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## SHREE LAKSHMINARAYAN TEMPLE

### SLNT NEWS

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**Naresh Jaiswal**

**Dear Members and Devotees,**

Over the last few months, you have responded tremendously to the various festivals and activities held at the Temple. Your response is very encouraging and we will strive to make even further improvements.

Following the overwhelming response at the Extraordinary General Meeting on 2 November 2008 to undertake repair and renovation works to the Temple; such works began on 12 February 2009 after prayers by the Temple's priests. The works are expected to be completed by end May 2009.

Your patience in enduring the inconvenience during the works is very much appreciated. Despite the closure of the cooking area during March 2009, volunteers have risen to the occasion and ensured that Preetibhoj continues to be available every Sunday.

Due to the adverse economic climate, plans for the repair and renovation works have been scaled down. The large part of the works will be confined to levels 1, 3 and 5. The estimated costs of the works are in the region of \$400,000. Response to our appeals for donations has been encouraging although we are still short of the target. We humbly appeal to you to donate generously so as to make the Temple a better place for all. Donations of at least \$1,001 will be acknowledged on a Donors Plaque to be displayed within the premises of the Temple.

A Walkathon will be held on Sunday 19 April 2009 to raise money for the Building Fund. This event is unprecedented for the Temple. Everyone is welcome to participate in the Walkathon. Do look out for specific information on the Walkathon. Volunteers are needed to assist in the Walkathon. If you wish to assist or participate in the Walkathon, please contact the Secretary or the Temple Administrator.

The 40th Anniversary of the Temple will be celebrated on Sunday 28 June 2009. Preparations for the Celebrations are on-going. Do look out for specific information on the Celebrations.

The various sub-committees are looking out for volunteers with dedication and passion to serve the multifarious needs of the Temple. With more such volunteers, the Temple would be able to provide a wider range of activities for members and devotees. If you wish to be involved in any sub-committee, please contact the Secretary or the Temple Administrator.

**Yours in service**  
**Satyaprakash Tiwari**  
**Hon. Secretary**

**TEMPLE SUB-COMMITTEES  
(2008/2009)**

**Administration & Human  
Resource, Religious &  
Education**

**Chair: Satyaprakash Tiwari**

**Building premises, Real  
Estate & Tender**

**Chair: Ranvir Kumar Singh**

**Fund Raising & Investment**

**Chair: Kirpa Ram Sharma  
Ranvir Kumar Singh**

**Membership & Publicity**

**Chair: Dharmender Prasad  
Ajay Kumar Gupta**

**Prasad & Preetibhoj**

**Chair: Balram Chowbay**

**Social Service**

**Chair: Jagdish Gupta**

**Youth Wing**

**Chair: Balram Chowbay**

**Ajay Kumar Gupta**

**Naresh Jaiswal**

**Surinder Kumar Pathak**

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**Editorial Team**

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**Naresh Jaiswal**

## **OUR NEW STAFF & VOLUNTEERS**

Shree Lakshminarayan Temple would like to welcome their new office staffs. We hope that our devotees will show their kind and generous support to our new staffs.



**Name:** Smeeta Sukla

**Position:** Admin Assistant

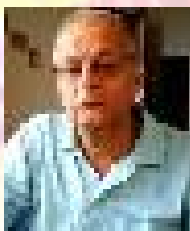
*Ms. Smeeta Sukla is a PR in Singapore for the last 5 years. She holds a MSC in Software & Information Systems. Currently, she teaches Hindi in Saint Joseph Institution International as a part – time teacher and to pre-primary kids at Compassvale Primary School. She was employed as an Administrative Assistant in SLNT on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009. Her role is to assist in the administrative affairs of the Temple.*



**Name:** Surinder Kumar Pathak

**Position:** Volunteer

*Mr. Surinder Kumar Pathak is a retiree, having served the civil service for 33 years. He has been very active in community projects and has served several Hindu organizations over the years. Mr. Pathak is currently serving Shree Lakshminarayan Temple as a volunteer. His main role is to assist the management committee of SLNT in the daily administrative and operational management issues.*



**Name:** Avinash Mathur

**Position:** Volunteer

*Mr. Avinash Mathur is a retired businessman from Delhi. He has been mainly responsible for computerizing the financial system of Shree Lakshminarayan Temple over the past three months. His contribution to SLNT has been tremendous since he joined us as a volunteer in January 2009. He continues to provide useful services in the Temple and is currently involved in setting up proper systems for maintenance of operational functions in SLNT.*

### **SHREE LAKSHMINARAYAN TEMPLE MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

Life Members	<b>156</b>
Ordinary Members	<b>411</b>
Associate Members	<b>15</b>
Corporate Members	<b>4</b>

*The management committee of SLNT is thankful to the following volunteers for doing such a splendid job in updating our membership database:*

*Mr. Om Prakas Jaiswal, Mr. Abhishek Rai & Mr. Vinod Misra*

# SLNT RENOVATION UPDATES

The following is a pictorial update of some of the renovation works that were carried out in SLNT recently. We hope to serve these renovations would beautify the Temple and also serve the devotees better. These renovations were made possible with your strong support. More updates coming up in the next issue

## Level 1



### Before

*Floor tiles were outdated and badly stained*



### After

*New tiles have given the area around the dieties a fresh and charming look*

## Level 3



### Before

*Washing bay was limited to 3 basins*



### After

*The new washing bay area has four basins for adults and one wash basin for children*

## Level 5



### Before

*Cracked floor tiles and leaking pipes and basin made washing and cooking difficult for devotees and volunteers.*



*The cooking stoves were also outdated and in poor condition*



### After

*The renovation has given level 5 fresh look. New stoves have been installed with automated water supply for cleaning after cooking; new tiles that make level 5 looks brighter and spacious.*



*The cleaning area has been compartmentalized for cleaning and washing*

# APPEAL TO DEVOTEES

The temple is a vital part of our community – it enriches our lives culturally, religiously and imparts religious values in our children. The Hindu Temple is your temple. We urge every community member to take responsibility and OWNERSHIP in the growth and beautification of our Temple. It is the responsibility of each and every devotee to share in the care and improvements of the Temple, as the Temple belongs to ALL OF US.

The Shree Lakshminarayan Temple humbly requests all devotees to extend their sincere financial support and contribution towards the REPAIR & RENOVATION WORKS TO SHREE LAKSHMINARAYAN TEMPLE. Your participation and contributions are essential for the functioning of the temple.

The works would comprise 2 broad categories, namely

- (i) long-overdue repairs and renovations – although some repairs and renovations were done about 4 years ago, other parts of the building have not been repaired or renovated for many years, as shown in the slide presentation during the Extraordinary General Meeting.
- (ii) repair works as directed by the Building Control Division based on a recent periodical statutory inspection.

The works will be expected to be completed by May 2009. It will be followed by the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Temple. The estimated cost of the works is around \$400,000. We are targeting to cover the entire costs through donations from a wide cross-section of members & devotees. Under the current adverse economic climate, the support of every members & devotees becomes even more critical. Donations of at least \$1,001 will be acknowledged on a Donors Plaque to be displayed within the premises of the Temple. We humbly appeal to you to donate generously for a worthy cause and to make your Temple a better place for all, including future generations to come. Please make your cheque payable to SHREE LAKSHMINARAYAN TEMPLE or alternatively, cash donations can be made to SLNT through our Hon. Administrator Mr. Surinder Kumar Pathak (H/P: 92957866).

May the blessings of Bhagwan Shree Lakshminarayan be bestowed upon you and your family.

## ***SHREE LAKSHMINARAYAN TEMPLE IS NOW ON FACEBOOK!***

*Shree Lakshminarayan Temple is now online. The Management committee has created and uplifted the temple onto facebook, attracting many young devotees and members on the internet to join our group.*

*We have currently 142 Friends connected with us and receiving the latest updates and news. SLNT Facebook was created on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2009, the response of members knowing us and joining us has been tremendous. We would like to thank all our members and devotees for supporting us online. Interested devotees can join us on facebook, by registering an account on [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and add 'SHREE LAKSHMINARAYAN TEMPLE' as a friend to get your daily dose of happenings and updates.*

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **SLNT WALKATHON**

**19 April 2009, Sunday**

**Time: 8:00 am to 1.00 pm**

**Venue: Serangoon Stadium, 33 Yio Chu Kang Road, Singapore 545677**

The walkathon is in conjunction with the Temple's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and also to raise funds for the Temple Building Fund. The walkathon will be held at Serangoon Stadium followed by some exhibition soccer match. The walkathon is co-organized together with Moulmein Tekka RC. Participants who register by 15 April 2009 will be entitled to receive gifts provided by the Sponsors. Visit our website to download your form today.

### **SHREE LAKSHMINARAYAN TEMPLE 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS**

**28 June 2009, Sunday**

**Time: 10:00 am to 1:00 pm**

**Venue: Shree Lakshminarayan Temple**

Join us for this joyous occasion where we celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our temple.