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यमेकाक्षरं निर्मलं निर्विकल्पं
गुणातीतमानन्दमाकारशून्यम् ।
परं पारमोकारमान्मायगर्भं
वदन्ति प्रगल्भं पुराणं तमीडे ॥

I praise that Ganesha, Who is the beginning of the universe,
Who is pure, Who is free from differences, Who is beyond the
qualities, Who is pure bliss, Who is formless, Who is beyond
everything, Who is OMkar, Who is the creator of illusions, and
Whom eminent Purana sing. ||

Adi Shankara (source: Stutimandal.com)

*Shri. Sidarth
Shri. Ashok
Smt. Vijaya Viswanathan
Shri. Nagesh Nama*



WELCOME



Dear Ganesh Devotees:

It is our pleasure to welcome you back to the 4th year of America's 1st, 11-Day Ganesh Festival, Philadelphia Ganesh Festival at our Bharatiya Temple.

We profusely thank Shri Ashok & Shrimati Sanjiwan Soni as well as Sri Nagesh Nama & Srimati Vijaya Viswanathan for Grand Sponsoring the Festival. We also thank eleven Indian-American organizations for their active participation in the Festival. It is gratifying that our festival has been successful in uniting Indians and mainstream Americans sharing different backgrounds. We also thank many area restaurants and caterers who have come forward to offer their Seva to Lord Ganesha by donating cooked food, groceries and their chefs for the Mahaprasad served every evening. The dedication, commitment and sustained hard work of scores of volunteers have come to stay as the hallmark of the Philadelphia Ganesh Festival and its success over the years. This year will be no exception. We express our most sincere thanks to all volunteers.

This year veteran maestros like Padmabhushan Pt. Rajan & Sajan Mishra, Taalyogi Pt. Suresh Talwalkar and Gajarat Nu Gaurav Shri. Praful Dave are going to grace our Festival. We are sure our community will not miss the golden opportunity to enjoy their performances. Every effort has been made to balance the religious, spiritual and cultural content of the Festival. Anand Bazaar, surely, will excite kids and adults alike. On behalf of all Festival volunteers, we invite you, your family and friends to participate in these festivities at the Philadelphia Ganesh Festival.

This year we have the challenge of steering the festival amidst the second phase construction of our temple. We will very much appreciate your patience and cooperation in bearing with us for any inconvenience. We can all look forward to a much better facility and back drop for next year's Festival.

Ganapati Bappa Moraya ! Mangal Murti Moraya !!

Temple's President

Nandkishore Todi

Festival Mentors

Mukund Kute, Ganesh Patil, T. Sarada

Festival's Coordination Committee

Pramod Kotwal

Vipul Rathod

Niranjan Samant

R. Sivakumar

Participating Organizations

* Philadelphia Marathi Mandal * Plymouth Balvihar * Indo American Club * Telugu Association of GDV * Tamil Association of GDV *
* Bharatiya Temple * Bharatiya Cultural Center * Bharatiya Vidyalaya * Gujarati Samaj * SRUTI * Sangeet Society *

Family Contributions: \$51, \$101, \$201, \$501, \$1001

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MAHA PRASAD SPONSORS

Sultan

- Full Menu (1 Day)
- Head Chef (Multiple)

Patel Food Mkt

- Grocery (2 Days)

Palace of Asia

- Full Menu (1 Day)
- Head Chef (1 Day)

Dosa Hut

- 1 Menu Item
- Head Chef (1 Day)

Himalaya

- 1 Menu Item
- Head Chef (1 Day)

Telugu Association

- Grocery (1 Day)
- Cooking Help (1 Day)

Suma Foods

Head Chef (3 Days)

Royal India

Cooking (1 Day)

Tandoor

1 Menu Item

Bombay Kitchen

Head Chef (1 Day)

Plymouth Balvihar

Cooking Help (1 Day)

Philadelphia Marathi Mandal

Cooking Help (2 Days)

Tamil Association

Cooking Help (2 Days)

Gujarati Samaj

Cooking Help (2 Days)

Bawarchi

2 Menu Items

Passage to India

1 Pakoda Item

Aman's

1 Desert

Hot Breads

Bread for Pav-Bhaji

Bharat Panchal

Bhaji for Pav-Bhaji

New Samosa

Samosa Tray

Mastani Ice Cream

Ice Cream for a Day

VOLUNTEERS

Overall Coordination

Pramod Kotwal, R. Sivakumar, Vipul Rathod, Niranjn Samant

Religious Programs

Tushar Vedanti, T. Sarada, Rita Sheth, Dilip Sheth, T. Parasarn, Shashi Todi, P. Swaminathan, Yogesh Date, Paramita Sinha, Roshan Dave, Rushi Dave, Jagruti Dave, Mukesh Dave, Dhananjay Samudralwar, Karuna Samudralwar, Andy Suri

Wargani, Finance

Mahesh Jituri, Uday Karnik, T. Prasaran, Shiva Sajjan, Praful Ajmera, Neelam/Sameer Naik, Saroja Sagaram, Satish Deshmane, Shirish Joglekar, Mamta Patil, Raj Deshpande, Ramesh Desai, Varsha Nalavade, Mina Bapat, Achyut Ratnaparkhi, Praveen Sharma

Food & Prasad

Sanjeev Lal, Sangeeta Raje Palkar, Bharat Panchal, Ani Railkar, Ganesh Patil, Bhakti Panchal, Praful Ajmera, Raksha Ajmera, Shiva Sajjan, Vaishali Joglekar, Jyoti Deshmane, Harshada Pendharkar, Kala Sajjan, Abhijit Nerurkar, Aarti Nerurkar, Lakshmi Iyer, Meenal Samant, Samapada Deshpande, Rama Shankar, V Shankar, Ravi Indrakanti, Shaila Karnik

Decoration

Venkateswara Reddy, Lakshmi Iyer, Sunanda Kulkarni, Vaishali Joglekar, Jyoti Deshmane, Komal Date, Mona Vibhute, Dilip Seth, Bhavin Shah, Sarita Kotwal, Karuna Samudralwar, Ranjit Deshmukh, Shubhra Vedanti, Anu Sirsat, Rajendra Nalavade, Hema Abhyankar

Audio, Sound

Kiran Padgaonkar, Subhas Chakravorty, Raj Bandekar, Gopi Ganeshan, Uday Karnik, Mukesh Dave, Harshad Abhyankar, Venkat Navaneethan, Anjan Dave, Prasad Sheth, Abhijit Bhide

Procession

Harshad Abhyankar, Shirish Joglekar, Umesh Tambi, Priya Shah, Sujata Deshmukh, Shubhra Vedanti, Gopi Ganeshan, Anu Sirsat

Anand Bazar

Saroja Sagaram, Ganesh Patil, Sunanda Kulkarni, Sanjeev Lal, Ishaan Nerurkar, Shubhra Amonkar, Janhavi Patel, Karuna Samudralwar, Shital Vibhute, Chandana Asthana, Meghana Deshmane, Rutuke Patel, Sanjeev Munshi

Stage, Video & Light

Asheesh Nadkarni, Mallik Budhavarapu, Ranjit Deshmukh, Ramesh Iyer, Dhananjay Samudralwar, Kedar Gidh, Anjan Dave, Aniruddha Potnis, Milind Ranade

Parking & Traffic

Mukund Kute, Bawa Jaggi, Mayur Amonkar, Ambrish Gor, Jayant Patel, Sandeep Desai, Aniruddha Potnis

Media, Brochure

Sri Sagaram, Sanjay Shetye, Sanjeev Lal, Saurabh Palkar, Shairali Rao, Neelam/Sameer Naik, Meenal Samant, Gopi Ganeshan, Ashini Desai, Vijay Aggarwal, Praveen Sharma, Praful Ajmera

Host & Hospitality Committee

Mohana Padgaonkar, Sarita Kotwal, Shaila Karnik, Lakshmi Iyer, Mona Vibhute, Sunanda Kulkarni, Andy Suri, Gopi Ganeshan, Paramita Sinha

Cleanliness

Praful Patel, Venkat Navaneethan, Bharat Panchal, Bhakti Panchal