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Happy Jamil New Year & Shri Hanuman Jayanti



Community Dinner

Community Dinner will be on Friday, May 6th, 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 4.

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

Murugan Abhisekam Please see details on Page 4 **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 4.

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

LORD HANUMAN

Om Sri Hanumate Namah By Jayanti Phani Sen

Invocation of Lord Hanuman.

Aavaahyaami Shree Shambho,
Sharvvatwam Girijaapatey.
Prasannobhav Deyveysh,
Namastubhyam hi Shankar.
Yatra yatra raghunatha kirtanam;
Tatra tatra kritha masthakanjalim;
Bhaspavaari paripurna lochanam;
Maarutim namata raakshasanthakam

MEANING: "We bow to Maruti, Sri Hanuman, who stands with his palms folded above his forehead, with a torrent of tears flowing down his eyes wherever the Names of Lord Rama are sung".

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Deadline for submission of articles and advertisements for the next issue is April 15, 2005

SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS AT THE TEMPLE

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Shri Shiyachariar	528-4831

Attny:

Aronoff, Rosen & Hunt 241-0400

Temple Mgr.:

Laxmi Srivastava 474-0533

Accountant: Open

Editor: Renu Kotwal 583-9589

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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: ChildrenProgram 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 Kiran Dayal at 474-4051.

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 phoneno 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 PARAAYAN

Thurseday: 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

2005 POOJA COMMITTEE **MEMBERS**

To participate in/ sponsor please contact a Pooja Committee member

Kiran Dayal (Chairperson): B.C. Sharma (Priest) K.C. Sharma (Priest) Srinivas Banglore (Priest) Sri. Shrivachariar (Priest) Swarna Chaudhary Vasundhara Dasari Rani Dhamija Anuradha Kulkarni Sangita Patel Anju Saha Uma Sanguai	474-4051 751-2974 528-4921 947-1841 528-4831 232-2343 777-3353 984-5777 271-2749 791-0855 474-3922 793-9384
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- Archana performed during temple hours by sponsorship. No Archana on Sundays between 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
 - Outside puias and other religious services will be conducted appointment only. To schedule please contact puja committee chairperson
- 3. If you would like to bring food and prasad in the temple, please puja committee contact chairperson or Meena Sondhi at 232-645

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 528-3714 Temple Email- kailashsharma@netzero.com

Temple Manager's Committees

Laxmi S. Srivastava- Temple Manager 474-0533 7. Financial Data

1. Office Manager Mr. Mohan Chopra

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IMPORTANT EVENTS April, 2005			
04/01/05	Fri.	Community Dinner	
04/02/05	Sat.	Holi Celebration	
04/05/05	Tue.	Pampochini, Ekadashi	
04/06/05	Wed.	Pradosh	
04/08/05	Fri.	Amavasya (New moon)	
04/09/05	Sat.	Yugadi Gudi Padwa	
		Vikramsamv 2062	
		Vasant Navratri Begins	
04/10/05	Sun.	Tamil New Year	
		Celebration	
04/11/05	Mon.	Mastya Jayanti GanGauri	
		Vrat	
04/13/05	Wed.	Baisakhi	
		Tamil New Year Begins	
04/16/05	Sat.	Havan	
		Durga Ashtami Akhand	
		Ramayan Begins	
4/17/05	Sun.	Akhand Ramayan Path	
		ends; Shr Ram Navami	
		Celebration	
4/20/05	Wed.	Kamada Ekadashi	
4/21/05	Thurs.	Pradosh	
4/22/05	Fri.	Shri Mahavir Jayanti	
4/23/05	Sat.	Sri Balaji Abhishek	
4/24/05	Sun.	Purnima; Shri Hanuman	
		Jayanti Celebration	
4/25/05	Mon.	Vaishakh/Chaitra; Krishna	
4/27/05	Wed.	Sankashti Chaturthi; Vrat	
May, 2005			
05/01/05	Sun.	Shri Vallabhacharya	
00,00,00		Jayanti Celebration	
05/04/05	Wed.	Varuthini Ekadashi	
		Shri Vallabhacharya	
		Jayanti	
05/05/05	Thurs.	Pradosh	
05/06/05	Fri.	Community Dinner	
05/08/05	Sun.	Shri Mahavir Jayanti Cele-	
02,00,00	~ ~ ~ ~	-bration	

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	OUTSIDE	
	TEMPLE	TEMPLE	
Abhishekam (All Deities)	\$101.00		
Aksharabhyas	\$51.00	\$101.00	
Anna-Prashanam	\$51.00	\$101.00	
Ashtottharam (108) Archana	\$11.00		
AyushyaHomam/B'day Celebra	tion \$51.00	\$101.00	
Ground Breaking Ceremony		\$101.00	
Griha Pravesh		\$101.00	
Kalayana Uthsava (Lord Ram/ S	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 (Sev	a) \$101.00		
Poolangi Seva (With Flowers)-	\$101.00		
(Only During Off Winter So	eason)		
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 Cel	eb.)\$71.00	\$101.00	
Anniversary celebration	\$101.00	\$151.00	
Suprabhat Seva	\$21.00		
Unjal (Swing) Seva	\$31.00		

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). <u>Rates of Pujas out of Greater Cincinnati will be \$100.00 more than the rates of outside puja within greater Cincinnati area.</u>

Temple Rental: Lower Floor Only

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

Note: For half day select one of the two.

Upakarma (thread changing)

Yearly Shradham (Barkhi)

Thread Ceremony Vahan Pooja

Wedding

Upanayam/Brahmopadesham/

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

\$21.00

\$151.00

\$31.00

\$51.00

\$251.00

\$251.00

\$101.00

\$351.00

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.

Vishnu Sahasranama Parayana

Visnu Sahasranama Parayana (chanting) now takes place every Thursday at 7 pm in the temple. Please join us for the chanting.

For more information, please contact one of the following:

Srinivas Mirle 894-8954 Shailaja Setty 761-7619 Jaya Reddy 231-3120 Suri Hanumanthanna 661-8733

Koti Sreekrishna 954-4179.

ABHISHEKAM/KALYANOTSAVAM FOR LORD SRI VENKATESWARA

On 4th Saturday of each month at 10:30 A.M . To sponsor please call:

Mala Rajasekhar 451-8081 Malleswari Reddy 779-4224 Kamala Mannava 777-7007 Vasundhara Dasari 777-3353 Srinivas Bhattar 947-1841 or 528-3714

Shri Ganesh Puja & Shri Ganesh Atharvshirsha Path

Every 4th Sunday of the month This puja is dedicated to each month's Sankashti Chaturthi to Lord Ganesh.

PRAVACHAN BY Acharya Kailash Sharma

Every First and Second Sunday of the Month 12:15 pm to 12:45 pm

First Sunday UPANISHAD Second Sunday BHAGWAD GITA

Shri Satya Narayan Puja

On Purnima (Full moon) April 24th, 2005, Sunday, at 6:30 pm Sponsors needed for puja, \$ 51.00

Please call Kiran Dayal at 474-4051

CHESS-Children's Hindu Education And SatSang

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. Schedule:

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.

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.

Please enroll your child now for the year 2005. To get application form and general instruction call Manju Gupta, Chairperson at 232-3331

FOR FURTHER DETAILS AND INFORMATION CONTACT Manju Gupta Chairperson 232 - 3331 Email guptama2003@yahoo.com

ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH THERE IS A SPECIAL

Murugan Pooja

Monthly Abhishekham 2nd Sat. 10.00 A.M.-1.00 P.M.

Sponsors are needed for poojas (\$21) & abhishekams (\$101).

Please contact

Sri Devanathan (528-4831) Sri Srinivas Bangalore (947-1841).

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Vasant Navratri Puja

on April 9th to April 17th

Sat. April 9th at 10 am Kalash Sthapana Puja & Chandi Path (Durga Saptashati)

During Navratri every day Durga Puja & Chandi Path will be **From 9:30am to 12:00 pm**

Each Day Puja & Path Sponsorship \$51.00

For details please call Temple at 513-528-3714 or Kiran Dayal at 474-4051.

Akhand Ramayan Path

To Celebrate

Sri Ram Navami

On Saturday, April 16th 10:30 Shri Ram Puja 11:00 Path Starts

Ramayan Path Ends Sunday, April 18th at 1:00 pm Sponsored by Shri Rameshwar & Kiran Dayal & their family.

We need volunteers to read Ramayan. Please give your name and time to Kiran Dayal at 474-4051.

Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati Celebrates

HOLI 2005 Cultural Talent Show

On Saturday, April 2nd from 4:00-6:00 P.M. For information on Cultural Talent Show, contact Jyoti Desai at 745-0876

Tamil New Year Celebration

On

Sunday, April 10th 10 am to 1 pm Sri Murugan Abhishekam & Puja Sponsored by Murugan Devotees.

Shri Durga Ashtami Puja & Havan

On Saturday, April 16th at 6:00 pm

Sponsors needed

Please call Kiran Dayal or temple at 528-3714

Shri Hanuman Jayanti Celebration on Sunday, April 24th

10:00 am Shri Hanuman Ji Puja 11:00 am Sunder Kand Path 1:00 pm Arti & Prasad

Sponsors needed

Please call Kiran Dayal at 474-4051 to sponsor this event

Mata Ki Chauki On April 30th, Saturday 4pm to 8pm

Sponsored by Varma, Soni, Khanna, & Sondhi families

HIGHLIGHTS FOR MAY

May 1st Shri Vallabhacharya Jayanti Celebra-

tion

May 8th Shri Mahavir Jayanti

May 20,21,22 Navgrah Pran Pratishtha & Temple's 8th Anniversary Celebration

Announcement from the Puja Committee.

For any Puja or Shraddha to be performed in the temple, the temple will provide Puja Samagri with the Donation of \$11.00. Devotees are requested to bring only flowers, fruits & prasad.

Twentieth Annual Thyagaraja/Purandaradasa Festival

Sri Thyagaraja, the most celebrated Carnatic Music saint was a great devotee of Lord Sri Rama. Thyagaraja lived to the full extent that God realization is best achieved through *Nadopasana* (music with devotion). His songs are filled with an intimate devotion to Rama, revealing his deep understanding of the tenets of the Vedas and Upanishads. Purandara Dasa is famous among the Haridasas of Karnataka; foremost among the talented carnatic composers. He earned a lot of wealth and lived only to earn it, but eventually gave away all his wealth to become a devotee of Sri Hari. He practiced the principle contained in the popular saying "we must swim across suffering and win victory over it". He earned the well-deserved praise-'Among the devotees of Hari, Purandara Dasa is the greatest'(from his preceptor Sri Vyaasa Teertha).

A day-long celebration of these great composers of carnatic music will be held at

The Hindu Temple, Cincinnati On April 9, 2005 (Saturday) 9:00 AM – PM

An evening concert is being planned and may be announced at a later date.

All are Welcome; Lunch will be served

For Further Details Contact: Usha Raghavan (513-489-9655) Koti SreeKrishna (513-459-0314)

SRI BHU NEELA SAMETA SRI LAKSHMI VENKATESWARA DWITEEYA VARSHIKOTSAVAM

BRAHMOTSAVA UPACHARAM

DATE: SATURDAY APRIL 23, 2005 8:45 AM-1: 30 PM

SUPRABHATAM: 8:45 AM PRDHANA DEVATA UPACHARAM: 9:30 AM RAKSHABANDHANA UPACHARAM: 10:30 AM HAMSA VAHANA UPACHARAM: 10:45 AM CHANDRA MANDALA UPACHARAM: 11:00AM SURYA MANDALA UPACHARAM: 11:15 AM SESHA VAHANA UPACHARAM: 11:30 AM HANUMANTHA VAHANA UPACHARAM: 11:45 AM GARUDA VAHANA UPACHARAM: 12:00 NOON KALYANA UTSAVA UPACHARAM: 12:15 PM GAJENDRA VAHANA UPACHARAM: 12:30 PM RADHOTSAVA UPACHARAM: 12:45 PM ASHWA VAHANA UPACHARAM: 1:00 PM PUSHPA MANDALA UPACHARAM: 1:15 PM MANTRA PUSHPAM AND MAHA MANGALA AARATI: 1:30 PM

PRASADA VINIYOGAM (LUNCH) AFTER MANGALA AARATI

BRAHMOTSAVA UPACHARAM SPONSORSHIP: \$101.00 ARCHANA AFTER MAHA MANGALA AARATI: \$11.00

SPONSORS PLEASE CALL: VASUNDHARA DASARI: 777-3353 MALLESWARI REDDY: 779-4224 KAMALA MANNAVA: 777-7007

SRINIVAS BHATTAR: 947-1841, 528-3714

MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL ON THIS HAPPY OCCASION & BRING HAPPINESS, LONG LIFE AND PROSPERITY IN YEAR 2005

Marriage Anniversaries (April)*

Mr. & Mrs. Tushar & Jignasa Desai

Mr. & Mrs. Govind & Lata Gupta

Mr. & Mrs. Samir & Mangala Gupta

Mr. & Mrs. Haresh & Geeta Hemani

Mr. & Mrs. Sanjay & Kavita S. Jain

Mr. & Mrs. Amarender & Saritha Karra

Mr. & Mrs. Pankaj & Nimisha Nigam

Mr. & Mrs. Vimal & Surekha Patel

Mr. & Mrs. H. Ramdas & Javashree Ramdas

Mr. & Mrs. Narayan & Sushma Srivastava

Mr. & Mrs. Sathur & Chandra Venkatesan





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Urmil Gupta Shashi Jain Priya Jindal Steve Jindal

Nikhar Jung

Mina K. Karamchandani Jyoti Karnik Divya Kota Indira Kukreti Pavalamani Kumar Neelima Lakkapragada Gaurav Mantro Sangeeta Nayak

Madahavi Lakshmi Pappu

Priya Parikh Ashit Patel

Kush Patel Jalaji Anantharaman Rajgopal Arudhi

Sneha Arudhi Ruchika Bajaj Rashmi Balakrishna

Sindhu Banglore Ariun Bansal Pradeep Bekal Puja Bhandari Sanjay Bhandari

Kovid Bhatnagar Vishal Bhatnagar Saroj Bhatt

Upendra Bhatt Chiraag Bhola Choudary Bobba Priyanka Bodalia

Vaishnan Brahmamdam Indrakanti Chakravarthi Prabir Roy Chaudhury

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- ** (celebrated on second Sunday of each month in temple)



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In the 'Sankat Mochan' prayer to Hanumanji, a couplet goes like this:

'Kaai keevey Vad Devan key tum, Beer Mahaprabhu dekh bichaaro

Koun so sankat mor gareeb ko, Jo tumso naheen jaat hai taaro,

Begi haro Hanuman Mahaprabhu, Jo kuchh sankat hoye hamaaro,

Ko naheen jaanat hai jag mein kapi, Sankat Mochan naam tumhaaro.

MEANING: Considering that you perform Godly tasks (By conquering major obstacles,) What is my problem in comparison? So, come quickly and solve my dilemmas (because) Who is not aware in the world that your very name is 'A remover of difficulties' Hanuman means: The one who is the manifested existence of the Supreme God who dwells within all. Sri Hanuman is worshipped all over India—either alone or together with Sri Rama. Every temple of Sri Rama has the *murti* or idol of Sri Hanuman. Hanuman is the Avatar of Lord Shiva. His other names are **Pavanasuta**, **Marutsuta**, **Pavankumar**, **Bajrangabali** and **Mahavira**.

Hanuman - Embodiment of Strength & Tenacity

Sri Hanuman is worshipped as a symbol of physical strength, perseverance and devotion. In times of trouble, it is a common faith among Hindus to chant the name of Hanuman or sing his hymn ("Hanuman Chalisa") and proclaim "Bajrangbali Ki Jai" — "victory to thy thunderbolt strength". Once every year — on the full-moon day of Chaitra (April) at sunrise — "Hanuman Jayanti" is celebrated to commemorate the birth of Hanuman.

By the grace of the deities Shiva and Vayu, Anjana (Anjani), wife of Kesari, king of the monkeys, gave birth to Hanumanji. Therefore he is also known as: *Anjanisut* (*sut* means son), *Anjaneya*, *Pavansut*, *Marutsut*, Maruti and Vajrang. Pavan and *Marut* denote Vayu deva. *Vajra* means indestructible and Indra's weapon. *Ang* means body. Hanuman temples are among the most common public shrines found in India. On Saturdays and Tuesdays many people keep fast in honor of Hanuman and give special offerings to him. The monkey god widely venerated throughout India and is especially important to Brahmacharis, wrestlers and bodybuilders. Hanuman is the symbol of strength and energy. Hanuman is said to be able to assume any form at will, wield rocks, move mountains, dart through the air, seize the clouds and rival Vishnu's bird, Garuda in swiftness off light. He is worshipped in folk tradition as a deity with magical powers and the ability to conquer evil spirits.

The character of Hanuman teaches us of the unlimited power that lies unused within each one of us. Hanuman directed all his energies towards the worship of Lord Rama, and his undying devotion made him such that he became free from all physical fatigue. And Hanuman's only desire was to go on serving Rama. Hanuman perfectly exemplifies "Dasyabhava" devotion — one of the nine types of devotions — that bond between the master and the servant. His greatness lies in his complete merger with his Lord.

Sri Hanuman is the living embodiment of Ram-Naam. He is an ideal selfless worker, a true Karma Yogi who worked measurelessly and dynamically. He was a great devotee and an exceptional Brahmachari or celibate. He lived to serve Sri Rama. He was humble, brave and wise. He possessed all the divine virtues. He did what others could not do—crossing the ocean simply by uttering Ram-Nam, burning the city of Lanka, and bringing the *sanjeevini herb* and restoring Lakshman to life again. He brought Sri Rama and Lakshman from the nether world after killing Ahiravana

Hanuman's bravery is unmatched. This is the reason why government of India has named the bravery award on him i.e. **Mahavir-Chakra**. Being inspired by Hanuman's phenomenal valiance, the supreme warrior Arjun had established him on the flag of his chariot. Lord Hanuman is also called as Lord of the breath (prana devata) and giver of health (arogya karta).

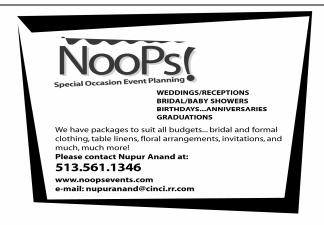
Along with the traditional worship, people are made to understand the phenomenal character of Hanuman - the unmatched warrior of the Indian history, so that they are able to serve the country with fearlessness and without considering their own self-interest. Hanuman's virtuosity, valiance, discipline and celibacy can prove to be an asset for any society or country.

"Where Hanuman is, there are Sri Rama and Sita and wherever Sri Rama and Sita are praised and their deeds recited, there Hanuman is".

Devotees pray to Hanuman to protect them from material obstacles in the path of devotional service and engage them in the service of the Supreme Lord Rama.

Sant Tulsidas composed the 40 stanzas of Hanuman Chalisa in praise of Hanuman. One should recite the Hanuman Chalisa 11 times, to get better acquainted with Shree Ram's most faithful follower, the very embodiment of service, loyalty and valor.

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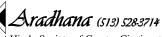
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