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DIWALI GALA 2020 Souvenir

Supporting Center for Indian Culture and Education

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MESSAGE FROM SWAMIJI

Divine Souls,

Within just a 3 ½ year period, by God's Divine Grace, we have watched the Radha Krishna Temple of Dallas transform into a nucleus for the Hindu community, not just in DFW metroplex, but throughout the world. The temple building has transformed into a breathtaking jewel adorning the landscape. It has also gained reputation for celebrating the maximum number of festivals in full grandeur. I hope you take time during your visits to enjoy the beauty of the temple and hope that it inspires you to explore the inexplicable beauty of connecting with your beloved Lord.

When it seemed as if the entire country shut down due to COVID-19, the Radha Krishna Temple celebrated many festivals and broadcasted them live for a worldwide audience. Thousands of people participated in Guru Poornima, Janmashtami, Ganesh Chaturthi, Radhashtami, Purushottam Maas, Navratri, Diwali, and Tulsi Vivah, from the comfort of their homes. One of the most notable events of this year was the Bhoomi Poojan for Phase 2 of temple project, which is, construction of the Center for Indian Culture and Education. The construction has been progressing at a very rapid pace. The 24,000 sq. ft. State-of-the-Art building will soon be a symbol of our rich Indian cultural heritage for many generations to come. This Center of Excellence will off er educational opportunities to children, youth and adults in the community on all aspects of the rich legacy of Indian performing and visual arts, classical vocal and instrumental music, various dance forms, instruction in the language of our scriptures (Sanskrit), and folk and religious traditions from all over India.

The Center will start off ering online classes as early as January 2021. When external conditions permit, the classes will be conducted on-site on the temple's premises. The Diwali Gala 2020, has been organized primarily to garner support from the worldwide community for completion of the Center for Indian Culture and Education. I highly commend the selfless gesture of the Bollywood artists to bring this marvelous event for you, free of cost and easily accessible from your own homes. The Radha Krishna Temple is investing in our next generation with inspiring and nurturing programs for children and youth. The Bal-Mukund classes have transformed young children into cultural ambassadors of the future. This temple has provided youth of all ages with a wholesome environment in which they have innumerable opportunities to learn, grow and ultimately reach their full potential. The JKYog Youth Club gives adolescents invaluable opportunities to experience the joy and satisfaction of service and giving back to their community. Radha Krishna Temple also serves as a wellness center, where visitors gain practical knowledge of improving their health. From yoga sessions, meditation, medical clinics, informational health seminars, and workshops, health enthusiasts, young and old, learn how to improve their physical, mental and emotional wellbeing.

The spirit of service or seva lives in the heart of Radha Krishna Temple. The temple provides wonderful opportunities for young and old alike to touch the lives of those in great need. Through this benevolent humanitarian outreach, the temple is becoming a more visible partner in the wellbeing of the greater community.

We commend all those who came together to support the temple and its charitable initiatives. Thank you for attending the Diwali Gala 2020 and offering your support. Together we have created a thriving environment for devotion, education, culture, arts, and sadhana.

In the service of the Lord, Swami Mukundananda

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

A LABOR OF LOVE

The star performers at the gala are all praise for the work of JKYog and Swami Mukundananda, especially producer and director Harry Anand. This show is a labor of love on his part in humble service to Swamiji and JKYog. Producing this event amid the numerous restrictions of COVID-19 has not been an easy task and he acknowledged the immense grace of God and Guru in making the event a reality for the benefit of humanity.

The show features variety of performances and is being shot with Multi camera setup on a huge & extremely glossy set. It has various segments like Music / Dance / Comedy / Singing performances by many Bollywood Celebrities.

HARRY ANAND - DIWALI GALA SHOW PRODUCER & DIRECTOR

- 13 Award winner including 3 MTV Immies
- Music Producer / Singer / Song Writer / Video Director

• Has **biggest hits in remixes** like Kaanta laga / Kaliyoun ka chaman / chardi jawani. His creations have been sung by Sukhwinder Singh / Rahat Fateh Ali Khan / Arman Malik / Ankit Tiwari / Sonu Nigam / Sunidhi Chauhan and the list goes on.

• Given music for 23 films and is also known as **Remix King** for his remixes./with Multi camera setup on a huge & extremely glossy set. It has various segments like Music / Dance / Comedy / Singing performances by many Bollywood Celebrities.



DIWALI GALA HOST – KARAN WAHI

• Bollywood's Most Favorite Host Actor/Anchor/ Performer

• He started his television career with the 2004 television show Remix on Star One.

• He later starred in the popular youth show Dill Mill Gayye, which he further rose to fame in. In addition to his acting career, Wahi has participated in stage shows and has hosted several awards and TV shows.



BALRAJ SYAL – THE PRINCE OF COMEDY

- The Prince of Comedy
- The Great Indian Laughter Challenge
- Comedy Nights Bachao

• Balraj Syal is a comedian and actor on Indian national television.

- He has taken a place in the hearts of viewers with his marvelous performances. He came into limelight with the show "The Great Indian Laughter Challenge".
- He has made his huge fan following in the comedy show "Comedy Nights Bachao. This national artist is creating waves in the world of Indian comedy.

NAITIK NAGDA – THE PERCUSSIONIST

- 1000+ of shows to his feather. Has performed with A. R. Rahman
- He, along with A. R. Rahman, performed the theme song for 'Commonwealth Games'.
- He play various instruments and is finest Indian percussionist.

• Super dancer/ India's best dancer

• He is very famous along with his discovery

• He comes on super Dancer / India's Best

Dancer show on National Television.

Choreographer/Performer

Tejas (who is a Rock star).

Television.







JYOTICA TANGRI – PLAYBACK SINGER



- Bollywood Playback Singer Blockbuster Song: "Pallo Latke"
- Jyotica Tangri is an Indian playback singer.

• She debuted with **"Phir Bhi Tumko Chaahungi"** in **Half Girlfriend**, her version was not included in the film, eventually Shraddha Kapoor's version being hit. She has playbacked for films like **Behen Hogi Teri, Shaadi Mein Zaroor Aana and Fukrey Returns**.

• Her song pallo latke is a blockbuster hit with 250 million views.

Watch this inspiring video to see how the power of a sincere intention can make miracles happen.



Shyam Mohi Dehu Prem Nishkaam

Written by Jagadguru Shree Kripaluji Maharaj

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श्याम मोहिं देहु प्रेम निष्काम । shyāma mohin dehu prema nishkāma O Shyamsundar! Please give me selfless love for you.

इंद्रहुँ संपति लहि इन इंद्रिन, मिटत न कैसेहुँ काम। indrahuñ sampati lahi in indrina, mițata na kaisehuñ kāma Even after obtaining the opulence of Indra, the king of the celestial gods,

the desires of these sense organs cannot be pacified.

मन अति चपल चपलताह्ँते, चलत रहत बसुयाम। mana ati chapala chapalatāhūñ te, chalata rahata basuyāma This mind is fickler than fickleness itself. It roams around endlessly.

हौं हार्यों समुझाय विविध विधि, नहिं मानत गति बाम। haun hāryon samujhāya vividha vidhi, nahin mānata gati bāma

I am exhausted after trying to make it understand in various ways, but it continues to follow the wrong direction.

रसिकन कही मानि अब तुम्हरी, शरण गही घनश्याम । rasikana kahī māni aba tumharī, śharana gahī ghanaśhyāma

O Ghanshyam! Listening to your rasik saints, I have now decided to take shelter of your lotus feet.

ब्रज रस देहु पिलाय 'कृपालुहिं ' भटकत थकि गये पाम ॥

braja rasa dehu pilāya bhatakata thaki gaye pāma

Says Shree 'Kripalu', "O Lord! Please let me drink the divine nectar of Braj Ras. My feet are tired from wandering aimlessly for so long."

JKYOG CENTER FOR INDIAN CULTURE & Education

The JKYog Center for Indian Culture and Education comprises Phase 2 of the expansion of the Radha Krishna Temple of Dallas - earlier this year a groundbreaking ceremony was performed, and construction has rapidly progressed since then. The 24,000 sq. ft. State-of-the-Art building will be a milestone for current and future generations to appreciate our Indian heritage. It will be a Center of Excellence to educate the community about the Indian culture, the practice of devotion, the language of our scriptures (Sanskrit), and so much more. This Center will be a nucleus for Indian arts, culture and education in the US.

Click image below to watch this **<u>short video</u>** to learn more.





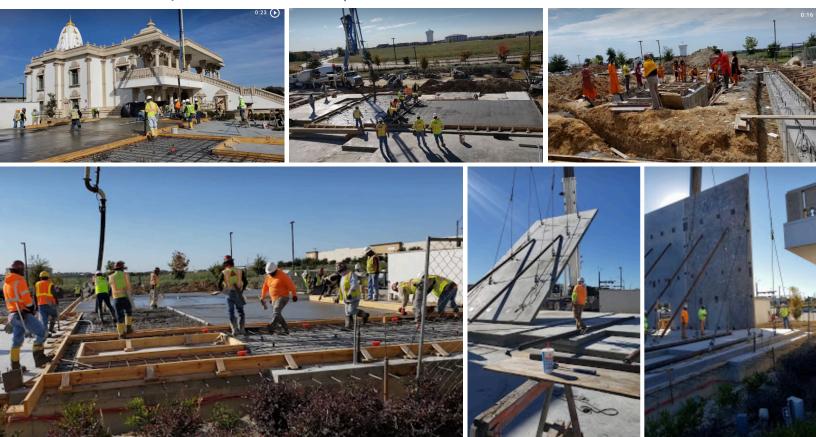
View of the Cultural Center and the Radha Krishna Temple of Dallas

JKYOG CENTER FOR INDIAN CULTURE & EDUCATION

Since the groundbreaking ceremonies, excavation work took place to prepare the soil for foundation work. A few months into construction, the foundation, grade slab and now to the load bearing concrete walls have all been constructed. The building is expected to be completed by early next year.



Above: Swamiji and local devotees laying sheets of paper with prayers written on them by the Dallas Indian Community before the foundation is poured.



DIWALI GALA SILENT AUCTION

The Center for Indian Culture and Education being constructed at the Radha Krishna Temple of Dallas (Allen, TX) site will become a new symbol for Indian Heritage in North Texas. To raise funds for this sanctuary for Indian values and culture, the volunteers are organizing a silent auction featuring exquisite items. Many rare items including those crafted personally by JKYog Founder Swami Mukundananda up for grabs. Place your bids now! Watch the <u>video</u>.



Lots of new items are continuously added. Bid Now for your favorite auctions items.



BHOOMI POOJAN CULMINATION OF LOVE & DEVOTION

In May 2020, we had the Bhoomi Poojan for Phase 2, to build a monumental Center for Indian Culture and Education. The grand event was marked by numerous momentous milestones. The entire experience had a dream-like quality. A very inspirational keynote address by Swami Mukundananda ji, delivered from India! Leading up to the event, Swamiji beautifully described the importance of Bhoomi Poojan and how to request Bhoomi Devi for Her blessings. The concluding speech by Swamiji filled everyone's hearts with love and devotion.

The awe-inspiring Mahamantra Mahayajnya and awe-inspiring kirtans for 24 hours with participation from all the JKYog USA centers, was mind-blowing! All the chanting, hearing, and reflecting as a means to remember God was so devotional. Swamiji's kirtans sung from India, were the heart and soul of the event.



BHOOMI POOJAN CULMINATION OF LOVE & DEVOTION

The actual Bhoomi Pooja itself was also such a divine experience and the grace of God and Guru poured upon all of us which was stronger than the pouring summer rain.

The Radha Krishna Temple generously offered free Mahaprasad boxes to all those who wanted the Prasad to commemorate the Bhoomi Poojan ceremony and devotional celebration. Free online participation by thousands of devotees and guests across the world made this event even more special!

The superb coordination by the national team, blissful kirtans by devotees from all the JKYog centers and all of your support, made this event so successful. The whole event became the talk-of-the-town!



TULSI VIVAH

CELEBRATING THE JOYS OF THE DIVINE WEDDING

Vrinda Devi was a beautiful and pious demon princess married to a demon called Jalandhar. Such was her steadfast devotion to her husband that he was protected by the force of her virtue - as long as she was faithful to him, he was invincible. Jalandhar, blinded by his perceived strength, declared himself the lord of the oceans and laid claim on the precious items emerging from the ocean during the "Samudra Manthan" or the great churning of the ocean to obtain immortalizing nectar. This created conflict with the celestial gods. They appealed to Lord Vishnu for help. When Jalandhar was not at home one day, Lord Vishnu took Jalandhar's form and courted Vrinda. Unknowingly her vow of faithfulness was broken and Jalandhar was easily killed. Vrinda was devastated! When she found out, she cursed Lord Vishnu to become separated from his divine consort Lakshmi. This curse was fulfilled in Ramavatar. She also cursed Him to become a stone. So Lord Vishnu is also worshipped as a Shaligram till date. Vrinda invoked yogic flames and immolated herself with her husband's head in her lap.

Despite this however, due to her devotional nature, Lord Vishnu said He Himself would marry her every year on Krishna Ekadashi Day! From her ashes sprung the Tulsi plant. Lord Vishnu then transferred her soul to the Tulsi Plant and declared that he would accept any offering only if it was offered with Tulsi leaves.

On November 29th, 2020, despite the pandemic, devotees around the world joined in to celebrate this divine grand wedding with our beloved Pujya Swami Mukundananda held at the Radha Krishna Temple of Allen, Texas. Click the play button on the image below to watch the event.



DIWALI MAHOTSAV

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Celebrated all across the world, Diwali is a special festival for Indians. Today, Diwali is observed in different ways in various parts of India. Up north, Hindus welcome Lord Ram and Mother Lakshmi into their homes. In southern India, it is honored in memory of the killing of the demon Narkasur by Shree Krishna and Satyabhama. The Jains celebrate it as Mahavir Nirvana Diwas, the day the great Saint Mahavir attained enlightenment.

Stemming from the Sanskrit word, deepavali, Diwali means "a row of lights." On this day, we light up our homes with beautiful diyas (oil lamps), which dismiss darkness. Similarly, the spiritual endeavor on this occasion should be to dispel the darkness within our hearts. Diwali is a golden opportunity to purge the darkness of intolerance, hate, envy, greed and lust from our hearts; and to fill it instead with selfless loving devotion for God and Guru.

We were extremely lucky to be able to celebrate Diwali in Swamiji's divine presence. Festivals celebrated in the presence of a saint become even more auspicious.

Highlights of the festivities included Nectarine Ramayan Chaupai by Swami Mukundananda, Hanuman Chalisa Chanting 1008 Times (Group Chanting), Special Diwali Poojas by Swami Mukundananda, Sundarkand Paath, Govardhan Pooja & Annakoot. *Click the play button on the image below to watch the event.*



SHARAD POORNIMA

MAHARAJ JI'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Considered one of the most auspicious festivals, it is the full moon night when Shree Radha-Krishna showered the highest form of bliss on deserving souls - in the form of the Maha-Raas leela (pastime). Enchanted by the Lord's flute, the Gopis (milk-maiden) of Braj rushed to Him, and subsequently danced with God Himself. In fact, even Lord Shiv assumed the form of a Gopi to participate in this immensely nectarine and intimate pastime of the Lord.

The fifth original Jagadguru in Indian history, Jagadguru Shree Kripaluji Maharaj, descended on this propitious night in 1922. He was an unparalleled Bhakti saint, renowned for his exquisite mastery of the Vedic scriptures. He munificently distributed the most sublime spiritual knowledge to souls. He propagated selfless devotion for Radha-Krishna, pioneering a bhakti uprising not seen since the descension of Shree Chaitanya Mahaprabhuji in the 15th century. He composed thousands of bhajans that exude Vedic philosophy and love for God in particular. He was lovingly called "Maharajji" by his devotees. Kirtans conducted by Maharajji are famous for the fervent intensity of devotion that they create in the minds and hearts of the sincere follower, forever binding him/her to the path of God-realization. We offer our deepest gratitude and heartfelt obeisances at the lotus-feet of the spiritual master, Jagadguru Shree Kripaluji Maharaj

We enjoyed this auspicious celebration of the appearance of Jagadguruttam Shri Kripaluji Maharaj, from the comfort of our homes on October 30th, 2020. Highlights included Discourse by Swami Mukundananda, Abhishek, Mahabhog, Prayer, Bhajans and Expression of Devotion and Birthday Cake Offering for Jagadguru Shri Kripaluji Maharaj. *Click the play button on the image below to watch the event.*



NAVRATRI

TO THAT DEVI WHO IN ALL BEINGS ABIDES IN THE FORM OF ENERGY

JKYog and the Radha Krishna Temple of Dallas celebrated this auspicious 9 Day festival invoking the causeless grace of the ever-compassionate Divine Mother from Oct 17-Oct 25.

Devotees around the world participated in the grand celebrations. Each day started with Lalitha Sahasranam recited by devotees from different parts of the world. Ghata Sthapan Pooja and Devi Pooja at the Radha Krishna Temple of Dallas was performed by Pandit Kaushik Kumar Purohit. Highlights of the celebration also included: Arati, Bhajans, Durga Pooja and chanting of Durga Saptashati and virtual Cultural Performances by various devotees. *Click the play button on the image below to watch the event.*









RADHASHTAMI

JAI JAI SHREE RADHEY!

This auspicious day marks the appearance of Shree Radha Rani where she emerged from a lotus flower and became the loving daughter of King Vrishabhanu and Mother Kirti. It is celebrated with great joy, devotion, and love all over, especially in her birthplace of Barsana.

The Vedas tell us that the one Supreme Lord has divided Himself into two forms, the Energetic (shaktiman) and the Energy (shakti). That Supreme Energy (the Yogmaya power) is Shree Radha and Shree Krishna is the Energetic. Hence, Radha and Krishna are two aspects of the one Supreme Lord — they are inseparable and are eternally one. Radha Rani is the quintessence of selfless devotion to Shree Krishna. She bound Shree Krishna with Her pure and illuminating selfless love. The Vedas proclaim that it is this kind of love that enslaves the Lord.

Grand virtual Radhashtami celebrations included Blissful Pad Vyakhyas by Swamiji Baby Radha swinging (Jhulan) and melodious Kirtans, Temple Aarti, Darshan, Meditation, and Cultural Programs.



JANMASHTAMI

JAI KANHAIYA LAL KI!



The festival of Janamashtami is celebrated with great fervor and grandeur by Hindus across the world! It is a hallmark day signifying the descent of the Supreme Divine Personality on the planet earth.

Shree Krishna descended 5,000 years ago where He revealed his exquisite beauty, charmed the devotees with his splendor, and performed beautiful divine leelas (pastimes). How amazing! The same Lord who pervades all creation and resides in the hearts of all living beings, manifested in His personal form to play and love with His devotees. *Click the play button on the image below to watch the event*.







JANMASHTAMI

JAI KANHAIYA LAL KI!

Shree Krishna, in the Bhagavad Gita, explains to Arjun that those who understand the divine nature of His birth and leelas, do not have to take birth again upon leaving the body but come to His eternal abode. How does this happen?

Our mind gets cleansed by engaging it in devotional remembrance of God. God's divine descension provides a basis for souls to engage in devotion by means of His name, personal form, and pastimes, that are not tainted by material imperfections. By taking the holy name of the Lord, by meditating on His beautiful form, and contemplating on His mesmerizing leelas, countless souls have purified themselves and attained salvation at the lotus feet of God.

JKYog Janmashtami Mahotsav Global Cultural and Religious Festival included Krishna Janma Midnight Celebration, Krishna Leela from Brajbhoomi Vrindavan, Janmashtami Pravachan by Swami Mukundananda, Jhoolan & Braj Jhankhi Darshan, World Class Cultural Festival, Classical Music & Dance Recitals by Globally Renowned Award Winning Exponents, Radha Krishna Abhishek, Soulful Kirtans & Kids Fancy Dress & Dahi Handi Decoration Competition. LIVE performances of classical dance and music enthralled the art connoisseurs and devotees of Lord Shree Krishna across the world! Renowned artists that performed included Odissi exponent Debmitra Sengupta, Vidwan Sikkil Gurucharan, Vidushi Dr. Deepti Omchery Bhalla, Carnatic- Instrumental Violin Vidwan Vijaykumar Krishnan, Ph.D., Classical Music-Hindustani Vocal Vidushi Indrani Mukherjee and Krishna Leela Bansuri Group Vrindavan.







JKYOG INTERNATIONALYOGA FEST

GIFT OF WELLNESS

JKYog offered seven action-packed days of free yoga and holistic wellness in the JKYog International Festival of Yoga from June 20 -26, 2020 which was an online event! Thousands of people registered to benefit from the over 100 sessions that were offered on body, mind, and spiritual health!

Today's hectic lifestyle demands that we multitask and therefore are forced to keep our body and mind engaged in multiple activities. Over time, this can take a toll on our physical and mental well-being — we can feel emotionally drained, tired, lack vitality, compromise our immunity, and be prone to both physiological and psychosomatic diseases. The ancient science of Yog has many techniques that are designed to bestow good health. One of the most powerful tools that has a whole-body holistic healing effect is — meditation or dhyan.



H.H. Swami Mukundananda



Vasundhara Agrawal



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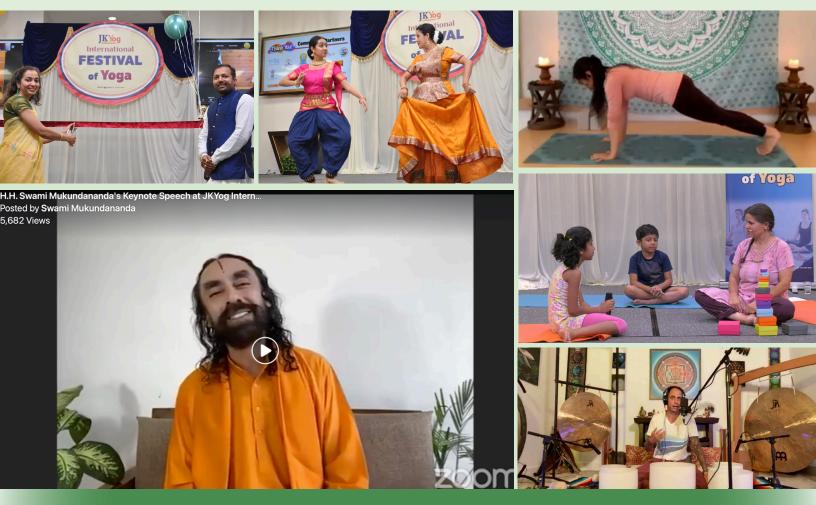
JKYOG INTERNATIONALYOGA FEST

GIFT OF WELLNESS

Meditation works at many levels. If practiced regularly, meditation significantly improves our bodily health. Dr. Robert Keith of California University published his research in "Scientific American." He says, "When someone meditates, his heartbeat, blood pressure, movement of the veins, and breath come in harmony which is conducive for health." Further studies on the chemical changes due to meditation showed that the average heartbeat reduced up to five times a minute. Systolic and arterial blood pressure were also notably reduced after meditation. Scientists have also concluded that 15 minutes of meditation equals 6 hours of deep sleep.

The practice of meditation is a great boon for overcoming negative disturbances in the mind and enhancing our mental abilities. When the scattered mind is forced to rest on a single point or the object of mediation, its activity decreases and it naturally becomes calm and tranquil. Reduced anxiety helps us multitask with ease and better cope with high-pressure work environments. This increases our efficiency and output without much drain on our inner resources.

Many techniques on how to practice meditation and many other effective health and lifestyle tools/tips were offered at the online JKYog International Festival of Yoga. The global human community had a great opportunity to connect to a wealth of expertise and knowledge about yoga and other complementary and alternative medicine from the comfort of their home. Kids enjoyed a few sessions too! JKYog paired up with some of the most distinguished and well-known doctors/ practitioners of western and alternative medicine, nutrition, and yoga, to bring a complete experience on wellness! *Click the play button on the image below to watch the event*.



TESTIMONIALS swamiji's global impact across the age spectrum

Swamiji has inspired and positively impacted thousands of people across the globe! Some as young as **Pranav Pattatathunaduvil**, while others are senior citizens like **Kate Eggleton**.

Pranav Pattatathunaduvil, a high school student from Plano, TX, recently received the 2020 Calvin Coolidge President's Scholarship award. He has also shown tremendous leadership in his young life by initiating a non-profit organization to make a difference in the lives of school-age children. Pranav attributes successful accomplishments in his life to Swamiji.

Please watch the **video** where Pranav describes how he benefitted from Swamiji's teachings.



Kate Eggleton was born and raised in Iowa. She received her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Biology from Iowa State University, and a doctorate in Microbiology from the University Massachusetts, Amherst. She pursued Post-doctoral studies at the University of Massachusetts Medical School and the University of Wisconsin, McArdle Cancer Research Center.

Kate has held faculty positions at various US Universities. She loves raising and training dogs, and trialing with them on weekends. Kate moved to Durant Oklahoma in October 2019 where she helped with the local Rotary Club charity programs, delivering for Meals on Wheels, and helping with distribution of food boxes from the Farmers to Families program. She found the Radha Krishna Temple and became a lifetime member and sevak a few short months ago.

Please watch the **video** where Kate describes how she benefitted from Swamiji's teachings.



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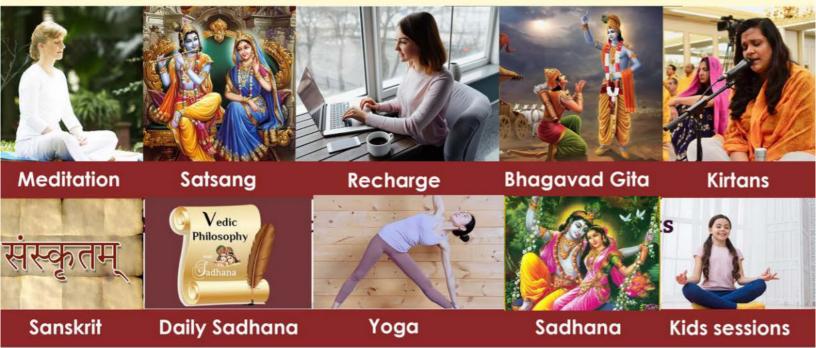


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Did you know you can subscribe to the temple seva group on WhatsApp and stay informed of temple needs as they arise. Whether you can help out regularly or just once in a while, giving back to the temple in gratitude for what the temple gives you will reward you much more than any other gift!



DECORATION

Radha Krishna Temple is a jewel that adorns the North Texas landscape. The richness of the architecture, the heavenly prayer hall and ornate altars, and the most beautiful murtis, all bring joy and positivity. The volunteers who devote some time to seeing that the temple is beautifully decorated for special events have a special opportunity to adorn this special place and bring festiveness, love, reverence to all the events. From backdrops, to special altar decorations, flower décor, and lighting, all making a special atmosphere, these volunteers channel their creative energy, craftiness, and artistic ability in the Lord's service.

RECEPTION

Volunteers come to regularly receive calls, respond to requests, process payments, and provide general information to temple visitors. These volunteers strive to make visitors feel welcome and comfortable. Hospitality at reception means providing visitors a sense of belonging. Going the extra mile, these volunteers would like everyone to make Radha Krishna Temple their 2nd home.

GARLAND MAKING

Taking some time out to make a garland for God is a great opportunity to connect more intimately with God. Garland making may take place in a volunteer's home, but often many volunteers enjoy making the garlands in the prayer hall. No matter where they make them, volunteers pour their love into their garlands.

The volunteers who make garlands some come once a week, some less or more often, but garlands are needed every day. Some garland making volunteers did not know how to make garlands when they first started helping but learned by helping others. Whether new or experienced, all the garland makers enjoy pouring their creativity into a new garland design or simply helping someone else to make a garland by cutting and preparing the flowers.

CANTEEN

Canteen volunteers provide service with a smile. It takes many volunteers to run the canteen 6 days a week for lunch and dinner. Our canteen volunteers enjoy serving the fresh and delicious variety of dishes made at the temple. That service with a smile, the joy to serve others, makes Yugal Kunj canteen an extra special place to enjoy a meal.

KITCHEN

Volunteers at the kitchen pour their heart and soul into their cooking. Food prepared with love tastes so much yummier! No matter what they prepare, the cooks sincerely offer all the food to the Bhagwan. Even beyond cooking behind the scenes are volunteers who do inventory, clean up, set up, organize, package the prasad, order and pick up supplies, and more.

If you enjoy cooking, chopping vegetables, or making roti, the temple kitchen seva may be something for you, please consider giving some time to helping the temple kitchen. Sign up today by contacting the temple.

PUBLICITY

If you only have as little as 2 minutes or 5 minutes to give out of your day, you can make a big difference and help out with publicity. These volunteers are literally ambassadors for the temple and are motivated with great enthusiasm. They constantly remind themselves of that one life, that one soul who will greatly benefit from the peace, healing, solace, or knowledge they receive from the offerings of our temple. They've realized that their own happiness is tied to the happiness of those around them. Spreading the word about uplifting and soul nourishing activities is an invaluable community service. These people work both in the limelight and behind the scenes in putting the word out. Some volunteers are shy and choose to work at the computer while others like to spread the word face to face. Either way, their simple but consistent dedication even if it is for half an hour a week, has a huge positive impact. Bring light, love and joy to those around you, join the publicity team, and that joy of giving will shine brightly in your life!

PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEOGRAPHY

They say pictures are worth a thousand words. At Radha Krishna Temple with so many events and programs, capturing all the special moments helps to spread the word about the temple through all the images. Temple photographers allow us to travel down memory lane and relive memorable experiences at the temple, share them with others, and help the temple grow and thrive. Say a little thank you to them next time you see one at a temple event. Photographers enjoy temple events and capture them through their creativity through the lens by taking photos and videos.

SPECIAL EVENTS COORDINATION

From inception to completion, special events require many volunteers. Radha Krishna Temple enjoys giving to the community through so many spiritual, educational, cultural, and entertaining events. Some volunteers work on an event over months from inception, and others come help out only the day of the event, or perhaps before or after with set up or clean up. Whatever bit of time you can give, being involved in these events is a very rewarding experience. Volunteers make new friends, they hone their skills, and broaden their experiences. They even have learned how to make the impossible possible with their team work. Whether you enjoy a team environment or like to complete tasks on your own, your support is vital. These volunteers give their time to making an event successful. You too can contribute to that success and reinvest in your community.

SINGERS/MUSICIANS FOR KIRTANS

Radha Krishna Temple volunteers wish to share the bliss of devotional singing. Everyday singers and musicians volunteer for kirtan. They richness of the bhajans, the sentiments they conjure up in the heart all kindle a rare bliss and warmth inside. The singers and musicians set aside time every week to practice and learn new bhajans.

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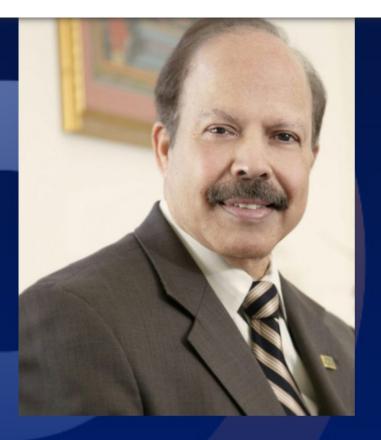
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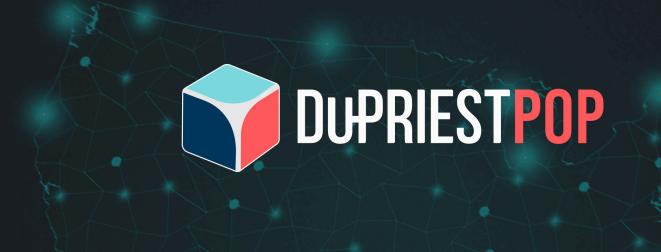
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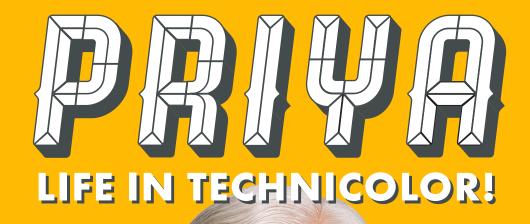
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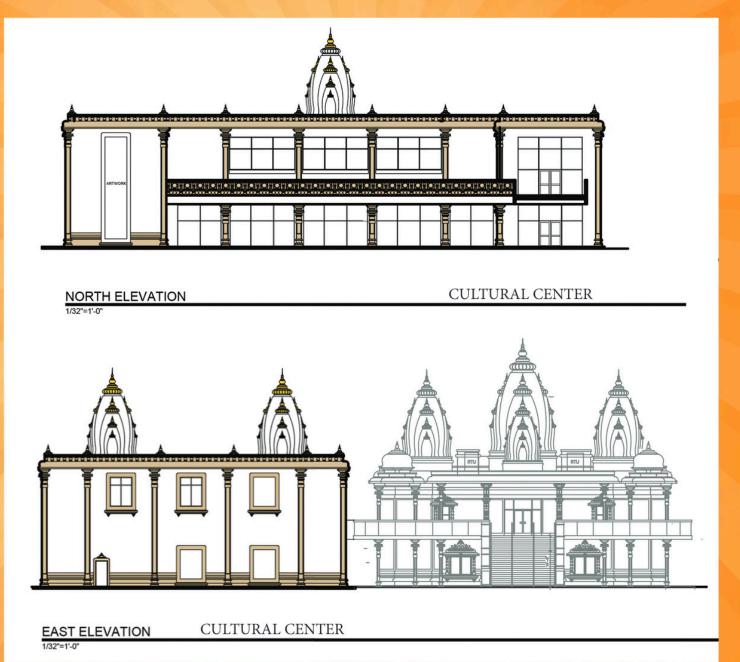






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