



This is our tenth edition of Sandesh (the e-newsletter for IAN) for 2014. Preparations are in full swing to organize the biggest event of the year - Rhythms.

An Executive Committee (EC) meeting are held every week this month to discuss Rhythms and any other fund raising opportunities. A separate meeting was held on Sep 3rd to kick-start the planning for Rhythms.

Publications committee Message:

Dear Friends,

We here at IAN publications committee hope that you had a very Happy Diwali!! Publications committee keep the Sandesh issue for once a month and this year we tried to include

Message/Editorial section from a IAN committee.

Highlight of an event from IAN.

Spotlight of a state from India.

This way we wanted to keep the updates from IAN going out to the community and also make the community aware of the activities at IAN. We have heard from kids that spotlight of state helped them to know more specifics about that state.

We hope you all have enjoyed the past Sandesh. We would like to welcome any feedback as well as any other suggestions/additions to Sandesh.

IAN Publications Committee

Highlights:

"Rhythms 2014, The Cultural Waves of India "

Nov 15, 2014

*This year, we are planning a program with **three main objectives:***

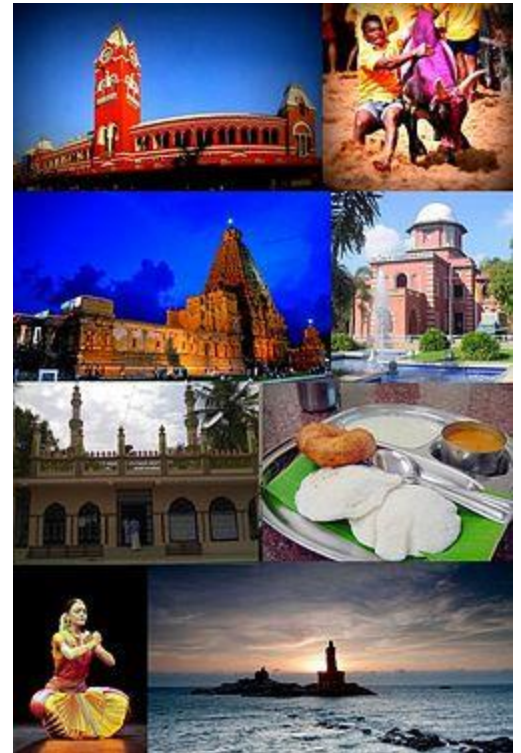
- 1. Develop a diverse cultural program.*
- 2. Keep within time constraints.*
- 3. Be inclusive of all families.*

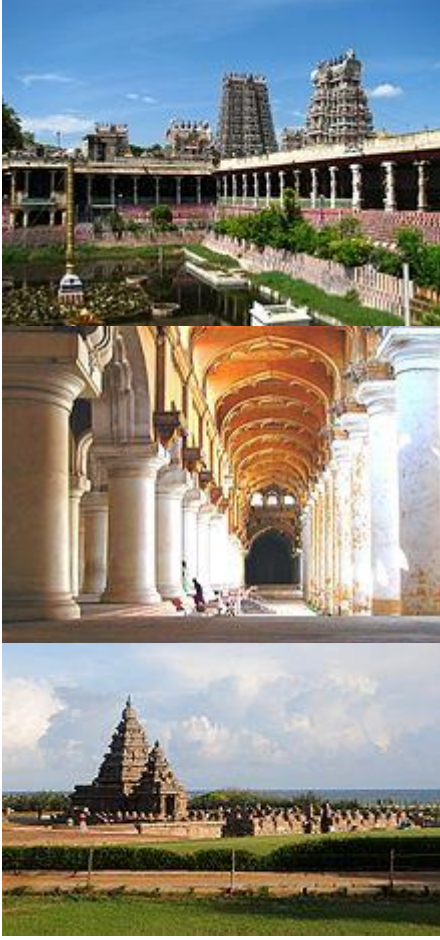
Spotlight:

STATE: Tamil Nadu

Tamil Nadu lies in the southernmost part of the Indian Peninsula and is bordered by the union territory of Puducherry, states of Kerala, Karnataka, and Andhra Pradesh. Tamil Nadu is the eleventh largest state in India by area and the sixth most populous state in India. The state has the highest number (10.56 per cent) of business enterprises and stands second in total employment (9.97 per cent) in India. Its official language is Tamil, which holds a status of being a classical language. Tamil has been in use in inscriptions and literature for over 2500 years.

Tamil Nadu is home to many natural resources, classical arts, classical music, classical literature, Hindu temples of Dravidian architecture, hill stations, beach resorts, multi-religious pilgrimage sites, and eight UNESCO World Heritage Sites





About 86 per cent of the population in Tamil Nadu are Hindus and the state is home to the core schools of medieval and modern Hinduism as well as several non-mainstream Hindu movements. These include Nayanmars Saivism, Saiva Siddhanta, Alvar Vaishnavism, Sri Vaishnavism and Ayya-Vazhi. Several important Hindu Tamil figures became important figures for Hinduism as a whole. In modern times, well known figures for Hinduism in the state include Ramana Maharishi and the Kanchi Sankaracharya. All Hindu deities in various forms and a large number of village deities are worshiped by Hindus in Tamil Nadu. Murugan is considered to be the Tamil God. Tamil Nadu dominates the list of largest Hindu Temples in the world which include the Srirangam Ranganathaswamy temple, Madurai Meenakshi Amman Temple, Ekambareswarar Temple at Kanchipuram, Chidambaram Nataraja Temple, Tiruvannamalai Arunachaleswar Temple among others. The emblem of Government of Tamil Nadu depicts the Gopuram (gateway tower) of the Andal Temple at Srivilliputhur.

Throughout its history, Tamil literature has sought to inform and inspire, educate and entertain. Notable examples of Tamil poetry include the Tirukkural, written during the Tamil Sangams period. The poem encompasses a universal outlook, as the author, Tiruvalluvar, does not mention his religion, land, or the audience for his work. He is often portrayed as a holy saint of Tamil Nadu today. Ancient Tamil literature is predominantly secular and deals with everyday life in the Tamil Context. The only religious poems among the shorter poems occur in paripaatal. The rest of the corpus of Sangam literature deals with human relationship and emotions.

கேடில் விழுச்செல்வம் கல்வி யொருவற்கு
மாடல்ல மற்றை யவை
(திருக்குறள் - 400)

Learning is a wealth that none could destroy
Nothing else gives genuine joy
(Tirukkural: 400)

Tamil cuisine is typical of south Indian cuisine, in that rice (see rice and curry). There are and rice-derived dishes form the major portion of a diet regional sub-varieties

namely Chettinadu, Kongunadu, Madurai, Tirunelveli varieties etc. Traditionally, food is served on a banana



leaf instead of a plate.

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 panel discussion	8/17/2014	Hindu Temple Social Hall	4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
68 th Independence Day	8/17/2014	Hindu Temple Social Hall	5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Health Fair	8/31/2014	Hindu Temple Social Hall	8:00 am – 11:00 am
Rhythms of India	11/15/14	Westside High School	3:00 pm – 8.30 pm
ACT/SAT mock tests	Dec 2014	Hindu Temple Social Hall	TBD

Appeal:

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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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THANK YOU

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