

The Great Le Grand India Festival Festival de l'Inde

Over the past two weeks, we've heard from many of you about COVID-19. The Great India Festival (TGIF) team hopes that you, your family and friends are healthy and safe and are following what we are all being asked to do to flatten the curve. TGIF is committed to keeping you informed about our plans and providing information as we have it and we'd like to update you on the status of the 2020 festival.

We wanted to reach out to you directly to let you know that **as of April 7th, 2020, we are hoping that the festival will take place during 7th, 8th, 9th August 2020**. Right now, **you are the best chance** we have at making the ninth TGIF festival happen! Please do your part to follow physical distancing measures and the advice of our government and health officials. If everyone can buckle down and **stay inside NOW**, we have a better shot at stopping the spread of this virus, so we can come together as a community and celebrate at TGIF 2020.

TGIF is monitoring the information being provided daily by our local Public Health authorities and will continue to review and follow their guidelines and recommendations concerning how best to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus. In the meantime, the volunteer organization team continues to plan (following physical distancing and other guidelines from the safety of their own homes!) for another successful event.

We won't pretend that this is easy - this is hard for everyone. We are all striving to find ways forward, to care for ourselves and our communities, and to keep moving towards a better future. We - as a community - will continue to step up to support our friends and neighbours today and in the future. We know there will be an economic impact to the business closures, and we know this will make it difficult for festivals and events to survive.

Each of us can help make today and tomorrow better. Please do your part to help flatten the curve! Support arts and culture by watching performances online. Be safe, be well, care for your community and take care of yourself.

Best Regards,

Prof. Rao Nanduri
Chair, Board of Directors
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