



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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President's Message:

*Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high;
Where knowledge is free;
Where the world has not been broken up into fragments by narrow
domestic walls;
Where words come out from the depth of truth;
Where tireless striving stretches its arms towards perfection;
Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way into the
dreary desert sand of dead habit;
Where the mind is led forward by thee into ever-widening thought
and action—**Rabindranath Tagore***

Where ICCA wants to make sure that the cultural platform is maintained to move on

Ladies and Gentlemen: I have little to add to such wise words except to say that we need to make sure that we follow this advice as needed and appropriate. In this message, I want to update you about the progress we have made since last Newsletter (April, 2006). As previously mentioned, one of our main goals is to make ICCA visible in the community. Accordingly, we approached several community based organizations (of Indian and non-Indian origin) seeking collaboration. As a result we got the Saskatoon Cricket Club, Dance Saskatchewan to work with us and ICCA has become a member of SaskCulture, a provincial cultural body. ICCA is also a member of Saskatchewan Intercultural Association and the Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan (MCOS). Name of ICCA has been re-instated in the Saskatchewan Directory of Community Information.

So far, we have been able to keep up with the events planned. As an organization, whenever we organize or participate in any program,

we try to involve ourselves in a wide variety of social and cultural events. You will find more details on the events in Social secretary's report. As we prepare for other programs, we are also working hard

on our **Folkfest** offerings through India Pavilion. Importance of Folkfest is immense in establishing and integrating multiculturalism and matches perfectly with the goals of ICCA.

With this long-range integrative vision in mind, ICCA is exploring the possibility of building a **Cultural Centre** in Saskatoon along with other interested partners to serve the needs of communities trying to uphold the values of multiculturalism. We will keep you updated about the progress once we have a better idea of project details. Needless to say, we will need your advice and assistance with this endeavour. This project will need fund-raising from variety of sources and we plan to scrounge every penny we can. And we hope you will understand our need to reduce some of ICCA's traditional subsidies in certain areas. We have already planned a major fund-raising event for **Saturday, November 4th** by reviving **India Supper Night**, our annual banquet, after an absence of 6 years. Details will be available soon and we hope to make this a lavish affair no one would want to miss.

Please mark your calendar for all the events mentioned. Further event details can be found in the various committee reports elsewhere in this newsletter. Unfortunately we had to let two of our board members (Devendra & Nivedita) go for better future. If you are interested please let us know.

If you have any question please let us know and for updates please do not forget to visit our website @ <http://www.iccasaskatoon.ca>. Regards, 

Calendar of Events for 2006			
Date	Event	Time	Venue
Sat, July 15	Picnic	2 pm	Forestry Farm
Aug. 17-19 (Thurs-Sat)	Folkfest	See Pg 6	Brunskill School
Sun, Sept. 10	Movie	2 pm	Broadway Theatre
Sun, Sept. 17	Semi-Annual General Body Meeting	3 pm	TBA
Mon, Oct. 02	Gandhi Jayanti Celebration	12 pm	Gandhi statue
Sat, Nov. 04	India Supper Night	6 pm	Saskatoon Inn
Sun, Nov. 12	Movie	2 pm	Broadway Theatre
Sat, Dec. 09	Wintersport/Potluck/Feedback	TBA	TBA
Jan.	Indian Movie	2 pm	Broadway Theatre
Sat, Jan. 27	Kavi Sammelan / Book reading / Debate	TBA	TBA
Sun, Feb. 18	ICCA Annual General Meeting	3 pm	TBA

Social Secretary's Report—Monika Kumar

As someone has rightly said, "There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children. One is roots; the other, wings."

True to this sentiment, ICCA organized a **Kids Fest** on the 23rd of April at the Lakeview Church to recognize the contributions of our children in the cultural arena. This energy-packed event included a drawing session followed by several games and races and of course, lots of prizes! The drawing session enabled the children to portray our beautiful city on canvas and the games were a lot of fun! The response to this new event was so encouraging that ICCA is considering making it an annual event.

On May 7, ICCA demonstrated its commitment to the wider community by participating in the Meewasin Valley Authority's annual cleanup campaign. We collected some 25 bags of trash and hope to do better next year.

Next was the traditional Bharatanatyam dance performance titled '**PLAY**' by **inDANCE** on the 3rd of June at Broadway Theatre. The moving performance by the troupe of three from Toronto: **Hari Krishnan** (stage designer), **Srividya Natarajan** (female danseuse) and **Rajavairan Rajendran** (male dancer) captivated the audience throughout the evening and awed members of several community dance organizations including **Dance Saskatchewan** and **Oriental Dance Arts**.

On June 29, ICCA was one of four community organizations to co-sponsor a potluck supper honouring the Saskatoon refugee community hosted by the **International Women of Saskatoon (IWS)** in co-operation with the **Saskatoon Refugee Coalition** during Refugee Month. It was a good time to meet with other community organizations and of course there was plenty of food!

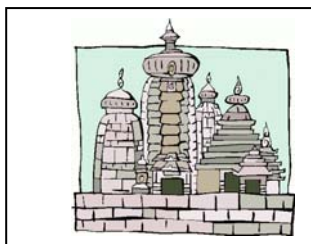
Promoting multiculturalism is at the core of ICCA's mandate and objectives. Accordingly, ICCA participated in the annual **Canada Day** multicultural performance organized by the **Saskatchewan Intercultural Association (SIA)** in Diefenbaker Park on the 1st of July. This was marked by a vibrant Bhangra folk dance from northern India performed by the Saskatoon **Bhangra Junction** group and young children performed a beautiful Rajasthani dance from western India.

We are now moving towards one of the most important events of the year—**Folkfest**. All members of ICCA can participate in the entertainment programme of this mega event. If you are interested in taking part or can help others in preparing the group performances, please contact: **Anuraag Shrivastav (anuraagicca@yahoo.ca) at 668-2542 or Monika Kumar (monika_kumar11@yahoo.com) at 373-7552.**

Folkfest and India Pavilion—by **Gerald L. Harrison** (Display Co-ordinator)



Architecture is the major theme of this year's India Pavilion and the display committee is hard at work preparing displays relating to this and several other themes. The challenge is to present an accurate and coherent picture of 5000 and more years of development in the various regions of India. If any community member has a good quality **model** or **picture** of some important Indian building, we would be glad to consider its use in our displays. We'd also like to use pictures of domestic homes in some part of our display.



Budding artists in the Indo-Canadian community, 15 years and younger, are invited to submit their work for a display of youth art to be mounted in the pavilion during Folkfest. The theme is: “**My India**” and the work can be an artwork or an essay or a combination of the two submitted on an 8 ½ “ x 11” sheet. Artwork should be submitted to **Mrs. Maya Chakravarti** (mayachakravarti@shaw.ca or 933-1173).

Our food committee is gearing up to meet the demands of our patrons who ate us out of house and home last year. Some major changes to our choice of cooking, cold storage, and warm-up facilities promise to ease the burden of this task and make it more enjoyable.

India Pavilion's entertainment committee is also busy putting together a programme guaranteed to please our patrons and to give our performers valuable stage experience.

Folkfest is the event in which we have the most control over our image as a community and how we want our country to be remembered. Handled properly, it's a massive exercise in public education delivered in an entertaining way. So when our volunteer committee contacts you requesting assistance with some task, please be generous with your time!

Folkfest 2006: India Pavilion Committees	Chair and Co-Chair
Cleanup	All Board members & families
Display & Decor	Gerald Harrison & Shailly Varma
Entertainment	Anuraag Shrivastav & Monika Kumar
Finance	Subash Biswal & Vikas Kulshrestha
Food	Rajesh Jaiswal & Veena Avinashi
Folkfest Committee Chair	Diego Monteiro
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Sari Sales & Handicrafts	Usha & Rakesh Kapoor
Transport	Devendra Trivedi & Sandeep Sharma
Vendors	Diego Monteiro & Palok Aich
Volunteer Co-ordination	Anshu Gupta & Sanjukta Aich

<i>Radio Committee</i>	Anshu Gupta (Chair), Suresh Kalagnanam & Palok Aich (ex-officio)
FF Hon. Ambassador	Mrs. Mythili VenkatRaman
Adult Ambassadors	Mrs. Maya Chakravarti & Mrs. Anu Kashyap
Youth Ambassadors	Kruti Patel (Female) & Neil Kalra (Male)

List of ICCA Members (as of July 7, 2006)

Adapa, Phani & BhagyaLakshmi	Kapoor, Rakesh & Usha	Sarkar, Rathin & Anjana
Aich, Palok & Sanjukta	Karuthedath, Rajesh & Priya	Saxena, Mitra & Anurag
Ali, Kadek	Kashyap, Raj & Anu	Selvakumar, P. & A.
Avinashi, Ramesh & Veena	Kaushik, Rakesh & Sherry	Selvaraj, Gopalan & Eswari
Baig, Ayesha	Khandelwal, Ramji & Vimla	Sen, Pabitra & Chitra
Bakhshi, N & N	Kochar, Om	Sen, Jason Boyd & Piya
Balasubramanian, Vijailaxmi & Mr.	Krishan, Kewal & Chandbala	Shah, Rajesh Kumar
Batta, Praveen & Ravinderjit	Krishnan, Murali & Rupa	Sharma, Satya & Manjari
Betty, Riddell	Kulshrestha, Vikas & Monika	Sharma, Rajendra & Manjul
Bhalerao, U K	Lakhanpal, Sarv & Usha	Sharma, Sandeep & Anshu
Bharadwaj, Ramesh & Meena	Lakshman, G & Kumudini	Sharma, Jitenderpal & Pratima
Biswal, Subash & Latha	Lal, Sunita & Krishan	Shrivastav, Anuraag & Shailly
Bonli, Thomas & Rupal	Lalli, Parm & Anita	Shukla, Sushama & Karunakar
Chakravarti, Aninda & Maya	Malhotra, Tilakraj & Lalita	Shukla, Amit & Monisha
Changela, J J & S J	Mirakhur, Kuldip & Usha	Singh, Arvind Kumar & Sheela
Chattopadhyay, P. K. & Arati	Monteiro, Diego & Maria Amita	Singh, Manoj & Seema
Choubal, Sunil & Sujata	Mutukistna, Bob & Premala	Singh, Bachitter
Custead, Jyoysna	Nair, Vasu & Vijaya	Singh, Satyapal & Uma
Dalai, Ajay and Smita	Nayar, Arun & Geeta	Sisodia, Chatur & Vimla
Das, Shankar & Munni	Nundy, Rajendra & Pinky	Slattery, Karen
Datla, Raju & Nagmani	Padmanabh, Pari	Sulakhe, Neil & Nivedita
Datta, Jyoti & Manju	Pahwa, Ranvir & Punam	Sulakhe, Prakash
Dhingra, Harbans & Wanti	Pandit, Bhaskar	Swamy, Gandha & Vasundara
Dodia, H. R. & S. H.	Pasha, Khysar	Tandon, Ramesh & Vijay
D'Souza, Sanjay & Marilyn	Patel, Bhupendra & Jyoti	Thakur, Aruna
Garg, Aditya & Smita	Penugonde, Vasu	Trivedi, Devendra & Neeti
Ghosh, Mahua	Prasad, Manoj & Reena	Venkataraman, Mythili & Kalyan
Gopal Krishnan, Sudha & Venkat	Prasad, Lata	
Gowda, Kempe & Renuka	Prasad, Rajeev & Nishi	
Guruswamy, Balkrishna & Vallermathy	Rai, Kulwant & Janak	
Hampole, Kotrappa & Lalitha	Rana, Vikram & Meghna	
Harrison, Tejwant & Gerald	Randhawa, Raj, Kiran, Sitara & Bhagwant	
Hesson, Michelle	Rathwell, George & Shammi	
Jaiswal, Rajesh & Rajni	Roychowdhury, Sunil & Anjali	
Jana, Sakti & Bharati	Saini, Avinash & Santosh	
Jeerakathil, Annamma & Joseph	Sambasivam, Barbara & S.	
Kaavia, Neermala	Sareen, Krishna & Shabnam	
Kalagnanam, Suresh & Vijayalakshmi	Sarkar, Gerlinde	
Kalia, Kiran Bala	Sarkar, Ashoka	
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Congratulations

Mrs. Maya Chakravarti & Mr. Om Kochar for their recent achievements and awards. Both won CTV awards for 100 People, 100 Reasons. Mr. Kochar is also a recipient of Saskatchewan Centennial Medal

Announcements

ICCA Bursary

This bursary is available to a person who is descended paternally or maternally from a person of origins in India and is entering the first year of undergraduate studies in any field at the U of S. The award will be based on academic criteria (75%) and school or community activity (25%). The University Scholarships & Awards Committee will make the selection.

For more details contact Julian.Demkiw@usask.ca

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2006 Membership Application

Name: _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Membership Categories: (check one and submit payment with this form)

Individual: \$15 ___ **Family:** \$25 ___ **Student:** \$10 ___ **Life** (tax deductible): \$1000 ___



India Pavilion (Brunskill School, 101 Wiggins Road) Hours of Operation:
(August 17 - 19, 2006)

Thursday, August 17: 5:00 p.m. to midnight
Friday, August 18: 5:00 p.m. to midnight
Saturday, August 19: 3:00 pm to midnight

This year we are cooking for the FolkFest
@ the Food Centre (Peterson Building at the university)
105 North Road, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, S7N 4L5 Canada

Cooking Schedule	
Dates (time)	Items to be made
July 23 (2 pm – 8 pm)	Gulab Jamun
July 29 & 30 (10 am -6 pm)	Samosas
Aug 12 & 13 (10 am -6 pm)	Chicken and vegetables

If you want to volunteer and not yet confirmed your availability, you can do so by contacting our volunteer co-ordinators: Anshu (374-8689) or Sanjukta (652-1908)

