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### NFIA Celebrates its 16th Biennial Convention and 30th Anniversary

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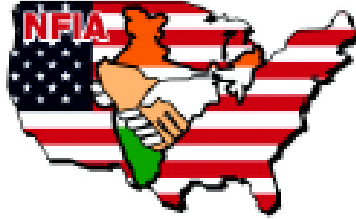
**New York City, N.Y. – Aug. 4, 2010** – National Federation of Indian American Associations (NFIA) ([www.nfia.net](http://www.nfia.net)) is celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in New York on September 17-19, 2010. The main venue is at the Crowne Plaza LaGuardia Hotel as well as the World Fair Marina Restaurant in New York. NFIA, the largest umbrella organization of more than 200 associations, representing over 2.7 million Indian Americans, is commemorating its milestone anniversary by a gathering and conference of its members and guests. The theme of this conference and 16<sup>th</sup> Biennial convention is **"Indian Americans Celebrating Success, Overcoming Challenges"**

The program begins with a Welcome Reception on Friday, September 17, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at the **World Fair Marina, Queens, NY**. Meera Shankar, the Indian Ambassador to the U.S. will be the chief guest. The conference will follow at the **Crowne Plaza LaGuardia Hotel** on Saturday, September 18, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The conference topics will cover contemporary issues affecting the Indian-American community such as education, business, jobs, politics, immigration, and security. The main event festivities will continue on Saturday evening with a Gala Awards Banquet, starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza LaGuardia Hotel in Queens, New York.

"This year marks the 30th Anniversary of the formation of NFIA - 30 years of remarkable and unprecedented achievements by NFIA members representing the interests of over 2.7 million Indian Americans from 200+ associations in the US," said **Lal Motwani, Convention Convener of NFIA**. "We encourage everyone to be part of this wonderful event at NFIA's 30th Anniversary Convention, to know about it, its significance and how it matters to every one of us Indian Americans, to feel connected, with a sense of belonging and to participate fully," Motwani emphasized.

"This is a celebration of 30 years of achievements, contributions and services by the Indian Americans towards the progress of the American dream on all frontiers of business, commerce, health, education and social welfare." said Dr. Thomas Abraham, founding president of NFIA and past Chairman of GOPIO (Global Organization of People of Indian Origin) International. "NFIA will re-examine and re-evaluate its role during the last 30 years with respect to goals and aspirations of the 2.7 million+ Indian Americans living in the US," said **Ritesh Agrawal, Regional Vice president of NFIA**. "We will focus on trends emerging over the next 10 years, to draw out the next generation of Indian Americans," Agrawal continued.

More details of the convention will be available at <http://www.nfia.net/> or contact the Convention Convener Lal Motwani at 718-470-1026, E-mail [lmotwani@verizon.net](mailto:lmotwani@verizon.net). For more information, or to schedule an interview with the Convention conveners, please contact J. Nami Kaur at 914-476-2082, E-mail [namique@gmail.com](mailto:namique@gmail.com).



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Indian American community is one of the fastest growing major ethnic groups in America. Numbering over 2.7 million people, the community has made outstanding contribution to the economic, cultural and political life of America. **National Federation of Indian American Associations (NFIA)** is the largest umbrella organization of more than 200 associations, representing these 2.7 million Indian Americans.

The **National Federation of Indian American Associations (NFIA)**, established in 1980, has been serving the community for the last 30 years. Its goal is to give voice to Indian-Americans to be a participating community in America and motivate them to perform their civic duties, and at the same time preserve their rich cultural heritage, thus contributing to the melting pot of America. NFIA's membership comprises of organizations for all Indian people, irrespective of their religious, regional, professional or political affiliation, as NFIA leadership has devoted substantial efforts to promote participation of people from all walks of life.

NFIA Convention will provide the opportunity to reflect on the outstanding services the organization has been providing for decades as well as chart a course of action for the years to come. This is a gathering of leaders and the activists, high achievers of the Indian American community, legislators, administrators, dignitaries, celebrities and youth from USA and India. The theme is "**Indian Americans Celebrating Success, Overcoming Challenges**". The Convention will strive to increase political engagement, reach out to the younger generation and address Business and Social issues with the aim of serving the Indian American and mainstream communities and advancing Indo-US ties.

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