



# NORTHWEST INDIANA HINDU RELIGIOUS CENTER

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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#### **President:**

Anjali Joshi

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### Executive Committee

#### **Members:**

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Bharti Shah

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Niranjan Patel

Kaveri Warriar

Shakuntala Sarma

(Temple Chair)

Padmini Makam

(Hall Chair)

Dear Friends,

**I wish you all a very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!**

I am extremely honored and deeply moved by your confidence in me to be the next President of NWIHRC for the years 2012 and 2013 and I humbly accept the responsibilities that your trust has assigned to me.

I congratulate and welcome the new and continuing members of the Executive Board. Together we will do our best as a team utilizing the commitment, passion and expertise of all the officers and the support of the community to have a very eventful and enjoyable two years. Bear in mind that while methods may change or become outdated, our duty remains the same.

Over the past few years, our Center has faced many challenges and has survived them well. The past Presidents and Chairpersons in conjunction with the past Executive Board and Trustee Board members, the volunteers and the office staff, have done a great job since the Center started in 2002. The progress is obvious with the building of the Banquet Hall and then expanding it and adding the Grand Bharatiya Temple in 2010. However, we still need to work on clearing our debt of nearly \$1.2 million dollars. I request all the Indians of Northwest Indiana to become members of NWIHRC and contribute either their time, energy or monetary help within their capacity to make our Center debt free and also enjoy all the events and festivities while doing so. **Let us all make it a priority on our New Year's resolution list!!**

Please join us in this year's exciting Annual Gala coming up on April 21, 2012 at the Halls of St. George, Schererville, Indiana for an evening of Tribal folk dances, Live auction, Indian Bazaar, Dinner and Dance. The theme for this year is "TRIBAL ART AND FOLK CULTURE OF INDIA." I encourage all of you to join the various committees to plan this event and to participate in the Cultural program to help us make it a grand success.

We will also be celebrating several Festivals in our Temple and Annual events at the Center. Please mark your calendar, save the dates in accordance with the "Calendar of Events" on the next page and plan on attending them.

I eagerly look forward to working with all of you and together let us enjoy the journey towards reaching our desired destination!

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

**Anjali Joshi**

President, Executive Board

Email: asj1016@gmail.com



## **TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2012**

New Year's Special Pooja and Bhajans .....	Jan 1, Sunday
Makar Sankranti .....	Jan 14, Saturday
Vasant Panchami .....	Jan 28, Saturday
Mahashivratri .....	Feb 19, Sunday
Holi Celebration and Holika Dahan .....	March 10, Saturday
Ugadi .....	March 23, Friday
Akhand Ramayan .....	March 24-25, Saturday & Sunday
Ram Navami .....	March 31, Saturday
Mahavir Jayanti .....	April 4, Wednesday
Hanuman Jayanti .....	April 6, Friday
Annual Gala .....	April 21, Saturday
Devi Chowki .....	May 12, Saturday
Temple Anniversary and Navagraha Installation .....	June 14, 15 & 16 Thursday - Saturday
Jain Pratishtha Anniversary .....	July 22, Sunday
Varalakshmi Vratam .....	July 27, Friday
Raksha Bandhan .....	Aug 2, Thursday
Janmashtami .....	Aug 10, Friday
India Fest .....	Aug 12, Sunday
Bhagwat Saptah .....	Aug 18-26 Sat - Sun
Jain Paryushan .....	Sept 12-19 Wed - Wed
Ganesh Chaturthi/Jain Samwatsari .....	Sept 19 Wednesday
IACC Fall Fundraiser .....	Sept 29 or Oct 6
Navaratri .....	Oct 16-23 Tue - Tue
Dassehra .....	Oct 24 Wednesday
Karva Chauth .....	Nov 2, Friday
Diwali Cultural Program .....	Nov 10, Saturday
Diwali Pooja/Annakut .....	Nov 17, Saturday
Tulsi Vivah .....	Nov 23, Friday
Holiday Party at the Center .....	Dec 14, Friday
Geeta Jayanti .....	Dec 23, Sunday



## *Makara Sankranti Celebration*

*January 14, 2012 – Saturday*

*Join us for the Utran and Pongal Festival of Sankranti*

*5:30 p.m. to 7:00p.m. Special Pooja followed by Aarti and Prasad  
Special Archana \$21.00*



*Please RSVP by January 10, 2012 to:*

*Mrs. Padma Balakrishnan @ 219-922-1176, Mrs. Kamini Parikh @ 219-836-2913*

*Mrs. Shakuntala Sarma @ 219-663-3987*

## *Vasant Panchami Celebration*

*January 28, 2012 – Saturday*

*Let your children come and be a part of Aksharabhyas and  
the Saraswati Pooja for Vasant Panchmi*

*Special Pooja 5:30p.m. to 7:00p.m.  
followed by Aarti and Prasad – Special Archana \$21.00*

*For further information please contact :*

*Mrs. Sarla Unni @ 219-663-7211*

*Mrs. Shakuntala Sarma @ 219-663-3987*



## *Mahashivaratri*

*February 19, 2012 – Sunday*

*Join us for an evening of Bhajans to sing the praise of Lord Shiva*

*Bhajans from 7:30p.m. to 10:00p.m.  
Followed by Aarti, Prasad, Faral and Bhaang!*

*Special Pooja Abhishek \$51.00 – Special Archana \$21.00*

*For further information please contact:*

*Dr. Shreyasi Dalal @ 219-923-2929, Mr. Annaji Chillarige @ 219-924-5790*

*Mrs. Shakuntala Sarma @ 219-663-3987, Dr. Kaveri Warriar @ 219-781-8899*





## *Holi Celebration & Holika Dahan*

*March 10, 2012 – Saturday*

*Celebrate the festival of colors with your family and friends.*

*Join us for fun, music, dance and food!*

### *Program:*

*Social Hour 3 - 4 p.m.*

*Music & Dance 4 - 5 p.m.*

*Dinner 5 - 6:30 p.m.*

*Holika Dahan 6:45 p.m.*

*Colors 7 p.m.*



*NWIHRC Members \$8.00 per person / Non-members \$10.00 per person  
until March 5, 2012*

*From March 5, 2012 onwards \$20 per person*

*To RSVP please call:*

*Mrs. Manju Mandhana @219-934-9072; Mrs. Rupan Kansal @219-926-4352;  
Dr. Harish Shah @219-924-7105; Mrs. Shakuntala Sarma @219-663-3987*



## *Ugadi*

*March 23, 2012 – Friday*

*People from Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka celebrate their  
New Year as Ugadi, people of Maharashtra celebrate it as  
Gudi Padwa, and Sindhis as Cheti Chand or Sindhi New Year.*

*Sri Satyanarayana Pooja – 6:00p.m.*

*Dinner at 7:30 p.m. — \$8.00 per person*

*RSVP by March 20, 2012*

*To RSVP please call:*

*Mrs. Amala Reddy @219-662-1756; Dr. Mita Bhojraj @219-962-4091;  
Mrs. Shakuntala Sarma @219-663-3987*





## *Akhand Ramayan Paath*

*March 24, 2012 – Saturday – 10:00 a.m.*

*until*

*March 25, 2012 – Sunday – 10:00 a.m.*

*(24 hour continuous)*

*Followed by Udhyan, Sri Rama Abhishekam & Prasad*

*For further information please contact:*

*Mrs. Sanju Rastogi @219-924-5696;*

*Mrs. Vaidehi Agrawal @219-803-4142*



## *Ramnavami (Kalyanotsavam)*

*Celebration of Rama Sita Vivah*

*March 31, 2012 – Saturday*

*Vivah & Pooja 5 p.m.*

*Followed by Aarti & Dinner \$8 per person*

*RSVP by March 27, 2012*

*Grand Sponsorship \$251, Vivah Sponsorship \$101, Archana \$21*

*To RSVP please call:*

*Mrs. Amitha Garlapati @219-662-0839; Mrs. Sarla Unni @219-663-7211;*

*Mrs. Kalyani Desai @219-464-9941; Mrs. Shakuntala Sarma @219-663-3987*

## *Mahavir Jayanti*

*April 4, 2012 – Wednesday*

*Jain Sadhana following Aarti at 7:15 p.m.*

*For further information please contact:*

*Mrs. Bharti Shah @219-322-5149; Dr. Kalpana Doshi @219-923-6001,*

*Mrs. Daxa Shah @219-934-9025*



## *Hanuman Jayanti*

*April 6, 2012 – Friday*

*Pooja at 6:00 p.m. followed by Aarti & Prasad*

*For further information please contact:*

*Mrs. Shakuntala Sarma @219-663-3987; Mrs. Anjali Jashi @219-924-2341*



## **TENTH ANNUAL GALA FUNDRAISER**

Dear Friends,

The NWIHRC Gala will be hosted on Saturday April 21st, 2012 at the Halls of St. George, Schererville Indiana. The theme for this year is "TRIBAL ART AND FOLK CULTURE OF INDIA," depicting the distinct cultural and traditional identities of natives staying in the various states and union territories across the country.

We will showcase a Cultural program with Tribal folk dances from different parts of India. Community members who are interested in participating please call and register at the IACC Office by January 20, 2012.

We will have a Live auction like every year. We would like you to solicit items for live auction from business of your choice. Following are some suggested categories that have generated lively bidding in the past:

Day Spas / Beauty Salons • Restaurants • Florists  
Gift Shops / Retail Stores / Jewelry Stores  
Tickets to Sporting Events • Holiday Packages

If you own a business or a service please consider offering merchandise or a gift certificate from your business. Personal donations are also highly appreciated. Suggested minimum value for a donation is \$50.00. Please call any of the auction committee members for the donation to be picked up or to make arrangements to deliver the items. All donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by the law. Donors will be recognized in the Gala souvenir book. To properly acknowledge and print the donor names, the deadline for item drop-off is April 10, 2012.



We will have an Indian Bazaar of Tribal art and Crafts along with other exotic Indian articles for people to purchase and enjoy. Please consider donating articles for the Bazaar. They will need to be approved and accepted by the Bazaar committee.

If you are unable to donate items in-kind for the Bazaar or the auction, please consider cash donations (make checks payable to NWIHRC). Cash donations will also be recognized in the Gala souvenir book. Please mail cash donations to:

Auction Committee / Bazaar Committee  
NWIHRC  
8605 Merrillville Road  
Merrillville, IN 46410

Everyone is requested to take a keen interest, participate and be a part of our Center's Gala evening.

Thank you for your contributions and support.

### **AUCTION COMMITTEE**

Suchita Shah	219-924-7105
Vidya Arshanapalli	219-663-1007
Panna Barai	219-924-4145
Jayashri Gandhi	219-322-3400

### **BAZAAR COMMITTEE**

Savitri Basaviah	574-806-5550
Pratish Patel	219-924-1002
Amala Reddy	219-662-1756
Sarla Unni	219-663-7211



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Please fill out the following information regarding sponsorship, advertising in the souvenir booklet and ticket purchase for the Annual Gala Dinner Program on Saturday, April 21, 2012 at the Halls of St. George, Schererville, IN 46375.

Name of Individual/Firm \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Special Instructions \_\_\_\_\_

### Sponsorship\* (Check box)

TYPE	COST	INCLUDES
<input type="checkbox"/> EMERALD SPONSOR	\$21,000	Table + Back Cover or Inside Front Cover
<input type="checkbox"/> PLATINUM SPONSOR	\$10,000	Table + Inside Back Cover of Souvenir Book
<input type="checkbox"/> GOLD SPONSOR	\$7,000	Table + Full Color Ad in Souvenir Book
<input type="checkbox"/> SILVER SPONSOR	\$5,000	Full Color Ad in Souvenir Book
<input type="checkbox"/> BRONZE SPONSOR	\$2,500	Gold Page Ad in Souvenir Book
<input type="checkbox"/> BAR SPONSOR	\$3,500	Full Color Ad in Souvenir Book
<input type="checkbox"/> CENTERPIECE SPONSOR	\$3,000	Gold Page Ad in Souvenir Book

**Sponsorship Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

*ALL SPONSORS WILL BE RECOGNIZED IN THE SOUVENIR BOOK AND AT THE EVENT*

*\* There may be more than one sponsor in any category*

### Advertising (Check box)

TYPE	COST
<input type="checkbox"/> Double Color Page (4 1/2" x 7 1/2") 2 pages	\$1,500
<input type="checkbox"/> Full Color Page (4 1/2" x 7 1/2")	\$1,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Gold Page (4 1/2" x 7 1/2")	\$ 750
<input type="checkbox"/> B/W Full Page (4 1/2" x 7 1/2")	\$ 300
<input type="checkbox"/> B/W Half Page (4 1/2" x 3 3/4")	\$ 200
<input type="checkbox"/> B/W Third Page (4 1/2" x 2 1/2")	\$ 100
<input type="checkbox"/> Advertising same as last year	
<input type="checkbox"/> Different from last year (Send new Electronic File or include camera-ready copy)	
<input type="checkbox"/> New Advertisement (Send Electronic File or include camera-ready copy)	

**\* Artwork should be sent to:**

[art@qualityimpressionsinc.com](mailto:art@qualityimpressionsinc.com) **OR** mail to  
IACC, 8605 Merrillville Rd., Merrillville, IN 46410  
File/Art Questions: 219-663-6700 (Judy/Maureen)  
Fax artwork to: 219-663-9700

**ARTWORK IS DUE ON 4/2/12**

**Advertising Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

### Ticket Info (Check box)

- |   |                      |
|---|----------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$80 per person      Number of tickets _____ | Sponsorship \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$750 (Table of 10) _____                    | Advertising \$ _____ |
|   | Ticket Cost \$ _____ |

**Total Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

We are enclosing our check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to NWIHRC (tax payer ID 35-1981658) and mail to the above address. We would appreciate receiving this form as soon as possible but no later than April 2, 2012. If you have any questions, please contact Kewmars Bamboat at (219) 838-1837 or Harish Shah at (219) 730-8276.



## **IACC BANQUET HALL**

### **HALL CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE**

Dear Friends,

2011 turned out to be an excellent year for the Community Hall at IACC! The new, expanded facility, just over a year old, proved to be a popular venue in NWI! Thanks to the super team, we generated close to \$56K from the rentals.

We are getting ready for the New Year & hope 2012 will be even better. Our team has put together various rental packages, which are not only attractive but very affordable as well. Call us today to get a quote and to take a tour of our facility. Plan your next party at IACC, we are now taking reservations for 2012.

Friends, if you can spare some time, consider joining the Hall committee & help in planning yet another successful year!

Have a great Year ... hope to see you all soon.

Regards,

**Padmini Makam**

Chair Hall Committee



### **HALL AMENITIES**

- Spacious hall with an occupancy of up to 350
- Grand beautiful foyer
- Fully equipped stage
- Modern audio, video, overhead projection and wifi available
- Beautiful contemporary lighting
- Dance floor
- Bridal room
- Groom's room
- Fully equipped kitchen
- Full bar
- Photo spot
- The most unique choice for Indian Weddings in NWI
- Special customized wedding packages available
- Wedding ceremony at the Temple and Reception at the adjacent Banquet Hall

#### **FOR HALL RESERVATIONS:**

Call Pete at (219) 928-6311

Padmini Makam (219) 322-7268

IACC Office at (219) 713-4934

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## **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Annual Gala is on April 21, 2012 at Halls of St. George. Please sign in for volunteering in the committees. Deadline is January 20, 2012.
- For participating in the Cultural program for the Gala, please email by January 20, 2012: asjl016@gmail.com and sanjurastogi@hotmail.com.
- India Fest will be held on August 12, 2012. We plan to have an IACC booth for Arts and Crafts that have been handmade by community members. Interested artists please start your projects immediately. Suggested projects eg: Greeting cards for all occasions, Decorative utility boxes, Christmas ornaments, Water or oil paintings, Painted diyas, Crochet and Knitting projects, etc.
- We are looking for sponsorships for the upcoming newsletters and mailers for this year. The sponsor's business and name will be printed in the newsletter. To contribute, please call the IACC office at 756-1111.
- Membership form is included in this Newsletter. We encourage you to become a member (Annual, Life member, Patron, Trustee) and become a part of the NWIHR family.
- For Cultural Programs, Adults will participate in the Annual Gala and the Kids will participate in the India Fest and Diwali Cultural Program.
- Yearly Abhishek forms are included in this Newsletter. We encourage devotees to sponsor \$501 for a whole year of weekend Abhisheks for the Deity of their choice.
- Monthly poojas like Satyanarayan pooja on Poonam day and Sankat haran chaturthi on the fourth day after the poonam can also be sponsored for \$ 221 for the whole year. We encourage the devotees to do so.
- For effective communication with the Indian American community of Northwest Indiana, IACC is creating a database of email addresses. Please send your email address and updated mailing address to info@iaccnwindiana.org. This newsletter is posted on our website. If you would like to receive future newsletters by email only, please drop us a note at info@iacc-nwindiana.org. Visit our website at www.iacc-nwindiana.org periodically for updates.
- Yoga classes are being offered at the Center every Saturday morning by Mrs. Usha Ravi from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. For further information please contact Usha Ravi 219-922-0793 or email raviusha@rocketmail.com We encourage the community members to take advantage of this opportunity.
- Reiki Treatment (The Healing Touch) will be offered by Mrs. Rupan Kansal starting on January 11, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon every Wednesday at the center. Treatments will be by appointment only. For further information please contact Mrs. Rupan Kansal at reikirup@gmail.com or 219-924-4352.

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**For more information please visit our websites:**

**Bharatiya Temple of NWI:** [www.bharatiyatemple-nwindiana.org](http://www.bharatiyatemple-nwindiana.org)

**IACC:** [www.iacc-nwindiana.org](http://www.iacc-nwindiana.org)

**Jain Center:** [www.jaincenter\\_nwindiana.org](http://www.jaincenter_nwindiana.org)

**Provide feedback:** [info@iacc-nwindiana.org](mailto:info@iacc-nwindiana.org)



## **CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE**

Dear Friends,

At the outset let me wish you and your loved ones a fulfilling, healthy and safe 2012.

I am humbled by the confidence posed by the community in me to be the Chairman of this esteemed organization. With your continued support and guidance, let me assure you that, I and my fellow trustee board members and executive committee members will do our best to uphold our cultural tradition and rich Indian heritage.

It is through the combined effort and vision of our entire past leadership and volunteers that in such a short time we have a vibrant community; our organization has a beautiful temple & community hall; and as an organization we have a solid foundation ready to further build on. Please join me in expressing sincere appreciation for the tireless and hard work with dedication & commitment by our volunteers, committee chairs, executive committee members, trustee board members, office staff, priest, our immediate past President Amala Reddy and immediate past Chairman Dr. Prakash Makam.

Over the next two years it will be our endeavor to:

- Seek the highest level of community involvement in all the activities
- Seek to significantly pay off our mortgage balance

***IACC is our organization and it is for us and our families***, I urge you to take an active interest and participate.

- I would like to hear from each one of you, please feel free to share your comments/thoughts/suggestions via e mail or phone or in person.
- We have a calendar full of cultural, religious and fund raising activities — please join in as an organizer, as a participant, as a supporter, as an attendee.
- Please request and encourage your spouse, children, colleagues, friends and community members at large to join and support IACC.
- Any kind/amount of your support is so valuable to us:
  - ◆ Please become an active supporter with your time, your skills and your donations.
  - ◆ Please become a volunteer, member (annual, life member, patron, trustee), and donor.
  - ◆ IACC offers various ways in which you can support us financially without overburdening yourselves (dollar a day, pujas/archnas; sponsor a day; check-o-matic; pledges).

With sincere gratitude,

**Om Mandhana**

Chairman Board of Trustees

email: [Chairman@iacc-nwiindiana.org](mailto:Chairman@iacc-nwiindiana.org)

phone: (219) 756-1111



## **PAST CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE**

Dear Friends,

It has truly been a great privilege and honor to work as Chairman of NWIHRC, this past two years. I could not have done it without your help, effort and dedication. We have tried to make IACC and Bharatiya Temple a better place with your help and will always continue to do the best.

We still have a long way to go and should make our Temple debt free within the next five years! We would like all of you to support the Temple and IACC like you have been, and together, we will make it happen with Bhagavan's grace.

I would like to thank each and everyone of you for all your generosity and help in making IACC a beautiful Banquet facility and Bharatiya Temple a divine place of worship. I would like to thank the Trustee Board for their outstanding contributions. I wish Om Mandhana and Anjali Joshi all the best and I am confident they will do a great job. I would like to thank Shakuntala Sarma, Temple Chair and Shailesh Bhatt, Hall Chair for their dedication and hard work. We are truly blessed to have the presence of Pujya Vashishataji and would like to thank him on behalf of our entire community. Lastly, I would like to thank Amala Reddy for being a great President and Padmini for supporting me.

Most importantly, I want to thank each and everyone of you for your continuing support.

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year.

Regards,

**Prakash Makam**

Past Chairman, Board of Trustees

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## **PAST PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dear Friends,

*“Wishing you all a Happy and a Prosperous New year.”*

It has been my privilege to serve as the President of IACC for 2010 and 2011. 2010 has been a mark in the history of IACC. It had been yet another significant milestone for IACC with the Bharatiya Temple and the expansion of the Banquet Hall. I would like to thank the organization for making me part of this dream as the President of IACC.

I would like to thank all my Executive Board members, Hall committee chair Dr. Shailesh Bhatt, Temple committee chair Shakuntala Sarma, Chairman Dr. Prakash Makam, and the Board of Trustees who have worked diligently the past two years with the opening of the temple, organizing events, helping with running and maintenance of the Hall and the temple. It was absolute fun working with all of you. I can't thank each and every one of you enough for all your support and making this a memorable experience for me.

I would like to thank all the community members for your continued support for the last two years especially during the initial growing pains of our new Temple. Lastly, I want to thank all the volunteers and well wishers of the temple for their dedication and participation.

As my term ends, I would like to welcome Anjali Joshi on Board as the President and wish her luck. My term as President ends but I am integral part of the organization and will be there to volunteer as needed.

Thank You,

**Amala Reddy**

Past President, Executive Board



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## **TEMPLE CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE**

Dear Devotees,

Happy New Year to all of you. May this year be auspicious and eventful. Let us all renew ourselves and make this year peaceful and bring greater and greater achievements. I congratulate all the outgoing Board members for their outstanding job and wish the incoming Board every success in their future endeavors. Our Temple activities are running smoothly with the dedicated services of our beloved priest, Sri. Vasishtaji, to whom we are all grateful.

Bharatiya Temple is running with the help of various dedicated volunteers who take their seva to heart and are there every month on their designated days, Alankaram committee who come every month in the early morning tirelessly. Temple committee members in their various capacities are helping in the day to day activities. Hats off to the members who put in long hours in landscaping, maintaining the building inside and out. I am grateful to all our community members who help us during Abishekas, monthly poojas, satsangs, phoolangi seva, arrange Prasad for all the Temple events, and spiritual discourses. I also appreciate the volunteers who have substituted as priest for Sri. Vasishtaji in his absence. The Temple is in need of funds to pay off the loan and maintenance. I urge all of you to take part in any of our sponsorship programs. We ask your support, participation in the Temple events and inputs. Please feel free to drop your suggestions and we will work hard to fulfill your expectations.

Pranams,

**Shakuntala Sarma**

Temple Committee Chair.