

Fall 2002

Since the inauguration of the Center for Indic Studies on October 6, 2001, it has come a long way in fulfilling its missions and goals even in a relatively short period of time.

The Center has established its activities in three areas – teaching, scholarship and community outreach.

The Center has already proposed 8 courses (Science of Kriyayoga – IND111, Indian Civilization – IND121, Hindi – IND 151, Indic Seminar – IND 405 & 406, Topics in Indic Studies - examples, Epics of India, Women of India, Vedic Astrology, Gita, Social Customs, Religions of India, Mahatma Gandhi and Nonviolence, etc. – IND 444, Indic Research – IND 495 & 496) for the approval from the University Curriculum Committee. We expect them to be approved in fall 2002, and plan to offer first set of courses spring 2003.

In research and scholarship, the Center's faculty made three presentations on nature's harmony with Indian calendar and universal concept of consciousness prescribed in Indian philosophical thoughts at the International Conference on "India's Influence and Contributions to the World".

Seminars

October 1, 2001: [Altered Desti/Nations: Mahatma Gandhi and Postcolonial Cultures](#), Prof. Makarand Paranjape, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India

October 4, 2001: [Understanding Koran through Kriya Yoga](#), Shree Yogi Satyam, Kriya Yoga Research Institute, Allahabad, India

February 19, 2002: [Global influences of Indic traditions - A journey through Tibet, Cambodia and North America](#), Honorable C. M. Bhandari, Consul General of India, Toronto

In addition, Dr. Gunasekharan has taken steps to develop a research on management of Indian family owned Business in New England: an empirical analysis of motel business.

In community outreach efforts the Center has taken very strong lead in effectively presenting time honored values of India at various fora nationally and internationally. In addition to organizing regular seminars on the campus, the Center initiated a Paatanjali Lecture series with Honorable Consul General of India, Toronto, Shree C. M. Bhandari (author of Yoga Shakti) being its first speaker in February 2002.

In April 2002, the Center organized a Panel Discussion on "Media Coverage of Terrorism in India and Pakistan" at the National Press Club, Washington, DC, with several prominent scholars.

Kriyayoga classes by Yogi Satyam were organized for students as well as community in April and August 2002, with exceptional success. Through this event the Center has been able to extend its service to a population beyond Indian American community

March 28, 2002: [Importance of Sound in Religious Practice](#), Prof. M. G. Persad, Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, NJ, USA.

April 12, 2002: [Alternative , Holistic Medicine for Health and Wellness Based on Indic Knowledge \(Ayurveda\)](#), Prof. Amala Guha, University of Connecticut Medical Center, Framington, CT, USA

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