and....

Bill Gates was in India a few days ago. He announced that Microsoft will

come out with a windows version in Hindi. Here are some Windows Commands in Hindi version

Phile = File
Kholo = Open
Bandh Karo = Close
Naya = New
Khatara = Old
Bachao = Save
Aise Bachao = Save as
Bhaago = Run
Chaapo = Print
Dekh Ke Chaapo = Print Preview
Kaapi = Copy
Kaato = Cut
Kato = Stupid Houseguest
Chipkao = Paste
Payshul Chipkao = Paste Special
Goli Maaro = Delete
Nazaara = View
Hatyaar = Tools
Hatyaar Khamba = Toolbar
Khuli Chaadar = Spreadsheet
Iska Bhi Naam Nahin Aata = Database
Futaas Ki Goli Kha = Exit

Some Cool Web Sites:

For those of who you who like to surf the net, and for other future net surfers, here are some cool web sites that have information on India and things Indian!

News:

www.indiaserver.com/news/thehindu
www.express.indiaworld.com
www.economicstimes.com
www.vikatan.com (incl. Tamil fonts)
http://www.yahoo.com/Regional/Countries/India/News_and_Media/Newspapers
<http://www.yahoo.com/regional/countries/india/>
<http://india.bgsu.edu/>
<http://air.kode.net/index1.html>
(includes Audio News)

Radio:

tamil.math.utk.edu/cgi-bin/tamilnadu/

Cuisine:

www.cba.uh.edu/~bala/tamilnadu/food.html

Consulate General

www.indiaserver.com/CGINNYC

Colleges

www.cs.wisc.edu/~shubu/iitk/colleges.html

Tours

www.exploreindia.com
www.qqq.com

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