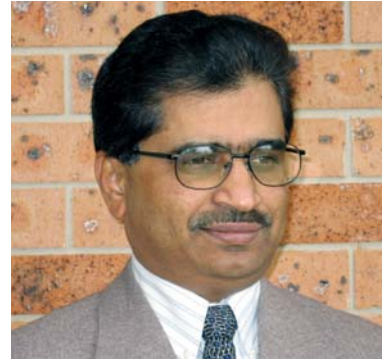


From editor desk



Onkaraswamy Goppenalli
Souvenir Editor

Dear Friends,

'India Australia Friendship Fair' is not just a showcase of multiculturalism, but also a celebration of living in a cohesive environment interacting peacefully with the Australian Culture. The Fair is providing a "Cultural Mosaic" of people coming from different regions and exchanging their subcultures, range from major accomplishments in literature, art and philosophy to relatively tokenistic appreciation of variations in music, dress and new foods.

UIA takes a major task of preserving the distinctions between these subcultures in a society, where each one is contributing uniquely, which are valuable aspects to the whole culture. In organising a show of this magnitude UIA manifests the unity in diversity.

UIA completed 11 years of selfless service to the community and is entering 12th year of successful existence. When UIA called me to bring out a commemorative souvenir on this auspicious occasion I was naturally filled with joy and pride for being a Souvenir Editor for the third successive year.

Over the years, UIA has built its own unique status, representing the united Indian community at large and being an umbrella organisation for several Indian regional associations. To bring a souvenir describing the achievements and gathering messages from the community is itself a major challenge.

I was greatly helped by Dr. Rohitas Batta, Mr. Raj Natarajan, Mr. Sreenadh Brahmapuram and Mr. Krishna Murthy Toopran in this connection.

Mr. Dakshina Murthy, a talented artist of Sydney, has designed the beautiful front page at a short notice. On behalf of the working committee of UIA, I sincerely thank Mr. Murthy, all the sponsors and the VIPs who have sent their messages. Thanks are also due to:

- * Dr. Siddalingeswara Orekondy, the President of UIA
- * Dr. Soji Swaraj, Dr. Vidushi Sharma and Mr. Sam Gopinath for writing suitable articles for the souvenir in a very short time.
- * The Printers "Centrum Printing" for their excellent work

Special thanks to the Working committee of the UIA, for providing me an opportunity to produce this souvenir.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Onkaraswamy Goppenalli', with a horizontal line underneath.

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