



NORTHWEST INDIANA HINDU RELIGIOUS CENTER

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CHAIRMAN & PRESIDENT MESSAGES OF NWIHRC

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee, it is our pleasure to wish you a very happy, healthy and prosperous new year. It is an honor and privilege to lead our organization which has grown to an impressive 500+ families in NWI. We would like to sincerely thank each and every one of you for giving us the opportunity to serve.

Whenever we take the time to reflect on the aspects of our community that best define the reasons for our internal and external successes, the first and most important of these characteristics that come to mind are our "Members." **We urge each and every one to become a member to make our organization stronger so we can execute on united philosophies and strategies.**

As we take upon our roles to lead IACC, we are confident that we can make our organization better in the following novel ways:

- We would like to create a transparent organization where roles are clearly outlined and defined
- We would like to expand our reach to encourage not only membership but active participation amongst our youths, seniors and families
- Strengthening the finances to increase revenue, cut costs and make our center debt free. And more importantly we would like to make the finances transparent and open to the community

Our fundraising gala this year entitled **"100 Years of Bollywood"** is on March 29. We encourage all of you to participate in this gala in whatever capacity you can.

This newsletter contains very important information about all the upcoming events and festivals for 2014. In an effort to cut costs and be ecofriendly all the information communicated by the board will be available on the website (<http://www.bharatiyatemple-nwindiana.org>), weekly E blast and at the temple.

We would like to build on a foundation based on our core values of: Ethics, Passion, Integrity, Quality and Respect. As leaders of our team we encourage constant feedback on how we can strengthen IACC as a model community where each member's voice will be heard.

We would like to thank our past Chairman Mr. Om Mandhana and past president Mrs. Anjali Joshi for their hard work, commitment and guidance. We would also like to thank all of our retiring board members for their service. And finally a very big THANK YOU to the Indian Medical Association under the helm of past president Dr. Arvind Gandhi for their generous donation.

"ALONE WE CAN DO SO LITTLE, TOGETHER WE CAN DO SO MUCH"

Once again, wishing you a happy new year!

On Behalf of The Board of Trustees and Executive Committee

Surenda Shah

Chairman Board of Trustee

Shailesh Bhatt

President of the Executive Board



TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF FESTIVALS AND EVENTS FOR 2014

New Year Pooja.....	Monday, January 1
Makar Sankranti.....	Tuesday, January 14
Vasant Panchami.....	Monday, February 3
Mahashivrati.....	Thursday, February 27
Holika Dahan.....	Sunday, March 16
Annual Gala.....	Saturday, March 29
Ugadi, Gudi Padwa, Cheti Chand, Nutan Samvat (Chaitra Navaratri Arambha).....	Monday, March 31
Akhand Ramayana.....	Saturday & Sunday, April 5 & 6
Rama Navami.....	Saturday, April 12
Mahavir Jayanti.....	Sunday, April 13
Hanuman Jayanti.....	Monday, April 14
Shiv Puran & Anniversary.....	Sunday till Saturday, June 8-14
Jain Pratistha Anniversary.....	Sunday, July 20
Varalakshmi Vratam.....	Friday, August 8
Raksha Bandhan.....	Sunday, August 10
India Fest.....	Sunday, August 10
Janmashtami.....	Sunday, August 17
Jain Paryushan.....	Friday - Friday, August 22 - 29
Ganesh Charturthi/Jain Samvarsari.....	Friday, August 29
Navaratri.....	Wednesday - Thursday, September 24 - October 2
Devi Chowki.....	Friday, September 26
Dussehra.....	Friday, October 3
Karwa Chauth.....	Saturday, October 11
October Fall Fundraiser.....	Saturday, October 18
Mahavir Nirvan / Diwali (Suryagrahan 2:38pm - 6:52pm).....	Thursday, October 23
Diwali Laxmi Pooja / Sharda Pooja / Annakut Darshan.....	Saturday, October 25
Diwali Cultural Program.....	Saturday, November 8
Tulsi Vivah.....	Sunday, November 2
Geeta Jayanthi.....	Tuesday, December 2

**Calendar is prepared according to Chicago time*



RECURRING EVENTS FOR 2014

Every Saturday	Suprabhata Seva	8am - 9am
Second Saturday of the month	Sundarkand	9:30am - 10am
Third Saturday of the month	Navagraha Abhishekam	9:30am - 11:30am
First Sunday of the month	Ganesh Abhishekam	9am - 10am
First Sunday of the month	Ammachi Bhajan	10am - 11am
First Sunday of the month	Jain Bhavna	7:15pm
Second Sunday of the month	Venkateshwara Abishekam	9am - 11am
Third Sunday of the month	Jain Satsang	10:45am - 12:30pm
Third Sunday of the month	Shiva Abhishekam	9am - 10am
Third Sunday of the month	Gujarati Satsang	5pm - 7pm
Fourth Sunday of the month	Rama Abhishekam	9am - 10am
Satyanarayan Pooja	Every month Poonam Day	5pm - 6:30pm
Sankashti Ganesh Pooja	Fourth day after Poonam every month	5pm - 6:30pm

**PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING A LIFETIME, YEARLY
OR ONE TIME SPONSOR FOR ABISHEKAM FOR A
DEITY OF YOUR CHOICE.**

**ALL LIFETIME AND YEARLY SPONSORS PLEASE TRY
AND ATTEND THE ABISHEKAMS ON SUNDAY
MORNINGS.**

**FOR SPONSORSHIPS PLEASE CONTACT
SUCHITA SHAH @ 219-614-1106
OR AT IACC OFFICE @ 219-756-1111**



MESSAGE FROM DEVALAYA COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

Hari Om Devotee,

It is my greatest privilege and honor to be elected as Devalaya Committee Chairperson for 2014-2015. I thank GOD to give me opportunity to serve on this committee. Our temple is running smoothly with dedicated services of our Priest Vashisthaji and with the help of volunteers.

My humble request to each and everyone of you is to take this opportunity to offer your seva to our temple. We need you to participate and support our temple activities.

Our temple Priest Vasishtaji is very well versed and can do any kind of special poojas in our temple as well as in your home. Please contact Mrs. Padmini Makam @ 219-808-3431 or email padminimakam@comcast.net or Mrs. Amitha Garlapati @ 219-663-0839.

Our temple is a place where the community people get together and participate in various poojas, festivals, satsangs and discourses. Kindly check our weekly eblast and visit our temple website periodically to keep yourself updated on day to day happenings at our temple. To subscribe for the -newsletter log on to <http://www.bharativatemple-nwindiana.org/eblastsubscribe.html> and our temple website is www.Baharityatemple-NWindiana.org.

If any of you are interested to serve on Temple committee we meet once a month to plan our temple festivals and to discuss day to day running of the temple.

Even if you cannot join the Devalaya Committee but can help for any festivals, sub-committee or to volunteer at temple kindly please call me at 219-614-1106 or email at suchita1259@gmail.com.

My humble request once again to all the donors, trustees, executive board members and our community members to participate and sponsor different poojas and festivals and support our temple.

Please let all your friends and families know that everyone is welcome to join any festivals or Pooja at the temple. There is no charge to attend any festival or Pooja. However, if you are planning to join for dinner when it is planned to be served after the celebration, kindly RSVP with \$10 / person, at the door it will be \$15 / person.

May Lord bless you and your family with health, peace and prosperity.

In Lord Seva
Suchita Shah
Devalaya Committee Chair Person



TEMPLE COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

Need Volunteer to help out for the following committees at Temple

Committees:

- Religious Activities: Organize all religious activities at the temple
- Abhishekams
- Monthly Poojas
- Alankaram
- Volunteers: Monday - Thursday evenings
- Audio/Visual for Temple Festivals
- Landscaping at Temple
- Garbha Gudi Committee
- Communication / Marketing
- Priest Services inside and outside the temple
- Discourses
- Priest Welfare

HALL CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

Good morning. As the hall committee chairman, I was asked to send you a message. I request your kind support in increasing the hall activities and events, so we can improve on the great work that has been done in the past. I feel honored to accept this position.

Thank You.

Sincerely,
Raja Devanathan



12TH ANNUAL GALA FUNDRAISER, MARCH 29, 2014,

Dear Friends,

The NWIHRC Annual Gala will be hosted on March 29, 2014 at the Halls of St. George, Schererville, Indiana. The theme for this year is “100 year of Bollywood, depicting the history of Indian cinema, popularity known as “Bollywood”.

We will showcase a cultural program showing a blend of different styles of dance from the Bollywood.

We will have a Live and Silent Auction in this year. We would like to solicit items for live and Silent Auctions from businesses 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 services please consider offering merchandise or a gift certificate from your business. Any contributions of \$50, \$100 and more towards the Live and Silent Auction will be really appreciated. Please contact Mrs. Aruna Chaubal @ 219-308-1273 or at arunaraochaubal@gmail.com and Dr. Jayshree Gandhi at drshree@aol.com for the donation to be picked up or 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.

An event of this magnitude cannot be organized without the help of the community members. Please take a keen interest in joining the various committees formed for planning the Gala and give us your ideas and suggestions to make this event a grand success.

Please mark your calendars for March 29, 2014 and be a part of the Gala evening. you may purchase your ads for the brochure and tickets for the evening online by credit card or paypal or mail a check to the IACC office.

For further information please contact:

Dr. Surendra Shah: drshah@sbcglobal.net

Dr. Shailesh Bhatt: maskbhatt@comcast.net

Mrs. Soumita Bandyopadhyay: soumitabandy@gmail.com

IACC Office: info@iacc-nwindiana.org



ATTENTION

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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We encourage each and every family to become Annual, Life, Patron and Trustee members as early as possible. This year it has been decided that the non-members kids will be charged \$50 to participate during India Fest and the Diwali Cultural Program

FUNDRAISER GALA (March 29) - Please book your seats ASAP

VOLUNTEERS & HELP NEEDED IN OUR TEMPLE - We need volunteers to help out for the following sub committees at Temple. The details for sub committees at temple are listed in the newsletter. Also we need volunteers at the temple on weekday evenings from 5 to 8pm.

SPONSORS NEEDED - For the Alankar Seva for Temple Deities.

PRIEST SERVICES - For any private pooja at your residence or at the Temple.

YEARLY ABHISHEKAMS - Please sign up for the yearly Abhishekam for Deity of your choice. Abishekam forms are available at the temple and IACC office.

EBLAST ANNOUNCEMENTS - Our Eblast goes out every Monday with information about activities at the Hall and temple.

HALL RENTAL - Plan to celebrate a special occasion in your family at our well-equipped Banquet hall.

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS - You can place a quarter page ad in the next newsletter for a donation of \$75

VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED FOR ALL EVENTS

Mahashivaratri Celebration

Thursday, February 27, 2014

Shivji Abhishekam will be performed four times during the day:



9:00am (morning) 12:00pm (afternoon)
8:00pm (evening) 11:00pm (night)

Sandhya Shivaratri Celebration Program

6:30pm: Temple Aarti
7:00-8:00pm: Bhajans
8:00-9:00pm: Chanting (Rudra Namakam Chamakam)
8:00-9:00pm: Shivji Abhishekam and Pooja
9:00pm: Shivja Aarti followed by Prasad & Thandai
11:00pm: Shivji Abhishekam and Pooja

For further information please contact:

Shoba Kumar - 219-464-7211
Bibha Singh - 219-924-0877
Suchita Shah - 219-614-1106
Tarangini Padhya - 219-769-7596

Kalpna Bhatt - 219-227-5937
Shakuntala Sarma - 219-663-3987
Panna Barai - 219-614-7820

All the devotees present in the evening will have a chance to participate in the Ustav Murti Abhishekam.

Please do not bring milk from home. Milk for all abhishekams will be provided by the temple. In lieu of cost of gallon of Milk, donations will be appreciated.

Holi Celebration & Holika Dahan

Sunday, March 16, 2014

Celebrate the festival of colors with your family and friends.



Join us for Satyanarayan pooja, Aarti, Dinner
Prasad, Holika Dahan and Colors.

Satyanarayan pooja: 4pm

Temple Aarti: 6:15pm

Dinner: 6:30pm

Holika Dahan & Color Play: 7:30pm

For Dinner

\$10.00 per person till March 10

\$15.00 after March 10 & at the door.

RSVP by March 10, 2014 to

Soumita Bandyopadhyay @ 219-730-1474

Bharti Agrawal @ 219-395-8609

Suchita Shah @ 219-614-1106

Padmini Makam @ 219-808-3431

Ugadi, Gudi Padwa, Cheti Chand, Nutan Samvat, Chaitra Navaratri Arambh

Monday, March 31, 2014

*People from different parts of India celebrate this festival as: Ugadi (New Year) -
Andhra Pradesh & Karnataka Gudi Padwa (New Year) - Maharashtra.*



Cheti Chand - Sindhis

Nutan Samvat - North India

Shree Satyanarayan Pooja - 5:30pm

Temple Arti - 7pm

Dinner - 7:30pm

Pooja Celebration & Darshan Free for all

Dinner RSVP - \$10 per person till march 26,
after march 26 and at the door \$15

For further information and for RSVP contact:

Amala Reddy @ 219-662-1756

Aruna Chaubal @ 219-308-1273

Veena Bhagwat @ 219-864-9283

Anjali Joshi @ 219-614-5944

Akhand Ramayan Paath

Saturday, April 5, 2014 – 10:00 a.m.

until Sunday, April 6, 2014 – 10:00 a.m.

(24 hours continuous)



Followed by Udhyapan, Sri Rama
Abhishekam & potluck lunch Prasad

For further information please contact:

Sanju Rastogi @ 219-924-5696;

Vaidehi Agrawal @ 219-803-4142

Ramnavami (Kalyanotsavam)

Celebration of Rama Sita Vivah

Saturday, April 12, 2014



Gruhshanti Pooja - 5:00 pm

Baarat - 5:30 pm

Kalyanotsavam - 6:00 pm

Followed by Aarti & Dinner Prasad

Grand Sponsorship \$251, Vivah Sponsorship \$101

For dinner: \$10/person till April 6, \$15 after April 6 and at the door.

RSVP by April 6, 2014 to:

Amitha Garlapati @ 219-663-0839;

Bibha Singh @ 219-924-0877

Mahavir Jayanti

Sunday, April 13, 2014



Join Sadhana following Aarti at 7:15pm

For further information please contact:

Bharti Shah & @ 219-322-5149

Kalpana Doshi @ 219-923-6001

Daxa Shah @ 219-934-9025

Hanuman Jayanti
Monday, April 14, 2014



Pooja at 6pm followed by Aarti & Prasad

For further information please contact:

Poornima Gopal @ 219-922-8305

Jayshree Gandhi @ drshree@aol.com

ShivPuran & 4th Temple Anniversary
Sunday, June 8, 2014 to Saturday, June 14, 2014



For further details please contact:

Hemendra Parikh @ hemuparikh@hotmail.com

Shakuntala Sarma @ 219-663-3987

Suchita Shah @ 219-614-1106



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Dear Friends,

We would like to invite you all to subscribe to our Bharatiya Temple newsletter to stay connected with daily temple services and upcoming festivals, **if you are NOT receiving regular e-blasts.**

Also please keep visiting our website to stay tuned for our community and temple events.

Visit the link below and subscribe to the e-newsletter:

<http://www.bharatiyatemple-nwindiana.org/eblastsubscribe.html>

Please share this link with all your friends who are not getting our temple e-newsletter, they send them every week. We are hoping to go paperless and trying to reduce costs and make communication fast and easy.