



Indian Cultural Center (ICC)
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"Dream Becoming a Reality!"

ICC Announces Beginning of Construction

Dear Friends:

The wait is finally over!

After what seemed like eternity, we are pleased to announce that construction of our long waited Indian Cultural Center (ICC) will begin next month. The ICC has cleared all the regulatory hurdles, and construction plans have received the final stamp of approval from Evesham Township. Over the next few weeks, you will begin to see a barrage of construction vehicles going in and out of our ICC site.

"We will first clear ground and start site work which will take few months to complete," said Construction Committee Chair Mr. Ashvin Patel, P.E. Once the underground work is completed and the foundation is laid, our beautiful building will start to take shape. Our Construction Manager, Mr. Divyakant Parikh, estimates it will take 12-16 months to complete the entire project.

We invite you all to attend an unforgettable night of laughter with the King of Comedy, Raju Shrivastav, on Saturday, April 23rd, 2011 at Overbrook High School in Pine Hill, NJ. ICC, in association with the India Temple Association, India Association of SJ, Gujarati Samaj of Tri-State, Bengali Cultural Society and N.I.C.E. will host this event. We will be delighted if you can bring your friends and family to attend this event which will benefit our Cultural Center. "After a long – at times depressing - journey through a barrage of approvals, we need a night of comedy to lighten up our minds as we begin our construction," said Dr. Dhiraj Panda, ICC President.

As far as finances go, construction costs are estimated to total \$4 million for the entire project. So far we have received pledges for about \$2.4 million from many generous families, most of whom have fulfilled their pledge obligation. "That leaves us at the half way point, not quite to the finish line," remarked Dr. Manu Dadhania, Fundraising Chair.

At this stage, we need each community member's support to finish. If you have already made a pledge, we respectfully ask you to donate the balance of your pledge soon. We also ask you to encourage your friends, family, and neighbors to participate as donors so we can quickly reach our financial goal. If you have not yet pledged, now is the time to search your soul and open your check book to ensure that our Indian culture, heritage and values are not only preserved, but enriched for many generations. We want every family from our Indian Community to have a proud sense of personal ownership in the new cultural center. With your help, we hope to obtain adequate donations, so we will not need to use outside funding.

We are now stepping out to build our own center for cultural activities. It is now time for YOU, as a member of the community, to come forward and help us succeed! We encourage you to visit our website www.iccofsj.org regularly for up-to-date community information. Feel free to also contact any board member should you have questions, concerns, ideas, or suggestions.

Sincerely,
ICC Board of Directors