

**MAHA NAVRATRI
2013**

MAHA NAVRATRI CELEBRATIONS 2013

JAI MATAJI

The Maha Navratri will be celebrated with pomp and splendour at the Sri Kunj Bihari Temple from **5 October 2013 to 16 October 2013 and on 18 October 2013** as per programme.

We invite you to join us with your family and friends to make the Maha Navratri celebrations a grand event. The Sri Kunj Bihari Temple needs your whole-hearted cooperation and support to make this celebration a success.

The Maha Navratri Celebrations Committee has drawn up the following guidelines for devotees to observe to facilitate the smooth flow of events during the celebrations.

1. OFFERINGS TO SHREE NAV DURGA MATAJI FOR DAILY PRASHAD

All devotees are requested to note that offerings to **MATAJI** for daily prashad are to be from the following categories only:-

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| a) WHOLE FRUITS | Apples, Pears, Bananas, Plums, Grapes |
| b) DRY FRUITS | Raisins, Almonds, Cashew Nuts, Ground Nuts (peeled),
Cut Coconut pieces, Dates, Figs, Pistachios & Rock Sugar |
| c) MILK PRODUCTS | Barfi, Peda, Kalakand |

Please note that all the offerings that contain FLOUR, BESAN, DHALL OR RICE e.g. JELEBI, BOONDI, LADU, SUJI HALVA, ETC WILL NOT BE OFFERED TO MATAJI FOR DAILY PRASHAD.

Devotees wishing to offer the above category of prashad are requested to bring the same by 7.30 p.m. All devotees are requested to seek further clarifications regarding offerings for daily prasad by contacting Shri Murlidhar Duhlanomal (012- 486 0710) & Shri Hiralal Chandulal (012- 439 5857).

2. OFFERING OF SAREES

Those who wish to offer Saris for Mataji kindly do so in advance by handing over to Shri Om Prakash (016- 557 2089) The Management Committee will select the Sarees and decide on which day Mataji will wear which Sarees. When making the offering please do not put your names on the Sarees.

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3. VOLUNTERS

A group of volunteers headed by Shri Jignyasu P. Joshi (012- 489 9598) has been appointed to assist in the smooth running of the daily programmes. Such heads have been selected as per list appended below.

Kindly render your full cooperation to these volunteers. Volunteers are recommended to be at the least on vegetarian diet. Any devotee who would like to volunteer his/her services is kindly requested to contact Shri Jignyasu P. Joshi (012- 489 9598) or Shri Om Prakash (016- 557 2089).

4. DEVOTTEES DRESSING

We request all devotees to be dressed in bright coloured traditional clothings to signify the auspicious celebrations of Maha Navratri. Kindly refrain from **wearing black and any indecent apparel not befitting this religious festival**. While participating in the garbas or praying at the Altar, **please remove all leather goods from your clothes/pockets**.

Devotees are requested to refrain from munching edibles e.g. paan (sireh), sweets, chewing gum, etc. whilst participating in the garbas.

5. HAVAN POOJA

If you are taking part in the **Havan**, we request all devotees to dress traditionally i.e. Kurtas for men and Sarees for ladies. Those wishing to participate in the Havan are required to be fasting for all the days of Maha Navratri. Those fasting only on the Havan Day will be considered next and finally all those who have been on a Strict Vegetarian Diet for all the 9 days of Maha Navratri.

5.1 Navratri Arambha Havan Pooja, Kalash Sthapna is held on the 5th October 2013 at changed time at 9.35am.

5.2 Durga Ashtami – HAVANASHTMI, Durga Saptasati Havan, Kanya Pooja is held on the 12th October 2013 at 8.00am.

For the Kanya Pooja only NINE girls are required who should be appropriately dressed.

A Brahmachari and A Married Lady both of whom should be appropriately dressed will also be required.

Those wishing to participate kindly give your names. A selection by way of a draw will be held one night before the Havan On the 11th October 2013.

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6. Bhandara (Langgar) is on 16th October 2013 at 12.00noon.

Kindly indicate in the list the items you wish to sponsor for the Bhandara (Langgar).

We request all lady devotees to come forward in helping to make the poori's on the morning of the 16th October 2013 at 8.00 a.m. for the Bhandara Langgar.

7. Chariot Procession is on 16th October 2013 at 4.00pm

After fulfilling our salutations to DURGA MAA during the whole of Maha Navratri and in culminating the event, we take DURGA MAA on a grand chariot procession. Let us all join DURGA MAA and follow Mataji from the beginning till Mataji returns back to Mataji's abode. As a mark of respect, all devotees are requested to follow Mataji till return to temple and final samapti Aarti.

Please assist the Section Heads whenever necessary. All suggestions and comments are welcomed.

Please contact Shri Pishu Murli Hassaram (016- 452 6132) or Shri Jignyasu P. Joshi (Tel: 012- 489 9598).

**Please note that the above is a tentative programme for your information only, and is subject to change by the Organising Committee as deemed fit.*

Yours, in the service of Shree Nav Durga Mataji

Shri Pishu Murli Hassaram
Chairman
Sri Kunj Bihari Temple

Shri Jignyasu P. Joshi
Organising Chairman
Maha Navratri Celebrations

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MAHA NAVRATRI CELEBRATIONS ORGANISING COMMITTEE 2013

CHAIRMAN	:	SHRI JIGNYASU P JOSHI
VICE CHAIRMAN	:	SHRI OM PRAKASH SAGAR
ADVISORS /CO-ORDINATORS	:	DATO MARKEND D JOSHI
	:	SHRI HITENDRA D JOSHI
EX-OFFICIO	:	SHRI PISHU MURLI HASSARAM
		SHRI FIRESH KISHOR KUMAR

<u>SECTION</u>	<u>SECTION HEAD</u>
1. MASTER OF CEREMONIES	SHRI HITENDRA D JOSHI
2. PRASHAD	SHRI MURLIDHAR DUHLANOMAL
3. SOUND / LIGHTING	SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR MOHANLAL
4. DECORATION	SHRI OM PRAKASH
5. DONATION	SHRI HIRALAL CHANDULAL
6. GARBAS GROUND CONTROL	SHRI BINESH SHAH / R. ANEL SHARMA
7. AARTI GROUND CONTROL	SHRI MURLIDHAR DUHLANOMAL / SHRI HIRALAL CHANDULAL
8. DAILY POOJA & AARTI	SHRI OM PRAKASH
9. PRASHAD COLLECTION, PREPARATION & DISTRIBUTION	SHRI NARESH KUMAAR KAJENDARAN / SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR MOHANLAL
10. MAHA NAVRATRI BHANDARA	SHRI NARENDRA D JOSHI / SHRI NARESH KUMAAR KAJENDARAN
11. CHARIOT PROCESSION	SHRI JIGNYASU P JOSHI / SHRI SETHUPANDIAN RAMACHANDRAN