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EDITOR'S NOTE

As we move through the rest of 2026, ICSR continues to celebrate the spirit of community, culture, and togetherness that has defined us for decades. This year has already brought memorable moments through Holi, Cultural Show, Wellness 5K, the Summer Picnic, and the India Day Parade, each reflecting the enthusiasm of our members, volunteers, families, and supporters.

Looking ahead, we are excited for the remaining family events, Senior & Fall Day Trip, Navratri Night, Annual Diwali Gala, Family Night and Youth Meet for members to stay engaged through performances, volunteering, sponsorships, and community participation.

Thank you to our sponsors and community members for continuing to support ICSR's mission. With your encouragement and involvement, we look forward to closing the year with meaningful celebrations, stronger connections, and lasting memories for all.

With gratitude and admiration

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Our Sponsors

ICSR is a non-profit, cultural organization run by hundreds of volunteers since its inception in 1972. We are truly grateful to all the volunteers and our community for their countless hours. However, none of this would be possible without the support of our sponsors. ICSR would like to thank all of its advertisers and Grand/Annual sponsors for their financial support. The following are names of ICSR's 2026 Grand & Annual Sponsors and hope that we will continue to receive your support in 2026 and we expect even more will join and support our community services endeavor this year:

Platinum

- Mr. Deo Narine Persaud from Auro Chemicals

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- Mr. Bharat Patel from Contract Coating

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- Vijay Soni and Sushma Soni

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- Dr. Lalitha Ravichandran and Ravi Ravichandran
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- Mrs. Anitha & Mr. Krishna Prasad from Yonkers Food & Gas Inc

**ICSR IS THANKFUL TO ROCKLAND COUNTY &
ROCKLAND TOURISM DEPT**

HOLI HAIN

ICSR organized one of its most fondly celebrated outdoor event “Holi” on Sunday, April 26th at the Congers Park!! Originally scheduled for Saturday, the date was moved by a day to Sunday due to inclement weather !!

It turned out to be a great decision. Rain Gods offered a window of respite; weather became warmer and over 150 participants had the time of their lives celebrating this iconic festival of colors.

This year’s highlights included Holika Dehan, color bombs, water balloons, organic colorful gulal, dance & masti, boxed food and the freshly made Gujiyas brought all the way from Edison that very morning!!

The event was open to all it was great to see folks not only from within the Indian community also residents from across tristate came out and celebrated with us !!

Hetal Patel, Alka Shah and Rajiv Rohilla who chaired this event, express their heartfelt gratitude to the entire community for making this event a memorable one !!



CULTURAL SHOW

This year's ICSR Cultural Show was nothing short of extraordinary. With vibrant performances, heartfelt participation, and overwhelming community support, the event stood as a beautiful reminder of what we can achieve together.

The Cultural show featured 18 diverse dance items and nearly 173 participants, including 133 children and 40 adults. Every performance reflected weeks of dedication, creativity, and teamwork. From the youngest first-time performers to seasoned adult groups, the energy on stage was matched only by the enthusiasm in the audience.

For many families, this event is a cherished annual tradition. It is a celebration of culture, connection, and collective joy. Thank you to everyone who contributed, participated, and cheered. Together, we created an evening that will be remembered for years to come.



WELLNESS 5K – MIND BODY COMMUNITY

The ICSR First-Ever 5K Run/Walk 2026 was successfully held on May 23, 2026, at Rockland Lake State Park in Valley Cottage, NY. The primary goal of the event was to bring together families, friends, and community members to promote health, fitness, and community spirit.

Approximately 110 participants, including children and adults, runners, walkers, and families of all fitness levels, came together to celebrate wellness and community togetherness. The event featured a scenic 5K Run/Walk around beautiful Rockland Lake, along with a fun 100-yard dash for children.

Despite the chilly and slightly damp weather, the enthusiasm and energy of the participants were remarkable. The runners demonstrated tremendous determination and competitive spirit as they raced toward the finish line, while walkers and families enjoyed the beautiful surroundings and the opportunity to be part of this special event.

The first-ever ICSR 5K Run/Walk was a wonderful success, fostering fitness, friendship, and a strong sense of community.



SUMMER PICNIC

The ICSR Summer Picnic 2026 brought together families, friends, and members of the community for a memorable day filled with laughter, recreation, and togetherness. Set amidst the beautiful outdoors and blessed with perfect summer weather, the picnic truly embodied ICSR's spirit of community and family.

The day was packed with exciting activities for every age group. From balloon relay races and family games to friendly cricket matches, cornhole, Antakshari, and the ever-popular piñata, there was never a dull moment. Children enthusiastically participated in the games while adults joined in with equal excitement, creating a lively atmosphere of friendly competition and shared fun. The smiles, cheers, and laughter throughout the day reflected the joy of spending quality time together.

Adding to the festivities was a delicious hot breakfast followed by an equally enjoyable lunch, both of which received rave reviews from attendees. Families relaxed, reconnected with old friends, made new ones, and enjoyed the scenic surroundings long after the scheduled activities had concluded.

The overwhelming feedback from members was exceptionally positive, with many describing the picnic as one of the most enjoyable family events of the year. The seamless organization, engaging activities, wonderful food, and enthusiastic participation made the event a resounding success.

The ICSR Summer Picnic once again demonstrated the organization's commitment to fostering community spirit, strengthening friendships, and creating meaningful experiences for families. It was a day filled with fun, cherished memories, and a reminder that ICSR is more than an organization—it is a family.



INDIA DAY PARADE

What an incredible day of patriotism, culture, music, dance, and community spirit!

The ICSR India Day Parade was truly a celebration to remember. From the energetic parade and flag hoisting to the vibrant cultural festivities, the day was filled with pride, joy, and togetherness.

And the performances were simply amazing! Every artist and every group brought something special to the stage. The beautiful singing, energetic dances, traditional performances, and incredible talents of our community made the celebration come alive. Each performance was unique, heartfelt, and wonderfully presented, and the audience's enthusiasm made it even more memorable.

A huge shout-out to all the performers, volunteers, organizers, sponsors, families, and community members who came together to make this day such a success. Your time, talent, dedication, and enthusiasm truly made a difference.

From the first beat of the parade to the final performance, it was a day filled with smiles, music, memories, and immense pride in our Indian heritage.



MY FRIEND GANESHA

On September 19, 2026, the Zukor Community Center was filled with devotion, music, creativity, and community spirit as families gathered for the My Friend Ganesha event. The celebration began even before the main program, with an ICSR workshop where children created beautiful Ganeshas from rice flour. These handmade idols were later used for the puja, giving the children a meaningful connection to the rituals and traditions of the day.

The morning began with the committee arriving early to welcome guests and prepare for the day's activities. As families registered and entered the venue, the soothing sound of bhajans created a calm and festive atmosphere. From the start, the event reflected the joy of coming together to celebrate Lord Ganesha in a way that was inclusive, meaningful, and engaging for all ages.

A special highlight of the morning was the puja, where Sanskrit slokas were explained in English so children and adults could better understand the meaning behind the rituals. This thoughtful approach made the celebration accessible to everyone and helped younger participants connect more deeply with our traditions.

The celebration continued with a vibrant talent show featuring melodious singing, a violin performance, classical singing, a pop quiz, and a beautiful group song. Children dressed as characters from Hindu mythology brought familiar stories to life with enthusiasm and charm. Throughout the event, the painting table and the beautifully decorated thalis added color, creativity, and a personal touch to the gathering.

The program concluded with visarjan activities, followed by lunch and the announcement of the Arthi Thali contest winner. More than just an event, My Friend Ganesha was a celebration of faith, learning, creativity, and togetherness. It gave the community a meaningful opportunity to honor tradition, encourage young participants, and create lasting memories with friends and families. The shared devotion and joyful participation made the day truly special.



ICSR's 1st PICKLEBALL LEAGUE

A big thank you to everyone who joined ICSR's first-ever pickleball league! We had many first-timers, many intermediate players, and many advanced players (plus plenty working their way up to advanced) and everyone brought great energy.

We concluded our 9 weeks of league play on September 23rd. The league had close to 70 players, ranging from 16-year-olds to players in their 80s, in a wonderfully mixed group across age and gender. Beyond the fun and friendly competition, it was wonderful to see so many members get active, build a fitness habit, and enjoy the health benefits of a sport that's easy to pick up and great for people of every age. Everyone had fun, made new friends, and many picked up the game for the first time — with plenty already saying they plan to keep playing. It started as a no-pressure league, but by the end, everyone was fighting fearlessly for every point! What a way to kick off ICSR's pickleball journey.

Congratulations to our 2026 Desi Achar League (DAL League) champions:

Gold — Samosa Smashers

Led by Nilesh Raut and Alka Shah

Team: Ajay Kapoor, Ravi Dubba, Anish Dubba, Aashay Pratap, Sreenivas Megati, Hemish Kapadia, John Sunkavalli

Silver — Pickle Panga

Led by Sujith Nair and Heena Mehta

Team: Rajesh Kainthan, Sooraj Ramachandran, Kapil Khanduja, Swapna Mamidala, Krishna Nagineni, Amulya Mandapaka

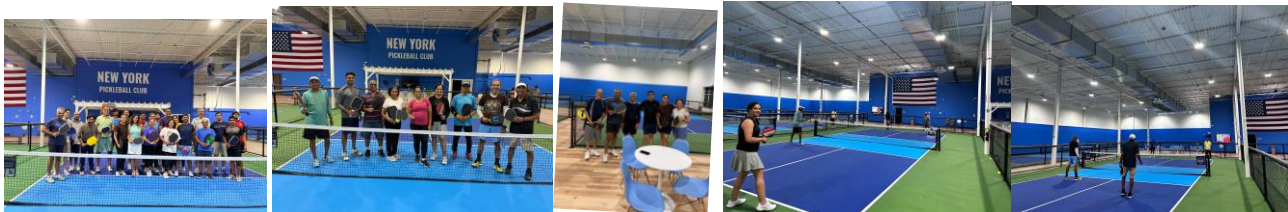
Bronze — SunShine Smashers

Led by Vishwanatha Kandgal and Neeta Mehra

Team: Anil Mandapaka, Parag Mehta, Karan Singh, Rajeev Mehra, Bangalore Sridhara, Renuka Vuluvala, Adosh Mehta

A special thank you to Krishnan ji, the brain behind this league, and to Rajiv, our league coordinators, for bringing it all together. Entire committee's enthusiasm & support made this event possible for our community.

Well played, and thank you to everyone who made this first season such a success. We'll be starting our next league soon, if you're interested in joining, please reach out to us at icsrinfo@gmail.com with your name, phone number, and email.



India Cultural
Society of Rockland
Presents

Fall
Harmony Retreat
- a day trip -

Destination:
 **Peace Village, NY**

*A serene experience of scenic tours,
reflection, and awakening your
inner power*



Scenic
Tours



Reflection



Awakening
Your Inner Power



Date:

Wednesday, October 7th, 2026



Registration:

Open Now



Cost:

\$35 per person

(Includes bus, tea, snacks, breakfast,
lunch, and more)



Contact for Questions:

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*Join us for a wonderful day of
learning, adventure and togetherness.*

India Cultural Society of Rockland

Saturday, October 17, 2026

Dandiya Night

- Members
\$20.00
- Non-Members
\$30.00
- Kids under 12
\$10.00



NAV RATRI



Time: 6-10 PM



VENUE: Fieldstone Middle School
100 Fieldstone Drive, Theills, NY 10984



ICSR NAVRATRI

Light Dinner • Music • Dandiya • Masti

For more information contact:

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Let's come together to celebrate the spirit of Navratri!



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Planned Family Events - 2026

Month	Event	Date 2026	Venue / Comments
January	Clothing / Coats/ Winter Accessories Drive	Jan 31st through Feb 18th	Healing House Ministries - Nyack
February	Youth Wing Fun Activity	Saturday - Mar 14th	Palisades Mall - Time Mission
March	Vasant Utsav	Saturday - Mar 21th	Palisades Community Center
April	Holi Hai	Saturday - Apr 25th	Congers Park Gazebo
May	Cultural Show	Saturday - May 9th	Field Stone Middle School
May	PickleBall League	June onwards	Parks/Courts around Rockland County
May	Wellness 5K - Mind. Body. Community	Saturday - May 23rd	Rockland State Park
June	Picnic	Saturday - Jun 27th	Haverstraw
August	India Day Parade	Saturday - Aug 15th	New City Library - Court House
September	My Friend Ganesha	Saturday - Sep 19th	Congers Park
September	Senior Trip	Wednesday - Oct 7th	Peace Village, NY
October	Navaratri Night	Saturday - Oct 17th	Field Stone Middle School
October	Food Drive	Oct 17th - Nov 14th	People to People
November	Annual Diwali Gala	Saturday - Nov 14th	DMTZ
December	Family Night	Saturday - Dec 5th	Palisades Community Center
Jan 2027	Youth Meet	Saturday - Jan 9th 2027	Palisades Community Center

For additional information, please contact our PRO Nikita Krishnan (201)214-1709
or President Suresh Iyer (917)533-3271 or President Elect Krishna Nagineni (248)464-9765

ICSR WhatsApp
Group



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Member



!!! ICSR ELECTION FORM -2027!!!



For the election of Officers and Directors for the year 2027, the President has appointed the following election committee- Shri. Satish Shreedhar (Chief Election Officer) Smt. Charu Krishan, Shri. Vijay Soni.

☉ Nominations are being accepted for the following positions

President- Elect, Secretary, Joint- Secretary, Joint Treasurer, Treasurer, Public Relations officer and Nine (9) Directors

- ☉ All nominations **must** be E-mailed directly to Shri. Satish Shreedhar by **November 7th, 2026 (11.59 PM EST)**
- ☉ Any person running for a position or nominating must be a member of ICSR as of **November 7th, 2026**.
- ☉ Two or more members in good standing must support nominations, and the nominee must accept the nominations.
- ☉ Elected officials are mandated to attend all general and events meetings.

*If needed, elections will be held before the Annual general body meeting to be held on **November 14th, 2026**.*

A CANDIDATE MAY RUN FOR ONLY ONE POSITION

NOMINATION FORM

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR 2027

We would like to nominate the following person for office:

POSITION: _____

NOMINEE: _____

NOMINEE'S SIGNATURE: _____

DATE SIGNED: _____

Nomination supported by:

NAME (last, first), SIGNATURE and DATE

1) _____

2) _____

*E-MAIL THE COMPLETED NOMINATION FORM BY **November 7th, 2026** (hand delivery not accepted)*

TO: Shri. Satish Shreedhar: shreedharsk@gmail.com. You can mark your email to **Charu Krishan:** charukrishan@gmail.com and **Vijay Soni:** vijaycsoni@gmail.com



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January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2026

Name: _____ Spouse Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

E-mail address: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Mobile: _____

Children's name(s) and age(s): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please send this completed application form along with payment check payable to "ICSR" below address or use the QR code to register online:

ICSR, PO Box 108, Nanuet, New York 10954

Family Membership: \$60

Senior Citizens (65+): \$35

Please note that the paid membership runs for the calendar year January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, only. This includes:

- Members Ticket pricing at popular events with limited seating.
- Opportunity to participate in the Annual Cultural show and many other events.
- Volunteering opportunities for children under ICSR supervision to serve community.

ICSR will share selected event pictures and videos on its website, Newsletter(s), Diwali brochure and social media.

<https://www.facebook.com/India-Cultural-Society-Of-Rockland>

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For Additional Information please contact our PRO: Nikita Krishnan (201-214-1709), or President: Suresh Iyer (917-533-3271)



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Sponsorship & Advertisement Opportunities for 2026

Celebrating the rich tapestry of our heritage, the India Cultural Society of Rockland illuminates the essence of Indian traditions with vibrant community spirit. Our journey, deeply rooted in the profound legacies of Indian culture, has been flourishing since 1972. At ICSR, we are dedicated to nurturing this cultural inheritance, ensuring that the treasure of our past enriches the lives of future generations.

Our collective efforts at ICSR are fueled by the spirit of volunteerism and the generous hearts within our community. It's a shared endeavor where every event we organize is a bridge connecting the Indian and American communities, fostering mutual appreciation and understanding. The strength of ICSR lies in the hands of our devoted volunteers, whose wisdom, time, and energy are the backbone of our vibrant society. Yet, the vision we carry can only take flight with the active involvement and financial contributions of people like you. Your support is not just a donation; it's a partnership. It's a commitment to cultural growth, to expanding our community programs, and to ensuring the legacy of our shared traditions.

We invite you to champion this cause by advertising your business through our platform. In doing so, you not only gain visibility but also become an integral part of a mission that transcends mere commerce — you invest in a community that stands united in its diversity. Please find the attached advertisement form and consider supporting ICSR with your contribution. Together, let us continue to weave the fabric of our culture with threads of generosity, unity, and heritage. Your support is not just valued; it is vital!

India Cultural Society of Rockland (A non-profit organization)

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS AND PERKS

Platinum - \$5000+ (4 Diwali Gala tickets + Diwali Brochure Full Page Color Ad + 4 free tickets to 2026 events)

Diamond - \$2,500+ (4 Diwali Gala tickets + Diwali Brochure Full Page Color Ad)

Gold - \$1,500+ (3 Diwali Gala tickets + Diwali Brochure Full Page Color Ad)

Silver - \$1,000+ (2 Diwali Gala tickets + Diwali Brochure Half Page Color Ad)

ADVERTISEMENT OPPORTUNITY

Diwali Brochure - Half page color ad (\$100) Full page color ad (\$200)

General Donation / For An Event (name): _____

Sponsor Name: _____

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$ _____ **(Zelle/Venmo option available upon request)**