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II PUJYA MORARI BAPU II
"WELCOME TO OUR TOWN
WELCOME TO OUR HOMES
WELCOME TO OUR HEARTS
AND BLESS US ALL"

॥जय सियाराम॥



Dear Devotees:

Long awaited time is here! Pujya Bapu will be in Cincinnati in a few days. Many of you are curious to know more about Pujya Bapu. There is no right pen, paper, person, poet or author and words to write or give proper introduction of Pujya Bapu. But for now, here is little something about Pujya Morari Bapu.

From time to time many great saints have blessed fortunate and holy land of India with their purity and divinity and Pujya Bapu is one of such a great saint of our time. Bapu was born on the auspicious day of Maha-shiv-ratri in Talgajarda (a small village near the port of Mahuva in the State of Gujarat, India), to Prabhudas Bapu Hariyani and Savitri Ben Hariyani. Pujya Bapu has six brothers and two sisters. From the very beginning young Moraridas (Bapu) showed signs of extraordinary brilliance and spent most of his childhood under the guidance of his Grandmother often spending hours listening to folk tales of traditional India. At the age of five Bapu began learning the Ramayan (Ram Charit Maanas) from his Grandfather, Tribhovandas Dada who also was his Guru. A principled and learned scholar of the Ram Charit Maanas, Tribhovandas Dada would teach five chowpais (couplets) to Bapu each day who then had to memorize them with their meaning throughout the day. The study of the Ram Charit Maanas would take place on the site today known as Chitrakut Dham in Talgajarda and has become a place of pilgrimage for thousands of people. Bapu's grandparents were the guiding force behind his upbringing and the most influential persons in his life in the formative years. The nearest school was some 2km from Talgajarda and Bapu would memorize chowpais from the Ram Charit Maanas he had learnt earlier in the day as he walked to school, often, singing to the trees and plants on his path. On his return home Bapu had to recite back to Dadaji what he had memorized.

Born in the Vaishnav Sadhu Nimbarka Parampara (lineage), Bapu was also encouraged via letters from his paternal great grand father, Mahamandleshwar Vishnu Giriji Maharaj of "Kailas Ashram" Rishikesh, on the banks of the Ganges, to be proficient in the Bhagvat Gita and the Vedas. At the age of 12, Bapu began to recite the Ram Charit Maanas by heart. Bapu recalls the very first recital where he made a small platform out of mud and placed a portrait of Lord Ram and began to decipher to a few herdsmen who had come to quench their thirst in the evening. The shrine today is commemorated in Talgajarda with a temple of Hanumanji Maharaj and named Ram Vaadi (meaning Lord Ram's orchard).

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RELIGIOUS DISCOURSE

Fifth Sunday:

Sundays 12:15 - 12:45 PM

First Sunday : Upanishads
Second Sunday : ChildrenProgram
Third Sunday : Sunder Kand Path
Fourth Sunday : Shri Ganesh
Atharvshirsha Path

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

Open (Please Suggest)

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

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 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 pooja and announcement

1:00 P.M. Aarti

Please Donate Generously for your Temple

Your Temple needs

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

2008 POOJA COMMITTEE & RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES MEMBERS

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

Bobba Choudhary:	984-6074
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10. I/C Temple Calendar

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Pooja Information

RATES FOR POOJA & PRIEST SERVICES |

SERVICE	IN TEMPLE	OUTSIDE 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 Celebra.	\$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
Naam-Karan	\$101.00	\$151.00
Navagraha Pooja	\$101.00	\$151.00
Nischitartham (Engagement)	\$151.00	\$251.00
Baby Shower Pooja		\$151.00
Nitya (1 Day) Kainkaryam (Seva)	\$101.00	
Poolangi Seva (With Flowers)- (Only During Off Winter Season)	\$101.00	
Regular Archana	\$11.00	_
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

SPECIAL POOJA RATE

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.

- Poojas performed by priests outside the temple will be rated according to the number of poojas performed.
- 2. 40 Cents/Miles for Travel expanse to the Priest to perform pooja at your home.

Rates are subject to change without notice. <u>Rates of Poojas</u> out of <u>Greater Cincinnati will be \$100.00 more than the rates of outside pooja within greater Cincinnati area.</u>

Temple Rental: Lower Floor Only

	Fullday	Halfday
Monday -Thursday	\$301	\$151
(except holidays)		
Friday, Saturday & Holidays	\$501	\$351
Sunday after 3PM only	_	\$351

Note: For half day select one of the two:

8:00 AM to 2:00 PM **OR** 4:00PM to 11:00 PM Temple rental applies to all private reservations for those events/poojas 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 Pooja or to rent a temple hall (lower level) please contact pooja Committee chairperson only.

Pooja Committee Announcement:

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

Shrawan Somwar Shiv Puja & Rudrabhishek

Every Monday: 10am to 12 noon & 6pm to 8pm

July 21st July 28th August 4th
August 11th August 18th August 25th

We need sponsors for Rudrabhishek. Sponsorship \$101.00. For details please call

Acharya Kailash Sharma: 652-5382, Janak Dave: 859-371-9645 Bobba Chaoudury: 984-6074, Temple: 528-3714.

> 4th Murugan Annivarsary Pooja On July 5th, Saturday 4:00pm Sponsored by Murugan Group

For details please call

Temple: 528 3714, Bobba Choudhary: 984 6074

Regular Weekly & Monthly Events at the Temple

Monthly Navgrah Pooja

Every first Saturday of the Month July 5th Saturday 3 pm to 5:30 pm Sponsors needed for Pooja \$51.00 For Details please call

Bobba Choudhaury: 984-6074; Temple priests: 528-3714

Monthly Murugan Abhishekham / Pooja

Every second Saturday of the Month July 12th Saturday 4.00pm Sponsored by Murugan Group. Please contact Bobba Choudhary: 984-6074.

Monthly Satya Narayan Pooja

On Every Purnima of the Month July 18th Friday 6:30 pm Sponsorship \$51.00

To sponsor pooja please call Bobba Choudhury: 984-6074

Temple priests: 528-3714

Monthly SundarKand Path

July 13th Sunday 10:30 am Bobba Choudhary: 984-6074 Acharya Kailashji: 770-0705 Temple Priests: 528-3714

Monthly Shri Ganesh Pooja & Shri Ganesh Atharvshirsha Path

Every 4th Sunday of the month: July 27th 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: 793-9384 Kiran Daval: 474-4051 Temple Priests:528-3714

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 Suseela Paturi: 867-8591 Vicheta Pemmaraju: 398-9833 Sailaja Gannamraj: 697-1412 Usha Indrakanti: 583-5995

Weekly Shiv Mahiman Stotram

Every Monday at 6:30pm

Weekly Hanuman Chalisa Path

Every Tuesday at 6:30pm To sponsor pooja please call Bobba Chaudhury: 984-6074 Temple priests: 528-3714

Weekly Vishnu Sahasranaam Parayana

Vishnu Sahasranaama 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 Temple priest s: 528-3714

Weekly Venkateswar Pooja

Every Friday at 6:30pm To sponsor pooja please call Bobba Chaudhury: 984-6074 Temple priests: 528-3714

Bhagavad - Geeta Class

For children and parents (Presented by CHESS Balvihar)

- Bhagavad-Gita is the manifest quintessence of all the teachings of the Vedic scriptures. - Adi Sankara
- The Bhagavad-Gita is the most systematic statement of spiritual evolution of endowing value to mankind. It is one of the most clear and comprehensive summaries of perennial philosophy ever revealed; Its enduring value is subject not only to India but to all of humanity. -Aldous Huxley

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

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

Notes with transliteration guide (Sanskrit to English) provided. Contact

Manju Gupta: 232 - 3331 Vasanta Vemuri: 232 - 5767

SHRI KRISHNA JANMASHTAMI



On August 23rd 2008, Saturday 6:30 pm to 12 Midnight

Program

6:30 to 7:30 Shri Krishna Puja 7:30 to 8:00 Procession (Outside) 8:00 to 8:30 Bhajans and Kirtans 8:30 to 9:30 Aarti & Prasad (Dinner) 9:30 to 11:30 Bhajans

11:30to 12:00 Janmotsava & Aarti

Need sponsors for Janma Mahotsav Pooja and Prasad. For details please call

Temple 513-528-3714 or Bobba Choudhury 984-6074.



Nand Mahotsav On



August 24th 2008, Sunday 10am to 1:30pm **Program**

> Palna Darshan Badhai to Nand- Yashoda by Vraj Vasi Shivaji comes for Bal Krishna Darsan Dahi-Handi by Children **Bhajan and Kirtans** Thal, Arati and Mahaprasad

Sponsored by ShriNathaji Group

108 Satya Narayan Puja

TO CELEBRATE GURU PURNIMA and SHRI VYAS JAYANTI



ON

July 18th Friday, 2008 (make a note of new date)

TIME: - 6:30 PM to 8:30pm

PLACE: - HINDU TEMPLE OF GREATER CINCINNATI

Sponsorship:-

Pramukh Yajaman \$501.00*

Yajaman \$51.00*

Program

6:30 to 8:00 Pm Puja & Katha 8:00 to 8:30 Pm Bhajan & Aarti

8:30pm Mahaprasad(Dinner)

We need 108 sponsors / Yajmans to participate in puja. For details & to reserve your place please Call temple 513-528-3714, Bobba Chaudury 984-6074, Acharya Kailash Sharma 652-5382. Food & Prasad is Sponsored by- Mr. & Mrs. Pandalai & Family.

* Temple will provide all the puja samagri for puja.

July 2008 Events

July 5th Sat. Murugan Anniversary celebration

July 5 Sat-13 Sun: Ram Katha by Morari Bapu

for details see page 10 & 11

July 12th Sun: RathaYatra celebration
July 13th Sun: Devshayani Ekadashi
July 14th Mon: Devshayani Ekadashi Vrat
July 18th Fri: Guru Purnima: Shri Vyas

Jayanti,108 SatyaNarayan Pooja

July 20th Sun: Bahuda (Jagnnath) Yatra

July 21st Mon: Shravan Somvar Starts (North)

Sankashti Chaturthi Vrat

July 28th Mon: 2nd Shravan Somvar (North)

Kamika Ekadashi

August 2008 Events

August 4th Shravan Somvar

August 5th Naag Panchami (north)

August 10th Sundar Kand Path

August 11th Shravan Somvar

August 12th Pavitra Ekadashi

August 15th Varalaxmi Vrat Puja 6pm to 8pm

August 16th Purnima; Raksha Bandhan;

Balbhadra Janmadin, Yajur

Upakarma, Satya Narayan Pooja

August 17th Gayatri Jayanti, Gayatri Japam

August 18th Shravan Somwar

August 21st Naag Panchami (Gujarat)

August 23rd Shri Krishna Janmashtami August 24th Nand Mahostav

August 25th Shravan Somwar

August 30th Mata KI Chauki

ANNUAL MELA FESTIVAL AT THE TEMPLE

SEPTEMBER 13th, 2008, SATURDAY

FOR CULTURAL PROGRAM: Contact Joyati Desai: 513 - 745 - 0876; e-mail: jyotidesai1@yahoo.com
FOR BOOTH SPONSOR and RENTAL Contact Anil Jindal: 513 - 271 -7171; e-mail: ajindal@jindalbuilders.com
More details will be in the August Aradhana.

HINDU SOCIETY OF GREATER CINCINNATI CELEBRATES RATH YATRA

ON SATURDAY, JULY 12, 2008



The Executive Council of HSGC is planning to invite PUJYA MORARI BAPU

To come and bless us at the Temple and lead the Rath Yatra of 2008.

Tentative Rath Yatra Program—The Program starts at 4:00PM

4.00 pm Devotee Archana

Vighneshwara Pooja

Vastu Pooja

4.30 pm Pujya Morari Bapu's arrival at Temple

Jagannathji Sthapan into Rath

5.00 pm Rath Yatra Begins from the Temple 5.45 pm Jagannathji to Temple – Basement

Shri Jagannathji Shringar Seva

Temple Pooja Committee acknowledgements

6.00 pm Pujya Morari Bapu's Blessings

6.30 pm Cultural Program

7.30 pm Dinner

This is your Temple, Your Program

Please come, participate and support generously



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As years went by, Pujya Bapu began to attract the attention of the elder villagers who would test his knowledge of the Ram Charit Maanas and on every occasion the young boy would leave the elders stunned. On completing secondary school, He started a teacher training course at Shahapur College in Junagarh. It was during this time that He spent his free time to attend discourses by well known speakers and reading scriptures or singing chowpais of the Ram Charit Maanas with music.

On completing his teacher training course he returned to Mahuva where he became a teacher at the J.Parekh High School teaching various subjects including English. During his ten years as a teacher, Bapu often took time off to listen to prominent speakers and meeting some of India's most revered spiritual leaders, among them Vinobha Bhave, Dongreji Maharaj, Punit Maharaj and Krishna Murti. At the same time Bapu's interest in Indian Literature and poetry grew fonder and he regularly attended sessions on various literary subjects by high ranking orators. Bapu often quotes some of the finest works by poets such as the nationally recognized Indian poet, Zaverchand Meghani, whose poem on Mahatma Gandhi inspired him tremendously. Increasingly Bapu's quest and thirst for Ram Katha (The story of Lord Ram) began to take precedence and he would sit in the Ram Vaadi in Talgajarda singing the Ram Charit Maanas and interpreting their meanings to the villagers. Bapu's extraordinary command and oratory style quickly gathered crowds and the first ever Ram Charit Maanas Maas Parayan (a month long discourse on the Ram Charit Maanas) was organized at the Ram Temple in Talgajarda in the Chaitra Month of 1960. People from nearby towns and villages packed the small temple to listen to Bapu whose popularity quickly spread and subsequently led to a number of month long discourses.

The first Navaan Parayan (nine day discourse) was held in Gaandilaa in Gujarat in the presence of Pujya Ramfardasji Maharaj (a respected and revered saint from Gujarat) in May 1966. Morari Bapu's name and command of the Ram Charit Maanas and his heart rending narrations brought people from all over India in their thousands to listen to his Ram Katha often overwhelming listeners and organizers alike. This was the beginning of a reawakening of large numbers, in particular, of young men and women listening to Ram Katha. The era of listening to Ram Katha in large numbers had begun in India and lovingly he became known as "Bapu" (meaning Father) and the first ever recital by Bapu outside India was held in Nairobi, Kenya in 1976 when He was merely 30. This was the beginning of Pujya Bapu's untiring guest to bring about a new upliftment and commonality amongst all living beings not only in India but throughout the world. A deep sense of pride in one's own religion once again reawakened peoples' beliefs and at the same time learning to accept and tolerate other faiths. From 1960 to date Pujya Bapu has recited Ram Katha throughout India including places of pilgrimages at the heights Kedarnath, Badrinath and Gangotri in the Himalayas. In 1984 preceding a nine day recital in Bhavnagar, Gujarat, Bapu resided within the compounds of Bhavnagar Jail to impart a spiritual message to the prisoners and prison authorities alike. Today thousands flock to listen to Pujya Bapu's benevolent message from the Ram Charit Maanas. Soon Bapu was to enlighten people living not just in India and Africa but in various parts of the world including the U.K. and the U.S.A He moves among people continuously, where in his everyday life one can see a conglomeration of ideals that are the basis of a good social structure, and on the other side, smoothly harmonized spiritual practices, devoid of all harshness that so often creep up on the austere aspirants. This way of living a life, called Dharma, has been a very stable source of inspiration to people from all walks of life, both in India and abroad. His entire living is to bring many different branches and sects of religion (even of other faiths), different parts of this nation with variety of languages, and the different levels of society with a panorama of cultural variation to a common ground of undivided understanding. He shows a way of uniting not just one nation, but the whole of human race, while, at the same time preserving their individual fragrances. He expressly calls out to the humanity for love and respect for each other, because that is the only way to save the whole world from disaster and complete ruin.

People who have seen him for the last forty years say, that, he lives each principle or ideal for a length of time, realizes its worth, only then he wishes for those who listen to the Katha, to take his words not just on their face-value, but, suggests that they should see for themselves if the teachings are applicable to their problems and livable in their own lives. He looks on life as a whole, in all its variety of aspects, from a different level, and uses his extraordinary vision and insight, seeped in love, to look for an optimal solution in each situation that presents itself to him. In and through all his actions, a watchful and trained eye can see him staying above the waves of involvement, as a lotus rising above the waters and blooming for the sun, seemingly without any effort on its part. Perhaps, the most striking and realistic feature of a meeting with him is the calmness of mind and a song of inner joy, that is so often felt by so many. Even without indulging in any conversation, sorrow is forgotten. A wave of peace and purity is felt immediately.

Shree Sitaram Seva Trust (UK) under the auspices of Hanumanji Maharaj was graced with organizing the Setubandh Ram Katha on board the Cunard Princess, a Mediterranean flagship, to enable the sea world with the opportunity to listen to a Ram Katha. This benevolent Katha was to mark the beginning of Pujya Bapu's long-standing inner wish for peace in the universe. In 1992, an International katha was staged in New York to mark Bapu's thirty years of recitations with a variety of exhibitions and partaking events. This was followed by Pujya Bapu circumambulating (Parikramaa) the United Nations Building in New York and The White House in Washington praying for World Peace.In July 1994 Pujya Bapu's "Sambhav" Ram Katha brought religious leaders from various faiths on one platform in London and the entire Katha was televised live on satellite T.V.

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In 1994, a Parikrama (circumambulation) of the world with the Ram Charit Maanas on the "Pushpak Ram Katha" was organized by the Shree Sadguru Seva Foundation USA. At the time of giving the dates for this Katha Pujya Bapu was unaware that the start date (13th August 1994) was also the birthday of Goswami Tulsidas, the author of the Ram Charit Maanas. For the very first time a Ram Katha with 250 people on board a specially refitted plane was recited at the height of 37,000 feet in different time zones crossing international boundaries, during the day or night and overwhelming all aviation and immigration regulations. The Pushpak (Plane) took off from New York with overnight stops in Los Angeles (USA), Honolulu (stopover), Nadi (Fiji), Auckland (New Zealand), Singapore, Mumbai (India), Nairobi (Kenya), London (England), and Toronto (Canada).

1996 marked Pujya Bapu's 50th Birthday and also his 500th katha. The Gujarat City of Baroda was graced with organizing the 500th Katha during the Chaitra Navraatri (the first nine days of the month of Chaitra) in March of that year. From 9th August to 19th August 1997, Pujya Bapu recited from the Ram Charit Manas in the most sacred of abodes at Manasarovar "Lake of the Mind" at the foot of Mount Kailas in the Himalayas. Manasarovar is a natural lake at 15,500 feet above sea level which is the source of the River Saryu which flows by Ayodhya (India) and the origin of Ram Katha by Lord Shiva. Those privileged enough to accompany Pujya Bapu to listen to Ram Katha at Manasarovar were blessed with Pujya Bapu's words and experience the greatest episode of their lifetime. Again, Pujya Bapu's love and respect for the Ram Charit Manas and its status in resolving all miseries was recited in the most sacred abode.

The Maanas-Kailas Yatra (Pilgrimage) commenced on 26th July 1997 and concluded on 26th August 1997 taking the two hundred pilgrims during the holy Hindu Shraavan Month from Lhasa to Maansarovar. Eleven pilgrims undertook a three day circumambulation (Parikramaa) of the Mount Kailas. A time-capsule containing Pujya Bapu's personal items, the Shree Ram Charit Manas and Srimad Bhagvat Gita scriptures, various books, photographs, artifacts and documents, was also be laid by Pujya Bapu to commemorate the Yatra and the Katha at Manasarovar. During the Katha, Pujya Bapu together with the pilgrims also celebrated the 500th Jayanti (birthday) of Goswami Tulsidas, the author and composer of the Shri Ramcharitmaanas on Sunday 10th August 1997.

Over the past 38 years Pujya Bapu has undertaken Ram Charit Maanas pilgrimages in India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Kenya, Tanzania, South Africa, Zambia, New Zealand, Singapore, Canada, UK, USA, in the air around the world and at sea but Maanasarovar is considered to be the most important recital ever to take place.

On Full Moon in July of every year is "Guru Purnima", the most important day for all shishyas (disciples) to pay homage to their respective Guru. As usual, every year on Guru Purnima thousands gather to listen to and pay their respects to Pujya Morari Bapu in Talgajarda. This is the most important day in the Guru - Shisya Paramparaa and people from all over the world converge at Chitrakut Dham, Talgajarda to listen to Pujya Bapu's divine message.

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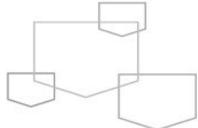
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*(Celebrated on the first Sunday of each month in the temple), **(Celebrated on the second Sunday of each month in the temple) If you would like to include your name in the above lists, please call Raj or Shakuntala at 733-1537.

EC Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2008

Members Present: Raj Bodalia, Bobba Choudary, Jitu Patel, Manju Gupta, Meena Mehta, and Hari Maddali Guests Present: Laxmi Srivastava, and Krutarth Jain

1. Gayatri Yagna:

Temple's 11th annivarsary will be celebrated by performing Gaytri Yagna at the temple. Twenty-four havan kund will be setup in the back of the temple. Personal invitation cards will be printed and mail to the community. Volunteers will call the community members and invite them to participate in the Yagna. A budget of \$15,000 was approved by the EC.

2. Jagannathji Rath Yatra:

The Rath Yatra procession will start after 3 pm on July 12 to avoid overlap with Ram Katha by Shri Morai Bapu. EC will send a personal invitation to Shri Morari Bapu and requesting him to lead the Rath Yatra.

- 3. Hari Maddali, Laxmi Srivastava, and Krutarth Jain updated EC regarding their visit with a zoning attorney R. Trantor. The following action items were materialized from the meeting.
 - R. Trantor will draft a proposal and send it to EC.

Hari will draft a business plan.

Hire a professional firm to do public relations for the Temple.

Laxmi Srivastava will look for contacts at Tata Consulting Groups in the Clermont County.

It was agreed that any of the above plans will move forward contingent upon raising the fund.

- 4. Hari has drafted a job description for the position of a Temple Manager. He will email it to EC members for their inputs.
- 5. EC approved the plan to get permits to expand the kitchen and the construction of the south wing for living spaces. Assistance from the DAG construction company will be sought to get needed permits.
- 6. EC recognized the good work done by Khush Karamchandani and Acharya Kailash Sharma.

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7. The second general body meeting will be on June 1, 2008. The president emphasize that we must collect signatures to amend the HSGC constitution for quorum requirements and implementation of BOT. The president will email the list of life and patron members to the EC members.

General Body Meeting HSGC Third General Body Meeting will be Held on

September 21st, Sunday at 11:30 AM

The meeting Agenda:

- 1. President's report
- 2. Treasure's report
- 3. Secretary's report
- 4. Long Range Planning Committee Chair's Report on Community Center and Retirement Center projects.



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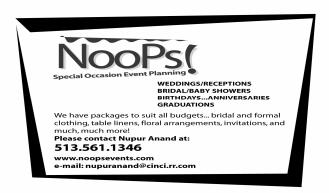
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