

# INOC inaugurates its New York City Chapter



New York : Indian National Overseas Congress USA Aka INOC USA has launched Long Awaited Important Chapter. On March 21st 2012, New York City Chapter was launched; Its Inaugural President Eric Kumar and Chairman Aron Govil were the host. Dr. Surinder Malhotra President INOC USA gave Appointment Letter to Eric Kumar, and gave honorary Shawl to Eric Kumar and Aron Govil. The Venue was at Upscale Pranna Restaurant in Midtown. The Chief Guests were Public Advocate Bill DeBlasio, H.E Honorable Manjeev Singh Puri

Deputy Ambassador to United Nation, Counsel General of Australia Philip Scalán AM, Counsel General of Trinidad and Tabago Rudrawatee Ramgoolam, AAPI National President Dr. Sunita Kanumury, Satish Kumar Modi Industrialist and philanthropist from India and Dr. Sudhir Parikh Philanthropist were present. Several other INOC Chapter Presidents and Executive Committee were present. INOC Punjab Chapter National President Gurmit Singh Gill was present with his Executive team of over 30 individuals. INOC NYC

Chapter's Executive Team members were present with their Spouse. INOC NYC Executive Team Consists of fine individuals from NYC area, to name few, Nishi Bahl, Harry Aurora, Ranjan Whadwa, Rajinder Chandihok, Rajiv Sharma, Manny Roddey, Arvind Choudhary, Dilip Jhuremalani, Kumar Pindiprolu, Harry Malhotra, Ram Bathija, Kenny Singh, Narinder Singh, Parveen Shah, Priscilla Pinto, Prema Vig, Sujit Pal, Vishal Sharma, Kaunt Pahlajani, Gary Dutt, Sandeep Ranga, Tapinder Singh, Manu Kapoor, Hema Virani. There were

another 200 guests who are well known in New York area. Newly elected President Eric Kumar said in his speech that the primary mission of his Chapter will be to help further strengthen Political Ties between US and India. And the Chapter's other Primary function is to launch campaign and gather Corporate and masses support for India's Bid for the permanent seat at the security Council. Newly elected Chairman Aron Govil echoed the same, and also addressed that the chapter will also reach out

to other communities leaders and form Council where all the Communities can get benefit. Public Advocate Bill DeBlasio shared his view how he feels India can play an important role in world politics and can be great ally to the US; he also supports India's Bid for the Permanent seat to the UN Security Council. On behalf of INOC NYC Satish Kumar Modi was honored with "Ambassador of Philanthropy" award by Dr. Sudhir Parikh and Dr. Sunita Kanumury. Honorable Manjeev Singh Puri enlightened the crown with India contribution to the United Nation.

Counsel General of Australia Philip Scalán Spoke about his personal views about India and commonalities what Australia and India has. Counsel General of Trinidad Rudrawatee Ramgoolam spoke to US/India/Trinidad relationship, and we have similar culture and we can help each other grow. There were over 6 TV channels and dozen Print media present. The event ended with fabulous dinner and an Upbeat excellent Violin Performance.

## Consul General Prabhu Dayal host a warm reception for "Friends of India" Mission 2012



Hon. Prabhu Dayal (Consul General of India in NY)

Daryl Rand (President of HarrisonRand Advertising)

Dr. Dina Pahlajani (Pediatrician, Former President, Children's Hope India)

Poonam Khubani (President, Telebrands)

Delegation of "Friends of India" mission 2012

(L-R) Dr. Carlos Hernández (President, New Jersey City University) with Hon. Prabhu Dayal, Daryl Rand and Poonam Khubani

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Hudson County Chamber of Commerce), thanked the Consul General for organizing the reception and spoke about the objective of the delegation in visiting India. She said that this was the fourth Mission aimed at building solidarity with Indian businesswomen and the program was designed to build linkages between the women entrepreneurs of both countries and to demonstrate support for India. With this Mission, she added they had networked business women with their counterparts in India and achieved significant, sustainable accomplishments. They had facilitated exchanges between HR College of Mumbai and New Jersey City University, hosted students as mentors, pro-

vided scholarships for needy students, showcased the ambitious agenda of Children's Hope India, a non-profit organization founded to support scores of projects for the children of India like education and welfare for thousands of children throughout India, and built a sustainable cultural and business exchange. Daryl further spoke about the evolution of the organization, its various activities including organizing series of visits to India. First conceived in 2005 by former Consul General, the Honorable Shashi Tripathi; Dr. Indu Shahani, the Sheriff of Mumbai and Dean of HR College of Business at the University of Mumbai; and Daryl Rand, Chair for all of the "Friends of India" Mis-

sions, now consists of 86 members to date, most of whom are from Northern New Jersey's business community, representing newspaper, printing and publishing, the insurance industry, marketing communications, energy consultation and the management of the Hudson County Chamber of Commerce. At the core of this missions are three senior

business women: Poonam Khubani, President and CEO of Telebrands International who helped craft and implement the model for the Missions; Meme Omogbai, Chief Operating Officer of the Newark Museum and Chairman of the American Museum Association; and Connie Claman, CFO of Liberty Science Center. Over an eight

year period, their commitment catapulted the group to make great strides in mentoring Indian students, showcasing Indian arts and crafts, underwriting initiatives for children at risk, and supporting and sharing science initiatives and exhibits. Supporting members of these missions include Lydia Bashwiner, Malti Bhambhani, Gail Day,

Alfa Demmellash, Dr. Michelle Harrison, Lilly Hernandez, Connie Hughes, Priya Israni, Aleksandra Lacka, Alexandra Loew, Dr. Rosemary McGee, Maria Nieves, Maggie O'Neill, Dr. Dina Pahlajani, Sharon Pizzutiello, Mikhailova Larissa and Sandra Schler, Lavina Melvani. The event concluded with a dinner reception.

## New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo's Office Honors Recent Padma Bhushan Recipient Shabana Azmi for Her Commitment to the Arts



Shabana Azmi receives proclamation from Pat Kaufman of NY Governor's Office (Photo Credit : Vijay Shah, Freelance US Media)



(from L to R) Guest, Roger Sengupta of USIN Celebrations, Actor and Activist Shabana Azmi, Aroon Shivdasani of NYIFF, and Pat Kaufman of NY Governor's Office

New York, NY—March 25, 2012) New York State Governor's Office for Motion Picture and Television Development honored Indian actor and activist Shabana Azmi with a proclamation Friday night for her commitment to the arts and contributions to New York City's film industry. Hosted by the Indo-American Arts Council, the event kicked off the 12th annual New York Indian Film Festival (NYIFF), which will be held from May 23 to 27 at Tribeca Cinemas in Manhattan. Azmi, who is an advisory board member of the festival, said "we have proven ourselves as a legitimate and successful festival year after year, and the fact that we are still struggling to find sustained funding is surprising." Shabana Azmi receives proclamation from Pat Kaufman of NY Governor's Office "Shabana Azmi's

talent has garnered international acclaim, helping to shape the Indian film industry and build awareness of Indian cinema in North America," said New York State Governor's Office for Motion Picture and Television Development Executive Director Pat Kaufman. "We applaud the NYIFF for honoring Azmi's achievements, both on and off screen, and are pleased to celebrate her success, especially as we prepare to host the Indo-American Arts Council's 12th Annual New York Indian Film Festival in lower Manhattan this spring." "Shabana has been a friend and Advisory Board member of the IAAC since its inception, using her talent, activism, and energy to help NYIFF stay the course of true, Independent and Diaspora cinema," said

Indo-American Arts Council Founder and Executive Director Aroon Shivdasani. "We are thrilled to toast her Padma Bhushan from India and applaud her Proclamation from the State of New York!" About the Indo-American Arts Council: The Indo-American Arts Council is a registered not-for-profit arts organization passionately dedicated to showcasing, building awareness, and celebrating artists of Indian origin in the performing, visual and literary arts. Annual festivals of art, dance, play writing and film are scheduled through the year, with several special events and book launches. For further information please visit www.iaac.us. NYIFF was born in the aftermath of 9/11 in response to Mayor Giuliani's call to New Yorkers to help rebuild a limping city. The First Annual film Festival opened its doors with Film Diaspora Godfather Ismail Merchant and closed with New York's favorite Indian filmmaker Mira Nair.

## Nanubhai Education Foundation's Fourth Annual Gala



(New York)- Celebrities will come together to commemorate Successful Years at the nanubhai Education foundation's Fourth Annual Gala. Nanubhai Education Foundation will be hosting their upcoming gala on April 27th at the exquisite Angel Orensanz Foundation of Contemporary Art in New York City. Spokesman for Nanubhai Education Foundation, 90210 Actor Manish Dayal, along with Heroes Actor Sendhil Ramamurthy, Actor Samrat Chakrabarti, Actor Ami Sheth, Celebrity Photographer and star of Bravo TV's Double Exposure Indrani, Former Canadian Cricket Team Captain Ashish Bagai, and Philanthropist Karen Koeningsberg will come forth to honor and raise funds for the progress of education in rural India. The annual gala will be a glamorous evening of cocktails, Hors D'oeuvres, entertainment, music, dancing, a live auction and much more. Spokesman for the foundation, Manish Dayal says "Nanubhai's mission and work overall inspires me and I am honored to represent this in-



novative organization which works to improve education in developing areas of India without incurring overhead that prohibits real change. Nanubhai is a solid example of sustainable and effective nonprofit structure. I look forward to growing with this organization and celebrating our success at our 4th annual gala in New York." The gala event is the primary source to raise funds for the Nanubhai Education Foundation's fellowship program that partners experienced American educators with rural Indian high schools to mentor and inspire local teachers to become excellent educators. "The Nanubhai Annual Gala is an incred-

ible venue for our supporters to meet our India Fellows and celebrate and champion the impact they are making together in the lives of students in rural India" says Mr. Raj Shah, Founder and President of the Nanubhai Education Foundation. Tickets are available online at http://www.nanubhai.org/annual-gala and a portion of the ticket price will be tax-deductible. Additional information and celebrities announcements can also be found on their website. Nanubhai welcomes sponsorship opportunities to ensure the success of the annual gala. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor or would like to contribute to the scholar-

ship fund, please contact Nita at nita@nanubhai.org. About Nanubhai Education Foundation : Nanubhai Education Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit dedicated to providing equal access to India's rapidly growing economic opportunities to the students of India's rural public high schools through education. Since 2004, Nanubhai has been transforming access to quality education. They have integrated an innovative program of English and information technology education into the underfunded public schools in the Indian state of Gujarat. The organization was founded on the premise that all Indian students deserve equal access to quality education.