

IGSA celebrates I-Day at UIC

The 58th Indian Independence Day was celebrated amidst a lot of enthusiasm and patriotic fervor at the UIC under the auspices of the IGSA, the Indian Graduate Student Association at UIC. The event saw a huge congregation of old and new students full of enthusiasm for the event.

The tricolor was hoisted the faculty advisor for IGSA, Dr. Arkaqad Ramprasad who is also the Director, Information and Decision Sciences, College of Business Administration, UIC. Speaking on the occasion, he advised students to take full advantage of the resources America has to offer also keeping in mind one's duties towards India thereby fostering co-

mmunic growth for both the countries. Ms. Dipu Kale sang the song "Mere nation ke logon," which moved each one present in the audience. Emotions ran



Dr. Arkaqad Ramprasad (left) addresses the students during the function.



Indian Students of the UIC celebrate Indian Independence Day under the aegis of their parent organization, Indian Graduate Student Association.

high and the mood was nostalgic. The interaction between all the students made the event very lively.

IGSA—Indian Graduate Student Association—is one of the largest Indian graduate student associations in Chicago/Land area. Started with a

humble beginning of very few members, the organization today boasts more than 300 members and a host of activities round the year. Their activities start with giving a warm welcome to the new Indian students by picking them up from the airport, hosting them with other Indian students, helping them find accommodation and get settled. They also have various activities from time to time

that give students a chance to showcase their talent. They celebrate Indian festivals which provide a forum for Indians from all walks of life to come together and celebrate national spirit.

The success of the event can be attributed to the IGSA Board members. The office bearers for this year are: President, Nishit Jalgaonkar; Vice-President, Prem Swaroop Mohanty; General Secretary, Ms. Shrut Karbhari; Treasurer, Ms. Nisha Paranyi; Cultural Secretaries, Nimad Kulkarni and Akshay Nalkarni; event coordinators Ramya Chitrakar and Mooni Shah; and Welcomers, Madhu Venkatesan and Nalin Mekar.



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