

## CONDOLENCE MEETING FOR HON. K R NARAYANAN IN SYDNEY

A condolence meeting organised by United Indian Associations.Inc was held by the Indo-Australian Community on Sunday, the 13th November 2005 at Parravilla Function Centre, Parramatta.

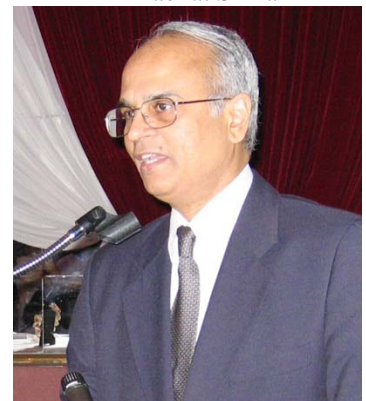


UIA Vice President  
Dr Prabhat Sinha

Hon. Mr. K R Narayanan, former President of India had passed away on 9th November 2005 in New Delhi.

Mr. Narayanan was a career diplomat and entered politics in 1984. He was unanimously elected President in 1997 by all political parties and served till 2002. He was elected as MP from Ottapalam constituency in Kerala thrice consecutively in 1984, 1989 and 1991 and became Vice President of India in 1992.

Mr. Narayanan is survived by wife Usha and two daughters, Amrita and Chitra, who is India's Ambassador to Turkey.



Consul General Mr Ganapathi



Prominent community leaders present to pay homage were Hon. Julie Owens, Federal Member of Parliament for Parramatta, Hon. Mr M. Ganapathi, Consul General of India, Sydney, Mrs & Dr Sid Orekondy, Mrs & Dr Prabhat Sinha, Mrs & Dr Navin Khandhar, Dr Rohitas Batta, Mr Devender Kumar, Mr Lalli Sethuram, Mr Onkaraswamy Goppenalli, Mr Jagadish Sury, Mr Raj Natrajan, Dr Narsimha Reddy, Mr Uday Mitra, Mrs Anita Barara, Mr Prabhjot Singh, Mr Moninder Singh, Dr Kuljit Gosal and others.



UIA President  
Dr. Siddalingeswara Orekondy

Prayers were offered on the sad occasion by Pushpa Jagadish. Dr. P Sinha as master of ceremonies presented tributes to the distinguished leader. Dr Sinha highlighted the achievements of the great son of mother India. Dr Sinha asked all to observe silence for two minutes. Apologies were conveyed from Hon. Laurie Ferguson, Federal Shadow Minister for Consumer Affairs, Hon. Virginia Judge, State Member of Parliament for Strathfield, Hon. Paul Lynch State Member of Parliament for Liverpool, Hon. Barbara Perry, State Member of Parliament for Auburn, Hon. Tanya Gadiel, State Member of Parliament for Parramatta and Mr Rajni Patel, President of Australia India Chamber of Commerce NSW (Represented by Rohitas Batta, EC member AICC) and from Mr Gurpreet Singh on behalf of management of Revesby Sikh Temple.



Prayer song by  
Pushpa Jagadish



Federal Member  
Hon. Julie Owens

Hon Julie Owens condoled the death of the former President of India. Ms. Owens said the death was a great loss not only to India but also to the whole world. Mr Narayanan was a leader to reckon with and had risen to the highest position from a dalit family.

Hon. M. Ganapathi, Consul General of India thanked UIA for organising the meeting. Expressing condolence at the death of the former President, Mr Ganapathi said that he had upheld the tenets of secularism and was an able educationist and diplomat. During his tenure as Ambassador to China and US, Sino-Indian and Indo-US relations had improved. During Mr Narayanan's visit to Australia, diplomatic relations between Australia and India were strengthened



Dr Sid Orekondy highlighted the history about the life of this great leader. Dr. Orekondy praised Mr Narayanan for so many achievements during his tenure as President, Vice-President, Minister and Ambassador.

The meeting ended with Dr Sinha thanking the Parravilla Function Centre management for providing the venue and refreshments to the attendees.

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