



SANDESH - January 2018 Issue

Upcoming Events

- ❖ Feed the Hunger – Feb 18th
- ❖ NSF Bee – Mar 17th & 18th

- ❖ This is our first edition of Sandesh (the e-newsletter for IAN) for 2018.
- ❖ Please welcome the new IAN committee, headed by President **Mrs. Malathi Balu**.
- ❖ [Members of the 2018 Committee](#)
- ❖ The first Executive Committee (EC) meeting was held on 1/20/18 at the Hindu temple.
- ❖ The meeting was well attended and various agenda items were discussed.
- ❖ The committee will continue to meet every third Sunday of the month.

Membership

- ❖ Please support India Association of Nebraska by paying current membership or becoming a Life Member by using the link below
- ❖ <http://www.indiaassociationofnebraska.org/Membership.aspx>
- ❖ Your membership is tax deductible as IAN is a non-profit organization.

President's Message



Dear Friends,

I am extremely honored to have been elected as the President of the India Association of Nebraska for 2018. I am proud to be a part of an excellent committee that is eagerly working on the activities for the year.

IAN Committee will focus on three items for 2018

1. Increase IAN's visibility by getting involved with other local organizations.
2. Involve the future of IAN which is the youth members in what IAN does and also do more programs for youth community.
3. Increase the quality of the IAN programs.

Stephen Center Feed the Hunger is already filled in for the entire year. I would like to thank all the sponsors for the support. I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to all the committee members and volunteers for their hard work, time and support.

Please support IAN and feel free to contact me at president@indiaassociationofnebraska.org for any help and or with any suggestions on how we as an organization can do better things for the benefit of the community.

Thank you,

Malathi Balu

President

Republic Day Highlights

The India Association of Nebraska proudly celebrated the India's 69th Republic Day Event on Jan 27th, 2018 at the Hindu Temple of Omaha. Douglas County Commissioner **Mary Ann Borgeson** presided over the function.

The event started with the Indian and American flag hoisting, followed by the respective National Anthems and then on to presentation of colorful cultural programs and rendition of patriotic songs. Fancy dress competition was held for the age group from 4 years to 13 years.

The Chief Guest along with the entire Indian Community enjoyed the glimpse of the cultural diversity showcased as part of the program. Fancy Dress Competition was loved by performers and spectators equally.

Fancy Dress Competition Winners

Group - I (Ages 4 - 6) - Devan Nandagopal (1st), Aditi Chitta(2nd), Ritishvar Ramesh(3rd)

Group - II (Ages 7 - 9) - Rakshith Seetharaman(1st), Shravan Dev(2nd), Sanika Rao (3rd)

Group - III (Ages 10 - 13) - Arjun Nair(1st), Partha Chaturvedi(2nd)



Fancy Dress Competition

Food Drive

On occasion of Republic Day, India Association of Nebraska organized a food drive for the *Foodbank for the Heartland* with the help of the community members. The initiative helped us donate 120 pounds of food which comprised of canned foods and cereals.

[Republic Day Event Pictures](#)

Feed the Hunger

Feed the hunger program is one of the many community service events organized and coordinated by IAN. IAN has been supporting the feed the hunger program for over 12 years. It is conducted 3rd Sunday of every month by IAN volunteers. You can sign up online for any month

<http://www.indiaassociationofnebraska.org/ShowFeedHunger.aspx>

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Committee - 2018

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