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HINDU TEMPLE ENC

Monthly Newsletter

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Temple Calendar of Events for February 2025:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Coordinated By</u>
February 2nd (Sun): 11 am	Vasant Panchami, Saraswati Puja Potluck Lunch	Bhavna Aneja, Mayu, Sunita Ji, Jayshree
February 9th (Sun): 11 am	Sundarkand	Sudha Kansagra Ji
February 16th (Sun): 11 am	Bhajans	Bhavna Aneja
February 23rd (Sun): 11 am	Bhajans SQHL session	Bhavna Aneja Saanvi & Anya Kumar
February 25th (Tues): 5-8 pm	MahaShivaratri	Kishen Ji, Sunita Ji, Jayshree

Saturday Morning Aarti by Veeranna Ji - (312) 315-0217



Shloka of the Month

Saraswati Gayatri Mantra

**“Om Vakdevyai Cha Vidhmahe Virinchi Patnye Cha
Dheemahe Tanno Vaani Prachodayath”**

Meaning: Om, let me meditate on the goddess of speech. O wife of Lord Brahma, give me higher intellect, and let Goddess Vani illuminate my mind.



Major Festivals of the Month February 2025 (for Eastern USA)

Magha - Phalgun 1946 (Shaka Samvat) 2081 (Vikram Samvat)

02 February, Sunday	Vasant Panchami
04 February, Tuesday	Ratha Saptami, Narmada Jayanti
05 February, Wednesday	Bhishma Ashtami, Masik Durgashtami/ Masik Karthigai
08 February, Saturday	Jaya Ekadashi, Bhishma Dwadashi
09 February, Sunday	Pradosh Vrat (Shukla Paksha)
11 February, Tuesday	Magha Purnima Vrat
12 February, Wednesday	Magha Purnima, Kumbha Sankranti, Guru Ravidas Jayanti, Lalita Jayanti
15 February, Saturday	Dwijapriya Sankashti Chaturthi
18 February, Tuesday	Yashoda Jayanti

20 February, Thursday	Kalashtami, Masik Krishna Janmashtami, Janaki Jayanti
22 February, Saturday	Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati Jayanti
23 February, Sunday	Vijaya Ekadashi
25 February, Tuesday	Maha Shivaratri, Pradosh Vrat (Krishna Paksha)
27 February, Thursday	Darsha Amavasya/Phalgun Amavasya

Source: DrikPanchang.com

From the President's Desk

Thank you all for your participation in celebrating January festivals and events. We had Makar Sankranti/ Sathyanarayan Puja, New Year's Havan and Sunderkand. Thanks to Dr. Gupta and Shukla Ji for coming from Raleigh for the Havan.

We are thankful for the Aarti Volunteers who do Aarti every morning and evening. Special shout out to all the volunteers for doing Aarti on the inclement weather days. Special thanks to Kishen ji and Sunita ji for always willing to help with Aarti.

Thanks to the temple community for their support and cooperation. We look forward to celebrating many more festivals together.

With a heavy heart, we announce the sad demise of Smt. Indiraben Patel - mother of Kamini Patel, on Wednesday, February 26th, 2025 at her residence in Greenville, NC. We pray for the departed soul and for the grieving family.

We all know she was an amazing person with love in her heart for everyone. It's a big loss for the temple family and our community. She will be dearly missed. HSENC extends our heartfelt condolences to Kamini Patel and her family. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Best Wishes - Jayshree Kumar

From the Editorial Board

By Saanvi & Anya

We had our first session of the year for Spiritual Quest for Holistic Living (SQHL) program on Sunday Feb 23rd. Kids had a fun time researching about the upcoming festival Holi that touched the cultural aspect of SQHL.

We invite children of our community to join and learn more about the seven dimensions of life - Spiritual, Emotional, Social, Cultural, Cognitive & Occupational, Physical, and Environmental dimensions. Additionally, the SQHL team will have the opportunity to help with the on-going Temple activities.



Coordinator of the Month:

Bhavna Aneja
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Children special Important Announcements:

Rang Manch - A cultural extension of what we do, we are excited about this platform that promotes drama, singing & short skits for festivals throughout the year.

- We invite kids ages 7 -18 to join!
- Parents of interested children may contact Bhavna/Jayshree or must send an email to cultural.hsenc@gmail.com

Temple Food Drive - by the temple kids under guidance of Sunita Ji.

- Please consider donating canned/packaged foods (vegetarian).

Date	Major Upcoming Events
March 2nd	Shivaratri celebration has been cancelled.
March 16th	Holi
March 23rd	Sundarkand
March 29th - April 6th	Chaitra Navratri (temple opens every evening at 6-7 pm for bhajans)
March 30th	Chaitra Navratri/Gudi Padwa/Ugadi/Jhulelal Jayanti/Cheti Chand

Any change in the program will be notified in the email.

Photo Gallery

Glimpses from last month



Important Announcements

In loving memory of



Indiraben Rajnikant Patel
May 13th, 1950 - February 26th, 2025
Beloved wife, mother and grandmother.

Prayer Service on Friday, February 28th, 2025 6:00 - 7:00 pm. Residence: 3416 Pinetree Ln, Greenville, NC - 27858	Funeral Service on Sunday March 2nd, 2025 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. Wilkerson Funeral House, 2100 East 5th St. Greenville, NC - 27858
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HSENC INVITES YOU TO
CELEBRATE
MAHASHIVARATRI
Puja by Kishen Rao Ji

Tuesday
Feb. 25th, 2025
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Open for Abhishek and Puja

5:30 - 7:30 pm - Shiva Rudram Chanting
7:30 - 8:00 pm - Bhajans and Aarti

11:00 am - 12:15 pm: Puja
12:15 pm - Aarti
12:30 - 1:30 pm: Potluck Lunch

EVENT CANCELLED

For Potluck Lunch on March 2nd, please contact Sunita Vasani by text at (252) 412-7522
Menu: Rice, Daal, Vegetable Curry (Subzi), Raita, Desserts

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Major Upcoming Festivals

Holi
Celebration

16TH MARCH
11:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Puja, Fun activities, Holi Nritya
Potluck lunch, Holika dahan, and
Playing with colors.
More fun with holi songs and dance.
Gulal will be provided

For Potluck Lunch, please contact Sunita Ji by text at
(252) 412-7522

Menu: Chhole, Puri, Fried rice, Raita and Dessert
More information will be shared in the email.

CHAITRA
NAVRATRI

March 29th - April 6th
Bhajans & Garba at 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Chaitra Navratri/Ugadi/Gudi
Padwa/ Cheti Chand Celebrations

Sunday March 30th
11:00 am - 2:00 pm
More details coming in the email!



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