



Janmashtami Celebration Saturday, August 23rd, 2008



Nand Mahostav Sunday, August 24th, 2008



At

Bharatiya Temple Inc.

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Janmashtami celebrates the birth of one of the most worshipped Gods of Hindu religion, Bhagwan Krishna, on the eighth day (Ashtami) in the month of Sravana or Savana. Lord Sri Krishna was born on the 'Rohini' nakshatram (star). Legend has it that Sri Krishna was born on a dark, stormy and windy night to end the rule and atrocities of his maternal uncle, Kansa

It is only at midnight between the first and the second day that birth of Sri Krishna took place. The actual festivities begin during midnight in this 48 hour period. The celebration reaches its peak at midnight, with the birth of Lord Krishna, with lot of hymns, arti taking place and blowing of the Conch (shankh), rocking the cradle of Lord. The idol of lord is bathed with Panchamrit (A mixture of milk, ghee, oil, honey and Gangajal). The Panchamrit is later distributed as Prasad to the devotees along with other sweets. While some Fast on the first day and break it at midnight for others the fasting continues for both days. The period coincides with rainy season.

Janmashtami Program

9.00 To 11.30 PM – Bhajan by various groups
11.30 To 11.45 PM – Gita Chanting
11.45 PM to 12.15 AM – Krishna Janma Puja
12.15 AM - Aarti & Prasad

Nand Mahostav Program

9.30 AM - Laxmi Narayana Abhishekam
10.30 AM – Nand Mahoshtav Celebration
12.00 Noon - Aarti & Prasad

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