

Diwali Celebrated

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Women Celebrate Karva Chauth in Irvine



Women in colorful attire performed puja

IRVINE, CA – Karva Chauth was celebrated on Oct 27 at the Mandir here, to honor married women who did a daylong fast until the sighting of the moon for the long life of their husbands in the tradition of the ideal couple Shiv-Parvati.

The theme was 'female power'. Married women in the best of hands came from far and near. Participants shared rituals and age old stories with decorated puja thalis. About 150 participants performed puja in four sessions in Punjabi and Hindi. The entire event was organized by women who guided and helped each other. A telescope and ladder were on hand to encourage husbands to

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SACRAMENTO, CA – A large number of families from Sacramento and neighboring cities gathered at the Jain Center of Greater Sacramento in Elk Grove, to celebrate Diwali on Nov. 4.

Diwali also happens to be the Nirvaan Day of Lord Mahavir. He attained 'nirvaan' or 'moksha' and Ganadhara Gautam Swami attained complete knowledge on the day of Diwali. About 80 devotees young and old, participated in the celebration in their new attire. The center was decorated with Lord Mahavir Murti. Kiribhai Bavishi travelled from the Bay Area along with his group of musicians to provide music for the celebration and presented many devotional songs.

At the end of the programs the devotees performed arti in the beautifully decorated hall. The president thanked the volunteers for making the



Singing of devotional songs was part of the celebration

program a big success. Devotees of sweets. The potluck was walked to the adjoining dining hall for a rich vegetarian dinner along with many special kinds the auspicious occasion.