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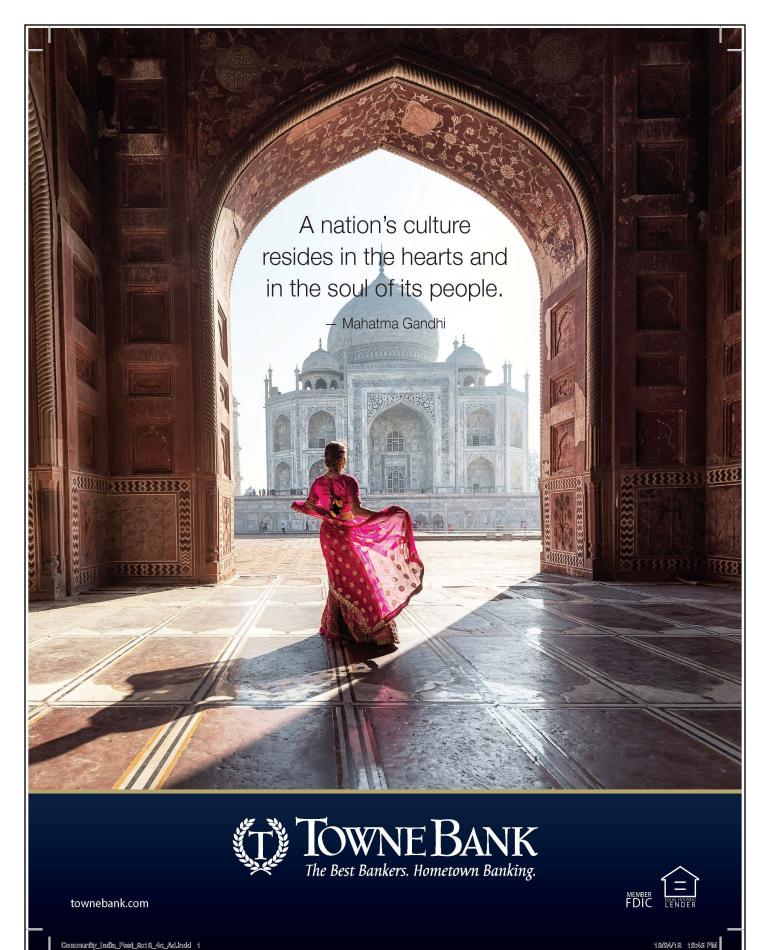




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### Message from the President



Dear Friends,

Greetings and Warm Welcome from the Asian Indians of Hampton Roads (AIHR).

On behalf of the Asian Indians of Hampton Roads (AIHR), it gives me immense pleasure to invite everyone to this year's celebration of India Fest. Thank You for joining us today!

My sincere thanks to the India Fest Chairman and the organizing committee for their commitment, hard work, enthusiasm, creativity and dedication to add new dimensions to enrich the cultural life of the Hampton Roads area. Year after year, more children of all age groups participate in creating a unique experience through a variety of events.

With the help of our partners, AIHR continues to expand its reach in the Hampton Roads community by supporting various events, charities and disaster relief fundraisers. In addition, AIHR supports other local community organizations; such as Asia Fest and Norfolk Sister Cities (NSCA) to showcase Indian Culture.

In line with its objectives and organizational mission, AIHR continues to join hands with several other local charitable organizations such as Montero Medical Missions, Norfolk Sister Cities, Asian Business Association and For-Kids to name a few. Continuing its focus on Education, AIHR partnered with North South Foundation (NSF), for the third time, to launch Math, Spelling, Science Bee competitions. I want to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers for their time, hard work and efforts to fulfil the mission and the yearlong thrust of AIHR. I would also like to thank the members for bringing new creative ideas and helping AIHR expand its reach - thank You for making the difference!

I want to thank our sponsors for their support and generosity! It is because of them that we are able to organize such events. I am excited to present this souvenir commemorating the 23nd 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 are having a great time and enjoying the event!!

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## Message from the Chairman



Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 23rd 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 2018 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, 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 23rd Anniversary of India Fest, we continue to grow NETCON, a networking platform as integral part of INDIA FEST which received overwhelming response since its inception in 2015. The goal of NETCON is to provide Hampton Roads Businesses a platform for business development and networking at India Fest. NETCON has been instrumental to provide business connections for entrepreneurs and generate future opportunities for Hampton roads business community.

One of the main missions of AIHR is to promote education and talent in families of Hampton Roads. To accomplish this mission, we continued our tradition for educational and talent contests such as Writing & Poetry Competition, Talent Competitions, Sports tournaments 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 multi-talented 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 2018. 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.

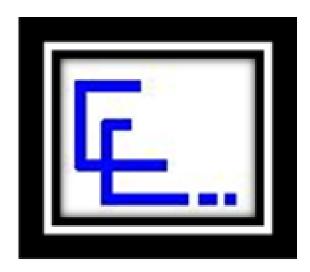
We will continue to live out our mission!!

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.

#### Dr Govindrajan Ramesh

#### India Fest Chairman



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UNITED STATES SENATOR WASHINGTON, D.C. November 10, 2018

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to extend warm greetings to all who are gathered for the 2018 India Fest.

Each year, this festival brings visitors and the Hampton Roads community together to experience the traditions of the Indian culture. Families, friends, and neighbors enjoy your vibrant cuisine, music, and dance. I commend AIHR for your work to share the Indian culture with your fellow Virginians.

I am honored to serve as a co-chair of the bipartisan Senate India Caucus, which is the largest country caucus in the United States Senate. Recently, we have made tremendous progress in building the United States—India relationship on several fronts, including the recognition of India as a Major Defense Partner by the United States. This designation signifies a major step forward in the relationship between the United States and India that will serve to strengthen the ties that bind our nations together.

I remain optimistic about our relationship, and I continue to believe we can make great strides together. As two of the world's largest democracies, and with the incredible Indian-American population that contributes so much to our culture, commerce, and community in this country, it is critical for us to continue to deepen and broaden the existing partnership and friendship. Events like India Fest, where customs and ideas can be exchanged, further this goal.

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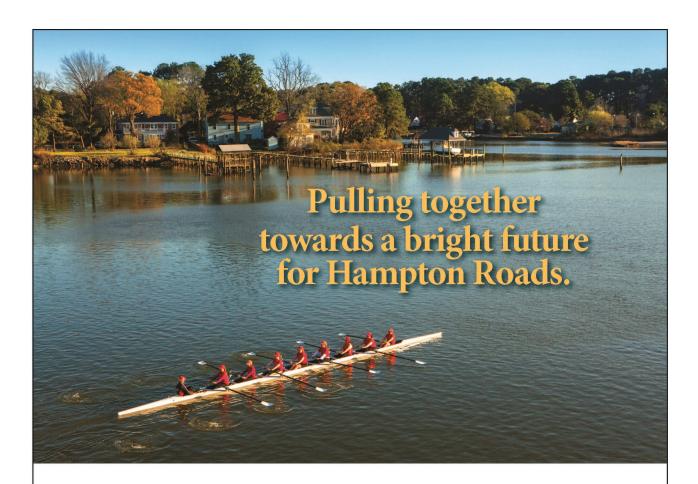
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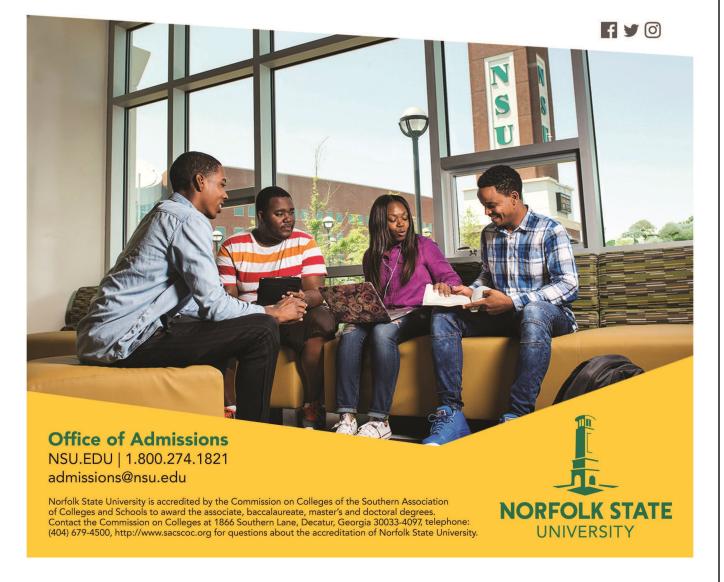
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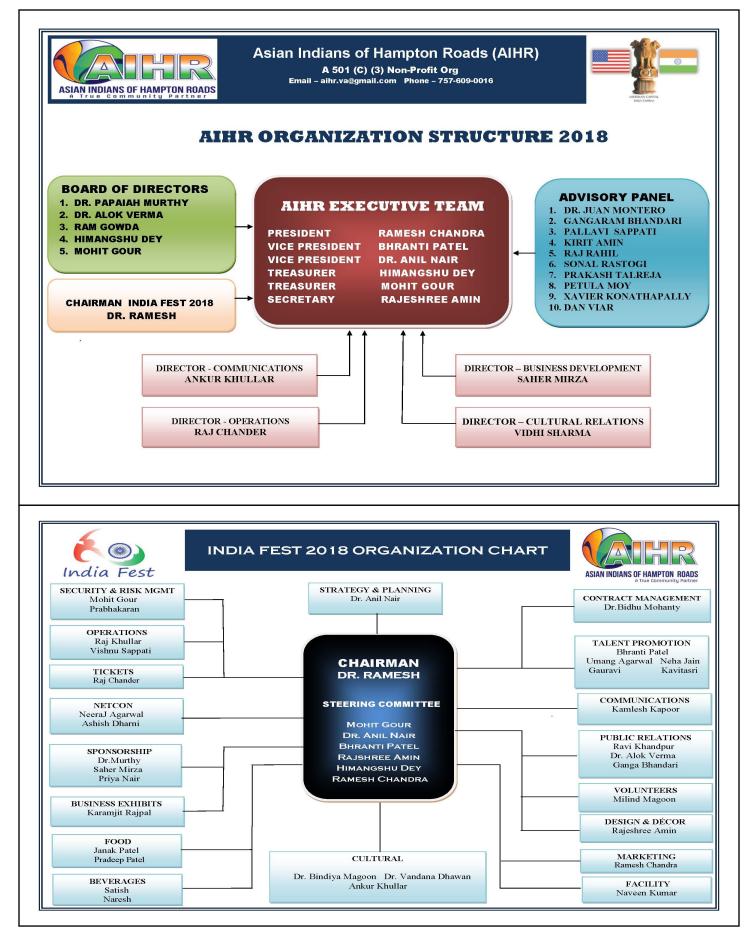
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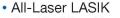
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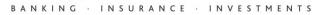
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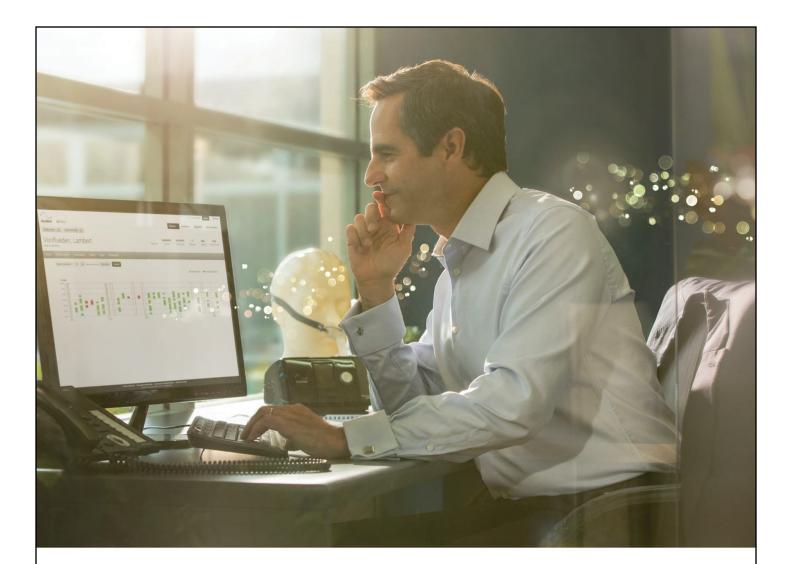
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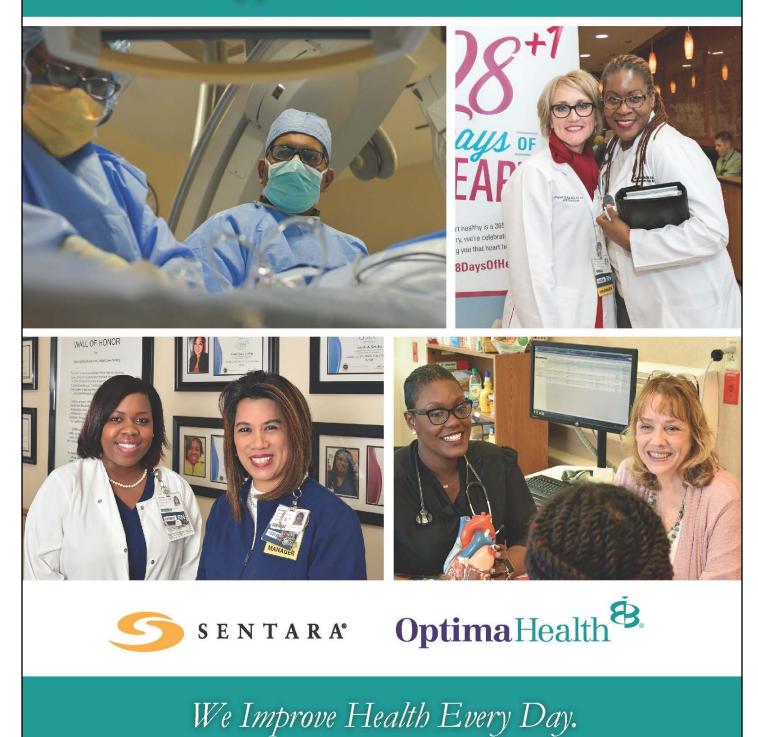
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