

Diwali Celebration in Passaic City, New Jersey

Mayor Hector C. Lora and Dr. Assad Mujtaba attend a Full House Cultural Gala in Passaic, New Jersey



APPRECIATION AWARD

IN RECOGNITION OF

Dr. Mujtaba

FOR HIS EXCELLENCE GENEROSITY
AND COMMITMENT TO THE GROWTH OF
AND TIRELESS ADVOCACY FOR THE CITY.

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Clifton, New Jersey Nov 16, 2025 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - Rana Samaj USA Inc., one of the most lively and respected Indian American community organizations in New Jersey, hosted a grand Diwali and New Year cultural celebration in Passaic, New Jersey, attended by over 500 distinguished guests, community leaders, and dignitaries. The event featured prominent leaders **Dr. Gholam Mujtaba** and his son **Dr. Assad Mujtaba** as special guests, while the **Guest of Honor** for the evening was **Hon. Mayor Hector C. Lora**, Mayor of the City of Passaic.

The event showcased lively cultural performances, traditional exhibits, and a formal community dinner, highlighting the rich heritage and values of the Indian American community. The hall was completely packed, demonstrating strong community unity, involvement, and pride.

Event Recognitions and Remarks

In a special highlight of the evening, **Mayor Hector C. Lora** received a formal **recognition shield** from Rana Samaj USA Inc. for his ongoing support of the South Asian community and his dedication to inclusion and multicultural representation in the City of Passaic.

A similar shield of honor was also awarded to **Dr. Assad Mujtaba**, recognizing his **community advocacy, social involvement, and vision for future collaboration** among diverse ethnic communities across New Jersey and the United States.

Mayor Lora, in his address, praised the Indian-American community's values of hard work, family, education, and unity, affirming that Passaic's strength lies in its diversity. Dr. Assad Mujtaba, in his remarks, appreciated the love and respect shown by Rana Samaj USA and emphasized **intercultural collaboration, community advancement, and empowering the next generation through civic engagement and social responsibility**.

Gratitude Message from Rana Samaj President

During his closing remarks, **Mr. Bharat Rana, President of Rana Samaj USA**, formally thanked **Mayor Lora, Dr. Gholam Mujtaba, Dr. Assad Mujtaba**, and all distinguished attendees for honoring the event, noting that the presence of respected leaders strengthened the organization's purpose, unity, and mission.

He further recognized the shared effort of all office-bearers, volunteers, and community elders who contributed to the success of the event.

Office-Bearers of Rana Samaj USA Inc., Passaic, NJ

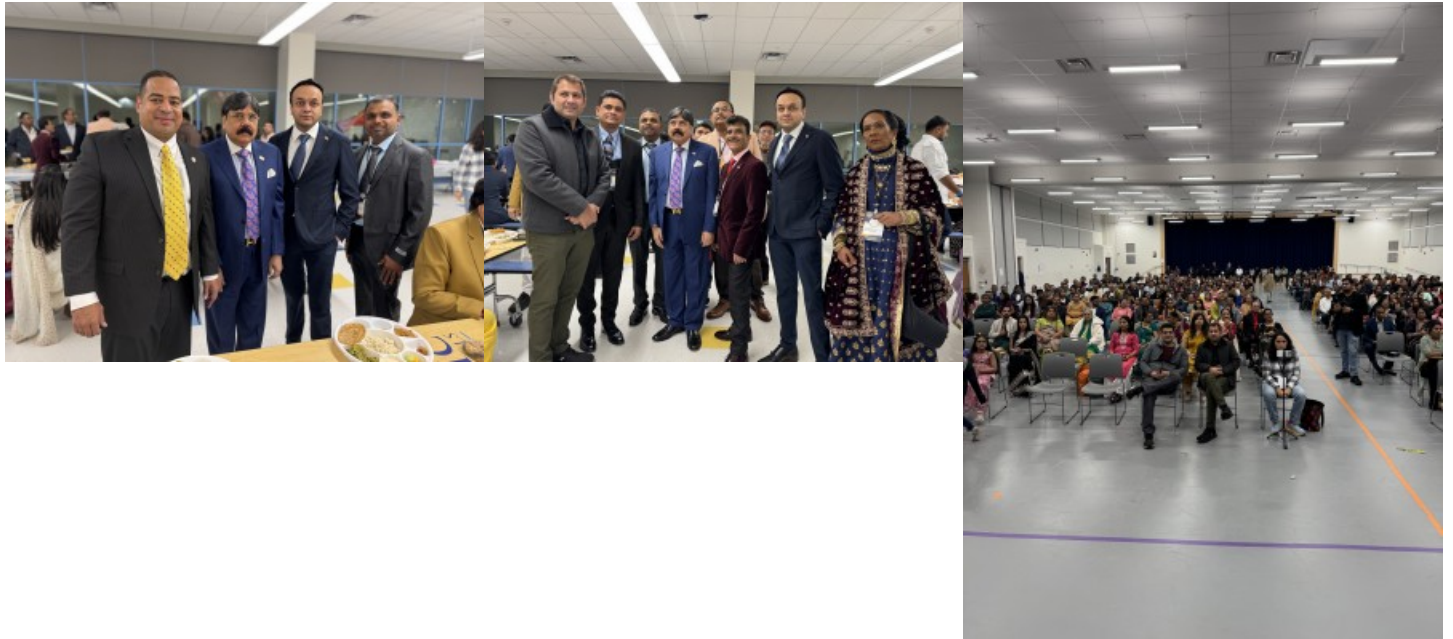
- **President:** Mr. Bharat Rana
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- **Secretary:** Ms. Hema Karana
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Dr. Gholam Mujtaba also expressed special appreciation for **Mr. Dharmesh Rana** and **Mr. Kalpesh Veerana**, acknowledging their outstanding coordination and hospitality during the event.

Dr. Mujtaba was joined by **Dr. Qasim Naveed Cheema** and **Mr. Umer Chaudhry**, who also took part in the evening's events.

Message of Unity

This event reaffirmed that America's strength comes from its **diversity, coexistence, and mutual respect**, and that diasporic communities are essential in connecting civilizations, fostering peaceful coexistence, and building a future based on opportunity and shared values.



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