



This is our sixth edition of Sandesh (the e-newsletter for IAN) for 2014. After a very active first half of the year on the events front, things have cooled down a bit during the beginning of summer.

There was no Executive Committee (EC) meeting held this month. However, coordinators and event planners are busy preparing for the various events scheduled for the second half of the year behind the scenes. Upcoming events include an ACT/SAT mock session, an Odissi dance program, Sports program and the much-awaited program of the year – Rhythms

Message from the editor's desk:

Dear Friends,

We at the IAN news desk are very pleased to have revived the e-newsletter Sandesh. We have been successful so far in publishing a new edition every month of this year. We hope, with your continued support, this trend will continue during the upcoming months and years.

The magazine started out as a small concept and we are working to try to include more diversity in order to cater the varied tastes of the readers. We are open to and welcome any suggestions/comments that you might have which will help us provide you with a better newsletter in the future.

Please enjoy the truncated version of Sandesh for June 2014 and stay tuned for a busy second half, where we will showcase many more events and states, and provide you with updates regarding the various events.

Thank you once again for your support.

Best regards,
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Spotlight:

STATE: Maharashtra

Maharashtra is situated in the western part of India. It is the third largest state by area and second largest by population. It has 3 major rivers – Krishna, Godavari and Tapti. Maharashtra is bordered by Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh to the north, Chhattisgarh, to the east, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh Karnataka and Goa to the south and the Arabian sea to the west.



Maharashtra is the most developed and wealthiest state in the country. Mumbai is its largest city and capital. It is also the financial capital of India. Other large cities are Pune, Nagpur, Nashik, Thane and Aurangabad. Marathi is the primary language. Some well-known personalities who hail from Maharashtra include Chatrapati Shivaji, B. R. Ambedkar, Sant Tukaram, Dadasaheb Phalke, Sachin Tendulkar and Sunil Gavaskar. International trade and entertainment are the main sources of revenue. The name Maharashtra means “great state”. It has the largest road network in India.



Ganesh Chaturthi is celebrated with much fervor, as is Diwali. During Ganesh Chaturthi a long procession is held ending with the immersion of the idol. Other festivals celebrated here are Holi, Navarathri and Dussehra

Vibrant folk music like Powada, Gondhal and Bharud are popular in Maharashtra along with the graceful dance form called Lavani. Maharashtra has also contributed to Indian classical music.



It is a popular tourist spot with several caves (Ajanta and Ellora), beaches (Juhu, Chowpatty), scenic hills, ancient temples at Kolhapur and Pilgrimage places (Shiridi and Ambadevi temple).

Wheat rice lentils and vegetables form the staples of a Maharashtrian diet. Some popular dishes are Batata wada (Potato fritters), Modak (dumpling), Pav (bread), Puran poli (sweet stuffed pancake). Fish is popular along the coastal areas.



IAN's Event Calendar for 2014

Event	Date	Location	Time
Solo Singing Competitions	1/26/2014	Hindu Temple Social Hall	2.30 pm to 4:30 pm
65 th Republic Day	1/26/2014	Hindu Temple Social Hall	5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
NSF Bee contests (Spelling, Math, Geography and Vocabulary)	4/26/2014	UNO Mammel hall	8:00 am to 5:00 pm
	4/27/2014		8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Health fair	05/10/2014	Hindu Temple Social Hall	8:00 am to 12:00 noon
ACT/SAT mock tests	Jul 2014	Hindu Temple Social Hall	TBD
Odissi Performance	07/26/2014	Hindu Temple Social Hall	TBD
Sports Day	Jul 2014	Multiple locations	TBD
Solo dance competitions	Aug 2014	Hindu Temple Social Hall	TBD
68 th Independence Day	Aug 2014	Hindu Temple Social Hall	TBD
Health Fair	8/31/2014	Hindu Temple Social Hall	TBD
Flu Shot day	Sep or Oct 2014	Bal Vihar classrooms	TBD
Rhythms of India	TBD	TBD	TBD

Appeal:

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