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TAMPA INDOUS CHAMBER TO HOLD 10TH ANNIVERSARY GALA JUNE 6

By NITISH S. RELE - editor@khaasbaat.com

The INDOUS Chamber of Commerce in Tampa will hold its 10th anniversary gala, Banyan Ball, on Saturday, June 6.

The 6 p.m. event will be at the Tampa International Airport Marriott (free valet parking). Tickets are \$125 per person and sponsorship opportunities are available.

Guest speaker will be Keshav Murugesh, president of Michigan-based Syntel Inc. Syntel is a global provider of Information Technology and Knowledge Process Outsourcing. Murugesh has been president of the company since Dec. 21, 2006, its COO since Oct. 1, 2004 and CEO this year.

Murugesh held several senior management positions in the areas of treasury, corporate funds, investments and diversifications, planning and joint venture.

The chamber also has invited the Indian consul general and ambassador, Florida governor and the mayors of Tampa, Clearwater and St. Petersburg. There will be entertainment, business awards the featured keynote address.

For tickets or more information, call INDOUS President Francis Vayalumkal at (813) 719-0303, e-mail francis@candorresources.com or visit www.indo-us.org



Keshav Murugesh

Sunshine Census 2010 and our role

Story provided by **Thayumanasamy Somasundaram, Member, Statewide Complete Count Committee**

Counting everyone living in Florida is not only a big job - but it also is an important task. In April of next year, that is exactly what we have to do for the constitutionally mandated Census 2010; count all people living in Florida irrespective of their age, race, language, ethnicity and citizenship status. The federal government uses the Census data to allocate funds (~\$300 billion) for education, public transportation, programs for the elderly and emergency food and shelter.

An accurate count of Florida's residents will guarantee that our state will receive its correct share of the funds.

About 19 million people are now living in the Sunshine State, and our population has increased by about 3.5 million during the last decade. Since Census 2000, there also has been an increase in the percentage of minorities such as Hispanics and Asian Americans, mirroring the increasing diversity of our state. With the increased diversity comes the challenge in reaching out to hard-to-count communities like new immigrants, students and new ethnic minorities.

As a member of the Statewide Complete Count Committee, I need your help in reaching out to all the members of the Asian communities. Please spread the word about the importance of Census 2010. Inform people that an accurate count will bring needed federal money to our state. Assure people that Census data is secure; no one except you have access to your data. Census data is confidential; no court of law can access your individual response. The Census Bureau does NOT share your individual responses with any other government agency - not law enforcement, not immigration officials, the IRS or any other group.

I urge you to participate in the 2010 Sunshine Census by promptly filling out the form when it arrives in mail in mid-March 2010. The more people are aware of the census the more likely we will have an accurate count - and the more likely our comparative response rate will be higher than the last census, (Florida's response rate was 63 percent, below the national average during Census 2000). For more information, visit www.SunshineCensus2010.com or www.census.gov/2010census.

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MOTHER'S DAY

MOTHER'S DAY, GRATITUDE AND GRIEF

By SHEPHALI J. RELE

During the last few weeks of my mother's life as she lay in her hospital bed in December and various staff attended to her, my mother mentioned to them on more than one occasion, "You know, I don't remember my mother."

