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### KSS Activities:

#### 'Ranga Vasantha' event on April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009:

Kannada Sangha of Sacramento is organizing

"RANGAVASANTHA" On the occasion of Ugadi

A grand showcase theme **Nammura Habba** which includes Karaga, Keelu Kudure, Haro Hara, Music, Deepa stamba Dance from KSS artists, Super Hit Comedy Drama **Seemantha** from LA team, contests like Nalapaaka and Rangoli! much more fun!!!!!!

**Date: April 18th 2009**

**Timings: 2:30pm to 6pm**

**Location: Veterans Memorial Center, 203 East 14th Street, Davis, CA-95616**

**Tickets : Adults: \$10 (\$12 at the venue) Ages between 8 to18 years and Parents from India: \$5 (\$7 at the venue) Kids 8 or below: Free**

**FREE Coffee and Delicious Indian snacks during break**

### KSS Charity of the year-2009—Vivekananda Kushtha Seva Samithi:

KSS has selected **Sri Vivekananda Kushtha Seva Samithi, Bijapur**, Karnataka as charity of the year-2009. KSS is continuing the tradition of helping the needy charity in Karnataka for the second year.

The Hansen's disease, popularly known as leprosy, is one of the oldest diseases, dating back to the ancient civilizations. The stigma and superstitious beliefs associated with the disease lead to discrimination of the affected patients and many of them resort to begging for survival. But what about their children? They are shunned by society as well as family members. Even if they are sent to school, they drop out due to discrimination in schools. Under such circumstances, there is every possibility that these children will become anti-social elements.

With the noble cause of transforming these children into good citizens in mind, **Sri Venkatesh Gurunayak** started Shri Datta Bala Sevashram in the year 1985 at Devalganagapur village of Afzalpur taluk in Gulbarga district under the banner of Vivekananda Kusta Seva samithi.

#### Recognitions:

Social activist and founder of Vivekananda Kushtha Seva Samiti, Venkatesh Gurunayak, was honoured by Nutan Vidyalaya Education Society, Khadi and Gramodyog Sangh and Swami Ramananda Theertha Research Institute.

Karnataka Govt. honored this organization in Year 2000 for the services to the poor.

Recognizing the services of Venkatesh Gurunayak, managing trustee of the Vivekananda Kusta Seva Sangha, in rehabilitating children of leprosy-afflicted patients in the region, Uttaranchal- based Divya Prema Seva Mission felicitated him on October 8. 2006

Venkatesh Gurunayak of Gulbarga has been selected for the prestigious National Award for Child Welfare for the year 2008. The award given by the Union Ministry of Women and Child Development carries a cash prize of Rs 100,000 and a certificate.

#### How you can help:

KSS started collecting fund/donation for VKSS from its members and others, which will be sent at the end of this year. You can either mail a check to the address given below or donate cash. **Checks should be payable to KSS with a memo KSS Charity-2009.** If you like to give cash you can put the cash in the donation box located near the front desk in every KSS events.

The donation is tax deductible as KSS is a 501(c) non-profit organization.

If you have further questions you can always contact Venu Acharya ([venugopal\\_acharya@yahoo.com](mailto:venugopal_acharya@yahoo.com)) or Hari shetty ([hshetty2003@yahoo.com](mailto:hshetty2003@yahoo.com)) or Satheesh Nagaraj ([kss.satheesh@gmail.com](mailto:kss.satheesh@gmail.com)) or Pandu Itagi ([pitagi@yahoo.com](mailto:pitagi@yahoo.com)) or any other committee member.

Check mailing address: Dilip Nayak, 3623 Bardolino Way Rancho Cordova CA 95670

Always visit <http://www.sackanna.dasangha.org/Charities.htm> for more photos and for the latest info on the charity.

Community Messages:

Public lecture on Angkor Wat Hindu Temples in Khmer in Cambodia – Apr 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009

THE UC Davis DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES IS PROUD TO PRESENT THE *ADARSH DEEPAK LECTURE* **Angkor Wat and Hindu Temples in the Khmer Empire**

By Professor Vasudha Narayanan, University of Florida

The story of Hinduism is incomplete without taking into account the history of Hindus in South

East Asia. Vasudha Narayanan's talk on the Hindu temples in Cambodia will focus on Angkor

Wat and the temples built for Vishnu and Shiva in the Khmer empire between the 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> centuries CE. These temples, located in Thailand, Laos, and Cambodia, selectively portray

narratives from Hindu epics and sacred texts and also attest to widespread knowledge of Hindu architectural norms, alignment of buildings to astronomical phenomena, and an integration of many branches of knowledge.

Date: Friday, April 3, 2009

Venue: Putah Creek Lodge at UC Davis campus

Open Reception at 7:00 PM / Talk at 7:30 PM

(Light Refreshments will be served)

**ABOUT THE SPEAKER:**

Vasudha Narayanan is a Distinguished Professor of Religion at the University of Florida and a past President of the American Academy of Religion (2001-2002). She was educated at the Universities of Madras and Bombay in India and at Harvard University. Her fields of interest are the Sri Vaishnava tradition; Hindu traditions in India, Cambodia, and America; visual and expressive cultures in the study of the Hindu traditions; and gender issues. She is currently working on Hindu temples and traditions in Cambodia. She is the author or editor of seven books and over ninety articles, chapters in books, and encyclopedia entries.

**For more information, please contact**

**Prof. Archana Venkatesan at [avenkatesan@ucdavis.edu](mailto:avenkatesan@ucdavis.edu) or (530) 752-6295**

**Directions:** Interstate 80 to Hwy 113 north toward Woodland. Take Hutchison Road exit and turn right on Hutchison Road. Turn right on LaRue Road. Turn right on Putah Creek Road and continue to the Putah Creek Lodge Visitor Parking Lot. Parking permits cost \$6.00 per day. Permit dispensers accept quarters, one-dollar bills, five-dollar bills or VISA and MasterCard. Parking is free on weekends and observed holidays, except when special event parking is enforced.

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### **‘Annapoorna ‘ Food donation event at CRH by local Hindu Organizations:**

Hindu organizations of greater Sacramento area are continuing the tradition of food donation started since two years and doing it again on the occasion of **Ugadi festival** and providing food for about 100 kids at **“Children’s Receiving Home” of Sacramento.**

According to Hindu Dharma "Annapoorna" symbolizes the divinity of nourishing care and providing food (Anna) to everyone. One who worships her is assured food throughout his or her lifetime.

As a part of the Ugadi festival and reaching out to the community, this year the food is provided to ‘Children’s Receiving Home of Sacramento’.

#### **About CRH:**

The Children's Receiving Home is the safety net for the area's abused and neglected children between the ages of 1 and 17. As the only emergency shelter of its kind in Sacramento County , in effect; CRH act as the "front door" of the child protective system.

With a daily capacity of 98, CRH serve up to 1,800 children each year. As the crucial first link in the County's early intervention system, we provide proven strategies that stabilize, normalize, and produce improved long term outcomes for children. (<http://www.crhkids.org>).

The participating organizations are:

1. Art of Living (<http://us.artofliving.org/>)
2. Brahma Kumaries Spiritual University , Sacramento chapter ([www.bkwsu.org](http://www.bkwsu.org))
3. Divya Jyoti Jagrati Sansthan ([www.divyajyoti.org/](http://www.divyajyoti.org/) )
4. Gayatri Parivar ([www.gayatrimata.org/](http://www.gayatrimata.org/))
5. Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh ([www.hssus.org/](http://www.hssus.org/) )
6. Hindu American Foundation ([www.haf.org](http://www.haf.org))
7. ISKCON, Sacramento chapter
8. SEWA International ([www.sewausea.org](http://www.sewausea.org))
9. Siddhi Vinayaka Temple ([www.svcctemple.org/](http://www.svcctemple.org/))

10. Sri Laxmi Narayan Mandir ([www.sactemple.org/](http://www.sactemple.org/))
11. Vedanta Society of Sacramento ([www.vedantasacto.org/](http://www.vedantasacto.org/))

Venue: Children's Receiving Home, 3555 Auburn Blvd , Sacramento CA 95821

Date: April 4th, 2009 Saturday - 11 am

For more information contact:

Venugopal Acharya (916)719 6527;

Venu Mallesara (916) 218-9142 Tarachand (916) 316 6957

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**[The Art Of Living Foundation presents Youth Empowerment Seminar for teens:](#)**

Both fun and challenging, this 18 hour seminar provides teens with a comprehensive toolbox to manage their emotions and stress as well as dynamically navigate through adolescence.

Learn the world renowned breathing technique – the Sudhashana Kriya.

Greater focus & clarity in academics

- Increased well being
- Increased creativity
- The art of making friends
- The secret of popularity
- Personal responsibility
- The value of service

Visit [www.artoflivingyouth.org/teen\\_testimonials.html](http://www.artoflivingyouth.org/teen_testimonials.html)

Venue: BUM Room @ Intel (FM7), 1900 Prairee city Rd, Folsom

Dates: April 4th- 8th (Spring break)

Timings: Weekend 11AM – 2.30 P; weekdays: 6PM – 9PM

Contact Anu Punya at 916-983-9063

## **Balagokulam Family camp at camp Lotus April 11- 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh (HSS) organizing spring overnight family camp on Saturday April 11th 11AM to Sunday April 12th at following address:

Date: April 11- 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Lotus Camp, 5461 Bassi Rd, Lotus CA 95651

(**Camp Map** : <http://www.camplotu s.com/map. htm>)

Please join with family & friends to have a good time & enjoy fun filled activities, including games, hiking, discussions, speech, singing, camp fire, grilling, yoga etc. People will need to bring their own tent, install it & stay in that tent overnight.

For more details, contact your local contacts or any of below.

Rajnish Gadge <[gadgera@yahoo.com](mailto:gadgera@yahoo.com)>; Venugopal Mallesara <[venuquila@gmail.com](mailto:venuquila@gmail.com)>;

### **All composers day by Thyagaraja Nilayam:**

Thyagaraja Nilayam presents All Carnatic Composers Day

A homage to All Carnatic composers through rendering the krithis composed by them

#### **PROGRAM:**

**9:00 AM to 9:30 AM – Group Music**

**9:30 AM to 12.00 PM – Individual rendering**

**12:00 NOON TO 12:30 PM - Closing**

Contact: Chitra Venkat 916-786-8562, Uma Srivatsa 916-638-6792, Ram Seshan 916-784-1229

Suggested Donations: \$15 per individual, \$20 per family

Details of the event:

Date: Apr 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Saturday

Time: 9.00AM – 12.30 PM

Venue: Hinde Auditorium, Sac State University, Sacramento

For more info please visit <http://www.thyagara.janilayam.org/>

**2009 Sacramento World music and dance festival, call for performers:**

A celebration of world cultures, ethnic dance and musical performances will take place during one incredible weekend, September 26 and 27, at the Sacramento World Music & Dance Festival. Experience high energy, fancy footwork and flying leaps as performers showcase the native dances of Africa, China, Egypt, India, Ireland, Japan, Mexico, Peru, the Philippines, Scotland, Spain and Ukraine.

2009 SACRAMENTO WORLD MUSIC & DANCE FESTIVAL CALL FOR PERFORMERS

*AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SACRAMENTO AREA WORLD MUSICIANS AND DANCERS TO SHINE*

The 2nd Annual Sacramento World Music & Dance Festival has announced a call for performers representing all corners of the globe!

Performers are needed for presentations of ethnic dance and music to provide exciting, entertaining experiences as well as educational components for audiences of all ages.

To apply to perform, interested groups must submit an application form and fee by MAY 1st, 2009. Form is available [online](#) or for [download](#)

Performer auditions will be held:

Dates: Saturday, May 16th & Sunday, May 17th, 2009

Time: 9am to 6pm

Location: Sacramento State University, Music Recital Hall (inside the Capistrano Hall Building, Room 142A)

Address: 6000 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95819

The General Public is invited to view the auditions – no charge at the door.

For more info please visit <http://www.sacramentoworldfestival.com/>

**Kannadiga Vedic Astrologer is in town:**

Vidwan Sri VK Ganapathy Shastry with 20 years of experience in Vedic Astrology (Jyothish) is in Sacramento for the next couple of months.

His qualifications include Jyothishya Vidwan mani, Hastha ekha Praveen, and Vaasthu Visharada. He did his education from Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Bangalore.

His services includes read and write horoscopes, palm reading, Vaasthu, tell astrological explanation, removing black magic, performing special pooja such as Mangalik Dosham, Sarpadosham, Dhanalaxmi Pooja etc. He is conversant in many languages such as Kannada, Hindi, Telugu, Tamil.

If you are interested in his services, please contact Ganapathy Shastry ji at 916-519-6434 or 916-476-7170

Address: 8525 Aleksander ct, Sacramento CA 95828

### **Sri Annamacharya Jayanthi celebrations May 16<sup>th</sup> , 2009**

A Tribute to Sri Tallapaka Annamacharya through rendering the Keerthanas composed by him on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> 2009, 1.30PM TO 5:30 PM AT Siddhi Vinayaka Temple.

Deadline for Entry Submission: April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009

The event details are

*Venue: Siddhi Vinayaka Temple, 4679 Aldona Lane, Sacramento CA 95841*

Date: May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Time: 1.30PM – 5.30PM

*EVENT IS FREE, Donations for SVCC Temple are appreciated*

For information and keerthana entries, please contact:

Prasanna Bavirisetty (916)-772-1773 prasanna@rcsis. com

Subha Yedidi (916)-786-8233 subha.y@gmail. com

Please visit KSS website at [www.sackannadasangh a.org](http://www.sackannadasangh a.org) for more info on KSS activities.

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