



# Shree Ramkabir Bhakta Samaj of Southern California

Bhakta Cultural Center - 12311 Firestone Blvd,  
Norwalk, California, 90650 USA

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING-2008 AND JANMASHTAMI CELEBRATIONS

An invitation to all Bhaktajans and the members of Shree Ramkabir Bhakta Samaj of So. California Shree Ramkabir Bhakta Samaj of Southern California, Chapter of Shree Ramkabir Bhakta Samaj of USA cordially invites you to its annual general meeting and Janmashtami celebrations.

Date: Sunday, August 24, 2008

Place: Bhakta Cultural Center, 12311 Firestone Blvd, Norwalk, CA 90650

Time: General Meeting: 3:00 PM to 5:00PM

Dinner: 5:00PM to 6:30PM

Please note that kitchen will be closed at 6:45PM

Special Program: 7:00PM to 8:15PM By 30 or more Participants

Bhajan: 8:30PM and Onwards Bhajans & Aarti

This event have been graciously sponsored by Mr. Chandravadanbhai and Mrs. Pushpaben Bhakta of (Sarai) Temple City, CA and family. On behalf of our Samaj, President and trustee mandal appreciates the donors for their support.

**Everyone kindly requested to bring Aarti and Prasad.**

## વાર્ષિક સાધારણ સભા અને જન્માષ્ટમી-૨૦૦૮

સૌને સપ્રેમ શમકવીર. શ્રી શમકવીર ભક્ત સમાજ ઓફ સધર્ન કેલીફોર્નીઆની વાર્ષિક સાધારણ સભા અને જન્માષ્ટમીના પર્વની ઉજવણી માટે હાર્દિક આમંત્રણ આપીએ છીએ. તારીખ ઓગષ્ટ, ૨૪, ૨૦૦૮ રવિવારના રોજ આપ જરુરથી આપણા ભક્ત કલ્ચરલ સેન્ટરે સમયસર પધારશો એવી વિનંતી છે. વાર્ષિક સાધારણ સભાનો સમય સાંજે ૩:૦૦ વાગ્યાથી ૫:૦૦ વાગ્યા દરમ્યાન છે. ત્યારબાદ આપણે ભોજન સાંજે ૫:૦૦ થી ૬:૩૦ દરમ્યાન સાથે લઈશુ. અન્ને જણાવવાનુ કે કાર્યક્રમની સમયસર શરુઆત કરવા માટે રસોડું સાંજે ૬:૪૫ વાગ્યે બંધ કરવામા આવશે. બાળકોની સાંસ્કૃતિક પ્રવૃત્તિ સાંજે ૭:૦૦ થી ૮:૧૫ દરમ્યાન યશ જેમા ૩૦ થી વધુ કલાકારોએ ભાગ લીધો છે. ભગવાન શ્રી કૃષ્ણના જન્મદિનની આપણે સૌ સાથે ૮:૩૦ થી મોડી રાત સુધી ભજન-આરતીથી ઉજવણી કરીશુ. આ વાર્ષિક ધાર્મિક પ્રસંગ શ્રી ચંદ્રવદનભાઈ ચીમનભાઈ ભક્ત તથા અ.સૌ. પુષ્પાબેન ચંદ્રવદનભાઈ ભક્ત (સરઈ) તથા પરિવારના સૌજન્ય અને સહકારથી શક્ય બનેલ છે. સમાજ વતી અમે સૌ ટ્રસ્ટીમંડળના સાભ્યો દાતારોનો હાર્દિક આભાર માનીએ છીએ. સૌને આરતી-પ્રસાદ લાવવા નમ્ર વિનંતી છે.

## Annual General Meeting Agenda

### વાર્ષિક સાધારણ સભાના કાર્યક્રમની રુપરેખા

Welcome and opening prayer - સ્વાગત-સભાની શરુઆત પ્રાર્થના

Approval of minutes of the last year meeting

ગત વર્ષની સભાની નોંધ અને મંજુરી

President's, Secretary's, Treasurer's & Sakhee Mandal Reports

પ્રમુખશ્રી, મંત્રીશ્રી, ખજાનચી અને સાખી મંડળનો અહેવાલ

Election of New Trustees - નવા ટ્રસ્ટીઓની નિમણુક

Open Forum (Q & A) and Vote of thanks

ખુલ્લી સભા અને પ્રશ્નોત્તરી અને આભાર વિધિ.

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# Annual General Meeting Janmastami-2008

A long time ago in ancient India, there lived King Ugrasen. He had two children by the name of Prince Kansa and princess Devaki. Prince was evil by nature. When he grew up, he imprisoned his own father Ugrasen and became the king himself. Soon his sister got married to King Vasudeva. However after the wedding, Kansa heard the divine warning from the sky, "O King! Your sister's eighth son will grow up to kill you." After hearing all this Kansa was afraid. Immediately he imprisoned his own sister Devaki and her husband and kept them under watch.

Whenever Devaki gave birth to a child in the prison, Kansa arrived there personally and killed the child. When Devaki became pregnant for the eight time, King Vasudeva's friend's (King Nanda's) wife was also pregnant. The eight child, Lord Krishna was born to Devaki at mid-night in the prison. As soon as the child was born, Lord Vishnu appeared in divine form and the whole prison was filled with a glittering light. At the same time when Lord Krishna was born in the prison, the divine energy of Lord Vishnu was born in Gokul, as a baby girl to queen Yashoda. A heavenly message came to Vasudev as soon as Lord Krishna was born, "Take this child across the Yamuna River to Gokul and exchange him with Yashoda's daughter. You will return to the prison before anyone comes to know about the birth of this child."

Vasudev immediately followed the advice. As he was carrying the child in his arms, he found that the prison doors opened automatically and guards were put to sleep by god. After reaching safely to the palace of King Nanda and queen Yashoda and putting baby Krishna safely in place of Yashoda's baby girl, he returned to the prison with the baby girl.

As soon as Vasudeva came back to the prison and laid the baby girl next to Devaki's side, the guards ran to inform Kansa about the birth of eight child. Kansa rushed to kill the child. As he about to kill the baby girl, she flew up and said, "O evil king! You will gain nothing by killing me. The one who will destroy you is elsewhere."

Moral of the story is whenever evil in the world like Kansa' wicked rule becomes unbearable; God himself comes to save us in form of incarnation like Lord Krishna. Against God, not even mightiest evil can do anything.



## **Our Coming Up events:**

September 30, 2008—Navratri Celebrations

October 2, 2008—Gandhi Jayanti

October 14, 2008—Sharad Purnima

**Details and the venue for the Diwali celebrations will be announced shortly. We have planned Sports activities, Senior event, Picnic, Ladies events and much more will be celebrated. Please visit [WWW.BHAKTASCA.ORG](http://WWW.BHAKTASCA.ORG)**

**Our Cultural Program will be held on April 11, 2009 at La Mirada Theater. Please get involved early and take a active part in this massive event of joy! For questions and participation, please contact Mrs. Minakshiben Harivadanbhai Bhakta. Please renew your membership today and support our constructive activities serving the Bhakta community worldwide. Thank you and Ramkibir.**

*Please remember that our membership year runs from Janmashtami to Janmashtami. The treasurer will be ready to receive your membership dues for the coming year after the conclusion of the general meeting.*

આપ સૌને ફરીથી જણાવવાનું કે આપણુ કારોબારી અને સભ્ય ફી વર્ષ જન્માષ્ટમીથી શરુ થતુ હોય છે અને જન્માષ્ટમીએ અંત આવતો હોય છે. નવા વર્ષની ફી આપ સૌ જન્માષ્ટમીના જ દિવસે આપશો તેવી આગ્રહ ભરી વિનંતી છે. વાર્ષિક સાધારણ સભા બાદ આપણા ખજાનચી આપશ્રીની સભ્ય ફી એકત્ર કરવા ઉપસ્થિત હશે. ફરીથી જણાવવાનું કે સૌ આરતી-પ્રસાદ (ઈચ્છાનુસાર) લાવવા વિનંતી.