



SRI MANDIR

The First Hindu Temple

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Monthly Newsletter (August 2021)

Due to current lockdown in Greater Sydney Sri Mandir is temporary closed to the public until further notice. However, our temple priest Pandit Jatin Bhatt is performing daily pooja and aarti at 7-8pm. It is live streamed on Sri Mandir Facebook page every night 7-8pm

We are COVID safe registered organisation and refer to official advice from health and government authorities. At this critical time, we must stay home, follow the health advice, and do all we can to reduce transmission of this fast-spreading Delta strain. This is a difficult time please look after your wellbeing and remain vigilant to protect your health and the safety of those around you, as well as our local communities. Anyone who is displaying even the mildest symptoms should get tested immediately and self-isolate as directed by NSW Health.

Message from our priest

According to mythological belief, the month of Shravan is considered to be the month of Lord Shiva, the God of Gods, Lord Shiva. There is a legend in this regard that when Sanat Kumars asked Mahadev the reason for their love for the month of Shravan, Mahadev Lord Shiva told that when Goddess Sati had sacrificed her body with yoga power in the house of her father Daksha, before that Goddess Sati He had vowed to have Mahadev as a husband in every birth. In her second birth, Goddess Sati was born as a daughter by the name of Parvati in Himachal and Queen Maina's house. Parvati observed a strict fast in the Shravan month of her youth and married her after being pleased, after which it became special for Mahadev.

Worship of Shivshankar in Shravan: Lord Shankar is specially worshiped in the month of Shravan. During this, the worship is started with the consecration of Mahadev. In Abhishek, Mahadev is bathed with water, milk, curd, ghee, sugar, honey, Gangajal, sugarcane juice etc. After the consecration, Shiva is pleased with Belpatra, Samitra, Doob, Kusha, Kamal, Neelkamal, Oak Madar, Jawaphool Kaner, Rai flower etc. Along with this, Datura, Bhang and Shriphal are offered to Mahadev as bhog.

Abhishek of Mahadev: There is a legend behind the consecration of Mahadev that when Mahadev drinks this poison after churning the ocean, he becomes unconscious. Seeing his condition, all the gods and goddesses get frightened and start bathing Mahadev with whatever things are available nearby to bring them to their senses. Since then, Mahadev is anointed with water and all those things.

Belpatra and Samipatra: To please Lord Shiva, devotees offer Belpatra and Samipatra. According to a legend in this regard, when 89 thousand sages asked the Supreme Father Brahma how to please Mahadev - Brahmadev told that Mahadev is as happy by offering a hundred lotuses as he is by offering one Nilkamal. Similarly, one bel leaf is equal to one thousand nilkamal and one sampitra is equal to the fruit of offering one thousand bel leaves.

Belpatra gave boon: Belpatra is an accessible medium to please Mahadev. Importance of Belpatra According to a legend, a Bhil robber used to rob people to maintain the family. One day in the month of Shravan the robber went to the forest with the intention of robbing the passers-by. Even after a whole day and night, the robber became very upset as no victim was found. During this, the tree on which the robber was hiding was a bael tree and the troubled robber was plucking leaves from the tree and throwing them down. Suddenly Mahadev appeared in front of the robber and asked to ask for a boon. On knowing the sudden blessings of Shiva, the robber came to know that the Shivling was established below the place where he was throwing the Belpatra. Since then the importance of Belpatra has increased further.

Pitt Town New Temple Project update

Due to unavoidable circumstances related to COVID-19 pandemic and resistance from local residents Sri Mandir had to withdraw original DA with plan of a large temple and associated facilities late in 2020. A team of 5 experts (including 2 EC members) have been working on a smaller imprint DA with no change in the current residential house but conversion of existing shed into temple facility. Sri Mandir will provide more details to members once the DA is finalised and approved.

Sri Mandir Website update

Sri Mandir Executive committee is currently in the process of launching a new upgraded website. Our new website will be faster, easier to navigate and have more features for online pooja booking and donations.

Other updates

Sri Mandir has donated an oxygen concentrator to Red Cross India to support the COVID phase 2 crisis with the support from our devotees.

A new pergola and decking around the Mandir Bhavan has been built with the support from our devotees.

Important dates and festivals in August

04-08-21	Kamika Ekadashi
05-08-21	Pradosh
08-08-21	Amavasya
09-08-21	Kartikadik Shrawan Maas commences
13-08-21	Nagpanchami -Shukla paksh
14-08-21	Sheetala Satam -Shukla paksh
15-08-21	Indian Independence Day
17-08-21	Sankranti
18-08-21	Putrada Ekadashi
20-08-21	Pradosh
22-08-21	Raksha Bandhan, Gayatri Jayanti, Poorima
25-08-21	Sankranti Chaturthi (moon rise 08:14 pm)
27-08-21	Nagpanchani -Krishna Paksh
28-08-21	Randhal Chath -Krushna Paksh
29-08-21	Sheetala saatam -Krushna Paksh
30-08-21	Krushn Janamashtami

During the auspicious Shravan maas Shiv Pooja and Abhishek will be live streamed on Sri Mandir Facebook page every Monday 7-8:15 pm.

On 22nd August, Satya Narayan pooja will be live streamed on Sri Mandir Facebook page. More details to be published soon.

On 30th August, Janamashtami Bhajan Sandhya will be organised via zoom to celebrate Lord Krishna. More details to be published soon.

Sri Mandir Executive Committee is continuously working towards improving processes and communication with our devotees. If you have any suggestions or feedback, please contact us on feedback.srimandir@hotmail.com