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## At the Peetam

*Sri Rajarajeswari Peetam RUSH New York.*



*Sri Chakra* is happy to inform its readers that Dr. Rakesh Singhal, one of the devotees at Rochester, got married to Kamini at New Delhi. During his trip to India, Rakesh was also able to locate *Sri Kalyanananda Bharati*, our Guruji's

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## Symbols:

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### CELESTIAL LIGHTS

**SUN:** Unchanging, constant, bright light of the sky, so it is representing transcendental God. It wakes up life forms from slumber. Sleep is little death; so, sun is life giver, the cosmic phallus, Rudra, the Male principle. It is the upward flow awareness, the river Pingala, the hot current, the right breath.

**MOON:** Periodic, monthly variations in intensity indicate woman

**NATURE.** Changing appearance represents flow of time, but for which creation, preservation and destruction cannot proceed.

Therefore, it is both the waxing and waning of desire, the varying moods of woman: sometimes erotic and creative, sometimes cool and nourishing, sometimes dark and destructive. It is the downward flow of awareness, the river Ida, the cool current, the left breath. Mother nature is both fierce and lovable. As manifesting power of time. She sacrifices the present to past in order to make possible a new future to come into existence. So She demands death as the price for creation; through continuous death, continuous life is sustained.

Even in the drama of creation, a hundred million sperms die before one gets a chance to live; it is as if all the dead life forms are trying to get a chance to live once again. Life proceeds through such massive death. Love of life is also love of death; thus eros is the same as fear of death, it is the same energy of manifestation through time.

**FIRE:** Fire/flame is the symbol of lust, the eagerness of the Male and Female organs to unite, the attraction of opposites. You and Me, This and I, good and evil, it is through the union of opposites that transcendence can be achieved. Hence fire is supposed to be the center of sacrifice.

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*Paramaguru* at the *Bhadrakali Peetam* in Haridwar, after a long search. Rakesh was also fortunate to see *Sri Kalyanananda Bharati* -- his *Parameshthi Guru* -- on *Guru Poornima* day and offer him *Pada Pooja* using the *Sri Suktha Vidhanam* followed at the Rochester *Peetam*. The picture that Rakesh brought of *Sri Kalyanananda Bharati* adorns this issue of *Srichakra*.

On his return from India, Rakesh has found a new job at Galveston, Texas and has moved there. Subsequently, the *Annapurneshwari Peetam* has also moved to Galveston, Texas. *Sri Chakra* extends its best wishes to the newly-married couple.

*Sri Chakra* is also pleased to inform the arrival *Pratilakshmi*, a baby girl to *Jamuna* and *Jayakumar* of Toronto. Congratulations to the proud parents and best wishes to the newborn!

Several new *Peetams* have been consecrated by *Sri Chaitanyananda Natha* recently. These include the *Venkateshwara Peetam* at the residence of *Venugopal* and *Padma* in Buffalo; the *Krouncheshwari Peetam* at the residence of *Mrs. Chitra Makenthiran* in Toronto; the *Kamakhyia Peetam* at the residence of *Debbie* in Rochester; the *Padmavathi Peetam* at the residence of *Asha* in Pittsburgh; the *Sivakamasundari Peetam* at the residence of *Sri Iyamperumal* and *Smt Sakuntala* in Ottawa; the *Bhuvaneshwari Peetam* at the residence of *Dhyaneswar* and *Charulata Chavan* in Syracuse; and the *Tripurasundari Peetam* at the residence of *Darshak Raj* in California. Furthermore, *Swami Parvati Devyashram*, a monastic disciple of the late *Sri Jagadguru Abhinava Teertha Bharati* and *Guruji Amritananda Natha* has moved the *Shankara Peetam* from *Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania* to *Penfield, New York*.

*Smt Lalita Sarma* of *Bombay* visited the *Peetam* just prior to *Navaratri* and spent a week during the *Vinayaka Vratam (Ganapati Navaratri)*. She brought a lot of love and joy and *Guruji's* blessings.

*Sri Chaitanyananda Natha* performed two *poojas* at *Knoxville, Tennessee*. The first one was a *Skandha Sashti Pooja* at the residence of *Dr. Ganapathi Gomathinayagam* and *Smt Kasturi*. It was very well-attended. The second *pooja* was at the residence of *Govind* and *Rathna Rao*. At that *pooja*, the *Panchadasakshari Mantradeeksha* was given to six people. *Sri Chaitanyananda Natha* also performed *poojas* at the residences of *Dr.'s Balakrishnan* and *Savitri* as well as *Rita Narang* in Rochester, at the residences of *Sri Gandeepan*, *Sri Dayalan*, *Bhaskaran* and *Dilrukshi* as well as the *Sahasrakshi Peetam* (residence of the *Sathyamoorthys*) in Toronto; at the residences of *Vasi* and *Sakila* as well as *Mr. Devarajan* at *Montreal*; the residences of *Shiela Chauhan* as well as *Charulata Chavan* in Syracuse; and at the *LalitaPeetam* (residence of *Alok Baveja*) in Buffalo. He also performed the marriage of *Sivan* and *Gouri* in New

*Jersey*.

The devotees from *Syracuse* are continuing their service to the *Peetam* in a grand manner. Tiles have been laid on the pedestal on which the *Moorthys* are located.

Furthermore, an exhaust has been planned to remove the smoke from the *homakundam*. *Navaratri* was celebrated at the *Peetam* in the usual grand manner with the main *pooja* being attended by devotees from all parts of North America. Since the Shrine could not accommodate the entire turnout, facilities were made for live telecast in the library.

Earlier, a team from the *Peetam* (consisting of *Sri Chaitanyananda*, *Gnanamba*, *Swami Parvati* and *Charu Haran*) visited a *Cherokee Indian community* in *Oregon*. The occasion was organized by *Sri Bill Witherspoon*. In all there were about twenty participants from all over U.S.A.

On the night of 23rd August at *Boise, Idaho*, a *Cherokee Indian Chieftainess cum Medicine Woman* named *Nakai* conducted *American Indian rituals*. The team from Rochester performed a *pooja* which lasted till 2:15 a.m. There was also a *homam* performed. *Nakai* explained the *American Indian fire ritual*, which, according to *Sri Chaitanyananda Natha* has a precisely *Tantric* meaning,

On 24th August, all the devotees were flown up 5000 feet to view the huge *Sri Yantra* that *Sri Witherspoon* had designed on a private ranch.. In the evening, a *Dhakshina Kalika pooja* was performed in the middle of the huge *Sri Yantra*. Meditation was performed in the *bindhu*. The *mandala* contained elements of *vastu purusha mandala* and *sarvbobhadra mandala*.

According to the team from the *Peetam*, it was all a very interesting experience. For example, they had to commute eight miles from the camp location to *Hot Springs* to bathe. They met a number of people from the *Maharishi University*. *Sri Witherspoon* spared no efforts to make the trip comfortable.

*Sri Chakra* is sorry to announce the passing away of *Mrs. Sharma*, the mother of *Dr. Ravi Sharma*, one of the devotees at Rochester. The funeral was performed in Rochester.

**UPCOMING EVENTS FROM**  
**SRI RAJARAJESWARI PEETAM**

N/A

**TEMPLE TIMING**

**MONDAY TO FRIDAY**

MORNINGS - 9:30 am -1:00 pm

EVENINGS - 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**SATURDAY AND SUNDAY  
AND USA HOLIDAYS**

ALL DAY ( 9:30 am – 9:00 pm )

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