



## BHARATIYA TEMPLE & CULTURAL CENTER

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*"Sundar Mundariye – Ho"*  
*"Pedda Panduga"* *"Til-gud ghya, god god bola"*

Come celebrate



# LOHRI

on

## Saturday, January 17, 2009

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 Maharastra and Central 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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