

NRI dances to Captan Ladi's Tunes... two days NRI DIVAS 2008 by NRI Institute concluded!!!

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During the two days conference, NRI Institute organised various activities for NRI's and guests. The activities including; Session on Strengthening Indo-Trinidad & Tobago Business Relationship, An exhibition by eminent British Artists, live performance by Punjabi Pop Singer Captan Ladi & Dance Troupe and Reception by the British High Commissioner to India H.E. Richard Stagg & Mrs. Stagg. During the programme Pravasi Awards was presented to NRIs from across the globe. The awards were conferred on the NRIs for their outstanding accomplishments.

It was a great time for the attendees, as they have watched the skills of British Artists' and scintillating performance by Punjabi Pop Singer Captan Ladi and the Dance Troupe, which has mesmerized people who were sitting there. Everybody have applauded the creativity of British Artists and the dance & song performance by Captan Ladi.

On the second day British High Commissioner H.E. Richard Stagg and Minister of State for Finance Shri Pawan Kumar Bansal presented the Pravasi Awards to NRIs from across the globe. The awards were conferred on the NRIs for their outstanding accomplishments. The Awardees included A Rajbansi - South Africa, C B Patel - UK, Darshan Singh Bagga - USA, Dr Govind Saha - New Zealand, Dr, Shambhu Banik - USA, Gino Ponin Ballom - Reunion Island, France, Jasjit S Jaaj - UAE, Mike Patel - UK, Ravinder Kalsi - UK, Ravi Rajagopal - USA, Roopa Iyer - USA, T L Arora - UK, Tarlochan Singh Bilga - UK and Graham Clarke - UK. The NRI of the Year was presented to Mohd, Aslam Kaxi - Saudi Arabia and Lifetime Achievement Awards went to B R Shetty - UAE and Lord Daljit Rana - UK. Raj Loomba of The Loomba Trust - UK was conferred with a special award.

Celebrating the Glory of People of Indian Origin the two days conference seen the presence of H.E. Richard Stagg (British High Commissioner to India), his wife, H.E. Pundit Maniedeo Persad (High Commissioner, Republic of Trinidad & Tobago), his wife Rohini Persad, I.K. Gujral (Former Prime Minister of India), Rama Sithanen (Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister, Mauritius), Sam Pitroda (Chairman, National Knowledge Commission), Graham Clark, James Hornton VPRBA, Nick Tidman RBA, Dr Kelvin Griffin, Cas Holmes, Brian Lewis, Wendy Smith, Mike Hutchins, Bernard Rangel, Ravinder Kalsi & Anjana Kuthiala, Dr. Alka Raghuvanshi (Art Curator), Pratibha Prahlad (renowned dancer) Joginder Singh (Ex-CBI Director), Tarlochan Singh (MP), Rama Valaydan, Satish Gujral, Kiran Gujral, Victor Vijay Kumar, Baljit Chadha, Manmohan Chadha, Abhay Rustom Sopori (Santoor Maestro & Music Composer), Nayantara Singh, Cateriana Zackwell, Agnese Jackman, J.J. Singh, Anupama Singh, N.R.I. Institutes' Rasik H. Patel (International Chairman), Dr.

S.K. Pachauri (Chairman) & Jagmohan Singh (Secretary General) along with many delegates and others..

During the programme, Jagmohan Singh (Secretary Gen. NRI Institute) welcomed all the guests and introduced them to the people. He said, 'NRI DIVAS 2008' is a two days festival dedicated to all the NRI's around the world. Through the festival we try to invite maximum numbers of NRI's and provide them the best platform to introduce, to exchange their views and work together. Also we have honoured these NRI's for their outstanding achievements by presenting the NRI Pravasi Awards. Talking about the institute, Jagmohan Singh (Secretary General, NRI Institute) said, the NRI Institute is a registered NGO of Indians and People/ Persons of Indian Origin founded in 1989. Over the years, the Institute has established Chapters in the UK, USA, Canada, Angola, UAE, Oman, Bangkok, Seychelles, Singapore, Switzerland, Australia, Saudi Arabia, Austria and Madagascar and has so far organized 36 International Events, 18 in India, 10 in London, 3 in Dubai and one each in Detroit, New York, Washington DC, Bangkok and Singapore.

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