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“Path to Consciousness”

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Devotees,

Greetings! It is time for the last Turiya Marga for this year and reflecting back upon the last 10 months one thing is for sure! Time has gone by quickly. It has been a hard working year for me personally taking on this role with very big shoes to fill. Thankfully our previous President Mr Siva Selva has continued to stay on in the committee and this has been extremely helpful. Our Committee has also worked hard and I would like to thank all of them for their support and also the family members of the committee members for their support.

A **celebration to felicitate Mr Siva Selva** who is completing 30 years of voluntary service to Hindu Society along with five other members who have completed more than 5 years of voluntary service is being planned on **Friday the 1st of November**. This date also coincides with a personal milestone date for Mr Siva Selva. We will send out a general email to all members providing details of committee members who are to be recognised, due to space restrictions we cannot make it an open house event but please pass on your congratulations to them.

The **Community Cultural Centre** is nearly complete. The work around the verandah adjacent to the commercial kitchen is set to commence this week and the irrigation system and plants will be set up by end of this month or early next month. This is a milestone achievement for our community and I would like to thank each and every one of our very generous donors who have helped in making this dream a reality. *(continued overleaf...)*



FROM THE PRESIDENT *continued*

We continue to have a small loan of \$100K outstanding and I would like to **humbly appeal to all of you** to help us make this centre free of debt. Kindly refer to the attached appeal providing our banking details to assist you in making a contribution towards which we can provide a tax deductible receipt.

The Committee would also like to call out the generosity of one of our devotees who represents Lumaax Solutions - this devotee has donated **4 High Performing low voltage LED Lights** to our Temple's Car Park which has helped to beautifully light up both the temple car park and the car park of the Community Cultural Centre. Thank You!

The **Community Cultural Centre** is being put to good use with a number of social celebrations such as weddings, birthdays and other events already held or booked in. We have had spiritual talks, yoga workshops and musical events held in the centre. We have discounted our rates for the first year and we urge our members to book in either through the Priest or any of our committee members including myself and make good use of this beautiful premise.

The Marion City Council is now developing **the park across from the temple** and has set aside a budget well in excess of \$1M to beautify this area. This news is very welcome and once the works are completed over the next 12 months we hope it will free up car parks in the surrounding areas for our members to use.

The larger temple complex also comes with the responsibility of keeping our premises clean and tranquil for our devotees. I would like to form a **volunteer group** from our community who can devote their spare time to take on some of the chores around the temple. Please **register your interest** in becoming part of this Voluntary group indicating how you would like to perform seva and assist by responding to the email being sent out by our Secretary.

This year the committee undertook the creation of an **Inventory Register** to classify and record all of the assets held by the temple and the new Community Cultural Centre. It meant a lot of work behind the scenes and I would like to thank all who made this possible.

Last but not least the festival season is upon us and please do come with your families and help us celebrate **Navrathri, Diwali and all other upcoming festivals** in a grand manner. We have some very good cultural events planned for this year

Wishing you and your families a very enjoyable and safe festival period and May Lord Ganesha shower his blessings upon all of us.

Jai Shri Ganesha- Ganapathi Bappa Morya

Usha Rajagopalan



SHRI GANESHA TEMPLE OPENING TIMES

Monday to Thursday & Saturday

7.00-8.00 am; 6.00-8.00 pm

Friday

7.00-8.00 am; 6.00-9.00 pm

Sundays

8:00am-11.00am; 11:00am-1:00pm for
Vedanta Group, Hindu Seva, Private
Functions;
6.00-8.00 pm



TEMPLE SERVICE CHARGES

Archana: \$12.00

Milk Abhishekam: \$50.00

Panjamrita Abhishegam: \$100.00

Hawan & one Kumbham \$150.00

Printed service vouchers, each \$12.00, are available from the Priest, Siva Selva, and Nitin Bhise. Devotees are advised to consult the Chief Priest regarding charges for ceremonies such as marriage, house-warming, home puja etc.



Readers may please note

The views and other contents published in this newsletter are either accessed from different sources or are provided by many individuals and groups. The Editor takes no responsibility for any errors, omissions or the contents published in this newsletter, although constructive suggestions to improve the quality of the Newsletter are most welcome.

Contributions are most welcome. Please provide them to the Temple President or email the editor at editor@shriganeshatempleadelaide.com.au.

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Dear Members,

The Hindu Society of South Australia (HSSA) endeavours to build communities through promoting peace, teaching of Hindu philosophy, and by carrying out charity and social welfare programs. I am pleased to provide a summary of activities for the year 2018-19.

Under the leadership of Dr Jagdish Saraf and Mr Siva Selva we have built a beautiful Hindu Community Cultural Centre at 5 Dwyer Road, Oaklands Park. It consists of a hall to accommodate about 250 people and a commercial kitchen. The Centre was formally inaugurated by The Honourable Steven Marshall MP, Premier of South Australia, on 8th December 2018 and attended by many dignitaries including Mr Peter Malinauskas MP, Leader of the Opposition.



As our President wrote, the Centre is being put to good use with several social celebrations, community programmes and educational activities.

Community Engagement

I would like to summarise some of the community engagement programs that the Hindu Society of South Australia has carried out this year.

Multi-Faith prayer meetings

On Friday 15 March 2019, a gunman attacked Muslim worshipers gathered at **Al Noor Mosque in the suburb of Riccarton in Christchurch, NZ**, and killed 51 and wounded 49 innocent people. In response to this barbaric act, on 7th April, the Hindu Society of South Australia (HSSA), invited people from various faiths including community leaders, monks, Imams and priests to attend a **special prayer meeting** at the new Community Cultural Centre attached to Shri Ganesha Temple. The prayer meeting concluded with a simple lunch.



While we had barely concluded the multi-faith meeting for Christchurch victims, we witnessed another senseless attack on innocent people on 21 April 2019, **Easter Sunday in Sri Lanka**. Three churches and three luxury hotels were bombed by terrorists which killed many more innocent people.

Again, to show our solidarity with people of Sri Lanka, HSSA organised a **multi-faith prayer meeting** on 4th of May. The prayer program commenced with bhajans followed by observing silence and prayers for those victims. *(continued overleaf...)*



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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OR UPDATING DETAILS

I hereby apply for membership of the society and agree to abide by the Provisions of the Hindu Society Constitution, Rules and Regulations. My details and the type of membership I seek are advised below:

GIVEN NAME: _____

FAMILY NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ POST CODE: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: () _____ MOBILE: _____

EMAIL: _____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP SOUGHT: (Please tick one)

Ordinary Member (\$20 per annum) Ordinary Family Member (\$40 per annum)

If family membership, please provide names of family members

Name of Spouse: _____

Other members of the family: _____

Associate Member - Student (\$10 per annum)

Associate Family Member – Family with no Australian permanent visa (\$30 per annum)

Life Member (\$500 once off)

Subscription paid: \$

Payment options :

EFT or Cash or Cheques made out to Hindu Society of SA Inc

Internet Transfer to Bank of South Australia: BSB 105:086: 054577940, Reference: "Member" followed by name

Please forward completed form with payment to The Treasurer, The Hindu Society of South Australia Inc, 3A Dwyer Road, Oaklands Park SA 5046

Membership Fees quoted are as at 20th Dec 2018



FUNCTION VENUE FOR HIRE

**Our beautiful new Community Cultural Centre can be hired for Weddings, Family Events,
Community Functions, Classes and other Events.**

For more information, contact the Hindu Society SA Secretary
Email: secretary@hindusocietysa.com.au
Ph: 0429 698 198



JOIN OUR GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS AT THE SHRI GANESHA TEMPLE COMPLEX

Would you like to help support the day to day activities of Shri Ganesha Temple? We are looking for people to join our group of dedicated Volunteers.

If you are interested in performing seva by helping with cleaning activities, teaching, tasks in the Temple or Temple administration, we'd love to hear from you.

Register your interest by sending an email to our Secretary (secretary@hindusocietysa.com.au) with your name, email, phone number, preferred dates and time (if any) and preferred activities.

NEW HINDU SOCIETY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA LIFE MEMBERS

We are very pleased to introduce three families who have become new life members of the Hindu Society of South Australia:

- Rudrapatna family
- Nath family
- Dasvarma family

We are excited to have the new life members on board and look forward to their contribution to our community.

Please make them welcome!

MUSIC CLASSES

Carnatic Music classes are being held for both children and adults.

When: Every Sunday

Where: Shri Ganesha Social Hall

Time: 1pm to 3pm

Contact: Sowmya Anand
0478 534 395

Artists experience mountain-top consciousness. Having their source in humble devotion to the Lord, Hindu cultural arts - singing, drama, dance, playing musical instruments and creative skills - strengthen concentration and are a form of worship. Religious art is an expression of the soul nature, bringing the beauty of the within into manifestation.

The Yogi who is satisfied with the knowledge and the wisdom of the Self, who has controlled the senses, and to whom a clod of earth, a piece of stone and gold are the same, is said to have attained Nirvikalpa Samadhi.

... *Bhagavad Gita*

VEDIC CHANTING CLASSES

Wednesday Evenings in Walkerville

Learn to chant the Upanishads, Mantras and Slokas. Discuss the teachings of Hinduism. Hear spiritual discourses.

All are welcome.

For further details contact:
Mr Kewal Suri: 0410 446 874

BASIC SANSKRIT CLASSES

Commencing: Saturday evenings, November 2019

Where: Cultural Centre, 5 Dwyer Rd, Oaklands Park, SA
Open to adults and children from 8 years old. A nominal fee will be charged.

For further details contact:
Mr Srirama Srinivasan Jayaraman
Phone: +61 450 375 631
Email: sriramking@yahoo.com

After thus constructing mentally the throne of Siva, holding a handful of flowers, with steady mind and controlled senses, one should meditate on Siva's body sitting in the lotus posture, shining with the colour of pure crystal, endowed with five heads, serene, with smiling faces, having the brilliance of ten million suns, of new full-blown youth, with ten arms, brightened by a crest of tawny tresses rolled upwards, each face having three radiant eyes, or shaktis, with the crescent moon of wisdom in His hair, the cause of all causes, His right hands holding the no-fear posture, a trident, an axe, a sword and a thunderbolt, His left hands holding a noose, a serpent, an elephant goad, fire and a bell, all fit for a supreme sovereign, endowed with every auspicious mark, adorned with ample ornaments, in radiant raiments, attractive, having beautiful garlands and an ointment of sandalwood paste.*the Ajita Agama (20, 158-164a)*

Treasurer's Note

Soon after the 2nd Maha Kumbhabhishekam on 2012 January our dream to purchase the next door property to construct a **Community Cultural Centre** came true. With Lord Ganesha's blessing we bought the property in 2013 for \$380,000 and paid it in full by the end of 2015.

In 2016 we began the journey of building the hall by inviting comments and feedback from the members. In the 2016 AGM we discussed various methods for money raising but were left with no other option than to beg or borrow to raise the needed funds. The total cost of the building was in excess of \$800,000. The detailed cost breakup will be provided at the AGM.

Our devoted members have been generous, and we would like to extend our thanks to them again. We also secured a government grant of \$267,000. We have used our savings and also taken a small bank loan and an overdraft facility.

However we still have a small loan of \$100,000 outstanding and I would like to humbly appeal to all of you to help us make this Centre free of debt. Even small amounts will be gratefully accepted.

You can make a **donation in the following ways**

- **using credit card** in the Temple – please mention that it is for the Hindu Educational Building Fund
- **By cheque payments** in favour of **Hindu Educational Building Fund** mailed to HSSA, 3a Dwyer St, Oaklands Park – include your contact details for the receipt
- or use **online banking** with the details below.

In all cases we can provide you with a tax deductible receipt.

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| o Bank: | BankSA |
| o BSB : | 105-086 |
| o Account No: | 054577940 |
| o Reference: | Your name and BF, please also send an email to secretary@hindusocietyysa.com.au with your details. |

Thank you in anticipation,

Siva Selva, OAM
Treasurer



The Guru is the same as the Self, the same as Consciousness itself. This is the truth. This is the absolute truth. Those who seek wisdom should make every effort to find their Guru.

Let me explain to you how an embodied soul becomes Enlightened. By offering seva at the feet of the Guru and drawing his grace, all obscurations are purified.

Think of the Guru with every action you perform. If you sprinkle water on your head while remembering the lotus feet of Shri Guru, you obtain the same benefits as bathing in all the places of pilgrimage.

Always meditate on the Guru's form. Sip from the Guru's water and eat from the food that he has left. Constantly repeat the mantra he has given you.

..... *Guru Gita*

