



# UNITED INDIAN ASSOCIATIONS Inc.

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## MONTHLY NEWS LETTER

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### Member Associations:

Anglo Indian Association of NSW  
Australian Punjabi Business Org.  
Australian Telugu Samithi  
Australian Zoroastrian Association of NSW  
Basava Samithi Australasia. Inc  
Bengali Association of NSW Inc.  
Gujarati Samaj of NSW  
Hindi Samaj  
Hornsby Senior Citizens Association  
India Sports Club Inc.  
Kuchpudi Dance Academy (Associate)  
Overseas & Australian Medical Graduates Association (Associate)  
Punjabi Council of Australia  
Sydney Kannada Sangha  
Sydney Malayalee Association  
Sydney Sindhi Association  
Sydney Tamil Sangham  
Sydney Tamil Manram  
Technocrats' Association of Aus Inc  
Telugu Association Inc  
The Indian Samagra Ikya Sangam NSW

### President / Chair Person

Raj Natarajan

### Vice President

Rohitas Batta

### Secretary

Dev Tripathi

### Joint Secretary

Sandip Hor

### Treasurer

Krishna Murthy Toopran

### Joint Treasurer

Logessan Pillay

### Public Officer

Sreenadh Brahmaipuram

### A. UIA Meets the new Immigration Minister :

Mr. Raj Natarajan, President of UIA and Dr. Rohitas Batta, Vice President of UIA met the new Immigration Minister Hon. Chris Evans. The Minister was very keen to know about the issues which affect the Indian Community. Both the President and the Vice President of UIA explained the background information about UIA and invited the Minister to the Australia Day/Indian Republic Day function hosted by UIA on the 25<sup>th</sup> January 2008.



The Minister assured that he will be happy to meet with the representatives of the United Indian Associations to discuss the concerns of the Community in order to find solutions to some of the issues which may be affecting the disadvantaged sections of the Indian Community in Australia.

Both the President and the Vice President of UIA also met Mr. Gavin McCairns, Regional Director of DIMA NSW who has always been ready to help the community members on immigration issues.

### B. UIA Vice President Dr. Rohitas Batta accompanies NSW Premier during his India Trip:

Mr. Rohitas Batta, Vice President of UIA accompanied the Premier of NSW, Hon. Morris Iemma M P during his visit to India. The Premier visited Mumbai and Delhi during his 2 weeks long visit to China and India.

United Indian Associations made their presence felt as part of the business delegation which the Premier took to India emphasising the fact that Indian Australians can play a pivotal role in enhancing the trade and business Links between Australia and India.



### C. UIA The Community Servant – Dr. Sid Orekondy on Service Mission to INDIA

Dr. Siddalingeshwara Orekondy, past President of UIA has embarked on a journey to Hrishikesh, India to offer his services to people in need of vision. Dr. Jay Chandra and Shailaja Chaturvedi of Hindi Samaj and Dr. Poornima Roy, Dr. Chaudhry and Dr. Sandhu joined this journey of compassion. More than 110 cataract operations were performed by the medical team free of cost. ALCON Australia provided free medical equipment required and Singapore Airlines carried the extra luggage of medical supplies free of cost.



### C. UIA to Celebrate the Indian Republic Day and Australia Day:

UIA has organised a fund raising dinner at Novotel Hotel Sydney Olympic Park on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2008 to celebrate the Indian republic day as well Australia day. Call 0418 649 904 for participation