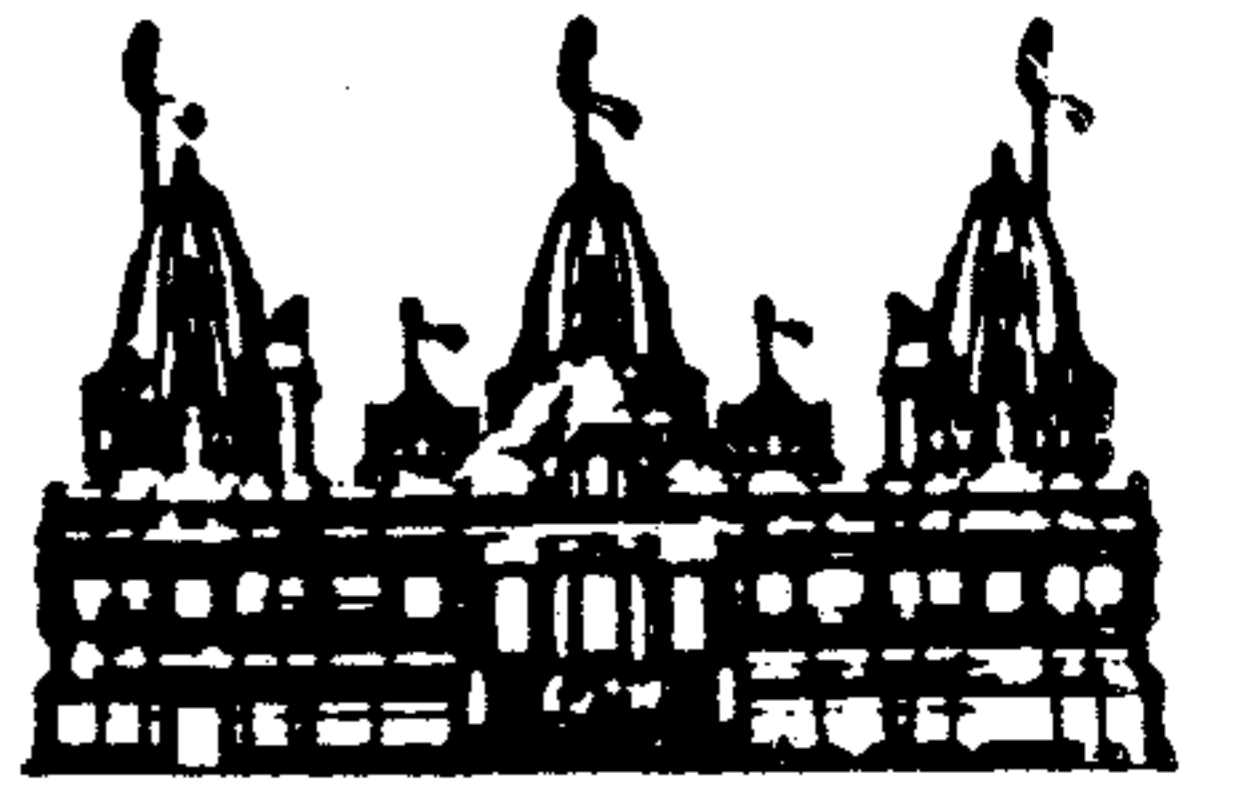


# THE HINDU TEMPLE SOCIETY, INC.

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**Jayantilal Patel**  
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**Jaydev Varma**  
1981-1983

**Syamasundar Rao**  
1980-1981

**Bal Jerath**  
1979-1980

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### A Message from the Chairman and the President:

This is our first news letter for Vikram Samvat 2042, and we gratefully acknowledge the trust and confidence you have reposed in us, in selecting us to serve our temple. We pray Almighty Lord to give us the right direction, courage and wisdom to discharge our duties, worthy of your trust.

Our temple society needs your continued support, active participation and undivided devotion towards our objectives of spiritual growth, cultural advancement and fraternity among community members.

Please call any elected or appointed office bearer for your inquiry or suggestion concerning our temple society activities.

**Dr. J.R. Varma**  
Chairman

**Dr. K. D. Sharma**  
President

1. Election News:

The members of the Board of Trustees were elected and the members of the Executive Committee were appointed in accordance with the Constitution of the Hindu Temple Society, Augusta, Ga. on November 10, 1985, during the Diwali Celebration. The following is the full list:

Board of Trustees:

Dr. Jaydev R. Varma	- Chairman
Ramchandra Reddy	- Vice Chairman
Rajnikant Patel	
Dr. Raghunath Rao	
J. K. Patel	
Bihari Intwala	
Dr. Bal K. Jerath	
Dr. Tek Chand	

Executive Committee:

Dr. Kilas B. Sharma	- President
Rajnikant Patel	- Vice President
Subrahmanyam Vemuri	- Secretary
Lila Grover	- Jt. Secretary
*Smt. Rani Daram	- Jt. Secretary
*Smt. Dr. Madhu Bhalla	- Jt. Secretary
Naresh Patel	- Treasurer
*Kiran Shah	- Joint Treasurer
	- Youth Representative**

\*These members are appointed by the Board of Trustees to help the Executive Committee in the capacities specified. However, according to Constitution, these positions are subject to approval by the general body.

\*\*The youth representative will be selected on December 15, 1985, during the Puja, in consultation with the youth members.

Other Appointed Committees:

Refer to P# 6&7 for the complete listing of the other committees appointed in accordance with the Constitution of the Hindu Temple Society.

2. UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

Puja: This month's Puja will be a special event on Sunday, Dec. 15th at 10am, with Paramahans Swami Uma Bharathi visiting from India as the guest speaker.

Prasad: Group 1 - Vasu Patel, Taru Patel, Kokila Patel, Neela Patel, Bhanu Amin, Bhavna Intwala, Bharathi Desai, Pushpa Shah, Lalitha Dodia, Charu Bhatta, Sudha Patel.

Cleaning Responsibility: Rajnikant Patel and all the families.

Swami Uma Bharathiji's Schedule:

Dec. 14, Saturday 7pm at Temple (Lukes Road) Satsang with Swamiji  
Dec. 15, Sunday 10am at Temple: Puja with Swamiji as guest Speaker  
Dec. 16 through Dec. 20 Daily Sessions for housewives and additional Satsangs will be schedules and announced at Puja time.

Anyone desirous of hosting Swamiji for lunch, dinner or meeting personally, please contact Aruna Vemuri at 868-7749.

About Our Guest Speaker :

Swami Uma Bharathi is ordained as Paramahans, the highest order of Hindu Sanyasis. Her mission headquarters is in Hardwar, with branches in many cities in India, including Delhi and Baroda.

Swami Uma Bharathi is a well read scholar, eloquent speaker, electrifying Bhajan singer and an energetic organizer in bringing people together for Hindu philosophical causes, temples, etc.

Her power packed discourses in excellent Hindi elevate the audience to mystical heights. Do plan to attend the Satsang on Dec. 14 and Puja on Dec. 15 with family and friends.

3. Special Event:

Sant Narayan Muniji, our Revered Swamiji, is bringing Naresh Shastriji, our resident priest, on Dec. 28, 1985. A Puja is planned on this occasion on Sunday, Dec. 29th 11am.

Prasad: Group No. 2 - Divya Jasani, Geeta Patel, Leena Shah, Anu Jindal, Anita Aildasani, Poonam Idnani, Anu Acharekar, Latta Joban Putra, Veena Bhatia, Mrs. Kutti, Mrs. Ghosh, Kaushalya Jindal.

4. Experimental Youth Camp:

We are delighted to announce an experimental youth camp at our temple during Dec. 29th and 30th, as per the schedule given below. Sant Narayan Muniji and Shastriji, our new priest will be at hand during the camp for the spiritual guidance and advancement of our children.

Age Groups:  
a. 8 to 13 years  
b. 14 to 18 years

Schedule:  
Dec. 29, Sunday - 9am to 9pm  
Dec. 30, Monday - 9am to 6pm

Registration:  
By application  
Begins Dec. 15 - 10am  
Closes Dec. 26 - 6pm  
Contact Bihari Intwala at 738-0674

A wide variety of indoor and outdoor games, discussions, religious orientation lectures, gardening (Temple beautification with flowering plants), bonfire, etc. are planned.

Parents are requested to assume full responsibility to drop-off and pick-up their children. Children suffering from any kind of illness shall not be brought. Once at the camp, children shall not be disturbed or distracted by the parents, except in rare emergencies.

Volunteers needed: We need a few parents to volunteer to help supervise the children, help prepare lunch, dinner, snack, organize games, etc.

Bonfire will be a special attraction at 7:30pm on December 29th, with marshmallow roasting, singing, and chanting. This program is open to parents of the participating children.

For further details about the camp, to volunteer your services, or give suggestions, please contact Bihari Intwala at 738-0674 or any member of the Balshala Committee.

#### 5. Our Previous Program, Deepavali Celebration:

Our Deepavali programs on November 10th & November 12th were splendid success. Sant Narayan Muniji's inspiring address on November 10th was well received by the general body in record attendance. The election of the Board of Trustees and the appointment of the Executive Committee were accomplished in a harmonious atmosphere, in accordance with the Constitution. Beautifully prepared Hindu Temple Society Directories were distributed on time along with relevant society accounts. The sumptuous Diwali lunch was a testimony to the innovative skills of our member community and the organizational talent of our Prasad Committee.

Lakshmi Puja on November 12 was well participated in a glorious manner. The illumination of the Temple and the attraction of the fireworks were special events. The glow and the sparkle in the young faces was as much evident as the glitter of the sparklers in their hands. Fun and pleasure are integral parts of Hindu religious festivals and we plan to do more of them during the course of the year ahead with your cooperation and active participation.

#### 6. Constitution:

A). Amendment: The Executive Committee has proposed the following amendment to Article V, Sec I to read thus: - "The Executive Committee shall consist of eight (8) members and a youth's representative for a term of two years or until their successors are appointed. The Committee members will be appointed by the Board of Trustess. The Committee will consist of:

- A. President
- B. Vice-President
- C. Secretary
- D. Joint Secretary (3 posts)
- E. Treasurer
- F. Joint Treasurer
- G. Youth's Representative (Non-voting).

B). Also Article V, Sec V is proposed to read thus: "The Joint Secretaries shall assist the Secretary in all duties of the Secretary and those other responsibilities delegated to them by the President. In the event of incapacitation of the Secretary, the President shall nominate one of the Joint Secretaries to assume the responsibilities of the Secretary, for the period of incapacitation."

C). An additional Sec VII is proposed to be added to Article V of the Constitution, to read thus: "The Joint Treasurer shall assist the Treasurer in all duties of the Treasurer and those other responsibilities delegated to him/her by the President. In the event of incapacitation of the Treasurer, the Joint Treasurer shall assume the responsibilities of the Treasurer, for the period of incapacitation."

The above amendments are prepared to bring greater participation of the community members in the decision making body in view of the membership growth.

This letter will serve as the necessary notice required for the general body meeting to take place on January 19, 1986, at 10 am (during the Puja) for considering the above proposed constitutional amendments.

D). Life Member: We now have a Life Member. As per Article II, Sec I of the Bylaws, Dr. Shyam Iyer is recognised to have achieved the distinction of "Life Member" of Hindu Temple Society. We are grateful to his contribution for the noble cause.

E). Honorary Member: In accordance with Article II, Sec V of the Bylaws, the Board of Trustess have unanimously voted on November 10, 1985, to confer the title of "Honorary Member" to Sant Narayan Muniji for his extraordinary contribution to our temple.

#### 7. Community News:

A). Congratulations to Rashmica and Santosh Amin for the birth of a girl - Dixita.

B). Congratulations to Shilpa Patel, Winner in the 15 year age group, in Beauty, Photogenic & Modeling Contest in the Model of the Future Beauty Pageant. She is going to represent Augusta area in another competition to be held in California. Shilpa is daughter of our Treasurer Naresh Patel & Sudha.

#### 8. General:

A.) Yoga & health Awareness Classes will resume as per schedule beginning January 1986.

B.) Essay Competition: The closing date for receiving entries is extended to December 31, 1985.

C.) December 31st is fast approaching. Members are encouraged to pay their membership dues as much as possible and take advantage of the tax deduction.

D.) If you have a suggestion to improve the quality or format of our newsletter, please contact Mr. S. Vemuri, Secretary at 868-7749. Your suggestions are welcome!

E.) Please volunteer your services to Hindu Temple Society in any appointed Committee of your choice.

Appointed Committees

1. Balshala:

Smt. Sheila Kamath	Chairperson	863-4739
Bihari Intwala	Co-Chairman	738-0674
Dr. Jaydev Varma		
Dr. Jerath		
Smt. Rani Daram		
Smt. Taru Patel		
Smt. Vasu Patel		

2. Cultural & Sports:

Rajni Patel	Chairman	860-1216
Dinu Patel	Co-Chairman	863-0414
Keshav Murthy		
Bhanu Amin		
Dr. Natarajan		
Smt. Meena Patel		
Pravin Patel		
Girish Shah		

3. Facility & Development:

Dr. Tek Chand	Chairman	793-3711
Srinivasan	Co-Chairman	790-5245
Bihari Intwala		
Raj Patel		

4. Fund Raising:

J.K. Patel	Chairman	(803)649-1421
Dr. Tek Chand	Co-Chairman	793-3711
Dinu Patel		
Naresh Patel		
Ramana Reddy		
S. Vemuri		
Mahendra Pandya		

5. Nominating:

Dr. Raghunath Rao	Chairman	860-1496
Dr. Jaydev Varma		
Ramchandra Reddy		

6. Prasad:

Smt. Santoshi Chand	Chairperson	793-3711
Smt. Chandrika Shah	Co-Chairperson	
Leaders of Groups 1 to 11		

7. Publications:

S. Vemuri	Chairman	868-7749
Rajnikant Patel	Co-Chairman	860-1976
Ramchandra Reddy		
Dr. Tek Chand		
Dr. Raghunath Rao		

8.Puja:

Dr.Kailas B.Sharma	Chairman	736-3917
Lila Grover	Co-Chairman	868-8359
Smt.Rani Daram	Co-Chairperson	863-5297
Satya Tikare		
Girdhar Sharma		
Smt.Taru Patel		
Shyam Iyer		
B.C.Patel		
Keshav Murthy		
Ravi Jaitley		
Rajnikant Patel		
S.Vemuri		

9.Youth:

All members will be selected on Dec 15,1985 (1st Puja)