

SHREE SWAMINARAYAN TEMPLE MELBOURNE

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Hello Dear Satsangis

The Glory of Satsang... “Without satsang, the seed of moksha never sprouts”. Grains may be stored in containers for thousand of years, but without soil and water, they will never sprout. **Similarly, no work is accomplished without satsang- not today and not even after countless births.**

A visitor’s message (for SSTM)...

“Thank you for allowing us to visit your beautiful mandir. I am very impressed with the involvement of the youngsters of your community.”

Humble Reminder

Please ensure that **no food is served or consumed inside the temple** at all times. The cleanliness of the temple is of utmost importance and all devotees have the responsibility to keep the Lord’s house clean.

Sangeet Sandhya

SSTM was pleased to organize a "SANGEET SANDHYA" (musical evening/Diaro) with renowned artist Shri Vinod Patel from Rajkot, India.

All were fully entertained with jokes, Diaro, famous Raagmala, Bhajans, Sugam sangeet and lot more!! View photos on website.

Hindola success

Hindola festival is celebrated with joy and enthusiasm at all Swaminarayan mandirs. It is an aesthetic experience of devotion to the Lord, requiring meticulous preparation by sadhus and devotees to produce hindolas of a variety of colors, shapes and forms. This year’s hindola Utsav was tremendously a success. Bingo to all those who put in all the hard work to make it

a success. Without you all, this would not have been possible. Our heartiest congrats goes to the Baal mandal who, with the help of other satsangi's, came up with one of the most unique designs. Well done Baal Mandal team! View photos on website.

Janmashtami Celebrations

Jubilant celebrations were held on 14th August to mark the birth of Lord Shri Krishna, one of the most venerated incarnations in the Hindu Dharma. The celebrations included Raas Utsav followed by farari prashad. View photos on website.

Ganesh Chaturthi

Jubilant celebrations were held on 23rd August to mark the birth of Lord Ganesh. Ganesh Chaturthi is celebrated as the birthday of Lord Ganesh the god of wisdom and prosperity on the fourth day of Bhadra. The celebrations included puja followed by jalebi ghatia. View photos on website.

2009 Election results

Elections of committee members for **2009/10** were held, and the results were as follows:

Position:	Elected member(s):	Proposed by:	Seconded by:
Chairman	Deepakbhai Raghvani	Vipulbhai	Kantibhai
Vice Chairman	Rajubhai Varsani	Kiranben	Dineshbhai
Secretary	Manojbhai Varsani	Meetaben	Dineshbhai
Asst Secretary	Prakashbhai	Manojbhai	Kiranben
Treasurer	Arvinbhai Kara	Kiranben	Dineshbhai
Asst Treasurer	Dineshbhai Varsani	Premjibhai	Rameshbhai
Trustees	Bhupendrabhai kara		
Trustees	Vinodbhai Varsani		
Trustees	Deepakbhai Raghvani		
Committee Members	Harishbhai Hirani	Kiranben	Dineshbhai
	Vipulbhai Patel	Arvind	Suresh
	Rameshbhai Raghvani	Kanti	Naran
	Sureshbhai Vekaria	Arvind	Prakash
	Kantibhai Seyani	Premilaben	Kishore
	PremjibhaiMurji	Prakash	Bhupen
	Rameshbhai Gorosia	Vipul bhai	Ashwinbhai

Temple Project

The organising committee welcome's all devotees to participate in the temple activities and assist in any way they possibly can. It is only through this participation that the next grand vision of a purposeful built temple can be realised.

Agarbati still available

We now have ample stocks of Agarbati on sale at our SSTM premises. To place your orders, kindly contact Manoj Varsani on 0431559826 (email: muna_nbi@hotmail.com).

Prices are as follows:

\$1.50 - for hexagonal box containing 15 fragrance sticks

\$3.00 - for rectangular box containing 100 fragrance sticks

Kindly note that all proceeds from the sale will go towards our SSTM Building Fund.

Achievement Awards

Congratulations to

Group A Junior: Darshan Varsani

Aman Vekaria

Group A Senior: Druvit Hirani

Janvi Vekaria

Group B: Neel Kara

Darshan Varsani

Group C: Ishwari Varsani

Payal Varsani & Divya Hirani

For their outstanding performances in their **Baal Mandal exams**, held on the 4th July, 2009.
Well done!

Quotable Quotes & Inspirations

- Failure is an instrumental part of every success. Whether our life has been a triumph or tragedy can only be judged at its very end.
- Hardships make us strong. Problems give birth to wisdom. Sorrows cultivate compassion. Those who have suffered the most will become the happiest.
- Hinduism teaches that a single day of life is worth more than all the treasures of the universe.

Words of Wisdom

- By offering prayers, singing bhajans and performing worship the mind is pacified lasting peace of mind is attained by offering *navda bhakti*.

Brain Teasers

- If a collection of cows and crows has 43 heads and 120 feet, how many of each are there?

Solution- 17 cows and 26 crows

- You are running in a street marathon and you overtake the person in second place, what position are you now in?

Solution- You are now in second place yourself!

Upcoming events

For more information on this, please visit our website:

<http://www.swaminarayanmelbourne.org.au>

We look forward to seeing you all again at all the upcoming events and as always, welcome any input, feedback, new ideas, etc. with regard to these and future events.