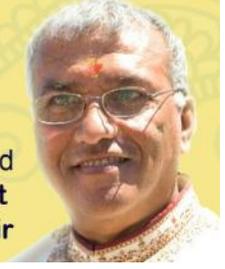


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Every Hindu practicing or not knows of Lord Hanuman, also known as Bajrangabali, Papanasuta, Pavankumar, six aMahabeer Baba, Balibhima, Marutsuta, Anjanisuta, Sankat Mochan, Anjaneya, Maruti, Rudra etc., as a dedicated disciple of the Lord Rama. They also know that Hanuman Jee is worshipped all over the world by Hindus for many reasons including his deep devotion to the Lord Rama.

Today as we celebrate Hanuman Jayanti, Mandir become full of devotees and at Radha Krishna Mandir Cambridge Ontario, Puja will begin at six in the morning after a holy bath and throughout the day devotees will drop in and join in the singing of 108 Hanuman Chalisas until early evening we will hear about the Glories of Hanuman Jee.

Hanuman Jayanti is celebrated with great enthusiasm by Hindus both in a cultural and traditional way as they see Hanuman Ji as a symbol of Lord Hanuman as a symbol of devotion, with tremendous knowledge, majestic powers, supernatural strength and inexhaustible energy. Hanuman Chalisa is sung and meditated upon as it has ability to conquer the evil and provide peace and tranquility to devotees.

Devotees of Hanuman Jee will use this opportunity to apply red tilak (vermillion) to their foreheads as well as the murtees of Hanuman Jee, offer Prasadam, chant mantras and perform Aarti and do parikaram (circumambulation around the Murtees of Hanuman Jee or around the Mandir).

For Hindus following the North and central traditions of India Hanuman Jayanti is commemorated around this time while in Tamil Nadu and Kerala, it is celebrated in Margazhi month (between December and January). In UP Bihar and wherever the families of these states have relocated in all parts of the world, Hanuman Jee has a special place in their hearts and the demonstrate this by flying the Flag of Hanuman Jee in front of their homes and Mandirs

Hanuman Jee, also considered the 11th Rudra avatar of Lord Shiva, had not only great devotion, strength, knowledge, divine power, bravery, intelligence, spirit for selfless service as he devoted his life only for his Lord Rama and Seeta Maa but he never showed his bravery and intelligence without reason.

May this Hanuman Jayanti bring each of us peace and harmony as we reflect and put into practice the life and teachings of Hanuman Jee fully aware that he provided selfless and egoless service to the Lord.

May The Dwaja (Flag) of Hanuman Jee fly high in our homes and hearts on this Hanuman Jayanti and everyday hence and for the rest of our lives as we practice what he was all about and still is as we believe he is always nearby whenever the glories of Rama is sung and practiced.

Jai Bajrang Bali. Happy Hanuman Jayanti