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## ***Media Advisory***

**Event:** *University Chapel Hour and Special Services: Worship in the Hindu Way: A Pooja with IWU Students*

**Date:** April 10, 2002 (Wednesday)

**Time:** 11:00 a.m.

**Location:** Evelyn Chapel, 1301 N. Park St., Bloomington

**Admission:** Free and open to the public

**Background:** Pooja is a ritual Hindu form of worship which involves an offering of fruits, flowers and food to an image or idol of a deity. Religious songs such as slokas and bhajans are usually sung during the ceremony.

IWU students involved in the Hindu Student Association will conduct the ceremony, along with their advisors, Ram Mohan, IWU professor of chemistry, and Narendra Jaggi, IWU professor of physics. Anyone interested in participating or observing the ceremony is welcome to attend.

"This chapel hour is an attempt to do an authentic worship ceremony that would be performed in a contemporary Hindu household," said Jaggi.

**Contact:** For more information, please contact the University Chaplain's Office at (309) 556-3005.