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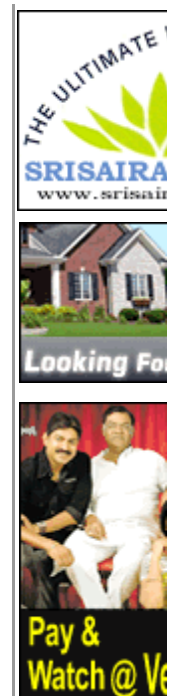
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#### Dr.Gazal in Columbus Ohio



TACO celebrates Republic day and Sankranthi with Dr Ghazal Srinivas

TACO (Telugu Association of Central Ohio) celebrated its Sankranthi and Republic day



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celebrations on Saturday January 26th at Dublin recreation center, Columbus, Ohio. Around 400 people attended this event and made it a grand success. Here are some excerpts and pictures from our celebrations.

The evening started with a recital of lord Ganesha followed by classical music performances by children playing instruments such as Veena and flute. Around 65 Children performed dances for many classical, folk and other cultural programs. Republic day spirit was depicted in a song about flag by little kids performing beautifully. Dandiya dance and Tollywood medley performed by youngsters were well received by the audience.

President Mr Prakash Peram addressed the gathering and felicitated the 2007 TACO committee and applauded the sponsors of the evening Mr Srikanth ERP Analysts Inc and Mr Sri Ravi Madhala of Society for Health and education.

Mr Srikanth of ERP Analysts Inc, Mr Ravi Madhala and, Mr David Lippy of Virtual media solutions were the chief guests of the evening.

After the cultural programs, started the major attraction of the evening 'Dr Ghazal Srinivas Ganam'. Jyothi Malempati cultural advisor and Srilatha Revuru Cultural vice president introduced Maestro Dr Ghazal Srinivas to the audience as a pioneer of Telugu ghazals and his humanitarian efforts through his organization Ghazal Charitable trust.



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Dr Ghazal Srinivas mesmerized the audience with his touching and soul rendering ghazals for about 90 minutes. Dr Ghazal Sinivas started the program introducing the concept of Telugu ghazals to the Columbus audience and sang several Telugu and Hindi ghazals about relationships, affections, family value, childhood and native country. Each ghazal was a unique selfless experience taking the audience to the roots of their culture, mother nature and their home land. During his performance audiences applauded continuously during the course of the program and joined the rhythm of Dr Srinivas in his ghazals.

Apart from his soulful and captivating voice singing ghazals the only instrument during the concert was his Kanjeera. It was a memorable concert taking the audience on a nostalgic journey to their past and home land.

Dr Ghazal Srinivas educated and enthralled the audience by explaining the meaning of

each stanza between the ghazals. He connected with the audience by allowing them to believe it was sung personally for each one of them.

In all it was a great evening filled with soul searching ghazals spreading Telugu culture, heritage through ghazal world.

Evening ended with a vote of thanks from the President of TACO and his committee. Vice president Susheel Mamidala did a commendable job organizing the Sankaranthi dinner with traditional dishes such as Pulihora, Guthivankaya curry and Avakaya pachidi which was enjoyed by every one.





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