

To

Puja Committee
Hindu Temple of Arizona (HTA)

We are the members of the Oriya community live in Arizona and majority around Phoenix metropolis. We have been meeting to decide how to involve our Oriya community in Jagannath Puja on a more frequent basis.

We have already performed a community PUJA for Lord Jagannath on Nov, 5th, Saturday to celebrate the glory of the holy month of "Kartik". You can find us and our activities at www.azorissa.com.

We will like to discuss our Oriya community participation with HTA and believe that HTA would accommodate our desire to be more of a part of HTA.

Following are the community decision regarding PUJA at HTA for next year.

1. Oriya community is not prepared to participate on a weekly basis.
2. We are glad that HTA has designated 2nd Sunday of every month as Jagannath Puja to spread Jagannath conscious in the valley. We **would like to sponsor four** of the twelve 2nd Sunday Jagannath Pujas (**once every quarter**). We will bring the Prasad for the devotees and participate as a community. We will share the dates of the four Sundays with HTA to make sure other devotees can sponsor the other 8 Sunday Pujas.
3. We would help HTA to organize the **Ratha Yatra** and Bahuda Yatra once a year. We will maintain and prepare the Chariot for the yatra, prepare food for the festival, and arrange other necessities needed for the Ratha Yatra.
4. We would sponsor additional festivals at HTA as we involve the Oriya community more into HTA.
5. We have elected an "**Oriya Jagannath Puja Committee**" to coordinate the Oriya community with HTA. HTA can reach the Oriya Community by contacting this Jagannath Puja Committee. The contact address of the Jagannath Puja Committee is attached with this note.
6. We would like HTA to coordinate the activities with the Oriya Community through the Jagannath Puja Committee so that we can involve the community.

We need advice and guidance from HTA to help coordinate our participation as a community at HTA.

Regards,

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