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Newsletter from the Tri State Hindu Temple and Cultural Center

## Festivals, Events

Rudrabhishekam at the temple  
every Monday till August 26th

Varalakshmi Vratam Fri Aug.9

Rig / Upakarma Wed. Aug.14

Raksha Bandhan Wed.Aug.14

Yjur / Avani Avittam ,Upakarama  
Aug.14

Janmashtami , Fr.Aug.23

## Bhagavad Gita

*Karmanaiva hi samsiddhim  
asthita janakadayah  
loka-sangraham evapi  
sampasyan kartum arhasi*

**SYNONYMS:** *karmana*—by work; *eva*—even; *hi*—certainly; *samsiddhim*—perfection; *asthitah*—situated; *janaka-adayah*—kings like Janaka and others; *loka-sangraham*—educating the people in general; *eva*—also; *api*—for the sake of; *sampasyan*—by considering; *kartum*—to act; *arhasi*—deserve

**TRANSLATION:** *Even kings like Janaka and others attained the perfection by performance of prescribed duties. Therefore, for the sake of educating the people in general, you should perform your work.*



## Message from Panditji, Shri Surendra Mishra:

**Sawan Somwar:** In Hindu calendar Shravan month is dedicated to Lord Shiva. The whole month is considered auspicious to seek blessing of Lord Shiva. Devotees fast during Shravan month to please Lord Shiva. Shravan month is also known as Sawan month in North Indian states. All Mondays or Somwar(s) which fall during Shravan month are considered highly auspicious for fasting and known as Shravan Somwar or Sawan Somwar Vrats. Many devotees observe sixteen Mondays or Solah Somwar fasting from first Somwar of Sawan month.

**Varalakshmi Vratam:** Varalakshmi Puja day is one of the significant days to worship the goddess of wealth and prosperity. Varalakshmi, who is the consort of Lord Vishnu, is one of the forms of Goddess Mahalakshmi. Varalakshmi was incarnated from the milky ocean, popularly known as Kshir Sagar. She is described as having the complexion of milky ocean and adorns similar color clothes. It is believed that the Varalakshmi form of the goddess bestows boons and fulfills all desires of her devotees.

**Raksha Bandhan:** Raksha Bandhan is celebrated in Shravanamonth during full moon day or Purnima day. The best time to tie Rakhi on Raksha Bandhan is during Aparahna which is late afternoon according to Hindu division of the day. If Aparahna time is not available then Pradoshtime is also suitable to perform rituals related to Raksha Bandhan.

**Krishna Janmashtami:** Devotees, who observe fast on Janmashtami, should have only single meal a day before Janmashtami. On fasting day, devotees take Sankalpa to observe a day long fast and to break it on the next day when both Rohini Nakshatra and Ashtami Tithi are over. Some devotees break the fast when either Rohini Nakshatra or Ashtami Tithi is over. Sankalpa is taken after finishing morning rituals and the day long fasting begins with Sankalpa.



## *Updates on New Temple Construction*



**PICTURES FROM AUGUST 8, 2019**

## Fundraiser Event for Temple Construction Fund

### **Tri State Hindu Temple Presents**

*An evening of Bollywood music, Indian Food and entertainment with*

# **Sangeeta Katti Kulkarni**

**A fund raising event for Tri State Hindu Temple**



**SEPTEMBER 7, 2019**

Registration, Snacks, Auction: 3 pm  
Program starts: 4 pm  
Dinner: 7 pm

**ADMISSION IS FREE**

**Preston Arts Center**

**Henderson Community College 2660**

**S Green St, Henderson, KY 42420**

**Our sincere thanks to**

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***Event Co-hosted by Cultural Society of India***

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