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HINDU TEMPLE ENC

Monthly Newsletter

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Temple Calendar of Events for March 2025:

Honorary Board Member

- Ashok Patel

Trustees:

- Vasant Pandya
- Bela Aneja
- Geeta Katwa
- Dharam Vasnani (Chair)
- Sanjay Mehra
- Bhagyashree Prakash (Acting Sec.)
- Subodh Dutta (Treasurer)

Executive Committee:

- Jayshree Kumar (President)
- Sunita Vasnani (Vice President)
- Reema Karnekar (Secretary)
- Arun Aneja
- Laxman Katwa
- Bhavna Aneja
- Kishen Rao
- Veeranna Maddipati
- Kamini Patel

Date/Month/Day	Activity/ Celebration	Details/Coordinated by:
2nd March, Sunday	11:00 am - 12:30 pm: Bhajans followed by Aarti	Sunita Ji/ Kishen Ji
9th March, Sunday	11:00 am - 12:30 pm: Bhajans & Bhagavad Gita Ch 12 recitation, followed by Aarti; 12:30 - 1:15 pm: SQHL/RangManch for kids	Sunita Ji Saanvi & Anya Kumar
16th March, Sunday	11:00 am - 2:30 pm: Holi Celebrations followed by Aarti & Potluck Lunch; Puja by Rajnish ji; Holika Dahan by Kishen Ji	Sunita Ji, Jayshree, Bhavna, Mayu
23rd March, Sunday	11:00 am - 1:00 pm: Sundarkand followed by Aarti and Prasad	Sudha Kansagra Ji & Temple Board
30th March, Sunday	11:00 am - 1:30 pm: Chaitra Navratri/Gudi Padwa/ Ugadi/Cheti Chand/Jhulelal Jayanti Celebrations followed by Aarti & Potluck Lunch	Jayshree, Mayu (lunch)

Saturdays: 7:00 - 9:00 am - Venkateshwar Stotram and morning Aarti by Dr. Veeranna Ji.

You may contact him at (312) 315-0217 for precise Aarti timings.

Saturday, March 8th at 5:00 - 8:00 pm: Swaminarayan Sabha (closed event) by the Swaminarayan members.

2nd monthly Swaminarayan Sabha on Friday, March 28th (Time TBA).

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

P.S. Any change in the program will be notified by the email. Details will be sent in the weekly email.

Aarti Volunteers - March 2025		
Days	Morning	Evening
Sunday	Coordinator of the Month (Sunita Ji, Subodh Ji, & Jayshree)	Neeraja & Kishen Rao Ji
Monday	Sunita Vasnani Ji	Geeta & Laxman Katwa Ji
Tuesday	Kishen Rao Ji for Reema Karnekar	Sunita ji for Bela Ji until Bela ji comes back
Wednesday	Hetal Patel for Kamini until Kamini could join back	Sunita ji for Bhavna & Sanjay Ji until they resume
Thursday	Hetal Patel	Julie & Subodh Dutta Ji
Friday	Neeraja & Kishen Rao Ji	Jayshree & Rajnish Kumar
Saturday	Veeranna Maddipati Ji	Anitha Karlapudi Ji



Shloka of the Month

Shiv Gayatri Mantra

**“Om Tatpurushaya Vidhmahe Mahadevaya Dheemahe
Tanno Rudra Prachodayath”**

Meaning: Om, let me meditate on the great 'Purusha'. Oh the greatest God, grant me higher intellect, and may God Rudra illuminate my mind.



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

Phalgun 1946 - Chaitra 1947 (Shaka Samvat); 2081 - 82 (Vikram Samvat)

01 March, Saturday	Phulera Dooj	22 March, Saturday	Sheetal Ashtami, Basoda
09 March, Sunday	Amalaki Ekadashi	25 March, Tuesday	Papmochani Ekadashi
11 March, Tuesday	Pradosh Vrat (Shukla Paksha)	26 March, Wednesday	Pradosh Vrat (Krishna Paksha)
13 March, Thursday	Holika Dahan, Chhoti Holi, Vasanta Purnima/Phalgun Purnima	28 March, Friday	Darsha Amavasya/Phalguna Amavasya (Chaitra in North)
14 March, Friday	Holi, Meena Sankranti, Chandra Grahana *Purna	29 March, Saturday	Chaitra Navratri, Ugadi, Gudi Padwa, Surya Grahana *Anshika
15 March, Saturday	Holi Bhai Dooj/ Bhratri Dwitiya	31 March, Monday	Matsya Jayanti, Gauri Puja, Gangaur
17 March, Monday	Balachandra Sankashti Chaturthi		
19 March, Wednesday	Ranga Panchami		
20 March, Thursday	Sheetala Saptami		

Source: DrikPanchang.com

From the President's Desk

I would like to thank you all for participating in February festivals and events. We had Vasant Panchami celebrations, and the children of our community worshipped Maa Saraswati. We also celebrated Shivaratri on Feb 25th evening and Puja was done by Kishen ji. The temple board expresses regret for cancelling the Shivaratri celebrations on March 2nd due to sudden & unavoidable circumstances.

We also had monthly Sundarkand recitation. We look forward to celebrating upcoming festivals of Holi and Chaitra Navratri/Gudi Padwa/Ugadi/Cheti Chand. Thanks to the temple community for their support and cooperation.

Best Wishes - Jayshree Kumar

Shraddhanjali

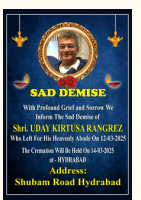
With a heavy heart, we announce the sad demise of Sh. Kamal Mehra - father of Dr. Sanjay Mehra, on Tuesday, March 4th, 2025 in New Jersey. We pray for the departed soul and for the grieving family. He will be dearly missed by his family, friends and loved ones.



He was full of life and loved traveling. He visited his kids often in the US and this time around was planning to stay back for good.

HSENC extends our heartfelt condolences to Sanjay & Bhavna Mehra and their family. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

With a heavy heart, we also announce the sad demise of Sh. Uday Rangrez - brother of Dr. Geeta Katwa, on Wednesday, March 12th, 2025 in India. We pray for the departed soul and for the grieving family. HSENC expresses its deepest condolences to Geeta Ji and her family. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.



From the Editorial Board

By Saanvi & Anya

The kids for Spiritual Quest for Holistic Living (SQHL) program are currently working on the cultural dimension as they prepare for the upcoming festival Holi.

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.

Important Announcements:

Rang Manch - A cultural extension of what we do, we are excited about this platform that promotes performing arts - drama, singing & short skits for festivals throughout the year. The kids are currently working on Holi celebration.

- 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 - please check for no animal derivatives).



Coordinator/s of the Month:

**Sunita Vasnani, Subodh Dutta,
Jayshree Kumar**

Date	Major Upcoming Events
Sun, 2nd March	Shivaratri celebrations cancelled
Sun, 16th March	Holi Celebrations
Sun, 30th March	Chaitra Navratri/Gudi Padwa/Ugadi/ Cheti Chand
Sun, 6th April	RamaNavami
Sun, 13th April	Hanumaan Jayanti

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

Photo Gallery

Glimpses from February 2025



Major Upcoming Festivals



Holi
Celebration
16TH MARCH
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Puja by Rajnish ji
Holika Dahan by Kishen Ji
Fun activities, Holi Nritya, Potluck lunch, 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, Pulav, Raita and Kheer



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
Puja by Rajnish Ji

1420 E 14th St. Greenville, NC - 27858



HSENC Invites You to Celebrate
Ram Navami
April 6th 2025

11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
Puja by Rajnish Ji
Aarti and Potluck Lunch

1420 E 14th St. Greenville, NC - 27858 Ph: (252) 420-3810



HSENC INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE
HANUMAN JAYANTI
SUNDARKAND RECITATION

APRIL 13TH 2025
11:00 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.
AARTI AND POTLUCK LUNCH

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