



NRI Vasavi Association, USA



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AAS - SUCCESS CELEBRATED

If there is one thing that every NRIVA member holds near to their heart, celebrates with pride and commits to see it succeed, it is certainly NRIVA's signature and one-of-its-kind program **Adopt-A-Student**. Launched as its first initiative, through this program, NRIVA has touched the lives of many youngsters by enabling the opportunity which otherwise may have remained a dream.

NRIVA had the pleasure of bringing the beneficiaries of its Adopt-A-Student program, eminent personalities of the Vasavi Community in India and the board/executive members under one-roof at Hyderabad, during December 2018, to celebrate the success story of the program.

Emotions filled the hall as each beneficiary shared how NRIVA has transformed their lives. More than 250 attendees had the opportunity to hear the success stories and showered blessings on about 40 beneficiaries who gathered in Hyderabad from across South India. "It is a great moment to connect with the students and see in-person how our efforts have benefitted them" said an AAS sponsor.

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NRIVA India Foundation

NRIVA is happy to share with its members and well-wishers that we have received the 80G and 12A approval for NRIVA India Foundation from Government of India. The effort to form a non-profit foundation in India began with Shri GMR Garu's announcement of a matching grant during our 1st Global Convention at Washington D.C in 2011.

Soon after receiving the approvals, our Chairman Shri Shankar Setty and President Shri Nagender Aytha met Shri Grande Mallikarjuna Rao to begin the work towards signing MOU with GMR Varalakshmi Foundation.

Our organization has grown leaps and bounds since our first convention and establishing an entity in India certainly helps us take our dreams forward and achieve them. Many projects have been identified as part of our Vision 2020 that will be benefitting from this breakthrough.

Thank you and Congratulations to all members, present and past Board/Executive Members, International Directors, well-wishers in both USA and India and our auditors for helping us through this journey to reach a major milestone.

More details will be shared at Detroit Convention!!!

NRI VASAVI ASSOCIATION
MATRIMONIAL COMMITTEE &
NEW JERSEY / NEW YORK CHAPTER
PRESENTS

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FIRST MATRIMONY REGIONAL MEET
Find your right life partner

|| Mangalyam tantunanena Mama Jeevana Hetuna :
Kanthu Badhnamu Subhage Twam Jeeva Sarada Satam ||

DATE :
SATURDAY
MARCH 9TH 2019

VENUE :
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620 GEORGES RD.
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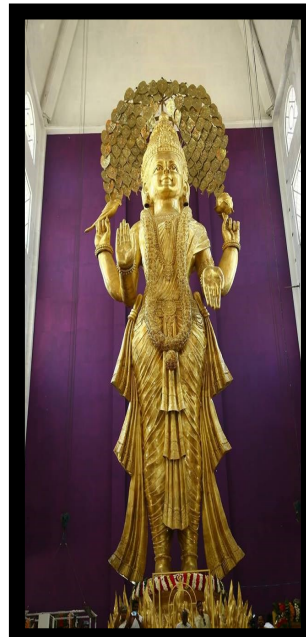
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SINGLES MEET
FOR ALL
6:00 PM TO 9:00 PM

Dress code : Any formal attire

visit <https://matrimony.nriva.org> to register and for more details
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Our Upcoming Event: 5th Global Convention on JULY 5th - 7th 2019 IN DETROIT



The 90 foot Panchaloha statue of Vasavi Matha installed at Penugonda on Feb 15th 2019.

NRIVA
Srujana, Educate to Empower

What is it: NRIVA's Women's Committee, created in 2018 under Vision 2020

Goal: Increase Women participation in Leadership positions in NRIVA

Mission: Educate to Empower – Prepare, Educate, Enable Women for practical & life changing events

Team: National + Chapters = **Collaboration**

Activities
Fun filled local events, Webinars (Finance, Women's health & Nutrition, Leadership, Entrepreneurship, parenting, stress management), Workshops, Career Coaching Programs, and many more.....

Email Srujana@nriva.org with any questions.

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5th GLOBAL CONVENTION

July 5th - 7th 2019



Highlights of Convention

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Shatamanam Bhavathi

Celebrate shashtipurthi and honor our parents



Business Conference

- Investment • Technology
- Entrepreneurship guidance etc



Women's Conference



Personalized Match Making Sessions



Live in Music Concert



Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy
Kalyanam



EXHIBITS

100+ shops to provide one of a kind shopping experience

Many more. .

For more details :

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Venue :



SUBURBAN COLLECTION
SHOWPLACE

Novi, Michigan, USA

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NRIVA thanks all the sponsors, volunteers and patrons who continue to support Adopt-A-Student program and keep it going.

The event was attended by several dignitaries from India along with several Executive Committee and Board Members of NRIVA. Some of the key dignitaries include, Shri Rosaiah Konijeti, Shri Ganesh Bigala, Shri Damodar Koleti amongst many others. We thank all the well-wishers who took the time to attend and bless the beneficiaries. The energy showcased during the event is certainly a big boost to NRIVA volunteers. The idea of inviting all beneficiaries of Adopt-A-Student program was initiated by our President Shri Nagender Aytha to showcase what we can achieve when we join hands together.

On behalf of Board and EC, Chairman Shri Shankar Setty and President Shri Nagender Aytha thanks,

Shri Venkata Sanyasi Rao, Shri Gourawamy Krishnamoorthy (Kittanna), Shri Anil Gupta, Shri Shiva, Shri Anil Padakanti, Shri Sudheer, Shri Phani, Shri Sikar from India who helped with organizing the event along with AAS Chair Shri Prashant Veerabomma.

Shri Ravi Ellendula, Shri Praveen Thadakamalla, Shri Suresh Chatakonda, Shri Gangadhar Vuppala, Shri Magesh Bigala, Shri Sudhakar Pennam, Shri Rohit Vuppala, Shri Bhanu Illindra, Shri Jay Manda and Shri MohanKrishna Talluri, who all joined the event from across USA.

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Help us and Change Someone's Life

Adopt a student is designed to help under-privileged students from Primary School to Masters, across several disciplines such as from Medicine, Engineering, MCA and more. In 2018, NRIVA helped 40+ students (as of Nov 2018) to take a step forward. The list of beneficiaries include students from Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Telangana.

AAS Volunteers do the due diligence by working directly with beneficiaries, their families, college/school authorities and referrers to validate the beneficiaries needs. The payments are directly made to the institution to ensure proper accountability.



Donate Generously!

email : aasteam@nriva.org | <https://nriva.org/wp/get-involved/adopt-student/>

I am filled with Joy to receive a standing ovation from all of you today. Thank you for all the help you provided to my son. You are truly Humane.

Ganga Bhavani
A Beneficiary's parent.

A beneficiary who got hired at Amazon India and is very talented with a great fluency in English, promised to help underprivileged people in her life.

It is great to see NRIVA has established a pipeline where the beneficiaries are taking its baton and running forward. A legacy that we all can share pride in.

It is a blessing to have an opportunity to help and serve under-privileged students. It is equally a bliss to meet students who have got good jobs and settling down in their lives. I met students who have secured a job at Amazon Alexa, Accenture and Factset Research to name a few. Another student shared that his idea has cleared several levels in "Startup India" program. It was a great experience to see them all. Thank you to each and everyone who attended the event and made it a huge success.

- Shri Prashant Veerabomma, Chair, Adopt-A-Student program & AAS Hyderabad Event coordinator

Yummy Corner...

Beetroot and Black Eye Bean Salad - By Smt Rama Mahesh, NJ



Ingredients:

Nutritious and Easy to prepare salad

Beetroot - 2 (medium size)

Black Eyed Beans - 1/4 cup

Ginger - 1/4 inch

Coriander Leaves - 1 table spoon

Lemon juice, salt , pepper - to taste

Method:

1. Parboil the whole beetroot, peel and cut into matchsticks.

2. Cook black eyed bean to soft, but not mushy.

3. Grate ginger, chop coriander leaves.

4. Mix beetroot, bean, ginger, coriander leaves, salt, pepper and lemon juice.

Serves 4



NRIVA Regional Matrimony Meet - a first of its kind

NRIVA has grown leaps and bounds in the recent years, that our needs have grown rapidly. NRIVA Matrimonial committee saw an opportunity to cater to the growing community's needs and is hosting its first Regional Matrimony meet. We reached out to the Chair of the organizing committee, Mr Rakesh Raj from New Jersey for an interview.

Rakesh, Congratulations on leading the project to host NRIVA's first matrimony regional meet! NRIVA has been hosting matrimonial meets as part of its biennial conventions, why a regional meet?

Thank you Mannar. It's an honor to lead this effort. The matrimonial meets during the convention have been a huge success in connecting singles and parents alike, as you mentioned, this is a biennial event. We wanted to extend this opportunity to Vasavites more frequently as well as across the US. The goal is to have the regional meets in every 4 months spanning west coast, east coast and mid west regions.

The matrimonial meet during the last convention was attended by a lot of people that we ran into logistical challenges. What preparations has your team done to make the regional meet better?

A good problem that we had during the convention was the number of attendees being three fold than registered. We want all participants to attend and we are happy to accommodate everyone, we request you to register at matrimony.nriva.org so that we are better prepared to receive you. Walk-in's are always welcome but please do register to get all the updates and be better prepared for your travel.

What will my day look like, if I am a bride or groom attending the event?

We have two major events to connect the prospective brides and

grooms. The first event is geared towards singles who were raised in US from High school onwards. This event begins at 2:30 pm and would last about 2 hours. This would be followed by a social hour from 4:30 to about 6 pm which is open for all. At 6pm we will start a speed dating event for all singles regardless of the which part of the world they are from. We expect this event to go until 9:30pm including dinner. We would like to create a nice natural friendly environment where people could talk and get to know each other.

Do you have any success stories of matches after NJ convention?

We were able to link multiple couples during the convention as well as after the convention. We are always available for singles to reach out to us to know specific details of a person they met during the event to help take things forward.

You have been on both sides of the table in NRIVA Matrimony events. What is your advice to the potential brides/grooms attending the event?

Well that is a good question and this is my personal opinion. Finding your soul-mate is a process, but it doesn't happen randomly. We need to put in our efforts to find the right match. Always be open and receptive of others you meet during the meet as well as in life. Everyone there is with an intention of finding the right person. Don't be shy, talk to the boy/girl freely and exchange your views. You never know, that might be the person of your dreams. Never judge a book by its cover and don't jump to conclusions. Talk to everyone and reach out to the NRIVA Matrimony team members for any sort of help, we are all here for you.

I finally would like to thank for the opportunity and a special thanks all our volunteers. Visit matrimony.nriva.org for details.

An unique way to give back

Recent Government shutdown left many Federal employees without pay, yet many were either asked to or voluntarily showed up to, work to keep things going. One such group of employees work at TSA, who kept us our travels on schedule.



NRIVA chapters of Philadelphia and Delaware came up with an unique way to serve and pay back to the communities we live in. They ordered food at a local grocery chain Weagmans and delivered at the Philadelphia International Airport personally serving more than 460 TSA employees across multiple shifts.

"Typical Pizza delivery is all what we expected, you guys surprised us with a feast", said one of the TSA employees.

What a great way to give back to our "Karma Bhoomi"!



Congratulations to Philadelphia and Delaware Chapters and the volunteers who made it happen.

THULABARAM - ONE OF ITS KIND @ NRIVA

A trend setter for other Chapters by their creative ways of celebrating Vasavi festivals, St. Louis, organized as "Thulabaram" event during the recent Vasavi Atmarpana Day.

Amidst the traditional Homam, children reading Vasavi Matha story, the organizers setup a weighing balance where the idol of Goddess Vasavi Matha was placed on one side and devotees placed their offerings in quarters and dollars on the other side.

More than 150 devotees attended the event and offered to Goddess Vasavi and sought her blessings. All the funds



raised will be donated to projects that work towards uplifting under-privileged children.



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By Shri Ramesh Babu Yamasani, Hyderabad on the occasion of Vasavi Matha Vighraha Prathishta Ceremony at Penugonda.

NRIVA teen conferred National STEM Award

NRIVA takes pride in congratulating its own, Ms. Kavya Kopparapu of DC Chapter who has been conferred with the 2019 National STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) education award for her groundbreaking invention designed to improve treatments of glioblastoma, the deadliest form of brain cancer.

For more details, visit <https://indianamericancommunitynews.com/2019/03/02/indian-american-teen-kavya-kopparapu-conferred-national-stem-education-award-for-invention-to-improve-brain-cancer-treatment/?fbclid=IwAR3e1qiooghe2rU-Jyh8WcrIAA4yWjdfg6xydxaoyBIYFKRL4js2GPgStEI>



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- By Smt Jalaja Vardha, Columbus, OH

NRIVA WEBINARS

Have you attended a NRIVA Webinar?

If you haven't, join the 600-800 other NRIVA members who have been benefitting from the various topics presented during our webinars. For more details, sign up for our email list or contact your chapter leads.

Here are the webinars hosted thus far in 2019....

Stocks & Fund Investments - Vamshi Yelakanti
Options Strategies, Futures, Commodities & Forex - Jayakrishna Devaki

Autonomy & Robotics - Siddarth Kaki

Tax Changes - Paul Joseph

Breast Cancer Awareness - Dr. Prashanthi Yerram

For recordings, please visit:

<https://nriva.org/wp/information/>

VASAVI ATMARPANA DAY

Goddess Vasavi, incarnation of Adiparashakthi made Agnipravesham (Sacred Fire) along with the 102 Gothra couples at Penugonda to prevent war bloodshed. Later, Matha Vasavi emerged from the sacred Homa Gundam in her Moola swarupam of ADIPARASHAKTHI and taught the noble principles of Dharmam (Duty), Seelam (Integrity), Ahimsa (Non-violence). The 102 couples who also did Agnipravesham attained salvation (Moksham). Hence this day Magha Suddha Vidhya is being commemorated with Homam and other Pooja's to recognize Vasavi Matha's sacrifice and let's all participate in Seva Days aka Service Days as a token of her sacrifice to the community.

NRIVA chapters across the nation observed this day by doing Poojas, Homams and service activities. Thanks to Chapter leads and the Volunteers from the following chapters who helped the day happen in their respective chapters.

Albany, NY	Columbus, OH	New Jersey/New York
Atlanta, GA	Connecticut	Portland, OR
Bay Area, CA	Greenville, SC	St. Louis, MO
Boston, MA	Houston, TX	Seattle, WA
Colorado	Maryland	Virginia - DC

Have you marked your calendars for the 5th Global Convention?

Not yet?

**Don't miss a lifetime opportunity to attend
the best convention ever!!!**



NRIVA 5th GLOBAL CONVENTION 2019

Venue : Suburban Collection Showplace, Novi, Michigan, USA

Convention blueprint for July 5th, 6th and 7th 2019





Banquet Night



Business Conference



Youth Conference



Cultural Events



Shatamanam Bhavati



Women's Conference



Miss & Mrs. NRIVA



Live in Music Concert



V Got Talent



Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy
Kalyanam



Matrimony





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MISS & MRS NRIVA



Pageant Schedule:

- ▼ **Qualifying Round** - at Chapter NRIVA DAY
- ▼ **Finals** - at Convention

Minimum Requirement:

Miss NRIVA

Age : Between 16 years and 25 years
(as on July 5th 2019)

Mrs. NRIVA

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For more details : convention@nriva.org • <http://convention.nriva.org/miss-nriva-mrs-nriva-details.html>



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July 5th-7th 2019

Suburban Collection Showplace, Novi, Michigan, USA



Are you a

Singer, Dancer, Mimicry Artist, Juggler,
Musician, Comedian, Hypnotist or have any other
talents that you would like to showcase ?

Here is the opportunity to showcase your talents

Judging Elements : * Stage Appearance * Personality * Creativity
* Depth in Talent * Overall Performance

Overtime : Time duration is strictly followed and any overtime will have points penalty

Register for "V Got Talent", Showcase your talent and
be a winner. Two winners from each chapter will advance
to the finals to be conducted at NRIVA 5th Global Convention
in Detroit during July 5th-7th 2019

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