



Know Before You Go

3RD ANNUAL MAHOTSAVAM · NACSA 2026

Saturday, July 11, 2026

3:30 PM – 11:00 PM

Tandoor Indian Restaurant, Durham NC

AT A GLANCE

VENUE [Tandoor Indian Restaurant, 5410 Apex Hwy 55, Suite I, Durham, NC 27713](#)

DRESS Indian Traditional

ARRIVE 4:30 PM (general attendees) · seated by 5:30 PM

DAY-OF CONTACT [Attendee WhatsApp group](#)

WHEN TO COME & CHECK IN

3:30 PM — Chattada Matrimonial Event. Attend only if you registered for the matrimonial meet.

4:30 PM — Arrivals & Registration desk opens. This is the time for general attendees.


5:30 PM — Opening Ceremony. Please be seated before this.

Have your Eventsfy ticket QR code up on your phone before you reach the desk — it keeps the line moving. Not registered? Come to the desk anyway; they will sort it out with you there.

DIRECTIONS & PARKING

[5410 Apex Hwy 55, Suite I, Durham, NC 27713](#)

Parking. The plaza lot is open to guests. Please follow the posted parking signs and local traffic laws.

 **Accessibility.** The venue has an accessible entrance. If you are bringing elders or anyone with limited mobility, drop them near the entrance first, then park.

FOOD — APPETIZERS & VINDHU BOJANAM

From 3:30 PM — Appetizers are served through the Matrimonial Event and again as guests arrive from 4:30 PM, alongside coffee, tea and soft drinks.

8:30 PM — **Vindhu Bojanam**, the traditional community feast, followed by dessert. Children are served first, so families with young ones can eat ahead of the main service; there is vegetable noodles at a mild spice level for the little ones.

Vegetarian & non-vegetarian. Both the appetizers and the main course include vegetarian and non-vegetarian dishes. If you keep strict vegetarian, ask a server or a volunteer at the counter — they will point you to the right trays.

BAR — 6:00 TO 10:00 PM

On the house. Drinks are covered, nothing to pay. Our bartenders are looking after us all evening; tips are welcome and appreciated.

Spirits & beer. Beer, plus whisky, vodka, tequila and rum.

Cocktails. Margarita, Mojito, Piña Colada and Shirley Temple. Every cocktail can be made as a mocktail — just ask.

Non-alcoholic. Soft drinks, lemonade and mango lassi, for kids and anyone not drinking.

WHAT TO WEAR

Indian Traditional. Dress as you would for a festival at home — sarees, lehengas, kurtas, dhotis, sherwanis. Wear something you can dance in; the floor opens at 10:00 PM.

WHERE TO STAY

Hilton Garden Inn Durham Southpoint

7007 Fayetteville Road, Durham, NC 27713 · [+1 \(919\) 544-6000](tel:+19195446000)

Where most of our out-of-town guests are staying. There is no NACSA room block or group rate — book directly with the hotel.

IF YOU DRINK, DO NOT DRIVE

Take an Uber, Lyft or taxi, or ride with a companion who has not been drinking. Please plan this before the evening starts — not at 10 PM.

Agenda Program subject to change.

3:30 PM 🕒 **Chattada Matrimonial Event**

4:30 PM **Arrivals and Registration**

5:30 PM **Opening Ceremony**

- 🔥 **Lighting the Lamp**
- 🙏 **Vatapi Ganapathim Bhajeham (Kriti)**
- 🗣️ **Welcome Remarks**
- 🎭 **Mooshika Vahana (Kuchipudi)**

Cultural Programs

- 🎭 **Tollywood Dance**
- 🗣️ **Fun Time !! (A Charades Challenge)**
- 🌱 **Ankuram (Young Sprouts Showcase)**
- 🎭 **Shararat (Bollywood Medley)**
- 📺 **Recap of Previous Events**
- 🗣️ **Miles to Memories — Celebrating our Community**
- 🏛️ **Organization Updates**
- 🎵 **Dai Dai (FIFA Song)**
- 🌳 **Trace the Ties (Discover your Roots)**

Evening 🏆 **Awards and Felicitation Ceremony**

- 💡 **Sponsors Spotlight**
- 🙏 **Vote of Thanks**

8:30 PM 🍽️ **Dinner — Vindhu Bojanam**

10:00 PM 🎵 **DJ — Dance Floor Opens!**

Registration Ticket tiers and prices: na-csa.org/guide

Register on [Eventsify](#) — that is where your ticket QR code comes from. Then pay fee-free via [Zeffy](#) (recommended), or by Zelle / Venmo / PayPal to payments@na-csa.org — memo: name · ticket tier · number of guests.

QUESTIONS ON THE DAY

Lost, running late, or need a hand?
Ask in the **[attendee WhatsApp group](#)** — organizers and fellow guests are on it.

Email: support@na-csa.org

Volunteering? That is a [separate WhatsApp group](#).

EVERYTHING ONLINE

The full guide has live links: maps, both WhatsApp groups, the registration and payment pages, the brochure and the flyer.

na-csa.org/guide

Sponsors, the full programme credits and the organizers' message: na-csa.org/events/2026.html

NOT REGISTERED YET?

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