



# THE SOUTH ASIA CENTER NEWSLETTER

## Student Workshop at S.U. on March 7

The South Asia Outreach Center announces its 6th Annual Student's Workshop to be held on the Syracuse University campus on **March 7, 1994**. The workshop will be from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Students will experience a variety of events including a classical dance performance, video screenings, quiz contests and interactive group discussions.

The program is free and open to all Ninth Grade Social Studies classes. **ENROLLMENT IS LIMITED**. Teachers interested in bringing their classes should contact The South Asia Center at 315-443-2553 as soon as possible.

## Summer Teachers' Institute on the Ramayana, July 5-29

The South Asia Center, with the American Forum for Global Education, will host a four-week institute at Syracuse University this summer on "**The Ramayana: The Enduring Tradition, Its Text and Context.**" The Institute aims to use "The Ramayana" as a lens for understanding South Asia. It is designed for those required to teach South Asia as part of the Global Studies Curriculum, or those interested in developing interdisciplinary approaches to culture studies.

Funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Institute will provide fellowships for a limited number of New York State Teachers. The fellowships will include a stipend of \$1000, books and materials; room and board will be provided for candidates who are not within commuting distance of Syracuse; for local candidates an allowance for lunch will be provided. Preference will be given to teams of applicants from the same or adjacent school districts, urban educators in early stages of their careers, and individuals who have not participated in recent NEH-funded programs. **The application deadline is March 15, 1994.**

For further information contact: Hazel Sara Greenberg, The American Forum for Global Education, 45 John Street, Suite 908, New York, NY 10038; Phone: 212-732-8606, Fax: 212-791-4132.

## Bharati Memorial Lectures Continue

The Third Annual Bharati Memorial Lecture will be held at 3:00 p.m. on April 15, in the Public Events Room on the second floor of Eggers Hall. This year's speaker will be Anthony King, professor of sociology at Binghamton University, who will discuss colonialism and the city in South Asia. The event is open to the public, as is a reception immediately following the talk.

Agehananda Bharati—or Swami, as he was known around campus—was for many years a strong presence in Syracuse University's Department of Anthropology. Since his death, Swami's memory has been honored each spring with a guest lecture focused on South Asia. Swami also left the Department a large collection of books and papers, which will eventually be housed in the Bharati Memorial Library when Anthropology moves to a refurbished Maxwell Hall next Fall.

## Sumit Sarkar to Speak at S.U.

Well-known South Asian historian Sumit Sarkar will be on campus Feb. 18 to speak about the relevance of Gandhi in South Asian communalism today. The talk will be held at 4:30 p.m. in Eggers 010. The event is being jointly sponsored by Syracuse India Association, Association of International Students, and the South Asia Center.

## WE'VE MOVED!!

The South Asia Center at Syracuse University has moved to **346-G EGGERS HALL**, the new extension to Maxwell Hall, on the Syracuse University hill. Our phone number is the same: 315-443-2553. The Director of the South Asia Center is **Professor Susan Wadley**. Outreach activities are coordinated by **Priti Ramamurthy** (Adjunct Faculty, Women's Studies), with the assistance of **Rose DeNeve** (Hindi Fellow, and Doctoral Candidate in Humanities).

Associated with the Center are 24 Syracuse University faculty members from the disciplines of Anthropology, Economics, Geography, History, Linguistics, Religion, Communications, Education, Human Development, International Relations, Medicine, and Public Administration.

## Study Abroad

The Himalayan Field Study Program in Canada and the Institute of Himalayan Studies in India are jointly conducting a six-week program this summer from July 25 to August 27. The program focuses on developing an understanding of the Human Ecology of the Himalayas in the north Indian state of Himachal Pradesh and in the cold desert of Ladakh in the western Himalayas. The program is directed by Prof. Sehdev Kumar with the assistance of a number of Indian specialists on the Himalayas. Both students and others are welcome to participate, but enrollment is limited. The cost of the program is Canadian \$ 3900 students, \$4390 others, all-inclusive. For more details contact: Prof. Sehdev Kumar, 170 University Ave, West, Suite 12 Box 173, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada N2L 3E9 Phone: 519-746-6946

## Fellowships and Grants

**AIBS Awards for Research in Bangladesh.** The American Institute of Bangladesh Studies awards grants for doctoral and postdoctoral research in Bangladesh. The duration of each grant is 2-12 months. Grants will include round-trip transportation to the research site in Bangladesh, \$1000, and a stipend in *taka*. US citizens and permanent residents are eligible to apply. Applications will be reviewed starting **March 1, 1994**, for study beginning in Summer or Fall 1994.

However, applications may be submitted at any time and will receive consideration, pending funds. For further information contact: Prof. Craig Baxter, Department of Political Science, Juanita College, Huntington, PA 16652 Phone: 814-643-4310 Fax: 814-643-3620.



**Social Science Research Council Fellowships and Grants.** The Social Science Research Council awards grants every year for Doctoral and Advanced Research in Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and India. The fellowships are for 2-12 months' research in the social sciences and humanities. Money is available to support research in one country, comparative research among countries, or comparative research between areas. Candidates may request support for study of a local language while in the region. Application materials are usually accepted only in November/December, but preliminary inquiries concerning research in India may be directed to American Institute of Indian Studies, Foster Hall, University of Chicago, 1120 E. 59 St., Chicago, Ill, 60637; phone: 312-702-8638. For other South Asian countries, contact: South Asia Program, Social Science Research Council, 605 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10158. Phone: 212-661-0280.

## Faculty News

■ **Susan Wadley**, chair of S.U.'s Department of Anthropology, returned to India earlier this semester to continue her study of the historical and cultural contexts of performance of the Dhola epic in North India. Her six-week research stint was supported by a grant from the American Institute of Indian Studies. Prof. Wadley's latest book, *Struggling with Destiny in Karimpur, 1925-1984*, has just been published by University of California Press.

■ The South Asia Center is pleased to welcome a number of new scholars and faculty members whose expertise focuses on South Asia.

**Ann Grodzins Gold** joined the Department of Religion as an associate professor in Fall 1993. For more than a decade, Prof. Gold has conducted research in Ghatiyali, a village in the Ajmer district of Rajasthan, India. Her latest book, *Listen to the Heron's Words: Reimagining Gender and Kinship in North India*, which was coauthored with Gloria Goodwin Raheja, has just been published by University of California Press. Professor Gold's courses this semester look at religious approaches to environmentalism (REL 300) and examine ways in which Westerners have studied "other people's" religions (REL 500).

Visiting historian **Rana P. Behal** comes to S.U.'s Department of History from Deshbandhu College, Delhi University. His areas of interest include the cotton and tea industries during India's colonial period, particularly the 19th century. Prof. Behal's courses on nationalism and communalism (HIS 401) and colonial history (HIS 472/615) in South Asia are being funded by the South Asia Center.

**S.L. Srivastava** is a visiting Fulbright Scholar from Ravishankar University in Raipur, Madhya Pradesh, where he is chair of the Department of Sociology. Prof. Srivastava has published books on folk culture/oral tradition and Gandhian values in village India. His research here focuses on the comparative sociological status of folklore in the United States and India.

A second Indian Fulbright scholar, **Kusum Venkataiah**, is studying planning and management of adult education departments in two American universities with S.U.'s Department of Adult Education.

■ **Richard Breyer**, professor of public communication in the Newhouse School, has a new documentary film, *Kasthuri: A South Indian Film Star*, which he co-produced with N.C. Rajamani. A cinematic portrait of a leading female film star of South India, the work explores the tensions between Kasthuri's two lives—the one public and glamorous, the other private and more traditional. A 30-minute video of the film can be borrowed from the South Asia Center library.