

# Indian Student Association Shares Festival of Light With CSUH Campus

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With tensions running high after Sept. 11th, one Cal State Hayward organization invited students and faculty to join in celebrating a religious holiday based on the theme of hope and kindness.

In its first ever event, the Indian Student Association held a celebration of the "Festival of Light," otherwise known as Diwali.

Diwali is a religious holiday that is celebrated throughout India and commemorates the victory of good over evil.

In simple terms, "(Diwali) is the victory of greatness over darkness," said ISA president Satish Kumar.

The function was held to both celebrate Diwali and to introduce the campus to ISA.

The function was held in the Arts and Education building in a room decorated with streamers and balloons in the colors of India, white, green and orange.

Some ISA members wore traditional clothing from India, while others chose a more modern style of dress.

With close to a 100 people

in attendance, the celebration was started by the hosts, Anurag Varma and Gauri Radhakrishnan. A prayer was recited in Sanskrit, the ancient language of India, and was explained by Radhakrishnan.

Following the prayer, a formal welcome was presented by the Kumar.

With rhetorical elegance, Kumar gave the background of Diwali and said there was a need for a celebration such as this after Sept. 11.

Kumar explained that the need for kindness in the world became apparent in the wake of the terror attacks, that the need to unite and relate to our fellow humans was more important than ever.

He ended his speech by thanking the land of America for the freedom to celebrate such a religious holiday, so far away from home.

The microphone then was passed back to Radhakrishnan and Varma, who hosted the first competition of the event.

The "Drum Charades" the format was very similar to the traditional parlor game in the sense that the object was for a member of a group to figure

out what the other member is acting out.

Drum Charades involved various film titles, both American and Indian, that had to be acted out. Points were earned based on how long it took to guess the title and whether the correct title was guessed or not.

Prizes were provided for the victors by the Associated Students, a sponsor for this event.

With the completion of Drum Charades, the focus shifted to the aroma of spicy cuisine. Hayward's Meenar Restaurant provided attendees a sampling of Indian dishes.

After lunch, the attendees heard a speech in Hindi. Presented by a member of AS, the speech discussed the importance of holding events such as this one and the AS support for the ISA.

The second competition began directly after the speech. Antakshari, a popular Indian game, is played in two parts with five to six groups of three or more participating.

The first part is a singing round in which each group has to sing a few lyrics. The catch comes in when the fragment is finished. The next

group has to sing lyrics from a song, starting with the first letter of the last word that the previous team sang.

Points are awarded based on the accuracy of the lyrics and the ability of the group to sing a song.

The second part of the

game involves sound clips. A piece of music is played for 15 to 20 seconds, without lyrics. A team must identify the song and sing the missing lyrics.

Persons wishing more information about ISA may contact Kumar via e-mail at minsat@yahoo.com.



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