



From the President's Desk: December 2016

Dear Members and Friends of ICSNT

Namaskar!

It has been a very busy few weeks since the new committee was ushered in! Dandia function was very well received by about 80 people including children. Sincere thanks to all those who cooked delicious festive food for a shared community dinner.

Cricket Match on 13th November was a great hit and we aim to have more cricket matches in the coming year. Sincere thanks to Sumesh Dhir for making this event the success it was.

Festival of Lights – Diwali 2016 was held on 19th November and we continue to get some great feedback from this event. Our sincere thanks go to Hon. Minister Natasha Fyles for gracing the occasion and lighting the traditional lamps. We were overwhelmed by the requests for last minute ticket sales taking the final numbers to over 310 on the night. No event is perfect and we acknowledge that improvements can always be made and the committee and I will continue to work hard to endeavour to improve where we can.

Our membership drive has been very successful so far. From 74 members we have now taken our total membership to 161. This will continue to be focus for the current committee and are actively encouraging membership in our community.

Sadly, we bid the Sobti family farewell from Darwin. As you know Poonam Sobti has been on the committee and has contributed enormously to ICS events in the last few weeks. We wish them well as they relocate to India.

ICSNT committee for this year is eagerly looking forward to working with all of you to make this year an enjoyable and engaging one for everyone involved. We invite wider participation from you and request you to let one of the committee members know if you would like to be involved in one of the sub-committees: Sponsorship, Catering, Event Management, Publicity, Public Relations and Communication are just some of the areas where we seek assistance from you and would greatly appreciate your active involvement and support.

Youth engagement, activities for seniors, supporting new arrivals (including students), attracting broader participation in all our events from the wider Darwin and NT community are just some of the main goals and objectives for this year.

See you all at the upcoming Christmas Party on Saturday 10th December!

Yours Sincerely

Sharm Bali

Indian Cultural Society of the Northern Territory



Christmas Party

Saturday 10th of December From 4:30PM to 7PM

**Venue: Casuarina Square Community Room
(Next to Woolworths Escalator's)**

Alcohol Free Event - All are Welcome

Drinks and nibbles will be provided

**Please call Sharm Bali 0407480688 or
email icsdarwin.nt@gmail.com for more information**



Namaskar



Dear All,

On Saturday 24th June we will celebrate our 22nd India@Mindil event at Mindil Beach. The event has grown substantially over the last few years and we are sincerely thankful to the NT Government for its ongoing and sustained support to this annual event which now attracts over 12, 000 people.

Over the last two years India@Mindil has attracted a little over \$24, 000 in corporate sponsorships and support from various individuals businesses and organizations and we are sincerely thankful to them and hope to have their support in 2017 and in the coming years.

The objective is to reach businesses and organizations that you may be familiar with and approach them for corporate sponsorships. If you are in a position to assist with the sponsorship campaign, please contact me at the earliest as we aim to launch this campaign in January 2017.

If you are interested in being part of the sponsorship and publicity committee for India@Mindil 2017, please contact me at the earliest – jayasrinivas24@gmail.com or on mobile: 0417873655.

Kind regards,

Jaya Srinivas

ICS NT, Vice President

SAVE THE DATE: INDIA@MINDIL 2017, 24 JUNE 2017

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Photos Courtesy of Sumesh Dhir: ICSNT Cricket Match



13 November 2016 at 13:06:59 ACST

Photos Courtesy of Poonam Sobti: Diwali 2016



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Announcements

From the Secretary's Desk

We would like to encourage our members to send us good news stories to our email address icsdarwin.nt@gmail.com to be then published in our news letter.

We would like to congratulate Pritika Desai on taking out the Young Community Achiever of the Year award at the India Australia Business & Community Awards held in Sydney.

In another amazing achievement we would also like to congratulate Rita Sharan who was honoured by the Red Cross for the lengthy service she has given them by volunteering over many years.

Finally we would like to congratulate Sarbari and Amit Kundu on the marriage of their eldest son Anand Kundu, to Arpita.

Hindi Class

ICS Hindi School has moved to a more flexible format of the Free Hindi Classes, in the shape of "Learn Hindi - Free Workshops for All". For further enquires please contact **Mr. Sumesh Dhir** on on 0407 739 451 or sumesh.dhir@gmail.com

Welcome

ICS welcome all it's new members and new arrivals to Darwin.

ICS 2016—2017 Committee

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RAFFLE Prizes Diwali 2016

Drawn on Saturday 19th November at Kalymnian Hall

No.	Prize	Value	Winner
1st	Travel Centre Management	\$500	Denis Brown
2 nd	Hilton Overnight stay and Brekky	\$400	Rajeev Sharma
3rd	Penfolds Wines Package	\$400	Monk+Julia
4th	VIBE Overnight stay and Brekky	\$300	Masy.A
5th	City of Darwin Cruises	\$180	Ajay Misra
6 th	City of Darwin Cruises	\$180	Sabaratnam Prathapan
7 th	Pee Wees Dinner Voucher	\$150	Mr Haydn
8 th	Aroma Dinner Voucher	\$100	Tanish Jogiya
9 th	Aroma Dinner Voucher	\$100	Lalith Rama
10 th	Aroma Dinner Voucher	\$100	Aditi Srinivas
11 th	Aroma Dinner Voucher	\$100	Mollie Redford
12 th	Aroma Dinner Voucher	\$100	Mr. Lucky
13 th	Dinner Voucher sponsored by Sharm B.	\$100	Jo.C
14 th	Meat House Dinner Voucher	\$100	Kym Higgins
15 th	Skycity Dinner Voucher	\$100	Richelle. AB
16th	Diwali Hamper – INDIAN FOO	\$50	Vincent T
17th	Diwali Hamper – INDIAN FOO	\$50	Louis M
18th	Diwali Hamper – INDIAN FOODS	\$50	Bushana
19 th	Karawa Dinner Voucher	\$70	Renu Sharma
20 th	Royal Facial	\$50	Kym Higgins

The Diwali Raffle raised \$1961, a record by far and this would not have been possible without the incredible support from our sponsors and all of you who bought raffle tickets. Sincere thanks to all our supporters and all who supported the raffle. For more information or any queries please contact Jaya Srinivas.

Special thanks to Karama Tavern for donating all the wines and beers for the Bar valued close to \$1000. A big thank you goes to All About Party Hire for their generous contributions of white table cloths and beautiful centre pieces for our Diwali 2016 event.

