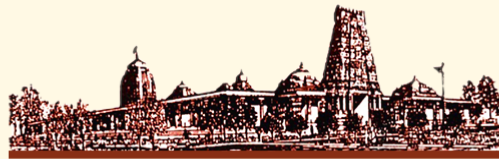


**TEMPLE HOURS**

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

**PASCHIMAVANI****DIRECTIONS**

From Freeway 580 in Livermore  
Exit North Vasco Road,  
Left on Scenic Ave,  
Left on Arrowhead Avenue

**NEWS FROM THE HINDU COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL CENTER, LIVERMORE**  
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**CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE**

Dear Devotees of the HCCC,

I am honored to accept the esteemed position of Chairman of the Livermore Temple. I am fully committed to upholding the values of this sacred institution and earning your respect through diligent work.

First and foremost, I extend my heartfelt appreciation to the outgoing chairman, Sri Prabhakar Bhanoori, President Smt. Sailaja Malireddy, and corporate secretary Smt. Usha Ramaswamy, for their leadership. I also express my sincere gratitude to the departing Board of Directors (BOD) members, Sri Murali Swaminathan, Sri Kaushik Punyamurthula, and Smt. Sailaja Malireddy, for their dedicated service in guiding our temple. Their efforts, alongside the vision of our founders, and the support of donors and volunteers, have laid a strong foundation upon which we will continue to build and flourish.

The Livermore Temple symbolizes the strength, resilience, and unity of our community. My vision for our temple revolves around inclusivity and service: service to God, service to humanity, and service to our culture.

We are making progress with Architectural Enhancements and Sculpture Work, which are currently in progress. Additionally, Annadana and Naivedyam Kitchen Renovation are ready to apply for permits.

Last year, we passed an HCCC Aparakarma Services Policy to address the needs of our community. We will be hiring more priests, including an experienced Aparakarma Seva priest, to better serve the HCCC community both within and outside the temple premises.

The HINTS committee modernized the first phase of the temple website ([www.livermoretemple.org](http://www.livermoretemple.org)), introducing self-service features for devotees, and it went live on April 4, 2024. Now, you can make a pooja request with or without a priest from your home.

Moving forward, with your support, our objectives include:

- Concluding the Annadana Hall project amicably and making further progress.
- Completing HINTS 2.0 (remaining parts of IT system modernization).
- Finalizing the Devotee Sampradaya Document.
- Exploring HCCC's presence in the South Bay and extending the temple's reach to devotees.
- Completing architectural work as per the recommendations of the Temple Advisory Committee (TAC).

We recently concluded Sri Ramanavami and Meenakshi Sundareswaran Kalyanam celebrations on a grand scale, witnessing a large number of devotees seeking blessings and enjoying Kalyana Bhojan. We have upcoming events planned for this year, such as:

- One day in Tirumala in South Bay and Northeast Bay
- San Ramon Kalyanam
- Murugan | Skanda Yaagam (In exploration stage)
- Cultural events in collaboration with Bay Area music and dance schools.
- Neighborhood event.
- Annual Health Fair
- Weekly Health Advisory Clinic

We aim to strive for events once every other month, with a motto of taking the temple to devotees, such as Saamuhika Satyanarayana Vratham, Saraswathi Pooja, Srinivasa Kalyanam, etc.

I am committed to leading with integrity, transparency, inclusivity, and accountability with support from the President, Sainath Kala, the Board of Directors, and the Executive Committee Members. Looking forward to seeing you all at the Temple.

Best Regards,



Ramarao Yendluri, Chairman of HCCC, 2024-2025

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Devotees, Namasthe,

I am humbled and honored to address you as the new management of the Hindu Community and Cultural Center (HCCC), having assumed this role on March 24th, 2024. It is a privilege to serve in this capacity and contribute to our sacred community.

Since taking over, our primary focus has been on enhancing the devotee experience, ensuring that each visit to our temple is spiritually fulfilling. We've made considerable efforts to engage with our community, working closely with the temple staff and volunteers to bring our visions to life.

Over the recent month, we have celebrated several significant events:

**1. Holi Celebration:** Held at Croce High School, this event was a vibrant success, widely attended by the community. We were initially concerned about the weather; however, it turned out to be a beautiful day, adding to the joy and color of the festivities.

**2. Ugadi Festival:** This festival marks the traditional New Year for multiple regions in our country and was celebrated with great enthusiasm. The priests performed the 'Asthanam' and 'Panchanga Sravanam'-listening to which is considered highly auspicious on Ugadi. The event saw a high turnout, reflecting the deep cultural connection among the attendees.

**3. Sri Rama Navami Celebrations:** Spanning nine days of 'Sri Rama Parayanam', the celebrations culminated on April 16th with 'Sri Rama Navami'. This event was particularly well-attended, with many devotees participating in the 'Kalyanam' to receive divine blessings. Despite falling on a weekday, we held additional celebrations over the weekend to accommodate more community members, featuring 'Sri Rama Pattabhishekam', 'Hanumatha Vahana Seva', and 'Kolatham' performances, alongside cultural events, 'Gosti Ganam', and 'Sundarakanda Bhajan', showcasing the talents of both young and adult devotees.

### Upcoming Events

**Murugan Yagam** - Murugan Mahayaagam is believed to be very powerful in Kaliyuga that helps in spiritual growth, dispels negative forces, enhances courage and confidence, cures nerves/genes ailments, and removes malefic effects of planet Mars. Efficacy of Homa depends on the sincerity, devotion, and faith with which it is performed. More importantly, Degree of specific benefit for each individual will vary as per their karma phala (consequence or fruits of actions).

**Shiva Vishnu Pavitrosvam** - HCCC conducting combined Pavitrisavm first time in Livermore Temple. This is the occasion to sanctify the Sanctum and Sanctorum along with Gopuram followed by Shiva-Kesava Shanti Kalyanam on that Sunday.

We are excited about the upcoming events and encourage everyone to visit our website at [Livermoretemple.org](http://Livermoretemple.org) for the latest updates. As a volunteer-run organization, we rely on your support and involvement to build a lasting community asset for future generations. We are committed to continually enhancing the devotee experience at one of the most historic temples on the West Coast of the United States.

Thank you, all the volunteers who were involved in these events, performing different activities. Your services are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support and devotion.



Warm regards,

Sainath Kala, HCCC President [2024-25]

## 2024-25 Management Team

### ***Board of Directors***

### ***Board Liaisons***

Ramarao Yendluri	Chairman, Treasure/ Finance & Young Adults Committee
Sainath Kala	President
Srinivasa Malladi	Vice-Chairman & Fund Raising
Chitra Mani	Corporate Secretary, Hundi, Food Committee & EC-Secretary
Mahesh Illuri	Construction Committee, Facilities Committee, & HINTS Member
Krishna Vutukuru	Religious, Publicity (Calendar) & Youth and Education Committee
Prabhakar Bhanoori	Maintenance, Volunteer Coordination & Administration Committee
Sudha Surapaneni	Information Systems, Human Services & Public Relations Committee
Usha Ramaswamy	Human Resources, Religious Inventory and Procurement & Cultural Committee

### ***Executive Committee Members***

### ***Portfolios***

Bhaskar Chadalavada	Construction Committee
Bhaskar Swaminathan	Human Services Committee
Dimple Cyril	Young Adults Committee
Ganesh Puram	Facilities Committee
Goutham Vedanti	Youth and Education Committee
Kala Iyer	Human Resources Committee
Naveen Mareddy	Information Systems Committee
Neelamegam Govindsamy	Administration Committee
Open	Volunteer Coordination Committee
Raghu Malladi	Fund Raising Committee
Ramesh Gadamsetti	Food Committee
Rema Ramani	Cultural Committee
Sainath Kala	President
Shyamala Venkateswaran	Publicity Committee
Sudhakar Mallampati	Public Relations Committee & Vice President
Suresh Kolan	Maintenance Committee
Umashankar Meda	Religious Committee
Upendra Tiwary	Hundi Committee (Joint treasurer)
Vani Pulapa	Religious Inventory and Procurement Committee
Venkat Rangan	Finance Committee (Treasurer)
Vivek Deshpande	EC Secretary

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Request for Coordinators for 2024-2025 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 Umashankar Meda ([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 the factors such as commitment and experience among others will be considered when assigning co-coordinators for an event. Please do not get 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.



### Hiring Priests

HCCC Livermore Temple has immediate Openings for Highly Qualified and experienced Hindu Priests.

Email application form or for more information send email to: [resumehccc@gmail.com](mailto:resumehccc@gmail.com)



## Religious Schedule - Planned Special Events

### Lord Dakshina Murthi Homam & Navagraha Shanti Homam (Guru Peyarchi)

DATE/DAY	TIME	EVENTS
Saturday, May 4th 2024	3:00 PM to 5.00 PM	Ganapati Puja, Punya Vachanam, Kalasha Puja, Navagraha & Guru Homam, Purnahuti, Pradakshinam, Guru Abhishekam Archana, Arati followed by Theertha Prasadam

### Vasavi Jayanthi Celebrations

DATE/DAY	TIME	EVENTS
Saturday, May 18th, 2024	10:30 AM	Abhishekam
	11:30 AM	Archana
	12:00 PM	Devotional Songs, Bhajana, Chanting
	12:30 PM	Mangala Arathi, Mantra Pushpam, Theertha Prasadam
	1:00 PM	Maha Prasadam (Lunch)

### Sri Basava Jayanthi

DATE/DAY	TIME	EVENTS
Sunday, May 19th, 2024	9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Shiva Abhishekam at the main temple hall
	10:30 AM -	Program Starts at the Assembly Hall

	10:35 AM	
	10:35 AM - 11:00 AM	Guru Basaveshwara Pooja
	11.00 AM - 4:00 PM	Vachana Chanting, Cultural program and Vocal recital

### Sri Narasimha Jayanthi Celebrations

DATE/DAY	TIME	EVENTS
Tuesday, May 21st, 2024	4:00 PM	Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swami Homam
	5:00 PM	Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swami Abhishekam
	6:00 PM	Archana, Sathumurai and Theertha Prasadam
Saturday, May 25th, 2024	3:00 PM	Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swami Kalyanotsavam
	5:00 PM	Sesha Vahana Seva, Rajopachara Seva
	6:00 PM	Sathumurai followed by Theertha Prasadam

### Hanuman Jayanthi

DATE/DAY	TIME	EVENTS
Saturday, June 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2024	8:00 AM	Lord Shiva and Lord Balaji Suprabhatam
	8:30 AM - 4:00 PM	Sundara Kanda Homam, Purnahuthi
	5:00 PM	Hanuman Abhishekam
	6:00 PM	Sahasra Kadaliphala (Banana), Nagavalli (Betal leaves), Astothara Chuta (Mango) Phala Archana
	7:30 PM	Harathi, Mantra Pushpam followed by Theertha Prasadam

### Jyeshthabishekam

DATE/DAY	TIME	EVENTS
Friday, June 20th, 2024	10:30 AM	Homam
	11:30 AM	Lord Venkateswara, Goddess Sridevi, Goddess Bhudevi Abhishekam
	1:00 PM	Archana, Sathumurai followed by Theertha Prasadam



Please review individual event flyers posted on our Temple web site (<https://www.livermoretemple.org>) for most current information on events. Event schedules may change after publication of this newsletter and devotees are requested to visit our Temple website for most accurate schedules.



### Event Gallery





## Holi Milan Mela

Holi is the festival of colors is celebrated not only in India but all across the world and we here at Livermore temple just had a blast with the Bay Area community at Croche Elementary School in Livermore. This festival symbolizes unity as it brings people together to celebrate this event regardless of caste, ethnicity, or religion. It also indicates changing of the seasons from winter to spring. Holi is celebrated on the full moon day in March/April.

At Livermore temple it has become a tradition to celebrate this every year with colors, food, and music. The colorful powders used by the temple during Holi are usually made from natural ingredients like corn flour and rice flour. All the attendees had a blast with splashing colors at each other, great music, dance, DJ and mouthwatering food dishes.

Hope to see you all in the next year celebrations.





## Human Services Committee

### Grant-In-Aid Funds Awarded on March 9th, Saturday 2024

Hindu Community and Cultural center has been giving grants to organizations that work on Humanitarian projects locally and globally. This program called "Grant in Aid" began with the mission of giving back to the community. Organizations that are involved in offering food, education, and medical assistance are selected from qualified applicants every year. The grants are then awarded in a ceremony where the work done by these groups is recognized and appreciated.

This year the award ceremony was held on Saturday March 09th at the Lakireddy Auditorium.

Among the guests of Honor were Mayor of Livermore John Marchand, Fire Chief Jo Testa, Livermore School district Superintendent Chris Van Schaack and Police Lt Paul Mayer. One of Temple's longtime volunteer and donor Dr. Linga Goud Memula received a special honor for his work.

From the Temple Management Chairman Prabhakar Bhanoori, President Sailaja Reddy, HS Board Liaison. Krishna Vutukuru and Human Services Chair Shyamala Venkateswaran presented shawls and flower bouquets to the guest of honor.

The program started with an invocation and followed by a colorful cultural program performed by young students. The Human Services committee Chair presented an overview of the activities that the temple provides to the community like Free Medical advisory services, Yoga, Health fairs, Senior services, Blood drives to name a few.

This year the temple received about 40 applications and 32 organizations were selected and a total of \$35,000 was given out. Livermore school district, Fire Department and Police Department also receive grants every year.

The award ceremony concluded with a sumptuous lunch prepared in the temple Kitchen.

This event brings the community together to learn about the work that has been done and gives a chance to socialize with other like-minded organizations. Often, we do here how much the guests enjoy the award ceremony and express their gratitude for the grant they receive.



## Celebrated Cultural Events

### Harikatha Jan 14, 2024:

Children from Global organization for Divinity performed Harikatha of Lord Rama and Krishna.

### Jan 28, 2024: Arudhra Natyanjali was celebrated at Akella hall

coordinated by Jaya Visweswaran. Total of 35 bay area dance schools about 300 students performed in this event throughout the day.

### Haridasa Day was celebrated on Feb 3 rd 2024.

Many Haridas Krithis were rendered by bay area children and adults from various schools in music and dance forms.

### Journeys of Faith: Feb 24, 2024

Dance drama rendered by Nirupama Vaidyanathan and her senior students. Ticketed event raised about \$9K in funds.

Food and Faith is a book written by Shobha Narayan and Smt. Nirupama performed a dance drama depicting the book by going over the prasadam served at various temples in India.



## Note from Publicity Chair

Dear Devotees Namaste.,

We have made several enhancements to our HCCC publicity efforts in order to reach out to broader devotee community including our presence on social media to stay connected. We now have official presence on facebook, twitter and Instagram.



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



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



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



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

Please do like us on Facebook and follow our HCCC activities on twitter and Instagram. Our presence on social media should encourage technology savvy individuals as well as younger devotees to connect with our Temple activities more closely.

Please mark your calendar and plan on participating in all the events planned.

Finally, you can now view/read your favorite quarterly newsletter PaschimaVani on any device whether it is mobile or otherwise with a custom reader to fit your needs. Please do send us your feedback on our newsletter as well on our web site content.

May the divine blessings be with you and your family always.

Regards,

Shyamala Venkateswaran

Publicity Committee

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