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Dear IAAC Members,  
Please read on for following announcements:  
1. IAAC Diwali Mela 2005 DVDs for Sale  
2. Feedback on Pankaj Udhas Nite held in Canberra last Sunday (7 May 2006)  
3. AHK Australian Migration Solution

Kind Regards  
Terry Hunjon  
Secretary IAAC

**SALE !!!!! SALE !!!!!!!!!!!!! SALE!!!!!!!!!!!!!! The IAAC Diwali Mela October 2005 DVDs are now Available for Sale !!!!!!!!!!!!! SALE !!!!! SALE !!!!!!!!!!!!! SALE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

I am pleased to advise you all that the IAAC Diwali Mela Held in October 2005, was fully recorded by professional cameraman, and is now available on a set of 3 DVDs at a very minimal cost of \$20/- for the whole set, add to this \$5/- if you wish the DVDs to be sent by to you by Post. In first instance please send your request to IAAC email account: [dvd@iaac.org.au](mailto:dvd@iaac.org.au).

The DVDs were recorded, edited and produced professionally, as such you can be rest assured of the audio and video quality. The DVDs will provide you with the Life time memories of the performances at the function. Watch your kids perform, watch the musical extravaganza, refresh your memory of the colourful events held at the function. All I will say is hurry up and place your orders at the email address given above. Do not forget to indicate your preferred pickup location, in case you do not wish to receive the DVDs by post. If you wish to pick these up personally then the locations for pick-up of the DVDs will be:

1. Bharat International, Belconnen
2. Exotic Spice, Belconnen
3. Spice Market, Phillip

The DVDs will be made available at these locations once we have received your order. The pick-up date will be notified.

#### **The PanKaj Udhas Musical Nite**

The IAAC Committee would like to congratulate Mr Sanjay Sharma for providing Canberra with a wonderful evening last Sunday (7 May 2006) by hosting the Pankaj Udhas, the Ghazal King nite in Canberra. It was a great musical evening and everyone enjoyed every bit of the melodious ghazals sang to perfection by Pankaj Udhas. While Sanjay Sharma was instrumental in bringing this show to Canberra, we would also like to thank all other organisers of the event, in providing us with such a wonderful evening, which will linger in our memories for long long time. Please read on an email reproduced below which have been received by IAAC from the "Urdu Literary Society of Canberra".

#### **An evening with Pankaj Udhas in Canberra - A remarkable show of binding power of Urdu poetry and its singing**

Sitting side by side in a front row of an amazing musical concert last weekend in Canberra, completely enchanted and enthralled by the delights of Urdu Ghazal and songs were three top most officials who are representatives of their countries in Australia. The countries they were representative of were India, Pakistan and Bangladesh. And although, at least two out of the three countries, despite recent efforts to enshrine peace in the area, were still at odds with each other on many regional issues, the power that was binding them to each other in that beautiful suburban auditorium on that evening was the melody and poignancy of Urdu ghazal lyrics. And, much captivated and beguiled audience, belonging to India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Fiji, was no exception. Such is the force of Urdu language and its poetry. And such is the force of common heritage and similar 'khushian and ghums' (delights and sorrows) of all three societies.

The man, the artist, who had all them captivated, was one of the most prominent Urdu ghazal and song singer, Mr Pankaj Udhas, who was in Canberra last Sunday for this concert, which is part of his world tour celebrating his 25 years of singing. Pankaj will perform at five more venues in different cities of Australia binding together people of the Subcontinent with the same thread, and in the same way as he did in Canberra.

In his four hour performance, Pankaj flashed back on his life through his very convincing way of communication and kept blending the story with his ghazals and songs in between. Notably, he quoted Ahmad Faraz, currently the top most Urdu poet from Pakistan on many occasions. He also selected another Pakistani poet, Qateel Shifai's poetry for his singing. In fact his concluding and one of the most powerful presentations of the evening was Qateel Shifai's "Ghungroo toot ga'ay", in which he persuaded audience to sing along with him.

One of the trend setting segment of the evening came when Ms Renu, the master of the ceremony, invited Mr Mohammed Ali, Secretary, Bazm-i-Adab Canberra (Urdu Literary Society of Canberra) to share with the audience the history of Urdu Ghazal (the most difficult genre of Urdu literature) and how today's Ghazal has encompassed all facets of life including politics. Mr Ali, besides congratulating Mr Sanjay Sharma and his team to provide such an incredibly wonderful evening to Canberra Urdu poetry and Bollywood lovers, also presented some couplets praising the talent of Pankaj and thanked him for including Canberra in his itinerary.

When Pankaj presented his signature song, his identity, Chittie Aayee hai watan sai (Letter has come from motherland) most of the audience got emotional due to the power and prowess of the wordings and the perfection of the way the singer was singing. As happens with ghazals and geets (songs), the artist entrances audience to a different world and each individual starts wandering in his/her past. This time again it was no different.

Mr Sanjay Sharma and all his team must be congratulated to provide an absolutely entertaining evening to Canberra residents of Sub-continental origin.

Having courage of arranging and inviting top most artists in a small place like Canberra requires besides efforts a financial surety also. Whereas selling of tickets for the evening shares some burden of the sponsors, this is where ACT Government, which has always been generous in supporting multicultural events like this, can do more. This may make such binding events more affordable for people in future.

Urdu Literary Society of Canberra

#### **AHK Australian Migration Solution**

AHK Australian Migration Solution is a Canberra based Business that helps in providing professional migration advice and supports visa application process from initial free assessment, written paid advice to successful completion. The overview of the services offered are:

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