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**When?**  
Sat. Aug.25, 2007  
from 4 - 9 pm

**Where?**  
Foy Ballroom  
Auburn University

**Come celebrate the first  
India Festival at Auburn,  
Utsav - 07  
"Celebrating Home Away  
From Home"**

**Featuring patriotic songs  
celebrating India's 60th  
Independence Day, regional  
dances from Garba to  
Dandiya, children's fashion  
show, Mehndi, stalls, hours  
of fun, food, and more...**

**All are invited!!**

# Utsav - 07

Celebrating Home Away From Home



The India Cultural Association of East Alabama is proud to bring yet another major event to town.

Called Utsav - 07, the theme is "Celebrating Home Away from Home". A variety of programs including patriotic songs, a tribute to India's 60th Independence day, dances, along with a children's fashion show featuring traditional Indian costumes, and national leaders, are planned for the evening. The program is scheduled to start at 4pm sharp. The chief guest for the program will be Rep. Mike Hubbard (R-Auburn).

The second half of the program features several regional dances including Garba and Dandiya.

The Foy Ballroom dancefloor will be prepared for this. Garba or Dandiya dance-lessons will be given right on the dance floor. Also, for the first time Utsav-07 will feature several stalls and booths promoting India's diversity and tourism.

So get ready for an evening of pure fun, laughter, good food, and a chance to meet and socialize with everyone. Children, take the opportunity to put on Mehndi. Remember to wear that special dress reserved for occasions and dance through the entire evening.

The entire event is coordinated by Mr. Sunel Merchant and Ms. Kathakali Mitra-Varma. Visit [www.icaea.org](http://www.icaea.org) for more details.

## Utsav - 07 Chief Guest: Rep. Mike Hubbard



Representative Mike Hubbard (R-Auburn) will be the Chief Guest for Utsav '07

**Rep. Mike Hubbard (R-Auburn)** represents House District 79 in the Alabama House of Representatives and also serves as the Chairman of the Alabama Republican Party.

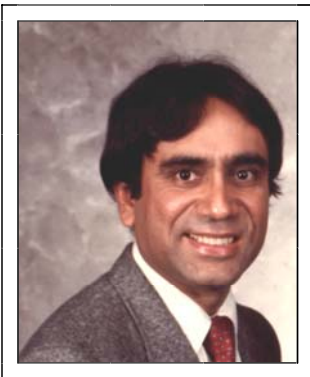
Hubbard was first elected to the Alabama Legislature in 1998, his first attempt at elected office. Hubbard was re-elected by the voters of District 79 in 2002 and 2006. He currently holds the position of House Minority

Leader, the highest-ranking Republican in the Alabama House of Representatives. He was elected as the Chairman of the Alabama Republican Party on February 10, 2007. A close ally of Governor Bob Riley, Hubbard was selected by Governor Riley to serve as Chairman of the 2003 and 2007 Inaugural Committee, which coordinates the inaugural activities of the Governor and all other constitutional officers in Alabama. He has served as Governor Bob Riley's House

Floor Leader since 2003.

A 1983 graduate of the University of Georgia with a degree in radio and television, Hubbard came to Auburn two weeks after graduation where he worked for six years in the Auburn Athletic Department. During his athletic media relations career, Hubbard worked directly with two successful Heisman Trophy efforts - Herschel Walker at Georgia and Bo Jackson at Auburn (contd.).

## Congratulations Dr. Tejinder Sara!



Dr. Tejinder Sara, Ph.D, Interim Dean, College of Business &

Dr. Tejinder Sara was appointed Interim Dean for the College of Business and Information Science, Tuskegee University, AL recently by the University's President, Dr. Benjamin Payton.

As Interim Dean, Dr. Sara is expected to carry out his duties with full authority of a permanent Dean. He will be responsible to the President of the University through the Provost for the effective and efficient operations of the College of Business and Information Science and its component programs, personnel and facilities. In addition to these administrative duties, Dr. Sara will also play a major role in coordinating the move to the new facility, developing the plans, as well as the financial and human resources necessary for enhancing the College of Business and Information Science.

Dr. Sara began his tenure at

Tuskegee as an Assistant Professor in 1973, then served as Associate Professor and Associate Dean and Professor from 1989-1999. He currently holds the rank of Professor with tenure and chairs the Personnel and Curriculum committees for the College of Business and Information Science. Dr. Sara received his undergraduate degree from California State University in Los Angeles, and Ph.D. degree in Economics from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. His fields of special interest are Foreign Direct Investment, Economic Development, Business Strategy and Outsourcing. Dr. Sara holds membership in Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society and the Atlantic Economic Society. He has received the "Teacher of the Year", and the Faculty Research" and the "Service" awards from the College of Business and Information Science. Dr. Sara is well published and his research is included in the Journal of Eco-

nomics and Politics, Business and Economic Review, International Advances in Economic Research and Spectrum. His professional growth and development projects include work with Raytheon Corporation, 3M Corporation, Chase Manhattan Bank, the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Spencer Foundation and the U. S. Department of Education.

Dr Tejinder and Nimi Sara have been married for 32 years. They have two daughters, who work in Atlanta. Malti, the older daughter completed her undergraduate and graduate studies at Auburn University. Mala, the younger daughter, completed undergraduate studies at Florida State University and graduate studies at University of Florida. Mala is married to a lawyer, who obtained his law degrees from Tulane University and University of Florida.

*Dr. Sara,  
congratulations on  
your promotion to  
Interim Dean!*

## Contd...Representative Mike Hubbard

In 1990, Hubbard left Auburn University to head up Auburn's radio and television sports network. In 1994, Hubbard formed his own company, Auburn Network, Inc., to handle Auburn's multi-media rights and built the network into one of the nation's most respected collegiate sports networks.

Hubbard's company, Auburn Network, Inc., owns and operates *WANI NewsTalk 1400*, a commercial

radio station in the Auburn/Opelika market as well as *Studio 197*, an audio production company serving the national broadcast industry, and *East Alabama Living*, a regional quarterly magazine. Auburn Network, Inc., is also a partner in Craftmaster Printers, Inc., a commercial printing company based in Auburn.

Hubbard is a member of the Board of Directors of the Business Council of Alabama and the Alabama

Broadcasters Association. He also serves as a member of the Auburn-Opelika Airport Advisory Board.

Hubbard's wife, Dr. Susan Hubbard, is Associate Dean of Auburn University's College of Human Sciences.

The Hubbards are the parents of two sons, Clayte and Riley. They are active members of Auburn United Methodist Church.



## Fundraising Campaign

Dear Friend,

As you know, this year, the ICAEA is venturing into different areas of service and events, such as organizing a festival to celebrate India's 60 years of independence, upcoming Diwali; publishing commemorative materials (e.g., a souvenir); a community directory (Rangoli) and more. Several members have been working for months with great vigor to accomplish these tasks.

Our focus of operation should go beyond our traditional annual events – ethnic and national. Such operations may include, but not limited to, projects such as providing services regionally and globally, supporting needy children and families in India and elsewhere, responding to emergencies caused by natural disasters, providing scholarships to students, etc.,. Down the road, we may need a venue for our day-to-day operations.

These events, activities and initiatives require a tremendous commitment from all of us. We need your time and financial support, whatever you can spare. Our aim is to raise at least \$10,000 this year to help us meet our goals. By next year, this target should be upgraded to a much larger amount. This fundraising drive is intended to establish a general fund in the Association and is in lieu of seeking funds now and then to sponsor specific event or an activity. The Association will grow stronger and gain greater stability as also credibility only if there is a robust financial and human support base; I believe this is the **YEAR** to initiate such an effort and build a strong foundation.

Please take this opportunity to support your organization. Your donation will do much to help ICAEA not only to continue with its cultural and social events, but also allow us to embark

on other related projects. Please mail your check to:

ICAEA  
PO Box No 92  
Auburn, AL 36832

Or call me to discuss further the details of the fundraising drive. Your donations will be acknowledged at the upcoming celebration of 60 years of India's independence.

ICAEA is registered as a tax exempt organization and our tax ID is 20-0310974.

I know we can count on your support.

Sincerely,  
A. M. Srikanta Rao  
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*“Our aim is to raise \$10,000 this year in fundraising”*

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Thanks for your generous donations

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2007 Membership Dr  
Participation solicited  
Thank U

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[www.icaea.org](http://www.icaea.org)

## Independence Day 2007

The Indian Student Association celebrated India's 60th Independence day last Wednesday, the 15th of August at 7:15 am. Dr. Sridhar Krishnamurti, Professor, Dept. of Communication Disorders, Auburn University, unfurled the Indian flag and addressed the early morning crowd. Ms. Shalini Kaushik, Master's student in the Nutrition and Food Science Dept, sang *Vande Mataram*. After the National Anthem was sung, Indian sweets were distributed. ISA specially thanks Mrs. Sonia Merchant for assistance with the preparation of Indian sweets.

## ICAEA Membership

Annual membership fee is \$30 per family for the calendar year Jan.1 through Dec.31, accepted by cash or check, payable to ICAEA. Membership forms will be available at the Utsav 2007, Saturday, Aug.25, 2007.

If you have not renewed your membership for this year, please consider making use of this opportunity.

*Indian Cultural Association of East Alabama*  
*Presents*  
*60 years of Indian Independence*

At,  
*Foy Union Ball Room*  
*Auburn University*  
*Auburn, Alabama 36849.*

*Saturday*  
*August 25<sup>th</sup>*  
*4pm to 9pm*

**Utsav - 07**  
Celebrating Home Away From Home

*"An eye for an eye makes the whole world blind."*  
*Mahatma Gandhi*