



BHARATIYA TEMPLE & BHARATIYA CULTURAL CENTER

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"Sundar mundariye - ho"

"Pedda panduga"

"Til-gud ghya, god god bola"



Come celebrate

LOHRI

on

Saturday, January 16, 2010

Call it **Lohri**, **Pongal**, **Bhogi** or **Sankranti**, the festival which is celebrated all over India by different names and in different ways, conveys the same message. **Lohri** in Punjab is celebrated during the same time as **Pongal** in Tamil Nadu, **Bhogi** in Andhra Pradesh and **Makar Sankranti** in many parts of India. The festival of **Lohri** is celebrated on the auspicious day of January 13 to mark the beginning of sun's journey towards Uttarayan (north). The focus of **Lohri** is on the bonfire, which symbolizes a prayer to Agni - the spark of life. The Puja involves Parikrama around the fire and distribution of prasad. The traditional *prasad* comprises of five main things: til, gachak, gur, moongphali, phuliya and popcorn. The first Lohri of a newly wed couple and of a newborn baby is of great importance.



Program

- ◆ **5.00 pm to 7.00 pm: *Lohri* (sacred bonfire and Puja), traditional *dhol*, songs & dance**
- ◆ **7.00 pm: Aarti**
- ◆ **Dinner**

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