



THE HINDU TEMPLE SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA

Śri Mahā Vallabha Ganapati Devasthānam



December 2023

Dear Devotees & Well Wishers

Happy Holidays and best wishes for the New Year 2024. All the major festivals including the 46th Anniversary of the Temple, *Śri Sudarśana Mahā Yajnam*, *Śri Rāghavendra Swāmy Ārādhana*, *Deepāvali* and *Devi Navarātri* were celebrated as usual with increasing number of devotees participating.

Ganesh Chaturthi Celebrations were once again grand and thousands of people participating in all the functions. Ratha Yātra was very well participated by thousands of devotees, well-wishers and elected officials.

Several cultural programs were organized during the year. Significant among them was: 46th Temple Anniversary celebrated with Odissi Dance & Sitar Recital on July 2nd. Grand Music Concert in celebration of Śri Ganeśa Chaturthi Nava-Dina Brahmotsavam, featuring: S. Aishwarya & S. Saundarya (Great granddaughters of Bharath Ratna M.S. Subbulakshmi) accompanied by: Janardhan Srinath - Violin & Phanindra Bhaskara – Mridangam on September 22nd. 'Anubhava' - Annual Conference for Young Hindu Professionals by Akshayam on August 26th was attended by distinguished speakers and guests and was very well participated.

Temple participated in various community events and among them, significant was participation the Temple which included several youth members for the annual Breast Cancer walk in October 2023 and raised \$5,000 towards this cause. Temple also participated in several Deepavali functions organized by several city officials and local community leaders. New York State Governor Kathy Hochul visited our Temple to sign the "Diwali School Holiday" bill in the presence of several elected officials, community leaders, dignitaries, and a public audience. This historic bill signing was organized at the Auditorium of The Hindu Temple Community Center on November 14, 2023.

My sincere thanks and gratitude to all of you for your continued support and contributions to the Temple especially in the pandemic time. My humble appeal to you all once again for generous donations towards various projects; Educational Activities (*Patāśāla*), Senior Activities, Youth Activities, Maintenance of the Temple and its festivities, and Construction of Additional Staff Quarters in support of our great institution. You may please donate online: nyganeshtemple.org and in person or by calling the Temple directly at: (718) 460-8484 ext.112. All donations are tax deductible.

Sincerely,

Dr. Uma Mysorekar
President