

KOA Oversight Committee for India-bound Programs

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Program Directors



**Suresh Sus,
Director, Zone 6**

Suresh Sus was born and raised (Nave Sadek, Nursing Garh) in Srinagar Kashmir. He went to school at Hindu High School, Sheetalnath, and then on to DAV Higher Secondary School, Hazoori Bagh. Married to Phoola Ogra, the couple migrated to US in 1976. They have two sons - Neel and Nikhel (Nik).

Suresh and Phoola are part of a thriving KP community in the Research Triangle Area, (Raleigh, Durham and Chapel Hill, NC) and have supported and participated in the cultural and social activities, in this area and within Zone 6. He was recognized for starting the Eastern NC Chapter of KOA Zone 6 in 2010, and was first elected to KOA Board of Directors, in May of 2013.



**Dr. Sanjay Dhar, California
Director, Zone 10**

Dr. Sanjay Dhar has been in US for last 17 years and lives in Irvine, CA. Prior to settling down in California, he lived in Bethesda, MD and Boston, MA. He has been involved in community activities for a long time. He has previously served as the Membership Director of KOAUSA. He and his wife Jyoti successfully organized a Kashmir Awareness Event in Irvine, CA highlighting the genocide and mass migration of Kashmiri Pandits.

Dr. Dhar is a scientist by profession with doctorate in molecular biology. His research is currently focused on the therapeutic applications of stem cell regenerative technology. Besides, he has been an avid sportsperson as well, and has represented the State of Jammu & Kashmir in Cricket at various levels (Ranji Trophy, C.K Naidu under-22 and Cooch Behar under-19) and Badminton (Junior Nationals). He also represented and led the Kashmir University Cricket and Badminton teams on several occasions.



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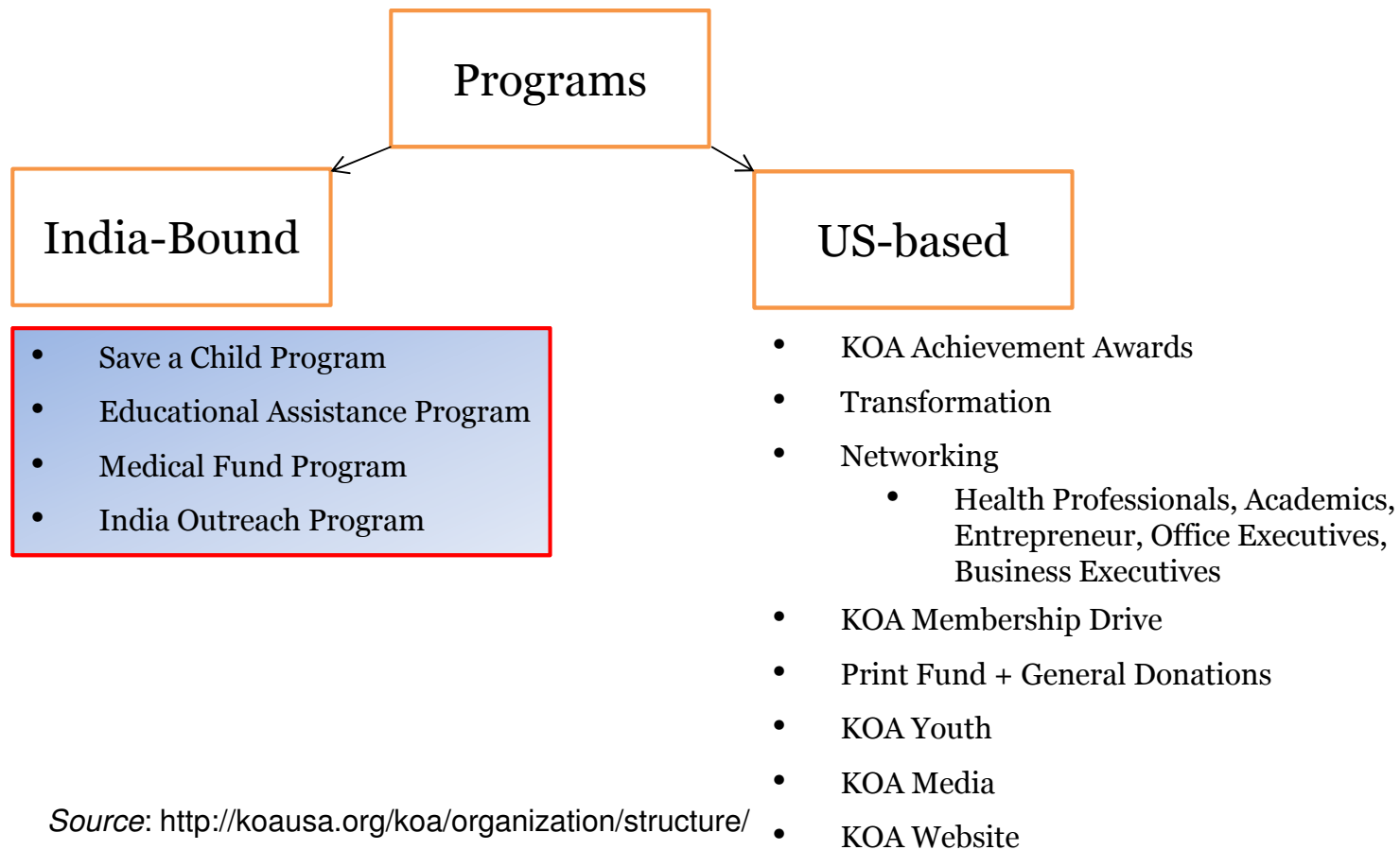
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Objectives

- To assist in India-bound programs and create guidelines for operations of these programs



KOA's India-Bound Programs





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Save A Child (SAC) Program

Objectives

To provide tuition, school supplies and living expenses to Kashmiri Pandit school children (K-12) in refugee camps in India.

Website

<http://koausa.org/koa/programs/sac/>

Program Director

KOA Sponsor-A-Child



Pran Kaul, Fremont, California

Profile

Sh. Pran ji Kaul has been involved with several community programs since 1990 in the wake of the exodus of the KP community from Kashmir Valley. Having seen the heart rending plight and abject poverty of the refugees first hand back in 1990 and later, he started the children sponsorship program in 1994-95 with the help of donations from caring members of the community in the US, to help our poor brethren to educate their school going children. The program has grown over the years from supporting about forty children in 1994 to about 350 children at present, thanks to our sponsors. The program was subsequently adopted by KOA a few years ago to allow sponsors to take advantage of tax benefits for their contributions. He continues directing and coordinating the program in US while local liaison in Jammu has been doing so in Jammu.



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Education Assistance Program (EAP)

Objectives

To provide tuition, school supplies and living expenses to college-bound Kashmiri Pandit children from refugee camps in India..

Website

<http://koausa.org/koa/programs/eap/>

Program Director **Educational Assistance Program**

Dr. Tej N. Kaul, Grand Island, New York

Profile

Dr. Tej Nath ji Kaul joined private practice at Summit Pediatrics, in Niagara Falls, NY. Since July 1999, he has served as President of Summit Pediatrics and Chief of Pediatrics at Mt. Saint Mary's Hospital in Niagara Falls. In his spare time, he has been actively involved in humanitarian causes in the US and India. He was one of the founders of the KOA Educational Assistance Program, and has been running it since its inception in 1995. Dr. Kaul has established a charitable trust that runs a non profit High School in Jammu since 1999. This school provides education to the children at subsidized tuition.





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Medical Fund Program

Objectives

To provide financial help to treat seriously ill Kashmiri Pandits from refugee camps in India.

Website

<http://koausa.org/koa/programs/medical/>

Program Director

Medical Funds

Dr. Dhiraj Kotwal, TX

Profile

- Private practice internal medicine: Milwaukee, WI, 1999-2005
- Infectious diseases fellowship: Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI, 2005-2007
- infectious diseases private practice, Dallas, TX, 2007 to date





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India Outreach Program

Objectives

- Partner with various social community organizations in India on preservation of our culture and heritage.
- Evaluate some programs where in KOA can collaborate for tangible outcome.

Website

<http://koausa.org/koa/programs/india-outreach/>

Program Director **India Outreach Program**

Rakesh K. Kaul, NJ



Profile

Rakesh K. Kaul is a community activist who is focused on Kashmiri culture, arts and heritage. He has co-chaired The Arts of Kashmir Exhibition at Asia Society in 2008. He has published articles on Kashmir including - *Book on Durga personal and relevant to the times* – The Indian Express, July 2011; *Midnight's Refugees* - The Indian Express, August 2011; *The 4 pawns on the Chatarunga Board* – Shehjar, September 2008; *How KP international Diaspora can help in finding solutions in Jammu and Kashmir* - Shehjar, February 2011; *The Idea of India and Core of Kashmir* - The Indian Express, June 2012; *Turning off Shankaracharya's beacon* - The Indian Express, March 2014; *NaamaRoopaAham's role in Indian History – Kashmir's case history-* Hindu Historiography Seminar Global Hindu Institute 2014, San Jose; *India's 25th Anniversary of the Night of Broken Bangles* – The Indian Express, January 2015



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KOA Website & Administration

- Well-defined Process – written and mutually agreed upon, in full compliance with IRS rules and regulations for charitable organizations
- List of Beneficiaries and profiles (website included)
- Quarterly status reports and financials for website and community through forums and newsletter
 - Success Stories, evidence of impact
- Current downloadable forms to fill out, brochures (tri-fold)
- Medical Fund - work with KMECT – exchange information
- SAC – Suggest second-in-command to assist Pran ji
- India Outreach – work with AIKS – donor-directed funds to be distributed for various causes in India



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Social Media

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TWITTER: <http://twitter.com/KOAorg>

YOUTUBE: <http://www.youtube.com/user/sathyuk>

FACEBOOK PAGES:

KOA: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/koausa>

Youth: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/koayouth>

Healthcare Network: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/koahealthcare>

Entrepreneurs: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/koaentrepreneurs>

LINKEDIN FOCUS GROUPS:

KOA Healthcare Partners Focus Group: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8559527>

KOA Technology Focus Group: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8559541>

KOA Entrepreneur Focus Group: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8559545>

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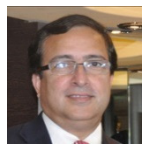
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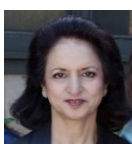
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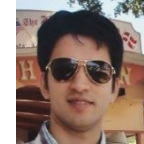
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