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## COMMUNITY

## 4 independent Indian films to be screened in South Asia

**New Jersey:** Independent South Asian Cine Fest, 2009, kicks off with a Spring Festival of regional films from India. It will be a very special day of screening of four outstanding feature films by four relentlessly independent filmmakers — old masters and promising newcomers — at Busch Campus Center, Rutgers University, Piscataway, NJ, on

Saturday, April 18, from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Asian American Film and Theater Project will present the 12-hour screening of regional films from India that will demonstrate the richness, versatility and power of Indian independent cinema, which, in spite of shoe-string budgets and no Bollywood backing, is becoming

stronger and bigger every day and is being hailed as great cinema in the international community.

This one-day event is an addition to the New Jersey Independent South Asian Cine Fest (NJISACF), an annu-



Left: A scene from "Genesis;" Right: A scene from "Genesis"

## Outreach seminar discusses immigration issues

**Dallas, TX:** A popular NRI Web portal, ekNazar.com, presented a "Community Outreach Seminar" by internationally renowned US immigration lawyer Sheela Murthy here on March 21. The seminar titled — "Current Economy — Immigration Challenges for IT Industry" — is intended to address the immigration issues and concerns of IT professionals in the changed economic conditions. The event was a great success with an overwhelming attendance of more than 500 IT employees and employers.

To a standing-room crowd, Sheela Murthy, as the keynote speaker, explained the Obama

Administration's immigration policies, presented H1, L1, B1, O and Green Card filing and



Prasad Thotakura felicitating Sheela Murthy.

other nonimmigrant options, as well as those for permanent residency. Audience interest

was active, as questions were accepted until the day before the conference, allowing for responses with detailed analysis during the session. There were discussions on how to achieve positive solutions for both employers and employees in this difficult economic climate. A breakout session with employers only discussed ways of ensuring compliance of the US Department of Labor and ICE investigations.

Prasad Thotakura, chief operating officer of ekNazar.com introduced Sheela Murthy to the audience. He thanked all sponsors and attendees for their continued support

for several ekNazar-conducted events. He reiterated ekNazar commitment in bringing community outreach seminars in different areas of discipline to benefit the community at large. Sheela Murthy is the founder president of the Murthy Law firm and Murthy.com, the most trusted immigration Web site. Sheela completed LL.M from Harvard University and started her own law firm after working with reputed law firms in New York City and Baltimore.

Prasad Thotakura felicitated Sheela Murthy with a bouquet of flowers and a plaque. Manohar Reddy, CEO of ekNazar, moderated the questions-and-answers session.