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## Gold Coast Hindu Cultural Assn. receives wider support

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TOUTED as the tourist capital of Australia, the Gold Coast is famed for the glitz and glamour of its beaches, night-life, theme parks and other holiday hotspots.

The Gold Coast Hindu community however, is determined to add another dimension to the largest non-capital city of the country. Driven by the recently formed Gold Coast Hindu Cultural Association (GCHCA), members of the 3000-strong community have drawn proposals to build a 'Hindu Education and Cultural Centre' that would serve as a spiritual, intellectual and artistic abode for Hindus in Southeast Queensland.

"The Centre seeks to act as the cornerstone for the spiritual and cultural life of Hindus in the region. Here, we hope to see the proliferation of classical literature, music, dance, languages and spiritual education", said GCHCA Vice President, Dr Murugesampillai Anandakumarasamy.

"We have received overwhelming support for this project from Hindus both within Gold Coast City and beyond. I am confident that the Centre will be an iconic hub and serve many generations to come", said GCHCA Treasurer, Mr Rathinam Srinivasan.

These sentiments were further echoed by Founder Member, Dr Ganesamoorthy Subakumar who said he has been very encouraged by the level of enthusiasm and support the association has received from Hindu communities both within Queensland and interstate.

GCHCA representatives who recently



• Indian High Commission - First Secretary, Mr Tarun Kumar with the with GCHCA Representatives.

attended the India-Australia Day Celebrations organised by the Federation of Indian Communities Queensland, were pleasantly surprised by the overwhelming support the association received from various segments of the wider Queensland Indian community.

The mission to build a 'Hindu Education and Cultural Centre' on the Gold Coast has also been championed by local government representatives, with Cr Margaret Grummit offering her strong support for the association's initiatives.

"The GCHCA project will contribute to creating and supporting a diverse and vibrant society with more fulfilled lives. In this Asian Century, the GCHCA activities will not only enhance facilitating the local economy but also broaden the understanding for prosperous and creative communities," Cr Grummit said.

The GCHCA is currently involved in fundraising efforts to turn this vision into reality. Members of the wider community who are interested in being involved and learning more about the initiatives of the GCHCA may contact GCHCA Secretary, Mr Indrajit Siva - phone 07 5676 8530 or email [gchcan@gmail.com](mailto:gchcan@gmail.com).



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• From Left: Indian High Commission - Honorary Consul (Brisbane), Mrs Archana Singh with the GCHCA representatives.



"Neha Darshan darling daughter of Sunil and Sangeeta Darshan of Aspley, Brisbane celebrated her 21st birthday on the 16th of March with loving friends and family, an enjoyable night for all that attended the birthday bash. Lots of love from Aaji, Nani, Sailesh Kaka and family, Soni Massi and family and Salend mama of New Zealand and Pravin dada and family from Sydney."

- ) **The Gold Coast Hindu Cultural Association (GCHCA) - Monthly Bhajan - 19 April** - Monthly Bhajans held every third Friday of the month starting at 7.15pm at the Helensvale Community Centre - 31 Discovery Rd, Helensvale. Activities include Bhajan recitals, short educational presentations and free vegetarian dinner. All are cordially invited to attend. For further information please contact Director/Religious Activities, Mr S. Barataraj on 0417 588 839 or [gchcan@gmail.com](mailto:gchcan@gmail.com). Additional information is available on the web [www.goldcoasthindu.org](http://www.goldcoasthindu.org)

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