

# Session 6B.4

## Parents Worship Day (PWD)

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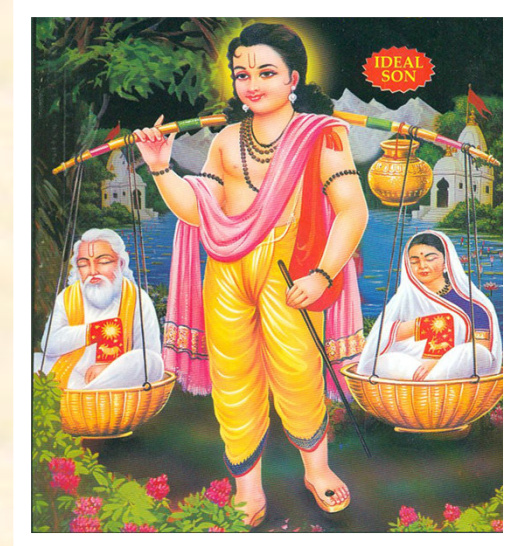
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# What is PWD?

## *Background and Motivation*

Vedas say, "Matru Devo Bhava, Pitru Devo Bhava". It's a **day dedicated to celebrate the pure selfless bond between children & parents** with the objective of creating a strong character and spirit of serving parents. This festival draws its inspiration from Ancient Legends like Shraavan Kumar and Little Ganpati circumambulating Lord Shiva & Maa Parvati.



# Why Celebrate PWD?



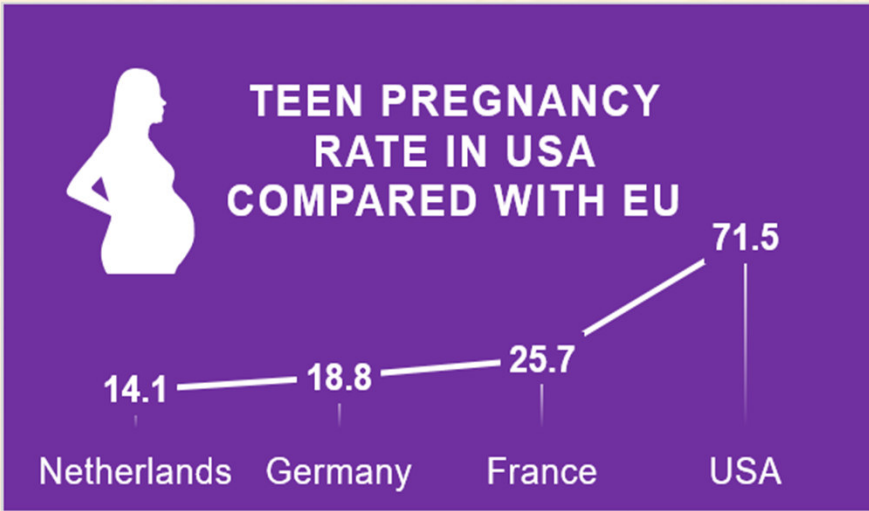
## *Benefits to the Community & Temple Executives*

- PWD can help in anchoring the **sanatan dharma values** in the hearts of younger generation, and temple executives can play a key role by organizing this event in their temple.
- This would **expand the role of hindu temples**, in fulfilling to the social and cultural needs of today's society by giving a positive twist by celebrating love in it's purest form. The ***unconditional*** love.
- The **temple executives can assume leadership** role by participating in this national event, along with other temples across the country.



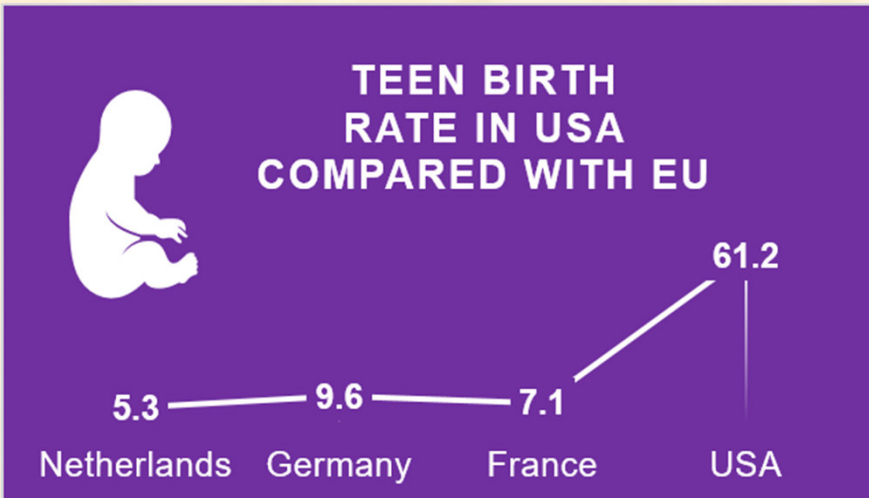
# Some Shocking Facts

Teenage Timebomb: Getting carried away under the pretext of celebrating love.



**EVERYDAY IN AMERICA 1000 TEENS CATCH A SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE**

**EVERYDAY 2400 AMERICAN TEENS BECOME PREGNANT**



**TEEN PREGNANCIES COST US TAXPAYER 9 BILLIONS DOLLAR A YEAR**

Sources: 1) Adolescent Sexual Health in Europe and the United States 2) UNICEF Innocenti Report Card ISSUE No. 3 July 2001

4 Per UNICEF, countries which have travelled less far from traditional values have less teenage pregnancies.

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# Our Gratitude



Our heartfelt gratitude **to all the temples executives** across the country who have joined the movement by celebrating PWD, every year. Love in it's purest form is the love between parents-children. As opposed to infatuation, immoral activities & teenage pregnancies.



# Engaging Seniors

**Teaching by practice** is the most fruitful method of teaching. When parents worship their own parents, it not only helps inculcate morals in kids to do the same but also offers a sincere opportunity for adults to show respect to their seniors and elderly.



# Join the Movement



**Embrace the amazing initiative of PWD** along with millions across the globe. The volunteers from Yoga Vedanta Ashram would be delighted to assist you in organizing this event in your temple on the weekend of 14th, Feb. This won't entail any cost to your temple, it will increase the engagement in your temple and may even raise funds for your temple.

## Sign Up Now

You Can Leave Your Contact Info In The Signup Sheet at the entrance, if you like this and want to support this great cause.

## Who We Are

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