# Indians In Korea

Building Bonds With Trust

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Namaste / 안녕하세요 Friends,

We would like to wish you all a very happy and prosperous new year. May the coming year be filled with blessings, prosperity and success.

This is 2014 annual magazine of Indians in Korea (IIK), which includes a recap of this year, list of exciting activities and events planned for the next year.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to all IIK volunteers for their tireless dedication towards IIK since its establishment. We all appreciate your participation and dedication in all IIK events. We also express our sincere thanks to all the sponsors for their generous sponsorship and contributions.

Please visit our website, www.indiansinkorea.com for updated information on events. Our upcoming events will also be posted in IIK website, Facebook and Yahoo groups.

Please contact any IIK director (BoD), if you would like to discuss the opportunity to work with us to promote India-Korea relationship, Indian culture and heritage.

- IIK Editorial Team
About IIK

IIK community established in 2002, is a non-profit organization with over 4700 members, which mainly includes Indians living in Korea and Koreans who are interested in India or Indian community. This group primarily includes engineering professionals, business persons, research fellows, students and housewives. IIK upholds India's umbrella of Unity in Diversity and intends to make Indians feel at home and interact freely in Korea. Regardless of religion, region, culture and language, doors of IIK are open for every Indian. With the help of our lively discussion in group, meetings, get together parties, socio-cultural activities and the best helping hands by each of the members in the group, IIK wishes to provide every individual an open communication platform to share experiences, social knowledge and simultaneously a feeling of togetherness. We are proud to be Indian ever since the significance of being an Indian is known to every individual. We, in Korea, are for work, education, name and fame of our country as well as our own. Any differentiation, disintegration towards the great India must be kept at bay. Keeping in mind to raise our country's name and fame as well as our own, we should help each other and make our stay more comfortable in Korea.

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IIK Vision and Core Value

**Vision**
1. Help Indians to make their life easy in Korea by providing useful information at one place.
2. Strive to create a positive image for India through transformational thinking and creative contribution.
3. Recognize achievements of India & Indian community and their impact on Korean society and economy.
4. Provide an outlet for spreading group & personal creative expressions and experiences.
5. Promote ideas to create a sense of mutual openness and trust between Koreans and Indians.
6. Help to resolve common recurring social, professional, medical, and any other miscellaneous problems and issues of IIK members.
7. Maintain the unity among all the Indians living in Korea by keeping them connected at one platform.
8. Keep the rich Indian culture alive by arranging various cultural events and get-together.

**Core value**
To act as a source of transformative wisdom, and promote transformative thinking and leadership among the Indian community. To help in recognition of hidden potential and find ways to manifest and leverage the potential in each individual. To bring focus on Interdependence and synergy of collective wisdom of NRIs towards realizing India's hidden potential.
The Indian spring festival "Holi" is best known for its celebratory explosion of color, was celebrated at Hangang Riverside Park, Seoul on 16th March 2014 (Sunday). Under the clear and bright spring skies "IJK Holi Dhamaka 2014" commenced with meet-up of more than 200 guests and participants splash each other with every color of the rainbow to symbolize the joy, love of the community and beginning of new colorful season.

Live Indian Bollywood DJ tracks scaled-up the energy levels in adults as well as the little ones. Participants also enjoyed taking walks around the park, as well as engaging in friendly competition through spirited games. After the games and festivities, the participants enjoyed delicious Indian lunch, followed by prizes for the winners of the games and a lucky draw.

On special request the DJ was live again for another round of dance masti. All the passers-by enjoyed the sight of colorful IJK Holi Dhamaka 2014 celebration. The afternoon concluded on a joyous appreciation and a smile on every face.
To discover new place in Korea and enjoy the pristine water of the Donggang river, IIK organized Whitewater Rafting trip to Yeongwol on 29th June 2014 (Sunday). This rafting course is recognized as one of the best rafting courses for beginners and family.

IIK community members from different part of Seoul and Suwon joined together to enjoy the rafting. The rafting course of 12 Km and took around 3-4 hours to complete. The complete course was filled with lot of fun and adventure. Participants mesmerized by rhythm and soothing sound of the Donggang water. Other than Rafting, people also visited Byeolmaro Astronomical Observatory which is located at 800m above sea level, on the top of Mt. Bongrae where Dong river and Seo river meet together.

The entire 3 hour bus journey of course was full of fun with Antakshari, Tambola and Singing. Over all, the entire event was joyful memory with ADVENTURE topping.
To mark 65th Republic Day of India in a memorable and significant way, IIK organized a tour to "War Memorial of Korea" on 26th January 2014 (Sunday). The War Memorial of Korea, as our unique war history museum and this is a place we learned lessons from war and to make a practical determination that we will never experience the tragedy of war again.

During Korean War, India send a paramedical unit (60th Parachute Field Ambulance unit), which served in Korea for a total of three and a half years (Nov 1950- May 1954). War Memorial of Korea visit is a great way to remember their service to humanity and Indian’s effort to restore peace and harmony in Korea.
IJK Patriotic Drawing Competition - The Colors of Freedom

On the occasion of 67th Indian Independence day, Indian Embassy, Seoul organized Independence Day celebration at Indian Culture Center (ICC), Seoul on 15th August 2014 (Friday). IJK in collaboration with ICC conducted IJK Patriotic Drawing Competition - "The Colors of Freedom" for the children and adults to create awareness about the history behind independence and the need to aim at future development of India.

Over 300 audiences were delighted by the colorful & vibrant artwork and participated in the public voting. Special prizes were arranged and given by the Indian Embassy for the competition participants with the maximum viewers' vote.
Cricket is passionate and the most popular sport in India. IIK organized "IIK Premier Cup 2014" on 28th September 2014 (Sunday) at The University of Suwon.

IIK Premier Cup 2014 provided an excellent platform for cricket teams to display their talents, skills and teamwork. The tennis ball limited over knockout tournament, participated by 10 teams from different corners of Korea. Friends Cricket Club won and lifted IIKPC-2014 trophy. Indian Researcher's Cricket Club was the runners-up of the tournament. Best batsman, best bowler and best fielder of the tournament also honored.

The full day event was witnessed and enjoyed by a large crowd of cricket lovers. IIKPC-2014 also paved a new way to make friendship and relationship between Indian communities living in Korea.
Diwali Fest 2014

IIK hosted annual "Diwali Fest" on 19th October 2014 (Sunday) at Sejong University, Seoul. The event was attended by more than 500 guests, with representation from not only the Indian community but also strong participation from the local and expats community. The chief guest of the function was Honorable Indian Ambassador Vishnu Prakash, Indian Embassy, Seoul and the president of Korea India Association (KOINA) and a former vice minister of health Mr Song Jae-seong also graced the occasion. Diwali Fest was hosted by Bollywood celebrity Kishore Bhanushali (Junior Dev Anand).

Diwali is referred to as the festival of light and our "Diwali Fest" celebration hall was certainly lit up with smiles and laughter. The air was filled with festival mood. IIK Diwali Festival 2014 mainly included various games and entertainment from the celebrity Jr. Devanand. In addition there were spectacular array of performances such as Kids Fancy dress show, Bollywood song and dance performances, magic show, belly dance from Korean group and Indian wedding Fiesta by Indian and other foreign participants. it was certainly one of our biggest event of 2014. Otsal Indian Restaurant served mouthwatering Indian cuisine for this grand festival.
Korea India Association KOINA (www.koina.co), a non-profit organization based on Seoul, is working toward fostering closer ties between the people of South Korea and India by facilitating exchange of culture, art, sports, entertainment, literature, language, heritage, environment protection, religion, technology, trade, science and all other forms that help improve human skill and endeavor.

On 15th August 2014, during the Independence day event organized by Indian Embassy in Seoul, KOINA and IIK signed MoU in presence of the Indian ambassador Mr Vishnu Prakash. The MoU was executed to provide a framework for joint cooperation and to facilitate collaboration between the Parties to strengthen their shared goals and objectives regarding enhancing cultural, economic, political, social and sporting ties between the India and Korea.
Indians in Korea’s “IIK National Pride Award” is given to Indian boxer Laishram Sarita Devi to recognize her excellent performance in Incheon Asian Games-2014. The award is comprised of a cash prize of USD 1710 and award certificate.
Indians in Korea Cricket Club (IIKCC) won KCA 2014-PLATE medal by beating Australian and New Zealand’s (ANZIKs) team. Due to team spirit and dedicated young players, IIKCC won plate medal after 5 years.

**Congratulation Team IIKCC !!!**
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