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# Samaj Patra

Spring 2002

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## President's Corner

Please accept my greetings to all the members of the Association. This is the spring edition of the Samaj Patra of the year 2002. I am pleased to report the activities during the last quarter, and the activities planned for the balance of the year.

## Spelling Bee Contest

IANH and North South Foundation will be hosting the Spelling bee and vocabulary contest in Manchester. The event is scheduled for Saturday March 30. This is the first time this event will be hosted in New Hampshire. Flyer announcing the details is included in the Samaj Patra.

## Diwali Function

IANH in association with the South Asian students of the University of New Hampshire celebrated the Diwali festival in the UNH campus. The function attracted large number attendees from the community. Let me thank Dr. Tej Dhakar, the IANH team, Raj Gorla, and Harini Sampath, and the UNH team for their efforts.

## Spring Festival

Our annual Spring festival will be held on Saturday, April 6. Please contact Ms. Nilima Panchal if you or a member of your family is interested in taking part in the cultural activities. Nilima can be reached at 665-9458 or email to: [npanchal@attbi.com](mailto:npanchal@attbi.com). See flyer for details

## Public Service Activities

IANH helped the Angie's shelter for women, Manchester with bed linen, pillows, and blankets. A sandwich service program to give away bread sandwiches to the hungry at New Horizon soup kitchen, Manchester is underway. The donation is made every second Sunday of the month. Please call me at 603-472-5835 if you would like to participate.

## Membership Communication

We have been sending important bulletins to members on our Email list. If you haven't received IANH messages, please send you Email address to Vandana Dhakar at [dhakar@attbi.com](mailto:dhakar@attbi.com).

With all the best wishes to you and your family,

Prithvi Kumar  
President

## Upcoming Events

- ✓ **Spelling Bee on Saturday, March 30.**

Note: The deadline for registration is March 23, 2002. Therefore, please mail your children's registration immediately. See the flyer included in Samaj Patra for registration form and other details.

- ✓ **Spring festival on Saturday, April 6.**

Note: See the flyer included in Samaj Patra for more information.

## Community Service

### Request for donations to Angie's Shelter

Since last year we have been actively trying to collect donations for Angie's shelter located on 434 Union Street, Manchester, NH, for homeless and abused women. This facility is part of the New Horizons of New Hampshire Homeless

Shelter. The shelter will provide food, shelter, clothing, referral to special needs programs, assistance to overcome substance abuse problems, medical and mental health services. The mission of this new facility is to provide these services to help needy women become self-sufficient. The facility is ready to open for service at the end of March. We are invited to the Grand Opening celebration on March 21, 2002 from 4 pm to 6 pm.

So far we have been only partially successful in collecting donations of bed linens, blankets, towels, winter clothes and money from our members.. They still need more of these donations. We appeal to you to support this very worthy cause and help the less fortunate. You need not be a resident of Manchester to donate. Donations can be delivered to Padma Mathur at 1008 Ray Street, Manchester or to Vandana Dhakar at 20 Chad Road, Manchester, NH. Monetary contributions can be made by check payable to India Association of New Hampshire directed to Angie's shelter.

## On the Lighter Side

### Time Management

One day, an expert in time management was speaking to a group of business students and, to drive home a point, used an illustration those students will never forget.

As he stood in front of the group of high-powered

overachievers he said, "Okay, time for a quiz" and he pulled out a one gallon, Mason jar and set it on the table in front of him. He also produced about a dozen fist-sized rocks and carefully placed them, one at a time, into the jar.

When the jar was filled to the top and no more rocks would fit inside, he asked, "Is this jar full?" "Everyone in the class yelled, "Yes." The time management expert replied, "Really?" He reached under the table and pulled out a bucket of gravel. He dumped some gravel in and shook the jar causing pieces of gravel to work themselves down into the spaces between the big rocks. He then asked the group once more, "Is the jar full?" By this time the class was on to him. "Probably not," one of them answered.

"Good!" he replied. He reached under the table and brought out a bucket of sand. He started dumping the sand in the jar and it went into all of the spaces left between the rocks and the gravel. Once more he asked the question, "Is this jar full?" "No!" the class shouted. Once again he said, "Good." Then he grabbed a pitcher of water and began to pour it in until the jar was filled to the brim. Then he looked at the class and asked, "What is the point of this illustration?" "One eager beaver raised his hand and said, "The point is, no matter how full your schedule is, if you try really hard you can always fit some more things in it!"

"No," the speaker replied, "that's not the point. The truth this illustration teaches us is: If you don't put the big rocks in first, you'll never get them in at all. What are the 'big rocks' in your lifetime - being with your loved ones, your faith, your education, your dreams, a worthy cause, teaching or mentoring others? Remember to put these BIG ROCKS in first or you'll never get them in at all." So, tonight, or in the morning, when you are reflecting on this short story, ask yourself this question: What are the 'big rocks' in my life? Then, put those in your jar first.

## Officers of the Association

Mr. Prithvi Kumar, *President*  
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**INDIA ASSOCIATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
&  
SARASWATI MANDIRAM**

CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO

***THE ANNUAL SPRING FESTIVAL***

VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM BY  
MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL INDIAN COMMUNITY

ON SATURDAY APRIL 6, 2002 FROM 2:30 - 5 PM  
FOLLOWED BY DINNER  
(Donation for dinner: \$5 per head)

AT SARASWATI MANDIRAM  
LADD'S LANE, EPPING, NEW HAMPSHIRE

ALL MEMBERS, THEIR FAMILIES AND  
FRIENDS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND

If you or a member of your family would like to perform at the Spring Festival, please contact Mrs. Nilima Panchal (603) 665-9458 [npanchal@attbi.com](mailto:npanchal@attbi.com)

For more information, please contact Mr. Prithvi Kumar (603) 472-5835 [saidharma@attbi.com](mailto:saidharma@attbi.com), Dr. Padma Mathur (603) 669-8564, Mrs. Nikita Shah (603) 889-4046, Mrs. Vandana Dhakar (603) 668-9028, Mr. Seshu Putcha (603) 868-8985, Mrs. Raj Jain (603) 598-1625, Mohanram (603) 626-4697.

**Directions to Sarwaswati Mandiram:**

From Boston and south: Take I-93 North to I-495 North. Take Exit 51B to 125 North. Go 18 Miles into Epping. Turn right onto 27 East. 1st Road on your Left is Ladd's lane. The Mandiram is on your left. Drive to visitors parking lot

From Salem/Nashua/Manchester/Concord: Take I-101 East towards Portsmouth. Take Exit 7 to 125 North. Take left at the light from the exit ramp. Go about a mile and turn right onto 27 East. 1st Road on your Left is Ladd's lane. The Mandiram is on your left. Drive to visitors parking lot.



# North South Foundation

## North-Eastern Chapter



And

*India Association of New Hampshire (IANH)*

*Announce the*

## 2002 NH AREA REGIONAL SPELLING BEE AND VOCABULARY CONTEST

**Junior Spelling Bee:** South Asian children born after 8/31/1993  
**Senior Spelling Bee:** South Asian children born after 8/31/1989  
**Vocabulary Contest:** South Asian children born after 8/31/1985

**Date: Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup> 2002**

**Time: 11:30 AM - 4 PM**

**Venue: NH Community Technical College,  
1066 Front Street  
Manchester, NH 03102**

[www.northsouth.org](http://www.northsouth.org) for practice words & more details.

**Directions:**

From Interstate 293 North: take Exit 7. The college driveway is 200 yards from the exit on your left.

From Interstate 93 North or South: take Exit 10. At the end of the exit ramp, take a left at the STOP sign (you will be on Route 3A South which becomes Front Street) and continue for approximately 2 miles. The college driveway is on the right. Be prepared to take a sharp right turn.

**Incentives and Awards:**

- IANH trophies and prizes to the local contest winners
- Kumon Nashua Center two-month scholarship in reading or math to the first place winner in each category.
- The regional contest winners will be invited to the 10th National Championship Finals, conducted by the North South Foundation in Washington DC on August 3 and 4, 2002.
- The 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners of the National Finals (in Washington DC) will be awarded scholarships worth (Seniors/Juniors) \$2000/1000, \$1000/500 and \$600/300 respectively.

For Registration details  
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**FIRST CLASS**

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**INDIA ASSOCIATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**SAMAJ PATRA SPRING 2002**

**Spring Festival**

**SATURDAY APRIL 6, 2002**

**AT**

**SARASWATI MANDIRAM  
EPPING, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

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