

## Celebrating 20th year

Dear Utsav Members and Friends,

5<sup>th</sup> October, 2021

We are excited to see you this weekend ( $\underbrace{\text{October } 8 - 10, 2021}$ ) after a LONG wait. Events on all three days will be <u>streamed/telecast</u> for those who want to enjoy them online.

You all are aware of the current state of COVID-19 (particularly among unvaccinated people), but to the best of our knowledge, all invited members and friends of ours are vaccinated. Below are some **IMPORTANT** logistics we wish to share with you:

- 1. Please always wear your mask when indoors; if you are not comfortable with a mask on, you can stay outside in the open air (there are plenty of beautiful shaded areas and benches).
- 2. No food and drinks in the main auditorium are allowed. Please use the dining hall or outdoors for having food, snacks, tea, water, etc. (including kids). Note that food/meals will be served mostly in microwavable boxes (in bags).
- 3. Please DO NOT move any chair from where it is only people setting up the hall are allowed to
- 4. Kindly stand in front of your chair for Pushpanjali DO NOT get close to the Mandap/puja stage, mantra will be chanted on loud speaker. Offer your flowers in a tray, and a volunteer will take the tray over to the priest. Please leave your space right after your Pushpanjali to make room for the next batch. There will be multiple Pushpanjali opportunities so please wait until you find a spot with a chair.
- 5. If you forget to bring your mask please ask for one at the Registration Desk.
- 6. There will be ample hand sanitizers in place; use them for your personal and others' safety.
- 7. All high-touchpoint areas (door handles, chairs, dining tables, etc.) will be routinely sanitized by volunteers.
- 8. Kitchen and food distribution areas will be limited to only authorized volunteers; DO NOT enter those areas for hanging out.

If you have not registered yet – send an email to <u>utsavpr@gmail.com</u> to check whether we are capable of accommodating you or not.

We sincerely apologize if these requests cause any inconvenience but we are trying to follow the California state, county, and CDC guidelines/suggestions.

Sincerely,

Anima Kumar, Rajat Saha, Mainak Banga, Saurajit Ghosh, and Somen Nandi Utsav GBM, 2021-22