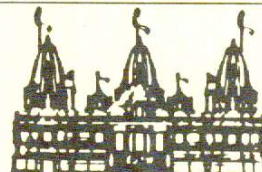


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Inaugural Message

*As Vikram Samvat 2043 unfolds, we are immensely grateful to Lord Almighty, for the towering accomplishment we have been able to achieve, the grand 'Murti Pratishta' on October 26, 1986, the day that will be recorded in 'Suvarna Akshar' in the history of our Hindu Temple Society.*

*We have built a beautiful Mandir, installed magnificent dieties and invoked divinity. We now have better reasons than any time before to assemble in large numbers and enjoy the jewel of facility we all have dreamed about and made it possible through dedication, determination and hard work.*

*Let us all work together with a common goal to make our Temple, the marvel example of a dynamic and vibrant religious and cultural entity that Augusta Hindu Community will be proud for generations to come.*

*We thank you for the opportunity you have given us to serve you and pray Almighty Lord to guide us in the year ahead to be worthy of your trust.*

*Ramchandra Reddy*  
Chairman

*Rajnikant Patel*  
President

**"G**et up, and set your shoulder to the wheel — How long is this life for? As you have come into this world, leave some mark behind. Otherwise where is the difference between you and the trees and stones? — They too come into existence, decay and die."

— Swami Vivekananda



## ELECTION NEWS:

The general body of the Hindu Temple Society, during the Diwali program on November 1, 1986, elected 3 members to the Board of Trustees in the place of those retiring on rotation, in accordance with the constitution. The new board elected their chairman, vice chairman, secretary and nominated the Executive Committee. The election results are as shown below.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

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J. R. Varma, Bihari Intwala and Rajni Patel retired from the Trustee Board on rotation.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

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Bhanu Amin is appointed as the chairperson for the Cultural Committee while all other committee chairmen remain same as before.

## UPCOMING PROGRAM:

**Puja:** November 16, Sunday — 10 a.m.

Program will include Puja, bhajans, dhoons and Gita Pathan. Joshiji, priest from Hindu Temple, Pittsburgh, will conduct the Puja — sponsored by V. K. Bhalla family.

**Prasad:** Group #1 — Chandrika Shah, Vasu Patel, Bharathi Desai, Bhanu P. Amin, Bhanu H. Amin, Ramila Modi, Sudha Patel, Aruna Shah, Pushpa Shah, Meena Shah, Lalita Dodia.

**Cleaning Responsibility:** Rajnikant Patel and all attending families.

## OUR PREVIOUS PROGRAMS:

### Murti Pratishta:

The grand Murti Pratishta was accomplished on Sunday, October 26, 1986 amid wide publicity and enthusiastic participation by record attendance.

The day started with invocation ceremonies graced by the colorful, auspicious, Kalasha Pratishta, continued through special pujas and grand outdoor Havan by the children as well as adults. The Pratishta ceremony itself was a shining event beyond description. Amid the inspiring Vedic chantings and electrifying bhajans by Upadhyayaji, Muniji and Swami Dharmanandaji sanctified and invoked divinity into the Murtis. The resplendent glory of the magnificent deities decorated in special attire exclusively ordered by Muniji was much beyond words would ever explain. All those present have certainly earned their place to witness such an auspicious event.

Sandwiches and soft drinks were made available to children at nominal cost. Following the completion of ceremonies, delicious lunch was served outdoors in the delightfully warm



Augusta October sun. The great feeling of accomplishment was even more enhanced by the gorgeous weather.

The evening cultural program was a relaxing pleasure of enjoyment after a day of tumultuous activity. Children presented several colorful dances, drama and songs.

Our sincere thanks to all those who helped in various ways.

### **Deepavali Celebration:**

Deepavali was celebrated on Saturday, November 1st with a splendid program. The Devasthan was decorated with multitude of Jyothis interspaced with an array of luxurious variety of Annakut dishes.

Just as the subjects of Ayodhya rejoiced the triumphant return of Lord Rama, that set off the tradition of Deepavali, the Augusta Hindu Community celebrated Deepavali 1986 with their hearts filled with joy over the grand Murti Pratishtha, less than one week before.

The holy Lakshmi Puja was participated by record number of families. General body meeting and election of office bearers were accomplished in a harmonious atmosphere.

A mini India in all its splendor emerged within the temple parkinglot, as the children enjoyed the Diwali fireworks.

Our Sincere thanks to all those who helped in various ways.

### **Farewell To Shastriji:**

Pandit Naresh Shastri, our resident priest during the last year, is leaving for India, during November 1986, to assume responsibilities at the Delhi branch of Paramarth Niketan, as desired by Swami Dharmanandaji. The services of Shastriji were loaned to us during the period we needed most. Shastriji has been a guide, friend and a counsellor. Especially dearer to the children, he has been able to mingle, mix and be one among them while being a teacher at the same time. An affectionate bon voyage farewell party was arranged on November 3rd and Shastriji was honored with the traditional presentation of 'Nutan Vastras' and a check for \$2501.00 as a token of our appreciation.

### **GENERAL**

1. Our sincere thanks to Dr. Kailash Sharma and Dr. Tek Chand for providing accommodation and transportation facilities for our invited guests, Swamiji, Muniji and the entourage.
2. With adequate response, we plan to resume yoga and health awareness sessions, please call Dr. Kamath, Jt. Secretary at 733-8996 to indicate your desire to attend. This is a survey.
2. If you have a news item of community interest, or a birth or marriage announcement, please call S. Vemuri, Secretary at 868-7749 for publication in our newsletter.

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