



# आराधना

*Aradhana*

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Vaishakh/Jyeshtha  
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May, 2012



Happy Mother's Day  
Happy Mahavir Jayanti  
Temple's 15th Anniversary



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## Temple's 15th Anniversary Celebration



*Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati  
Cordially invites you with Family & Friends  
On the Occasion of  
Temple's 15th Anniversary Celebration*



## Vishnu Sahasra Naama Yagna & Mata Ki Chowki

**May 18th, 19th & 20th 2012**

(Detailed Flyer inside)



MAHAVIR JAYANTI CELEBRATION

MAY 6TH 10:30AM 1PM

ASHTA PRAKARI PUJA & BHAJANS

Event is Sponsored By - Jain Center

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# TEMPLE INFORMATION

## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL 2012

### **President**

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## COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

### **Pooja Committee:**

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### **Youth Member: Open**

### **Priests:**

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(513) 770-0705  
Acharya Chakreshwar Sharma  
(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

**1:00 P.M.— Aarti**

## Please Donate Generously

**Your Temple needs**

- 1. Sponsors for flower \$50/week**
- 2. Sponsors for Sunday pooja**
- 3. Your support**

## 2012 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
Acharya Kailash Sharma	770-0705
Acharya Chakreshwar Sharma	528-0901
Pandit Srinath Bhattar	528-3714
Meena Sondhi	831-9788
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Suchitra Mishra	573-9775
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Mangal Nemade	234-8373
Shanti Sumkherjii	755-6009

### TREASURER Co- Chair

Amar Sharma 777-5771

## 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
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<b>6. Gift Shop</b> Meena Sondhi Madhu Sharma	
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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/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
<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

**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 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/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 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 Murugan Abhishekham / Pooja**

Every second Sat of the Month  
Sat 4pm Sponsor Murugan Group. Kiran Dayal 474-4051; Temple priests: 528-3714



**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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

### EDITOR'S NOTE

Namaskar to All Devotees,

It is hard to believe that our Cincinnati Hindu Temple was inaugurated 15 years ago... it just seems like yesterday. Though progress wise we have come a long way, but there's lot further to go. Please DONATE generously for YOUR temple's growth.



This month we celebrate our **Temple's 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** celebration on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendar and plan on attending at least one of those 3 days. If you've never been to the Anniversary Celebration before, I would highly encourage you to come on Sunday and be part of the Kalash Yatra and Dhvaj Puja. These are unique festivities that happen only once a year. Last year, we started the kids' "Bal Jhanki" during the Kalash Yatra. Kids dress up as various Gods, then participate in the "Sarva Dev Gayatri Havan" and then sit in decorated "trucks" to be part of the procession with Kalash Yatra. The kids had a lot of fun last year! Bring your Kids on Sunday to participate in the event. Please see the flyer inside this Aradhana for details and last year's pictures.

As you turn pages of this edition of Aradhana and look at the events that took place in March, you would notice that we had a very good Holi Celebration with Holika Dahan and the Cultural Program. The kids participated in several dances and there were 2 skits performed by about two dozen kids who attend the Indian Heritage Class at the temple. The costumes & makeup done by the parents was very professional. The kids had fun and all the attendees did too. Sita Ram Kalyanam was another very packed and blessed event.

Please note that there have been some MAJOR changes to the **Kroger Card program**. Now it is much EASIER to raise money for the temple while shopping at Kroger. Please see the details inside.

- Sandeep Gupta



## MAY 2012 EVENTS

May	4 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	Nrisingha Jayanti
May	5 <sup>th</sup>	Sat.	Navgrah Puja 3pm Sponsorship \$51.00
May	5 <sup>th</sup>	Sat.	Purnima Satya Narayan Puja . 5:30pm Sponsorship \$51.00 Puja Samgri will be provided, Please bring Fruits,Prasad, and 1 coconut.
May	5 <sup>th</sup>	Sat.	Buddha Jayanti
May	6 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	<b>Mahavir Jayanti Celebration 10:30am Sponsored By – Jain Center</b>
May	12 <sup>th</sup>	Sat.	1008 gayatri jaap 9:30 am
May	12 <sup>th</sup>	Sat.	Muragan Abhishek 4pm Sponsorship \$101,\$21
May	13 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Sunderkand Path 10:30am
May	19 <sup>th</sup>	Sat.	<b>Temple's 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - Please see detailed Flyer inside</b>
May	19 <sup>th</sup>	Sat.	<b>Mata Ki Chouki 4-8pm Sponsored By – Rajesh Rawal &amp; Family</b>
May	20 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	<b>Temple's 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration 9am to 1pm Please see detailed Flyer inside</b>
May	26 <sup>th</sup>	Sat.	Venkateshwara Abhishekam 10am Sponsorship \$51.00
May	27 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Ganesh Puja & Atharvashirsha path 11am

## JUNE 2012 EVENTS

June	2	Sat.	Navgrah Puja 3pm Sponsorship\$51
June	4 <sup>th</sup>	Mon.	Purnima Satya Narayan Puja . 5:30pm Sponsorship \$51.00 Puja Samgri will be provided, Please bring Fruits,Prasad, and 1 coconut.
June	4 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	Vat Savitri Vrat 6pm
June	4 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	Jagannath Snan Purnima Puja 11am
June	9 <sup>th</sup>	Sat.	1008 Gayatri japa 9:30am
June	9 <sup>th</sup>	Sat.	Murgan Abhishek 4pm Sponsorship \$101.00
June	10 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Graduation Havan 11:30pm , Please call to give name of graduates
June	17 <sup>th</sup>	Sun.	Sunderkand Path 10:30am Sponsored by – Kapiben & Mrudulaben Patel
June	20 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	Netrotsava Jagannath ji 11am
June	21 <sup>st</sup>	Thurs	Rath Yatra( Actual Day )Puja 10am
June	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sat.	<b>Ratha Yatra Celebration 4pm Sponsorship \$101, \$21</b>
June	24 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Ganesh Puja & Atharvashirsh Path 11am
July	1 <sup>st</sup>	Sun	<b>Bahuda Yatra Jagannathji 10am</b>
July	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tues	Guru Purnima
July	6 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	108 Satya Narayan Puja 6pm Guru Purnima Celebration 108 Sponsors Needed for puja please register early ,Sponsorship \$ 501, \$251,\$101.
July	8 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Hindola Utsava Srinath ji



# KID'S DAY CAMP

Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati  
&  
VHPA Cincinnati Chapter  
is organizing

## FREE KID'S DAY CAMP

**Date:** Saturday, June 02, 2012  
**Time:** 10 AM to 4 PM  
**Registration:** 10 AM – 10:30 AM  
**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:

- 1) Yoga
- 2) Pooja
- 3) Story Telling/Music
- 4) Lunch Break
- 5) Art and Craft
- 6) Games
- 7) Kite Flying (time/weather permitting)

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

### Coordinators:

- Vinit Rastogi – 513-384-8169; rastogivk@gmail.com
- Anisha Singh – 513-503-2824; singhanisha@hotmail.com

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

11:45	Ganesh Puja
12:15	Making of Unique Aum (Explanation)
12:30	Chanting of Aum (Mediation)
12:45	Importance of Aum in Scriptures (Pravachan )
1 :00	Maha Mangal Aarti

## General Body Meeting

## NAACH SITARE

**Naach Sitare 2012  
will be held along with the  
TEMPLE MELA  
On Sept 8th, 2012.**

**HSGC Cordially invites you with family & friends in**

# SHRI JAGANNATH RATHA YATRA

# Saturday June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012

## At Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati



**9:30 am Vighneshwar Puja,  
Jagannath Puja,  
Vastu Puja,Havan**

**3:00pm Sri Jagannath Puja, Archana  
Rath Puja Pahandi,  
Chera Pahanrah**

**4:00 pm RATH YATRA, Deep Daan,  
Sringar,Bhajans,  
Devdasi Dance,  
Vote of Thanks, Aarti, Dinner**

**Ratha Sponsorship \$101, Archana \$21.00. BHAHUDA YATRA July 1<sup>st</sup> Sun.10am**  
**For details please call Temple 528-3714, Swarna Chaudhary 232-2343, Kiran Dayal 474-4051**  
**Acharya Kailash Sharma 513-652-5382**



# Element's Presents...

*A Treasure of Unforgettable Melodies*

**Saturday June 2nd, 2012**

at Princeton High School  
11150 Chester Rd. Sharonville, Ohio

**Show starts @ 7pm**



**Shruti  
Rane**

**Srikant  
Narayan**

**INDION IDOL  
Abhijeet  
Sawant**

**Sa Re Ga Ma  
Fame  
Deepali  
Sathe**

## Yaadon <sup>ki</sup> Baaraat

**Tickets: \$25, \$35, VIP \$55**

**For more info contact:**

**Jay Bedi (513) 325-1112**

**Vikas Sondhi (513) 254-1249**

**Harry Sandhu (513) 200-3737**

**Tickets Available at:**

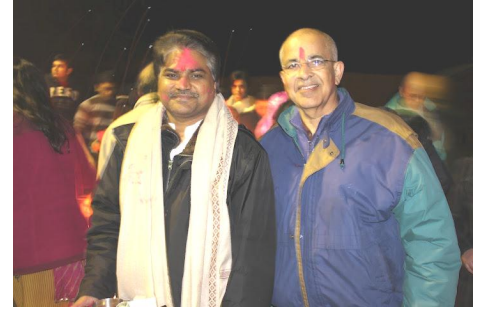
**Bombay Grocer Sharonville (513) 733-5050**

**Niva Grocer Mason (513) 234-0888**

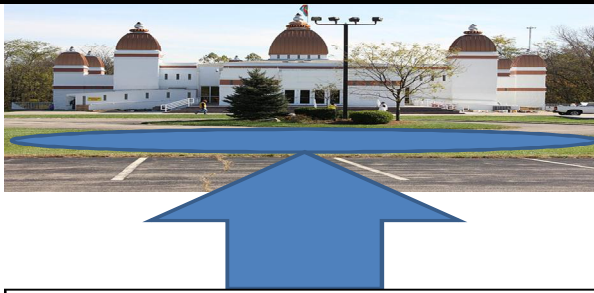
**Sri-G Grocer Dayton (937) 439-4090**



# Holika Dahan & Holi Cultural Program







# PLEASE DONATE TEMPLE FLAGS PROJECT

Please make all checks to : "Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati" and state it is to "Support the Flags Project".

Amount : \$100, \$50, \$25 ( or any amount you choose) to cover estimated project cost of \$3000.

**Mailing Address:** 4637 Forest Ridge Drive, Mason, OH 45040



## Temple Flags: What is the goal?

Namaste, my name is Aman Kumar from Mason, OH. My fellow scouts and I need your help and generosity to install three, gorgeous flags in front of the temple: The American flag, the Indian flag, and the Ohio flag. Your assistance will help me earn the Eagle Scout badge.



For more information Please call

Aman Kumar: 513-900-0218

Email: aman.kumarmason@yahoo.com

Or visit my Facebook page: Cincinnati Hindu Temple Eagle Scout Project

**PLEASE DONATE TODAY.  
THANK YOU FOR SUPPORT.**

**With your charitable donations, we can help raise these three beautiful flags at the Temple by summer 2012.**

**HELP ME EARN MY "EAGLE SCOUT"**

**V R ENTERTAINING presentation**  
**New Hillarious Family Gujarati MAD MAD Comedy Drama**  
 સંતુ રંગીલી સરિતા એક દાયકા પછી  
 અન્ય કલાકારોના કાકલા સાથે એક લાજવાબ રોલમાં આવે છે  
**Thu, MAY 3, 2012 - 7:00 PM at MASON MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
 6370 Mason-Montgomery Rd., Mason [Cincinnati] , OH 45040  
**BAA BAHU AUR BABY (STAR PLUS) FAME**  
 ટી.વીની રાજરાણી !! કિસ્મતી રૂપરાણી !! અને રહેજની મહારાણી !!  
**SARITA JOSHI in**  
**MUMBAI'S NO. 1 SUPER HIT GUJARATI COMEDY PLAY**  
**તું છે લાજવાબ !**  
**(Tu Chhe Lajawab)**  
 સરિતા જોષી  
 Produced by : Show People Kaustubh Trivedi  
 Written by : Aslam Parvez Nilesh Rupapara  
 Directed by : Vipul Mehta  
 DO NOT MISS THIS FOR ANYTHING!  
 Tickets: \$25, \$45, VIP... available at:  
 NIVA GROCERS: 513.234.0888 PATEL BROS: 513.769.0400  
 SANKALP: 513.956.5678 SRI-G GROCERS: 937.439.4090  
 For more info/sponsorship call: 614.766.9007  
 Sarita Joshi, Bakul Thakkar, Shruti Gholap, Hemant Bhatt, Vikram Mehta, Jai Pandya Ashwini, Mehul Joshi.  
**FOR BEST SEATS & TO AVOID REGRETS GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY!**



## Let Us Aim Higher

Namaskar,

The month of March was exceptional in many ways. We had many notable and highly successful events. I am even more excited about the many things ahead of us.

We had a very successful fundraising concert by a prominent Gazal singer, Shri Sharad Gupta. It was a very classy evening with great music, great food, and great ambience. It was attended by close to 400 guests. We were successful in raising awareness of about the necessity of having a second access road to the temple. The audience supported the cause enthusiastically. But I would request all the devotees and supports of the temple to enthusiastically support the cause and contribute generously. I believe that a community of over 3,000 families can make the "Marg" project a reality in one year if each one of us gives even modest contributions. So let us aim higher and believe that we can raise all the funds needed for the Marg this year itself if we all come together.

We celebrated Maha Shivratri on February 20<sup>th</sup>. It was a phenomenal event. Over 1,200 devotees were present at the main event, although many more devotees came throughout the night. It was great to see the exceptional devotion from the devotees. Again, it reminds us that our numbers are growing and we have to plan ahead for the growth in coming years.

We had a nice event on March 10<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Holi. We had a festive celebration with many little children participating in the dance programs. Besides that, we had several other well-attended events.

The lecture series by Dr. Anil Srivastava is continuing. It is getting very good response. There is a lot of demand to start dedicated lecture series that will cover the philosophical discussion much more in-depth. A related development that is we are working on completing the library. This library will not only house some useful as well as rare texts, but will also serve as the hub for a philosophy oriented groups in our community. We can engage the larger community around us in presenting the many facets Hindu religion in its full depth as well.



The Yoga classes are going well. We would like to see greater participation. Yoga is our great heritage and we are making this available through a highly trained instructor at extremely affordable cost. I would urge all to benefit from this highly beneficial service from the temple. One participant has the following to say about this class:

*"I am really grateful to Dr. Shantala and the temple in organizing this class. Dr. Shantala's Yoga training is the pure Indian way of Yoga from where it's originated and no one can match her in-depth knowledge and we need to be thankful that we are getting this opportunity in US. I am trying to spread word among my friends to avail this opportunity of these classes for their good health & well-being."*

In closing, I would say that there are great things happening at the temple. Please become a part of it, derive the maximum benefit from all the services provided, and contribute generously to help us sustain the great work done by the our predecessors as well as to make the temple grow.

Sincerely,

Deepak Dixit  
President, HSGC



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# 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Shri VishnuSahasraNaam Yagna

On  
**May 18<sup>th</sup> , 19<sup>th</sup> , 20<sup>th</sup> 2012**

**Fri.18<sup>th</sup> 5:30 to 8:00pm**

5:30 pm Anugya, Swastivachan, Shri Ganesh puja,  
Punayah-Vachan, Ritvik Varan, Raksha-Bandhan,  
6:30pm Kalash Sthapana, Mandal, Aaradhana,  
7:30pm Aarti & Prasad (Dinner).

**Sat. 19<sup>th</sup> 8:30am to 1:00pm**

8:30 am Nitya Puja  
9:00am All Utsava Murti Abhisheka  
10:30am **Shri VishnuSahasranaama Yagna**  
12:30am Purnahuti Homa  
1:00 pm Aarti & Prasad (Lunch).

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> 4:00 - 8:00pm 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 & Prasad (Dinner).

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 9:00am to 1:00pm**

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 Maha Mangal Aarti & Maha Prasad  
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Pan leaves 50, Betel Nut (Supari) Whole 50,  
Sarees for each deity, Jewelry for each deity.

**Place: - 4920 Klatte Road Cincinnati OH-45244**

For pooja details please contact Temple 513-528-3714, Kiran Dayal 513- 474-4051,  
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Pundit Shri Srinath Bhattar 513-488-2986

# Bal - Jhanki

## 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

### On May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati invites all our kids to participate in temple's 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration BAL JHANKI on Sunday, May 20th. We request all parents to encourage their kids to dress up for the Bal Jhanki and get the blessings.



### **Havan 10:00 am:**

Kids can dress as any GOD from the following:  
Ganeshji, Shivji, Hanumanji, Durgaji, Laxmiji, Saraswatiji, Lord Krishna, Radha – Krishan, Ram – Sita, Venkateshwarji , Jaganathji, Murugan.

### **Procession & Kalash Yatra 11:00am :**

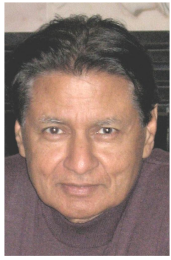
Kids can also present themselves in a group and dress up to represent the heritage of different states of India or may represent a particular festival or a legend from Hinduism.

**All the kids who will dress up will participate in the procession (singing and chanting the bhajans in the yatra).**

*All participants will receive a certificate of participation from HSGC.*

***To Submit your Entries and for more details please contact Kiran Dayal 513-474-4051, Amita Gupta 513-336-8782***





**Dr. ANANT RAM BHATI : A FRIEND, SENIOR PATRON AND A GENEROUS DEVOTEE  
(1940 - 2012)**

Dr. Anant Ram Bhati passed away unexpectedly on February 17, 2012. However, he left a lasting legacy for our community and our Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati.

Dr. Bhati and his wife Shammi arrived in Cincinnati in July, 1971. They became actively involved in the activities of a very small group of Indian community. They participated in the first Puja (Vasant Panchami) organized by several families at the home of Dr. Kapildeo and Kiran Sinha. Since then, monthly Puja was performed by the late Dr. Gangadhar Chouhury in different homes including Dr. Bhati's by rotation. As the group became larger, the Puja was moved to the basement of the First National Bank, Ludlow. The first meeting with Mr. Ram Jindal, Dr. Nageah Divedi was held in Dr. Bhati's office to raise fund for the purchase the old house as Temple on Martin Luther King Drive. Dr. Bhati was a very active, generous and hands on person. On every Sunday, after the Puja, Dr. Bhati used to help children perform Arti and receive Ashirvad from the full time professional Priest of the Temple.

As the community became larger and the members decided to build our present Temple, Dr. Bhati took leadership in fundraising. He was very persuasive and good at fund raising. According to Mrs. Bhati, Dr. Bhati and his fund raising team met most evening every week, develop plans and knocked door to door and persuade families to make large donation for the new, most unique and inclusive Temple with all original 12 deities of equal dimension on the same platform and only Temple to have installed the most sacred sound and unifying divine symbol OM at the center of the deity platform.

More recently, Dr. and Mrs. Bhati sponsored the Luri festival at the Temple. Last year after a special Puja, Dr. Bhati challenged the devotees to match their donations and pledges for the support of the Temple. After the installation of the spectacular Garbhagrihas, Dr. Bhati spoke at length with the Garbhagriha project manager, Mr. Rameshwar Dayal, his intent to organize a large fund drive for Temple projects by inviting his doctor and other friends soon after his Coroner's election.

Dr. Bhati always extended a helping hand at the time of need in the community. He was there after the "unnatural death" of an Indian graduate student and for the visiting elderly parents from India desperately in need of kidney transplant for their young son and more as well as comforting families in the community at the time of sadness such as death of a loved one.

Dr. Bhati was professionally very successful and received many well deserved recognitions. He used his influence locally and at the state level to promote the visibility and respect for the Indian community through appointment on professional Boards and Trustees of several state universities.

Our community is very grateful for Dr. Bhati's many contributions and the community will remember his many good memories and friendship.

May his departed soul rest in peace and may Lord Almighty bless his loving family at their time of grief and great loss.

Dr. Laxmi Srivastava, Dr. J.K. Bhattacharjee, Deepak Dixit, Ram Jindal

**Congratulations to Dr. Lakshmi Kode Sammarco**



Dr. Lakshmi Kode Sammarco, MD is the new Hamilton County Coroner. She was appointed to this post upon the untimely demise of Dr. Anant Bhati. She is a board certified neuroradiologist with a clinical practice in Cincinnati, Ohio. Previously, she was faculty at the Cleveland Clinic, UCLA Medical Center and the University of Maryland Medical System. In Cincinnati, she has worked as a neuroradiologist at local hospitals before starting her own subspecialty services company.

Dr. Sammarco was raised and educated in Cincinnati. She is the daughter of Dr. Kode Murthy and Mrs. Indira Murthy who are ardent devotees of the temple. Dr. Sammarco herself grew up attending the temple functions.

Dr. Sammarco is a dynamic and energetic woman who is actively involved in the local community. She is involved with the Hindu Temple and the local Indian dance programs. She has initiated a program to raise awareness and prevention of child abuse. She volunteers speaking to middle and high school students about education/career choices and staying away from drugs. She is a volunteer at the UC College of Medicine, helping to select our future doctors.

Dr. Sammarco is married to Dr. Vincent James Sammarco, MD, and has two children. They are a "Cincinnati" family and regularly attend the arts including the Symphony, Opera and Ballet in addition to being supporters of the professional and college sports teams. Her interests include photography, Asian and Hindu art, and gourmet cooking. She is an active athlete and enjoys skiing and tennis.

We are very proud of Dr. Sammarco for her accomplishments as well as her appointment as the first woman coroner of Hamilton County.

## HSGC – Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes– March 4, 2012

**Executive Committee:** Deepak Dixit (President), Ambi Balasubramaniam (Vice President), Prasad Megada (Treasurer), Pradeep Gupta (Secretary), Asit Saha\* (Cultural Committee), Jeetu Patel (Long Range Planning), *Kiran Dayal (Pooja Committee)*, Manish Srivastava (Fundraising Committee), Rakesh Patel (Maintenance Committee), *Sandeep Gupta (Editor-Aradhana)*, and Vinit Rastogi (Religious Education Committee) (\* *Not present*)

### Meeting Minutes:

1. The March meeting of the HSGC Executive Committee was held on March 4, 2012 at 10:30am.
  2. February meeting minutes were approved by all attendees.
  3. It was decided that we need to focus on Mela and make it a memorable event attracting every part of the community, Indian as well as others.
    - a. There were suggestions on how to increase participation such as kids involvement, musical program, showcase of Indian food, sale of sarees, fireworks, advertisements, health booth, etc., etc.
    - b. The committee has agreed for Anil Jindal to lead the Mela event and Mela Committee
    - c. Mela committee will report concrete plans with details and progress of the activity in April meeting
  4. Deepak Dixit talked about temple finance and presented some facts about 2011 expenses.
    - a. There were significant amount due for payment to Houston Brothers and TruCraft from 2011 work.
    - b. The committee will be provided with all invoices to get a better understanding of the overall expenditure.
    - c. As a result of the discussion around expenses, a number of action items were generated which were distributed early in the month. The action items were concerning ADT, paper products, flowers, repairs, Kroger commission, etc., etc.
  5. An internal audit of temple account was discussed briefly which will be followed by Deepak Dixit.
  6. The committee asked Prasad Megada to prepare a drill down 2011 financial statement for April meeting.
  7. Temple membership is an issue. Manish Srivastava will follow up on some of the benefits provided such as voting power, support Aradhana, temple, community, etc.
  8. Kiran Dayal and Rakesh Patel will start their respective inventory soon, to complete by 6/30/2012.
  9. The committee also discussed of hiring a full time paid temple manager who can manage day to day activity related to collection donations/commitments, advertizing, membership, food and office supplies, mail order Pooja, and others TBD; no decision was made.
    - a. Every member of the EC was requested to send a list of expected duties of a Temple Manager to Pradeep Gupta.
  10. EC requested to send songs for the Holi program to Jyoti Desai by Friday March 9, 2012.
  11. EC requested every member to contact at least 5 families for March 17<sup>th</sup> fund raising program.
  12. There is an Interfaith Group meeting on March 28<sup>th</sup> at the Temple, everyone was requested to join. Deepak Dixit will send details to all.
  13. Manish Srivastava will discuss about lower denomination Kroger card with Raneshwar Gupta.
  14. April 27<sup>th</sup> was discussed for Youth Camp.
  15. It was suggested to allow volunteers to sign up on the temple website.
  16. Naach Sitare dance program will be discussed in April meeting.
- Next meeting will be on April 1, 2012 at 10:30am.

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# Sita Ram Kalyanam Celebration

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7. Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus Card number.
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The above enrollment procedure is much easier than it seems like and only takes a FEW MINUTES from start to finish.

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Please contact Raneshwar Gupta (Kroger Coordinator) at 513-232-3331 OR Manish Srivastava (Fund Raising Chair) at 513-503-2825, if you have any questions/concerns.



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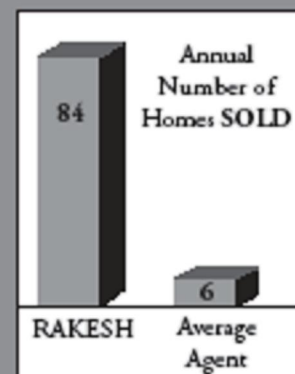
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# Birthdays and Anniversaries for the Month of May

## Happy Anniversary \*

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## Happy Birthday\*\*

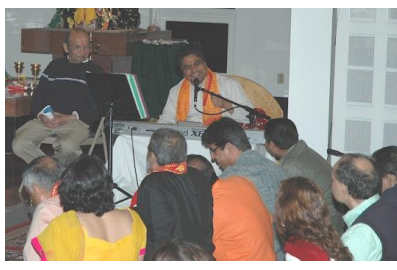
Christopher Adley, Ishwar Narayan Balakrishna, Nakul Bhardwaj, Kiran Bhatia, Amita Buddhdev, Reena Buddhdev, Sobhik Das, Vasundhara Dasari, Ollie Ghosh, Akhilesh Gupta, Avinash Halekote, Anisha Jindal, Amarender Karra, Saritha Karra, Amita Khemchandani, Manisha Kode, Sanchi Kohli, Riya Koul, Kumar Nagarajan, Krithka Narayan, Subramaniam Narayan, Arvind Patel, Manisha Patel, Nilisha Patel, Sangita Patel, Sonila Patel, Meera Ramamoorthy, Niranjan Ramji, Sumedha Rao, Karima Samadi, Suma Saraff, Eshwar Sekar, Samantha Sekar, Jyoti Sharma, Rishabh Sharma, Shalabh Singhal, Vikas Sondhi, Koti Sreekrishna, Vadin Vijayasarthi, Anish Wadhwa, Sudhir Radhakrishnan, Nita Patel, Arva Chaturvedi, Prem Garg, Abhijeet Goyal, Ashok Krishnamurthy, Arjun Krishnan, Deepa Kudalkar, Chitra Shanmugham –Meyer, Arva Chaturvedi

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

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

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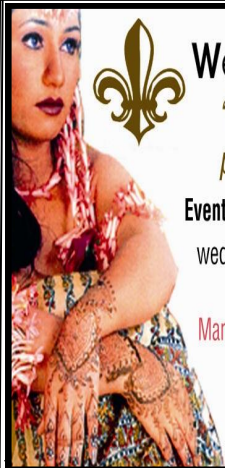
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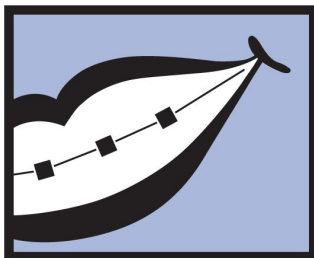


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