

## Srirasthu!

Your Hindu Temple of Rochester is delighted and excited to invite you to the installation **SHIKHARS!** For our Temple the installation of shikhars completes the plan for the main Temple structure. Each of us can be proud of having played a role in our Temple reaching this milestone and thank the Almighty for this blessing. The fact that we can accomplish this feat in this 25th year of our Temple makes the even more special.



The Shikhar installation marks the measured and methodical journey that took us from a dream several years ago when we dug up ground for the temple to the installation of five fiberglass shikhars at the East and South entrances and also on the roof over the Devastan, standing as beacons for the Hindu followers and those who want to learn about our faith



The installation and consecration of the shikhars will be done by performing special Pujas and Havans to all Murthis personified in the holy water of the Kalash. The rituals conclude with the Abhishekam in which the holy water in the puja Kalashases is poured over the Deities and on top of the Shikhar to mark the restoration of the energies and consecration of the shikhars.

This is a very significant undertaking for our Temple. To make this a successful event, you're active participation is crucial - participation by way of attending, enjoying, and benefitting from the daily programs, volunteering in various activities, sponsoring havans and pujas and providing much needed financial support.



## Program

### First Day: 10/20/2016, Thursday - Poorvanganam

**9 am to noon:** **Punyahavachanam, Ganapathy Abhishekam, Maha Ganapathy Havan and Puja, Bhog & Arti**  
*Ganesh, the Remover of all obstacles is invoked. Purification rites are performed for the Temple.*

**6 pm to 9 pm:** **Sankalpam; Alaya Pradhakshana; Bhagavat Prarthana, Vishwakshena Prarthana, Rakshabandhanam; Mrutsangrahanam, Ankurarpanam, Kalashadhisvasam, Bhog & Arti; Dinner (Mahaprasad);**

*All the Ridwiks (priests) are assigned to perform the pujas; Circumambulation of the sanctum with prayers to the divine; Raksha (sacred thread) is tied to protect the sanctum, devotees and the premises from any unforeseen obstacles. In Ankurarpanam, holy water is sprinkled on seedlings (seeds) which sprout during the event to bring prosperity and health for the community. The Kalashas, pots of sacred water, are established for the ceremony.*

### Second Day: 10/21/2016, Friday

**8:30 am to 12:30 pm:** **Suprabatha, Nithya Aradhana; Dwara Thorana, Dwaja Kumbha Aradhana, Vimana Gopura Chaayadhisvasam, Panchagavya Snapanam, Bhog & Arti**  
*The yagashala is purified using the five products from the cow*

**6 pm to 9 pm:** **Dwara Thorana Kumbha Aradhana; Sudharshana havan, Chandi havan\*, Rudhra havan\*, Kalasha Jaladhivasa havan\*, Kalasha Jaladhivasa puja\*, Sri Sooktha havan\*, Kalasha Dhanyadhivaasa havan\*, Kalasha Dhanyadhivasam puja, Purusha Sooktha havan\*, Bhog and Arti; Dinner (Mahaprasad);**

*With Purusha Sooktha, Sri Sooktha Homam, we seek the blessings of Sri Vishnu and Sri Lakshmi to give us prosperity and with Chandi Havan, and Sri Rudhra Havan we pray Ma Durga for world peace. In Sudharshana Havan, we pray to Sri Vishnu to protect all and remove any negative energy.*

### Third Day: 10/22/2016, Saturday

**7:30 am to 12:30 pm:** **Suprabatha, Nithya Aradhana; Punyaham, Dwara, Thora, Kumbha Aradhana, Kalasha Shayyadhisvasam puja, Kalasha Shayyadhisvasa havan\*, Kalasha Pushpadhisvasa puja\*, Kalasha Pushpadhisvasa havan, Ramatharaka (Ram Parivar) Radhakrishna havan\*, Sri Venkateswara Padmavathi moolamantra havan\*, Valli Deviyani Subramanyar havan\*, Ganapathi havan\*, Prayaschiththa havan, Sankalpa for navarathna offering, Kalasha Sthapanam, Bhog and Arti; Lunch (Mahaprasad);**

*Havans for the Moorthi's are performed by reciting the Moola Manthra of each Moorthi. Shikhar Kalash are taken in procession and installed on the shikhars.*

**4 pm to 9 pm:** **Kalasha Aradhanam, Shikhara Parivara Devatha havan\*, Jeevathi Thathvanyasa havan, Bhog and Arti; Cultural Program (upstairs); Dinner (Mahaprasad);**  
*The Havan to instill life into the Kalash and through that the into the Shikhars and Havans for all the Parivara Devathas are performed.*

### Fourth Day: 10/23/2016, Sunday - Dwara, Thora

#### Kumbha Aradhana

**7:30 am to 1 p.m.:** **Suprabatha, Nithya Aradhana; Sakala Devatha Pranaprathishtapana havan, Pranadhi Dasavayunyasa havan, Prayaschiththa havan, Maha Poornahuthi, Yatra Dhanam, Kalasha Kumbhabhishekam, Sarvadevatha Kumbha Prokshanam & Abhishekam, Acharya Sambhavana, Bhog and Arti; Lunch (Mahaprasad)**

*On the last day, Havans are again performed for all devathas. and for all the accompanying deities to reinfuse their energies. To seek His forgiveness for any inadvertent mistakes, a Prayaschiththa Havan is performed. To complete the Yagna, our offerings are given to Agni in a Maha Purnahuthi. The sacred water in the Shikhar Kalasha is taken around the Temple and Abhishek is performed on the new Shikhars to consecrate them. The Mandal Kalash holy water is then taken into the Temple in procession to perform the Abhishekam or Prokshanam( Sprinkling) over the deities for the re-consecration of the deities and the renewal of their cosmic energy. We thank and honor our Priests for helping with the conduct of the rituals.*

**5 pm to 8 pm:** **Sundarkand parayana, Cultural program (upstairs). Bhog and Arthi; (Celebratory Dinner);**

**May the Lord's Blessings be with you and yours.**

**To reserve a Havan\* or a Puja\*, please contact Manoj Rajgarhia at 585-226-1628**  
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**For sponsorships, volunteering, and/or additional details, you may contact any of the following:**

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Yes, I am excited at the opportunity to join in completing our Temple Shikhar and want to be a part of this rare, auspicious occasion. Here is my contribution to ensure the successful completion of this blessed event. (Please see the other side for many other ways you could show your support for and participate in this grand function .)

Please send your check to (Please write shikhar in the memo area.)

The Hindu Temple of Rochester  
ATTN: Shikhar  
P.O. Box 20061  
Rochester, NY 14602

Each donation of \$1000 entitles you to a "brick" on the wall of appreciation in your name, in your child's name or family name.

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I am interested in volunteering:  
Please contact me at: (Phone) \_\_\_\_\_; (email) \_\_\_\_\_

Name: (Last) \_\_\_\_\_, (First) \_\_\_\_\_; City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Many ways to participate in and show your strong support for this grand function and support, such as

- Major Sponsorship: (see the other side)
- Kalash Sponsorship: (\$10,000; Limited to 5)
- Sponsor a Door: \$2000
- Sponsor a Window: \$1500
- Haven Sponsorship: \$1000. (Please contact to pick a time and haven)
- Mandala Kalash Sponsorship: \$250 (Limited to 81)
- Navarathna (to be placed in the Shikhar Kalash) sponsorship: \$101
- Flowers and garlands: \$101
- Annadhanam: \$101.
- Other: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in volunteering. Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_  
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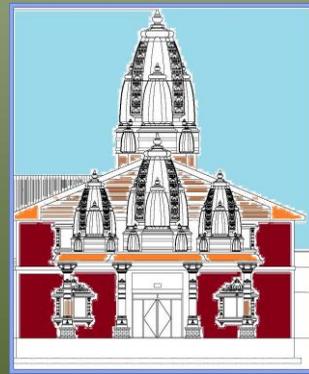


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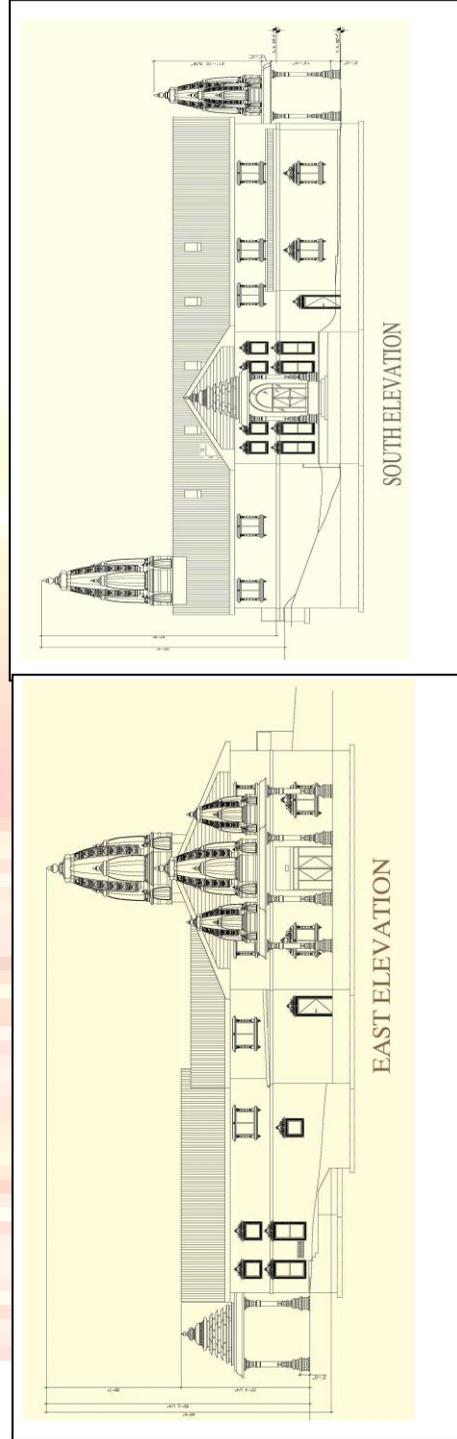
## Shikhar Installation & Consecration

**October 20-23, 2016**

### PROGRAM



Please visit Temple Website for updates  
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*SUBHAMASTHU!*

### *Temple is counting on your support!*

As you realize, installing the Shikhar is **an important, necessary, and serious undertaking for our Temple**, requiring significant resources. Temple needs lot of help to make this a grand function that it should be. There are many ways you could contribute to the success of the function. Please answer the call for volunteers and join the dedicated, fun group of volunteers in the numerous activities that are planned. Please donate generously to make this a successful and satisfying special event. You could become a Pradhan Sponsor, or a sponsor at any level. You may want to be a sponsor of a Shikhar Kalash or sponsor any of the 15 havans. You could also contribute to the Indianization of the Temple by sponsoring a door or window decoration. We will need lot of flowers and garlands and you could help with that. Or you could contribute to one of the greatest of Dhanams – Annadhanam. So, as you can see, there are plenty of ways for you to take advantage of the Blessing to be a significant part of this event. Please use the Support Form that you find in this flyer to make your choice and send in your check. If you would like to pay by your credit card, please contact the Priest. You could also pay using the PayPal account by visiting our Temple's website.

Please email [president@hindutempleofrochester.com](mailto:president@hindutempleofrochester.com) your inquiries and your interest in volunteering. Please visit Temple's website for updates.

Working together, we can make this a very memorable and spiritually satisfying function. Our Temple looks forward to your participation and strong show of support.

*May the Lord's Blessings be with you and yours.*