

Indian Independence Day Celebration

AUGUST 15, 2024

COMPREHENSIVE FLYER

This flyer gives an overview of the event and the different ways you can help serve internationals. Thanks in advance for making the world feel at home with IFI!

WHAT IS THE INDIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION?

Mission: To connect IFI volunteers and staff to the Indian student population at OSU. With the goal to build relationships that will lead to opportunities to share Jesus Christ.

Goals:

1. Help students connect to IFI volunteers and staff
2. To inform students about upcoming IFI events coming up.
3. To show honor by celebrating Indian Independence Day
4. If possible, to plant a seed about freedom in Christ in a "non-preachy" way.



India Independence Day is a way for IFI to celebrate Indian culture and connect to Indian students at OSU. It is open to all Indian students (new and current students). We have seen other students also join (ex. Pakistani, Bangladeshi) out of curiosity. We don't restrict who can join but the event will be geared towards Indian culture. We ask IFI volunteers who have a burden for Indian students and, those who are inviting students, to attend the event alongside IFI staff.

HOW CAN I HELP?

Event Date: Thursday - August 15, 2023

Event Time: 5:30pm - 8:30pm

Help is needed 1:00pm - 9:00pm

Venue: Browning Amphitheatre

1760 Neil Ave

Columbus, OH 43210

Register at: columbus.ifipartners.org/events

Contact us: events@ifiusa.org

Join our Hindu Friendship Team!

Get more involve with our outreach to Indian/ Hindu students Help plan and volunteers at outreach events, and participate in our Yeshu Satsang Bible study group . Contact Somita Bucklew at s.bucklew@ifiusa.org if you are interested.

Ways to Serve (More details on the next page):

1. Donate Food/ Drinks/ Funds
2. Load IFI Van: 2:30pm - 3:30pm
3. Set up & Decorate: 3:30pm - 5:30pm
4. Pray for the Event: 5:30pm - 6:00pm
5. Registration: 5:30pm - 7:30pm
6. Food services: 5:00pm - 7:30pm
7. Pick up food: 5:00pm
8. Drop off Food: 5:30pm
9. Host Games & Activities: 5:30pm - 7:00pm
10. Participate in Fashion Show: 6:30pm - 7:30pm
11. Clean up & Load IFI Van: 8:30pm - 9:30pm

Volunteers may do multiple shifts during the event.

All volunteers must register online before the event so we know how many international students we can commit to serve.

Register at COLUMBUS.IFIPARTNERS.ORG/EVENTS

PRAY FOR THE EVENT

Arrive at 5:30pm to meet with IFI Staff and volunteers to pray for the celebration. Continue to pray for good weather, and, divine appointments of believers and students (especially students who are be open to Jesus). Also pray that all students would build relationships with workers and join Yeshu Satsang or other Bible study groups. Finally, pray that students will learn about Jesus over time.

DONATE FOOD

We expect close to 300+ students to attend India Independence Day event this year. This will be the first opportunity for many Indian students to connect with believers. We also hope to make the students feel at home, so we ask that you consider cooking or purchasing a North or South Indian vegetarian dish or desert for 30 people. Please contact Somita at s.bucklew@ifiusa.org for more information.

If you'd like to donate to help with the \$2200 budget needed for food, decoration and activity expenses please donate to the Loving Indian Fund: ifipartners.org/give/columbus-loving-indians

SET UP & DECORATE

We need 3-4 people to join us at the IFI office at 2:30pm (1550 Old Henderson Rd) to load the vans for set up. We also need a group of volunteers (6-8) need to help with set up at the OSU location from 3:30pm-5:30pm. Volunteers will help student helpers set up signs, activities, decorations and tables for: activities, food and registration. Then at 5:30pm, while student helpers go to the ISA flag hoisting, we request for you to join us in prayer for the event.

REGISTRATION

We need 4 people to arrive at 5:30pm to help with registration. We will pray at 5:30pm and then start registration from 6:00pm-7:30pm. Your goal is to register students but also share the information that will be at the registration table about other IFI activities and groups they can join throughout the year so that IFI can connect with students throughout the year.

FOOD SERVICES

We need 6 volunteers who will receive the food at 5:30pm and help pack it into to go boxes for students by 6:00pm. A total of 4 volunteers will be needed (2 at each dinner service table) to hand out to go boxes to students.

HOST GAMES AND ACTIVITIES

Come pray with us at 5:30pm then help with activities 6:00pm-7:30pm. We would like to honor the Indian culture and also give the students a day and that is filled with fun. To do this we will need 12 volunteers for various activities. Do you like crafts? Come help students with craft activities like (origami, paper crafts and making simple bracelets and earrings). Do you like games? Come lead a games table. Can you do face painting? Come draw Indian flag on students. Do you know Indian dance styles? Come teach students at the event.

PARTICIPATE IN THE FASHION SHOW

Do you have crafts expertise? Come help create props for the fashion show. Are you good at choreography? Come help choreograph for the fashion show? Do you like dancing? Come join students in doing a dance for the show. Do you happen to sing in an Indian language? Come share your voice by singing for the show. Do you have lots of Indian clothing? Come join as a participant for the fashion show and/or allow students to borrow an outfit for their act. The day of the event we ask volunteers to join at 4:00pm for prayer, then 6:30pm for final dress rehearsal and 7:00pm fashion show.

HELP CLEAN UP AFTER THE EVENT

We need 12 people to help take flags down, pack up displays, collect registration records and help in general cleaning of the ballroom. Then, as a group, we will transport materials back to the office (1550 Old Henderson Rd.) to unload.