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प्रकृतिं स्वामवष्टभ्य विसृजामि पुनः पुनः ।
भूतग्राममिमं कृत्स्नमवशं प्रकृतेर्वशात् ॥ ८ ॥

*prakṛtiṁ svām avasṭabhya
visṛjāmi punaḥ punaḥ
bhūta-grāmam imam kṛtsnam
avaśam prakṛter vaśāt*

prakṛtiṁ—material nature; *svām*—of My personal self; *avasṭabhya*—enter in; *visṛjāmi*—create; *punaḥ punaḥ*—again, again; *bhūta-grāmam*—all these cosmic manifestations; *imam*—this; *kṛtsnam*—total; *avaśam*—automatically; *prakṛteḥ*—by the force of nature; *vaśāt*—under obligation.

TRANSLATION

The whole cosmic order is under Me. By My will it is manifested again and again, and by My will it is annihilated at the end.

Lord Krishna: Bhagavad Gita

Calendar of Events: February & March 1986

Temple Open	7:30 am to 9:00 pm - daily
Aarti	11:00 am & 8:00 pm - daily
Monthly Puja	February 16, Sunday - 10:00 am
Yoga & Health Awareness	March 2, Sunday - 10:00 am
Maha Shivarathri	March 8, Saturday - 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Holi	March 22, Saturday - 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Dhuleti	March 23, Sunday - 10:00 am

(Details of March programs to appear in next Newsletter)

1. Upcoming Program:

Puja: February 16, Sunday - 10:00 a.m.
Program will include puja, bhajans, dhoons, and Gita study

Prasad: Group #4. Prem Sharma, Devbala Sharma, Vimlesh Sharma, Seema Sharma, Poonam Sharma, Kamal Iyer, Susan Gopal, Manju Jindal, Shashi Agarwal, Madhu Garg, Suman Grover.

Cleaning Responsibility: Lila Grover and all the families.

2. Our Previous Programs:

Sankranti Celebration: Makara Sankranti was celebrated on January 12, Sunday with worship to Surya Bhagwan whose northward transition marks the beginning of holy Uttarayan. The Temple floor was beautifully decorated with artistic designs which is traditional in this celebration. The puja was followed by sumptuous lunch with South Indian delicacies. Then it was kite flying time. It was a beautiful warm and sunny day and the Augusta Hindu Community rejoiced traditional kite flying for the first time on this Sankranti day to the excitement of adults and children alike. Our sincere thanks to everyone who have extended their help in various ways.

Special Program: Sri Raja Rajeswari Peetham:

We had a beautiful two day program on January 18 & 19 with the distinguished Raja Rajeswari Peetham devotees as our guests. The first day's program started at 10:00 a.m. with children's Maha Ganapathi puja followed by youth session, session with the adults and concluded with an intense meditation session at 10:00 p.m. Once again Maha Mandaleswari Swami Saraswati impressed our community with her dedication, communication skills, and superb explanation of our Vedic heritage. The next day was the grand celebration of Lakshmi Narayana Puja conducted by the renowned scholar and Peetham purohit Janaki Rama Shasty. The walls of our Hindu Temple reverberated with the echoes of magnificent Vedic chantings by the scholarly pandit. The glory of our Vedic traditions and the divinity of Sanskrit language were brought out so lively by Shastriji that everyone present was thrilled beyond explanation.

We sincerely thank all the families who participated in the two day program and those who prepared the sumptuous lunch on the puja day.

Bhajan Sandhya by Behroze Chatterjee:

The exclusive Bhajan Sandhya program by Behroze Chatterjee on Sunday, February 2, was a marvelous event. Her melodious voice and musical talent left lasting impression on Augusta Hindu Community. The program from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. was well attended and drew applause several times. Shyam Parihar provided an excellent tabla accompaniment. We commend our cultural committee for arranging such a splendid program.

3. Constitution:

The amendments to the Constitution increasing the number of appointed members of the Executive Committee from five (5) to eight (8) and the related amendments necessary to bring about this change as proposed in our December 1985 newsletter were unanimously approved by the general body during the Puja congregation on January 19, 1986. The above motions were presented by Dr. Kilas Sharma, president, and were ratified by the general body by voice vote. The relevant articles of the Constitution will be revised accordingly.

4. Essay Competition Results:

The following are the results of the third annual Power Control Systems - Powerline essay writing competition concluded on December 31, 1985.

A) Age Group 10 years & Under

1st Prize: Sanjay Chand
2nd Prize: Divya Murthy
3rd Prize: Purthy Patel
(Tie)
3rd Prize: Arvind Reddy

Consolation Awards

Neethi Teawney
Anupam Sharma
Sachin Patel
Amit Patel

B) Over Ten Years

1st Prize: Pankaj Sharma
2nd Prize: Yogender Jaitley
3rd Prize: Sudha Reddy
(Tie)
3rd Prize: Mayank Patel

Consolation Awards

Amish Patel
Rajeev Chand
Neeraj Sharma
Asha Jindal

Judges: Dr. Sneha Tikare & Dr. Vidya Sridharan.

The awards were declared and distributed during puja on January 19, 1986. We compliment all the children who participated with their entries and congratulate the winners. Our sincere thanks to the judges for their time and effort.

5. Yoga & Health Awareness: February 2, 1986

Yoga session was attended by 16 gents and 4 ladies. Two basic 'Asanas' - 'Sarvasangasana' and 'Matyasana' were taught. Asanas taught during the previous session were practiced in addition to some cardiovascular exercises. The practice of yoga asanas on a daily basis was emphasized. Moderation in food and sleep were stressed.

The health awareness session on high blood pressure was addressed by Dr. Vinayak Kamath with slides. The causes and effects of B.P. in general were discussed. The session was followed by question and answers on the desirable types of foods, daily salt intake, function of kidneys, exercise, mental stress and attitude, prevention of B.P., medications etc. 35 adults were in attendance.

Topic for Next Session: Dental Health (March 2, 1986)

Plan to attend these extremely useful seminars with your entire family and bring your friends too.

6. General:

A.) Our congratulations to:

1. Rakesh Sharma, son of Mr. & Mrs. V.P. Sharma for Wedding on December 20, 1985.
2. Raja Jerath, son of Dr. & Mrs. Bal K. Jerath for Wedding on January 18, 1986.

B.) Our thanks to:

1. Dr. Satya Tikare for providing airport transportation facilities to our Peetham guests.
2. Mr. & Mrs. Ramchandra Reddy for hosting our guests from Rajarajeswari Peetham.

C.) Our Condolences to:

1. Ram Daram for the sad demise of his father in India.
2. Dinesh Jesani for the sad demise of his father in Kenya.