

MAHA KUMBHABHISHEKAM CEREMONIES HIGHLIGHTS

Date	Time	Ceremonies	Comments
1-09-05 Thursday	11.30 am	Commencement of Ceremonies Reception and appointment of Presiding Priest, Advisor, and Priests Obeisance to Ganesha, remover of obstacles. Permission & blessings from God Maha Lakshmi Havan Ritualistic Resolution of Maha Kumbhabhishekam	Current Building
	7.00 pm	Reception to the Sthapati, and entry into New Temple Building	New Building
		Offering of rice grains to new Icons by devotees, followed by a procession around the new Building.	New Building
2-09-05 Friday	09.00 am	Ganesha Havan, Maha Poornahuti Gaja, Brahmacharya Poojas Recital of Vedas, Stothras, Blessings & Dance	Current Building
	07.00 pm	Procession of waters from sacred rivers “Opening of Eyes” of new Icons. Resting of Icons in water Invitation to Celestials with Drumbeats Special Pooja to ward off negative forces	New Building New Building
3-09-05 Saturday	09.00 am	Navagraha Havan and Abhishekam Thisa Havan (to ward off negative forces)	Current Building
	05.00 pm	Ratchokana Havan Vasthu Shanti – ritualistic purification of new Temple Building and its precincts.	New Building
4-09-05 Sunday	9.00 am	Homage to the Sun Deity, Sacred Cow, Ganga Starting of the sacred flame. <i>Installation of Kalahsams on top of shrines</i>	New Building
	04.00 pm	Bhoomi Devi Pooja; Mirthsankirahanam Acharya & Ejaman Rakshabandhanam Pirasanna Abhishekam and Pooja; Setting up of the Kalash (Kumbhams) Entry of Kalash into the Yagya Shala 1st Yagya Shala Havan & Pooja Sayana Rohanam	New Building Yagya Shala
5-09-05 Monday	09.00 am	2nd Yagya Shala Havan & Pooja Rudra Trisathi Havan	Yagya Shala

	04.00 pm	Sumangali Pooja Akhand Nama Chanting 3rd Yagya Shala Havan & Pooja	New Building
	05.30 pm	Placing of Yantras <i>Offerings of gold and precious stones by Devotees (till 7.30 pm)</i>	Yagya Shala
	07.30 pm	<i>Installation of the new Icons</i> Ashtabandhanam (Bonding of the Icons)	New Shrines
6-09-05 Tuesday	09.00 am	4th Yagya Shala Havan & Pooja Siva Sankalp sutha havan	Yagya Shala
	05.00 pm	5th Yagya Shala Havan & Pooja Rudra Trisathi, Lalitha Trisathi Havan <i>Devotees can apply oil to Icons from 12.00 noon till 12 noon on Wednesday.</i>	Yagya Shala New Shrines
7-09-05 Wednesday	09.00 am	6th Yagya Shala Havan & Pooja Bimba Suthi Kalash Pooja (for the purification of statues) Abhishekam of shrines by Sthapati	Yagya Shala New Shrines
	05.00 pm	Bimba Suthi, Bimba Rashabandhanam Preparation of the Shrines to receive divine energy 7th Yagya Shala Havan & Pooja Sparsaguti – Transfer of divine power to the icons Acharya Poojanam – distribution of MK attire to all Priests	New Shrines Yagya Shala
8-9-05 Thursday	08.00 am	8th Yagya Shala Havan & Pooja Navagni samyojanam	Yagya Shala
	10.00am	Maha Poornahuti; vocal, music and dance offerings	
	11.00 am	Procession of the Sthupa Kalash from the Yagya Shala to the Kalashams on top of the shrines	
	11.15 am	Kumbhabhishekam of the Sthupas	
	12.00 noon	Maha Kumbhabhishekam for all the Deities. (This fully transfers the divine powers to the new Icons.)	New Building
	12.30 pm	Maha Abhishekam, Special Pooja	

	01.00 pm	Ejama Abhishekam Maheswara Pooja (Lunch) Offerings by Representatives of Temples and Religious Organisations	
	6.00 pm	Evening Pooja Wedding of Shiva & Parvathi Procession of Deities around Temple Honouring of the Priests & Sthapatis Arathi, Veeboothi, Prasad	
9-09-05 Friday	6.30 am	Morning Pooja	
	5.00 pm	Maha Abhishekam (Mandala Abhishekam – day one.)	
	6.30 pm	Evening Pooja Wedding of Narayana & Lakshmi Arathi, Veeboothi, Prasad	

48 – DAYS OF CULTURAL AND SPIRITUAL FEAST

Devotees and friends are in for a marathon cultural and spiritual extravaganza following the Maha Kumbhabhishekam on 8 September 2005.

On the evening of 8 September 2005 the Wedding of Shiva and Parvathi will be conducted in the traditional South Indian style. The next evening will see the Wedding of Vishnu and Lakshmi in the Gujarati tradition. After the wedding each evening, the couple will go in procession around the Temple.

For the next 47 evenings there will be Bhajans, Cultural Offerings (vocal, music and dance) or spiritual discourses. Detailed program is being finalized.

Devotees who wish to participate and / or assist with any of these activities are requested to contact Utpal Mehta (9354 5864) or Niranjana Sureshan (9385 0494).