

# Ramayana in the Park 2015 Was The Biggest and Happiest Ever!

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What the Lord wants He gets! How else can one explain why He granted permission for a bunch of penniless sinners in Lanka to hold one of the biggest events in His name?

The event was of course Ramayana in the Park 2015. It was held at the Arya Spiritual

Center Ground in Richmond Hill, the home of Lord Rama's leelas. And verily hundreds

came out, young and old, rich and poor and from far and near to sing the praises of Lord Rama. The Ramayana in the Park Inc. Committee faced great odds to make the event happen. But when doors appeared closed the Lord worked miracles to open them. Our community came through and we thank them for their support.

The week was relaxed, happy and stress-free and one could feel the presence of Lord Rama. We thank our Pandits who would not be swayed and who shared their knowledge each evening with the skill and mastery for which they are known.

The New York State Senate took notice and through Senator Leroy Comrie cer-

tificates were presented to the organizers and Pandits. Messages were received from Queens Borough President Melinda Katz through her representative Mohamed Hack and Assemblywoman Roxanne Persaud also visited and gave her support. It was a glorious week with many devotees saying it was the biggest and the happiest ever!

The next 'Ramayana in the Park' will be from August 13 to August 21, 2016 so please take note. Finally, we pray that love should replace hate and that there will be peace. As the Ramayana says, "the universe is the essence of righteousness." **Enjoy the pictures of Ramayana in the Park 2015. Jai Shree Ram!**



New York State Senate Awards were given to each Pandit and member of the Executive, compliments of Senator Leroy Comrie.



Some of the hardworking members of the Ramayana in the Park Inc. Committee that helped to put the event together.



Member of the Committee Naro Balli was a great support to Ramayana in the Park 2015.



Pandit Mochan Persaud inspired many with his message from Ayodhya Kanda.



Pandit Sharma Maharaj from Trinidad and Tobago relaxes before reading from Arayana Kanda



Pandit Anun Gossai electrified the audience as he read from Kishkindha Kanda.



Pandit Chuneall Narine read beautifully from Sundara Kanda and Uttar Kanda and left wonderful messages.



Lord Rama and Mother Sita make their grand entrance at Ramayana in the Park.



Pandit Mahadeo Deopersaud left an indelible message from Lanka Kanda.



Pandit Vishnu Sukul from the Vishnu Mandir in the Bronx read the Gita and Mahatam on Sunday and hired a bus to bring his members to Queens.



Nayana Chetram speaks about the importance of staying with one's religion.



Pandit Rishiram Persaud read brilliantly from Bala Kanda and in an Aasan built by Surujpaul and Val Singh.



More happy faces at Ramayana in the park 2015.



Happy faces at Ramayana in the Park in a stress-free environment.



Urvashie Kissoon with Dharamacharya Pandit Ramlall at the Youth Concert.



Assemblywoman Roxanne Persaud, who hails from Guyana, with Roy Dhanraj Singh and Herman Singh



Benny Parag captivates the audience at the Youth Concert



The crowds on a typical evening.



Devotees worshipping the name of Lord Rama.



The musicians were amazing throughout the week.



It is time to leave and members of the Vishnu Mandir board their bus for the Bronx.