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NAV-RATRI PUJA

April 4th to 11th 2011

April 4th Monday 6:00 pm KALASH STHAPANA

April 5th to 10th CHANDI PATH & DEVI PUJA everyday 10:00 am to 12:00pm and 5.00pm to 6:00pm

April 11th Monday 6:00 pm Durga Ashtami Puja & Havan

Sponsorship for Chandi path \$51.00, Havan \$51.00. all days of Navratri \$251.00



AKHAND RAMAYAN PATH (Shri Ramcharit Manas)

April 9th - 10th Saturday & Sunday 11:30am to 12:30 pm next day (24hours)

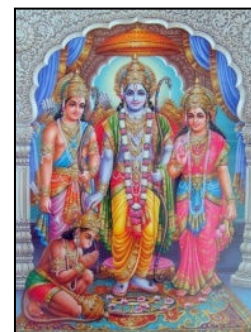
Sponsorship: \$251.00: Akhand Ramayan Path

\$101.00: Sunderkand Path, Shri Ram Janma, Shri Ram Vivah, \$21.00: Archana .

We need volunteers to read Ramayana.

Please call Temple (513)528-3714. Kiran Dayal 474-4051, to give your name & time.

Event is sponsored by: Shri Rameshwar & Kiran Dayal and their family.



Shri Ram Navami Celebration

SRI SITA RAMA KALYANAM (Wedding Of Ram Sita)

April 24th Sunday ON Sunday at 10:00 AM

Sponsored by- TARANGINI (Telugu Association of Greater Cincinnati)

Sponsorships: \$1016.00 Grand Sponsors, \$116.00 Sponsors, \$21.00 Archana

For more details please contact info@tarangini.net , Temple 528-3714, Kiran Dayal 474-405



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Raj Bodalia Chair, Special Activities

RELIGIOUS DISCOURSE

Sundays 12:15 - 12:45 PM

First Sunday : Upanishads

Second Saturday : 1008 Gayatri Jaap

Second Sunday : Children Program

Third Sunday : Sunder Kand Path

Fourth Sunday : Shri Ganesh

Atharvshirsha Path

Fifth Sunday : Jagannath Puja

Members of the community are invited to speak on topics related to Hindu religion, philosophy, culture, reformation, Gurus, self-preservation, etc. If you would like to talk or like to suggest someone who may be interested, please contact Kiran Dayal.

Devotees are requested to sit-in Sunday Pooja as well as bring Prasad and Lunch. You may wish to use this occasion to celebrate important events such as wedding anniversaries, birthdays, ishta devata pooja, graduation and other memorable days. Events can be hosted by individuals, families, group of families or organizations. Please reserve your Sunday of choice ASAP by putting your name and phone-no in the calendar at the temple & calling pooja committee members Kiran Dayal or Meena Sondhi.

TEMPLE SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday : 9:00AM-12:00 Noon
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Saturday, Sunday
& US Holidays: 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

SPECIAL PROGRAM ON WEEKENDS

9:15 - 9:30 A.M.

Suprabhatam

9:30 - 11:00 A.M.

Daily Pooja of Temple Deities

11:00 - 11:30 A.M.

Sponsored Pooja

11:30 - 12:15 A.M.

Bhajan

12:15 -12:45 P.M.

Religious discourse

12:45-1:00 P.M.

Birthday and Anniversary pooja and announcements

Please Donate Generously

Your Temple needs

1. Sponsors for flower \$50/week

2. Sponsors for Sunday pooja

3. Your support

2010 POOJA COMMITTEE &

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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	\$301	\$151
(except holidays)		
Friday, Saturday & Holidays	\$501	\$351

Sunday after 3PM only — \$351

Note: For half day select one of the two:

8:00 AM to 2:00 PM **OR** 4:00PM to 11:00 PM

USE OF KITCHEN \$ 51

Use of Paper Supplies (PS) \$ 101

Use of Kitchen and PS \$125

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

Kiran Dayal 474-4051 or Raneshwar Gupta 232-3331

Pooja Committee Announcement:

To schedule a Pooja or to rent a temple hall (lower level) please contact Kiran Dayal 513-474-4051

If you have any question or suggestion about temple activities contact Kiran Dayal 513-474-4051, 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.

Regular Weekly & Monthly Events at the Temple

Monthly Navgrah Pooja

Every first Saturday of the Month April

Sponsors needed for Pooja \$51.00

For Details call

Kiran Dayal at 474-4051; Temple priests: 528-3714



Monthly Murugan Abhishekham / Pooja

Every second Sat of the Month

April 9 Sat 4pm **Sponsor Murugan Group.**
Kiran Dayal 474-4051; Temple priests:

Monthly ABHISHEKAM/KALYANOTSAVAM FOR LORD SRI VENKATESWARA

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

1008 Gayatri Jap

Second Saturday of each month at 9.30AM

For details please contact temple priest 528-3714 or Kiran Dayal 474-4051



Monthly Satya Narayan Pooja

On Every Purnima of the Month
6:30 pm

Sponsorship \$ 51.00

To sponsor pooja call Kiran Dayal 474-4051
Temple priests: 528-3714



Weekly Shiv Mahiman Stotram

Every Monday at 6:30 pm



Weekly Hanuman Chalisa Path

Every Tuesday at 6:30 p m To sponsor call Kiran Dayal
474-4051 or Temple Priests 528-3714

Shri Ganesh Pooja & Shri Ganesh Atharvshirsha Path

Every 4th Sunday of the month 10:30AM
This pooja is dedicated to each month's

Sankashti Chaturthi to Lord Ganesh. **For more information & Sponsor the pooja please call**

Jyoti Divekar : 204-8037

Mangal Nemade : 234-8373

Kiran Dayal : 474-4051

Temple Priests: 528-3714

Weekly Vishnu Sahasranaam Parayana

Vishnu Sahasranaama Parayana (chanting) will now take place
Every Thursday at 7:00 pm . Please join us for the chanting.
Please contact Ganesh Sundaresan 513-752-4025

Weekly Venkateswar Pooja

Every Friday at 6:30pm

To sponsor pooja please call Kiran Dayal 474-4051;

Temple priests: 528-3714

TAMIL NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

April 17th Sunday 10 am to 1pm

10am Murgan Abhishekam 12pm Archana 1pm Mangala aarti followed by Prasad & lunch

Sponsored By- Murgan Devotees Sponsorship \$101.00 Abhishekam, Archana \$21.00.

No Murgan Abhishekam on 2nd Sat. April 9th.

SHRI HANUMAN JAYANTI CELEBRATION

April 17th Sunday 2011

3:30pm Shri Hanuman Puja & Hanuman Chalisa path

4:30pm Sunderkand Path

7:00pm Aarti & Maha Prasad (dinner)

Sponsorship: \$101.00 Puja & Path, \$21.00 Archana.

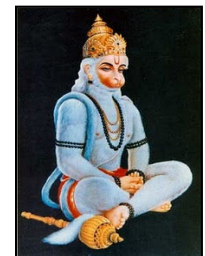
Shri Vallabhacharya Jayanti Celebration

On May 1st Sunday

10 am to 1pm 10:30am Shri Nathaji Pooja 11:30am Krishna Bhajan

12:30pm Discourse 1:00pm Aarati Followed by Mahaprasad / lunch

Event is sponsored by - Shrinathji devotees.



April 2011

April 2nd Sat. 1008 Gayatri Japa 9:30am

April 2nd Sat. Navgarah puja 3pm

April 3rd Sun. Bengali New Year Celebration /Ganesh Puja & Athrvasheersha path 11am

Sponsored By-Cincinnati Cultural Initiative (CCI)

April 3rd Sun General Body Meeting 2 pm

April 4th Mon. Chaitra Navratri Kalash Sthapana 6pm

April 9th Sat. Akhand Ramayan Path Starts 11am

April 10th Sun. Akhand Ramayan Path Ends 12:30pm Sponsored By – Rameshwar & Kiran Dayal ,Family

April 12th Tues Shri Ram Navami Puja 11:30am & 5:30pm (Actual Day) Sponsored by Hema&Chitu Shukla

April 14th Thurs . Vashakhi/ Tamil New year (Actual Day)

April 16th Sat. Mahaveer Jayanti (Actual day)

April 17th Sun. Tamil New Year Celebration (Murgan Abhishekam) 10am to 1pm Sponsored By Muragan Devotees , Abhishekam Sponsorship \$101.00, Archana \$21.00

April 17th Sun. Purnima Satya Narayan Puja 5:30pm Sponsorship \$51.00

April 17th Sun. Hanuman Jayanti Celebration 3:30pm Sponsors Needed

April 23rd Sat. Venkateshwar Kalyanam 10am Sponsorship \$51.00

April 24th Sun. Sitaram Kalyanam 10am Sponsored By- TARANGINI (Telgu Association of Cincinnati) Sponsorship \$1016,Grand Sponsor,\$116 Sponsor, \$21 Archana

April 24th Thus. Vallabhacharya Jayanti (Actual Day)

May 2011

May 1st Sun. Vallabhacharya Jayanti 10:30am to 1pm Sponsored by- Shrinathji Devotees

May 7th Sat. Navgrah Puja 3pm Sponsorship \$51.00

May 8th Sun. Mahavir Jayanti (Jain) Celebration Moved to June 5th Sunday .

May 14th Sat. 1008 Gayatri japa 9:30am

May 15th Sun. Sunderkand Path 10:30am

May 17th Tue. Purnima Satya narayan puja Sponsorship \$51.00 , 6:30pm

Puja Samgri will be provided, Please bring Fruits, Prasad, And 1 coconut.

May 21st Sat. Temple's 14th Anniversary Celebration 9:30am to 8pm

May 21st Sat. Mata Ki Chouki 4pm to 8pm

May 22nd Sun. Temple's 14th Anniversary Celebration 10am to 1pm

May 28th Sat. Venkateshwar Abhishekam \$51.00 10am

May 29th Sun. Jagannnath Puja 11am .

**HSGC – Executive Council
Meeting Minutes– January 9, 2011**

Present: Krutarth Jain(President), Deepak Dixit (Secretary), Kiran Dayal (Pooja Committee), Laxmi Srivastava (Long Range Planning), Asit Saha (Cultural), Raneshwar Gupta (Fundraising Committee), Dilip Patel (Maintenance Committee)

Additional Attendees: Amitava Das

Absent: Ambikaipakan Balasubramaniam (Vice President), Prasad Megada (Treasurer), Anisha Singh (Religious Education Committee), Geeta Mehan (Editor – Aradhana)

Minutes:

1. Schedule for New Year 2011 was finalized.
2. The Yagya Shala project will be completed by end of July, 2011.
3. There
4. Fund raising for the Barg Salt Road entrance and the new road has started. The overall project has been estimated at \$750,000. The road will be divided into 20 equal parts. Funds will be raised for each segment of the road at \$35,000. So far, 7 sponsors have made commitments.
5. Sponsors can name their sponsored segments per their choice. It may be named after their family deities, family name, name of their village etc.
6. Currently, the area is being surveyed. It will be cleared and soil will be tested for construction.
7. There are plans to use the Yagya Shala as a regional marriage center. A special activity chairperson may be named, who will be responsible for creating booklets, website, mailing for the Yagya Shala and marriage center. Raj Bodalia has been proposed as the chairperson for this center.
8. It has been proposed that a wellness center be established in the temple. Dr Hari Haran, who visited the temple last year, will be back in the temple on May 11. He will conduct 3-4 lectures and session on managing diabetes and blood pressure. It will be part of the wellness center initiative.
9. A separate unit in the basement will be created that will help in conducting the yoga center as well as other activities such as children's activities, library, meditation, and wellness center.
10. Co-chairs for all committees will be named.
11. Major events will be given displayed prominently in Aradhana provided details of such events are provided for publication two months in advance.
12. Every committee will document their processes. The processes will get compiled in a handbook for the benefit of future committees.
13. Besides the subcommittee documentation, policies will be created for general areas such as evacuation, fire and burglary, permissions etc.
14. Congresswoman Jean Schmidt will be invited to the temple to help her understand our beliefs and practices. The tentative dates of her visit are March 6th or 13th or April 3rd.
15. Our priest Srinath ji recently received his green card. His family will join him soon.
16. YWCA/AIW – This organization helps women in various ways. Geeta Mehan is HSGC's liaison with this organization. So far, we have few cases of domestic violence from our community. The upcoming major events in the temple are Lohdi and Bhajan Sandhya.
17. The temple website will be cleaned up. We will try to get paid advertisements for the website. The website will also be checked for correctness of information.

General Body Meeting will be held on Sunday April 3rd, 2011 at 2:00 pm.

The meeting will be held at the temple right after Sunday lunch in the temple basement. The agenda for the 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 sub committees (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!

Introduction to the BHAGAVAD-GITA and a QUESTION Arjuna did not ask!

Koti Sreekrishna

The Bhagavad-Gita (The Song of God), made of two Sanskrit words, Bhagavat (of God) and Gita (song), is a dialogue between Krishna (The incarnation of Supreme Lord in the human form as charioteer) and his friend prince Arjuna (an acclaimed warrior of the Bharata dynasty), at the outset of the Mahabharata war (The battle of the great Bharatas). "Bharata" is a famous royal family of ancient India, so famous that we see that represented in the official names of India as "Bhaarat, Bhaarata, Bhaaratam, Bhaaratamu" in its various indigenous languages. Naturally so, Krishna in the Bhagavad-Gita addresses his dear friend and pupil Arjuna as Bhaarata, Bharatarshabha, and Bharatasattama, all together some 31 times, where as, only 11 times as Arjuna!

A conflict of succession arose in the Bharata dynasty between the sons of the blind king Dhritaraashtra (known as the Kauravas) and the sons of his deceased brother Paandu (known as the Paandavas). Duryodhana, the eldest son of the blind king was unreasonable and unwilling to share even a speck of the kingdom with the Paandavas. Not only that, he was so envious of their fame and strength, that he did not like to see them alive, even if they were to simply walk away from the dispute. All along he was plotting with his devious maternal uncle Shakuni to get Paandavas killed by hook or crook, while many elders were looking for amicable ways to settle the dispute. Because, Duryodhana was open to war, that became the only reasonable course to settle the dispute. Thus, war became inevitable and with both sides having numerous alliances, and many kings having their own personal agendas, very quickly, the whole Indian sub-continent got involved. Hundreds of kings with their vast armies arrived for battle at the "Kurukshetra", a sacred terrain of the Bharatas, named after the famous king "Kuru" of the Bharata dynasty. Everything was set to go and clash of weapons was about to begin.

At this juncture, Arjuna was overcome by despair at the thought of killing his own relatives, teachers, and friends. He was utterly confused, not knowing whether to fight or walk away or simply die without resisting his opponents. In this state, he sought Krishna's guidance. Through the course of their dialog covering several aspects of life, Krishna cleared all the doubts of Arjuna and made sure that he had cleared all his doubts, saying thus:

Have you heard this teaching with full attention?

Has your confusion caused by ignorance been clarified? (18:72)

To which Arjuna answered:

Yes! My doubts are cleared. I am not confused any more.

I am enlightened by your grace, Krishna. I stand firm.

I will follow your advice (I will fight wholeheartedly) (18:73).

Yes, certainly Arjuna fought wholeheartedly, so did pretty much everyone else, except his grand uncle Bhishma! The war lasted for 18 days (Nov 22- Dec 9; 3139 BCE) and over 18 million lives were lost. The only survivors were Krishna, Arjuna and his four brothers from the Paandava army and just one warrior, Ashvattama, from the Kaurava side.

The timely advice which Krishna gave to Arjuna is indeed a timeless classic and an invaluable manual of life for the whole world as evidenced by its world wide influence through the ages. Even the hard core scholars preoccupied with the seemingly endless vast body of Hindu religious works proclaim thus: *Gita su Gita, kim anyaih shastra vistharaih?* (What other guide for life do we need besides the Gita). The same sentiment is wonderfully captured by Barbara Powell in her book (Windows into the Infinite)* in which she observes: Bhagavad-Gita It is an all round ground guide to spiritual life which virtually covers every one of its aspects. It draws together ideas from various sources into a brilliantly harmonious synthesis. After reading Bhagavad-Gita, all other scriptures can be viewed as elaboration and commentary on Hinduism.

In the true eternal spirit ("*Sanatana*"), without beginning and without end (*anaadi ananta*), Krishna declares that the message he delivered to Arjuna was not first of its kind. He had given the same message long time ago!

I taught this eternal yoga to Vivasvat; Vivasvat taught Manu and Manu taught Ikshvaku (3:1).

(Note: Vivasvat is the patriarch of the famous solar dynasty which includes kings like Janaka, Raghu, Dasharatha and Rama).

Thus handed down in regular succession, the rajarshis knew this. But over the long course of time, the yoga seems to be lost in the world (3:2). (Note: A *rajarshi* is one who is both a king and a sage).

I have now told you the same ancient yoga, indeed a supreme secret, because you are my friend and admirer (3:3).

(Note: 'Supreme secret' perhaps refers to the basic truths of life. Krishna calls it a secret because so few are prepared to hear it).

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It sounds rather enigmatic when Krishna said the message he gave in the past was essentially lost to Arjuna! This must have been an eye opener. It is too bad that Arjuna did not ask **HOW, WHY, and WHEN it got LOST**. Because Arjuna did not ask, Krishna did not answer! It is simply left to our own speculation. We may say, that in due course, essential truth is over taken by superfluous traditions, and cluttered by excessive scholarship; thus, it is practically lost. When I say, I am studying the Bhagavad-Gita, people immediately mention a dozen names and ask which one? Such a question rarely arises with respect to the Bible or the Koran. After studying 50 plus versions of the Bhagavad-Gita, I thought, well, it may not be such a bad idea to study, at least for once (and for all), Krishna's version (meaning as it is, without subjecting it into divisive sectarian interpretations and interpolations). Having done that, I can see, if Krishna were to appear now, he would say "I taught this to Arjuna some 5000 years ago, but over the course of time it is essentially lost"!

all but you do not. I am the lord of beings, unborn and imperishable, yet restraining my basic nature I incarnate myself by my own maya (3:5).

(The Supreme is inherently beyond space and time. Through maya, the divine power of illusion, the Supreme veils its own inherent nature to assume a role and form that is relevant to a particular situation).

Whenever there is a decline of dharma and a rise of adharma, I manifest myself (3:6).

(Note: *Dharma* is that which sustains everything; it is the harmony in the universe that sustains the greater good. By definition, *dharma* protects one who protects it. *Adharma* is the opposite of *dharma*; it is that which hinders sustainability).

To protect the good, to destroy evil, and to firmly establish dharma, I manifest myself time and again (3:7).

[Note: Here, 'good' not only refers to sages but also to ordinary, helpless folk, who are exploited by the wicked.

History has shown that during a great crisis, someone rises to the occasion, assumes leadership, and brings about change. Krishna presents the concept of incarnation (*avatara*) without limitations of space or time].

He, who truly knows the scheme of my divine birth and deeds, is not reborn when he leaves the body; he comes to me, Arjuna (3:8).

(Note: This verse perhaps implies that one who fully comprehends life is liberated).

Anyone familiar with Hinduism recognizes that "*aadau*" (In the beginning) is nearly absent in the Hindu scriptures, whereas occurrences of "*yatra poorve*" (as in the past) are abundant. I am sure; some will challenge me saying that we do have "*aadau*" in the Bhagavad-Gita (3:4). But we have to see that that it was uttered by Arjuna, who was in a sincerely confused state of mind!

The dialog which took place at the battle field was narrated to the blind King Dhritarashtra by Sanjaya. It was written down for posterity by sage Vyasa, in his earlier version of Mahaabhaarata epic known as "Jaya". This was taught to his pupil Vaishampayana, who narrated for the first time to king Janamejaya, the great grandson of Arjuna at the venue of the famous "sarpa yaga" (serpent sacrifice) performed by Janamejaya to avenge the death of his father King Parikshit by the notorious snake Takshaka.

The whole episode is so deeply engraved in the Hindu/Indian psyche, that for most Indians, song means "The song of God", and war means "The battle of Kurukshetra".

Kurukshetra, located in the state of Haryana, near India's capital New Delhi, is a place of Hindu pilgrimage and the site where the dialog took place is recognized as Jyotisar. Traditionally devotees visit Kurukshetra and recite the entire 700 verses of the Bhagavad-Gita over and over again from early morning until the next morning, and pay respect to the monument of Krishna as charioteer giving sermon to the warrior Arjuna seated in the chariot drawn by four horses.

(Credits: Hari Ravikumar, my co-translator for verses and notes; Shanti Karri of our community for pointing me to a wonderful primer on Hinduism-"Windows into the Infinite" by Barabara Powell).

Next month (MAY ISSUE) , look for Family tree showing the inter-relation of key personalities leading to the Bhagavad-Gita



Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati cordially invites you with family & friends
On the occasion of Temple's

14th Anniversary Celebration

May 21st, 22nd 2011 at 4920 Klatte Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45244



Sat. 21st May

8:30am Nitya Puja

9:30 am Anugya, Swastivachan, Shri Ganesh
Puja, Punayah-Vachan, Ritvik
Varan, Raksha-Bandhan,

10:30am Kalash Sthapana, Mandal,
Aaradhana,

11:30am Utsava Murti Abhisheka

12:45pm Aarti & Prasad. (Lunch)

Saturday 21st May MATA KI CHOWKI

4:00pm Devi Durga Puja

5:00pm First Devi Durga aarti

5:15pm Mata Bhajans

7:30pm Kanya Puja

8:00pm Bhog , Aarti Followed by Dinner

Sunday 22nd May

09:00am Nitya (Daily) Puja

10:00am Sarvadev Gayatri Homa /Havan

11:00am Kalash Yatra (Procession)

11:30am Dhawaja Puja & Arohan

12:15pm Special Archana for all the Deities

Appreciation of Priests & Volunteers

1:00pm Aarti & Prasad (Lunch).

Sponsorships:

\$1001.00 All Two days pujas

\$ 501.00 Dhawaj Puja/Arohan, Sarva dev

Gayatri Havan, Kalash Yatra,

\$ 501.00 Special Archana, Sarvadev Gayatri
Havan, Kalash Yatra.

\$ 101.00 Utsava Murti Abhishek, Kalash yatra

\$ 51.00 Sarvadev Gayatri Havan.

\$ 21.00 Kalash Yatra.

**Sponsors for Mata Ki Chowki will receive
blessed SAREES, dupattas or suhag things.**

\$501.00, \$251.00, \$101.00 -Sarees \$51.00 Dupattas,
Chunris \$31.00 - Suhag Things.

**Devotees are requested to sponsor one or more items
listed below, for various pujas. All items are needed
by May 15th Sunday.**

Coconuts 50 ct.

Havan Samgri - 50 pack

Ghee - 25lb

Dry fruits - 100lb.

Almonds, Cashew, Raisins

Camphor 250gram

Rice 50lb

Milk 5 gallons

Yogurt 5pack

Fruits 5 Varieties

Saffron 2 Box

Mango leaves

Pan leaves 50

Sarees for each deity

Betel Nut (Supari) Whole 50

Kumkum 500gram , Jewelry for each deity.

For pooja details please contact Temple 513-528-3714, Kiran Dayal 474-4051, Pt Kailash Sharma 652-5382.



MAHAVIR JAYANTI

On Mahavir Jayanthi, Jain temples are decorated with flags. In the morning the statue of Mahavira is given a ceremonial bath called the abhishek. Lord Mahavira is an ideal in Jainism who taught the world the essence of life. He taught all of us the right way of living the life. Lectures are held to preach the path of virtue. Donations are collected to save the cows from slaughter and to help poor people by providing them food. Pilgrims from all parts of the country visit the ancient Jain Temples at Pawapuri, Kundalpur and Parsvanath on this day. Lord Mahavir was a great teacher who taught humanity the true path of happiness. His teachings on complete nonviolence and the importance of austerity showed the path to achieving salvation and spirituality.

This year Mahavir Jayanti falls on Saturday April 16 : **Sunday June 5th 2011 Ashtaprakari Puja. At Temple**

Income - Expense 2010

Income	2010
400 General Donation	115,701
420 Puja Income	
Archana	8,123
Mataki Chawki	46,114
Murugan Abhishekam	598
Outside Puja	55,054
Satyanarayana Katha	5,369
Shraddha Puja	
Special Puja & Archana	45,470
Unassigned	
Total 420 Puja Income	160,728
430 Advertisement	
Aradhana	16,363
Notice Board	
Total 430 Advertisement	16,363
435 Food Sponsors	
440 Festivals Income	
Annakut	1,158
Anniversary	19,804
Chandi Havan	
Chitragupta Yagna	1,817
Cultural Events	10,324
Diwali	3,629
Ganesh Chaturthi	4,164
Gayatri Havan	879
Hanuman Jayanti	1,622
Holi	
Janmasthami	3,219
Maha Shivratri	5,734
Mela	7,424
Nand Mahotsav	278
Navratri	9,621
Ram Navmi	2,072
Ramayan Path	973
Rath Yatra	3,211
Saraswati Puja	348
Sitaram Kalyanam	
Total 440 Festivals Income	76,277
445 Rental Income	
450 Membership	
Annual	
Life Time	
Total 450 Membership	
499 Calender sale	45
499 Flower	8,034
499 Gift Shop	879
Taxes	
Federal Income Tax	
Total Taxes	
Total Income	378,026

Expenses	2010
Aradhana Publication	32,924
Bank Charges	203
Calender	9,084
Charitable Donations	684
Cultural Center Expense	
Advertisement	
Total Cultural Center Expense	
Festivals Expense	
Anniversary	7,648
Chandi Havan	815
Cultural Events	6,048
Diwali	2,502
Gayatri Yagna	
Mela	5,229
Navratri	3,954
Ram Kalyanam	
Rath Yatra	
Unassigned	
Total Festivals Expense	26,196
Flowers	9,065
Miscellaneous	3,000
Mortgage	46,105
Office Expense	5,177
Property Insurance	3,904
Property Tax	9,475
Repair & Maintenance	
Grass Cutting	3,925
Pest Control	605
Service Contract	
Snow Removal	3,208
Temple Cleaning	16,825
Repair & Maintenance - Unassigned	13,369
Total Repair & Maintenance	37,931
Security ADT	6,739
Services/Memberships	
Supplies	
Food	8,212
Puja	1,478
Temple	16,237
Total Supplies	25,928
Utilities	
Garbage Removal	1,142
Gas & Electric	37,929
Telephone Bill	1,703
Water & Sewer	713
Total Utilities	41,487
Wages & Salary	
Bonus	3,459
City Income Tax	
Federal Income Tax	10,148
Health Care	29,499
Housing Allowance	
Life Insurance	383
Net Pay	42,388
State Income Tax	804
Wages & Salary - Unassigned	
Total Wages & Salary	86,681
Total Expenses	344,585
Income less Expenses	33,441



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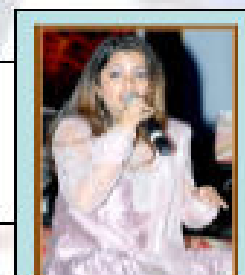


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Rajendra Nakashe – Tabla, Dholak, & Sampler

Saturday, April 9, 2011 at 7:30 PM

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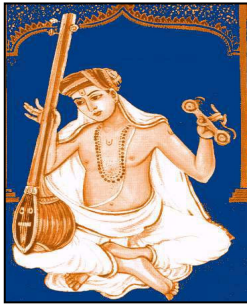
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**TWENTY SIXTH ANNUAL
THYAGARAJA-PURANDARADASA FESTIVAL
April 16 (Saturday), 2011**



At the Cincinnati Hindu Temple

4920 Klatte Road, Cincinnati, OH 45244

8:45 AM - 9:00 AM Sri Rama Pooja

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM - Group Pancharatna Singing

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM - Individual Singing

12:30 PM - 1:00 PM - Lunch

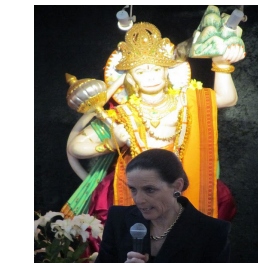
1:00 PM- 5:00 PM- Individual Singing Continued

If you wish to participate in pancharathna group singing or individual singing,

please call: Usha Raghavan 513-489-9655 ; Koti Sreekrishna 513-290

JEAN SCHMIDT

Congresswoman, Ohio's 2nd Congressional District visits our Temple



**LET US ALL PRAY FOR WORLD PEACE AND FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE HORRIFIC
EVENTS IN JAPAN**

DONATE GENEROUSLY TO RED CROSS: SEE details on PAGE 19

BE A PART OF THE TEMPLE HISTORY : ADOPT A PART OF THE NEW ROAD

Good news, we finally got the permit to build a road from the Barg Salt Road gate to the temple parking lot. First, it will help to give us a better access to the temple providing an access from a bigger two lane road. No more worries on how to pass on Klatte Road when two cars are coming. Second, most important is that it will give us a good chance to develop other projects such as retirement homes, Religious Cultural and Educational Center. This center will have a main hall to provide enough space for big functions like Navaratri Festival, Musical Concerts and Religious National conferences. The proposed road has been divided into 20 equal parts. Each part will be identified by a light pole bearing the name of the family, any deity name or any organization name etc.

Guide Lines on How to Adopt the Road

Anyone who is interested in adopting the road must pay at least

\$ 15,000 (fifteen thousands) by April 30th , 2011,

Balance \$ 20,000 by June 30th, 2011.

Selection of the road (numbered 1 thru 20) will be on first come first basis.

Plaque will read some thing like "Mr. X" -----Marg

Adopted by "X" Family or Group or Group of devotees.

For adopting the road and more information, please contact one of the following:

Laxmi Shanker Srivastava – (513) 474-0533.

Krutarth Jain (513) 884-1259

Raneshwar Gupta (513) 232-3331

Make Chexks Payable to HSGC and mail to

Raj Bodalia

I/C Special Projects Funds

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Loveland, OH 45140

Let's recognize the members of the Long Range Planning Committee who worked very hard for more than a year with Robert Enginnering Co. to achieve this.

Laxmi Shanker Srivastava - Chairperson ; Vitthal Nemade , PE ; Munoo Patel , PE ; Jitu Patel

Krutarth Jain ; Bobba Choudary ; Raneshwar Gupta

LOOK AT THE MAP ON PAGE 12 AND SEE WHICH PART OF THE ROAD YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT RIGHT NOW IS THE RIGHT TIME !!!!!

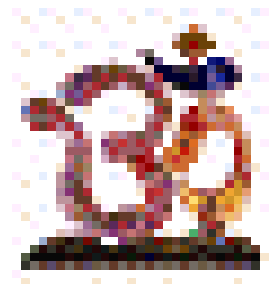
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MARG PROJECT UPDATE

- 1) Lord Hanuman Marg
- 2) Lord Ganesh Marg
- 3) Lord Venkateshwar Marg
- 4) Lord Murgan Marg

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Donate Generously



Marg Project in Progress

Please Support Generously Project of
Your Choice Below or Add a New Project



#1 Arvind Patel



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Veda Ramineni
T. V. Reddy
Madhava Dasari**



**#4 T. M. Rajkumar
Muralee Muraleetharan**

See Aradhana for guide lines on
how to adopt a part of the road.

You can support above projects
by contacting the people
underneath each project.

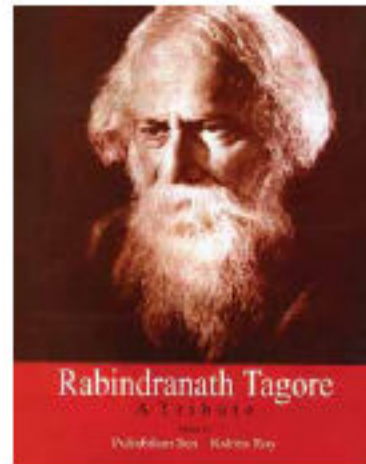
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Temple Priest - (513) 528-3714



**#6 Asit Saha
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GARBHA – GRIHA

(Individual Temple for Each deity)

Garbha Griha is main part of the temple and it is incomplete without it,



Garbha Griha Picture with Arch & Chhatra

Please help to complete this noble cause & be part of it. Any individual or any group can donate as below –

One complete Garbha Griha (any deity) \$15,000.00

Chhatra \$2,500.00

Arch \$3000.00

Gold Plating \$3000 or more

Any amount

Due to high cost of gold, price for gold plating is gone up, so please help us to achieve this goal.

To give donations please contact Rameshwar Dayal 513-474 4051 or send to

R. Dayal 1568 Rockhurst Lane, Cincinnati OH 45255.

Garbha Griha Committee.

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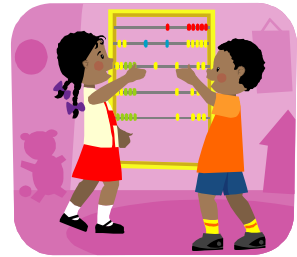
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KID'S DAY CAMP

Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati
is organizing
FREE KID'S DAY CAMP



Date: Saturday, May 14, 2011

Time: 10 AM to 5 PM

Registration: 10 AM – 10:30 AM (Kindly preregister online at the URL below)

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

Telephone: 513-528-3714

Age: 5 years to 12 years

(Younger children need to be with the parent)

Activities:

Yoga
Pooja
Story Telling/Music
Lunch Break
Art and Craft
Games

Lunch: Parents to bring a cover dish and soft-drinks to share

Coordinators:

Anisha Singh – 513 503 2824; singhanisha@hotmail.com
Vinit Rastogi – 513 398 3216; rastogivk@gmail.com

Online Registration:

<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/U2HXG3ST7TUP>

Registration Deadline:

[April 30, 2011](#)

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

Birthdays and Anniversaries for the Month of April

Happy Anniversary *

Govind Gupta, Haresh Hemani, Sanjay Jain, Amarendra Karra, Vimla Patel, Narayan Srivastava

Happy Birthday**

Rajgopal Arudhi, Sneha Arudi, Ruchika Bajaj, Arjun Bansal, Puja Bhandari, Sanjay Bhandari, Chirag Bhola, Choudhary, Priyanka Bodalia, Vaishnan Brahmamdan, Indrakanti Chakravarthi, Prabir Roy Chaudhury, Shellley Chopra, Charles Colony, Subir Das, Arnav Divekar, Deepak Dixit, Rashmi Ghober, Anjal Verma Gupta, Sumit Gupta, Piya Jindal, Jyoti Karnik, Prasad Kudalkar, Mina K. Karamchandani, Indira Kukreti, Pavalamani Kumar, Vikram Meyer, Sangeeta Nayak, Navnit Parikh, Priya Parikh, Ramesh Patel, Kodhai Rajkumar, Preethi Ramanivasan, Aruna Reddy, Aditya Sahay, Vijaya Samadi, Rahul Sandella, Neeti Shankar, Aleyamma Sharma, Vijay Sharma, Aarti Vala, Bavisha Vala, Aarti Vala, Alok Verma

*(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.

SHIVRATRI : Om Namah Shivaaye



Important Announcements

Please join HSGC to raise humanitarian aid for Earthquake victims in Japan.

Hindu society of Greater Cincinnati (HSGC) has partnered with the **American Red Cross** to raise donations to meet the immediate needs of survivors in Japan. In the past, our community has donated generously to the relief efforts to a number of natural calamities worldwide. We are encouraging all of you to donate **by check payable to "American Red Cross" and indicate "Japan Relief fund from HSGC" under "memo/for"**. American Red Cross will provide receipts at the address listed on your checks. Drop checks at temple or send checks by post to Hindu Temple. **We are calling you once again to show generosity of Hindu community.**

For more information call: Krutarth Jain 513-884-1259, Asit B. Saha 513-489-5720 or Temple at 513-528-3714.

NO PARIKRAMA/PRADAKSHINA

Temple Garbha Griha is under construction . During this period Parikrama/Pradakshina is NOT allowed. Please pardon us for any inconvenience.

Garbha Griha Committee & EC.

SPECIAL ACTIVITY COMMITTEE*

Looking for committee members

Please contact Raj Bodalia, Chairperson

(513) 583-0184 or rbodalia@hotmail.com

*Presently responsible for Wellness Center and Regional Marriage Center.



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY BE THANKFUL

Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire. If you did, what would there be to look forward to?

Be thankful when you don't know something, for it gives you the opportunity to learn.

Be thankful for the difficult times. During those times you grow.

Be thankful for your limitations, because they give you opportunities for improvement.

Be thankful for your mistakes. They will teach you valuable lessons.

Be thankful when you're tired and weary, because it means you've made a difference.

It's easy to be thankful for the good things.

A life of rich fulfillment comes to those who are also thankful for the setbacks.

Find a way to be thankful for your troubles, & they can become your blessings.



LISTEN to INDIAN MUSIC PROGRAM on WAIF 88.3 FM

Every Saturday from 12 noon to 2pm & Every Sunday from 11 am to 2 pm





Lord Dattatreya By Jay Vagh, Age: 10yrs



Dattatreya's Life and Prayers: Dattatreya is the form of the Lords: Brahma, Vishnu, and Shiv. At first, Dattatreya didn't recognize himself as a god. Dattatreya's parents were a peaceful yogi named Atri and his wife Ansuya. They had three sons: Chandra, Dattatreya, and Durvasa. Most people believe that Dattatreya always had three heads, but when he was small, he only had one head.

Dattatreya was taught by his father Atri. When Dattatreya got older, he started doing tapasya- meaning to pray for days and days to please god. Dattatreya earned brahmagyan (the eternal knowledge). After Dattatreya finished, he went to his parents and said that he had to leave and seek his fortune to teach lessons and the principles to human beings and be a guru. His parents were very sad, but they let him go. Dattatreya left to go and become a guru. Dattatreya first did tapasya to get the 3 powers from Bramha, Vishnu, and Shiv.

Here are some facts about Dattatreya: Dattatreya's disciples were King Kartaveerya Arjun, Alarka, Aayu, Swami Vivekananda, Gandharva King Vishvavasu (vishvaavusu), and Shri Rang Avadhoot Maharaj. In the Uddhava Geeta, told in the Bhagavat Puran, Krishna tells us that Dattatreya has 24 gurus: earth, air, sky or ether, water, fire, sun, moon, python, pigeon, sea, moth, bee, bull elephant, bear, deer, fish, osprey, a child, a maiden, a courtesan, a blacksmith, serpent, spider, and wasp. When Dattatreya was roaming around places, he learned from all these things and believed that those 24 things were his gurus.

The following is the story of Dattatreya: There was an evil, cruel daitya king named Jambh (jumbh). King Jambh did tapasya for Bramha to ask him for a boon. Finally, Bramha was pleased by his prayers. King Jambh asked Bramha for a boon, that when King Jambh would face an enemy, the enemy would sleep and King Jambh would conquer the enemy. He started a war with Heaven's King Indra. Jambh then made the devatas and their king Indra sleep. Jambh conquered the palace of the devatas. Indra and his devatas woke up again and again many times and fought with Jambh again and again. The devatas came to guru Dattatreya who was on the earth in his ashram and asked for help because Jambh was bothering them. Dattatreya told Indra to bring Jambh and fight with Indra in the ashram and Dattatreya would make Jambh's boon useless and Jambh would be powerless. King Indra challenged Jambh to fight with him. The devatas escaped and came to Dattatreya's ashram. Jambh and his army came down to the ashram. Devi Laxmi then came to help Dattatreya in a beautiful woman form. Devi Laxmi tried to impress Jambh with her beauty. Jambh was very impressed by devi Laxmi's beauty. Jambh wanted to take devi Laxmi to the palace of the devatas. Dattatreya let Laxmi go. Laxmi sat in a palkhi. Jambh held the palkhi on his head then Indra came and Laxmi disappeared in the palkhi. Indra warned Jambh that his boon was now useless. Indra and Jambh had a fight. Indra finally threw his Vajra (a bone weapon) on Jambh Daitya's body. Jambh was burned. The Devatas got their heaven back and they were grateful to Dattatreya.



First Wellness Center Program at Temple

Music Therapy by Dr. Harre Harren



Being the only Indian music therapist, Dr. Harren is something of a veteran. He has conducted over 300 workshops and 200 lectures in several countries across the world on the healing powers of Indian music. In addition, he has released 24 audio CDs and three DVDs of Indian classical music. He is also the chairman of the society for music education, therapy and research based in Pondicherry and the Indian Music Therapy Research Foundation based in Kerala. Currently, he is head of the college of Fine Arts and Performing Arts in Pondicherry.

Tentative schedule:

June 1st Wednesday:

6.00 - 8.00 PM - INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP (for all Groups)

June 2nd Thursday & June 3rd Friday:

Group A - Diabetes: 10.00 - 12.00 PM

Group B - Blood Pressure and Heart Condition: 12.00 - 2.00 PM

Group C - Pain related (Joint Pains, Arthritis, Body Pain, Migraine, Nervous Disorders, etc): 2.00-4.00 PM

Group D - Depression, Stress, General Relaxation: 4.00 - 6.00 PM

Group E - Weight Loss, Workplace Relationships, and Special Needs including Eye Vision: 6.00-8.00 PM

Each group will be required to listen to specific music therapy for their related group.

Fees: \$30 for both days or \$20 for one day (To receive full benefits, it is preferable to attend both days.)

June 4th Saturday

10.00 - 6.00 PM (Vedic Astrology Birth Chart Consultation - One on One Discussion - Sign Ups ONLY)

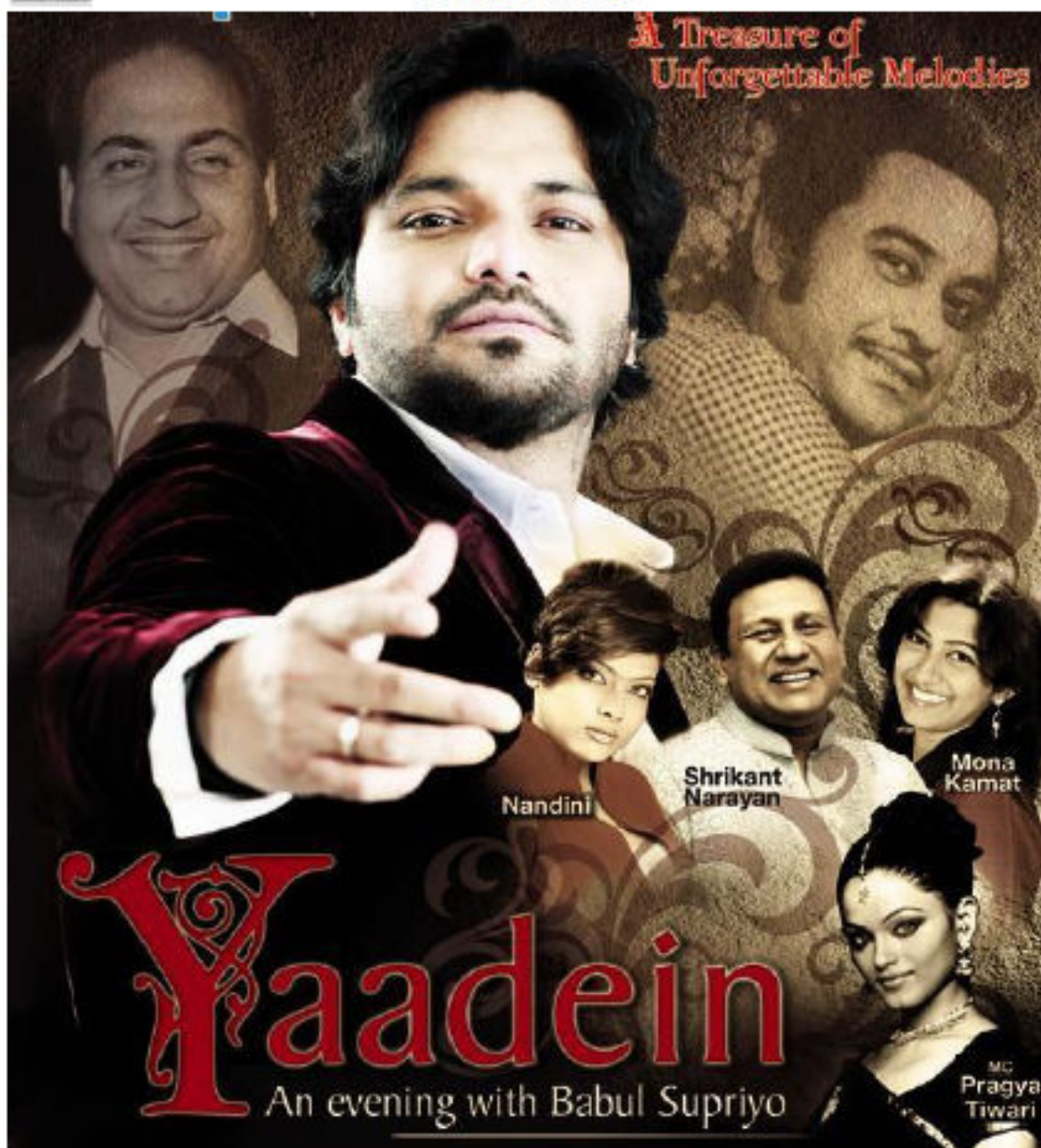
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