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CARTOGRAPHY

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Whether you are in need of driving around Mumbai or looking for a wildlife tour in Rajasthan, you can easily find your way with Maps of India (http://www.mapsofindia.com). The site lets you explore India with thousands of maps, including interactive maps, travel, tourist and wildlife maps, states and union territories maps, city maps, road, rail, and air network maps, along with distance guides and other cartographic utilities. One interesting feature is an interactive description of India (http://www.mapsofindia.com/maps/india/india.html) which provides a virtual tour of the geographical areas of the subcontinent. For those needing maps of India on a regular basis, a CD is available for online purchase.

RESOURCE

Hindu Dictionary

Have you ever wanted to know the meaning of a Hindu word but couldn't find an understandable or complete meaning, even by searching the entire Web? One of the

best places to find an accurate definition is to look in the Dancing with Siva Lexicon (www.himalayanacademy.com/books/dws/DWSLexicon.html) This encyclopedic dictionary contains 700+ Hindu words and is an invaluable tool whenever an obscure Hindu term or concept arises. Try itÃ it's well worth a bookmark!

ENVIRONMENT

Eco-Friendly Holi Colors

Sacred saffron, resplendent red, sunny Yellow, Brilliant BlueÃ all natural colors from flowers and vegetablesÃ make Holi festivities safe. For years, CLEAN-India has been campaigning against the highly toxic industrial colors and dyes used in Holi celebrations. These chemicals can cause anything from skin allergies to cancer, even blindness (see page 59). There are, however, healthful, colorful alternatives that can be made at home. The recipes are at www.cleanindia.org/btonature/holi.htm. The site also gives alternates to dyes, including using flower petals for throwing. While you are on the site, check out the tips for an Eco-Visarjana festival, and learn more about CLEAN-India, making India ecologically livable for the next generation.

SOCIETY

Gandhi's Nonviolence

One of the most inspirational and informative sites on nonviolence is the Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence (www.gandhiinstitute.org). Founded by Arun Gandhi, the grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, and his wife Sunanda, it seeks to prevent the violence that consumes our homes, our hearts and our societies. Deeply influenced by his grandfather, Dr. Gandhi gives examples of building peaceful relationships among people and communities. The brilliant advice, insightful articles and resources on nonviolence range from fasting to anger management. This site helps us clarify the vision of nonviolence and inspires us to "be the change we wish to see."

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