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# TEMPLE INFORMATION

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## RELIGIOUS DISCOURSE

**Sundays 12:15 - 12:45 PM**

**Fourth 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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**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
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
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
<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 : 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 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 & 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 Shiv 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of each month

6pm to 7:30pm

details please call Mina Mehta 574-6763



## A Group Shraddha Puja OCT. 4<sup>th</sup> Friday 6:00

Sponsorship \$51.00. Please call ahead if you are planning to join.

For more details call Temple 513-528-3714, Acharya Kailash Sharma 652-5382. Kiran Dayal 474-4051

Temple will provide all Puja Samagri .

**Please do not bring loose Groceries to donate, in order to keep the quality and usefulness in future.**

### Significance of Shraddha

The dark fortnight of Ashwin Month is known as Mahalaya Paksha/ Pitrapaksha or the fortnight especially sacred for offering oblations to the departed ancestors. The last day of this period, the new moon day (Amavasya), is considered as the most important day in the year for performing obsequies and rites (or in simple terms offerings to our dearly departed ancestors). The Shraddh performed during Pitru Paksha are not funeral ceremonies. They are Yagyas for the Pitru, worship of the ancestors as deities. They are different from the worship of the God. Shraddha is mainly performed for three generations of Pitrus, namely the father, the grandfather, and the great grandfather. When performed for all the ancestors, performer's family gets benefit from it.

## SEPTEMBER 2013

Sep	2nd	Mon	Last Shravan Somvaar Shiv Puja 10am & 5:30pm Sponsorship \$101, Abhishekam
Sep	7th	Sat.	Mela 12noon to 8pm See flyer for details
Sep	7th	Sat.	Navgrah puja 3pm Sponsorship \$51.00
Sep	7th	Sat.	Hartalika Vrat Puja 6pm
Sep	7th	Sat.	Sai Bhajans 6pm
Sep	8th	Sun.	Nand Mahotsava Celebration Sponsored by - Srinathji devotees
Sep	8th	Sun	Ganesh Chaturthi(Actual Day) Archana all day \$21.00
Sep	14th	Sat.	1008Gayatri Jaap 9:30am to 1pm.
Sep	14th	Sat.	Murgan Abhishekam 4:30pm Sponsorship \$101,\$21
Sep	15th	Sun	Ganesh Chaturthi Celebration 10am to 1pm Sponsored by - Triveni
Sep	19th	Thurs	Pitri Shraddha Starts
Sep	19th	Thurs	Purnima Satya Narayan Puja 6:30pm <small>Sponsorship \$51 Puja Samagri will be provided, Please bring Fruits,Prasad, and 1 coconut.</small>
Sep	21st	Sat.	Mata Ki Chouki 4-8pm Sponsored by - Mata Devotees
Sep	22nd	Sun	Sunderkand Path 10:30am to 1pm Schedule changed from 3rd Sun. to 4th sun.
Sep	28th	Sat.	Venkateshwar Kalyanam 10am to 1pm Sponsorship\$51
Sep	29th	Sun	Jagannath Puja 11am

## OCTOBER 2013

Oct	4th	Fri	Shraddha ends 6pm Pitri Puja Sponsorship\$51
Oct.	5th	Sat.	Mata Ki chouki 4pm to 8pm Sponsored by Jindal Family
Oct.	5th	Sat.	Navratri Kalash Sthapana 10am
Oct.	5th	Sat.	Navgrah Puja 3-4pm Sponsorship\$51
Oct.	5th	Sat.	Sai Bhajans 6-7:30pm
Oct.	12th	Sat.	Ashtami Havan 6pm sponsorship\$51.00
Oct.	12th	Sat.	1008 Gayatri Jaap 9:30am to 12:30pm
Oct.	12th	Sat.	Muragan Abhishek 4pm Sponsorship\$101.
Oct.	13th	Sun	Maha Navami Vidyarambha Saraswati Puja 10:00am Sponsorship\$51
Oct.	14th	Mon	Vijaya Dashmi Havan 6:30pm Sponsorship\$51
Oct.	19th	Sat.	Sharad Purnima Satya Narayan puja 5:30pm <small>Sponsorship \$51 Puja Samagri will be provided, Please bring Fruits,Prasad, and 1 coconut.</small>
Oct.	20th	Sun	Sunderkand Path 10:30am to 1pm
Oct.	22nd	Tues	Karwa Chouth Vrat Puja 4pm ,5pm,6pm
Oct.	26th	Sat.	Venkateshwar Abhishek 10am Sponsorship\$51
Oct.	27th	Sat.	Vajaya Dashami (Vijoy) Celebration 11am Sponsored by -Agrani group

## SHRAWAN SOMVAR SHIV-ABHISHEK PUJA

Sep. 2nd

10:00am to 11:30am Shiva Abhishek & Aarti

05:30pm to 6:30pm Shiva Abhishek , \*Bilva Patra Archana

06:30pm to 7:30pm Shiva Mahimnaha Path , Bhajans & Aarti

Sponsorship- Abhishek \$101.00 , Archana\$11.00\*Bilva patra Archana

For details please call Sangita patel 791-0855, Acharya Kailash Sharma 652-5382,

Janak Dave 859-371-9645.Temple 528-3714.



## NAND MAHOTSAVA SEP. 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday 10:30am

Shri Bal Krishna Puja, Palna Darshan

Badhai by Vrajvasis to Nand & Yashoda

Lord Shiva comes for Bal Krishna Darshan

Children Program : Dahi-Handi by Children

Bhajan and Kirtans

Thal, Arati and Mahaprasad

Sponsored by ShriNathji Devotees



## Shri Ganesh Chaturthi Celebration

September 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday 2013

10am to 1pm



**Programs 10:00 am to 1pm**  
10:00 am Procession  
11:00 am Ganesh Puja /  
Atharvashirsh Path  
12:00 Bhajans  
1:00 Aarti /Prasad /Lunch

Sponsorship Puja \$251 Pramukh Yajman, \$101Yajman,  
\$31sponsors , \$21 Archana

Event sponsored by – TRIVENI MITRA MANDAL Cin-  
cinnati

For details Please call Temple 528-3714, Sangita Patel  
791-0855. Acharya Kailash Sharma 652-5382, Mangala  
Nemade 234-8373.

## MATA KI CHOUKI

SEP 21st 4pm to 8pm



4pm Devi Durga Puja

5pm First aarti

5:15 Mata Bhajans /Bheten

8PM BHOG , AARTI , Prasad & dinner

**Sponsored by MATA DEVOTEES**



### “Pravachan”: 4th Sunday of each Month

in 2013 Enrich your personal lives.

Will cover many scriptures

**Bhagwad Gita, Upanishads,**

**Darshan, and Vedic Scriptures.**

**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**. Gain an in-depth understanding of the fundamentals of Hindu philosophy .

**Dates for the remaining ‘Pravachans’: Sep 29; Nov 24; Dec 29**

### Hinduism 101

Koti Sreekrishna

([tatachar@aol.com](mailto:tatachar@aol.com); 513-290-3064)

Third Sundays 11.30 am -12.30 pm

During

The Children's Hindu Heritage Class  
(HSGC Temple)



- 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)

# MATA KI CHOUKI

Oct. 5th Sat. 2013



4pm Devi Durga Puja  
5pm First aarti  
5:15 Mata Bhajans /Bheten  
7:30 KANYA PUJA  
8PM BHOG , AARTI , Prasad & dinner

Chunni sponsorship available , \$5001, \$2501, \$1001, \$251, \$101, \$51, \$31

To reserve your chunni please call Rani Dhamija 513 984-5777

**Sponsored by- Jindal family**

## NAVRATRI POOJA : Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> to Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>

Sep 5<sup>th</sup> Sat.. 10am Kalash Sthapana Devi Puja \*\*

Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> 4pm Mata Ki Chauki \*(Chunri Offering by Sponsorship)

During Navratri everyday\*\* Chandi path (Durga saptshati) 9:30 am to 11:30am

Sep 6<sup>th</sup> Sun. 6:00pm \*\*Lalita Shahasranama Parayanam weekdays 5:30pm

Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> Sat. 6pm \*\* Chandi Havan /Ashtami Puja

Oct 13<sup>th</sup> Sun . 10am \*\* Saraswati Puja (Akharabhayas/Vidyarambha)

Oct 14<sup>th</sup> Mon. \*\*Vijaya Dashami Puja /Havan 6:00pm

Sponsorship. \*\*\$1.00 for each puja . \* Chunri sponsorship \$31, \$51, \$101, 1001, \$2501 and above \*  
Please call Rani Dhamija 984-5777 to reserve your Chunri. Chunri will be given back to sponsor family as a blessing. For more details please call SangitaPatel 791-0855. Acharya Kailash Sharma 652-5382. Temple 513-528-3714.



# HINDUISM TODAY

(Compiled by Prof Rama Rao Pappu)



Picture 1 :Prof. Rama Rao Pappu congratulated Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard on her election as the first Hindu Congressional Representative and conveyed to her the best wishes of the Cincinnati Hindu diaspora).



Picture 2 : **The goddess Saraswati now looks down upon Embassy Row in Washington, D.C. (Sarah Ve)**

## TULSI GABBARD FIRST HINDU-AMERICAN CONGRESSWOMAN

Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard of Hawai'i's Second Congressional District took Oath of Office on her personal copy of the Bhagavad Gita on Jan. 3. As a practicing Hindu, the Congresswoman became the first Hindu-American ever to be sworn in to the U.S. Congress.

"I chose to take the oath of office with my personal copy of the Bhagavad-Gita because its teachings have inspired me to strive to be a servant-leader, dedicating my time and energy on a daily basis in the service to others (karma yoga).

"My Gita has been a tremendous source of inner peace and strength through many tough challenges in life, including being in the midst of death and turmoil while serving our country in the Middle East. When I was deployed to Iraq, the only real shelter for me was my bhakti yoga practice and the Bhagavad-Gita's message of the eternality of the soul and God's unconditional love," she said. (Also read about Tulsi Gabbard in July 2013 issue of Vogue, "Making a Splash" pp. 120-123.

## Yoga passes secularism test in US

July 4, 2013 WASHINGTON: Yoga enthusiasts in the US got a big boost this week when a California judge ruled that the practice which originated in India is now a "distinctly American cultural phenomenon," while dismissing complaints from some parents that teaching it to school children amounted to "an unconstitutional promotion of Eastern religions."

Weeks of testimony from yoga practitioners and opponents, including live demonstration in courtroom of poses taught to children, came to a convoluted finale on Monday when Judge John Mayer agreed that yoga "at its roots is religious," but pronounced that the kind introduced by a school district near San Diego, which was the subject of the litigation, passed the test of secularism. "A reasonable student would not objectively perceive that Encinitas School District yoga does advance or promote religion," he said.

Parents of some children had sued to stop the school district from teaching yoga maintaining it is a religious practice that surreptitiously promoted Hinduism. Funded with \$533,000 from the K.Pattabhi Jois Foundation, which is backed by Jois acolytes, hedge-fund billionaire Paul Tudor Jones II and his wife Sonia, the school district introduced a three-year pilot yoga program in 2011, with twice a week classes in addition to regular physical education.

## A Hindu Goddess Arrives To Bless Embassy Row

by NPR STAFF June 30, 2013 7:20 A

Embassy Row — otherwise known as Massachusetts Avenue — in Washington, D.C., is decorated with flags of every nation, flying in front of impressive embassy buildings. In front of the embassies, there are often statues of national heroes. Winston Churchill graces the grounds of the British Embassy. Outside the Indian Embassy, Mahatma Gandhi looks as though he's in full stride, clad in loincloth and sandals. And now, there's a Hindu goddess. Saraswati just arrived. She stands in a garden in front of Indonesia's embassy, glowing white and gold, with her four arms upraised.

Indonesian Ambassador Dino Patti Djalal says the goal was to stand out from the other embassies. "I think this is exactly what we wanted to do with Massachusetts Avenue," he says, "add something that would jazz it up."

Saraswati is the goddess of learning and wisdom, Djalal says. At her feet are three children studying. It was crafted by three Balinese sculptors in three weeks. Her expression is beatific. "This would be the same expression that you would see in Hindu goddesses throughout Bali," Djalal says. "A face of calm ... blessing those who are seeing her." Although Indonesia is home to the largest population of Muslims in the world, Djalal chose a symbol of the Hindu religion for the embassy in Washington.

"One of the most famous, if not the most famous, islands in Indonesia is Bali," he says. "And Bali is a Hindu enclave in Muslim-majority Indonesia. And I think it says a lot about our respect for religious freedom that the statue in front of the country with the largest Muslim population is a Hindu statue." [Copyright 2013 NPR]



## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Celebration of Swami Vivekanand Ji 150th Anniversary

At Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati

**On Saturday, September 21, 2013**

For more details, please contact one of the following Committee Members

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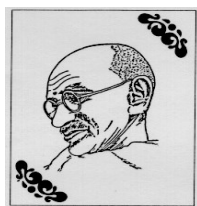
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# **150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda**

**September 21, 2013**

**Morning Session – 10 am – 12:15 pm**

**Aarti and Prasad – 12:30 pm – 2:15 pm**

**Afternoon Session – 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm**

HSGC is very proudly celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda on Saturday, September 21, 2013. HSGC is organizing this grand celebration in cooperation with the VHPA, Cincinnati Chapter, HSS, Cincinnati Chapter, various Bal-Vihars, and Agrani Bengali Association. We will have the programs in the lower level of the temple. The program will be in two sessions.

## **Morning Session :**

- 1) Invocation Song
- 2) Children's Programs by Agrani and Bal-Vihar Children
- 3) Presentation and Panel Discussion of various aspects of Swamiji's life, thoughts, and teachings by leading Cincinnati scholars

## **Afternoon Session**

- 1) Lecture by Swami Yogatmanand, Vedanta Society, Providence, RI

Topic - Swami Vivekananda's harmonization of Vedanta and Science

- 2) Lecture by Prof. Avinash Sathaye, University of Kentucky

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Event	Panel Discussion on Swami Vivekananda (11.20 am – 12.05 pm)
Panelists	Topic
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Monish Chatterjee	Contributions/works/influence
Srinivas K. Mirle	Views on -Hinduism, other religions, science, and India
Anil Srivastava	Struggle and sufferings
Raj Bhatnagar	Noteworthy Anecdotes
Koti Sreekrishna	Views on Bhagavad-Gita and Caste
Suman Bhattacharjee	Making of his memorial on Vivekananda Rock
J. Bhattacharjee	Vision & Mission: Need for education & service to the poor
Questions & Answers	12.05 pm -12.20 pm [Coordinator: Koti Sreekrishna]



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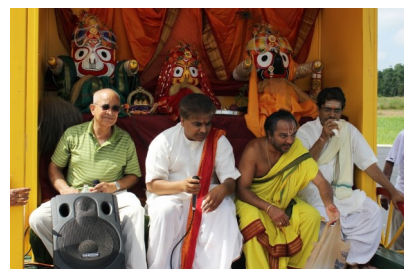


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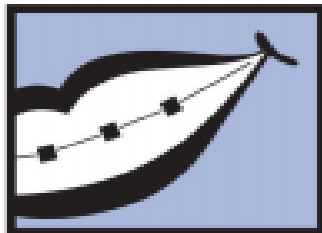
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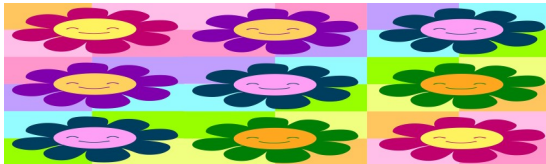
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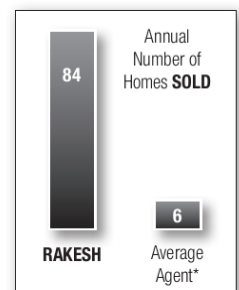
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