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Happy New Year 2016
New Year Havan
Jan 1st at 11 am



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VERY IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

HSGC welcomes New Priest: Sri Jayanta Kumar Mohapatra to Cincinnati Temple

Sri Jayanta Kumar Mohapatra joined the Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati in October 2015. Prior to arriving in Cincinnati, Panditji served for over four years as a priest at the Shree Mahalakshmi Temple in Vancouver, Canada. Panditji is an alumnus of Maharshi Ved Vigyan Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Noida with specialization in the KrishnaYajur Veda, Rigveda and Vedic Karam Kanda. After completion of rigorous training and education he served as a Yagyacharya in Vishwa Dharmayatana Trust, New Delhi and as a priest at Shree Lakshminarayan Temple, Singapore. Panditji is well versed in the traditions of various Vedic Samskaras, performing rituals in traditions from both North and South India, in alankaras and in leading prayers. Panditji is blessed with a good voice and loves to sing bhajans. He is fluent in Hindi, English, Bengali, and his mother tongue Odiya. He resides within the Hindu Temple complex with his wife.

Executive Council 2016 has been elected– please see details inside

The executive council for 2016 was elected on December 6th 2015. Our sincere thanks to outgoing EC for their hard work and dedication. We welcome the new EC and look forward serving the community..

CALENDAR 2016 : are available now

Members please pick up your copy of Calendar 2016 from Pandit ji in the Temple. It is complimentary for the HSGC members, one copy per family. For all other devotees and community it is available for a small donation of \$ 5.00.

Aradhana /E-Aradhana/Website

The printed copy of Aradhana is being mailed to all the members of HSGC and e-Aradhana is being sent to all the email database we have. In addition to that a weekly newsletter is sent through email blast every Thursday for current and upcoming events. The website www.cincinnati temple.com also displays the current and future events, details about temple, several months of Aradhana, photos and videos. You can also advertise in Aradhana and on the website (Details inside). Please send suggestions/comments/ideas for improvements to usha.wc@gmail.com.

Credit Cards are welcome for donation or any other purchases on the website

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL 2015

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mptulu@yahoo.com

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Dr. Koti Sreekrishna: 513-290-3064:tatachar@aol.com

TEMPLE SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday: 9.00 AM-12.00 Noon & 5.00 PM-8.00 PM
Saturday & Major Hindu Holidays (Maha Shivratri, Krishna Janamashtmi, Ganesh Chaturthi, Deepawali) 9.00 AM- 8PM

Sunday: 9.00 AM- 7.00 PM (NOV.-MAR), 9AM-8PM (APR-OCT)

SPECIAL PROGRAMS ON WEEKENDS

9.15 - 9.30 AM: Suprabhatam
9.30 - 11.00 AM: Daily Puja of Temple Dieties
11.00-11.30 AM: Sponsored Puja
11.30-12.15 PM: Bhajans
12.15-12.45 PM: Religious Discourse
12.45-1.00 PM: Birthdays, Anniversary Pujas
& Announcements
1.00 PM: Aarti & Prasad

RELIGIOUS DISCOURSE

Sundays: 12.15-12.45 PM
Fourth Sunday: Upnishads
Second Sunday: 1008 Gayatri Jaap & Children Program
Third Sunday: Sunder Kand Path
Fourth Sunday: Shri Ganesh Atharvshirsha Path
Fifth Sunday: Jagannath Puja

2015 Puja Committee & Religious Activities Members

Mangala Nemade(Chair)	513-234-8373
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Kiran Dayal (Co-Chair)	513-474-4051
Sangita Patel (Co-Chair)	513-791-0855
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Acharya Chakreshwar Sharma	513-528-0901
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Jayshree Mathur	513-889-2906
Purabi Dey	513-688-1721
Yasotha Subarajan	513-754-0578
Bhavana Chatarji	513-802-5081

Treasurer Co-Chair

Raj Badolia 513-754-0400

Temple Manager's Committees

Manager: Laxmi Srivastava 513-474-0533

Chief Fin. Off. : Raj Bodalia 513-583-0184

Office Manager: Mohan Chopra

I/C Swami Lectures: Vinay Kumar, Meena Mehta, Koti Srikrishna

Temple Database: Nandkumar Khemchandani, Raj Badolia, Greg Smith

Anniversary & Birthdays Data: Open

E-Mail Data: Pradeep Goyal, Nandkumar Khemchandani

Gift Shop: Meena Sondhi, Madhu Sharma

Security:(ADT): Meena Mehta, Vinay Kumar, Ramesh Sondhi, Kailash Sharma

Financial Data: Nand Kumar Khemchandani, Raj Bodalia, Laxmi Srivastava

Project Manager: Vithal Nemade

I/C Temple Website: Bharat Vala, Greg Smith, Sudhakar Vinod,

I/C Temple Calender: Meena Mehta, Ashvin Mehta, Acharya Kailash Sharma

Volunteer Services: Mohan Chopra, Rajan Odayar, Kedarnath Nambori, Dilip Patel, Vijay Sharma, K Karamchandani

Temple Photographer: Greg Smith, Naba Mishra, V G Ramaswamy, Mardav Bhakshi

Mela Committee: Anil Jindal, Anisha Jindal, Jyoti Desai, Raneshwar Gupta

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

Accountant: Open

Members of 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 Mangala Nemade

Devotees are requested to sit-in Sunday Puja as well bring Prasad & Lunch. You may wish to use this occasion to celebrate important events such as wedding anniversaries, birthdays, ishta devta puja, graduation and other memorable days. Events can be hosted by individuals, families, groups of families or organizations. Please reserve your Sunday of choice ASAP by putting your name & phone number on the calender at the temple & calling Puja Committee members Kiran Dayal/ Meena Sondhi

Please donate generously. Your temple needs: SPONSORS FOR FLOWERS \$ 50/WEEK, SUNDAY PUJAS, AND YOUR SUPPORT

Puja Information

RATES FOR PUJA & 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 Puja (Mahavir)	\$101.00	\$151.00
Ashtoththaram (108) Archana	\$ 11.00	—
AyushyaHomam/B'day Celeb.	\$101.00	\$151.00
Ground Breaking Ceremony	—	\$151.00
Griha Pravesha (House Warming)	—	\$151.00
Griha Pravesha w/SatyaNarayan Puja	—	\$201.00
Kalayana Uthsava	\$151.00	\$201.00
Kesh Khandan/Mundan/Churakr	\$101.00	\$151.00
Naam-Karan	\$101.00	\$151.00
Navagraha Puja	\$101.00	\$151.00
Nischitartham (Engagement)	\$151.00	\$251.00
Nitya (1 Day) Kainkaryam (Seva)	\$101.00	---
Poolangi Seva (With Flowers)		
(Only During Off Winter Season)	\$101.00	—
Sahasranama (1008) Archana	\$ 51.00	---
Sathyanarayana Puja	\$101.00	\$151.00
Sathyanarayan Puja w/Havan	\$131.00	\$201.00
Seemantham(Baby Shower)	\$151.00	\$201.00
Mata Ki Chauki*	\$251.00	\$301.00
Akhand Ramayan Paath	\$251.00	\$501.00
Shashti Poorthi (60th B'day)	\$201.00	\$251.00
Anniversary celebration	\$151.00	\$201.00
Suprabhat Seva	\$ 21.00	---
Unjal (Swing) Seva	\$ 31.00	---
Upakarma (Thread changing)	\$ 51.00	---
Upanayam/Brahmopadesham/		
Thread Ceremony	\$151.00	\$251.00
Sunderkand Path	\$101.00	\$151.00
Vahan Puja	\$ 51.00	----
Yearly Shradham (Barkhi)	\$101.00	\$151.00
Wedding (\$ 251.00 Advance Deposit required)	\$301.00	\$501.00
Funeral (Last Rites)		\$ 201.00

Priest Dakshina

All puja rates amounts do not include Priest Dakshina. Sponsors (devotees) are encouraged to provide Dakshina to Priest at their will and satisfaction. This dakshina directly goes to the Priest. A reimbursement of travel expenses for the Priest during outside puja will be required at 0.50 cents/mile .

* Rates of Mata Ki Chauki performed at another temple will be 50% of the money collected at the temple or a minimum of \$ 701.00.

Rates are subject to change without notice. Rates of Pujas not listed above and requiring less than four hours of priest's time will normally be \$ 101.00 (inside the temple) and \$ 151.00 (outside of temple). Rates of Pujas out of Greater Cincinnati will be \$100.00 more than the rates of outside Puja within greater Cincinnati area.

Temple Rental: Lower Floor Only

	Full day	Half day
Monday -Thursday (except holidays)	\$ 401.00	\$ 225.00
Friday, Saturday & Holidays	\$601.00	\$401.00
<u>Sunday after 3PM only</u>	not rented	\$401.00
Use of Kitchen	\$ 201.00	\$101.00
Use of Kitchen w/paper products	\$251.00	\$ 151.00

Full Day: 8.00 am-11.00 pm

Half Day: 8.00 am-2.00 pm or 4.00 pm—11.00 pm

Note:

All Temple rentals require a \$ 200.00 security deposit. It will be forfeited if the basement hall, upstairs, bathrooms and the kitchen area are not cleaned by the party renting the space.

CONTACTS:

To Schedule Puja— Sangita Patel –513-791-0855

To rent Lower Level –Raneshwar Gupta 232-3331

Puja Committee Announcements

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.
2. **No Archana** on Sundays between 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
3. **Outside Pujas** and other religious services will be conducted by appointment only.
4. To **schedule any Pujas** please contact Puja Committee chairperson at least one week in advance.
5. **Food and Prasad** : To bring to temple please contact Puja Committee chairperson .
6. **Pujas performed outside** the temple will be rated according to the number of Pujas performed
7. **Puja Samagri-** for convenience of devotees, the temple can provide Puja Samagri for a donation of \$ 21.00 for any puja and \$ 31.00 for any puja including Havan/Homam
8. **Cancellations of Puja should be done 3 days in advance** or else the full fee for the Puja will be charged.

Important Announcement

Sunderkand CD
(sung by Acharya Kailash Sharma)
is available at the temple gift shop for \$ 10.00/each.

The money raised will go to temple.

Regular Weekly & Monthly Events at the Temple

Monthly Navgrah Puja

Every first Saturday of the Month
Sponsors needed for Puja \$51.00
For Details call

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

Monthly Murugan Abhishekham / Puja

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 Puja

On Every Purnima of the Month
6:30 pm

Sponsorship \$ 51.00

To sponsor Puja call
Sangita Patel 791-0855
Temple priests: 528-3714



Shri Ganesh Puja & Shri Ganesh Atharvshirsha Path

Every 4th Sunday of the month 10:30AM

This Puja is dedicated to each month's
Sankashti Chaturthi to Lord Ganesh.

For more information & To Sponsor the Puja 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 Shri 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 Puja

Every Friday at 6:30pm

To sponsor Puja 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

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approximately 2000 Families**

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Aradhana: Full Page-\$300: Half Page-\$150,
Quarter Page- \$100, & 1/8th page- \$50
Temple Website: 101/month

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needs of a large community. The views expressed by
individual authors in Aradhana are their own and may
not reflect the policies of HSGC.

**Your comments or suggestions to improve Ara-
dhana are welcome**

Welcome Pandit Jayant Kumar Mohapatra



JANUARY 2016

Jan	1st	Fri	New year Ganpati Homa/Havan 11am Sponsorship \$51 Temple hours 9am to 8pm
Jan	1st	Fri	Mata Ki Chouki 4-8pm Sponsored by -Dr. PremShankar & Kiran Verma family
Jan	2nd	Sat.	Navgrah Puja 3pm Sponsorship \$51.00
Jan	2nd	Sat.	Sai Bhajans 6pm
Jan	3rd	Sun.	Bhajan Satsang 11:45 12:55pm Invite all bhajan singers to participate.
Jan	6th	Wed	Purushottam Sahshra Naam 6pm
Jan	9th	Sat.	1008 Gayatri Jaap 9:30am
Jan	10th	Sun	Sunderkand Path 10:30am
Jan	13th	Wed	Lohri Celebration 7pm
Jan	14th	Thu	Makar Sankranti
Jan	16th	Sat.	Bhajan Sandhya 4-7pm - details inside
Jan	17th	Sun	Tamil New Year/Thai Pongal/Sankranti Celebration 10am Murugan Abhishekam Sponsorship\$101
Jan.	23rd	Sat	Purnima Satya Narayan Puja 5:30pm Sponsorship \$51. Puja Sa- magri will be provided, please call to inform and come with one coconut, flowers , fruits and Prasad
Jan	23rd	Sat.	Venkateshwar Abhishekam—Sponsorship \$ 51
Jan	24th	Sun	Ganesh Puja 11am
Jan	27th	Wed.	Sankashti Chaturthi Puja 6pm
Jan	31st	Sun	Jagannath Puja 11am

February 2016

Feb	6th	Sat.	Navgrah Puja 3pm Sponsorship \$51.00
Feb	6th	Sat.	Sai Bhajans 6pm
Feb	7th	Sun.	Bhajan Satsang 11:45am to 12:45pm
Feb	10th	Wed.	Purushottam Sahshra Naam 6pm
Feb	12th	Fri.	Vasant Panchami (actual Day) 10am Sponsorship\$51
Feb	13th	Sat.	1008 Gayatri Jaap 9:30am
Feb	13th	Sat.	Murugan Abhishekam 4:30pm Sponsorship\$101
Feb	14th	Sun.	Vasant Panchami Celebration 10:30am Sponsored by Agrani
Feb	21st	Sun.	Sunderkand Path 10:30am
Feb	21st	Sun.	Purnima Satya Narayan Puja 5:30pm Sponsorship \$51. Puja Samagri will be provided, please call to inform and come with one coconut, flowers , fruits and Pra- sad
Feb	26th	Fri.	Sankashti Chaturthi 6pm
Feb	28th	Sun.	Ganesh Puja & Atharvashirsh Path 11am

PLEASE WELCOME EXECUTIVE COUNCIL 2016

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Dear HSGC members, devotees, and temple supporters,

Happy new year to all of you! Hope you are all fully relaxed and ready to take on the challenges of the coming year and aiming to make the most of it.

As I have been reporting to all of you, your temple has also had a great year. Our year was filled with activities, we introduced many new programs that were extremely well received and well executed. All the credit for the success goes to the very energetic executive committee members, dedicated temple volunteers, our priests and all the devotees, supporters, and well-wishers like you.

For 2016, some of the EC members will be rolling off as their 3-year term is expiring and we are getting some new faces on the EC. I am deeply grateful to the outgoing EC members for their hard work and dedication. I want to thank the outgoing EC members Vinod Sudhakar, Vice President; Murali Muraleetharan; Secretary, Amar Sharma, Treasurer; Sangita Patel, Pooja Committee Chair and Kamini Jain, Cultural Secretary for their accomplishments. I also want to extend a very warm welcome to my new fellow committee members. Manish Srivastava, Vice President, J.S. Karthikeyan, Secretary, Mina Karamchandani, Treasurer, Mangala Nemade, Pooja Committee Secretary, and Amitava Das, Cultural Secretary. Many of the EC members are first time members. It is encouraging to see new people with new ideas coming forward to serve the community.

As I have stated in my previously, our temple's strength lies in our inclusiveness and ability to work together in spite of the diversity. The composition of our EC is fairly representative of our diversity. Moreover, the EC and our volunteers work extremely well together with a common purpose. The results of this teamwork are also evident in how the temple is performing on key benchmarks. Already, based on the first 11 months of our results, we are well ahead of last year's income. In terms of the number of programs having large attendance, we are seeing a significant rise there as well. Please see the published financial details in Aradhana. We are extremely open and transparent about everything that happens in the temple. It is yet another thing that sets us apart from many similar organizations.

With the increasing demands for services, we are looking at various ways of improving the services. We have a new priest, Shri Jayant Mahapatra, who started with us in October. We have started accepting credit cards in our push to minimize cash transactions at the temple. We are also coming up with blueprints and estimates for temple expansion. There will be two new wings of the temple that will be funded by the devotee base of the specific deities in those wings. In addition, we will have expansion in the front and the back. At the back of the temple, we are planning to have a multi-purpose community center/hall. The front expansion will provide much better aesthetic appeal as well convenience to temple visitors. We are going to need every help from the community. These projects will bring tremendous benefits to the community. So I am appealing to the community to get ready to support us in the ambitious endeavor. If all of come together and contribute a small portion of our income for only one year, this dream will become a reality in no time.

We also need more volunteers. We have many opportunities for volunteering, in big and small ways. If you are interested, please send us an email with your interest. Once again, wishing all of you a very happy and prosperous 2016.

**Best regards,
Deepak Dixit, President, HSGC**

RAISE MONEY FOR OUR TEMPLE!

**Still Enrolling
AT NO COST TO YOU**



YOU NEED TO RE-Enroll your Kroger Plus Card immediately even if you have an existing account since the "NEW YEAR" is starting

The Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati is 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 \$7,527 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.

Kroger has changed their Neighborhood Rewards Program. Please be sure to enroll in the new "Kroger Plus Card" program immediately. **Re-enroll every year.** The new year starts from April 1. SO PLEASE RE_ENROLL at www.krogercommunityrewards.com

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. **Once you are enrolled and when you make purchases at Kroger, you will see at the bottom of each paid receipt, "At your request, Kroger is donating to the Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati". Re-enrollment period is from May 1st, 2015 to April 30th 2016. Your help for community and temple is greatly appreciated.** Please contact Raneshwar Gupta (Kroger Coordinator) at 513-232-3331 or Manish Srivastava (Fund Raising Chair) at 513-503-2825 if you have further questions/concerns.

Hindu Religious Education Classes for Children at HSGC

By Shantala Gangatirkar and Koti Sreekrishna

Every 1st and 3rd Sunday from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM For age group 5 to 12 years

Class will include:

Yoga for Children
Sanskrit Shloak Chanting
Fun Stories related to religion
Questions and Answers
Understanding and Bringing religion in daily life.

For registration please contact: Shantala Gangatirkar

at Gangatirkar.shantala@gmail.com

OR 513-443-6077.

NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

Jan. 1st Friday 2016



11am Ganpati Havan /Homam and 12:30pm Aarti

Sponsorship \$51.00

Temple open 9am to 8pm Evening Aarti 7:30pm
Event Sponsors Needed.

MATA KI CHAUKI

January 1st Friday 2016

4pm to 8pm



4pm Devi Durga Puja
5pm First aarti
5:15pm Mata Bhajans /Bheten
8PM Bhog Aarti, Prasad & dinner

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

New Year's Day is observed on [January 1](#), the first day of the year on the modern [Gregorian calendar](#) as well as the [Julian calendar](#). As a date in the Gregorian calendar of [Christendom](#), New Year's Day liturgically marked the [Feast of the Circumcision of Christ](#), and is still observed as such in the [Anglican Church](#) and [Lutheran Church](#).^{[1][2]} In present day, with most countries now using the Gregorian calendar as their [de facto](#) calendar, New Year's Day is probably the most celebrated public [holiday](#), often observed with [fireworks](#) at the stroke of [midnight](#) as the new year starts in each time zone

[Diwali](#) related New Years celebrations include **Marwari New Year** and **Gujrati New Year**.

[Indian New Year's days](#) has several variations depending on the region and is based on the [Hindu calendar](#).

[Hindu](#) In Hinduism, different regional cultures celebrate new year at different times of the year. In Assam, Bengal, Kerala, Nepal, Orissa, Punjab and Tamil Nadu, households celebrate the new year when the Sun enters [Aries](#) on the [Hindu calendar](#). This is normally on April 14 or April 15, depending on the leap year. Elsewhere in northern/central India, the [Vikram Samvat](#) calendar is followed. According to that the new year day is the first day of the Chaitra Month, also known as Chaitra Shukla Pratipada or [Gudi Padwa](#). This basically is the first month of the Hindu calendar, the first shukla paksha (fortnight) and the first day. This normally comes around March 23–24, mostly around the Spring Equinox in Gregorian Calendar. The new year is celebrated by paying respect to elders in the family and by seeking their blessings. They also exchange tokens of good wishes for a healthy and prosperous year ahead.

[Tamil](#) New Year ([Puthandu](#)) is celebrated on April 13 or April 14. Traditionally, it is celebrated as [Chiththirai Thirunaa](#) in parts of Tamil Nadu to mark the event of the Sun entering Aries. [Panchangam](#) ([almanac](#)), is read in temples to mark the start of the Year.

[Telugu](#) New Year ([Ugadi](#)), [Kannada](#) New Year ([Yugadi](#)) is celebrated in March (generally), April (occasionally). Traditionally, it is celebrated as Chaitram [Chaitra Shuddha Padyami](#) in parts of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka to mark the event of New Year's Day for the people of the Deccan region of India. It falls on a different day every year because the Hindu calendar is a lunisolar calendar. The Saka calendar begins with the month of Chaitra (March–April) and Ugadi/Yugadi marks the first day of the new year. Chaitra is the first month in Panchanga which is the Indian calendar. [Panchangam](#) ([almanac](#)), is read in temples to mark the start of the Year.

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Year%27s_Day

Lohri Celebration

Jan. 13th Wednesday . 7pm Bonfire



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Vasant Panchmi Celebration

Sunday Feb. 14th - 10:30am to 1pm



10:30 to 11:30 Saraswati Puja

11:30 to 11:45 Vidyarambha Puja (For Children)

11:45 to 12:00 Pushpanjali Offerings

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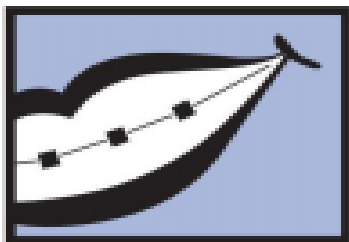
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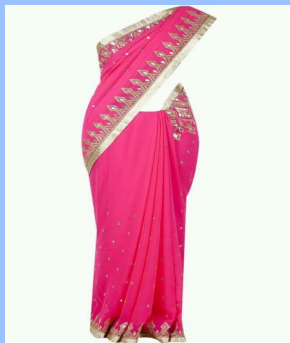
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Vasant Panchami

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People worship Goddess Saraswati to get enlighten with knowledge and to get rid of lethargy, sluggishness and ignorance. This ritual of initiating education to children is known as **Akshar-Abhyasam** or **Vidya-Arambham/Praasana** which is one of the famous rituals of Vasant Panchami. Schools and colleges arrange pujas in the morning to seek blessing of the Goddess.

Purvahna Kala, which is the time between the sunrise and the midday, is considered to decide Vasant Panchami day. Vasant Panchami is celebrated on the day when Panchami Tithi prevails during Purvahna Kala. Due to which Vasant Panchami might also fall on Chaturthi Tithi.

Many astrologers consider Vasant Panchami as **Abujha** day which is auspicious to start all good work. According to this belief whole Vasant Panchami day is auspicious to perform Saraswati Puja.

Although there is no special time to perform Saraswati Puja on Vasant Panchami day one should make sure that Puja is done when Panchami Tithi is prevailing. Many times Panchami Tithi doesn't prevail whole of the day on Vasant Panchami day hence we believe that it is important to do Saraswati puja within Panchami Tithi.

DrikPanchang.com suggests Saraswati Puja time during Purvahna Kala while Panchami Tithi is prevailing. Purvahna Kala falls between the sunrise and the midday which is also the time when most people perform Saraswati Puja including schools and colleges in India.

<http://www.drikpanchang.com/festivals/vasant-panchami/vasant-panchami-puja-date-time.html>

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