

FROM THE PRESIDENT

First and foremost, I want to thank each one of you for electing me to the Board of Trustees. I would also like to thank each one of the Board of Trustees for electing me as the President of a great organization that has been safeguarding and preserving our rich Culture and Tradition for the past 24 years. Residing in New Jersey for the past 25 years, I have been actively participating in TAGDV, TANA, ATA, as well as TFAS. I also thank the Election Committee for putting lot of effort into the election process. I would like to specially thank the members of the previous executive committee for doing a great job in the last 2 years.

Congratulations to an excellent team who came forward to take our organization to a much higher level. Our dynamic team is eagerly putting together ideas and different approaches to plan new programs in the future. Special thanks to our Telugu Jyothi Editor Dr. Bhavaraju and his team for publishing a special issue of Telugu Jyothi for Ugadi Day.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I take this opportunity to thank and appreciate each one of you for your continued support and spirit towards our esteemed organization, TFAS. For any community organization of this magnitude, there is the need of mutual understanding and collective effort at all times. As a community our goal sounds simple but it needs an on going effort and undying zeal to sustain the spirit and stick on to the path. I request each one of you to support us in making TFAS a brighter organization.

I am also glad to mention that we are forming committees for various activities for TFAS events and I request you to send in your information if you are interested in participating.

The Executive Committee decided to focus on the following tasks for the next year:

- Preparations for 25th Anniversary Celebrations
- Increase Membership
- Provide benefits to members and issue Membership Cards
- Branches for 'School of Telugu Language'
- Telugu Jyothi Online version

Please help your beloved TFAS by reminding your friends and family members to become members of TFAS. I believe that the future of TFAS is bright and we are always looking at more ways of serving our community. Any advice and suggestions to improve the coming programs are more than welcome. Please email them as they are very helpful to gauge what our members want to see and do. And, please support TFAS today, and always.

Regards

Damu Gedala, President of TFAS

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If you wish, you may also send your email address so that TFAS can communicate to you the events organized by TFAS and other organizations.

To become a member, please go to "Membership" in the menu at www.tfas.net.

A Note to the President...

It was really a great pleasure to participate in Trimurthy Day celebration. The whole program was organized so well (Music, Food, Mike arrangements). I felt very happy this time that Veena was given importance too during Pancharatna renditions in the morning by providing separate mike. As a veena artiste it gives encouragement to participate in future. Thanks. -- Bhuvana Kannan

Ten Tough Questions – Collected by Dr. KV Rao

1. What is a "cria"?
2. Where in the world are the 'pigmy' elephants?
3. Which bird takes care of its babies for the longest time?
4. Which mammal has the biggest brain?
5. Which bird has the longest wingspan?
6. In this world, which residential building is the highest?
7. In which country, it is forbidden to eat with left hand?
8. Which bird migrates to the longest distance?
9. Which bird can fly non stop for the longest time?
10. Which animal always delivers 4 babies - all males or all females, each time?

(Look for answers in the next issue)