

# HARI Times...

SITA-RAMA \* RADHE-SHYAM

JUN-JUL 2006

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## *HARI SCHOOL GRADUATION*

**Sunday, June 11, 2006**

**10:30 am ~ 12:00 noon**

Variety Program

Presented by Sunday School Students

Followed By Aarti & Lunch Prasad

**Lunch Prasad Sponsored by**

Suneeta & Sharad Khetarpal

Shalini & Mohan Nayak

Shefali & Amit Shah

## *SRIMAD BHAGWAT KATHA*

**Fourth Canto, Chapter 8-9**

**Dhruv Charitra**

**Monday, June 12, 2006**

**Sunday, June 18, 2006**

Recited By

H. H. Srila Radha Govind Goswami

*(Vrindavan, India; disciple of A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupad)*

*Please refer to page 3 of this edition of HARI Times for the  
katha timings and pertinent details*

**Katha Sponsored by**

Institute of Higher Understanding (IoHU),

Harrisburg, PA

**COMMUNITY CORNER**

**IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION**

Priest Service Requests for outside of HARI	Srini Subramanian (717) 730-7168
Hall Rental Requests	
Lunch Coordinator for HARI Sunday School	Alka Amin (717) 540-5380
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**OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Saturday, June 24, 2006	Gujarati Samaj Picnic
Fri-Sat, Sept 29-30, 2006	Navaratri Mahotsav Sponsored by Guj Samaj
Saturday, October 21, 2006	Guj Samaj Diwali Dinner
Sunday, December 3, 2006	AIACPA Annual Dinner

**EKADASHI, PURNIMA, AMAWASYA**

<b>June 2006</b>		
07	Wednesday	Bhim Ekadashi (Shukla)
11	Sunday	Purnima (Vat-Savatri Vrat)
21	Wednesday	Yogini Ekadashi (Krishna)
25	Sunday	Darsh Amawasya
<b>July 2006</b>		
07	Friday	Devpodhi Ekadashi (Shukla)
11	Tuesday	Guru Purnima
21	Friday	Kamika Ekadashi (Krishna)
25	Tuesday	Hariali Amawasya
<b>August 2006</b>		
05	Saturday	Putrada Ekadashi (Shukla)
09	Wednesday	Purnima (Raksha Bandhan)
19	Saturday	Aja Ekadashi (Krishna)
23	Wednesday	Pithori Amawasya

**Donations Sought**

PROJECT	APPROX. COST	REMARKS
Handicap ramp for the classroom	\$1,200.00	Classrooms are used for HARI School
New flush ceiling type tube fittings in the dining hall area	\$1,000.00	General maintenance and improvements in the dining area
Curtains for the stage area	\$12,000.00	Please contact Nirmal Joshi at 541-0363 or Srini Subramanian at 730-7168 for further details and/or with your pledge
Alarm and video Surveillance	\$10,000.00	

**Donor's recognition**

PROJECT	AMOUNT	DONORS
Landscaping Project	\$2,000.00	Dr. Ramesh & Pushpa Bhatia
Priest limo transport to airport	\$350.00	Drs. Nirmal & Renu Joshi
Privacy stalls in the men's restroom	\$350.00	Mr. & Mrs. Mohan & Sudesh Singal
Comcast internet connection charges	\$326.00	Mr. & Mrs. Srinivasan & Vimla Sarma
Web Site Signs at the temple	\$100.00	Mr. Ganesh Bhat

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**HARI presents Srimad Bhagawat Katha  
Fourth Canto, Chapter 8-9, Dhruv Charitra  
June 12 through June 18, 2006**

**Recited in Hindi by**

**H. H. Srila Radha Govind Goswami, Vrindavan, India  
A disciple of A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupad**

H. H. Radha Govind Goswami is a sanyasi disciple of A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupad. He resides in Vrindavan and travels all over the world following his spiritual master's order of performing Srimad Bhagavat Katha in Hindi. Srila Radha Govind Goswami is a Sanskrit scholar from Banaras University and preaches loving devotional service (*Prem Lakshana Bhakti*) to the Supreme Lord. He has been traveling to Europe, Africa, and North America since last 15 years, essentially preaching the glories of Srimad Bhagavatam, the spotless Purana.

**Katha Schedule**

**Monday to Friday, June 12 to June 16**  
6:30 pm to 7:00 pm - Bhajans  
7:00 pm to 7:15 pm - Aarti  
7:15 to 9:15 pm - Katha  
Packaged prasad will be served in the end

**Saturday & Sunday, June 17 & June 18**  
4:00 pm to 4:30 pm - Bhajans  
4:30 pm to 7:00 pm - Katha  
7:00 pm Aarti, followed by Dinner Prasad

**Srimad Bhagwat Katha is sponsored by  
Institute of Higher Understanding (IoHU), Harrisburg  
Contact: (717) 791-9138 -or- HbgVedic@yahoo.com**

***OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY***

... To the families of siblings Vishnu Vyas, Meena Bhatt, and Mahendra Vyas who have lost their beloved brother Sri Kishorchandra Vyas on march 16, 2006, in Surat, India.

... To the families of siblings Mohanbhai Patel and Shardaben Ratilal Patel who have lost their beloved mother Smt. Sonaben P. Patel on March 26, 2006.

... To the families of siblings Manisha Ajit Smith, Amish Desai, and Nina Patel who have lost their beloved mother Smt. Saryuben Desai on April 6, 2006.

... To the family of Smt. Madhuben Dave, York, who lost her beloved husband Mr. Labhshankar Dave on April 13, 2006, in Ahmedabad, India. Our heartfelt sympathy also goes to their three children: Bhavana, Jignesh, and Hetal.

... To the family of Damyanti Prakash Vyas who lost her beloved mother Smt. Harkunvar Harishankar Oza on April 22, 2006, in Mumbai, India.

... To the family of Kalpana Pradip Vyas who lost her beloved sister Smt. Pravina Bharat Parekh on May 15, 2006, in Mumbai, India.

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES (BOT)**

### **Summary of recent meetings**

#### **1. General**

- a. The BOT meets once a month. The meetings are convened and Chaired by the Chairman
- b. Each subcommittee (the ones listed below are mandated by HARI Bylaws), and the Executive Committee (EC) updates the Board on activities related to it's area
- c. The BOT collectively feels that its activities should be transparent and freely accessible to the HARI membership. A summary of such activities will be provided to the membership via HARI Times.

#### **2. Finance Committee Update:**

- a. Full financial statements will be published on a semiannual basis
- b. Current discussions are in process of best investing of "long term" funds
- c. Short-term operations budgets have a small margin that, after use for Landscaping project will have leave a revenue "neutral" situation.

#### **3. Building Maintenance and Planning Committee**

- a. Potential capital projects reviewed included Landscaping, Security System, Priest Quarters, and Stage Enhancement Project. The first two were prioritized for implementation first.

#### **4. Land and Lot Maintenance Update**

- a. Thanks to excellent coordinating efforts between members of the EC and BOT, the Landscaping Project was recently completed with utilizing funds generated from the UTSAV-2005 program (pictures in this edition of HARI Times).

#### **5. Security and Legal Committee Update**

- a. One of the priorities for projects this year includes implementation of security system for the temple premises. The EC will be looking towards the membership for some funding support for this project.

#### **6. PR Committee Update**

- a. HARI Times under the editorship of Hiten Amin will have increased support from the Executive Committee in the form of Secretary, Pallav Bhonde, and Sr. Vice President, Sunil Desai. A true Editorial Board will meet before each publication to finalize content.
- b. A "HARI Communication Policy" is being developed by this committee and is being currently actively worked on with inputs from BOT, EC, and membership. This policy streamlines all communication from HARI.

#### **7. Others**

- a. The BOT has greatly appreciated efforts from several members in providing "coverage" to keep the temple open in the absence of a regular priest. Immigration processes are currently underway in finalizing successful employment of a new priest.
- b. Donations above \$2,500.00 in cash or kind are to be recognized in a Display-Board at HARI premises. This is being implemented by the EC.
- c. Requests from a couple of Hindu groups (including the Institute of Higher Understanding) to use the temple premises for Hindu religious activities were approved for a trial period of 3 months with specific restrictions.

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## **CONGRATULATIONS**

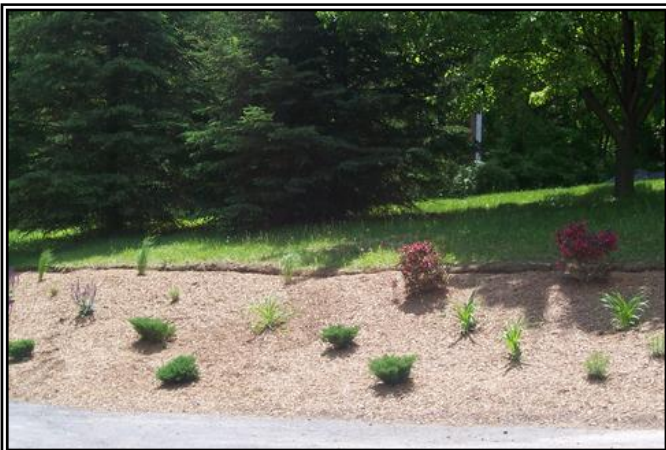
To Anoop & Pinki Shah, proud parents of *SIENNA*, born on Monday, March 20, 2006. Proud grandparents are Kirti & Pragna Shah of Mechanicsburg,, PA. Congratulations to all.

To Athmaram & Rachita Nambiar, proud parents of *PRIYANKA*, born on Tuesday, May 2, 2006.

To Kamlesh & Manjiri Andhare, proud parents of *ARNAV*, born on Wednesday, May 17, 2006.

## HARI LANDSCAPING PROJECT FUNDED BY THE PROCEEDS FROM "UTSAV"

Remember "UTSAV"? Where the joy, color, and spectacular beauty of festivals of India were brought alive on the stage at the Forum in April 2005? Thanks to all of you, and by the Grace of Lord Rama, the event had brought in a net donation of about \$18,000.00. As we had promised to you, the funds are being utilized on the landscaping improvements at HARI. See it for yourself...



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **BHAJANS-SATSANG, SWADHYAY GROUP...**

HARI is pleased to announce two new initiatives in addition to the Monthly Havan on the second Sunday of each month and Satyanarayan Puja on each full moon day. The two new activities are: Weekly Bhajans & Bhagawad Gita Study and bi-weekly Swadhyay. Both programs are open to all and devotees are encouraged to participate with friends and family. The details are as follows:

- **Weekly Bhajans & Bhagawad Gita Study:** Each Friday from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm, followed by prasad. Institute of Higher Understanding (IoHU) will conduct the Bhajans & Bhagawad Gita study in collaboration with HARI and observe the following schedule. For more information, contact IoHU at (717) 791-9138 or HbgVedic@yahoo.com.
  - 6:30 – 7:00: Bhajans
  - 7:00 – 7:15: Temple Aarti
  - 7:15 – 8:15: Bhagawad Gita Class
  - 8:15 – 8:30: Q&A and Mantra Meditation (one round japa)
  - 8:30 – 9:00: Hare Krishna aarti and Narasimha aarti; followed by Prasad
- **Bi-Weekly Swadhyay:** Organized by the Jain Center of South Central PA, the group meets every 2nd and 4th Monday, from 7:15 pm to 8:45 pm. Presently, the group has started reading from the book **Kalptaru**. The program is open to all and devotees are encouraged to participate with friends and family. *Note: The group will not meet on 6/12 due to Srimad Bhagawat Katha as listed on page 3.*
- **Ongoing Monthly Programs:**
  - **Satyanarayan Puja:** HARI observes the Satyanarayan Puja on each full moon day (Purnima) from 7:15 pm to 9:00 pm, seeking Lord's blessings for good health, peace, and wealth of all HARI devotees. At the conclusion of the puja, the story of Lord Satyanarayan is read and prasad is distributed to all attendees.
  - **Monthly Havan:** HARI Devotees Mrs. Aruna Lal and Mr. Satya Arya conduct Monthly Havan on the second Sunday of each month from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Devotees are encouraged to participate and sponsor the Monthly Havan.

### **HARI'S E-MAIL DISTRIBUTION...**

Sign up for HARI **announcements via e-mail** by visiting <http://www.haritemple.org> and follow the link available on the top right hand corner. You may also change the present e-mail details by using the link at the bottom of the HARI notification Email. Also, remember to visit HARI website to view the pictures of the events celebration at HARI temple.

### **CORRECTIONS TO 2005 HARI Directory...**

Corrections to the 2005 HARI Directory is now available at HARI temple. Please pickup your correction-page the next time you visit HARI. For devotees' convenience, the 2005 HARI Directory is now made available at the area Indian Grocery Stores (India Groceries & Fashions, Shop-N-Drive, Hampden Grocers, and Asian Indian Grocery & Spices). Drop corrections, updates, and/or additions to the directory listing in the Hundi or submit to any HARI committee members.

## 2006 HARI CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	PROGRAM	DINNER SPONSOR
Saturday, August 19	Shri Krishna Janmashtami	Bhajan Sandhya Dr. Usha Bhargave	Rajkumar & Swati Wale
TBA	Anand Bazaar	Fun / Food	HARI Devotees
Monday, August 21 to Monday, August 28	Paryushan & Shamapna Parva	Jain Bhakti	*** N/A ***
Saturday, August 26	Shri Ganesh Chaturthi	Puja / Bhajans	Vishnu & Leena Shenoy (Passage To India)
Saturday, September 23 to Sunday, October 01	Navaratri Mahotsav	Durga Puja Raas-Garbaa	*** N/A ***
Friday, September 29	Kolu Puja	Kolu Puja by HARI Devotees	*** N/A ***
Saturday, October 07	Dusherra	Durga Puja	Open
Tuesday, October 10	Karva Chauth	Karva Chauth Puja	*** N/A ***
Saturday, October 28	Diwali	Diwali Annakot, General Body Meeting	HARI Devotees

### ACTUAL DATES OF MAJOR FESTIVALS (MARCH – OCTOBER)

03-14-2006, Tuesday	Holi
03-30-2006, Thursday	Gudi Padva
04-06-2006, Thursday	Ramanavami
04-11-2006, Tuesday	Mahavir Jayanti
04-13-2006, Thursday	Hanuman Jayanti
04-30-2006, Sunday	Akshay Tritiya
06-27-2006, Tuesday	Rath Yatra
08-09-2006, Wednesday	Raksha Bandhan
08-16-2006, Wednesday	Krishna Janmashtami
08-27-2006, Sunday	Ganesh Chaturthi
09-08-2006, Friday to 09-22-2006, Friday	Pitr-Paksha (Shraddh)
09-23-2006, Saturday to 10-01-2006, Sunday	Navaratri Mahotsav
10-02-2006, Monday	Vijaya Dashami
10-10-2006, Tuesday	Karva Chauth
10-22-2006, Sunday	Deepavali (Diwali)
0-23-2006, Monday	Vikram Samvat 2063



*For certain is death for the born  
And certain is birth for the dead;  
Therefore over the inevitable  
Thou should not grieve.*

- Bhagavad Gita, Chapter 2

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**HARI CALENDAR AT A GLANCE**

June 2006		
06/02	Friday	Bhagawad Gita Study 6:30 pm
06/04	Sunday	Jain Puja 2:00 pm
06/09	Friday	Bhagawad Gita Study 6:30 pm
06/11	Sunday	School Graduation 10:30 am
06/11	Sunday	Monthly Havan 5:30 pm
06/11	Sunday	Purnima; S-Katha 7:30 pm
06/12 to 06/18	Monday to Sunday	Srimad Bhagwat Katha, details on page 3. (Note: Bi-weekly Swadhyay will not meet on Monday, 6/12)
06/16	Friday	Bhagawad Gita Study 6:30 pm
06/23	Friday	
06/26	Monday	Biweekly Swadhyay 7:15 pm
06/30	Friday	Bhajans, Bhagawad Gita Study 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm

July 2006		
07/02	Sunday	Jain Puja 2:00 pm
07/07	Friday	Bhagawad Gita Study 6:30 pm
07/09	Sunday	Monthly Havan 5:30 pm
07/10	Monday	Biweekly Swadhyay 7:15 pm
07/11	Tuesday	Guru Purnima Satyanarayan Katha 7:30 pm
07/14	Friday	Bhagawad Gita Study 6:30 pm
07/21	Friday	
07/24	Monday	Biweekly Swadhyay 7:15 pm
07/28	Friday	Bhagawad Gita Study 6:30 pm

*Seek refuge in the attitude of detachment and you will amass the wealth of spiritual awareness. Those who are motivated by the desire for the fruits of their actions are miserable, for they are constantly anxious about the results of what they do.*

**- Bhagavad Gita 2: 49-5**