

# 4th Annual Convention

*August 3-4, 2002 Atlanta, GA*



The fifth annual convention of UANA was held in Atlanta on August 3. It was attended by over 200 people from all over the East Coast and some from Midwest. The exhibition consisted of a pictorial display of our people, mountains, etc. The display was well liked by everyone. The cultural program began with the lighting of Lamp by Dr P.D.S. Negi, who was escorted by Mrs. Neelum Tariyal. It was followed by many songs and dances by local and Virginia-based groups. The highlight of the program was when Ritu Upadhyay, Miss India-USA 2000 talked about her experiences since her fame. The last item was an impromptu dance by Mrs. Gusain, who asked everyone to join in what seemed like a lot of fun. The program ended with the singing of the national anthem and followed by Dinner provided by the Maharaja. Mr Adhikari, who has been the backbone behind UANA group was sorely missed as he could not attend due to ill health.

The seminar component, entitled "Uttarakhand: Roadmap to Prosperity", was arranged by Dinesh Raturi and held on August 4.

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