



# INDIA-CANADA CULTURAL ASSOCIATION

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*"Civilization is the encouragement of differences. Civilization thus becomes a synonym of democracy. Force, violence, pressure, or compulsion with a view to conformity is therefore both uncivilized and undemocratic."*

**M. K. Gandhi**

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Are you sure this is a romantic movie ??...



## President's Message

Greetings fellow community members! The long overdue warm weather has finally arrived. It is going to be a great summer this year. We are hosting a picnic on June 22 at the Forestry Farm. I hope to see you all there!

In the last two months, the ICCA was involved in two events. On April 21, we presented sitarist, Partha Bose, and classical vocalist, Esha Bandopahyay, at Castle Theater. It was three hours of enchanting music. We were very fortunate to have these world-renowned artists in Saskatoon.

On May 14, we participated in a Mini-Folkfest as a part of the Canada-Wide Science Fair (CFWS). The CWSF, held at the Saskatoon Field House, showcased the science projects of gifted students, from grade 7 to 12. It was fun meeting such students from across Canada.

We are going to have a great Folkfest this year, on August 15, 16, 17. The India Pavilion will be moving to the Saskatoon Soccer Center, in Lawson Heights. The ICCA is looking for energetic volunteers to help make our pavilion successful. To become involved, please contact a board member.

Thank you,

Mrs. Sushama Shrikhande

Sushama Shrikhande

## Editor's Note

I would like to thank the ICCA board for appointing me as the newsletter editor. This is a great opportunity to participate in the community. I would love to receive your feedback. Please email me at [editorICCA@yahoo.com](mailto:editorICCA@yahoo.com) or send regular mail to the address above.

Thank-you.

-Kedar Shrikhande

## Quotation

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

-Albert Einstein

### *Past Events*

#### **Classical and Sitar Concert**

Where: Castle Theater

When: April 21, 2002

Who: Partha Bose, Esha Bandopahyay, and Vineet Vyas

Review: The first half the concert featured a Hindustani classical vocal recital. Esha Bandopahyay was the singer and Vineet Vyas was on the tabla. The second half was the sitar concert featuring Partha Bose and Vineet Vyas on the tabla.

#### **Mini-Folkfest**

Where: Education Building

When: May 14, 2002

Who: Canada-Wide Science Fair

Review: The ICCA set up a kiosk with a display of Indian objects and posters. We drew free Mehndi for the science fair participants. We photographed girls dressed in saris, and we sold bindis.

### *Social Secretary's Report*

Dear Friends,

By the time you receive this, I hope that the dust storms and the erratic and extreme temperatures that we've been experiencing all settle down; and for those of you who like gardening, you can actually get some flowers and dhaniya/methi in!

Since our last newsletter, a lot of water has flown under the bridge (I couldn't resist that metaphor after 7 months in the 'City of Bridges')! All those who attended the Sitar/Vocal/Tabla recital would agree with me that not only was it a brilliant performance, but very captivating and mesmerizing too! A big thanks to you who showed up with family and friends. The ICCA also put up a cultural display booth for the National Science Fair held at the U of S. It was a very successful event with about 550 kids/teachers from across Canada participating. My personal estimate (no scientific data to substantiate this claim) is that about 75% of them went home with their names 'henna-ed' on their forearms! Again, a 'mega' (see, I can get scientific if I have to!) thank you to the University students that helped with the set-up and dismantling, the henna-ladies, and the few hard-working volunteers who showed up.

To those of you who have travel plans for the summer, have a safe trip. The rest of you let us join forces for Folkfest 2002! I look forward to your enthusiastic participation in all of the above events.

Keep cool!

Smita Garg

### *Facts About Mangos*

- Mangoes have been grown in India for over 4 000 years.
- It's believed that Portuguese traders introduced the fruit to Africa.
- The name "mango" comes from the Tamil word man-kay, and the Portuguese adopted it as manga when they settled in western India.
- There are over 20 million metric tons of mangos grown throughout the tropical and sub-tropical world. The leading mango producer is India, with very little export as most are consumed within the country. Mexico and China compete for second place, followed by Pakistan and Indonesia. Thailand, Nigeria, Brazil, Philippines and Haiti follow in order.
- More fresh mangoes are eaten worldwide than any other fruit.
- The mango is known as the 'king of fruit' throughout the world.

### *Joke*

There was a Japanese man who went to India for sightseeing. On the last day, he hired a cab and told the driver to drive to the Airport. During the journey, a Honda drove past the taxi. Thereupon, the man leaned out of the window excitedly and yelled, "Honda, very fast! Made in Japan!!!" After a while, a Toyota sped past the taxi, again, the Japanese man leaned out of the window and yelled, "Toyota, very fast! Made in Japan!" And then a Mitsubishi sped past the taxi. For the third time, the Japanese leaned out of the window and yelled, "Mitsubishi, very fast! Made in Japan!" The driver was a little angry, but he kept quiet. And this went on for quite a number of cars. Finally, the taxi came to the airport. The fare was 800 rupees! The Japanese exclaimed, "What?? So expensive!" There upon, the driver yelled back, "Meter, Made in India VERY VERY FAST!!!"

### *Future Events*

In the very near future, we are planning a picnic at Forestry Farm in the Cricket Field (immediate right as you enter the Forestry Farm - \$2 vehicle fee). *Please mark down your calendars for Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.* For events like these, it is hard to estimate the number of people that will show up. As such, please bring your own food - enough for your family, and if you so desire, some to taste/share. BBQ pits are available for your use - we will organize the briquettes. ICCA will also provide soft drinks, watermelon and games. Of course, if you have any games feel free to bring them along. An RSVP to any of the Board Members will be highly appreciated. Come out and have some fun in the sun!

*Some other upcoming events are:*

- Kathak dance recital by Kaveri Agashe from India (Sunday, October 6, 2002 at Quance Theatre)
- Bingo Night (date - TBA)
- Bingo Bowling (date - TBA)
- Movie Evening (date - TBA)

### *Radio Committee Report*

Radio committee (RC) of ICCA is working very smoothly with several hosts for Hindi and regional programs for Sangeetmala. This broadcasts every Saturday between 11 am and 12:30 pm on CFCR FM 90.5. Every host is a member of the committee and working very hard to maintain the

quality of the program. We have a group of very talented newsreaders headed by Ms. Leena Menon and they are doing a great job too. It is also requested to every host and member of the RC to please renew his or her ICCA membership in case it is not done yet. RC welcomes any innovative idea to promote India/Canada cultural heritage and tradition through Sangeetmala. RC would also like the help from community to strengthen CFCR's position, any idea/effort to organise fundraising for CFCR would be highly appreciated. Have a GREAT SUMMER and don't forget to tune into CFCR 90.5.

### *Community News*

This year's Saskatoon Achievement in Business Excellence (SABEX) Celebrate Success program included, for the first time, the Award of Innovation sponsored by Innovation Place and University of Saskatchewan Technologies (UST). We are very happy and proud to announce that one of the two recipients is our Vice-president, Dr. Palok Aich. They (Drs. Jeremy Lee and Palok Aich) invented a new conformation of DNA (basis of genetic code), which can conduct electricity and behaves like a molecular wire. The discovery is expected to revolutionize the fields of biosensors, electronic circuitry and gene therapy.

The new award comes with \$2,500 in cash, personalized trophy and a photo on the wall of Kirk Hall at the University of Saskatchewan.

Congratulations Palok on behalf of ICCA!

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*Movie News*

The ICCA will not be showing Hindi movies this summer because Place Riel Theatre is closed for renovation until the end of August. We will gladly start screening movies in September. If you would like to suggest a movie to show, please do not hesitate to contact a board member.

*Joke*

Q: Why did God create economists?

A: To make weathermen look good.

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