HINDU PATRIKA
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Hindu Temple & Cultural Center of Kansas City

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

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Board of Trustees

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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

WEATHER ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Devotees,

During the course of the year, there will be days when inclement weather conditions will necessitate the closing of temple. Because of the large number of devotees and staff, it is imperative that a preplanned system be established to notify all. We decided this year that in order to avoid confusion we would follow the Shawnee Mission School district for Temple closures. If you have any questions please contact the Manager at managers@htccofkc.org or call the temple during regular Hours.
PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Dear HTCC Devotees,

Have you ever wondered why we feel serenely self-possessed the moment we enter the Temple? Believers say ... its the direct effect of the phonetic chanting of our vedic mantras resonating in the air that catapults us instantly to a higher level of self-consciousness. Our dear Priests, Rithviks and devotees play a huge role no doubt ... however, there are other not so obvious contributors that I would like to acknowledge - Our Sunday class teachers and the children! As I pen this, I am blissfully soaking in the vibrations of the rhythmic chanting of Venkateshwara Suprabatham led by Sri Ganesh our BalVihar Guruji as the kids recite with utmost devotion. Yes, the nextGen is priming and not only getting proficient in our scriptures, but multi-lingual as well. Very soon more tiny tots roll in and listen in rapt attention as they hear the familiar voice of our Hindi Teacher Smt Swampnamji. Meanwhile, many kids are learning Marathi and cultural values from Smt. Priyamvada. Please join me in a grand salute to all teachers for their relentless sacrifice and Seva to ensure the torch stays lit for many generations to come!

Not even record low temperatures and snow could not deter your devotion as you thronged the temple on New Years day, Sankranthi and the glorious celebration of Lord Ayyappa Swami’s Makaravilakku by Ayyappa Swami group. Our priests did a fantastic job for our annual Maha/Godha Kalyanam. Kansas City witnessed a historic day in the annals of HTCC as all regional organizations came together to celebrate India’s 62 Republic day. Our children played a huge role in the success of these events including Vasantha Panchami when they were delighted by the surprise gift from our Priests.

Friends, March and April are very busy months as we start to unveil the plans for Maha Shivaratri. Holi Mela will be celebrated in grandeur with food and colors in the spotlight of news media. All regional organizations are invited to set up stalls and continue to take advantage of our popular HTCC bucks program. Our Youth Group are working feverishly on Annual Talent show which I am sure will be a grand success. Please mark your calendars for all these events. I encourage you to sign up as Sevaks on our website (your every minute counts!) and help make these events memorable for all of us!

Wish you all a very Happy Shivaratri and Holi.

Srini Bhagavan,
Do you have it in you?

Hindu Temple of Kansas City is looking for a part time Chef who can take the “Sunday Prasad” program to a next level.

Requirements:

The applicant should be capable of cooking delicious vegetarian Indian food for a large group of people during Sundays. At times there may be requirements to cook for hundreds of people during major temple events with the help of others. The average number of hours of work may range from 4-5 hours per week with adequate help from HTCC sevaks. The wages will be paid on hourly basis or we can be creative.

Interested applicants may contact over phone or in person using the below listed contact details.
Prasad@htccofkc.org Ph: (913) 631-7519

Letter Available For 2010 Tax Purpose

Dear HTCC Devotees,

HTCC Treasurer Smt. Suma Hegde has created a master list which has name and amount of everyone who has donated in 2010. Please send your request to receive the letter for tax purposes to Info@htccofkc.org. We will send pdf in return e-mail. You may also submit your request to the temple manager at managers@htccofkc.org
School of Indian Dance and Music
Established in 1988
OVERLAND PARK, KANSAS
AT NEW DAY YOGA STUDIO
15238 Broadmoor, Overland Park, Ks 66212 (near 151st and Metcalf)
CLASSES FOR CHILDREN & ADULTS
BHARATHANATYAM (Indian Classical)
And Carnatic Music

NEW CLASSES STARTING AT the HINDU TEMPLE
FROM OCTOBER 5TH ON TUESDAYS
6330 Lackman Road, Shawnee, KS
Mondays: Carnatic Music at Home
Tuesdays: Carnatic Music, and Dance at the temple
Wednesdays: Dance at the studio
Thursdays: Dance at Home
Fridays: Dance at the studio
Saturdays: Dance at the studio

BOLLYWOOD, CONTEMPORARY, FREE STYLE INDIAN
Ongoing classes on Sundays at 4:00 Pm at the New Day Yoga Studio

For more information: Contact Hema Sharma at: 913-696-0213
Hemavathisharma2001@gmail.com - www.nritya.org
Branches: Des Moines, IA & Wichita, KS
## HTCC List of Events for Feb 2011 - Mar 2011

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Please refer our temple website [www.htccofkc.org](http://www.htccofkc.org) for more information about our Feb/Mar events and celebrations.

**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 at managers@htccofkc.org. 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.

### 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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BalVihar - February 2011

BalVihar started the 2010-11 academic year mid-August 2010. Weekly lesson plans are based on the core human values of Satya(Truth), Dharma(Right Conduct), Shanti(Peace), Prema(Love) and Ahimsa(Non Violence). Students have made significant progress and have learned several slokas and bhajans. Here is a recap of all the activities during the past few months. During a typical BalVihar session, students start the class by performing Bhastrika, a kind of Pranayama. In Sanskrit, Bhastrika means ‘bellows’. Bhastrika is the bellows breathing technique in which the breath is forcibly drawn in and out through the nose in equal proportions, like the pumping action of the bellows.

During Ganesha Chathurthi function that was held at the temple on Sep 11th. Students sang Ganesha Prarthana, Gajanana Hey Shubanana, Ganesha Pancharathnam and Jai Ganesha Bhajan. In October, we celebrated Navarathi. A guest speaker, spoke about how Navarathirhi is celebrated in North India. She also showed how to perform the Garba dance. Students had a great time dancing to the Sheronwali song. After the dance, they had an opportunity to perform abhishekan to Lord Ganesha. Balvihar students celebrated Deepavali by singing bhajans and decorating diya. The bhajans sung were Hey Nanda Nanda Gopala, Jaya Durga Maha Maha, Jai Durga Lakshmi Saraswathi, Bada Chitta Chora, Jay Jay Bhavani Ma and Subramaniam Subramaniam Shanmuganatha Subramaniam. Apart from learning slokas and bajhans, students also were exposed to stories from Panchatantra, Tenali Raman and Dasavatharam. Students are learning Venkatesha Suprabatham, Shree Raja Rajeshwari Astakam and Ganesha Pancharathnam.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Devotees,

On behalf of Hindu Temple I would like to thank you once again for so kindly sponsoring our Patrika.

According to recent revision in Temple policies, this year committee decided that the Patrika will be issued bimonthly instead of monthly. Our motto is “Go Green” which implies becoming conscious of and sincerely practicing our environmental responsibilities. This means using as little amount of paper as possible or using friendly versions of paper. The sponsors will not see any increase in the fee as a result of 2 month cycle.

If you have any questions please contact Manjari Goyal at editor@htccofkc.org or Srini Bhagavan at president@htccofkc.org
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TAXATION & ACCOUNTING SERVICES

Krishna Dave

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We will be there to take care of your
Corporate & Personal Taxes
Payroll Processing, Taxes & Returns
Sales Tax & Other Taxes
New Business Consultation, Incorporation
Monthly Accounting & Reporting
Financial Statements
Personal Tax Audits
Compliance Audit & much more…. 

Sunday Lunch Guidelines:

1. Prepare 4 items for 100 People.
2. At least 4 of your family and friends would be needed in the Kitchen to help for Sunday Lunch Program. Temple will provide one helper to assist you.
3. Kitchen is available to use as early as 9 am. Sunday lunch times are 10.30am - 1.30pm.
4. Try to cook most of the items in the Temple Kitchen. But you can prepare some items at home and bring it to temple also.
5. If you wants to cancel your Sunday lunch, arrange with some one in your family and friends or tell us at least 2 week in advance.

For Sign up call manager or send email to Prasad@htccofkc.org.
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* 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.
Do YOU have the STRIKER in YOU!?!?

India Association of Kansas City
1st Carrom Tournament

Open for all - Men, Women (All ages)

Date: Saturday February 26th - 9:30AM
Location: Blue Valley Library Conference room
(151st and Antioch)
Cost: $5 per participant (Register online or call)
Events: Doubles - Can be same gender or mixed.
Singles - Depending on number of entries & time constraints.

Standard Carromboard Tournament Rules Apply

More Info - INFO@IAKC.ORG
Brijpal Singh (913-219-2938)
Sandeep Goyal (913-893-1432)
Rajesh Gupta (913-219-3911)
Republic day Celebration by Hindi class
By
Dr. Shveta Grover

Republic day was celebrated in the Community Hall of HTCC on Jan 30th by IAKC in communion with Hindi class and other Regional Organizations.

HTCC president Mr. Srini Bhagavan and IAKC president Rajesh Gupta performed the Grand opening by Flag hoisting followed by Indian and American National anthems by Hindi class students.

30th January is also death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. Advanced Hindi class student Sayan Grover presented short speech on Gandhi Ji “man of truth and nonviolence” followed by 2 min silence in respect of the great leader.

Hindi class kids sang patriotic songs like Vande Mataram and Chhodo kal ki batein while Mr. Lok Sharma (popularly known as Sharma jee) created his magic on the harmonium.

Advanced group students of Hindi class presented excellent speeches in “HINDI” drafted by Ms. Jayashree Kumar (Hindi class advanced teacher) on the formation of Indian constitution and fundamental rights of Indian Citizens. That’s a great way to remind us what it means to be a truly Indian and what it cost to earn those rights. 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.

Beautiful dance sequence “Yeh desh hai veer jawano ka” choreographed by Mrs Priya Mehra and Hindi class alumni, Kanishka Mehra. Exuberant, colorful costumes and enthusiasm shown by the performers won hearts of all present.

This was followed by another dance “Maa tujhe Saalam” brilliantly choreographed by Mrs. Priya kumar and Mrs Shyamly Jaiswal. Weeks of hard work and co-ordination of parents, students, and volunteers paid off as children danced to the music of A.R.Rehman in perfect harmony and synchronization. Shyamly, despite not connected with Hindi class, took her invaluable time teaching kids. Three cheers for Shyamly and Priya!!

Hindi class concluded their participation with a vote of thanks by Hindi class student, Rishit followed by Mrs. Swapnam Kumar. Ms. Kumar said “Without the help of Hindi class parents, teachers and volunteers, such a scintillating performance would not have been possible. Hindi class team rocks!”
Mr. Srini Bhagavan (HTTC President) beautifully quoted: “I was blown away by the brilliant show put by all the children… The best part was every show was very professionally done indeed! We do have some serious talent in our community that we must tap into more!”

Bal Vihar kids, Maharashtra Mandal, Dr Vydehi and troop, Tamil association and Chinmaya mission performed wonderful patriotic songs, skits and presentations to mark this special Republic day celebrations at HTCC.

The patriotic fervor on the day really helps our kids to learn the importance of this day through songs, speeches, dances and cultural program.

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**SRINIVASA MAHA KALYANA UTSAVAM**

HTCC conducted “Srinivasa Maha Kalyana Utsavam” on Saturday, January 15th 2011 at the temple premises. The event also marked the celebration of Shankranti / Pongal and Lohri - an auspicious day for all of the Indian community. The previous day (Jan-14th) culminated the Ayyappa pooja celebrations with Makara vilakku and Kettumurukku.

According to our HTCC priests, Brahmanda Puranam states - one that is blessed to perform Kalyanam on this auspicious day will have Lord’s blessings and prosperity for next 11 years.

Devotees braved the cold weather and made it in large numbers to the temple for the event. The program started with the idol procession from the sanctum area to the main hall, recitation of Suprabhatam and Thiruppavai followed by Maha Kalyanam. The kalyanam was done in such a way that you could feel the real event happening in front of your eyes. The priests also prayed for the well being of the community and helped usher in the new year. The devotees were indeed blessed to be a part of this auspicious event.

HTCC would like to thank everyone that volunteered in making this event a grand success.
We are extremely pleased to announce that HTCC will be celebrating Ram Navmi beginning with 8th Annual Akhand Ramayan Paath: A continuous, two-days recitation of Ram CharitManas. The Paath will start at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday April 16th, 2011 continuing overnight. The paath will conclude on Sunday, April 17th, 2011 with the Hanuman Chalisa, Ram Astotram and Bhajans.

Saturday April 16th, 2011
Invocation and Akhand Jyoti: 10:30 am
Akhand Path Aarambh (Start): 11:00 am

Sunday April 17th, 2011 around 11:00
Akhand Path Bhog (Non-stop Recital End):
Rama Bhajans, Aarti (including Ramayan Aarti), Archana 11:30 - 12.30 pm

Mahaprasad/Lunch Seva by KCSunderkand RAM BHAKTS @ 12:35 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:

Temple Manager/Priest: 913 631 7519
Want to show off your nicest Indian outfits?
Ages 10+
Practices will be held at the temple on Sunday, March 6 and Sunday, March 20. All participants must attend both practices. To register for the fashion show, email your queries to ygkc@googlegroups.com

March 26th, 2011, 4:00pm-9:00pm
Blue Valley Northwest
Join Us! Come to an exciting night for all ages! We will feature solo and group performances. To register an item and purchase tickets, please visit www.ygkc.us.

Contact Information:
Info@ygkc.us, 913-912-3YGK
2011 Regional Contests
NSF Kansas Chapter
Date: April 09, 2011
Venue: Hindu Temple & Cultural Center of KC
6330 Lackman Road, Shawnee, KS

Spelling: JSB (Grades 1-3) and SSB (Grades 4-8)
Vocabulary: JVB (Grades 1-3) and IVB (Grades 4-8)
Math: MB1 (Grades 1-2) MB2 (Grades 3-5) and MB3 (Grades 6-8)
Geography: JGB (Grades 1-3) and SGB (Grades 4-8)

Registering early will be an advantage to the kids; published lists and sample questions for the contest are available as soon as you register. Also, please spread the word to your friends and neighbors about the NSF contests and online registration.

For more details, registration and registration deadline, please visit www.northsouth.org or contact
Pratibha Trivedi 913-422-1556 pratibha.trivedi1@gmail.com
Kavya Shivashankar 913-602-9686 m_bora@yahoo.com
Usha Saha 913-710-5210 chemrules97@yahoo.com

**Monthly Mock Spelling Bees By Kavya Shivashankar**

**Date:** Saturdays - Feb 5th, Mar 5th and Apr 2nd

**Venue:** Hindu Temple & Cultural Center of KC

**Time:**
Seniors (Grades 4 – 8): 09:30 AM - 10:30 AM
Juniors (Grade 3 & under): 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

**Fees** — $10 for *each* Mock Bee; All Proceeds donated to the temple.
Pay Online — http://www.htccofkc.org/bee

**Bee Format** (Written Phase ONLY) —
- 30 words Total - 15 from a published list; 15 words from outside the list
- Published Lists -
  - February → First 500 words from the 2011 NSF Regional List
  - March → Latter 500 words from the 2011 NSF Regional List
  - April → All 1000 words from 2011 NSF Regional List

Note – Registration for the NSF contests (separate from the mock bee registration) at www.northsouth.org is required to access the lists.

“It is always crucial to get practice and gain experience while understanding the techniques to prepare well. With the intention of helping out students who are planning to prepare for this year’s bee season, we are conducting mock bees similar to NSF Spelling Bee Phase-1. Make use of this opportunity and increase your chances to qualify for the NSF National event. At the end of each mock bee, my dad and I will be there to answer any questions you may have on how to better prepare for the spelling bees.” — Kavya
MAHA SHIVARATRI CELEBRATIONS

March 02 2011, Wednesday Evening 5:00 PM - Midnight

“OM NAMAH SHIVAYA”

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Maha Shivratri is celebrated every year on the 14th 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 vigil.

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_Playing of colors and fun for the whole family outside 3:00–4:00 pm

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