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A Passion For Humanity

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Dr. Neeta Jain. Photo Courtesy of Dr. Neeta Jain.

Having served the Queens community for more than 20 years by coordinating religious, cultural and social events and by being actively involved in both social and political fields, Dr. Neeta Jain has proven why she may become the Democratic district leader for Assembly District 25 – Part B – this September.

Jain moved to Queens at the age of 27 from India with a Ph.D. in Psychology, a profession she's been practicing for 27 years.

"I didn't have any guidance here [in Queens]; I didn't know where to go or even how to go, so I slowly started working as a volunteer at a local children's center," Neeta said.

Because of her passion for helping those in need, Jain founded the International Ahimsa Foundation Inc. in 2012, which is a domestic not-for-profit located in Flushing. As the president and CEO, she is working on a project to promote study and practice nonviolence and peace in international educational institutes.

"I always believed in helping hands," said Jain. "I believe that together, not alone, we can rise up high. It's so important to take other people with you when you move up in life. My whole life consists of helping a lot of people. It's what I live for. It's what gives me strength."

Some of her past community engagements include being the vice president of Jain Center of America from 2009 to



2012, being actively involved in the United Nations International School community, being a volunteer of the Long Island Jewish Medical Center's Psychiatric Department, being a member of the Nav Nirvan Foundation Inc., and more.

Jain has been a recipient of awards and honors from various community and political organizations such as India Home, National Indo-American Senior Citizens Association, the Daniel Patrick Moynihan Democratic Club of Queens, New York City Comptroller and much more.

It's volunteering that keeps Jain going. When she first came to Queens, her volunteer history with children shifted toward helping people who deal with domestic violence and helping immigrants get their licenses.

Her husband, who moved to Queens in 1983, was her greatest supporter.

"My husband always stood with me and held my hand, never complained, just always stood by me," said Jain.

Being in the United States for 24 years now, Jain's mindset hasn't changed.

"I believe in humanity because I cannot see anybody suffer," she said. "Very little things can put a smile on someone's face."



Jain said that her Indian culture is important in America because "we Indians are peace lovers, culturally and family

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Indra Krishnamurthy Nooyi is an India-born, naturalized American, business executive and the current Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer of PepsiCo. She is considered to be one of the most powerful women in the world and ranked #14 on Forbes' 100 Most Powerful Women list in 2014.



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“Indian values are what we need in today’s work,” said Jain. “If you love to live in peace, that’s the only way you can bring different communities together and love peacefully.”

