



## HINDU CONNECTIONS

February, 2006

### MahaShivratri Puja & Mahashiv Abhishekam

March 4th, 2006 at Chavez Elementary School  
3502 Maple Grove Dr, Madison, WI 53719

**Free Program** (except for abhishekam & archana sponsorship)

**Potluck Dinner.** For more information, please go to [www.americanhindu.net](http://www.americanhindu.net)

**AHA would like to plan for the MahaShivratri event and conduct this event successfully. So we need help from all of you in sponsoring this event as early as possible. As lingams and other items for puja must be prepared for the puja ahead of time, please sponsor this event before February 28, 2006. Due to the nature and type of this event volunteers will not be able to process sponsorship of Abhishekam & Archana or Archana alone on that day at the event site.**

### **New Year Celebration:**

The American Hindu Association celebrated the New Year with a special Satsang on Sunday January 01, 2006. The Satsang was dedicated to Lord Ganesha to invoke his blessing for peace and prosperity to all.



The 108 names of Lord Ganesha was chanted with complete devotion and reverence. This was followed by a small social get together where all devotees exchanged greetings and good wishes while partaking Prasad and other dishes brought for the occasion. Attendees dispersed with good cheer and hope for dawning of a new era of peace and spiritual resurgence for all humanity. To view the rest of pictures..... Please go to

[www.americanhindu.net/2006\\_AHA\\_NEWYEAR.htm](http://www.americanhindu.net/2006_AHA_NEWYEAR.htm) .

### Makar Sankranti

Makar Sankranti is a Hindu festival widely celebrated all over in India with great enthusiasm & devotion. On this occasion, millions of people take a bath in places like Ganga Sagar & Prayag Raj, and pray to the Lord Sun. This festival is similar to Thanksgiving in U.S.A., which is celebrated after the completion of harvest and movement of the Sun God



toward the Northern Hemisphere. Every state in India the Makarsankranti is celebrated with different names. In South India, it is called Pongal, and in Northern India, it is called Makar Sankranti. In this festival, people worship and offer special food to the God Surya (Sun). **Sri Satyanarayan Puja** is also conducted on this auspicious day. The American Hindu Association celebrated the Makar Sankranti festival with a special puja of Sri Satyanaraya at the Body and Balance Center 6333 Odana Rd, Madison on January 15th, 2006. A special Puja was performed invoking God Ganesha & then followed by Shree Sathianarayana. A large number of devotees attended this puja. To view the rest of picture.. Please go to [www.americanhindu.net/2006\\_AHA\\_Sathianarayana\\_Puja.htm](http://www.americanhindu.net/2006_AHA_Sathianarayana_Puja.htm)

### Ramayan Quiz Contest Launched [www.balagokulam.org](http://www.balagokulam.org)

DENVER, COLORADO, January 14, 2006:

Balagokulam Magazine, a project of Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh (HSS), a non-profit, cultural organization focused on Hindu community in the USA announced that it launched Kaun Banega Ramayan expert (KBRE) ("Who will become Ramayan expert") quiz contest on the occasion of auspicious Hindu religious festival, Makar Sankranti. The objective in launching the Ramayan Quiz contest is to create awareness in Hindu children about Ramayan. Life of Shri Rama, as told in Ramayan, teaches timeless values like brotherly love, devotion, sacrifice, valor,

personal integrity, etc. and is very relevant in the present times. KBRE contest provides a forum for all children in the USA to participate in contests and win attractive prizes. For more information, visit "source" above.

**All CUB food receipts for the last three months should be turned in by February 12.**

This collection is part of the "Community Dollars Program" offered by CUB Foods. Grocery store receipts may be brought to the AHA Educational Saturday Programs at Memorial High School at 2 pm. or to the Satsang on Sundays at 2:30 p.m. and placed in the collection box labeled CUB Foods at the reception Desk. Receipts are collected in three month increments. The Association receives a monetary refund of 1% of the amount on all receipts collected. Everyone who shops at CUB food store is invited to participate in this program.

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