

INDIAN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - ORLANDO

ORLANDO MAYOR BUDDY DYER ISSUES PROCLAMATION DECLARING INDIA DAY JAN. 31, 2015

By Aruna Moidu

Leadership Committee with

Jay Sean.

Jay Sean

India Day January 2015, celebrated in partnership with the Indian American Chamber of Commerce and the Orlando Magic, was, as expected, a vibrant, glittering affair.

Commencing with a members-only luncheon, the IACC hosted some of the eminent professionals, entrepreneurs and businessmen from Central Florida. Also present were Linda Gonzalez, Vice President of Community Affairs of the Magic Organization, Ajit Kumar, Consul General of India at Atlanta, and members of other chambers.

Luis Martinez, representative of Mayor Buddy Dyer, and Director of Multicultural Affairs, read the Proclamation, recognizing the diaspora of a bustling and diverse Indian community and declaring Jan. 31, 2015, as India Day. Gonzalez congratulated the IACC for a successful year and Ajit Kumar emphasized a new era of cooperation between the United States and



Representative of Mayor Buddy Dyer, Luis Martinez with President Tino Patel

President Obama was the Chief Guest at the Republic Day Parade in New Delhi, and his visit heralded a new understanding between the world's two largest democracies. Tino Patel, President, also congratulated the IACC for achieving new heights in terms of membership and importance of culture in today's global economy and fostering business relationships with various chambers and organizations. Dr. Amish Parikh, Chair for India Day, recognized the sponsors and for following the sworn mandate of providing opportunities for Indian American businesses in Central Florida.

In an original melding of the East and the West, an ancient culture and modern trends, the IACC had as a special guest, Jay Sean, a well-known R&B Artist. He performed to a thrumming, enthusiastic crowd after the game between the Orlando Magic and the Dallas Mavericks. The arena vibrated with his music and his fans could not get enough.

The Street Fest was, as usual, an immensely popular event. The Indian and Bollywood dances,

Kids singing the

Streetfest scene.



Magic players and magic dancers with property appraiser.

the exhibition of Indian art and culture, drew in the crowds. Henna art, Indian clothes, and the smells of spicy Indian food tantalized.

The basketball game was preceded by a dance performance from a contingent of local Indian American youngsters from the Bollywood Dance Academy. They put up a spirited performance. Another youthful group sang the Indian national anthem under the tutelage of Vidya Vihar. Halftime saw the dance performance from a troupe from Studio C. The Magic dances incorporated Bollywood moves into their dances in keeping with the spirit of India day.

The night ended on a high note with singer Jay Sean performance. it was another successful, well-attended India Day.

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Orlando Magic fans

Streetfest



Basketball start.

IACC Calendar of Events 2015

Thursday, March, 19 – Speaker Event - Executive Director Jesse Panuccio, Florida Department of Economic Opportunity

Sunday, April 19 – Golf Tournament

Thursday, May, 21 – BAH (Business After Hours)

Thursday, June 18 – BAH (Business After Hours)

Wednesday, July 15 – BAH (Business After Hours)

Thursday, Aug. 21 - Joint BAH Event with Asian Chamber

Thursday, Sept. 17 – Speaker Event

Wednesday, Oct. 7 - Women's forum

Saturday, Sept. 26 – Awards Gala at Gaylord Palms

Friday, Oct. 2 – Gandhi Diversity Breakfast

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