



## INDIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW ENGLAND

### IMANE UPDATES by Dr. Nasir Khan

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#### Saheli Nirbhaya Fundraiser:

Community service was the most important mission for Dr. Manju Sheth in her presidency this year.

Collaborating with Saheli helped her to fulfill this goal.

The Indian Medical Association of New England was proud to collaborate with

Saheli to jointly sponsor an extraordinarily successful Nirbhaya fundraiser on Sept. 20, 2013 at the Weston Waltham Hotel in Waltham, Mass.

The event sold out in advance and exceeded initial expectations with a total of 380 people attending, including several IMANE members, and more than \$56,000 in donations being collected. The money will be used by Saheli to further its mission of supporting South Asian women and families through pro-bono services and training to help address the challenges they face in employment and other areas of their lives.

Dr. Manju Sheth, President of IMANE, and Anu Chitrapu, Chair of the Fundraising Committee, partnered to organize this event. They were joined by Meghna Chakrabarti of WBUR, as master of ceremonies. The hard-working fundraising committee included Dr. Sapna Aggarwal, Dr. Deepa Jhaveri, Dr. Subha Thiagarajan, Dr. Sumi Manwani and Dr. Meera Subramaniam.

The program included several dances and songs, including a candlelight dance and a specially choreographed theme song *Nirbhaya Nirgum*, which conveyed despair and subsequent enlightened fearlessness to represent Saheli's mission.

The finale was a superb dance called *Give Me Wings*, which was performed by Mouli Pal.

I am proud that IMANE was such a key sponsor for this great organization and this historical event. ❖



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**IMANE's Annual Meeting and Gala:** The IMANE team has worked very hard to put together an exciting meeting at a very nominal cost for its members. The Annual Meeting and Gala of IMANE will be held on Saturday, Nov. 23 at the Burlington Marriott in Burlington, Mass. We look forward to welcoming you at this event. Here is a schedule of the activities planned for the evening:

- 4:30: Registration
- 5 to 6 p.m.: Business meeting and elections
- 6 to 7 p.m.: Cocktail reception with exhibitors
- 7 p.m.: Awards and the guest speaker
  - Dr. Manju Sheth welcomes members and friends and offers a review of the very successful past year
  - Honorable Guest attending will be **Ambassador Dnyaneshwar M. Mulay**, Consul General of India, New York
  - Distinguished Guest & Keynote Speaker **Vikas P. Sukhatme, MD, PhD**, Victor J. Aresty Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School, will talk about *"Tomorrow's Cures, Yesterday's Medicines"*
  - The President of AAPI, Dr. Jayesh Shah, will attend
  - Dr. Manju Sheth's presentation of awards
  - Closing remarks offered by Dr. Sajani Shah, President-Elect of IMANE
- 8:15 p.m.: Dinner will be served
- 9 to 11 p.m.: Entertainment and a cultural show. Music will be provided by DJ Tej. ❖

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