

# CityMasala

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### From Our Desk to Yours

The heat is oppressive and all over Florida, the greenery is pining for more rainfall. After having recently returned from India though, one of the editors is not complaining! Central air conditioning definitely has its advantages. Having said that, there is also a lot to be said about returning to one's own country. The smells, the air and the people - all conspire to make you feel very much at home and very much a part of what you left behind so many years ago. The effortlessness in getting back to your roots is an aspect of human nature that is truly remarkable.



This month, we have Chandani Desai on the cover. Chandani took part in the ZEE Cinestar Competition which was held in Mumbai, India, and was offered an opportunity to work with the famed Pooja Bhatt. We found Chandani a pleasure to interview and wish her all the very best for her undoubtedly bright future.

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Fall semester is not that far away. We have featured a few Indian Student Associations from some of the universities in Florida. Contact information for these associations is also provided in the write-ups and this information would be helpful for *desi* freshmen as well as their families.

Ms. Husain has provided some great tips on protecting your skin from the Sun and has taken the time to answer questions from readers in her column on Beauty. Attorney Dilip Patel wraps up his article on the Naturalization process and has given some valuable information on why it is important to get this process completed. Bollywood is full of the latest gossip from *desh's* tinsel town and the story written by Ajay Sanyal for the CityMasala Short Story Competition, A Feeling of Joy, will touch you to the very core. In Spotted Around Town, we bring you the views of people from our community on what the 4th of July means to them. TechTalk unveils the iPhone - the totally swanky new technology from Apple. It is a must have, but should you go for it right now?

Javid brings you his views on some of the issues facing the Indian Cricket team in his article which is accompanied by DJ Jafar's latest Top Ten Desi Countdown. Surabhi brings you Reel Talk for this issue and talks about some of the latest releases to look forward to or avoid! Dr. Adarsh Jain talks about ear infections and some ways to avoid them in Health Talk and Dr. Maulik Trivedi answers some more questions from our readers in The Parents' Chat Room. We have a brand new comic strip for you called Small Hands which is brought to you by Nidhi Chanani while Auntyji brings you her signature brand of advice in her column. Daru Ka Nasha has Ashish in the summer mood with some thirst quenching drinks to get some relief from the heat and in Dining, Surabhi reviews Shalimar Classic Indian Cuisine in Orlando. We have a recipe for Muruku from Anita in In The Kitchen along with some Tips & Tricks for cooking and Sheniz brings us a review on the book, Father Tongue. Body Talk brings you an article on Swimming for Fitness by Sanjay while Horoscope has what the stars hold for us in the month of July. We hope you enjoy this issue.

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