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The Program Committee has selected the most timely topic of interest to our membership and the engineers of Indian origin in general, US-INDIA BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES, as the theme for the Second National Convention of American Society of Engineers from India.

I believe the era has come in which quite a few of us seeking Business as well as Investment Opportunities in India are ready for action. Our desires simply do not stop there. Many of us are interested in Transfer of the Latest Technology to India. Some of our members are deeply interested in the Development of rural India.

Where can we find immediately usable and action oriented information? The Second National Convention is organized with these interests in mind. You will hear from the experts who deal with the US-INDIA business issues as part of their jobs and have agreed to share their insights. You will also hear experiences of the people who have successfully executed US-INDIA projects.



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Noting this problem, Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi told attendees at a National Press Club luncheon June 14 that the emigration of Indian students actually provides an "opportunity" in the long-term. Gandhi said as India moves more into the high-tech age, Indian professionals can take advantage of American technological know-how they've acquired in the U.S. By returning to their homeland and applying their expertise they can make a major contribution toward their country's development.

After the press luncheon, Gandhi traveled to the Houston area the next day, and told a waiting crowd of 2000 Indians, "How curious it is that Indians, when they are abroad, have tremendous initiative . . . but that is something we find slightly lacking in India today."

Gandhi, who once studied mechanical engineering at Cambridge University in England and later became a commercial airline pilot, added, "We appreciate the contributions you are making. We realize the difficulties you would face coming back," he said, indicating that he is determined to ease the "rules, regulations, and tax policy" that have caused Indian engineers and scientists to leave their country.

Pointing out the country's special needs, Gandhi said India needs to keep abreast of advances in agriculture, communications, meteorology, and prospecting.



Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.

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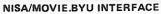
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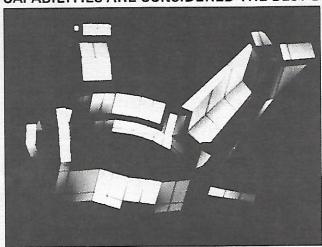
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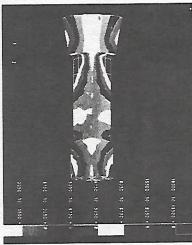
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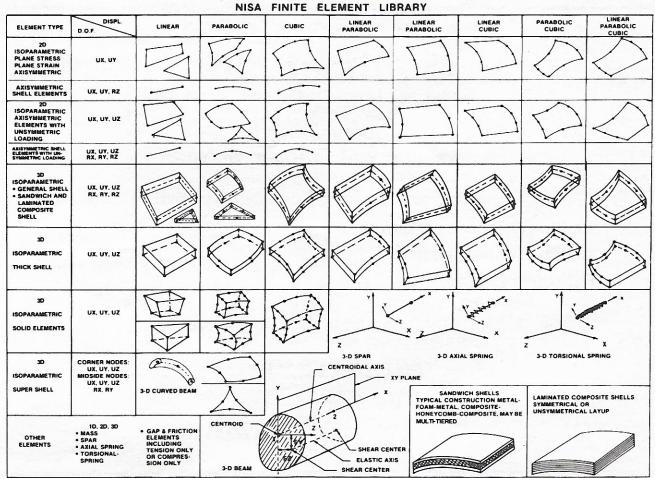
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MODULE I, 2:05 - 3:00 P.M.

"Business/Investment Opportunities" Moderator: Ramesh Patel

TOPIC	SPEAKER	OBJECTIVE
India's Recent Liberal Trade Policies	• P.S. Sahai Minister of Commerce Indian Embassy, Wash. D.C.	 Indian Govt's New Trade Policies in Regards To: Industrial Joint Ventures, Import/Export and Tax How to 'Cash-In' on New Opportunities'
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MODULE II, 3:05 - 4:00 P.M.

"Transfer of Technology/Development of Rural India" Moderator: Umesh Rohatgi

TOPIC	SPEAKER	OBJECTIVE
Technology Transfer	 G.S. Cole Principal Staff Engr. Ford Motor Co. Dearborn, MI P.K. Rastogi Head, Metallurgy Lab Inland Steel, Gary, IN 	 How Other Developing Countries Are Doing It? 'TOKTEN' - Transfer of Knowledge Through Expatriate Nationals
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COFFEE BREAK 4:00 - 4:15 P.M.

MODULE III, 4:15 - 6:00 P.M.

Case Studies: "Successful Business People" Moderator: Kanu Mehta

TOPIC	SPEAKER	OBJECTIVE
	Raj Gopal Head, Indus Technology Pittsburgh, PA Kant Kothawala President, Engrg. Mechanics Research Corp. (EMRC) Mich. Prakash Shah General Partner, Bliss & Co., NYC Chairman & CEO, Language Resources Inc., Boulder, CO Gajanan Sabnis President, Technology Transfer Consultant Silver Spring, MD	How to Succeed at Entrepreneurship? What Does It Take? Do's & Don'ts New Opportunities In: Manufacturing, Consulting, Import/Export.

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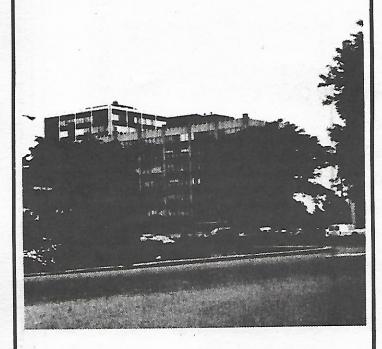
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