



Sangam  
INDIA  
World Association  
of Girl Guides  
and Girl Scouts

*a world of possibilities*

Namaste!

Please join us virtually on 16<sup>th</sup> October for Sangam's 55<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration this year. Sangam family is very excited to connect with friends around the world and make this day a memory for every one of us. It is also a day to remember our world centres vision to Connect, learn and build agency to become powerful change makers in the world. So please do join us for amazing sessions the family has planned.

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Like every year the monsoon arrived in month of July and is still not leaving us. Sangam grounds are looking green and beautiful. Again, this year we had buffaloes and cows from neighbourhood to help us to keep the grass low in the campsite. Monsoon season use to be the busy season with full events and our volunteer arrivals. This year again we missed our guests and volunteers.



The Sangam family continued maintaining the property and keeping the place looking beautiful! Our Trustee's paid a visit to Sangam for the quarterly catch up meetings and also had a walk around the property. One of our Trustee Kumkum's birthday was celebrated with the staff. We celebrated India's 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day where Nivedita Guides hoisted the Indian flag. Month of August was also the start of our festival session. So we did a online session and visited Tarabai's Ganesh and Gauri celebration. The staff got the opportunity to celebrate Ganesh Festival by visiting local staff houses for blessings and eating special sweet like MODAK !!



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6x9kswHVzPI>

# Virtual Programme



## Upcoming New Sessions

We have also come up with some new special menu for the festival season and will be teaching a special dance form called Garba during our next virtual session. Please check out the link below for more information

- Navratri Festival Special Menu with Sangam - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/166043710207>
- Garba Bollywood Dance with Sangam - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/165403834321>

## Operations

In lockdown we have been facing issues with rubbish outside our property as the neighbourhood has been collecting trash outside near our gate. Good news is that Pune Corporation has a new website where anyone can register their complaints. We filed a complaint and they took action immediately

The view is the before and after of the work done



# Sangam is Turning 55th !



Sangam will be celebrating a fabulous 55 years on 16th October 2021 of being your World Centre in India! We want to celebrate this day with all our friends, both near and far, so come and join us for the virtual celebrations running throughout the entire day.

The day will be filled with lots of interactive fun activities and things to learn which you can find below.

This will be a great opportunity to connect with old friends and make some new ones too. Sangam means "Coming Together" in the ancient language of Sanskrit, so let's celebrate the day together as family!

FREE CELEBRATION DAY, all and any donations welcome.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/137158531861>

Join for all or part of the day, we can't wait to see you!

## **5:30 am UTC (11 am IST) - Facebook live at the neighbourhood temple for Puja**

We will start the celebration by visiting our local neighbourhood Hindu Temple (God Datta) for a Puja ceremony to bless our auspicious day. This has been a tradition at Sangam for many years. The Sangam family will come to you via a Facebook live for this part of the birthday celebrations.

## **7:30 am UTC (13:00 pm IST) – Kathak Dance by Prajakta**

Join Prajakta to learn about classical Kathak dance originates from the northern part of India. Prajakta has been a very good friend of Sangam, and Sangam has been a very important part of her life for her self learning and development.

## **9:30 am UTC (15:00 pm IST) – Free Yoga & Meditation Session by Kirti**

Join us for a relaxing yoga session taught by our experienced yoga instructor, Kirti, in the Wellness Shala at Sangam. These sessions are designed specifically with your health and wellbeing in mind. Take some time to reflect, move, learn and grow all in a supportive environment.

## **11:30 am UTC (17:00 pm IST) – Cake Cutting Ceremony & Celebrations**

Come and join the cake cutting ceremony with us !

You can bake your own cake and bring to the ceremony and enjoy with us. Dress up in your sari and bangles, and bring along a memory of your time at Sangam. This will be the time where we will all share our Sangam memories together. You will also be



## 1:30 pm UTC (19:00 pm IST) – Auction

Time to fundraise for Sangam on this special occasion

As a part of a fundraising opportunity we have organised this online Auction to mark Sangam's Birthday and to help raise funds for Sangam during this difficult year of closure to in person activities. This has been a tradition on every Sangam birthday where people bid on the items for auction. This year it will be an online auction with bidding done through chat. Further information will be included in your pre event email.

If you would like to share your wishes through photos and videos please do share it on directly us on [info@sangam.waggs.org](mailto:info@sangam.waggs.org)

If you would like to give a try you can sign up on the link above. All ticket sales will go towards supporting Sangam's running costs.



## COVID-19 Update

We are excited to share the news that Sangam will be running the UPS COVID-19 Rapid Response Project from November which will support members of the Pune community most affected by the pandemic. The project will provide COVID awareness sessions, vaccination booking assistance, hygiene and food parcels and essential health and wellbeing sessions. We will lead this project in partnership with our 5 Community Partners.

## The top 5 ways to support Sangam this year are:

- Attend a virtual programme session and buy a badge.
- Make a donation that will help us manage our ongoing costs that we are unable to cover in the usual ways as we are closed.
- Make a booking for 2022.
- Tell your friend and family about the virtual programme.
- Tell others about your experience at Sangam and encourage them to come and visit us in 2022.

## Dhanyawad which means Thank you in Hindi!

We want to thank each and everyone of you who has supported us throughout this very difficult period. Your support is invaluable to Sangam and the team here. We are so grateful and are looking forward to connecting with you either on a virtual programme or in 2022 when we reopen again.

If you have any questions or comments please do not hesitate to get in touch. I would be very happy to hear from you. You can also see all the latest Sangam updates on our social media changes and the WAGGGS website.

See you soon. Stay safe and healthy



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