



UJA Public Officer Mr Sreenadh Brahmapuram, speaking during India Australia friendship fair 2005 At Sydney Olympic park  
As part of the Indian independence day celebration Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Aug 2005.

Good Morning Ladies and Gentleman

I am Sreenadh Brahmapuram, Public Officer of United Indian Association.

On behalf of the governing council of United Indian Associations, it gives me great pleasure to welcome, all the dignitaries from the Australian Federal, State and Local governments, the Consulate General of India, The Commissioner of Community Relations Commission, the Presidents of all the Member Associations under the United Indian Association umbrella and more importantly the Indo-Australian community, who are present here in very large number to witness one of the greatest annual show in the history of New South Wales.

We are here to celebrate the 58<sup>th</sup> Indian Independence Day which is tomorrow i.e. 15<sup>th</sup> August 2005.

I am proud to say that India-Australia Fair is the largest Indian Independence Day Celebrations OUTSIDE India.

I must say, the India-Australia Fair is a very unique event, attracting tens and thousands of people from every race, religion and culture in Australia and it is a showcase for strengthening harmonious community relations and promoting multiculturalism in Australia.

United Indian Association as you all know by now is the apex body represented by a number of Indian Community, Cultural, Professional, Technical and Sports Associations in New South Wales.

It is a dynamic and progressive organisation run by truly dedicated and community minded volunteers such as Doctors, Engineers, IT professionals, Accountants, Managers and the number of community leaders.

United Indian Association's vision is to act as a conduit for communication between the Australian-Indian community, the Federal and State Government, Indian Government and the Indian Community in India.

Its aim is to foster multiculturalism in Australia, to advise & help the community in all social, welfare, and economic issues as well as providing counselling and “Help Line” service to new migrants and students from India and also provide assistance & advice to visiting dignitaries and business delegations from India.

The highlight of today’s event is the cultural show performed by various cultural organisations in NSW. I am very happy to say today’s show attracted well 100 stalls of various interests including a number of multicultural Food Cuisines, Fashion & Boutiques, Banks, Garments, fancy goods, Indian artefacts, Books etc. In addition to that a number of entertainments/amusements for children have been organised.

The climax of the evening is the Fireworks display which I would like to request everyone to be present and enjoy. I hope you all will have a great memorable time and enjoyment. Wish you all a Happy Independence Day.

Now I call upon the

1. Hon Attorney General Mr. Philip Ruddock to come over the Dias  
Accompanied by UIA President Dr. Siddalingeswara Orekondu
2. Now I call Upon Mr Ganapathi Consul General of India  
Accompanied by UIA Governing Council Member Mr. Lalli Sethuram
3. Now I call Upon Mr. Laurie Ferguson Federal Member of Lowe accompanied by UIA Vice President Dr. Prabhat Sinha.
4. Now I call upon Mr Stepan Kerkyasharian Commissioner, Community Relations Commission accompanied by UIA Governing Council Member Dr. Navin Khandhar
5. Now I call upon Virginia Judge State Member of Parliament accompanied by UIA Governing Council Member Dr. S. P. Bhatia
6. I call upon Hon Mayor of Auburn Jim Cassidy accompanied by UIA Governing Council Member Mr. Sam Swaminathan.

Now I Call upon the UIA Executive & Governing Council Members –

Secretary – Devendra Kumar  
Joint Secretary – Sangamesh Salimath  
Treasurer – Krishnamurthy Toopran  
Joint Treasurer – R.S. Mallikarjuna

Now I call upon the Presidents of Members Organisation of United Indian Associations to come on to the dais.

1. Basava Samithi of Australaisa – Mr Vijaya Kumar Halagali.
2. Hindhi Samaj – Dr Shalija Chaturvedi
3. Gujarthi Samaj – Hasrhad Desai
4. Indian Sports Club – Raj Natarajan

5. Sydney Kannada Sanga - Sam Gopinath
6. Sydney Tamil Sangham – Sam Swaminathan
7. Sydney Sindhi Association – Amrit Hingorani
8. Telugu Associations – Vanaja Khandavalli
9. Technocrats Association – Dr Rohita Batta
10. Kuchipudi Arts Academy – Sudhakar Durgam
11. Australia Telugu Samithi – Sujatha Dhenukula

Now I request Mr. Raj Natarajan Fir Director India Australia Fair to conduct the official Function.