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**An Indian Christmas Gift**

**Stockholm - 21st December 2010** – Looking at the Christmas campaign 'Hjälp oss att bryta en gammal jul tradition' by Stockholm Stadsmission we at India Centre decided to offer an unsual post Christmas evening gala featuring Indian Food Dinner and cultural program for nearly 150 residents and staff of Bostället.

This event is a partnership between India Centre, an emerging think tank that aims to redefine
relations between Sweden and India, Initiative Asia, an association representing Indian, Pakistani and Bangladeshi community of Sweden and Bostället, Stadsmission largest residence for homeless in Stockholm.

**Why do this?**

The roots of this project lie in the Indian sub continental culture and tradition where many communities hold such initiatives called Bhandara, Langar etc with main goal of serving the needy by offering them free food. At many places such events are conducted not only during the festive season but daily, in fact on phenomenal scale for ex., the Langar at the Bangle Sahib Gurduwara in Delhi where free food is served to nearly 10,000 people a day.  Inspired by this we felt that it is time for us to engage with others in the society here in Stockholm, especially the ones not so fortunate to have their close ones with them at this festive time of the year.

This is our humble initiative to connect and contribute to the less privileged of our society.
We all hope that we can make this a sort of a new annual tradition by serving warm Indian buffet during Christmas instead of the traditional Christmas fare.

**When:** 26th December 2010

**Where:** Bostället, Högbergsgatan 51, 118 26 Stockholm, Sweden

**Time:** 17:30 – 21:00

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