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The first issue of the Singapore Hindu in 2006 heralds the New Year of Hindus with a tribute to the dedicated service provided by volunteers. Commitment to service in support of the community at large regardless of race or religion must grow to form one of the cornerstones of our community.

Whilst our article on women service providers focuses on the women volunteers at SMT, it is recognized that there are similar groups of service providers not only at other temples administered by the Board but also at those which are not administered by the Board. Collectively they are the "can do" people who make a difference and we thank them for the personal sacrifice of their time to support the community in many ways.

Our next edition is expected to be released in October in time for Deepavali. We welcome both suggestions and contributions in the form of articles and narratives of special experiences, encounters, events or subjects that may be of interest to readers. We also look forward to young Indians including those in professions to come forward and offer their services during holiday seasons in organizing programmes or events for children from less fortunate backgrounds - to assist them in attaining a broader education through enriching experiences.

Last but not least we would particularly like to thank all those who contributed to this publication in many ways, without whose support the release of this issue would not have been possible.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL HINDUS!**

