



### ***From the President's Desk: February 2016***

Good Morning Members,

Wish you and your family a very happy new year. Wishing you the very best for 2016 and hope all of you have a great year.

Since our last news letter the committee has had the pleasure of hosting for you Dandia, Diwali and Christmas function. Many of you, members and non members, were involved in making these events a great success. Without naming anyone I would like to thank all those from the community and others who came forward to assist us in making these events a great success. As always the committee and their family members are always there to make any event a success. I thank them and their families for their continued support.

This year we introduced participants from various other organizations into our cultural programs. Doing this has not only added variety to our programs but also given us the opportunity to engage and spread goodwill among other community groups. I believe it is a good thing and we should endeavour to engage with others in future events.

We have a great line up of events for you in 2016. Planning has commenced and we will let you know the details as events are finalized.

I would like to **congratulate** a few people for their achievements in 2015.

**Congratulation to all year 12 students** who have completed their schooling and are now planning and chalking out their future. Wish you all the very best.

**Congratulations to Mrs and Mr. Sharan** to be honoured and bestowed Honorary life members of ICS for their work for our community.

**Congratulation to Hall Mark computers and Neethi Ashok** for winning the IABCA award for Small business of the year category in Sydney

**Congratulations to Pritika Desai** for becoming the National Youth Week Ambassador for the NT and also for winning Australia wide Samsung app development competition, Adapt and Foundation for Young Australians, out of over 400 entrants. Samsung has given a grant, among other prizes, to develop the app called "In The Zone" which will assist many young people to cope with variety of mental health issues, in particular those that live in remote parts of Australia.

Apologies if I have missed anyone. Please send us your good news story by emailing us on [icsdarwin.nt@gmail.com](mailto:icsdarwin.nt@gmail.com) and we will publish it in the next news letter.

Thank you.

Best Regards

Bharat Desai.



### **From the Secretary Desk:**

Wish you all a very happy and prosperous New Year hope you and your family have a great year ahead.

The Indian Cultural society is busy planning an exciting year filled with innovative and engaging events.

Check out ICS calendar of events in this Newsletter and block your diaries to come and join us in these fun filled events. These events provide families with great opportunities to mingle with other families. Please do bring along any friends that would like to be part of our events. As you all know that we had a very successful Dandia, Diwali and then Christmas celebrations. The colourful & cheerful photos taken on these occasions are on pages 4 &5

India @ Mindil is going to take place on 25 June, 2016. We invite expression of interest from anyone that would like to be part of this event. The theme for this year's India @ Mindil is yet to be decided.

Please check our facebook page for any other updates.

### **Congratulations to...**

Pritika Desai for receiving the Darwin Council's Young Australian of the Year prize, at the Australia Day Awards ceremony for her work as founder of ShoutOut, a project focusing on normalising conversations about youth mental illness and empowering young people to seek support for mental health issues.

Pritika also volunteers with Life Education, Youth Parliament, the Islamic Society and Midnight Basketball among other things.



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Vaneska Cheliah for winning the Young Citizen Award at Palmerston Australian Day Ceremony. An established dancer and a former member of the Chief Minister's Round Table of Young Territorians, she has been involved in a number of community service projects over the years. Currently she is studying MD (Doctor of Medicine) at Flinders University.

### **Kudoos to...**

Thiraj Ramamoorthi for raising more than \$1K towards supporting flood victims in Chennai.. He felt that not enough was being done to help those most affected, especially for people living in the slums. He collated funds and raised awareness about the plight of flood victims through campaigning at the shopping centres and door knocking.





## Announcements

### **Hindi Class**

The format of Hindi Classes is now 2 Hourly workshops - - with two workshops to be conducted every school term on the weekends of 3rd week and 7th week of each school term.

Time- 2pm to 4pm, Sunday of 3rd and Saturday of 7th week - 1st School Term

Venue - MCNT (office of Multicultural Council of Northern Territory)

Multicultural Council of the Northern Territory, Shop 15, Malak Shopping Centre, Malak NT 0812 (near intersection of McMillans Road and Malak Crescent)

Please note the following Workshop dates, and also pass on to others -

2016 School Term 1 Learn Hindi - Free Workshops

(i) Week 3 - Sunday - 14 February 2016 - 2pm to 4pm

(ii) Week 7 - Saturday - 12 March 2016 - 2pm to 4pm

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



## ICS Calendar of Upcoming Events

HOLI: 2<sup>nd</sup> April 10 AM Lake Alexander

KITE FLYING: 7<sup>th</sup> May 4 PM Nightcliff Beach

INDIA @ MINDIL: 25<sup>th</sup> June 4PM Onwards Mindil Beach

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# Namaskar

ICS Diwali Celebrations 7 November 2015





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## ICS CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

