# Maha RudraDev Mandir

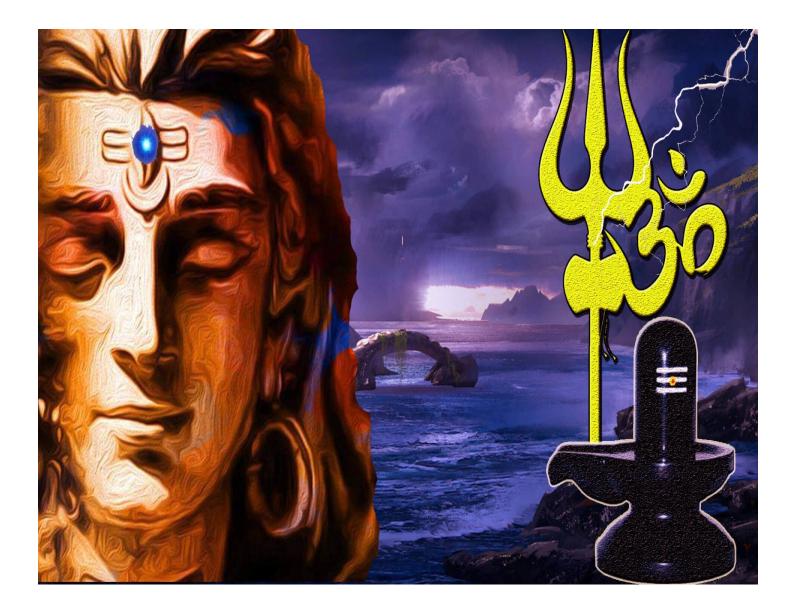
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### M.R.D.M Feb 2023 Newsletter

### Maha Rudradev Mandir



## And Cultural Sabha Inc

### **President Message**

Happy Mahashivratri: "Best wishes to our community on the auspicious occasion of Mahashivaratri which is celebrated as a sacred remembrance of the marriage of Goddess Parvati and Lord Shiva. This festival is beneficial for the whole of humanity," President Ravisha Sharma.





"Hinduism is a relentless pursuit of Truth. Truth is God and if today it has become moribund, inactive, irresponsive to growth, it is because we are fatigued; and as soon as the fatigue is over, Hinduism will burst upon the world with a brilliance perhaps unknown before."- Mahatma Gandhi

The great secret of true success, of true the happiness, is this: man or woman who asks for no return, the perfectly unselfish person, is the most successful. "Affirm divine calmness and peace, and send out only thoughts of love and goodwill if you want to live in peace and harmony. Never get angry, for anger poisons your system." – Paramahansa Yogananda

Be more humble than a blade of grass, more tolerant than a tree, always offering respect onto others and never expecting any in return.

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### Swami Vivekananda

## Spritual Leader Message

#### Who is Shiva?

Shiva is the third god in the Hindu triumvirate. The triumvirate consists of three gods who are responsible for the creation, upkeep and destruction of the world. The Hindus believe his powers of destruction and recreation are used even now to destroy the illusions and imperfections of this world, paving the way for beneficial change. According to Hindu belief, this destruction is not arbitrary, but constructive. Shiva is therefore seen as the source of both good and evil and is regarded as the one who combines many contradictory elements. Hindus believe his powers of destruction and recreation are used even now to destroy the illusions and imperfections of this world, paving the way for beneficial change. According to Hindu belief, this destruction is not arbitrary, but other two gods are Brahma and Vishnu. Brahma is the creator of the universe while Vishnu is the preserver of it. Shiva's role is to destroy the universe in order to re-create it.

It is Shiva's relationship with his wife, Parvati which brings him balance. Their union allows him to be an ascetic and a lover, but within the bounds of marriage.

Hindus who worship Shiva as their primary god are members of the Shaivism sect.

great ascetic and the master of fertility, and he is the master of both poison and medicine, through his ambivalent power over snakes. As Lord of Cattle (Pashupata), he is the benevolent herdsman—or, at times, the merciless slaughterer of the "beasts" that are the human souls in his care. Although some of the combinations of roles may be explained by Shiva's identification.

What does Shiva look like?



The extra eye represents the wisdom and insight that Shiva has. It is also believed to be the source of his untamed energy. On one occasion, when Shiva was distracted in the midst of worship by the love god, Kama, Shiva opened his third eye in anger. Kama was consumed by the fire that poured forth, and only returned to life when Parvati intervened.

#### A cobra necklace

This signifies Shiva's power over the most dangerous creatures in the world. Some traditions also say that the snake represents Shiva's power of destruction and recreation. The snake sheds its skin to make way for new, smooth skin.

#### The vibhuti

The vibhuti are three lines drawn horizontally across the forehead in white ash. They represent Shiva's all-pervading nature, his superhuman power and wealth. Also, they cover up his powerful third eye. Members of Shaivism often draw vibhuti lines across their forehead.

# February 2023 Hindu Festival

## & Holidays

Holidays, Hindu festivals in 2023 February Hindu calendar. Chaturthi, pradosh and other vrat dates in February 2023. For accurate tithi timings, go to tithi calendar February 2023  $\rightarrow$ 

01 Wed	Jaya Ekadashi
02 Thu	Pradosh Vrat
03 Fri	Vishwakarma Jayanti
04 Sat	Birthday Of Hazrat Ali
05 Sun	<u>Magha Snan End</u> , Magha Purnima , Guru Ravidas J Satyanarayan Vrat , Purnima Vrat
09 Thu	Sankashti Chaturthi
13 Mon	<u>Kalashtami</u> , Kumbha Sankranti
14 Tue	Sri Ramdas Navami , <u>Valentines Day</u>
15 Wed	Swami Dayananda Saraswati Jayanti
18 Sat	Pradosh Vrat, Maha Shivaratri, Masik Shivaratri
19 Sun	Shivaji Jayanthi
20 Mon	<u>Amavasya</u> , <u>Somvar Vrat</u>
21 Tue	Ramakrishna Jayanti , <u>Chandra Darshan</u> , <u>Phulera D</u>
23 Thu	<u>Chaturthi Vrat</u>
25 Sat	<u>Shasti</u>
27 Mon	Holashtak , Durga Ashtami Vrat
28 Tue	Rohini Vrat , National Science Day •



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