



# Sri Siva Vishnu Temple

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**COVID-19 Temple Operations:** As of publication, **normal temple hours have resumed**. As a precautionary measure, devotees are encouraged to continue wearing face masks, but it is not mandatory. The temple kitchen remains open to devotees.

## Tulasi Kalyanam

*Friday, November 4, 2022*

The Dwaadasi day (12th day of the lunar fortnight) following Deepavali is celebrated as Tulasi Kalyanam. Legend has it that Lord Krishna married Tulasi Devi on that day. In many Udipi Krishna temples, Tulasi Kalyanam is performed all 12 days in Sri Madhwa tradition.

6:00 pm Purvanga Puja, Sri Krishna Aradhana, Tulasi Puja, Tulasi Kalyanam, Deeparadhana

**Sponsorship: \$31**

## Devasena Kalyana Utsavam

*Saturday, November 5, 2022*

11:00 am Devasena Kalyana Utsavam

**Sponsorship: \$31**

## Geetha Jayanthi (Guruvayoor Ekadashi) *Saturday, December 3, 2022*

The Shukla Ekadasi prior to Vaikunta Ekadasi was the day when Lord Krishna imparted the Bhagavad Gita to His devotee, Arjuna. This is celebrated as Geetha Jayanthi. It is also an important Ekadasi in many parts of India, especially in Guruvayoor. Special Pujas will be held to celebrate both events.

9:30 am Bhagavad Gita Homa, Aradhana to Lord Krishna, Narayaneeyam Parayanam, Deeparadhana

10:30 am Sri Krishna Abhisheka, Deeparadhana

**Sponsorship: Homa & Abhisheka - \$51; Homa or Abhisheka - \$31**

### *Scenes from Deepavali Celebrations - October 24, 2022*



# RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

## November 2022

Tue 1	10:00 AM	Utsava Srinivasa Abhisheka - Shravana
Fri 4		<b>TULASI KALYANAM - SEE DETAILS</b>
	10:00 AM	Mahalakshmi Abhisheka
	7:00 PM	Ananthapadmanabha Abhisheka - Ekadashi
Sat 5	11:00 AM	<b>DEVASENA KALYANAM - SEE DETAILS</b>
	3:15 PM	Shani Maha Pradosham - Siva Abhisheka
	6:00 PM	Srinivasa Kalyanam
Mon 7		<b>UMA MAHESHWAR VRATA</b>
	6:00 PM	<b>SIVA ANNABHISHEKA</b>
	7:00 PM	Siva Abhisheka - Kartika Somavar
	7:00 PM	Satyanarayana Puja - Kartika Poomima
Wed 9	10:00 AM	Utsava Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Krittika
Thu 10	10:00 AM	Krishna Abhisheka - Rohini
Fri 11	9:30 AM	Ganesha Homa - Sankatahara Chaturthi
	10:00 AM	Sarada Abhisheka
	6:00 PM	Ganesha Abhisheka - Sankatahara Chatruthi
Sun 13	10:00 AM	Sri Rama Abhisheka - Punarvasu
Mon 14	10:00 AM	Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Shashti
	7:00 PM	Siva Abhisheka - Kartika Somavara
Thu 17		<b>AYYAPPA MANDALA PUJA BEGINS - SEE PAGE 7-8</b>
Fri 18	10:00 AM	Andal Abhisheka - Poorva Phalguni
	10:00 AM	Parvathi Abhisheka
	7:15 PM	Bhagavati Seva
Sat 19		Irumudi Abhisheka / Special Ayyappa Puja
	6:00 PM	Ananthapadmanabha Abhisheka - Ekadashi
Sun 20		Irumudi Abhisheka / Special Ayyappa Puja
Mon 21	7:00 PM	Siva Abhisheka - Kartika Somavara / Pradosha
Tue 22	9:30 AM	Sudarshana / Yoga Narasimha Homa - Swathi
	10:30 AM	Sudarshana / Yoga Narasimha Abhisheka - Swathi
Wed 23	10:00 AM	Utsava Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Vishakha
Thu 24		<b>THANKSGIVING DAY</b>
Fri 25	10:00 AM	Anjaneya Abhisheka - Mula
	11:00 AM	Durga Abhisheka
Sat 26		Irumudi Abhisheka / Special Ayyappa Puja
	9:30 AM	Ganesha Homa - Chaturthi
	10:30 AM	Ganesha Abhisheka - Chaturthi
Sun 27		Irumudi Abhisheka / Special Ayyappa Puja

Sun 27	9:30 AM	Navagraha Homa
	10:30 AM	Navagraha Abhisheka
Mon 28	10:00 AM	Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Shashti
	10:00 AM	Utsava Srinivasa Abhisheka - Shravana
	7:00 PM	Siva Abhisheka - Karthika Somavara

## December 2022

Fri 2	10:00 AM	Mahalakshmi Abhisheka
Sat 3		<b>GURUVAYOOR EKADASHI / GEETHA JAYANTHI - SEE DETAILS</b>
		Irumudi Abhisheka / Special Ayyappa Puja
	5:00 PM	Srinivasa Kalyanam
	6:00 PM	Ananthapadmanabha Abhisheka
Sun 4		Irumudi Abhisheka / Special Ayyappa Puja
Mon 5	7:00 PM	Siva Abhisheka - Pradosham
Tue 6	10:00 AM	Utsava Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Krittika
	6:00 PM	Karthika & Vishnu Deepam
Wed 7		Sarvalaya Deepam
	10:00 AM	Krishna Abhisheka - Rohini
	7:00 PM	Satyanarayana Puja - Poomima
Fri 9	10:00 AM	Sarada Abhisheka
Sat 10		Irumudi Abhisheka / Special Ayyappa Puja
Sun 11		Irumudi Abhisheka / Special Ayyappa Puja
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Tue 13	10:00 AM	Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Shashti

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### WEEKLY ABHISHEKAS

<b>Monday:</b>	9:30 AM	<b>Ganesha, Sri Rama</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	9:30 AM	<b>Durga, Anjaneya</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	9:30 AM	<b>Andal, Sarada, Navagrahas</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	9:30 AM	<b>Krishna, Subrahmanya</b>
<b>Friday:</b>	9:30 AM	<b>Mahalakshmi, Parvati, Sudarsana/Yoga Narasimha</b>
<b>Saturday:</b>	10:15 AM	<b>Venkateswara</b>

### DAILY ABHISHEKAS

<b>Daily:</b>	9:30 AM	<b>Ayyappa, Ananthapadmanabha</b>
	10:00 AM	<b>Siva</b>

### Annual and Lifetime Puja Sponsorship

एकं सद्दिप्रा बहुधा वदन्ति (Ekam Sat Vipraha Bahuda Vadanti)  
- Rig Veda (1.164.46)

The truth is one; but the wise, talk of many.

The one God, in His/Her infinite compassion, takes on several forms (*Ishta Devata* – personal God) to fulfill the needs and aspirations of His/Her devotees. Sri Siva Vishnu Temple was founded on this principle of having several *Ishta Devatas* to meet the needs of a wide range of devotees. Worship of *Ishta Devata* and *Kula Devata* (Family Deity) is a special tradition to all Hindus. Supporting the rituals to various Deities according to one's choice and ability not only helps in maintaining this tradition, but it is recommended by the scriptures as one's duty. By supporting such activities in the temple, benefits accrue to the masses, and it sets a good example for future generations to follow.

Certain pujas are not conducive to be performed at home on a regular basis (ex. Siva Abhisheka, Padi Puja for Lord Ayyappa, or Butter Alankara for Lord Anjaneya) but are easily possible in a temple setting. Our scriptures place an emphasis on doing Pujas for the various deities on important days at the appropriate time (thithis); but due to schedules and other responsibilities, devotees may not be able to personally participate in these activities.

Supporting the worship of your *Ishta Devatas* on important days during the year has been made easy through the *Annual and Lifetime Sponsorship Program* at SSVT. Sponsorship of your favorite deities will ensure that Pujas are done on your behalf on special days regardless of if you are present on that day. These tax-deductible sponsorship donations are at a discount compared to sponsorship of individual programs during the course of the year. Annual sponsorships are valid for one year from the date of sponsorship. Lifetime sponsorships are valid in perpetuity and are deposited into the Sri Siva Vishnu Temple Endowment.

You have helped build one of the largest temples in the United States; now consider extending the same generosity to ensure its future. Sponsor an *Ishta Deity* for a year, or in perpetuity and preserve Dharma today and for the future.

“धर्मो रक्षति रक्षितः” meaning *Dharma protects those who protect Dharma*.

For more information and sponsorship details – please contact Manager Ananth Iyengar at [puja@ssvt.org](mailto:puja@ssvt.org) or by phone at

(301) 552-3335. Thank you for your support!

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### About Sri Siva Vishnu Temple (SSVT):

Located outside of Washington D.C., Sri Siva Vishnu Temple is a premier Hindu temple with a congregation and community base of tens of thousands of Indian Americans, Hindu Americans and devotees across the globe. The temple houses several Sannidhis (shrines) which were consecrated between 1990 and 2002. As a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization, SSVT serves the religious, cultural, and educational needs of the Hindu community and has represented the Hindu American community.

Support our temple while shopping online - search for and add **Sri Siva Vishnu Temple Trust** as your charity to support on [AmazonSmile](#) and contribute while making purchases  
SSVT Combined Federal Campaign Number: 47090

### COVID-19 Operations

The following procedures continue to remain in place for all devotees and visitors:

- Face masks are encouraged; maintain six feet from others where possible.
- Devotees who are feeling unwell or have a fever are encouraged to refrain from visiting the temple.
- The Temple Kitchen is open!

### Temple Hours

Monday - Friday	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
	5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Saturday - Sunday	9:00 AM - 9:00 PM
Puja Sponsorships are available <a href="#">online</a> or by calling (301) 552-3335.	

## Chairperson's Corner

November is always an exciting month for our temple. This is the time we begin to reflect on the year and all that we have done - religious services/pujas, educational programs, and cultural performances, the core tenets of our temple. The phenomenal success from the year is not because of a select few, but because of the dedicated many who volunteer for our temple. Our volunteers are the backbone of our temple, and serve our devotees with utmost passion and care. The year's successes reflect the commitment from our volunteers. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I personally thank each and every volunteer for their time, patience, and perseverance to help our temple serve our devotees. Nothing would have been possible without your generous support. To recognize our volunteers, we are planning to have a Volunteer Appreciation program slated for some time in December - be on the lookout for additional details once it is finalized. All volunteers are cordially invited. Volunteering is an act of kindness, with nothing in return; if you are interested in joining us, please send an email to [ssvt@ssvt.org](mailto:ssvt@ssvt.org) or [chairperson@ssvt.org](mailto:chairperson@ssvt.org). November also signifies the beginning of the Mandala-Makaravilakku season (November 17th) when the temple reverberates with the chanting of "Sarana Ghosham" by Ayyappa devotees from across the country.

The temple celebrated Deepavali with great flare this year. As a welcome-back to some pre-COVID traditions, all enjoyed a wonderful fireworks show, food and sweets on October 24th. Please see the first page for photos from the event!

Looking ahead, the temple will also be hosting a mini-Bazaar on November 5th. Our Kitchen staff, volunteers, and coordinators have put in a lot of effort for this mini-Bazaar; please come and enjoy the delicious food along with your family.

As I mentioned previously, the Embassy of India, Washington D.C., in association with our temple, and VFS Global will host a Consular Camp at our temple on Saturday, November 19, 2022. Applicants will be able to get their completed applications verified and submitted in person for Passport, OCI, Renunciation, Police Clearance Certificate, Visa, and GEP applications only. The camp is open to customers who qualify under the jurisdiction of the Embassy of India, Washington DC only. Applicants may visit [this link for more information](#) and steps to submit applications at the Consular Camp.

Finally, our annual fundraising Gala event will be on Saturday, December 3, 2022. I personally invite you to attend this virtual fundraiser from the comfort of your own home via our YouTube livestream. We will have performances by Abby V, a young singer, songwriter, music producer/composer from Toronto, Canada. He covers all genres of music including classical - Carnatic, Hindustani, Filmy - South Indian, Hindi, and Pop Music. We also plan to include local youth presenting dance and fusion music. We're also planning to have a keynote address by Dr. Vasant Narasimhan, Chief Executive Officer of Novartis.

I humbly request you to consider supporting our temple. As we approach the end of the year, I know there are many organizations you may be considering supporting, and I hope SSVT is one such organization. No amount is too small, your tax-deductible contribution will help us have a temple for today and the future!

As always, may the Gods and Goddesses of Sri Siva Vishnu Temple bless you, and your family with good health and prosperity. Please feel free to contact me by email at [chairperson@ssvt.org](mailto:chairperson@ssvt.org) or by phone at (501) 960-2807 if I can be of any assistance. Respectfully,

*Murali Elambilan*

Murali Elambilan  
2022 Chairperson, Board of Trustees

## Scenes from Navaratri Celebrations



## SSVT COMMUNITY SERVICE

### Join the Charity Committee

The primary objective is to integrate and formalize SSVT's charitable activities and to conduct these activities in a systematic and continual basis. The Charity Committee has helped strengthen the fourth pillar of the temple which involves social outreach and community service. The committee has conducted several charitable events and programs including a Grab 'n Go Grocery distribution drive (in partnership with other organizations) at the temple. To learn more and to join the Charity Committee, please contact Raji Ramesh at (630) 337-3814, or Murali Elambilan at (501) 960-2807.

### Homeless SEVA - Sandwich Program

#### (Resumed - 2nd Saturday of each month)

Each month, on the 2nd Saturday, volunteers make sandwiches for the homeless. Every time, roughly about 1500 sandwiches are prepared and delivered to Martha's Table, a DC shelter. SSVT encourages all devotees, especially youth, to participate in this program. Maryland school students can earn Student Service Learning (SSL) hours – a high school graduation requirement. Please meet at Temple Dining Hall at 10:30 AM. For additional information, please contact T.H. Mishra at [Jaithm@gmail.com](mailto:Jaithm@gmail.com) / (571) 214-3198

### Garden Committee Updates

Many volunteers have come together to help improve and keep the temple grounds clean and beautiful. They have volunteered over many weeks to transform the gardens and temple greenery to what you see today. Their constant stewardship to maintain our landscapes has allowed for the gardens to grow and bloom beautifully. Many devotees enjoy the temple grounds whenever they visit and so can you. We have dedicated garden plots to a variety of plants and flowers as well as a large plot to grow various vegetables for temple use. We are still a long way from a perfect garden, and we can use your help. Please consider volunteering your time (just a couple of hours over the weekend). Maryland school students can earn Student Service Learning (SSL) hours – a high school graduation requirement. To sign-up, please visit our website at [www.ssvt.org](http://www.ssvt.org). Please consider donating to this effort as well; no amount is too small – all contributions will go towards beautifying our temple grounds. We sincerely thank you for your support in this effort.

## SSVT SENIOR CITIZENS MEET UP (Resumed In-Person Meetings)

The SSVT Senior Citizens Group meets once a month on the third Wednesday in the auditorium from 11 am to 1 pm. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are not hosting a potluck lunch, instead, we ask attendees to bring their own snacks and water.

We invite all seniors 55+ to join us at the meetings and share our seniors-related common interests. We invite speakers from within and outside the group to talk on topics of interest to senior citizens, such as those related to health, religion, finance, legal matters, vacation travel, etc. We also hold programs such as music & comedy, picnics and bus trips which would help promote social interaction between members of the group.

For more information please email Satyen Verma, Senior Citizen Group Coordinator, at [seniorcitizensgroup2022@gmail.com](mailto:seniorcitizensgroup2022@gmail.com)

## Sri Shirdi Sai Baba Aradhana Center at Sri Siva Vishnu Temple

Sri Siva Vishnu Temple's dedicated **Sri Shirdi Sai Baba Aradhana Center** is now open in the Aakaar area (behind the Auditorium stage). Please consider donating to support the Sri Shirdi Sai Baba Aradhana Center at SSVT. The Sai Aradhana Center is currently being built on the temple grounds. Please consider supporting this effort. For more information please contact: Sreekumar Sreedharan 703-622-5542; Shobha Prasad 240-568-9151; Mythili Bachu 301-526-5135; Sridevi Umesh 301-560-3102; Srini Tirumalasetti 443-540-4110; Rohini Homnappa 240-441-1266; Sujatha Badrinath 301-805-1943

### Virtual Personal/Group Purva Prayoga Pujas

In addition to livestreams over YouTube, devotees can request Virtual Personal/Group Purva Prayoga Pujas through a temple provided Zoom for Archanas, Abhishekas, Homas, and Satyanaryana Puja

For more information, please contact Sri Ananth Iyengar at [puja@ssvt.org](mailto:puja@ssvt.org) or (301) 552-3335

## Udupi Puthige Math Swamiji visits SSVT

Shri Sugunendra Theertha Swamiji, Chief Pontiff of Udupi Sri Puthige Matha visited Sri Siva Vishnu Temple on October 8, 2022. SSVT hosted this unique event for Swamiji where he accepted felicitations from various other temples and community organizations, gave a lucid and erudite lecture on Geeta's teachings for the current times, gave Geeta Lekhana japa deeksha to scores and conducted evening "Thottilu puja" in the Udupi madhva sampradaya way to Shri Krishna at the vasanta mantapam, to the delight of devotees.

Parama Poojya Swamiji is the Pradhaana Acharya (primary guide and preceptor) and nirneta or nirnaayaka (traditional architect of the puja protocols) of the maadhwa sampradaya paddhati followed for the aradhana of Sri Udupi Krishna at the temple. As the only sanyaasi visiting USA from the eight Udupi Ashta mataa-s (a system of eight monastries) serving Shri Krishna, he is the *de facto* guide to Shri Krishna deity modeled after the Udupi protocols at SSVT.

He will be ascending the paryaya peetha of Udupi in early 2024 and will hold "Sarvajna Peetha" of Shri Madhvacharya at the Udupi Krishna Temple for two years period. Sarvajna Peetha is the traditional seat of Sri Madhvacharya that each of the eight swamijis of the Udupi matha occupy in two-year terms by rotation. Incoming Paryaya swamiji tours all over India where the devotees reside. Shri 1008 Shri Sugunendra Theertha Swamiji is touring all the major cities in the US.

Swamiji continues to do enormous service to spread Sanatana Dharma among NRIs in US, Europe and Australia. He has established more than 10 Dharmic centers in US, Europe and Australia for this purpose. Shri Krishna Vrindavana temples operating outside of India with him as the resident Achaarya bring the flavor and spirit of Krishna Bhakthi world-over. He has worked with ISKCON and other Hindu organizations in spreading the message of Hindu Dharma. In addition to many other dharmic projects, he had established Gita Mandira at Udupi, a magnificent temple to celebrate and propagate Gita.



On October 8th at SSVT, representatives of JSS organization, Rajdhani Mandhir, ISKCON, Kannada Koota and Vishwa Madhwa Sangha Swamiji offered their respects to Swamiji and recognized his continuous service to Hindu Dharma. JSS leaders highlighted the sense of harmony that Swamiji brings when interacting with monks and members of other Hindu religious schools. ISKCON temple leader pointed to the incident in 1976 when Srila Sri Prabhupada, the founder of ISKCON, visited Udupi before leaving for USA when he got blessings from the very same younger Swamiji holding his first Paryaaya peeta at that time. An amazing travel through time underscoring the leela of Shri Krishna who brings different people and beings together creating harmony and coalescence.



In his benedictory lecture, Swamiji pointed to the malice of modern technology that provides physical and material comfort while extracting a heavy toll on our inner peace and ability for reflection. He prescribed selected verses of Bhagavat Gita as a remedy to this and advised on the need of listening, studying, reflecting and meditating upon the eternal teachings of Shri Krishna. Subsequently, Pujya swamiji gave Gita Lekhana Deeksha to people who took a vow in his presence to write Gita 1-2 Shlokas a day and complete the writing in 1-2 years in any language script. The registered devotees were

given a notebook and a Gita book for this purpose. All these 'written japa' notebooks will be offered to Lord Krishna in Udupi from Jan 2024-2026 during Swamiji's paryaya duration. Those who still want to participate in this unique yajna could register and start the lekhana (written) japa from the URL: <https://www.shriputhige.org/?q=en/content/kgly>

Swamiji visited the sanctum of Shri Krishna and offered upachara-s to bhagwan. A solemn and peaceful "thottilu puja" followed - where Shri Krishna the Divine Child was brought to a cradle, offered aradhana with veda mantras, stotras, melodious songs, sweet upacharas to rest Him for the night. Swamiji, with love of a mother, tucked Him in with gentle rocking of the cradle. Devotees, trustees of the temple and the volunteers delightfully observed this traditional puja, and showed their respects to and received prasadam from Swamiji.

An ardent follower of Shri Krishna's universal message of harmony and equanimity, Shri Sugunendra Tirtha Swamiji is a Dharma Achaarya eliciting respect and honors from various Hindu traditions and other faiths. SSVT congregation was fortunate to have him in our midst at the temple even for a few hours on October 8th. This was a rare and once in a life-time event where a paryaya-ordained Udupi Krishna Mutt Swamiji himself came to our midst to initiate us for sadhana of written Japa - of Sri Krishna's Bhagavat Gita.



Details of Shri Sugunendra Theertha Swamiji and his dharmic activities could be found at: [www.shriputhige.org](http://www.shriputhige.org)



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## 2022-2023 Ayyappa Mandala Makarotsavam Schedule

### DAILY PUJA SCHEDULE

9:30 am - 11:00 am Ayyappa Puja (Abhishekam, Ashtothra Archana, Deeparadhana)  
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Sahasranama Stotram, Athaazha Puja, Seeveli, Harivarasanam

### SPECIAL PUJA SCHEDULE

8:00 am - 10:00 am Irumudi Preparation & Climbing of Holy Steps  
9:30 am Suprabhatham  
10:00 am Abhishekam  
10:30 am Alankaram, Bhajan  
11:15 am Sahasranamam, Ashtothram, Ayyappa Ashtakam, Kavacham, Deeparadhana, Namaskaram, Padi Pattu, Deeparadhana, Temple Song  
1:00 pm Prasadam distribution

**PLEASE NOTE – CLIMBING OF HOLY STEPS ONLY ON SPECIAL AYYAPPA PUJA DAYS.**  
Registration is mandatory. To register click here: <https://www.ssvt.org/ayyappa-mandalam/>

### Wednesday, November 16, 2022

9:30 am - 12:00 pm Bimba Sudhi  
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Praasatha Sudhi

### Thursday, November 17, 2022

#### MANDALA UTSAVA AARAMBHAM

8:00 am - 9:00 am Ganapathi Homam  
9:00 am - 9:30 am **Dwaja Aarohanam**  
10:00 am - 1:00 pm SAHASRAABHISHEKAM, Ayyappa Puja, Deeparadhana  
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm **PADI PUJA,**  
8:00 pm - 9:00 pm Athaazha Puja, Seeveli, Harivarasanam

### Saturday, November 19, 2022

8:00 am - 2:00 pm Special Ayyappa Puja, **UDAYASTHAMANA PUJA**

### Sunday, November 20, 2022

8:00 am - 1:00 pm Special Ayyappa Puja

### Saturday, November 26, 2022

8:00 am - 1:00 pm Special Ayyappa Puja, **PUSHPAALANKARAM**

### Sunday, November 27, 2022

8:00 am - 1:00 pm Special Ayyappa Puja  
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm **PUSHPABHISHEKAM**, Seeveli, Harivarasanam

### Saturday, December 3, 2022

8:00 am - 1:00 pm Special Ayyappa Puja, **NEYYABHISHEKAM**

### Sunday, December 4, 2022

8:00 am - 1:00 pm Special Ayyappa Puja

### Saturday, December 10, 2022

8:00 am - 1:00 pm Special Ayyappa Puja, **KALABHAABHISHEKAM**

### Sunday, December 11, 2022

8:00 am - 1:00 pm Special Ayyappa Puja

### Saturday, December 17, 2022

8:00 am - 1:00 pm Special Ayyappa Puja, **ASHTABHISHEKAM**

### Sunday, December 18, 2022

8:00 am - 1:00 pm Special Ayyappa Puja

### Saturday, December 24, 2022

8:00 am - 1:00 pm Special Ayyappa Puja, **DEEPALANKARAM**

### Sunday, December 25, 2022

8:00 am - 1:00 pm Special Ayyappa Puja

### Monday, December 26, 2022

8:00 am - 1:00 pm Special Ayyappa Puja, **NAVAKA KALASA ABHISHEKAM**

### Tuesday, December 27, 2022

#### MANDALA PUJA

8:00 am - 1:00 pm Special Ayyappa Puja, Nirmalya Darsanam, Abhishekam, **MANDALA PUJA**, Archana, Deeparadhana  
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Bhajan, Sahasranama Stotram, Deeparadhana, Athazha Puja, **Seeveli with Thalapoli, Bhasmabhishekam**, Harivarasanam

### Saturday, December 31, 2022

8:00 am - 1:00 pm Special Ayyappa Puja

### Saturday, January 7, 2023

8:00 am - 1:00 pm Special Ayyappa Puja, **CHANDANAKKAPPU**

### Sunday, January 8, 2023

8:00 am - 1:00 pm Special Ayyappa Puja

### Saturday, January 14, 2023

#### MAKARA VILAKKU

8:00 am - 1:00 pm Special Ayyappa Puja, **Makara Sankramabhishekam**, Archana, Deeparadhana  
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm **THIRUVABHARANAM**, Deeparadhana, Sahasranama Stotram, **Seeveli with Thalapoli**, Acharya Sambhavana, Bhasmabhishekam, Harivarasanam,

### Sunday, January 15, 2023

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Malikappurthamma Puja

### Monday, January 16, 2023

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Malikappurthamma Puja

### Tuesday, January 17, 2023

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Malikappurthamma Puja

### Wednesday, January 18, 2023

9:30 am - 12:30 pm **Kalabha Puja & KALABHABHISHEKAM**

### Thursday, January 19, 2023

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Bhajan, **Dwaja Avarohanam**, **GURUTHI PUJA**, Bhasmabhishekam, Harivarasanam

## 2022-2023 SSVT AYYAPPA MANDALA MAKARA SANKRANTI PUJA SPONSORSHIP FORM



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Date(s) of Puja	Puja Sponsored	Amount
All Year	<b>All Puja for Season &amp; Monthly Puja</b>	\$ 501.00
11/16/2022 – 01/19/2023	<b>All Puja for Entire Season</b>	\$ 351.00
See Schedule	All Special Ayyappa Puja	\$ 251.00
11/17/2022	<b>MANDALOTHSAVA AARAMBHAM</b>	\$ 61.00
11/17/2022	<b>PADI PUJA</b>	\$ 31.00
11/27/2022	Pushpabhishekam	\$ 31.00
12/27/2022	<b>MANDALA PUJA</b>	\$ 61.00
01/14/2023	<b>MAKARA SANKRANTHI</b>	\$ 61.00
	One Day Weekend Special Puja	\$ 51.00
	One day Regular Puja	\$ 31.00
	Irumudi Materials & Abhishekam	\$ 91.00
	Irumudi Abhishekam	\$ 31.00
	Annadhanam	\$
	Donation	\$
<b>TOTAL Sponsorship (Check/Cash Enclosed):</b>		<b>\$</b>

Please make check payable to SSVT

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### AYYAPPA MANDALA - MAKAROTSAVAM

## Austerities and Preparation required for the Pilgrimage to Ayyappa Sannidhi with Irumudi

### Ayyappa Vratam

Devotees who wish to go to Sabarimala have to observe vratam (follow certain austerities) for one mandalam (41 days) to purify the mind and soul. On the first day of the month of Karthika/ Vrichikam (the middle of November), devotees wear the mudra maala and start the vratam.

### Manthram to be chanted before wearing mudra maala

*Gjaana Mudraam Saasthru Mudraam Guru Mudraam Namaamyaham  
 Vana Mudraam Sudha Mudraam Rudra Mudraam Namaamyaham  
 Saantha Mudraam Sathya Mudraam Vritham Mudraam Namaamyaham  
 Sabaryaasrama Sathyena Mudraam Paathu Sathaapi Me  
 Gurudakshinaaya Poorvam Thasyaanugraha Kaarine  
 Saranaagatha Mudraakayam Thivan Mudraam Dhaaraayaamyaham  
 Chin Mudraam Khechhari Mudraam Bhadra Mudraam Namaamyaham  
 Sabaryaachala Mudraayay Namasthubhyam Namah*

Devotees wear the mudra maala after chanting the above manthram

### Manthram to remove mudra maala

*Apoorvam Achaalaroha Divya Darshanakaarana  
 Saasthrumudraath Makaadeva Dehi Me Vrithamochanam*

Devotees remove the mudra maala after chanting the manthram. The mudra maala and Irumudi be kept under the feet of Lord Ayyappa and used again.

“SWAMIYE SARANAM AYYAPPA”

### Important austerities to be observed during vratam

- Observe Brahmacharyam during the vratam
- Always start the conversation with “Swami Saranam”
- Take shower twice daily and chant the names of Lord Ayyappa
- Control your temper and be kind to others
- Consume only freshly cooked vegetarian food
- Do not smoke or consume alcoholic beverages
- Attend Puja either at the temple or wherever conducted
- Treat your body, mind and intellect as the abode of Ayyappa

### How to prepare irumudi (in brief)

After performing Ayyappa Puja, fill the mudra coconut with melted ghee. If you are a Kanni Ayyappan or Kanni Maalikappuram (first timer), Guruswamy will help you to fill the mudra coconut with ghee. Mudra coconut and other Pujaitems must be placed in the front pocket of the Irumudi and the other two coconuts must be placed in the rear pocket. Always keep chanting the names of Lord Ayyappa while preparing the Irumudi. Never place the Irumudi on the floor; always place it on a towel and treat it with Bhakthi.

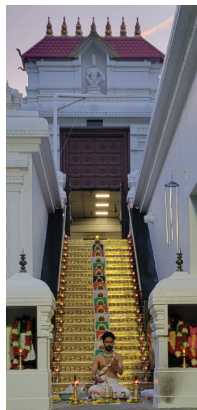
### Irumudi Items

ITEMS	QTY	COMMENTS
<b>I. MUNMUDI (FRONT)</b>		
01. Kanikka panam (coin)	1	-
02. Beetel Leaf	1	-
03. Areca Nut - Supari	1	-
04. Mudra coconut with Ghee	1	The shell has to be polished drained by removing the middle eye of the coconut; find a cork to tightly seal the opened eye
05. Honey	1bottle	Plastic; small
06. Turmeric Powder	1 packet	Small Packet
07. Sandal -		Few tablets or powder
08. Vibhoothi	1 packet	Small Packet
09. Rose Water	1bottle	Plastic; small
<b>II. PINMUDI (BACK)</b>		
01. Coconut	2(Min)	One to break before climbing Holy Steps and one to break after coming down the Steps after puja
02. Rice	1 packet	Small Packet
03. Avil	1 packet	Extra small zip lock
04. Malar	1 packet	Extra small zip lock
05. Kadali pazham or Jaggery	1	1 small piece
06. Kalkandam (Sugar Candy)	-	Few tablets
07. Dry Grape	1 packet	Extra small zip lock
08. Kumkum	1 packet	Small Packet
09. Camphor	-	Few tablets

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### MONTHLY AYYAPPA PADI PUJA AND IRUMUDI ABHISHEKAM



Consequent to the Installation and consecration of the Panchaloha Kavacham for the 18 Holy Steps, Sri Siva Vishnu Temple will be conducting monthly PADI PUJA and Irumudi Abhishekam and Puja from April to October every year. This will enable devotees to take Irumudi and climb the Holy steps during warm weather.

Devotees can prepare Irumudi at the temple. Please email [ssvt.ayyappa@gmail.com](mailto:ssvt.ayyappa@gmail.com) for additional details.

Sponsorship:

All Monthly PADI PUJAS (From April to October) - \$501.00

Monthly PADI PUJA - \$101.00

Irumudi Abhishekam and Puja - \$91.00 (Irumudi provided by Temple)

Irumudi Abhishekam and Puja - \$31.00 (Irumudi provided by devotee)

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Washington, D.C., USA

# Consular Camp By Embassy of India

**Saturday, November 19, 2022**

**10:00 am to 2:00 pm @ SSVT Auditorium**

The Embassy of India, Washington DC in association with Sri Siva Vishnu Temple and VFS Global, will host a Consular Camp at Sri Siva Vishnu Temple on Saturday, 19 November 2022. Applicants will be able to get their completed applications verified and submitted in person for Passport, OCI, Renunciation, Police Clearance Certificate, Visa and GEP applications only. Camp is open to customers who qualify under the jurisdiction of the Embassy of India, Washington DC only. Queries related to Miscellaneous services will be answered

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Sri Siva Vishnu Temple Educational Class Offerings				Fall 2022 Operation Status
Class/Program	Day(s)	Time	Age Level	-
Family Dharma Class	Sunday	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	All ages	Hybrid
SAT Exam Preparation	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	High School	Online (Zoom)
Bhagavatham	Sundays	3:45 pm – 5:45 pm	Adults	Teleconference/Online (Zoom)
Bhagavad Gita	Saturdays	10:00 am – 11:30 am	Adults	Online (Zoom)
Spoken Samskrtham	Mon & Wed	8:30 pm	All ages	Online (Zoom)
Yoga	Tues & Thur	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	All ages	In-Person & Live Stream
<b>Enrollment Details:</b> For more information, please email <a href="mailto:education@ssvt.org">education@ssvt.org</a> Thank you!				


**Balavidyalayam:**  
**DHARMA**  
**EDUCATION**  
for children

**Sunday 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. (Hybrid)**

Shlokas & Stotrams  
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Understanding Dharma through stories  
Community Service Projects

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## Educational Program on Hindu Culture

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- Shloka & Stotra
- Understanding Dharma through stories
- Yoga for concentration
- Seva - community service projects

**Time & Location:** Sundays, 10am - 12pm (Eastern US) via Zoom + 1 monthly class at SSVT

**Class fee:** Donation to SSVT **Ages:** Pre-K - Grade 8

**Teaching Assistants (TAs):** Grades 9 - 12 (SSL hours provided)

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# SPIRITUALITY IN INDIAN CLASSICAL MUSIC AND DANCE

Expression and Experience of  
Spirituality in Performing Arts

**November 12, 2022 | 11:00am - 6:00pm**



**SSVT AUDITORIUM**

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Time	Topic	Presenter
11:00am - 11:15am	Welcome & Introduction to the event	SSVT Education & Cultural
11:15am - 11:40am	<b>NAMA SANKEERTHANAM</b>	Vignesh Subramaniam
11:45am - 12:10pm	<b>KATHAK</b> – The story of the soul	Purvi Bhatt (Lasya Kathak Dance Academy)
12:15pm - 12:40pm	History of <b>BHARATHA NATYAM</b> (Connection of the art form with the temples )	Vidya Shankaranarayanan (Brihadisha Dance School)
12:45pm - 1:30PM	Expressions & Experience of Spirituality in Indian Performing Arts <b>PANEL DISCUSSION 1</b>	Aparna Ramaswamy (Setting the tone) Lakshmi Swaminathan, J. Shivakumar, Vidya Shanakaranarayanan, Purvi Bhatt
<b>Break Time (15mins)</b>		
1:45pm - 2:10pm	Raga & Bhakti in <b>CARNATIC MUSIC</b>	J. Shivakumar
2:15pm - 2:40pm	'Rasa: Essence of Emotion' in <b>KUCHIPUDI</b>	Anuradha Nehru (Kalanithi Dance school)
2:45pm - 3:10pm	Bhavam in Music Through Ragam and Laya <b>INSTRUMENTAL</b>	Hari Kapiyoor
3:15pm - 4:00pm	Expressions & Experience of Spirituality in Indian Performing Arts <b>PANEL DISCUSSION 2</b>	Aparna Ramaswamy (Setting the tone) Gokul Chandramouli, Lisa Santhanam, Anuradha Nehru, Sudeshna Basu
4:05pm - 4:30pm	Bhakti in <b>ODISSI</b>	Lisa Santhanam, Simi Mohanty (Odissi Lasya School)
4:35pm - 5:00pm	Alaap in <b>HINDUSTANI</b>	Sudeshna Basu
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<b>OPEN MIC</b> - Musicians and Dancers invited	Please email to sign up - <a href="mailto:education@ssvt.org">education@ssvt.org</a>

## Student Work from the Family Dharma Class - Significance of Deepavali

# Lighting Darkness

The word *Deepavali* can be directly defined as *deep* (row) and *avali* (lights) and is celebrated as “the Festival of Lights,” known worldwide as *Diwali*. It blesses devotees with the promise of hope and inspiration and unites those who practice one of the four dharmic religions, *Sanatan Dharm*, *Jainism*, *Sikhism*, and *Buddhism*, to reflect on the connections that bind them to loved ones and to their divine light. Observers of Diwali can celebrate for as many as five nights: *Dhanawanti Thrayodashi*, *Narak Chaturdashi*, *Diwali*, *Govardhan Puja*, and *Bhai Dhoj*. Followers of Sanatan Dharm offer prayers to Sri Lakshmi, the Goddess of Wealth and Goddess of Light. Lamps are lit to welcome Her into the home. It is also believed that Sri Lakshmi only visits a clean home, so effort is made to make homes immaculate. While the Goddess Lakshmi confers wealth, and many consider this to be *material* wealth, prayers to Goddess Lakshmi on Diwali or at any time should seek “spiritual wealth” for the upkeep of our “inner light.” It is also said that on this night, Lord Rama brought back with him Mother Sita, and the people of Ayodhya lit the streets up to welcome him home.

*Dhanawanti Thrayodashi* marks the first night of Diwali and it is also known as *Dhanteras*. A Diya is lit by a *tulsi* plant in homes. The *tulsi* plant is an herbal plant with medicinal properties. *Lord Dhanvantari* is regarded as the Hindu deity that represents the personality of Ayurveda, or the Science of Medicine that teaches how to heal from various diseases. Pujas to Goddess Lakshmi are also performed on this evening.

Following *Dhanteras*, the second night that is celebrated in some traditions is *Narak Chaturdashi*. On this day, the destructive Goddess form represented by Mother Kali destroys the demon *Narakasura*, ridding the world of sinful qualities and forces. On this day, around six o’ clock in the evening, a *diya* is lit with four wicks and placed at the front entrance of homes with the door ajar. The four wicks symbolize hope that evil from all directions will stay away. Interestingly, there is a connection with this night and Halloween or “All Hallows Eve,” which was held to ward off ghosts and bad spirits so that the coming year would bring good fortune to people. Similarly, the Diwali season ushers good energies into the homes of people, bringing them luck and good fortune in the year following it.

The third night is the main evening of Diwali where many diya lamps are lit around our homes. The front porch is decorated with *rangoli* (colorful rice) designs. Houses are abuzz with the excitement of cooking, especially with the preparation of sweets to offer and share. Diwali night may also mean a trip to the Temple where prayers and *Prasad* are offered. There is also singing of bhajans to Mother Lakshmi to celebrate the occasion. Family, friends, and all people in our tradition rejoice with each other. The atmosphere is joyful much as it was when Lord Rama returned to his home.

*Govardhan Puja* is celebrated on the fourth night of Diwali. On this evening, we recall the story of Lord Krishna lifting the Govardhan Hill with the small finger of his left hand to protect the people from a torrential rainstorm. In fact, this story is told to remind us of the prowess of God. Lord Krishna used his left hand (typically the weaker hand) and his pinky finger (the smallest or weakest finger) to lift a gigantic mountain to protect his devotees. In our home, my mother makes a Prasad plat shaped like a mountain to represent this magnificent occasion in the life and story of Lord Krishna.

Finally, the last day of Diwali is the *Bhai Dhooj* occasion. It is a celebration of the relationship between a brother and a sister, like *Raksha Bandhan*. In households with siblings, the brother would aarti his sister and she does likewise to give and receive blessings. Gifts are exchanged as it is a day to reflect on what connects. Diwali symbolizes many things: light over dark, good over evil, happiness over sadness, and achieving harmony. As Hindus (and especially young Hindus), we must uphold reverence for this sacred period in our culture as we carry our own lights into the future.

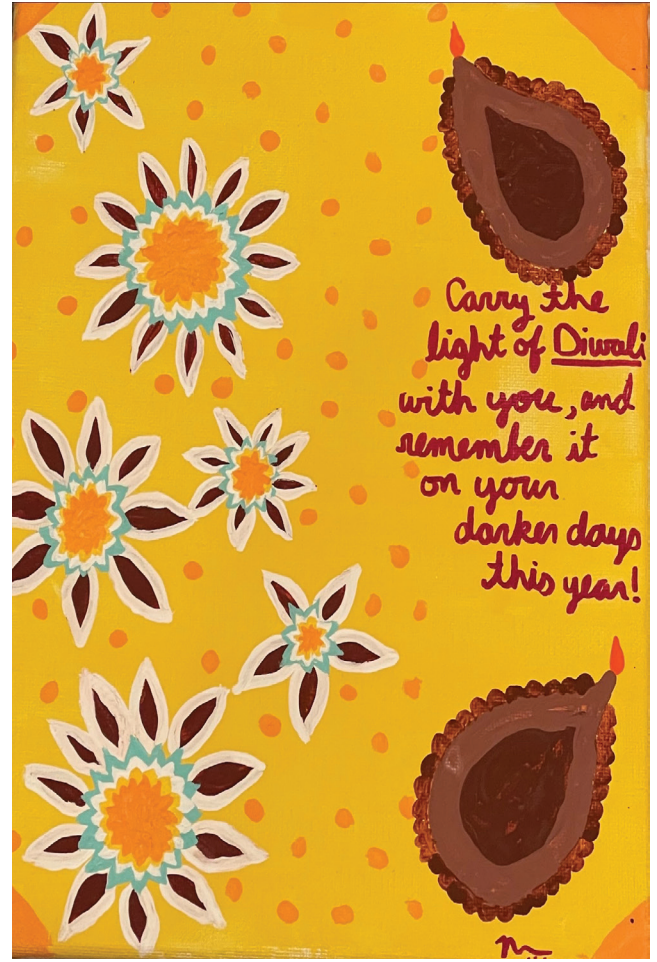
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## Student Work from the Family Dharma Class - Significance of Deepavali

The following illustrations about Deepavali were drawn by students Meghana, Nandana and Devi from the Family Dharma Class



## UPCOMING CULTURAL EVENTS

Date & Time	Event / Artist	Venue & Admission Fee
November 5; All Day	Muthuswami Dikshitar/Syama Sastry Day, Main Concert by Vid Gayathri Venkataraghavan	Auditorium/Free
November 12; 11:00 AM	Spirituality in Indian Classical Music and Dance	Auditorium/Free
<b>The Cultural Committee is reviving the Saturday afternoon <i>Vasanth Mantapam Mini-Concert Series</i>, in-person. Local children and artists can present a 1-hour video concert and we prefer that artists perform with accompaniments. Please email the Cultural Committee at <a href="mailto:cultural@ssvt.org">cultural@ssvt.org</a> if you have any questions, or to schedule your mini-concert; <i>SSVT YouTube channel</i>: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/c/SSVTStreaming">https://www.youtube.com/c/SSVTStreaming</a></b>		

### A Review of the Hindustani Jugalbandi Concert held on September 25, 2022

Whether it was the fact that the evening began with a brief meditation or due to the beautiful blending of music with spirituality, the overall effect of this grand Jugalbandi at the Washington DC-based Sri Siva Vishnu Temple (SSVT) auditorium was a truly spiritual experience. In late September 2022, SSVT's cultural committee and the Heartfulness Institute, hosted a Hindustani classical flute-santoor Jugalbandi recital by Pt. Vivek Sonar and Pt. Madan Oak accompanied by Anirudh Changakoti on tabla. Flute-Santoor Jugalbandis are rare and innovative in Hindustani classical music; reminiscent of such concerts performed by their respective gurus Padmavibhushan Pt. Shiv Kumar Sharma and Padmavibhushan Pt. Hariprasad Chaurasia (of the Shiv-Hari fame) known for their melodic allure and the hypnotic effect. In a true reflection of the guru-shishya Parampara, these two scions gave an exhilarating and exalting performance.

Vivekji and Madanji commenced their recital with the melodious Raag Keeravani, unfurling highly nuanced 'alap' improvisations, while highlighting the important phrases of the raag, which were then followed by a euphonious 'jhor-jhala' executed with finesse and aplomb. Anirudhji's sonorous and resonant 'sangats' on the tabla were breathtaking. Exceptional 'sawaal-jawaab' between the instrumentalists and tabla player displayed by the instrumentalists who took turns to improvise exuberant sequences in a friendly competition with Anirudhji sculpting the gestalt with immaculate precision. The concert ended beautifully with Vivekji's rendition of the popular bhajan in raag mishr Khamaj -- "Vaishnav jan to' known for its lyrical fervor. The stamina and the creativity of these young artistes were remarkable. Whether you were an audience member well-versed in Indian classical music or a newcomer who just happened to like music, the effect was a mesmerizing and totally transformative evening, that left everyone wanting for more....

Srividya Sathiyamoorthy and Uday Kamath



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## Annual Sri Muthuswamy Dikshitar & Sri Syama Sastri (MDSS) Festival



**Sat Nov 5, 2022 (8:00 AM to 9:00 PM)**

**Live Online & In - Person Program**

**Sun Nov 6 2022 (Program Tentative)**

**Admission Free Donations welcome**

8:00 - 8.10am	Invocation By Geethamrutha Students
8:10 -9:30 am.	Program to be finalized
9:30 - 10:00 am	VK Music School - Vaidehi Kannan & Students
10:00 am.	Welcome Address By Raghuram Tumkur (SSVT Cultural Committee)
10:10 am.	Presentation of Annual Report 2022 (Online) By Kannan Ramaswamy <u>2022 Festival Brochures Presentation</u> Sri Rama Vibhakthi Krithis of Dikshitar Sri Syama Sastri's Tamil Compositions By <u>Jayanthi Ramaswamy</u> <u>Online Brochure Presentation &amp; In-Person Program</u>
<u>11.30 - 1:00 pm.</u>	Sri Rama Vibhakthi Krithis Presentation by: Geethamrutha Students (Vocal)
<u>1:00 - 2:30 pm.</u>	Group Presentation of Syama Sastri's Ratna Trayam Swarajathis and Tamil Compositions by Local Artists & Students.
2:30 -3:30 pm	Teacher's Program (TBD)
3:30 - 4:30 pm	Sri J Shivakumar & Gamakam Group: Lecture Demo. Rare Dikshitar Krithis in Raganga (Asampurna Mela) Ragas.
4:30pm-5:15 pm	Stage Setup/ Sound Test
5:30 - 8:30 pm	<u>SATURDAY GRAND EVENING CONCERT</u> <u>Vocal concert by Smt. Gayathri Vekataraghavan</u> <u>Artists</u>

For more information and to receive email updates from the Cultural Committee,  
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**Nov 5/6 2022**

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Vid B Sivaraman  
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Nov 5, 2022

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**DhIA Foundation will fund 15 proposals - details provided below.**

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