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Celebration of Ram Naumi

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The great poet, Kalidas has correctly noted that a man has a natural desire to celebrate festivals as they give a short respite from man's dry and burdensome life. In our multicultural lucky country we have the privilege of witnessing as well as participating in various festivals hosted by community groups.

As for us, we have dozens of worldly celebrated Hindu festivals such as Maha Shiva Ratri, Holi, Ram Naumi, Krishna Janam Asthami, Durga Naumi, Diwali, etc.

Ram Naumi festival is celebrated to mark Lord Rama's birthday in Treta yuga (one of the ages of the world). Lord Vishnu embodied himself as a human being and became the son of King Dasharath. There are several reasons for his incarnation like: the boon given to King Manu and his consort Satrupa, Narad Muni's curse to Vishnu and Brahman's curse to King Pratap Bhanu for ignorantly deceiving him. He and his family members became demons in their next lives in Treta yuga. Ravana's demise was not possible except by human and monkeys. Ravana was over confident that human and monkeys would never be able to kill him. This was one of the strongest reasons for Lord Vishnu to embody himself as a human being and all the gods and goddesses became monkeys to assist Lord Rama in evil Ravana's demise.

Lord Rama was endowed with divine virtues. Through the Ramayana Valmiki the author depicted Rama as an ideal King, son and husband. Rama was an ideal of humanity. To realise the experience of God our first effort is to imbibe the qualities of Lord Rama in our life.

Pta N Narsi said that Rama believed in compassion, love and universalism. He had identified the happiness and the miseries of the universe. The universalist always thinks and lives for others.

On the contrary Ravana (demon) believed in individualism. The individualist thinks and acts for his own selfish ends.

Compassion and love are keys to a harmonious environment. This is the message from Lord Rama. It does not cost anything to love others. It is simply changing one's attitudes towards others, which is in our hands. No one can make you hate one without your consent. Everyone wishes to be loved. Only a blessed few wish to love.

May the blessing of Lord Rama shower upon you at all times. Wish you a happy Ram Naumi celebrations.

President

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Honourable Guest

Pt. Nitya Nand Sundar of Auckland, New Zealand will be reciting a Ram Katha on Friday 20th March 2009 from 7.30 PM to 9.30 PM at Australian Hindu Multicultural Association Sanatan Cultural Centre, 1050 Richmond Rd, Marsden Park. Dharm premis are invited attend.

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Shiv Ratri Celebrations at the Cultural Centre

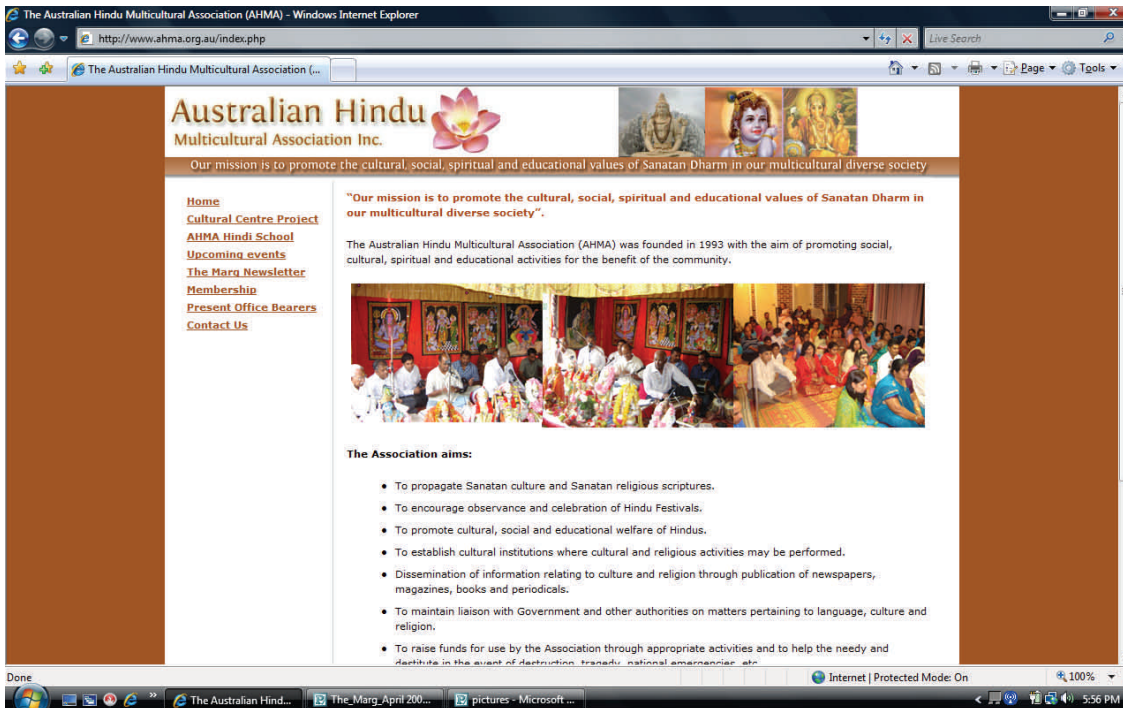




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Membership

The membership renewal fee is \$20.00 per annum. Anyone who has not renewed his/her membership should contact the Treasurer, Mr Sukh Deo Sahai on 0419 995 672 or the Secretary, Mr Sanjesh Nand on 0410 365 977

Daan Vir

Anyone who contributes a sum of \$1,000 or more in cash or kind shall be honoured with the status of a Daan Vir. A member who has become a Daan Vir is exempt from paying annual membership fees.

Hindi School

Currently Hindi classes are held at **Quakers Hill High School (Lalor Rd, Quakers Hill)**, on Sunday's during NSW school terms. The school times are as follows :

- 10am to 12noon for Hindi (Grades 1-6); 11am to 12noon - Bollywood for Adults
- 12noon to 1pm – Beginners : Harmonium & Keyboard, Tabla, Bharatnatyam, Contemporary (Bollywood)
- 1pm to 2pm – Intermediate : Harmonium & Keyboard, Tabla, Bharatnatyam, Contemporary (Bollywood)
- HSC preparatory Hindi
- Vocals (Singing)

Parents are requested to support and encourage these classes.

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