



MEETUP WITH THE CONGRESS MAN

India Association of Nebraska (IAN), along with community members had approached the Congressman Don Bacon earlier during the month of February, to seek his support to the HRS 392 bill which in turn will lift the country quota for H1B and Green cards. During the meeting the representatives of IAN committee explained the current situation of Indian employees who reside in the US under H1B Visa status with their spouses on H4 EAD status and the challenges faced by them, due to the government policies.

IAN also had also earlier requested the community members to detail their life stories that have been affected due to their Visa status. IAN had collected those letters and had sent them to the Congressman. He did take those letters as additional documents to support the bill.

The Q&A session with the Congressman Don Bacon as requested earlier was organized on the 17th of March 2018. It was well received by the Indian community, with about a strength of 165 people. He patiently answered to most of the questions raised by the people and listened to their pleas. Later after the meeting, IAN had organized a tour inside of the Hindu Temple of Omaha.

The Congressman Bacon had the opportunity to convey the concerns from Q&A session to all 240 Republican members of Congress and Speaker Ryan. The concerns were very well received, and we are optimistic that they will consider some solutions soon.

Facebook post by the Congressman

This afternoon I had the pleasure of speaking with the India Association of Nebraska. Indians immensely contribute a lot to our Omaha community and our Nation, both culturally and by benefiting our economy through their hard work and efforts in education. Today they shared with me many of the shortcomings of our H-1B visa program and the impact on their families and local employers. I look forward to being a strong voice in tackling these problems.



IAN committee member with the Congressman Don Bacon after the temple tour



Q&A Session with the Congressman



Social hour with the Congressman



NSF BEE COMPETITIONS

Various Bee competitions conducted by the North South Foundation (NSF) was held here in Omaha on 17th and 18th of March at the Mammel Hall, UNO. The competitions are conducted for the seventh consecutive year in association with the India Association of Nebraska (IAN).

In addition to the already conducted Spelling, Math, Vocabulary, Geography, Science and Public Speaking Bee competitions, we included Brain Bee newly to the list.

A total of 99 kids participated in 217 contests. High school kids and parents volunteered both the days of the competition, along with the IAN committee members. Their participation and volunteering made the two-day event a successful one.

The chief guest Dr. Gendelman, delivered a motivational speech to the kids and adults alike reaching into his personal experience during his High School days.



Students at NSF Bee Competition



Student Volunteering

NSF BEE COMPETITIONS WINNERS

Junior Geography Bee

First Prize – Sreekar Addula
Second Prize – Tanish Das
IAN Consolation Prize – Akilandgandhi Chidambaranathan

Senior Geograpy Bee

First Prize – Anuj Singh
Second Prize – Aman Andukuri
Third Prize - Balaadithya Muralitharan
IAN Consolation 1st Prize – Jerome Kappuzha
IAN Consolation 2nd Prize – Vishal Muralitharan



More from NSF Bee



NSF BEE COMPETITIONS WINNERS

Junior Vocabulary Bee

First Prize – Jayathi Athipatla
Second Prize – Vindhya Varanasi
Third Prize – Akilandgandhi Chidambaranathan

Intermediate Vocabulary Bee

First Prize – Baaladitya Muralitharan
Second Prize – Aman Andukuri
Third Prize – Anish Koduri
IAN Consolation 1st Prize – Vaibhavi Kota

Intermediate Brain Bee

IAN Consolation Prize – Prabhav Pagadala

Senior Brain Bee

IAN Consolation Prize – Pranav Pagadala

Junior Science Bee

First Prize – Tanish Das
Second Prize – Satvik Rachagani
Third Prize – Sanjeev Venkatesh
IAN Consolation 1st Prize – Akilandgandhi Chidambaranathan
IAN Consolation 1st Prize – Jayath Athipatla

Intermediate Science Bee

First Prize – Baaladithya Muralitharan
Second Prize – Anagha Vemmelessiril
Third Prize – Anushka Sajja
IAN Consolation 1st Prize – Anuj Singh
IAN Consolation 2nd Prize – Siri Doddapaneni
IAN Consolation 3rd Prize – Teja Sridher

Senior Science Bee

First Prize – Aman Andukuri
Second Prize – Sankar Ramamurthy
Third Prize – Eswar Ramamurthy
IAN Consolation Prize – Manas Moondra

NSF BEE COMPETITIONS WINNERS

Junior Spelling Bee

First Prize – Jayanth Athipatla
Second Prize – Rian Canty
Third Prize – Akilandgandhi Chidambaranathan
IAN Consolation 1st Prize – Abhirup Koduru
IAN Consolation 2nd Prize – Prathyush Arunprasad
IAN Consolation 3rd Prize – Abhiram Syamala

Senior Spelling Bee

First Prize – Siri Doddapaneni
Second Prize – Sankar Ramamurthy
Third Prize – Sriram Srinivas
IAN Consolation Prize – Rikhil Jasti

Math Level 1

First Prize – Advait Namasivayam
Second Prize – Agasthya Kommineni
Third Prize – Swikirthi Jayaraman
IAN Consolation 1st Prize – Aadith Nair
IAN Consolation 2nd Prize – Swetha Nair
IAN Consolation 3rd Prize – Abhiram Syamala

Math Level 2

First Prize – Baaladithya Muralitharan
Second Prize – Sumanas Maram
Third Prize – Abhinav Nair
IAN Consolation 1st Prize – Anuj Singh
IAN Consolation 2nd Prize – Meghna Adduri
IAN Consolation 3rd Prize – Arnav Jain

Math Level 3

First Prize – Eshaan Giri
Second Prize – Sankar Ramamurthy
Third Prize – Prabhav Pagadala
IAN Consolation 1st Prize – Vikram Menon
IAN Consolation 2nd Prize – Advika Namasivayam



NSF BEE COMPETITIONS WINNERS

Public Speaking 1

First Prize – Siri Doddapaneni
Second Prize – Keerthana Nair
Third Prize – Sriram Srinivas
IAN Consolation 1st Prize – Manali Mukherjee
IAN Consolation 2nd Prize – Viraj Nain

Public Speaking 3

IAN Consolation Prize – Arjun Sakthi

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar

IAN Independence Day Celebration – Aug 11

Race Against the Odds 2018,
Chalco Hills Recreation Area Omaha – April 21

Details in the IAN Facebook Page

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

We welcome creative work from the community to be published in the monthly Sandesh magazine. We encourage you to send the kids' drawing/painting, poems, puzzles not more than 50 words.

Adults can send their creativity too!

Please email at
communication@indiaassociationofnebraska.org

IAN MEMBERSHIP

Please support India Association of Nebraska by paying current membership or becoming a Life Member by using the link below

<http://www.indiaassociationofnebraska.org/Membership.aspx>

Your membership is tax deductible as IAN is a non-profit organization.