



First West Regional Conference

Working Together to Eradicate Poverty and Mitigate Climate Change in India

November 20, 2010

India Community Center, Milpitas, CA

Inform, Inspire, Empower, Engage

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Introduction

- **India Development Coalition of America (IDCA)** is a 501 ©(3) membership organizations of Not-for-profit-organizations, individuals and institutions
- Incorporated in the State of Illinois in July 2004 and is based in the Chicago area
- Chapters under formation in Washington, DC & San Jose, CA area.



Vision

- *A developed India, free of poverty, ignorance, diseases, socio-economic disparities, ecological disasters, and social disharmony.*



Mission

- *To Empower NPOs / NGOs, and individuals to Eradicate Poverty and Mitigate Climate Change in India. Raise consciousness and level of dialogue in NRI/PIO community and in India for Sustainable Development.*



Objectives

- To promote Learning, Networking and Collaboration between Indo-American organizations and individuals engaged or interested in the development of India;
- To provide a forum to members for networking with each other in person and on the net; and to-
- Promote a spirit of giving and volunteering amongst Indian-Americans to support our Members to serve better.



Founding Members

- Professor Kamal Bawa, ATREE, MA
- Anil Bhatt, Ekal Vidyalaya Found., Illinois
- Mohan Jain, Trustee & Founder President
- Balbir Mathur, Trees for Life, Kansas
- Vasudevan Rajaram, Illinois, Water
- Dr. Suri Sehgal, Florida, Founder Trustee
- Vivek Singhal, Illinois, Education



Some NPO Members

- The Sehgal Foundation, Des Moines, IA
- Trees for Life, Wichita, KS
- Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and Environment, (ATREE), Boston, MA
- India Development Service, Chicago, IL
- Pratham USA, Houston, TX
- Home of Hope, Hillsborough, CA
- SPREAD India Foundation, Detroit, MI



Our Working Team, 2010-11

- Porus Dadabhoy, Downers Grove, IL, president
- Dileep Thatte, MD, vice president– Acting secretary
- Jay Sehgal, The Sehgal Foundation, IA, Director
- Dr. Nilima Sabharwal, HOH, Inc., CA, Director
- Dr. Mohan Jain, IL, Acting Director, and Treasurer
- Kiran Kumar, Minneapolis, Public Relations
- Jiwan Sodhi, Detroit, MI, Livelihoods Chair
- Neha Misra, N. Bethesda, MD, Solar Energy, and Coordinator– Washington DC Chapter
- Prakasam Tata, Naperville, IL, Water (past Pres.)



Primary Focus

- Water
- Education
- Health
- Livelihoods
- Climate Change and Renewable Energy



- http://idc-america.org/IDCA_IDS-Solar_Lighting_Project_%20JPS.pdf



Current NGO Contacts

- Institute for Rural Research and Development (IRRAD), Gurgaon
- Seva Mandir, Udaipur--Education, NRM
- Shikshantar Andolan, Udaipur, Education, Rainwater Harvesting, Organic Farming, Environment.
- Karuna Trust, Bangaluru, Healthcare
- M. R. Morarka Foundation, Jaipur, vermicomposting, Organic Farming



Current NGO Contacts

- Foundation for Life, Bengaluru
- iWatch, Mumbai--Education
- Deendayal Research Institute, Delhi
/Chitrakoot, W,E,L,H
- The Energy and Resources Institute, Delhi
- Center for Environment Education, UNDP
Small Grants Program, New Delhi



Current NGO Contacts

- FXB Suraksha, New Delhi.
- Sewa International, New Delhi-Education.
- Center for Civil Society, New Delhi, Education.
- Operation ASHA, New Delhi.
- Sulabh International, Sanitation, New Delhi
- Safe Water Network, Water, New Delhi.
- Development Alternatives, New Delhi
- Chinmaya Organization for Rural Development, Himachal Pradesh



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Our Inspiration

Let New India arise- let her arise- out of the peasants' cottage, grasping the plough; out of the huts of fisherman, the cobbler, and the sweeper. Let her spring from the grocer's shop, from the oven of the fritter-seller. Let her emanate from factory, from marts and markets. Let her emerge from groves and forests, from hills and mountains.

Swami Vivekanand



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Our Inspirations

I have believed and repeated times without number that India is to be found not in its few cities but in its 7,00,000 villages. We town-dwellers have believed that India is to be found in its towns and the villages were created to minister to our needs. We have hardly ever paused to inquire if those poor folk get sufficient to eat and clothe themselves with and whether they have a roof to shelter themselves from sun and rain. M. K. Gandhi



Accomplishments-1

- Active Participation in Pravasi Bhartiya Diwas events in India, since 2004 to promote IDCA.
- Organized 7 Conferences India. New Delhi, (2004, 2007-2010), Hyderabad, and Jaipur (2006)
- Organized a learning Journey to Villages in Haryana, Rajasthan and MP--2004.
- Organized 7 Annual Conferences in Chicago (2003-2009)
- Organized Two Conference in Washington, DC- Area in 2005 and 2010.
- Organized A Water Summit in Chicago-2006.



Accomplishments -2

- Facilitated projects in India with help of the Members and other organizations in India/US.
- Organized Theme based Seminars/Forums
- Organized a learning Journey to Villages in Haryana, Rajasthan and MP--2004.
- Organized An Education Summit in India with GOPIO in 2008.
- IDCA Eighth International Conference – Terre Haute, Indiana, Oct. 22-24, 2010.
- First West Regional Conference, Milpitas, California on November 20, 2010



Fourth India Conference, New Delhi, 2008





Sixth International Conference January 12, 2010 at IRRAD-





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Second East Regional Conference, August 14, 2010, Rockville, MD



Eighth International Conference, Terre Haute, IN, Oct. 23-24, 2010



Women With Their Solar Lantern in Village Chandai – M.P



Dr. Hari Lamba with Users in Village Kalla , U.P





Upcoming Events

- 7th Int. India conference, at IRRAD, Gurgaon on January 12, 2011.
- Monthly Theme Based Seminars/ Forums in Chicago, W-DC, San Jose.
- First South Regional Conference in Houston, Texas in May 2011.
- Third East Regional Conference in Washington DC in August 2011.
- 9th Int. Conference, Chicago, Oct 2011



How can you participate?

- Become a Member of IDCA and serve.
- Volunteer with IDCA or its Members in US
- Learn about the needs of your village/town
- Develop a project plan for one of the needs
- Volunteer with an NGOs and learn
- Donate funds to one or more projects
- Inform, Inspire, and Involve others in US and India.
- Share your experiences and help others



Next Steps

- *Let us work hard, my brethren; this is no time for sleep. On our work depends the coming of the India of the future. She is there ready waiting, she is only sleeping. Arise and awake and see her seated on her eternal throne, rejuvenated, more glorious than she ever was this motherland of ours.*

Swami Vivekanand



Thank you

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