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ARADHANA

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Happy Navratri, Dashera, Karwa Chauth and Vijaya



Karwa Chauth: Fast for Married Women

'Karwa Chauth' is a ritual of fasting observed by married Hindu women seeking the longevity, well-being and prosperity of their husbands. It is popular amongst married women in the northern and western parts of India, especially, Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat.

This festival comes 9 days before Diwali on 'Kartik ki chauth', i.e., on the fourth day of the new moon immediately after Dusshera, in the month of 'Karthik' (October-November).

The term 'Chauth' means the 'fourth day' and 'Karwa' is an earthen pot with a spout - a symbol of peace and prosperity - that is necessary for the rituals. Hence the name 'Karwa Chauth'.

Married women keep a strict fast and do not take even a drop of water. They get up early in the morning, perform their ablutions, and wear new and festive raiment. Shiva, Parvati and their son Kartikeya are worshipped on this day along with the 10 'karwas' (earthen pots) filled with sweets. The Karwas are given to daughters and sisters along with gifts.

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Community Dinner

Community Dinner will be on Friday, October 7th, 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 Abhishekam 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.

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

SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS AT THE TEMPLE

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Renu Kotwal 583-9589

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Kiran Dayal 474-4051

Property Management & Maintenance:

Arvind Patel 791-0855

Cultural Activities:

Sheetal Patel 936-9655

Religious Education & Youth Activities:

Manju Gupta 232-3331

Long Range Planning:

Jitu Patel 459-8900

Youth Member:

Esha Bhatara 777-6488

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 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 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 2nd 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): 474-4051
B.C. Sharma (Priest): 751-2974
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Meena Sondhi: 232-6454
Amita Gupta: 336-8782

1. **Archana** performed during temple hours by sponsorship. No Archana on Sundays between 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
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 or Meena Sondhi at 232-645

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.

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

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Raj Agarwal

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6. Membership & Gift Shop
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IMPORTANT EVENTS

October, 2005

10/01/05	Sat.	Ashwin/Bhadrapad Krishna
10/02/05	Sun.	Gandhi Jayanti
10/03/05	Mon.	New Moon Pitru Visarjan, Shraadh ends, Amavasaya
10/04/05	Tue.	Navaratri begins
10/07/05	Fri.	Community Dinner
10/08/05	Sat.	Mata Ki Chauki, Sri Murugan Abhishek
10/10/05	Mon.	Durga Ashtami, Durga Pooja and Havan
10/11/05	Tue.	Saraswati Nawami Saraswati Pooja
10/12/05	Wed.	Dashera, Vijaya Dashami Shri Rama Pooja
10/13/05	Thurs.	Pap-Ankush, Ekadashi
10/15/05	Sat.	Pradosh
10/16/05	Sun.	Sundarkant Path
10/17/05	Mon.	Sharad, Purnima Radha-Krishna Pooja
10/18/05	Tue.	Kartik/Ashwin, Krishna
10/20/05	Thurs.	Karawa Chauth, Vrat Pooja
10/22/05	Sat.	Sri Balaji Abhishek
10/23/05	Sun.	Bijoya Celebration Shri Ganesh Pooja
10/25/05	Tue.	Ashtami
10/28/05	Fri.	Rama Ekadashi
10/29/05	Sat.	Pradosh
10/30/05	Sun.	Dhan Teras
10/31/05	Mon.	Narak Chaudas

November, 2005

11/01/05	Tue.	Deepawali
11/02/05	Wed.	New Year, Annakoot Govardhan Pooja Kartik Shukla
11/03/05	Thurs.	Yama Dwitya, Bhai Dooj

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
Ashtoththaram (108) Archana	\$11.00	---
AyushyaHomam/B'day Celebration	\$51.00	\$101.00
Ground Breaking Ceremony	---	\$101.00
Griha Pravesh	---	\$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

PUJA RATE CHANGE BEGINNING Oct. 1, 2005:

1. Rates for Mata Ki Chauki performed at another temple will be 15% of the money collected at the temple or a minimum of \$ 501.00.
2. Pujas performed by priests outside the temple will be rated according to the number of pujas performed.

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>Sunday after 3PM only</u>		\$351

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.

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

Murugan Pooja

Monthly Abhishekham 2nd Sat. 4.30 P.M. to 7.30 P.M.

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

Please contact

Sri Devanathan (528-4831)

Sri Srinivas Bangalore (947-1841).

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
PROGRAM UPSTAIRS FROM 12:30 TO 1:00 PM*

BALVIHAR at the temple is starting a children's library which will be open every Sunday from 1:00 P.M. to 1:30 P.M. Children can borrow the books from the library. Donations of books, CDs, DVDs or money are welcome. For further information contact Manju Gupta at 232-3331.

Satya Narayan Katha On

Purnima, Nov. 15th, Tue at 6:30 P.M.

Sponsors needed (\$51.00)

Please call Kiran Dayal at 474-4051

Upcoming in November

Deewali MahaLaxmi Puja Nov 1st 6:30 pm

DeewaliCelebration Nov 5th 7 pm

Shri Chitra Gupt ji Puja Nov 6th 10:30 to 1 pm

Annakoot Govardhan Puja Nov. 13 th
10 am to 1 pm

Upcoming Events

<p style="text-align: center;">Mata Ki Chauki on October 8th, Saturday 4:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M. Sonsored by Jindal family</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Vijay Dashami (Dashehra) Puja On October 12th, Wednesday From 12:00 to 7:00 P.M. Shri Ram Poojan</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Shri Durga Ashtami Havan on Oct. 10th, Monday From 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Sponsors needed for Havan \$51:00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Satya Narayan Katha On Purnima October 17th at 6:30 P.M. Sponsors needed- \$ 51:00</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Mata Ki Chauki On October 29, Saturday From 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Sponsored by Mantro, Pathak, and Minhas family</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Karwa Chauth Puja On October 20th, Thursday at 4:00 P.M. Please call Temple at 528-3714 for more information</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">NAVRATRI KALASH STHAPNA PUJA On October 4th, Tuesday at 6:00 P.M. During Navratri everyday Chandi Path (Durga Sapt shati) 10:00 A.M.-12:00 noon-Durga Puja and Path 5:00 P.M. –6:00 P.M-Durga Poojan</p> <p>Sponsor needed for Path and Puja Sponsorship \$51:00 For more information, call Temple at 528-3714 or Kiran Dayal at 474-4051</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Vijoy Celebration On October 23, Sunday from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. For details, call Purbey Dey at 688-1721, or Asit Saha at 489-5720, or the temple at 528-3714</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Deewali Shri Maha Laxmi Puja On Nov. 1st Tuesday 6:30 pm Sponsored by Dr. Bharat & Sudha Agrawal. Please note, Hanuman Chalisa path will begin at 5:45 P.M.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Shri Chitragupta Puja On Sunday, Nov. 6th from 11:00 A.M. –1:00 P.M. Sponsored by Tristate Chitragupta Pariwar</p> <p>For details call Kiran Dayal at 474-4051 Or the temple at 528-3714</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Deewali Celebration On Nov. 5th Sat. 7 pm For details refer to current month Aaradhana or call temple 528-3714.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Festival of Lights</i> 2005</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Diwali Celebrations</p> <p>Ankur and HSGC will celebrate Diwali with a fun filled entertainment program by our local talents. place and date will be announced in next month's newsletter</p> <p>To register your items for the Diwali program, please call:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jyoti Hedge: 791-0210 Meena Ruparel: 754-0575 Mala Patel: 398-9065</p> <p>The deadline for submitting items is <u>October 10.</u> Auditions will be held on October 23rd at 3pm, at</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Shri Annkoot Govardhan Puja On Nov. 13th, Sunday from 10:00 A.M. –1:00 P.M. Sponsored by Shri Nath Ji Seva Group</p> <p>For more details look in next month's Aradhana</p>	

Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati celebrated Mela 2005 on September 17th, 2005, at the Temple. It was a well attended event.

Prabha Nair and Dipti Joshi of Archana Arts organized Mela-2005, Dance competition for Hindu society of greater Cincinnati. For more pictures visit Temple website.



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OCCASION & BRING HAPPINESS, LONG LIFE AND
PROSPERITY IN YEAR 2005**

Marriage Anniversaries (October)*

Mr. & Mrs. P. Batra and Prabha Batra
Mr. & Mrs. Narendra & Uma Bettedpur
Mr. & Mrs. Rajesh & Shobha Manam
Mr. & Mrs. Shailender & Sridevi Peesapati
Mr. & Mrs. Madhu & Sojanya Prasad
Mr. & Mrs. Amitabh & Anita Raturi
Mr. & Mrs. M.Sekar & Padmini Sekar
Mr. & Mrs. Manmohan & Sarmishta Sharma
Mr. & Mrs. Ranga & Jyoti Srinivas
Mr. & Mrs. Salem & Prubha Srinivasan



Birthday Anniversaries (October)**

Madhavi Are	Suresh Nayak
Viren Bakhshi	Kameswara Rao Papu
Lakshmi Bangalore	Rasila Parikh
Amrish Bansal	Tushar Parikh
Debashis Basu	Ajay Patel
Nina Batra	Jayprakash Patel
Aniruddha Bettedpur	Khushman Patel
Rishabh Chatterjee	Neil Patil
Tribhuwan Choubey	Usha Patil
Arsh Duggal	Madhu Prasad
Karan Goel	Renu Rall
Sharad Goel	Suriya Ramamoorthy
Chetan Gupta	Abhinav Ramrathnam
Anupama Halekote	Amitabh Raturi
Prashant Jagtap	Hardi Rindani
Shyamala Jagtap	Rashmi Sahay
Shantha Jayram	Padmini Sekar
Bharat Kalyan	Kavi Shanker
Sudhir Kashyap	Ajay Sharma
Jagmohan Khanna	Geetika Sharma
Tushar Kothari	Surender Sharma
Avinash Kovilam	Uday Sheth
Aarti Kumar	Seema Sondhi
Shiva Kumar	Prishli Srivastava
Tilka Mahdevan	Sushma Srivastava
Vivek Malhotra	Raghav Tadepalli
Rajesh Manam	Devanshu Trivedi
Shobha Manam	Het Trivedi
Raghav Mandadi	Raj Trivedi
Ratan Mandavilli	Toral D. Trivedi
Tanuja Mandavilli	Kedar Verma
Deepak Minocha	Akshata Wadekar
Varsha Naik	Akshay Wadekar
Premanand Nayak	

* (celebrated on the first Sunday of each month)

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



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Friday: 9:00 A.M.- 3:00 P.M.
Saturday: 9:00 A.M.- 1:00 P.M.**

Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati Executive Council Meeting, June , 2005

Members Present: Vijay Sharma, Asit Saha, Arvind Patel, Ramesh Sondhi, Kiran Dayal, Jitu Patel, Prem Garg

Minutes of May 1, 2005 Executive Council meeting were approved with some changes.
Minutes of May 15, 2005 Special Executive council were approved with some changes.

- 1--Clermont County Building Department has issued a notice to the Hindu Society that a temporary occupancy permit needs to be obtained within 30 days on the new construction. Contractor is working to obtain such permit.
- 2— Mr. Vijay Sharma gave an overview of the temple interior paint proposal .After some discussion the proposal was approved for a total amount of \$ 28,740.00. It was also approved that contract be awarded to Flannery Painting Inc; who is also painting the outside of the temple. A devotee has donated \$ 22,800.00 which is appreciated. Balance of the funds need be raised for the interior paint.
- 3---It was again emphasized that Hindu Society can not give receipts stating the dollar amount of donated items. It is up to the donor to place a value on their donated item.
- 4---Hindu Society will only accept new items for donation.
- 5--- Mr. Jayant Patel gave an overview of the board of Trustees issue to EC, which he was requested to present at the General body meeting to be held on June 5, 2005.

Meeting ended at 11:25 AM

Respectfully submitted
Prem Garg
Secretary

Hindu Society of greater Cincinnati Executive Council meeting, July 10, 2005

Members Present: Vijay Sharma, Asit Saha, Arvind Patel, Manju Gupta, Jitu Patel
Quorum was not present. Agenda Items were discussed only. No decisions could be taken due to lack of Quorum.

- 1----discussed current construction contract-----The contractor and Architect are responsible for getting the occupancy permit. They will maintain communication with the Executive Committee (EC) construction committee. July 15, deadline has been extended a few times.
If requirements are not met EC construction committee will write a letter to the contractor and the architect and may take other steps as necessary.
EC construction committee will work with a volunteer structural Engineer (Mr. Surinder Kumar) to perform inspection and analysis as needed.
- 2----Discussed and edited and approved minutes of June meeting.
- 3----Discussed the Board of Trustees initiation and implementation plan that was started in 2002. This issue needs a closure. This issue may be discussed at the next meeting. No decision reached.
- 4----Discussed and expressed concern about the quality of the paint job (Inside and outside) being done at the temple. Talked about checks and balances of construction projects.

Minutes taken by Asit Saha—vice president.

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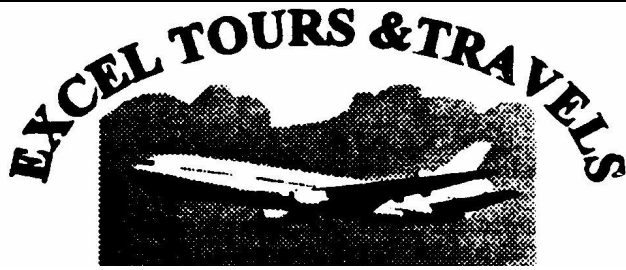
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