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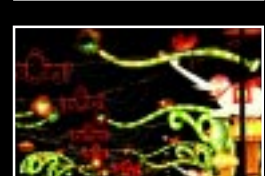
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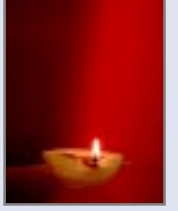
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This Deepavali edition of the Singapore Hindu has been put together with a lot of thought and attention to making it both attractive and interesting to a cross section of the Hindu community and at the same time informative to non-Hindus who celebrate Deepavali with us.

Kumari Nahappan, a leading Singapore artist has assisted us in depicting the essence of Deepavali on the cover, showing the dimension and depth of light to which there is no limitation. The very informative feature Article "Deepavali - The Festival of Lights" is, with the kind permission of the author, substantially based on a chapter (with the same title) from Sivanandini Duraiswamy's book titled "Remembering Hindu Traditions". This Article so clearly explains the significance of Deepavali and will, we feel, be of interest to all readers.

Our youths who are both our pride and our focus will no doubt be delighted to learn that "Hinduism Is Hip" which is what Vidhiya Ramasamy, the co-ordinator of our Project Bakthi, believes. We hope that with similar refreshing approaches to the learning, understanding and practice of Hinduism, the Hindu Endowment Board (HEB) will be able to achieve one of its missions which is to actively engage young Hindus and encourage their involvement in our religion.

Siva Gopal and his team's social services in post - Tsunami Sri Lanka which he describes as a "learning journey" in his article titled "Service Learning in Sri Lanka" is a timely illustration of enlightenment by service to humanity.

To all who serve at our temples, in HEB and in its many projects, our dedicated and innovative publication team and to all contributors of advice, ideas, suggestions, imagery and articles for this publication, we express our deepest appreciation.

May goodwill and fellowship always prevail.

HAPPY DEEPAVALI!!!

