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Namaste!! Greetings to all Satsangis. Congratulations to all the newly elected Hindu Satsang Board members!! The names of the new members are reflected on the left panel of this page. A BIG thanks to all the outgoing board members for their dedication, diligence & invaluable contributions. Our **Mother's Day Picnic** is on Sunday, May 12, 2019, please mark your calendar.

We have our own **new Hindu Satsang website** created by our Webmaster Jai (Sunday School Student). He is sponsoring this website domain

registration and hosting out of his pocket money. Jai has completed building the site, though more content will be added by the end of next week and will be constantly updated on an ongoing basis. Please do visit the site and send him your feedback. Jai is in 3rd grade and he is using his Python programming skills to enhance this website. We already have few elementary school kids who are interested in learning and contributing to the site, if your child is interested please do let me know. Here is the address of Hindu Satsang's very own website: www.hindusatsang.org

On March 24th, we had Ms. Perna Arya as our guest singer and speaker, you can watch the complete video of her compelling talk on Vedas on Hindu Satsang's Facebook page. Please do **Like** and **Follow** Hindu Satsang page on Facebook. Sunday School update: Last regular class is on May 5th. The final exam is scheduled for May 19th and graduation day is on June 2nd. 🌸

Wish you all a blessed Akshaya Tritiya
(Tuesday, May 7) and Mother's Day
(Sunday, May 12). Pranaam!



New Hindu Satsang Board Members 2019-2020. **Sitting** (Left to Right) Manju Kalra, Hersh Sabharwal, Nand Prakash Garg, Manju Gupta. **Standing** (Left to right) Shubh Malhan, Shammi Wahi, Uma Aggarwal, Rashmi Gandhi, Kanchan Pandey, Anu Trehan and Priya Viswanathan.

March Aarti Collections



Checks & Cash	
Sunil and Madhu Chopra	\$100
Ramesh and Shubh Malhan	\$50
Bakshis and Urmil Rawal	\$21
Mr. & Mrs. Vijay Bhatnagar	\$51
Cash	\$106
Grand Total	\$328

Happy Birth Month – April



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.

Wedding Anniversaries falling in the month of April



Mother's Day Picnic

Come and join us for a great day out, dedicated to our MOMS!!! Let's make this a very special day for our mothers.

Venue: Herrick Lake Forest Preserve
Time: 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.
What: Dedication & flowers for moms, world's best Kam Pakodas (nicknamed KamKodas), pizza, chai/soda, music and more!
 Don't miss it!!!

Akshaya Tritiya

In Sanskrit, the word "Akshaya" means "everlasting" and "Tritiya" means 3rd. It is named after the "3rd lunar day" of the spring month of Vaisakha (falls in late April or early May) in the Hindu calendar. This is an auspicious day when the sun and moon are in their exalted state.

The Hindu and Jain community consider this a lucky day and believe that any construction work, venture or business started on Akshaya Tritiya day will flourish.

There are several mythological tales associated with Akshaya Tritiya:

- On this day, Lord Parshuram, the sixth avatar of Lord Vishnu was born.
- On this day, it is also believed that Ved Vyas started reciting Mahabharata to Lord Ganesha.
- There also runs another theory, which reveals that Draupadi was gifted with an earthen pot called the Akshay Patra which ensured an endless supply of food for the whole family and guests. (...Continued on next page...)

Krishna and Sudama

The most popular story regarding the celebration of **Akshaya Tritiya** is about Lord Krishna and Sudama.

Krishna and Sudama were friends since childhood. Krishna became a king, and Sudama remained very poor. Once Sudama's wife insisted that he should go to Krishna and ask for help. Sudama's self-respect made him hesitant. Sudama did not want to beg for help but could not find any other way out. After a lot of contemplation, finally he decided to travel and meet his childhood friend Krishna and ask for help. There is a custom in India that when you go to someone's house, you always take a gift along with you. What could poor Sudama possibly take for Krishna? Forget about a gift, Sudama did not even have enough food to eat. Sudama found some poha (flattened rice), he packed them in a piece of cloth and took it along.

Sudama entered the palace in Dwarka, it was gorgeous and beautifully decorated. The moment Krishna saw Sudama, he rushed down, and washed Sudama's feet and put him on the throne.

Krishna asked Sudama, "What have you brought for me?" he knew that Sudama was trying to hide his poha. "How I can offer this poha to a rich king?" asked Sudama. Krishna grabbed hold of the poha and started enjoying it as if it was the most delicious food that he had ever tasted.

His poor friend was overwhelmed by the hospitality shown by Lord Krishna that he could not ask his friend for financial support which led him to go home empty-handed. When he arrived at his home he saw that his run-down hut was converted into a palace and his family was wearing royal attire. Sudama knew that this was the blessing of his friend Krishna who gave him more wealth than he needed or could ever imagine. This is why Akshaya Tritiya is associated with unending joy and prosperity. Krishna & Sudama's story of pure unconditional friendship and love is celebrated even after thousands of years. If you find a friend like Krishna, you have found much more than all the wealth put together on this earth. True happiness comes from your family & friends. It has been proven that people who live in the company of good friends live a joyful, longer and healthier life. ✨

Indian Election by Numbers - Quiz

Now that the election is in full swing in the world's greatest democracy, it is time to swing into action and answer some election related questions by numbers. With every correct answer you get 1 vote, at the end if you get 50% (majority) of the answers correct, you can join the Indian Elections aficionado Party. Ready .. Set .. (set your timer to 38 seconds) ... and go ...

1. How many people are eligible to vote in the Indian Lok Sabha Elections this year (approximately)?
2. How many seats in Lok Sabha (Lower House)?
3. How many seats required to form government?
4. How many National Parties are in fray this year?
5. UP has the highest number of seats - how many?
6. Fill in the blank: Rules mandate that no voter should have to travel more than _____ to vote from their home to cast a ballot, whether they live on a Himalayan peak or an island in the Bay of Bengal.

Answers

1. 900 Million
2. 545 (if your answer was 543, that is not accurate as 543 are elected and 2 members are nominated from the Anglo-Indian Community by the President.
3. 272 (If no one party or alliance wins 272 seats, parties can come together to form a coalition government).
4. 7 - BJP (Amit Shah), Congress (Rahul Gandhi), BSP (Mayawati), CPI (Suravaram Sudhakar Reddy), CPI-M (Sitaram Yechury), NCP (Sharad Pawar) and All India Trinamool Congress (Mamata Banerjee). There are about 59 state parties contesting LS elections.
5. 80. Other big states which can have a big impact with their big numbers are Maharashtra - 48, West Bengal - 42, Bihar - 40, Tamil Nadu 39 and MP (29) - these states add up to 278 - more than 50% of 545 seats).
6. 1.24 miles (2 KM). It was in the news that election workers in India traveled 300 miles over 4 days to set up a polling booth — just for one voter. ➡

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Hindu Satsang, April Congregation

(Held on every 4th Sunday of the month)

Date: April, 28 2019.

Time: 10 am to 12:30 pm.

Location: HTGC Temple, Lemont.

Agenda for Sunday, April 28

Convener: Mrs. Shubh Malhan

10:00 am : Prayer and Bhajans by
Satsangis

10:30 am: Guest Singer -

Gayatri Vasudev

11:15 am: Guest Speaker -

Mr. Brij Sharma

12:00 PM : Lunch (Preeti Bhojan):

Sponsored by Sita and Brij Sharma, Ranjna
& Subhash Sahni, Sonu and Anuj Sahni,
Puja and Aman Sethi & Neha and Dhiraj
Gulati ❀

Our Guest Speaker this month:

The guest speaker for the month of April is **Mr. Brij Sharma**, our own longtime satsangi.

Topic: Hindus and Hinduism.

About our guest speaker: Mr. Sharma and his wife Sita, came to the USA, over four decades ago on permanent immigrant visas. They have two grownup daughters Anuradha and Kiran. Professionally, while in India, he was a member of Punjab State Accounting Services (P.S.A.S) stationed at Chandigarh. In the US, however, he served and retired in the IT field. Besides being a longtime satsangi, he served as General Coordinator of Hindu Satsang in 2012-13, and thereafter, as a Publishing coordinator for 2-3 years continuously. His interest in composing the "Hindu Satsang Samachar", and it's on time distribution with a sense of humor, was much appreciated by all satsangis. He also voluntarily conducts monthly meetings for Senior Citizens of HTGC Temple.

Our Guest Singer this month: **Gayatri Vasudev** is pursuing 7th year of Hindustani classical singing through Sadhna School of music. She is in 9th grade at MVHS and also in Varsity Choir. Gayatri also attends Bal Vihar at Chinmaya Mission. Her hobbies are singing, playing piano and playing with animals. ❀