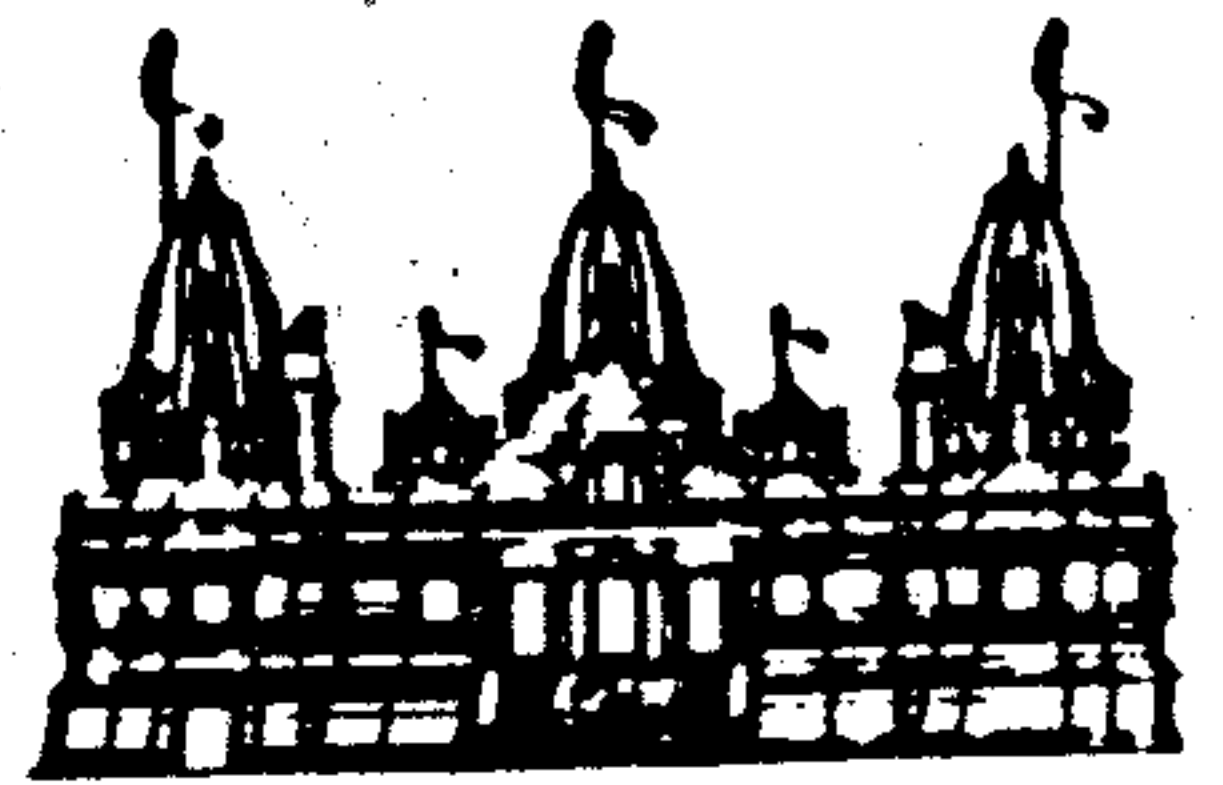


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1. PUJA: August 1985

A Puja will be hosted by Pravin Amin and family at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 18, 1985 in the temple on Lukes Road, Augusta, Georgia.

Prasad: Group No. 5

Ranjan Amin, Rashmi Amin, Rita Bakshi, Kalandi Patel, Rama Suthar, Meena Chudgar, Geeta Patel, Kunjani Patel, Anjana Shah, and Aruna Patel.

This month's cleaning responsibility-Pravin Amin and all the families.

2. FUTURE PROGRAMS: September 1985

A. Puja and Lectures on Gita by Shri Sant Narayan Muni Ji & Swami Sri Dharmanand Saraswati.

Sunday 9/8/85: Puja at 10:00 a.m.
Prasad at 12:00 noon
Children with Swamiji & Muni Ji.

Board of Directors Meeting at 8:00 P.M. *with muni ji*
all are invited.
Puja will be hosted by Rajini Patel and family.

Prasad: Group No. 9
Meena Patel, Chandrika Chande, Dipika Shah, Rekha Amin, Nandini Patel, Jyoti J. Patel, Sheela Prakash, Shakuntala Patel, Urmi Desia, and Suman Grover.

Cleaning responsibility: Raj Patel and all the families

Monday 9/9/85: Gita Lecture 8:00-9:30 p.m.

Tuesday 9/10/85: Gita Lecture 8:00-9:30 p.m.

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- B. A Puja will be hosted by Satya Tikare and family at 10:00 a.m. on September 15, 1985 in the temple.

Guest Speaker: Swami Sahajananda from Toronto, Canada.

Saturday 9/14/85: Informal discussion with Swami Sahajananda at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday 9/15/85: Ganesh Puja at 10:00 a.m. Lecture by guest speaker. Prasad at 12:00 noon.

Prasad: By Volunteers. We need volunteers. Please contact Sneha Tikare on 860-8164 or Rajashwari Murthy on 790-0450.

Cleaning responsibility: Vinod Bhalla and all the families.

- C. INDIA DAY: Cultural program is planned for September 21, 1985. Mark your calendar. More details will be provided in next newsletter.

Girija Kalyanaram & other cultural events.

3. COMMUNITY NEWS:

- A. Mrs. Prem Sherma collected \$200.00 from the garage sale for the temple.

Funds collected will be used to promote childrens activities.

Our sincere thanks to Prem Sharma.

- B. Laxmi Imports-860-8961-has hindi and Gujariti video cassettes of Ramayan Katha by Shri Murari.

Rental income from these video cassettes will be donated to the temple.

Our thanks to Lila Grover.

- C. Necessary improvements for the parking lot are being made. Members are requested not to park on the main road under any circumstances.

4. CONTRIBUTIONS:

GENERAL FUND

UP TO \$500

Bhanu and Panna Mehta
Lila and Suman Grover

GENERAL FUNDUP TO \$500

Laxmi Imports
 Shanta and Subhash Bhatia
 Dahyabhai and Bhanu Patel
 Geeta and Harish Bisht
 Bhogilal and Indu Patel
 T.R. and Niranjani Reddy
 Harish and Rekha Amin
 Adarsh Gulati
 Vinod and Madhu Bhalla
 Kaushik and Kalindi Patel
 P.K. Shenoy
 Harbans and Urmil Batra
 Mahendra and Madhu Gurg
 Madan and Susan Gopal
 Jayraj and Bharti Desai
 Hasmukh Patel
 Santosh and Rashmi Amin
 Ravindra and Sangita Jetaly
 J.B. and J.J. Patel
 Rajani and Taru Patel
 Pravin and Rekha Patel
 Ranchod Parikh
 M.M. or Rashika Swami
 Gobind L. Madan

OVER \$500

Surendra and Leena Shah
 Satyan and Sneha Tikare
 Children

MURTI FUNDUP TO \$500

Raj and Vasu Patel
 Ashim and Sujata Ghosh
 R.C. and Sarala Rami
 Dinu and Meena Patel
 Vinayak and Sheela Kamath
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 Manoj and Rita Baxi
 Bihari and Bhavana Intwala
 Popat and Kusum Vira
 Seelam and Niramal Reddy
 Prubhudas and Chandrika Chande

OVER \$500

Rameshbhai B. Patel
 Jayantibhai C. Patel
 Jerath family



**SHRI SANT NARAYAN
MUNI JI**

Shri Sant Narayan Muniji accompanying Swami Sadanand Saraswatiji Maharaj on one of their tours to the U.S.A. caught the fancy of the Indian community in Pittsburgh, when they came to lay the foundation stone of the new temple in Oct. 1980. Subsequent to that, with many earnest appeals to Swami Sadanand Saraswatiji he was given the permission to come to Pittsburgh, despite many varied responsibilities at Parmarth Niketan, Rishikesh and its several Ashrams.

He had clear vision of spending his life as a Sanyasi at the very tender age of 8 and at the early age of 12, couldn't wait any longer; he finally took the solemn oath of his services unto the Lord. The transition required spending years away from civilization into the jungles and many other human sacrifices. This finally brought him to Parmarth Niketan where he did his studies and Sadhana and completed his M.A. in Hindi & Shastri in literature and philosophy. He holds the responsibilities of general secretary of Parmarth Niketan and is an editor of the Ashram's monthly journal.

He now resides permanently at the Hindu Temple in (Monroeville) Pittsburgh and his very brief stay has earned him the love and admiration of people not only in Pittsburgh but also in many other parts of the U.S.A. One word, one glance one thought, one touch of Swami Muniji's has changed the whole current of the peoples lives. The Indian community in Pittsburgh feels very grateful to Swami Sadanand Saraswatiji and Swami Dharmanand Saraswatiji Maharaj of Parmarth Niketan, Rishikesh for the services of Shri Sant Narayan Muniji. ■

PROGRAM

- SEPT. 8 PUJA AT 10 A.M.
SEPT 9 GITA LECTURE 8-9:30 P.
SEPT 10 GITA LECTURE 8-9:30 P.

Swami Sri Dharmanand

Swami Sri Dharmanand Saraswati Maharaj is Founder - Director of one of India's largest and best known ashrams, Parmarth Ashram, in the sacred city of Haridwar, in the foothills of the Himalayas. He is also a great spiritual teacher, a man whose eloquent words, serene bearing and compassionate eyes reflect his love and deep desire to serve humanity.

It is because of this desire to serve that he established Parmarth Ashram, yet this was farthest from his thoughts when, as a youth, he was initiated as a swami by the great guru Swami Sri Shukdevananda Maharaj. For 25 years he wandered throughout India, voluntarily penniless and homeless, in the swami tradition, seeking knowledge and teaching the Scriptures.

He spent many years in the forests in solitary and intense practice of dhyana and tantra yogas, and studying the Upanishads at the feet of the great masters. Finally, his guru ordained that he found an ashram to care for the sick and needy and provide food and shelter for pilgrims, hermits and renunciates.

Parmarth Ashram

Parmarth Ashram was thus founded in 1962 as a center for the care and feeding of the poor and needy, and of swamis and hermits. It is also a peaceful and devout hostelry for many of the millions of pilgrims who come to Haridwar, most sacred of Hindu cities, to bathe in the holy waters of the Ganges.

Spiritual Center of Artistic Beauty

The Ashram is not only a spiritual center, but a place of great artistic beauty, whose magnificent central Radha-Krishna temple is surrounded by finely carved statues depicting the many forms of the One God, and significant episodes from the Srimad Bhagavatam scriptures.

: Center of Service to Society

Parmarth Ashram also provides many needed free social services to the surrounding community and to local swamis and hermits. These free services include:

A 20-bed hospital and out-patient clinic professionally staffed and equipped with X-ray facilities, operating theater and eye clinic.

Schooling for some 50 needy local students including books, food, clothing and medical care.

An assembly hall for spiritual lectures and devotional singing and instrumental music.

Library and Reading Room for spiritual studies.