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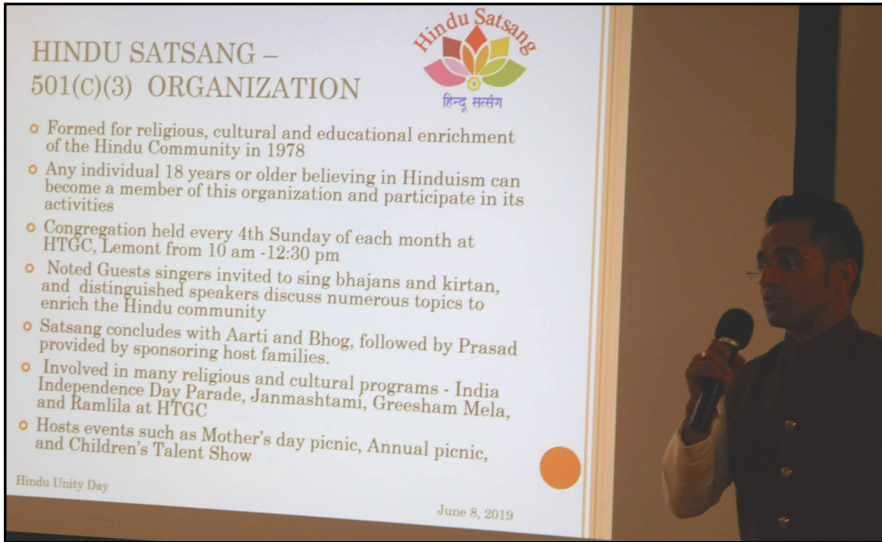
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Pranaam!! Greetings to all Satsangis. The guest speaker for the month of May was **Priest Shri Ram Prasad ji** who in his usual humorous style touched upon many topics from the elections in India to Hanuman ji and ended his talk with the recitation of Hanuman Chalisa. He conducts Bhagwath Katha every Sunday from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm in the HTGC Ram Temple, please



Hersh Sabharwal (Gen. Coordinator) presenting a slide deck on Hindu Satsang at Hindu Unity Day on June 8th.

do attend these sessions if you get a chance. Our Guest musician in May was **Mr. Raju Bankapur** who truly was a "Raja" (King) of melodies. Mr. Bankapur is from the city of Sri Krishna and virtually took us there with the magic of his bansuri recital. Mrs. Rashmi Gandhi also played sitar accompanied by Mr. Bankapur on flute. Follow this link to watch the video on Hindu Satsang's Facebook page - <http://bit.ly/congmay26>. Please do **Like** and **Follow** our Hindu Satsang's page on Facebook to stay updated. Congratulations to **Niyati Kapadia** for getting selected for IMSA (Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy). Congratulations to **Jai Viswanathan**, his essay has been selected as a first-place winner in the 13th Annual Metra Safety Poster & Essay Contest. His essay will be featured on Metra's website and Metra Safety Contest Facebook page, and in Metra's 2020 safety calendar. Click here for the photo <http://bit.ly/metracontest>.

Sunday School update: The graduation day was held on June 2nd, certificates and awards were presented to the students. Please click here for graduation day pictures - <http://bit.ly/hsssgradday>.

Upcoming events: Hindu Satsang's annual **Summer Picnic** is planned for July 14th (Sunday) at Greene Valley Picnic Site - more details to follow on the Hindu Satsang's Facebook and Website. Lord Jagannath's Rath Yatra starts on July 4th in Puri, and Guru Purnima this year falls on July 16th. See you all on Sunday, June 23rd at 10 am for the June congregation at HTGC Temple.

Namaste - Priya Viswanathan 🌸

May Aarti Collections



Check
Priya and Bindu Pathak \$101
Cash \$93
Grand Total \$194

A Very Happy Birth Month (June) to our following Satsangis:

Shilpa Bahl	Vikash Dhingra	Kanchan Gandhi	Shubhi Garg	Archana Gupta	Krishna Gupta
Sonali Vyas	Pinky Khanna	Nilesh Khetarpal	Chetan Mittal	Avi Punwani	Shaila Punwani
Bansi Pandit	Poonam Pandey	Anheli Raheja	Hersh Sabharwal	Hitender Sabharwal	Sumeet Sachdev
Sheel Shah	Kiran Sharma	Manohar Sharma	Sharda Saini	Abhilesh Taneja	C.S. Trivedi
Jai Viswanathan	Pankaj Gupta	Vipul Punwani	Ankit Sahni	Ritu Upadhyay	Lekha Gandhi

Anniversary Celebrations in June:

Shana & Sateesh Bhagwat	Taruna & Rajeev Gupta	Reena & Sanjeev Gupta	Kanchan & Subhash Pandey	Ameeta & Sumeet Sachdev
Laxman & Indra Rani Singh	Vikas & Reema Jain	Chhaya & Chandra Shekhar Trivedi	Poonam & Yaduvir Singh	Nidhi & Amit Singh



Sunday School students, teachers and coordinators. A big thanks to everyone for making this another remarkable & successful year. We would like to wish all teachers A Very Happy Guru Purnima on July 16th.

2019-20 Hindu Satsang Sunday School Registration

Registration is open for the 2019-20 Hindu Satsang Sunday School. Please complete the online Registration form at the link below:
<http://bit.do/sunday-school>.

On submission of the online form, you should receive an email with the completed registration form as a pdf attachment. Please print the completed form and mail with the donation check.

Please feel free to pass this information to other parents who may be interested in Sunday School.

No More Missing Newsletters!!!

No need to wait for an email or postal mail for printed Newsletters anymore. Please go to the following link to get the latest newsletter (and the previous newsletters too):

www.hindusatsang.org/newsletter

Newsletters are generally published at least 3 to 4 days before the 4th Sunday of the month.

Birthdays and Anniversaries are posted on Hindu Satsang's Facebook page by 5th of the month. If you see any issues or names missing, please let me know before 8th of the month so that it gets printed correctly in the newsletter. Also, if you would like to share your news with your fellow satsangis, please send me an email with details:
kpriya10@yahoo.com.

Hindu Unity Day update from Hersh Sabharwal

On June 8th, HSS organization held its first ever "Hindu Unity Day" in Illinois. Our General Coordinator, Hersh Sabharwal, accompanied by Education Coordinators Nand Garg & Divya Grover attended the event. A presentation about Hindu Satsang prepared by Krish was presented at the event. Krish also provided Hindu Satsang's flyer with links to our website & QR codes, for all attending the event. There were around 38 organizations that were in attendance and HS committee members were able to network to collaborate together with other Hindu Organizations in the future. It was an exciting moment and realization that there are other organizations on the same path as Hindu Satsang. Please be on the lookout for announcements to attend some of the upcoming events that are being held by these organizations.



Quiz Time - Puri's Rath Yatra

During the annual Rath Yatra Festival, millions of devotees throng the city of Puri in Odisha from across the world, to pay homage to Lord Jagannath and participate in the pulling of his chariot. Puri (East) is also considered to be one of the 4 pilgrimages that constitute the Chaar Dhaam quadrangle along with Badrinath(North), Dwarka(West) and Rameshwaram (South). The annual, week-long religious event will be celebrated in Odisha's temple town 'Puri' in the first week of July this year. We carried an article about Jagannath Temple in the last (May) issue of the Hindu Satsang Newsletter. Here is a quiz to test your knowledge on Jagannath's Rath Yatra. Rath Yatra starts at Jagannath temple and ends at **Gundicha** temple.

Question:

- What is the distance between the Jagannath temple and the Gundicha temple?
- Who was **Gundicha**?

Answer:

- The distance between the Jagannath temple and the Gundicha temple is about 3 Kilometers (1.9 miles).
- Gundicha was the wife/queen of the King Indradyumna, the legendary creator of the original Jagannath temple. It is because of the deep devotion of Queen Gundicha, Lord Jagannath promised to pay a visit to her house for nine days during Rath Yatra Festival. Chariots are driven once in a year to Gundicha Temple during the Rath Yatra festival, except for these few days, the Gundicha temple remains unoccupied.

Question:

- How many Rathes (chariots) are driven to Gundicha temple and name the deities who ride in them?
- How do the chariots move?

Answer:

- The 3 huge rathas which are built from scratch every year - one each for Shri Jagannath (Sri Krishna), his brother Balabhadra(Balram) and sister Subhadra.
- Millions of devotees get an opportunity to pull the gigantic chariots through a long rope. Simply touching the chariot rope that pulls it is believed to bring prosperity.

Question: What are these huge temple shaped chariots made out of?

Answer:

The chariots in the Rath Yatra festival is made out of wood every year from scratch – commences on Akshay Tithiya, a very auspicious day. What's really fascinating is the detailed process by which the chariots are newly made every year. It's a labor of love for around 200 carpenters, helpers, blacksmiths, tailors, and painters who work tirelessly according to a strict 58-day deadline. The craftsmen don't follow written instructions. Instead, all the knowledge is handed down from generation to generation. Only one family of carpenters have hereditary rights to the construction of the chariots.

The three deities are also made out of wood. They're hand carved usually every 12 years in a process known as *Nabakalebara*. This means "new body".

Question What does Jagannath mean?

A: Jagannath (जगत् के नाथ) means lord of the universe.

Question: Who wears the outfit of a sweeper and sweeps all around the deities and chariots and why?

Answer: The most significant ritual associated with the Ratha-Yatra is the "Chera Pahara". During the festival, the Gajapati King (descendants from royal dynasty) wears the outfit of a sweeper and sweeps all around the deities and chariots in the Chera Pahara (sweeping with water) ritual. The Gajapati King cleanses the road in front of the chariots with a gold-handled broom and sprinkles sandalwood water and powder with utmost devotion. As per the custom, although the Gajapati King has been considered the most exalted person in the Kalingan kingdom, he still renders the menial service to Jagannath. This ritual signifies that under the lordship of Jagannath, there is no distinction between the powerful sovereign Gajapati King and the humblest devotee.

Question: Gigantic chariots inspired the British to coin a word, what was the word?

Answer: 'Juggernaut' from the word Jagannath, which means any large, overpowering force or object.

Question: Out of the three chariots, who is Arjuna a charioteer for?

- Shree Jagannath's (Sri Krishna) chariot
- Krishna's brother Balabhadra (Balram)'s chariot
- Krishna's Sister Subhadra's chariot

Answer: If your guess was - Arjuna was Jagannath's (Krishna's) charioteer, you are incorrect. This is nothing like Kurukshetra where Krishna was the charioteer for Arjuna. In the Rath Yatra, Arjuna is the charioteer for his wife Subhadra. 🌸



Pictures from Congregation held on May 26th:
(Top) Guest speaker Priest Shri Ram Prasad ji, **(Top Right)** Jai presenting his guided tour of the Hindu Satsang Website and **(Right)** Ms. Rashmi Gandhi, Mr. Subhash Pandey and Mr. Raju Bankapur.

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Hindu Satsang, June Congregation

(Held every 4th Sunday of the month)

Date: June 23, 2019 (Sunday)

Time: 10 am to 12:30 pm

Location: HTGC Temple, Lemont.

Agenda for Sunday, June 23

Convener: Mrs. Rashmi Gandhi

10:00 am: Prayer and Bhajans by Satsangis

10:30 am: Guest Singer -

Ms. Indrani M. Joshi

11:15 am: Guest Speaker -

Ms. Jyosthna Patel

12:00 pm: Lunch (Preeti Bhojan):

Sponsored by: Rani Trivedi, Richa Agnihotri, Sharda Saini and Poonam Pandey. 🌸

About our Guest Singer for this month:

Ms. Indrani M. Joshi was introduced to the music world at a very tender age of six by her grandfather, a direct disciple of Ustad Bade Gulam Ali Khan. She is blessed with her mother and music Guru, Late Mrs. Dipa Mukherjee. Indrani completed Sangeet Prabhakar degree at the age 12 and Masters in Music at the age of 14 from Allahabad University. She learned classical music from Shree Amal Ghosh and Mr. T.L.Rana, Nazrul Geeti from Shrimati Purabi Dutta, and Shree Ramanuj Dasgupta, Ghazal from Shree Nikhil Chatterjee. Indrani has participated in popular TV shows like SAREGAMA and performed on stage with music legends like Manna Dey, Arati Mukherjee and Haimanti Shukla.

About our Guest Speaker of this month:

Ms. Jyosthna Patel became devotees of BK (Brahma Kumari) 32 years ago at Ahmedabad, Gujarat. She is a Raj Yoga teacher and has been conducting classes at Naperville Center for the past 10 years. Her topic for the Hindu Satsang congregation is "Healthy Lifestyle Through Meditation". We are looking forward to having Jyotsna Didi at our Satsang meeting on June 23rd. 🌸