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Vikram Samvat, 2069
April, 2013



Chaitra Nav Ratri, Happy Vaisakhi
Happy New Year, Hanuman Jayanti
MUCH TO CELEBRATE



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Phone: (513) 528-3714



Chaitra Navratri Puja
April 11th to 18th



Akhand Ramayan
Shri Ram Charit Manas
April 13th and 14th



Shri Ram Navami
Sita Rama Kalyanam
April 20th

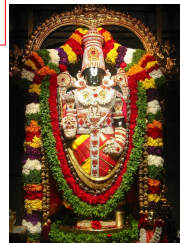


Tamil New Year
April 21st



Hanuman Jayanti
April 25th

Annual Thyagaraja Purandaradasa Music
Festival
April 13 Details on Pg 8



BHU NEELA SAMETA
SRI LAKSHMI VENKATESWARA
April 26th and 27th

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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 and Major Hindu 9am to 8pm
(Maha Shivratri, Krishna Janamashtmi, Ganesh Chaturthi, Deewali)

Sunday : 9am - 7pm (Nov to March)
9am - 8pm (April to October)

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

Attorney: Aronoff, Rosen & Hunt
(513) 241-0400

Accountant: Open

2013 POOJA COMMITTEE & RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES MEMBERS

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Meena Mehta

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Data

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Shakuntala Agarwall

5. E-mail .Data

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Please Donate

Generously

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

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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
Nischithartham (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 : Sangita Patel 513-791-0855 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 Sangita Patel 53-791-0855 or to rent a temple hall (lower level) Raneshwar Gupta 232-3331

If you have any question or suggestion about temple activities contact Sangita Patel 513-791-0855, 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

Sangita Patel 513-791-0855

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

Sangita Patel 791-0855 ; Temple priests: 528-3714

Monthly Murugan Abhishekham /Pooja

Every second Sat of the Month

Sat 4pm Sponsor Murugan Group.

Pandit Bhattar 488-2986,

Murali Annamali 827-5450,

Yasotha Subarajan 754-0578

Priests : 529-3714; Sangita Patel 791-0855



Monthly Satya Narayan Pooja

On Every Purnima of the Month

6:30 pm

Sponsorship \$ 51.00

To sponsor pooja call

Sangita Patel 791-0855



Shri Ganesh Puja & 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 & To Sponsor the pooja please call

Jyoti Divekar 204-8037, Mangal Nemade 234-8373

Sangita Patel 791-0855; Temple Priests: 528-3714

SAI BHAJAN

Every First Sat. of month 6pm to 7:30pm

For more details please call Dr. Ganesh 857-719-1500 ,
Rajan 331-2058.



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
Sangita Patel 791-0855

Weekly Shriv Mahiman Stotram

Every Monday at 6:30 pm



Weekly Hanuman Chalisa Path

Every Tuesday at 6:30 p m To sponsor call

Sangita Patel 791-0855 or 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 Sangita Patel 791-0855

Temple priests: 528-3714

PURUSHOTTAM NAAM STOTRA PARAYAN

Every 2nd Wed. of each month

6pm to 7:30pm

details please call Mina Mehta 574-6763



Dear Devotees

March was an incredible month with amazing attendance at Shivratri Celebrations. It was a delight to see participants of all ages, including small children, teenagers and elderly. A very special Thank You to our sponsors :Dr. Ranga Sai, Jyotsna, Shree Pranavi, Vaishnavi Brahmandam, 42 Gham Samaj.

Feb. 17th Sunday Vasant Panchami Celebration , event was sponsored by - Agrani bengali group . Thanks to all devotees for making it an event to remember.

April is a very auspicious month with a lot of Pujas. Be sure to check the events and attend the Navratri Pujas, Tamil New Year, Mahavir Jayanti, Hanuman Jayanti....

Please make note of the **Kroger Plus Card renewal** on page 9. Even if you are already registered, you need to renew enrollment every year for getting benefit to Temple. Our Temple generates extra income each time you use your Kroger Plus Card and it does not cost you a penny. We look forward to seeing you at all the April functions.

Geeta Mehan



APRIL 2013

April	6 th	Sat.	1008 Gayatri Japa 9:30am
April	6 th	Sat.	Navgrah Puja 3pm Sponsorship \$51.00
April	6 th	Sat.	Sai Bhajan 6pm
April	11 th	Thurs	Chaitra Navratri Begins Kalash Sthapana 6:30pm <small>Gudi Padwa, Vikram Samvat 2070 starts , Telgu, Kannada New year</small>
April	13 th	Sat.	Akhand Ramayan Path begins 11am
April	13 th	Sat.	Vaishakhi,Tamil , Bengal, Malyalam new year.
April	14 th	Sun.	Akhand Ramayan Path ends 12:30pm. <small>Sponsored by -Rameshwar & Kiran Dayal , their family. Volunteers needed to read Ramayan.</small>
April	18 th	Thurs	Durga Ashtami Havan 6:30pm
April	19 th	Fri.	Ram Navami 11:30am (Actual Day)
April	20 th	Sat.	SitaRam Kalyanam 10am. Sponsored by Tarangini
April	21 st	Sun.	Tamil New Year Celebration 10am Murgan Abhishekam . <small>No abhishekam on 2nd sat. april 13th.</small>
April	24 th	Wed	Mahavir Jayanti (Actual day)
April	25 th	Thurs	Hanuman Jayanti Celebration 5:30pm <small>Sunderkand Path.</small> <small>Sponsored by - Indu Patel, Mina Desai, Bharti Noticewala Neela Patel & their families</small>
April	25 th	Thurs	Purnima Satya Narayan Puja 6:30pm <small>Sponsorship \$51 Puja Samagri will be provided, Please bring Fruits,Prasad, and 1 coconut.</small>
April	27 th	Sat.	108 Kalashabhishekam to Lord Venkateshwara <small>9am to 1pm See details in flyer inside. .</small>
April	28 th	Sun.	Ganesh Puja & Atharvashirsh path 11am

MAY 2013

May	4th	Sat.	Navgrah Puja 3pm Sponsorship \$51.00
May	5th	Sun.	Vallabhacharya Jayanti 10:30am <small>Sponsored By- Shrinathji Devotees</small>
May	11th	Sat.	Sai Bhajan 6pm
May	11th	Sat.	1008 Gayatri Japa 9:30am
May	12th	Sun	Sunderkand Path 10:30am <small>Sponsored By-</small> <small>Nayana & Vikram Parikh,Parul and Ashwin Joshi,Triguna and Pratap Jani,Mina & Khush Karamchandani</small>
May	13th	Mon	Akshaya Tritiya
May	17,18,19	Fri,Sat.Sun.	Temple's 16th Anniversary celebration . Details inside flyer
May	24th	Fri	Purnima Satya Narayan Puja 6:30pm <small>Sponsorship \$51 Puja Samagri will be provided, Please bring Fruits,Prasad, and 1 coconut.</small>
May	25th	Sat.	Venkateshwar Abhishekam 10am <small>Sponsorship \$51.00</small>
May	26th	Sun	Ganesh Puja & Atharvashirsha Path 11am

June High lights

June 5th Sunday 11am Mahavir Jayanti Celebration

June 9th Sunday 11:30am Graduation Havan

June 8th Sat. 11:30am Vat Savitri Vrat

CHAITRA NAVRATRI PUJA

April 11th to 18th 2013



April 11th Thurs 6:00 pm KALASH STHAPANA

April 12th to 18th CHANDI PATH & DEVI PUJA

Everyday 9:30 am to 11:00pm and 5.00pm to

6:00pm

April 18th Thursday 6:30 pm Durga Ashtami Puja & Havan

Sponsorship for Chandi Path \$51, Havan \$51, Chandi Path all days of Navratri \$251

AKHAND RAMAYAN PATH

(Shri Ramcharit Manas)



April 13th - 14th Saturday & Sunday 11:00am 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. Sangita patel 791-

0855, Kiran Dayal 474 - 4051, give your name & time.

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

SHRI RAM NAVAMI SITA RAMA KALYANAM

(Wedding of Shri Ram Sita)



April 20th 2013

10am to 1pm

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

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

Event Sponsored by- TARANGINI

For more details please contact Temple 528-3714,

Sangita Patel 791-0855, info@tarangini.net

SHRI HANUMAN JAYANTI CELEBRATION

April 25th Thursday 2013



5:30pm Shri Hanuman Puja & Hanuman

6:30pm Sunderkand Path

8:00pm Aarti & Maha Prasad (dinner)

Event Sponsored by these families :

Induben Patel, Minaben Desai, Bhartiben Noticewala ,
Neela Patel

Sponsorship: \$101.00 Puja & Path, \$11.00 Archana.

TAMIL NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

April 21st 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 13th.

Shri Vallabhacharya Jayanti Celebration

On May 5th Sunday



10:30 am to 1pm

10:30am Shri Nathaji Pooja

11:30am Krishna Bhajan & Stotra

12:30pm Discourse

1:00pm Aarati Followed by Mahaprasad / lunch

Event is sponsored by – Shrinathji devotees.

BHU NEELA SAMETA SRI LAKSHMI VENKATESWARA

UTSAVA MOORTHUTY PRATHISTAPANA

EKADASA VAARSHIKOTSAVAM

ASHTOTTHARA KALASABHISHEKAM

(108 KALASA ABHISHEKAM)

APRIL 26-27, 2013

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

6:00 PM: SWASTHI VAACHANAM, ANKURARPANAM,
VASUDEVA PUNYAHA-VAACHANAM, RAKSHA BANDHANAM
PRADHANA KALASA POOJA AND UPA KALASA POOJA

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

9:00 AM: SUPRABHATAM

9:30 AM: KALASA ARADHANA

11:00 AM: 108 KALASA ABHISHEKAM

1:00 PM: MAHA MANGALA AARATI

FOLLOWED BY MAHA PRASADA VINIYOGAM (LUNCH).

SPONSORSHIP:

EVENT SPONSOR (PRAMUKH YAJAMAN): \$1,001.00

YAJAMAN (PRADHANA SEVAAKARTHA): 501.00

ABHISHEKAM: \$51.00

Please call Anand Konda:513-481-4119,

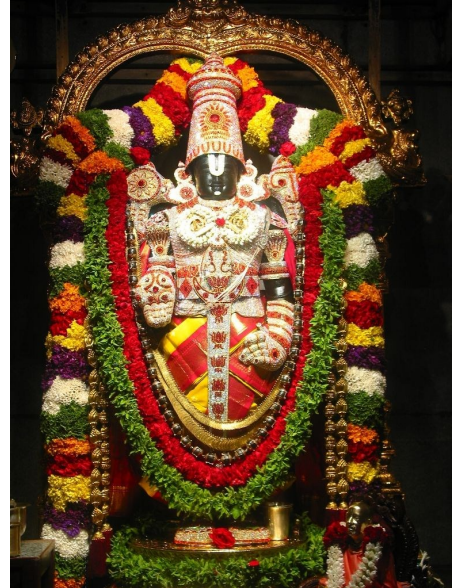
Vasundhara Dasari:513-777-3353,

Pandit Sri Srinadh Bhattar: 513-488-2986 or

Hindu Temple:513-528-3714

for sponsorship and/or any information.

PLEASE JOIN US TO MAKE THIS EVENT A BIG SUCCESS.



XXVIII ANNUAL THYAGARAJA-PURANDARADASA MUSIC FESTIVAL

APRIL 13, 2013 (SATURDAY) 8:45 AM - 3:30 PM



At the Cincinnati Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati (4920 Klatte Road, Cincinnati, OH 45244; 513-528-3714)

- 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– 3:30 PM– Individual Singing

If you wish to participate in Pancharathna Group-Singing or individual singing,
please call Usha Raghavan (513-489-9655)

Koti Sreekrishna 513-290-3064

Breaking NEWS

19 out of 20 Parts of the Marg Project Adopted
6 New Parts are Added to Meet Community Need
Fully Paid Parts:

- | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Venkateshwara Marg | 2. Dr. Sanat Bhatt |
| Marg | Marg |
| 3. Srivastava Family Marg | |

Partially Paid Parts:

- | | |
|--|--------------|
| 1. Hanuman Marg | |
| 2. Shrinath Ji Marg | |
| 3. Manju & Raneshwar Gupta Marg | |
| 4. Chopra Family Marg | |
| 5. Ganesh Marg | |
| 6. Murgan Marg | |
| 7. Sai Marg | |
| 8. Govind Family Marg | |
| 9. 42 Gam Patel Samaj | |
| 10. In memory of Srivastava Parents Marg | |
| 11. Tagore Marg | |
| 12. Shiva Ji Marg | |
| 13. Shastri Marg | 14. Sardar |
| Patel Marg | |
| 15. Physicians Marg | 16. Parikh's |
| Marg | |

Total Money Collected(2/16/13) **\$337,940**
Present Balance: \$153,277.

Rest of the money is due by 12/31/2014.

Please support your temple by adopting rest of 7 parts in the name of your family, parents, your deity of choice & the village or town you come from. Be part of the temple history. This will be here as long the temple exist. For more details please contact one of the following:

Manish Srivastava – (513) 503-2825 Jitu Patel –
(513) 836-0606

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FORUM PICTURES



AT THE HINDU TEMPLE **6TH YEAR OF** **SAI BHAJAN**



FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH
6:00PM to 7:30PM

For more details please contact;
Dr. Ganesh - (857) 719-1500
Rajan - (513) 331-2058

BOOK AVAILABLE

Mr. Niranjana Shah has published many books and is a very well known writer. His last book "Indian Origins of Ancient Civilization: was published by Amazon.com last summer. This outstanding book by Mr. Niranjana Shah is available at the Temple with a nominal donation. It is a great Graduation Gift. All proceeds will go to the Temple. Buy before they get sold out. Contact Mr. Sandip Shah at sanrali004@yahoo.com Read Below :

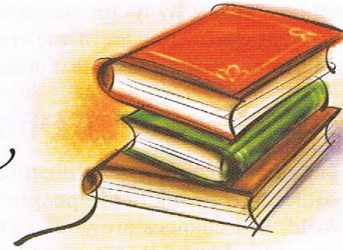


HINDU VISHWA

By Prakash Waghmare

One of the most well-known columnist, author and sought-after speaker for academic conferences, Mr. Niranjana Shah has recently come out with a new remarkable book titled "Indian Origins of Ancient Civilizations." For several years Mr. Shah has been known to his thousands of avid readers as 'Grandpa' who dispensed the forgotten history of India through his popular weekly column "A letter from Grandpa"

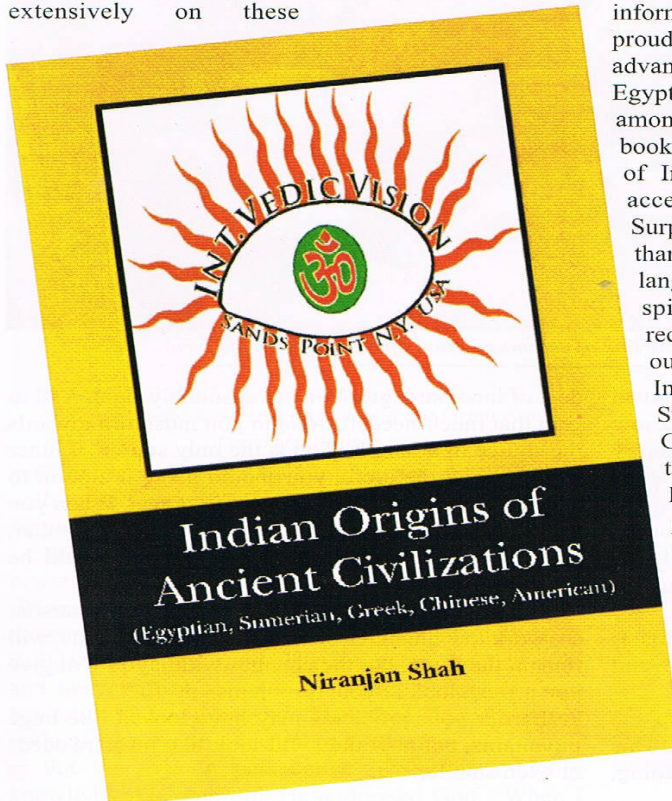
Book Review



Indian Origins of Ancient Civilizations

which appeared in the India Tribune newspaper. This book is culmination of those articles and reflects his painstaking research and hard work. The book is only 140 pages but contains a bibliography which cites 120 books and articles. Mr. Shah, a scholar of Vedantic studies and the pre-Christ era, has drawn extensively on these

sources to prove his various points. So much so that at some points the book a collection of quotations. Mr. Shah has woven together information from his various references rather than interject his own narration to stack before us insurmountable evidence of the Indian origins of ancient civilizations. There is wealth of information in this book, which will make any Indian proud of their scientifically based and technologically advanced ancient past. The book spells out how Egyptians, Sumerian, Greek, Chinese, and American, among others have sprouted out of Indian cradle. This book shows that there is possibly more to the history of India and its civilization than what has been accepted as current historical consensus. Surprisingly, the book has been printed in larger-than-average font for the benefit of all ages. The language is very fluid and simple to understand, in spite of its complex subject. I would highly recommend this book to anyone, and especially to our second generation, who has a desire to learn India's true heritage. Padmashri Dr. Sudhir Parikh, Swami Vidadatmanand of Arsh Vidya Gurukul and Goswami Indirabetiji have assisted in releasing this book. New York State Senator Thomas Libous, last month, presented a special proclamation honoring Mr. Niranjana Shah for this historic book. This book has been sponsored by Dr. Dilip Doctor and Dr. Dipika Doctor, pioneers of the Vedic Vision Foundation, who want to bring India's ancient glorious history to the forefront.



This book is available on Amazon and other major retailers, Arsh Vidya Gurukul or through the author himself at nshah32@hotmail.com.

14 October - December 2012 ■



“Pravachan” : Fourth Sunday of each month during 2013
At Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati by Dr. Anil Srivastava

The lecture series in year 2012 was very successful. It is our sincere hope that all our devotees will attend the lecture series this year and enrich their own personal lives.

We would encourage all our youth to attend these lectures as well. It will help them understand the fundamentals of the Hindu religion and help appreciate the logical and practical aspects of our religion.

Dr. Srivastava will cover many scriptures including :

Srimad Bhagwad Gita, Upanishads, Darshan, and Vedic Scriptures.

He is well versed in Hindu philosophy, Vedic scriptures, Upanishads, Srimad Bhagwad Gita, Patanjali (Ashtaang) Yoga Darshan. He gave special discourses on “Srimad Bhagwad Gita” for the last seven years to a local Study Group.

The ‘pravachan’ on each Fourth Sunday will be for half an hour, starting at **12:15 PM to 12:45 PM.** The idea is that all Hindus who go to temples, worship different Deities, have different concepts of Gods should also grasp the concept of **Unity in Multiplicity** through the wisdom and knowledge given in our Vedic religion and philosophy. Gain an in-depth understanding of the fundamentals of the Hindu philosophy in easy to understand language!

Dates for the remaining ‘Pravachans’ : April 28; May 26; June 23; July 28; Sep 29; Nov 24; Dec 29

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Domestic Violence Forum

A **very well attended and successful** Forum on Domestic Violence was held in West Chester on March 16. It was very Interactive. Thanks to all who cared enough to attend.

Be alert to situations. If you know of anyone who need help, please help them to reach out. Just as you do not know who all have been helped, no one will know that you have reached out. Break the silence. **THERE IS HOPE.**

Immigrants to USA constitute a diverse population of ethnic and national groups. Violence against women and aged parents can happen in all culture, races, ethnic, religious, age and socio economic classes. Abusers of immigrant women often use immigration related threats to assert control over their spouse' movements, emotions, thoughts and contact with outside world. General studies indicate that 22.1 % of US women experience Domestic Violence. Survey of immigrant women find that number to be 30-50%. This number may be lower in the Indian diaspora but it happens. Let us raise domestic violence awareness in our community . Let it not remain a silent issue. By discussing with friends and family we make it clear that it is never acceptable. Let us join in confronting this issue. It hurts adults and it hurts children. Le us not be in denial that these things cannot happen in our community.

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Hindu Rituals and Routines and why do we follow them?

Paraphrased from:

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Why do we worship Tulasi?

Tulasi In Sanskrit is defined as "*tulanaa naasti athaiva tulasi*"- that which is incomparable (in its qualities) is the *tulasi*. For Hindus it is one of the most sacred plants. In fact it is known to be the only thing used in worship, which, once used, can be washed and reused in worship, as it is regarded so self-purifying. As per one anecdote, Tulasi was the devoted wife of Shankhachuda, a celestial being. She believed that Lord Krishna tricked her into sinning. So she cursed Lord Krishna to become a stone (*shaaligraama*). Seeing her devotion and adhered to righteousness, the Lord blessed her saying that she would become the worshipped plant, tulasi that would adorn His head. Also that any offering would be incomplete without the *tulasi* leaf - hence the worship of *tulasi*.

Tulasi also symbolises Goddess Lakshmi, the consort of Lord Vishnu. Those who wish to be righteous and have a happy family life worship the *tulasi*. *Tulasi* is married to the Lord Krishna with all pomp and show as in any wedding. This is because according to another legend, the Lord blessed her to be His consort. Satyabhama once weighed Lord Krishna against all her legendary wealth. The scales did not balance till a single *tulasi* leaf was placed along with the wealth on the scale by Rukmini with devotion. Thus the *tulasi* played the vital role of demonstrating to the world that even a small object offered with devotion means more to the Lord than all the wealth in the world. The *tulasi* leaf has great medicinal value and is used to cure various ailments, including the common cold.

Yanmule sarvatiirhaani, Yannagre sarvadevataa |Yanmadhye sarvavedaascha, Tulasi taam namaamyaham||

I bow down to the tulasi, at whose base are all the holy places, At whose top reside all the deities and In whose middle are all the Vedas.

Why do we blow the conch?

When a conch is blown, the primordial sound of Om emanates. Om is an auspicious sound that was chanted by the Lord before creating the world. It represents the world and the Truth behind it. As per one episode in our scriptures, the demon Shankhaasura defeated devas, stole the Vedas and hid under bottom of the ocean. Devas appealed to Lord Vishnu for help. Vishnu incarnated as *Matsya* - the "fish incarnation" and killed Shankhaasura. The Lord blew the conch-shaped bone of his ear together with his skull. The Om sound emanated, from which emerged the Vedas. All knowledge enshrined in the Vedas is an elaboration of Om . The conch therefore is known as *shankha* after Shankaasua. The conch blown by the Lord is called *Paanchajanya*. He carries it at all times in one of His four hands.

It represents dharma or righteousness that is one of the four goals (*purusharthas*) of life. The sound of the conch is thus also the victory call of good over evil. Another well-known purpose of blowing the conch and the instruments, known traditionally to produce auspicious sounds is to drown or mask negative comments or noises that may disturb or upset the atmosphere or the minds of worshippers. In ancient times, each village was presided over by a primary temple and several small ones. During the *aarati* performed after all-important poojas and on sacred occasions, the conch used to be blown. Since villages were generally small, the sound of the conch would be heard all over the village. People who could not make it to the temple were reminded to stop whatever they were doing, at least for a few seconds, and mentally bow to the Lord. The conch sound served to briefly elevate people's minds to a prayerful attitude even in the middle of their busy daily routine. The conch is placed at the altar in temples and homes next to the Lord as a symbol of *Naada Brahma* (Truth), the Vedas, Om, dharma, victory and auspiciousness. It is often used to offer devotees *thirtha* (sanctified water) to raise their minds to the highest Truth. It is worshipped with the following verse.

Tvam puraa saagarotpannaha, Vishnunaa vidhrutahakare |Devaischa poojitha sarvahi , Panchjanya namostu te||

Salutations to Panchajanya, the conch born of the ocean; held in the hand of Lord Vishnu and worshipped by all devaas.

Koti Shreekrishna

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6:30pm Kalash Sthapana, Mandal, Aaradhana,
7:30pm Aarti & Prasad. (Dinner)

Sat. 19th 8:30am to 1pm

8:30 am Nitya Puja
9:00am All Utsava Murti Abhisheka
10:30am Shri Maha Ganapati Yagna
12:30am Purnahuti Homa
1:00 pm Maha Mangal Aarti

Saturday 19th 4 to 8pm 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 20th 9am to 1pm

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
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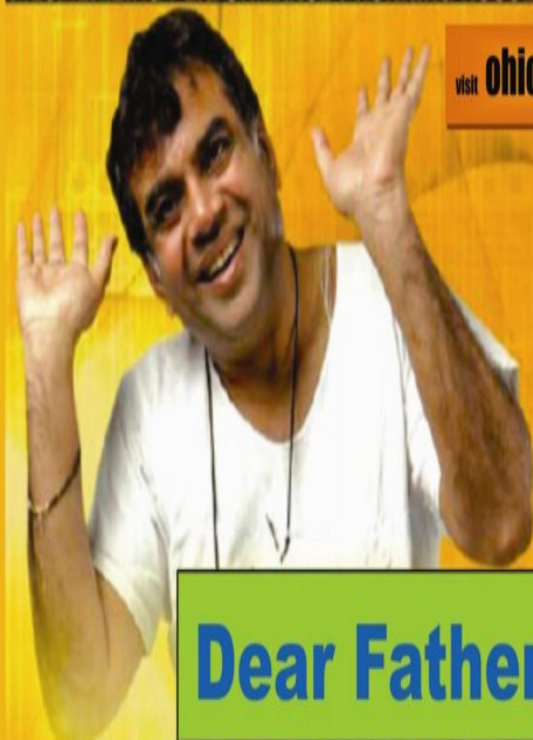
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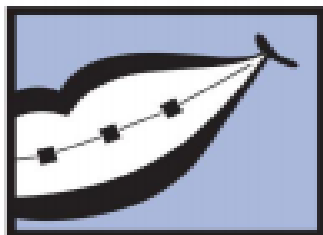
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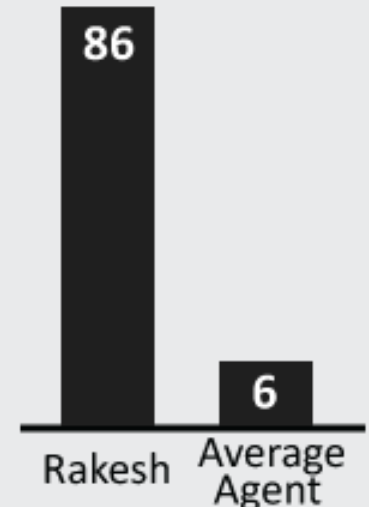
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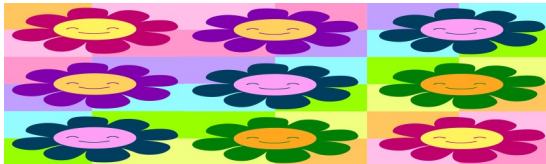
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