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Information Services (IS) update

The vision of IS Committee at Hindu Community and Cultural Center (HCCC) is to serve the ever-increasing devotee community in an efficient way and to enhance the devotee experience in every aspect of their interactions with the Shiva-Vishnu Temple. The dedicated efforts of volunteers at HCCC in re-launching and continually enhancing the www.livermoretemple.org Web site are directed towards providing efficient services to the large devotee population. The website is serving the devotees in three different ways:

1. Provide information to the devotee, directly through the interaction with the website.
2. Support the HCCC's administrators and managers with software tools to serve the devotees efficiently.
3. Provide infrastructure tools to HCCC's management to manage the finances and other essential services.

It is our goal to make this website as simple and comprehensive as possible to make the devotee experience a pleasurable one. We explore the features of the website that make the devotee experience a pleasant process.

Home page: The home page provides important information about temple timings, weather at Livermore, Rahukalam, Yamagandam, Gulikakalam for the day. Pooja and event schedules for the day and next seven days are displayed prominently on the main page. Details about major upcoming events, along with the schedules and the ability to sponsor for the special events, are provided through banner links on the home page. Devotees can also subscribe to the e-mail list of the HCCC, which would enable the devotees to get latest and important information about special poojas and events conducted in the temple. The temple sends out a weekly email to over 17,000 devotees informing them of upcoming events in the temple.

Contact Information: Driving directions to the temple and ability to plan a trip from the devotee's home (or office) to temple using public transportation is provided under the Contact Information section. This page also provides contact information (E-mail and phone) of Executive Committee members responsible for various services provided by the temple, thus enabling the devotee to contact the respective member directly. Devotees can also send their suggestions/recommendations for improving the services in the temple through a Feedback form.

General information: This section of the web site provides information about yearly schedule of festivities and other important events at the temple sorted by month, regular daily pooja schedules for all the deities in the temple; architectural layout of all the deities, along with pertinent information about the deity, priests, major festivals and events, slokas and stotras; online version of temple's newsletter (Paschima Vani - published 6 times a year, see the Newsletter link). The pooja services that are offered by the temple are provided in this section, to make the devotee aware of the procedures of the pooja and the materials that are needed for performing the pooja. Information about all the priests, along with their deity specialization and their photos, is published on the web site, which enhances the communication between a devotee and the priest. A photo album section provides digital images of the events and poojas that are conducted in the temple.

Information about Youth and Education (dealing with Hindu teachings and Culture) and Human Services (programs to reach out to the community) activities of HCCC is provided.

Poojas/Festivals: Devotees can make donation for a selected festival/purpose or make a suggested donation for a pooja (that is to be performed in the Temple) online through the website, in the process saving valuable time when the devotee visits the Temple. If the devotee requests (through the website) for a pooja that is to be performed at the temple, an e-mail would be sent to the manager(s) informing them about the pooja request by a devotee so as to make sure that the priests are informed accordingly. Devotees can also sponsor for festivals and special events, through the website. Devotees, who sponsored for annual abhisheka, would get an e-mail in advance about the poojas that are performed.

In addition to the above, a devotee can get his/her donation/pooja transaction history (either for personal use or for record keeping for tax related purposes) from the temple website.

July 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
RAHU KALA 4:30 to 6:00 pm			OM NAMAH SHIVAYA OM NAMO NARAYANAYA 9:00 to 10:30 am			
		1 Dwitiya 12:50 Pushya 25:49	2 Tritiya 12:45 Aslesha 26:13	3 Chaturthi 12:14 Makha 26:12	4 Panchami 11:20 P. Phalguni 25:49 INDEPENDENCE DAY WEEKEND TIMINGS	5 Shasti 10:04 U. Phalguni 25:04
6 Saptami 08:28 Hasta 24:00	7 Ashtami 06:31 Navami 28:17 Chitra 22:39	8 Dasami 25:48 Swati 21:01	9 Ekadasi 23:08 Visakha 19:12	10 Dwadasi 20:21 Anuradha 17:15 Pradosham	11 Trayodasi 17:34 Jyeshtha 15:16	12 Chaturdasi 14:52 Moola 13:22 17TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS DAY 1
13 Poornima 12:23 P. Ashadha 11:41 17TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS DAY 2 GURU POORNIMA YAUUR UPAKARMA	14 Prathama 10:16 U. Ashadha 10:20	15 Dwitiya 08:38 Sravana 09:30	16 Tritiya 07:37 Dhanishta 09:17 Sankatahara Chaturthi DAKSHINAYANA PUNYAKALA Sun enters Kataka 13:43	17 Chaturthi 07:20 Satabhisha 09:47	18 Panchami 07:49 P. Bhadra 11:02	19 Shasti 09:03 U. Bhadra 13:00
20 Saptami 10:55 Revati 15:32	21 Ashtami 13:14 Aswini 18:28	22 Navami 15:45 Bharani 21:34	23 Dasami 18:13 Krittika 24:33	24 Ekadasi 20:24 Rohini 27:15	25 Dwadasi 22:08 Mrugasira 29:28	26 Trayodasi 23:18 Arudra Whole Day Pradosham
27 Chaturdasi 23:51 Arudra 07:07 Masa Shivaratri	28 Amavasya 23:53 Punarvasu 08:09	29 SRAVANA Prathama 23:15 Pushya 08:37	30 Dwitiya 22:15 Aslesha 08:36	31 Tritiya 20:54 Makha 08:11 P. Phalguni Whole Day AADI POORAM		

August 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
RAHU KALA 4:30 to 6:00 pm			OM NAMAH SHIVAYA OM NAMO NARAYANAYA 9:00 to 10:30 am			
31 Panchami 23:07 Chitra 09:57					1 Chaturthi 19:17 U. Phalguni 30:31	2 Panchami 17:29 Hasta 29:24
3 Shasti 15:33 Chitra 28:10	4 Saptami 13:30 Swati 26:51	5 Ashtami 11:23 Visakha 25:29	6 Navami 09:13 Anuradha 24:05	7 Dasami 07:02 Ekadasi 28:51 Jyeshtha 22:41	8 Dwadasi 26:46 Moola 21:22 PAVITROTSAVAM DAY 1 VARALAKSHMI VRATHA	9 Trayodasi 24:50 P. Ashadha 20:10 PAVITROTSAVAM DAY 2 Pradosham
10 Chaturdasi 23:10 U. Ashadha 19:12 PAVITROTSAVAM DAY 3	11 Poornima 21:48 Sravana 18:35 RAKSHA BHANDANAM SRI VYKHAUSA JAYANTHI	12 Prathama 21:01 Dhanishta 18:24 GAYATHRI JAPAM	13 Dwitiya 20:46 Satabhisha 18:47 SRI RAGHAVENDRA SWAMY ARADHANA	14 Tritiya 21:08 P. Bhadra 19:48	15 Chaturthi 22:11 U. Bhadra 21:28 Sankatahara Chaturthi	16 Panchami 23:51 Revati 23:43 SRI RAGHAVENDRA SWAMY ARADHANA (Week end function) Sun enters Simha 22:08
17 Shasti 26:02 Aswini 26:28	18 Saptami 28:31 Bharani 29:30	19 Ashtami Whole Day Krittika Whole Day	20 Ashtami 07:04 Krittika 08:35 JANMA ASTAMI (Alabhya Yoga)	21 Navami 09:22 Rohini 11:25	22 Dasami 11:12 Mrugasira 13:48	23 Ekadasi 12:25 Arudra 15:33 JANMA ASTAMI (Week end function)
24 Dwadasi 12:55 Punarvasu 16:37 Pradosham	25 Trayodasi 12:42 Pushya 16:59 Masa Shivaratri	26 Chaturdasi 11:50 Aslesha 16:43	27 Amavasya 10:24 Makha 15:55	28 BHADRAPADA Prathama 08:33 Dwitiya 30:20 P. Phalguni 14:43	29 Tritiya 27:58 U. Phalguni 13:14 SWARNA GOWRI VRATA	30 Chaturthi 25:31 Hasta 11:37 SAMA UPAKARMA VINAYAKA CHATURTHI

PLANNED SPECIAL EVENTS

DATE/DAY	EVENT	TIME	ACTIVITIES
July 4/Fri	Independence day	(Weekend timings)	Temple open from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM
July 5/Sat	(1st Saturday of the Month) Religious Discourse	12:00 Noon	Balaji Vastrasamarpana Discourses by Swami Paripurnananda Giri of Erpedu, Andhra Pradesh
		2:00 - 3:00 PM	Upanishads - session for Children & Youth
		3:00 - 5:00 PM	Isavasya Upanishad
	Shasti	6:30 PM	Karthikeya Sahasranama Archana
July 6/Sun	Religious Discourse	3:00 - 5:00 PM	Isavasya Upanishad' by Swami Paripurnananda Giri
July 8/Tues	Swathi	6:30 PM	Narasimha Swamy Abhisheka
July 9/Wed	Ekadasi	6:30 PM	Bajali Bhogamurthy Abhisheka
July 10/Thurs	Pradosham	6:30 PM	Shiva Abhisheka
July 11, 12 & 13 Fri, Sat & Sun		17th Anniversary Celebrations	Detailed program given at the end
July 12/Sat	(2nd Saturday of the Month) Cultural Program	10:00 AM	Balaji Sahasrakalasa Abhisheka
		3:00 - 5:00 PM	Carnatic Vocal concert by Nat Raman (of Seattle, WA) accompanied by T.Natarajan (Violin) & Vadiraja Bhatt (Mridangam). Venue: Assembly Hall, Admission is FREE.
July 13/Sun	Yajur Upakarma	6:30 & 7:30 AM	Two Batches will be done, one each at 6:30 & 7:30 AM (This will also be done on Monday, August 11th at 7:00 AM if requested in advance, contact temple for details).
	Poornima	6:30 PM	Lalitha Sahasranama Parayana
July 15/Tues	Sravana	6:30 PM	Balaji Sahasranama Archana
July 16/Wed	Dakshinayana Punyakala (Sun enters Kataka - 13:43)		
	Sankatahara Chaturthi	6:30 PM	Ganesha Abhisheka
July 19/Sat	(3rd Saturday of the Month)	11:00 AM	Tiruppavada Seva for Balaji
July 20/Sun		11:00 AM	Nagavallidala Archana for Shiva
	Cultural Program	3:00 PM	Bharathanatyam by students of Nrithyollasa Dance Academy Venue: Assembly Hall, Admission FREE.
July 23/Wed	Krittika (Adi Krittikai)		108 Kalasha Abhisheka for Lord Karthikeya
		6:30 PM	108 Kalasha Pooja
		7:00 PM	Karthikeyan Abhisheka
		8:30 PM	Archana
		9:00 PM	Theertha Prasadam
July 24/Thurs	Ekadasi	6:30 PM	Balaji Bhogamurthy Abhisheka
July 24/Thurs	Rohini	6:30 PM	Sri Krishna Pooja
July 26/Sat	(4th Saturday of the Month) Cultural Program	12:00 Noon	Pushpa Seva for Balaji
		3:00 PM	Bharathanatyam by students of Abhinaya Dance company Venue: Assembly Hall, Admission is FREE.
	Pradosham	6:30 PM	Shiva Abhisheka
July 27/Sun	Masa Shivaratri	6:30 PM	108 Kalasha Abhisheka for Lord Shiva
	(Fourth Sunday of the month)	4:30 PM	Kala Bhairava Abhisheka
July 28/Mon	Punarvasu	6:30 PM	Sri Rama Abhisheka
July 31/Tues	Aadi Pooram	9:30 AM	Andal Abhisheka, Aradhana, Satmura and Mangalabhishekam Andal Special Abhisheka & Alamkaram, Sevakalam Satmura, Theertha Prasada distribution

17TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS:

July 11/Fri		7:00 PM	Anujna
		7:10 PM	Sri Viswaksena & Mahaganapathi Pooja
		7:20 PM	Punyahavachanam
		7:40 PM	Mrutsangraharna, Ankurarapana, Deeksha Raksha Bandhana, Arathi & Theertha Prasada
		9:00 PM	Ekanta Seva

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DATE/DAY	EVENT	TIME	ACTIVITIES
July 12/Sat		7:00 AM	Shiva & Balaji Suprabatham
		7:30 - 10:00 AM	Adhivasa & Adhivasa Homa
		10:00 AM	Balaji Sahasra Kalasa Abhisheka
		5:00 - 7:00 PM	Maha Shanthi Homa & Shaya Adhivasa Homa
		7:00 PM	Oonjal Seva & Sahasra Deepa Alamkara Seva for Lord Vishnu
		8:00 PM	Ekanta Seva
July 13/Sun		9:00 AM	Shiva & Balaji Suprabatham
		9:30 AM	Shiva Abhisheka
		10:00 AM	Ganesha Abhisheka
		10:30 AM	Karthikeya Abhisheka
		11:00 AM	Nitya Homa
		12:00 Noon	Poornahuti
		12:15 PM	Samarpana of Suryakatari to Lord Balaji, Gold Kavacha for Lord Shiva, Arathi, Theertha Prasada
		4:00 - 6:00 PM	Shiva & Vishnu Kalyanotsavam
		6:30 PM	Oonjal Seva & Sahasra Deepa Alamkara Seva for Lord Shiva
		7:30 PM	Deeksha Visarjana and Aseervachanam
	8:00 PM	Ekanta Seva	
August 2/Sat	(1st Saturday of the Month)	12:00 Noon	Balaji Vastrasamarpana
August 3/Sun	Shasti	6:30 PM	Karthikeya Sahasranama Archana
August 4/Mon	Swathi	6:30 PM	Narasimha Swamy Abhisheka
August 7/Thurs	Ekadasi	6:30 PM	Balaji Bhogamurthy Abhisheka
August 8/Fri	Varalakshmi Vrata	10:00 AM	Mahalakshmi Abhisheka, Alamkara & Satmura
		8:00 PM	Varalakshmi Vrata by Ladies
		10:30 PM	Ekanta Seva
		6:00 PM	Ankurarpanam (Detailed program at the End)
August 9/Sat	Pavitrotsavam Begins	6:00 PM	Ankurarpanam (Detailed program at the End)
	Pavitrotsavam Day 2 (2nd Saturday of the Month)	Temple opens 7:00AM	Pavitra Adhivasam
	Cultural Program	10:00 AM	Balaji Sahasrakalasa Abhisheka
		3:00 PM	Bharathanatyam by students of Shri Krupa Dance Company Venue: Assembly Hall, Admission is FREE
August 10/Sun	Pradosham	6:30 PM	Shiva Abhisheka
	Pavitrotsavam Ends	3:30 PM	Pavitra Samarpana
August 10 - August 30	Atharva Sheersha Upanishad chanting	6:30 PM	Karthikeya Kalyana Utsavam -POSTPONED to next Sunday (Aug 17) due to Pavitrotsavam Ganesha Abhisheka, chanting of Atharva Sheersha Upanishad for 21 consecutive days (on the occasion of Ganesha Chaturthi, which occurs on August 30th)
August 11/Mon	Rig - Yajur Upakarma	7:00 AM	Upon Request by Devotees Contact the temple in advance for more information.
	Sri Vykanasa Jayanthi	11:00 AM	Sri Vykanasa Maharishi pooja
	Poornima	6:30 PM	Lalitha Sahasranama Parayana
	Sravana	6:30 PM	Balaji Sahasranama Archana
August 12/Tues	Gayathri Japam		
August 15/Fri	Sankatahara Chaturthi	6:30 PM	Ganesha Abhisheka
August 16/Sat	(3rd Saturday of the Month)	11:00 AM	Tiruppavada Seva for Balaji
	Sri Raghavendra Swamy Aradhana	11:30 AM	Venue: Temple Assembly Hall. Details will be posted later
August 17/Sun		11:00 AM	Nagavallidala Archana for Shiva
		3:30 PM	Kartikeya Kalyana Utsavam
August 19/Tues	Krittika	6:30PM	Kartikeya Abhisheka and Archana

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DATE/DAY	EVENT	TIME	ACTIVITIES
August 20/Wed	Janma Ashtami	10:00 AM	Bhagavad Geeta Parayana
		7:00 PM	Sri Krishna Abhisheka
		8:30 PM	Sahasranama Archana, Arathi & Bhajans
		11:30 PM	Sri Krishna JanmaKala Pooja
		12:00 AM	Arathi, Prasad
August 21/Thurs	Rohini	6:30 PM	Sri Krishna Pooja
August 22/Fri	Janmastami Celebrations		Detailed Program at the End
August 23/Sat	Janmastami Celebrations		Sri Krishna Pooja and Sahasranama Archana (Weekend Function). Details will be announced later
	(4th Saturday of the Month)	12:00 Noon	Pushpa Seva for Balaji
	Cultural Program	3:00 PM	Bharathanatyam by students of Sankalpa School of Dance Venue: Assembly Hall, Admission is FREE
August 24/Sun	Ekadasi	6:30 PM	Balaji Bhogamurthy Abhisheka
	Pradosham	6:30 PM	Shiva Abhisheka
	Punarvasu	6:30 PM	Sri Rama Abhisheka
August 25/Mon	Masa Shivaratri	6:30 PM	108 Kalasha Abhisheka for Lord Shiva
August 29/Fri	Swarna Gowri Vrata	7:00 PM	Swarna Gowri Vrata by Ladies
August 30/Sat	Vinayaka Chaturthi		Detailed Program at the End
	Samaveda Upakarma		
August 31/Sun		4:30 PM	Kala Bhairava Abhisheka

PAVITROTSAVAM DETAILED PROGRAM

August 8/Fri		6:30 PM	Samkalpam, Deeksha and Ankurpanam
August 9/Sat	Temple opens at 7:00 AM	7:00 AM	Suprabatham
		8:00 AM	Balaji Abhisheka
		10:00 AM	Archana & Arathi
		11:00 AM	Balaji Utsavamurthy Abhisheka
		1:00 PM	Pavitra Adhivasa & Adhivasa Homa
		5:00 PM	Sahasranama Archana by sponsors
		6:00 PM	Pavitra Mantapa Alamkara and Meru Pooja
August 10/Sun		8:00 PM	Maha Shanti Homa
		9:00 PM	Ekanta Seva
		9:00 AM	Suprabatham
		9:30 - 10:30 AM	Nitya Homa
		10:30 AM	Pavitra Abhisheka
		12:00 Noon	Special Alamkara, Pavitra Samarpana & Satmura
		1:00 PM	Poornahuti
		3:30 PM	Shanti Kalyanam, Deeksha Visarjanam & Aseervachanam

SHRI KRISHA ASHTAMI PROGRAM

August 22/Fri		7:00 PM	Bhagavat Geeta Recital
		7:30 PM	Bhajans
		8:00 PM	Children's Program
		9:30 PM	Bhajans
		10:30 PM	Pravachan
		10:45 PM	Bhajans
		11:45 PM	Sri Krishna Janma Kala pooja

PLANNED SPECIAL EVENTS

DATE/DAY	EVENT	TIME	ACTIVITIES
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GANESHA CHATHURTHI PROGRAM

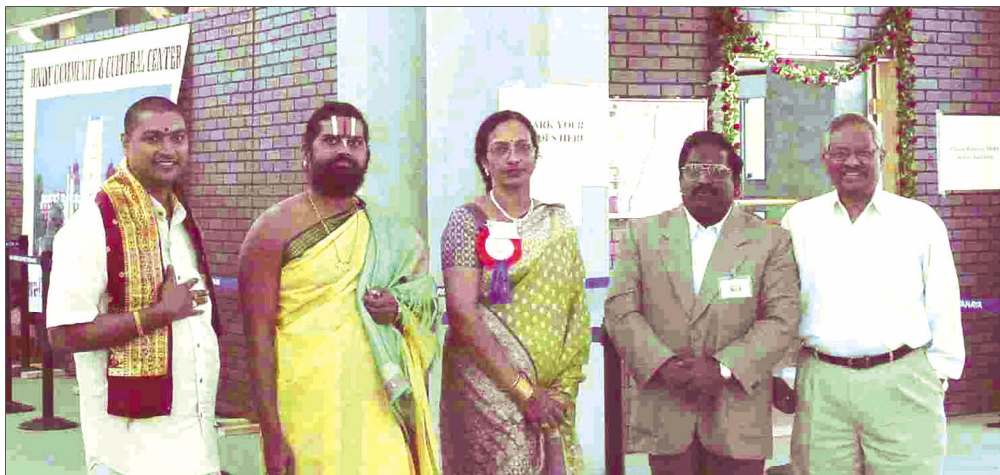
August 30/Sat	Temple opens at 7:00 AM	7:00 AM	Shiva & Vishnu Suprabatham
		8:00 AM	Balaji, Shiva & Navagraha Abhisheka (note these changed timings)
		9:15 AM	Eka Vimshati Vara (21 times) Mahaganapathi Abhisheka
		12:00 Noon	Varasiddhi Vinayaka Vrata
		12:45 PM	Arathi, Prasad
		4:30 PM	Mahaganapathi Sahasra Modaka Homam & Poomahuti
		7:00 PM	Varasiddhi Vinayaka Pooja
		7:30 PM	Astavadana Seva
		8:00 PM	Arathi, Mantrapushpam and Prasada distribution
		8:30 PM	Ekanta Seva

7 DAYS SPECIAL ALAMKARAM FOR GANESHA

(Sahasra Nama Archana performed on all these days)

August 31, Sunday	.....	.Swarna Alamkaram
September 1, Mon	.....	.Rajatha Alamkaram
September 2, Tues	.....	.Chandana Alamkaram (sandalwood paste)
September 3, Wed	.....	.Vibhuti Alamkaram
September 4, Thurs	.....	.Butter Alamkaram
September 5, Fri	.....	.Bhakshya Alamkaram
September 6, Sat	.....	.Shakambari Alamkaram (fruits and vegetables)
September 7, Sun	.....	.Ganesha Visarjana at Baker's Beach, San Francisco@ 2:00 PM

HCCC booth at TANA convention in San Jose



Pictured, from Left to Right: Pandit Venkata Sastry (former priest), Pandit Godavarthy, Raghavamma Gullapalli, Krishna Reddy, Lingagoud Memula.

HCCC displayed an impressive symbolic shrine of Shiva-Vishnu Temple in a booth at the TANA conference held at the San Jose Convention Center from July 3-5, 2003. We also facilitated tours to the temple for the TANA visitors. Several volunteers, our staff and committee members worked hard to make it happen in a short time.

HCCC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PORTFOLIOS FOR 2003

Subsequent to the EC portfolio list published in the March & April Paschima Vani, there have been some portfolio changes. We thank Ramani Aiyer for his services, he resigned from the EC for personal reasons. We also thank last year's outgoing member Hari Surapaneni & Sreeram Madabhushi, who resigned, (their names were not listed last time, we regret the error)

POSITION	CHAIRPERSON	POSITION	CHAIRPERSON
Inventory & Procurement	.....Shankar Narasimhan	Information Systems	.....Suresh Katta
Administration	.....Raju Lakkamaraju	Joint Secretary	.....Anu Ranganath
Assembly Hall and Events Coordination	..Srinivas Valluripalli	Maintenance	.....Upender Reddy
Construction	.....Ben Venkatesh	Publicity & Public Relations	.....Karthik Sivasubramanian
Cultural	.....Kala Iyer	Religious	.....Prakash Pokala
Food	.....Prasuna Reddy	Treasurer	.....Krishna Chander
Fund Raising	.....(Vacant)	Youth & Education	.....Venkat Vankayalapati
Human Resources (HR)	.....Venkat Kode	TBA	.....Raghavamma Gullapalli
Executive Vice President + Human Services	...Krishna Reddy		

Update from the Steering Committee (SC) meeting - May 18th, 2003

The quarterly meeting of the Temple Steering Committee took place on Sunday, May 18th 2003. Here are some important points from the meeting:

- ❖ The 2003 Election results for the new Board of Directors and Executive Committee was approved. In addition, the nomination of Lingagoud Memula (for 1 year) as a replacement for a vacant Board of Director position (resignation of Subadra Subramanian) was also approved.
- ❖ Priest selection committee and Master Plan committee have been approved and have started their meetings.
- ❖ Chairman Shiv Mehta informed the SC that he would be appointing an Ad Hoc committee to review and recommend the TEMPLE OPERATING GUIDELINES.

UPAKARMA NIRNAYA

This year, Yajur Upakarma occurs a little earlier than usual i.e on Sunday, July 13th. The explanation for this is given below.

As Guru, Sukra Moudya and Simha Guru doshas are covered in both Sravana and Bhadrapada months, we can not conduct the Upakarma Samskara during these months. In this situation, we can perform the Upakarma Samskara during the Ashadha month as per the pramana given below:

AdyayoPakarma Karthavya yogyath, Pravrun Masau Ka Cha Doshena yuktau cheth, Aashdha maase kurvanthi – Nirnaya Sindh.

Because of Sravan & Bhadrapada are with Guru, Sukra moundhya dosha, the upakarma can be performed in the month of Ashadha. Some of the Suthra karaas (Sri Vaikhanasa Kalpa Sutram) mention the Aashadha upakarma also. There is no worry in conducting the upakarma even for new upanayana vatus when Sravana and Bhadrapada months are shadowed with these doshas like, Guru, Sukra moudhyas and simha Guru dosha.

Those devotees who are unable to perform the Upakarma in the month of Aashada (July 13) can contact the temple for the Upakarma after the required Prayaschitta is performed in the month of Sravana (Aug 11).

As a future reference, the dates for the other Upakarmas and Gayathri Japam for 2003 as per the Temple Calendar are listed below:

- ❖ Gayathri Japam - Tuesday, August 12th
- ❖ Sama Upakarma - Saturday, August 30th (Ganesh Chaturthi day)
- ❖ Rig Upakarma - Sunday, September 7th

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Some of the forthcoming updates to the website, which would further enhance the devotee experience with the temple are:

1. Display of updated information about schedules and programs in the Temple through plasma and projection screens. These displays would be provided at strategic locations within the Temple.
2. Live Webcasting of special functions in the Temple and an ability to watch the temple functions through your browser at your own convenience.
3. Automated Credit Card and Check processing facility.
4. Ability for the devotee to perform all transactions (pooja booking, donations, laddu, etc.) with one single donation transaction.

The tools inside our website are used extensively by our administration staff to serve the devotee in an efficient manner. Manager can schedule a pooja (either in the temple or at the devotee's home/office) for the devotee, while getting the information from the devotee. In the future, we plan to empower the devotee with this kind of tools directly so that we can minimize the administration staff overhead for normal operations.

Managerial Support Information: HCCC Board of Directors and Executive Committee members get the latest information about temple revenues, priest schedules, donation details and other information that would help them manage the devotee services and make improvements in the services offered by the temple. HCCC management team has got flexible and efficient web based application to manage day-to-day activities of the Temple.

All the above services and facilities are made possible by the generous donations from ardent devotees, which have been used in building the necessary infrastructure for the management of computer systems. HCCC has a professionally managed computer center that is connected to the Internet through a high-speed T1 connection (which also provides the voice communication channels). The computer center hosts a Web Server, Database Server, E-mail Server and these are connected to the external world through a Firewall. The computers (about 15) within the temple are inter-connected through a high-speed LAN, through wireless and wired connections. A plasma screen is installed in the main temple to display the information about major events and special functions in the temple. The temple also has installed a state of the art PBX system to manage the ever-growing phone calls.

We look forward for your suggestions and cooperation in realizing this goal.

Suresh Katta/Chandra Devireddy



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