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Chair's Corner

New Hampshire Association of Asian Indians (NHAAD) completed ten years of service to the Indian community in New Hampshire last year. The Association is a non-profit organization and organizes educational, social, cultural, and community service activities of interest to its members.

Last year saw a manifold increase in the number of life members. A number of school and college students presented cultural items at the spring festival at the Londonderry Lion's Club in March. The picnic at Pawtuckaway State Park in August was threatened with bad weather that cleared up just in time. A large number of Indians and Americans enjoyed the dance and music and the Indian food and pizza at the Diwali festival at Salem High School in October. For the first time, we organized special activities for small children simultaneously with the cultural program.

We have planned similar activities for the year 2000 (see the calendar of activities). In addition, we plan to increase our involvement in the community service activities.

We appreciate your membership in the Association and look forward to

your continued participation in the activities of the Association. If you have any suggestions, please feel free to communicate those to any member of the Executive Committee.

Thank you very much and have a great 2000.

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Association News

- Vasu resigns from Executive Committee: Dr. P. T. Vasdevan has decided to take a break from his responsibilities as Corresponding Secretary. He is preoccupied with research and other business at the University of New Hampshire, where he is working as a professor. As Corresponding Secretary Vasu has published the Association newsletter *Samaj Patra* and created a website for the Association. Vasu will continue to participate in the activities of the Association as a member and maintain the website of the Association. We thank Vasu for his immense contributions to the activities of the Association for many years.

- Prithvi rejoins the Executive Committee: Prithvi Kumar has returned to New Hampshire and has rejoined the Executive Committee. Prithvi is one of the oldest members of the Association and has participated very actively in the activities of the Association. He was the President of the Association for many years before he moved to New Jersey for work reasons. Prithvi is very interested in organizing community service activities for the Association. We welcome Prithvi back and look forward to his active participation in the activities of the Association.

Member News

- Ambassador George Bruno has published the following article: "The Military as Champion of Human Rights: the US Experience" in Venkat Iyer (ed), *Democracy, Human Rights and the Rule of Law: Essays in Honour of Nani Palkhivala* (New Delhi: Butterworths, 2000) pp. 215-227 [ISBN: 81-87162-18-X]. Ambassador Bruno is a member of the Association for many years.
- Please send your contributions for publication in this column.

Association Calendar of Events

- Sunday 26 March Spring Festival at the Lions Club, Londonderry from 1:30-5 PM See Flyer
- Independence Day Picnic in August
- Diwali Festival in October

Participation in Spring Festival

The Spring Festival will feature cultural items presented by students and children of Indian community. If you or your children would like to participate in the Spring Festival by presenting a cultural item, please contact Homai Khanna at (603) 432-0734. School children (high school and under) who participate will receive a gift certificate from the Association.

Membership

- Kindly renew your membership. A form is attached with this newsletter.
- If you would like to join as a new member, please indicate this in the renewal form or contact the membership secretary Vandana Dhakar at 668-9028 or dhakar@mediaone.net so that a membership form can be mailed to you.
- The life membership has been reduced to \$150. This one time payment would exempt you from the payment of any further membership dues in future. Please consider becoming a life member

Website Address

Our website has moved. Please note the new website address (URL). <http://people.ne.mediaone.net/vasu/index.html>

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If you wish to receive an electronic copy, please give your email address by contacting Mrs. Vandana Dhakar at 668-9028, or send email to dhakar@mediaone.net. Thank you for your consideration.

Facts About India

(Source: Email, Author: Unknown)

These facts were recently published in a German magazine which deals with **WORLD HISTORY**.

- a. India never invaded any country in her last 10000 years of history.
- b. India invented the Number System. Zero was invented by Aryabhata.
- c. The World's first university was established in Takshila in 700

BC. More than 10,500 students from all over the world studied more than 60 subjects. The University of Nalanda built in the 4th century BC was one of the greatest achievements of ancient India in the field of education.

d. Sanskrit is the mother of all the European languages. Sanskrit is the most suitable language for computer software - a report in Forbes magazine, July 1987.

e. Ayurveda is the earliest school of medicine known to humans. Charaka, the father of medicine consolidated Ayurveda 2500 years ago. Today Ayurveda is fast regaining its rightful place in our civilization.

f. Although modern images of India often show poverty and lack of development, India was the richest country on earth until the time of British invasion in the early 17th Century.

g. The art of Navigation was born in the river Sindh 6000 years ago. The very word Navigation is derived from the Sanskrit word NAVGATHI. The word navy is also derived from Sanskrit 'Nou'.

h. Bhaskaracharya calculated the time taken by the earth to orbit the sun hundreds of years before the astronomer Smart. Time taken by earth to orbit the sun: (5th century) 365.258756484 days.

i. The value of "pi" was first calculated by Budhayana, and he explained the concept of what is known as the Pythagorean Theorem. He discovered this in the 6th century long before the European mathematicians.

j. Algebra, trigonometry and calculus came from India. Quadratic equations were used by

Sridharacharya in the 11th century. The largest numbers the Greeks and the Romans used were as big as 106 whereas Hindus used numbers as big as 10E53 (10 to the power of 53) with specific names as early as 5000 BCE during the Vedic period. Even today, the largest used number is Tera 10E12(10 to the power of 12).

k. According to the Gemological Institute of America, up until 1896, India was the only source for diamonds to the world.

l. USA based IEEE has proved what has been a century old suspicion in the world scientific community that the pioneer of wireless communication was Prof. Jagdeesh Bose and not Marconi.

m. The earliest reservoir and dam for irrigation was built in Saurashtra.

n. According to Saka King Rudradaman I of 150 CE a beautiful lake called 'Sudarshana' was constructed on the hills of Raivataka during Chandragupta Maurya's time.

o. Chess (Shataranja or AshtaPada) was invented in India.

p. Sushruta is the father of surgery. 2600 years ago he and health scientists of his time conducted complicated surgeries like cesareans, cataract, artificial limbs, fractures, urinary stones and even plastic surgery and brain surgery. Usage of anesthesia was well known in ancient India. Over 125 surgical equipment were used. Deep knowledge of anatomy, physiology, ctiology, embryology, digestion, metabolism, genetics and immunity is also found in many texts.

q. When many cultures were only nomadic forest dwellers over 5000 years ago, Indians established Harappan culture in Sindhu Valley (Indus Valley Civilization)

r. The place value system, the decimal system was developed in India in 100 BC.

Quotes About India

(Source: Email, Author: Unknown)

a.. Albert Einstein said: We owe a lot to the Indians, who taught us how to count, without which no worthwhile scientific discovery could have been made.

b.. Mark Twain said: India is, the cradle of the human race, the birthplace of human speech, the mother of history, the grandmother of legend, and the great grand mother of tradition. Our most valuable materials in the history of man are treasured up in India only.

c.. French scholar Romain Rolland said: If there is one place on the face of earth where all the dreams of living men have found a home from the very earliest days when man began the dream of existence, it is India.

d.. Hu Shih, former Ambassador of China to USA said: India conquered and dominated China culturally for 20 centuries without ever having to send a single soldier across her border.

All the above is just the TIP of the iceberg, the list could be endless. BUT, if we don't see even a glimpse of that great India in the India that we see today, it clearly means that we are not working up to our potential and that if we do, we could once again be an ever-shining and inspiring country

setting a bright path for rest of the world to follow.

Employer's Lingo

(Source: Email, Author: Unknown)

"COMPETITIVE SALARY"

We remain competitive by paying less than our competitors.

"JOIN OUR FAST-PACED TEAM"

We have no time to train you.

"CASUAL WORK ATMOSPHERE"

We don't pay enough to expect that you'll dress up; well, a couple of the real daring guys wear earrings.

"MUST BE DEADLINE ORIENTED"

You'll be six months behind schedule on your first day.

"SOME OVERTIME REQUIRED"

Some time each night and some time each weekend.

"DUTIES WILL VARY"

Anyone in the office can boss you around.

"MUST HAVE AN EYE FOR DETAIL"

We have no quality control.

"CAREER-MINDED"

Female Applicants must be childless (and remain that way).

"APPLY IN PERSON"

If you're old, fat or ugly you'll be told the position has been filled.

"NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE"

We've filled the job; our call for resumes is just a legal formality.

"SEEKING CANDIDATES WITH A WIDE VARIETY OF EXPERIENCE"

You'll need it to replace three people who just left.

"PROBLEM-SOLVING SKILLS A MUST"

You're walking into a company in perpetual chaos.

"REQUIRES TEAM LEADERSHIP SKILLS"

You'll have the responsibilities of a manager, without the pay or respect.

"GOOD COMMUNICATION SKILLS"

Management communicates, you listen, figure out what they want and do it.

Instructions for Life

(Source: Email, Author: Unknown)

1. Give people more than they expect. Do so cheerfully.
2. Memorize your favorite poem.
3. Don't believe all you hear, spend all you have or sleep all you want.
4. When you say, "I love you," mean it.
5. When you say, "I'm sorry," look the person in the eye.
6. Be engaged to be married for at least six months.
7. Believe in love at first sight.
8. Never laugh at anyone's dreams. People who don't have dreams don't have much.
9. Love deeply and passionately. You might get hurt but it's the only way to live life completely.
10. In disagreements, fight fairly. No name calling.
11. Don't judge people by their relatives.
12. Talk slowly, Think quickly.
13. When someone asks you a question you don't want to answer, smile and ask, "Why do you want to know?"
14. Remember that great love and great achievements involve great risk.

15. Call your mom.
16. Say "bless you" when you hear someone sneeze.
17. When you lose, don't lose the lesson.
18. Remember the three R's: Respect for self; Respect for others; Responsibility for all your actions.
19. Don't let a little dispute injure a great friendship.
20. When you realize you've made a mistake, take immediate steps to correct it.
21. Smile when picking up the phone. The caller will hear it in your voice.
22. Marry a man/woman you love to talk to. As you get older, their conversational skills will be as important as any other.
23. Spend some time alone.
24. Open your arms to change, but don't let go of your values.
25. Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.
26. Read more books and watch less TV.
27. Live a good, honorable life. Then when you get older and think back, you'll get to enjoy it a second time.
28. Trust in God but lock your car.
29. A loving atmosphere in your home is so important. Do all you can to create a tranquil, harmonious home.
30. In disagreements with love ones, deal with the current situation. Don't bring up the past.
31. Read between the lines.
32. Share your knowledge. It's a way to achieve immortality.
33. Be gentle with the earth.
34. Pray. There's immeasurable power in it.
35. Never interrupt when you are being flattered.
36. Mind your own business.

37. Don't trust a man/woman who doesn't close his/her eyes when you kiss.
38. Once a year, go someplace you've never been
39. If you make a lot of money, put it to use helping others while you are living. That is wealth's greatest satisfaction.
40. Remember that not getting what you want is sometimes a stroke of luck.
41. Learn the rules, then break some.
42. Remember that the best relationship is one where your love for each other is greater than your need for each other.
43. Judge your success by what you had to give up in order to get it.
44. Remember that your character is your destiny.
45. Approach love and cooking with reckless abandon.

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