

Spring 2003

The academic year 2002-2003 started with a series of programs related to Mahatma Gandhi's birth centenary along with anniversary celebrations of the Center for Indic Studies. Cricket legend, Sunil Gavaskar, was the Chief Guest of the First Anniversary Celebrations on October 6, 2002.

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

In teaching, 4 of the already proposed 8 courses (Science of Kriyayoga – IND111, Indian Civilization – IND121, Hindi – IND 151, Topics in Indic Studies - examples, Epics of India, Women of India, Vedic Astrology, Gita, Social Customs, Religions of India, Mahatma Gandhi and Nonviolence, etc) were approved by the University Curriculum Committee in fall 2002. The university has asked and encouraged to apply for at least a Minor in Indic Studies. We expect it to be approved by Fall 2003.

In research and scholarship, Dr. Singh made a presentation on **"The Struggle against Dowry and 'Bride-Burning' within the Framework of Indian Tradition"** at the Sixth International Conference on "Dowry, Bride-burning, and Son Preference", January 3-6, 2003, New Delhi, India. In addition, Dr. Gunasekharan has developed a research project on management of

Seminars

September 10, 2002: [Relevance of Mahatma Gandhi's View to the Modern World](#), Prof. Krishna Mallick, Salem State College, Salem, MA, USA.

November 7, 2002: [Religion Authority And Political Power In Medieval India](#), Prof. Sumit Guha, Dept. of History, Brown University, Providence, RI, USA.

November 14, 2002: [Mysteries of the Sacred Universe: Cosmology and Hinduism](#), Romapada Swami, International Society for Krishna Consciousness, Boston, USA.

Indian family owned Business in New England: an empirical analysis of motel business.

A Panel Discussion on **'Relevance of Mahatma Gandhi and Indic Traditions to Life in the Modern Global Village'**, was organized with Prof. R. Subrahmonia Ayyar, Rtd Dean, IIT Bombay, Prof. Romesh Diwan of RPI, Prof. Madhu Jhaveri of UMass Dartmouth, Mr. Prakash Shah of Greater Boston Jain Center, Prof. Donna Wulff of Brown Univ, as panelists. The Panel discussion was organized to celebrate Mahatma Gandhi's Birth Anniversary of October 2, 2002.

On September 6, 2002, Prof. Singh represented the the Center at a symposium on **"India and Pakistan: Two nations divided by a common destiny"** organized by Association of Americans of Indian Origin in New England Area (AAINA) Shrewsbury, MA, with several prominent scholars from MIT and Boston University, Ambassador Bruno, and Consul General of India, New York .

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

December 4, 2002: [Relevance of Cultural Heritage of India in the Present Time](#), Professor R. Subrahmonia Ayyar, Indian Institute of Technology, Mumbai (Retd.), India.

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Second Indic Center Conference

On

Science and Art of Ayurveda, the Basis of Life and Living

Topics

- 1) Historical background-
- 2) Basics of Ayurveda- to cover the concept of disease and cause, Concept of drugs, concept of treatment, concept of physician and the patient
- 3) Ayurveda as a holistic form of health care option (Place for Ayurveda in evolving models of integrated health care systems)
- 4) Food and medicine in Ayurveda
- 5) Trends in the practice of Ayurveda in India and around the world

Dates – Friday, June 25 - Sunday 27, 2004

Place – Center for Indic Studies, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth

Conference Coordinators

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