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Celebrating the New America

For several prominent Indian Americans all roads led to Washington, DC past weekend for President Obama's Inauguration ceremony. They hobnobbed with lawmakers and celebrities, attended Inaugural Balls, braved the cold in lehengas and saris, shared the euphoria of being part of a historic event and came back with memories of a lifetime. They share their photos and experiences exclusively with SATimes readers....

Shefali Razdan Duggal, San Francisco, California:

It was an absolute privilege and honor to be invited to attend the 57th Presidential Inauguration. To see the efforts, hard work and aspirations of both the President and those who participated within the re-election effort (in any and all capacities) culminate within this historic ceremony was truly surreal. The President has a vision to lead our nation to a more thoughtful and productive space (both home and abroad), to secure a more optimistic vision and pathway for our country (for now and the future) and, I deeply believe that President Barack Obama's intentions will become a reality. This intersection of time is the most



Shefali with actors America Ferrera and Wilmer Valderrama at Inaugural Ball.

ideal moment for President Barack Obama to lead, by example, our country towards a future of peace, prosperity and continu-



Shefali and friend Kirtee Londhe Mehta with Vice President Joe Biden.

ation of the mighty task of being authentically a country which leads by effective and industrious example.



Political Activist Shefali Razdan Duggal with Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard at Inaugural Ball

To see, throughout Inaugural weekend, many of the folks, including myself, who were so dedicated, passionate and wholeheartedly loyal to the vision of seeing President Barack Obama re-elected, was quite inspira-



Shefali with actress Rosario Dawson at Inaugural Ball

tional. We (here and those at home who worked so enthusiastically) all were spokes in a larger wheel and we all feel so grateful to have been part of this extraordinary and extremely worthy effort.