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International Hindi Association

40th Year Celebration

19th Biennial International Hindi Convention

Hosted by IHA New York & New Jersey Chapter

May 10 & 11, 2019

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Royal Albert's Palace, 1050 King Georges Post Rd, Fords, NJ





WHO WE ARE

We are, the International Hindi Association (IHA) or Antarashtriya Hindi Samiti, a premier institution of Indian culture and studies, established in 1980 in the United States of America to preserve and promote India's culture through language and literature among Indians abroad. Hindi education is on the forefront of our agenda. It is to help younger generation learn the culture of India inherent in its literature and beliefs. We publish a widely acclaimed quarterly magazine Vishwa with a worldwide circulation to over 53 countries and organize annual Kavi Sammelans (poetry symposiums), seminars, conferences, and youth camps with cultural and literary activities. The annual marathon Kavi Sammelans around the US and Canada with famous Hindi poets have been the hallmark of our increasing popularity. Past years have seen the likes of Kaka Hathrasi, Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Neeraj, Hullad Muradabadi, Surendra Sharma, Ashok Chakradhar, Som Thakur and Kunwar Bechain, among others. We are a non-religious, non-political, and non-profit lingo-cultural organization with Chapters throughout the United States and abroad. For broader community outreach, we continually collaborate with socially aware organizations, educational institutions, and government bodies. The IHA is run entirely by volunteers with the support and patronage from its members and sponsors and is managed by a constitutionally elected board of directors and trustees.





CELEBRATING 40 YEARS

A **Grand Event** in the honor of Hindi language and Indian culture is taking place at the Royal Albert's Palace in Fords, New Jersey, USA on Friday May 10th & Saturday May 11th, 2019. The International Hindi Association (IHA) is organizing its 19th Biennial International Hindi Convention (१९वां द्विवार्षिक अंतर्राष्ट्रीय हिन्दी सम्मेलन), celebrating its 40th anniversary. The theme of the conference is 'Challenges of Hindi Language in Modern Times' to highlight the role of Hindi as an international language. Various dimensions, challenges and solutions will be discussed in different sessions drawing attention to importance of Hindi not only for individuals, but also for businesses, media, and the government. The event is organized to promote Hindi among diaspora by increasing exposure to Hindi language, improving access to Hindi education, and engaging in Indian cultural activities.

The program is spread over two days and will comprise of keynote speeches, 6 academic sessions of 1½ hour duration each on various topics, cultural & dance programs, a soulful Sufi concert, and a Hsya Kavi Sammelan featuring renowned Hindi poets from India. Detailed program is attached. Governor Keshari Nath Tripathi will be the chief guest, and Consul General Sandeep Chakravorty will be the special guest. The Indian Consulate in New York will be collaborating for the event along with other local Hindi organizations, including Bhartiya Sahitya Sangam, Akhil Vishwa Hindi Samiti, and Hindi Sangam Foundation. Hindi scholars from US, Canada, India, and other countries are expected to participate in the conference.

Ustad Ma Zila Khan, cultural ambassador for the Government of India and one of the finest Sufi singers in the world, will be performing with her ensemble at the evening gala, entitled 'A Magical Evening of Sufiana Rang, Geet-Ghazal Aur Hasya Ke Sang', on Saturday May 11th. In which, famous Indian poets, Hasya Kavi (humorist) Padmashri Surendra Dubey of Raipur, Vyangkar (satirist) Mahendra Ajanabi of Delhi, and Ghazalkara (lyricist) Shabina Adeeb of Kanpur will also perform. Award winning television news anchor and renowned Kathak dancer, Dr. Anuradha Dubey, also of Raipur, will emcee the evening gala. She will also perform a Kathak dance on Friday May 10th.











APPEAL

To mark the occasion, a beautiful *Smaarika* (souvenir book) commemorating the 19th convention is being published. We are seeking a limited number of sponsors and donors for the convention. We will be greatly obliged to recognize each sponsor with an advertisement in Smaarika and provide up to 4 free convention passes. The donors in the amount of \$1000+ will get 4 complimentary passes, a plaque/certificate and one full-page ad in Smaarika; donors in the amount of \$500+ will get 2 complimentary passes and one-half page ad in Smaarika, and the donors in the amount of \$250+ will get onequarter page ad and 1 complimentary pass. The page format for ad is 8½ x11 in B&W. The deadline for all ads and donor's name for inclusion in Smaarika is March 31, 2019. We plan to distribute the souvenir free of cost to the capacity crowd at the convention (age-group 35 to 75, Income bracket: \$60K to \$350K in various professions) and digitally among an avid audience of over 10,000 in 53 countries worldwide. The souvenir's content value would make the audience keep it as a reference for many years. The event will be advertised on TV, radio, newspapers and flyers, and logo displayed in all our publications. All donations will be appropriately recognized and mentioned.

It is a great opportunity for organizations with Indian roots and clientele to showcase their leadership and taste in bringing good events to the community. We appeal to connoisseurs and sponsors to support this event and make it a grand success by placing their ad in the souvenir, affording a donation, or by simply registering and coming to the event. We believe the future of our community is as important to you as it is to us. It is in this spirit of preserving and promoting Indian culture and language that we call upon you to join us in sponsoring and attending this gala event by filling out the attached Registration Form and sending to us along with a check payable to: International Hindi Association. Donations are tax deductible (TAX ID 58-1988753). Please contact info@hindi.org for further information.



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Sufi Singer

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Banquet Style Dinner

Registration & Events

Session 1: Friday, May 10th, 2019 | 6 pm - 11 pm | US \$25/person

Cultural & Dance Program, Local Kavisammelan, Dinner (Registration begins 5 pm)

Session 2: Saturday, May 11th, 2019 | 9 am - 4 pm | US \$45/person Breakout Sessions; Breakfast, Lunch, Snacks

Session 3: Saturday, May 11th, 2019 | 6 pm - 11:30 pm | \$39 general, \$55 premium Zila Khan Sufi Concert, Hasya Kavisammelan, Dinner (Door Opens 5 pm)

Full Convention Pass: US \$95/person | \$175/couple | \$315/family of up to 4

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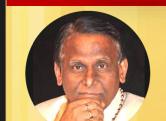
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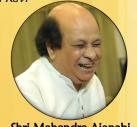
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Venue: Maharaja Hall, Royal Albert's Palace, 1050 King Georges Post Road, Fords, NJ 08863, USA

PROGRAM

SESSION 1: FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2019 ■ 6 pm - 11 pm

♦ 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm Registration Begins Early

♦ 6:00 pm - 7:15 pm Dinner

♦ 7:15 pm - 8:00 pm Inaugural Event, Keynote Speech

♦ 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm Cultural Performances

◆ 9:00 pm - 10:00 pm Dance & Music Performances

♦ 10:00 pm - 11:00 pm Local Poets' Kavi-Sammelan

SESSION 2: SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2019 ■ 9 am - 4 pm

♦ 8:00 am - 9:30 am Registration Begins Early, Breakfast

♦ 9:30 am - 11:00 am Breakout Session 1 & 2

♦ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm Breakout Session 3 & 4

♦ 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm Lunch

♦ 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm Breakout Session 5 & 6

♦ 3:30 pm - 4:00 pm Tea & Coffee

SESSION 3: SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2019 ■ 6 pm - 11:30 pm

♦ 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm Registration Begins Early

♦ 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Seating begins

♦ 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm Welcome, Keynote Speech and Awards

♦ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Zila Khan Sufi Concert

♦ 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm Dinner

♦ 9:00 pm - 11:30 pm Hasya Kavi Sammelan featuring Poets from India





SPECIAL GUEST



The Honorable **KESHARI NATH TRIPATHI**, is the present Governor of West Bengal. Simultaneously, he has also held the additional charge of Governor of Bihar and Governor of Meghalaya in 2014, 15 &17. He is a Veteran BJP leader. Earlier, he was the speaker of Uttar Pradesh legislative assembly and the president of Uttar Pradesh unit of Bharatiya Janata Party. He has been a member of the Uttar Pradesh legislative assembly five times. Born in Allahabad, Mr. Tripathi is a law graduate and a lawyer by profession who has practiced as a senior advocate at Allahabad High Court. He is also an author and a poet and has published several books. His chief literary works are two

anthologies called 'Manonukriti' and 'Aayu-Pankh. He has also authored 'Chitaranjan', 'Unmukt' and ' Nirmal Dohe'. Aside from that, he has written many other books not only in Hindi but also in English. He is a brilliant orator and a manch kavi who has performed in numerous Kavi Sammelans all across India, and abroad. He has also served as acting chairman of U.P. Hindi Sansthan.

Ambassador **SANDEEP CHAKRAVORTY**, a member of the Indian Foreign Service (IFS) since 1996, has served in India's Missions in several countries. Prior to becoming Consul General of India in New York in August 2017, he was the Ambassador of India to Peru and Bolivia. Earlier he had been India's Deputy Chief of Mission in Bangladesh. He has also served in Indian Embassies in Madrid and Bogota. In India's Ministry of External Affairs he has held several positions including Press Relations Officer, Staff Officer to Minister and worked on desks dealing with Central Asia, East Asia and China. Before joining the Government, Mr. Chakravorty worked with



civil society organizations dealing with natural resources and environmental issues. He has a Master's degree in Advanced Studies in International Security from Geneva University, a Master's degree in Sociology besides a Post Graduate Diploma in Forestry Management. He graduated in Physics from Delhi University. He speaks Hindi, Bangla and Spanish fluently. In his spare time, he reads up on International Relations and the Environment and enjoys visiting historical sites. He is married and is father of twin daughters.

ARTISTS



Sushri **Zila KHAN** is a singer, music entrepreneur, actor, and cultural ambassador for the Government of India. The daughter of Sitar Maestro Ustad Vilayat Khan, she is one of the finest Sufi singers in the world and is known for her wide repertoire and her command over various music styles, whether it's Indian Classical, World Music & Indo-Jazz Fusion, Traditional Ghazal, and Sufi music. She regularly performs at major Indian and International music festivals and venues such as Lincoln Center, Kennedy Center, Symphony Space, Broadway, and Trafalgar Square. She has also been featured on MTV Coke Studio, Buzzfeed, MTV IGGY. Besides singing, Zila Khan is also a music entrepreneur and has multiple ventures that she oversees. She is the co-owner of Arré Siren, India's first music and comedy festival and content platform that is

solely headlined by female artists. She is a partner and curator at Ranthambhore Festival, a festival that endeavors to conserve traditional music and nature. Lastly, she runs the UstadGah Foundation, a not-for-profit organization that aims to mentor and empower underprivileged children who are musically talented and help them develop meaningful careers and monetary avenues to sustain themselves through music. As an actor, Zila Khan has played a supporting role alongside Deepika Padukone in the Sanjay Leela Bhansali Bollywood blockbuster Bajirao Mastani, and currently essays the lead role in Lillete Dubey's theatrical play Gauhar, which has been receiving acclaim from audience and critics around the world. Being a representative of Indian Heritage and Culture, Zila Khan is one of the select artists who has featured in the Incredible India advertisement campaign for the Tourism Ministry of India. She was conferred the Incredible India Award by the Ministry of Tourism in September 2017. A recipient of the Ghalib Award, she is the performer of choice at various Presidential and Prime Ministerial level receptions for state dignitaries. Zila Khan is a passionate supporter of Gender Equality, Women's Rights, and the Protection of Cultural Heritage.

Sushri **ANURADHA DUBEY**, a noted television news anchor at Door darshan Raipur, is an exceptionally talented Kathak dancer. A graduate in Hindi literature, she has a Ph.D. in Kathak Dance form. She has performed at almost all major classical dance festivals in India, and abroad, including Russia, Italy, Australia, Hungry, Indonesia, Egypt, and China, and has garnered huge praise for herself. Many of her dance performances are based on old and modern poetry pieces. Amongst her many accolades, she has been felicitated by the government of India and awarded by numerous institutions. As a Kathak teacher, she has produced some bright young Kathak dancers. As an actress, she has played leading roles in regional Chhattisgarhi and Bhojpuri movies. Anuradha is an excellent announcer and manch sanchalak and has



emceed many prestigious cultural and state events with chief minister and the prime minister of India in attendance. She is a 2018-19 Mrs. India title winner.



HASYA KAVISAMMELAN POETS

Padma Shri **SURENDRA DUBEY** of Raipur, a former Secretary of Chattisgarh Rajya Bhasha Aayog, is an eminent poet of Hasya Ras genre. He is famous for his poetry of expressional humor. He has been honored by the Government of India with the fourth highest Indian civilian award of Padma Shri in 2010. As a poet of distinction, he has been felicitated by two Presidents of India, Mrs. Pratibha Patil and Mr. Ramnath Kovind. He is also a recipient of 'Kaka Hathrasi Hasya Ratna Award' and 'Atthaas' 'Vikramaditya' 'Nirala' and 'Hasya Shikhar' Samman. He has performed in thousands of national and international Kavi Sammelans across the globe. He is admired for his comic wit, exuberance and spontaneity. When he takes the podium, the auditorium is filled with continuous laughter. His poetry has a mix of engaging humor and penetrating satire on society, human-relations,



and public awareness. His comic bards have an emphatic native quality to it that point to subtle ironies and incongruities of life. Surendra Dubey has authored eight books and has written for Door darshan and Akashwani. He has appeared on several television shows. This is his fifth visit to the United States. He has also appeared on stage in Canada, Dubai, Oman, UAE, Hong Kong, and Indonesia.



Shri MAHENDRA AJANABI of Delhi, a former educator, is a renowned Hindi poet of Hasya-Vyang and a quick-witted satirist. His creative writings have touched the hearts of poetry lovers all across the globe. His humorous poems contain a deep and enchanting satire on the day to day problems of existence. The humor of his poems reveals that Mahendra Ajanabi is a keen, amused, and at times sardonic observer of the kaleidoscope of human life. As a poet of distinction, he too has been felicitated by the President of India, Dr. Shankar Dayal Sharma and Prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. Among a long list of his awards and recognitions the foremost are 'Kaka Hathrasi' 'Om Prakash Aditya' and Delhi Hindi Academy Samman. Mahendra Ajanabi has authored a book, titled 'Hansa Hansa Ke Maarunga', and has participated in more than 2000 Kavi Sammelans in India and abroad in last 32 years, including the prestigious

Red Fort. This is his fourth visit to the United States. He has also performed in Canada, United Kingdom, Hong Kong, Singapore, Thailand, Indonesia, UAE, Oman, and Nepal.

Sushri **SHABINA ADEEB** of Kanpur, is known as the Queen of Ghazals in Kavi Sammelan and Mushairah orbits. Adeeb, meaning, a literary person, is her pen name. She is one of the most sought after poetesses in India. Her poetry has touched the hearts of millions of her fans in India and abroad. She is celebrated for her melodious voice and songs of love and aspirations. Her poetry is so close to reality that it strikes the audience as a rhythmical creation of their own highest thoughts and remembrances. She has recited her compositions on All India Radio, Door Darshan and other TV channels at several occasions. She has been feted with numerous awards and honors by many prestigious organizations and institutions, including Mallika-E-Ghazal Award, Punjab Kesari Award, Kanpur Gaurav Samman, and the prestigious Hindi-Urdu Sahitya Samman by the Uttar Pradesh Government. She has two



published books to her credits, titled 'Tum Mere Paas Raho' and 'Kasak'. This is her second visit to the United States. She has also performed in Australia, Malaysia, Nepal, UAE, Oman, Bahrain, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, and Pakistan spreading the message of peace and love thru her legendry poetry.



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REGISTRATION FORM

Come participate, learn, enjoy IHA's hospitality for two days of creative, educational, entertaining events

Sufi Concert by Zila Khan and Hasya Kavi Sammelan featuring renowned Indian poets and acclaimed artists from India

Cultural Programs, Breakout Sessions, Local Performances, Lunch, Dinner, Education, and Networking

Palace Hotel (Special Rates): \$60/night (includes taxes) 1-king or 2-double beds/room accommodating up to 4 people.

Registration Information:

Name	Relationship	Interested in volunteering, speaking, or organizing a session	
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	Spouse		
	Child		
	Child		
Address			
Phone	Current IHA Member:		
Email	Interested in IHA Membership:		

Registration Fee: (in US Dollars) CONFERENCE BADGES, FOOD TICKETS WILL BE ISSUED

Session 1: Friday, May 10 th , 2019 6 pm - 11 pm	□ \$25	Quantity	\$
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Session 2: Saturday, May 11 th , 2019 9 am - 4 pm	□ \$45	Quantity	\$
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