



THE HINDU TEMPLE SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA

Śri Mahā Vallabha Ganapati Devasthānam



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Dear Devotees & Well Wishers

Happy Holidays and best wishes for the new year. After two years of almost total lock down, Temple opened up for the devotees early in the year, not only for darshan but also for participation in all services and festivals. All the major festivals including the 45th Anniversary of the Temple, *Śri Sudaršana Mahā Yajnam*, *Śri Rāghavendra Swāmy Ārādhana*, *Deepāvali* and *Devi Navarātri* were celebrated as usual with more number of devotees participating.

In order to celebrate the once-in-twelve-year religious event - consecration the Devasthanam was performed. Strictly according the Agama Shastra with the addition of several priests from other Temples within the US and from India. The *Kumbhabhishekam* of all the *gopurams* and *vimānas* performed on the last day was very pleasing the eyes and heart of all. Thousands of devotees witnessed this grand sight, standing in front of the Temple. Sri Ganesh Chaturthi festival was also celebrated on August 29th & 30th and continued from September 8th thru September 11th concluding with Grand *Ratha Yātra*. In addition to many dignitaries and elected officials, NYC Mayor, Mr. Eric Adams also participated in this event. All the events were live-streamed for the benefit of absentee devotees.

Several cultural and health related programs were conducted virtually and in addition, in-person mini health fair was conducted in July. With the help of contributions by devotees, the Temple donated \$45,000 towards humanitarian crisis in Ukraine. Temple participated in the annual Breast Cancer walk in October 2022 and were able to raise more than \$6,000 towards this cause. *Patāśala* classes were conducted online throughout the year and children were encouraged to make presentations on various subjects - presented virtually.

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 (*Patāśala*), 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 or by calling the Temple directly at: (718) 460-8484 ext.112. All donations are tax deductible.

Sincerely,

Dr. Uma Mysorekar

President