

🕒 **TEMPLE HOURS**

Monday - Thursday  
9 am to 12 noon & 6 pm to 8 pm  
Friday, Weekends & Holidays  
9 am to 8 pm

📍 **DIRECTIONS**

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Exit North Vasco Road,  
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**NEWS FROM THE HINDU COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL CENTER, LIVERMORE**  
**SHIVA - VISHNU TEMPLE**

"OM NAMAH SHIVAYA"

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"OM NAMO NARAYANAYA"

***Chairman and President's Message***

Dear Devotees of the HCCC,

**Namaskarams and Divine Blessings from the Shiva Vishnu Temple, Livermore, CA**

With the divine grace of the Almighty and the dedicated efforts of our volunteers, donors and community, we are pleased to share several significant accomplishments and spiritual events from recent months at the Shiva Vishnu Temple.

The **New Year's Day** event unfolded seamlessly, with a large number of devotees served with utmost care and devotion. The success of this major event was truly powered by the unwavering dedication and collective effort of our volunteer force. We successfully conducted the **Hanuman Maha Yaagam**, a deeply spiritual event that brought together many devotees who experienced its divine vibrations and blessings. The Yaagam concluded with the beautiful **Sri Sita Rama Sangeetha Kalyanam**, a musical celebration that captivated all attendees and elevated the spiritual atmosphere.

Additionally, **Shiva Brahmotsavam** and **Maha Shivaratri** were celebrated with utmost devotion and grandeur. Devotees participated in various sacred rituals, abhishekams, and bhajans, culminating in a spiritually enriching experience. The divine energy during these events touched the hearts of all present and brought the community together in devotion and celebration.

As part of **HCCC's commitment to community outreach**, we proudly supported approximately **40 nonprofit organizations** through our **Grant-In-Aid Program**, including the **City of Livermore's Police and Fire Departments**, and local schools. We were honored to welcome **Mr. Srikar Reddy, SFO Consulate General of India**, as our **Chief Guest**. He, along with city officials, participated in the Grant-In-Aid ceremony, highlighting our collective commitment to service and support.

We are also pleased to announce the **completion of our kitchen renovation and upgrades**. This major project has greatly enhanced our capacity to serve the community. We extend heartfelt gratitude to the many volunteers who worked diligently throughout the renovation process. Despite the challenges, **Annadanam (free meal service) continued uninterrupted** thanks to the dedication of our volunteers and the successful implementation of temporary arrangements.

The **Holi festival** was joyfully celebrated at **Croce High School** and was a resounding success. The event was well-attended, with many families and children participating enthusiastically. Devotees enjoyed vibrant colors, cultural activities, and delicious Indian food. It was heartwarming to see so many young children immersed in this joyful celebration of Indian tradition.

To recognize and appreciate our volunteers' invaluable service, HCCC hosted a **Volunteer Appreciation Day**. This special event honored those who selflessly give their time and energy to support temple activities,

programs, and services. Their contributions are truly the foundation of HCCC's continued growth and success.

We are also excited to share that the **architectural enhancements of the Lakireddy Administrative Building** have made significant progress. Our heartfelt thanks go to the **Temple Architectural Committee (TAC)** for their tireless work. Progress is also underway for other temple structures and buildings.

In addition, we hosted several **special cultural events** featuring renowned Bay Area artists, including:

1. **Arudra Natyanjali Dance Festival By HCCC**
2. **Margazhi Maha Utsavam By HCCC**
3. **Kalinga Mardhani** by Smt. Sri Latha Sriram
4. **Divine Melodies** by Sri Sikkil Gurucharan

We also welcome and congratulate the **new HCCC management team**, which officially took office on **March 23, 2025**, and will serve for the **2025–2026 term**. We look forward to their leadership and vision in guiding the temple forward.

For more information on upcoming spiritual and cultural events, please visit [www.livermoretemple.org](http://www.livermoretemple.org). We warmly invite you to join our **“Happy Volunteering and Generous Donors”** group and take part in the temple's divine service.

**Thank You and Best Wishes.**

**May Lord Shiva and Lord Vishnu bless you and your family always.**

**Sudha Surapaneni**

President of HCCC 2025-26

**Sainath Kala**

Chairman of HCCC 2025-26

### 2025-26 Management Team

<b>Board of Directors</b>	<b>Board Liaisons</b>
Sainath Kala	Chairman, Construction
Sudha Surapaneni	President, Maintenance Committee
Krishna Vutukuru	Vice Chairman, Religious Inventory & Procurement, Y&E
Chitra Mani	Hundi Counting, Facilities, Human Resources
Mahesh Illuri	Human Services Committee, Security & Administration Committee, Young Adults
Srinivas Malladi	Fundraising, Publicity
Sudhakar Mallampati	IT, Food
Umashankar Meda	Cultural, Public Relations
Venkat Rangan	Religious Committee, Finance Committee, Volunteer Chair

## 2025-26 Management Team

<b><i>Executive Committee Members</i></b>	<b><i>Portfolios</i></b>
Bhaskar Chadalavada	Security and Administration Committee
Bhaskar Swaminathan	Human Services Committee
Chandrasahas Reddy Peddamallu	Finance Committee (Treasurer)
Chandrasekhar Azad Aramandla	Fundraising Committee
Dimple Cyril	Public Relations Committee
Ganesh Puram	Information Systems Committee
Krishna Balachandran	Young Adults Committee
Manjula Kolan	Religious Inventory and Procurement Committee
Neelamegam Govindsamy	Food Committee
Raghu Malladi	Volunteer Coordination Committee
Raj Vallabhaneni	Publicity Committee
Ramesh Gadamssetti	Maintenance Committee
Rema Ramani	Cultural Committee
Revathi Santhanam	Human Resources Committee
Senthil Annamalai	Youth and Education Committee
Sucharitha Muppidi	Facilities Committee
Valli Doraiswami	Hundi Committee (Joint Treasurer)
Venu Surakanti	Construction Committee
Vivek Deshpande	EC Secretary
Yugendhar Meka	Religious Committee

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Request for Coordinators for 2025-2026 Religious events

We, at Shiva-Vishnu Temple, are very proud to have an unmatched group of volunteers helping with various religious events throughout the year. If you are interested or know someone who is interested in coordinating a particular event, please send an email to Religious Chair Yugendhar Meka ([ec\\_religious@livermoretemple.org](mailto:ec_religious@livermoretemple.org))

Please include the following information in the email:









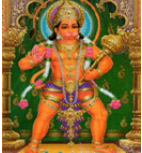
- Your name
- Contact Phone Number & email ID
- Interested in event.

Kindly note that factors such as commitment and experience among others will be considered when assigning co-coordinators for an event.

Please do not be disappointed if your name or your nominee's name is not chosen. It will be added to the potential coordinator list and reviewed for future years.



## Religious Schedule - Planned Special Events

	EVENT NAME & DATE
	<b>Akshaya Tritiya</b> <b>Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swami Abhishekam and Chandana Alamkaram</b> Tuesday, April 29th, 2025, 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
	<b>Sri Adi Shankara Jayanthi</b> Thursday, May 1st, 2025
	<b>Sri Ramanuja Jayanthi</b> Thursday, May 1st, 2025
	<b>Sri Meenakshi Sundareshwara Kalyanotsavam</b> Saturday, May 3rd, 2025, to Monday, May 12th, 2025 Goddess Parvathi Abhishekam  Saturday, May 17th, 2025 Sri Meenakshi Sundareshwara Kalyanotsavam
	<b>Sri Narasimha Jayanthi Celebrations</b> Saturday May 10th, 2025, Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swami Abhishekam and Homam, Sunday May 11th, 2025, Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swami Kalyanotsavam
	<b>Vasavi Jayanthi Celebrations</b> Sunday, May 11th, 2025, 10.30 AM - 1.00 PM
	<b>Guru Peyarchi, Navagraha Shanti Homam, Rahu / Ketu &amp; Lord Dakshina Murthi Homam</b> Sunday, May 18th, 2025 - 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM
	<b>Sri Basava Jayanthi</b> Sunday, May 18th, 2025, 9:30 AM - 4.00 PM at HCCC Assembly Hall
	<b>Hanuman Jayanthi</b> Thursday, May 22nd, 2025, 8:00 AM - 7:30 PM





Shiva-Vishnu Temple, Livermore, CA  
will be performing



# Lord Jagannath Sthapana

Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Ratha Yatra - Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025



Please mark your calendars, plan on participating in this  
divine event and receive blessings.

For further event details, sponsorship opportunities,  
please contact Temple Office at 925-449-6255



## Event Gallery - New Year Day



Swami Ganesha





**Goddess Parvati and Swami Shiva on Nandi Vahanam**





**Goddess Sri Lalitha on Simha Vahanam**





Swami Shiva Parivaram





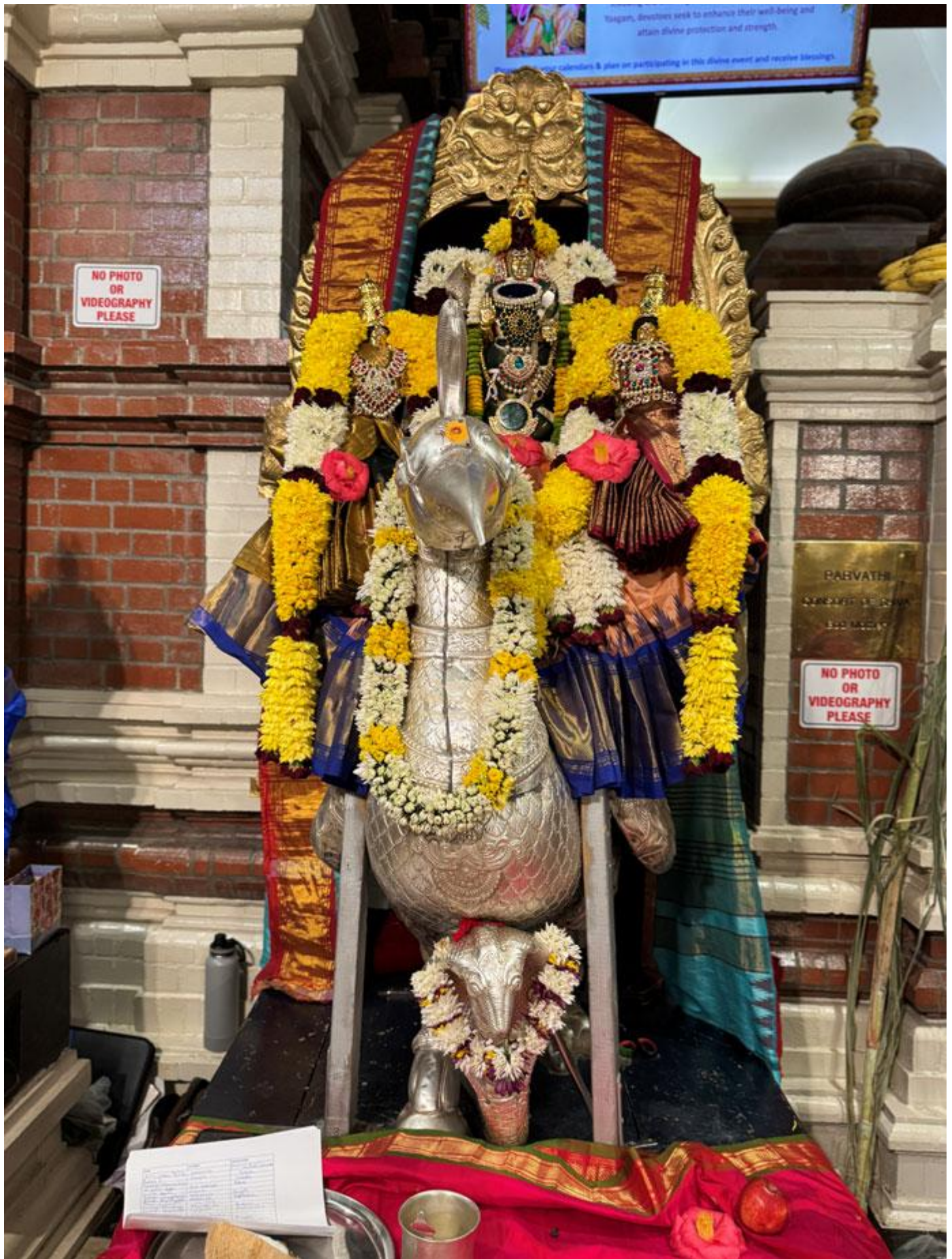
**Swami Ayyappa**





**Goddess Kanaka Durga and Goddess Saraswati**





**Goddess Valli, Swami Murugan, Goddess Devasena on Mayura Vahanam**





**Goddess Sridevi, Swami Venkateshwara, Goddess Bhudevi on Garuda Vahanam**





Swami Anjaneya



**Event Gallery – Vaikunta Ekadasi****Goddess Sridevi, Swami Srinivasa, Goddess Bhudevi**





**Vaikunta Dwara Darshanam**

**Event Gallery – Andal Kalyanam**



**Goddess Andal Kalyanam**





**Goddess Andal and Swami Ranganatha**



**Event Gallery – Sri Hanuman Yaagam****Sri Sita Rama Chandra Swami Parivaram****Deeksha Dharanam**





**Sri Sita Rama Chandra Swami Parivaram in Yaaga Shala**



**Priests performing Yaagam**





**Swami Hanuman**





**Yaaga shala Kalasha**





**Devotee Homam**



**Sri Sita Rama Shanti Kalyanam**





**Sri Sita Rama Kalyana Procession**  
**Event Gallery – Shiva Brahmotsavam**



**Goddess Parvati and Swami Shiva on Surya Prabha Vahanam**





**Goddess Parvati and Swami Shiva on Nandi Vahanam**



**Event Gallery – Maha Shivarathri****Jyothirlingarchana**



## March 29, 2025 – Ugadi Celebrations



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On Saturday, March 29th, 2025, Shiva Vishnu Temple reverberated with divine energy and spiritual fervor as devotees gathered to joyfully usher in the New Year, celebrated as **Ugadi** in Telugu and Kannada traditions, **Gudi Padwa** in Maharashtra, and **Cheti Chand** by the Sindhi community.

The evening began with an atmosphere of devotion and festivity as the Utsava Murthies (Processional Deities) were brought into the Main Temple Hall and honored through a special Aasthaanam, a concurrent offering of worship. Devotees were blessed to witness the deities adorned in all their splendor, receiving Upachaaras—ceremonial acts of reverence—as Vedic chants and hymns filled the air. A spiritually significant part of the celebration was the Panchanga Sravanam, the traditional reading of the lunar almanac. The priests eloquently delivered the astrological forecasts and spiritual guidance for the coming year, offering divine insight into the days ahead and inspiring devotees to begin the year with faith and clarity. Naatya seva (Dance) and Gaana Seva (Singing) were offered as well.

The Temple witnessed a strong and enthusiastic turnout of devotees, who participated in the rituals with devotion, received Ugadi Pacchadi - a sacred and symbolic offering unique to this festival. Prepared with care and devotion, Ugadi Pacchadi—a blend of six distinct tastes: sweet, sour, bitter, spicy, salty, and tangy—serves as a profound reminder of life's ever-changing journey. Each flavor represents the varied emotions and experiences we encounter joy, sorrow, anger, fear, surprise, and contentment, calling us to embrace life in its fullness with faith and equanimity. The Pacchadi was first reverently offered to the Deities and then distributed. Devotees were blessed with Prasadam (consecrated offerings), symbolizing divine grace for the New Year.

Shiva Vishnu Temple thanks all the priests, devotees and volunteers who contributed to making this celebration a spiritually enriching experience. May this New Year bring health, harmony, and prosperity to all, and may the divine blessings guide us on the path of dharma and devotion.



**March 29, 2025 - Srimad Ramayana Parayanam**

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With divine blessings of Sri Sita Rama Chandra Swami, the sacred Vasantha Navarathri—the first nine auspicious days of spring—commenced in a truly divine manner at the Temple. The atmosphere was drenched in Bhakti and Ramayana amrutam, as the entire temple reverberated with the timeless essence of the Srimad Valmiki Ramayanam, drawing devotees into a realm of spiritual bliss and purity.

The festivities were started with the recitation of all seven Kaandas of Srimad Valmiki Ramayanam, encompassing 24,000 verses—a monumental spiritual undertaking led with utmost devotion by Pdt. Srinivas Peesapati. This divine parayanam continued with unbroken reverence through the Navarathri days and was completed on the auspicious occasion of Sri Rama Navami (April 5). Each verse chanted infused the temple halls with sanctity, transforming the space into a living embodiment of Ayodhya itself.

A profoundly moving moment during the celebrations was the ceremonial pradakshina of the sacred Ramayana books - After the books circumambulated the sanctum, priests read aloud the celestial wedding invitation of Sri Sita Rama Kalyanam, invoking the divine presence of the Divya Dampathis. The very air felt charged with divine energy, enveloping every soul present in the grace and glory of Rama Nama, purifying hearts and uplifting spirits.

May the eternal blessings of Sri Sita Rama chandra Swami guide us all towards righteousness, devotion, and dharma.

Shiva Vishnu Temple thanks all the priests, devotees and volunteers who contributed to making this celebration a spiritually enriching experience. May this New Year bring health, harmony, and prosperity to all, and may the divine blessings guide us on the path of dharma and devotion.



## March 29, 2025 - Divine Melodies



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The Divine Melodies concert on Saturday, March 29, 2025, at the Shiva Vishnu Temple was a truly uplifting and unforgettable experience. The evening featured renowned artists Sikkil Gurucharan (Vocal), V.V.S. Murari (Violin), and Shriram Brahmanandam (Mridangam), who came together to create a musical experience that was both soulful and spiritually enriching. Their performance blended the depth of Carnatic classical music with the beauty of multiple languages, offering the audience a powerful journey through devotion and tradition.

Sikkil Gurucharan's expressive voice, Murari's graceful violin, and Shriram's dynamic rhythm on the mridangam worked in perfect harmony, drawing listeners into a deeply moving and joyful space. The concert was not just a musical event—it was a celebration of culture, emotion, and the timeless beauty of Indian classical music. HCCC is thankful to these outstanding artists for sharing their gifts with the community.



## March 30, 2025 - Sri Rama Navami Cultural Program



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The Sri Rama Navami Cultural Program has come to a beautiful close at Akella Assembly Hall, leaving us all in awe of the remarkable performances. From 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, the children's heartfelt Sri Rama Keertanas and graceful classical dances, coordinated by our dedicated Youth and Education Wing, truly captivated everyone.

The afternoon was equally mesmerizing, with a soulful rendition of the Ramayana by Subhapiya Srivatsan and her talented disciples, accompanied by gifted musicians. The performances by the Sanskaar School of Kuchipudi Dance and Abhinaya School of Dance added an extra layer of cultural richness to the event.

It was a day filled with devotion, art, and celebration, and we are incredibly grateful to our Cultural committee for organizing such an enriching experience. What a truly rewarding weekend for all involved!



**March 30, 2025 - Sani Peyarchi – Nava Graha Shanti Homam**

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All living beings on this planet earth are influenced by the magnetic forces of astral bodies. In particular, as planets go around the Sun, they have profound effects on each of us through their gravity and magnetism. The term Navagraha denotes the nine celestial bodies which are central to astrological calculations. Sani graha is one of the Navagraha. Sani is embodied in the planet Saturn and is the Lord of Saturday. On March 29, 2025, at 2:31 AM IST, Saturn (Shani) will transit from Aquarius (Kumba Rasi) to Pisces (Meena Rasi), marking a significant astrological event

On the auspicious occasion of Sani Peyarchi, the Navagraha Shanti Homam was performed at the Main Temple Hall Homa Gundam to honor and appease all nine planetary deities, with a special focus on Saneshwara. This powerful Homam (fire ritual) was conducted to mitigate any adverse planetary influences brought about by the Sani Peyarchi and to promote peace, health, and prosperity in the lives of the devotees. Kumbha Prokshana for Saneshwara Swami, conducted with great devotion and adherence to Vedic traditions.

Following the homam, and Prokshana, Theertha Prasadam was reverently distributed to all devotees, signifying the culmination of the ceremony and the sharing of divine blessings





## Human Services

### Annual Grant-in-Aid (Silver Jubilee Year)

HCCC has been involved in donating during Holiday season like Thanksgiving Dinner, Blankets, Toys etc., to organizations and individuals as part of community service earlier to 1999. Management initiated a new program "**Grant-in-Aid**" to offer financial support then call for application invitations in December 1999 and 1<sup>st</sup> cash awarded in February 2000 with an 8K budget. Invitation application is open for all qualified registered organizations to apply in December from US and International in the following categories like basic needs such as (Food, Shuttler, Education, Health). The objective of this program is to support as many organizations which include BIG and Smaller as possible within the allocated budgets. As more applications started receiving then management considered increasing the budget and continued this program uninterrupted. On **March 1<sup>st</sup> 2025**, 25th Annual Grants-in-Aid was held to award 47 non-profit organizations as total cash funding of \$40K. Few of the awardees are Alameda County Food Bank, Sewa International, Open-heart kitchen, Narika, Trivalley Interfaith Ministries, Asha Jyothi, Rotary Club, Education for all, Livermore Fire Department, Livermore Police, Livermore Schools, Sevalaya, Sai Aashraya Inc and more.

Human Services received few recognition such as Commendation from **Alameda County Supervisor Dist 1 David Haubert, Proclamation from Congressman Eric Swalwell (CA-14), California State Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (AD-16), Livermore Mayor by John Marchand and Plaque award from Rotary Club, Sewa International, Asha Jyothi.**

In addition, Human Services donated \$10K to the LA California Fire Department with matching donation relief drive efforts.

### Annual Senior Program

Human Services celebrated 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Senior day program on Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup> multi-cultural event where 50 couples with total about 150 peoples are participated in the fun-filled day includes of fashion parade of 15 States representing of India, Karaoke, Dances, Bhajans etc.,

### Holi Melan Mela

HCCC Services celebrated 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Holi Melan Mela on Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. It was an off-site event at Leo R Croce Elementary School from 11AM to 3PM. HCCC provided FREE color powders for every registered and come, it was a fun filled day event with DJs, Dance, Food Stall, and business opportunities to promote.

### Human Services Regular on-going,

Senior monthly meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at Palani Hall  
Weekly Yoga sessions on Saturday between 8 to 9AM at Tirumala Hall  
Health Advisory Center on every Saturday & Sunday between 1PM to 3 PM

### Upcoming Events

May 10<sup>th</sup> Saturday - Karaoke by Seniors  
June 14<sup>th</sup> Saturday - Alzheimers' Association by visiting speaker Nilanjana Maulik  
Senior Outdoor Picnic (TBD)  
Blood Drive (TBD)  
25<sup>th</sup> Annual Health Fair September 2025 (TBD)  
1<sup>st</sup> Annual Health Fair off-site in the south bay September 2025 (TBD)  
Kidney Disease Screening and Awareness (TBD)

For more updates and program details, please check Human Services website  
<https://livermoretemple.org/humanservices>



## Human Services Photo Gallery





## Priests



### **PDT SAMPATH SRIDHARAN (CHIEF PRIEST)**

**PDT. Sridharan** born in Bhattacharyar family and hails from Kattumannar Koil, Tamilnadu. He studied Nalayara Divya Prabhandam, Krishna yajurvedam and Pancha Rathra Agamam at Sri Rangam Kusi Patasala. He graduated in Panch Ratra Ratnakara. He served at TTD as Ekangi for 16 years. He joined Temple in 1998. He speaks Tamil, Telugu, and English.



### **PDT DIVI PAWAN KUMAR**

**PDT. Divi Pawan Kumar** is a Vaikanasa Priest. He hails from Tenali, Andhra Pradesh. He has graduated from Sri Venkateswara Veda Pathasala, Tirumala with first class in the Pratishanta Vaikanasa Agama examination after 8 years of study. He has also passed the Archaka Pravesa and Vara examinations conducted by the Government of Andhra Pradesh with first class. He has been involved in the Pratishtas, Brahmotsavams, Pavithrotsavams for the last 3 years, and is also associated as priest with Sri. Chitti Anjaneya Swamy Mandir, Tenali. He has also passed Sanskrit Vichakshana examination with distinction. He speaks Telugu, Tamil, English, Hindi and Sanskrit.



### **PDT RAGHUNATHAN NATARAJAN**

**PDT. Raghunath Natarajan** is a Krishna Yajurveda Priest. He hails from Ariyalur, Tamilnadu. He studied for 12 years and completed his Veda Adhyayanam Kramantham in Kumbhakonam. He is well trained in all rituals of Vaideekam (Poorva and Aparā). He served as a Head Priest for 23 years in Mumbai Sri Ram Temple (1984-2006) besides teaching Veda. He speaks English, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, and Hindi.



### **PDT RAMANAN SUNDARA SRINIVASAN**

**PDT. Ramanan Sundara Srinivasan** is a Vaikanasa Priest. He hails from Madurai, Tamilnadu. He has graduated from Sri Venkateswara Veda Pathasala, Tirumala with second class in the Pratishanta Vaikanasa Agama examination after 8 years of study in 2001. He has also passed the Tamilnadu HRNCE Board Vaikana Archaka Exams conducted by the Government of Tamilnadu in Utsava Pratishta Bhagam with first class. He hails from a family of priests going back seven generations in Sri Villiputtur and Madurai. He has worked as a temple priest in Madurai, London and Uganda before he joined us in April 2015. He is a specialist in Alankaras. He has been involved in the Pratishtas, Brahmotsavams, Pavithrotsavams for the last 22 years. He speaks Tamil, Telugu, English, Hindi.



### **PDT HARE KRISHNA MAHAPATRA**

**PDT. Harekrishna Mahapatra** is a Shukla Yajurveda Priest of Smarth and Sakta Agama. He hails from Balasore, Orissa. He has graduated from Maharshi Veda Vigyan Vidya Peeth, Noida, Ghaziabad, UP after 6 years of study in 1989. He has also passed the Shastri Vidya examinations conducted by the Radha Krishna Sanskrit Vidyalaya in Bulandshahr, Ghaziabad, UP with a second class after 6 years of study in 1995. He has worked as a Veda Parayan Pandit for 5 years priest before becoming a teacher in Shukla Yajurved in Dudeswarnath Vedh Vidya Peeth for 8 years. He then worked as a Head priest in Lakshmi Narayan temple in Singapore for about four years before he joined us in Oct 2015. He has been involved in the Murthi Pratishta, Brahmotsavams, Maha Kumbhabhishekam over the last 13 years. He speaks Odiya, Hindi, & Bengali.



### **PDT SAI KISHORE GUDURU**

**PDT. Sai Kishore Guduru** is a Saivagama Priest. He hails from Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh. He has graduated from Sri Venkateswara Veda Samskrita Patashala in Isaragutta, Hyderabad, with first class in the Saivagama examination after 8 years of study. He has also passed the Archaka Pravesa, Vara and Pravara examinations conducted by the Government of Andhra Pradesh with first class. He is a Gold Medalist from Sri Venkateshwara Veda



	<p>Shastra Agama Vidvath Sadassu Saivagama Purva Bhaga. He hails from a family of priests going back to over 9 generations. He began his career as a priest in Nageshwara Swamy Devalayam in Chinakallepalle, Krishna District where he served for 9 years. He then worked as a lecturer in Sri Venkateswara Veda Samskrita Patashala in Isaragutta, Hyderabad, for three years. He started work with us in Jan 2018. He has been involved in the Pratishtas, Brahmotsavams, Pavithrotsavams, Kumbhabhishekam for the last 8 years. He speaks Telugu, Tamil, English, Hindi.</p>
	<p><b>PDT KIDAMBI PAVAN KUMAR</b></p> <p><b>PDT. Kidambi Pawan Kumar</b> is a Pancharathra Priest. He hails from Nellore, Andhra Pradesh. He attained a Doctorate in Pancharathra Agama Shastra from Sri Venkateshwara Vedic University, Tirupati after 15 years of study in 2020. He has also passed the Archaka Pravesa, Vara and Pravara examinations conducted by the Government of Andhra Pradesh with first class. He is a Gold Medalist from TTD Veda Sadas Purva Bhaga in 2013. He has been involved in the Pratishtas, Brahmotsavams, Pavithrotsavams for the last 6 years, and is also associated as priest with Sri. Sitarama Anjaneya Swamy Temple, Nellore. He hails from a family of priests going back to about 8 generations. He has also passed a Certificate course in Sanskrit conducted by Rashtriya Sanskrita Vidya Peeth, Tirupati. Before starting work with us in Apr 2022 he was a Lecturer in Pancharathra Agama at Tirumala Veda Patshala. He speaks Telugu &amp; Tamil.</p>
	<p><b>PDT MADHAVA SHARMA ILAVAJJALA</b></p> <p><b>PDT. Madhava Sharma Ilavajjala</b> is a Smartha Priest. He hails from Proddatur, Andhra Pradesh. He attained a doctorate in Krishna Yajurveda Pourohityam (Apastambapourohitya) from Sri Venkateswara Vedic University, Tirupati, AP after 13 years of study. He was a university topper in MA from the same University. He has also passed the Archaka Pravesa, Vara and Pravara examinations conducted by the Government of Andhra Pradesh with first class. He is a Gold Medalist from Sri Venkateshwara Veda Shastra Agama Vidvath Sadassu in Krishna Yajurveda Smartham. He worked as a priest in Ayyappa Swamy Devalaya in Proddatur, for about 2 years before joining us here in June 2022. He is well versed in all rituals of Vaideekam and Smartham. He speaks Telugu, Tamil, English, Hindi and Sanskrit.</p>
	<p><b>PDT GANAPATI BHAT</b></p> <p><b>PDT. Ganapati Bhat</b> is a Smartha Priest. He hails from Yellapur, Karnataka. He is a Krishna Yajurveda Salakshana Ghanapathi from Karnataka Samsrita University, Chamarajapet, Bangalore after 15 years of study. He is a Gold Medalist from in Krishna Yajurveda Mula Kramantha Salakshana Ganantha and Boudayana Apasthamba Smartha Prayoga conducted by Karnataka Samsrita University, Chamarajapet, Bangalore. He worked as a private priest (Purohitam) in Bangalore for 15 years before joining us in August 2022. He hails from a family of priests going back to about 7 generations. He has also studied Sanskrit Pradhama and Kavya. He is well trained in all rituals of Vaideekam and Smartham. He speaks Kannada, English and Sanskrit.</p>
	<p><b>PDT SRINIVAS PEESAPATI</b></p> <p><b>PDT. Srinivas Peesapati</b> is a Pancharatra Agama Priest. He hails from Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. He hails from a family of priests going back to about 9 generations. He had his initial training in Srimaan Trust, Srirangam, Tamilnad where he learnt Nalayira Divya Prabhadham and Sri Pancharathra Agamam and Aapa Stambiea Pancha Dasa Karmas. He is a Gold Medalist from TTD Veda Saras Purva Bhaga in 2014. He attained his Bachelor's of Commerce from Gitam University, Visakhapatnam in 2015. He has a Masters in Pancharathra Agama from Venkateshwara Vedic University in 2019, Tirupati and Masters in Astrology from Central Sanskrit University, Tirupati in 2022. He has been involved in the Pratishtas, Brahmotsavams, Pavithrotsavams since the age of 12, and is also associated as priest with Sri. Kodandaramalayam, Salagramapuram, Visakhapatnam. Before starting work with us in June 2024 he was an Asst Professor in Pancharathra Agama in the Vedic</p>



	University, Tirupati. He speaks English, Hindi, Telugu, Tamil, Kannada & Sanskrit.
	<p><b>PDT SREERAMA DHAVALA</b></p> <p><b>PDT.Sreerama Dhavala:</b> Pandit Sree Rama Dhavala is a distinguished Smartha and Saktha Agama priest hailing from Vizianagaram, Andhra Pradesh. He holds a bachelor's degree in Smartha Agama from the prestigious Sri Venkateshwara Veda &amp; Samskrutha Veda Pathashala, Keesaragutta, Hyderabad, following eight years of rigorous study. He further specialized in Saktha Agama (focusing on rituals and worship dedicated to Shakti as the primary deity) under the esteemed guidance of His Holiness Amrutananda Swaswathi (Dandukoori Mallikarjuna Somayaji). Pandit Dhavala has been honored for his knowledge and service by the Sringeri Sarada Trust, Sringeri, and the Virupaksha Peetham, Guntur. He is also officially certified by the endowments departments of Telangana for his expertise in performing traditional rituals and ceremonies. His skillset includes conducting Vivaham (marriages), Upanayanam (sacred thread ceremonies), and various other rituals. He is particularly adept in performing advanced rituals such as Chandi Homam, Mahavidya Homam, and Srichakra Archa (Navavarana Archana). Pandit Dhavala comes from a lineage of spiritual leaders, with his grandfather being the founder of the Sri Shankar Math in Vizianagaram, where Pandit Dhavala currently serves as the Pradhana Archaka (chief priest). Prior to joining us in July 2024, he rendered his services at SLNSS Virginia, USA. Fluent in Telugu, Hindi, and English, Pandit Sree Rama Dhavala continues to uphold and propagate traditional Hindu rituals with exceptional dedication and skill.</p>
	<p><b>PDT HARIHARAN ANANDAKUMAR</b></p> <p><b>PDT. Hariharan</b> is a Shaiva Agama Priest. He hails from Chennai, Tamilnadu. He hails from a family of priests going back to about 9 generations. He began his education in Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam in Kanchipuram, Tamilnadu where he studied for 5 years and attained a Bachelors in Shivagama Chudamani. In 2011 he attained his Masters in Shivagama from Sri Venkateshwara Vedic University, Tirupati. From 2011 to 2018 he underwent special education in Sanskrit and Astrology to attain a Diploma, Bachelors and Masters in Sanskrit &amp; Astrology from Madras Sanskrit College Mylapore, Chennai, Tamilnadu. He is a gold medalist in a National Level Slokha Antakshari competition held in Agartala, Tripura by the All India Sanskrit Samsthan in 2018. He has been involved in Pratishtas, Brahmotsavams, Pavithrotsavams and all types of Homams since 2009. He was working in Vadapalani Murugan Temple in Chennai, Tamilnadu before he joined us. He speaks English, Hindi, Tamil, Telugu and Sanskrit.</p>
	<p><b>PDT VENKATA PARASARAM</b></p> <p><b>PDT Venkata Sridhar Parasaram</b> is a Vaikhanasa priest on the Vishnu side. He hails from Guntur, Andhra Pradesh. He hails from a family of priests going back to over 9 generations. He completed his studies with first class in Vaikhanasa Agama Prathishtha Prayaschitham from Sri Venkateshwara Vaikhanasa Agama Patashala in Dwarka Tirumala, West Godavari, Andhra Pradesh in 2012. He passed Archaka Pravesha Vara Examination conducted by Govt of Andhra Pradesh with First Class in 2013. He was involved in Pratishtha, Brahmotsavam, Pavitrotsavam for the last 9 years. He worked in Sri Venkateshwara Padmavathi Temple in Gadchibowli Hyderabad from 2013 to 2017. Before joining us he was a priest in the Hindu Temple and Cultural Center, Seattle, Washington from 2017 to 2022. He speaks English, Hindi, Telugu &amp; Tamil.</p>





## Note from Publicity Chair

**Dear Devotees, Namaste.**

We, from the **Publicity Committee of the Hindu Community and Cultural Center (HCCC)**, extend our warm greetings and heartfelt wishes to each of you. Our primary goal is to ensure continued engagement with our community through consistent communication about planned activities and timely post-event coverage.

We humbly invite you to visit our official Temple website at [www.livermoretemple.org](http://www.livermoretemple.org) to review individual event flyers for the most current and up-to-date information regarding all upcoming religious, cultural, Youth & Education and Human Services events. Please note that event schedules are subject to change following the publication of this newsletter. We kindly urge all devotees to consult the website periodically to stay informed with the latest updates and accurate timings.

In our continued efforts to strengthen community engagement and enhance our outreach, we are pleased to share that the Hindu Community and Cultural Center (HCCC) has made significant strides in its publicity initiatives. These efforts are aimed at connecting more meaningfully with our extended devotee family, both near and far. One such advancement is our expanding presence across major social media platforms. We now have official and active accounts on YouTube, Facebook, Instagram, and Instagram, designed to keep you connected and informed at your convenience.

We warmly invite you to engage with us online:



YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/c/LivermoreTempletv>



Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Livermoretemple>



Instagram: <https://instagram.com/livermoretemple>



Twitter: <https://twitter.com/livermoretemple>

Our social media platforms provide a dynamic and accessible way for devotees, especially our younger generation and those attuned to technology-to stay spiritually engaged and involved with our Temple community.

As always, we invite you to mark your calendars and participate in the array of spiritually enriching events planned. Your presence and involvement bring life and light to all our celebrations.

We sincerely welcome your valuable feedback on both the newsletter and the content on our website and social media, as we strive for continuous improvement in serving our devotee community.

May the divine grace of the almighty always be with you and your family, bestowing peace, prosperity, and spiritual fulfillment.

Regards,

Raj Vallabhaneni

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