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## LEADERSHIP IN GIVING: AN APPEAL FOR PHILANTHROPY AND SERVICE BY THE INDIAN/BENGALI COMMUNITY

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Recent studies of the Indian community show that, as an ethnic minority, the Indians in North America are excelling in the arts and sciences, medicine, education and business. The Indian community is also said to be one of the more prosperous and flourishing communities in America. As the first generation of Indians is graying, and the second generation is coming on its own, we must reflect on taking a leadership role in philanthropy, community service and volunteerism, fields largely neglected, if not ignored by us as a community.

### Community Dinner

There will be no community dinner in the months of January—March. Community dinners will start again in April of 2005. Community dinners are usually held on first Friday of every month after 7:30 P.M. For more information contact:

Priests 528-3714 Devnath ji 528-3714  
Bharat Vala 891-2240 Laxmi Srivastava 474-0533

**Sunder Kand Path** is held on every 3rd Sunday of the month from 10:30 A. M.

**Shri Ganesh Atharvshirsha Path** is held on every 4th Sunday of the month. Please see details on Page 5.

**Balaji Abhishekam** is held on every 4th Saturday of the month from 10:30AM. Detail on page 5.

**Murugan Abhishekam** Please see details on Page 5.

**Shiv Mahima Stotra** is held on every Monday evening at 7:00 pm.

**Shri Hanuman Chalisa** is held on every Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm.

**Vishnu Sahasranama Prayana** is held on every Thursday at 7:00 pm. Please see details on Page 5.

**Satya Narayan Puja** will be held every month on Purnima (Full Moon) Day.

1. The Importance of *DANA* in Indian Tradition: *Dana* (charity, sharing), *asteya* (non-possession), *tyaga* (sacrifice) and *sannyasa* (life-renunciation) play an important role in the Indian life-world. *Tyaga*, *asteya* and *sannyasa* are considered *ideals*, and are therefore morally optional, whereas *dana* is morally *obligatory*, which everyone must engage in.

2. Philanthropy as an Obligation: From Ashoka to Gandhi, charity is considered a strict obligation. *Dana* or gifting is the method which the Indians have adopted from times immemorial to promote art, architecture, music, literature, philosophy, temple building, construction of *dharma salas* (rest houses), hospitals for humans, birds and beasts.

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Deadline for submission of articles and advertisements for the next issue is December 15, 2004

## SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS AT THE TEMPLE

### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL 2004

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Vijay Sharma 232-9991  
**V. President:**  
Asit Saha 489-5720  
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Ragu Tadepali 759-2157  
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**Membership & Fundraising:**  
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Renu Kotwal 583-9589  
**Puja & Religious Activities:**  
Kiran Dayal 474-4051  
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### Priests:

**Pundit B C Sharma 751-2974**  
**Acharya Kailash Sharma 528-4921**  
**Shri Srinivas Banglore 947-1841**  
**Shri Shivachariar 528-4831**

#### **Attny:**

Aronoff, Rosen & Hunt 241-0400

#### **Temple Mgr.:**

Laxmi Srivastava 474-0533

**Accountant:** Open

**Editor:** Renu Kotwal 583-9589

**Editor's email:**

renukotwal@hotmail.com

### **Important Notice:**

**Your Temple needs**

1. Sponsors for flower \$50/week
2. Sponsors for Sunday puja
3. Your temple needs your support

### *Lost and Found*

If you have lost a valuable item such as a piece of jewelry or an article of clothing in the Temple at Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati, please contact Kiran Dayal at 474 - 4051.

### RELIGIOUS DISCOURSE

**Sundays 12:15 - 12:45 PM**

**First Sunday :** Upanishads  
**Second Sunday :** Children Program  
**Third Sunday :** Sunder Kand Path  
**Fourth Sunday :** Shri Ganesh

#### **Atharvshirsha Path**

**Fifth Sunday :** Open (please suggest)

Members of the community are invited to speak on topics related to Hindu religion, Philosophy, culture, reformation, Gurus, self-preservation, etc. If you would like to talk or like to suggest someone who may be interested, please call Koti Sreekrishna (984-4179).

#### **SPONSORS FOR SUNDAY PUJA**

Devotees are requested to sit-in Sunday Pujas as well as bring Prasad and Lunch. You may wish to use this occasion to celebrate important events such as wedding anniversaries, birthdays, ishta devata puja, graduation, and other memorable days. Events can be hosted by individuals, families, groups of families or organizations. Please reserve your Sunday of choice ASAP by putting your name and phone-no in the calendar at the temple and call Kiran Dayal 474 - 4051

### TEMPLE DAILY SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday : 9:00AM-12:00 Noon  
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Saturday, Sunday  
& US Holidays 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

#### SPECIAL PROGRAM ON WEEKENDS

9:15 - 9:30 A.M. Suprabhatam  
9:30 - 11:00 A.M. Daily puja of Temple Deity  
11:00 - 11:30 A.M. Sponsored Puja  
11:30 - 12:15 A.M. Bhajan  
12:15 - 12:45 P.M. Religious discourse  
12:45-1:00 P.M. Birthday and Anniversary puja and announcement  
1:00 P.M. Aarti

#### **SHIVA MAHIMA STOTRA**

Monday Evenings, 7 PM

#### **HANUMAN CHALISA**

Tuesday Evenings, 7 PM

#### **VISHNU SAHASRANAM PARAYAN**

Thursday : 7:00 PM

#### **SRI VENKATESHWARA PUJA**

Friday Evenings, 7 PM

#### **MURAGAN ABHISHEKAM**

Every 3rd Saturday

#### **SUNDARKAND PATH**

Every 3rd Sunday of the February  
10:30 -1:00 PM

*Please Donate Generously for your Temple*

### 2004 POOJA COMMITTEE MEMBERS

To participate in/ sponsor please contact a Pooja Committee member

**Kiran Dayal** (Chairperson): 474-4051  
**B.C. Sharma** (Priest) 751-2974  
**K.C. Sharma** (Priest) 528-4921  
**Srinivas Banglore** (Priest) 947-1841  
**Sri. Shrivachariar** (Priest) 528-4831  
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1. **Archana** performed during temple hours by sponsorship.
2. **Outside pujas** and other religious services will be conducted by appointment only. To **schedule**, please contact puja committee chairperson
3. If you would like to bring **food and prasad** in the temple, please contact puja committee chairperson

## **Sanskrit & Hindi Classes**

### **In The Temple**

**Every Friday - 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

**If you need help to read GEETA or any of your favorite stotra .**

**Please Call.**

**Aachary Kailash Sharma**

**Home 528-4921**

**Temple 528-3714**

**Email-** kailashsharma@netzero.com

### Temple Manager's Committees

**Laxmi S. Srivastava- Temple Manager 474-0533**

#### **1. Office Manager**

Mr. Mohan Chopra

#### **2. Swami Lectures**

Vinay Kumar

Prema Yathiraj

Devdas Mukerjee

#### **3. Temple Data Base**

Anand Narayana

Purnima Rao

#### **4. Anniversary & Birthday Data**

Raj Agarwal

#### **5. E-mail data**

Pradeep Goyal

Nandkumar Khemchandani

#### **6. Membership & Gift Shop**

Yashpal Agarwal

A.C. Sekhar

Meena Sondhi

#### **7. Financial Data**

Raj Bodalia

S. Srinivasan

#### **8. I/C Temple Web site**

Raj Bhatnagar

Choudary Bobba

#### **9. Consultants**

V. Rao Bhamidipati

Prem Garg

Anil Jindal

#### **10. I/C Temple Calendar**

Meena Mehta

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Vijay Kumar

Laxmi Srivastava

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**Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati, 4920 Klatte Road, Cincinnati, OH-45244, PH:(513)528-3714**

## IMPORTANT EVENTS

December, 2004

12/01/04	Wed.	Margshirsh, Kartika Krishna
12/03/04	Fri.	Community Dinner
12/05/04	Sat.	Ashtami, Annakoot/ G-Puja Celebration
12/08/04	Wed.	Ekadashi
12/09/04	Thurs.	Pradosh
12/11/04	Sat.	Amavasya
12/12/04	Sun.	Margshirsh/Paush Shukla
12/15/04	Wed.	Sankrant
12/17/04	Fri.	Champa Shashth
12/19/04	Sat.	Ashtami General Election
12/22/04	Wed.	Ekadashi (Mokshada) Geeta Jayanti
12/23/04	Thurs.	Pradosh
12/26/04	Sun.	Purnima Geeta Jayanti Celebration
12/27/04	Mon.	Margshirsh/Paush Krishna
12/30/04	Thurs.	Sankashti Vrat

January, 2005

01/01/05	Sat.	New Year's Day Havan
01/03/05	Mon.	Ashtami
01/06/05	Thurs.	Safala Ekadashi
01/08/05	Sat.	Pradosh, Sri Murugan Abhishek
01/09/05	Sun.	Sundarkand Path
01/10/05	Mon.	Amavasya (New Moon)
01/11/05	Tues.	Paush Shukla
01/14/05	Fri.	Makar Sankranti Thai Pongal
01/16/05	Sun.	Makar Sankranti Celebration
01/17/05	Mon.	Ashtami
01/19/05	Wed.	Kritika

## Puja Committee Announcement:

- A group of dedicated devotees for each deity are nominated to help puja committee to coordinate and celebrate different puja activities. Their names and phone numbers are listed on page 2. Special thanks to all hard working devotees. If you have any question or suggestion about temple activities, please call Kiran Dayal at 474-4051 or any of the Puja committee members on page 2.
- To schedule a Puja or to rent a temple hall (lower level ) please contact puja Committee chairperson Kiran Dayal at 474-4051

## RATES FOR PUJA & PRIEST SERVICES

SERVICE	IN TEMPLE	OUTSIDE TEMPLE
Abhishekam (All Deities)	\$101.00	---
Aksharabhyas	\$51.00	\$101.00
Anna-Prashanam	\$51.00	\$101.00
Ashtotharam (108) Archana	\$11.00	---
AyushyaHomam/B'day Celebration	\$51.00	\$101.00
Ground Breaking Ceremony	---	\$101.00
Griha Pravesha	---	\$101.00
Kalayana Uthsava (Lord Ram/ Sita)	\$101.00	---
Kesh Khandan (Churakaran)	\$51.00	\$101.00
Nam-Karan	\$51.00	\$101.00
Navagraha Puja	\$51.00	\$101.00
Nischitartham (Engagement)	\$101.00	\$151.00
Nitya (1 Day) Kainkaryam (Seva)	\$101.00	---
Poolangi Seva (With Flowers)- (Only During Off Winter Season)	\$101.00	---
Sahasranama (1008) Archana	\$51.00	---
Sathyanarayana Puja	\$51.00	\$101.00
Seemantham	\$51.00	\$101.00
Devi Jagaran	\$75.00	\$101.00
Akhand Ramayan Paath	----	\$101.00
Shashti Poorthi (60th B'day Celeb.)	\$71.00	\$101.00
Anniversary celebration	\$101.00	\$151.00
Suprabhat Seva	\$21.00	---
Unjal (Swing) Seva	\$31.00	---
Upakarma (thread changing)	\$21.00	---
Upanayam/Brahmopadesham/ Thread Ceremony	\$151.00	\$251.00
Vahan Pooja	\$31.00	----
Yearly Shradham (Barkhi)	\$51.00	\$101.00
Wedding	\$251.00	\$351.00

**NOTE:** Rates are subject to change without notice. Rates for pujas not on the list and requiring less than 4 hours of priest's time will normally be \$51 if performed inside the temple and \$101 if performed outside of temple (e.g. at home). **Rates of Pujas out of Greater Cincinnati will be \$100.00 more than the rates of outside puja within greater Cincinnati area.**

### Temple Rental: Lower Floor Only

	Full day	1/2 day
M-Th. (except holidays)	\$301	\$151
Fri., Sat & Holidays	\$501	\$351
<u><b>Sunday after 3PM only</b></u>	<b>NA</b>	<b>\$351</b>

**Note:** For half day select one of the two.

8:00 AM - 2 PM **OR** 4PM - 11 PM

Temple rental applies to all private reservations for those events/ pujas that are performed by private parties and not announced in the temple.

**Security/ Cleaning deposit:** \$151 required. This deposit will be forfeited if the basement hall bathrooms and kitchen area are not cleaned by the party renting the place.

**NOTE: To schedule a Puja or to rent a temple hall (lower level ) please contact puja Committee chairperson only.**

# BEDI CONSTRUCTION

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FEW RESTRICTIONS APPLY

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Imagine how poor Indian culture and civilization would have been, if there was no large-scale gifting activities by the kings and emperors, the rich and the business community. By their giving activities, Indians have also maintained a stable economic and social order. For gifting is the method of transfer of private ownership to communal ownership, from those who *have* to those who *need*. In return, gifting also the means of attaining social reputation and honor. According to the *Isa Upanishad* everything that exists belongs to the Lord, and therefore one should *enjoy by renunciation*. While singing our *aarati*, we say “*tana mana dhana jo kuch hai sab hii hai teraa etc.*” i.e. “O Lord, whatever I have - body, mind and wealth - belong to You, what do I lose by giving up everything which you have given to me and which does not belong to me.

3. The Need for Gifting by the Indian-Americans: The duty of gifting by the Indian American community needs no emphasis because (i) we are all cultural ambassadors to the best Indian traditions and *dana* as an obligation does not cease when we leave the shores of India; (ii) as citizens of America, we are receivers from and beneficiaries of the American (economic) dream,

but not “givers” in any adequate way; (iii) that by giving, we will be creating a stable multi-dimensional relationship with other ethnic groups and the community at large (imagine whether the “dot buster” movement would have arisen in New Jersey a few years ago if we had been engaged in social welfare programs also along with our business activities there); (iv) that we shall build our reputations in the Indian and American communities (like the Watumull family in Hawaii whose name is a household word there, or the Hinduja family which is well-known all over the world); (v) and finally by giving we will set a good example for our children to follow.

4. What is our fair share in gifting? “Give till it hurts” is the principle of *dana*. *Dana* unlike *tyaga*, aims at the minimum, not at the maximum. The concept of “hurting” may be interpreted as “the principle of least inconvenience”. Thus, when our giving up anything does not involve something of great significance, but involves only minimal inconvenience, then we have an obligation to give that up for charitable purposes. For example, if by giving up a beer, or eating out or buying an extra new dress, causes us only a minimal inconvenience, but will bring about a much larger good for someone, like feeding a hungry child from starvation, we have an obligation to donate the money so saved for *dana*. *Dana*, however, is more than gifting material goods (*dhana*). It also includes offering physical and mental (*tana*, *mana*), support – physically helping and showing sympathy to those who are suffering and engaging in acts of compassion (*karuna*) to care for them. The beneficiaries of gifting our material possessions (*dhana*) are the poor, the “have nots,” but everyone, poor and rich, can be the recipient of *karuna*. In the modern context, this includes volunteerism, community service, good Samaritanism etc. Thus, following volunteerism and service, we have an obligation to utilize our time in alleviating suffering wherever it exists, in rich homes and poor homes alike.

5. How much and to whom shall we give? We should make a resolution, in the beginning of every year, as to how much we can give monetarily and in service activities. We should set our priorities between local (e.g. building a temple, a community hall) and global projects (e.g. building a school or hospital in India); projects which are of an emergency nature (famine relief in Sudan and hurricane relief in Florida, flood or earthquake relief in India) and those which benefit the enrich the culture of the community in the long run (construction of an Arts Center). We should find the right cause or project and ask if not us who, and if not now, when, we will we support the project. Most people set up a part of their estate for charitable family trust, but *by giving while living, one can see for oneself the results that make the difference*.

(a) Local Projects: What project to select and how? Experts recommend that we support local credible projects and to be cautious of “mail order projects” (projects of unknown credibility), no matter how noble they may appear. Suggested local projects to volunteer our time and provide support for are: schools, little league and colleges as booster, scholarships, mentoring disadvantaged students, special projects (civil and political) of the community; local hospitals, retirement homes, soup kitchens in downtowns (Cincinnati, Dayton), the United Way, Red Cross, Salvation Army, weekend free clinics by physicians, Indian community blood drive, etc. In our own backyard, the ongoing local projects of the Indian (Bengali) community include the Gandhi Jayanthi canned food drive for the Cincinnati Freestore Food Bank, temple projects, cultural and educational activities for our children; community Gandhi House in Dayton for homeless single mothers; Rabindranath Tagore Chair and India Studies Center at Indiana University in Bloomington. (b) Global Projects: Our global commitments should, to a large extent, include India but it should not be limited to India, like helping in projects to alleviate the current famine situation in Sudan.

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<p><b>Vaikuntha Ekadashi Puja</b>  December 22nd, Wednesday  For Details, call :  Temple 528-3714  Kiran Dayal 474-4051</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CHESS-Children's Hindu Education And SatSang</b></p> <p>Classes are held every Sunday from 11:00 AM at the Temple on Lower Level. Everyone should come by 10:50 A.M. The class starts at 11:00 A.M.</p> <p><b>Schedule:</b>  11:00 - 11:05 : Starting Prarthana ( 5min.)  11:05 - 11:15 : Surya Namaskar (10 min.)  11:15 - 11:30 : 2 shlokas with meaning (15 min.)  Before starting shlokas 1 min. meditation.  11:30 - 11:45 : Games (15 min.)  11:45 - 12:15 : Story and Snack time (30 min.)  12:15 - 12:35 : Kotiji's class (20 min.)  12:45 -- Everyone should go for Aarti.</p> <p>The class is divided into two groups for shlokas.  One Group is 4 years to 8 years.  One groups is 8 years to 12 years.</p> <p><i>Please enroll your child now for the year 2004. To get application form and general instruction call Manju Gupta, Chairperson at 232-3331</i></p> <p>FOR FURTHER DETAILS AND INFORMATION CONTACT  Manju Gupta Chairperson 232 - 3331  Email <a href="mailto:guptama2003@yahoo.com">guptama2003@yahoo.com</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH THERE IS A SPECIAL</u></p>						
<p><b>Shri Gita Jayanti Celebration</b>  December 26th, Sunday  10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.  Geeta Path starts 10:30 A.M.  Bhajans 12:30 P.M.  Arti &amp; Prasad 1:00 P.M.  For Details Call:  Temple or Kiran Dayal at 474-4051</p>							
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ABHISHEKAM/KALYANOTSAVAM FOR LORD SRI VENKATESWARA</b></p> <p>On 4th Saturday of each month at 10:30 A.M . To sponsor please call:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Mala Rajasekhar 451-8081</td> <td>Malleswari Reddy 779-4224</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kamala Mannava 777-7007</td> <td>Vasundhara Dasari 777-3353</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Srinivas Bhattar 947-1841 or 528-3714</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Mala Rajasekhar 451-8081	Malleswari Reddy 779-4224	Kamala Mannava 777-7007	Vasundhara Dasari 777-3353	Srinivas Bhattar 947-1841 or 528-3714		
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Vishnu Sahasranama Parayana</u></b></p> <p>Visnu Sahasranama Parayana (chanting) now takes place every Thursday at 7 pm in the temple. Please join us for the chanting.</p> <p><b>For more information, please contact one of the following:</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Srinivas Mirle 894-8954</td> <td>Shailaja Setty 761-7619</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jaya Reddy 231-3120</td> <td>Suri Hanumanthanna 661-8733</td> </tr> </table> <p>Koti Sreekrishna 954-4179.</p>	Srinivas Mirle 894-8954	Shailaja Setty 761-7619	Jaya Reddy 231-3120	Suri Hanumanthanna 661-8733	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>New Year's Day Puja and Havan</b>  January 1st, Saturday at 11:00 A.M.  For details call Kiran Dayal at 474-4051</p>		
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Shri Ganesh Puja &amp; Shri Ganesh Atharvshirsha Path</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>This puja is dedicated to each month's <u>Sankashti Chaturthi</u> to Lord Ganesh.</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MURUGAN ABHISHEKAM</b></p> <p>January 8th, Saturday at 10:30 A.M.</p> <p>For details, call temple at 528-3714</p>						
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PRAVACHAN BY Acharya Kailash Sharma</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Every First and Second Sunday of the Month  12:15 pm to 12:45 pm</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>First Sunday</td> <td>UPANISHAD</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Second Sunday</td> <td>BHAGWAD GITA</td> </tr> </table>	First Sunday	UPANISHAD	Second Sunday	BHAGWAD GITA	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Lost and Found</i></b></p> <p>If you have lost a valuable item such as a piece of jewelry or an article of clothing in the Temple at Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati, please contact Kiran Dayal at 474 - 4051.</p>		
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**MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL ON THIS HAPPY  
OCCASION & BRING HAPPINESS, LONG LIFE AND  
PROSPERITY IN YEAR 2004  
Marriage Anniversaries (December)**

Mr. & Mrs. Prabir & Ashwini Roy Chaudhary  
Mr. & Mrs. Archish Desai  
Mr. & Mrs. Ashok & Rama Dhingra  
Mr. & Mrs. Sharad & Jasleen Goel  
Mr. & Mrs. Debashis & Barnali Gupta  
Mr. & Mrs. Prashant & Shyamala Jagtap  
Mr. & Mrs. Krishna & Jayanti Kool  
Mr. & Mrs. Nagenora & Pavalamani Kumar  
Mr. & Mrs. Rajendra & Nila Parikh  
Mr. & Mrs. Ravin & Hardi Rindani  
Mr. & Mrs. Kiran & Suma Saraff  
Mr. & Mrs. Bruce & Anuradha S. Schultes  
Mr. & Mrs. Jagjit & Raj Bala Yadav



**Birthday Anniversaries (December)**

Noopur Agarwal	Raina Rindani
Mickey Ahuja	Manmohan Sharma
Rajappa Asthagiri	Parveen Sharma
Ambikaipakan Balasubramaniam	Ragini Sharma
Sri Ranga Bangalore	Ruchi Sharma
P. Batra	Shachi Shukla
Meeta Bhardwaj	Vinod Sirimalle
Surabhi Bhusad	Akhila Sonthi
Lakshmi J. Brahmandam	Nishant Sreekrishna
Rajeev Chopra	Padma Srinivasa
Mahadevan Devanathan	Anil Srivastava
Shivanand Divekar	Manish Srivastava
Saptarshi Ghosh	Peeyush Srivastava
Dhruv Goyal	Ashok Tandon
Mangala Gupta	Krishna Terala
Sanchi Gupta	Rupal Upadhyaya
Lakshmi Hasandka	Ruchka Verma
Tanvi Jagtap	Nitya Krishan Vishwamathan
Arjun Jindal	Shankar Vishwanathan
Sonam Jindal	Niket Yadav
Gital Karamchandani	Raj Yadav
Hema Karamchandani	
Jayanti Kool	
Gopi Kovilam	
Piaharath Krishnan	
Sandeep Kulkarni	
Rachit Kumar	
Vinay Kumar	
Smrithi Mahadevan	
Usha Mandadi	
Neena Naik	
Anand Narayana	
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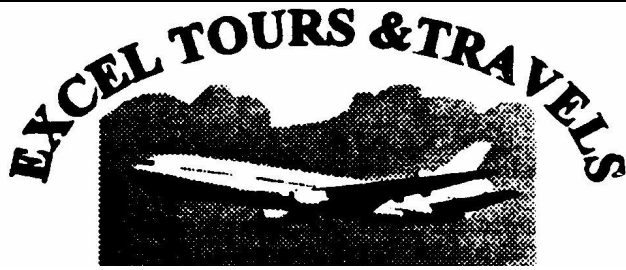
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(d) Partnership with Community Groups: Last, but not least, members of the Indian community should join appropriate local civic and service organizations such as the Lions Club, Kiwanis Club, Rotary Club and Jaycees to provide service, leadership, recognition, visibility and support to the local, national and international projects and needs.

## **HINDU SOCIETY OF GREATER CINCINNATI**

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DECISIONS**

**NOVEMBER 7, 2004**

The Executive Committee has considered the following issues facing the Temple:

1. The EC is very concerned with the leakage of water in the Temple. It appears there are several areas in the basement as well as in the main hall upstairs that are leaking. The EC is concerned that measures to stop the leaks are not effective. The EC is also concerned about the safety and health related issues arising from such leaks.
  - The EC has resolved to undertake an independent, comprehensive examination of the roof, plumbing, and ceiling in the Temple.
  - Any repairs to fix the water leaks will be carried out only after inviting multiple external bids from contractors. These contractors will be required to provide a warranty for a one or two year period to the effect that if the leaks are not controlled, they will be fixed at no additional cost to the Temple.
2. Until such a comprehensive examination is undertaken, the EC has initiated short term measures to control the water leaks.
3. The EC is taking steps to strengthen the security of the Temple premises. Towards this end, motion detectors as well as a video camera are being installed. In addition, special locks have been installed on the hundis. Further, a heavy safe will be bolted to the floor to prevent robbery of Temple cash.

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