



National Federation of Indian American Associations

15th Biennial Convention, Bell Harbor Conference Center, Seattle, Washington

November 21, 22, 23, 2008

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Friday November 21, 2008

Reception 8:00 pm- Inauguration Ceremony:

Guest Speaker: Mrs. Sushmita G. Thomas – Consul General of India, (Confirmed)

**Guest of Honor: Honorable Vayalar Ravi, Union Minister of Overseas Indians Affairs
Q&A**

- Entertainment : Area Artists -
- Dandia / Garba

Saturday November, 22nd, 2008

Session 1, 9:00am – 10:30pm - Aviation: Sky to Space and Beyond

- Invited Panelists: Dinesh Keskar, Sr VP Boeing (confirmed)
- Sunita Williams, Astronaut NASA (confirmed)
- Jeff Kruger Boeing Commercial Planes (confirmed)
- Tim Norgart Director IDS Boeing (confirmed)

Q&A and Recognitions: Indians in Aviation industry

Session 2, 10:40am- 12:30pm –Initiative India

- Bill Stafford, President Trade Development Alliance of Greater Seattle, (Confirmed)
- Thomas Boydell, Manager, Economic Development, City Of Bellevue (Confirmed)
- Prof. Sitaraman, Member Board & Project Director, Amity University, India
- Mr. Atanu Chakraborty, Chairman GMD, Gujarat

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Saturday, November 22nd

Lunch, 12:30 to 2:15 P.M Indian-Americans with an Edge

- **Vijay Amritraj** (Former Ambassador NFIA) (confirmed)
- **Akhtar Badshah**, Sr. Dir, Global Community Affairs, Microsoft (Confirmed)
- **Anoop Gupta**, Corporate VP, Microsoft Unlimited Potential, Education Product Group, Tech Policy & Strategy
- **Shalini Govil-Pai**, Pixar / Google, 3D Animation, (confirmed)
- **Sameer Ahuja**, CFO Sports Museum of America (Confirmed)

Roshni Recognitions: Spotlight on a Stars

- **Raj Bhavsar (Confirmed) (Bronze Medalist Olympian Gymnast)**
Youth Panelist – Raj Bhavsar (Olympic Gymnast) Confirmed)

Session 3a, 2:30 to 4:30 pm

The Rationale of US- India Relations

Key Address - Hon. Jim McDermott (US Congressman) (Confirmed)

Hon. Vayalar Ravi, Minister of Overseas Indians & Parliamentary Affairs, Govt of India

Session 3b, Politics of Immigration

- **Mr. P Sircar** Deputy Consul General San Francisco, CA(Confirmed)
- **Harish Bharti** (Attorney, Social Justice)
- **Taran Bhuttar**, Immigration Attorney(Confirmed)
- **Pramila Jaypal** (President "We are OneAmerica" Social Activist) (confirmed)
- Q&A

Session 4, 4:40 pm to 5:40pm:

Enhancing - Quality of Life

- **Dr. Dr Surya Sripada**, Renowned Scientist & Spiritual Leader, Brahma Kumaries (Confirmed)
- **Sister BK Chandrika India** (confirmed),
- **Mari Chins-VP Living Values**(confirmed)
- **Dr. Meena Shah**, Yoga 4U ZEE International (Confirmed)
- **Youth Panelists**

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Banquet: 7:30pm onwards

Introduction: **Chairman,**

Keynote Speaker – His Excellency Mr. Ronen Sen,

Indian Ambassador to US (confirmed)

Introductions:

Guests of Honor:

Hon'ble Vylar Ravi, Union Minister of Overseas Affairs

Christine Gregoire, Governor Washington,

Hon'ble Jim McDermott (US Congressman) (Confirmed)

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NFIA Awards Ceremony

Entertainment: 8:30 - 9:30

9:30 – 10:30 Bollywood – Hollywood Celebrity Parade:

Dress like your favorite Celebrity Impersonate and Win prizes (2-3 minute presentation)

Judges, Vijay Amritraj, Raj Bhavsar, Shalini Govil Pai, Shehnaz Hussian

10:30 to 12:00 A.M - DJ – Khazan: **Bollygrooves** (Sponsored)

Sunday 23rd Nov 2008 -Business Expo 10am-3pm

9:30 -11 General Body Meeting

11- 12 Elections

12-1pm Lunch

Meeting -NFIA New Board (2008 -2010)

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