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Official Newsletter of the India Association of Memphis

Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I write this note as the President of the India Association of Memphis for 2013! I sincerely hope that you are enjoying the new year and are adhering to your resolutions. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the IAM Executive Committee for 2013 — a very talented and diverse group of professionals who have a proven track record in India Fest and beyond:

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The team has several great ideas for our events and celebrations this year. Watch out for more details in our emails, newsletters, website and Facebook page. As mentioned in our GBM on Dec 8th, we will pursue the following goals:

- Revamp Membership
- Revamp Voting
- Update Website
- Facilitate India Fest
- Youth Committee & Goals
- Maintain up to date Financials
- Focus on IAM Fund Raising
- Community Center Analysis
- Increase Marketing & Build Alliances
- Storage and Electronic Records Clean up
- Donate resources to local charitable events

As we move through the year, we'll keep you updated on our progress on these goals. Of course, our success as a non-profit organization depends on community involvement, so I kindly urge that each of you choose volunteering in IAM as part of your resolutions for 2013.

Quoting Henry Ford — "Coming together is a Beginning; keeping together is Progress; working together is Success!" Let's come together and make IAM the premier organization of the Indian community in and around Memphis! I look forward to meeting you and your loved ones at our events this year. Happy New Year!

Best Wishes,

Navin Eric

IAM President - 2013

2013 Executive Committee:

- Navin Eric - President
- Manjit Kaur - Vice President:
- Arjun Sardar - Co-Vice President
- Vidya Venkatesh - Secretary
- Sathish Venugopal - Treasurer
- Raghu Guttikonda - Athletic Director
- Surender Palle - IT Director
- Huzefa Mamoola - Marketing Director
- Simanti Chatterjee - Cultural Director
- Achint Choudhry - Chief Editor

Board of Trustees:

- Srinivas Damaraju
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- Vijay Rawtani
- Anjali Hirurkar
- Anil Nair ★

Upcoming Events:

- Mar 23 IAM Holi Celebration
- May 18 Tennis Workshop

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With our new hopes, we bring a new dream...

Ours is a vision to build great things,
To help our community spread its wings...

The journey is our goal, not a means to an end,
So warm wishes please, do our way send...

We'll smile at encouragement with moist eyes,
Even that which dons a critical guise...

Of six issues this year that I shall pen,
This is but the first, so please be kind, brethren...

Contrary to appearances, *Samachar* is not the mouthpiece of the India Association of Memphis! It is an edifice to project your voice from, and we urge you to step forward and make it your own by contributing articles & thoughts to it. Share your reflections, feedback or critiques with us by sending an e-mail to samachar@iamemphis.org

In our editorial room, adulation and brickbats are welcomed alike sans prejudice with open arms and a blissful countenance.

Sincerely,

Achint Choudhry



Chief Editor, 2013



2013 Event Calendar

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
IAM			
Republic Day	Jan 26	2pm - 5pm	Bert Ferguson
Kids Financial Workshop	Feb 23	2pm - 4pm	Library
Holi Celebrations	Mar 23	11am - 1pm	ICCT
Tennis Workshop	May 18		LOG
Sporting event - Cricket	May 25 - Jun 09		Collierville Park
Sporting event - Tennis	Jun 01 - 15		LOG
Sporting event - Indoor Soccer	Jul 13		Dullins
Sporting event - Carrom, Chess	Jul 27		Cordova CC
Sporting event - Indoor Volleyball	Aug 10 - 11		OLPH
India Nite	Sep 07		Southwind HS
SEVA	Oct 05	9am - 4pm	ICCT
India Fest	Nov 02	10am - 7pm	Agricenter
General Body Meeting	Dec 07	1pm - 4pm	Cordova CC
Taranga Kannada Sangha			
Dasa Aaradhane	Mar 16		
Ugadi Program	May 4		
Picnic	Sep 7		
Ganesh Visarjan	Sep 14		
Rajyostava and Deepavali	Nov 16		
Mid South Punjabi Heritage Foundation			
Baisakhi	Apr 19		
Tian Festival	Jul 27		
Picnic	TBD (Sep)		
Kids' Workshop	TBD (Oct)		
Malayalee Association of Memphis			
Mid South food Bank	May 04	9am - 12 noon	
MAM Picnic & Sports Day	Aug 17	All day	
Mid South food Bank	Sep 07	9am - 12 noon	
Mid South food Bank	Dec 07	9am - 12 noon	
Greeting cards for Charity	TBD		
Book collection for Charity	TBD		
General Body Meeting	TBD (Dec)		
Memphis Marathi Mandal			
Gudhi Padva (Marathi new year)	Apr 20		
Ganesha Chaturthi	Sep 14		
Diwali Celebrations	Nov 16		
Mid South Tamil Sangam			
Chitirai Gallata	Apr 13		
Drama (Tentative)	May 19		

We will duly communicate detailed updates by e-mail, on our website and on our Facebook page ahead of each event

Our complete and updated event calendar can also be found at: <http://www.iamemphis.org/home>



"As there is a science and technology to create external wellbeing, there is a whole science and technology for inner wellbeing."
- Sadhguru



Enhance capabilities with yoga

Most of us are not busy, we are just pre-occupied. If daily we give 30 minutes to yoga we will enhance our capabilities as well as gain extra time, says Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev

I have no time: this is the common complaint whenever we think of doing yoga or any other exercise. We find ourselves busy with various activities with little time left for us, our body. All our time we feel is taken up by others, our partners, our children etc. However, do we ever stop and think what we are actually giving our children. It is our agitations, irritations and anxieties. If we were truly concerned about our children we would want to give them an atmosphere of joy and happiness. Yet, rather than spending time with them, we try to give them joy with all kinds of materialistic things

We think that these things are the source of joy, but they actually become the source of our anxiety and misery. If we were to re-examine the fundamentals of our life we'll find that our education, job, everything we did in life is supposed to be a source of happiness for us. Yet are we happy? We have to either scale down or scale up our lives as per our capabilities. If we were to invest even thirty minutes a day in doing yoga we will enhance our capabilities and even gain extra time. We may feel worried about our loss of

sleep, but by sleeping eight hours a day, we don't realize that we are sleeping away one third of our life. However, when our mind and body are energized our sleep quota will naturally come down. That apart, yoga makes our body and mind more organized and within six to eight weeks there will be an increase in our performance level such



that we'll be able to complete in three to four hours what we used to do in eight hours. If our mind becomes more organized, the unnecessary words and movements will disappear and we will begin to feel more energetic. In the twenty-four hours that we have we'll be able to achieve much more as we'll become more organized and focused. Most of us are not busy we are just pre-occupied.

Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev is a world renowned yogi and visionary humanitarian.

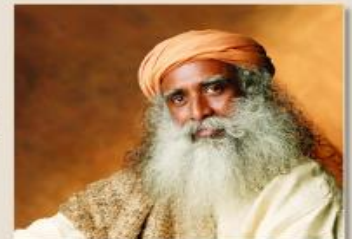
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An Introduction — 2013 Executive Committee

President : Navin Eric

Navin Eric has been living in the Greater Memphis Area for the last 18 years. He graduated from the University of Memphis where he also secured an MBA in Finance. Navin currently works as a Finance Manager at Kraft Food Ingredients Corp. He served the Malayalee Association of Memphis as Vice President in 2011. In IndiaFest 2012, he was the Director of Business Development. Navin and his wife Nisha currently reside in Lakeland with their three kids.



Vice President : Manjit Kaur

Dr. Manjit Kaur, her husband Dr. Sridhar Shankar and their kids Nikita and Rohan moved to Germantown 3 years ago from Boston. Manjit was a Research Scientist at DFCI, Harvard Med-School, and currently works as a HealthCare Administrator. She has also worked as a theater artist, a radio announcer and has hosted programs featuring artists like Jagjit Singh, Ghulam Ali, and Mehdi Hassan in Chandigarh, India. Manjit is the president of Mid-South Punjabi Heritage Foundation since 2011. In IndiaFest 2012, she led the State Décor track, performed a cooking demo, and emceed the cultural segment. She enjoys painting, sewing, gardening, martial arts, and maintains a cooking blog (zaikabharat.blogspot.com). Manjit and Sridhar are also skilled in artistic woodwork, and donate their creations to charitable causes.

Co-Vice President: Arjun Sardar

Arjun has been in Memphis since March 2005 and has been an active member of the Mid-South Bengali Association (MSBA) throughout. He is serving MSBA as the General Secretary since 2011. He was part of the leadership team for IndiaFest 2012 as the track director for Volunteering. He resides in Germantown with his wife Aarti, daughter Aditi and son Arnav. Arjun holds a Bachelors Degree in Physics & Industrial Electronics and a Diploma in System Management. He has been working for Hilton Worldwide as an IT Product Manager since 2006, before which he worked with Accenture LLP. Arjun loves Indian music and cricket. He also likes to collect wines.



Secretary: Vidya Venkatesh

Vidya resides in Collierville and has been actively involved in volunteering for IAM as well as MSTs. She was a Track Director in IndiaFest 2012 and organized a Kids Corner which was acclaimed by guests as "the best Kids Corner India Fest has ever seen". Vidya works with United Health Group as a Senior Business Consultant.

Cultural Director: Simanti Chatterjee

Simanti has called Memphis home since 2009. Dance is her "shortcut to happiness". She started learning Indian Classical Dance at the age of three, and over the last 20 years she has trained in Odissi, Bharatnatyam, Kathak, Thangta Martial Arts and Shiamak Davar's Bollywood Style. She won a National Scholarship in Odissi from the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) in 2003 and has been an active performer in India & US. Simanti loves teaching dance to her kiddie students, and is a voracious reader, blogger & movie-buff. She works for Syntel Inc. (an IT-partner for FedEx) as a Project Manager. She was also a member of the IndiaFest 2012 Cultural Team, and seeks to contribute to the community in every little creative way.



An Introduction — 2013 Executive Committee *continued...*

Treasurer : Sathish Venugopalan

Sathish works at ABB Ltd as a Division Controller and has been a resident of Memphis since 2002, with his wife Sreeja Sathish and their two kids - Pritham and Pranav aged 8 and 5. He enjoys reading and running, and spends time participating in sports that his kids are active in. He is proficient in Finance and Accounting, and is working to implement best practices in organizing IAM financials and accounting.



Athletic Director : Raghu Guttikonda

Raghu has been living in Memphis for the last 8 years with his wife Shilpa Nalluri and son Anish. Currently working as an IT Systems Architect for Williams Sonoma, Raghu is a social person, and actively participates in sports. He also organizes sporting events in Memphis. Both Raghu and Shilpa have been active volunteers for India Fest, IAM as well as TAM (Telugu Association of Memphis).

IT Director : Surender Pale

Surender has resided in Memphis for the last 10 years with his wife Srujana, son Hriday Anshu and daughter Hiya Anandi. He works at FedEx and has been active in the Telugu Association of Memphis for over 4 years, serving as Secretary in 2011. He volunteered in India Fest 2012 operations and strongly believes in community service. Surender enjoys movies, reading, and follows NBA, NFL & Lawn Tennis. He is also an active runner and aims to finish his first full-marathon this year.



Marketing Director : Huzefa Mamoola

Huzefa's experience of serving the Indian community in Memphis began with volunteering as a Marketing lead for India Fest 2010, which helped him complement the marketing theory he was learning during MBA. The fun, energy and the challenges of that experience led him to volunteer as a Marketing director for India Fest 2011 and 2012. As the Marketing Director for IAM this year, Huzefa seeks to expand our outreach as a community and has a vision of uniquely positioning our community in the Greater Memphis Area by offering valued services by and for the community, while also making efforts to sustainably maintain resources for such services.

Chief Editor : Achint Choudhry

Achint was introduced to IAM in June 2012 when he was offered editorial responsibilities for India Fest. He has been a resident of Germantown for 2 years and works at Hilton Worldwide (through TCS) as a project manager. His interests range from Indian classical music and poetry to graphic design and computer gaming.



2013 Board of Trustees — Welcome Anil!

The IAM General Body Meeting held on December 8, 2012 saw the addition of a new member to the board of trustees. Please join us in welcoming Anil into our fold.



Anil Nair

Anil has been in Memphis for almost a decade and works for FedEx. His education background includes a Bachelors degree in Engineering from India and a Masters degree in Computer Science from Rochester Institute of Technology, New York. Dedicated to serving the community, Anil has kept himself actively engaged in volunteering for non profit organizations including IAM. He has previously served the Malayalee Association of Memphis as Secretary and Treasurer and has also been an active member of AAICT — a charitable trust which brings relief to children in India suffering from cancer. Anil has also served as a track director for IndiaFest 2010 and 2011 and essayed an advisory role in the Culturals team for IndiaFest 2012. He has graciously filled the place in the Board of Trustees vacated mid-term by Sudha Kamarsu. Anil and his wife, Maya are residents of Collierville and have two lovely kids Aditi and Aniket aged 6 and 2.



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Artistic Achievement

- Dr. Gopal Murti

Dr. Gopal Murti's watercolor painting received Honorable Mention award at the Star-Artist Exhibition of the Memphis-Germantown Art League (MGAL). Entry into this exhibition is limited to seasoned artists who have been juried previously into at least five other shows. The exhibition itself is free and is being held in the Ross Gallery at Christian Brother's University. It will continue till April 2013.

The winning portrait is entitled TCB (taking care of business) and brings Dr. Murti his second award in the less than a year! The Memphis-Germantown Art League represents over one hundred and seventy local artists working with different media. Dr. Murti is currently serving the organization as their President.

Dr. Murti has lived in Memphis since 1975 and has been an active member of the India Association of Memphis, serving as the Newsletter Editor in 1986 and as a Trustee from 1987-1990.



2013 Republic Day Celebrations

Leaders of Tomorrow — 2013 Youth-Committee

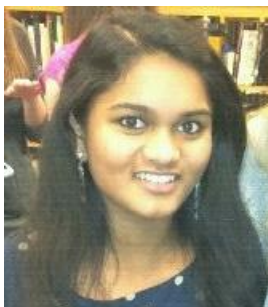
President : **Saie Ganoo**

Saie is a junior at Collierville High School. She hopes to get more young adults involved in IAM activities this year. Saie strongly believes that youth holds the key to preserving Indian tradition and they are the ones who can truly appreciate the culture.



Vice President: **Swathi Ganesh**

Swathi is a sophomore at Collierville High School. She likes dancing and plays the violin. She is very active in school and community work, and is a member of the Speech and Debate Team, Youth Leadership Collierville, the Beta Club, and also anchors her school's morning TV show! Swathi spends her weekends doing volunteer work and aspires to become a pediatrician - a goal she is steadily striving towards.



Co-Vice President: **Georgina Johns**

Georgina is in the eleventh grade at Houston High School. She enjoys playing volleyball and is also part of a high school band! She hopes to work hard and mark 2013 as a year of shining success for IAM Youth.



Secretary: **Sanjana Venkata**

Sanjana is a sophomore at Collierville High School. She is a dedicated volunteer and is also involved in 'Key Club' - a volunteer association at her school. Sanjana's volunteering experience includes work done for Le Bonheur, Red Cross and MIFA. She loves working with little kids. She enjoys swimming and cheer/tumbling.



Joint Secretary : **Siddarth Nair**

Siddarth is a sophomore at Christian Brothers High School. He spends his time volunteering, reading, fencing, karate, band, boy-scout activities and Knowledge Bowl competitions. In being part of the IAM Youth Committee, Siddarth seeks opportunities to give back to the society. He hopes to bring leadership skills, communication skills and a positive attitude to the Youth Committee, proving to be a great asset.



Youth Editor: **Ashwin Nair**

Ashwin is an 11th grade student at Lausanne Collegiate School. He is currently partaking in the International Baccalaureate Program. In college, he plans to go into pre-medicine. Ashwin's interests include sports as well as community service.



Leaders of Tomorrow — 2013 Youth-Committee *continued...*

Cultural Director : **Livia Jojo**

Livia is a high school senior and feels that being able to volunteer for the community is a privilege which gives her self-satisfaction and confidence. She hopes to use this opportunity to give back to a community that has given much to her, and plans to identify the needs of the youth community — and conduct workshops to address those needs.



Livia has consistently participated in IAM activities year after year. She brings past experience with cultural activities, décor and booths at IndiaFest to the team.

Charitable Director : **Aditya Shah**



Aditya is a Junior at Memphis University School. He hopes to make an impact in IAM with his work in charitable community service. His involvement with IAM and charity began when he participated in the "Youth Empowering Youth" by Indian Community Fund for Greater Memphis (ICFGM) in which Indian teenagers tutor and mentor elementary school children. As Charitable Director, Aditya hopes to make a mark helping the Memphis community, connect, make friends, and learn more about our Indian culture

Sports Secretary : **Sai Manikonda**

Sai is an athlete and plays many sports, particularly soccer and tennis. He has a creative side too and he enjoys crafts and paintings. He combats boredom by reading books and loves to hang out with friends. Sai beats stress with music and helps his younger brother with homework whenever he can.



Sports Secretary: **Prakruthi Phaniraj**



Prakruthi is currently a junior at Cordova High School. She strives to excel in every endeavor she make herself part of. In sports, she is a member of her school's track team, cross country team, swim team, and various other clubs. She is independent, determined, motivated and an avid learner who enjoys working with people. Prakruthi is excited to be working with the 2013 IAM team and hopes to make it a wonderful year.

2013 IAM Youth Committee and EC members

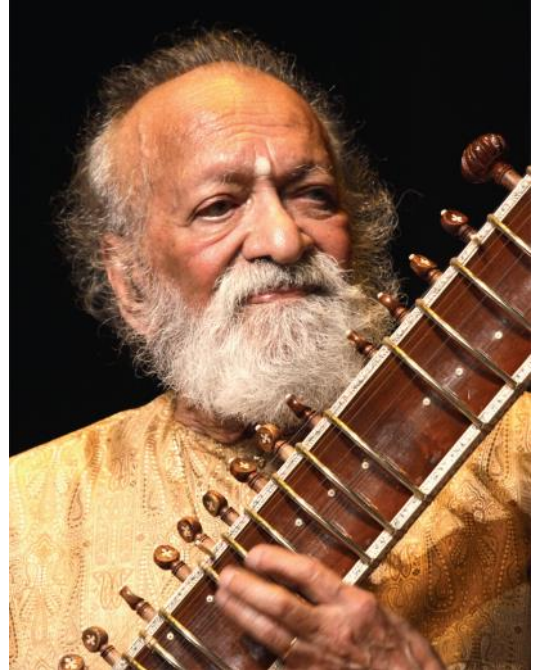


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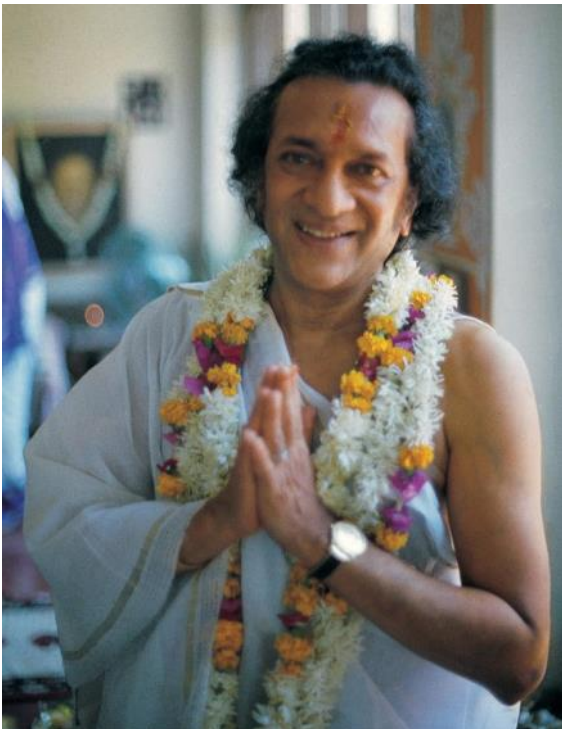
- Dr. C. P. Chandra Das

Pandit Ravi Shankar, the world renowned musical wizard, breathed his last on 11th Dec 2012 in the evening hours at San Diego, after a heart operation surgery at 92. He is now survived by his wife Sukanya, two daughters Norah Jones and Anousha Shankar, three grandchildren and four great grandchildren. His dear and near were at his bedside at the time of his passing. His departure has left a real vacuum for millions of his music fans throughout the world.

He was born in the holiest city of Varanasi in India in 1920. He lived in real poverty in his early life. His elder brother who was in Paris, took him there to join a musical troupe and he did justice to the troupe in their concerts in different parts of the globe. He later developed interest in the sitar and other classical instruments and went on to become a world celebrity, winning the Grammy award three times. His growth according to many, was unparalleled.



Pandit ji will be remembered as a great Indian, who bridged the east with the west, and this he achieved without diluting the Indian values, and thereby spreading the message of divinity and spirituality in the areas he pursued with all zeal. He also hypnotized the music lovers throughout the globe.



Ever smiling, and humble, he made an entry to the hearts of the populace throughout the world. The Indian parliament condoled the death of a great son of India. The vice president of India in the Rajya Sabha and the speaker of the Lok Sabha made touching references about the Musical ambassador of the republic of India. Dr Manmohan Singh, the Prime Minister of India, stated that the "World has lost a global ambassador of Indian cultural heritage."

Beatles guitarist George Harrison described him as the "God father of world music." The famous music conductor of international repute - Zubin Mehta,

"The Sitar loses its strings" *continued...*

said he "felt like a little crumb in his (*Pandit ji's*) presence" and credited the late icon "for introducing India to the world."

He was conferred the highest award of Bharat Ratna by the President of India. Queen Elizabeth conferred the order of the British Empire on him. The Sitar which he used has lost its patron. Its now a challenge to many in the world to continue his legacy.

The King of Music is dead. Long live the King.

C. P. Chandra Das

Former Visiting Professor, IIT Chennai

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“Houston High Senior to Take Part In the Super Bowl of Science”

It has been called the “Super Bowl of Science” for high school students, and next month a Houston High School senior will be in the thick of the competition.

Sixteen-year-old Akshay Padmanabha is one of just 40 finalists who will take part in the Intel Science Talent Search in Washington, D.C.

Padmanabha says he’s been interested in science for as long as he can remember and at the age of nine became fascinated by the brain. “In the fourth grade I was diagnosed with eye twitches and I was interested in the brain and started learning more about the brain,” said Padmanabha.

Now he’s being recognized alongside the country’s best and brightest young scientists for his research on the brain.

Specifically, how Vagus Nerve Stimulation, now used to prevent seizures, can be used to predict, detect and treat them. “The problem with the Vagus Nerve Stimulation (implant) is it’s giving electrical impulses throughout a person’s life – where this will predict a seizure before it occurs and only gives the stimulation when it’s necessary. So, the side effects will not be there,” said Padmanabha.

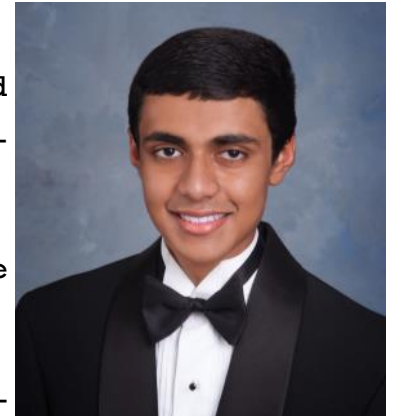
Padmanabha conducted his research at the University of Memphis and in March he will present his findings at the science competition, where he may even meet President Obama.

Padmanabha is the valedictorian of his class and hopes to attend MIT to study science or engineering. His principal says he’s an inspiration to the whole school — “He is a great mentor for other students. They look at what he has accomplished at such a young age,” said Principal Lesa Justus.

The winner of the Intel Science Talent Search will take home a \$100,000 prize. Padmanabha says there is no telling where his research could end up in the future. “Most of these research papers get published and some even turn into patents,” said Padmanabha. Padmanabha is the first student from Tennessee to take part in the competition and will receive \$8,500 just for being a finalist.

Finalists from previous editions of the competition have gone on to win Nobel prizes!

Contributed by : **Nataraja Krishnaraju**





Paruppu vada or Masal vadai is a popular evening snack from southern India. It is an appetizer found everywhere from local tea shops to hotels. It makes for a wonderful tea time snack, perfect for the winters in Memphis. Enjoy this simple recipe in the comfort of your home!

Yields 25 small sized *Vadas*

Ingredients:

Chana dhal	1/2 cup
Yellow split peas	1/2 cup (can be substituted with another 1/2 cup Chana dhal)
Green chili	4 to 5 sliced finely
Red Chili	8 to 10
Saunf (Fennel)	1/2 tbsp.
Ginger	1/2 inch piece (optional)
Garlic	1 clove minced (optional)
Asafetida	1/4 tsp.
Curry leaves	a handful (chopped)
Onion (large)	1 (chopped finely) (can be substituted with 1/2 cup chopped shallots)
Cilantro	1 cup (chopped finely)
Salt	to taste
Oil	for deep frying



Method:

1. Soak both dhals together in 2 cups of water for about 1 or 2 hrs.
2. Drain the water and keep a handful of dhal aside.
3. Grind the rest of the dhal with red chilies, asafetida, ginger, 1/4 tbsp. of *Saunf* (fennel seeds) into a coarse paste. Now add the handful of whole dhal to the paste.
4. Add salt, onion, curry leaves, green chili, remaining 1/4 tbsp. of whole saunf, cilantro. Mix the vada batter until everything is blended well.
5. Heat oil in a heavy bottom vessel. Check if the oil is ready by adding a little drop of batter to it. If the batter rises to the surface quickly without sinking, the oil is ready for frying.
6. Make a small ball and pat it lightly to flatten the vada a bit. Carefully drop them in hot oil one at a time. You can fry 6 to 7 at a time or more, depending on the size of vessel.
7. Now slightly reduce the flame and let the vadas brown on one side. Once done, flip the vadas over and let them brown on other side too.
8. When browned on both sides, remove the vadas from the oil and lay them on a paper towel to absorb excess oil.
9. Repeat the process with the remaining batter.

Serve hot with coconut chutney or tomato ketchup!

Recipe courtesy — Pavithra Elangovan

Pavithra is a recipe developer, food photographer & food stylist. For more recipes and detailed stepwise instructions, please visit her blog — www.dishesfrommykitchen.com

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This Republic Day, we had a great turnout of participants and guests for an afternoon of festivities. The 2013 IAM team highly appreciates members' support and encourages everybody to keep the spirit of 'One India' alive in Memphis. The kids also had a great time with the Poster and Costume segments. Congratulations go out to the winners:

Poster Competition

Group 1 (Ages 6-9)

First Prize - **Aditi Nair**,

Second Prize - **Sachi Shyam**

Group 2 (Ages 10-13)

First Prize -- **Rushabh Joshi**,

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Costume Competition

Group 1 (Ages 1-5)

First Prize -- **Alayna Eric**,

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First Prize -- **Vijval Nataraj & Sachi Shyam**,

Second Prize -- **Rishikeysh Gopal**

We also especially thank **Ruth Talaiver** (Alex Talaiver Photography, LLC.) for professional photography coverage of the Republic Day celebrations.

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