

# hindu patrika

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### **Vision of HTCC**

To promote Hinduism's spiritual and cultural legacy of inspiration and optimism for the larger Kansas City community.

### **Mission of HTCC**

- Create an environment of worship that enables people to say "yes" to the love of God.
- Cultivate a community that nurtures spiritual growth.
- Commission every devotee to serve the creation through their unique talents and gifts.
- Coach our youth with the spiritual and cultural richness and the diversity they are endowed with
- Communicate Hinduism – A way of life to everyone we can and promote inter-faith activities with equal veneration

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YOU. NON-MEMBERS - PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY  
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KANSAS CITY.**

## Message from HTCC President, 2012

Dear HTCC Family Members,

Coming year will mark the beginning of “Nandana” Samvatsara ~ Wishing us all a peaceful and joyful year 2012.

I am very grateful to have the opportunity to serve our community as the President of the Hindu Temple and Cultural Center for 2012. My sincere Prayer to Sri Hanumanji and Pujya Gurudev for “Shakti” to fulfill all the responsibilities in this new role and “Bhakti” in my interaction with all devotees of our Temple.

I would like to thank the Executive Committee team members who have agreed to serve the temple for 2012.

- Sugandhi Shankar serving as Vice President,
- Gopal Venkatesh, Usha Saha, Chetna Ranat, Dinesh Chinalachaiagari and Mukesh Goel serving as Program Chairs,
- Vijay Ainapurapu and Atul Agarwal serving as Secretary,
- Bhaskar Krishnamurthy and Venkat Manda serving as PR Committee,
- Kumkum Bisariya , Suma Hegde and Sadhana Bisariya as Treasurer.

Quoting Helen Keller ~ “*Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.*” Having a team of committed individuals, guidance of the Board of Trustees and wonderful support of all sevaks will help us continue the good work.

### Listen - Learn - Lead

We would like to hear from you. We encourage you to provide us your feedback on three questions:

- One thing you like most about our temple?
- One thing you would like to see happen at our temple?
- How you would like to support our temple?

Email us your feedback at: [president@htccofkc.org](mailto:president@htccofkc.org). We are committed to **Listen** to what our community is looking for, **Learn** about our Strengths and opportunities for 2012 and Let that **Lead** our actions.

We would like to continue to nurture community participation in your own area of interest

- Working with our Children in Hindi Class, Bal Vihar and Marathi Class

- Engaging with future leaders of our community in YGKC
- Cooking for Sunday Lunch Program
- Volunteering for Pujas, Festival and Celebrations
- Participating in the Yoga / Pranayam Classes
- Being Part of the Carnatic Music
- Interfaith Activity

Inviting us all to be part of this vibrant community where we can meet, share, contribute and surely make wonderful memories.

Quoting a prayer from Rig Veda,

***“Samaneeva akoothih samaana hridayani vah ||***

***Samaanam asthu vo mano yatha vah susahasathi”***

- translates as ***“Let our resolve be common. Let our hearts be common. Let our minds be common. Hence, let all our works be got done well.”***

I request you to join the community with your family members in the regular Puja activities at the Temple and participate in its activities as mentioned above.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the wonderful work done by Sridhara Bhagwan and Makarand Deshpande and their dynamic team in 2011. Kudos to the 2011 Executive Committee.

**At Your Service,  
Sunil Prabhu**

## **Brahmotsavam Vedic Classes**

With the blessings from the lord on the auspicious occasion of Dhanur-masam, Panditji (Sri Srinivasji) has requested to communicate about upcoming Vedic classes program schedule. He is planning to teach “Sheeksha Valli” every week on Friday starting from Jan 13th. Please take every opportunity to be part of these sessions.

WHAT: Taittiriya Upanishad Sheekshaa Valli Vedic Class

WHERE: HTCC Temple

WHEN: Every Friday starting Jan 13th from 6.30 to 7.30 pm until March/April month

WHO: All interested devotees can be part of this learning opportunity

Questions? Please contact the Manager or Panditji directly ASAP.

## New Year Celebrations - Bal Vihar



BalVihar has started the New Year with a bang to showcase their talents. They participated in the evening bhajans and kirtan by singing Bada Chitta Chora, Hey Ram, Don't worry Be Happy, Jay Guru Omkara & Om Tatsree Narayan Tu. The program demonstrated their singing skills and enchanted the Temple devotees. Looking forward to a wonderful 2012.

### Photos:

<https://picasaweb.google.com/siruvalure/2012NewYearBhajan?authuser=0&authkey=Gv1sRgCJHay97H1JPh3AE&feat=directlink>

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You not only reach the audience who wants to support local businesses, you also feel good that you are giving back to the community. The pricing of the advertisements is kept low only for defraying the costs of the printing and despatching.

Refer to the detailed pricing sheet at the end of this Patrika and is also available at the and send your advertisement and email editor@htccofkc.org with details of your advertisement. Please use Google Checkout on the Temple website for making the payment.

**Thank you very much for your support.**

## Message from Vice President 2012

Namaste!

Wish you all a very Happy New Year, full of Peace, Prosperity, Happiness and Higher Spirituality. As we enter the New Year, let us reflect upon what we have gained during the past years, and what we must strive for during the New Year. As the wheel of time rolls on, days and nights alternate and flow into weeks, weeks into fortnights, and fortnights into months. Thus, as month, years, ages continue to flow on, every human achievement, every object of creation, is caught in whirlpool of time. This is a transient world we live in. Therefore let us not allow our mind be involved in gathering the perishable objects of the world. Our existence has a divine purpose, and that purpose is the attainment of Self realization.

While we sincerely applaud the selfless service of our Leaders, Volunteers, Priests and Managers who “just get the job done”, let us also recognize that part of our service or dharma is to train others to do the job. By involving and teaching others, we allow our temple to thrive in the long run. A leader who inspires others to strive for their best is uncommon, yet the invisible leaders are the ones who have built or nurtured many great organizations.

Thank you all for the support you have given me and for the trust you have placed in me, I will try not to let you down! I know I have some big shoes to fill, however I will try my best to follow in these footsteps while creating a path of my own. Although we have witnessed many positive changes with the temple in the past years, I believe we always have room for improvement. I strongly believe that together, as a family, we will be able to take our temple to a new level. We have had an excellent and dedicated group of volunteers covering all areas in the past years, I take this opportunity to thank them and express appreciation and gratitude to all of their sterling services. I humbly request for your continued help and support for this noble cause. Please do join us in celebrating the religious and cultural activities of the temple with your family and secure the blessings of Lord.

The new Executive Committee has numerous plans in place for the upcoming year which will be published to the community in future communications. We have several experienced as well as new members, which makes the dynamic very worthy of our congregation. This is going to be an exciting year for all of us. Thank you once again for giving me this opportunity to serve the temple and the community.

**Sincerely,  
Sugandhi Shankar**

## Current Charges For Puja and Priest Services

	<u>At temple</u>	<u>At home</u>
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	Call Temple Manager	
Grihapravesham & Sri Sathyanarayana Puja/Katha	—	\$301
Grihapravesham (house warming) only	—	\$151
Havan	\$101	\$151
Hiranyasradham	\$75	\$101
Kalyanutsavam (Kanyadan) – Individual	\$151	—
Mundan (Hair offering) <sup>1</sup>	\$75	\$151
Namakaranam (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 & Basement Rental	\$175 (4 hours)	—
Sponsor Puja (check with priest/manager)	Call Temple Manager	
Upnayana Sanskara (Sacred thread ceremony)	\$251	\$351
Vahan puja	\$31	—
Vivah (Wedding) <sup>2</sup>	\$701	\$501

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 must be paid in advance. We do allow for upto one cancellation or postponement. For more than one cancellation/postponement 50% charges will be deducted before any refund is made.

<sup>1</sup>HTCC can not be responsible in arranging a hair stylist.

<sup>2</sup>Charges are inclusive of Basement Hall rental.

Note 1. Minimum charges for any puja performed outside Hindu Temple. \$ 101

Note 2. Any Puja performed outside KC Metropolitan area \$251

# United in Colors - We Are The World

HTCC IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE INDIAN REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS  
PRESENTS

## **SPECTACULAR FESTIVAL OF COLORS - "UNITED IN COLORS - WE ARE THE WORLD"**

HTCC REQUESTS THE PARTICIPATION OF YOUR SCHOOL STUDENTS OF ALL AGES IN THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF COLORS AT THE HTCC PREMISES ON MARCH 10, 2012

Holi, one of the colorful festivals of India is celebrated by all faith and religion. Holi is a time of enjoying spring's abundant colors and saying farewell to winter. This festival is celebrated by people throwing colored water at each other and bonfires are lit on the eve of the festival. One of Holi's biggest customs is the loosening strictness of social structures, which normally include age, sex, status, and caste. Holi closes the wide gaps between social classes and brings Hindus together.

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN ITS 30 YR HISTORY, HTCC invites the open participation of school children across Greater Kansas City Area and enjoy and experience this unique cultural extravaganza.

There is no participation fee and the event is open to all.  
Please RSVP if your school / individuals are interested to participate  
email: [pr@htccofkc.org](mailto:pr@htccofkc.org)

### Event Schedule:

Date: March 10, 2011

Time: 10:30 to 3:00 PM

Food is available through several counters.

Programs include, playing with colors, drawing Rangoli (is a traditional decorative folk art designs drawn on floors using colored powder), getting a temporary tattoo with henna (derived from the plant), experiencing food from different states of India, costume competition

Venue - HTCC, 6330, Lackman Road, Shawnee, KS

Tel: 913 631 7519

For all inquiries and questions, please contact the managers at the temple. Or visit the HTCC website: [www.htccofkc.org](http://www.htccofkc.org)

As part of the event, there are several gifts, prizes, door busters and raffles and your generous donations are warmly appreciated by the committee.

# Sunday Lunch Guidelines

## Why Sunday Lunch?

Sunday Lunch is a special lunch program organized by the Community members and served to the Temple Visitors. Your friends and family lovingly prepare dishes and help in serving them. You prepare the items at the Temple itself - at least most of them. You bring in the supplies, ingredients and most importantly your love and affection. The prepared food is 'sold' at a nominal price and the funds go directly to the upkeep of the temple. The prices have been so nominal that every single morsel of food prepared at the Temple for the Sunday Lunch Program have been sold out.

There is a Sunday Lunch Sign Up sheet on the notice board - please feel free to consult with the Manager who can guide you on what items to prepare and the quantities.

1. Please prepare 4 items for 100 People.
  2. Please plan on having at least 4 of your family and friends who would be needed in the Kitchen to help for the Sunday Lunch Program. Temple may be able to provide one helper to assist you.
  3. Kitchen is available to use as early as 9 am. Sunday Lunch times are between 10.30AM and 1.30PM. Devotees start lining up for Lunch starting 10:30AM.
  4. Try to cook most of the items in the Temple Kitchen. But you can prepare some items at home and bring it to the temple. Please observe normal cleanliness as you would do at home.
  5. For any reason, if you do need to cancel your Sunday Lunch, please attempt to pass the opportunity to another friend/family. If no arrangements are possible at all, please do let the Manager know at least 2 weeks prior so that either the Temple can make some arrangements or have some information up.
- To sign up call manager or send email to [Prasad@htccofkc.org](mailto:Prasad@htccofkc.org).

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## Soup Kitchen Information

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



## Come, Join us in Annapurna Seva

"अन्नपूर्णे सदापूर्णे शंकरः प्राणवल्लभे ।

ज्ञानसौभाग्य सिध्यर्थम भिक्षां देहि च पार्वती ॥"

**ANNA PURNE SADAA PURNE SHANKARA PRANA VALLABHE |  
JNAANA SOWBHAGYA SIDHYARTHAM BHIKSHAAM DEHI CHA PARVATI||**

Annapurna is the Hindu Goddess of nourishment. **Anna** means food and grains and **purna** means full, complete and perfect. Annapurna Devi has been described as holding a golden ladle adorned with various kinds of jewels in her right hand and a vessel full of delicious porridge in her left. It is said that she does not eat a morsel unless all her devotees have been fed in her temple.

### Join Annapurna Seva Volunteers!

Prasadam is served at the Temple for all big festival celebrations. For 2012, HTCC is looking to put together "AnnaPurna" Seva Team - A Team of Sevaks who can help cook prasadam on behalf of Annapurna Devi to be distributed to all devotees who attend Puja at temple. All sevaks in this team will be emailed about upcoming seva opportunities and you get a chance to volunteer for Pujas of your choice.

Come be part of this wonderful opportunity to cook prasadam. Email [vp@htccofkc.org](mailto:vp@htccofkc.org) to enroll in the new Seva concept at the Hindu Temple.

## A Salute to Hindi Class Parents

I have learned in my career of teaching, that the potential of a child is the most intriguing and stimulating thing in the creation. But, it is our duty as adults in their lives, to take this potential in the right direction. Working with the children of our community since last seven years has given me the opportunity to experience this among our Hindi class parents. The awareness and importance of keeping our children connected with our language, culture and tradition could be seen in our 50 + dedicated parents. Without the support of a strong and committed team nothing could be accomplished. You have a glimpse of this team work in the recent Republic Day celebration on January 29<sup>th</sup>. My sincere appreciation to Hindi class volunteers, parents and students. Please continue guiding your children in the right direction. Leave rest on HIS hand.

*"A young child, a fresh uncluttered mind, a world before him—to what treasures will you lead him?" Gladys M. Hunt*

**humble coordinator of Hindi Class  
Swapnam Kumar**

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**Priest's Travel Form**

**Date:**

Dear Devotee:

Please check applicable item, sign and return this form to Priest upon completion of the scheduled puja services at your home.

\_\_\_\_\_ Priest was picked up from the Temple/home at .....  
a.m. /p.m. and was dropped off at ..... a.m. /p.m. at the  
temple/home.

\_\_\_\_\_ Priest drove to my home in his car for puja and we paid mileage  
@\$0.51 per mile

\_\_\_\_\_ We arranged for a taxi for the priest and paid the taxi charges

Name: .....

Address: .....

## **SAVE THE DATE FOR THE ANNUAL BRAHMOTSAVAM CELEBRATIONS**

April 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> mark the annual event of Brahmotsavam. This has become, by far the biggest Temple Celebration at the Hindu Temple of Kansas City since its inception in 2008.

Please plan your other activities around these important dates.

## **MAHA SHIVRATRI MAHOTSAVAM**

Maha Shivratri is celebrated every year on the 14<sup>th</sup> day in the Krishna Paksha of the month Maagha (as per Shalivahana) or Phalguna(as per Vikrama) in the Hindu Calendar. The most significant practices on this day are Abhishekam, offerings of Bael (Bilva) leaves to the Lord Shiva, fasting and all night long.

20TH February, 2012

PUJA PARTICULARS.

ABISHEKAM-ALANKAR-ARCHNA-AARTI.- EVERY HOUR

From 5.30 pm – 6.25 pm	Samohik Abishekam
From 6.30pm – 7.25 pm	Samohik Abishekam
From 7.30 pm – 8.00pm	Bhajans
From 8.05pm – 9.00 pm	Abishekam
From 9.05 pm – 10.00 pm	Abishekam
From 10.30pm- 11.30 pm	Maha Rudra Abishekam
From 11.30 pm – 11.50 pm	Maha Mruthyunjaya Japa

12.00 Midnight. MAHA LINGODHBHAVAM.

FOLLOWED BY MAHA MANGLA AARTI.

Please Sponsor for Abishekam & Archnas \$ 31.00

Maha Rudra Abishekam \$ 51.00

### **Why sponsor once a year?**

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## 9th Annual Akhand Ramayan 2012

Dear Ram Bhakts,

We are extremely pleased to announce that we will be celebrating Ram Navmi at HTCC beginning with 9th Annual Akhand Ramayan Paath: A continuous, two-days recitation of Ram CharitManas. The Paath will start at 11:59 A.M. on Saturday March 31st, 2012 continuing overnight. The path will conclude on Sunday, April 1st, 2012 with the Hanuman Chalisa, Ram Astotram and Bhajans

### **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2011**

Invocation and Akhand Jyoti: 11:30 am

Akhand Path Aarambh (Start): 12:00 am

Sunday April 1st, 2012 around 11:00

Akhand Path Bhog (Non-stop Recital End):

Rama Bhajans, Aarti (including Ramayan Aarti), Archana 11:30 - 12.30 pm

Prasad, Mahaprasad / Lunch Seva by KCSunderkand Ram Bhakts @ 12:35 PM

JAI SHRI RAM

May the blessings of Lord Ram fill your life with happiness, prosperity and success! May you be blessed with all the happiness you deserve.

Ram Ji ki jyoti se noor milta hai, sabke dilo ko shurur milta hai, jo bhi jata hai Ram Ji ke dwar , kuch na kuch jarur milta hai. Aapke liye bhi ye Ramnavami dher sari khushiyan lekar aaye!

Aapke jeevan me Ramrajya ki tarah satya, such aevam shant ka basera ho. Meri Ram se yehi prarthna hai ki wo aapko har khushi de.

Ram ke naam me gyan hai, dhyan hai, satya hai, dharm hai, sach hai, sampoornta hai. Ram sansar ka sabse bada satya hai. Shree Ram ke charan kamal pe sar jhukayen aur jeevan me har khushi paye.

Ram ke naam me gyan hai, dhyan hai, satya hai, dharm hai, sach hai, sampoornta hai. Ram sansar ka sabse bada satya hai. Shree Ram ke charan kamal pe sar jhukayen aur jeevan me har khushi paye.

Lord Ramji is the source of divine knowledge. Seek his blessings of peace and spiritual enlightenment. May you be blessed and bestowed with all kinds of success. Remember Ramji with true heart.

Ram ko jeevan ka param satya maan, jeevan path par aage badhe.. Purshotam Ramji aapko safalta denge, yehi meri kaamna hai! Jai shree Ram!

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

## Do you have feedback to share or comment, OR even if you need help contact:

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	Kum Kum Bisarya	
	Sanjeev Goyal	
Maintenance	Makarand Deshpande	

## Winter Hours

- Winter hours, new aarti time in effect till DST starts in March
- Temple Closure will follow Shawnee Mission School District
- No Vaahan Puja (New Vehicle Puja) after 6:30 PM

**WANT TO CONTRIBUTE TO HINDU PATRIKA?  
IF YOU HAVE THOUGHTS ON HINDU CULTURE AND WOULD  
LIKE TO SHARE WITH THE REST OF THE COMMUNITY,  
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# REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION BY HINDI CLASS

By  
*Dr. Shveta Grover*

With great patriotic fervor, the 63rd Republic day of India was celebrated in the Community Hall of HTCC on Jan 29th by India Association of Kansas City (IAKC) in communion with Hindi Class and other local regional organizations.

IAKC president Purnima Bansal along with Hindi class student, Sayan Grover and his mother jointly hoisted the Tricolor followed by Indian and American National anthems by Hindi class students. Mr. Lok Sharma, usually obscure from public, accompanied these national anthems with music from the harmonium. Sayan graciously thanked Hindu temple for this great honor on this occasion and Mrs. Swapnam Kumar for encouraging him to learn Hindi since the inception of the class at the temple.

Hindi class kids sang patriotic songs like Vande Mataram and Insaaf ki Dagar pe while Mr. Sharma created his magic on the harmonium. Mrs. Swapnam Kumar coordinated the whole show.

Intermediate group students of Hindi class dressed up as freedom fighters and delivered excellent speeches followed by the song "Tiranga" prepared by Ms. Jayashree Kumar and Ms. Priyamvada (Hindi class teachers). These kids deserve appreciation for delivering speeches that involved some of very articulate and challenging words of Hindi language in front of a large Indian community.

Hindi class students danced on the Bollywood movie song, "Chak de India" that was brilliantly choreographed by Mr. Ram and Mrs. Shilpa. Weeks of hard work and coordination of parents, students, and volunteers paid off as children danced with great enthusiasm and won hearts of all present. Mr. Ram, despite not connected with Hindi class, took his invaluable time preparing the kids for the dance.

Bal Vihar kids, Marathi class, Maharashtra Mandal, Tamil Association and Chinmaya Mission performed wonderful patriotic songs, informative speeches and presentations to mark this special Republic day celebrations at HTCC.

Mrs. Swapnam Kumar appreciated the kids for speaking in their native languages and thanked everyone for their priceless contribution in encouraging their children to participate and make this event successful for our community.

Pizza was served by HTCC to the participants and other kids present.



# VOLUNTEERING = SATISFACTION

All the doctors in the community can vouch for this - today's research shows that performing voluntary work in the community in general is the key to happiness in the community. In fact, research has proven that in areas where volunteering is a norm of life, people enjoyed better health, suffered less crime, and claimed to be "very satisfied" with their lives. Students from these communities also achieved higher grades. No, I'm not making it up.

Now, what can YOU do at the Temple? From the outside, it does seem like a well-oiled machine. Everything seems to go smoothly from when you arrive at the Temple till you leave the temple, a fully thankful devotee. From the inside, just like a machine, there are constantly moving wheels and the oil that runs the machine is, you guessed it right, **volunteering**. 99% of the work done at the Temple is volunteering.

The Hindi or Hindu word for a Volunteer is Sevak and the effort he/she provides is Seva. Like any other transaction, there is a return on the investment of Seva too. It is **Unbelievable Satisfaction**.

The new Executive Committee challenges each one of you man, woman or child to ensure you perform **AT LEAST ONE DAY OF SEVA** at the temple within any given year. A maximum of 8 hours in an entire year. That's all we request.

There is A LOT to be done at the temple, Its a large building and many facilities exist. To be able to take care of the entire building, it is always a challenge. With your support, we will be able to implement good programs that will only encourage the community to interact more. That's the final goal of the Temple anyway - we want to provide the place and means for the community to interact to the benefit of every one and every family.

## **So, the question is "Have You Done Your SEVA This Year?"**

The Temple can log your hours if you wish and send you a report at the end of the year. If you are a student, this may count towards community volunteering hours.

Email us at [pr@htccofkc.org](mailto:pr@htccofkc.org) today and we can get you started.

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Renew HTCC Membership.**

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**We strongly urge you to support  
the Hindu Temple and become a  
proud Fellow Member.**

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