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Award

Wednesday, August 15th, 2018 at 5:30PM

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ABOUT INDIANA INDIA BUSINESS COUNCIL:

Founded by Raju Chinthala, the IIBC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization established in 2016 that contributes to strengthening Indiana - India relations by generating economic and social growth. The IIBC is responsible for bringing several partnerships to life, one that transcends borders and builds relations, creating strong international ties that lead to a vibrant economy. One of the major functions of IIBC is to collaborate with India based companies that want to operate in Indiana, Indiana based companies that want to expand in India, and businesses owned by Indian Americans living in Indiana.

IIBC's mission is to strengthen ties between Indiana and India as a business advocacy group, bringing together diverse leadership, engaging stakeholders and exploring issues that benefit communities, businesses and government entities. IIBC serves as a direct liaison between government and business leaders.

Indiana is surging ahead. The State is paving the way in bringing together the brightest minds from all over the world while enhancing the lives of those who live here. The Indiana India Business Council plays a pivotal part in this.

ABOUT INDIANA RATNA AWARD:

The "Indiana Ratna" means the Jewel of Indiana. It is the highest award bestowed by Board Members of the Indiana India Business Council to individuals who have contributed significantly towards strengthening cultural, educational, political, social and economic ties and have helped make a profound impact in both Indiana and India, to show the world how much we value their actions. It will be presented annually during IIBC's Gala.

1st recipient of Indiana Ratna Award: Christel DeHaan, Founder & CEO, Christel House International.

Tonight's Program:

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Janvi Bhatia & Rhea Bhatia, Carmel High School

WELCOME GREETINGS

Raju Chinthala, Founder & President, Indiana India Business Council and IIBC's The 1st Annual "INDIANA - Celebrate Our Impact" Gala Host

WELCOME REMARKS

Mayor Joe Hogsett - City of Indianapolis

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Mayor Gregory A. Ballard – Former Mayor, City of Indianapolis
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INDIANA RATNA AWARD PRESENTATION

Jim Morris - Vice Chairman, Pacers Sports & Entertainment
The United States Representative on the Executive Board of the United National Children's Fund (UNICEF)

VIDEO: A message from the students and graduates of Christel House

HONOREE REMARKS

Christel DeHaan – Founder & CEO, Christel House International

VIDEO: Congratulations to Christel

PERFORMANCE: INTOXICATING INDIA

Gregory Hancock Dance Theatre

GREETINGS

Congresswoman Susan Brooks

DINNER

REMARKS

Bharat Patel – Chairman & CEO, Sun Companies
Chairman, India Association of Indianapolis

INDIANA-INDIA ECONOMIC TIES

Elaine Bedel – President, Indiana Economic Development Corporation

VIDEO: Meet Monisha from Christel House India

CHRISTEL HOUSE INDIA

Jaison Mathew – CEO, Christel House India

ENTERTAINMENT: LIVE MUSIC, DANCING & DJ

Musical Flight from India to the World
"One World One Sound" Band – Abhinav, Amudhan & Abirami

CLOSING

Raju Chinthala

Welcome Message:

You are part of something very special. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the esteemed guests to our 1st Annual Gala **“Indiana - Celebrating Our Impact”**. This is the Indiana - India business community’s Biggest Night! August 15th is also India’s Independence Day.

In this festive and gala celebration, we have come up with a beautiful award, the **“Indiana Ratna”** which means the Jewel of Indiana. This award is created to honor the efforts of an individual who has helped make a profound impact in both Indiana and India, to show the world how much we value their actions. This year, we are pleased to present the inaugural award to very known Christel DeHaan, for her philanthropic works in Indiana, India and the world. We will continue to fondly celebrate such efforts every year during the week of August 15th.

The IIBC has existed for a short while now, but there have been some noteworthy moments that are worth highlighting. Our proudest moments since our inception have been:

- **Infosys Lands in Old Indiana Airport:**
Infosys, the India based Global tech giant landed its first U.S Education Center at the Old Indianapolis Airport. Infosys will initially invest \$35 million to establish a 70.5-acre U.S. education center at the old Indianapolis Airport terminal on the city's west side. The new campus will start with a 125,000-square-foot training center and a 250-person residential facility. Construction is expected to begin this year and to be completed by the end of 2020. Ultimately, the company plans to build a \$245 million, 141-acre campus in phases in 3-5 years.
- **First ever Governor to visit India:**
Governor Eric J. Holcomb became the first Indiana governor to visit India. This was in October 2017 when Governor Holcomb made the trip in order to capitalize on the opportunities of working with India, thereby promoting political, social, financial and economic ties between the two parties. He also established the Indiana-Karnataka Sister State relationship.

- **AxisCades arrival at Indiana:**
During Governor Holcomb's first trip to India, he secured a deal with AxisCades to set up their HQ in North America. AxisCades invested \$10 million to set up in the Hoosier state with a goal of creating 500 senior engineering jobs, clearly indicating that Indiana is open to global business.
- **Sister Cities International award in 2018:**
The Indianapolis-Hyderabad Sister City Committee was honored with a prestigious award by Sister Cities International for Innovation in Business and Trade, for populations greater than 100,000. This was largely due to the partnership that Indianapolis made with Infosys.

All these remarkable and memorable achievements have been possible due to the work of an excellent team. We would like to thank all the board members, event planning committee members, and volunteers. A special mention for all the sponsors who have supported this Gala for their generosity and financial support towards strengthening ties, without which we would not be celebrating our impact in such glorious fashion.

As we grow, we would like to point out the tremendous potential between Indiana and India which determines the future of the IIBC. Working with the cities and the state of Indiana and the unified state of India, we are determined to fulfill our vision, mission and objectives to improve our economic ties.

We are delighted to have you join us for this special occasion. Let us work together to continue to strengthen and expand the INDIANA-INDIA Bridge.

Sincerely,



Greg Ballard

Mayor Gregory A. Ballard
Chairman, Board of Directors



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Raju Chinthala
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Message

On the memorable occasion of the First Annual "Indiana - Celebrate Our Impact Gala" being organized by Indiana India Business Council on August 15, 2018, I extend my best wishes to the entire IIBC team, Board members and participants at this event.

Economic relationship between India and the USA has grown stronger with a large number of high level visits and exchanges of business delegations as well as increasing partnerships and collaborations. This is a tribute to the ingenuity and dynamism of the people of these countries and institutions like the Indiana India Business Council that create and enable a powerful platform for its members and partners to identify usable market strategy and implementation methods for sustained growth.

IIBC's dedication towards promoting trade and investments and strengthening the economic and commercial relationships between Indiana and India is commendable. This is moving India and United States to an era of dynamic two-way partnership, where both the countries are working together to stimulate the creation of jobs and economic growth.

With this, I once again wish IIBC and its members success in all their future endeavors.

Neeta
(Neeta Bhushan)
Consul General

Dated: 9th August, 2018



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Chairman, Board of Directors

Raju Chinthala
Founder & President



Christel DeHaan

Founder and CEO

Christel House International

Christel DeHaan, who emigrated from Germany to the United States in 1962, is an accomplished businesswoman, community leader and philanthropist. As co-founder of Resort Condominiums International (RCI), she is widely known for her contributions to the travel and tourism industry. Under her leadership, RCI grew into a global enterprise with offices in 38 countries. She sold RCI in 1996, and since that time has devoted her time, energy and financial resources to philanthropy.

A proponent of social responsibility, Christel founded Christel House International in 1998 as a way to deploy her resources and business skills to cause transformation and intergenerational change. The Christel House locations were selected as her way of giving back to countries that played a significant role in her commercial success. By covering all of the organization's administrative and fundraising expenses, she assures donors that 100% of their donations will go to programs benefitting students. Christel is driven by a passion for excellence, and as a result Christel House is widely recognized as a charity operating with the highest degree of accountability and effectiveness.

In addition to her work and devotion to Christel House, Christel is known for her generosity to the arts in central Indiana, and has served on numerous local and national boards. Her accomplishments in the corporate, educational and philanthropic sectors have earned her numerous awards and recognition. She holds three honorary doctorate degrees— from Marian College (now Marian University), the University of Indianapolis and the University of Nottingham, England.

Christel DeHaan has a simple philosophy – to care, to share, to make a difference.



Congratulations!

The Board of Directors of the Christel DeHaan Family Foundation and the children, families and staff of Christel House worldwide congratulate Christel DeHaan on receiving the Indiana India Business Council's Indiana Ratna Award.

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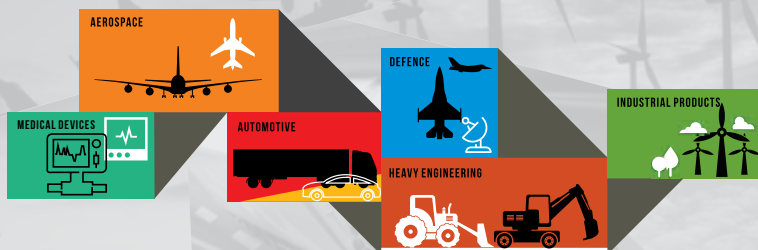
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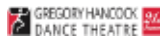


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