

*2010 Annual General Body Meeting*

**2009 Events and Activities**

Delivered by Thayumanasamy Somasundaram at the 2010 Annual General Body Meeting

*Saturday, January 23, 2010, 2:00 PM*

*Meeting Room A, Leon County Public Library, 200 West Park Avenue, Tallahassee, FL 32301.*

Good Afternoon,

I welcome the Board of Trustees, Executive Committee members, general members of the India Association of Tallahassee, and their families to the Annual General Body Meeting. It is my pleasant duty to report to you about the events and activities of the last year (2009). I am sure that all of you will agree that India Association had a successful year, despite some small audio problems we encountered during the Glimpses 2009, I think we have provided you a good selection of events with several venues to express your artistic talents and abilities. In response, all of you have participated and attended the events in great numbers. For that I want to thank all the participants, the coordinators, and the volunteers. Without you events like those will not exist. Now I will quickly summarize last year's activities and their highlights.

**IATLH Events**

1. January 2009: Republic Day Annual General Body Meeting
  - 60 people attended; A modified and updated by-laws were passed unanimously and annual membership fee was raised from \$30 to \$40
2. March 2009: Holi Festival
  - 150 people attended; dozen groups volunteered and prepared food
3. March 2009: Springtime Tallahassee Parade with ACT
  - Six people participated; several people came to witness despite a windy and rainy day
4. April 2009: IATLH Sports Day

- Second year and held in a new location 100 adults and children participated in about dozen events
5. August 2009: Utsav/ Independence Day
    - Over 200 people attended the event; 18 individual items were presented. Held at Moore auditorium and Census 2010 representatives present. Becoming the second largest event for IATLH.
  6. September 2009: Art Contest
    - Over 50 kids in three age categories participated. Third year in a row with a great success.
  7. October 2009: Experience Asia Festival
    - Three groups performed for this full-day event with 12,000 attending.
  8. October 2009: Diwali Dinner Concert
    - Over 125 people participated in the event.
  9. November 2009: Glimpses of India 11th year
    - Twenty-two separate events with well over 1000 people attending the program.

### **IATLH Other Events**

1. February/March 2009: Global Gathering & International Bazaar (with FSU-IC)
  - Didn't participate due to date conflict with Holi
2. May 2009: Asia Awareness Month (with ACT)
  - Three groups performed
3. May 2009: Governor's Proclamation Asia Awareness Month (with ACT)

- Subhasis Das spoke on behalf of all Asian at Governor's mansion
4. October 2009: Navaratri Celebration at the Samaj (with Gujarathi Samaj)

### **General Items**

1. India Association website is fully functional with Minutes of the meeting
2. IRS 501 (1) (c) 3 work has been completed
3. Socializr e-mail invitation seems to be very convenient way to reach people
4. Good working relationship with other associations (ACT, FSU-IC, G Samaj)
5. Print, radio, and TV publications were disseminated about our Association's activities.

### **Sponsors**

1. One Diamond Level sponsor
2. Two Platinum Level sponsors
3. Six Gold Level Sponsors
4. Twelve Personal Patron level sponsors

Finally I want to thank the IATLH Members with out whom we neither exist nor prosper. I request your continued participation and financial support. I pledge to continue the work of the Association.

Sincerely,

Thayumanasamy Somasundaram

General Secretary of IATLH (2008-09)