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Naperville I-Day rocked with Gov Rauner's presence

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NAPERVILLE: It was the third year in row that the Indian Community Outreach (ICO) organized India Day celebrations with gusto and with a lot of support from the community at large, the local officials and talented local artists.

Expectations were that the huge success that IOC celebrations had notched in the past two years would ensure a still bigger participation and attendance this year.

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Chicago Consulate celebrates I-Day with gaiety & fervor

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CHICAGO: Consulate General of India, Chicago, celebrated the 71st Independence Day of India on Tuesday August 15 with great enthusiasm starting with the Flag hoisting ceremony at Richard J. Daley Centre attended by a large number of the Indian-American community members and well wishers of India.

A big highlight was that Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner proclaimed August 15 as India Day in the State of Illinois. This proclamation was presented to Indian CG Ms Neeta Bhushan by Governor representative Thomas Chui.

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Good show by FIA at Chicago Devon Parade

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CHICAGO: One of the oldest community organizations for, by and of Indian Americans serving the community for the past four decades, held its annual India Day parade on Devon Avenue in mini India Town. It turned out to be good show despite the fact that no Bollywood celebrity had come to grace the event

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Thousands attend 25th FOG India Day Mela and Parade

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California's Fremont City, also dubbed as Little India, was alive with dancing, singing and flag waving as the community held its annual weeklong FOG (Festival of Globe) extravaganza. Federation of Indo-Americans of Northern California celebrated its 25th FOG India Day Mela and Parade with more than 80,000 in attendance for week-long events including FOG Movie fest, Awards Nite, Summit, dance competition, singing contest, freedom fighters reflection contest, food festival, real estate pavilion, fair and parade.

Billed as the biggest Indian parade in West Coast to celebrate the 70th India Independence Day, the event kicked off on Saturday with Mela and cultural performances. The 25th FOG India Day Mela and Parade was held on August 12 and 13 at 39439 Paseo Padre Parkway, Fremont, CA.

For past 25 years, FIA-organized Festival of India has come to symbolize the unity, integrity, culture and best of the



things that are hallmark of the Indian community in Bay area.

Parade, Bollywood celebrity as Grand Marshal, kids talent pro-

best of offers for Indian community.



Celebrated over two days, this festival has many popular and well sought after segments such as health fair, grand pa-

grams, cultural programs representing cross section of India and a Mela (fair) that features

On a breezy weekend with temperature little over 80F and summer coming to a close, 25th FOG India Day Mela and Parade opened with a bang in California, which has over 16% of Asian population. It started as a local event some 25 years back and has now grown manifold. It showcases the perfect blend of fun, entertainment and national integration.

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