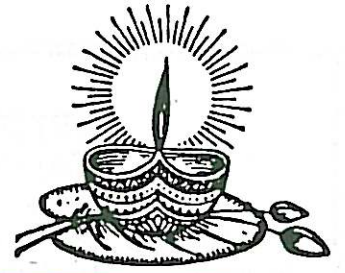




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## Durga Temple of Metropolitan Washington

*Cordially invites you to celebrate the*  
**Ram Parivar Murti Sthapana**

&

Devotional Songs in Dhrupad Style by  
**GUNDECHA BROTHERS**

*(Sponsored by Advancement & Promotion of Charitable Activities, Potomac MD)*

*On Ram Naumi, October 7, 2000*

Events Include Pooja, Havan, Ram Parivar Darshan (Inaugural Event),  
Individual Pooja & Darshan

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### Message from President

Dear Devotees,

The state of our Durga Temple is very good. Durga Temple is getting national recognition as one of the best Hindu Temples in US. None of this would have been possible without community's on-going support.

Temple management has been working hard to meet community's need for religious services and cultural programs. In the recent past a steady stream of functions including Jagrans, Poojas, Pravachans and other religious discourses plus major concerts by renowned artists including Anuradha Podwal, Anup Jalota, Hari Om Sharan and others - have been enriching religious cultural needs of our community. Our staff of priests are now serving the Temple and community's religious needs all 365 days. We are also planning to add a full time professional manager to look after daily operational need of the Temple.

Financially we have achieved our major milestone and reduced our mortgage debt by \$200,000. With hard work we have been able to meet our monthly expense of \$30,000. We also have an approved capital expenditure for Shikhars.

As we expand temple facility, offer more activities, and add staff to provide better services - our financial needs keep on increasing. We need your help with your donation. You can help by becoming a life member of the Temple and help us with our goal of doubling our membership. You can sign-up for a variety of donation programs including Yajman for next Murti Sthapana, a murti sponsorship or an event/concert sponsorship. Hold your functions and wedding at the Temple. There are various ways you can help.

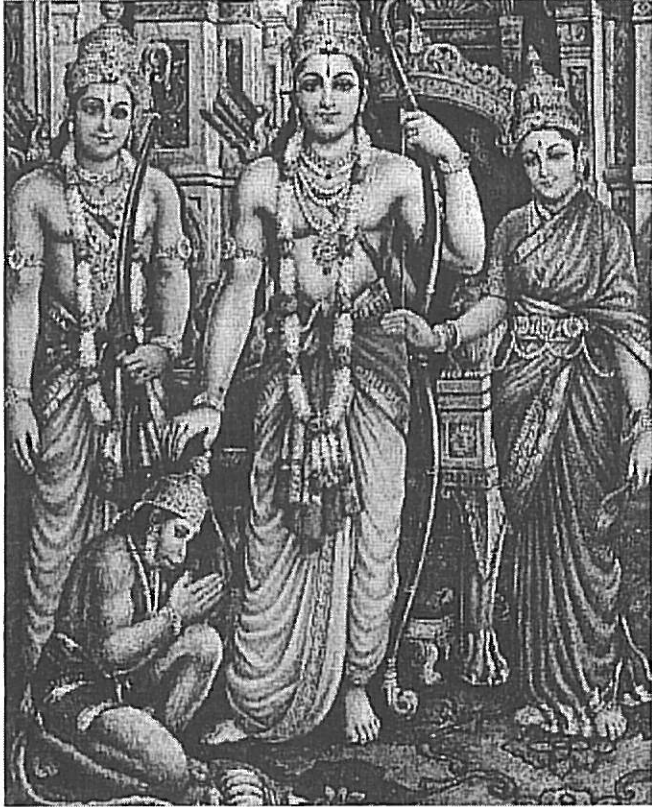
We need your help, participation and donation to further this jewel for our community. Please come and join us, now is the time.

Suresh Gupta M.D.

*To all Federal Employees:  
We thank for choosing Durga Temple as the  
beneficiary of your CFC contributions*

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# Inauguration of Ram Darbar Shrine on Dashahara



## Jai Sita Ram

### Friday October 6, 2000

5:00 - 8:00pm Grah Sthapna, Kalash Sthapna,  
Sarvatobhadra Sthapna & Pooja  
8:00pm Aarti followed by BHANDARA(food)  
8:30-9:30 Dandia Raas Program

### Saturday October 7, 2000

9:00-11:30am Havan, Jaladhivas, Dhanyadhivas,  
Phaladhivas & Pushpadhivas  
Noon Murti Prasthan from Yagnashala  
to Shrine  
1:00-8:00pm BHANDARA  
1:00 -3:00pm Pran Pratishtha  
3:00 -7:30pm Aarti, Darshan, Bhajans, Special  
Poojas,  
4:30-6:30pm Cultural Program  
7:00pm RAWAN DAHAN  
8:00pm Aarti

**Devotional Music Program 8:00-10:00pm**

by

**Umakant & Ramakant Gundecha**

(Gundecha Program underwritten by APCA)

Due to limited parking at Temple, transportation will be provided

### Ram Parivar Murti Sthapana

We would like to thank you for your dedicated and continuous support to Durga Temple and making all the past events very successful. In the past we inaugurated the Temple starting with Durgaji Murti Sthapana followed by the Murti Sthapana of Radha Krishanji and Shiv Parivar. All these programs were very successful. Now we invite you on the occasion of Vijyadashmi (Dashahara) for the Ram Parivar Murti Sthapana on Saturday, October 7, 2000.

On this auspicious occasion we have invited from India, famous Dhrupad Style Devotional singers "The Gundecha Brothers". The program will start on Friday, October 6 and continue till Saturday, October 7. The details of the program are given in this issue of Jyoti. As a special event, there will be RAWAN DAHAN on Dashahara October 7 at 7.00 pm.

As always, these events require vast number of volunteers and financial resources. We look forward to your participation in this grand event. Please call to let us know of your availability and area of interest for volunteer work. Please come, join and enjoy all the festivities.

Madhu Govil, Coordinator for Murti Sthapana Committee

# Durga Temple

of Metropolitan Washington

**Cordially invites you to an evening of Bhakti-Sangeet**

**in Dhrupad style By  
"GUNDECHA BROTHERS"**

Dhrupad is the most ancient style of Hindustani classical music which has survived until today in its original form. It is a form of devotional music which traces its origin to the ancient text Sama Veda. The Sama Veda was chanted with the help of melody and rhythm called Samagana. Gradually this developed into other vocal styles called Chhanda and Prabhand with the introduction verse and metre. The fusion of these two style led to the emergence of Dhrupad. By the eleventh century, Dhrupad music had crystallized into a perfected form which has retained its original structure and purity till today.

Dhrupad owes its richness to a majestic and systematic unfolding of traditional ragas. It is primarily vocal music although it is also performed on Rudra Veena.



After a solo elaboration of the raga, the vocalist sings a composed poetry and improvised variations set to a specific rhythmic cycle.

## Durga Temple Bal Gokulam

A weekly program on Sundays 10:30am to 12:30pm

*(Hindi Classes are from 11:30 to 12:30 pm)*

**Children develop leadership skills while learning about Hindu culture and heritage and practice Hindu values in an enjoyable way.**

### Activities

*Activities are well balanced to cater to the physical, intellectual and spiritual growth of the participants. Some of the regular activities include Yoga, Games, Arts & Crafts, Hindi, Stories, Bhajans and Prayers. Frequently children would take up community service like visiting hospitals and homeless shelters. They also perform skits, songs and dances in various festivals and other community events.*

**Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Balgokulam Starts**

**Registration for Hindi Classes starts**

**Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Hindi Classes Start**

**\*\* ADMISSION IS FREE \*\***

**Age group: 6 years and older**



**Call for Volunteers**

**Parents, High school and College students can volunteer to conduct the activities.**

*For more information, please contact: (e-mail: [agovil@excite.com](mailto:agovil@excite.com))*

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