



# SRI MANDIR

The First Hindu Temple

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## **Monthly Newsletter (October 2021)**

The NSW Premier announced the NSW Roadmap to Recovery, outlining how things will look across the state once we reach the milestone of 80 per cent double vaccinations for residents aged 16 and over, as well as future settings that will be in place for everyone from early December. Sri Mandir appreciated the great progress and encourages all devotees to get vaccinated if they haven't already and help protect yourself and the community.

We will publish more details about temple re-opening closer to the time. In the meantime, our temple Priest Pdt. Jatin Kumar Bhatt is performing daily pooja and aarti at 7-8pm. It is live streamed on Sri Mandir Facebook page every night 7-8pm.

Sri Mandir is a COVID Safe Registered organization. Under public health orders, Sri Mandir is obliged to complete Covid-19 Safety Plan and put the plan in action. To ensure safety and wellbeing of Priest and community, Sri Mandir urges to follow the covid-19 safety guidelines and follow public health orders on applicable restrictions during events held at temple premises or when Priest of the temple is attending external location (for religious services).

Priest of the Temple Pdt. Jatin Kumar Bhatt is fully vaccinated. As Sri mandir temple and Priest of the temple falls into NSW areas of Lockdown in Greater Sydney, if the event is held out of Greater Sydney LGA, the Priest will have to get permission for travelling to attend the venue

Based on Sri mandir COVID Safety Plan in action, please ensure-

- All attendees at the event are all fully vaccinated.
- Any of the attendees have not travelled overseas or interstate in last 14 days.
- Any of the attendees have not been unwell in last 14 days.
- Any of the attendees have not been in contact with people being infected, suspected or diagnosed with Covid-19 in last 14 days.
- Physical distancing outlined by health authorities, should be maintained during the event.
- Ventilation, hygiene, and cleaning should be maintained at all times.

Sri Mandir is committed on Safety and health of our Priest and community as well. Your cooperation and support in this difficult time is much appreciated. For further details and daily updates on guidelines from the Government, please visit-

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/rules/affected-area>

### **Temple updates**

Sri Mandir has donated groceries to 'Service to the Needy -Project 2021' carried out by the Hindu Council of Australia, to support people in need during this current lockdown.

## **Pitt Town Project update**

Sri Mandir Project team lodged DA application to the council in September. Team is currently working on Council RFI and actions. There are some delays due to current COVID lockdown restrictions.

## **Online Pooja booking**

Sri Mandir would like to thank our Parivaar for all their ongoing support and well wishes. The Mandir belongs to you and the next generations to come. It is because of your support that Sri Mandir has maintained its high standards and popularity and will continue to do so in the future.

We are moving to a new platform to facilitate the bookings of Puja/Ritual/Hawan at Sri Mandir premises as well as at Devotee's venue. In lieu of this, the Sri Mandir Executive Committee has agreed to charge a certain amount of donation as booking fees for these events. This is to support the funding requirements of Sri Mandir during the current COVID situation.

If you are facing any financial difficulties and unable to pay booking fees, please contact us to discuss other options. We are looking forward for our devotees support.

## **Important dates and festivals in October**

1/10/21 Indira Ekadashi  
3/10/21 Day light saving begins  
4/10/21 Som Pradosh, Labour day  
6/10/21 Sarva Pitru Amavasya  
7/10/21 Shaardiya Navratri begins  
9/10/21 Mata ki Chowki  
10/10/21 Durga Saptshati Havan  
13/10/21 Durga Ashtami  
15/10/21 Dusshera, Vijayadashami  
16/10/21 Pashankusha Ekadashi  
17/10/21 Pardosh, Sankranti  
20/10/21 Sharad Poornima  
24/10/21 Karwa Chauth Moonrise 10:39pm  
28/10/21 Ahoi Ashtami

During the auspicious Navratri festival daily bhajan, pooja and aarti will be live streamed on Sri Mandir Facebook page from 7<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> October from 6:30-8:30 pm.

Mata ki Chowki will be organised on 9<sup>th</sup> October by Rajesh Batra and will be live streamed on Sri Mandir Facebook page. More details to be published soon.

Karwa Chauth Pooja will be organised on 24<sup>th</sup> October. 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](mailto:feedback.srimandir@hotmail.com)***