

Indian Organizations at MSU and in the Area

MSU Student Organizations

Coalition of Indian Undergraduate Students (CIUS) is a group of undergraduate students of the Indian Origin studying at Michigan State University. CIUS is one of the most active organizations at MSU, with hundreds of members interested in preserving and partaking in India's culture with both the Indian and non-Indian students of MSU. For more information go to <http://www.msucius.com>.

MSU India Club (MSUIC) includes graduate students. More information can be found on the club Website <<http://www.msu.edu/%7Emsuic>>; this page has an extensive summary of information a new student at MSU needs before and after arrival at MSU. MSUIC also has a tradition of organizing many events. These vary from classical concerts to regular parties, picnics, and potluck dinners.

Area Organizations

The **India Cultural Society (ICS)** <<http://www.icslansing.org>> of greater Lansing is a non-profit organization, established in 1995. ICS strives to preserve and promote Indian culture and heritage in the greater Lansing area. To this end, ICS organizes social and cultural activities to bring the Indian community closer and make it a strong and unified group.

Bharatiya Temple of Lansing is located in Haslett, Michigan. Among the objectives of the Temple are: the preservation of the identity (religion, culture, and traditions) of the Hindu, Jain, and other compatible Bharatiya faiths that can function harmoniously under its constitution; and the promotion of India culture and values. The Temple is a focal point for the religious and cultural activities of the Indian community in the Greater Lansing Area. The Temple also provides humanitarian services to the local and world community, including the Feed the Hungry Program and the Greater Lansing Book Bank. For more information go to: <<http://lansingtemple.org>>

Lansing Tamil Sangam is an organization that has a variety of activities and events from musical evenings to classes. Tamil Sangam's objective is to promote and preserve Tamil culture and involve the younger generation in the groups activities. For more information go to <<http://lansingtamilsangam.com>>

Great Lakes Aradhana Committee Michigan (GLAC) is a nonprofit organization registered with the State of Michigan. The mission of GLAC is to promote classical carnatic music in the Detroit Metro Area by bringing good quality carnatic music concerts on a periodic basis. For more information on concerts visit: <<http://www.glacmichigan.com/index.html>>

Utsav India Week Festival is presented annually by the Indian Community of Greater Lansing in collaboration with many area groups. In 2005, for example, MSU collaborators included the Asian Studies Center, MSU Museum, Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center, Coalition of Undergraduate Indian Students, College of Education, and The Taleem Group.

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