



**INDIA FRIENDS ASSOCIATION**  
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## Support our Runners, Bikers and Walkers

Our team has been training hard and will be participating in the Long Beach half marathon, biking and walk on **12th October 2014**. Their sweat and struggle in the past few months of hard training emphasizes their commitment towards the cause that strives for a better India.



[You can watch the group fundraiser video here](#)



[You can support our participants and IFA by donating here](#)



## Save the Date for Archana - IFA's Annual Fundraiser

**Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015** at the Valley Performance Center at CSUN, Northridge  
**\*\*\*new location\*\*\*** (One of the main reasons behind the change of venue is to involve more people in San Fernando Valley and beyond in IFA's mission to empower the underprivileged all across India).

**IFA will be celebrating 20 years of Archana and would like Archana 2015 to be special** highlighting the unique place of India among the different world civilizations. For starters being one of the oldest continuously lived civilizations makes it somewhat unique.

**Can you think of a particular story or idea** from India's history, from its scriptures or from any other source that symbolizes/highlights/explains its uniqueness?

We would like Archana 2015 to feature some relevant ideas by enacting scenes and stories from India. As examples:

1. The idea of Non Violence: Ashoka's transformation and adopting Buddhism after the bloodbath and victory at Kalinga. Gandhi Ji's nonviolent Dandi March in defiance of the British.
2. The idea of coexistence of all religions - different paths leading to the same goal: Kabir's verses urging that Kashi and Kaaba are one, so are Ram and Rahim...

**Please send a specific idea or story that in your opinion highlights the uniqueness of Indian Civilization to: [info@indiafriendsassociation.org](mailto:info@indiafriendsassociation.org) before November 1!**

## Community Spotlight

### Sainath Speaks - Unsustainable: Reporting Agrarian Distress in Rural India

Award-winning journalist P. Sainath will discuss critical issues in rural India.

**Tuesday, October 21, 2014**

6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Franz 1260

502 Portola Plaza

Los Angeles, CA 90095

Open to the Public

Light refreshments will be served before the talk begins.

More information: <http://www.international.ucla.edu/southasia/events/10812>

## About IFA

IFA is a non-profit organization supporting grassroots development all across India.

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