

# Concert raises funds for Telugu courses at University of Texas

**Dallas, TX:** TANA and TAN-TEX jointly hosted a fundraising musical concert to support Telugu Courses at University of Texas, Austin on August 30, at Centennial High School in Frisco. Yesteryear's famous playback singer and music director G. Anand, with his team of singers like Sowjanya, Anitha Krishna, Viswas, and Abhinava Ghantasala Chandra Teja, conducted a concert titled *Gurthukosthunmayi* which enthralled audience with foot-tapping melodious golden hits of ANR and NTR and other heroes. Cinematic dance by Jyothi was an addition to the concert.

Shyamala Rumalla, TANTEX president, welcomed the audience and started the program on time. Prasad Thotakura, TANA secretary, introduced G. Anand saying that he has sung more than 2,500 film and devotional songs and gave an opportunity to several singers to broaden their horizons through his "Swara Madhuri" group.

Prasad Thotakura thanked all



*Officials of TANA and TANTEX with music director G. Anand.*

Austin over a five-year period to teach Telugu there.

It is interesting to note that

more than 20 students, including non-Telugu and even American students are learn-

ing Telugu at UT Austin. Prasad appealed everyone to propagate this information

and encourage more students to enroll in Telugu classes.

Those, who want to contribute for this cause, can call Prasad Thotakura at 817-300-4747 or [prasadthotakura@gmail.com](mailto:prasadthotakura@gmail.com).

Shyamala Rumalla, Sridhar Korsapati, TANTEX president-elect, Ram Yalamanchili, TANA joint secretary and Murali Vennam, TANA membership services chair, felicitated G. Anand with a plaque, shawl and a bouquet of flowers. N.M.S. Reddy, TANTEX secretary, proposed a vote of thanks.

## Two-day festivities to celebrate Gandhi Jayanti

**Long Island:** Volunteers of Shanti Fund have been encouraging and involving students from schools, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and cultural organizations for the last five years to promote a culture of peace among children on Long Island. To celebrate the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi this year, numerous activities are being planned to promote



of local social, cultural or ethnic organizations.

There will be screening of a PBS documentary movie for the current times. High school and college students, teachers and parents are invited to this viewing. Seats can be reserved only by calling at 631-331-0710 by September 14.

The festival will be held