

Pandit Surendra Mishra, Ph.D.

OBJECTIVE

To serve as **Priest in a medium to large Hindu Temple** that needs a young, married priest who speaks Hindi, English and is exceptionally well versed in Sanskrit.

SUMMARY

Over 4 years in the United States, with “green card” status. Recently served as priest for a small temple in the rural area of East Tennessee for devotees in Tennessee, Virginia and North Carolina, performing rituals at temple and in devotees’ homes.

- Married 2 years. Both self and wife are professional level. Wife has a Masters level education in Zoology and is pursuing further education in the pharmaceutical field.
- Valid driver’s license
- More than 15 years experience performing rituals and with 12 years experience giving parvachans on Hindu Scriptures: Gita, Ramayan, Bhagvatam, Upishads and Vedas
- Delivered 1800 hours of Hindu Religion Discourses
- Able to perform musical instruments: Tabla, Dholak and Harmonium. Well versed in bhajans
- Have written several articles and presented many dissertations regarding Veda writings
- Currently working with tutor to improve English speaking and listening skills

EDUCATION

PhD Sanskrit Grammar, Masters Sanskrit - Sampurnanand Sanskrit University, Varanasi, India

Six years of Veda study – Sangved College, Varanasi, India

Additional studies through independent scholars for: Vedanta, Upanishads, Bhagvatam, Gita, Ramayan, Sanatan Dharma, etc.

EXPERIENCE / RITUALS PERFORMED

- **Served as Priest**, Kingsport Temple, Kingsport, TN 2007 – 2011
- **Served as Priest**, Ram Janki Temple, Varanasi, India 1996 – 2006
- **Associate Instructor**, Ram Janki Sanskrit College, Varanasi, India 2002 – 2006
 - Taught Sanskrit – 4 years
- **Over 50 Yagna rituals performed**
 - Vishnu Yagna, Shatchandi Yagna, Ganapati Yagna, Gayatri, Surya Yagna, etc.
- **All 16 Sacrements, including**
 - Punsavana (Baby Shower - 26 times); Annaparashanna (27 times); Namhkaran (30 times); Choodakarma Mundan (10 times); Upanayana (Sacred Thread Ceremony – 35 times); Wedding Cereemony (25 times); Shradha (20 times)
- **Additional Rituals**
 - Kymbhabhishekam; Prana Pratishtha; Satya Narayankatha (200 times); Grah Shanti (Wedding Ceremony); Mool Shanti; Grah Pravesh (40 times); Archana; Abshishekam (100 times)