

## IAFC hosted OCI workshop in Dallas organized by CGI

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Indian American Friendship Council (IAFC) hosted “Overseas Citizens of India (OCI)” workshop in Dallas was very successful with a huge response from the community. This OCI

workshop was hosted by IAFC and organized by the Consul General of India, Houston office with the support of the *India Association of North Texas (IANT)* and *DFW area Indian Community Organizations* on Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at Park Plaza Tower in Dallas, TX.

Three officers from the CGI, Houston office Consul Mr. R.D. Joshi, Mr. Rakesh Sharma and Mr. Chandra Sen rendered invaluable services from 9:00 am to 6:30 pm to more than 150 people with utmost care and smile. Mr. Taiyab Kundawala, Executive Vice President of IAFC coordinated and made all arrangements at this camp very effectively to serve the community in a better way.

“Usually, we always hear many complaints against CGI office but it is

very heartening to hear all compliments from the hundreds of people who attended this OCI Workshop about CGI officer's commitment to serve, host organization IAFC for making meticulous arrangements and dedicated volunteers for spending many hours of their valuable time. My special thanks to Hon. CGI Dr. Anupam Ray for his vision, leadership and out of Box thinking approach to serve the NRI community very effectively" Dr. Prasad Thotakura, IAFC President stated.

Mr. Taiyab Kundawala, Executive Vice President, IAFC said " CGI officers spent at least ten to fifteen minutes time with every OCI applicant, verified their application forms, supporting documents to approve or suggest to provide additional information if needed. We are very thankful to Hon. CGI Dr. Ray for organizing this OCI Workshop in Dallas, Park Plaza Tower Management for providing the elegant venue with fully equipped Audio/Visual system, complimentary water, beverages etc., to all attendees throughout the day, supporting organization IANT, many India based organizations and dedicated volunteers who spent their valuable time in serving the community".

Mr. Rao Kalvala, IAFC Vice President, Mr. John Hammond, IAFC Secretary, Dr. Niranjan Tripathy along with Mr. Taiyab Kundawala, IAFC Executive Vice-President greeted and received all community members at this camp with smile, answered all their questions throughout the day before they see OCI officers for service.

Mr. Narasimha Bakthula (B.N.), IANT Secretary, Mr. Sailesh Shah, IANT Board of Director and Mr. Mujeeb Syed, NASIM Board of Director provided invaluable services and helped to make this OCI workshop successful.

Mr. Abid Abedi - IAFC Advisory Board of Director, Mrs. Indu Mandadi - IANT President, Mr. Salman Farshori - IANT President-elect, IANT Trustees - Mrs. Shabnam Modgil, Mr. Sudhir Parikh and Mr. Jack Godhwani visited the OCI Workshop as a show of support and appreciated the invaluable

services.