

Balaji Temple Marks Sixth Anniversary, Shivaratri

By a Staff Reporter

SUNNYVALE, Calif. — Balaji Temple marked Shivaratri and its own sixth anniversary Feb. 11-14 with celebrations and services, according to a press release.

The celebrations began with a balaji diksha puja Feb. 11, as well as a prabhavali for Ganesha. A navagraha puja, along with a Mahalakshmi abhishekam, was performed Feb. 12.

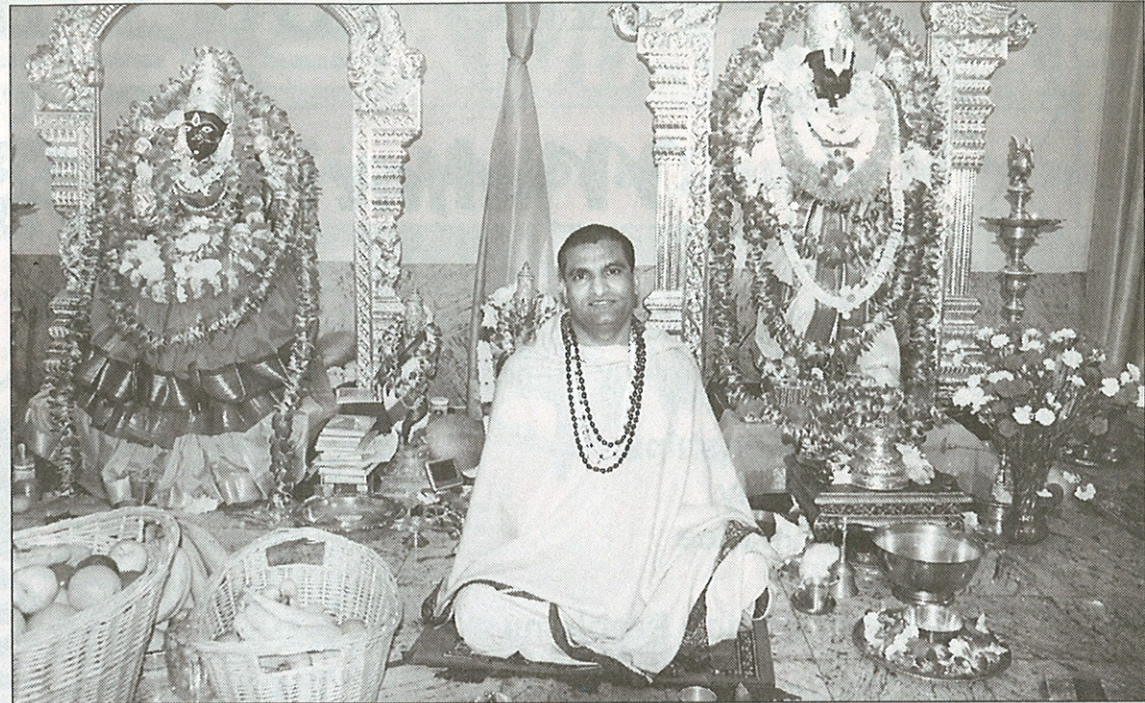
Festivities continued with a Balaji suprabhatam Feb. 13. Devotees also gathered for the Kalasha Balaji abhishekam, decorating Balaji with milk, ghee, sandalwood

powder and other items.

“Full vessels never make noise, while half vessels always do,” Swami Narayanandan told devotees. “If one comes to the temple seeking blessings with a heart full of devotion, Balaji will fulfill all wishes, while halfhearted faith only brings doubts and incompleteness.”

The celebrations concluded with a vasavi devi puja. Temple secretary Rajesh Kamath also thanked volunteers for their work and reported on the progress of the new temple’s construction.

More information can be found at www.balajitemple.net.



Swami Narayanandan

Sanathan Dharma Hindu Temple Celebrates Republic Day

By a Staff Reporter

NORWALK, Calif. — The Sanathan Dharma Hindu Temple celebrated Republic Day and commemorated Gandhi’s death with a Jan. 30 event, according to a press release.

About 200 people, from children to senior citizens, attended the event, which featured performances of a variety of songs. “Phir Bhi Dil Hai Hindustani,” “Bhaarat Humko Jaanse Pyara Hai,” and

“Aye Mere Pyrae Vatan” were among the pieces performed, with Sanjiv Munshi accompanying on the keyboard and the harmonium and Akash Dixit on the tabla.

K.P. Kaamdaar also gave a speech detailing his memories of living through World War II as a child as well as singing “Kadam Kadam Badhaaeja” in Hindi, Burmese and Japanese. Other speakers engaged children with quizzes about Gandhi’s life and information on Republic Day.



Devotees gathered at Balaji Temple to mark Shivaratri as well as the temple’s sixth anniversary.

High School Punjabi Club Celebrates Lohri

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