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A Magical Experience of Colors at Radha Madhav Dham, Austin TX

fter weeks of cold and gloomy weather, Saturday, March 7, turned out to be a cool spring day – warmed up somewhat with the sun trying to peek in from behind the clouds. Despite the lingering cold and threats of rain, more than 4,000 people gathered to celebrate the Indian festival of Holi.

The sights, tastes and sounds of India greeted people as they strolled around the 200 acres of beautiful Temple grounds, along with chirping of birds, beautiful peacocks and deer that came to witness the scene. The Holi Mela, hosted by community volunteers, was enjoyed by Indians and Westerners alike, who flocked around the food booths eager to taste the delectable Indian dishes being prepared right in front of them – freshly pre-pared dosas, paav bhaji, chhole bhature, papdi chaat and samosas, along with mango lassi and sweets like hot jalebis and gulab jamuns, not to mention the delicately spiced garam chai for a cold day.

Kids were transported into a fun world of games, as they rolled around the grass inside a Zorb ball, jumped up and down in the Bounce house, toured the grounds in a mini train, watched funny clowns festooned with painted faces – all were delighted to be spending a fun day with



Holi revellers at the Radha Madhav Dham in Austin, Texas.

friends and family.

Inside the Prayer Hall, the deities of Radha and Krishn looked stunning in a new Holi Shringar (adornments) with heaps of colorful Holi powder and decorated

pichkaris placed at their feet, creating create a colorful depiction of Holi, as played in the land of Braj (Vrindavan) in India, 5000 years ago when Radha Krishna descended on this Earth

Planet.

All Temple programs celebrated the spiritual aspect of Holi, enabling loving remembrance of Krishna's mischief in the play of

Holi with Gopis in Vrindaban, and bringing to life the theme of "Braj Style" Holi. Uplifting Braj kirtans, and fun folk dances showcased Krishna's naughty leelas. The speech by Swami Nikhilanand Ji explained to the audience how to practically integrate this devotional remembrance into their fun festivities.

At 6:00 p.m. sharp, gulal play began with loud cries of "Ho, Ho, Ho, Ho, Holi Hai!", reverberating throughout the grounds - as it was sung by the live band and repeated by the thousands of participants playing Holi. The atmosphere quickly turned vibrant, exuberant and joyful bright florescent colors of spring could be seen flying everywhere, creating clouds of pink, purple, blue and red hues in the air. The live band was electrifying as it brought the entire crowd to its feet, dancing in excitement and merriment. Young and old, male and female, Indian and Western - all opened their hearts, sharing of the joy and in celebration of the human values of compassion, forgiveness and love, which underlies the spirit of this colorful Indian festival called Holi.

In the words of one enthralled visitor, Holi at Radha Madhav Dham was a magical experience - "It's the best, it's so magical, I want to thank the temple for letting my children experience our culture in this way"

For more on this Holi event, check out their Facebook page for event photos at www.facebook.com/RadhaMadhavDham.



Devotees seen spraying colors as they play Holi



Children get to play many games on Holi



Families gather at the Dham to celebrate Holi



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How Vastu affects your workplace?



Every employee is an asset and ensure optimum productivity for an organization's growth. Founder, manager and executive together lead a company forward.

While various motivational and corporate trainers try their best to keep the workforce motivated, at times simple Vastu tips can do wonders like no other means. They play a significant role in not just energizing the entire office environment but also induce positivity thus ensuring a harmonious work culture. Just focusing on simple things like office location, sitting arrangements and color scheme can ensure a complete turnaround.



Your workstation, walls, furniture and sitting arrangement if done following simple Vastu Shastra tips can do wonders to your efficiency. Keep these suggestions in mind to enjoy a joyous work ambience.

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Office Workstations and its effects

Since most of the interior designers and architects who join MahaVastu Course wish to know about Vastu guidelines for workstations in offices, we suggest them that workstations for different profiles need individual customization.

Workstation for Marketing Professionals

Marketing professionals must avoid blue and black accessories and place their workstation in South zone. Their seats can be maroon or brown in color and they can experiment with green color to get benefits from contacts. Ideally they should face North to attract more money and newer opportunities.

Workstation for Sales Persons

Sales professionals should place their workstations in East zone and avoid yellow and grey colored accessories. Their seats can be blue or brown in color. According to 45 powers of alchemy in Vastu shastra, green color will help them develop contacts with new customers. They should sit facing West to attract more sales order.

Workstation for Strategists and Senior Management

Senior professionals are required to plan for an organisation, so they should sit in North-East Vastu zone facing West. This will generate better planning ideas. Red and dark yellow colors should be avoided by them for both seat covers and accessories.

Workstation for Management Professionals

In order to execute and implement plans more efficiently and effectively, management professionals are advised to sit in the West Vastu zone facing East. Red and green colors are a complete no for seat covers and accessories.

Office Color scheme and the effect it creates on business.

'Have a bright and colorful day' is a greeting that instantly makes us imagine vibrant images. Colors are not just most powerful stimulant for our eyes but also impact our thoughts. Colors can either make us depressed or actually uplift our mood and leave a positive impression on our mind.

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