



India Association Of Nebraska

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Namaste,

India Association of Nebraska (IAN) recently celebrated the most bashful event of the year - Rhythms of India 2016. The theme chosen for this year was 'Vibrant Beats of India'. This edition of Sandesh carries a glimpse of various activities conducted by IAN in 2016 - 2017. The efficient initiatives and efforts of the IAN Executive Committee members and volunteers have made all the events a grand success. The novelty IAN has tried this year is to encourage middle and high school students to conduct and M.C. the events and all of them did a good job.

Rhythms of India 2016 - 'Vibrant Beats of India'

- IAN's biggest cultural event, Rhythms was held on September 24th, 2016 at West Side Middle School, Omaha from 3:30 to 8:00 PM. There were about 150 participants in a mixed age group staging a variety of performances in classical dances, movie style dancing, vocal performances in classical and movie songs. Over 600 people were present during the entire event.
- IAN also donated funds to various charitable organizations like Heartland food bank, Blind foundation of India, Child savings institute and student scholarships (Creighton, UNO and UNMC). A representatives from each of these organizations were invited and presented a check.
- There were also state displays organized by various regional organizations (Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Kerala) and a Go-Green display.

IAN would like to thank all the performers, choreographers, coordinators, volunteers, restaurants, commercial vendors, regional organizations and of the course audience for making this event a grand success.

Click on the link for Rhythms of India pictures and videos

<http://www.indiaassociationofnebraska.org/Rhythms2016/Index.aspx>

Highlights of other IAN events

Indian Republic Day Celebrations

- To mark the 67th Indian Republic day, the event was celebrated at the Hindu Temple, Omaha - Social Hall on January 30th, 2016.

- The event included flag hoisting, singing Indian and American National Anthems and various cultural programs including Yoga demonstration, dancing, and singing.
- IAN encouraged the knowledge of Indian history and patriotism by conducting fancy dress competition on Indian freedom fighters' characters.

Please click on the link for Republic day pictures and Fancy dress competition winners

<http://www.indiaassociationofnebraska.org/events/2016/RepublicDayCelebration.aspx>

NSF Bee Competitions

- India Association of Nebraska, in coordination with the North South Foundation (NSF) Nebraska chapter organized six bee contests that included the Geography bee, Public Speaking, Spelling bee, Math bee, Science bee and Vocabulary bee this year for the kids of Indian origin.
- These contests were conducted on March 19th and March 20th of 2016. More than 120+ Students from 3rd grade through 8th grade participated in the contest. Over 60 volunteers assisted in conducting this event successfully.

For pictures and winners of these competitions please click the below link

<http://www.indiaassociationofnebraska.org/events/2016/NSFBeeContestPostEventDetails.aspx>

Summer Fun Fest

- IAN conducted a unique whole day event ‘SUMMER FUN FEST of INDIA 2016’, for the first time as an effort to bring our Indian community together. It was held on June 25th (Saturday), 2016 at the Mahoney State Park. It was a fun filled event with games for men, women, and kids of all age ranges.

Please click the below link for winners and pictures of the event.

<http://www.indiaassociationofnebraska.org/events/2016/SummerFunFestPostEventDetails.aspx>

Independence Day

- India Association of Nebraska (IAN) celebrated India’s 70th Independence Day on Saturday, August 13th, 2016 at 4.00 PM at the Hindu Temple -Social Hall, Omaha.
- The **Chief Guest** for this patriotic event was Congressman **Rep. Brad Ashford** and the **Guest of Honor** was **Dr. Syed Mohiuddin**.

The event also included

- Flag hoisting, singing Indian and American National Anthems
- Presentation on Indo-American summit
- Cultural programs, importance of Going green, recycling efforts, and student Panel discussion on college admission

Please click the below link for winners and pictures of the event.

<http://indiaassociationofnebraska.org/events/2016/IndependenceDayPostEventDetails.aspx>

Health Fair

- As with every year, this year too IAN conducted Health Fair on Sunday, September 4th, 2016 at the Hindu Temple Social Hall, Omaha from 8:30 am to 11:30 am.
- The health fair included flu vaccines, osteoporosis prevention measures, BP check, neurology consult, physical therapy and cardiologist consult.

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 in 2017.](#)

2017 Republic Day

- Next year Republic day celebration will be on Jan 28th 2017 at Hindu temple.

Membership

Please do renew your membership or signup for life membership if you are not yet life members. Membership can be obtained by filling the information at

<http://www.indiaassociationofnebraska.org/Membership.aspx> and the payment can be made securely through PayPal. Your membership is tax deductible as IAN is a non-profit organization.

IAN Executive Committee THANKS YOU