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*Happy Navratri, Tamil New Year,
and Shri Vallabhacharya Jayanti*



Goddess Vaishnavi

Significance and Symbolism of 'Om' Installed in Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati By Pundit B.C. Sharma

'Om' is the root of the holy scriptures Vedas. All the Vedic mantras start with the primeval sound 'Om' in the beginning. It is the seed of all the Vedic mantras. It is also called 'Naad Brahm'. The Om in our temple is seated in the middle of all the deities installed in the temple. It symbolizes that God is only one projected in different forms. He is omnipotent and omnipresent like the oil in the oil seeds, fire in the match sticks and the electricity in the electric wires.

Characteristics of Om:

1. It is made of pure crystal
2. The world renowned master Great sculptors Maestro Pino Signorito of Favorvent city from Italy made this wonderful piece of art.
3. It is a unique creation of its kind in the world.
4. Om in the middle of the deity platform indicates that there is no presiding deity in the temple. All the different deities are equal, important, adorable, inspirational, and the source of providing good luck, peace, prosperity, and happiness to all the devotees.

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Community Dinner

Community Dinner has been cancelled until further notice. For more information contact:

Priests 528-3714 Debnath 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 April 10th, 2006

SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS AT THE TEMPLE

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL 2006

President:
Raj Bodalia 583-0184
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Asit Saha 489-5720
Secretary:
Prem Garg 232-5333
Treasurer:
Ramesh Sondhi 232-6454

Committee Chairpersons:

Membership & Fundraising:

Anil Jindal 271-7171

Communications:

Renu Kotwal 583-9589

Puja & Religious Activities:

Swarna Choudhary 232-2343

Property Management & Maintenance:

Arvind Patel 791-0855

Cultural Activities:

Ramesh Dayal 474-4051

Religious Education & Youth Activities:

Manju Gupta 232-3331

Long Range Planning:

Jitu Patel 459-8900

Youth Member:

Surabhi Sharma 232-9991

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 Swarna Choudhary at (513) 232-2343.

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 calling Swarna Choudhary at (513) 232-2343

2006 POOJA COMMITTEE

MEMBERS

To participate in/ sponsor please contact a Pooja Committee member

Swarna Choudhary (Chairperson):	232-2343
B.C. Sharma (Priest)	751-2974
K.C. Sharma (Priest)	528-4921
Sri. Debnath Sivachar (Priest)	528-4831
Sunita Garg	232-5333
Kiran Dayal	474-4051
Sunila Kumar	528-6189
Meena Karamchandani	683-9454
Suchitra Mishra	573-9775
Kalpna Srivastava	233-9184
Jyoti Desai	745-0876
Rani Dhamija	984-5777
Padma Veluri	859-344-9211
Anuradha Kulkarni	271-2749
Sangita Patel	791-0855
Anju Saha	474-3922
Uma Sanguai	793-9384
Bhaskara Rao	867-8591
Karthik	290-1814
Murlee	573-0550
Purabi Dey	688-1721
Madhu Sharma	232-9991
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 at least one week in advance.
3. If you would like to bring **food and prasad** in the temple, Please contact Puja Committee chairperson or Meena Sondhi at 232-6454

Important Notice:

Your Temple needs

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

Temple Manager's Committees

Laxmi S. Srivastava- Temple Manager 474-0533

- | | |
|---|---|
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Office Manager
Mr. Mohan Chopra 2. I/C Swami Lectures
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Laxmi S. Srivastava
Devdas Mukerjee 3. Temple Data Base
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Priests:

Pundit B C Sharma 751-2974
Acharya Kailash Sharma 528-4921
Sri Debnath Sivachar 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

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 PARAAAYAN

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

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Sanskrit & Hindi Classes In The Temple

Every Friday - 7 p.m. To 8 p.m.

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Aachary Kailash Sharma

Home 528-4921

Temple 528-3714

Email- kailashsharma@netzero.com

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IMPORTANT EVENTS

April, 2006

04/01/06	Sat.	Akhand Ramayan Path begins; Chaitra Shukla
04/02/06	Sun.	Akhand Ramayan Path Ends
04/05/06	Wed.	Durga Ashtami Havan
04/06/06	Thurs.	Shri Rama Navami Celebration
04/08/06	Sat.	Shri Murugan Pooja, Kamda Ekadashi
04/09/06	Sun.	Sundarkand Path
04/11/06	Tue.	Pradosh, Mahavir Jayanti
04/13/06	Thurs.	Shri Hanuman Jayanti Purnima (full moon)
04/14/06	Fri.	Tamil New Year begins, Baisakhi, Chaitra/ Vaishakh, Krishna
04/16/06	Sun.	Tamil New Year Celebration
04/17/06	Mon.	Chaturthi Vrat
04/21/06	Fri.	Ashtami
04/22/06	Sat.	Shri Balaji Pooja
04/23/06	Sun.	Shri Vallabhacharya Jayanti Celebration
04/24/06	Mon.	Varuthini, Ekadashi, Shri Vallabhacharya Jayanti
04/25/06	Tue.	Pradosh
04/27/06	Thurs.	Amavasya (New Moon)
04/28/06	Fri.	Vaishakh Shukla
04/30/06	Sun.	Jagannath Pooja, Akshaya Tritiya, Parshuram Jayanti, Vaishakh Shukla

May, 2006

05/01/06	Mon.	Vaishakh Shukla
05/02/06	Tue.	Adi Shankracharya & Ramanujacharya Jayanti
05/05/06	Fri.	Ashtami

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 Swarna Choudhury at 232-2343 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 Swarna Choudhury at 232-2343

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
Ashtottharam (108) Archana	\$11.00	---
Ayushya Homam/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.

Sundar Kand Path

On every 3rd Sunday of the month
at 10:30 A.M.

For details, please call Swarna Choudhury at 232 2343
or the Priests at 528-3714

Navgrah Puja

Every first Saturday of the Month
4 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

Sponsors needed for Puja \$51.00

For Details please call Swarna Choudhury 232-2343, Devna-
thanji 528-4831, or Temple 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.**

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 spon-
sor please call:

Andn Kondu	481-4119	Bhavani Megeda	779-4582
Sudha Avasarala	573-6010	Padma Veluri	859-344-9211

Sri Debnath Sivachar 528-4831

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 Debnath Sivachar (528-4831)

Satya Narayan Katha on Purnima

April 13th from 5:00 P.M.-6:30 P.M.

Sponsorship (\$51.00), coconut, flowers, fruits and prasad

Please call Swarna Choudhury at 232-2343

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 2006. 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. Dona-
tions of books, CDs, DVDs or money are welcome. For
further information contact Manju Gupta at 232-3331.

Garbhagrih Fund

(Individual Temple of each Diety)

We are going to start construction for Garba-
grih . The suggested dontation for each
Garbhagrih is \$11,000. Any dollar amount will
help. Any individual or group can sponsor the
deity of their choice. For more information
please contact:

Mr. Jitendra Patel : 513-459-8900

Dr, Ganesh Yadlapalli: 857-719-1500

Kiran Dayal: 513-474-4051

Vijay K. Sharma: 513-232-9991

Rameshwar Dayal: 513-474-4051

Upcoming Events

AKHAND RAMAYAN PATH BEGINS on April 1st 2006 (Saturday) at 11:00 A.M.

AKHAND RAMAYAN PATH Ends on Sunday, April 2nd, 2006 at 12: 30 P.M.

This event is sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Rameshwar & Kiran Dayal & their family.

We need volunteers to read RAMAYAN. To give your name, phone number and time schedule, call either of the following:
Kiran Dayal 474-4051, Swarna Chaudhary 232-2343

SHRI DURGA ASHTAMI HAVAN

On April 5th, Wednesday at 7: 00 P.M.

We need sponsors. For details please call:

Swarna Choudhary 232-2343

Kailash Sharma 652-5382 or Temple at 528-3714.

SHRI RAM NAVAMI PUJA

on April 6th, Thursday at 6:30 P.M.

We need sponsors. Please call Swarna Chaudhary either of the following for more information:

Swarna Chaudhary 232-2343; Temple 528-3714.

Shri Hanuman Jayanti

On April 13th Thursday

5:30pm –8:0pm

5:30to 6:00 Shri Hanuman Ji Puja

6:00 to 8:00 Sunder Kand Path

8:00 Aarti & Prasad followed by dinner.

We need sponsor for this event. Please call Swarna Chaudhary 232-2343, Sangita Patel 791-0855, Dr. Umakant Patel 985-0084, Kailash Sharma 652-5382, and Temple 528-3714.

Tamil New year Celebration

On April 16th Sunday

10am to 1pm

Shri Murugan Abhishekam

Murugan devotees to sponsor abhishekam please call Swarna Chaudhary at 232-2343, or M.Devnathan at 528-4831 or the Temple at 528-3714..

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

Twenty First 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 at the same time 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 much money and lived only to earn it, but eventually gave away all his wealth and became a devotee of Sri Hari. He practiced the principle contained in the popular saying "we must swim across suffering 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 8, 2006 (Saturday)

Beginning at 9:00 AM

For Details, please contact

Usha Raghavan (513-489-9655), Sundari Magge (513-831-3500), or

Koti SreeKrishna (513-459-0314)

Shri Vallabhacharya Jayanti

On April 23rd Sunday

10:30am to 1 pm

Shri Nathji devotees sponsor this event. For details please call any of the following: Mina Mehta 574-6763, Nutan Shah 755-1789, Jyoti Desai 745-0876, Swarna Chaudhary 232-2343, Temple 528-3714.

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BY: SAZRO MAHAMBREY

Gopi Geet Lecture Series (Gopi Virah Vedana Geet)

Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati (Hindu Temple) is pleased to arrange the concluding part of the Gopi Geet as five (5) days Satsang. Acharya Shri Kailash Sharmaji has graciously agreed to take seat on the Vyas Peeth as an orator to do Satsang with us and share with us Bhakti Rasa that Krishna's Gopis have expressed via this beautiful and uplifting spiritual composition from Shrimad Bhagavat Puran. We hope you will make time to attend this Satsang. Last year the 3-day Satsang was a success. Lets make the concluding part of the Gopi Geet a very event for the Hindu Temple.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Day 1	April 26, Wednesday	7.00 - 9.00 PM
Day 2	April 27, Thursday	7.00 - 9.00 PM
Day 3	April 28, Friday	7.00 - 9.00 PM
Day 4	April 29, Saturday	10.00 -1.00 PM
Day 5	April 30, Sunday	10.00 -1.00 PM

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& BRING HAPPINESS, LONG LIFE AND PROSPERITY IN
YEAR 2006**

Marriage Anniversaries (April)*

Mr. & Mrs. Tushar & Jignasa Desai
Mr. & Mrs. Govind & Lata Gupta
Mr. & Mrs. Samir & Mangala Gupta
Mr. & Mrs. Hareesh & 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 & Jayashree Ramdas
Mr. & Mrs. Narayan & Sushma Srivastava
Mr. & Mrs. Sathur & Chandra Venkatesan



Birthday Anniversaries (April)**

Pankaj Patel	Kush Patel
Ramesh Patel	Jalaji Anantharaman
Shailender Peesapati	Rajgopal Arudhi
Kodhai Rajkumar	Sneha Arudhi
Preethi Ramanivasn	Ruchika Bajaj
Aruna Reddy	Rashmi Balakrishna
Aditya Sahay	Sindhu Bangalore
Nikita Sandella	Arjun Bansal
Rahul Sandella	Pradeep Bekal
Vijendra Sandella	Puja Bhandari
Neeti Shankar	Sanjay Bhandari
Aleyamma Sharma	Kovid Bhatnagar
Vijay Sharma	Vishal Bhatnagar
Paulameena Shultes	Saroj Bhatt
Suman Sinha	Upendra Bhatt
Alok Verma	Chiraag Bhola
Saroja Viswamitra	Choudary Bobba
Jagjit Yadav	Priyanka Bodalia
Deepak Dixit	Vaishnan Brahnamdam
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Divya Kota	
Indira Kukreti	
Pavalamani Kumar	
Neelima Lakkapragada	
Gaurav Mantro	
Sangeeta Nayak	
Madahavi Lakshmi Pappu	
Priya Parikh	
Ashit Patel	



• (celebrated on the first Sunday of each month)

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**Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati
Minutes of Executive Council Meeting
February 5, 2006**

Members present: Raj Bodalia, Asit Saha, Swarna Choudhury, Surbhi Sharma, Anil Jindal, Rameshwar Dayal, Jitu Patel, Arvind Patel, Renu Kotwal, Prem Garg.

Others Present: Laxmi Srivastava.

President opened the meeting. Discussed minutes of January 8, 2006 EC meeting. It was agreed and approved by EC that whoever is working on behalf of the temple should get approval from EC of any item/ information that is to be published or distributed to the public. Mr. Srivastava then left the meeting. EC approved minutes of January 8, 2006 meeting.

2---Hindu Temple has many volunteers who are dedicated and work very hard for the temple. Some of these volunteers are not recognized by EC. In the near future EC will start to recognize these volunteers. Some space will be reserved in Aradhana for this purpose and designated as Recognition Corner.

3---Health insurance premium has been going up and is going up again this year for temple employees. Salary and benefits of temple employees were discussed. After discussion a committee composed of president, treasurer and Puja Committee chair person was formed to look in to this issue and make a recommendation to EC. This committee will also review hall rental as well as temple closing procedures.

4---Vacation Policy for temple employees was discussed and approved.

5---Two furnaces broke and needed to be repaired. Heating company recommended repairing the furnaces rather than replacing them which was approved. EC Also approved an annual maintenance contract with Willis Heating Company.

6---Khush Karamchandani is designated as the official photographer of the Hindu Society. He or his designee will be the only person taking pictures in the temple. This Policy shall be enforced. Any Priest, members of EC, Puja committee, and temple manager staff can stop people from taking photographs in the temple. Cooperation of every one is needed.

7---Board of Trustees was discussed. Modified Draft plan will be reviewed by EC before presenting to the general body for approval.

8---A committee will be formed to draft construction management policies and procedures.

9---Discussed community center project. EC approved two items related to community center.

(A) Authorized community center project manager to form a committee of 15 to 20 people to help with fund raising, site selection, construction and other issues.

(B) Approved a program of Kumar Sanu and party as a fund raising event.

10---Next EC meeting is scheduled on March 5, 2006 at 11:00 AM

Respectfully Submitted

Prem Garg
Secretary

**General Body Meeting
Sunday, April 2, 2006
11:00 AM---12:30 PM**

This is to inform all members of the Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati that a General Body Meeting will be held on Sunday, April 2, 2006 at the Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati from 11:00 AM till 12:30 PM. This is a very important meeting regarding the proposed community center. At this meeting, the Executive Council will request approval of the proposed community Center. Attendance by all members of the Hindu Society is strongly encouraged.

Agenda for this meeting will be as follows:

1. President's Report
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Long Range Planning Committee Report
4. Seek approval of Community Center

Approval will also be specifically requested on the following items related to the community Center:

- A---Proposed Site
- B---Estimated Cost
- C---Loan

5. We shall bring Board of Trustees amendment to General Body meeting for voting
6. New Business

Prem Garg
Secretary

Dear Members of Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati:

The Executive Committee is proposing certain changes in constitution for Board of trustees. Written comments and changes will be discussed in next GB meeting. It will be put up for the vote in General Body Meeting at a later date.

PROPOSED CHANGES IN HSGC CONSTITUTION FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEE

Change 1

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

Section 2.0 Add one more group of membership. It shall be called "Trustee"

Section 3.0 To become the Trustee, following rules shall apply

Member who has donated \$15,000 or more to the temple

Member who has served on the Executive Council minimum of four years

Member who has volunteered for the temple for extended time period of time (5 YEARS) and has made significant contribution to the temple

Change 2

ARTICLE V: MANAGEMENT

Section 1.0 Add Following

The members of HSGC will elect 6 Board of Trustees (BOT) from the trustees of the HSGC during GBM. In addition, the President of the HSGC shall be one of the member of the BOT during his or her election period. There will be total seven members of BOT.

They will manage following functions

Long term facilities planning and work

Long term financial planning

Legal and Constitution Matter

Advise and consent with EC of the Temple.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES Add following sections

Section 11.0 Number of Trustees The Board of Trustees shall consist of seven Trustees.

Section 12.0 Terms of Office. Six Trustees shall

Be elected for the term of three years each.

The President of the HSGC shall be a Trustee for a term co-terminus with his/her position as President of the HSGC.

Section 13.0 Election The election for new Trustees shall be held at the same time as the election for members of the Executive Council

Section 14.0 Eligibility To be eligible to serve on the Board of Trustees; a person must be a trustee living in Tri-state area with the good standing in HSGC and the community.

Section 15.0 Chairperson At the first meeting of the Trustees in each year, the Trustees shall elect from among their members, a chairperson who shall thereafter be designated the "Chairperson of the Board of Trustees". The president of the HSGC shall not be eligible to be the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees.

Section 16.0 Quorum At all meetings of the Board of Trustees, a quorum shall consist of five or more Trustees holding the position in the board

Section 17.0 Voting All decisions to come before the Board of Trustees shall be decided by a minimum of four votes of the Trustees voting.

Section 18.0 Resignation A Trustee may resign by giving written notice to the Chairman of the Board of Trustees and to the President of the HSGC **30 days prior to the resignation..** A Trustee will be deemed to have resigned as of the date upon which he/she dies or becomes mentally disabled.

Section 19.0 Removal Any Trustee may be removed by the majority vote of the members of the HSGC voting at a special meeting of the members called for the purpose of considering the removal of said Trustee, so long as a quorum is present at said meeting.

Section 20.0 Filling of Vacancies Any vacancy in the Board of Trustees shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Trustees for the time until the next election of Trustees by the members.

Note: above draft is prepared by Constitution committee. Your input or comments are welcome. Please write or e-mail to EC/HSGC or Jayant Patel at Jpatel@zoomtown.com

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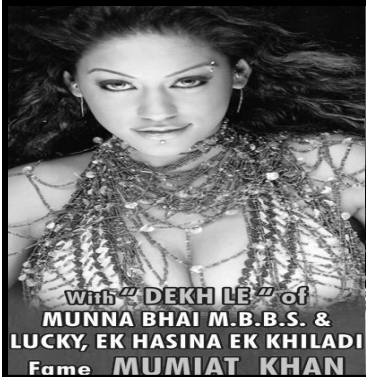
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Symbolism of Top Portion:

1. Its top most gold dot indicates the source of energy-Sun God in its heavenly abode.
2. The blue color arch indicates the sky and white spots within the blue represent the moon.
3. It means Om is God pervading in the whole universe from the celestial abodes of the Gods upto the Paatal Lok. Om pervades in everything and everything pervades in Om.

Symbolism of Side Arch:

The lotus flower represents Lord Brahma, the creator of this universe.

The Conch shell stands for Lord Vishnu, the preserver of this universe.

Trishul or the three-edged weapon indicates Lord Shiva as the Lord of Annihilation of this universe. So, this portion indicates that God is supreme and the supreme trinity is basically one. It is our lack of knowledge that we consider Lord Brahma, Vishnu, and Mahesh as three different entities-but basically they are only one under one syllable 'Om'. A beautiful sacred verse explains this important fact.

'Brahma Vishnu SadaShiv jaanat aviveka, Pranvakshar ke madhya yeh teenon hi eka'

Symbolism of Figure Shaped 3:

1. The young beautiful maiden stands for the mother nature known as the Adya Shakti, Maha Maya, Durga, Amba, Bhavani etc. The will power of Par Brahma and Kriya Shakti of Maha Maya work in harmony with each other to create this universe.
2. The different stages of human life from infancy to old age and death depict that the body is changeable, it has growth and development and ultimately decays. The soul is eternal, unchangeable and everlasting-because it is an integral part of the supreme soul 'Parmatama'.
3. Law of Karma determines the worth of a person after death. A person can never get rid of the circle of life and death unless he acts as a puppet in the hands of worldly ambitions and desires. The different stages of human life projected in this part of Om highlights this important fact of life.
4. A yogi or mystic sitting in meditation indicates that total surrender and complete dedication and devotion in the lotus feet of Almighty God can provide personal freedom from the bondage of life and death. Total surrender to the will of God is the only way to get salvation. It has to merge the individual soul in the Supreme Soul like the merging of a river in the mighty ocean. In fact union of the soul with the Supreme Soul is the ultimate aim of human life. It is called 'Moksha' and is higher than Dharma, Arth and Kaam, the three other major aims of human life.

Inspiration and Philosophy:

When the ordinary sand is heated at a very high temperature, it converts it into crystal. An ordinary soul is like that sand. When the individual disciplines his life and performs penance and surrenders himself to the will of God, he can obtain perfection. Specific penance can change purush into purushotum and not into Narayan. This divine transformation of self into supreme self can be obtained with strong will power, determination, sincere and constant efforts to lead a disciplined life based on the principles of scriptures. Last but not the least, with the blessings and grace of both the Guru and Govind, the spiritual teachers and supreme power Parmatama, moksha can be achieved.

The sacred symbol Om is constantly seated in the hearts of Yogis. It provides a seeker, success in worldly affairs and ultimately becomes an instrument of achieving liberation from bondage of life and death.

The Prakarti and Purush, they are both the major course of creation existence and annihilation of this universe and Om represents both of them. Shiv and Shakti or the Shakti and Shaktimaan are incomplete without each other. They do not oppose each other but supplement each other.

Om is the syllable which unites them. Let us sing the glory of Om by chanting the under mentioned Mantras:

'Om Karam Bindi Sanyuktam Nityam Dhayayanti Yogini Kaandam Moksha dam Chaiv Onkar aye Naamo Nami'
'Om Shanti Shanti Om'

Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati

Plans for a Cultural Center for the community

Dear Devotees:

The Executive Committee of Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati, along with the support from the community, has decided to put together a Cultural Center for the community. As you are aware, each year it becomes more difficult to secure proper accommodations for our type of cultural events. Added to that, the cost of outside facilities is rising each and every year. Due to the negative impression, it has become difficult to book certain facilities. Because of this, the EC of HSGC has decided to take on the task of developing a Cultural Center.

The Cultural Center will:

Provide a platform for our youth to learn and experience Hindu religion and cultural values to pass on to future generations facing American culture

Provide a facility for Indian Weddings at a reasonable cost

Help bring cultural events to our community

Provide a platform for bringing different Spiritual Leaders into our community to experience their divine knowledge.

For your information, the committee has approved the preliminary concept and budget for the Cultural Center. We would like to request the members to be generous with their time, talent and financial support. Please contact one of the listed committee members to donate your special skills, talents and finances. **We are presenting the first fund raising event by bringing Kumar Sanu Concert on Friday, April 14, 2006.** Gathering our community for this special event will help provide enthusiasm for our Cultural Center.

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