

FFE Exceeds \$175K Goal for India Scholarship Program

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technology from San Jose State. Tata said her family was having a tough time supporting her elder brother's education and could not have gone to college herself without an FFE scholarship.

"I admire FFE's mission," said Tata. "Education can help a family break a cycle of hunger and poverty," she added.

Vidya Sagar, now a security analyst at Cognizant, noted that he had gone from being an FFE scholar to a volunteer and donor for the organization. He later made a \$650 donation.

Vishnu Sharma, FFE's execu-

tive director, told **India-West** that the organization is now attempting to reach students in Assam, Bihar, Chattisgarh and Goa, where it currently has no presence.

Sharma, who came on board in May, said in his onstage remarks that FFE had just received a grant of Rs. 1 million from Microsoft India. Additionally, Kiran Bedi, the first woman to serve on India's Police Force, has agreed to become a patron, Sharma announced.

Arakeri Vasudev, founder and past president of the IIT Kanpur Foundation, and Nikhil Balram, a

visiting professor at UC Berkeley, have joined FFE's board of directors, he said.

"We all know that India is home to one-third of the world's poor. Providing equal opportunities to the underprivileged would allow them to actively participate in India's growth," said Sharma.

Priyanka Chandrashekar emceed the evening. The Ishaara dance troupe performed a fast-paced tribute to Bollywood twice during the evening, and comedienne Dhaya Lakshminarayanan riffed on various aspects of Indian American culture.



The Ishaara Dance Troupe of Berkeley, Calif., which recently appeared on "America's Got Talent," performed twice during FFE's evening gala. (Kiran Sampat photos)

So. Cal. Spiritual Healer Does It All

By a Staff Reporter

Vedic astrologer. Palmist. Psychic. Actor. Vaasthu Shastra master. Ashihara karate exponent. Photographer. Healing crystal therapist. Feng shui practitioner and Reiki therapist.

One Southern California man apparently does it all.

"Sensei" (teacher) Sunit Kumar Gupta, a native of Kolkata now based in Southern California's Inland Empire, is a full-time New Age healer who claims to have dedicated his life to the spiritual upliftment of others.

At his Good Health Walk-in Clinic in Upland, Calif., Gupta treats clients with a unique mix of modalities Eastern and Western. He also travels to conduct seminars in Artesia, Diamond Bar and Palm Springs.

Gupta also holds regular sessions, open to the public, on such topics as "Divine Choice and Abundance" and "How Astro-Palmistry and Priceless Formulae of Vedic Sciences Can Become Your Process of Constant Self-Improvement." His exploits have gotten him mentions in the Orange County Register, the Inland Valley

Daily Bulletin, Kolkata's Daily Telegraph and the Hindustan Times.

He is also the host of a radio and TV show titled "Psychics: Myth or Fact," and as an actor and background extra, Gupta has appeared on such TV shows as "Outsourced," "Seinfeld" and "Undercovers"; in the films "Jerry McGuire," "Falling Down" and "Leaving Las Vegas" and numerous Hindi stage productions.

Gupta's Web site states that he had accurately predicted the outcomes of three presidential elections and the assassination of Benazir Bhutto; "the fate of

Michael Jackson" and the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks.

He has released several spiritually-themed DVDs on such topics as "Vastu," "Meditation" and "Psychic Self-Defense"; counsels on homeopathy and spiritual gemstones, and sells amulets and herbal medicine through his Web site. For information on his upcoming seminars and other enterprises, visit www.sunitgupta.com.



Right: Psychic Sunit Gupta draws from Eastern and Western traditions on his quest for spiritual healing.

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