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This is our seventh edition of Sandesh (the e-newsletter for IAN) for 2014. This was again a slow month on the events front.

An Executive Committee (EC) meeting was held on the 20th of this month. The topics for discussion were the ACT/SAT mock tests, Independence Day celebrations, the health clinic, sports day and the Bollywood dance competition

We have many events planned for the second half of the year. Please consider volunteering your time to help us make each and every one of them a grand success. As a non-profit, exclusively volunteer run organization we appreciate any and all help that is provided towards planning, organizing and executing of these events.

Please do not hesitate to let us know your suggestions that can help us improve both the events and our methods of communication.

Thank you for your continued effort and support of IAN.

INDIA ASSOCIATION OF NEBRASKA

Spotlight:

STATE: Odisha

Odisha is situated in the eastern part of India. It is the ninth largest state by area and eleventh largest by population. It has 3 major rivers – Mahanadi, Brahmani and Baitarani. Odisha is bordered by West-Bengal and Jharkhand to the north, Chhattisgarh, to the west, Andhra Pradesh to the south and the Bay of Bengal to the east.



Odisha is the same as the ancient kingdom of Kalinga. Bhubaneswar is its capital and is home to nearly a thousand temples. Cuttack, its former capital, now forms a twin city with Bhubaneswar. Other large cities are Bramhapur, Puri, Balasore, Rourkela and Sambalpur. Oriya is the primary language. Some well-known personalities who hail from Odisha include the poet Jayadeva, reformer Gopabandhu Das, writer Pratibha Ray and freedom fighter Madhusudan Das. Odisha has abundant natural resources and a large coastline. The alluvial plains formed by the rivers are home to intensive rice cultivation. It has the largest growth rate of a state in India.



Puri is home of Lord Jagannath and one the Char Dhams (holy places). The Ratha Yatra is celebrated every year mid-June to mid-July. Durga puja is also very popular during Navarathri.

Odissi is the oldest surviving dance form in India. A unique feature of Oriya music is the Padi, which consists of singing words in a fast beat. The music is set into 5 broad categories – tribal, folk, light, light-classical and classical music.



Odisha is known for its rich culture and large number of ancient temples like the Lingaraja Temple (Bhubaneswar) the Jagannath Temple (Puri) and the Konark Sun Temple. Chilika Lake is the second largest lake in the world and home to the largest wintering ground for migratory birds on the sub-continent.

Odisha has a culinary tradition spanning centuries and is pretty balanced between vegetarian and non-vegetarian cuisines. The famous Rasagulla originated here. Some of the popular dishes include Mudhi (puffed rice), Pakhala (fermented rice dish) and Dalma (type of khichdi).



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 4/27/2014	UNO Mammel hall	8:00 am to 5:00 pm 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	TBD	Hindu Temple Social Hall	TBD
Odissi Performance	TBD	Hindu Temple Social Hall	TBD
Sports Day	TBD	Multiple locations	TBD
Bollywood dance competitions	TBD	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:

Please do renew your membership or signup for life membership if you are not currently life members. Membership can be obtained by filling the info at <http://www.indiaassociationofnebraska.org/Membership.aspx> and the payment is made securely thru PayPal. Your membership is tax deductible as IAN is a non-profit organization.

If you would like to volunteer for any upcoming IAN events please email info@indiaassociationofnebraska.org

If you are interested in contributing articles or have suggestions for Sandesh please email us at publications@indiaassociationofnebraska.org

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