

# IATLH NEWS LETTER

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## Welcome Message

By Executive Committee

We the new members of the Executive Committee of the India Association of Tallahassee (IATLH-EC) warmly welcome all the members of IATLH. The purpose of this newsletter is to inform you about the current and upcoming events and get feedbacks of our past programs of YOUR association. We invite you to be actively involved in Association's activities by becoming a member (or renewing, if you are already a member) and attending the events with your family and friends both as a participant and as an audience. Please share information about our Association with your neighbors and associates so that we can spread the cultural heritage of the people of India.

Our two year tenure started in January 2008 and will continue till December 2009. Please feel free to contact us (e-mails are provided in the next column) and share your opinions, suggestions and problems, if any. Thank you for selecting us to serve you.

## Current Events

By Executive Committee

For the months of June, July and August 2008 we have scheduled the following programs:

- **June/July 2008:** [Art Contest](#)
- **July 2008:** [Classical Music Concert](#)
- **August 2008:** [Utsav](#)

The [Children's Art Contest](#) will be running through June/July with a deadline of August 1, 2008. We encourage children aged between 2 and 18 of members to participate. If you are not a member

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you can send in art contest entries along with \$30 check for membership fee. More [Art Contest](#) details are available at IATLH web. The winners of four age categories will be announced during August [Utsav/Independence Day Celebration](#).

[Utsav/Independence Day Celebration](#) is planned for Saturday, August 16, 2008 between 1-4 PM at Heritage Hall, 500 S Bronough Street, Tallahassee. Utsav was envisioned to highlight non-film related cultural talents of members and has become very

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## Future Events

IATLH Executive Committee

The following is a list of programs/events that we are planning for the fall season.

- **September 2008:** Experience Asia (*With ACT*)
- **November 2008:** Glimpses
- **December 2008:** Annual Dinner

We will participate in *Experience Asia* as one of the charter members of the [Asian Coalition of Tallahassee](#). *Experience Asia* has become the third most attended out-door event in Tallahassee, next only to *Winter Festival* (December) and *Springtime Tallahassee* (March). With your help we have participated in both



events last year. We will do so this year as well. So contact us with your ideas and items.

“Glimpses of India” is of course our premier event and you can find more information about it on page 3 of this News Letter. Plans for Annual Dinner will be made in late September. We will, however, inform you more about these programs soon.

## Republic Day Celebration & Book Donation

By IATLH Executive Committee

Indian Republic Day celebrations were held on Saturday, January 26, 2008 at 2:30 PM at the Covenant Presbyterian Church, 2221 Old Bainbridge Road, Tallahassee, FL 32303. Members sang patriotic songs in many Indian languages and Professor Naresh Dalal and Mr. Satish Kastury were recognized for their achievements in science and environmental causes.

Then Mr. Robert Arnett, author and photographer from [Atman Press](#) gave a 20-minute slide show about his trips to India. The Association donated several copies of his books *India Unveiled* and “*Finders Keepers?*” to Leon County public libraries and schools. The Annual General Body meeting of the IATLH followed the Republic Day Celebrations. The former IATLH Executive Committee officially

handed over the reins to the new Executive Committee.



*India Association of Tallahassee  
has donated books about India  
to Public Libraries and schools*

Photos from Republic Day Celebration  
Photos S. Das

# IATLH Celebrates Holi

By Executive Committee

India Association of Tallahassee (IATLH) celebrated the [Holi Festival](#) on Saturday, March 22, 2008 at Tom Brown Park (Canopy Number 13) between 10:30 AM and 2 PM. IATLH provided drinks and cutlery. Volunteer coordinators worked hard by contacting members and asking them to bring food. Several members happily obliged the request and brought potluck lunch and snacks. There were plenty of food items like Pulav, Chole, Idli, Vadai, Sambar, Roti, Chicken curry and desserts. The Association also provided the members with dry colors to play Holi. Dr Raj Arora, former President of IATLH formally invited those who were present and asked everyone to play Holi and enjoy the day. It was a gorgeous day. General public from Tallahassee and surrounding areas who have a read an article Tallahassee Democrat were eager to join the members. Overall everyone had a great day. Thanks were due to volunteer coordinators, those who prepared great dishes, and everyone who came.



Photos from Holi Celebration  
Photos: T. Somasundaram & S. Das

## Plans for Glimpses 2008

By Executive Committee

If it is fall then it is time for our premier event "Cultural Glimpses of India". We are building on the successes of our former Committee's efforts to make it **the event** of the year. In this regard we are in the process of selecting the date, time, and venue.

We need your help! We want to include as many programs and events as possible (due to high demand, as usual, we will prefer group programs only). So get ready, prepare, rehearse, and or get in touch with someone who is coordinating programs like group-dance, group-songs, skits, dramas, etc. We are looking for Event Sponsors at various levels (Diamond, Platinum, Gold, and Silver) to underwrite parts of the program cost.

The sponsors and their families will have prime seating. If are interested in sponsoring, please contact members of the Executive Committee listed in the 1 page of this News Letter.

## IATLH Sports Day

By Executive Committee

IATLH organized the first ever [IATLH Sports Day](#) on Sunday, April 27, 2008 at Tom Brown Park Baseball Field (opposite to tennis courts) between 9:00 AM and 12 Noon. Over 120 adults and children participated in the event that included sprinting, hop-step-and-jumping, spoon-lemon race, musical

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chair for several age groups (3-5, 6-9, 10-13, and 13+). IATLH provided drinks, pizza and medals. Both the adults and children showed tremendous enthusiasm for this event. Special thanks are due to the volunteer coordinators who organized, arranged and conducted this successful event. We will expand and bring this event next year.



Participants of IATLH Sports Day  
Photo: T. Somasundaram

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popular since it was introduced in 2005. We will continue to nurture this program. This year Utsav will be combined with Indian Independence Day Celebration which will include patriotic songs and programs. During this event winners of the Children's Art Content for the four age categories will be announced. Top three entries for each group will receive prizes and everyone will receive a certificate of participation. So encourage your child to enter. Remember the deadline is Friday, August 1, 2008.

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**IATLH News Letter***Why by E-mail instead of USPS Mail?*

We are planning to bring IATLH News Letter like these two or three times a year. This is our first attempt. Due to high production, packaging, and postage costs it will be too expensive to send them using USPS Mail. So we have decided to distribute it through the web and send announcements through [Socilalizr](#). Hope you like it.

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