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## From the ICA Board

We hope you are ready!

Ready for another year of sharing our culture and experiences with others in the community. Witness the blooming flowers from the roots of our culture we brought with us to America.

Last year ICA introduced India Sports Day, a Tennis tournament and Diwali Mela for the Portland Indian community to participate in and enjoy. These events and the most popular India day are opportunities for all of us to relive the nostalgic memories for those who migrated from India and adventure for those who have not. Many took

advantage of the opportunities.

Encouraged by the turnout last year, ICA board has decided to continue these activities for 2005.

Here are the dates that we know already:

### Sports Day

May 7th

### India Festival

August 14th

### Tennis Tournament

September 4th

### Diwali Mela

October 15th

Details on each of these events will be sent to you in the Chakra as well as in

posters placed at Indian businesses in Portland, Beaverton, Hillsboro and Tigard.

We will inform you of the dates for any other activities planned in the future editions of Chakra.

Events like these take hard work and money to plan and execute. We urge you to support the efforts of all the volunteers by becoming members of the India Cultural Association and participating in as many events as you can.

Thank you and have a great year.

## India Sports Day coming up on May 7, 2005

Summer's almost here and there's never been a better time to get out and play some sports.

Whether you are into some serious competition or would just like to have some fun, we have the perfect sporting event for the whole family in store for you.

You can compete in singles and doubles table

tennis, chess, and 3-on-3 basketball for your age group.

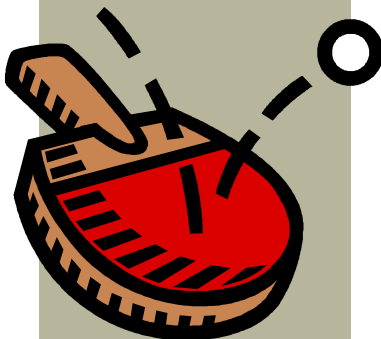
There will be a free practice session for all events from 9-11 am. Please note that registration for competing in table tennis will be cut off at 10am. For all other events, registration ends at 11am.

Best of all, participation is free for all ICA members! You can become a member at the event.

For more details, please visit our website at [www.icaportland.org](http://www.icaportland.org).

India Sports Day will be held at the Tualatin Hills Athletic Center, which is located at 50 NW 158<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Beaverton.

See you there!



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Different Rates Will Apply for India Festival Issue.

## RACC and ICA

We gratefully acknowledge Regional Arts and Culture Council for their recognition and support of our India Festival by giving us a generous grant.

With this extra help and boost, we are going to have many interactive activities helping the American public understand and appreciate our culture better. We are going to highlight our classical music, dance, folk art, and traditions on the main stage and in the booths. We are actively seeking artists who are skilled and willing to facilitate in teaching the public all aspects of the Indian culture.

We are looking for specialists in these categories: dance, music, rangoli, henna, Indian attire, painting, yoga, meditation, Ayurveda, culinary arts, etc. to staff our designated booths.

Please help us make our India Festival a success. Contact us at [indiaday2005@icaportland.org](mailto:indiaday2005@icaportland.org) if you are interested. Thanks!



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## India Festival 2005

### PRESS RELEASE

**Event:** 11<sup>th</sup> Annual INDIA FESTIVAL 2005

**Hosted By:** India Cultural Association (ICA), a non-profit organization.

**Date:** Sunday, August 14, 2005

**Time:** 11:30am – 9pm

**Venue:** Pioneer Courthouse Square, Downtown Portland, Oregon

**Admission:** Free!

India Festival is filled with tastes, sounds and sights of India. There will be live music, excellent dance performances, food and entertainment! Catch a glimpse of India and its subcontinent's culture, history and people. This year's India Festival will be held on August 14th at Pioneer Courthouse Square, in Downtown Portland, Oregon. Last year's event attracted over 5,000 people and ICA received many remarks about the high quality of performances!!

**Don't miss out on a memorable event that draws crowds  
from all over the West Coast!**

#### What to Expect:

- Music and Dance: A variety of live music and dance from all over the Indian subcontinent, including Bhangra, Folk, Classical, and Popular
- Food: A wide range of authentic spicy Indian food from local Indian restaurants
- Jewelry and spices from India: Local Indian jewelers and stores will sell fine gold jewelry, exotic spices, clothes, artifacts, handicrafts, etc.
- Fashion shows by kids and adults
- Arts and crafts for kids and adults: Volunteers will demonstrate mehendi, face painting, juggling, balloons and much more.

Watch for information regarding participation in the entertainment program in a future ICA mailing. **Participation in the program will be strictly limited to ICA members.** Auditions will be held sometime in July or early August at the PCC Rock Creek Campus.

We are expecting over 5,000 people to attend the event. To rent a booth for your business, please contact: [indiaday2005@icaportland.org](mailto:indiaday2005@icaportland.org), or call (503) 645-7902.

**See you there!**

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*"What makes India Day stand out is how it brings together numerous regional Indian organizations. You're going to see all of them on the same stage, which you wouldn't see in India."*

*-Quoted in The Oregonian, 8/13/99*

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The India Cultural Association of Portland Proudly Presents

# INDIA SPORTS DAY 2005

May 7th, 2005 9am – 5pm



Table Tennis      Chess      Basketball

*A fun and exciting event for the whole family!*

Categories Include:      Location:  
Men's Singles      THPRD Athletic Center  
Women's Singles      50 NW 158th Ave  
Children under 14      Beaverton, Oregon 97006  
3 on 3 Basketball

**Admission and Participation: FREE for ICA members!**  
One-time fee for non-member participation in one or ALL events:  
\$10 (individual), \$20 (family)

Free practice sessions prior to start of competition!  
Registration for table tennis closes at 10am.

*Please visit <http://www.icaportland.org> or email [sports@icaportland.org](mailto:sports@icaportland.org) for more info.*

## Upcoming Events

### India Sports Day

May 7, 2005  
Tualatin Hills Athletic Center  
50 NW 158<sup>th</sup> Ave., Beaverton  
9am – 5pm

### ICA Golf Tournament

June 26, 2005

### India Festival 2005

August 14, 2005  
Pioneer Courthouse Square  
Downtown Portland

### Tennis Tournament

September 4, 2005  
In planning stages...

### Diwali Mela 2005

October 15, 2005  
Portland State University

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