

GOPIO SV organizes summer fun Kids Art and Talent Contest

MILPITAS

GOPIO Silicon Valley celebrated the beginning of summer with a Kids Arts and Talent Contest event along with a food Competition. The event was in collaboration with Radio Zindagi 1550am, Ind TV USA and Association for Kids and youth Programs.

The Association for Kids and youth Programs is led by Ajay and Vinita Jain Bhutoria and they were celebrating the 6th Annual Fun-filled Day. Ajay Jain Bhutoria is also the president for GOPIO SV and along with other members on Board, Ena Sarkar, Priya Gandhi, Sheetal Ohri, Ritu Maheshwari, Rohit Saini, Raj Nathawat, the event was coordinated and was a success.

The event started at 9.30am with judges Ena Sarkar, CEO Womennow TV, Ranjani Manda, founder Aerodance Co., Rohit Saini, Partner Radio Zindagi, Priya Gandhi, RJ Radio Zindagi judged kids for the Talent Contest. Judges Sheetal Ohri, CEO Sheetalohri.com, founders Roopa Suresh and



(L to R) Ash Kalra, Ajay Jain Bhutoria, Harry Ramona, Anu Natrajan, Rahul Roy and Ena Sarkar

Priya KrishnaMurthy of Sanhiti, a non profit organization, judged kids for Group Dance Category.

The judges for Food Competition were Raj Nathawat, Vinita Jain Bhutoria, Ritu Maheshwari, Rahul Roy. The event was attended by over 250 people.

The women participants took part in the Food Competition and made items varying from Punjabi,

Gujarati, Oriya, Calcutta, North Indian Cuisine. Monita Khona made Lyche Hazelnut Nest Dessert, Meetali Desai made Mango Mousee filled cake, Ritu Raj made Mutton Biryani, Mutton Curry and Raita.

The winner was Preeti Nanda who made all food items from Jagganath Puri from the starter of Chana Vadas to Kanikas, Mohure, Dahi Baigan, Khatta Meetha Modak etc.



L to R) Ranjani Manda, Rohit Saini, Priya Gandhi, Ena Sarkar

The event was attended by Bill Quirk, standing for State Assembly, Vice Mayor Anu Natrajan, San Jose Council Member Ash Kalra, Milpitas Mayor Jose Esteves, Suzanne Chan and many other community leaders.

Contest For kids (age group 3-12)

(Singing, dancing, musical instrument, public speaking etc up to 3 minutes per child awards and trophies based on age groups)

• **Kids Art Contest:** Kids chose their own theme. Awards and trophies presented by state senators, mayors, city officials, assembly members.

• **Adults Food Contest:** Women bought Indian food from their kitchen for the contest.

This 7-hour long event ended with judges, elected officials giving away trophies and participation certificates. *(More pics on Page 20)*

