

Jeevan Zutshi receiving 2018 Community Hero award at a ceremony in India Community Center

on July 12, 2018 from California State Assembly member Kansan Chu

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Jeevan has an M.S degree in Civil Engineering from San Jose State University, California. He is owner of a small Real Estate Brokerage and Land development company, a practicing Real Estate Broker and property manager specializing in Residential and Commercial Real Estate in California.

Jeevan is also CEO of Insuranceforvisitors.com, a globalInsurance company providing medical and travel insurance.

Jeevan is the author of a non-fiction The Last Smile – A Fathers love story which was released on December 4, 2009 in Fremont Main Library. The book is about a journey of hope. It was received very well by U.S. State Department, members of the U.S. Congress and Senate at a book signing in January 2011. A feature film has been inspired by the book, produced by Amit Zutshi Foundation.

The independent feature film The Last Smile, receiving numerous awards in various continents, is available on Amazon Prime and some other on-line platforms.

Jeevan Zutshi, founder of the Indo-American Community Federation (IACF-USA), is a man with multiple talents. Community service is his mission.

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The first ever fundraiser for Stephen Solarz was organized by Jeevan and his Indo-American friends in California on September 29 1991, to educate him and the Indo-American community about Kashmiri Pandit exodus.

Another fundraiser was initiated by Jeevan for KOA in Fremont in 1990 to raise funds for immediate relief to Jammu camps and yet another fundraiser for KOA was organized with the help of Indian community on January 5, 1991.

He convened an international symposium in Fremont on November 15, 1992, mobilizing the Indian community support and giving a jump start to highlighting the exodus of Kashmiri Pandits. Think tank and speakers from India participated. On behalf of Kashmiri Pandits, Jeevan organized meetings and receptions for Senator Sherrod Brown, Members of Congress Frank Pallone, Anna Eshoo, Ed Royce, Gary Ackerman, Mike Honda, Pete Stark and Senator John Edwards, who was the U.S. Presidential candidate in year 2004.

Jeevan was among the 23 Indo-American leaders from the U.S. invited to brief President Clinton on his historic trip to India on April 25, 2000. He has undertaken visits to meet visiting Prime Ministers or other Indian Ministers from India. He also played host to a few visiting dignitaries to California, including the local Consul Generals and an Ambassador.

He convened very powerful international Symposia on Kashmir in 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2006 and has been continuously involving the mainstream community to find a peaceful solution to the Kashmir problem.

In October 2003, for the first time, a conference was sponsored by Congressman Frank Pallone on Jeevan's initiative to brief the State department on the status of Kashmiri Pandits in exile.

Again, on June 9, 2009, Capitol Hill Briefing was hosted by Kashmir Task Force – International Kashmir Federation in cooperation with HAF, NFIA, USINPAC, IACF and UHF which highlighted Kashmir situation and briefed the U.S. Administration.

IACF raised some funds for Faridabad Girls hostel and adopted children in Jammu camps, including fundraiser's to help victims of terrorism in refugee camps of Jammu and Kargil, India.

Jeevan served as the national coordinator for Foundation for Excellence helping several Kashmiri boys and girls to be considered for sizable scholarships in professional colleges of India. He worked with All India Kashmiri Samaj (AIKS) to identify the recipients from years 1996 to 2000.

Jeevan has helped organize the Festival of India since 1993 and always promoted Kashmir through a Float, as part of the Parade, attended by more than 30,000 people in the City of Fremont.

He founded a non-profit organization named Indo-American Community Federation (IACF-US) in 1993 to help assimilate with mainstream community and started an annual Unity Dinner event in 2002 in the aftermath of 9/11. The Unity Dinner, Jeevan's dream, has become one of the most popular events in California.

The organization strives to fight hate crime, disinformation, and promotes unity amongst diverse cultures.

The organization and Jeevan were honored by California legislature for providing leadership to promote diversity in year 2005, and again in 2013 and 2014. California legislature declared March 24, 2014 as the Unity Day in California.

Jeevan was honored by KOA in 1996 for dedication and service to Kashmiri Pandit community; he was honored by U.S Congressman Pallone for serving the cause of Pandits in 2003 and by Pete Stark for promoting diversity and understanding of Indian culture in 2004.

He was also appointed by Attorney General to serve on his Civil Rights' Commission on Hate Crime Reporting to improve the reporting of hate crimes and hate incidents occurring in schools and improve the reporting of hate crimes and hate incidents by law enforcement agencies.

Jeevan served as the member board of Directors of Abode, Fremont Chamber of Commerce and Ohlone College Foundation.

Jeevan started Argus Consulting Services in 1983 to serve the high technology sector and successfully served several Silicon Valley leaders like Bechtel Corp., General Dynamics, NASA, Lockheed, Westinghouse, National Semi Conductors, Advanced Micro device and many more, with finest professionals in Engineering and Business. Delivering projects that enable business growth and aligning IT strategies to business goals are key priorities for CIO's today.

Jeevan has worked in designing and building land development projects and providing Construction management services on very large Civil Engineering Projects in USA since 1972. He represented a major construction company to work in Saudi Arabia on the largest Civil Engineering Project in the world in early 80's. Jeevan is a graduate civil Engineer and was appointed by the California House speaker to serve as a Member of Departmental Transportation Advisory Committee for a 4 year term overseeing the legislative highway projects of the California Department of transportation.

Jeevan was appointed by Board of Supervisors to perform an Availability Study to analyze the Alameda County's use of local, small emerging, minority and women business enterprises on County construction, architecture and engineering, professional services, and goods and other services contracts.

He was assisted by an eleven-member Community Task Force members conducting outreach to the County's ethnic businesses.

Jeevan is a graduate Civil Engineer, a practicing Realtor and property manager, expert in Commercial Real Estate and lending. He owns a Real Estate firm in California. Jeevan is also an Insurance broker specializing in health and visitors insurance.

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Jeevan lives with his family in Fremont, California.

Jeevan has always been fascinated by the following quote:

“They alone live, who live for the welfare of others, the others are more dead than alive. Give and take is the policy of ordinary people but there are a rare few who always serve others. They forget themselves in the service of others.” -Swami Vivekananda