



Newsletter from
The Tristate
Hindu Temple
& Cultural
Center

August 2017

Bhagavad Gita

*prasanta-manasam hy enam
yoginam sukham uttamam
upaiti santa-rajasm
brahma-bhutam akalmasam*

Prasanta—mind fixed on the lotus feet of Krishna; manasam—of one whose mind is so fixed; hi—certainly; enam—this; yoginam—the yogi; sukham—happiness; uttamam—the highest; upaiti—attains; santa-rajasm—pacified passion; brahma-bhutam—liberated by identification with the Absolute; akalmasam—freed from all past sinful reaction.

The yogi whose mind is fixed on me certainly attains the highest happiness. By virtue of his identity with Brahman, he is liberated; his mind is peaceful, his passions are quieted, and he is freed from sin.

Message from Panditji, Shri Surendra Mishra:

Varalakshmi Vrat: The Varalakshmi fasting is observed on the last Friday during Shraavana Shukla Paksha and falls just few days ahead of Rakhi and Shravana Purnima. Varalakshmi Vrat is suggested not only for women but also for men. In Andhra, Telangana and Maharashtra regions, Varalakshmi fasting is mainly performed by married women. The Varalakshmi fasting is performed with the desire of worldly pleasures and it includes children, spouse, luxury and other earthly pleasures.

Krishna Janmashtami: Janmashtami celebrates the birth of Lord Krishna. Hindus celebrate Janmashtami by fasting, singing, praying together, preparing and sharing special food, night vigils and visiting Krishna or Vishnu temples. Major Krishna temples organize recitation of Bhagavata Purana and Bhagavad Gita. On fasting day, devotees take Sankalpa to observe a day long fast and to break it on the next day when both Rohini Nakshatra and Ashtami Tithi are over. Sankalpa is taken after finishing morning rituals and the day long fasting begins with Sankalpa. The time to perform Krishna Puja is during Nishita Kala which is the midnight as per Vedic time-keeping. Devotees perform detailed ritualistic Puja during midnight and it involves all sixteen steps which are part of Shodashopachara Vidhi.

Ganesh Chaturthi: Ganesh Chaturthi is celebrated as birth anniversary of Lord Ganesha. On Ganesh Chaturthi, Lord Ganesh is worshipped as the god of wisdom, prosperity and good fortune. It is believed that Lord Ganesh was born during Shukla Paksha of Bhadrapada month. Currently Ganesh Chaturthi day falls in month of August or September in English calendar. The Ganeshotsav, the festivity of Ganesh Chaturthi, ends after 10 days on Anant Chaturdasi which is also known as Ganesha Visharjan day. On Anant Chaturdashi, devotees immerse idol of Lord Ganesh in water body after a gala street procession.



Upcoming festivals and events in August

- August 4th: Varlakhmi vratam
- August 15th: Shri Krishna Janmashtami
- August 24th: Ganesha Chaturthi
- August 26th: Ground breaking ceremony

Temple Membership:

We kindly request all families in the TriState Hindu community to become members of the Temple. Your membership dues help with the day to day expenses of the temple, organize events and activities, and plan for temple expansion. **The annual membership comes to 1 dollar a day (365 dollars per year) and the Premium Membership is 1000 dollars.** The membership forms are available at the Temple and can be obtained from the Temple Website. You can make membership payments on our website too.

Annual Golf Fundraiser

The annual golf tournament has been our biggest fundraiser in the last many years. This year, the tournament is planned on **August 27th at the Cambridge Golf Course in Evansville**. You can be a Gold/Silver/Bronze sponsor (2500, 1000, 500 dollars respectively) sponsor a team, or invite a team from your employer or company.



THIS IS AN IMPORTANT EVENT FOR TEMPLE FUND RAISING EVERY YEAR.

YOUR SPONSORSHIP AND PARTICIPATION IS GREATLY APPRECIATED. PLEASE REGISTER SOON.

ALL SPONSORS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THE TEAMS FOR THE CATERED DELICIOUS FOOD.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE GOLFER TO SPONSOR THIS EVENT.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Cambridge Golf Course

1034 Beacon Hill,
Evansville, IN 47725
Phone: (812) 868-4653

Sunday, August 27, 2017

Registration/Lunch

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Shotgun Start at

12:45 p.m.

100 Golfers – 25 Foursomes

Enjoy a complete program of special events, 18 holes of golf (including cart), Lunch, Dinner and door prizes. All for just \$500 per foursome

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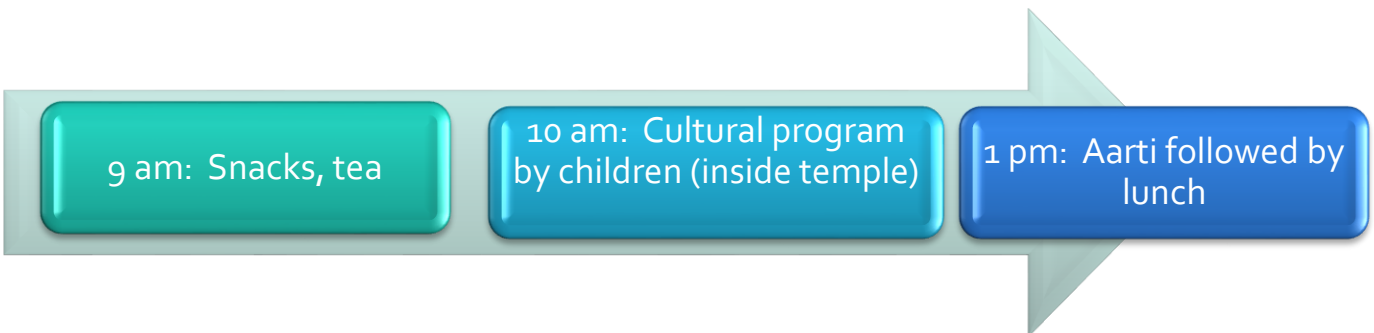
Groundbreaking Ceremony

*For the new **Tri-State Hindu Temple** building*

On Saturday, August 26, 2017



- 8 am: Puja starts, Panchanga puja, Shila puja
- 10 am: Hawans - Ganesh, Rudra, Durga, Navgraha, Lakshmi Venkateshwara
- 12 pm: Bhumi puja, Panchakalasha and Panchashila puja



Volunteers for the Groundbreaking Ceremony function: Aug 26, 2017

We would like to request everyone to participate in the Groundbreaking ceremony function on August 26th. We are looking for volunteers to help that day in the following areas. Please consider signing up in the Google Spreadsheet that was sent out in the Temple email last week.

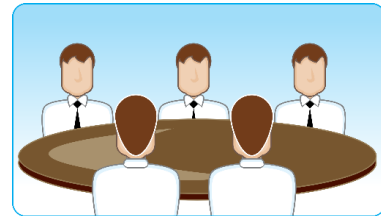
The Volunteers for the Groundbreaking ceremony
meet at the TriState Hindu Temple on Monday evenings at 6 pm.

Puja area decorations



WELCOME TABLE/ REGISTRATION

Food tables



SEATING ARRANGEMENTS



Water station

CHAPPAL STAND

GARBAGE BOXES/ DISPOSAL

Puja area/ items help

Parking area



Bricks/ Navaratnas to sponsors

Bricks set up

Greeting guests, press



Temple Expansion Plan: an Update

Letter from the President: Dr. Kuldeep Pandit

Dear Friends,

I am happy to inform you again that soon we are having the groundbreaking ceremony for our new temple construction on August 26, Saturday. The Groundbreaking Celebration Committee has been formed. It is co-chaired by Mythili Gurram and Rita Prajapati. The committee has formed many subcommittees for the various activities on that day. If anyone is interested in being part of this committee and serving on any subcommittee please let Mythili Ji or Rita Ji know. We are planning a great all day celebration.

Temple Construction Committee is working tirelessly these days. Along with the temple architect, we are in the bidding process to finalize the builder for the temple construction. We are also working with the FRP accessories in India for outside Indianization work including Rajgopuram, Vimanam, Shikhras and decorations of windows and doors with FRP work. We are working with a temple architect from India for doing the inside work of all seven Garbhagudies with marble. Hopefully we will be able to finalize all this in the coming few weeks if everything goes as smooth as possible.

We are also requesting all the devotees who have made pledges for the new temple construction to send their checks to the Temple. We will be needing funds as the temple construction starts. You may write your check to "**Tristate Hindu Temple**" and mail it or deposit in the temple Hundi. You may decide to give on the auspicious groundbreaking day.

For those families who have not yet given their donations, groundbreaking day of the temple is the auspicious day to do so. I sincerely request you to donate generously for this great cause. It is also an auspicious time of Ganesh Chaturthi and Lord Ganesh's blessings will always be with you and your family. All the donation to the Temple are Tax Deductible as our Temple has 501 (c)(3) status.

We are eagerly waiting for the groundbreaking ceremony and the construction of the new temple building to start. With all your participation, enthusiasm, and support we will soon have a very beautiful authentic Hindu temple in our Tristate.

May lord Ganesha continue to shower his blessings on us and continue to guide us.

With Best Regards
Kuldeep Pandit

Have suggestions for topics to be included in the newsletter? Please write to tsht.newsletter@gmail.com

This newsletter is a humble attempt to keep the community updated on the events and activities at the Tristate Hindu Temple and Cultural Center. We would like to hear your suggestions and comments.