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## NRIVA Cruises North...

NRIVA's biennial cruise event took a different direction this year setting its sails to go North, joined by 117 families from 21 states across USA and 4 different countries. Thanks to Ram Garipalli garu and Ravi Ellendula garu, our cruise coordinators and EC members who chose Alaska as the new destination for NRIVA to explore.

Though traditionally, November has been NRIVA's cruise event, which itself is celebrated by its members like a mini-convention on the waters, the grand glaciers of Alaska added the icing on the cake for the 350 members who gathered during the last week of July at Seattle.

Treated to the mouth watering Indian vegetarian delicacies, the families bonded and built new friendships as they boarded the bus tours to Skagway and Yukon. Great water falls, lakes and the spectacular fireworks left the members awestruck and spell bounded with a lifetime of memories to cherish and moments to relive.

The cruise catered to the varied interests of a diverse group throughout the trip with sessions ranging from Meet and Greet, NRIVA's journey, Matrimonial, Yoga, Health and non-stop entertainment for all ages. Families also took the opportunity to learn about NRIVA, its signature program Adopt-a-student and



the extended families of the Vasavi community. Volunteers from chapters such as Atlanta, Boston and Columbus engaged the attendees with games and entertainment.

NRIVA leadership thanks all the members involved in this edition of cruise expedition and cannot thank enough, the volunteers for their role from the onset of planning to the very last moment to make each moment a memorable experience.

## Message from NRIVA President



My Dear Vasavites,

I am very proud and privileged to be part of NRIVA since its inception.

Over the last 10 years, we have spread the Vasavi Matha message "Dharmam-Seelam-Ahimsa", helping many underprivileged with their education, emergency and medical help and other needs. We were also able to connect many people with Matrimonial, Business, Career, Immigration, Health and various other activities in line with our motto "Connect to Serve".

tremendous number of hours with passion, dedication and commitment to grow NRIVA to the highest level. I have witnessed firsthand this organization growing from 1 chapter to 40+ chapters and connecting more than 10000+ Vasavites throughout the country.

We can't thank enough all our donors for their continuous support for NRIVA without whose generosity, we could not have done various service activities over the years, and hope to have their continued support, love and affection in the future too.

I am very excited to share that we have 30 different committees continuously working on several activities... *Contd on Page 2*

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అలలపై ఆలవోకగ అలాస్కా ప్రయాణం  
అంతులేని ఆనందాల సాగర పయనం  
రమణీయమైన ప్రకృతి దృశ్యం  
ముద్రించే మదిఫలకంపై చిత్రలేఖనం  
ఎగతన్నుకు వచ్చే జలపాతాల ఆవేశం  
ఈ హోరు ఆ జోరు మదిలో గిలిగింతల సమాగమనం  
గ్రేషియర్లపై మది జరుగున జారిన వైనం  
అబ్బో అంతుచిక్కని ఆ ఆనందం  
ఏమని చెప్పను నా నౌకా యానం  
ఈడుకు సరైన జోడుని పరిచయ ప్రయత్నం  
ఈడు జోడు వివాహ పరిచయం  
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ఇన్ని గంతులేసిన మనస్సుకి కావాలి యోగా విన్యాసం  
అందుకే మేమున్నామన్నాడు అధ్యాపక బృందం  
యోగం భోగం భాగ్యం ఇచ్చిన ఈ నౌకా యానం  
NRIVAచరిత్రలో ఒక టోటం స్థంభం

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I would like to thank all our Members, Chapter leads, Committee Chairs, Co-chairs, Executive Team, Board members and all Volunteers who have put

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## *President's Message Continued...*

Here are some important activities and achievements during last few months:

◆ For the first time in the history of NRIVA we conducted oath ceremony program for EC, BOD, Chairs, Co-chairs and Chapter leads in Detroit January 2018.

◆ We have initiated and presented Vision 2020 plan that is aligned with our mission statement "Connecting to Serve". The objective of Vision 2020 plan is to take our organization to the highest level. Vision 2020 document is prepared covering several projects with clear time lines on delivery with 10 Years road map. In our Vision 2020 Plan we have included some long term legacy projects like building Vasavi Temple, Community Center and Retirement Center in USA and NRIVA Bhavan/Choultry in India

◆ As part of Vasavi Atmarpana day we have initiated NRIVA Vasavi Seva days across all chapters. More than 20 chapters have performed Vasavi Atmarpana Pooja and actively participated in service activities like Food drives, Blanket drives, Coat drives, Soup kitchen drives and various other service activities. We sponsored four families with Managala Suthram. We recently started a campaign for Kerala Flood Relief. The Vasavi Seva team is planning for another drive during this fall.

◆ Vasavi Jayanthi Celebrations was a grand success this year. For the first time more than 35+ chapters enthusiastically celebrated the festival across USA. Some 6000 people attended the events across all the chapters. We distributed Vasavi idols, Prasadam from Penugonda to all chapters. We have conducted Vasavi Maha mantra chanting sessions and conducted Vasavi alankaram and essay writing competitions.

◆ We created chapter guidelines and conducted sessions with chapter leads.

◆ We standardized the banners and flyers for all our signature events as part of our Branding strategy and continue working on templates for all the NRIVA activities.

◆ We implemented Social media guidelines and rolled out the new process to all the chapters and core team members.

◆ We are in the process of developing a new web portal to enhance our productivity and create seamless experience for our members as part of our Technology strategy. Technology committee has been updating the website with all the updates.

◆ We have initiated SRUJANA (Women's Committee) and successfully conducted the first webinar for women and coming up with another webinar for financial awareness for women in September. The committee has also started various women's activities.

◆ We have applied for 80(G) status for NRIVA India trust, which is a requirement for accepting funds from the GMR Matching program.

◆ Youth Committee has been initiated forming chapter level leadership to conduct youth activities in chapters and started planning to coordinate several activities.

◆ Education committee conducted summer STEM workshops in some chapters and a webinar by a youth member.

◆ We conducted 3 Immigration sessions to benefit our members on immigration changes taking place in USA. Our immigration team has created multiple WhatsApp groups to help our members with answering questions from experts on a daily basis.

◆ As part of Adopt a Student program we have sponsored 25 students until now and plan to sponsor another 25 students before the end of the year.

◆ We conducted a webinar on

'Diabetes and Thyroid' and in the process of organizing a walk by Health and fitness team.

◆ Help line team has helped with various Medical and Death related Fund raisers over the year.

◆ Alaska Cruise was great success. A total of 117 plus families with 350 members joined the group from 20 plus chapters and from four countries.

◆ We conducted our first Successful Matrimonial session during the Cruise. Around 70 parents participated and we have more than 1200 profiles on our NRIVA matrimonial website.

◆ New Chapter Committee added two new chapters and is working towards adding a few more before the end of the year.

◆ Chapter Coordination Committee has organized several chapter coordination calls for promoting the vision 2020, chapter leads guidelines, committee chairs calls along with other calls. We are also collecting the member details from local chapters and updating the website.

◆ We are happy to share that we have signed contract with Suburban Place, Novi, MI for NRIVA's 5<sup>th</sup> Global convention, to be held during July 4<sup>th</sup> to July 6<sup>th</sup> of 2019.

I request all of you to block your calendars and plan to attend the convention with your family and friends.

Last but not least, please visit [www.nriva.org](http://www.nriva.org) for details on our activities. Thank you all for your continuous support to NRIVA and appreciate all your help.

May Goddess Vasavi Matha shower good health, wealth and prosperity on all of us.

Thanks

**Nagender Aytha,**  
**President, NRIVA**



## Message from NRIVA Chairman

Dear Fellow NRIVA Members,

Hope you all are doing well and had a good chance to celebrate both American and Indian independence days. I am happy that we are able to pull together and reinstate Vasavi Vani. I would like to share that we had a wonderful Cruise Trip to Alaska organized by NRIVA and heard lot of positive feedback which gives us immense energy to conduct these kind of fun activities in future. As Chairman, let me thank the editor and the entire Vasavi Vani team, including the Cruise organization team, and the Leadership team who had put their valuable time, effort and money to make these events such a huge success!

In addition to the above events, there have been wonderful educational and health webinars, STEM classes and various service activities across all the chapters by our passionate members. I am very much fascinated by the increased interest and growth of this esteemed organization. Let us continue to work together to take NRIVA to the next level.

Let me take this opportunity to inform you that along with Adopt A student and other service programs, we are in the midst of planning our upcoming convention at Detroit in 2019. Please



block your calendar from July 4th-6th 2019 for the NRIVA 5th Global convention at Novi (Detroit), Michigan. More details will follow shortly. We are looking forward to putting together another successful Convention.

I am truly honored to serve as your Chairman and look forward to continue to foster growth and building meaningful relationships in our community. Also, I assure you to protect interests of NRIVA in all aspects.

**Shankar N Setty**

**Chairman, NRIVA**



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## 3K/5K FAMILY RUN FOR PEACE



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**29-Sept-2018 thru 28-Oct-2018**

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Venkat Narlapati	Kishore Mantri
Chaitanya Aytha	

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### Thank you NRIVA! You made the difference

Adopt-A-Student team is excited to share with you all about a student supported by NRIVA Charan Thangudu, has got a job offer even before completing his studies. Vasavi Vanithalu NJ/NY sponsored the student via our AAS program. Charan knows only Telugu and his family couldn't afford for his studies. After passing 10th grade, he was working in a shop for two years. With our support, Charan joined ITI and scored 83% in his first year.

You can be part of similar success stories and help make a difference in an under-privileged student's life.

*Light the light in someone's life through Adopt-A-Student program*

# NRIVA Matrimony - Recent Listings

Bride/Groom	Age	Current Visa	Profession	Location
Bride	30 years	Other Temporary Visa	Team Lead, Bangalore India	India
Groom	29 years	H-1B Visa	Senior Data Integration Developer, Merkle Inc, Maryland	USA
Groom	28 years	H-1B Visa	Software XEROX Rochester, NY	USA
Groom	27 years	EAD	Data Scientist, Zuben AI, Minneapolis	USA
Bride	25 years		Software Engineer, TCS, Hyderabad	India
Bride	25 years	H-1B Visa	Pursuing second Year MS in Texas A& M , college station. Currently on Student VISA	USA
Bride	24 years		Software Professional in Hyderabad	India
Bride	26 years	H-1B Visa	Software Engineer, Cincinnati, Siemens	USA
Bride	23 years		Chartered Accountant (Final)	India
Groom	28 years		Network Engineer, First Solar, Toledo, OH	USA

More details on these profiles and additional profiles are available at <http://matrimony.nriva.org>. Please visit our website and enroll to find a suitable match for your children.

## Alaskan Cruise—Telugu Poem

By Smt. Jalaja Vardha, Columbus, OH

Note: To benefit our readers who cannot read Indian language scripts, we will make every attempt to translate, when possible and/or write it in English. Our goal is to ensure all our readers irrespective of their age and skill enjoy the newsletter. Following is the translation of the poem published in the first page.

### Alaskan Cruise

Sailing over the seas to Alaska,  
feeling endless happiness sailing on the seas,  
Seeing beautiful sceneries around,  
which imprinted in my mind like a painting,  
The sounds of the strong currents in the waterfall and the beautiful scenery made my heart tickle with happiness,  
My heart slid over the slippery glaciers ,  
O! That happiness!!  
What do I tell about my cruise,  
introducing each other in matrimony session ,  
playing couple games, reminding of our younger times,  
kids mingled with each other without any inhibitions,  
For this heart which jumped with happiness, there was yoga to make it steady,  
For which there were yoga teachers,  
Things that we got from this journey :Yogam, Bhogam and Bhagyam  
became a totem pole for NRIVA 's history

P.S: NRIVA conducted matrimony sessions ,enjoyable couple games, Yoga sessions directed by Yoga teachers and playful kids games. Also, Totem poles are carved by Alaskan tribal to display characters and ancient stories on a pole.  
So , the poem tries to portray all these points.




Dharmam      Sheelam      Ahimsa

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## Destination Detroit

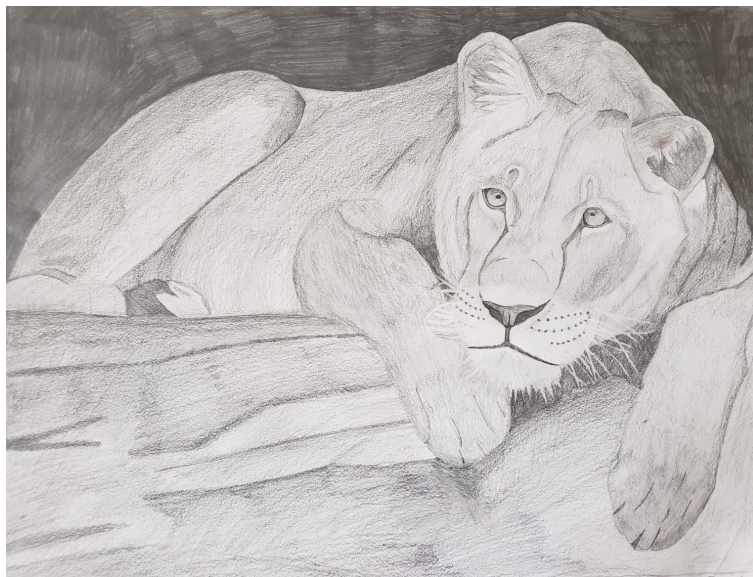
Mark your Calendars & join us for NRIVA's  
5th Global Convention!!!  
July 4th, 5th and 6th 2019



## Amazing Creations of the young talent...



By Sanju Priya Nadimalla 8th grade, Columbus, OH



By Saisparsh Kustagishettar Age:15 , Columbus, OH

### India is... By Phanithan Konda, 5th grade, Columbus, OH

**Innovative** India is innovative. A 5th grade student from Tamil Nadu made a device that could detect silent heart attacks. Shampoo was invented in India and the originates from the Hindi word cāmpu. Chess came from the Indian Chaturanga. Sir Jagadish Chandra Bose invented wireless communication before Guglielmo Marconi. These inventions and countless others make India the country it is today.

**Noteworthy** India is a noteworthy tourist destination. Lush jungles are home to monkeys, leopards, peacocks, parrots, tigers, elephants, and deer. Agra is home to the the great Taj Mahal built by the great emperor Shah Jahan for his wife. The Ganges river has dolphins which are close to extinction and if you go there, you might see one. On the riverside, festivals are held for the water of the Ganges is holy. India is truly a great place to visit.

**Diverse** India is one of the most diverse countries in the world. It is home to many religions including Hinduism, Sikhism, Islam, Christianity, Buddhism, Jainism, and others, due to its large population. There are so many different living styles from luxury condos to straw huts in one country. So many different foods from Tandoori

Chicken to Pani Poori. India speaks 22 different languages. With all of these factors, saying India is not diverse is crazy.

**Intelligent** India is very intelligent. Some of the greatest minds hailed from India. C.V. Raman discovered the Raman effect winning him the Nobel Prize in Physics and becoming the first Asian to win the Physics Nobel Prize. Aryabhata explained solar and lunar eclipses, thought the earth rotated on its axis, and found out the the first 4 digits of  $\pi$ . Amartya Sen invented social choice theory. These men and others make India the smart country it is.

**Ancient** India is ancient country. From the Indus Valley civilization, to present day cities, so much has changed since humanity first arrived on the lands of Jambudvipa. Hindustan has had many rulers including the Mughals and the British. The first people were not united. Instead, there were multiple empires scattered throughout the country. The Mughals united part of the country, but the British conquered India. Once free from foreign oppression, Pakistan and Bangladesh separated. The remaining country united under the Republic of India. India has had a very colorful history. Jai Hind!

Want to showcase your children's creative talent here? Email us @ [vasavivani@nriva.org](mailto:vasavivani@nriva.org)

పురాణేతిహాసాలలో చెప్పబడ్డ ఎందరో గొప్ప గొప్ప స్త్రీలు సీత, గార్గి , అహల్య , మండోదరి, తార, మైత్రేయి , శబరీ నేటికీ పూజింపబడి మన భారతీయులందరికీ ఆదర్శవీరాయంగా నిలిచారు. వారు కేవలం ఆ యుగానికి మాత్రమే పరిమితమా? కాదు నేటికీ వారిని మీరు చూడొచ్చు.

నేటి మహిళ ఒక సీత కాదా?

గృహస్థు ధర్మాన్ని నిర్వర్తిస్తూ ఉద్యోగ విధి నిర్వహణల భాద్యతలు చేపడుతూ, తన పవిత్రతని కాపాడుకుంటూ, సహనంతో సమాజంలో ఉండే ఎందరో రావణుల్ని ఎదుర్కొనడంలేదా? అనేక కష్ట నష్టాలకోర్చి భావితరాన్ని తీర్చిదిద్ది, పుట్టింటి మెట్టింటి గౌరవాన్ని ద్విగుణీకృతం చేసే నేటి మహిళ ఒక సీత కాదా ?

నేటి మహిళ ఒక గార్గి ( బ్రహ్మవిద్యాజ్ఞాని)కాదా ?

అధిక శ్రమకు ఓర్చి అహర్నిశలు కష్టపడి అత్యున్నత విద్యాభ్యాసాలు చేసి ఉన్నత పదవులు సంపాదించి పురుషులను మించి చాకచక్యంగా పదవీ భాద్యతలు, గృహస్థ భాద్యతలు నిర్వర్తించే నేటి మహిళ ఒక గార్గి కాదా?

నేటి మహిళ ఒక అహల్య కాదా?

కామాంధుల కామకోరలలో చిక్కుకుని తమ అస్తిత్వాన్ని కోల్పోయి అజ్ఞాత జీవితాన్ని గడుపుతున్న ఎందరో మహిళలు, రాముడు లేని ఈ కలియుగంలో బలైపోతున్న, రాయిలా బతుకుతున్న ఎందరో అహల్యలు లేరా నేటి సమాజంలో?

నేటి మహిళ ఒక మండోదరి కాదా?

పురుషాధిక్యతని ఎదుర్కొనలేక అధర్మాన్ని సహించలేక తనలోతాను సతమవుతూ ధర్మాన్నే ఆశ్రయించి మృదు గంభీరమైన జీవితాన్ని గడిపే నేటి మహిళ ఒక మండోదరి కాదా?

నేటి మహిళ ఒక తార కాదా ?

అన్నదమ్ముల మధ్య కుటుంబాల మధ్య కలహాలు తీర్చి గృహంలోను కార్యాలయాల్లోనూ బుద్ధి, వివేకం, యుక్తి , చాతుర్యంతో చేసే నిర్ణయాలు ఆనాడు రామాయణంలో వాలి భార్య తారను మరిపించడం లేదా?

నేటి మహిళ ఒక మైత్రేయి కాదా ?

గరిక నా అమెరికా ఇంటి రవిక

నీవు పెరిగితే కోయాలి ,నీవు ఆగితే ఎరువేయాలి  
నీవు పెరగలేదు అంటే తంటా  
మరెక్కువ పెరిగితే ఉంటుంది పైన్ల మంట  
దుర్వా అంటూ బెర్కుడా అంటూ పిలిచేమంట

వృక్ష జాతియందు మరిగ్గుజ్ఞు వృక్షము నీవు  
వృక్ష జాతియందు ఫోనిక్స్ నీవు  
భూమి సారమా రక్షించే వరము నీవు  
ఘనకీర్తి గరికపాటి ఇంటిపేరు నీవు

గణపయ్య పూజలో గణము నీవు  
అమృత భాండము నీమీద మోసినావు  
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