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Aradhana

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**Congratulations
Graduates**



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Happy Father's Day!

The concept of a day called Father's Day is a very American one. In India, every day is Fathers Day; every day is Mothers Day. The reason is a deep rooted tradition whereby three categories are given the same respect as "God". Mother, Father and GURU or Teacher who leads us from darkness to light. From ignorance to knowledge. Parents do that too. So by that scale, they are entitled to even more glorification because they are gurus in addition to being parents.

Matru Devo Bhava, Pitru Devo Bhava, Acharya Devo Bhava

But the American tradition has a lot of value and has become a very special day the whole world overwe honor and respect the role of Fathers. They are the role models, the nurturers, the protectors, the providers, the caretakers of emotional growth, the givers of values and belief systems, the guide through life, the safe haven, the givers of wisdom, also, the disciplinarians, the role models, the ones who love you and stand by you when you are not so lovable...and much, much more

My personal Favorite Quotation: This one brings tears to my eyes.....

One night a father overheard his son pray: "Dear God, Make me the kind of man my Daddy is." Later that night, the Father prayed : "Dear God, Make me the kind of man my son wants me to be."

God Bless and guide all the Dads !!!

Geeta Mehan



If you or someone you know, is not receiving ARADHANA, or if you need a change of address, please contact

Mohan Chopra at 859-331-2416 or Nandkumar Khemchandani : asiindian@aol.com/ 513-779-1043

Aradhana (past and present) is also available at temple website: www.cincinnatiemple.com

Deadline for submission of articles for next Aradhana is June 10

Pooja Information

RATES FOR POOJA & PRIEST SERVICES

SERVICES	IN TEMPLE	OUTSIDE TEMPLE
Abhishekam (All Deities)	\$101.00	—
Aksharabhyas	\$101.00	\$151.00
Anna-Prashanam	\$101.00	\$151.00
Ashta Prakari Pooja*	\$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) Kaikaryam (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/Brahmopadeshm/ 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. 50 Cents/Miles for Travel expense 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

	Full day	Half day
Monday -Thursday (except holidays)	\$301	\$151
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 Amita Gupta at 336-8782

If you have any question or suggestion about temple activities contact Amita Gupta at 336-8782, 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.

POOJA SAMAGRI

For convenience of Devotees, Temple can now provide Pooja Samagri for all inside and outside Poojas.

Donation for Puja Samagri is as follows

\$ 21 for any Pooja

\$ 31 for any Pooja including Havan/Hom

For more details please contact

Amita Gupta 513-336-8782

Kiran Dayal 513-474-4051






IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

SUNDERKAND CD (sung by Acharya Kailash Sharma)

AVAILABLE in Temple Gift Shop for **\$ 10.00.**

The money raised will go to temple.



<p>Regular Weekly & Monthly Events at the Temple</p> <p>Monthly Navgrah Pooja Every first Saturday of the Month June 5 Sponsors needed for Pooja \$51.00 For Details call Amita Gupta:336-8782; Temple priests:528-3714</p>	<p>Monthly ABHISHEKAM/KALYANOTSAVAM FOR LORD SRI VENKATESWARA On Dec 26 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:481-8591; Surendra Hanumanthanna:661-8733 Pandit Sri Srinadh Bhattar:528-3714</p>
<p>Monthly Murugan Abhishekham /Pooja Every second Saturday of the Month June 12 , Saturday 4.00pm Sponsor Murugan Group. Amita Gupta: 336-8782; Temple priests: 528-3714</p>	<p>1008 Gayatri Jap Second Saturday of each month at 9.30AM For details please contact temple priest 528-3714 or Amita Gupta 336-8782.</p>
 <p>Monthly Satya Narayan Pooja On Every Purnima of the Month 6:30 pm Sponsorship \$ 51.00 To sponsor pooja call Amita Gupta: 336-8782 Temple priests: 528-3714</p>	 <p>Weekly Shiv Mahiman Stotram Every Monday at 6:30pm</p>  <p>Weekly Hanuman Chalisa Path Every Tuesday at 6:30pm</p>
<p>Monthly Shri Ganesh Pooja & Shri Ganesh Atharvshirsha Path Every 4th Sunday of the month 10:30AM This pooja is dedicated to each month's <u>Sankashti Chaturthi</u> to Lord Ganesh. For more information & Sponsor the pooja please call Jyoti Divekar : 204-8037 Mangal Nemade : 234-8373 Amita Gupta: 336-8782 Temple Priests:528-3714</p>	<p>Weekly Vishnu Sahasranaam Parayana Vishnu Sahasranaama Parayana (chanting) will now take place Every Thursday at 7:00 pm . Please join us for the chanting. For more information, please contact Temple priest s: 528-3714</p> <p>Weekly Venkateswar Pooja Every Friday at 6:30pm To sponsor pooja please call Amita Gupta: 336-8782 Temple priests: 528-3714</p>

Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati Membership Information

If you are not already a member of HSGC, please join today and participate in all temple activities and enjoy all the festivities. This year HSGC has inaugurated a new ELITE Membership* at midlevel as listed below.

The membership donations are as follows:

Receive 'Aradhana' Annually: \$21.00 (Suggested donation)

Annual Individual Membership: \$51.00

Annual Family Membership: \$101.00

Life Membership: \$1001.00 (One year spread, two checks)

*Elite Membership: \$5001.00 (Three year spread, three checks)

Patron: \$10,000.00 (Three year spread, three checks)

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 Membership and Fundraising Chair Raneshwar Gupta at (513) 232-3331 or temple at (513) 528-3714.

June 2010 Events

June 5 th Saturday	Navgrah Puja 3pm, Sponsorship \$51.00.
June 12 th Saturday	1008 Gayatri Japa 9:30am.
June 12 th Saturday	Murgan Abhishekam 4pm, Sponsorship \$101.00
June 13 th Sunday	Graduation Havan 11am. This havan is performed to honor all graduates of the community.
June 20 th Sunday	Sunderkand Path 10:30am. Sponsored by Amit & Juhi Shukla.
June 26 th Saturday	Sri Venkateshwar Kalyanam 10am Sponsorship \$51.00.
June 26 th Saturday	Satya Narayan Puja (Purnima-Full Moon) 5:30pm Sponsorship \$51.00.
June 27 th Sunday	Ganesh Puja & Atharvashirsha Path 11am.



July 2010 Events

July 3 rd Saturday	Navgrah Puja 3pm, Sponsorship \$51.00.
July 4 th Sunday	Lord Murugan 6th Anniversary Festival Puja /Abhishekam 10 am - 12 : 30 pm Sponsorship for Abhishekham \$101 , Archana \$21 (No abhishekam on 2nd Saturday July 10th) 10:00 Lord Ganapathy (Ganesh) Pooja 10:30 Abhishekahm to Lord Murugan, Sri Valli and Sri Deivayani 11:30 Bhajan 12:30 Archana Mangala Theepa Pooja including Ashtottar (108 Names) for Lord Murugan 1:00 Arthi and Prasad, followed by Lunch . For details please call Amita Gupta 513-336.8782 or Temple/Pandit Srinath Bhattar 513 528-3714.
July 10 th Saturday	1008 Gayatri Japa 9:30am
July 11 th Sunday	Ganesh Puja & athrvashirsha Path 11am
July 12 th Monday	Netrotsava puja of Jagannath ji 10:30am
July 13 th Tuesday	Jagannath Puja 10:30am
July 17 th Saturday	Rath Yatra Celebration 4pm sponsorship \$101,\$51.00,\$21.
July 18 th Sunday	Sunderkand Path 10:30am. Sponsored by Jyoti &Bhal Desai
July 24 th Saturday	Sri Venkateshwar Abhishekam 10am Sponsorship \$51.00.
July 25 th Sunday	108 Satya Narayan Puja (Guru Purnima-Full Moon) 4:30pm Sponsorship \$501,& \$101.
July 25 th Sunday	Bahuda Yatra of Jagannath ji 10am to 12pm
July 26 th Monday	Shrawan Somvaar Starting (During Shrawan month every Monday Shiv-Abhishek 10am & 6:30pm),Sponsorship \$101.00

Indian Heritage Class

My Experience at Contemporary Arts Center

Field Trip April 18, 2010

My experience at the Contemporary Arts Center was positive and interesting. It taught me that different types of artists try to convey their feelings in their different techniques. Some artists do it through actual artwork, ranging from paintings to sculptures. Others do it through different means such as visual depiction paired with an audio recording. The recording tells some sort of story, and the visual makes it easier to understand the deeper meaning to the recording. Another different way of art is representation. One artist, Shilpa Gupta, made a tower of soap with the word 'THREAT' carved into it. This could represent many different things, depending on what perspective the observer is looking from. I thought that the true meaning was that a person

cannot clean the threats from their lives without taking action, the way the word 'THREAT' will not be washed away from the soap until it is used. The most interesting piece I saw there, also by Shilpa Gupta was a combination of visual and audio. The visual was a video of Sonia playing the favorite child's game Stappoo or hopscotch, and the audio was Sonia reciting a poem while playing the game. The interesting thing was that Sonia was wearing all white clothing and her hair was open. The few phrases I could catch in her poem were "Does he love me" and "Is he there". I believe Sonia was trying to portray the feelings and appearance of a half or complete widow. She was telling the story of how she misses her spouse, and is being casted out for it.

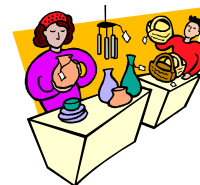
-Ambika Singh 8th Grade

(See pg 13 for more pictures)





KID'S DAY CAMP



Organized by Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati

Date: Saturday, Aug 21, 2010 **COST :** FREE

Place: Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati, 4920 Klatte Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45244

Phone-513 528 3714

Time: 11 am to 5 pm

10:30 am - registration

Age: 5 years to 12 years Younger children need to be with the parent

Activities:

- 1) Yoga/Surya namaskar 2) Pooja 3) Story Telling & Camp Song 4) Lunch Break
- 5) Art and Craft 6) Games 7) Study Session 8) Kite Flying Competition

Lunch: Parents to bring a covered dish and soft drinks to share

Coordinators Anisha Singh - 513 503 2824 singhanisha@hotmail.com

Vinit Rastogi – 513 398 3216 rastogivk@gmail.com

Radhika Iyer - 513 336 6769 radhikaiyer@cinci.rr.com

For additional information: <http://cincinnati temple.com/>

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Parents: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

I release HSGC from any liability

Signed by parents



Congratulations Class of 2010

Congratulations to all the Graduates. We are proud of you for reaching an important milestone in your lives.



**Now you enter the school of real life....may you all graduate with honors
Learning never stops. Keep learning, keep growing...keep your minds open.**



Do beautiful deeds; Live beautiful lives.

(The following is a rerun from last year's June issue upon request)

End of school (Thank God) , start of real life (OH NO!!!!!!!!!!)

The difference is that in school you have the lessons and then the tests and in LIFE , you have tests and then learn the lessons. Hopefully, your schools have prepared you well for rising to the occasion. The learning process is lifelong.

What would Mahatma Gandhi have said to you today ?

“ Be the change that you would like to see in this world.”

What would Lord Krishna have said to you today?

“ Better indeed is knowledge than mechanical practice . Better than knowledge is meditation .But better still is surrender of attachment to results ,because therein lies peace .Put in your best efforts and leave the outcome to Me .”

What would your Indian Culture ,Temple ,Community say ?

“Be proud of your heritage and culture .Take the best from it and combine it with the best of the American culture. Have faith in your belief system and in prayer ! When you ride the ups and downs of life , this faith will make the ride go a little smoother .Remember God everyday and make Him your Best Friend....He is with you even when you are away from family. Remember that you have the prayers and support of your whole community behind you. Grow, shine and do your community proud!!!!”

What would your parents say today ?

“May the Lord be with you down every road you roam

And may sunshine and happiness surround you when you are far from home

Never settle for the easiest path of least resistance

Spread your wings and fly.....”

What would President Obama say to all of the above?

“ Yes You Can !!!!!!!”and Don't forget to work extra hard .Like they say ,”The harder you work ,the luckier you get .”

Think beautiful thoughts ,Dream beautiful dreams, Be healthy of mind and body ,

Be Happy!!!! May God Bless You Always !!!!!!!!

Geeta Mehan



If anyone would like to send Pictures of their Graduates for July Aradhana, please send to Geeta Mehan at mehangeeta@gmail.com by June 10

Birthdays and Anniversaries for the Month of June

Happy Anniversary *

Haridas Balakrishna & Rashmi, Ranga Brahmamdam & Lakshmi, Vishwamitra Halekote & Saroja, Arvind Kumar & Neelima, Leenata Maddiwar & Christopher, Laxmikant Mishra & Nalini, Vithal Nemade & Mangala, Harish Pai & Aparna, Arvind Patel & Sangita, Mahesh Patel & Nita, Ragesh Rao & Latha, Srinivas Reddy & Aruna, Ajay Sharma & Ragini, Halekote Viswamitra & Saroja

Happy Birthday**

Aparna Ambe, Shray Ambe, Narendra Bettedpur, Sudhir Bhardwaj, Prabhu Bhoomreddy, Vinni Chopra, Suman Choudhury, Karisma Desai, Jyoti Diwekar, Gilbert Gillespie, Karhikeyan Gopalasamy, Harsh Gupta, Haresh Hemani, Ramesh Iyer, Khush Karamchandani, Rani Khemchandani, Amita Khemchandani, Neelima Kool, Mansi Mehan, Kokila Parikh, Devan Patel, Sanjay Patel, Dilip Patel, Vilas Patel, Ritvik Peesapati, Vishnu Ramarathnam, Goury Ramdas, Amith Rao, Kiran Saraff, Amulya Shankar, Mukta Sharma, Neelam Sharma, Manoj Singh, Salem Srinivasan, Gaurav Srivastava, Kalpana Srivastava, Shivani Srivastava, Sunit Srivastava, Gayathri Vadin.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL ON THIS HAPPY OCCASION

*(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 513-733-1537.

APPEAL REGARDING ROAD REPAIR

Dear Devotees,

As you are already aware, due to the severe weather we had this past winter, both sides of the Temple road conditions have deteriorated & need immediate repair and attention. This project requires patching up the holes and thick blacktop from the main gate all the way to the back of the Temple where the dumpster is on both sides of the road. We want to start this repair project as soon as possible. As you know it will require around \$50,000. We want all members and devotees to share the cost. Please donate generously for this project as it is for the safety of all of us. The sooner we start the process, the cheaper the overall repair cost will be. Any checks from \$100.00 to \$500.00 for this project will be greatly appreciated. Please be sure to mention on the check that it is for the road project. Also, we welcome any help or advice on this issue. For any further details or questions, please contact the undersigned.

Raneshwar K. Gupta

Membership and Fundraising Chairperson 513-232-3331



TEMPLE EXPENSES FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2010 (General Account)

	TOTAL Jan 2010	TOTAL Feb 2010	TOTAL Mar 2010	TOTAL First Qtr 2010
Aradhana Publication	1765.51	1809.98	1766.97	5342.46
Bank Charges (safe deposit vault)				0.00
Calendar		4475.58		4475.58
Canopy				0.00
Festival Expense				
Anniversary			1500.00	1500.00
Diwali				0.00
Mela				0.00
Navratri				0.00
Ram Kalyanam				0.00
Rath Yatra				0.00
Flowers	465.89	942.61	831.25	2239.75
Havan Shala				0.00
Kroger Card	5000.00			5000.00
Mortgage	4169.62		4169.62	8339.24
Office Expense	1017.06	6158.00	364.19	7539.25
Property Insurance	1142.75			1142.75
Property Tax		4737.27		4737.27
Repair & Maintenance				
Grass Cutting	285.00			285.00
Pest Control	55.00		55.00	110.00
Repair & Maintenance - Unassigned	3211.32	4875.31	2400.17	10486.80
Snow Removal	1122.50		1200.00	2322.50
Temple Cleaning	1404.73	1300.00	2630.00	5334.73
Security ADT	1062.02		128.00	1190.02
Membership		525.38	158.60	683.98
Supplies				
Food	1325.00		190.00	1515.00
Pooja				0.00
Temple Cleaning				0.00
Utilities				
Garbage Removal	102.87		103.25	206.12
Gas & Electric	1732.62	5767.71	8823.82	16324.15
Telephone Bill	148.75		149.15	297.90
Water & Sewer				0.00
Wages and Salaries				
Bonus				0.00
City Income Tax				0.00
Federal Income Tax	845.61	845.72	845.70	2537.03
Health Care	2458.26	2458.26	2458.26	7374.78
Housing Allowance				0.00
Life Insurance		274.00	109.00	383.00
Net Pay	3532.35	3532.35	3532.35	10597.05
State Income Tax				0.00
Zoning				0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	30846.86	37702.17	31415.33	99964.36

TEMPLE INCOME FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF APRIL 2010 (General Account)

	TOTAL \$ Jan 2010	TOTAL \$ Feb 2010	TOTAL \$ Mar 2010	TOTAL First Qtr 2010
Gen Donations	10424.61	7980.57	13861.72	32266.90
Pooja Income				
Archana	472.00	311.00	846.00	1629.00
Mata ki Chowki		813.00		813.00
Outside Pooja	4971.00	3572.00	3699.00	12242.00
Satyanarayana Katha	501.00	501.00		1002.00
Special Pooja & Archana	3022.00	4201.75	3184.00	10407.75
Advertisement Aradhana	1072.00	1120.00		2192.00
Calendar Sale		35.00	10.00	45.00
Festivals Income				
New Year Celebration		3165.50		3165.50
Anniversary				0.00
Chitragupta Yagna				0.00
Diwali				0.00
Ganesh Chaturthi				0.00
Hanuman Jayanti				0.00
Janmashthami				0.00
Maha Shivratri			5734.00	5734.00
Mela				0.00
Nand Mahotsav				0.00
Navaratri				0.00
Ram Navmi				0.00
Ramayan Path				0.00
Rath Yatra				0.00
Saraswati Pooja				0.00
Gift Shop	21.00		100.00	121.00
Kroger Card	1000.00		661.00	1661.00
Flowers	404.00	393.00	6218.00	7015.00
TOTAL DEPOSITS	21887.61	22092.82	34313.72	78294.15

Balance in Special Project Account

As of 5/3/2010

Categories	Amount
Elevator	501
Garbha Graha	152,334
Bricks	24,212
Ram Katha	16,097
Cultural Center	17,588
Barge Salt Road	(959)
Tree Special	5,001
Kitchen	4,043
Saree Sale	3,245
Swamiji Fund	1,784
Kroger	1,557
Musical Program	300
Seed Money	4,367
Zoning	(2,871)
Total	227,199

DANCE COMPETITION 2010

"We dance for laughter, we dance for celebrations, we dance for madness, we dance for fears, we dance for hopes, we dance for screams, we are the dancers, and we create the dreams."

With these thoughts in mind, Hindu temple of Greater Cincinnati is going to bring you the Dance Competition 2010. Please mark your calendar for August 28th 2010

More details to follow soon!

Organized by HSGC Cultural Committee

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Rima Ajbani (Co-Chair) 398-0772 email: adoptionohio@aol.com
Sapna Chellath (V. Co-Chair) 289-2975 email: sapnachellath@hotmail.com



From The Ekal Organizing Committee, Cincinnati Chapter

The Ekal Vidyala Foundation of USA, Cincinnati Chapter (www.Ekal.org), wishes to thank all volunteers, donors, participants, and the Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati, for their commitment and effort in making the 2010 charity concert a grand success. On April 3, 2010, Sanjeevani and group performed in Cincinnati at the Mason Middle School auditorium to a full house, and on April 4, 2010, in Dayton at a private event. All attendees enjoyed the nostalgic songs and Sanjeevani's own hits. A record amount of \$67,149 was raised. The Cincinnati Chapter will forward \$63,583 to Ekal's National Office, after deducting expenses for the auditorium, sound system and food. Our community will support 174 schools to help uplift and educate the children in rural and tribal India.

OHIO ASIAN AMERICAN & PACIFIC ISLANDERS COALITION LEGISLATIVE DAY JUNE 8, 2010

THE STATE HOUSE, COLUMBUS, OHIO

In partnership with Asian Community Alliance, Inc. of Cincinnati, on April 28th the Coalition met with the leaders of Asian American communities of South East Asian descent to discuss the urgent issues facing their communities. The issues are health, economic development, cultural art, education and civil rights. The Coalition funded by Kellogg Foundation to eliminate disparities in above issues has been actively promoting capacity building for the young Asian American organizations, raising awareness and collaborating with mainstream civic minded organizations.

The culmination of these activities is the Legislative Day, Ohio's First Ever Asian American initiative –

- To educate Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders(AAPI) about the democratic process.
- Increase visibility of the AAPI in the State of Ohio
- To offer AAPIs opportunity to meet their state representatives and senators.

I, Regional Coordinator of the Coalition, invite and encourage them to sign up to travel to Columbus. **FREE transportation** and **FREE meals** will be provided on first come –first serve basis. The bus leaves at 8:30 AM (sharp) from 4660 Duke Dr. Mason, Ohio 45040. Coalition will arrange for your State Representative/Senator to meet with you. So it is VERY IMPORTANT for you to fill out the registration form and email to kirtirege@yahoo.com by June 4th. Thank you and see you all there!

Kirti Rege, Regional Coordinator, OAAPIHC
Board member, ACA, Inc, Cincinnati

Note: Parents can bring their school aged kids. It will be an amazing learning experience for kids to visit The State House.

For Your Information

You are invited to check out this website hosted by gatewayforindia.com
It covers Bhagavad-Gita in English verse (by BS Murthy) sans 110 interpolations in modern idiom in text and audio. Besides, it is also accessible at [Vedanta Spiritual Library](http://VedantaSpiritualLibrary.com). Explore this site to see if it puts the Gita in better perspective. Sundara Kānda of Valmiki Ramayana rendered in English verse as Hanuman's Odyssey by the same author is also available at the above cited sites.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

GENERAL BODY MEETING

The executive committee of the Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati will hold a general body meeting on Sunday, June 27, 2010 at 11 am. The meeting will be held at the temple.

The agenda for this meeting will be as follows:

1. Opening remarks by the President
2. Report by the Secretary
3. Report by the Treasurer (General Account and Special Project Accounts)
4. Report by Chairs of all subcommittees
 - a. Pooja
 - b. Cultural
 - c. Religious Education
 - d. Fundraising
 - e. Maintenance
 - f. Special Projects
 - g. Long-range Planning
 - g. Aradhana Editor
5. Report by the Temple Manager
6. Question/Answer Session

All members are encouraged to attend the General Body Meeting to get to know the EC members, review their work and provide constructive comments. EC is thankful to all committee members and EC requests them to attend this meeting.

Best regards,

Deepak Dixit
Secretary, EC-HSGC

Contemporary Arts Center Field Trip April 18, 2010



Announcement Regarding Name Change

“ Chitra Lekha D/O Col. Nathu Ram Dahia, R/O 6756, English Oaks Station, Liberty Township, OH-45044, USA have changed my name to Chitra Lekha Dahia with immediate effect.”



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Every Sunday from 11am to 2 pm



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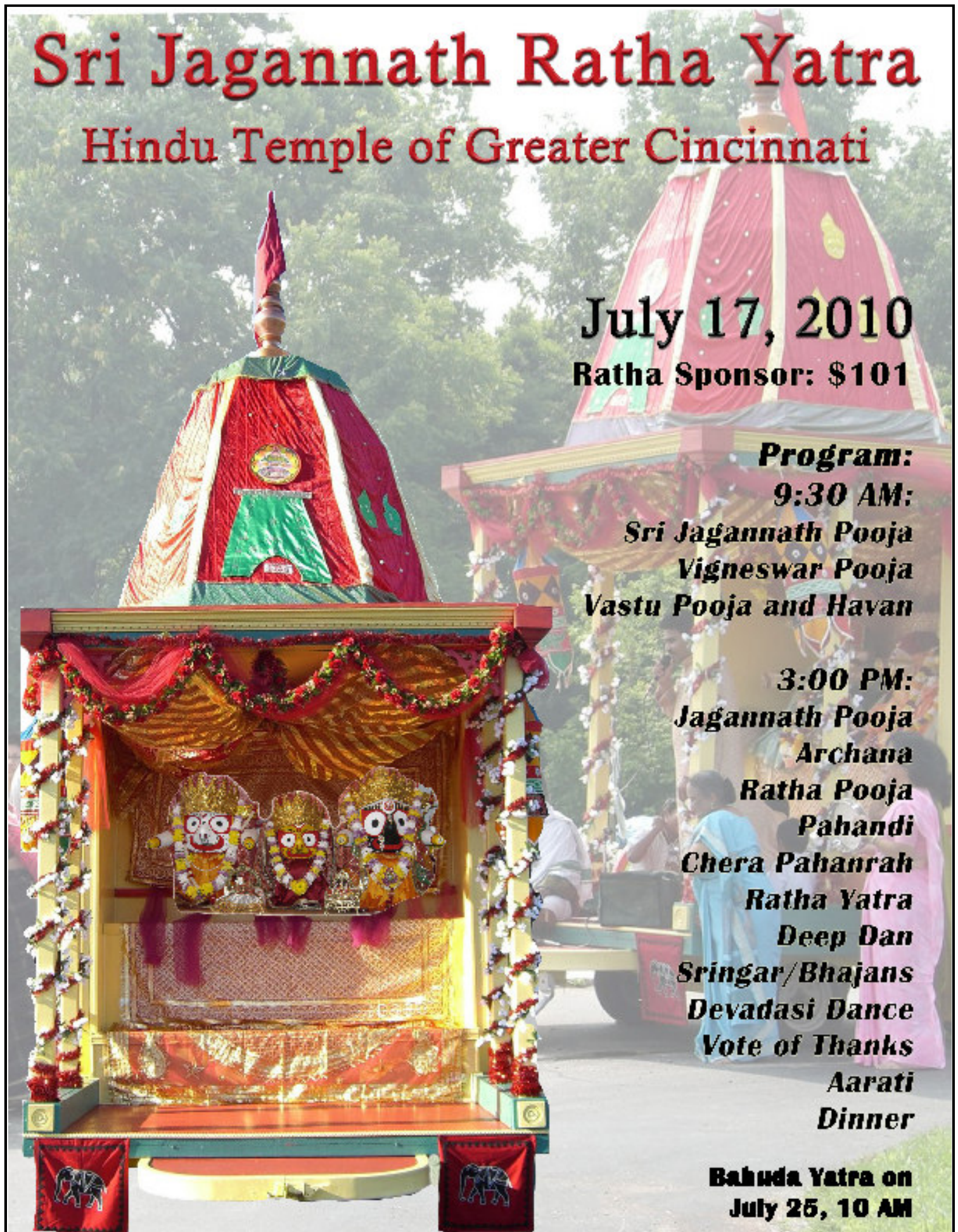
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HSGC – Executive Council

Meeting Minutes– 7th March, 2010

Present: Krutarth Jain (President)
Ambikaipakan Balasubramaniam (Vice President)
Deepak Dixit (Secretary)
Prasad Megada (Treasurer)
Amita Gupta (Pooja Committee Chair)
Laxmi Srivastava (Temple Manager)
Raneshwar Gupta (Fundraising Committee Chair)
Shiv Sharma (Maintenance Committee Chair)

Absent: Anisha Singh (Religious Education Committee Chair), Geeta Mehan (Editor – Aradhana)
Sulbha Midha (Cultural Committee Chair)

Minutes:

1. Lecture on Hinduism

- a. There is a lot of misinformation about Hinduism in books and media. In order to present the correct facts and interpretations, the EC has decided to invite well-known scholars of Hinduism in the Cincinnati area including Dr. Koti Srikrishna, Dr. Pappu etc. These scholars will be requested to provide their learned viewpoints for 10-15 minutes prior to the Sunday Pooja.
- b. Children from the Hindu Heritage classes will be encouraged to ask questions to the scholars. These questions/ answers will be published in Aradhana for the benefit for the wider audience.
- c. Also, a subcommittee will be formed to address the approach to disseminate the knowledge of the scholars. It is proposed that the subcommittee will consist of Krutarth Jain, Amita Gupta, Anisha Singh, Koti Srikrishna, Dr. Pappu, and Laxmiji.

2. Public Relations

- a. The EC recognized the long-standing policy of HSGC that elected representatives will be given due recognition by HSGC. However, for candidates seeking political office or those advocating certain political viewpoints will not be given platform to speak in HSGC meetings/gatherings. These candidates will be welcome to participate in such meetings in their individual capacity.
- b. The EC decided to create a subcommittee to develop specific recommendations and guidelines on the issue of inviting or dealing with political candidates. It will have members from current EC (Krutarth Jain/Balasubramaniam/Laxmiji) as well as long-standing HSGC/EC members who are active in political affairs.
- c. EC recognized that there is a need for a subcommittee to handle public relations. Currently media is handled by Khush Karamchandani. However, HSGC also needs to cover other channels such the Cremation Society, Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce, newly formed Indian American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Cincinnati and N. KY. etc.
- d. The EC decided that there will be a PR Committee headed by the vice president of the EC, Ambikaipakan Balasubramaniam. Other EC members who have expressed interest in being part of this subcommittee are Krutarth Jain and Shiv Sharma.
- e. Balasubramaniam will develop a process to handle media affairs and events. On urgent matter, the subcommittee members can communicate via email.

3. Conflict of Interest Policy

- a. All EC members are expected to read the conflict of interest policy of HSGC that is consistent with the policy requirements for 513-C organizations.
- b. In the next meeting, all EC members will sign off on this policy.
- c. Policies regarding EC meetings attendance by EC members were reiterated. Any EC member who does not appear for 3 consecutive EC meetings and/or fails to attend at least 75% of the EC meetings will be disqualified from EC.
- d. There are several other policies that will need to be documented, such as transition policy for all office bearers. Moreover, all policy documents will be kept on computers as well as in physical form in the temple office. All EC members will have access to these documents.

4. Suggestion Box

- a. A new suggestion box has been installed upstairs.
- b. The old box was opened. Nothing significant was found in this box.
- c. The old suggestion box will be installed downstairs.
- d. Keys to the new box have given to Krutarth Jain. The second set of keys will be with Laxmiji.

5. Aradhana Mailing List

- a. Currently, this list has 1,632 members. The list has been updated by Kumarji. EC appreciates his services and hard work.
- b. The policy of keeping Aradhana free to all devotees will be continued.

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6. February 2010 Receipts

- a. It was decided to publish temple finances in Aradhana on a quarterly basis.
- b. Expenses out of special funds will be sent by Raj Bodalia to the EC treasurer Prasad Megada.

7. Retirement Community Project

- a. Attorneys have advised creation of a separate for profit entity other than the temple which is a non-profit entity
- b. A company called Roberts Engineering has been advising us for obtaining zoning permits for this project.
- c. For any future work EC has advised special project chairs to go for minimum three bids. EC will use minimum qualification criteria to select bidders and will select the lowest bid to award contract.
- d. EC will attempt to use resources within the Hindu community where possible.

8. Non-profit ads in Aradhana

- a. Old policy was to charge 50% of the tariff to non-profit organizations.
- b. EC will try to have a policy where no exceptions are made to this policy.

9. Keys of the temple

- a. The temple keys are always there in the backroom
- b. A policy has been made to restrict access to the supplies room as there has been a lot of waste.
- c. Each EC member will be shown where to find the keys.

10. Holi Function

- a. Close to 1,000 people attended the function
- b. The function was very good and was very well received
- c. It was very from fundraising perspective, cash collection was \$1,480
- d. Most of the food was donated
- e. EC will issue letter of appreciation to the donors of food; these may also be used for tax deductions. These will need to be signed by President
- f. These types of programs will be recorded by a professional videographer in future for convenience. It will be available to community on a non-profit basis.

11. HSGC Assets

- a. Carpets from upstairs were brought downstairs and were taken up again without shampooing. These will be shampooed.
- b. EC has decided to keep some old carpets downstairs.
- c. Pooja committee members Madhu Sharma and Kiran Dayal have taken inventory of ornament with pictures. The document will be handed over to treasurer and will be available to the community at request.
- d. This is a first step to document all HSGC other assets will be inventoried soon.
- e. Raneshwar Gupta will replace all old water jugs as many jugs are in bad condition

12. Visit by Shri Gajapati and Anniversary was discussed briefly. Details to be discussed in the next meeting.

13. EC Member List in Aradhana

- a. The list of co-chairs will be published separately from the EC member list

14. Maintenance Issues

- a. Blacktop on the Boulevard Road is deteriorating. It needs to be fixed before it becomes really bad
- b. Laxmiji will get multiple quotes to compare for blacktopping
- c. Raneshwar Gupta will start a fundraiser for this purpose
- d. Leakage in staircase also needs to be fixed. There are 2 Indian contractors who have offered to examine the leakage at no charge
- e. The back road is also in bad condition. It needs to be fixed urgently
- f. Main maintenance/construction items are :
 - i. Back Road
 - ii. Black topping
 - iii. Tiles on front steps
 - iv. Water Leakage
 - v. Elevator – Mohan Chopra had a sponsor who has agreed to pay 50% of the expense for elevator. Krutarth has offered to provide free architectural services for this project. The elevator shaft designed is not adequate for modern elevators. The custom elevator for to fit this shaft will cost \$65,000 excluding installation.
 - vi. Barg Salt Road Gate – People are dumping trash there. There is no gate there. EC has authorized Laxmiji to get a gate installed there on an emergency basis.

HSGC – Executive Council

Meeting Minutes– April 04, 2010

Present:

Krutarth Jain (President), Ambikaipakan Balasubramaniam (Vice President), Prasad Megada (Treasurer)
Amita Gupta (Pooja Committee Chair), Laxmi Srivastava (Temple Manager), Geeta Mehan (Editor –Aradhana)
Raneshwar Gupta (Fundraising Committee Chair), Anisha Singh (Religious Education Committee Chair),
Shiv Sharma (Maintenance Committee Chair)

Absent: Sulbha Midha (Cultural Committee Chair), Deepak Dixit (Secretary)

Minutes:

1. March 07, 2010 minutes was approved with item #12 amended as “Visit by Shri Gajapati and Anniversary was discussed briefly. Details to be discussed in the next meeting”.
2. Laxmi Srivastava presented the progress made regarding the Community Center and Retirement Community projects. Since last year, Laxmi Ji(as in-charge of Retirement Community Project), Jitu Patel (as in-charge of Community Center Project) and other EC members met with two law firms to discuss how to handle non-profit (Temple) and for-profit(other projects) aspects. Recently, Robert Engineering has been hired to prepare necessary papers to get permit for gravel road from Barg Salt Road to the temple which is the first step in achieving our goal. Now our community center will be called "Religious, Educational and Cultural Center" which reflects the true use of the building. Depending on the recommendation, the site for this building may be changed to meet the zoning requirements.
3. Laxmi Ji also presented the garbage problem at the Summerside property. He has contacted the zoning office for getting the permit to put a temporary gate, but there are some problems which he hopes will be resolved soon. At present he is putting poles with "No Trespassing" etc. signs.
4. Laxmi Ji suggested that in future, temple should give a receipt to all devotees who donate sarees, jewelry etc. It will help to keep better records. Amita Gupta took responsibility to develop the form.
5. Jitu Patel informed that the kitchen project has already been approved by the Zoning Board and construction will start soon depending on the funding. Total cost is expected to be around \$150,000. Krutarth informed the possibility of some items such as cabinets, appliances being obtained as donations.
6. Jitu Ji also discussed the need to find an alternative place for the Navaratri functions, which brings about \$15, 000- \$20,000 income to the temple.
7. Krutarth informed that all questions about any subjects should be directed to the relevant chair person, e.g., communication items should be addressed to the Communication chair, fund raising items should be addressed to the Membership & Fund raising chair, special projects items should be addressed to the respective project managers etc.
8. The need for a projector and screen for Hindu Heritage Class was discussed. Anisha Singh will present the cost for these items in the next meeting.
9. Ramesh Dayal, Raj Bodalia, and Ganesh briefed on the progress of the “Garbhagraha Project”. Contract for the project has been given to a Bangalore based architect, Mr. Manunath. Most likely, Garbhagraha will be installed before next (2011) anniversary. They have sufficient funds in hand/committed for this project.
10. Raneshwar Gupta presented a proposal to blacktop the temple streets. He will raise adequate funds, and will donate \$500 toward this. He proposed a committee of himself (chair), Mohan Chopra, and Shiv Sharma. Material will be purchased and supplied by the committee, and they will work with known contractors to hire labor. Proposal was approved.
11. Amita Gupta presented details of the anniversary program and indicated the need to publish the program in Aradhana ASAP. She also indicated the need for volunteers for: registration, shoes management, parking, and canvassing for pooja sponsorships. Need for additional chairs and tables was also discussed. Restrooms to be cleaned everyday during anniversary. It was also informed that Kiran Dayal has updated the records on precious metals/ jewelry and sarees.
12. Geeta Mehan requested that all the materials to be published in Aradhana to be sent to her before the 10th of the month. Pooja related materials will be given priority.
13. Krutarth Jain informed that the Red Cross will be invited during the anniversary to present the Haiti Fund Collections.
14. Prasad Megada presented income/expense report for March 2010. Income from Holi function will be presented in the next meeting. Raneshwar Gupta will develop and present a plan for allocating funds for unexpected maintenance expenses.

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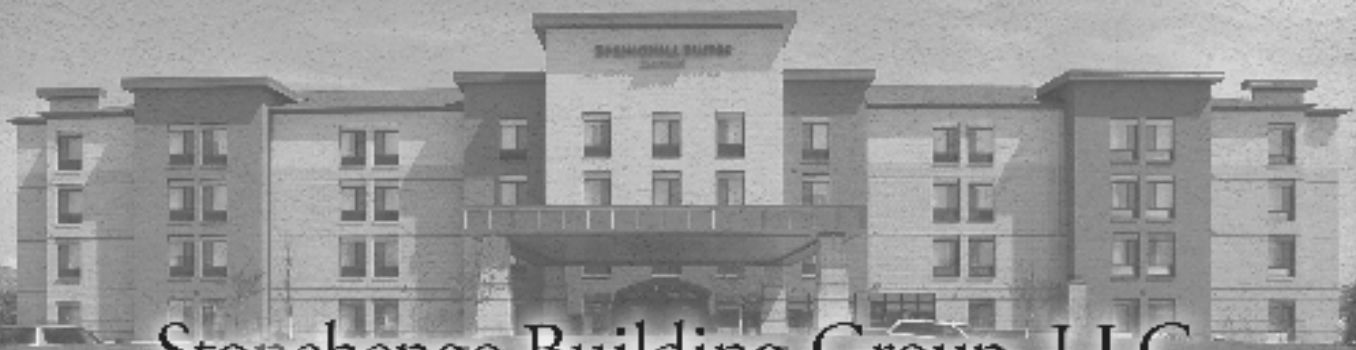
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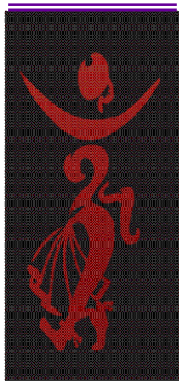
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