

Huge Turnout at IASH Festivities in Norwalk



President Chinan Adial introduces the Board of Directors of IASH.



Musicians with the mencee for the evening Jaspal Singh (3rd).

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NORWALK, CA - A crowd of over 600 revelers congregated at the Saratan Dharma Temple here on October 21 to usher in the Diwali Season at a dinner and musical evening organized by the Indo-American Senior Heritage (IASH).

By nightfall the courtyard of the temple was milling with people wishing each other a Happy

Diwali and then collecting their delicious meals before proceeding to the adjoining dining hall to enjoy it. From there they moved into the spacious auditorium to fill it to capacity and for an evening of relaxed musical delights presented by the ensemble of Jayshree Gohil and songs by guest art-



Bhupesh and Kumudben Parikh light the inaugural lamp.

ing by Bhupesh Parikh and his wife Kumudben, the President of IASH Chinan Adial presented a quick flashback of the history of the organization which he said had grown spectacularly from just a handful in 2005 to about 575 members presently. He also acknowledged the support of Bikhubhai

was from the golden era of the past and she started off with Lata's "Jyothi Khalash Chhalke" and "O Sajna Barkha Bahar Aai." It was not long before her singing partner Suresh Bhatt joined her and opened with "Keena Hain" from the movie 'Padosan' and then joined her in a charming 'Jabse Tere Naina' and an exhilarating "Kajrare."

A little before the 15 minute interval in the program guest artist Aminder Singh made his appearance and was immediately welcomed by the music loving audience as they responded enthusiastically to his age old hits such as "Yeh Mera Prem Patra" and "Chaudwin Ka Chand." He also combined with Gohil to thrill the crowd with evergreen melodies such as

"Thumna Nahin Dekha" and "Sau Saal Pele." The trio kept swinging away with hit after hit until beyond the midnight hour when the crowd was still calling for more.

Able instrumental support was provided by Oni Benjamin on the keyboard with percussion accompaniment from Pratik Patel, Hari Bhatt and Jagdish Purohit.

Riverside Temple's Cultural Event Draws Large Crowd

