



# आराधना

*Aradhana*

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December, 2011

Geeta Jayanti  
Happy Holidays

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## Geeta Jayanti Celebration

Sunday, Dec.11<sup>th</sup> 2011

Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati

*Please come  
and join us*

We need sponsors for food and  
prasada on this day.

Please call Kiran Dayal 474-4051,  
Acharya Kailash Sharma 652-  
5382, Koti Sree Krishana 290-  
3064, or Temple 528-3714.



*Geeta 18:70 -71 Whoever earnestly  
studies this sacred dialogue of  
ours –I consider that person to  
have honored me*

*by making an effort to under-  
stand my words. Even the one  
who simply listens to these  
words in good faith*

*is liberated and attains the hap-  
pier worlds of the righteous.*

10:00 am

Shri Krishna Puja

10:30 am

Geeta Path (Whole Geeta Recital)

12:30 pm

Pravachan on Geeta

1:00 pm

Aarti & Prasad

Devotees may consider sponsoring Geeta Path (Recital) in memory of their loved one. It is very auspicious to recite or listen to the entire Geeta on the occasion of Geeta Jayanti.

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](mailto:asiindian@aol.com)/ 513-779-1043

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

Deadline for submission of articles for next Aradhana is December 10

## TEMPLE INFORMATION

### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL 2010

#### **President**

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### COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

#### **Pooja Committee:**

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#### **Communications/Editor:**

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#### **Youth Member: Open**

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(513) 528-0901  
Pandit Srinath Bhattar  
(513) 488-2986  
Attorney: Aronoff, Rosen & Hunt  
(513) 241-0400

**Temple Manager:** Laxmi Srivastava

**Accountant:** Open

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 &

### RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES MEMBERS

Kiran Dayal (Chair)	474-4051
Amita Gupta (Co-Chair):	336-8782
Sangita Patel (Co-Chair)	791-0855
Swarna Choudhury (Co-Chair)	232-2343
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Acharya Chakreshwar Sharma	528-0901
Pandit Srinath Bhattar	528-3714
Meena Sondhi	831-9788
Manju Gupta	232-3331
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Meena Karamchandani	683-9454
Kalpna Srivastava	233-9184
Muralee	573-0550
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Amar Sharma 777-5771

#### Fundraising Co-Chair

Rameshwar Dayal 474-4051

#### Communications/Editor Co-Chair

Pradeep Goyal 544-7897

### **Temple Manager's Committees**

**LaxmiS.Srivastava, Temple Mgr 474-0533**

**Raj Bodalia, Chair Special Activities583-0184**

<b>1.Office Manager</b> Mohan Chopra	<b>9. I/C Temple Web site</b> Bharat Vala
<b>2. I/C Swami Lectures</b> Vinay Kumar Devdas Mukerjee Meena Mehta Bobbha Choudhary	Lalit n. Agarwal Krutarth Jain <b>10. I/C Temple Calendar</b> Meena Mehta
<b>3. Temple Data Base</b> Nandkumar Khemchandani Raj Bodalia Krutarth Jain(President) Meena Mehta	Ashvin Mehta Achaya Kailash Sharma <b>11. Volunter Services</b> Rajan Odayar Kedarnath Nambori Dilip Patel Vijay Kumar Sharma
<b>4. Anniversary &amp; Birthday Data</b> Raj Agarwal Shakuntala Agarwall	<b>12. Temple Photogra- phers</b> Naba Mishra Dilip Patel (I/C)
<b>5. E-mail .Data</b> Pradeep Goyal Nandkumar Khemchandani	<b>13. Mela Committee</b> Anil Jindal Jyoti Desai Raneshwar Gupta (Fund Raising Chairperson)
<b>6. Gift Shop</b> Meena Sondhi Madhu Sharma	Krutarth Jain (President)
<b>7.Security (ADT)</b> Meena Mehta, Vinay Kumar Kailash Sharma	
<b>8. Financial Data</b> Amar Sharma, Raj Bodalia Laxmi S. Srivastava	

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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
Ashtoththaram (108) Archana	\$21.00	—
AyushyaHomam/B'day Celebra.	\$101.00	\$151.00
Ground Breaking Ceremony	—	\$151.00
Griha Pravesh	—	\$151.00
Kalayana Uthsava (Lord Ram/Sita)	\$121.00	---
Kesh Khandan (Churakaran)	\$101.00	\$151.00
Naam-Karan	\$101.00	\$151.00
Navagraha Pooja	\$101.00	\$151.00
Nischitartham (Engagement)	\$151.00	\$251.00
Baby Shower Pooja	—	\$151.00
Nitya (1 Day) Kainkaryam (Seva)	\$101.00	---
Poolangi Seva (With Flowers)- (Only During Off Winter Season)	\$101.00	---
Regular Archana	\$11.00	—
Sahasranama (1008) Archana	\$51.00	---
Sathyanarayana Pooja	\$101.00	\$151.00
Seemantham	\$101.00	\$151.00
Devi Jagaran	\$75.00	\$101.00
Akhand Ramayan Paath	—	\$151.00
Shashti Poorthi (60th B'day Celeb.)	\$101.00	\$151.00
Anniversary celebration	\$101.00	\$151.00
Suprabhat Seva	\$21.00	---
Unjal (Swing) Seva	\$31.00	---
Upakarma (Thread changing)	\$51.00	---
Upanayam/Brahmopadesham/ Thread Ceremony	\$151.00	\$251.00
Vahan Pooja	\$51.00	----
Yearly Shradham (Barkhi)	\$101.00	\$151.00
Wedding	\$301.00	\$501.00

### SPECIAL POOJA RATE

Rates for Mata Ki Chauki performed at another temple will be 15% of the money collected at the temple or a minimum of \$ 501.00.

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.

### **CHECK-OUT**

<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

**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 please contact Pooja Committee :**

**Kiran Dayal 474-4051 or to rent a temple hall (lower level )**

**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 or to rent a temple hall (lower level ) Raneshwar Gupta 232-3331

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

## **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/Homam

For more details please contact

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

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

Sat 4pm Sponsor Murugan Group. Kiran

Dayal 474-4051; Temple priests: 528-3714

### 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: 488-2986

### 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 Shlv 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

## New year Celebration Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> 2012

Ganesh Puja & Havan 11am

MATA KI CHAUKI 3-7pm



3pm Devi Durga Puja 4pm First aarti

4:15 Mata Bhajans /Bheten

6:30 KANYA PUJA

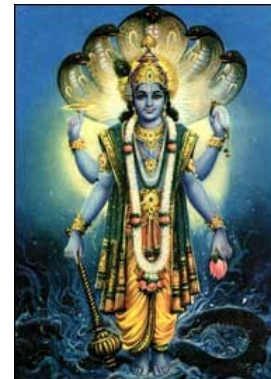
7PM BHOG , AARTI , Prasad & dinner

Sponsored by- Dr. Prem Shankar & Kiran Verma & their family.

## VAIKUNTHA EKADASHI CELEBRATION

Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> Wed.

6pm to 7:30pm



Sponsorship \$51, \$11, For details please call Temple 528 -3714 , Sri Srinath Bhattar 488- 2986.



## DEC 2011

Dec.	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sat.	Mata Ki Chauki 4-8pm Sponsored by- Puja Mantro, Renu Kotwal & family.
Dec.	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sat.	108 Hanuman Chalisa Path 8:30am Sponsored by- Satish & Usha Aggrawal family.
Dec.	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sat.	Navgrah Puja 3pm Sponsorship \$51.00
Dec.	16 <sup>th</sup>	Tues	Dhanurmasa begins
Dec.	6 <sup>th</sup>	Tues	Geeta Jayanti (actual day)
Dec.	9 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	Karthigai Deepam
Dec.	10 <sup>th</sup>	Sat.	Vishnu Deepam
Dec.	10 <sup>th</sup>	Sat.	1008 Gayatri Japa 9:30am
Dec.	10 <sup>th</sup>	Sat.	Murgan Abhishekam 4pm , Sponsorship \$101
Dec.	10 <sup>th</sup>	Sat.	Purnima Satya Narayan Puja . Sponsorship \$51.00 Puja Samgri will be provided, Please bring Fruits,Prasad, and 1 coconut
Dec.	11 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Geeta Jayanti Celebration Geeta Path 10:30am
Dec.	18 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Sunderkand Path 10:30am
Dec.	24 <sup>th</sup>	Sat.	Venkateshwar Kalyanam 10am Sponsorship \$51
Dec.	25 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Ganesh Puja & Atharvashirsh path 11am

## JAN. 2012 EVENTS

Month	Date	Day	Events
Jan	1 <sup>st</sup>	Sun	New year's Havan 11am
Jan	1 <sup>st</sup>	Sun	Mata Ki Chauki 3-7pm Sponsored by-Dr. Prem Shankar & Kiran Verma & Family
Jan.	4 <sup>th</sup>	Wed.	Vaikunth Ekadashi Puja 6pm Sponsorship \$51.00
Jan.	5 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs	Mukoti Dwadashi
Jan	7 <sup>th</sup>	Sat.	Navgrah Puja 3pm Sponsorship \$ 51.00
Jan.	8 <sup>th</sup>	Sun.	Sunderkand Path 10:30am
Jan	8 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Purnima Satya Narayan Puja . 5:30pm Sponsorship \$51.00 Puja Samgri will be provided, Please bring Fruits,Prasad, and 1 coconut
Jan	13 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	Lohri Celebration 7pm event sponsors needed
Jan.	14 <sup>th</sup>	Sat.	Makar Sankranti/Uttarayan/ Thai Pongal/
Jan	14 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	1008 Gayatri japa 9:30am
Jan	15 <sup>th</sup>	Sun.	Thai Pongal celebration , Murgan Abhishek 10am ,Sponsorship \$101,
Jan	21 <sup>st</sup>	Sat.	Bhajan Sandhya 4pm Event sponsor needed
Jan.	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Sun	Ganesh Puja & Atharvashirsh Path 11am
Jan	27 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	Vasant Panchami Saraswati Puja 10am & 6:30pm Sponsorship \$51 (Actual day)
Jan	29 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Vasant Panchami Celebration 11am Sponsored by – Agrani
Jan.	29 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Jagannath Puja 10am



# **Joyous Deepavali Greetings**

**from**  
**Satguru Bodhinatha Veylanswami**

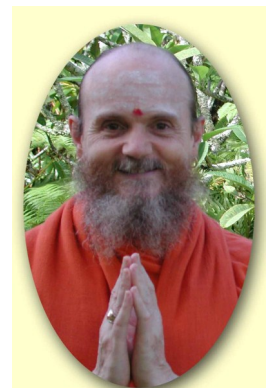
**Kauai's Hindu Monastery  
October 24, 2011**

**My guru, Satguru Sivaya Subramuniyaswami, was very fond of Deepavali, and he referred to the festival of lights as "Hindu Solidarity Day" as it is a day celebrated by all the four denominations of Hinduism: Vaishnavism, Saivism, Shaktism and Smartism. Deepavali is a celebration of the inner light within all of us, and on this day we honor the light within each other by giving new clothes, sharing sweets and snacks, cleaning the house, lighting oil lamps and bursting firecrackers. Many business communities start their financial year on Deepavali and new account books are opened on this day. In some countries, my devotees worship at the temple and then go from house to house singing Natchintanai, the "Good Thoughts" of my guru's guru, Siva Yogaswami. They take the vibration of the temple into the homes and uplift everyone in the family. Many blessings to you and your family on this most auspicious occasion.**

**--- Satguru Bodhinatha Veylanswami**

**visit the monastery website at [www.gurudeva.org](http://www.gurudeva.org)**

**Kauai's Hindu Monastery | 107 Kaholalele RD | Kapaa | HI | 96746  
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#### **Meeting Minutes**

The mela calendars of other nearby temples will be consulted in order to avoid conflict for the vendors.

Anil Jindal and Raneshwar Gupta will be permanent members of the mela committee. The cultural secretary will be the third member of the mela committee.

The EC approved purchase of a high quality SLR camera with cost in the range of \$500-\$600 on recommendations of the temple web master, Bharat Vala. This is necessary as the current camera provides poor quality pictures for posting on the website. However, the EC asked to defer the purchase of a high-quality video camera.

Road repairs – The road inside the temple campus from the Klatte Road entrance to the temple needs repairs and repaving. This work is estimated at \$28,500. Raneshwar Gupta informed the EC that he will commence this work soon and that it will not cost the temple any additional monies from the general fund beyond what has already been provided for this purpose. (Raneshwar ji – what is the current balance in this account?)



# MATA KI CHOUKI

Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. 2011

4pm Devi Durga Puja

5pm First aarti

5:15 Mata Bhajans /Bheten

7:30 KANYA PUJA

8PM BHOG , AARTI , Prasad & dinner

Sponsored by- Renu Kotwal, Puja Mantro & their family.

**THE HINDU SOCIETY OF GREATER CINCINNATI**

**CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO**

## **BHAJAN SANDHYA**

**(AN EVENING OF BHAJANS AND DEVOTION)**

**For the celebration of  
MAKAR SANKRANTI**



Date:

Saturday, January 21, 2012

PLACE:

4920 Klatte Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45244

Time:

Bhajan 4:00 to 7:00 PM

Discourse by Acharya Kailashji 7:00 to 7:30 PM

Dinner

8:00 PM

The Bhajan Program will be given by local Tri-State Singers. Please contact one of the below for guidelines for participation. Devotees may sing one or two bhajans depending on time availability.

**WE NEED SPONSORS:** Pramukh Yajman \$ 251, Yajman \$ 101, Sponsors \$ 51

Contact: Temple (513) 528-3714, Acharya Kailashji (513)652-5382, Khush Karamchandani (513)259-4016 , Kiran Dayal 474-4051,



## YOGASADHANA

HSGC is pleased to announce that we will be offering Yoga lessons at the temple from a qualified Yoga instructor. Dr. Shantala Gangatirkar is a qualified Ayurvedic doctor as well as a certified Yoga instructor. We will publish details of the class schedules in coming days. Please email your interest and questions in joining this program to the following email addresses.

Deepak Dixit – [dndixit@hotmail.com](mailto:dndixit@hotmail.com)

Shantala Gangatirkar – [gangatorkar.shantala@gmail.com](mailto:gangatorkar.shantala@gmail.com)

Dr. Shantala Gangatirkar is a graduate in Ayurvedic Medicine and Surgery (BAMS) from Pune, Maharashtra.

She was introduced to Yoga in her childhood by her mother who happens to be a yoga teacher in India.

During her second year of college as a part of the subject 'Preventive and Social medicine', she did the systematic study of yogic sciences in depth. After graduation she completed the certification as a yoga teacher from SVYASA (Swami Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhana Samsthana), Bangalore. Since then she has used yoga therapy in her clinical practice successfully at Madiwala Bangalore for 4 years.

Following things will be covered in the classes

**Yogasanas ; Suryanamaskar ; Pooraka vyayama; Pranayama; Kriyas; Omkar; Meditation ; Relaxation techniques**



Personal Details

## Personal Information

Name -

Age - Sex-

Address -

Phone No -

Educational qualification -

Type of job -

Hobbies /skills (If any)

### Previous Experience

Have you attended yoga classes before? -

(If yes, please give details) -

(If No, what you know about yoga?)

### Health Information

Diseases (past as well as present)-

Surgeries in past

## Instructions for Class

Bring Yoga mat, Napkin

Appropriate attire is desired

You should not eat anything at least 4 hours prior to Yoga classes.

You can have liquids after 30 minutes and solid food after 60 minutes after the class.



## Important Announcements

### INTERPRETERS NEEDED

GOOD PAY, PART-TIME : 8am to 5 pm :

Fluent in English, Hindi & any other languages :who have superior oral skills to interpret in medical, educational and legal settings.

PLEASE GO OUR WEBSITE TO APPLY: <http://affordablelanguages.com/employment-opportunities/>

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Or please call 513-745-0888 extension 5025 Michael Felger

### GENERAL BODY MEETING

Next GBM will be an Annual Election for EC Officers for 2012 This will be held on Dec 11, 11 A.M. at the Temple

### NOMINATIONS SOUGHT For Executive Council 2012

The term of the Current Executive Council expires on December 31, 2011, and the elections for the 2012 Executive Council will be conducted during the General Body Meeting on Sunday, December 11th'11 at 12.00 Noon.

The Election Commission invites nominations for the following positions:

**President ; Vice-President ; Secretary ; Treasurer**

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

**Religious Education and Youth Activities ; Puja and Religious Activities**

**Communications ; Membership and Fund Raising**

**Property Management & Maintenance ; Cultural Activities**

The nominations must be filed by December 10th, 2011, 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, 2011.

For the position of the President, a candidate must have actively served the Hindu Society of the Greater Cincinnati in an executive capacity for at least one year.

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.

HSGC Election Commission:

Mr. Mohan Chopra, Chairperson 859-331-2416

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## **THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**



**Just because people are not the way I am, doesn't mean they don't have anything to offer me or have amazing ways to inspire me. There is much to be learned from these very differences. Spend so much time improving yourself that you have no time left to**

**criticize others. When you praise someone, you take on their good karma. When you blame someone, you take on their bad karma. Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.**

## **GARBHA GRIHA EXTRAVAGANZA**



## **KARMA by Pritam L. Ahuja**

What is this life o' God I wonder? I think so deep, sleep and ponder.  
I wake and find the same old thunder. I walk but slip like a wavering younger.

The voice of duty beholds and cries ....Beware you man, the slave of karma.  
You do your lot and seek my sharna. I judge and fix your deeds and dharma."

Thus I kill my grief and sorrow. I take this verdict as a hope for tomorrow.  
And keep on my efforts to an endless chain.  
Like a common passenger in a long journey train.

Annotations: Younger (youngster) ; Karma (actions born of cause and effect)

Sharna (refuge) ; Dharma (our true purpose in life)



# GRAND CELEBRATION OF MAJESTIC GARBHAGRIHAS INSTALLATION



The devotees of the Hindu Temple of greater Cincinnati, Ohio, recently accomplished another highly ambitious milestone, installation of meticulously crafted and breathtakingly beautiful gold plated Garbhagrihas (innermost sanctum where resides each deity) for each of 16 deities. Individually crafted emblem of each deity on gold plated Garbhagrihas with two angels offering lotus to the deity were custom made by a team of highly specialized shilpies led by National Award winning artist Sri P. Partha Sarathy of Bangalore, India.

The grand celebration for three days, October 21-23, 2011, was attended by approximately 1500 devotees for a once in a life time of religious and cultural experiences. As soon as they stepped inside the large door of the deity floor, the devotees observed the jaw dropping, spectacular majestic view (maha darshan) of all sixteen deities with individual golden Chhatra and Garbhagriha. The attendees never experienced before and never will experience again such a memorable event.

The ceremony was performed by six learned priests led by the Temple Senior Priest Acharya Kailash Sharma. Celebration included authentic religious rituals - Puja and elaborate festivities namely Maha Ganesh Puja, Bastu Shanti Puja - Havan, Navgrah Homa. All Utsav Murthi Abhishekam, Garbhagriha Kumbhabhishekam, Suvasini Puja, Kalash Yatra, Shrivadeva Gyatri Homa, Push Varsha, Sundarkand Path, Mata Ki Chowki, Maha Mangal Aarti, Maha Prasad among other festivities. Puja Committee members chaired by Kiran Dayal planned for months for authentic religious celebrations and enjoyment of all attendees.

This large and ambitious project chaired by Rameshwar Dayal and other committee members, Satgur Srivastava, Kiran Dayal, Raj Bodalia and Dr. Ganesh Yadiapalli, required several years of research, planning, examining model Garbhagrihas, inviting several shilpies to the Temple before selecting aesthetically appealing, correct architecture and most experienced as well as capable shilpi. Selected shilpies from Bangalore visited the Temple several times in order to determine exact nature of the Garbhagriha and Chhatra for each deity. The Garbhagriha project manager Satgur Srivastava visited Bangalore many times to examine the perfect blueprint of Garbhagriha for each deity and to assure the timely progress. Finally several shilpies led by Sri Manjunath Chitrakar spent more than a month in the Cincinnati Temple completing the delicate assembly of multiple components of each Garbhagriha and installing each Garbhagriha on top of each existing deity without any physical support blocking the front view of all deities and Garbhagrihas. The result has been spectacular and beautiful beyond description.

In addition to the sixteen deities and Garbhagrihas, Cincinnati Hindu Temple enjoys several other unique or first of its kind features. The Founding members established the Temple (inaugurated in 1995) on a 100 acres of prime wooded land close to I-275 expressway with a broad vision and goal to meet the present and future religious, spiritual, cultural and educational needs (multifunctional community center, retirement homes, Hinduism library - education center, outdoor Yagna Shala Pavilion and marriage center) of our growing Hindu community in the greater Cincinnati, Tri-States region.

Twelve deities of same dimension and highest aesthetic quality (based on the principle of equality, inclusiveness and unity among diversity), custom made by highly acclaimed artists in India have been installed on the same platform in 1997. Four additional deities have been added following the Temple expansion with two wings. Temple deities include highly prominent Sri Mahavira, Sri Jagannath, Sri Srinath, Sri Chitrugupta, Sri Navgrah, Sri Durga, Sri Saraswati, Sri Lakshmi, Sri Ganesh, Sri Hanuman, Sri Shiv, Sri Murgan, Sri Lakshmi-Narayana, Sri Venkateshwara, Sri Ram-Sita and Sri Radha-Krishna.

Only in our Cincinnati Temple, beautiful OM, the most sacred and primordial sound as well as most unifying symbol in Hindu religion has been established at the center of the deity platform. World renowned Master Glass Sculptor, Maestro Pino Signoretto of Murano, Italy was commissioned for the construction of the most authentic OM. This unprecedented project with much research and planning took more than two years to complete in 2000. The majestic OM is made up of special multicolor glass, 66 inches in height, 55 inches in diameter and 1500 pound in weight. The small lighted symbols inside the OM represent different stages of human life cycle according to Vedic scripture and three physical parts symbolize sun, moon and earth. OM is a major attraction along with Garbhagrihas for devotees and visitors to the Temple. Both are "teaching moments" about our rich religious and cultural heritage for children and visitors.

The Temple also recently inaugurated the out door Yagna Shala Pavilion - Hindu marriage center and the Library of Hinduism. The long shaded Temple boulevard inside the Temple ground is used for Rathayatra for Sri Jagannath, Kalash Yatra and other religious procession.

For more information contact Krutarth Jain, President Temple EC  
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# GARBHA GRIHA EXTRAVAGANZA





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# **HINDU DHARMA : Lesson Plan 1**

Prepared by Renu Gupta for children 9 -13 years old

## **Word: “Hindu”**

The word Hindu comes from Rig-Veda where India is referred as nation of seven rivers or oceans (Sapt Sindhu) “S” is also pronounced as “H” sometimes, so it became “Hapt Hindu” and later became “Hindu”. When Britishers came, they pronounced from “Hindu” to “Indo” and then “India”.

## **Other Names of Hindu Dharma**

Hindu Dharma ; Sanatan Dharma ; Vaidik Dharma ; Arya Dharma

## **Meaning of Dharma**

Dharma is Sanskrit word with the verb “DHRU” meaning to uphold, to sustain or to support. In current context it is called “Duty” or righteous activity”

Hindu Dharma could be called the as “Eternal Law of Nature”.

People who follow Hindu Dharma called “Arya” meaning “Noble “it is later called Aryan race.

The total land, where Hindus lived is called “Aryavrat” meaning “Land of Arya People”. It has its boundaries from Middle East to Far East and from Sri Lanka to North like Tibet.

Later it is called “Bharat Varsh” on the name of King Bharat from Mahabharata when he won the whole nation.

In modern context it is called “India” name given by Britishers and also called “Bharat”

After independence it is called “republic of India” or “Bharat Ganrajya” in Hindi.

## **Characteristics of Hindu Dharma**

It is longest living religion in the world

It has no set date of origin

It does not have one person as founder, as it is involved by many great rishi and saints

It is constantly evolving religion and gives person complete freedom as of what to follow

It accepts existence of all the religion, saying “ekam sat Vpra Bahdha Vadanti” truth is one wise people find it by different paths.

It emphasizes more on way of life, moral values and duties, rather than certain code of conducts.

It is not based on one single scripture or book .It is non-dogmatic.

It is also the origin of many religions like Jain, Sikh and Buddha, and all are in harmony with each other.

Ultimate goal of human life is to get self-realization

There is perfect unity in diversity among all the sects, philosophies and values of Hindus.

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### **Main Symptoms of Dharma 10 Disciplines Lesson 2**

#### **Qama ko dsa laxaNa 10 DISCIPLINES**

1. *Satya* (Truth)
2. *Ahimsa* (Non-violence)
3. *Brahmacharya* (Celibacy, non-adultery)
4. *Asteya* (No desire to possess or steal)
5. *Aparighara* (Non-corrupt)
6. *Shaucha* (Cleanliness)
7. *Santosh* (Contentment)
8. *Swadhyaya* (Reading of scriptures)
9. *Tapas* (Austerity, perseverance, penance)
10. *Ishwarpranidhan* (Regular prayers)

# **HINDU DHARMA : Lesson Plan 2**

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## **Lesson 2**

### **How Many Gods?**

Hindus believe GOD is one, called Param Brahaman (Supreme reality)

But God has many attributes and many functions. In order to understand “God” fully and completely, our dharma gives mankind freedom to worship Him in diverse forms.

Thus Hindus worship same one “God” as in formless, as well as in different Forms (Eshwara or Bhagwaan), in nature, in Devtas or even in human forms (Like Guru or Parents)

### **Concept of Trinity (Tridev)**

Brahma      Creator (Who creates the world)

Vishnu      Preserver (who takes care of all of us)

Shiva      Destroyer of evil (who protects the world and destroy evil power)

### **Bhagwaan or Ishwar**

When we worship God in forms, they are called Bhagwaan or Ishwar. You can call them personalized Gods also that mean you have personal relations with God. They are Bhagwaan Ram, Bhagwaan Krishna, Hanuman ji, Sarsawati ji, Vishnu ji, Shiv ji or Durga ji etc.

### **Dewtaas:**

Devtaas or Deveeyan are called God helper. When Bhagwaan comes to the earth to protect Dharma or save mankind, Devtaas also come to the earth to help Bhagwaan fulfilling His mission. Different devtass like Indra, Agni, Vaayu, Varun, Brahaspati , Surya etc. come in Human form to help Bhagwaan. Devtas represent certain powers which any great man can possess. We are told there are 33o millions (Koti) Gods. This is incorrect. There are 33 different kinds of different powers or qualities , are mentioned in our scriptures. Koti word means million that means these Devtas have qualities million folds.

Like when Bhagwaan Ram or Bhagwaan Krishna came to this earth how many Devtaas came to work with him???

### **Worship nature**

Hindus consider nature also part of the same great one “God”, supreme power and worship them . Hindus worship rivers, trees, mountains, lakes etc.

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## HINDU SEVA DAY

VHPA of Greater Cincinnati, in conjunction with Hindu Temple of Cincinnati hosted Hindu Seva Day on October 2, 2011. The members of VHPA Cincinnati Chapter took upon the project of cleaning and painting the dinning area of the temple. The dinning area is used everyday by the devotees of the temple. The dinning room is also used for educational classes, various meetings, as well as dance practices. It was very much appreciated activity which was attended by VHPA members and also by youth wing of VHPA from the University of Cincinnati. The Seva was performed on Sunday October 2, 2011 and continued again on October 9, 2011. The Sevaks (volunteers) enjoyed the break with snacks and coffee provided by members of VHPA. Overall, it was fun filled event appreciated by all, volunteers and temple devotees.



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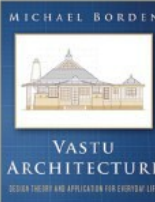
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# Birthdays and Anniversaries for the Month of December

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## Happy Birthday\*\*

Mickey Ahuja, Roopa Amberkar, Rajappa Asthagiri, Ambikaipakan Balasubramaniam, S. Batra, Meeta Bhardwaj, Lakshmi Brahmandam, Tapasya Chaturvedi, Mahadevan Devanathan, Maria Georgiersky, Saptarshi Ghosh, Dhruv Goyal, Sanchi Gupta, Tanvi Jagtap, Sonali Jain, Arjun Jindal, Sonam Jindal, Gital Karamchandani, Hema Karamchandani, Payal Kohli, Jayanti Kool, Gopi Kovilam, Nithya Krishnan, Pisharath Krishnan, Smrithi Mahadevan, Neena Nayak, Anand Narayana, Ria Parikh, Rohan Parikh, Babubhai Patel, P. Ramamoorthy, Latha Rao, Raina Rindani, Manmohan Sharma, Ruchi Sharma, Shachi Shukla, Shivank Singh, Vinod Sirimalle, Akhila Sonti, Nishant Sreekrishna, Manish Srivastava, Ashok Tandon, Rupal Upadhyaya, Shankar Vishwanathan, Niket Yadav and Raj Yadav

\*(Celebrated on the first Sunday of each month in the temple.)

\*\* (Celebrated on the second Sunday of each month in the temple.)

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## HSGC – Executive Council

Meeting Minutes– October 2, 2011

**Present:** Krutarth Jain(President), Ambikaipakan Balasubramaniam (Vice President), Deepak Dixit (Secretary), Prasad Megada (Treasurer), Kiran Dayal (Pooja Committee), Laxmi Srivastava (Long Range Planning), Asit Saha (Cultural Committee), Anisha Singh (Religious Education Committee), Raneshwar Gupta (Fundraising Committee), Geeta Mehan (Editor-Aradhana)

**Absent:** Dilip Patel (Maintenance Committee)

### Minutes:

**Head Priest Appointment:** The executive committee approved the appointment of Pundit Kailash Sharma as the head priest of the temple in recognition of his outstanding services to the temple over last 15 years.

The executive committee approved conducting Yoga classes in the temple by a qualified Yoga instructor, Dr. Shantala Gangatirkar. She will conduct the classes as a temple volunteer. The start date, timing, and fees for the class will be determined subsequently.

The executive committee approved the project to develop a new garden in the center circle in front of the temple. This project will be funded through donations by Dr. Premanand Nayak and Dr. R.N. Shenai.

The executive committee approved the temple technology initiative. This will involve creation of a new temple website as well as web-based document management. HSGC will seek a new domain name for the website “CincinnatiTemple.org” to reflect our status as a religious organization.

The treasurer presented temple income and expenses. The income and expenses of the temple are evenly matched as of September, 2011. Details will be published in Aradhana.

The treasurer, Prasad Megada, will be away for 3 months. His alternates, Amar Sharma or Raj Bodalia, will provide treasurer's reports in his absence.

#### Update from the Hindu Mandir Executive Conference 2011

The annual conference was held in Columbus, OH this year

HSGC was represented by Krutarth Jain, Deepak Dixit, and Anisha Singh

The key takeaways, based on presentations by 118 temples participating, are as follows:

The temples are evolving as spiritual, religious educational, social, and cultural organizations, apart from providing the traditional functions of conducting pooja / rituals

The temples are placing emphasis on seva, bhakti, and gyan

There is a tremendous need to involve second and third generation Hindus in temple management and activities

Children's education programs are significantly more successful than our temple. We need to work aggressively to increase participation in temple provided education programs.

**Status of the tiles project:** Delivery of the new tiles was delayed due to production issues at the manufacturer. Now the tiles have been delivered. The tiles are being installed right now.

**Education material:** Indian heritage class material will be given by Anisha Singh for publishing on the temple website.

**Lower level maintenance** - Three rooms are being readied in order to use these rooms for various purposes including educational purposes, guest spaces for visiting priests, as well as an emergency room.

**Academic scholarships-** Dr. Ghia is sponsoring scholarships through the temple. The EC will ask Dr. J. K. Bhattacharya and Dr. Raj Bhatnagar and a representative from the Ankur Gujarati Samaj to develop a process for evaluation and award of the scholarship. (Has anyone talked to them yet?)

**Printer bids** – The bids from different printers were evaluated. It was recommended to the EC by the Krutarth Jain and Geeta Mehan that the differences between two leading bids were minor. Considering our longstanding relationship with the current printer, MDI, that we retain the services for MDI. The EC approved this recommendation.

The pooja committee expressed reservations about the title of “Adjunct Priest” for Dr. Koti Srikrishna. Two members of the EC, Krutarth Jain and Deepak Dixit, will meet with the pooja committee to understand their reservations and work on an appropriate title for Dr. Koti Srikrishna in recognition of his proposed services to the temple. Kiran Dayal will organize the meeting with the pooja committee to find an appropriate solution. However, the final decision will rest with the EC.

**Building maintenance update** – Krutarth Jain reported that the first step in masonry restoration work, the power wash, started on 10/2/2011. All restoration work will take place on the exterior side of the temple and will not impact any ceremonies or services inside the temple. The work is progressing as per schedule.

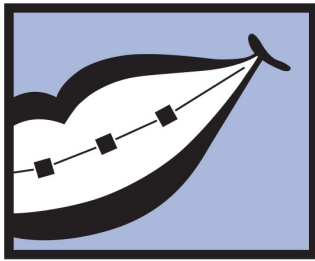
**Elections for year 2012** – The election commission will be constituted for conducting the elections for executive committee for year 2012. The roles and responsibilities of the election commissioners as well as the election schedule will be published in upcoming issues of Aradhana. All positions in the EC are open for re-election. It was clarified to all EC positions are valid for a term of one year only.

**Mela update** – The annual mela was canceled this year. The decision to cancel the event was taken due to multiple factors. The long-standing chair for the mela event, Anil Jindal, was not available to organize the event due to personal reasons. The EC members assigned with this responsibility were stretched thin due to several other commitments. This resulted in very low participation of vendors and cultural program participants. The EC has taken the following decisions for next year.

The EC has received commitment from Anil Jindal that he will organize the mela next year.

The date for the mela will be published on next year's calendar. It will most likely be held in 1<sup>st</sup> week of September of 2012.

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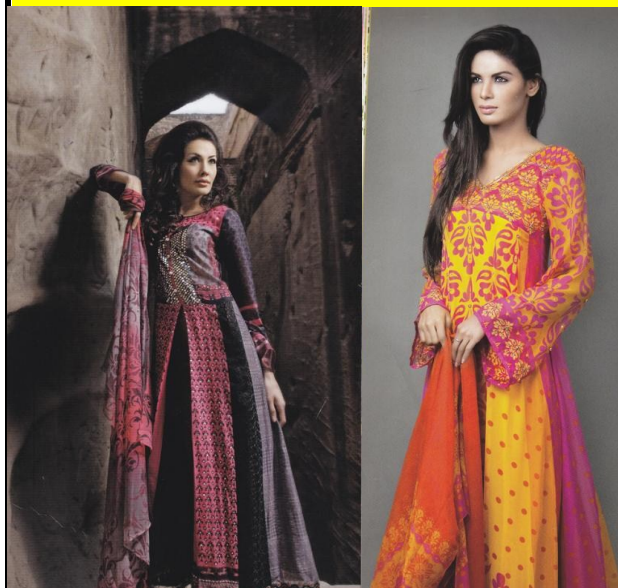
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