



## **BMM Convention 2015 - 'My Thoughts'**

Anaheim Convention Center was at a good location with two great hotels next to it. The auditorium was very good. On rare occasion the sound system raised it's ugly head. Surrounding program facilities in the center and the nearby hotels were excellent.

The registration was quick, it took us total of ten minutes on Thursday afternoon. The seat assignment for the main auditorium was a great idea, hopefully it becomes standard for the future. Great thing about it was no one was holding seats for their late comer friends/relatives.

The food was great, typical Marathi with a little bias towards Kokan. There were plenty of deserts which was great for us sweet tooth folks. Other food also had a lot of dishes to choose from. Since there was option to take what you want I took what I want. We went to the food lines as soon as the program was over, thus avoiding extra long lines. It did not take us longer than 25 minutes any time.

I would suggest for the future to have couple of lines with proper identification for senior citizens. The wida/pan was very good. Unfortunately many folks were taking too many. It may have resulted in some people not getting any. Similar thing about chiwada packages.

The entertainment program was very good. Gupte-Samant program was good specially for the younger crowd. I treated it like a rock concert, remembered we were young during Beattlemania. Phadanvis' and Randive's speeches were really good with different perspectives. Only one Natak in main auditorium from midwest was not worthy of the auditorium. Other programs in main auditorium and surrounding facilities were very good.

School reunions were good. In the future room assignments should be done sooner.

Exhibitions were good for window shopper like me. Hopefully the merchants made enough money.

Being in California, we could visit Santa Ana and Venice beach during the extra day that we had at the end.

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