



Mandir Vani

News Letter of

Hindu Temple and Cultural Center of the Rockies

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The mission of the Hindu Temple and Cultural Center of the Rockies (HTCC) is to provide a forum for religious worship and celebrations, and for cultural, religious, and spiritual development activities based on Hindu / Vedic / Sanatan - Dharma traditions.

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Upcoming Celebrations

Get ready to celebrate the most glamorous and joyous event of the year, **Diwali**, (the Festival of Lights). Whether you celebrate Diwali as a homecoming of Lord Rama after defeating the demon Ravana, or to honor Lakshmi, the Goddess of Wealth or to associate with Goddess Kali, Diwali signifies a renewal of life. Its radiant and magical touch creates an atmosphere of joy and festivity, which continue for 5 days. Diwali, even in this modern world, projects the rich and glorious past of our culture and teaches us to uphold the true values of life.

The Temple Committee invites you and your loved ones to pay homage to the Goddess Lakshmi and participate in the festivities at

the temple on November 1 from 6:30 PM to 10:00 PM. For more details, please see page 5.

Another grand celebration is on the way for the **New Year**. The traditional **Ganesh Pooja** and the **Nava Griha Pooja** will be performed on January 1st, which is also the first Sunday of the year.

In the temple all major holidays are celebrated according to our holy scriptures. To sponsor an event or to participate in the celebration, or to help in any way, please contact Acharya ji. For more information on the festivals celebrated at the temple, please see the attached Calendar for Year 2006.

Board Briefings...

A Board of Trustees guides and supervises the management of Hindu Temple and Cultural Center of the Rockies (HTCC). The Board normally meets on third Sunday of each month. Following is the list of current board members. Please feel free to contact any of them, if you are interested in helping the Temple in any way.

There are currently two vacancies on the Board and we would welcome suggestions from you to fill these vacancies. The primary qualification is that the candidate be actively involved in the temple activities as demonstrated by his/her attendance and contributions to the temple. Another consideration is that we would like these members from Gujarati and Telgu communities, both of whom are large communities in terms of population and are currently not represented on the Board. The Trustee should be in a position to spend about ten hours per month for temple activities and be interested in and capable of raising funds for the temple.

We also need help with the Mandir Vani. If you are interested in submitting a nomination for an editor, please discuss it with the Nominating Committee members: Dr. Mahesh Jha, Mr. C. P. Mishra and Mrs. Reva Nayar.

Future Plans – Site for New Temple

We are continuing to look for land for a new and larger temple and cultural center that can meet the community needs for now and foreseeable future. We are thinking of a two-storey structure with about 6,000 sq ft space on each floor. The upper floor will house the temple. The lower floor will house the cultural center. There will be parking space for 150 to 200 cars.

After looking at several sites, we liked a 4+ acre site located about six miles from the current site. It is very easy to access from full interchange of Freeway C-470 at West Bowles Ave (few hundred yards from the intersection, in north-west corner). The site is excellent from aesthetic point of view, in the foothills, offering great views of mountains

and two lakes. It would allow construction of an east facing temple with access on West Deframe Ave.

The land situated in unincorporated Jefferson County, is currently zoned A-1 and a place of worship can be built under Special Use provision. The asking price was \$350,000 and the seller has agreed to accept our offer of \$340,000 as a back-up offer. There is a very good chance, that the current contract, which is due to close by October 31, would not go through and we would have an opportunity to buy this land. If that happens, we will start the fund raising drive in November. The planned date for closing is March 31, 2006.

Katarina Relief

As the world watched another devastating disaster, our community members came forward to offer a helping hand once again. During the Ganapati Pooja celebration by the Kannada Koota group, Dr. Prabhakar Rao asked the devotees to help the victims of this recent tragedy. In no time, over \$1000 were collected. Temple Committee thanks all the folks for their kindness and generosity. This money will be sent to the appropriate source shortly.

Temple Committee Officers

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YEAR 2006 Activity Calendar

	<u>Actual Day Activity</u>	<u>Celebrated at Temple</u>
<u>January</u>		
New Year / (Ganesha and Navagrah Pooja)	01 (Sunday)	01 (Sunday)
Lohadi	13 (Friday)	13 (Friday)
Makar Sankranti / Pongal	14 (Saturday)	14 (Saturday)
Poornima/Satyanarayana Katha	14 (Saturday)	14 (Saturday)
<u>February</u>		
Vasanta Panchami /		
Sarasvati Pooja	02 (Thursday)	05 (Sunday)
Poornima /Satyanarayana Katha	13 (Monday)	13 (Monday)
Maha Shivaratri	25 (Saturday)	25 (Saturday) 8:00 PM
<u>March</u>		
Holashtak Begins	06 (Monday)	06 (Monday)
Holi	14 (Tuesday)	19 (Sunday) 11:00 AM
Poornima/Satyanarayana Katha	14 (Tuesday)	14 (Tuesday)
Hindu New Year – Ugaadi (Vikrama Samvata 2063 begins)	29 (Wednesday)	29 (Wednesday)
Vasanta Navaratra Begins	29 (Wednesday)	29 (Wednesday)
<u>April</u>		
Durga Ashtami	04 (Tuesday)	04 (Tuesday)
Shri Rama Navami	05 (Wednesday)	04/08-04/09 (Sat. , Sun.)
Shri Hanuman Jayanti	13 (Thursday)	13 (Thursday)
Poornima /Satyanarayana Katha	13 (Thursday)	13 (Thursday)
Parashurama Jayanti	30 (Sunday)	30 (Sunday)
Akshaya Tritiya	30 (Sunday)	30 (Sunday)
<u>May</u>		
Adi Shankaracharya Jayanti	04 (Thursday)	07 (Sunday) 11:00 AM
Nrisimha Jayanti	11 (Thursday)	14 (Sunday) 11:00 AM
Poornima/Satyanarayana Katha	13 (Saturday)	13 (Saturday)
<u>June</u>		
Graduation Pooja	04 (Sunday)	04 (Sunday)
Ganga Dashami	06 (Tuesday)	06 (Tuesday)
Nirjala Ekadashi	07 (Wednesday)	07 (Wednesday)
Poornima /Satyanarayana Katha	11 (Sunday)	11 (Sunday)
<u>July</u>		
Devashayini Ekadashi	07 (Friday)	07 (Friday)
Guru Poornima	11 (Tuesday)	11 (Tuesday)
(Satyanarayana Katha)		
Shravana Month begins	11 (Tuesday)	11 (Tuesday)
Teej Vrat	28 (Friday)	28 (Friday)
Naaga Panchami	30 (Sunday)	30 (Sunday)



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<u>August</u>	
Vara – Lakshami	04 (Friday) 04 (Friday) 7:00 PM
Poornima/ Rakshaabandhana (Satyanarayana Katha)	09 (Wednesday) 09 (Wednesday)
Upaa-karma	09 (Wednesday) 09 (Wednesday) 8:00 AM
Shri Krishna Janmashtami	15 (Tuesday) 15 (Tuesday) 6:00 PM
Haritalika Teej Vrat	26 (Saturday) 26 (Saturday)
Vinayaka Chaturthi	27 (Sunday) 27 (Sunday) 11:00 AM
<u>September</u>	
Poornima/(Satyanarayana Katha)	07 (Thursday) 07 (Thursday)
Pitri Paksh (Shraddha) Begins	08 (Friday) 08(Friday)
Pitri Paksh (Shraddha) Ends	22 (Friday) 22 (Friday)
Sharada Navaratri Begins	22 (Friday) 22 (Friday)
Durga Ashtami	29 (Friday) 29 (Friday)
<u>October</u>	
Dashahara/Vijaya dashami	01(Sunday) 01 (Sunday) 11:00 AM
(Sharada Poornima (Satyanarayana Katha)	06 (Friday) 06 (Friday)
Karavaa Chauth	09 (Monday) 09 (Monday) 4:00 PM
Ahoi Ashtami	13 (Friday) 13 (Friday)
Dipawali/Lakshami Pooja	20 (Friday) 20 (Friday) 6:00 PM
Govardhana Pooja	21 (Saturday) 21 (Saturday)
Bhaiya Dooja	22 (Sunday) 22 (Sunday)
<u>November</u>	
Tulasi Vivaha	02 (Thursday) 02 (Thursday)
Poornima / Guru Nanaka Jayanti (Satyanarayana Katha)	05 (Sunday) 05 (Sunday)
<u>December</u>	
Gita Jayanti/Mokshada Ekadashi	01 (Friday) 01 (Friday) 6:00 PM
Poornima /Satyanarayana Katha	04 (Monday) 04 (Monday)

Activities in Bold Faces are planned to be celebrated at the temple

Dates are subject to change , please call Acharya ji for confirmation and further details

Direction : From C-470 , Exit Wadsworth Blvd. north , left on Chatfield Ave. (First Light), left on Wadsworth Court (first street) , first driveway on the left is to the temple parking lot.

Pledge for Donation

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Hindu Temple and Cultural Center of the Rockies (HTCC), our priest Acharya K. C. Upadhyay Ji, and myself, I wish you and your family a very Happy Diwali and a Happy New Year.

Once again, I would like to thank you for your enthusiastic support and help; we have been able to accomplish many goals. This is a good time to thank those hundreds of donors, sponsors and volunteers who by helping the Temple have made our community a better place to live. Now we need your help and commitment more than ever. As you know we are planning to buy a bigger parcel of land to build a larger temple and cultural center.

During this season of festivities, we request that you continue to share your good fortune with the community through a generous gift to the Temple. Please use the form on the last page of this newsletter to make a tax-deductible donation (ID# 84-1301209) and/or to update your address, phone number, and particularly to add email address (if you wish to receive emails about the Temple programs).

May Goddess Lakshmi bless you and your family all through the year!

Mahesh C. Jha

President

To carry our rich heritage one step further, Acharya Ji is conducting a new Bal Mandir program for children of ages 5 and up. In this program children learn yoga and Deva Nagari script so they can read and understand the Shlokas on their own. Stories from the scriptures will be introduced to them and they will be involved in various educational activities suitable for their age.

If you want to introduce our rich heritage to the younger generation, please contact Acharya Ji.

Program for Diwali Celebration



Tuesday, November 1, 2005

Program	Time
Candle lighting by children*	6:30-6:45 PM
Ganesh & Lakshmi Poojaa	6:45-7:15 PM
Stotra Paath (Sree Suktam)	7:15-7:45 PM
Pravachana by Acharya Ji	7:45-8:00 PM
<i>Keertana / Bhajana*</i>	8:00-9:00 PM
<i>Arati / Prarthana</i>	9:00-9:30 PM
<i>Prasaad</i>	9:30-10 PM

Bal Mandir Conducted by Acharya Ji

***Children will receive packages containing goodies!**

****Silver coins of Lakshmi and Ganesh will be available, suggested donation: \$30 for a set and \$20 for a single coin.**

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Donation Appeal

Please continue to show your support by making generous donations at the temple or by mail (cut and enclose the coupon printed below) to: 8375 S. Wadsworth Blvd., Littleton, CO 80128. The contributions are tax deductible. The Tax ID number for Hindu Temple and Cultural Center is 84-1301209

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____, my/our contribution for the new Temple in Denver, Colorado.

Name _____ Spouse Name _____

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e-mail: _____