



Water, Education, Livelihoods, Healthcare, Energy, Environment, Governance
***Working Together to Accelerate Sustainable Development
to Alleviate Poverty and Mitigate Climate Change***

India Development Coalition of America

*Let New India arise. Let her arise: out of the peasants' cottage,
grasping the plough; out of the huts of fisherman, the cobbler,
and the sweeper. Let her spring from the grocer's shop, from
the oven of the fritter-seller. Let her emanate from factory, from
marts and markets. Let her emerge from groves and forests,
from hills and mountains.*

- Swami Vivekanand



***Promoting Collaboration, Networking,
Learning, Volunteering and Giving
Inform! Inspire! Involve!***

If you want to remove poverty-share with the poor.-Mother Teresa

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About IDCA

India Development Coalition of America (IDCA) is a membership organization of several not-for-profit-organizations, individuals and institutions. It was conceived of during 2003-04 and incorporated in Illinois, USA, in July 2004. It is a 501 (c)(3) Not for profit Corporation. All contributions are tax exempt.

Vision

A developed India, free of poverty, ignorance, diseases, socioeconomic disparities, ecological disasters, and social disharmony.

Mission

To empower NPOs / NGOs, and individuals to accelerate sustainable development in India to Alleviate Poverty and Mitigate Climate Change.

Objectives

- To promote collaboration and cooperation between Indo-American organizations and individuals engaged or interested in the development of India.
- To provide a forum to members for networking with each other in person and on the internet.
- To promote a spirit of giving and volunteering amongst Indian-Americans to help our member NPOs and NGOs.
- To organize workshops in management, fund-raising, volunteer recruiting, and technology transfer to empower member NPOs and NGOs.
- To organize conferences, seminars, and workshops to share knowledge and help accelerate each member organization's work, both in the US and in India.
- To conduct research and share best practices with member NPOs and NGOs.

IDCA=Inspiration+Determination+Compassion+Action



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2008 Highlights

- Established contacts with NGOs in India and many NRIs/PIOs around the world during Pravasi Bharati Diwas-VI in New Delhi.
- To carry out its mission, IDCA has organized 10 Seminars, and workshops to support its members. The seminars focused on the following key development issues: Education , Sustainable Livelihoods, Water , Healthcare, Education, Climate Change, Alternate Energy. Speakers included: Dr. Madhu Kishwar, Manushi, Sangathan, New Delhi, Pushpa Freitas, Marketplace, India; Dr. Surinder Nand, Apanaghar, Chicago; Mr. V. S. N. Raju and Mr. Jacob, Byrraju Foundation, Hyderabad; Mr. Prabhjot Sodhi, CEE/UNDP/GEF/SGP, New Delhi; Mr. Manish Jain, Shikshantar Andolan, Udaipur; Dr. Hari Lamba, IL; Dr. Nila Vora, IDS, IL; Dr. Prakasam Tata, IL; Dr. Dharampuri Vidysagar; IL; Dr. Ann Feldmen, Artistic Circles, IL; Past and Present Governors of Rotary Club, Naperville. IL;

Major Events:

- Co-sponsored the First Education Summit with GOPIO on January 7 in New Delhi.
- Participated in Sixth Pravasi Bhartiya Diwas in New Delhi, January 8-9, and created awareness about IDCA and Fourth International Conference and made many new Contacts.

- Organized Fourth International Conference in India on January 10, 2008, at Indian Medical Association Conference Center: *Transforming Development to Alleviate Poverty and Mitigate Climate Change*. Principal speakers included, Dr. Ashok Khosla, DA, New Delhi, Dr. Nandita Pathak, DRI, MP; Mr. Popatrao Pawar, Sarpanch, Hiwre Bazar, MH; Dr. Narendra Kale, SVJCT, MH; About 25 NGOs and 90+ people including 20 students from St. Catherine College, from Minnesota, USA participated.

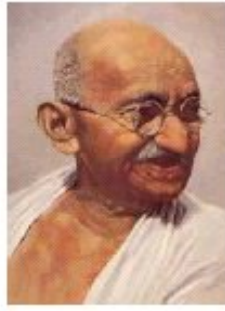


- Dr. Prakasam Tata organized Waterday conference in Vishakhapatnam with Gitam University and at a rally in his native Vizianagaram in late March to celebrate World Water Day.
- Organized Rural India Learning Journey Conference in Chicago on May 3-4. 50+ people from around the US participated. Planning for Learning Journeys during 2008-09.
- Organized Sixth International Conference (October 11-12, 2008) in Chicago. The theme was: *Exploring Development Alternatives to Alleviate Poverty and Mitigate Climate Change*. More than 50 people representing many areas of US and India participated in it. Key speakers included: Dr. Nandita Pathak, DRI, India; Ms. Kyle Zimmer, First Brook, DC; Mr. Jay Sehgal, IRRAD, India; Mr. Guy Lewis, GRI, Chicago; John Paul Kusz, IIT, Chicago; Dr. Ananth Chikkatur, Belfer, Harvard, Boston; Mr. Mahendra Meghani, Gujarat.
- Dr. Tata Prakasam worked with Rotary Clubs in Chicago, Rotary International, and IDCA supporters to initiate a Water and Sanitation Project in Duppada village, Andhra Pradesh, India. This project will bring continuous water supply and provide sanitation to 400 poor families in this village.
- Helping develop a Solar Lantern, project to replace kerosene lamps, and a telemedicine projects.

2009 Plans

- Organize Fifth International Conference in India on January 12, 2009, in New Delhi with Center for EE and the Sehgal Foundation, Gurgaon.
- Monthly Forums on Water, Education, Healthcare, Livelihoods, Energy, Environment etc..
- Support Rural Solar Lanterns and Water and sanitation Projects in MP, AP, Haryana.
- Organize Seventh International Conference in Chicago in mid-October.
- Organize meetings in Detroit, Dallas, Houston, Washington, Boston & New York to form more IDCA chapters.

Who are the true lovers of humanity? Those who, forgetting themselves, bring sunshine to the lives of others. - M.K .Gandhi



Celebrate NRI Homecoming!
Happiness depends on what we can give, not on what we can get.-

M. K. Gandhi

Mahatma Gandhi returned to India on January 9, 1915.

IDCA salutes the following Dedicated NRI pioneers!

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