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Consul General Dnyaneshwar M. Mulay recites his poems

Consul General hosts BJP President and his entourage

Consul General Dnyaneshwar M. Mulay held, July 20, a dinner reception for the visiting BJP President Rajnath Singh and his entourage that included Ananth Kumar, BJP general Secretary, Vijay Jolly, Convener of BJP Overseas Affairs and OFBJP and Sudhanshu Trivedi, BJP National Spokesperson. Mr. Mulay welcomed them as also the 20 or so guests invited to the reception dinner. Mr. Rajnath Singh spoke briefly on the state of Indian economy and stated that purpose of his visit was to meet Indian Americans and US lawmakers, policymakers and businessmen.



Consul General Dnyaneshwar M. Mulay welcomes Mr. Rajnath Singh and his colleagues. Seen in the picture from left to right are: Mr. Ananth Kumar, Mr. Rajnath Singh, Mr. Mulay

Sikhs observe the death anniversary of Sant Baba Prem Singh

Sikhs of the tri-state area of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut organized in Queens, a day long memorial function for Sant Baba Prem Singh, a saintly figure who was a great social reformer. Sikhs in general and the Lobana community, in particular, revere him. Prayers, singing of hymns and sermons marked the occasion which was largely attended.



Community leaders pose for a photograph, with Master Mohinder Singh (wearing a medal, in the center)

Queens Borough President Celebrates completion of the renovation of Flushing Town Hall's garden and portico

On Thursday, July 11, Queens Borough President Helen Marshall helped celebrate the completion of the renovation of Flushing Town Hall's garden and portico. The \$2 million renovation project was funded by her office and by the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs and the Queens delegation of the City Council.



Among those on hand were (from left to right) Cultural Affairs Commissioner Kate Levin, Assemblywoman Toby Stavisky, Assemblywoman Nily Rozic, City Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer, City Comptroller John Liu, Flushing Council on Culture and the Arts (FCCA) Executive Director Ellen Kodadek, Queens Borough President Helen Marshall, City Councilman Peter Koo, City Councilman Leroy Comrie (standing behind Councilman Koo), Assemblyman Ron Kim, City Councilman Peter Vallone, City Councilman Daniel Dromm and FCCA Board President Howard Graf.

Photo Credit: Office of the Queens Borough President

Sikh Community leaders call on the Consul General

A delegation of Sikh community leaders led by Master Mohinder Singh, founder President of Gurdwara Baba Makhan Shah Lobana called on the Consul General of India, Ambassador Dnyaneshwar Mulay and apprised him of the problems the community faced with regard to passports, visas, OCI cards etc. They were particularly critical of the poor services being provided by the new service provider, BLS.

Mr. Mulay heard them patiently and gave an assurance of improved services. Delegation included Gurmej Singh and Mohinder Singh, President and Vice President respectively of Gurdwara Baba Makhan Shah Lobana. The meeting was arranged through the good offices of Prof. Indrajit S. Saluja.



Sikh community leaders with Mr. Mulay. From L to R: Master Mohinder Singh, Mr. Mulay, Mr. Gurmej Singh and Mr. Mohinder Singh

HELEN MARSHALL SIGNS THE STEEL BEAM TO MARK THE TOPPING OFF OF NEW BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF METRO QUEENS

Steel beam (top) is raised to mark the topping off of new Boys and Girls Club of Metro Queens on Atlantic Avenue in Richmond Hill, Friday, July 12th. Queens Borough President Helen Marshall signed the beam (bottom) before it was hoisted up. Marshall provided the club, formerly known as the South Queens Boys and Girls Club, a total of \$4.75 million for an \$11.5 million renovation

and expansion that includes a new community center. Major League Baseball and the New York Mets also provided \$250,000 in capital for the club's new teen center. Marshall said the new building will be able to accommodate 375 children and contain the teen center, a regulation-size gym, a learning center, a technology center, a literacy center, a music room and dance studio.

