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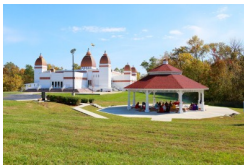
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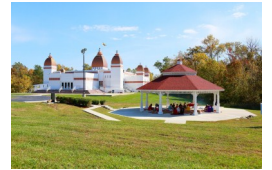


Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati cordially invites you with family & friends
On the occasion of Temple's

16th Anniversary Celebration

Shri Maha Ganapati Yagna

May 17th, 18th, 19th 2013



Fri. 17th 5:30 to 8pm

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. 18th 8:30am to 1pm MAHA GANPATI YAGNA

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 18th 4 to 8pm MATA KI CHOUKI

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 19th 9am to 1pm

09:00am Nitya (Daily) Puja
10:00am Sarvadev Gayatri Yagna
11:00am Kalash Yatra (Procession)
11:30am Dhawja Puja & Arohan
12:15pm Special Archanas for all the Deities
Appreciation of Priests & Volunteers
1:00pm Aarti & Prasad (Lunch).

Sponsorships:

\$ 1001.00 All Three days pujas (excludes Mata Ki Chauki)
\$ 501.00 Dhawj Puja/Arohan, Sarva dev
Gayatri Havan, Kalash Yatra, Maha Ganpati Yagna
\$ 501.00 Special Archana, Sarvadev Gayatri
Havan, Kalash Yatra. Maha Ganpati Yagna
\$ 251.00 Utsava Murti Abhishek, Maha Ganpati Yagna,
Sarvadev Gayatri Homa, Kalash yatra
\$ 101. Shri Maha Ganpati Yagna, Sarvadev G Yagna
\$ 101 Utsava Murti Abhishek, Kalash Yatra
\$ 51.00 Sarvadev Gayatri Yagna.
\$ 51.00 Maha Ganpati Yagna
\$ 21.00 Kalash Yatra.

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

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

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**Devotees are requested to sponsor one or more items
listed below, for various pujas. All items are needed by
May 14th Tuesday.**

Coconuts 108ct.	Betel Nut (Supari) Whole 50
Havan Samgri - 100 pack	Ghee - 100lb
Dry fruits - 100lb.	Almonds, Cashew, Raisins
Camphor 250gram	Rice 50lbs
Milk 5 gallons	Yogurt 5pack
Fruits 5 Varieties	Saffron 1 Box
Mango leaves	Pan leaves 50
Sarees for each deity	Jewelry for each deity.

Place: - 4920 Klatte Road Cincinnati OH-4524

For details please contact Temple 513-528-3714, Sangita Patel 513- 791-0855, Acharya Kailash Sharma 513-652-5382.
Acharya Chakreshwar Sharma 513-528-0901, Pundit Shri Srinath Bhattar 513-488-2986

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 / 513-779-1043
Aradhana (past and present) is also available at temple website: www.cincinnatiemple.com
Deadline for submission of articles for next Aradhana is May 10th

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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

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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) Kaikaryam (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

We had an amazing turnout for the various Navratri events, Tamil New Year, Mahavir Jayanti, Hanuman Jayanti....

Akhand Ramayan was enjoyed by all who attended.

Temple is a place of worship, celebration and learning. We have some outstanding Pravachans and courses being run in the Temple. Please see details on pages 11 and 13.

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.

Our Temple's Anniversary Celebrations are coming up. Please come and take full benefit of the various pujas and events plan for this blessed occasion.

Geeta Mehan



MAY 2013

May	4th	Sat.	Navgrah Puja 3pm Sponsorship \$51.00
May	5th	Sun.	Vallabhacharya Jayanti 10:30am Sponsored By- Shrinathji Devotees
May	11th	Sat.	Sai Bhajan 6pm
May	11th	Sat.	1008 Gayatri Japa 9:30am
May	11th	Sat.	Murgan Abhishekam 4pm Sponsorship\$101.00
May	12th	Sun	Sunderkand Path 10:30am Sponsored By- Nayana and Vikram Parikh,Parul and Ashwin Joshi,Triguna and Pratap Jani,Mina and Khush Karamchandani
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 Sponsorship \$51 Puja Samagri will be provided, Please bring Fruits,Prasad, and 1 coconut.
May	25th	Sat.	Venkateshwar Abhishekam 10am Sponsorship \$51.00
May	26th	Sun	Ganesh Puja & Atharvashirsha Path 11am

JUNE 2013

June	1st	Sat.	Navgrah puja 3pm Sponsorship \$51.00
June	1st	Sat.	Sai Bhajans 6pm
June	2nd	Sun	Mahavir Jayanti Celebration 11am sponsored By- Jain center of Cincinnati Dayton.
June	8th	Sat.	1008 Gayati Japa 9:30am
June	8th	Sat.	Vat Savitri Vrat Puja 11am Puja Samagri will be provided
June	8th	Sat.	Mata Ki Chauki 4-8pm Sponsored By- Vijay & Madhu Sharma and Family .
June	9th	Sun.	Gradution Havan (Homa) 11:30am
June	15th	Sat.	Murgan Abhishekam 4:30pm Sponsorship \$101.00 Schedule changed from 2nd Sat. to 3rd Sat. No Abhishekam on June 8th
June	16th	Sun	Sunderkand Path 10:30am . Sponsored By -Kapi Patel
June	22nd	Sat.	Venkateshwar Kalyanam 10 am Sponsorship \$51
June	23rd	Sun	Jagannath Snan Purnima 11am
June	23rd	Sun	Satya Narayan Puja 5:30pm

July High lights

July 13th Sat. Jagannath Rath Yatra 4pm July20th Sat. Murgan Anniversary Rathotsavam celebration
July 27th Sat. Guru Purnima celebration 108 Satya Narayan Puja

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.

Mahavir Jayanti Celebration

June 2nd 11am to 1pm



11am Ashta prakari Puja
12:30 Bhajans ,
1Pm Mangal Aarti
Followed by prasad (lunch)

Sponsored by Jain center of Cincinnati Dayton

Vat Savitri Vrat Puja

June 8th Sat. 11am
(next to holy tree of Temple)



Puja Thali will be provided \$21.

MATA KI CHAUKI

June 8th Sat. 4-8pm

4pm Devi Puja
5pm Mangal Aarti
5:30Bheten/Mata Bhajans
8:00 Bhog Aarti
Followed by Mahaprasad
(Dinner)



Sponsored by -
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And their family.

Graduation Havan

June 9th Sun. 11:30am
Special Puja for all our graduates for
their successful life.
Please send photos of the graduates
with name and school they will be
attending to mehangeta@gmail.com



NAVGRAHA HAVAN /HOMA

June 29th Sat. 9:30am



9:30 Navgrah Puja Abhishek
10:30 Havan / Homa.
12:30 Aarti followed by prasad Lunch
Sponsorships:- \$251 Pramukh Yajman , \$101 Yajman ,
\$51 Havan.
Event sponsors needed.
For details please call temple 513-528-3714,
Sangita Patel 513-791-0855

Happy
Telugu New
Year 2013



Belated Happy New Year (April 11) to our Telugu Community

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YOU NEED TO RE-Enroll your Kroger Plus Card between April 1 and April 30'2013 even if you have an existing account since the "NEW YEAR" is starting



The Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati is now, a partner with Kroger in their Community Rewards Program to get the advantage of their good will of community support. They will donate from about 2% to 4% of the total amount we spend as a community to the HSGC. **Last year the Temple received a commission of almost \$4000 from Kroger through this program. Thanks to all members who have taken five minutes to enroll for this program.**

When you shop at Kroger for your groceries, you automatically, donate some percent of your grocery bill to your Temple without any additional cost to you. Help your Temple to help yourself.

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Easy Steps for Enrollment: (takes less than 5 minutes)

1. Visit www.krogercommunityrewards.com and select "Register" unless you already have an account. Sign up for a Kroger rewards account by entering your Kroger Plus card number or your primary phone number.
2. Confirm your registration through your email account.
3. Sign in to Kroger Community Rewards website (the link on the confirmation email will take you there). Proceed to Edit "My Account;" enter your Kroger Card Number and confirm personal information
4. Click to "Community Rewards" at the bottom of the page and type in our NPO number **81567**. Select "Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati."

Congratulations! Now a portion of every shopping trip you make will go towards our wonderful Temple. Remember to swipe your registered Kroger Plus Card or use the phone number that is related to your card when shopping to benefit the Temple.

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THE GOOD BRAHMIN

DOES HAPPINESS RESULT FROM IGNORANCE OR FROM KNOWLEDGE

By VOLTAIRE (Story provided by Prof. Rama Rao Pappu)

(VOLTAIRE (1694-1778) was one of the greatest French philosophers of the eighteenth century and the author of several works, including *Candide* (1759), *Treatise on Tolerance* (1763), and *Philosophical Dictionary* (1764). The story of *Good Brahmin* has to do with despair and the meaning of life.)

In my travels I once happened to meet with an aged Brahmin. This man had a great share of understanding and prudence, and was very learned. He was also very rich, and his riches added greatly to his popularity; for, wanting nothing that wealth could procure, he had no desire to defraud anyone. His family was admirably managed by three handsome wives, who always studied to please him; and when he was weary of their society, he had recourse to the study of philosophy.

Not far from his house, which was handsome, well-furnished and embellished with delightful gardens, dwelt an old Indian woman who was a great bigot, ignorant, and withal very poor.

"I wish," said the Brahmin to me one day, "I had never been born!"

"Why so?" said I.

"Because," replied he, "I have been studying these forty years, and I find it has been so much time lost. While I teach others I know nothing myself. The sense of my condition is so humiliating, it makes all things so distasteful to me, that life has become a burden. I have been born, and I exist in time, without knowing what time is. I am placed, as our wise men say, in the confines between two eternities, and yet I have no idea of eternity. I am composed of matter, I think, but have never been able to satisfy myself what it is that produces thought. I even am ignorant whether my understanding is a simple faculty I possess, like that of walking and digesting, or if I think with my head in the same manner as I take hold of a thing with my hands. I am not only thus in the dark with relation to the principles of thought, but the principles of my motions are entirely unknown to me. I do not know why I exist, and yet I am applied to every day for a solution of the enigma. I must return an answer, but can say nothing satisfactory on the the subject. I talk a great deal, and when I have done speaking remain confounded and ashamed of what I have said."

"I am in still greater perplexity when I am asked if Brahma was produced by Vishnu, or if they have both existed from eternity. God is my judge that I know nothing of the matter, as plainly appears by my answers. 'Reverend father,' says one, 'be pleased to inform me how evil is spread over the face of the earth.' I am as much at a loss as those who ask the question. Sometimes I tell them that every thing is for the best; but those who have the gout or the stone -- those who have lost their fortunes or their limbs in the wars -- believe as little of this assertion as I do myself. I retire to my own house full of curiosity, and endeavor to enlighten my ignorance by consulting the writings of our ancient sages, but they only serve to bewilder me the more. When I talk with my brethren upon this subject, some tell me we ought to make the most of life and laugh at the world. Others think they know something, and lose themselves in vain and chimerical hypotheses. Every effort I make to solve the mystery adds to the load I feel. Sometimes I am ready to fall into despair when I reflect that, after all my researches, I neither know from whence I came, what I am, whither I shall go, or what is to become of me."

The condition in which I saw this good man gave me real concern. No one could be more rational, no one more open and honest. It appeared to me that the force of his understanding and the sensibility of his heart were the causes of his misery.

The same day I had a conversation with the old woman, his neighbor. I asked her if she had ever been unhappy for not understanding how her soul was made? She did not even comprehend my question. She had not, for the briefest moment in her life, had a thought about these subjects with which the good Brahmin had so tormented himself. She believed from the bottom of her heart in the metamorphoses of her god Vishnu, and, provided she could get some of the sacred water of the Ganges in which to make her ablutions, she thought herself the happiest of women.

Struck with the happiness of this poor creature, I returned to my philosopher, whom I thus addressed:

"Are you not ashamed to be thus miserable when, not fifty yards from you, there is an old automaton who thinks of nothing and lives contented?"

"You are right," he replied. "I have said to myself a thousand times that I should be happy if I were but as ignorant as my old neighbor, and yet it is a happiness I do not desire."

This reply of the Brahmin made a greater impression on me than anything that had passed. I consulted my own heart and found that I myself should not wish to be happy on condition of being ignorant.

I submitted this matter to some philosophers, and they were all of my opinion: and yet, said I, there is something very contradictory in this manner of thinking; for, after all, what is the question? Is it not to be happy? What signifies it then whether we have understandings or whether we are fools? Besides, there is this to be said: those who are contented with their condition are sure of that content; while those who have the faculty of reasoning are not always sure of reasoning right. It is evident then, I continued, that we ought rather to wish not to have common sense, if that common sense contributes to our being either miserable or wicked.

They were all of my opinion, and yet not one of them could be found to accept of happiness on the terms of being ignorant. From hence I concluded, that although we may set a great value upon happiness, we set a still greater upon reason.

But after mature reflection upon this subject I still thought there was great madness in preferring reason to happiness. How is this contradiction to be explained? Like all other questions, a great deal may be said about it.

program

MAY 7TH 2013 - TUESDAY

8.30 a.m. to 12.00 Noon

GANESHA HOMAM

Atharvasheersham

5.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.

Sundarakand Parayan

MAY 8TH 2013 - WEDNESDAY

5.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.

Anugna - Ganesha Pooja

Vishnu Shiva Asthra Pooja

Mrithasangrahanam

Ankurarpanam

JALADHI VASAM

MAY 9TH 2013 - THURSDAY

8.30 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.

Ganesha Pooja - Vasthu Pooja - Homam

TULSI POOJA - Pravesa Bali

Agni Prathishtapanam

Maha Ganapathi Homam

Nithya Homam

Kalasa Sthapanam

Nethronmeelanam

DHANYADHI VASAM

5.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.

Ganesha Pooja

Kalasa Aradhana-Kalaakarshanam

Nithya Homam

Deeparadhana-Manthrapushpam

Veda Samarpanam-

Theertha Prasadam



MAY 10TH 2013 - FRIDAY

8.30 a.m. to 12.00 Noon

Dwara Pooja

Pradhana Kalasa Aradhana

Tulasi Pooja

NITHYA HOMAM

PANCHAGAVYADHI VASAM

Deeparadhana - Manthra Pushpam

Veda Samarpanam - Prasadam

PHALADHI PUSHPAADHI VASAM

4.00 p.m. - 7.00 p.m.

Kalasa Nitya Aradhana

NITHYA HOMAM

Moolamoorthi Mantra

Sri Suktha - Purusha Suktha Homam

ADIVASA HOMAM

Deeparadhana

Manthra Pushpam

Veda Samarpanam

PURNAHUTHI

Prasadam

DINNER : 7.00 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.

ENTERTAINMENT 7.30 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.
By **DEEPIKA UPPULURI GROUP**



MAY 11TH 2013 - SATURDAY

8.00 a.m. - 12.00 Noon

Ganapathy Pooja, Punya Vachanam

Nithya Kalasa Aradhana, Tulasi Pooja

NITHYA HOMAM - Ganapathy, Devi,

Shiva, Sudarshana, Navagraha,

Sakala Devatha Homam, Bimba Suddhi

Deeparadhana - Manthrapushpam -

Vedam Prasadam, **KSHEERADHI VASAM**

12.00 - 1.00 p.m. Lunch

1.00 p.m. - 2.00 p.m.

PEARLS OF WISDOM

By **PRATHYAGBODHANANDA,**

CLASSICAL MUSIC & DANCE PROGRAM

2.00 p.m. - 2.30 p.m.

Mohiniyattam by DHANYA PRASAD

2.30 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.

By NAMBOODHIRI RAKSHITA GROUP

3.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m.

Ganapathy Pooja, Kalasa Pooja

NITHYA HOMAM, Deeparadhana-

Mantrapushpam- Vedam Arathi, Prasada

6.00 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.

Peeta Sthapanam

Rathna - Yanthra Nyasam

BIMBA, SHILPA, MOORTHY

ASHTABANDHANAM -

YANTHRA STHAPANAM

DINNER : 6.00 p.m. - 7.00 p.m.

ENTERTAINMENT : 7.00 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.
Classical Dance by
CHETHANA RAGHUPATHI GROUP

MAY 12TH 2013 - SUNDAY

7.00 a.m. - 8.30 a.m.

Ganapathy Pooja - Aditya Hridayam

Vasthu Homam, Nithya Homan

Santhi Homam, Nadi Santhanam

Sparsahuthi, Pranaprathista,

Purusha - Sri Sukta Homam

Maha Poornahuthi

Deeparadhana,

Yathra Danam

Gata Yathra Pravesam

8.25 a.m. - 10.13 a.m. - Mithuna Lagnam

GOPURA KALASA KUMBHABHISHEKAM

10.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

PRANA PRATHISHTA

SAKALA DEVATHA MAHABHISHEKAM

Nethron Meelanam, Kalanyasam

Nadi Santhanam

Dasa Darshanam

Dasa Dhanam - Phala Danam

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3.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m.

Kalyana Uthsavam, Srinivasa Kalyanam

Siva Parvathi Kalyanam

Honouring of Priests - Srinivas,

Dr.Balakrishnans, Dr.Ravi Shankar

ENTERTAINMENT 6.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.

Susmita Ravi Kumar - Violin

Shashank Subramaniam - Flute

Vishvak Kumaran - Mridangam

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Hindu Rituals and Routines and why do we follow them?

Paraphrased from:

<http://www.scribd.com/doc/103846498/Swami-Chinmayananda-Hindu-Rituals-and-Routines>

Why do we say *Shaanti* thrice?

Shaanti, meaning "peace", is a natural state of being. Disturbances are created either by others or us. For example, peace already exists in a place until someone makes noise. Therefore, peace underlies all our agitations. When agitations end, peace is naturally experienced since it was already there. Where there is peace, there is happiness. Therefore, every one without exception desires peace.

However, peace within or without seems very hard to attain because it is covered by our own agitations. A rare few manage to remain peaceful even in the midst of external agitations. To invoke peace, we chant prayers. By chanting prayers, troubles end and peace is experienced internally, irrespective of the external disturbances. All such prayers end by chanting *shaanti* thrice.

It is believed that *trivaram satyam* - that which is said thrice comes true. For emphasizing a point we repeat a thing thrice. In the court of law also, one who takes the witness stands says, "I shall speak the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth".

We chant *shaanti* thrice to emphasize our intense desire for peace. All obstacles, problems and sorrows originate from three sources. Apart from this general reiteration principle, there is yet another reason for saying *shaanti* three times. It is to pray for peace in all 3-realms: Surroundings (*aadhidaivik*- like earth quake, storms, floods, volcanic eruptions), body (*aadhibhautik* like bodily pain and sickness), and mind (*adhyaatmik* like feeling depressed or upset).

It is chanted aloud the first time, addressing the unseen forces. It is chanted softer the second time, directed to our physical being, and softest the last time as it is addressed to our inner-self.

May peace alone prevail. Hence *Shaanti* is chanted thrice.

Why do we offer a coconut?

One of the most common offerings in a temple is a coconut. It is also offered on occasions like weddings, festivals, the use of a new vehicle, bridge, house etc. It is offered in the sacrificial fire whilst performing *homa*. The coconut is broken and placed before the Lord. It is later distributed as *prasaada*.

The fiber covering of the dried coconut is removed except for a tuft on the top. The marks on the coconut make it look like the head of a human being. The coconut is broken, symbolising the breaking of the ego. The juice within, representing the inner tendencies (*vaasanas*) is offered along with the white kernel - the mind, to the Lord.

A mind thus purified by the touch of the Lord is used as *prasaada* sacred gift).

In the traditional *abhishekha* (bathing of deities) done in temples and homes, several materials like milk, curd, honey, tender coconut water, sandal paste, holy ash etc are used. Each material has a specific significance of bestowing certain benefits on worshippers. Tender coconut water is used in *abhisheka* since it is believed to bestow spiritual growth on the seeker.

The coconut also symbolizes selfless service. Every part of the tree -the trunk, leaves, fruit, coir etc. Is used in innumerable ways like thatches, mats, tasty dishes, oil, soap etc. It takes in even salty water from the earth and converts it into sweet nutritive water that is especially beneficial to sick people. It is used in the preparation of many ayurvedic medicines and in other alternative medicinal systems. The marks on the coconut are even thought to represent the three-eyed Lord Shiva and therefore it is considered to be a means to fulfill our desires.

Contributed by Koti Sreekrishna

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- Origin of Major World Religions
- Hinduism: Foundations (Vedas and Upanishads)
- Bhagavad-Gita
- Hindu Sects
- Hindu Scriptures
- Essential Features of Hinduism
(A-F-I-O-U-Y of H-I-N-D-U-I-S-M)



"Holding on to anger is like grasping a hot coal with the intent of throwing it at someone else; you are the one who gets burned."
- Buddha

WHY DO WE SHOUT IN ANGER



A Hindu saint who was visiting river Ganges to take a bath found a group of family members on the banks, shouting in anger at each other. He turned to his disciples, smiled and asked,

'Why do people shout in anger at each other?' His disciples thought for a while and one of them said, 'Because when we lose our calm we shout.'

'But why should you shout when the other person is just next to you?' asked the saint. 'Can you just as well tell him what you have to say in a soft manner?'

The saint explained, 'When two people are angry at each other, their hearts distance a lot. To cover that distance they must shout to be able to hear each other. The angrier they are, the stronger they will have to shout to hear each other to cover that great distance. What happens when two people fall in love? They don't shout at each other but talk softly because their hearts are very close. The distance between them is either non-existent or very small. When they love each other even more, what happens? They do not speak, only whisper and they get even closer to each other in their love. Finally they need not even whisper. They only look at each other and that's all. That is how close two people are when they love each other.'

So when you argue do not let your hearts get distant. Do not say words that distance each other more, or else there will come a day when the distance is so great that you will not find the path to return.

Some Immortal Words of Swami Vivekananda

- We believe that every being is divine, is God. Every soul is a sun covered over with clouds of ignorance; the difference between soul and soul is owing to the difference in density of these layers of clouds.
- God is merciful to those whom He sees struggling heart and soul for realization. But remain idle, without any struggle, and you will see that His grace will never come.
- What the world wants is character. The world is in need of those whose life is one burning love, selfless. That love will make every word tell like a thunderbolt.
- Fill the brain with high thoughts, highest ideals, place them day and night before you, and out of that will come great work.

KID'S DAY CAMP

Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati
&
VHPA Cincinnati Chapter
Is organizing

FREE KID'S DAY CAMP

Date: Saturday, June 01, 2013

Time: 10 AM to 4 PM; Registration: 9:30 AM – 10:00 AM

Place: Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati
4920 Klatte Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45244
Telephone: 513-528-3714

Age: 5 years to 12 years
(Children under 5 years need to be with the parent)

Activities:

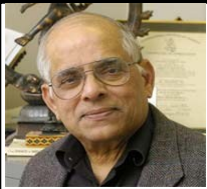
- 1) Havan : Organized by Yagna Shala Committee; 10-11:30am
- 2) Yoga
- 3) Pooja / Tour of the Temple
- 4) Lunch Break
- 5) Story Telling / Music
- 6) Art and Craft
- 7) Games
- 8) Kite Flying (time/weather permitting)

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

Coordinators:

- Vinit Rastogi – 513-398-3216; rastogivk@gmail.com
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LIBRARY OF HINDUISM (in memory of Mrs. Suryakantham Pappu)
CERTIFICATE COURSE IN HINDUISM
June 1 to June 30, 2013

Times: Saturdays, 10:30 – 12:30; 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Instructor: Professor S. S. Rama Rao Pappu (Professor of Philosophy & Comparative Religion, Miami University)

Introduction: Hindu civilization and culture has an unbroken continuity for over three thousand years during which the Hindus have developed distinctive ways of thinking living and acting in the world. There are nearly 1.2 billion Hindus, most of whom live in India. This course examines Hindu history and civilization, philosophies and religion, arts and literature as a culture's self-understanding and self-expression of its ideas, values and ways of thinking.

Course Objectives: 1. This course presents a scholarly understanding of the Hindu mind and culture in its depth and richness, variety and profundity, dispelling the media myths and images which mould the attitudes and perspectives of a large number of people.

2. This course will prepare you to a better understanding of the Hindu tradition and your role as a Hindu in the USA which is a predominantly Christian nation, by providing you with categorical frameworks and conceptual meanings to communicate better with other religious believers. (As a citizen of the United States it is likely that yourself, your children, your friends and neighbors have pointed questions on Hinduism, which you might be unable to give a satisfactory answer. (e.g. What is the Sacred Scripture of the Hindus – like the Bible for Christianity? Is Hinduism monotheistic or polytheistic? What is sacred about the sacred cow? Is Caste integral to Hinduism? What is the relation between Hinduism and Buddhism, Jainism?)

3. This course is not just a "Proud to be a Hindu" course. It is critical and analytical, analyzing the modes of thought and habits of mind of Hindus and their culture and civilization. The course will be inaugurated by an eminent scholar on June 1 and, certificates will be awarded by another eminent scholar on June 30, 2013

4. **Registration:** Attendance at the class is by prior registration only. A nominal fee of \$ 100 will be charged to cover the cost of class room materials and travel expenses of the invited scholars. About 20-25 students will be admitted to the class to enable greater interaction between the professor and the students.

5. **Future activities** of the Library of Hinduism include:

(1) Repeat offering of the Certificate Course in Hinduism

(2) Offering Advanced courses in Hinduism, (e.g. Classical Hinduism, Contemporary Hinduism), Buddhist Philosophy, Gandhian Philosophy, Philosophy of J. Krishnamurti, Advaita Vedanta, etc.

(3) Collaborative projects with area universities enabling college students get credit for the courses taken in the Temple, etc.

If you have college-bound children, or college kids spending summer in Cincinnati, please encourage them to take this intensive course. This course is the equivalent of a

4 credit hours summer course at Miami University. This course should be "fun" for the college students, because there will be no quizzes, mid-term exams, term-papers. It is a pure learning process without pressure of making a grade.

All classes will be held in the Hinduism Library/Class room in the lower part of the Temple.

The Hinduism Library and Classroom project was envisioned by Laxmi Shankar Srivastava. He felt the need for the devotees to pursue the path of Jnana Yoga also. Major funding for the Library infra-structure, custom designed book cases, furniture etc. was funded by Rama Rao Pappu in memory of his wife Suryakantham Pappu. Rama Rao Pappu has also donated 2,500 books.

7. **Your Instructor, Prof. Rama Rao Pappu** is a Greater Cincinnati area resident since 1968 who has taught philosophy and comparative religion for 45 years at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. He has published 8 books and over 150 papers. He is an Associate Editor of Encyclopedia of Hinduism and Darsanamulu-Matamulu (Philosophies and Religions, in Telugu). He is also on the faculty of Hindu University of America, Orlando, Florida. He was a Visiting Professor in Wittenburg University, University of Hyderabad, Central Sanskrit University, Tirupati, India. Prof. Pappu is the Founder-Director of International Congress of Vedanta, past President of International Association for Asian and Comparative Philosophy. He was a Hindu delegate to the Parliament of World's Religions in Chicago (1993), Capetown, South Africa and Barcelona (Spain). He has been awarded "Certificate of Distinguished Service" by Miami University, "Srikalapurna" by Sonty Renaissance Foundation, J. Krishnamurti Award by Vansee Arts International, TANA Award and ATA Awards, Award by the Indological Foundation, Bangalore, etc.

H.S.G. C. is the first Temple in the U.S.A. and Canada to build a Hinduism Library and offer academic courses on Hinduism by a Professor of Indian Philosophy. The Hinduism Library welcomes you all to visit our facilities, browse through the books and magazines, make suggestions for fulfilling the academic needs of the community, volunteer your services and donate generously.

Please fill in the attached registration form and send it to Professor Pappu, if you are interested in taking this course.

Registration Form is on Page 14

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS



Graduation Class of 2013

Please send your photographs for Aradhana to mehangeeta@gmail.com. We would love to wish you the very best as you graduate. Please give your name and school you will be attending. These should be received by May 10' 2013
Be sure to attend the Graduation Havan at the Temple on June 9



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Domestic Violence

Hindu Temple and Asian Community Alliance (ACA) Collaborate

In an effort to create more awareness about healthy relationships and domestic violence issues, the Hindu Temple is working together with ACA on Project H.O.P.E. (Helping Our People through Empowerment). Due to this collaboration, several temple members have already participated in two community forums sponsored by ACA. The second event was held through funding received from the Association of Indian Physicians (AIP), and Health Path Foundation of Ohio, ACA has launched the Project H.O.P.E. *Helpline*: **513.535.4976** for limited hours on a weekly basis. The purpose of the Project H.O.P.E. *Helpline* is to connect victims or witnesses of domestic violence to the appropriate community resources.

It can happen. You are not alone. Reach out. Total confidentiality is promised. We care. Call Geeta Mehan : 513-754-0400 Jus as you do not know who all have reached out for help, no one will know that you have reached out. There is hope.

Registration Form for CERTIFICATE COURSE IN HINDUISM : **June 1 to June 30,2013**

Details for the course are on page 13

Times: Saturdays, 10:30 – 12:30; 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

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Please return this form to : Professor S. S. Rama Rao Pappu
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E-Mail: pappuss@miamiOH.edu

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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 :

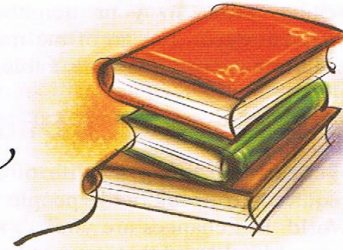


HINDU VISHWA

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"

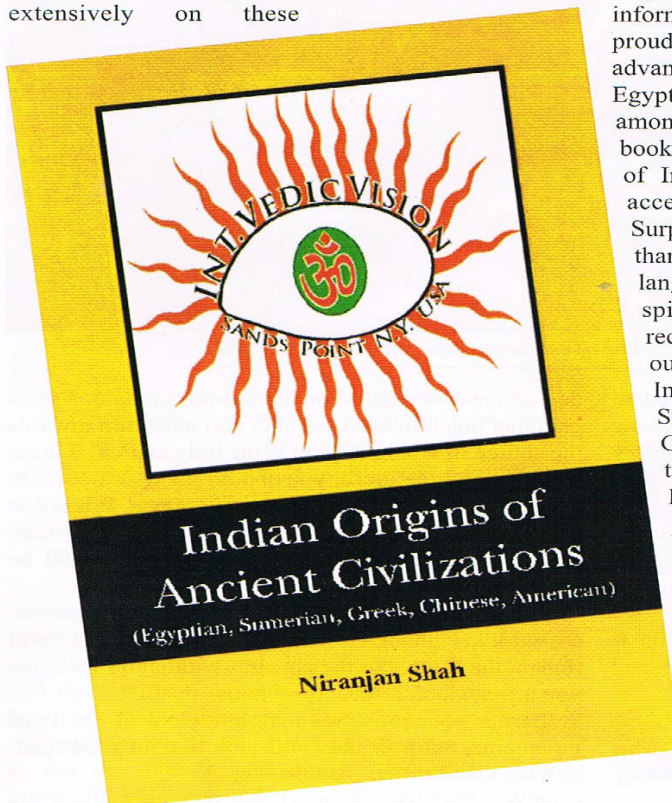
Book Review



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

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HSGC January Meeting Of The Executive Council : MINUTES

Meeting Date: January 6, 2013 ; At: 4920 Klatte Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 4524; Time: 10:45 am to 1:15

Members / Attendance :

Jitu Patel(President);Sudhakar Vinod; (Vice President);Murali Muraleetharan(Secretary) ; Amar Sharma(Treasurer); Sangita Patel (Pooja Chair);Swarna Choudhury(Pooja Co Chair) ;Geeta Mehan(Communications/Editor); Manish Srivastava(Membership & fundraising)

Asit Saha (Cultural Activities);Vinit Rastogi (Religious Education & Youth);Laxmi Srivastava (Long Range Planning); Deepak Dixit(Outgoing President); Prasad Megada(Outgoing Treasurer)

Introductory remarks

The meeting commenced with the President's introductory remarks, thanking the outgoing President Deepak Dixit for his outstanding leadership during his tenure.

The President also made specific emphasis of importance on the following key projects which are underway.

The Maarg Project; Additional Parking; Elevator; Multi Purpose Building

He also added that it would be beneficial that the funding be obtained through a bank facility due the prevalent low interest rates.

Marg Project :Laxmi Srivastava updated that of the twenty (20) parts available, eighteen (18) have already been adopted. The Council approved that payment for the adopted parts of the Marg Project should be made at most within three years of adopting.

Priest The Pooja Committee Chair emphasized the need for the services of an additional priest. Laxmi Srivastava pointed out the approval for the employment of an additional priest has already been granted by the Council in 2011.

Temple Hours The Council approved the early closure of the Temple at 7.00pm (on Sundays only) during the period November 15th to March 30th during winter. The council also approved that the Temple will revert back to regular hours of 9.00am – 12.00 noon and 5.00pm – 8.00pm during the holidays of Memorial Day, Independence Day and Thanksgiving Day; that the Temple will change to the all day schedule of 9.00am – 8.00pm during the days of Janmastami, Dewali, Ganesh Puja and Shiv Ratri.

General Body Meeting

The Council approved the holding of a General Body Meeting on March 17 th., 2013 specifically to seek approval of the Marg project, construction of the Multi Purpose Building & elevator and expansion of the Parking lot and to seek funding for the completion of the same.

Other

The Council discussed the dates for Mela and Naach Sitare.

Signed: Murali M. Muraleetharan (Secretary)

HSGC February Meeting Of The Executive Council : MINUTES

Meeting Date: February 3, 2013; At: 4920 Klatte Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45244; Time: 10:50am to 1:15pm

Members / Attendance

Jitu Patel (President); Sudhakar Vinod (Vice President); Murali Muraleetharan(Secretary)
Amar Sharma (Treasurer); Manish Srivastava(Membership & fundraising); Vinit Rastogi (Religious Education & Youth); Laxmi Srivastava (Long Range Planning); Rakesh Patel(Property Management & Maintenance)

Marg Project

Jitu Patel led the discussion on the Marg Project. Discussion centered on the details and status of the current mortgage of the temple, the current status & estimated cost to complete the Marg Project and the available sources of funding. The Council also discussed the extreme need to expand the parking lot and construction of a multi purpose building & an elevator in the temple premises. The formation of an ad hoc Committee for these special purposes comprising council members and suitable members from the community was also considered. Laxmi Srivastava agreed to provide the complete details of the Marg Project to the Council. It was also agreed that Murali to connect with Raj Bodalia and explore the funding opportunities of the complete project with financial institutions.

Priest

The President informed the possibility of a suitable candidate to be arriving shortly.

Mela and Holi

The dates for the festivals were discussed and responsible parties were asked to start working on the plans.

Income and Expenditure Accounts

It was agreed that monthly income & expenditure accounts to be received by the Council and quarterly accounts to be published in Aradhana.

Membership

Manish Srivastava agreed to spearhead the implementation of a form and structure for an annual membership fee system which would financially benefit the temple.

Hinduism classes

The structure of the classes and a proposal to conduct a Hindu Day Camp in June were discussed.

General Body Meeting

Details of the agenda for the GBM were discussed. To be followed up at the next meeting of the EC.

Signed: Murali M. Muraleetharan (Secretary)

HSGC March Meeting Of The Executive Council: MINUTES

Meeting Date: March 3, 2013; **At:** 4920 Klatte Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45244; **Time :** 10:40am to 12:20pm

Members / Attendance

Jitu Patel(President); Sudhakar Vinod(Vice President); Murali Muraleetharan(Secretary); Amar Sharma(Treasurer)
Manish Srivastava(Membership & fundraising); Sangita Patel(Pooja Chair); Geeta Mehan(Communications/Editor);
Laxmi Srivastava (Long Range Planning); Anil Jindal (By invitation)

Minutes of the meeting of February 3rd, 2013

The minutes of the previous meeting of the EC on February 3rd, 2013 was reviewed and accepted.

Mela

Anil Jindal gave an update of the upcoming Mela. The format, details, timing, sponsorships and fundraising goals of the event were discussed by the Council

Phone System

Sudakar Vinod presented call flow ideas of a new phone system for the temple. The Council considered all aspects of a new system including the costs and agreed to re visit it in the future.

Credit Card Acceptance

The procedures for accepting credit card payments at the temple were discussed. It was agreed that till such time as a complete set of procedures are established, acceptance of credit card payments in general, should be avoided. In exceptional cases, where credit cards payments are accepted, the Council decided that a proper statement of account of such receipts should be immediately submitted to the Treasurer.

Membership

Manish Srivastava discussed the Membership Forms and Membership Directory.

It was agreed that this item would be added to the agenda for the meeting of the Council in April 2013 for further discussion purposes.

Hinduism classes

The Council agreed to discuss at the meeting in April 2013.

Asian Community Alliance

Geeta Mehan gave details of the upcoming community forum on Domestic Violence on March 16th, 2013 and urged the Council members to attend.

Advisory Board

Laxmi Srivastava made a proposal for the formation of an Advisory Board, consisting mainly of past presidents of the Council. The main purpose of this Board is to provide oversight into strategic affairs of the temple. The Council approved the formation of such a Board in principle, subject to the discussion of the operational details of it.

Loan

Murali gave details of the discussions with financial institutions regarding the loan facilities which are being pursued for the various

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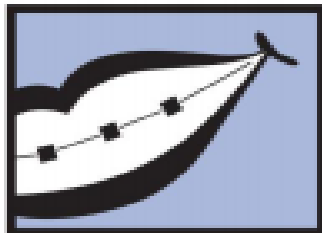
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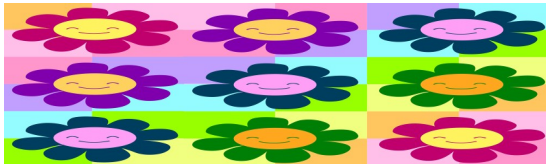
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