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**MAFS/UMAS celebrates India's 66<sup>th</sup> Independence Day with Patriotic Fervor**



**Naperville, IL:** Heart rending performances, lilting music and dramatic presentations — of Metropolitan Asian Family Services/ Universal Metro Asian Services (MAFS/UMAS) seniors have successfully churned out patriotic fervor to evoke feelings of “Desh Bhakti,” on August 15, 2012, at MAFS Naperville location.

The celebration replete with rousing performance and enduring remarks, that was set as a theme for the day.

Ms. Santosh Kumar, Executive Director MAFS/UMAS paid a rich tribute to Indian democracy, its vibrancy, and pluralism through her inspiring remarks and patriotic fervor. She spoke eloquently about India’s triumphant journey and said, “August 15th is definitely the most important day for Indians and its relevance won’t be diminished ever. This day should not just be celebrated but it should be cherished...”

MAFS Naperville staff and seniors had taken extra measure to make the day remarkable through their exuberant performances. Senior enacted sacrifices made by our great freedom fighters through their dramatic representations. From Pandit Nehru to Mahatma Gandhiji, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel to Netaji Bose, Maulana Azad to Lal Bahadhu Shastri they have given the life to every roles that they depicted - Shantilal Thakkral as Gandhiji, Girijashankar Bhatt as Jawaharlal Nehru, Govind Desai as Lal Bahadhu Shastri, Praffulchandra Shah as Maulana Azad, Babubhai Modi as Subhash Chandra Base, Gurubachan Singh as Bhagat Singh, Burra Sreenivas as Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Manju Checker as Bharat Mata. Sindi Folk Dance was presented by Mr. Jamal Akber named Hoo Jamaloo,

Naperville Manager, Gira Ethindra welcomed seniors and thanked them for showing amazing patriotic spirit, she also recognized seniors who contribute to the success of the celebration with their remarkable skits and skills. The celebration culminated with authentic India dishes made for our dedicated kitchen staff for guests and seniors.

Members of MAFS/UMAS including Promila Mehta, MAFS Chicago manager and Himali Bharucha, ADS director have joined in India’s 66<sup>th</sup> Independence Day celebration hosted by the Indian Consulate of Chicago, at Consul General Office, downtown, Chicago.

The celebrations began early morning, on August 15 with Mukta D Tomar, Consul General of India in Chicago, hoisting the national flag and joining the community in singing the national anthem.

The evening reception was attended by Mrs. And Mr. Kumar. The consul general read out the message from the President of India, President Pranab Mukherjee. The President's message said, "Anger against the bitter pandemic of corruption is legitimate, as is the protest against this plague that is eroding the capability and potential of our nation. There are times when people lose their patience but it cannot become an excuse for an assault on our democratic institutions."

The Consul General on her part, urged the expatriate community in the USA to live as a single entity. "Indians' has great value as Indians are regarded the world over for their intellect, knowledge, diligence and rich cultural values," she said.

