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Bichitra Celebrates Nababarsha on Saturday April 19, 2008

We invite you and your family to join us in celebrating the Bangla Nababarsha (1415) at **Grissom Middle School, 35701 Ryan Road, Sterling Heights, MI 48310** on Saturday, April 19, 2008.

Nababarsha Program Schedule:

2:00 pm	Doors Open
2:00-2:30 pm	Set up Time (Volunteers please)
2:30-3:30 pm	Registration, Social get together with Chaa, Singara & Jilipi
2:30 pm	Voting Booths Open
3:30-5:00 pm	Cultural Program=> Songs, Dance, Recitation, Antaksari
5:15-6:15 pm	General Body Meeting
6:30 pm	Voting Booths Close
6:30-7:30 pm	Dinner
7:00 pm	Voting Results, Announcements
7:30-8:30 pm	Musical Performance => Dr.Sumita Chaudhery
8:30-9:00 pm	Clean up Time (Volunteers please)
9:00 pm	Doors Close

Nababarsha subscriptions:

Member Family	\$35
Member Single	\$20
Non Member Family	\$45
Non Member Single	\$25
Student Family	\$20
Student Single	\$10

Directions to: Grissom Middle School Sterling Heights, MI

- **From I-696 East**, take Exit 20, Follow Eastbound 11 Mile Rd for about 1.5 mile, Turn Left on Ryan and go about 4 miles. School will be on Left.
- **From I-75 South**, take Exit 67, Follow direction to Rochester Rd North, go about 0.3 mile to turn Right on Big Beaver Rd. Go Eastbound for about 3.1 miles. Turn Right on Ryan and go about 0.8 miles. School will be on Right.

Featured Artist:

Dr. Sumita Chaudhery is well-known to music lovers for many years. She is the Director of Aditi Institute of Arts, where she is an instructor of Indian Music. This Institute is instrumental in spreading rich Indian culture and music throughout Metro Detroit. Dr. Chaudhery who is an English professor, loves variety of songs; Classical, Rabindra Sangeet, Nazrul Geeti, Folk songs to name a few. Her contribution to Indian Ethnic Culture is well known to the Michigan Indian community.

Membership

There will be NO increase in the Membership dues for the fiscal year 2008-2009; Family: \$35.00, Single: \$25.00. The 2008-2009 Membership will be due on the day of the Nababarsha program. Member Family includes husband, wife and all children under 18 Yrs. Please renew your membership at the front desk on that day. Your early renewal will help us in our bookkeeping and finances. Only Members can enjoy Membership Rights, including Discussions and Voting. As always, members will enjoy special discounted rates for all Bichitra events. The patrons are requested to avail of our one time annual subscription of \$270.00 (No increase), which will cover your membership dues and event fees for all regular events for the year 2008-2009.

Nababarsha event Chairperson [Ashis Goswami](#) requests your assistance in making the event a success. For more Information about the event, please contact him at 248-596-0914 or visit our website: <http://www.bichitra.org>

Annual General Election AND Education Committee Proposal

Bichitra's new fiscal year 2008-09 will begin on May1, 2008. The Election for the Bichitra Governing Body (2008-09) will be held during the Nababarsha program.

Path Bhaban has been running Bichitra's Education Program since May, 1983, without Official Recognition. Bichitra Governing Body has recommended formation of an Education Committee as a part of Governing Body.

As a result, the following proposal (Proposal A) will be on the ballot for your approval

Proposal A: To efficiently and effectively perform Education related activities, it is proposed to form an Education Committee to be part of Governing Body of Bichitra and be effective from May 1, 2008.

Bichitra seeks your opinion on the above proposal. If you agree, please mark "X" in the YES box

The Voting Rules for Election and Proposal are as follows:

- 1) Voting will be carried out by the Preservation Committee for contested Governing Body positions only by secret ballots. Uncontested candidates will be declared elected. Ballots will be used for Education Committee Proposal voting.
- 2) Only current members* (both husband and wife) of Bichitra can vote.
- 3) A member can vote for one candidate only for a **contested** Governing Body position. For Proposal voting Check 'Yes' **OR** 'No'.
- 4) Postal Ballots will **NOT** be accepted.
- 5) Voting Time is set for 2:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Results will be announced by 8:00 pm.
- 6) Following candidates have been nominated for the 2008-09 Governing Body positions:

President: Pranab Saha
 Vice-President: Sudipta Datta
 Deputy President: Debjani Nayak
 Secretary: Sudip Nath
 Assoc Secretary: Paromita Chakravarty
 Asst Secretary: Swati Chakrabarti
 Treasurer: Sutapa Santra
 Assoc Treasurer: Achyuta Achari **AND**
 Debangshu Majumdar **[contested]**
 Asst Treasurer: Chaity Nath
 Junior Advisor: Somnath Mukhopadhyay
 Junior Preserver: Mihir Bagchi **AND** Ashis
 Goswami **[contested]**
 Junior Planner: Satyen Basu
 Junior Auditor: Amitabha Sur
 Junior Organizer: Amitabha Chatterjee

Recently, we lost our community members Dipali Mitra and Siby Chakraborty, We also lost Soumithra Chakraborty a young member in a very tragic accident. Let their Souls Rest in Peace.

Message from the 2007-2008 Executive Committee:

March Madness is here as we spring forward our clock and wait for the Michigan snow to melt. Spring is knocking at the door as we get close to the end of our term. We would like to take this opportunity to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our volunteers who has spent hundreds of hours of their personal time in arranging various events and/or on matters related to administrative/constitutional issues. 2007-2008 had been a very successful year for Bichitra with very large and enthusiastic attendance in every Bichitra event. We could not have done this without the help of all our Governing Body members and volunteers. In spite of the economic downturn in Michigan, we were fortunate enough to welcome many new members who moved to Detroit area recently. Many of the new members have joined hands with others to make all our Bichitra events a success. We look forward to their active participation in the Governing Body next year.

As we get ready to celebrate Nababarsha and hand over the baton to the new executive committee we remind ourselves what Bichitra is all about. Bichitra is our extended family, our home away from home. When we work hand-in-hand to organize Durga Puja, it makes us nostalgic about our past and our root what we left behind. Bichitra brings to our next generation a taste of Bengali culture, it bridges between generations. Bichitra acts as the nucleus of our community. Here we share our joy, our spirit on our happy days, we provide comfort to each other on the days of our distress. Bichitra is not the place where we find fault with others or fight over trivial matters. We work here with a motto; the motto of being together, the motto of being united. 2007-2008 had been an embodiment of this spirit. We are looking forward to your enthusiastic participation in all Bichitra events next year.

Subho Nababarsha!!