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Dear Friends,

Let me first thank you all for proposing my name and electing me the president of BANA. It's my honor and privilege to have the opportunity to serve the Bihari and Jharkhandi community. I would also like to thank the committee members for coming forward and taking the responsibilities.

As you may or may not know BANA has been through a lot during the past few years. I take this opportunity as a challenge to bring our organization to the next level. My objective for BANA is to make it an organization that builds a very close binding within our community, help the community here and back in India, and make everyone feel proud of being a part of BANA. When I see people from other communities where a strong support network exists, it makes me wonder why BANA can't be the same. I am calling upon all of you to join hands together and help this association in whatever way possible to make it successful.

Finally, I would like to thank all the volunteers for this picnic. Special thanks to Mr. Pankaj Sinha and other volunteers for coordinating and arranging the food, to Sanjay for arranging all the children activities, Mr. B.B. Mishra for preparing the quiz, Mr. Rakesh Sinha for taking extra step to reach individuals beyond BANA and all volunteers who took the time to make phone calls to members. Please forgive me if I missed anyone.

Sincerely,

Dr. G. N. Roy, *President*

My Dear Friends,

I would like to welcome you all at the picnic. Hope you are enjoying and having fun. I would like to thank the community for giving me the opportunity to serve as a General Secretary of BANA. I will try my best to do anything and everything possible in my capacity to make things happen for the progress of BANA.

I am fairly new to BANA and still learning about the community. I noticed a lot of very good things and few not so good things at BANA. No one will dispute that people from Bihar and Jharkhand are one of the richest, very resourceful and well to do communities in the US. My goal is to try to leverage that resource and bring BANA on par with the other communities here.

I consider this newsletter a good step towards improving the binding, communication and cooperation among the community members. Our discussion board is up and running at www.bajana.org. Please click on "Forum" at the main menu or got to Members Area and click on "Discussion Board". This forum is an open platform for all the individuals to put their thoughts and ideas out for public discussion

Best Regards

Sugriv Barnwal, *General Secretary*

50th Anniversary:

Mr. Divyendu and Pratima Narayan are going to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on August 15th at a hotel in White Plains, NY. Mr. Narayan is originally from Arrah and is a graduate of Patna Engineering College. They have been a BANA member for many years and have been a regular attendee of BANA functions. BANA takes great pleasure in congratulating the couple on their golden wedding anniversary.



Divyendu and Pratima Narayan, 1954

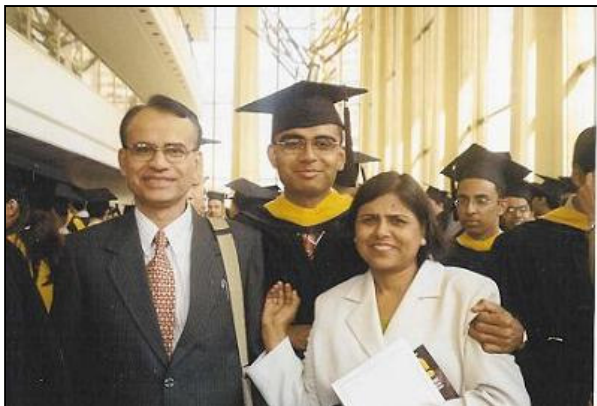
25th Anniversary:

Mr. Dharmatma and Neelam Saran celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary at the Waterfront World's Fair Marina in Queens. The celebrations were a gift to Sarans from their two daughters Neema 22, Ankeeta 18. Some 400 guests attended the function to congratulate the couple. Dharmatma Saran had been a past President of BANA and has always supported BANA's activities. We, at BANA, congratulate the couple for a long and happy togetherness in the years ahead.



Graduation:

Abhinav Gautam, 21, eldest of the three children of Sri Braj and Sarita Mishra, graduated with a Bachelor of Science (BS) and Master of Science (MS) in Computer Engineering. He completed both the BS and MS degrees with honors in as little as four years from Polytechnic University, Brooklyn, NY. He has joined the Swiss investment banking firm Credit Suisse First Boston (CSFB) as TA on July 12, 2004.



Alumni Association:

Darbhanga Medical College Alumni Association is going to host their Bi-Annual convention on July 30th weekend at the Hotel New Yorker. Dr. Ramesh Tandon, alumni President, is expecting a large gathering and an evening filled with nostalgia and entertainments. A web site www.dmcaa.com is now available for an alumni's convenience.

Obituaries:

Sri Ram Krishna Sinha, father of Rakesh Sinha, passed away on June 18, 2004. He was 72. He was born in Mungher (Bihar), attended BHU from 1944-50 and taught at Gooda (Jharkhand) for several years.

Dr. G.N. Roy, Present President, lost his very dear and close uncle at Patna in the month of June 2004. He was 88.

Dr. Arvind Kumar lost his very dear and close uncle Grand father.

Mr. Uday Varma lost his brother, Mr. Adya Shankar Varma in India. He was 77.

Mr. Pankaj Kumar, Past President, lost his father in India in the month of May 2003.

BANA family expresses its heart felt condolences and prays to God for peace to the departed souls.



An appeal:

BANA needs your help in making this association a success. We would appreciate your help in the following areas:

Newsletter Content:

Please email us info on events such as Birthdays, Anniversaries, Graduations or anything else to editor@bajana.org, so that we can publish it in our next news letter.

Weddings:

Mr Abhinav (Anshu) Prasad, son of Gyaneshwar and Usha Prasad of Queens, NY was married on June 26, 2004 to Sayu Bhojwani, daughter of Vinod and Poonam Bhojwani of Belize City, Belize. Pandit Mahesh Shastri officiated the ceremony in Belize City, Belize. BANA family wishes the new couple a very happy and long married life.



Volunteers:

We are always in need of people with some free time from their busy schedule. If you would like to volunteer, please contact us at sugriv@bajana.org. We have lots of work and need lot of help.

Joining BANA:

If you or someone you know would like to become a lifetime member, please download the membership form from our website www.bajana.org --> Members Area --> Join BANA and send it with the appropriate fee to: Sugriv Barnwal, 6 Clifton Lane, White Plains, NY 10605.

Donation:

As you know BANA is in dire need of financial help. We request all members and non-members to send us a small donation of \$10, \$20, \$30 or whatever amount you prefer. Your name will be published in our next newsletter under donars.

Sponsorship:

If you or some one you know would like to sponsor our newsletter, put any ad on our website or even in our Vaishali magazine, please let us know.

Feel free to contact any of the executive committee members for any other questions or concerns.

Birthdays:

Kunal Srivastava (son of Sarita and Prakash Srivastava, both Ph.D.s) turned 8 on July 25.

Sarika Barnwal celebrated her birthday on July 27th in Danbury, CT. BANA family wishes her lots of good luck in the near future.

New Members:

Please welcome our new members to BANA community:

1. Rakesh Sinha
 2. Alok Saran
 3. Avinash Varma
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