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FROM THE PAVILION

A guide to
experiencing India –
long after the festival
packs up

India is a tapestry of traditions, flavours, movement, artistry, and community. During Fiesta Week, the Indian Pavilion invites you to experience a small glimpse of that richness through food, music, dance, local businesses, and shared stories.

This guide was created to celebrate the vibrant South Asian community in Durham Region while supporting local entrepreneurs, restaurants, and organizations that continue to preserve and share Indian culture across generations.

Inside, you'll discover curated food trails, cultural insights, community highlights, and businesses that bring a touch of India to Durham Region and beyond.

We invite you to explore, connect, and celebrate with us.

- Gautami Yerramsetty, Founder - ICHC

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"At the heart of every strong community is the willingness to learn from one another, celebrate one another, and grow together. As Oshawa continues to grow into a vibrant and inclusive city, initiatives like this help strengthen the sense of belonging that makes our community special. Proud to support the first-ever Indian Pavilion at Oshawa Fiesta Week and the volunteers, organizers, artists, and community members working hard to bring this vision to life. Wishing the pavilion continued success for many years to come."

TITO-DANTE MARIMPIETRI
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FOOD TRAIL

FOLLOW THE FLAVOUR OF INDIA ACROSS DURHAM REGION

From sizzling street-side chaats and buttery naan fresh from the tandoor to comforting dosas, fragrant biryanis, handcrafted sweets, and late-night chai stops, Durham's South Asian food scene is filled with hidden gems waiting to be discovered.

This curated food trail highlights restaurants, cafés, sweet shops, and family-run kitchens across Oshawa, Whitby, Ajax, Pickering, and Clarington that continue to bring authentic regional flavours and culinary traditions to the community.

Whether you're discovering Indian cuisine for the first time or searching for a taste of home, this guide invites you to explore one plate at a time.

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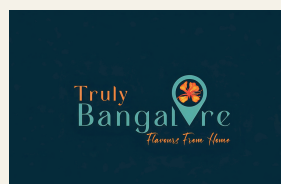
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THE MANY RHYTHMS OF INDIA

CELEBRATION

Loud, colourful & alive

India celebrates in many traditions and faiths, yet the spirit often feels the same: doors open, food is shared and communities come together. From Eid and Christmas to Diwali and countless local festivals, celebration is woven into everyday life.



STILLNESS

Quiet, grounded & timeless

Alongside its vibrant celebrations, India values reflection and wellbeing. Yoga, meditation, Ayurveda and mindful living have inspired generations to seek balance, clarity and connection.



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NCPL Founder & CEO Rambabu Vasupilli shares lessons on mentorship, career growth, resilience, and why success begins with helping others.



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What began as **Nanna Computers Private Ltd. (NCPL)** in India in 2005 has evolved into a global organization spanning five countries (Canada, USA, UK, India & UAE) and multiple business ventures with a team of 200+ employees. Yet at the center of NCPL's growth remains a simple belief: knowledge becomes more valuable when it is shared. Today, after mentoring more than 2,800 professionals, Rambabu Vasupilli continues to focus on creating opportunities through technology, mentorship, and community.

A Mission Born From Purpose

What started as late-night mentoring sessions after long workdays turned into a life-changing mission. Rambabu began by helping a few students with job guidance. Those first five people got jobs, then five became twenty. The realization was powerful: many talented professionals were struggling, not because of a lack of opportunity, but because of a lack of the right guidance.

“There was no business plan. There was only a purpose—helping someone succeed.”

In 2019, NCPL Consulting Inc. was established to help people build successful careers through genuine mentoring.

Mentorship Creates Transformation

“A trainer teaches a subject.

A mentor walks with you toward a destination.”

Training gives knowledge, but mentoring creates transformation. At NCPL Consulting, the focus is not just on skills, but on building confidence, strategy, and real-world readiness.

Learning from Rejection

Rambabu believes job seekers should focus on understanding why they are not progressing rather than simply applying to more jobs.

“Every stage of the hiring process gives you feedback. Identify where the gap is and work on fixing it.”

He encourages professionals to stay curious, strengthen communication, build real-world problem-solving skills, and remain open to change.

The Human Side of Success

Behind every milestone, Rambabu sees people and their stories.

“Every job offer is not just a number. Behind every offer is a person, a family, and a dream.”

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“Design your career. Don't just follow it.”

Building a Legacy of Impact

From technology to mentoring, from immigration support to AI innovation, NCPL Group continues to grow with one purpose—empowering people and transforming lives.

Technology may build solutions, but people build the future.

Rooted in Culture. Driven by Purpose.

Rambabu believes that cultural values, community support, and strong roots give professionals the strength to dream bigger and achieve more.

When you grow with your community, you rise together.

THE BIG FAT INDIAN CELEBRATION

What's the Occasion?

Many visitors may not realize how many things Indians celebrate.

Weddings, Engagements, Baby Showers, Housewarmings, Milestone Birthdays, Religious , Festivals, Graduation Celebrations, Anniversaries, Community Gatherings.

If there's a reason to gather, there's probably food, music, and a celebration involved.

Indian Celebration Survival Guide

1. Arrive Hungry. Indian hospitality is measured partly by how many times someone insists you eat more.
2. Accept Seconds. Refusing food once is often interpreted as politeness. Refusing it twice may trigger intervention from an auntie.
3. Expect Dancing. Even if you didn't plan on dancing.
4. Don't Rush Home. The celebration is often as much about meeting people as it is about the actual event.

Did You Know?

- A celebration in India is considered "small and intimate" if fewer than 300 people attend.
- In India, weddings are one of the few events where your parents, neighbours, second cousins, childhood tuition teacher, and your dad's friend from 1987 all become event planners simultaneously.
- Indian celebrations operate on a simple principle: Plan enough food to feed an unexpected busload of guests.
- Indian celebrations are large because they were never meant to be private moments. They were designed to bring entire communities together.

In India, joy is rarely celebrated quietly.



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DCC Women's Cricket Cup	August	Durham Cricket Club	Free
Ganesh Utsav	September	Durham Marathi Mandal Toronto	Free
Ganesh Utsav	September	Cultural Association of GTA	Free
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Ganesh Chaturthi Event	September	Telugu Cultural Forum	Free
Garba Fest	October	Unity in Diversity	Ticketed
Bathukamma	October	United Hindu Association	Ticketed



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