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**FESTIVAL OF LIGHT**

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# IRCC



## About Us

### History of IRCC

Founded in 1978 by a small but culturally passionate group of Indian immigrants, IRCC was one of the first Indian organization in South Florida whose sole purpose was to preserve and promote our rich Indian heritage and cultural among families who had made America their home.

Over the years, the community came together to celebrate many festivals. This special bond brought them closer and kept ancient traditions and culture alive. Some of these holidays include Holi, Rakshabandhan, Navratri, Diwali and Pongal among others.

### Today

Today we stand recognized as a formal non-profit organization, registered with Internal Revenue Services under code section 501(c)3. Our main contribution towards the growing Indian community is

instilling the next generation with rich Indian Traditions and strong appreciation for our heritage.

We continue to host family events throughout the year and have also broadened our horizons to have our youth participate and host many charitable events. We have partnered with other Indian organizations to host joint events to raise funds for various charitable causes. IRCC raised 55,000 for American Red Cross and Haiti Earthquake Relief. We also raised a sum of \$100,000 for the Earthquake in Kutch-India.

### IRCC Mission

IRCC's mission is to keep the rich culture and traditions of India alive and passing on the torch to the younger generation. We also bring our rich culture of acceptance and unity with us. It is our duty to showcase our rich culture and traditions which will further bring Americans and Indians together for the betterment of the society and lay a strong foundation of friendship.

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#### DIWALI-FESTIVAL OF LIGHT-2012

Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
at: Broward County Convention Center.

## *President's Message*



Dear Friends

It is with utmost delight that we welcome you all to our second annual Grand IRCC Diwali Festival of Lights 2012. Diwali, is the festival of lights, lighting the lamp of knowledge within us means to understand and reflect upon the significant, rich and glorious past of our country that teaches us to uphold the true values of life

Diwali Festival of Lights brings happiness and joy. It is the time of meeting family and friends. It is a festival to enjoy shopping and giving gifts and sharing sweets, it is the festival of get-togethers .

We have always yearned to bring the same celebratory mood here, where thousands can join together in one place, watch the rich cultural programs, the dance performances of our children, and the high energy Inter collegiate dance competition, Diwali Dhamaka.

I want to thank our Board members for their exemplary service. They have spent many many hours executing various tasks to get to this stage. I want to thank families of all the board members and friends and supporters of the festival.

A special thanks goes to all our sponsors, who have opened their heart and wallets to donate the much needed funds, and friends who helped us reach them and make it possible .

Thanks to the non food vendors for bringing Indian fashion, jewelry, arts and craft for people to do their Diwali shopping, the food vendors for bringing the tasty and delectable Indian food for people to savor.

I want to thank the performers, the parents, the choreographers for bringing to us the spectacular performances throughout the day .

I believe that to keep our culture and heritage alive, some of us have to step up, and do the events that bring people together, that bring the community together and preserve the rich traditions of our Indian culture.

I want to specially thank and appreciate my wife Sadhana .

I want to thank my children, Neha , Bhavika and Vishesh who have helped me and IRCC throughout. I thank them for believing in me and my service to IRCC and the community.

Once again enjoy our second grand IRCC Diwali Festival of Lights.

I wish you a very prosperous and Happy Diwali.

**Vivek Victor swaroop**

President. IRCC

Co-Chairman. Diwali Festival of Lights 2012

## *Immediate Past President's Message*

# Dear Friends and Family of IRCC



We are delighted to welcome to the “Diwali Festival of Lights 2012”! Last year, First Grand IRCC Diwali Festival of Lights was a complete success, mainly due to yours’, sponsors’, vendors’, community and Convention Centre’s support. It was a dream come true moment for me! Nonetheless, it was naïve to think that organizing second “Diwali Festival of Lights 2012” event will be easy and smooth.

It was a challenge again; sometimes even more complex hurdles we had to overcome in the organizing this event. Thanks to friends and family because as the time approached they all joined hands to make the second Grand Diwali Festival of Lights celebration for 2012 another success.

The world is changing at a much faster rate than ever. I believe that it is important to keep our children and community where we live informed about our culture, traditions and heritage. It encourages us to do the right thing always, to live life following the example of Lord Rama, to try and incorporate the same virtues of sacrifice and righteousness in ourselves.

We are proud of host 450+ performers on the stage who have worked hard, day and night preparing for the cultural show with the help of their choreographers, prop artists, and sound technicians, parents/friends.

I want to thank our IRCC Board Members and their family for their understanding throughout the year. Last thirty days, they have been on call 24/7. This event is a success because of nothing but their unflinching support. I also want to thank our “Festival of Light committee members”. Their dedication and hard work is greatly appreciated to make this event a success.

Last but not the least; I want to express my heartfelt thanks to my family, my wife Nidhi and my sons Harshit and Prateek. During the last six months, I spent more time with IRCC family. Without the support of my family and their complete understanding and faith in my passion, I would not have been able to devote needed time to this event.

Once again I wish you all a very happy Diwali and a prosperous new year.

**Sanjay Gupta**

**Co-Chair and Immediate Past President.**

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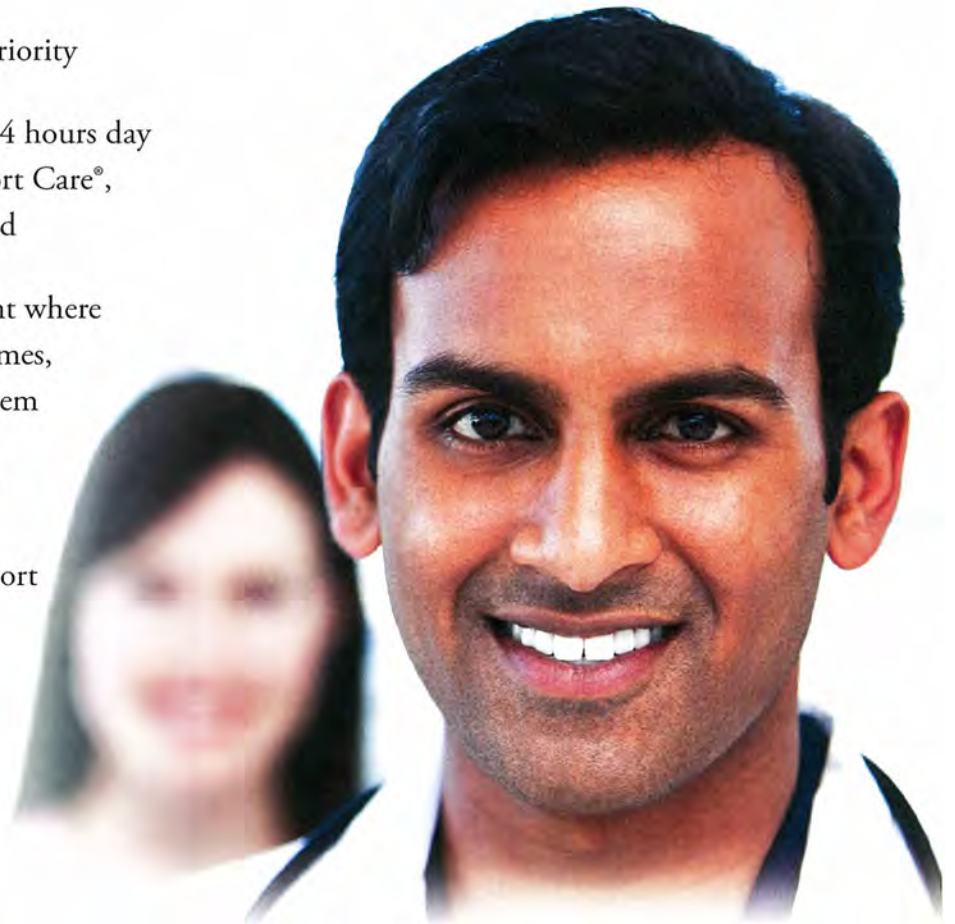
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# DIWALI

## FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS -2013

Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
at: Broward County Convention Center.

Diwali falls on the one new moon night between mid-October and mid-November. Deepawali is celebrated for five days according to the lunisolar Hindu Calendar. It begins in late Ashvin and ends in early Kartika. The first day is Dhan Teras. The last day is Yama Dvitiya, which signifies the second day of the light half of Kartika. Each day of Deepawali marks one celebration of the six principal stories associated with the festival.

**The killing of Narakasura:** Celebrated as Naraka Chaturdashi, one day before Deepawali, it commemorates the killing of the evil demon Narakasura, who wreaked havoc. Krishna's wife Satyabhama killed Narakasura during the Dwapara yuga. In another version of the belief, the demon was killed by Krishna or Krishna provoked his wife Satyabhama to kill Narshna, defeating Indra.

Hindus have several significant events associated with Diwali:

The return of Rama after 14 years of Vanvas (banishment). To welcome his return, diyas (ghee lamps) were lit in rows of 20.

Deepawali marks the end of the harvest season in most of India. Farmers give thanks for the bounty of the year gone by, and pray for a good harvest for the year to come. Traditionally this marked the closing of accounts for businesses dependent on the agrarian cycle, and is the last major celebration before winter. Lakshmi symbolizes wealth and prosperity, and her blessings are invoked for a good year ahead. ...

There are two legends that associate the worship of Lakshmi on this day. According to the first legend, on this day, Lakshmi emerged from Kshira Sagar, the Ocean of Milk, during the great churning of the oceans, Samudra manthan. The second legend (more popular in western India) relates to the Vamana avatar of the big three Vishnu, the incarnation he assumed to kill the demon king Bali. On this day, Vishnu came back to his abode the Vaikuntha; so those who worship Lakshmi receive the benefit of her benevolent mood, and are blessed with mental, physical and material well-being.

As per spiritual references, on this day "Lakshmi-panchayatan" enters the Universe. Vishnu, Indra, Kubera, Gajendra and Lakshmi are elements of this "panchayatan" (a group of five). The tasks of these elements are:

Govardhan Puja is celebrated the day after Deepawali and is the day Krishna defeated Indra, the deity of thunder and rain. According to the story, Krishna saw preparations for an annual offering to Lord Indra and asked his father Nanda about it. He debated with the villagers about what their 'dharma' truly was. They were farmers, they should do their duty and concentrate on farming and protection of their cattle. He said that all human beings should do their 'karma' to the best of their ability and not pray for natural phenomenon. The villagers were convinced by Krishna, and did not proceed with the special puja (prayer). Indra was then angered, and flooded the village. Krishna lifted Mount Govardhan and held it up to protect the people and cattle from the rain. Indra finally accepted defeat and recognized Krishna as supreme. Although this aspect of Krishna's life is sometimes ignored[citation needed] it sets up the basis of the 'karma' philosophy later detailed in the Bhagavat Gita.



Ram, Sita, Luxman and Bharat  
at Indian Drama "Ramlila"





# Wisconsin Gurudwara (Sikh place of worship) Tragedy

## AUGUST 5<sup>th</sup> 2012



On Sunday Aug 5th, a shooting occurred at the Sikh Gurudwara (Sikh congregational place of worship) in Oak Creek, WI. The unprecedented attack left seven people dead including the shooter and injured few innocent civilians. The Sikh American community was shocked after this attack. The entire nation mourned. Paramjit Kaur, Sita Singh, Ranjit Singh, Satwant Singh Kaleka, Prakash Singh, and Suveg Singh Khattri were killed during the horrific attack by Michael Wade. After the investigations the shooter Michael Wade was linked to the white supremacist group. It was then declared as a HATE CRIME. We are grateful for the brave and quick action of the police officers, who prevented the tragedy from being even greater, and we all prayed for the quick recovery of Lt. Brian Murphy who was shot protecting his community. The entire nation prayed for the quick recovery of the injured ones. Everybody had the same question in their minds that how could somebody be so full of hatred to carry on such a horrific act in a place of worship. Sikhs have been a target of hate crimes in the past as well but has increased post 9/11. Organizations like SIKH COALITION, UNITED SIKHS, SALDEF have been working very hard for Sikh Rights.

Vigils were held across the country in memory of the fallen ones. Locally as well Vigil was held on Aug 6th at Sikh Society of Florida. Our community gathered on Monday evening along with other religious organization members and government officials and of course all the local news channels. It was a very sad moment but at the same time very nice to see the support that poured in from everywhere. The inbox was full of condolence messages along with letters through regular mail. We are grateful to all those who took time out of their busy schedules and attended the Vigil. President Obama declared Aug 8th as a national day of remembrance. The Oak Creek Sangat, however, was not alone in their remembrance of the Sikhs who lost their lives. Hundreds of congregations participated in the National Moment of Reflection which took place in churches, synagogues, temples, mosques and gurdwaras around the country. National organizations like

the Anti-Defamation League, Baptist Joint Committee and countless others helped ensure that communities across America stood with us in solidarity.

Post the tragedy Sikh Society of Florida has participated in Unity Interfaith and Antidefamation League interfaith security conferences. On Aug 12th memorial services were held in memory of the victims and once again we had support from the entire communities including the Broward County Sheriffs dept, other government officials and religious organization leaders. Various speakers expressed their thoughts and offered their condolences. Silent fundraiser was held and generous contributions were made. The funds collected have been sent to the Wisconsin Gurudwara to be distributed to the families affected.

Nineteen U.S. Senators, led by California Senator Dianne Feinstein, issued a bipartisan letter to Attorney General Eric Holder today, urging the Justice Department to track hate crimes against Sikhs. The request that the Justice Department and the FBI track hate crimes against Sikhs is a longstanding demand of the Sikh Coalition. In April, working with the Sikh Coalition, Congressman Joseph Crowley led over 90 members of the U.S. House of Representatives, calling on the Justice Department to begin tracking hate crimes against Sikhs. It is impossible to address a problem unless it is being measured, and Sikhs who experience hate crimes at the very least deserve the dignity of being a statistic. Now is the time for the Justice Department and the FBI to act.

On September 19, 2012, over 400 people were in attendance at the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee hearing on Hate Crimes and Domestic Extremism. Harpreet Singh Saini whose mother was killed in the Oak Creek incident, testified in this hearing. (Source; sikh coalition).

We are grateful for the outpouring of support that has come to our community. We know that together we will all heal as one nation from this truly difficult American tragedy. As we pray for the Chardikala of the Khalsa Panth, we offer our condolences to the families of the affected.

*Praveen Kaur Jolly*



# ANAND BAZAR

at: Miramar Regional Park, 16801 Miramar Pkwy, Miramar, FL 33027

Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013 • TIME: 11.00 am to 4.00 pm

## REPUBLIC DAY



26th January 1950 is one of the most important days in Indian history as it was on this day the constitution of India came into force and India became a truly sovereign state. In this day India became a totally republican unit. The country finally realized the dream of Mahatma Gandhi and the numerous freedom fighters who, fought for and sacrificed their lives for the Independence of their country. So, the 26th of January was decreed a national holiday and has been recognized and celebrated as the Republic Day of India, ever since.

Today, the Republic Day is celebrated with much enthusiasm all over the country and especially in the capital, New Delhi where the celebrations start with the Presidential to the nation. The beginning of the occasion is always a solemn reminder of the sacrifice of the martyrs who died for the country in the freedom movement and the succeeding wars for the defense of sovereignty of their country. Then, the President comes forward to award the medals of bravery to the people from the armed forces for their exceptional courage in the field and also the civilians, who have distinguished themselves by their different acts of valour in different situations.

## LOHRI

The origin of the Lohri can be traced back to the tale of Dulla Bhatti. By the end of the first week of January, small groups of boys ring the doorbell of houses and start chanting the Lohri songs related to Dulla Bhatti. In turn, the people give them popcorn, peanuts, crystal sugar, sesame seeds (til) or gur as well as money. Turning them back empty-handed is regarded inauspicious.

Lohri marks the end of winter on the last day of Paus, and beginning of Magha (around January 12 and 13), when the sun changes its course. It is associated with the worship of the sun and fire and is observed by all communities with different names, as Lohri is an exclusively Punjabi festival. The questions like When it began and why is lost in the mists of antiquity.



## KITE FLYING

Kite flying is a festival of India that comes on January 14 every year festival or kite festival in many parts of India. Gujrat and Jaipur in Rajasthan is famous for their kite festivals. Jaipur organizes international kite festival every year. Makar Sankranti is a popular word in Rajasthan where as Utran (derived from Uttarayan in Sanskrit language) is in Gujrat. Basant Panchami is also popular for kite festival in some places of India. Kolkata celebrates kite festival on Vishwakarma Puja but not on Makar Sankranti.

Kite is called Patang in Hindi language. Hence the festival is also referred as Patang utsav in India. Patang is also called Guddi in many places in northern India. Special type of thread is used to fly kites and that is called Manjha.



*Best Wishes and Happy New Year!*  
*to the*  
*Festival of Lights 2012*



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# Holi Celebration

**Sunday, March 31<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

**At- C.B. Smith Park-Sheller #6**

**900 N Flamingo Rd, Pembroke Pines, FL 33028**

**Time: 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM**

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## *The days of celebration and the rituals.*

The festival of Holi begins on Duwadashi - on the twelfth day of the waxing moon of the month of Phalgun. Spirits run high as the preparations for the festivities begin, as a custom, mothers make new clothes for their married daughters. Coloured powder (Gulal) is bought and prepared, long syringes called 'pichkaris' are made ready and water balloons are bought and filled. Preparations are made to cook the special food items that exclusively meant for this festival.

Three days before the full moon, 'Rang Pashi' brings Holi into all households. The families get together in the evenings when people visit each other to perform the formal sprinkling of colour. In the past 'the household purohit' or priest was invited to begin the celebrations, but this task has been taken over by the eldest male member of the family. A 'thali' or plate is arranged with coloured powders and coloured water is placed in a small brass container called a 'lota'. The eldest male member of the family begins the festivities by sprinkling coloured water and powders on each member of the assembled family. It is then the turn of the younger ones to do the same. In this unique way, affection and blessings are shared by all in the family. The celebrations on this day end with the partaking of food specially cooked for this occasion - gujia, papri and kanji ke vade. Sometimes, meat dish like kofta curry is also served. It is customary to serve drinks before the meal.

The next day is known as 'Puno'. On this day, Holika is burnt in keeping with the legend of Prahlad and his devotion to lord Vishnu. In the evening, huge bonfires are lit on street corners at the crossroads. Usually this is a community celebration and people gather near the fire to fill the air with folk strains and dances. Sheaves of green gram and wheat are roasted in the bonfire and eaten.

The actual festival of Holi takes place the day after this. This day is called 'Parva'. Children, friends and neighbours gather on the streets and a riot of colour takes over. Coloured powders called 'abeer' or 'gulal' are thrown into the air and smeared on faces and bodies. 'Pichkaris' are filled with coloured water and this is spurted onto people. Water balloons are thrown at friends and neighbours in the spirit of fun. Sometimes, mud baths are prepared and people are 'dunked' into this amidst much laughter and teasing. The visitors carry 'abeer' or 'gulal' to pay their respects to elders by sprinkling some on their feet. The younger crowd is drenched with buckets of coloured water and pummeled with water balloons. 'Dholaks' or Indian drums are heard everywhere and the songs of Holi are carried by the voices of these merry-makers.



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A “financial interest” means legal title or record of ownership. It also includes foreign entities such as corporations, partnerships or trusts in which a U.S. person owns more than a 50% interest in stock, capital, and assets/income, respectively.

### Amnesty Available

For anyone who has not met all prior filing and/or reporting requirements, the IRS

announced a voluntary disclosure program to enable you to become compliant, avoid substantial civil penalties and generally eliminate the risk of criminal prosecution. Making a voluntary disclosure also provides the opportunity to calculate, with a reasonable degree of certainty, the total cost of resolving all offshore tax issues. Taxpayers who do not submit a voluntary disclosure run the risk of detection by the IRS and the imposition of substantial penalties, including the fraud penalty and foreign information return penalties, and an increased risk of criminal prosecution. Please consult your tax advisor for specific penalty applicable on each circumstance.

If you reported and paid tax on all your taxable income for prior years

but did not file FBARs, you should file the delinquent FBAR reports according to the instructions and attach a statement explaining why the reports are filed late. The IRS will not impose a penalty for the failure to file the FBARs.

The following is a summary of other foreign assets/forms reporting requirements. Each reporting form has its own penalty; please consult your tax advisor for your specific circumstances and applicable penalty, if any.

**Form 3520**, Annual Return to Report Transactions With Foreign Trusts and Receipt of Certain Foreign Gifts. Taxpayers must also report various transactions involving foreign trusts, including creation of a foreign trust by a United States person, transfers of property from a United States person to a foreign trust and receipt of distributions from foreign trusts. This return also reports the receipt of gifts from foreign entities.

**Form 3520-A**, Information Return of Foreign Trust With a U.S. Owner.

Taxpayers must also report ownership interests in foreign trusts, by United States persons with various interests in and powers over those trusts.

**Form 5471**, Information Return of U.S. Person with Respect to Certain Foreign Corporations. Certain United States persons who are officers, directors or shareholders in certain foreign corporations (including International Business Corporations) are required to report information.

**Form 5472**, Information Return of a 25% Foreign-Owned U.S. Corporation or a Foreign Corporation Engaged in a U.S. Trade or Business. Taxpayers may be required to report transactions between a 25 percent foreign-owned domestic corporation or a foreign corporation engaged in a trade or business in the United States and a related party.

**Form 926**, Return by a U.S. Transferor of Property to a Foreign Corporation. Taxpayers are required to report transfers of property to foreign corporations and other information.

**Form 8865**, Return of U.S. Persons With Respect to Certain Foreign Partnerships. United States persons with certain interests in foreign partnerships use this form to report interests in and transactions of the foreign partnerships, transfers of property to the foreign partnerships, and acquisitions, dispositions and changes in foreign partnership interests.

**Form 8938**, Statement of Specified Foreign Financial Assets. Taxpayers who own specified foreign financial assets are obligated to file a **Form 8938**, if the total value of the assets exceeds certain thresholds. For single taxpayers living in the United States, the high value threshold is \$100,000 (married taxpayers \$200,000), and the year-end value threshold is \$50,000 (married taxpayers \$100,000).



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Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013

TIME  
8.00 PM to 1.00 AM

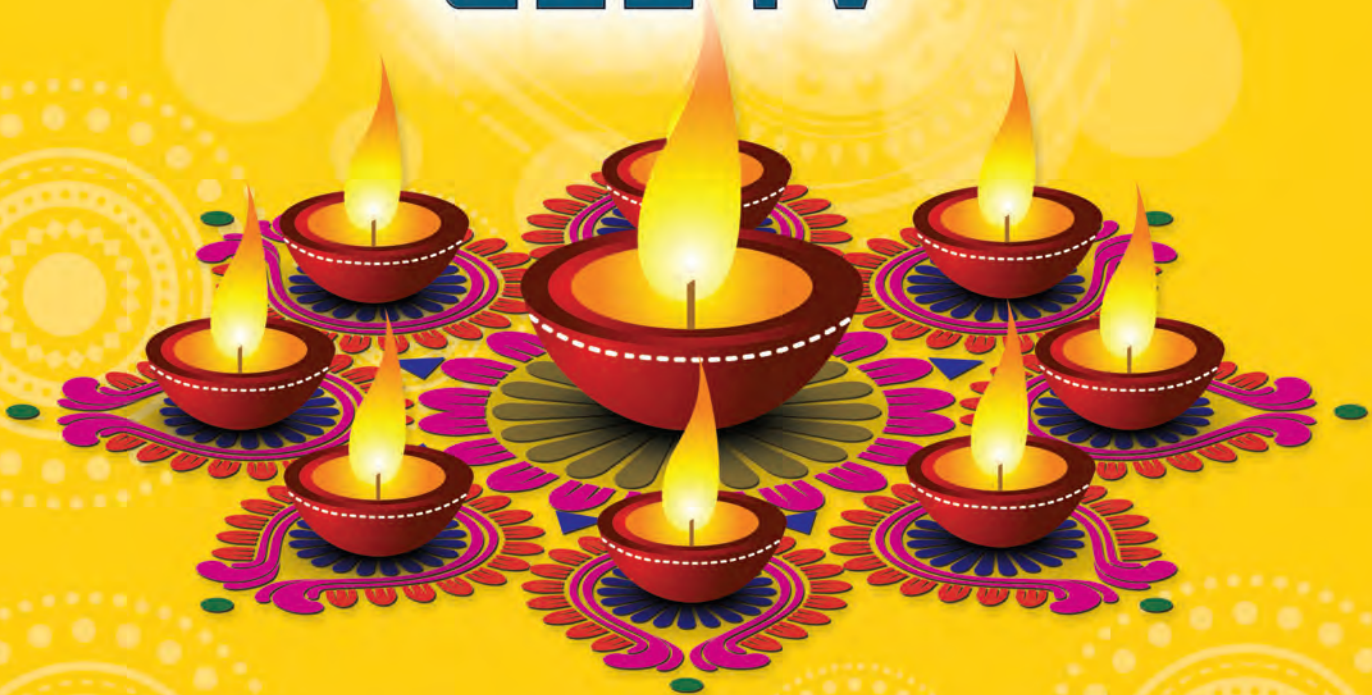
'Nav' means 'nine' and 'ratri' means 'night'. Thus, 'Navratri' means 'nine nights'. There are many legends attached to the conception of Navratri like all Indian festivals. All of them are related to Goddess Shakti (Hindu Mother Goddess) and her various forms. It is one of the most celebrated festivals of Hindu calendar, it holds special significance for Gujaratis and Bengalis and one can see it in the zeal and fervor of the people with which they indulge in the festive activities of the season. Dandiya and Garba Rass are the highlights of the festival in Gujarat, while farmer sow seeds and thank the Goddess for her blessings and pray for better yield. In older times, Navratri was associated with the fertility of Mother Earth who feed us as her children.



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Raisa Uddin, Ravin Sajnani, Roshni Joseph, Sarah Qureshi,  
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Madhuri Tarlekar, Rajani Sharan, Aishwharya Raghavan,  
Mrudula Reddy, Reema Mathur, and Shobha Tatineni.  
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**Adult Kisna Dance**

Sanchari Sarkar, Srikala Tangirala, Sweeta Patil,  
Smita Sagare, Rajitha Godthi, Praseeda  
Narayanan, Pragathi Prasad, and Manjulika Bansal.  
Choreographed by Sanchari Sarkar.

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Indranil Ghosh, Shantanu Samanta, Sudipto Basu,  
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Meera Ramnathan, Shamala Suppiah, Jaishri Venkat, Akanksha Kumar, Meena Mani, Bhavna Baranwal,  
Meeta Govindarajan, Amita Quadros, Ritu Jain, and Ekta Baranwal.  
Choreographed by Meera Ramanathan.



# IRCC CHILDRENS DIWALI SHOW- 2012

## Kindergarten Twist

Eshika Jain, Akshay Kumar, Aarna Baranwal, Kushal Baranwal, Ankitaa Sampath, Aakash Suresh, and Kavya Thiyagarajan.  
Choreographed by **Bhavna Baranwal.**

## Happy Diwali

Rahul Wani, Raima Wani, Aaditya Patel, Eesha Shah, Shaan Mistry, and Ashveen Saini  
Choreographed by **Navin Anand.**

## Funky Bollywood

Saanya Dham, Rashi Garg, Kunal Patni, Kangana Modi, Kunal Patel, and Aryan Bansal  
Choreographed by **Radhika Agarwal.**

## Dancing Divas

Ruhi Mansey, Simran Dulay, Jasmine Dulay, Hershey Rajpal, Tanya Jain, Soumya Jain and Mallika Jain.  
Choreographed by **Usha Verma.**

## Pataka Dance

Samartha Sagare, Harshita Chintapudi, Rujula Ishwargonda, Sharieli Sharan, Sadhana Tanksali, and Roshini Shivkumar  
Choreographed by **Rashmi Hanamsagar.**

## Tweens Group

Anjani Guda, Aneesha Balachandar, Deepthi Gangaram, Nikita Subramaniam, Smita Bhattacharjee, Nishka Jakkidi, Iniya Thiyagarajan, Anisha Saripalli, Anusha Rao and Rachna Rahul.  
Choreographed by **SriLaxmi Guda.**

## Sweet Barfi

Chaitanya Singh Verma, Shivangi Ranjan, Malvika Sawant, Sanya Khurana, Akshat Badgamia, and Arya Gujarathi.  
Choreographed by **Ruchi Verma.**

## Rajasthani Folk

Diya Jain, Shivani Vakharia, Riana Shah, Saumya Narang, Krisha Sanghavi, Roshni Sawlani, Anjali Gomez-Kalidindi, Mirra Patel, Samaira Davis, and Ria Verma.  
Choreographed by **Smita Jani.**

## Raas

Mehul Sharma, Jasraj Sarkar, Amrita Roy, Diya Mehta, Krisha Choksi, Selina Shrivastav, Saachi Modi, and Briya Patel.  
Choreographed by **Sheli Chakraborty.**

## Bhangra

Sajeev Sarkar, Aditi Sarkar, Megan Sharma, Shreya Sutar, Puspa Majumdar, Nisha Ramtat, Hannah Kapoor.  
Choreographed by **Monika Shetye.**

## Folk Fusion Remix

Nikita Dua, Neha Dua, Jasmine Thomas, Tara Muthuswamy, Sonali Vijay, Sayli Nemade.  
Choreographed by **Nalini Vijay**



# IRCC - Childrens Diwali Show-2012

<b>Glamour Girls</b>	Sameera Chugani, Simran Gidwani, Sanya Gidwani, Sanjana Karamchandani, Ria Rajpal, and Anaya Shintre. <b>Choreographed by Yogita Gidwani and Veena Rajpal.</b>
<b>Medley 2012</b>	Saachi Jain, Nikita Ranaut, Neha Narang, Navya Mehta, Serina Chugani and Drisha Gwalani. <b>Choreographed by Kahini Chandriani.</b>
<b>Dhamaka Group</b>	Rithvik Dhara, AArush Kulkarni, Nikhil Karri, Rachana Tanksali, Aaditi Kulkarni, Haren Gannarapu, and Priya Khatri. <b>Choreographed by Srikala Tangirala</b>
<b>Bollywood Mix</b>	Isha Goel, Diya Goel, Riya Goel, Trishala Kumar, Rohan Kumar, Miraa Shukla, Diya Jayram, Dev Jayram, Rajat Ramesh, Rohit Ramesh, Sachita Jariwala, Rishi Dev, Ishita Abrol, and Alisha Peter. <b>Choreographed by Nandini Verma</b>
<b>Bhangra</b>	Rahul Uttamchandani, Karishma Advani, Kareena Advani, India Garcia, Ethan Garcia, Neel Mirpuri, Ruhi Mirpuri, Yashica Nagpal, Surina Uttamchandani, and Riana Mahtani. <b>Choreographed by Rowena Uttamchandani.</b>
<b>The Warriors</b>	Kadambari Ayithi, Nekita Regula, Rishab Jain, Tarun Sama, Varun Reddy, Bhavna Sriram, Rasika Sriram, Tanvi Sama, Shiv Chokshi, Snigdha Sama, Paridhi Kapadia, Aditya Bafna, Tanvi Bafna, Likhith Ayithi, Snehith Kondal, Ishaan Shah, Apoorva Shah, Rahul Regula, and Ananya Mellacheruvu. <b>Choreographed by Niraja Regula.</b>
<b>Bollywood and Classical Fusion</b>	Tulsi Patel, Kosha Patel, Muskaan Singh, Shivangi Srivastava, Anjali Shah and Priyanka Sinha. <b>Choreographed by Rupal Patel.</b>
<b>Little Champs— Back to the 50's</b>	Mallika Baweja, Sanam Sharma, Ashna Porbanderwala, Mesha Singh, Muskan Singh, Viraj Rajpal, Aman Singh, and Kaedin Rowe. <b>Choreographed by Tejika Baweja.</b>
<b>Desi Dance</b>	Amar Dangodara, Matias Gohill, Nicolas Gohill, Raj Jain, Shail Khakhria, and Aryan Shah. <b>Choreographed by Mothers.</b>
<b>Bollywood Cocktail</b>	Prateek Gupta, Ritika Goyal, Ashay Badgamia, Aakshi Verma, Neel Ganeriwal, and Shefali Ranjan. <b>Choreographed by Nidhi Gupta and Anshu Goyal.</b>
<b>Rock and Roll</b>	Sandhya Kumar, Vrinda Gupta, Anisha Jain, Niveda Kumar, Priyanka Venkat, Maanya Baranwal, Anamika Subramanian, Yash Saxena, Ashish Sathya, Amogh Baranwal, Ahan Saripalli, and Ahil Mahendra. <b>Choreographed by Ekta Baranwal.</b>
<b>Remix Masala</b>	Priya Desai, Vinay Desai, Milan Mistry, Kruti Reddy, Vinay Reddy, Neha Rajan, Rohan Rajan, Ashrita Satchidanand, Navya Baranwal, Rohit Anand, Nicole Quadros, Ahana Ghosh, Anish Ghosh, Roshni Singh, and Ramona Parkash. <b>Choreographed by Jaishri Venkat.</b>
<b>Bhangra</b>	Karishma Dangodara, Ashna Ahya, Hemal Dusara, Rhea Jain, Adarsh Johar, Jaimin Khakhria, Saanvi Paharia, Sachet Paharia, Janki Shah, and Rohan Wani. <b>Choreographed by Dipti Anand.</b>
<b>Bhangra</b>	Ritesh Chhabra, Reshab Chhabra, Bhavesh Chhabra, Abhitya Krishnaraj, Kishan Patel, and Rohit Warier <b>Choreographed by Hema Chhabra.</b>
<b>Teenage Bollywood Mix</b>	Sonal Sang, Krishna Naik, Kajal Patel, Bhavika Goyal, Shreya Taank, Pranati Shah, Shrina Zaveri, and Brinda Iyer <b>Choreographed by the Whole Group.</b>



# DIWALI DHAMAKA SHOW

**Gator Adaa: University of Florida**  
**Category: Fusion**

Jennifer Pathiyil (Captain), Divya Aickara (Captain), Grashma Vadakkel, Jismi Vathielil, Christine Vempala, Neha Jagtap, Radhika Gopalan, Khushali Shah, Anushka Seereeram, Maya Patel, Neha Swaroop, Rimza Afzal, Deesha Smart, Aditi Lamba, Pooja Patel, and Sneha Patel.

**Swagge Raas: University of Miami**  
**Category: Garba/Raas**

Pooja Patel (Captain), Ami Patel (Captain), Srinidhi Pulusani, Palna Kapadia, Jaldhi Patel, Puja Patel, Poonam Patel, Ambika Rautray, Karishma Desai, Khushali Shah, Rahul Sheth, Neel Sheth, Neil Soni, Nabeel Markatia, Sahil Parikh, and Hiten Doshi.

**Punjab Di Asli Pehchaan**  
**Category: Bhangra**

Niraj Thaker (Captain), Shama Barot, Jaskaran Singh, Shivane Shanmugam, Aarsh Shah, Rina Bhalani, Gopi Naik, Nita Vasudevan, and Haseeb Khan.

**USF Bindaas: University of South Florida**  
**Category: Fusion**

Minal Patel (Captain), Ansee John, Elissa Mattamana, Jeslin George, Gopi Patel, Reema Patel, Henna Patel, Toral Shah, Nivetha Ketheeswaran, Kajri Shah, Prajakta Joshi, Della Thankachan, Prima Alonzo, Payal Mehta, and Pooja Shah.

**Gator Garba: University of Florida**  
**Category: Garba/Raas**

Pooja Pachigar (Captain), Suniti Patel (Captain), Bhavani Patel, Jemma Patel, Nikita Patel, Sanchi Lunawat, Roshni Patel, Payal Patel, Anjali Desai, Sherin Thamarasseril, Monica Desai, Pooja Patel, Hena Patel, Priyanka Agarwal, Roshni Patel, and Bhagu Patel.

**Hurricane Bhangra: University of Miami**  
**Category: Bhangra**

Ravin Sajnani (Captain), Alexis Plair, Arjun Anand, Ashima Madan, Cima Pius, Karna Mangrola, Nikita Chabra, Noah Sheikh, Rohan Badlani, Sathvika Ramaji, Soha Khedkar, and Vicky Kumaresan.

**Thaalam: University of Miami**  
**Category: Fusion**

Maanasa Jayachandran (Captain), Divya Kannegenti (Captain), Madhuri Nagaraj (Captain), Esha Vallabhaneni, Karishma Gupta, Madhu Parmar, Naina Sharma, Neelam Mehta, Pooja Gurnani, Divya Pranav, Roshni Joseph, Soumya Adem, Vasanti Jhaveri, Ankitha Lingamaneni, Neelima Gaddipati, Virali Shah, Ashish Yamdagni, Jaydev Hemrajani, and Masood Mohammed.

**GatoRaas: University of Florida**  
**Category: Garba/Raas**

Tejal Patel (Captain), Akash Shah (Captain), Niral Patel (Captain -Not performing/Attending), Anand Shah, Hit Patel, Jeremy Keredan, Harshil Patel, Harry Ramnath, Radhika Patel, Soha Afzal, Trishna Patel, Kunj Shroff, Devarshi Desai, Maya Iyyani, Rajvi Doshi, Rana Sayroo, and Sneh Patel.

**Bull Bhangra: University of South Florida**  
**Category: Bhangra**

Meera Pattni (Captain), Abdul Rahman Hashimie (Captain), Trisha Srigiriraju, Shivani Patel, Yashri Sanghani, Christina Thomas, Kaajal Patel, Irfan Hashimie, Fahad Syed, Aditya Grover, Anil Sedani, and Raza Zaidi.

**Gator Bhangra**  
**Category: Bhangra**

Shivani Desai (Captain), Shreya Patel (Captain), Sharon Lo, Pooja Tolani, Sonika Gill, Nikki Sangha, Milan Kaur, Kayla Morneau, Leonie Barkakati, Haider Ali, Jacob Kannarkat, Varun Chawla, Yash Desai, Nilkanth Patel, Sohail Adam, Nabeel Iqbal, and Rameez Dossani

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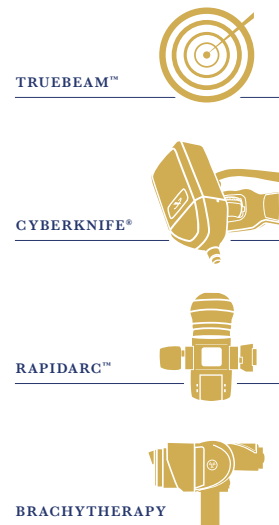
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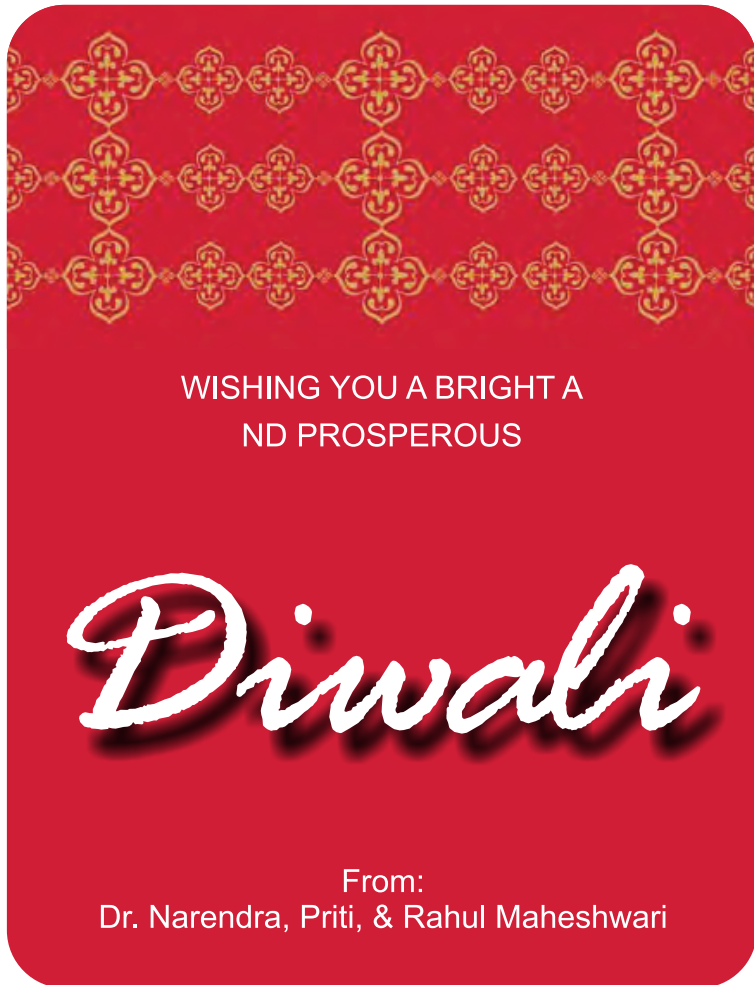
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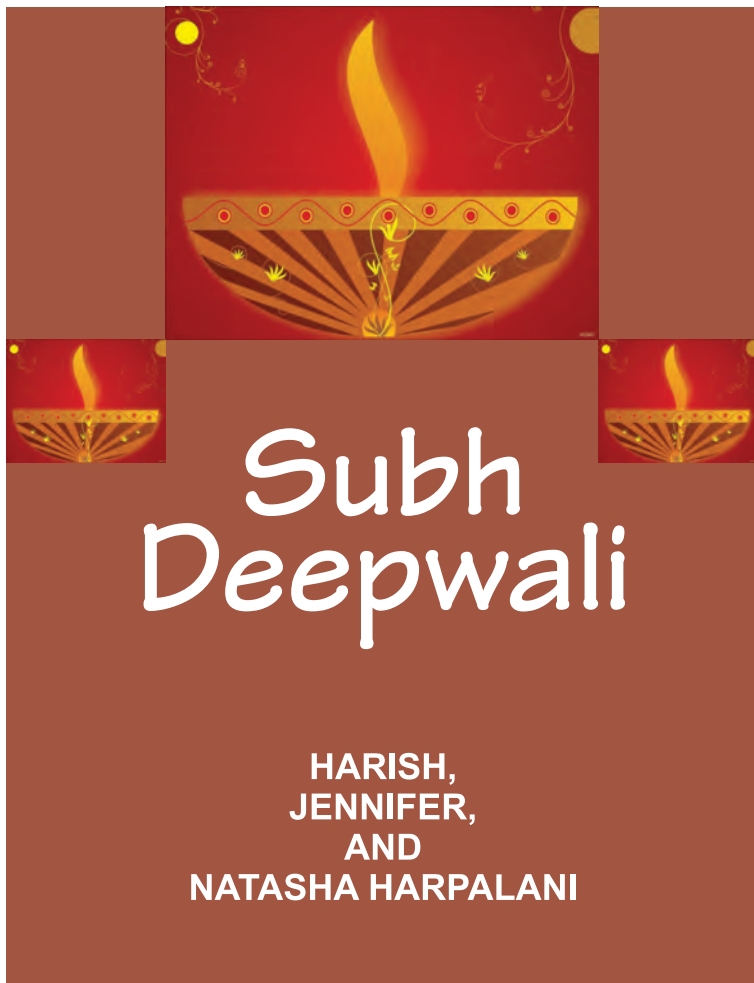
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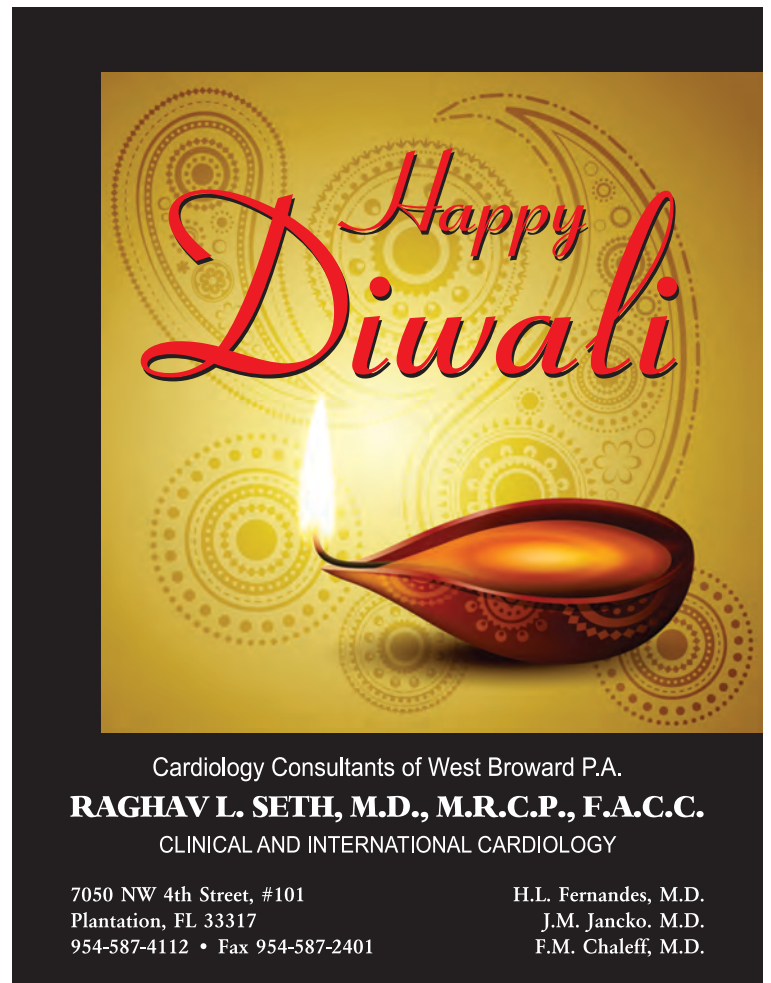
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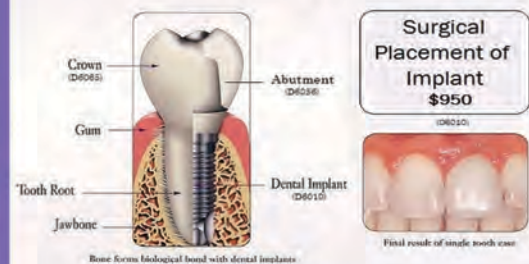
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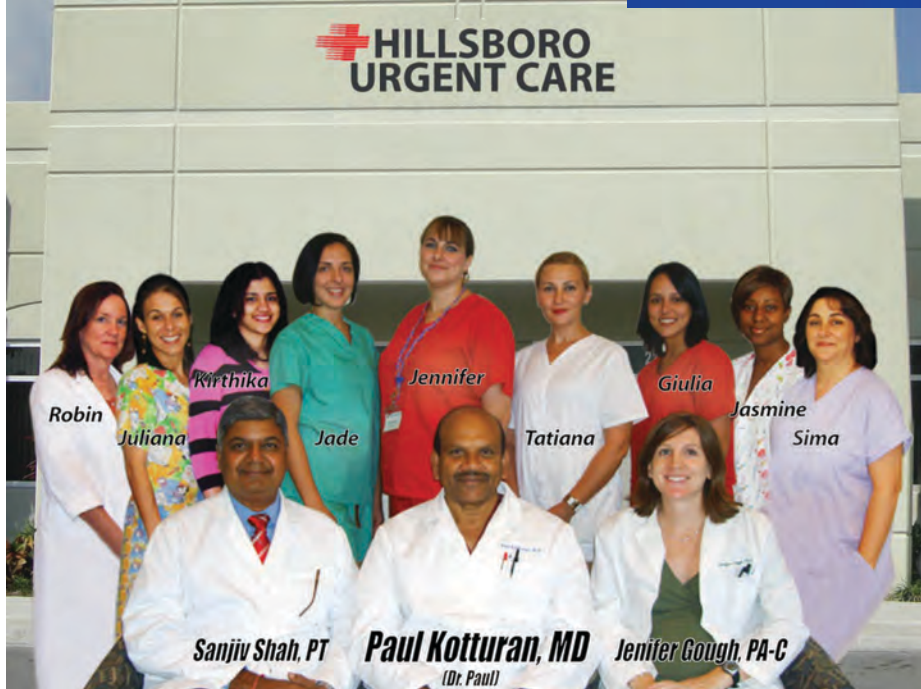
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## Artistry You Can See, Experience You Can Trust

Plastic surgery can enhance, reconstruct, and rejuvenate your entire body...and your self-esteem. Seeking refinements is becoming more commonplace than ever before, but not all procedures—and not all surgeons—are created equal.

“Plastic surgery is an intricate, multidimensional surgical subspecialty,” says Shashi Kusuma, MD, Founder and Medical Director of Suria Plastic Surgery. “For optimal outcomes, it’s essential that the surgeon have knowledge of both the artistic *cosmetic* side of the specialty, as well as the technically challenging *reconstructive* procedures.”

Dr. Kusuma offers wide-ranging cosmetic and reconstructive services to address all needs, though he is particularly passionate about rhinoplasty (nose surgery), eyelid surgery, facial rejuvenation, and aesthetic and reconstructive breast surgery. The key, he notes, is approaching each procedure with comprehensive, artistic, functional, and anatomical perspectives: “If a patient presents for an aesthetic rhinoplasty, for example, I can also address any functional components to help the patient breathe and function better.”



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### The Journey to Transformation

Plastic surgery can be life changing, Dr. Kusuma reminds: “We’re dealing with people—not just noses or breasts—and these people will experience emotions along with their physical change.”

That’s why Dr. Kusuma conducts multiple consultations with each patient prior to surgery to discuss the goals, expectations, and recovery process associated with the options.

“Plastic surgery is a field that allows a skilled surgeon to combine science with art, technology with technical ability, and passion with creativity.”—Shashi Kusuma, MD

“We take our time,” he notes. “I educate each patient about the treatment process from multiple angles—physiological, aesthetic, emotional. Then I recommend a treatment plan.”

Conservative and minimally invasive approaches are always considered first, and natural outcomes are a top priority: “We try to help patients become the best natural version of themselves, not to look like other people.”

### A Doctor for Your Lifetime

With a dizzying array of gimmicks on the market, it can be hard to decipher the best—and safest—route to the results you desire. Instead of quick-fixes and unrealistic promises, Dr. Kusuma relies on facts and scientific data to employ only the most proven techniques and state-of-the-art technology.

“I’m not a one-time doctor, I’m a lifetime doctor,” concludes Dr. Kusuma. “Patients and their families come back to me time and again because we’ve developed a relationship, and they trust my guidance.”

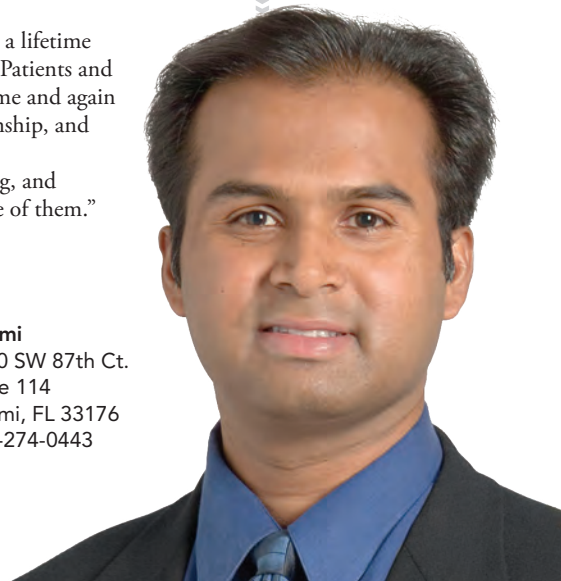
“We can handle almost anything, and patients know we’ll take great care of them.”

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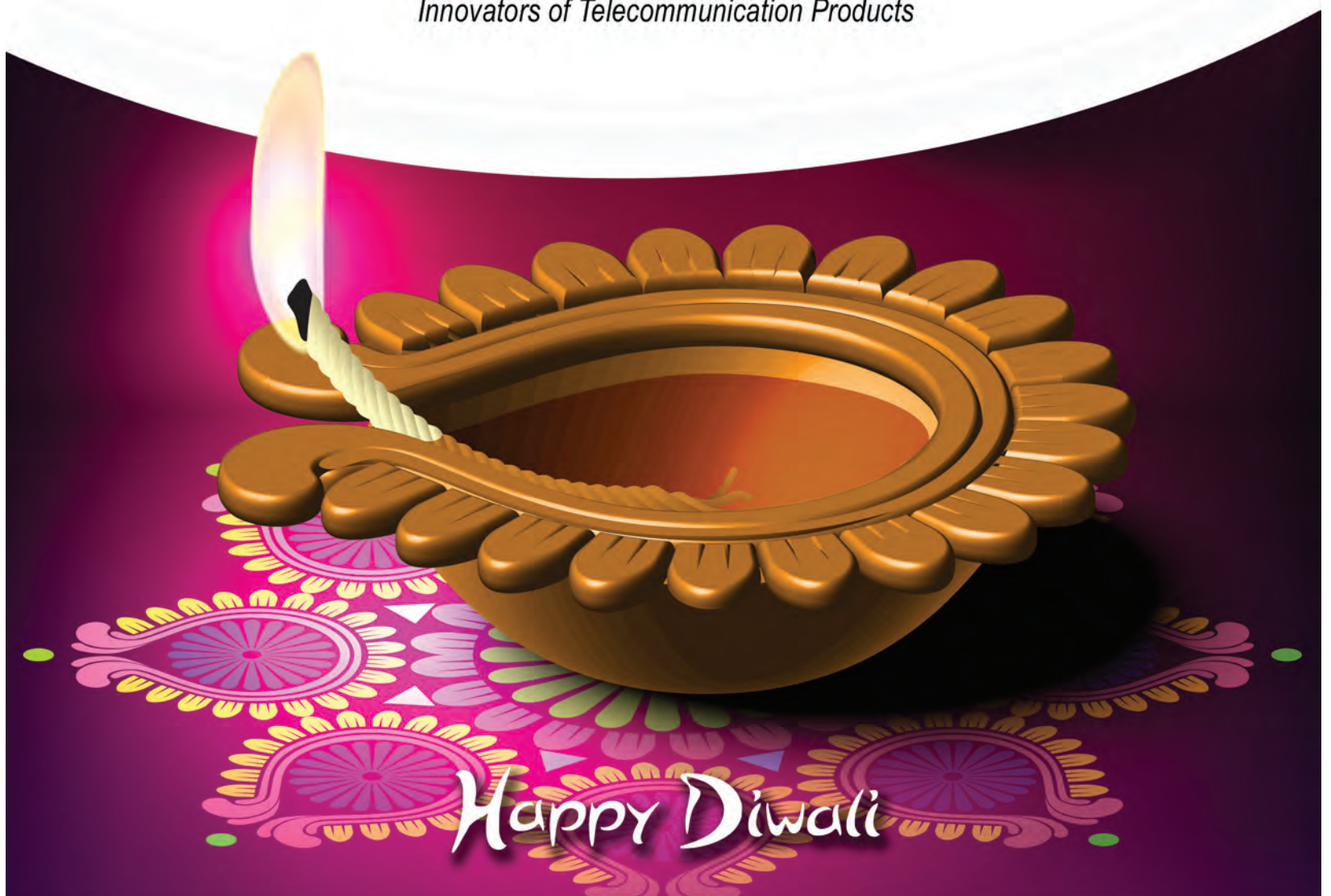


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