



# आराधना

*Aradhana*

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Happy NAVRATRI  
DUSSEHRA, KARVA CHAUTH

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## BHAGAVAD-GITA SAAR (The Essence of Song Divine) by Koti Sreekrishna

Bhagavad-Gita is the most comprehensive summary of Sanatana Dharma (Hinduism). It is among the most popular Hindu scriptures. It is the longest Philosophical song (700 verses) in the world literature. This is the book many Hindus swear on in the court of law. Bhagavad-Gita is a dialogue between Lord Krishna and prince Arjuna at the outset of Mahabharata war. A royal family feud which resulted in a wholesale war that lasted for 18 days (Nov 22- Dec 9; 3067 BCE). This war is recorded to have taken place in Kurukshetra (a place in the state of Haryana, near India's capital New Delhi) about 5000 years ago. Krishna says to Arjuna that He had given the same message in the great past to the patriarchs of Solar Dynasty. The message was passed on in succession for many generations through the lineage of philosopher kings such as Manu and Ikshvaku (the ancestors of Sri Rama). However, with time, the essence was lost, and "I have appeared in the human form to revive it"! Yes, such revival happens in every generation, which makes Hinduism a dynamic and vibrant religion- old and new at the same time!

Here is the essence of the Bhagavad-Gita:

- \*God is omnipotent, omnipresent, the source, and the destination.
- \* God can be readily seen and/or experienced as the best of best in anything or anyone.
- \*True knowledge is to know God.
- \*Death is only to the body. Soul takes on new forms until it is liberated (united with God).
- \*Once we surrender to God, we are free from cycles of birth and death.
- \*The good eventually wins over evil.
- \* No good act goes to waste; only haste makes a wasted life!
- \* You are responsible for your actions and your destination. You reap as you sow.
- \* Who ever turn to God is readily saved. There is no status or gender priority with God.
- \*God reincarnates, when needed to establish dharma (righteousness).
- \*The form of God we worship, God fixes our faith in that very form.
- \*All pray to the same one God. True believers of God never fail.
- \*Action is inevitable. No one can keep quiet. Do the work that suits you the best (follow your bliss).

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Aradhana (past and present) is also available at temple website: [www.cincinnati temple.com](http://www.cincinnati temple.com)

Deadline for submission of articles for next Aradhana is September 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) 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/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.

**C H E C K O U T**  
<http://newbhagavadgita.blogspot.com/2010/04/shock-treatment-in-bhagavad-gita.html>

### Temple Rental: Lower Floor Only

	Full day	Half day
Monday -Thursday (except holidays)	\$301	\$151
Friday, Saturday & Holidays	\$501	\$351
<b>Sunday after 3PM only</b>	—	<b>\$351</b>

**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.**

The money raised will go to temple.

<p><b>Regular Weekly &amp; Monthly Events at the Temple</b></p> <p><b>Monthly Navgrah Pooja</b> Every first Saturday of the Month Oct 2 Sponsors needed for Pooja \$51.00 For Details call Amita Gupta:336-8782; Temple priests:528-3714</p>	<p><b>Monthly ABHISHEKAM/KALYANOTSAVAM FOR LORD SRI VENKATESWARA</b> 4th Saturday of each month , from 10:30 AM-12:30PM. <b>To sponsor and details please call any of the following:</b>Anand Konda:481-4119; Vasundhara Dasari:777-3353 Suseela Paturi:481-8591; Surendra Hanumanthanna:661-8733 Pandit Sri Srinadh Bhattar:528-3714</p>
<p><b>Monthly Murugan Abhishekham /Pooja</b> Every second Saturday of the Month Oct 9 Saturday 4.00pm Sponsor Murugan Group. Amita Gupta: 336-8782; Temple priests: 528-3714</p>	<p><b>1008 Gayatri Jap</b> Second Saturday of each month at 9.30AM For details please contact temple priest 528-3714 or Amita Gupta 336-8782.</p>
<p> <b>Monthly Satya Narayan Pooja</b> On Every Purnima of the Month 6:30 pm <b>Sponsorship \$ 51.00</b> To sponsor pooja call Amita Gupta: 336-8782 Temple priests: 528-3714</p>	<p> <b>Weekly Shiv Mahiman Stotram</b> Every Monday at 6:30pm</p> <p> <b>Weekly Hanuman Chalisa Path</b> Every Tuesday at 6:30pm</p>
<p><b>Monthly Shri Ganesh Pooja &amp; Shri Ganesh Atharvshirsha Path</b>  Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month 10:30AM This pooja is dedicated to each month's <u>Sankashti Chaturthi</u> to Lord Ganesh. <b>For more information &amp; Sponsor the pooja please call</b>  Jyoti Divekar : 204-8037 Mangal Nemade : 234-8373 <b>Amita Gupta: 336-8782 Temple Priests:528-3714</b></p>	<p><b>Weekly Vishnu Sahasranaam Parayana</b> Vishnu Sahasranaama Parayana (chanting) will now take place Every Thursday at 7:00 pm . Please join us for the chanting. <b>For more information, please contact Temple priest s: 528-3714</b></p> <p><b>Weekly Venkateswar Pooja</b> 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 temple at (513) 528-3714

or Any member of Executive Council (See pg 2 for all names and phone numbers)

Membership and Fundraising Chair is Raneshwar Gupta 513-232-3331

# October 2010

Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> Navgrah Puja 3pm Sponsorship \$51.00

**Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> Muragan Abhishekam 4pm . Sponsorship \$101.00**  
**(There will be no abhishekam on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. Due to Mata Ki Chouki Schedule)**

Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> Jagannath Puja 11am

Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> Shraddha Ends ( A Group Sharaddha Puja ) 6pm Sponsorship \$51.00

Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> Navratri Begins Kalash Sthapana 6:30pm

**Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> Tree Plantation (Front of Temple ) 5pm Sponsored by- Rohit & Rajeshri Nayak.**

**Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> During Navratri CHAND PATH & Puja 9:30am to 11:30 .Sponsorship \$51.00 per day**  
**\$251.00 For all nine days.**

Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> Mata Ki Chouki 4pm To 8 pm Sponsored By – Jindal Family . Chunari Sponsorship available.

Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> Ashtami (CHANDI) HAVAN /Homa 6:30pm Sponsorship \$51.00

Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> Mata Ki Chouki 4pm to 8pm Sponsored by –Rajbir Minhas,Renu Kotwal, Puja & Gaurav Mantra

Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> Sunderkand Path 10:30am Sponsored By – Chhotubhai .Madhuben Bhakta & Family .

Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> Saraswati Puja (Akharabhayas /Vidyarambha) 3:30pm Sponsorship \$51.00

Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> Vijaya Dhashmi Puja & Havan 5:30pm Sponsorship \$51.00

Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> Sharad Purnima Sri Satya Narayan Puja 6:30pm Sponsorship \$51.00

Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> Venkateshwar Kalayanam 10am Sponsorship \$51.00

Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> Ganesh Puja & Athrvasheersha Path 11am

Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> Karva Chouth Puja 4pm

Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> Bijoy Celebration 10am to 1pm Sponsored By -Agrani Bangali Community of Tristate.

# November 2010

Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> Friday Deepawali Maha Laxmi Puja 6:30pm Sponsored By- Dr. Bharat & Sudha Agrawal.

Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> Sat. Navgrah Puja 3pm

Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> Sun. Chitragupt Puja 11:30 am Sponsored By – Chitragupt Pariwaar of tristate .

Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> Sun. New year (Gujarat) Celebration MahaLaxmi /Chopda Puja , Deewali Garba  
10am Mahalxmi Puja, 3pm Garba followed by mahaprasad /Dinner  
Sponsored by .42 Gam Patel Samaj

Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> Sat. 1008 Gayatri japa 9:30am Everyone Welcome .

Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> Sat. Murgan Abhishegam 4pm Sponsorship \$101.00

Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> Sun. SunderKand Path 10:30am

Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> Sun. Annakoot /Govardhan Puja 10am Sponsored By – Srinath ji Devotees

Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> Sun. Krithigai Deepam 7pm

Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> Sun. Satya Narayan Puja (Purnima) 5:30pm Sponsorship \$51.00

Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> Sun. Ganesh Puja & AthrvaShirsh path 11am .

Announcement

108 Hanuman Chalisa Path

Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> Sat. 9am to 1pm followed by Aarti & Prasad

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- \* You have control only on your actions and not on the results. Five factors govern the outcome all actions (good or bad): Timing of action, individual, tools at one's disposal, how the tools are used, and the unknown (fate, luck/chance, providence, past Karma). Thus, do the best you can with what you have and where you are. After all, that is the best any one can do!
- \* Saintly (calm, collective, and active), showy (hyper active, greedy, passionate) and lazy (dull, lethargic) are human nature. Tend towards being more saintly in your thoughts, words, and deeds.
- \* Rise above the differences of pain and pleasure, good and bad, loss and gain, love and hate, etc.
- \* Dedicate all your actions to God.
- \* Share your fortunes with others; otherwise you are nothing but a thief.
- \* Accept all blessings (food, fortune, friends and whatever life brings) with gratitude and humility.
- \* Always support what is right.
- \* Follow moderation. Maintain a good balance of work, leisure, food and pleasure.
- \* Be humble and tolerant. Be an example for good.
- \* Lust, anger, and greed lead to sorrow. They are your greatest enemies.
- \* Faith, knowledge and selfless work are the various ways to God. However, the simplest path is "to simply surrender"! When you do so, there is no need to keep any score card as to how far you have progressed in your faith, knowledge or work!
- \* When you see God in everything and everything in God, how can you ever be lost?
- \* You are your best friend and your worst enemy.
- \* Only few people truly realize the truth.
- \* December month and the spring season are very dear to God.
- \* Easy to please God. Just offer some water, or a flower, or a leaf with faith or just think of God.
- \* Wisdom + Action = Success.
- \* Om (AUM) is the MOST Supreme syllable. It represents your birth, growth, letting go and immortality.

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## Buy Raj Minocha's Book of Poetry: *Petals in the Wind*

**Suggested Donation: \$5.00 & up**

As most of the Indian community of Greater Cincinnati knows, Late Raj Minocha was affectionately called the Poet-Laureate of Cincinnati. His poetry book, *Petals in the Wind*, was very enthusiastically received when it came out in 2008. His poetry was so popular that everybody asked him to write and recite a poem for a birthday, graduation, engagement, or wedding. And he was too gracious to say no. With his elegant poetry he touched many a souls in Cincinnati.

To give you an idea of how great his poetry is, let me quote the following stanza from his book:

Blowing in the wind each poem is a petal,  
Swirling at random, somewhere to settle,  
Settling your way, maybe in your lap,  
Bringing fragrance in life, latent powers to tap!

Although numerous copies of *Petals in the Wind* have already been sold, many more are still available. So far, Raj and Krishna Minocha have donated the entire proceeds from the sale of his book to the Hindu Temple. So, here is a chance for everybody. You can buy the book and enjoy Rajji's great poetry, and at the same time you can also help a charitable cause because all the money from the sale of the book will go to the Hindu Temple.

The book can be purchased from the Gift Shop located at the main entrance to the Hindu Temple.

Y. Datta

# Birthdays and Anniversaries for the Month of October

## Happy Anniversary \*

Mohan & Asha Chopra, Rajesh & Shobha Manam, Arun & Geeta Mehan, Ronald & Chitra Shanmugham, Shital & Pretti Parikh, Amitabh & Anita Raturi, M. & Padmini Sekar, Manmohan & Sarmishta Sharma, Salem & Prubha Srinivasan, S. & Prabha Batra, Narendra & Uma Bettepur

## Happy Birthday\*\*

Beena Agarwal, Amrish Bansal, Nina Batra, Aniruddha Bettepur, Jay Bhati, Rishabh Chatterjee, Thilaka Devnathan, Arsh Duggal, Maria Alexandra Georgjersky, Karan Goel, Sharad Goel, Chetan Gupta, Anupama Halekote, Prashant Jagtap, Shyamala Jagtap, Shantha Jayaram, Bharat Kalyan, Jagmohan Khanna, Nikhil Kothari, Tushar Kothari, Avinash Kovilam, Ashwin Krishnan, Aarti Kumar, Rajesh Manam, Shobha Manam, Geeta Mehan, Rushmi Mehan, Asha Meyer, Varsha Naik, Premanand Nayak, Suresh Nayak, Rasila Parikh, Shital Parikh, Tushar Parikh, Ajay Patel, Chiled 2 Patel, Jay Prakash Patel, Jayesh Patel, Jayprakash Patel, Jihesh Patel, Khushman Patel, Renu Rall, Suriya Ramamoorthy, Abhinav Ramarathnam, Amitabh Raturi, Hardi Rindani, Debabrata Saha, Rashmi Sahay, Padmini Sekar, Kavi Shankar, Geetika Sharma, Surender Sharma, Maya Sheth, Uday Sheth, Srija Srinivasan, Srividya Srinivasan, Sushma Srivastava, Subramanian, Raghav Tadepalli, Devanshu Trivedi, Het Trivedi, Raj Trivedi, Toral Trivedi, Kedar Verma, Akshata Wadekar, Akshay Wadekar, Prasad Yalamanchili, Mrigank Sharma, Ajay Sharma, Debashis Basu

\*(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 QUARTERLY EXPENSES -GENERAL ACCOUNT**

Item	TOTAL \$ 1ST QTR 2010	TOTAL \$ 2ND QTR 2010	TOTAL Jul 2010	TOTAL Aug 2010
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Aradhana Publication	5342.46	5966.22	2097.21	2104.78
Bank Charges (safe deposit vault)	0.00	0.00	63.90	0.00
Calendar	4475.58	0.00	0.00	0.00
Canopy	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Festival Expense</b>				
Anniversary	1500.00	3689.15	0.00	0.00
Diwali	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mela	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Navratri	0.00	120.00	0.00	0.00
Ram Kalyanam	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rath Yatra	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Murugan Abhishekam	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cultural Activities	0.00	0.00	0.00	3110.00
Gift Shop	0.00	0.00	0.00	251.00
Flowers	2239.75	2338.17	1522.78	672.12
Havan Shala	0.00	4129.36	0.00	0.00
Kroger Card	5000.00	5000.00	0.00	0.00
Mortgage	8339.24	12508.86	0.00	4170.00
Office Expenses	7539.25	9241.70	602.00	0.00
Property Insurance	1142.75	842.75	842.75	0.00
Property Tax	4737.27	0.00	4737.27	0.00
<b>Repair &amp; Maintenance</b>				
Grass Cutting & Lawn Care	285.00	1425.00	1000.00	741.08
Pest Control	110.00	165.00	110.00	0.00
Repair & Maintenance - Unassigned	10486.80	8563.05	360.00	150.00
Snow Removal	2322.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
Temple Cleaning	5334.73	2750.00	1360.00	1350.00
Security ADT	1190.02	1062.02	410.74	0.00
Membership	683.98	251.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Supplies</b>				
Food	1515.00	5868.28	213.26	2642.40
Pooja	0.00	169.50	82.05	1517.94
Temple Cleaning	0.00	0.00	74.17	310.00
<b>Utilities</b>				
Garbage Removal	206.12	415.75	104.20	103.73
Gas & Electric	16324.15	9038.55	1862.15	2030.56
Telephone Bill	297.90	511.45	149.15	148.93
Water & Sewer	0.00	261.23	0.00	123.29
<b>Wages and Salaries</b>				
Bonus	0.00	1503.00	153.00	0.00
City Income Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Federal Income Tax	2537.03	2537.06	845.72	845.72
Health Care	7374.78	7374.78	0.00	2458.26
Housing Allowance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Life Insurance	383.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Pay	10597.05	10597.06	3532.34	3532.34
State Income Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Zoning	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>99964.36</b>	<b>96328.94</b>	<b>20122.69</b>	<b>26262.15</b>

**TEMPLE QUARTERLY INCOME - GENERAL ACCOUNT**

ITEM	TOTAL \$ 1ST QTR 2010	TOTAL \$ 2ND QTR 2010	TOTAL \$ July 2010	TOTAL \$ Aug 2010
Gen Donations	32266.90	18031.48	7013.05	10460.06
<b>Pooja Income</b>				
Archana	1629.00	1335.00	1721.00	584.00
Mata ki Chowki	813.00	11850.00	0.00	887.00
Outside Pooja	12242.00	4489.00	11112.00	4970.00
Satyanarayana Katha	1002.00	0.00	0.00	4103.00
Special Pooja & Archana	10407.75	7749.00	5941.00	3097.00
Advertisement Aradhana	2192.00	10118.00	760.00	1382.50
Calendar Sale	45.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Festivals Income</b>				
New Year Celebration	3165.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
Anniversary	0.00	19498.44	306.00	0.00
Chitragupta Yagna	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Diwali	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ganesh Chaturthi	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hanuman Jayanti	0.00	1622.00	0.00	0.00
Janmashthami	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Maha Shivratri	5734.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mela	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Nand Mahotsav	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Navaratri	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ram Navmi	0.00	2072.00	0.00	0.00
Ramayan Path	0.00	973.00	0.00	0.00
Rath Yatra	0.00	0.00	0.00	3211.00
Saraswati Pooja	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Murugan Abhishekam	0.00	0.00	0.00	598.00
Gift Shop	121.00	410.00	30.00	8.00
Kroger Card	1661.00	4431.00	950.00	300.00
Flowers	7015.00	306.00	0.00	35.00
Cultural Activities	0.00	0.00	0.00	1250.00
<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS</b>	<b>78294.15</b>	<b>82884.92</b>	<b>27833.05</b>	<b>30885.56</b>

**Balances in Special Projects Account  
as of 9.14.10**

Projects	Total
Amazon	18
Barge Salt Run Road	(2,378)
Bricks	15,261
Cultural Center	17,588
Elevator	501
Garbha Graha	186,003
Kitchen	0
Kroger Giving	2,577
Musical Program	300
Road Repair	251
Saree Sale	3,349
Seed Money	5,669
Swamiji Fund	1,784
Tree Special	5,001
Zoning	(2,670)
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 233,253</b>

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The last meeting was very poorly attended. The executive committee believes that the temple belongs to the larger Hindu community in Cincinnati. The temple will prosper and thrive only with active participation by the community. Please join us for this meeting. Your participation is vital!



*Ankur Gujarati Samaj and  
Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati invite you to  
Celebrate Diwali 2010*

*November 6th, at Mason High School  
Dinner: 5:30-7:30pm, Cultural Program 8:00pm sharp  
Details to follow by EVITE*



**Rules for Submitting Entries and  
Regualtions for Participation in Cultural Program:**



- For all entries contact Kamini Jain at [kaminijain@yahoo.com](mailto:kaminijain@yahoo.com)
- Entries are taken on a first come basis.
- No late entries will be accepted, no exceptions.
- Only the first 25 entries will be accepted
- By sending an entry, you accept all the rules and conditions set herewith.
- All entries must be registered by Sept. 19, 2010, by email.
- If you have submitted your entry, you will receive email for confirmation. If you do not have a confirmation from us, we have not received your entry.
- Entries are only accepted with details of participant name, age and song details.
- Participants have to be at least 5 years old.
- Minimum of 6 participants per group.
- Maximum of 6 minutes allowed per entry.
- No solo or vocal singing items.
- No special effects like confetti, fireworks, fog or like allowed (due to clean up issues).
- No song will be repeated (even in medley).
- No performer is allowed to be in more than one item except for the FOGANA performers.
- More information on tickets and rehearsal date to follow.
- All entries must come a week before to Ankur to confirm and deliver the music for the performance.
- Changes in song selection and participants is not allowed once the entry is registered.
- Each performance should be assigned one person (manager) who deals with all the communication with the Ankur Cultural Director, Kamini Jain.
- Performers wishing to use Ankur for practice times must sign up for a specific time and every person practicing at Ankur must be a member. We will be curtailing practice times to accommodate most number of participants.
- Each group using Ankur must take the responsibility to leave the premises in the condition they found it in.
- Once the program order had been decided, we will not be able to accommodate requests for changes.
- The item introduction should be able to be announced in less than a minute.
- All entries and exits must be from the stage. The aisles in the auditorium may not be used.
- All inquiries and communication should be via email.
- The committee reserves the right to select items based on, but not limited to, time, logistics, and maximum community participation.



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September 1—October 31

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Please make your check payable to FreeStore.

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Send this form only if you wish your name and above information to be published in Member Directory.

If you do not send the form duly signed, you will not be included in the Directory.  
The Directory will be available to all.

Please mail form to

Geeta Mehan  
6663 Heritage Club Dr.  
Mason, OH 45040  
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OR

Raneshwar Gupta  
6338 Turpin Hill Dr  
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513-232-3331





# NAVRATRI



When the supreme being begins to manifest its cosmic energy, it is variously known as Sakti, Devi or Divine Mother, who assumes many forms according to the tasks to be preformed by her. She is also known as Durga, Lakshmi or Sarawati in her destructive, protective, and knowledge giving roles respectively. All three aspects of the Divine Mother are worshipped during Devi Navaratri puja, the nine nights.

Navratri festival is observed twice a year, once in the month of Chaitra and then in Aswayuja. It lasts for nine days in honour of the nine manifestations of Durga. During Navaratri (the word literally means "nine nights") devotees of Durga observe a fast. Brahmins are fed and prayers are offered for the protection of health and property.

## Significance

Durga, also known as Kali, or the destructive aspect of the divine mother is worshipped during the first three nights .. On the succeeding three nights, her protective aspect of Lakshmi, also the giver of spiritual wealth is worshipped. On the last three nights, her knowledge and wisdom aspect or Saraswati are worshipped. The significance of this order is that first Durga destroys all the evil propensities lurking in the minds of her devotees; then Lakshmi implants divine qualities in the devotees' minds and finally Saraswati bestows true knowledge to her devotees. The tenth day known as Vijaya Dasami, commemorates the victory of knowledge over ignorance of goodness over evil. For all around success in life, believers seek the blessings of all three aspects of the divine femininity.

The Navratri commences on the first day (pratipada) of the bright fortnight of the lunar month of Ashwin. The festival is celebrated for nine nights once every year during the beginning of October, although as the dates of the festival are determined according to the [lunar calendar](#). Navaratri is celebrated in different ways throughout India. In North India, all three Navratris are celebrated with much fervor by fasting on all nine days and worshipping the Mother Goddess in her different forms. The Chaitra Navratri culminates in [Ram Navami](#) and the Sharad Navratri culminates in [Durga Puja](#) and [Dussehra](#). The Dussehra of [Kulu](#) in [Himachal Pradesh](#) is particularly famous in the North.

The last four days of Sharad Navratri take on a particularly dramatic form in the state of [West Bengal](#) in East India where they are celebrated as [Durga Puja](#). This is the biggest festival of the year in this state. Exquisitely crafted and decorated life-size clay idols of the Goddess Durga depicting her slaying the demon Mahisasura are set up in temples and other places. These idols are then worshipped for five days and immersed in the river on the fifth day.

In Western India, particularly in the state of [Gujarat](#), Navratri is celebrated with the famous [Garba](#) and Dandiya-Raas dance. Since the past few years, the Government Of Gujarat has been organising the "Navratri Festival Celebrations" on a regular basis for the nine days of Navratri Festival, in Gujarat. People from all over Gujarat and even abroad come to participate in the nine days celebrations. It is also popular throughout India and among Indian communities around the world including UK and USA.

In South India, people set up steps and place idols on them. This is known as *golu*. Photos of typical [Golu](#) displayed in Tamil Nadu style at a home in Nerul, Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra, India is shown by the side. In South India, Saraswati pooja is performed on the 9th day. Eight day is traditionally Durgashtami which is big in Bengal. The 10th day is Ayudha Pooja when everyone gives their tools of the trade—pens, machinery, books, automobiles, school work, etc. a rest and ritually worships them. They start a fresh from the next day, the 10th day which is considered as 'Vijaya Dasami'. On this tenth day of Navratri in October - the holiday of [Dussehra](#), an effigy of [Ravana](#) is burnt to celebrate the victory of good ([Rama](#)) over evil.

During Navratri, some devotees of Durga observe a fast and prayers are offered for the protection of health and prosperity. A period of introspection and purification, Navratri is traditionally an auspicious and religious time for starting new ventures.

## SAVE THE DATE!!

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And  
The Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati  
Invite you to celebrate*

# *Diwali 2010*

Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>  
Social Hour and Dinner - 5:00 pm onwards  
Cultural Program – 8:00 pm

Mason High School  
6100 Mason-Montgomery Rd.  
Mason, Ohio 45040, Warren County

## **Ticket Sales Contact:**

**Mr. Anami Patel** (513) 745 – 9061  
[anamip@gmail.com](mailto:anamip@gmail.com)

**Mr. Deepak Dixit** (513) 769 – 3556  
[dndixit@hotmail.com](mailto:dndixit@hotmail.com)

**Mr. Raneshwar Gupta** (513) 232-3331  
[rgupta@tapohio.com](mailto:rgupta@tapohio.com)

**Tickets: \$20.00 per person**

Includes Dinner and One Assigned Seat for the Program

*Children under 5 years of age will have dinner for free, but will not have an assigned seat.*

The Diwali Function has been sold-out in the past, so buy your tickets soon!

Tickets are available by phone, email, and at Ankur, or Hindu Temple on Sundays.

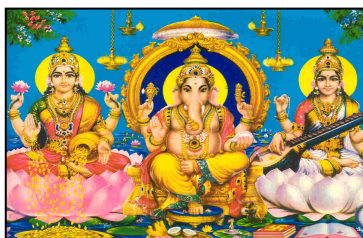
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# Diwali Maha-Laxmi Puja



**Nov.5<sup>th</sup> Friday 2010**

6:30 pm Shri Ganesh & Maha Laxmi Puja\*\*

7:00 pm Archana Thali \*

8:00 pm Aarti , Prasad , Fire Crackers after Aarti

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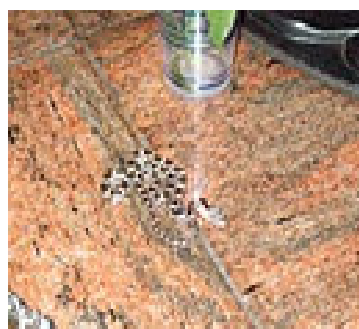
\* Archana \$21.00

Puja Sponsored by- Dr. Bharat & Sudha Agrawal

For more details please call:- Acharya Kailash Sharma 513-652-5382.

## NAAG KALIA MAKES APPEARANCE AT TEMPLE ON NAND MAHOTSAV

As Bhaktas were enjoying Pandit Kailash ji's bhajans, a small snake was seen near the Shivalingam on the platform. If you were at the event, Pandit Srinath ji was performing role of Lord Shiva. Interestingly, he found a similar snake in his room that same night. We would like to believe that this is blessing and Lord Shiva was happy with our devotees.



## HAVAN



# **NAVRATRI 2010**

## **GARBA & RAAS**

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**October 15 Ashtmi Havan 5:00 PM at Hindu Temple**

**October 17 Dasera Havan and Garba**

**from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM at Hindu Temple**

**\*\*Sponsorship will be Appreciated! All proceeds go to  
Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati**





# IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS



Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati is planting a Holy Tree in front of Temple on Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> 2010. 5 pm , first day of Navratri.(Sponsored by Mr.&Mrs. Rohit & Rajeshri Nayak)

## KALP -VRIKSHA (Tree of wish)

By-Acharya Kailash Sharma

### Significance of Tree worship

From the ancient times, trees have been the focus of religious life for many peoples, around the world. As the largest plant on earth, the tree has been a major source of stimulation to the mythic imagination. Trees have been invested in all cultures with a dignity unique to their own nature,

In Hinduism, it is believed that the God lives in trees ( Banyan,Peepal,Bliva etc.) and all married women on full moon day of the month of Jyeshtha (June) fast and worship Vat tree known as Vat Savitri Vrat. They also tie red thread around it and offer flowers and sweets to the tree. All prayers are offered for growth and strength of their family. It symbolizes a long life and also represents the divine creator, Brahma. It is invariably planted in front of temples. The numerous stems of the tree are even regarded as the home of God and spirits. The Hindu sages (Rishi ,Muni) sat in a trance seeking enlightenment and they held discourses and conducted holy rituals under the tree .In Hindu mythology, the tree is called *Kalpavriksha*, the tree that provides fulfillment of wishes and other material gains. It is also believed to be a symbol of fertility and women worship it for progeny. The worship of the tree is also represented in a Buddhism. Lord Buddha got enlightenment under Banyan tree. Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati is planting a Holy Tree in front of Temple on Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> 2010. 5 pm the first day of Navratri. Tree is sponsored by -Mr.&Mrs. Rohit & Rajeshri Nayak . for any details please call Mr. Rameshwar Dayal 513-474-4051.

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## PATRONS AND LIFE MEMBERS DAY SAVE THE DATE

### November 13th 2010, Saturday

HSGC will celebrate its 2nd Patrons and Life members day on Saturday, November 13th 2010 in the evening from 7:00 to 10:00pm.

The tentative program is as follow:

We will start the evening with Prayer and Arti followed by social time, dinner, welcome and Live Classical Music program by **DR. Harre Harren from India.**

We request all our patrons and life members to save this day and mark your calendars.  
Invitation to follow.

## **NOMINATIONS SOUGHT For Executive Council 2011**

The term of the Current Executive Council expires on December 31, 2010, and the elections for Executive Council 2011 will be conducted during the General Body Meeting on Sunday, December 12, 2010 at 12.00 Noon. The Election Commission invites nominations for the following positions:

1. **President**
2. **Vice-President**
3. **Secretary**
4. **Treasurer**

Nominations are also invited for the positions of Chairpersons for the following committees:

1. **Religious Education and Youth Activities P**
2. **Pooja and Religious Activities**
3. **Communications**
4. **Membership and Fund Raising**
5. **Property Management & Maintenance**
6. **Cultural**
7. **Long Range Planning**

In addition, the Youth Group is requested to nominate **a Youth representative (22 year Max)** to serve on the Executive Council. This nomination must be endorsed by at least ten youth members

### **RULES**

The nominations must be filed by December 11, 2010, 12.00 PM (mid-night) . All nominations must include the following information:

- Candidate's name and Phone number.
- Name and Phone number of the person proposing.
- Name and Phone number of the person seconding.
- Nominations can be submitted on plain paper , or phoned in to any member of the Election Commission.
- All candidates must be dues-paying members of the Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati in good standing for at least 12 months prior to Dec 1, 2010.
- For the position of the President and Long range Planning, a candidate must have actively served the Hindu Society of the Greater Cincinnati in an executive capacity for at least one year .

### **HSGC Election Commission :**

Mohan Chopra, Chairperson, 859-331-2416 ; Anand Narayana, 513 793 8100 ; Siva Sivaganesan 513-563 2901

## **Notice of the General Body Meeting (GBM)**

The executive committee of the Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati will hold a general body meeting on **Sunday, October 3rd, 2010 at 2:30 pm**. The meeting will be held at the temple right after Sunday lunch. The next General Body Meeting will be on **Sunday November 14, 2010 at 11:30 am**. The agenda for both meetings 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 (Pooja, Cultural, Religious Education, Fundraising, Maintenance, Special Projects, Long-range Planning, Aradhana Editor and Report by the Temple Manager)
5. Question/Answer Session

All HSGC members are encouraged to attend the GBM to review the work of the executive committee and provide constructive comments and support. The last meeting was very poorly attended. The executive committee believes that the temple belongs to the larger Hindu community in Cincinnati. The temple will prosper and thrive only with active participation by the community. Please join us for this meeting. Your participation is vital!

## HSGC – Executive Council

Meeting Minutes– August 1, 2010

**Present:** Krutarth Jain (President), Ambikaipakan Balasubramaniam (Vice President), Deepak Dixit (Secretary), Prasad Megada (Treasurer), Geeta Mehan (Editor – Aradhana), Sulbha Midha (Cultural Committee Chair), Anisha Singh (Religious Education Committee Chair)

**Additional Attendees:** Rima Ajbani (Cultural Committee Member)

**Absent:** Amita Gupta (Pooja Committee Chair)  
Shiv Sharma (Maintenance Committee Chair)  
Raneshwar Gupta (Fundraising Committee Chair)  
Laxmi Srivastava (Temple Manager)

### Minutes:

#### Update on Naach-Sitare

The program has a huge response and it will run for almost 5 hours, over 600 people are expected to attend. So far, about \$1,400 have been collected through sponsorship.

#### Update on Mela

Mela will be on September 11<sup>th</sup>

There will be cultural programs in the Mela, but it will not be a competition.

A booth will be setup for the AIW/YWCA to spread awareness of women's issues and domestic violence.

In connection with the AIW/YWCA, information was shared about availability of state grants for healthcare and social programs. EC will investigate such opportunities to explore if any of these funds could be availed to provide additional services through the temple.

#### Kitchen Update

So far, \$6,000 has been paid for the kitchen from the general account.

An advance of \$5,000 was given to Jitu Patel for the fundraiser, but the advance will be received back from him.

#### Expense Submission

The expenses should be accompanied by reimbursement form.

Receipts submitted for reimbursement should be separate from household expense receipts.

The reimbursement forms should be signed and approved by a committee chairperson.

This policy will be published in Aradhana and also displayed on the notice board.

The items purchased for temple will qualify to be tax free. Raj Bodalia has the necessary certificates with the tax free id for the temple.

#### Bank Account

The current authorized signatories list for the bank account is outdated. It will be updated with current EC members.

There may be a few additional signatories besides some EC members for special accounts.

#### Income and Expense Statement

There will be a separate line item for the cultural activities in the future statements.

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## **Please See Registration Form for Community Directory on Page 11**

This project will be underway soon and we hope to have the Directory published in the early part of 2011. So if you have not already done so, please fill out the form and mail or email the same to ensure being placed in the directory. Being a member of the Temple does not automatically place you in this directory.

Advertisers, please get your Ads ready. Price list for Ads will be available by early November. In order to avoid disappointment, you may start booking space at this time. This is going to be an incredible advertising opportunity.

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Phone- 513 528 3714

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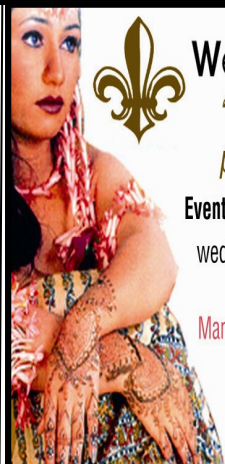


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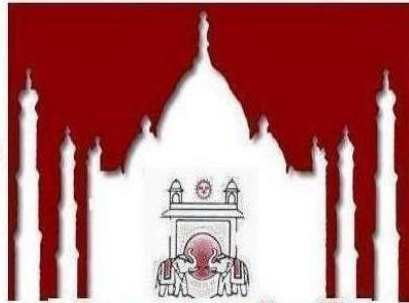
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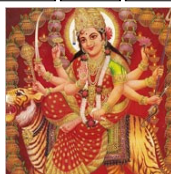
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