



SRI SAI AMRUTHA NARAYANA TEMPLE

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SAI AMRUTHA JYOTHI

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From OUR Temple's DESK

Sairam,

Mahalaya Paksham concluded with a wonderful turnout of hundreds of devotees at Bhairava Kshetram, where daily ancestral rituals were performed in the early morning hours. The response was overwhelming and thankful to the Lord for the blessings. Heartfelt gratitude to all the volunteers who dedicated their time and effort throughout the Mahalaya Paksham. We all led the rituals with devotion hoping to inspire commitment to our sacred traditions for many.

These spiritual gatherings were made possible through the blessings and divine guidance of His Holiness Sri Sridhar Guruji, whose presence continues to inspire and elevate our community.

As we look ahead, the Ayyappa Deeksha season is fast approaching. This year marks our first Deeksha season following the Pratishtha of Lord Ayyappa and the consecration of the sacred 18 Steps. We are delighted to share that Ayyappa Swamys will now have the opportunity to offer Irumudi at our temple. More details will be shared soon. Please stay tuned or reach out to me for more information.

The first Suddhi Puja was completed successfully, and the second one will be held soon. Special Abhishekam and Poojas are also planned for Skanda Shashti and Deepawali. We warmly invite you to join us and receive the divine blessings.

Pandit Rajagopalan Mama.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

10/18/2025: Ayyappa Dwajasthambam 2nd Suddhi Puja
10/20/2025: Deepawali Celebrations
10/22/2025 - 10/27/2025: Skanda Shasti Celebrations

FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM & FACEBOOK FOR MORE LIVE UPDATES AND EVENT SCHEDULES.



SRI SAI BABA'S DIVINE WORDS



“HUMILITY, REVERENCE, COMPASSION, FORBEARANCE, SACRIFICE AND SELF-CONTROL ARE THE QUALITIES THAT REVEAL THE OUTCOME OF THE TRUE EDUCATION.”

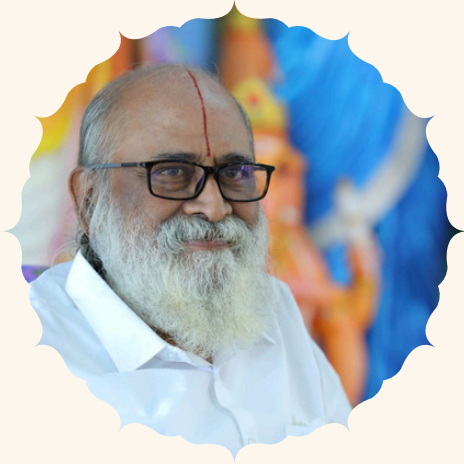


“PURE LOVE IS THE CHIEF MANIFESTATION OF EDUCATION”



“THERE IS NO USE IF KNOWLEDGE GROWS WHILE DESIRES MULTIPLY. IT MAKES ONE A HERO IN WORDS AND A ZERO IN ACTION”

SRIDHARAMRUTHAM



SELF PITY OFTEN LEADS TO JEALOUSY.
YOU HAVE TO BE GUARDED AGAINST IT.
DONT ALLOW IT TO ENTER YOU.



NEGATIVITY & PESSIMISM WILL PULL US
DOWN.... WHEN NEGATIVITY ENTERS
EACH ONE OF US COUPLED WITH EGO,
GREED & JEALOUSY BECOMES A DEADLY
COMBINATION FOR THE DARK FORCES
TO DOMINATE LEADING TO MASS
DESTRUCTION...
WE SHOULD NOT ALLOW THIS TO
HAPPEN...



EACH ONE OF US HAVE A DUTY TO
INCREASE THE POSITIVE ENERGY....
ONCE THAT THINKING COMES THE
LIGHT STARTS GLOWING.... THE PATH
THAT WAS INVISIBLE BECOMES
VISIBLE... INERTIA TURNS INTO SUPREME
KNOWLEDGE.... NEW IDEAS START
STRIKING ALL OF US FROM ALL
DIRECTIONS..

A STORY FROM SAI SATCHARITRA



Kala Mahajani

Once, Kaka Mahajani went to Shirdi from Bombay. He wanted to stay there for one week, and enjoy the Gokul-Ashtami festival. As soon as he took Baba's darshan, Baba asked him - "When are you returning home?" He was rather surprised at this question, but he had to give an answer. He said that he would go home when Baba ordered him to do so. Then Baba said - "Go to-morrow". Baba's word was law and had to be obeyed. Kaka Mahajani, therefore, left Shirdi, immediately. When he went to his office in Bombay, he found that his employer was anxiously waiting for him. His munim, i.e., the manager, suddenly fell ill, hence Kaka's presence was absolutely necessary. He had sent a letter to Kaka at Shirdi, which was redirected to him at Bombay.

Bhausahab Dhumal

Now listen to an opposite story. Once Bhausahab Dhumal, a pleader, was going to Niphad for a case. On the way he came to Shirdi, took Baba's darshan and wanted to proceed to Niphad immediately. But, Baba did not permit him to do so. He made him stay at Shirdi, for a week or more. In the meanwhile, the magistrate at Niphad suffered intensely from pain in his abdomen, and the case was adjourned. Mr. Dhumal was then allowed to go and attend to his case. It went on for some months and was tried by four magistrates. Ultimately Mr. Dhumal won the case, and his client was acquitted.

Mrs. Nimonkar

Mr. Nanasaheb Nimonkar, Watandar of Nomon and Honorary Magistrate, was staying at Shirdi with his wife. Mr. and Mrs. Nimonkar were spending most of their time in the Masjid with Baba and serving Him. It so happened, that their son fell ill at Belapur and the mother decided, with Baba's consent, to go to Belapur, and see her son and other relatives; and stay there for a few days, but Mr. Nanasaheb asked her to return the next day. The lady was in a fix and did not know what to do; but her God Sai came to her help. While leaving Shirdi she went to Baba, who was standing in front of Sathe's wada with Mr. Nanasaheb and others, and prostrated at His Feet and asked His permission to go. Baba said to her, "Go, go quickly, be calm and unperturbed. Stay comfortably at Belapur for four days. See all your relatives and then return to Shirdi." How opportune were Baba's words! Mr. Nanasaheb's proposal was overruled by Baba's decree.

SUPPORT YOUR TEMPLE



DOLLAR-A-DAY

[CLICK to Signup](#)

Giving Dollar a day means supporting the initiatives that the temple has undertaken on a regular basis such as, rescuing cows and building Goshala, Donating 1000's gallons of milk for infants & conducting regular cultural and religious activities.



BIRTHDAY'S & ANNIVERSARIES

[CLICK to Signup](#)

Make your special days truly special! As you step in to a new year in your blessed life, Sai Narayana Temple would love to be a part of it, You could participate in a simple Abhishekam and Archana to take blessing from Baba on your special day.



MORE INFORMATION

[CLICK to Signup](#)

For more information on how to donate, how to contribute to our unique Sai Narayana Temple initiatives and our charitable activities please visit our temple website donations page.



THURSDAY ABHISHEKAMS



Thursday Abhishekam's are special. As Thursday's are for Guru's, let's pray to our ever loving Baba. We have posted below a few pictures of our special Thursday abhishekam's.



MAHALAYA PAKSHAM - 1



Enjoy the bliss that is through these pictures.



MAHALAYA PAKSHAM - 2

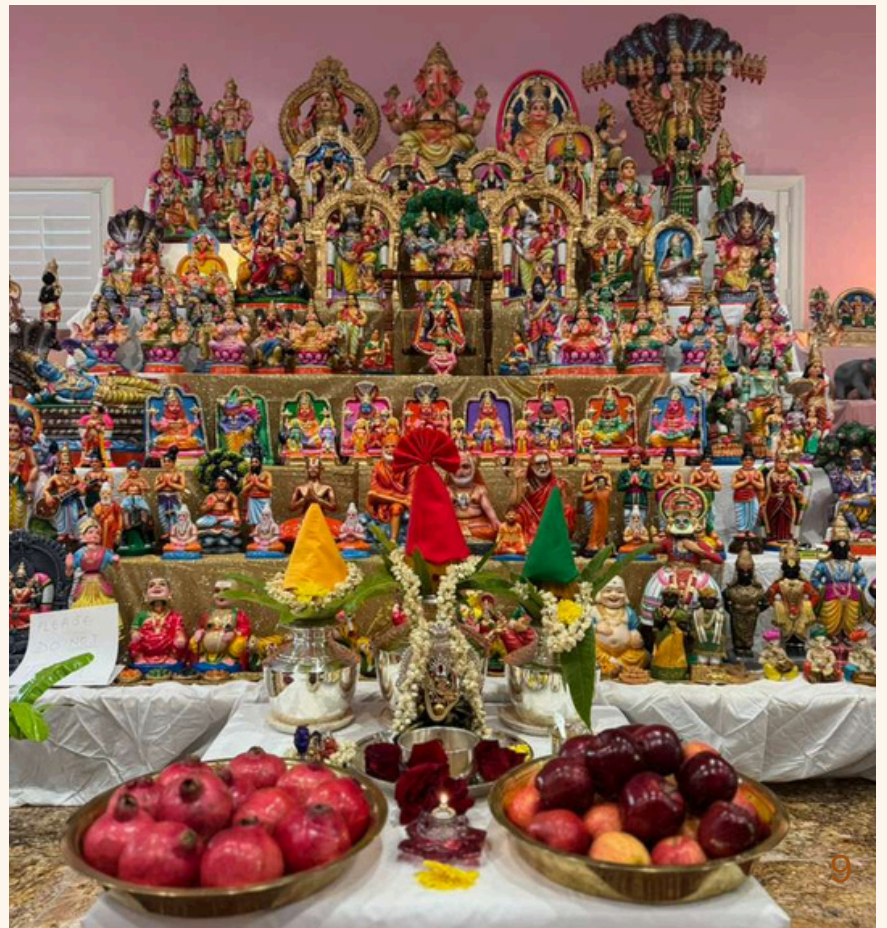
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DUSSEHRA - GOLU - BOMMALA KOLUVU



Many Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who graciously came forward to make this event a grand success.



DUSSEHRA - PERFORMANCES

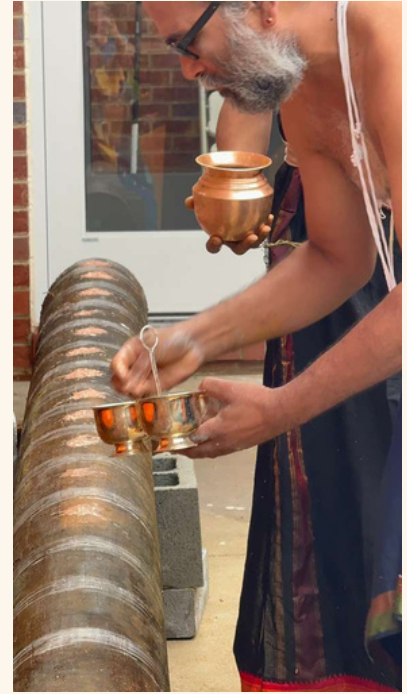


Here are captures of performances from the Navaratri Cultural Programs presented by ICAPS that left us all enthralled



AYYAPPA DWAJASTAMBHA PRATHAMA SUDDHI PUJA

A Suddhi Puja was performed in preparation for the upcoming installation of the Dwajastambha around Thanksgiving. Catch a glimpse of this rare event below.



DEVOTEE'S EXPERIENCE

MAHALAYA PAKSHAM



It was Sri Viswavasu Nama Samvatsaram, Dvadasi on the 12th day of Pitru Paksham. As dawn approached, the temple priests were immersed in Pitru rituals, having begun the sacred prayers during Brahma Muhurtam. Devotees, too, were deeply engaged, chanting, meditating, and absorbing the serene beauty of the temple surroundings. Around 4:00 AM, as the prayers intensified, an unusual presence stirred quiet wonder.

A dog emerged from the nearby woods and calmly entered the temple grounds, settling among the devotees. It had no leash, no signs of ownership, and had somehow crossed the fenced compound, raising gentle questions in the minds of those present. How did it come? Why here?

Unfazed by the mystery, the Shaligram Abhishekam continued uninterrupted. The dog, seemingly drawn by a force beyond the ordinary, made a few gentle attempts to step into the sanctum sanctorum of the Bhairava Kshetram, where Pitru rituals were being performed to the sacred Shaligram by Mama (Pandit Rajagopalan). Someone offered it milk, and it settled down peacefully—no barking, no restlessness. Perhaps it, too, was in silent devotion.

As the prayers concluded, devotees began their pradakshina around the Bhairava Kshetram. To everyone's amazement, the dog—now affectionately regarded as Bhairava —joined the circumambulation, walking alongside the devotees in reverent silence. Was it a coincidence? Or a quiet miracle reminding us that divinity transcends form? After the rituals, devotees departed for their homes. But our guest, Bhairava, had only one destination—the main Sai temple. There, Babu garu welcomed him with food and contemplated adopting him into the temple family.

However, local regulations required that any stray animal be reported to Animal Control within 48 hours. The temple complied, and Bhairava was taken to the shelter. We hoped his rightful owner would come forward. But time was short. If no one claimed or adopted him within ten days, shelter policy mandated euthanasia to prevent overcrowding shelter. The next day, the owner reached out to the authorities, and we learned the Bhairava's name is Buddy - a close friend to all of us!

Meanwhile, to our shock and disbelief, the shelter diagnosed Bhairava with advanced prostate cancer. Before the owner could arrive on the next day to collect his Buddy at the shelter, Bhairava quietly slipped into eternal rest—no pain, no struggle on Chaturdashi 14th day of Pitru Paksham. The authorities informed us that it was a peaceful sleep. It was as if he had come to fulfill a final purpose, to be among the prayers, the rituals, and the devotion of Pitru Paksham. He returned to his Pitrus in peace.

Now, a few questions linger in our hearts:

Why did Bhairava come to the temple?

Why did he attempt to enter the sanctum sanctorum of Bhairava Kshetram? Did he know this was his final resting place?

Was he sent in this form, pleased by the devotion of the devotees?



Answers to these mysteries may only be known to our master, Sridhar Guruji, or to Lord Bhairava himself. As humble seekers, we do not chase logic or reason. We simply bow our heads and pray to Lord Bhairava for blessings during this sacred Pitru Paksham. Event details were lovingly shared by a few devoted participants, Mama and Babu garu. I am grateful for the opportunity to narrate this quiet miracle that unfolded at Richmond Sai Temple Bhairava Kshetram.

With reverence,
Venu Uppalapati
Sep-21-2025



OUR VOLUNTEERS



MILLION THANKS TO ALL OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS

Continuing to pour their hearts into every detail, ensuring the temple's transformation unfolded in all its glory.



**Million
Thanks**



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Ayyappa Dwajasthambam 2nd Suddhi Puja



Saturday, Oct 18

2:00 - 5:00 pm

Dwajasthambam Suddhi
Puja followed by Maha
Lingeswara abhishekam
on the occasion of Sani
Pradosham

**Performed by
Pandit Rajagopalan**

Event Sponsorship: \$256

**Devotees are requested to drop
Abhishekam items before Noon**



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Deepavali

CELEBRATIONS

MONDAY, 20TH OCT



Mahalakshmi Puja

@ 6:30 pm

&

Archana

available all day

Sponsorship: \$256

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO
PARTICIPATE**



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SKANDA SHASTI CELEBRATIONS



October 27th: 6:30 pm - 8pm

**Valli Devasena Sametha
Subramanya Swamy
Abhishekam**

(336 litres/108 gallons of Milk)

October 22nd - 26th

October:

6:30 pm - 7:30pm

(Daily)

Pancha Dravya Abhishekam

One day sponsorship : \$151

All 6 days sponsorship : \$516



**All are welcome to
participate**

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