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**HINDU PATRIKA**  
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**Hindu Temple & Cultural Center of Kansas City**

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**TEMPLE HOURS**

Day	Time	Aarti
Mon - Fri	10:00am-12:00pm	11:00am
Mon - Fri	5:00pm-8:30pm	8:00pm
Sat & Sun	9:00am-8:30pm	12:00pm
Sat & Sun		8:00pm



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Dear Devotees

Namaste!

In this world there is only one thing worth having, and that is illumination. In order to have illumination, we must have sincerity and humility. Illumination is not something very far away. It is very close; it is just inside us. At every moment we can consciously grow into illumination through our inner progress. It is the conscious awareness of the soul and is humanity's first realization of Lord's omnipotent power, boundless compassion, infinite Light and perfect Perfection.

It is our illumination that makes us feel what God really is. Before illumination, God is theoretical; after illumination, God becomes practical. He becomes our friend, parent, brother, companion, etc. Illumination is something which we had, but which we now have forgotten; it is not something totally new. One who really cares for illumination has to feel that he is growing, from Light to more Light to abundant Light.

HTCC seVak program is an attempt towards that direction. We are very fortunate that our temple provides volunteer opportunities to serve the Lord while serving man-kind. Please sign-up, if you have not done yet!.

The Hindu Temple proudly celebrated on January 16th, Brahmotsavam of Lord Venkateswara and Goda Kalyanam with over 80 families sponsoring and performing the Kalyanotsavam. An estimated 1000 people attended the function in person (all three days), which was hard to believe with how well it was orchestrated, with no confusion. Rithvik planning was immaculate. Kudos to the entire team of Rithviks, Priests, Managers, seVaks for decorations, arrangements, and ensuring timely completion of the event. We received excellent feedback on the planning, crowd management and execution of this historical event. The temple SeVak Committee would like to thank all the sponsors for the puja and the food, Rithviks and their families and the Sevaks for their time, effort and more importantly flawless execution.

The entire program was broadcast live on the web, and we got great feedback about the broadcast. One of the comments was: "This morning, I was able to watch puja at the temple via video broadcasting. Thanks for taking us to the temple while away from home." We had a total of 101 viewers on the coverage. Look for more such broadcasts to help you keep in touch with events at the temple.

This month we also saw a new addition to our temple, a Welcome Desk. This will be an ongoing service provided to all visitors to the temple. It is a place where they can ask questions about various activities of the HTCC and get information about upcoming events etc. Please consider signing up to become a seVak. Training and information is provided.

The temple also celebrated Lohri and Makara Sankranti. We had a Bonfire and devotees offered Popcorn, Revadi and Peanuts. It was a fun-filled event that kids had fun. The heat from the fire provided a welcome change

to be outside in spite of the cold weather.

61st Republic Day of India was celebrated with great enthusiasm. It was amazing to see colors of India through performances from the children of all ages. The Hindi class students gave a brilliant performance. Talking of Hindi class, HTCC has started Marathi classes on Jan 24th. We are grateful to Priyamvada Prabhu for leading this effort.

February is going to be a busy month. On Feb 12th, HTCC is celebrating Maha Shivaratri. There will be special Archana all day on Feb 12th. Please check out the announcement section on the website ([www.htccofkc.org](http://www.htccofkc.org)) for most updated information.

Our hearts & prayers go out to the victims of the earthquake and their families. Several organizations around the world are working in this relief effort. Since time is an essence, therefore HTCC has already donated \$1000 towards this cause. HTCC has dedicated, the upcoming **Holi 4 Haiti Mela** on Feb 28, to the Haiti victims. Profits from the Holi 4 Haiti Mela on Feb. 28th, 2010 will be donated on behalf of the entire Hindu Community.

Efforts made by seVaks makes me firmly believe that if everyone contributes selflessly, we will be able to build a valuable learning environment for future generations. HTCC is abode of our aspirations to propagate the rich values of our culture and religion.

How are we doing? Please let us know. This is your opportunity to share your thoughts. *Believe me...we are listening!*

with His grace,

Ravi Mehra

(seVak)

### Maha Shiva Raathri Pooja

Friday, 12th February 2010

from 6:00 PM to 12:30 AM with hourly samoohika poojas and Bhajans.

Archana is \$5 all day

Samoohika pooja sponsorships is \$21.

Samoohika pooja sponsorship forms are available online

or at the manager's desk at temple.

Contact manager or visit

[www.htccofkc.org](http://www.htccofkc.org) for details



**Current Charges For Puja and Priest Services**

	At temple	At home
Abhishekam	\$75	—
Abhishekam with kalasa puja	\$101	—
Aksharabhyasam (beginning of writing)	\$75	
Anna Prasana (first feeding)	\$51	\$101
Any other Puja (< 2 hours duration)	\$65	\$151
Archna (fruits provided by Temple)	\$11	-
Atma Shanti/Tarpanam	\$31	\$101
Baby shower.	\$151	\$201
Barsi/Annual Ceremony	\$251	\$301
Cremation services	—	Your Devotion
Grihapravesham & Sri Sathyanarayana Puja/Katha	—	\$301
Grihapravesham (house warming) only	—	\$151
Havan	\$101	\$151
Hiranyasradham	\$75	\$101
Kalyanutsavam (Kanyadan) – Individual	\$151	—
Mundan (Hair offering)*	\$75	\$151
Namakaram (naming of baby)	\$51	\$101
Navagraha Archna- One Graha only	\$21	—
Navagraha puja.	\$101	\$201
Sahasranama Archna (1000 names of God)	\$51	—
Sri Sathynarayana Puja/Katha	\$75	\$151
Samohika Satyanaryana Puja/Katha	\$31	-
Sashti poorthi shanti (60 <sup>th</sup> birthday)	\$201	\$251
Satyanarayana Puja & <b>Basement Rental</b>	\$175 (4 hours)	
Sponsor Puja	—	— **
check with priest/manager.		
Upnayana Sanskara (Sacred thread ceremony)	\$251	\$351
Vahan puja	\$31	-
Vivah (Wedding)#	\$701	\$501

\* HTCC will not be responsible in arranging the hair stylist.

# **Basement Hall inclusive.**

Note. Minimum charges for any puja performed outside Hindu Temple. \$101

Any Puja performed outside KC Metropolitan area \$251

Above suggested charges do not include Dakshina (donation) to the priest and it should not be less than 25% of suggested service charges.

All pujas booked in Advance should be paid in advance. One cancellation or postponement permitted. For more than one cancellation/postponement 50% of the service charge will be deducted before any refund is made.

**HTCC List of Events & Important Dates for February and March 2010**

February			
Date	EVENT	Temple Celebration	Specifics
1	PRANAYAM YOGA	Yes	6:00pm-7:30pm Contact Ajay & Sadhana Bisarya @913-764-3521
2	SANKATAHARA CHATHURDI	Yes	Ganesh Abhishekam Samoohik
4	SHRI SHIRDI SAI BABA BHAJANS	Yes	At 8:00pm
7	BAL VIHAR	Yes	9:30am-10:30am Contact Anu Rajesh @913-310-0813
7	YOGA	Yes	9:30am-10:30am Contact Dr. Vijay Kumar@913-894-6454
7	SUNDAY LUNCH	Yes	10:30am-1:30pm
7	HINDI CLASS	Yes	11:00am - 12:00pm Contact Swapnam Kumar @ 816-554-2454
8	PRANAYAM YOGA	Yes	6:00pm - 7:30pm Contact Ajay and Sadhana Bisarya @ 913-764-3521
9	SUNDER KAND PATH	Yes	Hanuman Chalisa @ 6:30pm to 7:30pm Contact Sanjay Kohli @ 913-327-1086
12	MAHA SIVARATHRI	Yes	Siva Puja Abhishekam
12	PRADOSHAM	Yes	Shiva Abhishekam
12	YGKC		Dance-a-thon / Lock-in Party more details on YGKC.US
13	AYYAPPA BHAJAN		5:00pm - 6:00pm
13	AMAVASYA		
14	BAL VIHAR	Yes	9:30am - 10:30am
14	YOGA	Yes	9:30am - 10:30am
14	SUNDAY LUNCH	Yes	10:30am - 1:30pm
14	HINDI CLASS	Yes	11:00am - 12:00pm
15	PRANAYAM YOGA	Yes	6:00pm - 7:30pm
20	ARTISTE OF MONTH		To promote local talented artistes.
21	KRITTIKA	Yes	Kartikeya Abhishekam
21	YGKC		Annual Bowling Event more details on YGKC.US
21	BAL VIHAR	Yes	9:30am - 10:30am
21	YOGA	Yes	9:30am - 10:30am
21	SATHYANARAYAN PUJA	Yes	At 10:30am
21	SUNDAY LUNCH	Yes	10:30am - 1:30pm
21	HINDI CLASS	Yes	11:00am - 12:00pm
22	PRANAYAM YOGA	Yes	6:00pm - 7:30pm
27	JAIN CHAUMASI CHAUDAS-1		
27	HOLI - SHRI SATYANARANA PUJA	Yes	Shri Satyanarayana Puja

Date	EVENT	Temple Celebration	Specifics
28	BAL VIHAR	Yes	9:30am - 10:30am
28	YOGA	Yes	9:30am - 10:30am
28	SUNDAY LUNCH	Yes	10:30am - 1:30pm
28	HOLI/POORNIMA	Yes	Mela & Bonfire
<b>March</b>			
1	PRANAYAM YOGA	Yes	6:00pm - 7:30pm
4	SHRI SHIRDI SAI BABA BHAJANS	Yes	At 8:00pm
4	SANKATAHARA CHATHURDI	Yes	Ganesh Abhishekam
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9	SUNDER KAND PATH	Yes	Hanuman Chalisa @ 6:30pm to 7:30pm Contact Sanjay Kohli @ 913-327-1086
13	AYYAPPA BHAJAN		5:00pm - 6:00pm
13	SHANI TRAYODASI		
14	PRADOSHAM	Yes	Shiva Abhishekam
14	BAL VIHAR	Yes	9:30am - 10:30am
14	YOGA	Yes	9:30am - 10:30am
14	SUNDAY LUNCH	Yes	10:30am - 1:30pm
14	HINDI CLASS	Yes	11:00am - 12:00pm
15	PRANAYAM YOGA	Yes	6:00pm - 7:30pm
15	AMAVASYA		
16	UGADI/GUDI PADAVA	Yes	Asthana Puja
20	ARTISTE OF MONTH		To promote local talented artistes.
21	BAL VIHAR	Yes	9:30am - 10:30am
21	YOGA	Yes	9:30am - 10:30am
21	SATHYANARAYAN PUJA	Yes	At 10:30am
21	SUNDAY LUNCH	Yes	10:30am - 1:30pm
21	HINDI CLASS	Yes	11:00am - 12:00pm
21	KRITTIKA	Yes	Kartikeya Abhishekam
22	JAIN AYAMBIL OLI-1 START		
22	PRANAYAM YOGA	Yes	6:00pm - 7:30pm
24	SITARAMA KALYANOTSAM	Yes	
24	SHRI RAMA NAVAMI	Yes	
27	AKANDA RAMAYAN PATH	Yes	Starts @ 10.00 am

Date	EVENT	Temple Celebration	Specifics
28	AKANDA RAMAYAN PATH	Yes	Ends with Aarti @ 12:00PM
28	LORD MAHAVIR JANMAKALYANAK	Yes	
28	BAL VIHAR	Yes	9:30am - 10:30am
28	YOGA	Yes	9:30am - 10:30am
28	SUNDAY LUNCH	Yes	10:30am - 1:30pm
28	HINDI CLASS	Yes	11:00am - 12:00pm
29	CHAITRA POORNIMA	Yes	Shri Satyanarayana Puja Samoohika
29	PRANAYAM YOGA	Yes	6:00pm - 7:30pm
30	JAIN AYAMBIL OLI-1 END		

**Contact manager or visit [www.htccofkc.org](http://www.htccofkc.org) for updates**

Please contact Manager during temple hours for scheduling any puja at Temple or at Home. You can even email your information for scheduling puja. We request the devotees to cooperate with the managers who will make their best efforts in scheduling puja with the priest that you have requested.

### Hindi-Class: In Need of Volunteer Teacher

Hindi class has been conducted in the Temple every Sunday for the past four years from 11:00 till 12:00. Due to the rapidly increasing number of students, Hindi class is in urgent need of teacher volunteers. It is voluntary work every Sunday, but very satisfying as you are helping the children in our community learn their native language. If you are interested, please contact:



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Swapnam Kumar [swapnamku@gmail.com](mailto:swapnamku@gmail.com) or call 816 554 2454  
 “Great opportunity to help others seldom come, but small ones surround us everyday”. “Sally Koch”

## Front Cover Kid's Art Contest



This Month's cover is designed by Sayan Grover, age 9. Next month's Patrika cover can be your art work. Create a picture for our next front cover. Try to keep the size small (not be bigger than 4" x 4")! Simple and colorful pictures are best. Use markers, paints, or crayons! Topics for coming months are:  
**March: Ram Navami!** Entries must be received by 2/15/2010.  
**April: Tamizh Puthandu!** (Tamil New Years Day) Entries must be received by 3/15/2010.

**Mail to: Shalini Agarwal**, 9813 W 131st ST, Overland Park KS 66213 . or  
**email to:** htccofkc@gmail.com.  
 Include child's name, age, address, and phone number.

### WORD SEARCH

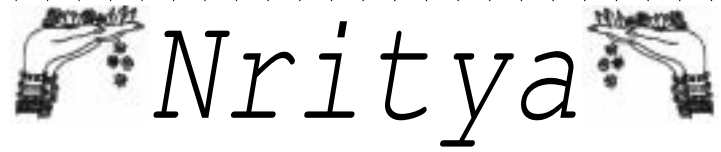
- Silence
- Climb
- Clean
- Eating
- Shoes
- Clothing
- Running
- Turn

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### SOUP KITCHEN

Every month on last Monday to feed the less fortunate soup kitchen is organised by Suma Hegde. Everyone is encouraged to participate. To contribute please contact Suma Hegde at (913) 491-1969.



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Volunteer Drive

**Service to All Knowing**



Ever wonder how everything is always in its place at the temple? What we sometimes take for granted is the result of countless hours of selfless service rendered by our seVaks. As our community has expanded, so has our need for seVaks. By volunteering your time and effort you can make a significant difference to the temple.

The Religious, Food, Cultural, Maintenance, Public Relations and Youth committees are some of the areas where volunteers are needed.

- £ Volunteering helps meet people and make new like-minded friends;
- £ Helps the temple increase and improve services; and
- £ Brings a feeling of satisfaction and inner peace in the individual.

### What can you do?

It depends upon what would you like to do and what you enjoy doing.

- £ Organize **Youth** programs and Fun activities for little **kids**
- £ Prepare and/or serve **Prasad**
- £ Facilitating **maintenance** activities in temple
- £ **Decorate** temple during festivities
- £ Maintaining **cleanliness** in the temple
- £ Help with **crowd control** during major festivals
- £ Technology Savvy? We need help with monthly **newsletter** and other **automation** efforts
- £ **Teach** Hindi and other regional languages

### Make a difference by volunteering only a few hours a week / month!

Alternatively, tell us how much time you can devote to the temple and we will try to match up the opportunity for you. Make it a friend and family activity by volunteering as a group or for your favorite festivals.

**Service to mankind**

**Sign me up!**

Volunteering is now made even easier!

Email: [htccofkc@yahoo.com](mailto:htccofkc@yahoo.com)

Phone: 913-631-7519

Web: <http://www.htccofkc.org/newhome/volunteer.htm>

## HINDU TEMPLE OF KANSAS CITY CELEBRATES RANG BARSE HOLI MELA



### OPEN INVITATION

Come and join HINDU TEMPLE for the colorful festival of HOLI

When: Sunday 28 February 2010

Time: 11:00 to 4:00 pm

Where: Hindu Temple

### Highlights include

- \_ Food Mela between 11:00 - 2pm in the New Hall
- \_ Homum and Puja outside in the parking lot 2:00 - 3:00 pm
- \_ Playing of colors and fun for the whole family outside 3:00 - 4:00 pm

The mela will be having food stalls from 11:00 - 2:00 pm. Money collected from the food will be the donation to the temple.

For setting up a stall, please contact any of the following members:

Temple - 913 631-7519;

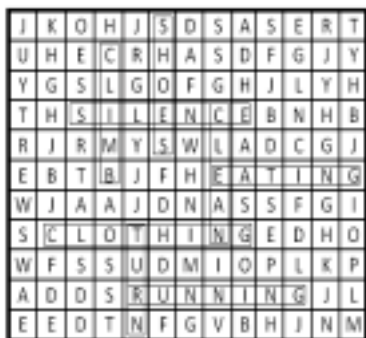
Usha S - 913 894-2194

Alka G - 913 663-2142;

Madhukar G - 913 486-4444

Srini B - 913 681-2302;

Sandeep M - 913 271-5433



Answer for word search from pg 9



Do you have feedback to share or comment, pick up a pen to write about it, you can use the provided form or can email us at [pr@htccofkc.org](mailto:pr@htccofkc.org)

**My Suggestions to the HTCC Committee**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Area: \_\_\_\_\_

Suggestion: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ How it will

benefit HTCC/Members: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Info: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to be a SeVak(Volunteer)

**HINDU TEMPLE & CULTURAL CENTER**

WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

\*\* Temple New Year Calendar 2010 has been received and is available to devotees against nominal donation of \$3.00 each. Please make sure to get your calendar on your visit to the temple.



\*\*Yearly Membership for 2010 has also become due. Please renew it to mark your support to the temple.

Thank you



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**We are extremely pleased to announce that HTCC will be celebrating Ram Navmi beginning with 7th Seventh Annual Akhand Ramayan Paath:** A continuous, two-days recitation of Ram CharitManas. The Paath will start at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday **March 27th, 2010** continuing overnight. The path will conclude on **Sunday, March 28th, 2010** with the Hanuman Chalisa, Ram Astotram and Bhajans.

**Saturday March 27th, 2010**  
 Invocation and Akhand Jyoti: 10:30 am  
 Akhand Path Aarambh (Start): 11:00 am

**Sunday March 28th, 2010 around 11:00**  
 Akhand Path Bhog (Non-stop Recital End):  
 Ram Bhajans, Aarti including Hanuman Aarti, Archana 11:30 - 12:30 PM

**Mahaprasad/Lunch Seva by KCSunderkand RAM BHAKTS** © 12:30 PM

**"POORAN PATH RAMAYANI, PURAV PAAWAN ROOP, POORE PREM SE JO PARE, SO HO PUNYA SWAROOP".**

**Ramayana**, one of the great epics, is like nectar - it is sure to be sweet from wherever it is read. Reading or listening to Ramayana is just like taking a bath in the holy Ganges. When read or heard religiously and with faith, it is very auspicious and bound to invoke blessings of the Lord and remove all obstacles. **In Brahma's own words: "As long as the mountains stand and the rivers flow, so long shall the Ramayana be cherished among men and women and save them from sins."**

**For more details contact:**  
 Pooja Trust, 6330 Lackman Road, Shawnee, KS 66217-9739  
 Phone: 913-313-1008, Fax: 913-313-1006, E-mail: htcc@htcc.org  
 576-3037, Aarti: 913-313-1001, Daily: 913-313-1001  
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