

Hindu Temple of Las Vegas Jain Center of Las Vegas



Tree Planting Ceremony June 18th (Thursday) @ 11:15 a.m.

The Temple was able to purchase 1) Banyan Tree and 2) Bodhi Tree from San Diego. It is considered very auspicious to plant these Trees within the Temple Premises. Both trees are around 15 feet in height and will be planted at the South East Corner of the Temple. We are also fortunate that Dr. Raj and Radha Chanderraj have agreed to pay for the purchase and install of these 2 Trees. We invite you to witness the Tree Planting Ceremony on June 18th (Thursday) @ 11:15 a.m.

The Vat, Bargad or banyan tree is one of the most venerated trees in India. It has the ability to survive and grow for centuries and is often compared to the shelter given by God to his devotees. It also symbolizes the personality of a benevolent ruler or head of family who nourishes and looks after all those under his care. Its large leaf is a motif commonly used in worship, rituals and festive sacrifices.

The banyan tree is mentioned in many scriptures as a tree of immortality. Its aerial roots grow down into the soil forming additional trunks and therefore called Bahupada, the one with several feet (Bahu-several, Pada-feet). It symbolizes longevity and represents the divine creator, Brahma. We find this tree invariably planted in front of many temples. The numerous stems of the banyan tree are regarded as the home of gods and spirits.

The Rishis and Munis (Sages and Seers) sat under the shade of this tree to seek enlightenment, held discourses and conducted Vedic rituals. In Hindu mythology, the tree is called Kalpavriksha, the tree that provides fulfillment of wishes and other material gains. It symbolizes Trimurti – Lord Vishnu is believed to be the bark, Lord Brahma, the roots, and Lord Shiva, the branches.

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