



Mrs Amrit Verma presenting a bouquet to Dr Jagdish Rustagi at the releasing function of his book 'Sikri to Sunnyvale'

PhD and joined the teaching faculty. At the Ohio University, he taught as a professor and was later professor emeritus. His students from different parts of the world occupying important positions in-

cilities. The book was released by Mr Santhanam, retired Judge of the Chennai High Court, who appreciated its simple language and style and bold frankness and motivating contents.

FIN VERMA, a prolific and versatile author, released the interesting book and appreciated the publications and hoped their efforts would blossom to win awards. He hoped an Indian entrepreneur would come forward to install a prize to the book adjudged as the best work by an NRI.

In the recent past senior NRIs, who have produced works worth mention are: Harkrishna Mazmundar, Mrs Amrit Verma, Mrs Shakuntala Bahadur, Suresh Sharma and Mrs Rajani Kulkarni.

## Legislation gives police latitude to keep streets safe

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SACRAMENTO, CA: Legislation sponsored by Assemblymember Bob Huff to give police officers authority to prevent unsafe drivers from operating their vehicles passed out of the State Assembly by a vote of 53-14.

"If an officer decides a driver poses a danger to others on the road, it defies common sense to let them get back in their car, put the keys in the ignition and drive away," said Assemblyman Huff.

Currently, when a police officer encounters a driver incapacitated for reasons not related to drugs or alcohol, the officer may issue the driver a Notice of Priority Re-Examination. This test is conducted

by the Department of Motor Vehicles. Because there is no authority to separate a driver from the vehicle, most drivers are released and continue to operate their ve-

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hicle, even though they present a significant risk to the public.

Supported by the California

Highway Patrol, AB 226 would allow a peace officer to separate an individual from their vehicle after being issued a Priority Re-Examination - but only as a last resort. If another driver in good standing is available, the officer can release the automobile to that person.

"The intent is not to seize vehicles from drivers," continued Assemblyman Huff. "Instead, this bill will help ensure public safety on our roads by giving officers the option of taking the vehicle until the driver has been approved by the DMV."

AB 226 will be heard next in the Senate Transportation Committee. Assemblyman Huff is Republican Caucus Chairman and represents portions of Los Angeles, Orange and San Bernardino counties.



L-R: Mrs Kristina Gears; "Community Bridge Award" winner, Irving City Mayor Herbert Gears and Prasad Thotakura-IAFC General Secretary



L-R: Prasad Thotakura, IAFC General Secretary and the "Indian American Pride" award winner Ohio State Rep. Jay Goyal



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