

Dear GITA Patrons,

Wish You All A Happy and Prosperous New Year 2012.

Welcome to the New Year 2012, GITA Sadbhavana year. As we enter into a new year, we at GITA wanted to take this opportunity to communicate with all the Telugu speaking people at large and share a few notes on what the year 2012 means to each and every one of us and expectations for the 2012 committee as well as all the GITA members.

Over the years, GITA has grown in membership and presence in the community via various activities. Every year, we get to see something new and innovative and thanks to the past committees for keeping GITA in the community via social and cultural activities.

During the Year 2012, GITA would like to continue the tradition and build upon it, extend our reach to other regional organizations and make our presence felt. This can be attained by collaboration with other regional communities and organizations in and around Indianapolis area.

GITA Committee 2012 is planning for several events beyond our traditional events that we conduct every year. Some of these include but not limited to the following:

GITA Sadbhavana Year: As noted earlier, Year 2012 will be considered as 'GITA Sadbhavana Year'. GITA is for all the Telugu speaking individuals living in greater Indianapolis area regardless of their origin, region and/or cultural affinity. GITA would like to promote cultural and social harmony among all the Telugu speaking families in the community. GITA humbly seeks support from each and every one of you to promote this cause and shape into a united organization for us all Telugu speaking residents of Greater Indianapolis area.

Engage and Promote Youth Activities: Our goal is to build GITA into a community with stronger values and an entity that stands for what is best for the Telugu speaking people in our community. We want to develop social and cultural awareness in our youth and encourage them to take more active participation. Telugu youth is the future of GITA. The youth division of our committee will be working diligently with rest of the committee members to involve Telugu youth for an active participation during various events and beyond.

GITA Cricket Tournament: While we all appreciate the local sports, Cricket is still *our* sport. We are World Champs! By popular demand, GITA 2012 plans to conduct a Cricket Tournament in collaboration with other local organizations. We have already received a lot of positive feedback regarding the possibility of hosting a Cricket Event and GITA is very excited to plan for this.

Essay Writing Competition - Telugu Culture/Language: దేశ భాషలందు తెలుగు లొస్స ... was once said by a great king from our state. GITA would like to contribute to promoting our great Telugu Culture and language and what better way to do that than give ourselves an opportunity to bring out the best from some of our own? Yes, GITA plans to conduct an essay writing competition during the year 2012 and this event will be open to all. There will be categories for

youth also. This would be a great opportunity for parents to share their immense knowledge on Telugu culture and language with their kids and help them become more aware of our culture and tradition. Additional details for the aforementioned events will be shared during the coming months as appropriate.

GITA Ugadi Puraskaralu: GITA recognizes that we have several gems in our community that excel in various professional, social and educational fields. As such, GITA realizes the need to honor such individuals for their work and contributions to the community by organizing '*GITA Ugadi Puraskaralu*'. More details regarding this will be shared during the coming weeks.

Future Email Communication Means: GITA always looks for ways to save money spent towards maintenance and up keeping thus diverting most of the resources towards events and social and charitable causes. GITA 2012 Committee has decided to forego the use of Constant Contact which is a paid service and instead use MailChimp which is a free email communication service. Please expect to receive email communication from GITA via Mailchimp service.

GITA Website Re-Design: While GITA committee communicates with the GITA general body from time to time via email. We also realize that Website is one of the best ways to keep all the GITA members abreast of the past, current and future events. As such, we plan to re-design the GITAONLINE Website portal to make it more user friendly and informative. Please look for additional communication regarding these changes in the coming weeks.

Success of any organization is dependent upon its support and membership base. Over the years, GITA has been fortunate to have a strong support and encouragement from each and every one of you. We would like to build on it and make GITA a stronger organization in the community at large. However, this cannot be possible without your support and encouragement. We sincerely appeal to all the current and past members to upgrade and renew your membership and help support various social and charity events GITA plans for the year 2012. For all the non-members, we need your support. Please take membership during Sankranthi event or [click here](#) to download the membership form and show your support for GITA.

GITA is an organization for you and managed by you. Let us help and support ourselves and make GITA into an even stronger organization.

Hope to see you all at the GITA Sankranthi 2012 event. Please look for additional details regarding the event in the coming days.

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