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Happy 10th Anniversary
Of Our Temple

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Historical Highlights of Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati

"Happy 10th Anniversary of New Temple." We are celebrating the 10th anniversary of our new temple and not that of HSGC. The history of HSGC goes back long way. Here it is. By the years 1970s the students and business people who had come to the USA some ten or twenty years before had achieved their many goals and had settled down with their families. Then there was a 'moment' of vacuum in their life. They missed their culture and religion though they were mentally nourishing it. Then one day they decided to rekindle it in their lives. This idea spread across the USA in the then small Indian communities including the one in Cincinnati, Ohio. In 1970s families organized Poojas and gathering in their houses. In Cincinnati such concept was generated on the Basant Panchami day of 1978 and first Pooja was organized in March 1978. As community grew larger the Poojas and festivities were moved to the larger basement of First National Bank (now Firstar Bank). The devotees formulated themselves as a religious organization under the name of Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati. The emblem was conceived, the first constitution was adopted in March 1979 and HSGC was registered in the state of Ohio on April 17, 1980. The first election was held on June 15, 1980.

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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

Open (Please Sug-

gest)

Fifth Sunday:

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 Bobba Chaudhary at 513-984-6074

SPONSORS FOR SUNDAY Pooja

Devotees are requested to sit-in Sunday Pooja 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 pooja, 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 Bobba Chaudhary at (513) 984-6074

TEMPLE SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 9:00AM-12:00 Noon

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Suprabhatam

Daily pooja of

Temple Deities

Bhajan

Sponsored Pooja

Religious discourse

Saturday, Sunday

& US Holidays 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

SPECIAL PROGRAM ON WEEKENDS

9:15 - 9:30 A.M. 9:30 - 11:00 A.M.

11:00 - 11:30 A.M

11:30 - 12:15 A.M

12:15 -12:45 P.M.

12:45-1:00 P.M.

Birthday and Anniversary pooja

and announcement

1:00 P.M. Aarti

Important Notice: Your Temple needs

1. Sponsors for flower \$50/week

- 2. Sponsors for Sunday pooja
- 3. Your temple needs your support

Please Donate Generously for your Temple

2007 POOJA COMMITTEE & **RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES MEMBERS**

To participate in/sponsor please contact a Pooja Committee chairperson & member.

Babba Chaudhary: 984-6074 770-0705 K.C. Sharma(Priest)

Sri. Devnath Sivachar(Priest) 528-4831 Sri. V. Thirumalachari (Priest) 523-3714

Seeking for new Pooja Committee Members so Please volunteer and call Bobba Chaudhary.

- Archana performed during temple hours by sponsorship. No Archana on Sundays between 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Outside poojas and other religious services will be conducted by appointment only. To schedule please contact Pooja Committee chairperson at least one week in advance.
- If you would like to bring food and prasad in the temple, Please contact Pooja Committee chairperson.
- Cancellations of pooja should be done 3 days in advance or else the full fee for the pooja will be charged

Temple Manager's Committees

Laxmi S. Srivastava-Temple Manager 474-0533

1.Office Manager Mr. Mohan Chopra

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Raj & Shakuntla Agarwal

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Sreedhar Suvarana Aashish Shah

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Important Events May 2007				
May 2	Satya Narayan Pooja 6:30pm			
May 6	Mahavir Jayanti Celebration			
May 12	Shri Murugan Pooja			
May 13	Sunder Kand Path; Mother's Day			
May 16	VatSavitri Pooja (North), Amavasya			
May 17	Adhik Maas Begains			
May 18	Temple's 10th Anniversary Celebration			
19 &20	Temple's 10th Anniversary Celebration			
May 26	Shri Balaji Pooja			
May 27	Ganesh Pooja; Kamla Ekadashi			
May 28	Memorial Day.			
May 31	Satya Narayan Pooja 6:30pm			

Important Events June 2007

June 3	ShriNathaji Hindola (Jhoola) Utsava
June 9	Shri Murugan Abhishekam
June 10 June 14 June 17 June 23	Graduation Havan Adhik Maas Ends, Amavasya Sunder Kand Path; Father's Day Shri Venkateshwar Abhishekam
June 24	Ganesh Pooja & AtharvaShirsha Path
June 25 June 26 June 30	Ganga Dashami Nirjala Ekadashi VatSavitri Vrat (Gujarat), Satyanarayan Pooja; Full Moon

Pooja Committee Announcement:

A group of dedicated devotees for each deity are nominated to help pooja committee to coordinate and celebrate different pooja activities. We need members for 2007 committee.

To schedule a Pooja or to rent a temple hall (lower level) please contact Pooja Committee Chairperson Babba Chaudhury at 984-6074

If you have any question or suggestion about temple activities contact Babba Chaudhury at 984-6074, any EC Members or Temple at 528-3714.

Aradhana Invitation

Aradhana is the connecting link of HSGC with our community. If you want to share your thoughts, knowledge or suggestions, which would help us support and promote our culture and religion, you are invited to do so.

If interested please call

Meena Mehta at 513-574 6763.

Effective March 2007					
SERVICE	IN	OUTSIDE			
	TEMPLE	TEMPLE			
Abhishekam (All Deities)	\$101.00				
Aksharabhyas	\$101.00	\$151.00			
Anna-Prashanam	\$101.00	\$151.00			
Ashtottharam (108) Archana	\$21.00				
AyushyaHomam/B'day Celebration	\$101.00	\$151.00			
Ground Breaking Ceremony		\$151.00			
Griha Pravesh		\$151.00			
Kalayana Uthsava (Lord Ram/ Sita)	\$121.00				
Kesh Khandan (Churakaran)	\$101.00	\$151.00			
Nam-Karan	\$101.00	\$151.00			
Navagraha Pooja	\$101.00	\$151.00			
Nischitartham (Engagement)	\$151.00	\$251.00			
Nitya (1 Day) Kainkaryam (Seva)	\$101.00				
Poolangi Seva (With Flowers)-	\$101.00				
(Only During Off Winter Season)					
Sahasranama (1008) Archana	\$51.00				
Sathyanarayana Pooja	\$101.00	\$151.00			
Seemantham	\$101.00	\$151.00			
Devi Jagaran	\$75.00	\$101.00			
Akhand Ramayan Paath		\$151.00			
Shashti Poorthi (60th B'day Celeb.)	\$101.00	\$151.00			

RATES FOR POOJA & PRIEST SERVICES |

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\$101.00

\$21.00

\$31.00 \$51.00

\$151.00

\$51.00

\$101.00

\$301.00

\$151.00

\$251.00

\$151.00

\$501.00

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.

- 1. Poojas performed by priests outside the temple will be rated according to the number of poojas performed.
- 2. 32 Cents/Miles for Travel expanse to the Priest to perform pooja at your home.

Rates are subject to change without notice. Rates for poojas 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 Poojas out of Greater Cincinnati will be \$100.00 more than the rates of outside pooja 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			
Sunday after 3PM only		\$351			

Note: For half day select one of the two.

Anniversary celebration

Upakarma (thread changing)
Upanayam/Brahmopadesham/

Yearly Shradham (Barkhi)

Suprabhat Seva

Unjal (Swing) Seva

Thread Ceremony Vahan Pooja

Wedding

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

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

<u>Security/ Cleaning deposit</u>: \$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 Pooja or to rent a temple hall (lower level) please contact pooja Committee chairperson only.

Events at the Temple

Navgrah Pooja

Every first Saturday of the Month May 5th Saturday 4 pm to 5:30 pm Sponsors needed for Pooja \$51.00 For Details please call Bobba Chaudhaury: 984-6074

Sri Devnathanji: 528-4831 Temple priests: 528-3714

Murugan Pooja

Monthly Abhishekham

May 12th 2007 Saturday 10.30am to 1:00pm

Sponsored by Murugan Group.

Please contact Bobba Choudhary:984-6074. Sri Devnathanji: 528-4831 Temple priests: 528-3714

Satya Narayan Pooja

May 2nd Wednesday On Purnima (full moon) 6:30 pm Sponsorship \$ 51.00

To sponsor pooja please call Bobba Chaudhury: 984-6074 Temple priests: 528-3714

Sundar Kand Path

May 13th Sunday 10:30 am **Sponsors needed** please call Bobba Choudhary: 984-6074 Acharya Kailashji: 770-0705 Temple Priests: 528-3714

Shri Ganesh Pooja & Shri Ganesh Atharvshirsha Path

Every 4th Sunday of the month

This pooja is dedicated to each month's Sankashti Chaturthi to Lord Ganesh.

For more information & Sponsor the pooja please call

Anuradha Kulkarni: 271-2749 Uma Sangvai: 793-9384 Kiran Dayal: 474-4051 Temple Priests:528-3714

ABHISHEKAM/KALYANOTSAVAM FOR LORD SRI VENKATESWARA

On 4th Saturday of each month from 10:30 AM-12:30PM. **To sponsor and details please call any of the following:**Anand Konda: 481-4119 Vasundhara Dasari: 777-3353 Suseela Paturi: 867-8591 Vicheta Pemmaraju: 398-9833 Sailaja Gannamraj: 697-1412 Usha Indrakanti: 583-5995 Priest Sri Tirumalachari: 528-3957.

Vishnu Sahastranama Parayana

Vishnu Sahastranama Parayana (chanting) will now take place every Thursday at 7 pm in the temple.

Please join us for the chanting.

For more information, please contact the priests at 528-3714

Satya Narayan Pooja

May 31 st Thursday On Purnima (full moon) 6:30 pm Sponsorship \$ 51.00

To sponsor pooja please call Bobba Chaudhury: 984-6074 Temple priests: 528-3714

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 Adi Sankara
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 -Aldous Huxley

Join us in understanding and appreciating the timeless wisdom of the Bhagavad-Geeta.

<u>When:</u> Fourth Sunday of the month, 11am to 12:45pm <u>Where:</u> The Hindu Temple Taught by: Sri Koti Sreekrishna,

Notes with transliteration guide (Sanskrit to English) provided.

Contact

Manju Gupta: 232 - 3331

Nandini Kallapur: 321-1513 Vasanta Vemuri: 232-5767

Soundarya Lahari Lessons

Mrs. Rajani Raghu has offered to teach "Soundarya Lahari" to interested devotees. Class is scheduled for the first Sunday of the month at 11am, at the Temple. Class will begin in March.

About "Soundarya Lahari:

"Soundarya Lahari "containing about 100 slokas written by Sri Adi Sankaracharya. The slokas are in praise of Goddess Lalitha Devi and are meant to be sung based on particular ragas. Contact: Nandini Kallapur: 321-1513

Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati Membership Information

If you are not already a member of HSGC please join in todayand participate in all temple activities and enjoy all the festivities.

The membership donations are as follows:

Receive 'Aradhana' Annually: \$21.00
Annual Individual Membership: \$51.00
Annual Family Membership: \$101.00
Life Membership: \$1001.00
Patron: \$10,000.00

Membership Forms are available at the Gift Shop in the Temple. Please also use the form to update your address. If you know someone who has moved out of town let us

know. We would appreciate it. For more information please call temple (513) 528-3714 or Any Executive Council.

Upcoming Events

Announcement

Sri Karunamayi will be coming to our temple on June 9 and 10, 2007.

Sri Karunamayi is revered in India as an embodiment of divine motherly love, due to the love and affection that she showers liberally on people, animals, and even plants, the spiritual knowledge and guidance that she gives freely to all of humanity, and the humanitarian works that she has undertaken. "Amma," as she is affectionately called by her devotees, is simply the Telugu word for "mother," Telugu being Amma's native language.

For more information about her Biography please visit http://www.karunamayi.org/Biography.html

The schedule of her visit is as follows:

Saturday	June 9	7:00 pm	Evening Program
Sunday	June 10	12 pm - 1 pm	Spiritual Discourse
Sunday	June 10	3 pm - 6 pm	Individual Blessings

Cincinnati, OH: For further information please contact (513) 561-0707 or Cincinnati@Karunamayi.org

Temple's 10th Anniversary Celebration

&

NavChandi Yagya

On May 18th 19th &20th

for Details please turn to page 9
Also call

Sri Devnathanji: 528-4831; Bobba Chaudhary: 984-6074 Temple: 528-3714

Shri Mahavir Jayanti Celebration

May 6 th Sunday 11 am to 1 pm Ashtprakari Pooja starts at 11:30 am Followed by Aarti & Lunch

Sponsored by: Jain Center of Cincinnati & Dayton

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The IRS tax exemption status was obtained in March 1981. On September 16th, 1982 an old house on Martin Luther King Drive was bought, renovated to be used as a temple and fully paid by the community. The inaugural Pooja of the Lord ShriRadh-Krishna was performed on January 23, 1983. The first resident priest was appointed in August 1985.

On Sept. 17, 1986, approximately 100 acres of land (present site) was purchased and Bhumi Poojan was performed on Oct.12, 1986. On May 14, 1988 new resident priest was appointed. The foundation stone of the New Temple building was laid on June 13, 1992. By 1993 the basement was finished, the temple was formally inaugurated on Nov.18 and 19, 1995 and deities from the old temple were ceremoniously installed in the basement. On Nov. 9, 1996 received a limited occupancy grant for the lower floor and full occupancy was granted on May 6, 1997. On an auspicious days of May 22 through 26, 1997 the presently presiding deities except "AUM", were installed with the ceremony called Prana Pratishtapana Mahotsav. The crystal "AUM" was unveiled on April 29, 2000, the beginning of the new millennium. Then HSGC celebrated every anniversary by creating a new landmark. In the beginning of year 2004 east and west wing expansion of the temple was undertaken. In May 2004 Kalash Sthapana ceremony, in July 2004 Pran Pratishtha Mahotsav of deities: Lord Jagannanath, Lord Murugan and Lord Chitragupta were performed. Expansion of the temple was completed in 2005 and in May 2005 Pran Pratishtha Mahotsav of NavaGrah was performed. At the same time the Donation Wall was being erected and was completed in 2005. Currently more landmarks such as GarbhaGrih (Sanctorum) for each deity and Cultural Center are being planned. There are proposals for a library, of special programs for seniors and organizing awareness of true Hinduism among community members as well as for the community at large. The HSGC publishes monthly news letter Aradhana, maintains a website and maintains a gift shop in the temple.

.....By Editor

MOST RECENT GREAT NEWS FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS OF TEMPLE Road Construction Started for the CULTURAL CENTER

We have been planning to carry out our dream of building a Cultural Center for our community. The first step in accomplishing our goal is to build a new road from the Barg Salt Run road. Eventually, the new road as seen in the picture, will be our main entrance to the temple. Building this road will meet the zoning requirements, thus allowing us to receive the permits for future projects. Your generous donations have brought us up to this point, but we need your continuous support to complete this project.

For more information on this, please contact:
Raj Bodalia (583-0184)

Jitu Patel (459-8900)

Laxmi S. Srivastava (474-0533)



HOMAM (YAGYA)

By: Meena Mehta

The word Homam (Homa, Havan, Yagna, Yajna, Yagya) means sacrifice, the spirit of sacrifice.

The **Yagya** (Sanskrit word) was one of the most popular forms of religious ritual in the Vedic times, about ten housands years ago. It was performed at an individual, family or community level. The devotees gathered toether in a spirit of dedication, to invoke the grace of the presiding deity to receive the blessing for individual or family goals such as: health, wealth, fame, success, strength, prosperity, longevity, and progeny. When performed in a spirit of selfless effort toward the common goals such as for the blessing of the Mother Nature, for the general welfare and prosperity of all in the community and for peace in the world.

The Yagya ritual is centered around the fire-trough. It starts by invoking Agni (god of fire) in the fire-trough. While chanting Vedic Mantras the gathered devotees offer mixture of nine grains, Ghee and special woodchips into the fire. These offerings in Sanskrit are called 'Dravya' which means wealth or money. Hundreds of Mantras are chanted continuously for several hours. At the conclusion of the ritual special prayers and Aarati are performed, devotees receive blessings from and through priests and attain their goals.

In **NavChandi Yagya (Homam)** the presiding deity is Goddess NavDurga (NavChandi) who is empowered with nine forms of power. Nine means Nav and power means Shakti So, She is also known as NavShakti and MahaShakti.

The NavChandi Yagya is a very unique sacrificial rite involving powerful **Saptasati Mantras**. The 700 Saptasati Mantras are spreaded across the 13 chapters of the **Markandeya Purana**. These chapters are divided into three parts. The 1st chapter is devoted to Goddess Durga, 2nd, 3rd and 4th chapters extol the greatness of Goddess MahaLakshmi. The remaining chapters are devoted to Sarasvati, the Goddess of Learning.

By performing the NavChandi Yagya the sufferings that are caused by hostile elements are eradicated. The sufferings resulted from poisons, sorceries, thieves etc. are also removed.

By performing the Yagya five times, adverse planetary influences are removed. The performance of this homam seven times removes all fears. Performance for eleven times promotes royal, the highest influence and sixteen times begets progeny.

The Tantric texts Marichi Kalpa Vaarahi tantra and Chidambara Rahasyam state the following as benefits of ChandiYagya: attainment of health, wealth, prosperity, longevity, food, wealth, progeny, fame, success, strength etc. removal of fear, ailments, danger, defeat in the hand of adversaries and more.

Yagyas are beneficial to the performer in various ways. During the Yagya, the smoke emanating from the holy fire purifies the environment and is beneficial to those who inhale it. Chants of the mantras by the priests fill the place with its soothing sound and strong vibrations of positive energy.

As the centuries rolled by the Yagyas became only an occasional form of ritual and gradually its significance became veiled. At that stage Shri Ved Vyasa revolutionized the concept of the ritual in the **Bhagavat Geeta** as follows: Yogeshvar Shri Krishna said that the world is bound by actions other than those performed in the spirit of Yagya; therefore perform actions for Yagya alone. This interprets that Yagya does not mean an occasional ritual of worship but the continuous attitude of dedication, self-sacrifice and worship in all of life's activities.

In the **modern world** of science and technology the intellects demand the logic and reasons behind rituals prescribed in the Veda and scriptures. So for the modern era the new interpretation or definition and the significance of Yagya is the symbolic burning of one's ignorance in the fire of knowledge given and explained by the Guru from the sacred scriptures of Hindu (Sanatan) religion.

But during the **last fifty years** there is a new awareness and its evolution of learning and understanding the Hindu religion and its philosophy as well as performing and practicing the Vedic principals and rituals. We, the Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati is going to just do that. On the occasion of the 10th Anniversary the Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati is going to perform three day **NAVCHANDI HOMAM on May 18th, 19th and 20th** 2007 for the welfare of our community and peace in the world. Please come and join us.





Three Day Temple's 10th Anniversary Celebration

Sri Navchandi Homam



Šri Navachandi Homam

Friday May 18th 2007

9.00 am

Maha Ganapati Pooja, Punyahavachanam, Maha Ganapati, Navagraha Homam.

5.00pm

Maha Ganapati Pooja, Punyahavachanam, Ankurarpanam, Raksha Bandhanam, Mantapa Pooja, Yagasala Pooja, Sri Chandika Parameswari Kumbha Sthapanam,

Bhagavati Seva, Deepa Pooja By lades, Lalita Sahasranama Pooja,

Navakshari Homam, Pooranahuti, Mantra Pushpam, Harati, Prasadam.

Saturday May 19th 2007

8.30am

Devi Supabhatam, Maha Ganapati Pooja, Punyahavachanam, Matruka Mandala Pooja, Navavarana Pooja, Yagasala Pooja, Saptasati Parayanam, Sudarsana Homam, Navakshari Homam, Samuhika Sarva Devata Homam, Pooranahuti, Lalita Trisati Nama Pooja, Mantra Pushpam, Harati, Prasadam.

5.00pm

Maha Ganapati Pooja, Punyahavachanam, Yagasala Pooja, Saptasati Parayanam, 9 Suvasinee Pooja, 9 Kanya Pooja, Durga Ganapati Brahmachari Pooja, Vatuka Bhairava Pooja, Ashta Lakshmi Homam, Navakshari Homam, Pooranahuti,

64 Yohini Bali Pooja, 64 Bhairava Bali Pooja, Ganapati Vatuka Bali Pooja, Harati, Prasadam.

Sunday May 20th 2007

8.00am

Devi Supabhatam, Maha Ganapati Pooja, Punyahavachanam, Yagasala Pooja, Chandi Homam, Mangala Dravya Samarpanam, Vasordhara, Maha Poornahuti, Kalasa Uttapanam, Maha Abhishekam, Pooja, Mantra Pushpam,

Maha Mangala Harati, Maha Prasadam.

***** Subhamastu ******

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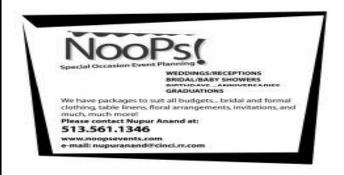
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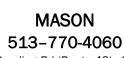
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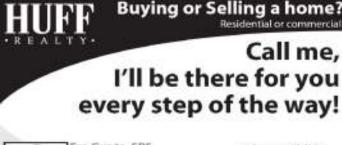


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Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati Minutes of Executive Council Meeting March 4, 2007

Members present: Raj Bodalia, Ramesh Dayal, Amar Sharma, Anil Jindal, Jittu Patel, Jyoti Desai, Nandini Kallapur, Bobba Choudary, and Siva Sivaganesan. Others Present: Aashih Shah (representing Meena Mehta),

The meeting started at 11 am.

Treasurer's report for the month of Jan. 2007 was presented and discussed. All questions about the budget were satisfactorily answered, and there was general agreement on the budget after the discussion. A need to review the property and liability insurance coverage was brought to attention of the members, and Jitu Patel agreed to review and make recommendations.

Jyoti Desai briefed the committee on the arrangements for Holi celebrations, and the committee members made suggestions, and offered to help in various ways.

Bobba Choudary briefed the members about the new pooja rates which are effective from March 1, 2007, for which which the committee expressed its collective agreement. He also bried the committee on the arrangements for the Seeta-Rama Kalayana pooja celebrations to be held on March 31.

Nandini Kallapur briefed the committee on the arrangements for the visit by 90 students and 10 teachers from the Seven Hills school to the temple.

Minutes of Special Executive Council Meeting March 11, 2007

There was a special EC meeting on March 11, 2007 at noon to discuss the Road

Project contract. Four members (Rameshwar Dayal, Siva Ganesan, Jyoti Desai, and Prem Garg) could not attend the meeting because of their prior commitments. However, they responded by email voicing their votes. The members present at the meeting were Raj Bodalia, Jitu Patel, Bobba Choudary, Nandini Kallapur, and Surbhi Sharma. Jitu Patel explained the Road Project contract to the attendees. All questions from the members were addressed and discussed. After the questions/discussion period, votes and signatures were collected. The road project proposal was unanimously approved by the members present and other members responded by email. Three members neither attended the meeting nor responded by email. Of these three members, Meena Mehta is in India and could not be reached.

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