



# Namaskar

## *From the President's Desk: February 2015*

Good Morning Members and Friends of ICS

Wish you and your family a very happy new year. Hope you all had a great break. Hope you are all recharged and ready for another great year. The ICS committee have a very eventful months ahead for you and your family to participate and enjoy. So come along and make it a successful year

The committee will be meeting in the coming weeks to plan the next few events for the year. The first event is Holi followed by Yuva the youth week extravaganza; Baisakhi; Harmony Day Soiree and India@Mindil. There are other events planned so keep an eye for them on our face book page and the news letter.

### **YUVA—Youth Week Event in April**

Details are being worked on for the next major events; the youth week in April. ICS is working with the youth sub committee to organize a cultural event and a program to addressing youth related issues. The theme of this years youth week is IT BEGINS WITH US. Taking this into perspective planning is under way for a two day event in Darwin in April. The program is for the youth and organized by the youth. The youth sub committee is working hard to coordinate this event. The first day program on 11th of April is an interactive workshop designed to address youth issues of exam pressures, peer pressure, inclusiveness, networking. It will be held at CDU International House Conference room. This is a close door event facilitated by youth professionals. The second day will be a cultural event at Marrara indoor stadium.

If you have family members between the ages of 12 to 30 encourage them to participate at the youth workshop on the 11th. This event is co-sponsored by CDU international house and international students will be involved in the event in a big way.

Talent Quest in Music and Dance is programmed for end March for age 12 to 30. Keep an eye for details and poster on our face book page. The winners of this quest will perform on the 12th of April at the youth week music and dance extravaganza at MARRARA INDOOR STADIUM with an interstate Professional Dance Troupe. This will be followed with a sumptuous Indian buffet dinner catered by HANUMAN RESTAURANT. Keep an eye out for the announcement of sale of tickets and who to get it from

A creative story writing and drawing competition for the youth is planned sponsored by NamesteNT. The shortlisted entries will be published in the magazine. Encourage your family members to participate. Details to be released shortly.



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I would like to acknowledge the NT government , The Indian High commission for their sponsorship of the youth week events and NamesteNT for organizing the writing and drawing competition. Without their support this would not be possible. I would also like to thank the youth subcommittee of Pritika Desai, Isha Raut and Shishir Ramakrishna for their effort. Thank you to Manisha Goel for her time with managing the youth workshop.

**Holi:** Holi will be celebrated with colour, water and lots of fun on Sunday the 8th of March at Lake Alexandra. Pav Bhajee, colours and soft drinks will be provided. Bring along a sweet dish to share and anything else you are comfortable with. Be prepared with chairs to sit and water and colours sprayed on you.

See you all at the events.

**Bharat Desai.**  
**President ICS**

## **From the Secretary Desk:**

Face book Page—<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Indian-Cultural-Society-ICS-Darwin/310758542448861>

Like this page and get instant information on ICS events

Web Page—Under Development

**Harvest Festival Baisakhi :** Planning is under way to celebrate this event in May. Details will be published in the next newsletter.

**Good news stories:** We would like to encourage our members to send us good news stories to our email address [icsdarwin.nt@gmail.com](mailto:icsdarwin.nt@gmail.com) to be then published in our news letter.

We would like to congratulate Ram and Jyoti Vemuri on the engagement of their Son Siddhi with Ila Karve from Melbourne.

Congratulation to Mahesh and Reshma on the birth of their son Jairam.

Congratulations to Ramamurthi Jayaraj in winning the Rayan family award for his work in setting up an MOU between CDU and universities in India.

## **Condolence:**

Condolences to the Bali family in passing of Mataji(Mrs Bali Senior) our respected long time member and also our first honorary member. Mataji will be sadly missed at the temple and at all our community events.

Our condolences to Kabita Ghosh on her mothers Passing in Kolkatta

Our heart felt condolences to the Gomes Family in the passing of Olinda Gomes who was a member of the Indian cultural society during its early days.

May their souls rest in peace.



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## **India@Mindil:**

**Publicity and Sponsorship Team coordinator— Jaya Srinivas**

### **India@Mindil 2015 – COLOURS OF INDIA**

Countdown to our annual 'mela' is on! I am looking for an energetic, creative and highly motivated team to drive sponsorships and publicity promotion for I@M 2015. Do you have an interest in media, publishing, writing short articles or creative with flyers, posters and social media? If so, why don't you come along and assist with publicity and sponsorships for this amazing community event. This is our community event and the work is 'pro bono' on voluntary basis.

I look forward to a great event which is on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2015. Not long to go!

I can be contacted on 0417873655 (mobile) or via email on [jayasrinivas24@gmail.com](mailto:jayasrinivas24@gmail.com)  
Jaya Srinivas

Publicity/Sponsorship Coordinator I@M 2015

## **Indian consulate News Letter : From the Indian Consul General**

Dear All,

You may be aware that Consulate has been publishing a weekly newsletter entitled "India bulletin".

This newsletter has been providing a summary on economic, policy developments as well as opportunities to do business in India. The latest issue of India Bulletin is now available at <http://www.cgiperth.org/newsletter.htm?139> .

With warm regards,

M Subbarayudu

Consul General

Consulate General of India



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## Announcements

### Radio Program

“Friendly India” is a community-run radio show broadcasting at Darwin 91.5FM Xstream Radio on Wednesdays from 8-9pm. This program is brought to you by the Multicultural Broadcasting Council, NT (MBCNT) in partnership with the Indian Community. People who are interested in broadcasting for the program can contact Jyoti Vemuri on 0413723448

### Hindi Class

Free Hindi classes are currently being run on every Saturday (school term only) at Alawa Primary School, from 2pm to 3pm Room—4

(Entrance is from Pett Street)

For further enquires please contact Mr. Sumesh Dhiir on 0414 66 3075



### Welcome

ICS welcome all it's new members and new arrivals to Darwin. We would like to invite our new arrivals to come and join us for Holi celebration. We encourage all our members to bring along new families you know at this event.

### ICS 2014 Committee

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