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*"Yadaa Yadaa hi Dharmasya Glanirbhavati Bharata
Abhyuttanam Adharmasya Tadaatmaanam Srujamyaham
Paritranaaya Sadhunaam Vinaashaya ch Dushkritaam
Dharmasansthapanarthaya Sambhavami Yuge Yuge"*



O Bhaarat, Whenever Dharma (Righteousness), is declined in this world, and there is rise of unrighteousness, I incarnate in every Yuga, onto this world to protect the Sadhus or good people, to destroy the evils and to reestablish Dharma, law and order. (B. Geeta 4/7,8).

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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
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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.

1. 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. 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

	Fullday	Halfday
Monday -Thursday (except holidays)	\$301	\$151
Friday, Saturday & Holidays	\$501	\$351
<u>Sunday after 3PM only</u>	—	\$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.

Mata Ki Chauki

August 30th Saturday 4:00pm to 8:00 pm

Sponsored by — Sharma Family

Regular Weekly & Monthly Events at the Temple

Monthly Navgrah Pooja

Every first Saturday of the Month

August 2nd Saturday 3 pm to 5:30 pm

Sponsors needed for Pooja \$51.00

For Details please call

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

Monthly Murugan Abhishekham /Pooja

Every second Saturday of the Month

August 9th Saturday 4.00pm

Sponsored by Murugan Group.

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

Monthly Satya Narayan Pooja

On Every Purnima of the Month

August 16th Saturday 6:30 pm; Raksha Bandhan Purnima

Sponsorship \$ 51.00

To sponsor pooja please call Bobba Choudhary: 984-6074

Temple priests: 528-3714

Monthly SundarKand Path

August 17th Sunday 10:30 am

Sponsored by Bhaidas Patel & Family

Bobba Choudhary: 984-6074 Acharya Kailash: 770-0705

Monthly Shri Ganesh Pooja & Shri Ganesh Atharvshirsha Path

Every 4th Sunday of the month: August 24th 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 Dayal: 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 Choudhary: 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 Choudhary: 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

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.

SHRI GANESH CHAURTHI CELEBRATION

On

September 7th 2007,

Sunday

10:30am to 1pm

Program:

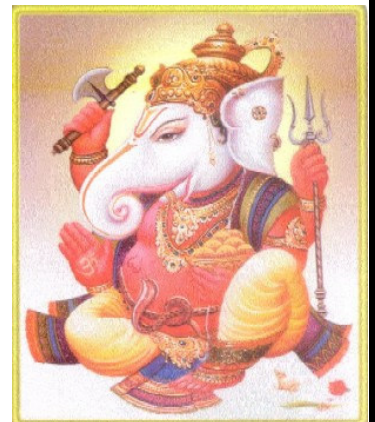
10:30 Procession

11:00 Ganesh Pooja

12:00 Bhajans

1:00 Aarti & Prasad (Lunch)

**This event is sponsored by
Triveni Marathi Mandal of
Tristate.**



For details please call

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

Bobba Choudhary: 984 -6074 & Temple 528-3714 .

Upcoming Events at the Temple

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 6:30pm-8pm
 August 16th Purnima; Raksha Bandhan; Satya
 Narayan Pooja; Balbhadrarajanmadin
 Pooja 9:30am; Yajur Upakarma
 August 17th Gayatri Jayanti: Gayatri Japam &
 Homan 4:30pm
 August 18th Shravan Somvar
 August 21st Naag Panchami (Gujarat)
 August 23rd **Shri Krishna Janmashtami**
 August 24th **Nand Mahostav**
 August 25th Shravan Somvar
 August 30th Mata Ki Chauki

September 2008 Events

September 2nd Hartalika (Kewada) Teej
 Vrat Pooja 6 pm
 September 3rd Ganesh Chaturthi Pooja 6:30pm
 September 7th Ganesh Chaturthi Celebration
 Ratha Ashtami
 September 11th Jaljholani Ekadashi
 September 13th Mela: Taste of India
 September 14th Anant Chaturdashi
 September 15th Purnima: SatyaNarayan Pooja
 Mahalayarambha
 September 16th Pitru Shradhdha Begins
 September 21st Sundarkand Path
 September 25th Indira Ekadashi
 September 28th Pitru Shradhdha Ends
 Mahalaya Amvasya
 September 29th **Navratri Begins**

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
 11:30 to 12:00 Janmotsava & Aarti

Need sponsors for Janma Mahotsav Pooja & Prasad.

For details please call
 Temple 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
 Children Program
 Dahi-Handi by Children
 Bhajan and Kirtans
 Thal, Arati and Mahaprasad

Sponsored by ShriNathaji Group

For details please call Temple 528-3714 or
 Bobba Choudhury 984-6074.

THE KRISHNA AVATAR

THE DAY OF JANMASHTAMI

Compl.: By Meena Mehta

Throughout ages, Lord Vishnu, has incarnated in various life forms through different yugas (ages or eons) in situations where Dharma was in danger, because of many evil elements in the world. Hindu mythology describes ten incarnation of Lord Vishnu. These incarnations are termed as the Avatar of Lord Vishnu. Shri Krishna is the eighth Avatar of Lord Vishnu. Krishna in Sanskrit is 'All-Attractive' as well as 'Deep Blue Color' of a saturated cloud (loosely speaking Black) which is the skin color of Shri Krishna (GhanShyam color).

Janmashtami

About five thousand years ago, in Dwaparyug, a unique, transcendental event occurred on this earth and that event was the birth of Shri Krishna in India. His Birthday is popularly, known as 'JANMASHTAMI'. Janma means Birth and Ashtami means 8th day indicating that He was born on the 8th day of the month.

Janmashtami is celebrated in every Vaishnavas home through out the world to mark the birth of Lord Krishna. It is observed on the Ashtami day of the Shravan month according to the Hindu calendar. The temples of Vrindavan witness an extravagant and colorful celebration on this occasion. Raaslila is performed to recreate incidents from the life of Krishna and to commemorate his love for Radha.

Lord Vishnu is invoked in his human incarnation as Krishna on his birth anniversary in the festival of Janmashtami. The idol of the infant Krishna is bathed, decorated and offered prasada at midnight and is placed in a cradle. Devotional songs and dances mark the celebration of this festive occasion all over India and world.

On next day, Nand Mahotsav Day, youths celebrate it by breaking clay pots called 'Dahi-Handi', filled with curd and butter suspended high above the ground, young men and children form human pyramid to reach the pot and break it. This custom follows the Leela of Lord Krishna who used to steal butter in this manner from villagers along with his friends. The reason for this is that Gokul, the place where lord Krishna spent his childhood used to generate a lot of milk and the people used to sell it in Mathura, thus depriving their children from milk and butter which is very essential for young boys and girls.

Appearance of Shri Krishna

In the era of the Svayambhuva Manu, prajapati Sutapa and his wife Prsni were instructed by Lord Brahma to have progeny. They performed severe austerities for twelve thousand years of the demigods to have the Lord as their child. Pleased by their austerities the Lord appeared and granted them this benediction. Since He gave them this benediction three times, in Satyayuga He first appeared as the son of Prsni and Sutapa and was called Prsnigarba. In Tretayuga they were Aditi and Kasyapa Muni and the Lord appeared as [Vamanadeva](#). Finally in the Dvaparyuga, Krishna in His original form appeared as the child of Devaki and Vasudeva.

Krishna appeared specifically on the request of Bhudevi, the presiding deity of the Earth planet. Distressed by the burden of many demons that had appeared as powerful Kshatriyas and were ruling the planet impiously; she assumed the form of a cow and pleaded to Lord Brahma for help. Lord Brahma with all the demigods prayed to Lord Vishnu in Svetadvipa by chanting the Purusa-sukta prayers. At this time the Lord informed Brahma that in order to establish religiosity and destroy evil, He would soon appear as His original Self. In the meantime the various demigods were instructed to take birth in various families in the Yadu dynasty and prepare for the appearance of the Lord.

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Historically, Lord Krishna appeared in the Dvaparyuga, on the midnight of the 8th day of the dark half of the month of Shravan. This corresponds to July 19th in the year 3228 BC. (5228 years ago) He exhibited His exploits (Leela) for a little over 125 years and disappeared on February 18th 3102 BC on the new moon night of Phalgun. His departure marks the beginning of the current age of corruption known as Kali.

He was born in Mathura in the prison cell of Kansa and carried to Gokul. The first three years and four months were spent in Gokula, then equal lengths of time in Vrindavan and Nandagram. At the age of eleven He left Vrindavan for Mathura where He lived for eighteen years and four months and finally ninety-six years and eight months in Dwaraka totaling about 126 years of manifest pastimes. At the time of Mahabharata, when Krishna spoke the Bhagavad-Geeta, He was about ninety years of age.

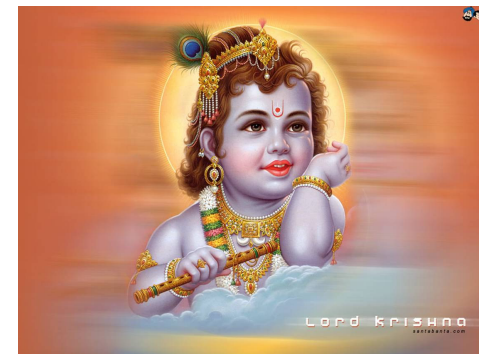


Shri Krishna Leela

The tenth canto of [Shrimad Bhagavat](#) describes the activities and transcendental Leela of Shri Krishna. They are also described in the epic Mahabharata, especially in the Bhishma Parva which also contains the [Bhagavad Geeta](#). The Leela of Krishna appeal to the liberated souls, who are trying to get liberated and also to the gross materialists.

The Katha of Shri Krishna Leela fall into two categories. Words spoken by Krishna, as the [Bhagavad Geeta](#), and words spoken about Krishna, as in the [Shrimad Bhagavat](#). Souls in the liberated stage derive great pleasure in relishing anything and everything related to Krishna. For those that are trying to be liberated, [Krishna-katha](#) makes their path of liberation very clear. By studying the Geeta one becomes fully conscious of the position of Sri Krishna; and when one is situated at the lotus feet of the Lord, he understands the narration's of Krishna as described in the Shrimad Bhagavat. All His Leela were purposeful, well, intelligently and diplomatically planned, accurate and yet significant and symbolic.

Shri Krishna is at the top among those who dedicated their lives to a purpose. He assumed the human form and was born on this earth to demonstrate how the life should be led in sorrows, sufferings and happiness. The Shri Krishna was the apostle of perfection, perfect to core. The life of Shri Krishna was so glorious, noble and yet selfless that one can hardly find a parallel of it in the history. Shri Krishna is described as the outstanding personality of the earth. He possesses all the characteristics of such epoch making personality.



As He is complete in every aspect and possesses all sixteen Kalas or distinctive traits Lord Krishna is regarded as the Sampurna (Complete) Avatar or Purna Purushotam.

Who is Shri Krishna?

Krishna is God, the Supreme Personality of Godhead. This fact is stated and corroborated in the Vedic scriptures and by various authorities. Lord Brahma in Brahma Samhita says, "Krishna who is known as Govind is the Supreme Godhead. He has an eternal

blissful spiritual body. He is the origin of all. He has no other origin and He is the prime cause of all causes" (BS 5.1).

In the Bhagavat Puran Krishna becomes the chief object of devotion. After describing various incarnations of the Lord such as Ram, Balaram, Parashuram, Nrsimha, and Vaman, Srila Sukadeva Goswami states, "All of the above mentioned incarnations are either plenary portions or portions of the plenary portions of the Lord, but Lord Krishna is the original Personality of Godhead" (SB 1.3.28).

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Lord Shiva in Geeta Mahatma, states that "only one God - Krishna, the son of Devaki" (Verse 7). In the Padma Puran it is stated, "By scrutinizing reviewing all the revealed scriptures and judging them again and again, it is now concluded that Lord Narayana is the Supreme Absolute Truth, and thus He alone should be worshipped".

Similarly it is said in the Skanda Purana, "In the material world, which is full of darkness and dangers, combined with birth and death and full of different anxieties, the only way to get out of the great entanglement is to accept loving transcendental devotional service to Lord Vasudeva. This is accepted by all classes of philosophers".

The position of Krishna as God is confirmed by great personalities like Narada, Asita, Devala, Vyasa, Parasara, Brahma and Shiva. Finally Krishna Himself confirms this fact in the Bhagavad-Gita to His friend and devotee, Arjuna. He clearly says that He is "the Supreme Lord of all planets and demigods" (BG 5.29), that "there is no truth superior to Me" (BG 7.7) and - "I am the source of all spiritual and material worlds. Everything emanates from Me" (BG 10.8).

Causeless mercy of Krishna

Even though Krishna is completely self sufficient and self satisfied, He descends for the benefit of all the conditioned souls. His most endearing quality is that of "bhakta vatsala". His pure devotees are always trying to please Him, and He is always trying to please His devotees. Just as He lives in the heart of His devotees, His devotees constantly reside in Him.

Krishna is so merciful that He not only helps His devotees, but also those who are envious of Him. Krishna destroys evil by providing them with an opportunity to take up devotion.

On the greatly auspicious day of Krishna-Janamashtami, let us all pray to Sri Krishna for a drop of His causeless mercy, for only that alone is sufficient to take us out from this material word, back home, back to Godhead.

All glories to the appearance day of Lord Krishna! All glories to Sri Krishna and His devotees!!

|| Jai Shri Krishna ||



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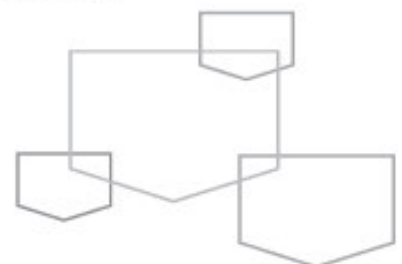
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The Cultural Committee will be holding a
DANCE COMPETITION
on Saturday, Sept 13th 2008, at the Hindu Temple



Performances will be judged within their age groups. The age groups are: 5-11 years, 12-18 years and above 18 years of age.

Rules:

1. With each age group, there will be 2 categories: Solo dance and Group dance.
2. Only 4 entries per category will be accepted with an age group.
Dancers can not participate in more than two dances (only one performance per category).
Deadline for submitting entries is Aug. 25th. Details to follow.
For information and submitting entries, contact:
Jyoti Desai: (513) 745-0875 or jyotidesai1@yahoo.com

Competition Rules

Each item should not be more than 5 min.

Please provide good quality audio cassette or CD. Tape/CD should be labeled and it should indicate the name or dance of the group.

A short synopsis of the dance item should be provided.

Solo items will be judged on the following:

Expression
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Minutes of EC Meeting on June 1, 2008

Members Present:

Raj Bodalia, Bobba Choudary, Manju Gupta, Hari Maddali, Meena Mehta, Amar Sharma, Shiv Sharma, and Siva Sivaganesan

Bobba Choudary reported on the plans for a big Yagna at the temple, and on the plan to invite Guruji Morari Bapu to come and offer his blessings during Rath Yatra. Raj Bodalia agreed to do the needful.

The committee agreed that any invoice relating to Araadhana should come to Meena Meg=hta, and she will take responsibility on approving them

Shiv Sharma informed the committee that after getting several quotes, a contract to maintain the landscape has been given, and the cost is \$70/application.

Hari Maddali reported that office manager position will be announced in August, 2008. He further reported that fund raising for the Community Center will begin once a Board of Trustees is in place, and the fund raising for the temple is continuing as usual.

President Raj Bodalia announced that the next EC meeting will be in mid July, 2008.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL ON THIS HAPPY OCCASION & BRING HAPINESS AND PROSPERITY IN YEAR 2008

Marriage Anniversaries (August)*

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Choudary Bobba
Chandan Gupta

Ambrish Bansal
Srinivas Sahu
Srinivas Mirle

Harish Bhardwaj
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Birthday Anniversaries (August)**

Geetha Arudi
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Gautam Bajaj
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Murali Bhandari
Seema Bhati
Neha Chandra
Aarti Chopra
Harlal Choudhury
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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)

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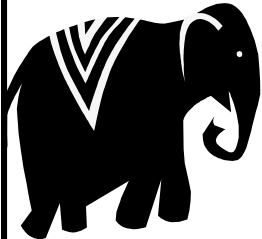
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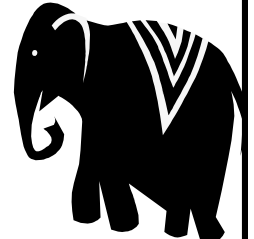
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