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## GANESH CHATURTHI

by

Acharya Kailash Sharma

Vakratunda mahakaya , suryakoti samprabha, |  
Nirvighnam kuru may dev, sarvakaryeshu sarvada ||



Ganesh Chaturthi is one of the major festivals. It is the birthday of Lord Ganesh. It falls on the 4th day of the bright fortnight of Bhadrapada (September). This year it is on Saturday, Sep.15<sup>th</sup> 2007. It is celebrated throughout India, as well as by devoted Hindus all over the world.

Every year clay figures of the Deity are made and after being worshipped for ten days, they are immersed into ocean or rivers. Lord Ganesh is the elephant-headed God. He is worshipped first in any prayers. His Names are chanted first before any auspicious work and any kind of worship is begun. He is the Lord of power and wisdom. He is the eldest son of Lord Shiva and the elder brother of Kartikeya..

The following story is narrated about His birth and how He came to have the head of an elephant. Once upon a time, the Goddess Parvati (consort of Lord Shiva), while bathing, created Ganesh from the mud of Her Body and placed Him at the entrance of the house. She told Him not to allow anyone to enter the house when she goes for a bath. One day When Lord Shiva Himself returned home and was stopped by Ganesh at the gate. Shiva became angry and cut off Ganesh's head as He thought Ganesh was a stranger. When Parvati came to know of this she was sorely grieved. To console her grief, Shiva ordered His Ganas (servants) to cut off and bring to Him the head of any creature that might be sleeping with its head facing north. The servants went on their mission and found only an elephant in that position. The sacrifice was thus made and the elephant's head was brought before Shiva. The Lord then joined the elephant's head onto the body of Ganesh.

Lord Shiva made His son worthy of worship at the beginning of all undertakings, marriages, all the worships, studies, etc. He ordained that the annual worship of Ganesh should take place on the 4th day of the bright half of Bhadrapada. Without the Grace of Shri Ganesh and His help nothing whatsoever can be achieved. No action can be undertaken without His support, Grace or blessing.

The following are some of the common Names of Lord Ganesh: Dhoomraketu, Sumukha, Ekadantha, Gajakarnaka, Lambodara, Vignaraja, Ganadhyaksha, Bhalachandra, Gajanana, Vinayaka, Vakratunda, Siddhivinayaka, Surpakarna, Heramba, Skandapurvaja, Kapila and Vigneshwara..The devotees of Ganesh chants Japa of the Ganesh Gayatri Mantra which is as follows.

***Om ekdantaya vidmahe Vakratundaaya dheemahi, Tanno dhanti prachodayaat.***

Lord Ganesh is an embodiment of wisdom and bliss. He has as his vehicle a small mouse. He is the presiding Deity of the Muladhara Chakra, the psychic centre in the body in which the Kundalini Shakti resides. He is the Lord who removes all obstacles on the path of the spiritual aspirant, and bestows upon him worldly as well as spiritual success. Hence He is called Vigna Vinayaka. The significance of riding on a mouse is the complete conquest over egoism. The holding of the

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<b>First Sunday :</b>	<b>Upanishads</b>
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<b>Third Sunday :</b>	<b>Sunder Kand Path</b>
<b>Fourth Sunday :</b>	<b>Shri Ganesh Atharvshirsha Path</b>
<b>Fifth Sunday :</b>	<b>Open (Please Suggest)</b>
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	
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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	
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Saturday, Sunday & US Holidays	9:00 AM - 8:00 PM
<b>SPECIAL PROGRAM ON WEEKENDS</b>	
9:15 - 9:30 A.M.	Suprabhatam
9:30 - 11:00 A.M.	Daily pooja of Temple Deities
11 :00 - 11:30 A.M	
Sponsored Pooja	
11 : 30 - 12:15 A.M	Bhajan
12 : 15 -12:45 P.M.	Religious discourse
12:45-1:00 P.M.	Birthday and Anniversary and
pooja announcement	
<b>Important Notice:</b> <b>Your Temple needs</b> <b>1. Sponsors for flower \$50/week</b> <b>2. Sponsors for Sunday pooja</b> <b>3. Your temple needs your support</b>	
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Important Events September 2007		Pooja Information		
Sep 1st Naagpanchami ( Gujarat) Sep 3rd Ekadash Rudra Abhishak Sep 4th Shri Krishana Janmashtami Sep 8th Mela –Taste of India Sep 9th Nand Mahotsav ( New Event) Sep 14th Hartalika Vrat Sep 15th Ganesh Chaturthi Sep 16th Ganesh Chaturthi Celebration Rishi Panchami Sep 23rd Vaman Jayanti		<b>RATES FOR POOJA &amp; PRIEST SERVICES</b> Effective March 2007		
		SERVICE	IN	OUTSIDE
			TEMPLE	TEMPLE
		Abhishekam (All Deities)	\$101.00	---
		Aksharabhyas	\$101.00	\$151.00
		Anna-Prashanam	\$101.00	\$151.00
		Ashtotharam (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)- (Only During Off Winter Season)	\$101.00	---
		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	
		Anniversary celebration	\$101.00	\$151.00
		Suprabhat Seva	\$21.00	---
		Unjal (Swing) Seva	\$31.00	---
		Upakarma (thread changing)	\$51.00	---
		Upanayam/Brahmopadesham/ Thread Ceremony	\$151.00	\$251.00
		Vahan Pooja	\$51.00	----
		Yearly Shradham (Barkhi)	\$101.00	\$151.00
		Wedding	\$301.00	\$501.00
		<b>SPECIAL POOJA RATE</b>		
		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). <u>Rates of Poojas out of Greater Cincinnati will be \$100.00 more than the rates of outside pooja within greater Cincinnati area.</u>		
		<b>Temple Rental: Lower Floor Only</b>		
			Full day	1/2 day
		M-Th. (except holidays)	\$301	\$151
		Fri., Sat & Holidays	\$501	\$351
		<b><u>Sunday after 3PM only</u></b>		<b>\$351</b>
		<b>Note:</b> 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/poojas that are performed by private parties and not announced in the temple.		
		<b>Security/ Cleaning deposit:</b> \$151 required. This deposit will be forfeited if the basement hall bathrooms and kitchen area are not cleaned by the party renting the place.		
<b>October 2007 Highlights</b>  October 4 <sup>th</sup> Matru Navami October 11 <sup>th</sup> Pitru Visarjan <b>October 12<sup>th</sup> Navratri Begins</b> October 13 <sup>th</sup> Special Matakhi Chouki: details page 4 October 19 <sup>th</sup> Durga Ashtami: Ashtami Maha Havan October 20 <sup>th</sup> Maha Navami: Sarsvati Pooja October 21 <sup>th</sup> Vijaya Dashami: Sp.Havan detail page4 October 26 <sup>th</sup> Sharad Purnima				
<b>General Body Meeting</b> <b>HSGC General Body Meeting is scheduled for Sept 23 at 10 AM Sunday.</b> <b>The meeting Agenda:</b> 1. President's report 2. Treasure's report 3. Secretary's report 4. Long Range Planning Committee Chair's Report on Community Center Project. 5. Appointment of the chair person for the Retirement Commu-				
<b>Pooja Committee Announcement:</b>  To schedule a Pooja or to rent a temple hall (lower level ) please contact 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.				
1. <b>Archana</b> performed during temple hours by sponsorship. No Archana on Sundays between 11 a.m.-1 p.m. 2. <b>Outside poojas</b> and other religious services will be conducted by appointment only. 3. To <b>schedule any poojas</b> please contact Pooja Committee chairperson at least one week in advance. 4. If you would like to bring <b>food and prasad</b> in the temple, Please contact Pooja Committee chairperson . 5. <b>Cancellations</b> of pooja should be done 3 days in advance or else the full fee for the pooja will be charged				

## Regular Weekly & Monthly Events at the Tem-

### Monthly Navgrah Pooja

Every first Saturday of the Month  
September 1st Saturday 3 pm to 5:30 pm  
Sponsors needed for Pooja \$51.00  
For Details please call  
Bobba Choudhary: 984-6074  
Sri Devnathanji: 528-4831 Temple priests: 528-3714

### Monthly Murugan Abhishekham /Pooja

Every second Saturday of the Month  
September 8th 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

### Monthly Satya Narayan Pooja

On Every Purnima of the Month  
September 26th Wednesday, 6:30 pm to 8:30pm  
**Sponsorship \$ 51.00**  
To sponsor pooja please call Bobba Choudhary: 984-6074  
Temple priests: 528-3714

### Monthly Sundar Kand Path

September 2nd Sunday 10:30 am  
**Sponsored by Shri Sharma & Family** please call  
Bobba Choudhary: 984-6074 Acharya Kailashji: 770-0705

### Monthly Shri Ganesh Pooja & Shri Ganesh Atharvshirsha Path

*Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month (September 16th Sunday)*

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-

### Monthly 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  
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### Weekly Vishnu Sahastranama Parayana

Vishnu Sahastranama Parayana (chanting) will now take place **every Thursday at 7:00 pm** in the temple.  
Please join us for the chanting.

**For more information, please contact the priest at 528-3714**

### Weekly Shiv Mahiman Stotram

Every Monday at 6:30pm

### Weekly Hanuman Chalisa Path

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**When: Fourth Sunday of the month, 11am to 12:45pm**

**Where: The Hindu Temple**

**Taught by: Sri Koti Sreekrishna,**

### MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL ON THIS HAPPY OCCASION & BRING HAPPINESS, LONG LIFE AND PROSPERITY IN YEAR 2007

**Marriage Anniversaries (September)\***

Subhodh Wadhwa  
Rajeev Chopra

Ram Jindal  
Dipankar Das

**Birthday Anniversaries (September)\*\***

Rajan Odayer  
Poonam Bhardwaj  
Alok Narayana  
Param Hariharan  
Neil Batra  
Kusumlata Wadekar  
Vikas Shrivastava  
Vishakha Manek  
Som Bhatara  
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Archit Sahay  
Anurag Sharma  
Rakhi Shrivastava  
Sneha Chavda  
Shubhana Verma  
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Bipin Shroff  
Disha Kalyan  
Sahir Patel  
Ramesh Chanadai  
Nivedita Ramji  
Deepak Marda  
Jagdish Bhati  
Aditi Sharma  
Halekote Viswamitra  
Ashish Chatterjee  
Bahar Mittal  
Gayathri Vijayasarathy  
Simran Bhola  
Bipin Sheth  
Sharad Buddhdev  
Sadhna Verma

Keshav Kode  
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Savita Upadhyaya  
Vaudha Vishwanathan  
Vidhya Balasubramaniam  
Gauri Wadhwa  
Lalitha Hariharan  
Supriya Srinivas  
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Helma Cholera

Many Happy Returns of the Day

\* (Celebrated on the first Sunday of each month in the temple)

\*\* (Celebrated on the second Sunday of each month in the temple)



## Upcoming Events at the Temple

### Hartalika Teej Vrat Puja

On  
Sep. 14<sup>th</sup> 2007

6:30pm

Please call Temple 528-3714.  
Bobba Choudury 984-6074  
Acharya Kailash Sharma 652-5382

### Navratri—Mata Ki Chouki

October 13th Saturday

4:00 to 8:00 pm

Sponsored by Anil Jindal & Family

For details call Anil Jindal: 271-7171

Bobba Choudhary: 984-6074; Temple: 528-3714

### Mata ki Chouki

Sep. 22<sup>nd</sup> 2007

4pm to 8pm

Sponsored by Chandan Gupta & their family



### Navratri

### DURGA ASHTAMI HAVAN

October 19th Friday

In the evening

Need Sponsors

Call: Jitu Patel 459-8900 or Jyoti Desai 745-

### SHRI GANESH CHATURTHI CELEBRATION

September 16<sup>th</sup> 2007, Sunday

10:30am to 1pm

Program

10:30 Procession      11:00 Ganesh Pooja  
12:00 Bhajans      1:00 Aarti & Prasad

Sponsored by

Triveni Mitra Mandal Marathi group of Tri State.

For details please call

Anuradha Kulkarni: 271-2749, Uma Sanguai; 793-9384

Bobba Choudury: 984 -6074.

### VIJAYA DASHAMI HAVAN

October 21st Sunday

Special CHITRAGUPTA HAVAN

Sponsored by Bhargavi Pondalai

### Annakoot

Change of Date

From: Nov 18th 2007 to Nov 25th 2007

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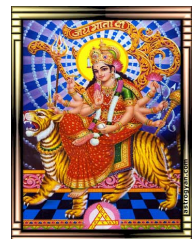
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MORE DETAILS WILL  
BE IN THE OCTOBER

PROGRAM

DATES: OCT. 12<sup>th</sup> FRIDAY & OCT. 13<sup>th</sup> SATURDAY

And

OCT. 19<sup>th</sup> FRIDAY & OCT. 20<sup>th</sup> SATURDAY

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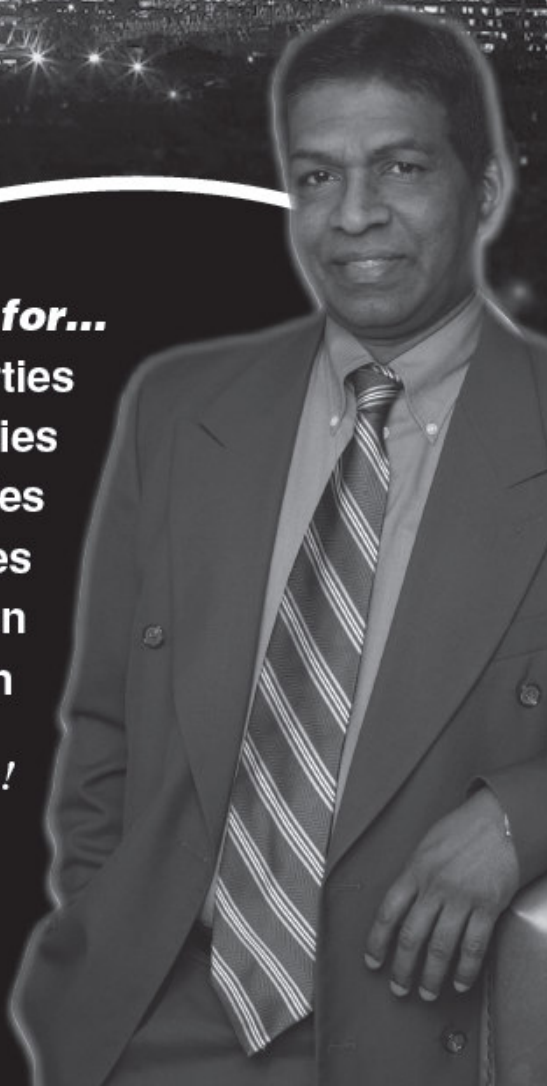
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Ganesh is the first God. Riding on a mouse, one of nature's smallest creatures and having the head of an elephant, the biggest of all animals, denotes that Ganesh is the creator of all creatures. Elephants are very wise animals; this indicates that Lord Ganesh is an embodiment of wisdom. It also denotes the process of evolution--the mouse gradually evolves into an elephant and finally becomes a man. This is why Ganesh has a human body, an elephant's head, and a mouse as His vehicle. This is the symbolic philosophy of His form.

He is the Lord of Ganas or groups, for instance groups of elements, groups of senses, etc. He is the head of the followers of Shiva or the celestial servants of Lord Shiva.

He is very fond of sweet pudding or balls of rice flour with a sweet core. On one of His birthdays He was going around from house to house accepting the offerings of sweet puddings. Having eaten a good number of these, He set out moving on His mouse at night. Suddenly the mouse stumbled--it had seen a snake and became frightened--with the result that Ganesh fell down. His stomach burst open and all the sweet puddings came out. But Ganesh stuffed it back into His stomach and, catching hold of the snake, tied it around His belly.

Seeing all this, the moon in the sky had a hearty laugh. This unseemly behavior of the moon annoyed Him immensely and so he pulled out one of His tusks and hurled it against the moon and cursed that no one should look at the moon on the Ganesh Chaturthi day. If anyone does, he will surely earn a bad name, censure, or ill-repute. However, if by mistake someone does happen to look at the moon on this day, then the only way he can be freed from the curse is by repeating or listening to the story of how Lord Krishna cleared His character regarding the Syamantaka jewel. This story is quoted in the *Srimad Bhagavatam*. Lord Ganesh was pleased to ordain thus. Glory to Lord Ganesh! How kind and merciful He is unto His devotees!

Ganesh and His brother Lord Kartikeya once had a dispute as to who was the elder of the two. The matter was referred to Lord Shiva for final decision. Shiva declared that whoever would go around the whole world and come back first to the starting point would earn the right to be the elder. Kartikeya flew off at once on his vehicle, the peacock, to make a circle around the world. But the wise Ganesh went, in loving worshipfulness, around His divine parents and asked for the prize of His victory.

Lord Shiva said, "Beloved and wise Ganesh! But how can I give you the prize; you did not go around the world?"

Ganesh replied, "No, but I have gone around my parents. My parents represent the entire manifested universe!"

Thus the dispute was settled in favour of Lord Ganesh, who was thereafter acknowledged as the elder of the two brothers. Mother Parvati also gave Him a fruit as a prize for this victory.

In the *Ganapathi Upanishad*, Ganesh is identified with the Supreme Self. The legends that are connected with Lord Ganesh are recorded in the Ganesh Khand of the *Brahma Vivartha Puran*.

On the Ganesh Chaturthi day, meditate on the stories connected with Lord Ganesh early in the morning, during the Brahmamuhurta period. Then, after taking a bath, go to the temple and do the prayers of Lord Ganesh. Offer Him coconut and sweet pudding and pray with faith and devotion.

Don't forget not to look at the moon on that day; remember that it behaved unbecomingly towards the Lord. This really means avoid the company of all those who have no faith in God, and who deride God, your Guru and religion, from this very day.

May the blessings of Shri Ganesh be upon you all! May He remove all the obstacles and bestow on you all material prosperity as well as liberation!

|| Om Gum Ganpataye namah ||

## **COMMUNITY COLUMN**

HSGC is inviting your input for our new Long Term Projects as well as for all our regular and special activities, Poojas and festivals. Here is how it can be done. Write down your suggestions, comments or ideas and deposit it in the Suggestion Box in the temple. There will be one

Suggestion Box installed soon, on each floor of the Temple. We will collect your inputs read,

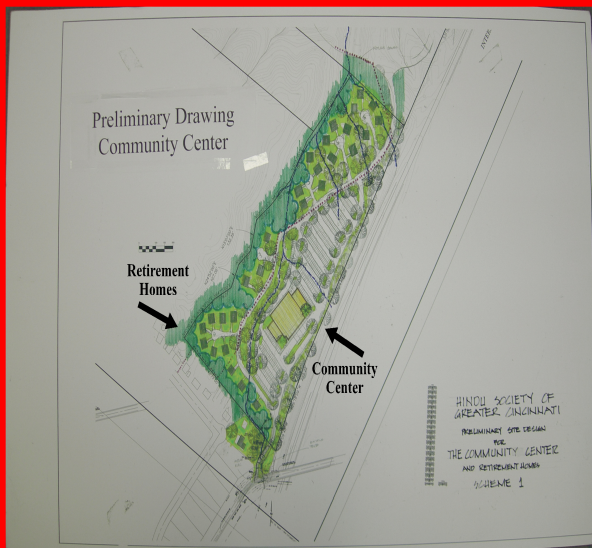


**Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati  
Executive Council Meeting Minutes  
August 5, 2007**

Member Present: Raj Bodalia, Rameshwar Dayal, Amar Sharma, Anil Jindal, Jyoti Desai, Jittu Patel, Meena Mehta, Bobba Choudary, and Surbi Sharma.  
Meeting started at 10:00 AM

- Guidelines for Priests for the Pooja and Religious Activities was unanimously approved.
- Laxmi Srivastava was nominated and seconded as the chairperson for Retirement Community Project. The nomination was approved by EC and shall be taken up for approval at the General Body Meeting on Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Then the chairperson will form a committee. EC will suggest two members to that committee.
- Proposals to include a column in Aadhana for updates on the HSGC Projects and Activities and to put suggestion boxes on both floors of the temple, for devotees to drop suggestions, was approved. Meena Mehta agreed to collect these suggestions and bring them to EC for discussion.
- General Body Meeting on Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10 AM will include: Reports from President, Secretary, and Treasurer; Vote for the approval of Laxmi Srivastava as chair of the community center project; Update on community center; Amendment of the constitution as published in January 2007.
- EC approved that HSGC will join hands with the other local Indian organizations to celebrate the Independence Day, and to contribute \$200 for this purpose.
- Next EC meeting will be on August 26 at 10 AM.
- EC gratefully recognized the Rathayatra sponsors, volunteers and devotees who made the event a big success.
- Janmashtami is to be celebrated grandly on Sept. 4th— Anil Jindal offered to sponsor dinner.
- Nand Mahotsav on Sept. 9, a new event for our temple, is sponsored by Shreenathji group. Will begin at 9:30 AM (new time) instead of 10AM.

## Community Center Project Update



- Navaratri Celebration: To be announced in Sept issue of Aradhana. Special Havan will be performed on Vijaya Dashmi.
- Assigning membership numbers to HSGC members was discussed. Life members and Annual members will be placed in separate categories. Anil Jindal agreed to assign numbers to all our members.
- Appointment of a new priest, Purohit Rajnikant Vrundavan, was recommended by the selection committee, and a letter of appointment was sent to him.
- Social gathering of people over 50 years old was discussed. It was decided to ask them to pick a day other than Sunday for the gathering, as they can join in the regular Sunday activities, already in place. Amar Sharma agreed to contact them.
- It was agreed that Tulsi Vivah can be celebrated on Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> along with Annakut Mahotsav

It was recalled that chair persons of special projects should try to raise as much of the required funds as possible. In case of deficiency, the needed funds can be taken from the general funds or borrowed from a bank only with the approval of the general body of HSGC. This was established and approved in the past, and was reaffirmed.

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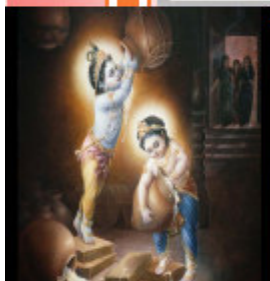
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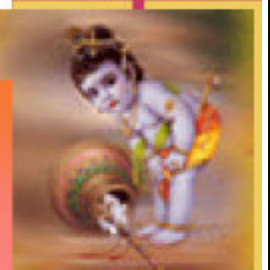
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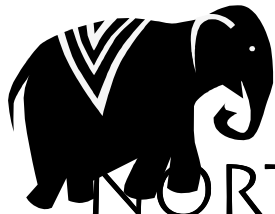
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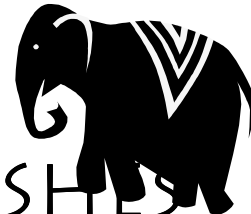
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