

**HCCC Health Fair****Cholestrol and Bone Density  
Screening and much more****Sunday, october 4, 2004  
Time: 10 am to 3 pm****Doctors of different  
specialities will be present**Volunteers register at [humanservices\\_chair@livermoretemple.org](mailto:humanservices_chair@livermoretemple.org)  
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**BALAJI**

Sri Venkateshwara, the Lord of Seven Hills is glorified with several names. In the Bhrahmanda Purana, one of the eighteen Puranas spoken by Maharishi Vedavyasa, the Lord is described with thousand different names. There are some other names for this Lord, originated by region, and these names became more popular than those described in Puranas. One such name is Balaji. Today many devotees irrespective of

region call this Lord as Balaji. This write up will explain how and when his name gained popularity.

We all know that Lord Sri Krishna was born to Devaki and Vasudeva. This happened at the end of Dwapara Yuga. The birth took place in the prison and in miserable conditions. A miracle happened at that time, Lord Maha Vishnu, just before his incarnation appeared in front of Devaki and Vasudeva as a beautiful child. This was well described by Vedavyasa Maharishi in Bhagavatha Purana. The beauty of the child can be seen in this beautiful shloka-

**tamadhatam bälakam ambujekñäëam  
caturbhujam çaikha gadäryu däyudham |  
çrivatsavakñasam galaçobhi kaustubham  
pitämbaram sädra payoda saubhagam ||**

The Lord is very beautiful in the child form. His eyes are like Lotus petals. Four hands with four divine weapons. A beautiful black scar on the right chest. A beautiful necklace called Koustubha is decorated. He is with yellow silk sari. He is shining like a black cloud ready to pour rain on the earth, which resembles showering of all the choicest boons on devotees. What a beautiful shloka it is! This exactly applies to Lord Balaji. Lord Venkateshwara's all parts of the body are very soft, tender, very beautiful and attractive. He can be explained as Balaka. He is a Balaka in the devotees view and "ji" is the word to respect him. It is like Shivaji, Kalkaji etc. In fact Shivaji Maharaj also visited the Lord and worshiped him as Balaji. Since then Maharashtrians started visiting the Lord and named him Balaji. There are different regional names by which the Lord is called. Tamilians call him "Perumal Tirumala Appa", Kannadigas call him "Srinivasa" and Telugu devotees "Educondala Vada". Only one God with different names.

When the true story is like this, some people misinterpreted the word Balaka as Bala and made the God feminine. According to taste of the devotee God can be in any form. Veda speaks in the same way-

**sahastra çerñä puruñau || (Purusha Suktam)  
asyeçäëä jagato viñëu patni || (käuñëa yajurveda)  
brahma vidäpnoti param || (änanda vallé)****God can also be like a child Balaka.***By - Pdt. Srinivasacharyulu.***A great opportunity for fasting  
Vishnu Srunkhala Yoga**

Friday, September 24, 2004

When the Sravana Nakshatra is linked with Ekadasi, Dwadasi day is considered as most auspicious day and is called Vishnu Srunkhala Yoga. Fasting on this day is highly recommended in Vishnu Purana. One, who observed fasting with devotion and worships Maha Vishnu on this auspicious day, will certainly be benefited with a place in Vaikunta along with all materialistic benefits.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>RAHU KALA</b> 4:30 to 6:00 pm 7:30 to 9:00 am 3:00 to 4:30 pm 12:00 to 1:30 pm 1:30 to 3:00 pm 10:30 to 12 noon 9:00 to 10:30 am						
<b>OM NAMAH SHIVAYA OM NAMO NARAYANAYA</b>						
			1 Tritiya 14:47 Revathi 29:14 Sankatahara Chaturthi	2 Chaturthi 14:59 Aswini Whole Day	3 Panchami 15:41 Aswini 07:00	4 Shasti 17:06 Bharani 08:50 Sri Raghavendra Swamy Aradhana (Weekend function)
5 Saptami 19:04, Kritika 11:14 Krishna Jayanthi, Janmashtami; Sani (Saturn) transition from Gemini to Cancer	6 Ashtami 21:23 Rohini 14:02 Gokulashtami LABOR DAY (Weekend timings)	7 Navami 23:50 Mrugasira 17:01	8 Dasami 26:11 Arudra 19:56	9 Ekadasi 28:13 Punarvasu 22:36	10 Dwadasi 29:50 Pushya 24:52	11 Trayodasi Whole Day Ashlesha 26:39 Pradosham
12 Trayodasi 06:55 Makha 27:55 Masa Shivaratri	13 Chaturdasi 07:27 P.Phalguni 28:40 Sun enters Kanya 28:11	14 Amavasya 07:29 U.Phalguni 28:58 BHADRAPADA	15 Prathama 07:28 Dwitiya Whole day Hasta 28:52 Samaveda Upakarma	16 Dwitiya 06:13 Tritiya 29:02 Chitra 28:26 Swarna Gowri Vrata	17 Chaturthi 27:35 Swati 27:42 Ganesh Chaturthi	18 Panchami 25:54 Visaka 26:45
19 Shasti 24:00 Anuradha 25:36	20 Saptami 21:57 Jyeshtha 24:16	21 Ashtami 19:46 Moola 22:50	22 Navami 17:30 P.Ashadha 21:18	23 Dasami 15:12 U.Ashadha 19:46	24 Ekadasi 12:57 Sraavana 18:17 Adhika Masa Vishnu Brahmotsavam, Day 1	25 Dwadasi 10:48 Dhanishta 16:57 Pradosham Adhika Masa Vishnu Brahmotsavam, Day 2
26 Trayodasi 08:53 Satabhisha 15:52 Ganesha Visarjana Adhika Masa Vishnu Brahmotsavam, Day 3	27 Chaturdasi 07:18 Poomima Whole day P.Bhadra 15:09 Anantha Chathurdasi	28 Poomima 06:09 Prathama 29:34 U.Bhadra 14:53 Mahalayapaksha begins	29 Dwitiya 29:32 Revathi 14:59	30 Tritiya Whole day Aswini 16:05		



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3 Panchami 09:17 Rohini 22:14	4 Shasti 11:31 Mrugasira 25:06	5 Saptami 13:57 Arudra 28:03	6 Ashtami 16:22 Punarvasu Whole day	7 Navami 18:32 Punarvasu 06:53 Pushya Whole Day	8 Dasami 20:16 Pushya 09:21	9 Ekadasi 21:25 Ashlesha 11:19
10 Dwadasi 21:56 Makha 12:40	11 Trayodasi 21:47 P.Phalguni 13:23 Pradosham	12 Chaturdasi 21:02 U.Phalguni 13:30 Masa Shivaratri	13 Amavasya 19:44, Hasta 13:03 Mahalaya Amavasya Setup of Golu (display of dolls) Partial Solar Eclipse (not visible in USA)	14 Prathama 18:00 Chitra 12:09 Navaratri begins ASWAYUJA	15 Dwitiya 15:56 Swati 10:52 Navaratri Vishnu, Brahmotsavam, Day 1	16 Tritiya 13:39, Visaka 09:21 Sun enters Tula 15:05 Navaratri Vishnu, Brahmotsavam, Day 2
17 Chaturthi 11:13 Anuradha 07:40 Jyeshtha 29:57 Navaratri Vishnu Brahmotsavam, Day 3	18 Panchami 08:46 Shasti Whole day Moola 28:16 Saraswati Pooja begins	19 Shasti 06:21 Saptami 28:04 P. Ashadha 26:42	20 Ashtami 25:58 U.Ashadha 25:19 Durga Ashtami	21 Navami 24:06 Sraavana 24:09 Chandi Homa Madhwa Jayanthi	22 Dasami 22:31 Dhanishta 23:17 Saraswati Udvastana Vijaya Dasami Vijaya Dasami Asthanam	23 Ekadasi 21:15 Satabhisha 22:43
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## TEMPLE SERVICES ON POOJA AND HALL BOOKING

As a part of continued effort to serve the community, HCCC, Livermore provides the following services to its devotees. More details on these services can be obtained from [Services@livermoretemple.org](mailto:Services@livermoretemple.org) or 925-449-6255. We try hard to meet and exceed the expectation of our devotees. However, all our services strictly adhere to temple guidelines.

### POOJAS AT YOUR HOME AND AT TEMPLE

We have priest staff serving a spectrum of south and north Indian devotees in the language of our choice. The following are some of the services offered.

- Weddings
- Engagements
- Upanayanam (Thread Ceremony)
- Seemantham (Baby Shower)
- Anna Prasana
- Shasti Purthi Celebrations
- GrihaPravesham (House Warming)
- Satyanarayana Puja
- Lakshmi Kubera Homam
- Other Religious Ceremonies

### PROGRAM HALL AVAILABILITY AT TEMPLE

HCCC Assembly Hall (capacity 600) is equipped with an adjoining kitchen, Sound System, Dressing Room and a stage. These features are available at additional cost. Devotees can rent the hall for

- Weddings
- Engagements
- Upanayanam (Thread Ceremony)
- Seemantham (Baby Shower)
- Anna Prasana
- Shasti Purthi Celebrations
- RangaPravesham (Arangetram )
- Spiritual Discourses & Workshops
- Art & Culture Exhibitions
- Other Social and Religious Events permitted by HCCC

## Shiva-Vishnu Temple HCCC DONATION CARD

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CONSTRUCTION (SHORT TERM)	
Expansion of facilities (\$175K)	\$
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Improvements to Temple houses (\$60K)	\$
CONSTRUCTION (LONG TERM)	
Parking Facility (\$2M)	\$
Admin Facilities , Class rooms (\$750K)	\$
Additional Prakaras (\$750K)	\$
Library and Senior center (\$1m)	\$
Community and Wedding Hall (\$1m)	\$
Solarium bet. Temple & Assembly hall (500K)	\$
HUMAN SERVICES	\$
YOUTH EDUCATION	\$
CULTURAL	\$
HCCC ENDOWMENT	\$

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For Further information and our present programs please contact 925-449-6255 and enquire on different projects.

## YOUTH AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS -- ART EXHIBITION

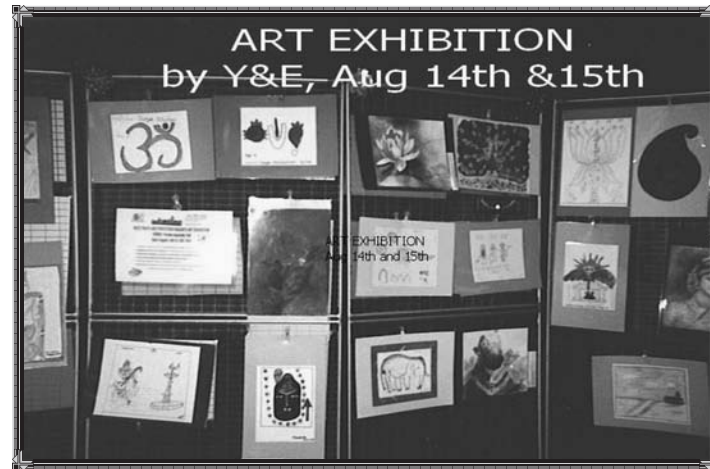
“ The Youth and Education Committee conducted an ART Exhibition on August 14th and August 15th 2004. This exhibition was primarily conducted to promote expression through art, in particular, dealing with Hindu Gods and culture. Art is divine and it was felt that it should also be portrayed in the form of drawing in this temple. About one hundred entries were received for this exhibition from all age groups ranging from 5 to 73 years. Drawing and art work was done in several media including water color, oil, black-white sketches.”

### On going Youth and Education Classes

Balajiyoti  
Bakthijyoti Bhajan  
Shrimad Bhagawad Gita and  
Vishnushasranama chanting  
Library hours 10:30AM TO 3:30PM;

### Upcoming Events

September 18th 2004  
Ganesh Puja by children 10:30AM – 12NOON,  
Activities for children 12NOON to 1:15PM  
Cultural Program on Ganesha – 2PM -4PM  
October 17th – Devi bajans 11:30AM – 12:30PM



## GRANT IN AID PROGRAM, JUNE 20, 2004



The Grant-in-Aid program, initiated, supported and monitored by the Human Services segment of the Hindu Community and Cultural Center, represents the Hindu philosophy of “serving the higher powers, also known as the Atman, Brahman (not Brahmin), Shakti, or the various Gods and Goddesses, by serving humanity”. It is also based on the Hindu belief that by recognizing the divinity in all of us and in others we become better people, and by serving and helping those around us through that divinity we become a better society.

The Grant-in-Aid program was conducted on Sunday, June 20, 2004. Ms. Kamala Harris, DA of San Francisco was the Chief Guest and Vice Mayor of San Ramon, Mr. David Hudson was the guest of Honor. The program started at 10 am with a tour of the temple by the dignitaries with an invocation song by a visiting guest from India and by a dance by Swetha Dixit's group. This was followed by a slide presentation of the Human Service activities and a welcome address by the Chairman, Mr. Goud Memula. Vice Mayor Hudson addressed the gathering and the grants were awarded to the 18 recipients. Mr. Krishna Reddy, President, proposed the vote of thanks and the program concluded with a lunch at 12.40 pm.

The recipients of the 2004 awards -

1. Home of Hope - supports living conditions and welfare of orphaned and abandoned children in India.
2. Recover Quest, Inc - provides counseling to single mothers and adolescents.
3. Sankara Netralaya - Eye hospital in Chennai which provides eye care and surgery to the blind poor.
4. Spectrum Community Services - provides meals on wheels for home bound senior residents.
5. Agape Villages - recruits and trains people to be foster parents so abused children can be placed in their care.
6. Foundation for Excellence - provides scholarships to poor students in India.
7. Del Arroyo 4H Club - support underprivileged children aged between 0 to 18 years.
8. Assistance League of Amador Valley - provides books and clothing to low income children in Livermore.
9. Twin Valley Learning Center - tutors and supports students in difficulty living in shelters.
10. Tri Valley Adult Day Care Program - an adult day care program
11. Tri Valley Haven - a shelter for battered women
12. Shepherds Gate - a shelter for battered women
13. Interfaith Sharing - collects and distributes food to low income seniors/families.
14. Candice A. Aicott - student education.
15. India Community Center - Health services for under served Indo-American population.
16. FOWSL - a senior citizens support center
17. Open Heart Kitchen - serves hot meals free of charge
18. Tri city Homeless Coalition - supports the homeless in the tri-city area.



## PLANNED SPECIAL EVENTS

DATE/DAY	EVENT	TIME	ACTIVITIES
Sep 1st Wednesday	Samkathara Chathurthi	6.30 PM	Ganesha Abhisheka
Sep 4th Saturday	1st Saturday of the Month	12:00Noon 11.00 AM	Balaji Vastra Samarpana Swarna Alamkara for Shiva
Sep 5th Sunday	Sri Raghavendra Swamy Aradhana Sri Krishna Jayanthi Krittika	11:00 A.M	Sri Raghavendra Swamy Puja in A.Hall Detailed Program at the End Kartikeya Abhisheka and Archana
Sep 6th Monday	Gokulastami Labour Day	6.30 PM 10:00AM-1:00PM	Bhagavad Geeta Parayana and Aarathi Prasadam Temple opens from 9:00AM to 8:00PM
Sep 9th Thursday	Ekadasi Punarvasu	6.30 PM 6.30 PM	Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka Sri Rama Abhisheka
Sep 11th Saturday	2nd Saturday of the Month	10.00 AM	Balaji Sahasra Kalasha Abhisheka Muttangi Alankara of Lord Shiva
Sep 12th Sunday	Pradosham Shiva Kalyanam Masa Shivaratri	6.30 PM 3.30 PM 6.30 PM	Shiva Abhisheka Shiva Kalyana Utsavam 108 Kalasha Abhisheka for Shiva
Sep 15th Wednesday	Swarna Gowri Vratam	7.00 PM	Samaveda Upakarma (upon devotee request) Swarna Gowri Vratam by Ladies
Sep 16th Thursday	Ganesha Chathurthi	6.30 PM	Detailed Program at the End
Sep 17th Friday	Swati	6.30 PM	Narasimha Swamy Abhisheka
Sep 18th Saturday	3rd Saturday of the Month	11.00 AM 10.30AM-11.30AM	Tiruppavadai Seva for Balaji Ganesha Pooja by Childrens
Sep 19th Sunday	Shasti	1.00PM-1.30 PM 11.00 AM	Pooja to Ganesha Idol Molded by Children Bilva Dala Archana for Shiva
Sep 24th Friday	Ekadasi and Sravana "AdhikaMasa Vishnu Brahmotsavam Starts "	6.30 PM 6.30 PM	Kartikeya Sahasranama Archana "Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka and Sahasranama Archana" Detailed Program at the End
Sep 25th Saturday	4th Saturday of the Month	12:00 Noon	"Pushpa Seva for Balaji; Brahmotsavam Day 2"
Sep 26th Sunday	Ganesha Visarjana Last Sunday of the Month	3.30 PM 4.30 PM	Visarjana at Peir 39; Brahmotsavam Day 3 Kala Bhairava Abhisheka
Sep 27th Monday	Anantha Chathurdasi	11.00 AM	Dwara Anantha Abhisheka
Sep 28th Tuesday	Poornima, Mahalaya Paksha begins	6.30 PM	Lalita Sahasra Nama Parayanam
Oct 1st Friday	Samkathara Chathurthi	6.30 PM	Ganesha Abhisheka
Oct 2nd Saturday	1st Saturday of the Month	11:00AM 12:00Noon	Swarna Alamkara for Shiva Balaji Vastra Samarpana
Oct 3rd Sunday	Krittika	6.30 PM	Karthikeya Abhisheka and Archana
Oct 6th Wednesday	Rohini	6.30 PM	Sri Krishna Pooja
Oct 9th Saturday	Punarvasu 2nd Saturday of the Month Ekadasi	6.30 PM 10.00 AM 6.30 PM	Sri Rama Abhisheka Balaji Sahasra Kalasha Abhisheka Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka
Oct 10th Sunday	Pradosham	3.30 PM	Murugan Kalyanam
Oct 11th Monday	Masa Shivaratri	6.30 PM	Shiva Abhisheka
Oct 12th Tuesday	Keeping of Golu	6.30 PM	108 Kalasha Abhisheka for Shiva
Oct 13th Wednesday	Navaratra Begins	6.30 PM	Partial solar eclipse (not visible in USA)
Oct 14th Wednesday	Swati, Navaratra Vishnu	6.30 PM	Narasimha Swamy Abhisheka; Brahmotsavam Day 1
Oct 15th Friday	3rd Saturday of the Month	11.00 AM	Tiruppavadai Seva for Balaji; Brahmotsavam Day 2
Oct 16th Saturday	Moola	11.00 AM	Bilva Dala Archana for Shiva; Brahmotsavam Day 3
Oct 17th Sunday	Astami	6.30 PM	Saraswati Pooja
Oct 18th Monday	Maha Navami	6.30 PM	Durga Astami
Oct 20th Tuesday	Sravana	6.30 PM	Chandi Homam in Temple
Oct 21st Thursday	Vijaya Dasami	6.30 PM	Balaji Sahasranama Archana
Oct 22nd Friday	4th Saturday of the Month	7.00 PM	Asthana Utsavam
Oct 23rd Saturday	Ekadasi	12:00 Noon	Pushpa Seva for Balaji
Oct 25th Monday	Pradosham	6.30 PM	Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka
Oct 27th Wednesday	Shiva Anna Abhisheka Poornima	6.30 PM 6.30 PM	Shiva Abhisheka AnnaAbhisheka For Shiva
Oct 29th Friday	Krittika	6.30 PM	Lalita Sahasranama Parayana
Oct 30th Saturday	Rohini	6.30 PM	Kartikeya Abhisheka and Archana
Oct 31st Sunday	Weekend Function	6.30 PM	Sri Krishna Pooja
	Samkathara Chathurthi	4:30 PM	Shiva Anna Abhisheka
	Karva Chouth	6.30 PM 6.30 PM	Kala Bhairava Abhisheka Ganesha Abhisheka Chouthi Pooja by Ladies

**SRI KRISHNA JANMASHTAMI CELEBRATIONS**

DATE/DAY	TIME	ACTIVITIES
Sep -05 -2004 Sunday	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Sri Krishna Abhisheka and Pooja .
	7:00PM -7:30PM	Geeta Recital
	7:30PM - 8:30PM	Bhajans
	8:30PM -10:00PM	Childrens Program on Sri Krishna Leela
	10:00PM -11:30PM	Bhajans
	11:30PM-12:00AM	Sri Krishna Janmakala Pooja - Arathi and Prasadam

**GANESHA CHATHURTHI CELEBRATIONS**

DATE/DAY	TIME	ACTIVITIES
Sep -17-2004 Friday	8:00AM	Shiva and Vishnu Suprabatham
	8:30AM	Ganesha Abhisheka
	9:30AM	Archana and Arathi
	10:00AM	Maha Ganapati SahasraModaka and Poornahuti.
	12:00Noon	Vara Siddhi Vinayaka Vratam
	12:45PM	Arathi and Prasadam
	4:00PM	"EkaVimshati Atharva Sheersha Parayanam with "
	6:30 PM -7:30PM	Pushpa Alamkara
	6:30 PM	Mooshika Vahana Seva for Lord Ganesha
	7:30 PM	VaraSiddhi Vinayaka Vratam
	8:15 -9:00PM	Archana and Astavadana Seva
	9:30PM	Theertha Prasadam

**ADHIKA MASA VISHNU BRAHMOTSAVAM**

DATE/DAY	TIME	ACTIVITIES
Sep -24-2004 Friday	7:00PM	Samkalpam, Deeksha ,Amkurarpana
	9:00PM	Dhwaja Arohana
Sep- 25-2004 Saturday	9:30PM	Ekanta Seva
	7:00AM	Suprabatham
	8:00AM	Agni Prathishta
	9:00AM	Nitya Homa, Bali and Satumura
	9:30AM	NavaKumbha Sthapana
	10:00AM	Balaji Abhisheka
	12:30PM	Satmura,Theertha Prasadam
	1:00PM	Dwiguna Aradhana, Dwiguna Nivedana and Alaya Bali
	5:00PM	Sesha Vahana Utsavam Lords in Special Alamkaram
	6:00PM	Nitya Homa , Samayamkala Archana and Naivedyam
	7:00PM	Alaya Bali and Satmura
	8:00PM	Ekanta Seva
	Sep -26-2004 Sunday	8:00AM
9:00AM		Nitya Homa, Bali and Satumura
10:00AM		Garuda Utsavam
11:00AM		Choorna Abhisheka
1:00PM		Avabrida Snanam
2:00PM		Poornahuti
5:00PM		Hanumadvahana Utsavam
7:00PM		Mouna Bali
7:30PM	Dhwaja Avarohana and Rashtira Asheervachanam	
8:30PM	Ekanta Seva	

**Aadipooram Celebrations, July 21, 2004**

In the month of Aadi, on Pooram nakshatra which fell on July 21, this year, Shiva-Vishnu temple devotees celebrated the birthday of Andal Devi, the ardent devotee of Lord Vishnu. Special Abhisheka was performed to Andal Devi an avatar of Bhoo Devi, one of consorts of Lord Vishnu. Andal devi was bedecked with beautiful vastras, flowers and ornaments. HCCC recognizes and thanks the event coordinator Shri Ramesh Rajagopalan and family for successfully organizing this event.

**18th Anniversary Celebrations, July 10-11, 2004**

The 18th Annual Celebrations this year was a grand success with more than 1000 devotees participating on each day of the function. The deeksha to the volunteers were given on July 9th evening. Samprokshana was done to kavacha to Lord Shiva and Lord Balaji donated by Shri Shiva Kumar Mehta and family, Surya Katari to Lord Balaji donated by Shri Rajendra Balakrishna and family, and Abharana to Goda Devi donated by Shri Sena Reddy and family. The Unjal Seva and Sahasra Deepa Alankara to Lord Balaji on Saturday, July 10th and to Lord Shiva on Sunday, July 11th were grandly performed amid the chantings of Sri Krishna Yajurveda Parayana. HCCC extends special thanks to 18th Anniversary Celebration event coordinator Shri Kota Sridhar and family for excellent planning and execution of the programs.

**His Holiness Sri Sri Sri TridandiChinna Jeeyar Swamiji Visit**

His Holiness Sri Sri Sri Tridandi Srimannarayana Ramanuja Chinna Jeeyar Swamiji spent an enlightening evening on July 4th, at the Shiva-Vishnu temple, Livermore. He was received with temple honors by the management and the priests. His Holiness delivered a pravachana on Kalyana Gunas (divine attributes ) of Lord Venkateswara.

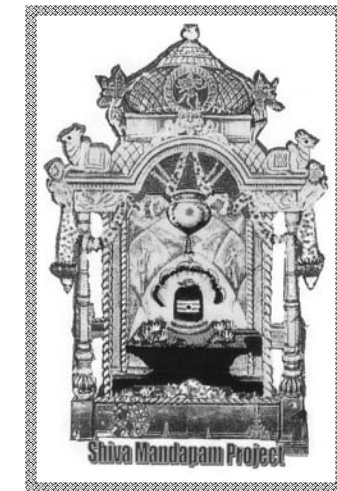
His Holiness also described the current situation at Tirumala which was causing concern to numerous devotees across the world. Currently at Tirumala, the TTD (Tirumala Tirupathi Devasthanam) began a project ( Master plan ) for creating new facilities for the devotees. The project requires destroying centuries old structures and removing our heritage. His Holiness expressed deep agony at the sudden demolition of the 1000 pillared Mandapam which is about 600 years old in order to construct a fourth prakara. His Holiness pointed out that TTD needs to restore Tirumala to its former glory, so that future generations may experience the sanctity of the temple.

**VIDYA CHANDER**

On July 10, 2004, Vidya Chander, a senior student of Nrithyollasa Dance Academy, performed at the Assembly Hall as part of the HCCC's Cultural Programs.

The program was organized by the Cultural Chair, Mrs Kala Iyer. Vidya had her Arangetram in 1998 and has performed frequently in the Bay Area and recently in Singapore and Chennai. Graduating from Stanford University this summer, she plans to work as an Electrical

Engineer. Vidya thanked Smt. Indumati Ganesh, her teacher who helped her master the art.

**SHIVA MANDAPAM PROJECT**

We are glad to inform the devotees that Lord Shiva Shrine will soon be decorated with an impressive SHIVA MANDAPAM. Finally, after a long wait this project was released after confirming designs and identifying the proper silver smiths in India. This whole project costing nearly \$30,000 is fully sponsored by devotees and being coordinated by Kesavan Srikumar, I&P Chairperson. Finished product is expected to arrive by the end of December and

Samprokshana will be held subsequently.

**WHAT IS SADHANA? A TALK BY DR. SUBBU VENKATKRISHNAN, JUNE 27TH, 2004.**

Hindu Cultural and Community Center proudly presented a talk by Dr. Subbu Venkatkrishnan on Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at the temple Assembly Hall, on What is Sadhana? a talk based on Upanishad Teachings. Dr. Subbu Venkatkrishnan is an IIT graduate, and has a Doctorate degree in Electrical Engineering from a US university, and currently managing a project group in a Semiconductor Company in Bay area, California. Dr. Subbu Venkatkrishnan is well versed with the Upanishads, the Bhagavad-Gita and the Vedas, and gave number of discourses on a wide variety of spiritual topics to audiences at Chinmaya Mission San Jose and other forums in the Bay Area. Dr. Subbu explains "The *sadhya* or desired end is always kept in view by the *sadbaka* or seeker who connects himself or herself with the *sadhya* through *sadbana*, the means by which something is achieved." He explained the obstacles in sadhana and the path of spiritual progress and the means to overcome these obstacles.

**DEVI NAVARATRA PROGRAM**

DATE/DAY	PARVATHI	KANAKA DURGA	DASABHUJA DURGA	MAHALAKSHMI	BHOO DEVI
			Temple	A : Hall	
Oct 14th Thursday	10:30 AM Abhisheka, Sahasranama Archana	6:30PM Abhisheka Sahasranama Archana	Kalasha Sthapana& Durga Abhisheka 6:30PM Chandi Path		
Oct 15th Friday	10:30AM Abhisheka , Sahasranama Archana	6:30PM Abhisheka Sahasranama Archana	10:30AM Durga Abhisheka &Pooja 6:30PM ChandiPath		
Oct 16th Saturday	10:30AM Abhisheka , Sahasranama Archana	6:30PM Abhisheka Sahasranama Archana	10:30AM Durga Abhisheka &Pooja 6:30PM ChandiPath		
Oct 17th Sunday	6:30PM Sahasranama Archana	6:30PM Abhisheka Sahasranama Archana	10:30AMDurga Pooja 6:30PM ChandiPath	10:30AM Abhisheka & Archana	
Oct 18th Monday	6:30PM Sahasranama Archana	6:30PM Abhisheka Sahasranama Archana	10:30AMDurga Pooja 6:30PM ChandiPath	10:30AM Abhisheka & Archana	
Oct 19th Tuesday	6:30PM Sahasranama Archana	6:30PM Abhisheka Sahasranama Archana	10:30AMDurga Pooja 6:30PM ChandiPath	10:30AMDurga Shasti Kalasha Sthapana 6:30PM ChandiPath 7:30PM Durga Adhivasa & Pooja	10:30AM Abhisheka & Archana
Oct 20th Wednesday	6:30PM Sahasranama Archana	6:30PM Abhisheka Sahasranama Archana	10:30AMDurga Pooja 6:30PM ChandiPath	9:30AM Durga Saptami Pooja ,11:30AM pushpanjali ,12:30 PM Anna-Bhog ,1:00PM Arathi 6:30PM ChandiPath, 8:00PM Pushpanjali , Arathi & Prasadam	10:30AM Abhisheka & Archana
Oct 21st Thursday	6:30PM Sahasranama Archana	6:30PM Abhisheka Sahasranama Archana	10:30AMDurga Pooja 6:30PM Chandi Homa 9:00PM Poomahuti 9:30PM Arathi	9:30AM Durga Maha - Ashtami Pooja, 11:30AM Pushpanjali, 12:30 PM AnnaBhog , 1:00PM Arathi , 6:30PM ChandiPath, 8:00PM Pushpanjali , Arathi & Prasadam	10:30AM Abhisheka & Archana
Oct 22nd Friday	6:30PM Sahasranama Archana	6:30PM Abhisheka Sahasranama Archana	10:30AM Durga Abhisheka &Pooja 5:00PM Durga Homa 6:30PM Sayamkala Pooja & Arathi	4:28AM Sandhi Pooja, 9:30AM Durga Maha 5:00PM Durga Homa Navami Pooja 11:30AM Pushpanjal, i12:30PM AnnaBhog 1:00PM Kumari Pooja, 7:30PM Pushpanjali 8:00PM Arathi	10:30AM Abhisheka & Archana
<b>Note:: 7:00PM Aparajita Pooja and Vijaya Dasami Asthana Utsavam in Temple</b>					
Oct 23rd Saturday				10:30AM Durga Dasami, Pooja 12:00 Noon Pushpanjali, 1:00 PM AnnaBhog, 7:00PM Arathi & Darpan Visarjana, 7:30PM Aparajita Pooja 8:00PM Sindur Dan, 8:30PM Dhunchi Nritya, 9:00PM Maha Prasad & Asheervachanam	

**DURGA PUJA**

*Durga puja conducted by Pdt. Mukbarjee in Bengali tradition. All are welcome to participate.*

Sri Sri Durga Puja will be held from Monday, October 18, 2004 to Sunday, October 24, 2004 as follows:

Monday, Oct 18, 2004	Maha-Sasthi Puja	9AM to 12noon	6 PM to 8 PM
Tuesday, Oct 19, 2004	Maha-Saptami Puja	9AM to 12Noon	6 PM to 8 PM
Wednesday, Oct 20, 2004	Maha-Ashtami Puja	9 AM to 1PM	6 PM to 9 PM
Thursday, Oct 21, 2004	Maha-Navami Puja	9AM to 12Noon	6 PM to 8 PM
Friday, Oct 22, 2004	Maha-Dashami Puja	9 AM to 1 PM	6 PM to 9 PM
Saturday, Oct23, 2004	Adhik-Dashami Puja Kumari Puja	9AM to 3 PM	6 PM to 9 PM
Sunday, Oct 24, 2004	Vijaya-DashamiPuja Bisarjan Sindur-Khela	9 AM to 3 PM	6 PM to 9 PM

**Priest in charge:** Pdt Monomohon Mukherjee

**Coorrdinator:** Debasis Bagchi

Approximately 12,000 people will attend this puja. We are expecting maximum crowd on Saturday (7,000 people) and Sunday (6,000 people)

There will be **cultural program** on **Saturday evening between 3 PM and 6 PM**

Suggested Donation is \$ 21 per day and \$ 101 for all 7 days

**NAVARATRA VISHNU BRAHMOTSAVAM**

DATE/DAY	TIME	ACTIVITIES
Oct -15-2004 Friday	7:00PM 9:00PM 9:30PM	Samkalpam, Deeksha, Ankurarpana Dhwaja Arohana Ekanta Seva
Oct -16-2004 Saturday	7:00AM 8:00AM 9:00AM 9:30AM 10:00AM 12:30PM 2:30-4:00PM 5:00PM 6:00PM 7:00PM 8:00PM	Suprabatham Agni Pratishta Nitya Homa,Bali Satmura Nava Kumbha Sthapana Balaji Abhisheka Satmura, Theertha Prasadam Saraswati Pooja by Children Sesha Vahana Utsavam with Saraswati Alamkaram Nitya Homa Sayamkala Archana ,Bali Satmura Ekanta Seva
Oct-17-2004 Sunday	8:00AM 9:00AM 10:00AM 11:00AM 1:00PM 2:00PM 5:00PM 7:00PM 7:30PM 8:00PM 8:30PM	Suprabatham Nitya Homa, Bali Satmura Garudotsavam Choorna Abhisheka Avabrida Snamam Poornahuti Hanumadvahanotsavam Mouna Bali Dhwaja Avarohana Rashtra Asheervachanam Ekanta Seva

**Sri Krishna Yajurveda Parayana, July 1st- 12th, 2004**

The first time in the history of the Shiva-Vishnu temple, Sri Krishna Yajurveda Parayana was conducted in entirety from July 1st to July 12th, to enable the devotees of Shiva-Vishnu temple to obtain the desirable and avoid the ones that are harmful. The desires may be getting prosperity, wealth, land, cows, health, honor, children, successors, fame through public speech, peace among citizens, rain etc and harmful ones being illness, death, poverty and lack of fame or public recognition, adverse forces like kama(desire), krodha(anger), lobha(greed), moha(delusion), mada(arrogance) and matsarya(jealousy). The entire Sri Krishna Yajurveda – all the 82 cantos including Bhramana and Upanishads were chanted during these days. Four priests of Shiva-Vishnu temple Pdt. Srinivasacharyulu, Pdt. Chintapalli Sharma, Pdt. Nageshwara Sastri and Pdt. Chandramouli participated in the chanting. The chanting were done in samhita way. The whole temple was reverberating with the ghana patha of a prasna every day. The Vedic chanting by the priests done in the correct intonation and pronunciation left the devotees amused, delighted and spiritually energized. Devotees had the pleasure of listening to discourse on essence of Vedas and to summaries of various prasnams in between from Pdt. Srinivasacharyulu every day. Devotees had the chance to listen to chants of yajnas, like Darshapurnamasa, Agnisthoma, Vajapeya, Rajasuya and Ashwamedha yajnas. His Holiness Swami Chinna Jeeyar Swami graced the chanting on July 4th, he praised the Vedic scholars and the temple management for having conducted such an event. This event was a grand success in bringing large number of devotees and also bay area priest community together to listen and participate in the chanting.

Religious committee extends special thanks to volunteers for this event Shri. Chandrashekhar, Shri Venkat Kode, Shri Sambasiva Rao, Shri Prakash Pokala, Shri Prakash Lingampally, Smt Vijaya Neelamraju and HCCC staff for successful publicity and helping in preparation of prasadam food for all devotees in the absence of pachaka. HCCC thanks all the sponsors and urges them to continue their support to bring the chanting of Rig Veda and other Vedas for the benefit of all devotees in the future.

