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### Message from the President



Dear Friends,

Greetings from the Asian Indians of Hampton Roads (AIHR)

On behalf of the Asian Indians of Hampton Roads, it gives me great pleasure to invite everyone to this year's celebration of India Fest. Thank You for joining us today! My sincere thanks to India Fest Chairman, Mr. Naveen Kumar, Co- Chair, Ms. Ankur Khullar and the organizing committee for their commitment, their dynamism to grow India Fest and their support to AIHR and its objectives throughout the year!

In keeping with its mission, AIHR continues to expand its reach in the Hampton Roads community by supporting various events and charities. In addition, AIHR supported other local community organizations, with continued participation in Asia Fest and International Children Festivals to represent India and Indian Culture.

In line with the organizational mission, AIHR continues to join hands with several other local charitable organizations such as HRCC, Foodbank, Montero Medical Missions, Norfolk Sister Cities, Asian Business Association and Operation Smile to name a few. Continuing its focus on Education, for the first time in Hampton Roads, AIHR partnered with North South Foundation to launch Math, Spelling, Science Bee competitions. I take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers for their time and their belief in AIHR and its mission. I want to thank the members for bringing these new ideas and for helping AIHR expand its reach - Thank You for making the difference! It is because of our sponsors that we are able to organize such events. I thank them for their generosity!

I am delighted to present this souvenir commemorating the 21st Annual India Fest. This includes recognition of our proud sponsors and the members of the organizing committee. Please take a moment to thank them during the event. I hope you enjoy the event!!

Himangshu Dey

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### Message from the Chairman

Dear Friends,



Welcome to the 21st Annual India Fest, the cultural Festival of India in Hampton Roads.

On behalf of the India Fest Organization Committee, it gives me great privilege to invite everyone to this year's celebration of India Fest 2016 at Virginia Beach Convention Center. I welcome you all to explore and enjoy the vibrant cultures and traditions and Indian heritage. I hope you enjoy the educational activities with your kids, our cultural programs, harmony parade by community kids, fashion show and the delicious food from our great Nation!

Here through the seamless continuity of the day long cultural performances, we have tried to create the overarching majesty and diversity while capturing the essence of Indian culture. Daylong activities will show the blending of the ancient wisdom of India and the modern media of communication to achieve a unique impact. We hope that this will be not only an enjoyable experience but will help deepen understanding and appreciation of Indian culture and heritage.

On 20th Anniversary of India Fest, we introduced NETCON, a networking platform as integral part of INDIA FEST and received overwhelming response. The goal of NETCON is to provide Hampton Roads Businesses a platform for business development and networking at India Fest. We expect NETCON will provide more business connections and links for future opportunities for Hampton roads business community.

One of the main missions of AIHR is to promote education in families of Hampton Roads. To accomplish this mission, we introduced many educational and talent contests such as Writing & Poetry Competition, General Knowledge Quiz, Game challenges along with annual Art and Painting competition. The goal is to recognize talent and encourage school-age children to compete and shine in a highly competitive environment. AIHR will continue to provide support and educational scholarships to multitalented and outstanding students from financially constrained families.

Deep commitment, dedication, tireless work, meticulous planning and a great deal of effort have gone into what you will all enjoy today. We thank the dynamic teams of volunteers. We take this opportunity to extend our sincere gratitude to the sponsors who supported India Fest 2016. Finally, we thank the community for the massive support and encouragement they provided to champion the event.

In conclusion, I want to take this opportunity to sincerely thank many AIHR volunteers, choreographers, performers, and committee members who worked tirelessly and put in thousands of hours to make India Fest a huge success. I want to thank our proud sponsors for their continued commitment and support without which this event would not be possible.

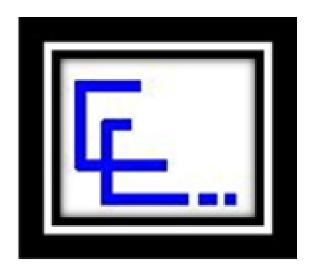
We will continue to live out our mission!!

I hope you will have a memorable day enjoying the cultural program, varied cuisine and have fun shopping at the booths.

Best wishes for peace and harmony amongst us all.

#### Naveen Kumar

#### India Fest Chairman



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Congratulations to the AIHR on another successful Indiafest.

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MARK R. WARNER VIRGINIA



Dear Friends,

I am pleased to extend warm greetings to all who are gathered for Asian Indians of Hampton Roads' 21st Annual India Festival.

This event is a testament to the pride you take in your community and in the Commonwealth of Virginia. It provides a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the Indian culture through entertainment, the arts, and food. Your efforts to share your culture enrich the lives of those around you; I commend you for your work to honor and celebrate your heritage.

Since 2010, it has been my honor to serve as Co-Chair of the Senate India Caucus. Relations between the United States and India have never been stronger. From increasing trade links to maritime cooperation to reconstruction in Afghanistan, our two nations have developed a global strategic partnership. I will continue to search for ways to foster strong ties between the United States and India.

On this important occasion, I am very pleased to join with your family, friends, and community in wishing you the very best for a fulfilling and successful celebration.

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AIHR has helped people of Asian-Indian origin adapt to and thrive in Hampton Roads, with lectures and workshops on subjects such as economic developments and voter registration. At the same time, the organization has introduced the wider community to Asian-Indians' rich cultural heritage through events such as today's festival.

Thank you for participating, and I hope you enjoy the sights, sounds and tastes of India Fest 2016.

Sincerely

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Mr. Himangshu Dey President, Asian Indians of Hampton Roads. c/o Virginia Beach Convention Center 1000 19th St. Virginia Beach, VA 23451-5674

Dear Mr. Dey, Members, Sponsors and Guests:

It is a great pleasure to offer greetings to the Asian Indians of Hampton Roads (AIHR) as you celebrate the 2016 India Fest at the Virginia Beach Convention Center on November 12, 2016.

For many years, AIHR has worked to ensure that the Asian Indian community was well represented in Hampton Roads. Your organization has made many valuable contributions through the scholarships that have been awarded and through your numerous charitable and community partnerships. The Annual India Fest has grown to become one of the signature examples of the rich cultural diversity and sense of inclusion our region has to offer. Today's festivities will serve as a vehicle to educate our community about the wonderful traditions of the Asian Indian community.

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Year after year, your group has taken on many noble causes. The work you do is admirable, and I give you my strongest support and best wishes.

Please accept my deepest gratitude and appreciation for the work that you all do for our cities, our region and the Commonwealth of Virginia. I wish you the best in all your efforts, and you have my continued support for your cause in the years to come.

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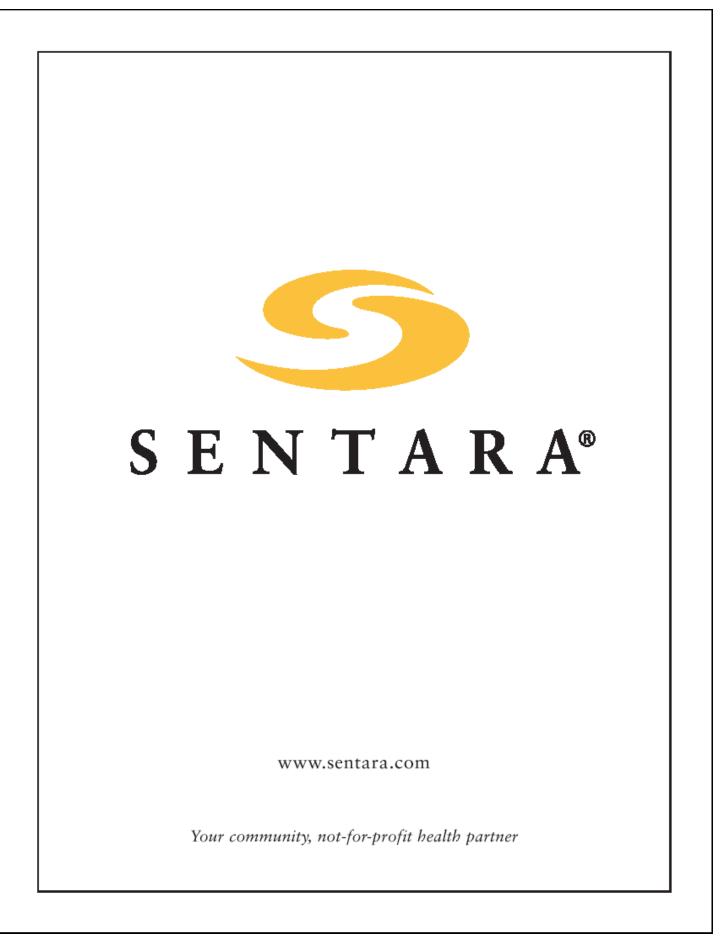
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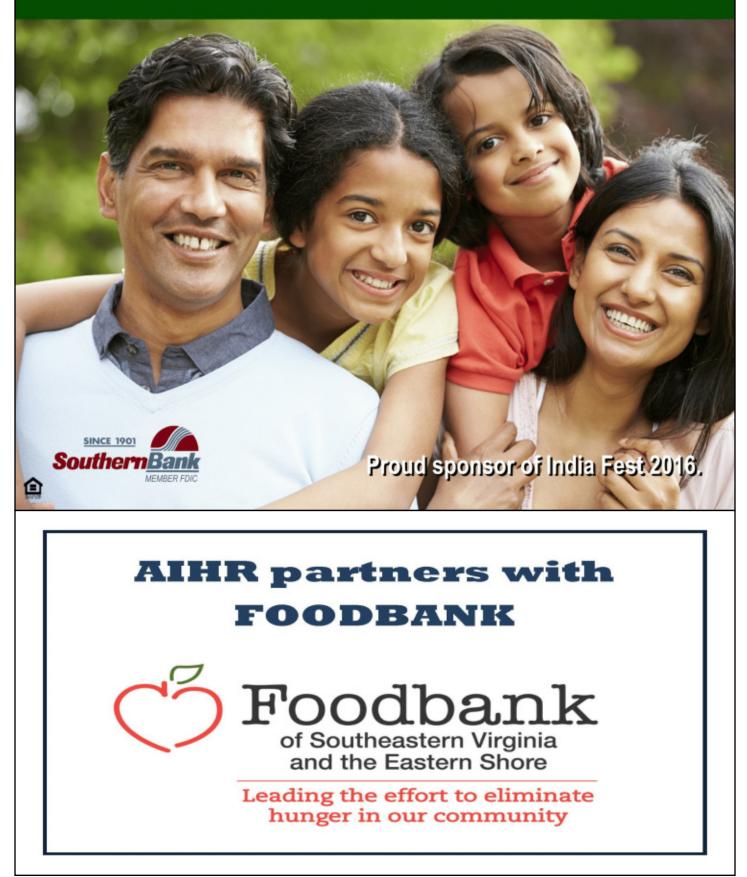
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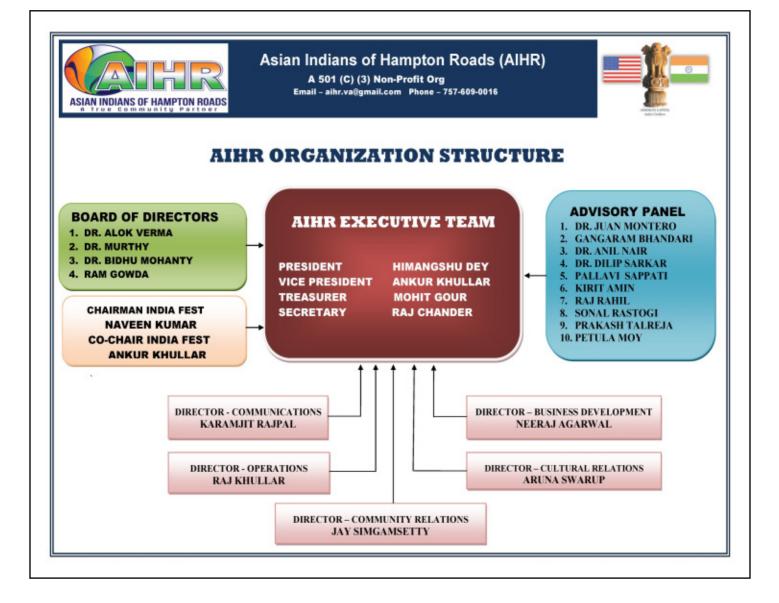


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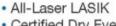
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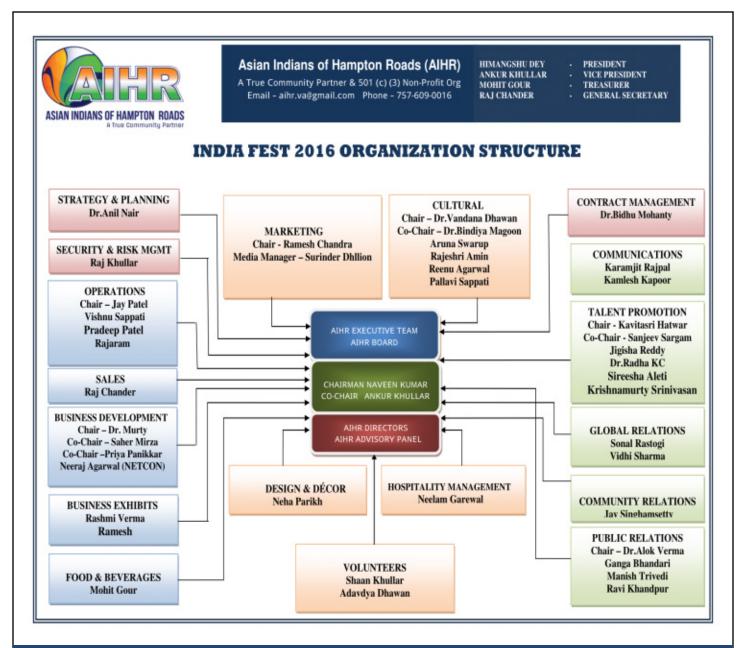
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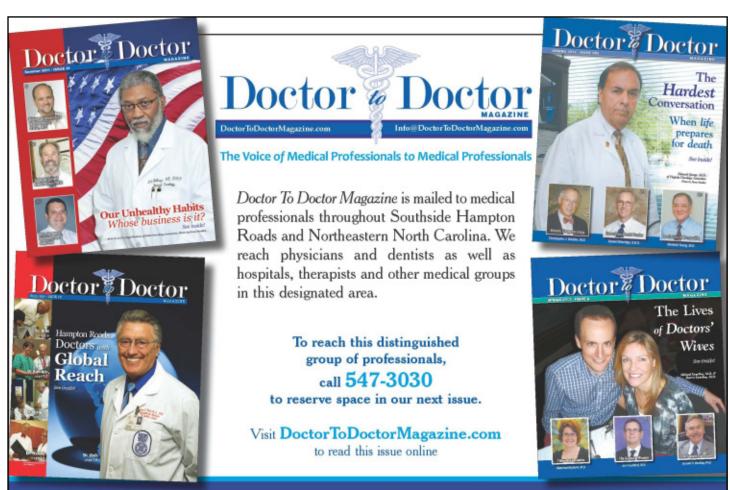
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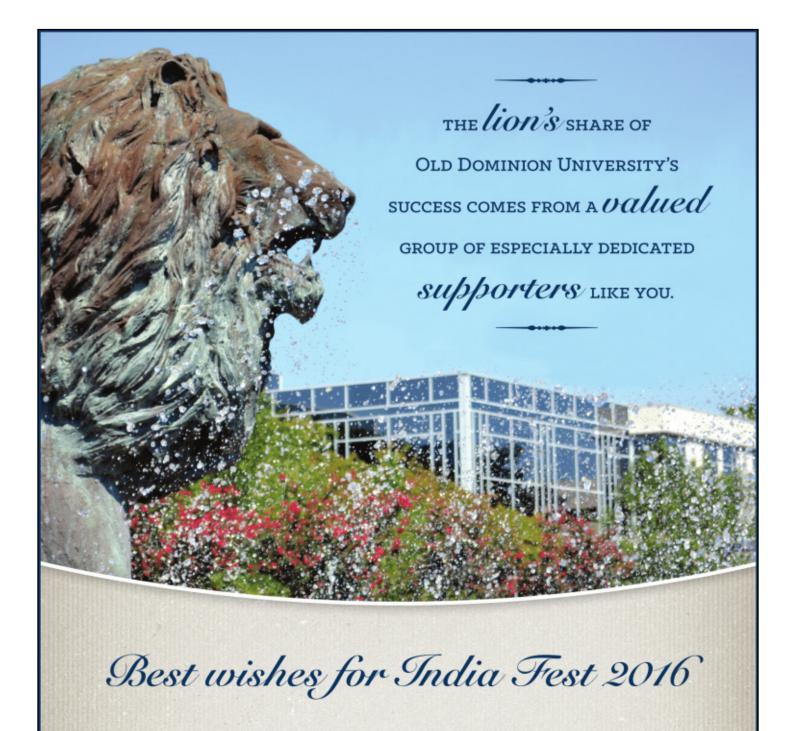
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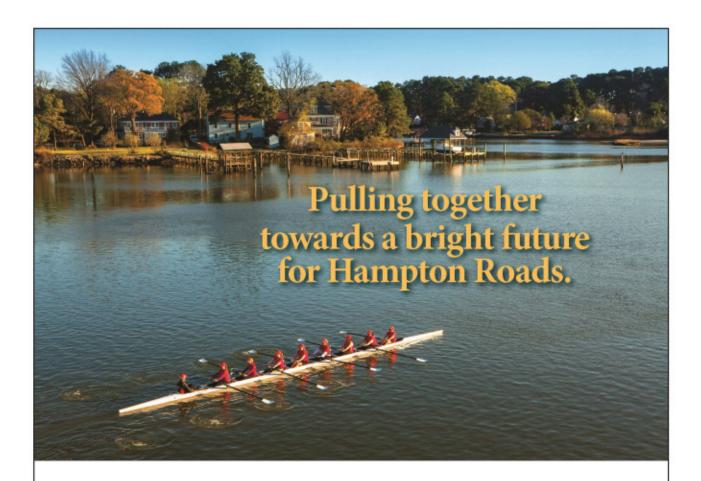
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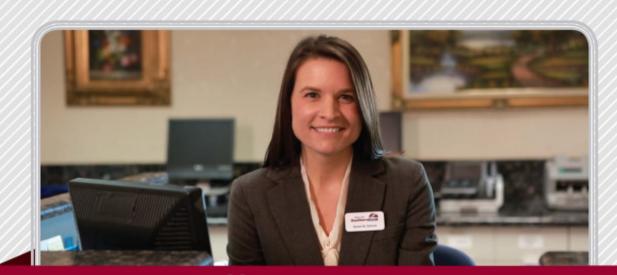
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