SRI MANDIR



The First Hindu Temple

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## Sri Mandir Patrika: April 2025

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English Translation:

We meditate on the glory of the Divine Light, the Creator of the Universe, who is worthy of worship, who is the embodiment of knowledge and light, who is the remover of all sin and ignorance May this Divine Light illuminate our intellect.

## About Sri Mandir

Location:	Opening hours:
286 Cumberland Road, Auburn NSW 2144 Website: <u>www.srimandir.org</u> Email: <u>srimandir@hotmail.com.au</u> Phone: 02 9643 1919	<ul> <li>Monday to Friday: 10.00am to 12.00pm, 5.30pm to 8.30pm</li> <li>Weekends and Public Holidays: 10.30am to 8.00pm</li> </ul>

**Key Festivals and Events:** Our key festivals are regularly updated on our website <u>https://srimandir.org/festive-and-function-celebration/</u>. You can also download the Annual Panchang from our website <u>https://www.srimandir.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/NSW-Panchang-2025-pdf.pdf</u>

**Message from Sri Mandir Executive Committee (SMEC):** We thank all our volunteers for their contribution and hard work. We also thank all our devotees and members who have visited the temple regularly and have supported our temple. We have developed strategies to reduce cash at the temple by encouraging devotees to use online means of payments. We are in the process to improve communication by using specific email addresses. We endure to uplift appearance of Sri Mandir physically and online.

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## Welcome to Our New Resident Priest – Shri Mihirkumar Ji

Sri Mandir Executive Committee is delighted to welcome **Shri Mihirkumar Ji** to our devoted team of priests. He joins us to support our esteemed **Head Priest, Shri Jatinkumar Bhatt Ji**, in serving our community with spiritual guidance, rituals, and prayers.

With deep knowledge of Vedic traditions and a strong commitment to dharma, Shri Mihirkumar Ji brings his expertise and devotion to enrich the spiritual experience of all devotees at Sri Mandir. We are confident that his presence will further strengthen our sacred services and community engagement.

Mihirkumar Ji will be responsible for Nityotsav or Daily Pooja including Mangala, Shringar, Aftrnoon and evening Aarti, Shayan Darshan, Opening and Closing of Temple etc. He will be helping Jtinkumar Bhatt Ji for all other poojas/rituals and celebration of festivals

Devotees can avail the benefit of Shri Mihirkumar Ji's services at **Sri Mandir, 286 Cumberland Road, NSW 2144**, during the following timings:

Weekdays: 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon & 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM
 Weekends & Public Holidays: 10:30 AM - 8:00 PM

**Communication enhancements:** In our ongoing efforts to improve communication and enhance service efficiency, Sri Mandir has created dedicated email addresses for specific types of correspondence. Please use the following email addresses to direct your inquiries:

- info@srimandir.org to be used for all enquiries
- pooja@srimandir.org to be used for all pooja enquiries and booking
- <u>bhojanprasad@srimandir.org</u> to be used for all bhojan prasad enquiries and bookings

**Opportunities for volunteers and sponsors contribution towards food/ bhojan prasad**: Sri Mandir invites volunteers and sponsors who may support with bhojan prasad 7pm onwards everyday. It is time to embrace a satisfying feeling when you witness people sitting together and enjoying bhojan prasad, while some people support the smooth running of this whole process. You are encouraged to be a part of this. If you are interested, please contact us at srimandir@hotmail.com or Bhojanprasad@srimandir.org.

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**Online Donations and Payments for Sri Mandir**: Our preferred method for receiving payments and donations is online. As part of our strategy to reduce cash handling we encourage all of you to use the following methods for payments.

- Electronic Transfer Puja and Sponsorship Account name: Sri Mandir -BSB: 062 223 Account no: 11067599
- Electronic Transfer Tax Deductible Building and Education fund Account Name: Sri Mandir - BSB: 062 443 - Account No: 11001618
- In person by EFTPOS at Sri Mandir, The First Hindu Temple, 286 Cumberland Road, Auburn NSW 2144.

**Online Pooja booking:** While we are working on the app for online Pooja bookings, please continue to send your pooja requests to <u>srimandir@hotmail.com or pooja@srimandir.org</u>.

**Update from AGM** - Sri Mandir AGM was held on 15 December 2024, During the AGM Executive Committee was assisted by Francisco Gutierrez from Avondale Lawyers as returning officer. During the meeting:

- The President presented an overview of the recent activities and achievement of Sri Mandir & highlighted the achievements of EC in the past year.
- The minutes of the previous AGM were approved by a majority vote and declared approved by the President.
- The Treasurer, presented the financial report for the year 2023-2024, highlighting income, expenses and growth of revenue. Financial statements and reports were approved by a majority vote.
- CNR Accounting and Taxation appointed as Auditors for Sri Mandir.
- The Returning Officer reported that there are four vacant positions for office bearers, President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. There are also two vacant positions for the Executive Committee members but there no nominations from eligible members. The Returning Officer reported that only three valid nominations were received for the committee and nominees were appointed as the office bearers without the necessity of a vote. These appointments are as follows:
  - 1) Chand Chadha

President Vice President Treasurer

Chander Mohan Gupta
 Rajesh Sethi





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After the AGM the Executive Committee in its meeting filled the vacant position of office bearer (Secretary) by appointing Mrs. Amita Kant as Secretary to keep continuity of the role.

We welcome all of you to Sri Mandir Auburn. Please share your comments, and compliments at <a href="mailto:srimandir@hotmail.com">srimandir@hotmail.com</a>.