

Hindu Community and Cultural Center (HCCC)
Shiva-Vishnu Temple, Livermore, California

announces

Our 3rd and Once in 12-Years
Maha Kumbhabhishekam



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July 6th - 10th 2022

Shiva-Vishnu Temple, Livermore, CA, USA



HCCC has begun preparations for this milestone event,
including several starter religious and
cultural programs starting August 1st, 2021.

For up-to-date information on Maha Kumbhabhishekam events, please contact:
MKA 2022 Organizing Committee at mka22apexcommittee@livermoretemple.org

MKA Publicity Chair, Padmaja Madhusudan at (925)-368-3519

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Why Maha Kumbhabhishekam?

A Temple is a home of the Divine, meant for collective spiritual benefit and upliftment. The omnipotence of the supreme is manifested into Idols by Mantra Sakti at the time of consecration (PrathiSthapana) through a precise process ordained by the scriptures called Agamas, thereby making the Idols into Deities. After the original consecration of Shiva-Vishnu Temple in 1986, the power of mantra manifested in the Deities is to be maintained by regular worship and periodic renewal, as prescribed by the Agamas. The scriptures ordain that the renewal process should take place "once every 12-years" from the original day of consecration. This is performed through a religious process called Maha Kumbhabhishekam. Two Maha Kumbhabhishekams were previously performed in 1998 and 2010. In preparation of our 3rd Maha Kumbhabhishekam in July 2022, we must perform necessary maintenance, repairs, renovations, upgrades to existing temple structures (Sanctums, Sancturams, Gopurams, Vimanams, Dwaja Sthambams, Deities, Nava Grahas, etc.), as well as adding new structures and installing new Deities (Kohsta Vighras, etc.).

A major part of the Maha Kumbhabhishekam is replacing the Ashta Bandhana (glue), which holds the Idols to pedestals (peetams). The Astha Bandhana is prepared by mixing eight (ashta) different compounds and it has an average lifespan of 12-years. The combination of Astha Bandana replacement, along with holy water abhisheka of kumbhas on Temple Vimanams and Gopurams is called "Ashta Bandhana Jeernodharana Maha Samprokshana - this means replacement of worn out Ashta Bandhana and Abhisheka of the Kumbhas.

How is Maha Kumbhabhishekam Performed?

At the start of Maha Kumbhabhishekam, the divine power of the main Deities (Moola Vighras) is temporarily transferred by the priests, following procedures of Agama, into holy water (Mantra Jalam) collected in Kalashas (Pots). These Kalashas are initially brought into a makeshift temple called Balalayam. Between July 6th and 10th, 2022, the Kalashas are relocated into Temple's Yagashala, where offerings are made into the holy fire, and daily worship, rites, and other special ceremonies are undertaken. Until the final stages of Maha Kumbhabhishekam, the Deities are worshipped in the Kalashas. Upon completion of Temple renovations and replacement of Ashta Bandhana (to secure Idols to peetams), the divine power in the Kalashas is transferred back to the Moola Vighras by pouring the Mantra Jalam (holy water preserved in Kalashas) on Temple Vimanams and Gopurams, while chanting elaborate mantras. This process is called Maha Samprokshana and Ashtabandhana Jeernodharana - together, called as Maha Kumbhabhishekam.



How is Temple Preparing? How can you Participate and Support?

The Temple has created a dedicated Maha Kumbhabhishekam organizing (APEX) committee to plan and execute the event. Nearly 100+ HCCC devotees are part of several sub-committees working together to prepare for the event. The event is a once in life-time opportunity for devotees to experience Balalayam, Deeksha, Yagashala, Homas, Maha Samprokshana, Ashtabandhana Jeernodharana and several other religious activities.



Temple Structure Upgrades and Sanctum Renovations

- ❁ Restore Temple walls, doors, windows & outside pathways
- ❁ Restore Temple Vimanams & cleaning of all Gopurams
- ❁ Clean and repair all Shrines and Vimanams
- ❁ Perform improvements within Ardha Mandapams and Sanctuums
- ❁ Perform necessary improvements to Deities, including installing new Vighras
- ❁ Repair & replace Deity Prabhavalis and Vimana Kalashas
- ❁ Perform improvements to Dwaja Sthambams and adjacent Shrines
- ❁ Construction of Balalayam and Yagashala



Maha Kumbhabhishekam (MKA 2022) Starter Events

Several upcoming MKA 2022 Religious, Cultural, Youth and Education and Human Services events are planned to occur from August 1st, 2021 to March 31st, 2022. We request our devotees to get up-to-date information from our Temple website (livermoretemple.org) and spread the word.



For volunteering opportunities in MKA 2022 events, please contact:
MKA Volunteering Chair, Dimple Cyril at (925)-360-9051



Sponsorship Information

Donation Category	Amount	Donor Privileges
1-Day MKA Puja Sponsorship	\$151	Silver Souvenir
2-Day MKA Puja Sponsorship	\$301	Silver Souvenir and Monthly Abhisheka for 1-Deity (1Yr.)
3-Day MKA Puja Sponsorship	\$501	Silver Souvenir and Monthly Abhisheka for 1-Deity (1Yr.)
5-Day MKA Puja or 5-Day Annadana or 1-Shrine Renovation or MKA Shanthi Abhisheka Sponsorship	\$1,116	Mini Silver Kalasham and Weekly Abhisheka for 1-Deity (1 Yr.)
3-Shrines Renovation or MKA Cultural or MKA Human Services Sponsorship	\$2,500	Small Silver Kalasham and Weekly Abhisheka for 1-Deity (1 Yr.)
Shiva Parivar Shrines Renovation or Nandi Silver Kavacham Sponsorship	\$5,000	Medium Silver Kalasham, Weekly Abhisheka for 9-Deities (1 Yr.) and MKA Donor Plaque*
Vishnu Parivar Shrines Renovation or Vishnu Kohsta Vighras Sponsorship	\$5,000	Medium Silver Kalasham, Weekly Abhisheka for 9-Deities (1 Yr.) and MKA Donor Plaque*
All Temple Shrines Renovation or Alaya Shikara Kalasham Sponsorship	\$10,000	Large Silver Kalasham, Sankalpa for all Temple Functions (1 Yr.), MKA Donor Plaque* and SC Membership**
Raja Poshaka (Includes Alaya Shikara Kalasham Sponsorship)	\$25,000	Large Silver Kalasham, 2" Satyanarayana Swamy Idol, Sankalpa for all Temple Functions (3 Yrs.), MKA Donor Plaque* and SC Membership**
Maharaja Poshaka (Includes Alaya Shikara Kalasham and Deities Prabhavalis Sponsorship)	\$50,000	Large Silver Kalasham, 3" Satyanarayana Swamy Idol, Sankalpa for all Temple Functions (7 Yrs.), MKA Donor Plaque* and SC Membership**
Chakravarthi Poshaka (Includes Alaya Shikara Kalasham and Deities Prabhavalis Sponsorship)	\$100,000+	Large Silver Kalasham, 3" Satyanarayana Swamy Idol, Sankalpa for all Temple Functions (20 Yrs.), MKA Donor Plaque* and SC Membership**

Note: * MKA Donor Plaque is Exclusive to MKA Donation; ** Temple Steering Committee (SC) Membership(s) as per HCCC Bylaws
Donation Privileges are based on Total Donations as designated for MKA2022.



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Maha Kumbhabhishekam 2022



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