



## Spring 2002

In November 2000, UMass President William Bulger approved what is the first and the most unique academic entity in the United States, the Center for Indic Studies at UMass Dartmouth. India as the most ancient living culture of the world has much in common with many of the celebrated values of the world's greatest power of modern times, the United States. The Center was formally inaugurated on October 6, 2001.

Indian Americans have not only registered the highest growth in number among the immigrant communities, they also maintain the highest per capita income and highest education. Indian families, businesses, professionals, and values are being touted as models for the societies throughout the world.

The Center's strategy would be to exploit these modern successes in the light of

India's historical record of adaptation and assimilation to draw lessons for the modern society.

Location of the Center in New England area, considered as the cultural and intellectual capital of USA, augers well for its entrenched academic mission and goal, for fostering scholarly collaboration, and for its contribution to the celebrated cultural enrichment of the United States and the world.

Currently, there are 11 faculty associated with the Center, and a series of academic and cultural activities are already under way. We invite cooperation, collaboration and contribution from the academic as well as the cultural community to the success of the Center.

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## Mission

- Highlight India's time-tested eternal values for world's progress, peace and harmony
- Cultivate relevance of ancient Indic human values through scholarly understanding and promotion

## Goals:

- Disseminate understanding of issues relating to the arts, philosophy, culture, societal values, and customs of India.
- Promote international harmony through a mix of ancient and modern values.
- Promote awareness among Americans of contemporary India and its

## Action Plans

- Promote studies on issues germane to contemporary Indian society and their relevance to the evolving multicultural global society
- Community outreach
- Sanskrit and other languages
- Science and Astronomy
- Traditions and Cultures
- Universal spirituality, and Yoga and Health
- Music and Art

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