

# **Northern Tamil Association**

## **Newsletter January 2010**

Another eventful year for NTA!

### **NTA BECOMES A CHARITY!**

This is probably the most important milestone for the Association as; at last, it became a Charity. NTA attained charitable status and got registered with the Charities Commission of United Kingdom in July 2009 after a General Body meeting earlier unanimously approved the revised Constitution. Members are advised to see our website for the Constitution of the Association. The Charity status will certainly raise the profile of the Association and enhance our charitable donations to the underprivileged sections of the community.

### **TAMIL NEW YEAR AND DIWALI FUNCTIONS**

Tamil New Year function was held in Wakefield on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2009. A record turnout of extremely satisfied audience, testified to the high quality of cultural programme and the tasty food provided by Suvai Restaurant. Dr Kandasamy deserves a special thanks for his catering organisation. A lot of children and adults displayed their talents on stage.

Diwali was another big hit! It was held in Wythenshawe Forum in Manchester on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2009. Singers Mano and Kalpana and comedian Madurai Muthu were the special guests who made it a memorable occasion. Everybody enjoyed 6 hours of songs, music and comedy. There was one small glitch as some people could not get entrance due to factors beyond our control. However, NTA will be taking all precautions in future to prevent such a mishap.

### **NEW COMMITTEE FOR 2010**

Dr John Godfrey from Liverpool has become the President for the year 2010. He has formed an Executive Committee and I am sure they will continue to work hard to maintain the very high standards, achieved in the previous years.

### **FINANCIAL POSITION**

NTA (UK) has a healthy bank balance thanks to the continuing support by our members and general public who attend our functions regularly. I am pleased to inform you all that we made a donation of £4200.00 in total to various charitable organisations in India, Sri Lanka and the UK during 2009.

Finally I thank the members of the Association and the out-going Executive Committee for all the help and support during my term as the President.

Dr K Asokan , President - 2009