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REMEMBER NO IDEA IS TOO SMALL, AND NO QUESTION TOO RIDICULOUS.

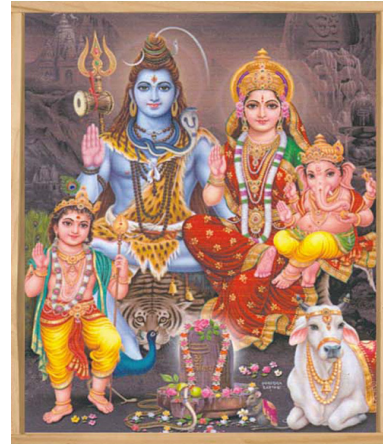
THE SAMAJ WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THOSE MEMBERS WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THIS NEWS LETTER.

Dear Members,  
Please share your family's achievements with us so we may rejoice with you. On the same note share your loses and sorrows with us too so we may share these with you as well.

If you wish to sponsor an event or one of our publications or even a portion of it ; in remembrance of the milestones in your lives, please contact us.

Sincerely, Executive Committee.

WISHING THE SAMAJ SUCCESS  
IN ALL THAT THEY DO.  
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TO:



## Brahmnaad



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### Upcoming Events: Details on page 2....

- BSOFL Annual Picnic and Free Yoga Shibir on July 9-11, 2010 at Jalaram Temple visit: [www.mybsfl.com](http://www.mybsfl.com) for more information
- Samuh Satynarayan Pooja on August 22, 2010
- Diwali Dinner & Fund-raiser on November 20, 2010
- Welcome 2011 Party on January 8, 2011

### President's Message

Jai Shree Krishna to Dear Brahmin Samaj Members of Florida,

It is my pleasure to introduce to you, the first newsletter of our Samaj. This issue in your hand is issue No.1 of the year. The main purpose of this newsletter is to improve the communication among us, especially for our Vadils who are unable to access our web site or emails. We will cover Samaj events and news from our members, i.e. marriage, birth, death, accomplishments, etc. We welcome good articles and thoughts from all of our members.

I kindly request all of you to come forward and positively

participate in our Samaj activities. This is our Samaj. We want ourselves and our future generations to be an integral part of this Samaj for a special reason. We share much common ideology that is even easily acceptable up to the level of building marriage relations. We share the same background of priesthood, religious knowledge, spirituality, leadership and responsibility carried on from the generations of our forefathers.

Please, take this opportunity to strengthen our bonds by actively participating in Samaj activities with your family. It is very important to become a member, Please fill out the attached form and mail it in with your pay-

ment. If possible, please make a monitory donation to our Samaj by placing an advertisement of your business, well wishing message, or by sponsoring an event.

I hope, you will all join me in taking our Samaj to the next level.

Sincerely,

Jignesh Vyas

You can contact me at: 407-687-3150.



### Hindu Rituals and Routines: Why do we follow them?

#### Why do we light a lamp?

In almost every Indian home a lamp is lit daily before the alter of the Lord. In some houses it is lit at dawn, in some twice a day—at dawn and dusk—and in a few it is maintained continuously—Akhanda Deepa. All auspicious

functions commence with the lighting of the lamp, which is maintained through the occasion. Light symbolizes knowledge. The Lord is the "Knowledge Principle" (Chaitanya) who is the source, the illuminator of all knowledge. Hence light is worshiped as the Lord

himself.

Knowledge removes ignorance just as light removes darkness. Also knowledge is a lasting inner wealth by which all outer achievement can be accomplished. We light the lamp to bow down to knowledge  
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Every time we open our mouths, men look into our minds

**Our Best wishes and Congratulations to Dr. Yash Pathak & Dr. Megha Pathak on the Birth of their beautiful Daughter Saumya born on March 25th 2010.**



Let's be like the mango tree, which gives fruit and shelter to the traveler.

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as the greatest of all forms of wealth.

**Why not light a bulb or tube light?** That too would remove darkness. But the traditional oil lamp has a further spiritual significance. The oil or ghee in the lamp symbolizes our vaasanas get slowly exhausted and the ego too finally perishes.

**Upcoming events.....**

BSOFL Annual Picnic and free Yoga Shibir from July 9-11, 2010 at Shree Jalaram Mandir, 600 Hull Island Drive, Oakland, FL 34787  
Friday 7:30-9:30 PM  
Saturday and Sunday 9:30-11:30 AM

Samuh SatyaNarayan Pooja on August 22, 2010. Location TBA.

Our Diwali Dinner will be held on November 20, 2010 at Eastmonte Park

Welcome 2011 Party will be held on January 8, 2011 at Eastmonte Park

*Congratulations and our Best wishes*

*To the Brahmin Samaj on their Inagural Newsletter, **Brahmnaad***

*From*

*Dr. Dipak & Priyadarshini Upadhyaya and family.*



The flame always burns upwards. Similarly we should acquire such knowledge as to take us towards higher ideals.

Whilst lighting the lamp we thus pray:

*Deepajyothi parabrahma  
Deepa sarva tamopahaha  
Deepena saadhyate saram  
Sandhyaa deepo namostute*

I prostrate to the dawn/

dusk lamp; whose light is the Knowledge Principle (the Supreme Lord), which removes the darkness of ignorance and by which all can be achieved in life.

Please let us know if you would like to participate or sponsor this event.

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I/We wish to apply for 2010 membership in the Brahmin Samaj of Florida Inc. Enclosed herewith, please find the required fees for membership.

Annual Family Membership \$50.00.00

**2010 MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Life Membership \$250.00

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First Last

Spouse Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First Last

Current Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City State / Province Zip/ Postal Code

E-Mail Address Native Place (Gam) Gotra

Telephone: (Residence) (Office) (Fax)

**Family Members residing in the same household:**

Name	Relation	Age	Education	Occupation

I /We understand that I/We have supplied the above information voluntarily. I/We have also agreed that the information may be used for the benefit of the Brahmin Samaj and its members.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*For Official use only:*

Received amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Membership

Received amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Life membership