



THE HINDU TEMPLE SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA

Śri Mahā Vallabha Ganapati Devasthānam



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Dear Devotees & Well Wishers

On behalf of the Hindu Temple Society of North America, I extend my warm greetings and best wishes for the New Year 2026. By the grace of God and support from all of you, the year 2025 went of very well and the festivals were celebrated on a grand scale. Major highlight of all the celebrations was Ganesh Chaturthi Nava-Dina Mahotsavam concluding with Grand Ratha Yātra.

Several cultural programs were organized during the year. Some of the important ones included celebrating annual Holi Festival & Earth Day with colorful Indian folk dances and music on April 20th, Fundraising dinner organized on May 10th with music concert by Shruthi Shekar (Vijay TV Super Singer) and Live band - organized to raise funds for the construction of the Outreach Center. Tenth International Yoga Day was organized on June 15th - this was very well participated, this included demonstration of different kinds of yoga and talk on 'Yoga & Health' by Dr. Myron Schwartz and Dr. Vikas Shetty and this was very well received.

In addition to all these programs, Temple participated in several community and interfaith events. Significant among them was participation in the annual Breast Cancer walk on October 19th and Temple raised \$8,700 towards this important cause. Temple participated in 17th Interfaith Unity walk hosted by Flushing Interfaith Council to create understanding and common ground among all the faiths in our community. A combined Hindu-Jewish cultural celebration of Sukkot & Deepavali was conducted on October 26th at Queens College. This program was excellent and very well attended, including elected officials and community leaders.

The Hindu Young Professional Group of the Temple (Akshayam) continue to be active. In addition to their participation in several activities of the Temple, they play an active role in conducting the monthly Learning Series by selecting topics of interest to all, especially to young people.

My sincere thanks and gratitude to all the devotees for their continued support and contributions to the Temple and my humble appeal to you all once again for generous donations towards various projects. In order to encourage various Outreach Activities such as Educational Activities (*Patāśāla*), Senior Activities, Youth Activities, Music and Dance classes, Yoga & Meditation, etc. our goal is to build an Outreach Center in the vacant lot adjacent to the existing staff quarters. Please contribute generously towards this project and this will provide space for all Outreach activities.

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