

Spiritual Workshop 2007
&
Fourth-Annual Prof. Sastry Memorial Lecture

By
Acharya Smt. Sharada Kumar

Location: **Council Chambers,**
Novi Civic Center – 45175 W 10 Mile Road
Novi, Michigan 48375

Program

June 16th - Saturday

9.00 - 9.25 AM **Welcome and Vedic Chanting**

9.30 – 10.45 AM **“Narada Bhakti Sutras – Part I”**

15 Minutes

-----*Short Coffee Break* -----

11.00 -12.15 AM **“Narada Bhakti Sutras – Part II”**

12.15 – 1.30 PM

----- *Lunch Break* -----

1.30 – 2.15 PM **Short Presentations by young adults**

2.15 – 3.30 PM **“Narada Bhakti Sutra – Part III”**

3.30 – 4.00 PM Q & A followed by Concluding Prayers

7.30 PM

SATSANG

At 4721 Maura lane West Bloomfield, MI 48323

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All are welcome - Admission is Free – Please RSVP for Lunch
This year’s workshop is intended to cover Narada Bhakti Sutras in depth. We believe this will enhance our ability to understand and appreciate “Bhakti” as an invaluable emotional experience. Theme of Satsang will include devotional songs and Harikathas (ancient art of mythological story telling)



[Profile of Smt. Sharada Kumar](#)

Smt. Sharada Kumar needs no introduction to the Hindu community of Michigan. Her service to the Indian youth in shaping their future is exemplary. She is the **President of Chinmaya Mission Ann Arbor**. Besotted by the teachings of Swami Chinmayananda and inspired by his commanding flawless language and oratorical skills, she joined Chinmaya Mission during her college years in Mumbai. Later, she and her husband Viswa Kumar took the daunting responsibility for the construction of Avantika, the center for Chinmaya Mission Ann Arbor. In addition to being the heart and the brain of six Bala Vihars in South-east Michigan area including the one in Toledo, Sharada Kumar is the National Coordinator for Chinmaya Balavihars and is on the Board of Directors of Chinmaya Mission West.

She conducts several classes on Hindu Philosophy on a daily basis. She is a coordinating committee member of the Interfaith Round Table of Washtenaw County. She serves in the executive committee of the Association of Religious Counselors closely connected with the Hindu Students at the University of Michigan. She also serves in the Ethics committee of Science and Religion at the University of Michigan. She has recently retired from the Biophysics Research Division of the University of Michigan. She has taught Carnatic Music/Bhajans for many years and has given several lectures on Hinduism and related topics throughout Michigan. Hindu community of Michigan is truly indebted to the service rendered by both Smt. Sharada Kumar and Sri. Viswa Kumar. They have two daughters and now two grand children.

It was the keen interest(Shraddha) of Smt. Sharada Kumar and some of the members of Avantika that inspired Prof. Sathyanarayana Sastry to go beyond the simple but essential Vedanta 101 that summer, on to a Himalayan track of Mandukya, Taittiriya Upanishads and a taste of Yogavasishtha. It was a memorable interaction between the inspired Guru and some mesmerized students. Since the demise of Professor Sastry in January 2004, it has become a tradition that we commemorate the birthday of Professor Sastry with members of Chinmaya Mission, with a memorial lecture and spiritual workshop. The topic Narada Bhakti Sutra is a befitting tribute to Prof. Sastry as he considered Prema and Bhakti as elevating human emotions.