

# India Day 2010

September 30 to October 2



India Day is a new event being organized at Texas A&M University by the Friends of India Network (FIN) in association with various campus organizations. The annual event will kick off this year, with a 3-day celebration of ancient and contemporary India infused with an Aggie flavor. India Day also honors the memory of one of India's greatest and most inspiring personalities, Mahatma Gandhi, on his birthday on October 2nd. For more info and to RSVP, please visit <http://indiaday.tamu.edu>



## Inaugural Function

Rudder Theater  
September 30, 5pm to 7pm



The festivities start off with this exciting cultural program that showcases the best of classical and contemporary Indian culture from the BCS community and TAMU campus. Honorable Consul General of India Sanjiv Arora and Dr. Sheel Sharma, Secretary General of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) will be the guests of honor. This event is free and open to the public. All are welcome. **Doors open at 4:30pm.**

## Flavors of India

Sbisa Dining Hall  
September 30, 7pm to 8pm

Bring yourself, your friends, and your family to Sbisa Dining Hall to experience the diverse and rich flavors of India as part of the India Day 2010 celebrations. Aggie bucks, Texas A&M meal plans, cash and credit cards will be accepted. **Discounted dinner tickets (\$7) go on sale at the MSC Box Office on Monday, September 27. Tickets at the venue will cost \$10.**



## Academic Symposium

Rudder 601  
October 1, 9:30am to 4:30pm

On Friday we will have a range of interdisciplinary academic panels on topics of relevance to India and the United States. Panelists include Texas A&M faculty as well as invited guests. Refreshments will be provided.

9:30 to 10:30 AM *India: A 21st Century Business Destination*  
10:45 to 11:45 AM *Indian Cinema: Epics, Myths, and Romances*  
12:15 to 1:15 PM **Talk by Dr. Sheel Sharma, Secretary General, SAARC. Location: 1110 Bush Bldg.**  
2:15 to 3:15 PM *India: A Role Model for Energy and Sustainability*  
3:30 to 4:30 PM *Climate Change in India*

## Yoga Session

Sbisa Lawns  
October 1, 11:30am to 12:30pm



FIN in conjunction with Art of Living TAMU presents an introductory yoga session open to all in the community. No prior yoga experience or registration is needed. Yoga mats will be provided to participants. Bring your friends and family to this event organized as part of the three day India Day 2010 symposium on campus. This event is free and open to the public. All are welcome to attend.

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## Exhibition Cricket Match

University Apartments Fields  
October 2, 9:30am to 11:30am



FIN in conjunction with the Aggie Cricket Club presents an exhibition "faculty vs. students" cricket match. All are welcome to come watch the game. Bring your picnic blankets, snacks and drinks to the tent area for spectators. Contact Aggie Cricket Club if you want to join the team. This event is free and open to the public.

## Movie Screening

Geren Auditorium (Langford Building B)  
October 2, 1pm to 4pm

FIN presents "Rang De Basanti", a popular Hindi film from 2006 (with English subtitles) starring Aamir Khan, as part of their India Day 2010 event. The screening will be followed by a discussion with the audience moderated by Dr. Nandini Bhattacharya (English) and Dr. Jayson Beaster-Jones (Performance Studies). This event is free and open to the public. All are welcome to attend.

Refreshments will be provided in the Langford Exhibit Hall from 4pm to 5pm.



## Light Music

Geren Auditorium (Langford Building B)  
October 2, 5pm to 6pm



FIN along with SPICMACAY TAMU and India Association presents an evening of light contemporary and classical Indian music to round out the evening. Performers include TAMU faculty and students and special guests from Houston. This event is free and open to the public. All are welcome to attend.

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