



## GOPIO INLAND EMPIRE

### STEP2STEPUP INC.

## NATIONAL FEDERATION OF INDO AMERICAN ASSOCIATIONS

## UNITED FEDERATION OF INDO AMERICANS IN CALIFORNIA

### HERITAGE FOUNDATION

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## EVENT CALENDAR

1. Opening of GOPIO-Inland Empire, 2017 on December 2, 2016 at Mantra Indian Restaurant, Ontario, California. This was a very successful event with approximately 100 community leaders participated in the opening. Gopio members who attended the event were, Chairman, Gopio International, Dr. Thomas Abraham, Founding member, Inder Singh, Treasurer, Kewal Kanda, Ashok Madan, Vasu Pawar. Other members were Ramesh Ramnani, Dr. Kanan Modi, Venkat Peddi. Inland Empire covers a sizeable Indian



Diaspora Population of approximately 4 million covering 27,000 square miles. It is my honor and privilege, as the President of Gopio-Inland Empire to launch this chapter. We managed to make many new members at the opening. Sumptuous Dinner was served after the opening.



Left to Right are: Seated: Ms.Vasu Pawar, Dr. Thomas Abraham, Inder Singh. Standing: Venkat Peddi, Ramesh Ramnani, Dr. Kanan Modi, Dr. Gurmeet Multani, Ashok Madan, and Kewal Kanda



We had a crowd of approximately 275 community leaders and Inland Empire residents. We made 18 members opening night.



2. January 26, 2017, Gopio-IE, supported the Republic Day Celebration by United Federation of Indo-Americans of California, I am also the Secretary of this organization. This event was held at Amaya Restaurant in Brea. In the Year 2013 I, Ms. Vasu Pawar was the president of UFICA. Our Grand Marshall at the Independence Day was a popular Indian Movie Star, Priyanka Chopra, who brought in a crowd of 17,000 in the community at Etiwanda High School Ground in the City of Norwalk. United Federation has been in existence since 2006.



UFICA ORGANIZATION EVENT CHAIRMAN, VASU PAWAR



From Left to Right: Ashok Patnaik, Ms. Vasu Pawar, Chair, Wallis Bank Sponsors, with Mr. Hemang Oza, Charu Miglani, President, Alka Patel Cultural, Dr. Vinod Vineet, Treasurer.



3. February 5, 2017, Gopio-LA, Gopio-OC & Gopio-Inland Empire along with the leadership of Inder Singh organized a welcome party for the newly elected Deputy Consul General of India, Rohit Rathish. We had the meet and greet event for the community leaders.









4. February 18, 2017, Gopio-Inland Empire presented the Valentine's Day Celebration, at Bombay Restaurant, Ontario, California, entertainers, Dipali & Vishal. Brought in a crowd of 275 at the event in spite of very bad weather where electricity was shut down in many cities and roads also closed. This celebration featured live DJ, Tantalizing Dinner and Dance with cultural performances. Singers and Entertainers, Dipali and Vishal rocked the place. Couples enjoyed a romantic night full of fun and entertainment and mingling with family and friends. The ambiance was conducive to the warmth and romance of the special day.



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Our Gopio-IE

Valentine's Day Event

Family and Friends had a fabulous time with Depali & Vishal entertainers of the evening.



5. On March 5, 2017, Candlelight Vigil was held at Mahatma Gandhi Memorial in Riverside, California in memory of Srinivas Kuchibhotla an Aviation Engineer who was shot in Olathe Kansas on February 22, 2017 turning out to be a hate crime. It was ironic that one White American, Ian Grillot tried to save his life while another White American, Adam Puritan took his life. His wife expressed her gratitude towards our support. These were thoughts of outreach as we assembled together with unity. TV Asia and India West and India Journal covered this event. Raj Nangia of TV Asia was so thoughtful in covering this March 5, 2017, Candlelight Vigil with such short notice. He took special efforts to drive from San Diego to Riverside to support our event and did an outstanding job in covering this important event. It was good to see so many community members and people of other ethnic background also gathered at the Gandhi Memorial, in the embrace of the community. We got in touch with the family friends of Srinivas Kuchibhotla, who attended this gathering and shared their proximity to the Kuchibhotla family.



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**REST IN PEACE**  
**SRINIVAS KUCHIBHOTLA**



Please Join GOPIO Inland Empire Organization unanimously one and all, at a candlelight vigil to pay our tribute to Srinivas Kuchibhotla, and our respect and condolences to his wife and family. Our overwhelming support to our fellow Indians in their hour of need is highly appreciated. We unite in peace, solidarity and love, as Americans. Together we can stand up against xenophobia and appreciate our diversity as a nation.

**CANDLELIGHT VIGIL**  
**SUNDAY MARCH 5TH 2017 AT 4:00 PM**  
In Riverside by the Mahatma Gandhi Statue,  
**3735 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE CA -92501**

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6. On March 26, 2017 Gopio-IE participated in the Women's Conference at California State University Fullerton, organized by then Senator Ed Royce and now Congressman. The Keynote Speaker was Nina Davuluri, Miss America USA and Miss New Jersey, USA, who is working to promote STEM education. This seminar was designed to empower Women. Nina Davuluri's speech was excellent. She addressed her challenges with no criticism or complaints but looked at the road ahead to support STEM.





## Miss America Nina Davuluri Joins Chairman Royce

Every year Chairman Royce hosts a Women's Conference, an event designed to empower women with the tools and resources they need to succeed. This year, Miss America Nina Davuluri joined Chairman Royce as the keynote speaker. She spoke to the crowd of over 700 attendees about her experience growing

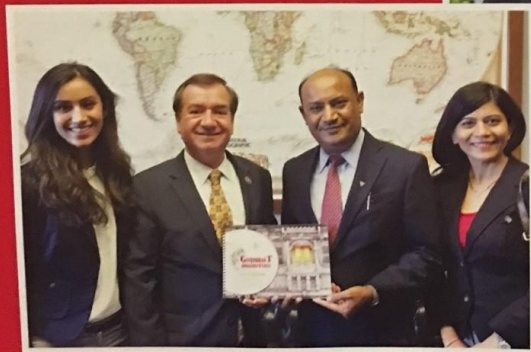
up as an Indian American and the backlash she faced when first crowned Miss America. Chairman Royce and Nina are both working to promote STEM education and ensure that young people pursue careers in science, math, medicine, and engineering.



*Members of the community attended Chairman Royce's Women's Conference and met with Miss America Nina Davuluri to discuss the importance of STEM education.*



*Chairman Royce discusses his advocacy for the Indian-American community with a constituent. You can contact him via [www.royce.house.gov](http://www.royce.house.gov) if there is a way he can serve you.*



*Chairman Royce welcomes the Zala Family of Chino Hills to his Washington office. Chairman Royce can book tours for your family's D.C. trip, please visit [www.royce.house.gov](http://www.royce.house.gov).*



7. May 7, 2017, Gopio-IE Supported Lion's Club of Diamond Bar, at their Interfaith Talk event organized at the Aroma Restaurant in Upland. It was important to bring closure to the religious discrepancies that cause many hate crimes. There were religious leaders who shared their thoughts which ultimately, resulted in embracing humanity. The President of Gopio Inland Empire, Ms Vasu Pawar, Executive Vice President, Dr. Kanan Modi, Secretary, Venkat Peddi, Treasurer, Ragbir Bagga and many other members attended this event.
  
8. April 1, 2017, Gopio-Inland Empire supported and presented the cultural program at the Indian American Heritage Foundation, High School and Middle School Awards at Sheraton, Cerritos organized by InderSingh. Gopio-Inland Empire participated wholeheartedly to support this event. As the president of Gopio-Inland Empire, I took active part as one of the judges to grade the High School and Middle School papers of the students who participated in the competition as well as took charge of the Cultural Program which was the opening of the Foundation Awards.



Left to Right are Amrit Bhandari, Vasu Pawar, Dilip Butani, Inder Singh, Navin Gupta (back), Ashok Madan, Presenting Nicky Kapadia, Ashok Madan, and Rajender Dhunna.



Conducting the Cultural Program: Ms. Vasu Pawar



Left to Right: Gopio Members - Shila Pithya, Suma Hareeh, Ms. Vasu pawar, Ashmath Noor, Hemant Khurani, Deepa Khurani



## 31<sup>st</sup> Annual India Heritage Scholarship Awards



For students graduating in year 2017 from High/Middle school in Southern California, with one or both parents of Asian Indian origin

For application forms, guidelines for applicants, or more information, send email to: [awards.middlehigh@gmail.com](mailto:awards.middlehigh@gmail.com), or call Inder Singh at 818-708-3885

**Winners to Receive Awards at Gala Lunch Event**  
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TEN AWARDS \$1000 - \$2500  
First Place winner will also receive  
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**2. MIDDLE SCHOOL (8TH GRADE) GRADUATES:**  
EIGHT AWARDS \$250 - \$600  
First Place Winner will also receive  
"IAHF Founders" Revolving Trophy

### Outstanding Achievement Awards

**High School Graduates: \$750 AND A REVOLVING TROPHY**  
1. Sports 2. Math, Science & Technology  
3. Visual & Performing Arts 4. Community Service

**Special Awards: \$200/each for Perfect score in Quiz/SAT**

**Middle/Jr. High School Graduates:**  
Visual & Performing Arts  
Two awards (\$250 and \$200), India Heritage Plaque

### **Eligibility Criteria:**

GPA B or higher for Academic Excellence Awards,  
C or higher for Outstanding Achievement Awards, &  
One or both parents of Asian Indian origin

**Last date for receipt of completed applications:**  
**Monday, March 20, 2017**

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## 9. Heritage Foundation Annual Award Ceremony



10. June 15, 2017, Gopio-IE participated in supporting the Bubbly Organization. Ms. Vasu Pawar was invited at their event to present a Motivational Speech for Bubbly Non-Profit Charity Organization supporting the needy and less fortunate and bringing happiness to many. We are again invited to their Diwali Event in appreciation of our support.

11. June 24, 2017, Gopio Inland Empire, supported youth event by "Shankara Dance Academy" with breathtaking Recital by two graduating students Ruhi & Neelja Bhagat, "Rang Manch Praves" at the Sofia B. Clark Theatre, Mt. San Antonio College, Walnut, California. Several Gopio members and families attended this event including Kewal Kanda, Vijay Patil, Anita Ahmed, Dr. Gurmeet Multani and Vasu Pawar.

"Katha kahe soh Kathak." The classical story-telling art form of Northern India, which depicts dramatic representations of expressions (Nritya) and rhythmic footwork (Nritya).

**The Bhagat Family**  
Requests your presence to grace the auspicious occasion of the  
**Kathak Rang Manch Praves** of  
**RUHI & NEELJA BHAGAT**  
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Saturday 24th of June, 2017  
2:30 pm – Appetizers  
4:00 pm – Performance  
Dinner to follow

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Ruhi and Neelja Bhagat



Gopio-Inland Empire Members from left to right: Anita Ahmed, Ms. Vasu Pawar, Asha Kanda, Kewal Kanda, and Dr. Gurmeet Multani.

12. June 2017 we did the opening of the Book 'Indians in America'. I was one of the key persons responsible to put this book together. My article has also been published in this book along with information on the GOPIO-Inland Empire group.





From Left to right: Ms. Vasu Pawar, Dilip Butani, Ali Taj, Mayor Protem Artisia, Narsh Solanki Mayor Protem Cerritos, Inder Singh, Kewal Kanda, and Abdul Ghani Sheikh.

Below is an article “Untangled” written by Chanel Beery about Ms. Vasu Pawar, President of Gopio Inland Empire.



VASU PAWAR

## Untangled

*Our greatest glory is not in never falling but in rising every time we fall.*

—Confucius, Chinese teacher, editor, politician, and philosopher

If we rewind history back a 100 years, people will discover that life in India once existed in a whole different dimension of reality. The pace of life was slow. Fathers solely guided and ruled their families as an emperor would his kingdom. The pressure for children to excel in school was monumental. Families relied on their children to create new opportunities for the future, and the main objective of any young woman was to marry well. Girls were groomed and molded to be perfect and obedient wives. Years ago, young girls were tested by potential suitors, and in-laws, on how well they prepared a cup of *chai* and if her *rat* puffed up to perfection. Let's think about that for a moment. A young girl's entire marital future rested in the hands of *chai* and *rat*. It's hard to believe. Women were not viewed as strong, powerful and mighty warriors. Their strength and tenacity was not tested. Women were expected to cook and birth a son. Nothing more. Nothing less.

I would like to share with you a sacred Indian tale of a mighty young woman named Cima, who not only exceeded the highest of expectations set forth for most men, but she did it with the grace of a young princess. It's easy to assume that the rise of this young warrior came easily, since she is after all a woman. That she joyously skipped through life, from one opportunity to the next, climbing her way to professional excellence, through her family's connections and powerful influence. But that is not the case.

The struggle was intense, challenging and extremely grueling. It is because of the challenges that Cima overcame, that she grew to be a powerful matriarch. The sweet innocent girl that once existed, became a fighter. And she fought past every obstacle that stood in her way.

Cima grew up in a happy home that was built on a strong Hindu foundation, while surrounded by a loving and supportive family. Cima had her BA in Education with a minor in Geography, a BA in Computer Science and her Master's Degree in



English Literature. She was fluent in Marathi, Hindi, Gujarati and English. And she had established herself as a prominent teacher in the Convent Girls' Schools in Bombay and won many Best Teacher Awards. With all of these accomplishments under her belt, her parents decided that it was time for her to get married.

A marriage was arranged to an accomplished and handsome young man named Jag. He was a civil engineer who lived in the US. He presented himself as a professional and efficacious young man with a degree and an established career. Shortly after marriage, Cima discovered that her prince charming was in reality, a monster in disguise. Upon arriving to the US, Cima endured six horrible months of physical and mental abuse at the hands of her husband. A man who made every moment of her life a living hell. A man who worked diligently to break her faith and spirit. A man who was jealous of her accomplishments because they outweighed his. A man who beat her unconscious and gloated in his triumph. A man who treated her like trash and left her for dead. Cima was trapped over 8,000 miles away from home, with no place to go, and no one to turn to.

13.July 4, 2017, as the Gopio-Inland Empire President, Ms. Vasu Pawar did the opening speech to celebrate and commemorate America's Independence Day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration to recognize American freedom fighters who fought against the British to free America. We also recognized the Indian American Freedom fighters who fought for India's freedom. This event was held at the Himalayan Restaurant in Cerritos, Southern California.



Several Gopio-Inland Empire and Gopio-Los Angeles Members were present: Rajendra Dhunna, Aparna Hande, Kewal Kanda, Ms. Vasu Pawar, Inder Singh, Abdul Ghani Sheikh, Dilip Butani, Smita Das, Ashok Madan, Navin Gupta, Baljinder Tahim & Ajmer Singh



From left to Right: Kewal Kanda, Ashok Patnaik, Sudip Gorakshakar, Ms. Vasu Pawar and Ashok Madan and Inder Singh hiding.



14. July 22, 2017, supported by Gopio-Inland Empire, I was the Convener at the First NFIA Women's Conference in Southern California at Sheraton, Cerritos. This was another very successful event, bringing in approximately 175 community individuals attending the event. This event united men as well as women to celebrate the tremendous strides that women make every day. Although women have come a long way, their battle for equality cannot cease to exist until every girl around the world is educated. Legacy is a gift from women to the world. It is their divine responsibility to lead and elevate the lives of our families and the communities. Our goal at the event was to improve the world, step up and facilitate the change. The emcee of this event was comedian, Rajiv Satyal, with cultural performances, and the women's conference, with a debate between men and women discussing the discrepancies in day to day lives of professional men and women. Many Gopio members participated at this event. The objective was to bring peace and happiness to families, with the theme, "Be the Change" to "See the Change".

National Federation of Indian American Associations – NFIA

First Women's Conference, Convener, & Chair Women's Conference, Ms. Vasu Pawar



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 TO  
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Left to Right: Chevy Virg, Miss New Jersey, Trisha Bhatra, Miss California Earth, Ashok Madan, Sudip Gorakshakar, Ms. Vasu Pawar, Mr. Lee and Ali Taj.



Ms. Vasu Pawar, Convener & NFIA Chair Women's Conference 2017





With Movie Star Mahima Chowdhury

15. August 12, 2017, Gopio-Inland Empire participated at the India Independence Day Mela at the Artesia Park in the City of Artesia along with United Federation of Indo-Americans of California and collaboration with the City of Artesia. Presented the cultural program. This was organized by United Federation of Indian Americans in California. In 2013, I was the president of UFICA and had Priyanka Chopra as the Grand Marshall.



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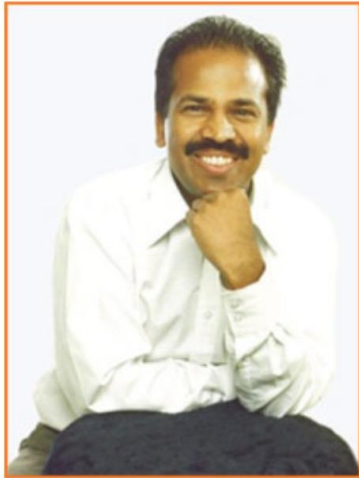


From left to right: Ashok Patnaik, Vinita Vineet – Cultural VP, Charu Miglani – President, Ms. Vasu Pawar – Secretary, Ramesh Ramnani – Exec. VP, Rangesh Gadasalli – Founder & Trustee.

16. August 18, 2017, Gopio-Inland Empire Supported the Senior Heritage Foundation Event, at the Sanatan Dharma Temple. There were Indian Comedians from India, highlighting the show. I was honored by the Sr. Heritage Foundation, for my services to the Indian community.



17. August 20, 2017, organized a spiritual event, with Srinivas Arka at Radha Krishna Temple, Norwalk, California. Srinivas Arka is philosopher, International Speaker, Developer of human positive conscious awareness in Canada. At this event we also did the book launch "BRIGHT MOON" written by Srinivas Arka.



# SRINIVAS ARKA

SUN., AUG 20<sup>TH</sup>  
5:00PM-7:00PM

**Srinivas Arka:**

"There must be something common at the very core of all beings; when we realize and experience this through spiritual means we may be able to decode cosmic knowledge existing in consciousness, with which fulfillment can occur."



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From Left to Right are Ms. Vasu Pawar, President of Gopio-Inland Empire, Pravin Patel, President of the Radhakrishna Mandir, Bharat Bhai, Pujari of the Temple and Honorable Srinivas Arka, Philosopher and Spiritual Guide, Jayshri Patel, helped in organizing this event at the temple. We also launched his book “bright moon”. We had an audience of approximately 60 people attending this event.



18. On August 25, 2017 Gopio-Inland Empire, & Step2StepUp inc. supported Dr. Varshini Murlikrishnan, for her vocal and classical music production in the show “AAJA”. She is a renowned vocalist and musician and has performed at United Nations. This event was held at the El Portal Theater, in North Hollywood. This was a tale of karmic destiny. The participants were multicultural with classical fusion dancing and technics.

19. September 16, 2017, Gopio-Inland Empire, Step2StepUp Inc., celebrated the Global Peace Day in support of the Global Peace Foundation at the Tandoor Restaurant in Lake Forest, California. I was assigned to greet prominent speakers, including CNN hero, Sir Bruno Serato and other guests of honor. The event was highlighted with music and multicultural dances and promoted world peace.







20. September 23, 2017 and September 24, 2017 Gopio-Inland Empire participated in the Free Health Fair organized by the City of Anaheim and Indian Doctors and Nurses. Gopio IE provided helpful information on preventing Diabetes, Heart Attacks and Strokes, controlling cholesterol, diabetes, blood pressure, behavioral health, rehab, women health and general advice from doctors and nurses.



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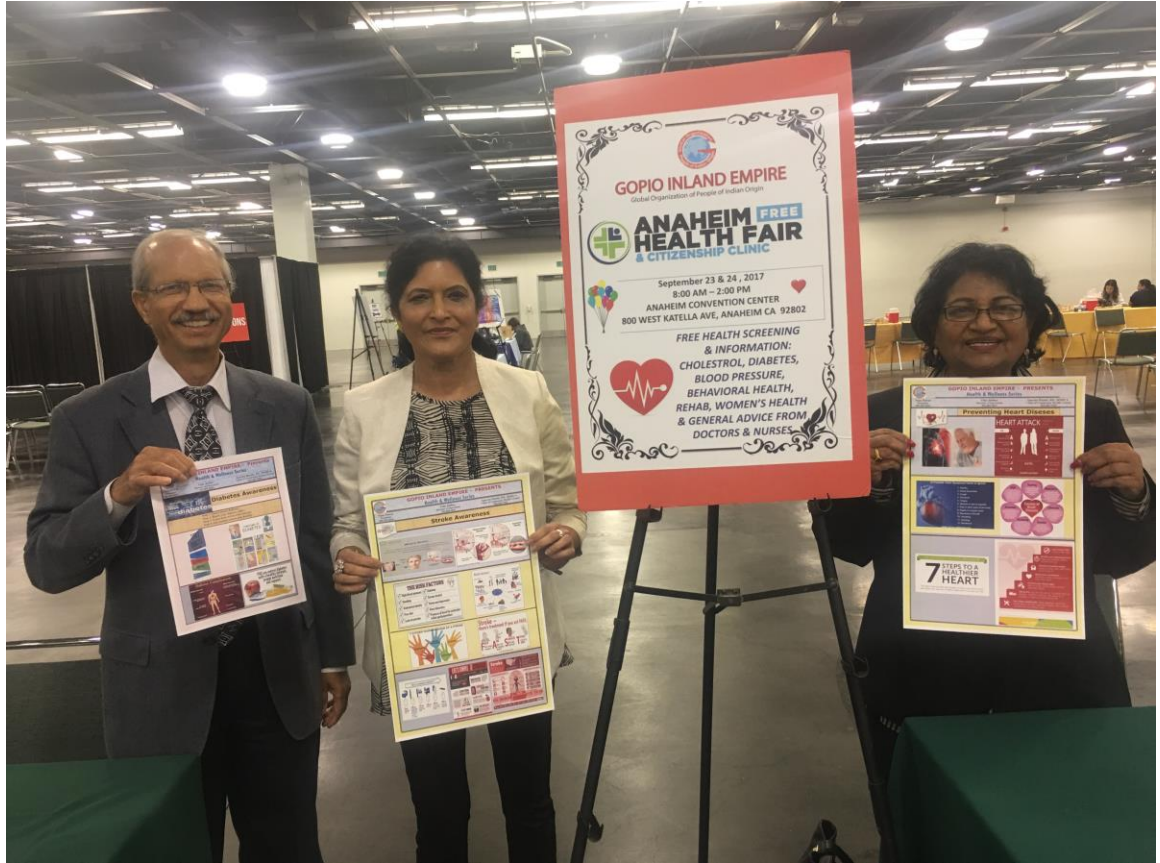
**GOPIO INLAND EMPIRE**  
Global Organization of People of Indian Origin

**ANAHEIM FREE  
HEALTH FAIR  
& CITIZENSHIP CLINIC**

September 23 & 24, 2017  
8:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
ANAHEIM CONVENTION CENTER  
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**FREE HEALTH SCREENING  
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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH,  
REHAB, WOMEN'S HEALTH  
& GENERAL ADVICE FROM  
DOCTORS & NURSES**









21. September 24, 2017, Gopio-Inland Empire also participated in the Visa Camp initiated by Consul General of India, San Francisco. I (Ms. Vasu Pawar) played the lead role in organizing this event professionally, helping all the assembled community individuals to solve their issues dealing with applications for passports, visas, OCI cards and miscellaneous questions. There were approximately 150 community individuals and families who took advantage of this camp. Deputy Consul General of India, honorable Rohit Ratish, along with other consul officials led this camp and helped our Indian Community to complete their formalities.





23. On October 5, 2017 and October 6, 2017, Step2StepUp Inc., Gopio-Inland Empire joined NFIA – National Federation of Indian Associations at the Congressional Luncheon, White House Briefing, Embassy Banquet and the Women’s Conference at Washington DC. It was a very productive 4 day event.















From left to Right were M. Agarwal, Aparna Hande, Vasu Pawar, Lavanya Reddy, Sudip Gorakshakar, Hari Har Singh, Mrs. Singh, Pooja Thomre, and Ashok Patnaik.



25. On October 15, 2017, Gopio-Inland Empire will be joining Inland Empire Desi Group, at Swad Indian Restaurant in Upland, California to celebrate Diwali Festival. There will be cultural performances by community children.

We had the opportunity to see some outstanding performances by Aakanksha Maheshwari Group







**INLAND EMPIRE DESI INDIANS**  
**Diwali Dhammal**

**Diwali Dinner and Live Music Party**  
**Sunday, October 15, 2017**  
**5:00 PM TO MIDNIGHT**

**Live Music**  
 By  
**Amit Anand Synx Events**



**Dance Performance**  
 By  
**Aakansha & Malini**



**Schedule**

Social Hour	5:00 - 6:00 PM
Cultural Performances	6:00 - 6:30 PM
Aarti	6:30 - 7:00 PM
Akansha & Malini Group	7:00 - 7:30 PM
Amit Anand Live Band	7:30 - 9:30 PM
Dinner	9:30 - 10:30 PM
Music/Dance	10:30 - Midnight

**Kids activities**  
 Magic Show  
 Pizza  
 Kids Supervision

**Location:**  
**Swad of India**  
**Royal Banquet Hall**  
**1410 W 7th St, Upland, CA, 91786**  
**(909)946-7923**

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Tickets available with

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**Ticket \$35 per person**  
**Children 5-10 yr old \$15**  
 Children under 5 are FREE





26. Lions Club of Diamond Bar Diwali Event was also supported by Gopio-IE.



From Left to Right are Gopio IE members, Ms. Vasu Pawar, Anita Ahmed, Ragbir Bagga, Mamta Shah and Mr. Shah.

27. November 11, 2017 active participation by Gopio-IE, book launch by Kamlesh Gouri Chauhan, "Saat Janam Ke Baad". Kamlesh Gouri Chauhan is a Poetess, Lyricist, a Model, Actress, and Author. Gopio-Inland Empire will be supporting women and their activities to improve the community and their thought process. The chief guest at this event is Sri Manoj Tiwari, Delhi BJP President, and presided by Vijay Jolly, MLA, Delhi and President of Delhi Study Group.



Invites you to attend the launch of the books "Saat Janam Ke Baad"  
Parts 1 & 2 and part 1 of

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After being received enthusiastically in India, Kamlesh Chauhan "Gauri" brings you an emotional and romantic saga, set in Rajasthan, and deals with the alluring theme of reincarnation.

**Saturday,  
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2017**

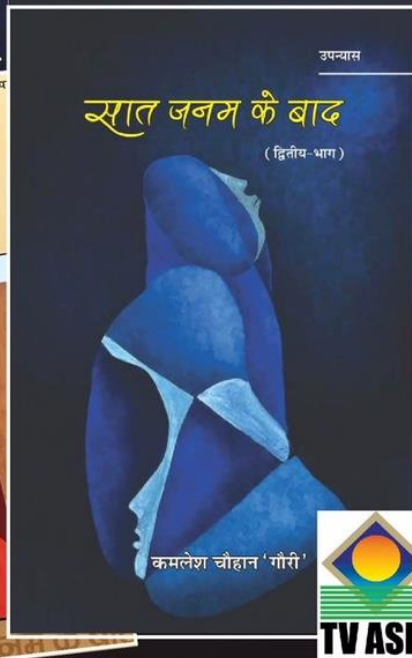
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Dance by Bani

Tickets  
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calling Jagriti at  
562 569 3957  
**Price per couple:  
\$100.00**

(Including a copy of the book)  
**Single: \$75.00**  
(Including a copy  
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20% of the proceeds  
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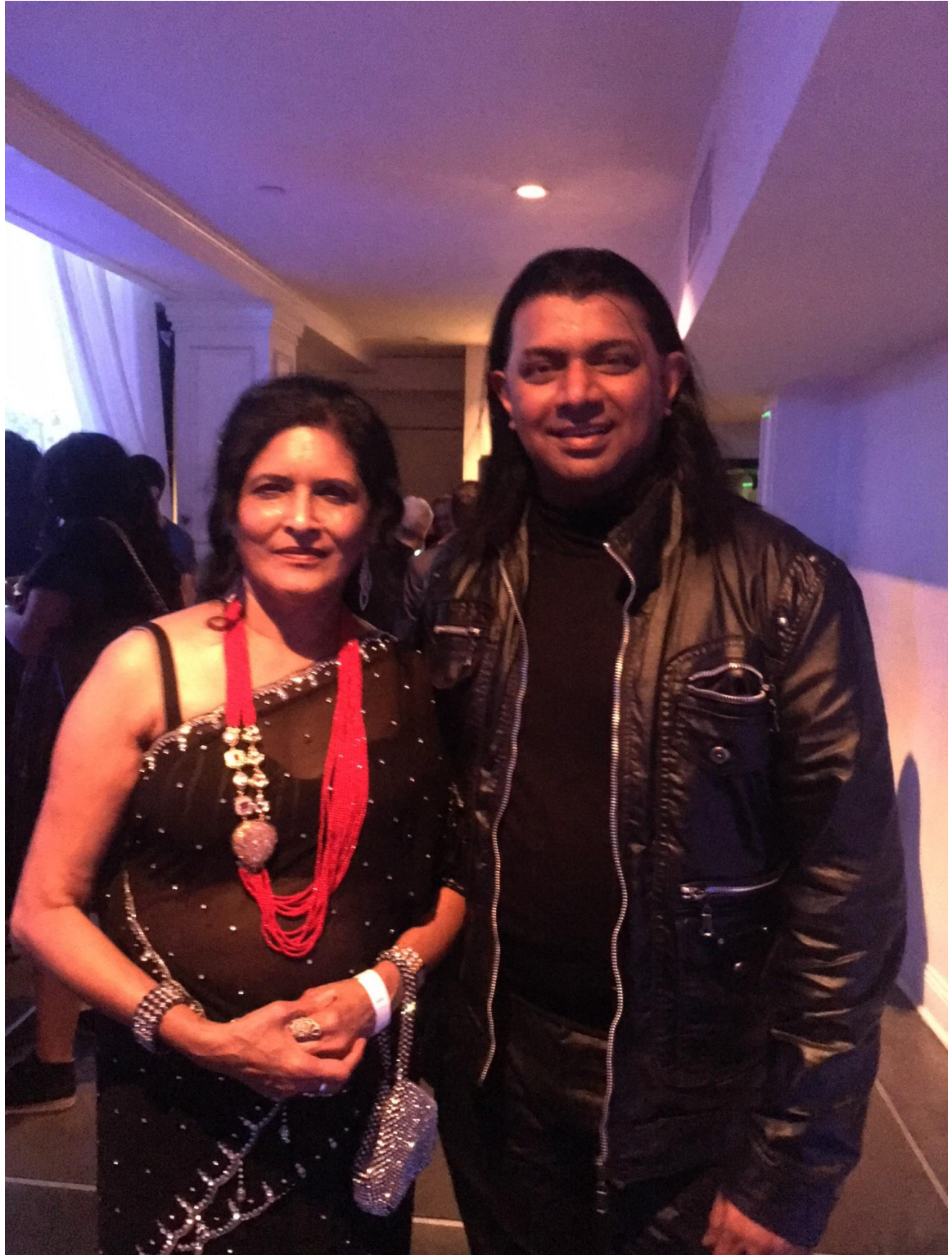


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28. On October 14, 2017 Gopio-Inland Empire, supported the LA Fashion Week Event. Designers from all over the US presented the “Designer Runway Fashion Show”. We represented ‘Shekher Rahate’ a very popular and ‘Award Winning’ Fashion Designer, and Producer. His Women clothing line was absolutely breath taking.





Ms. Vasu Pawar with Designer Shekher Rahate



Photos of all the above events will be sent separately.

Diwali celebration with friends





Book Launch – Kamlesh Chouhan

Vasu Pawar, President of Gopio IE emceed the Book Launch Event. At the event the chief guest was Rajashee, the Indian Movie Star who acted in several Hindi movies and some were produced by V. Shantaram.



The author of the book, Saat Janam Ke Fere, Kamlesh Chouhan







Movie Star Rajashree attended the Book Launch

NDM Bollywood Launch. Enjoyed performing at the Recital  
in November 7, 2017





NOVEMBER 7, 2017

## GOPIO-IE Get Together Evening at Mantra Restaurant in Ontario, California



GOPIO-IE – GET TOGETHER



## CELEBRATING NEPAL CULTURAL DAY





## INDIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION EVENT APRIL 2017



Presenting Awards to High School and Middle School Students in all capacities.



## AMBASSADOR OF INDIA RECEPTION





From Left to Right are Ms. Vasu Pawar, President Gopio-Inland Empire, Navin Gupta, President of Gopio-Los Angeles, Dilip Butani, President of Gopio-Orange County, Ambassador, of India, Washington DC, Honorable Arun Singh Sarna







LOTUS FESTIVAL LOS ANGELES





RUKUS AVENUE  
**RADIO DASII**

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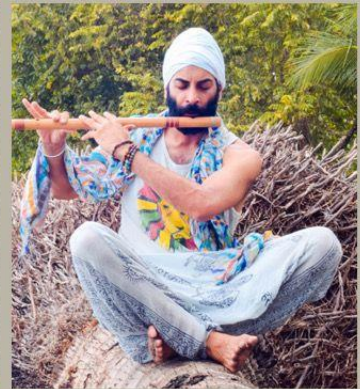
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**Dr. T.V.  
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**Vasu Pawar**



**Indy Rishi Singh**



**Rukus Avenue Radio Special**  
Hosted by  
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**“The Lotus Festival Highlights”**

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