

Hindu Society
OF NORTHEAST FLORIDA

“SIDDHI VINAYAK YAJNA SHALA”

UDGHATANA MAHOTSAV

Saturday, 6th January - Sunday, Jan 14th 2024

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SIDDHI VINAYAK YAJNASHALA UDGHATANA CELEBRATIONS

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HANDBOOK TO ALL RITUALS AND YAJNAS CONDUCTED FOR ALL NINE DAYS

With Divine thoughts form Pandit Shrinath Kadambi

Let us begin the Happy New Year 2024 by adding new building for Fire Worship

The Hindu Society of Northeast Florida, scheduled Yajnashala Udghatana (Fire Altar for fire rituals) Celebrations starting from Saturday 6th January 2024, ending on Sunday 14th January 2024. The celebrations are scheduled for nine days with different yajnas, both morning and evening, with Procession, Pujas, Vedic Havans, cultural programs and Annadaan etc., This Handbook to this grand opening will be helpful to the devotees participating in different Yajnas on different days. Participate in all nine days grand opening of Yajnashala and enjoy the Divine Bliss.

Significance and importance of Yajna

This ancient tradition of Yajya incorporates the principles of theoretical knowledge and applied science and contains in it all the elements of material elements in seed form. It is a sacred process conducive to the welfare and happiness of the individual as well as the society.

The meaning or purport of the word Yajya is an act or celebration of self-giving which aims at the highest universal good, an act which is generous, magnificent, noble, and magnanimous. Yajya is a Sanskrit word which has three meanings,

- (1) divinity
- (2) organization and
- (3) charity.

These three virtues can be said to be triple divine currents of individual and social transformation. Divinity means refined personality, divine virtues. Organization implies unity, cooperation team-spirit. Charity implies generous sharing, devotion to society, and considering the entire universe as one's own family. All these three tendencies are thus combined in Yajya and it can be said to be the flaming torch of knowledge. It inspires man to translate higher sentiments and motives into righteous deeds. Coordination of knowledge and action creates the ground for making progress. Righteous deeds, which is known as tap, and true knowledge, which is known as yog, are the basis of spiritual progress.

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**यज्ञदानतपःकर्म न त्याज्यं कार्यमेव तत् ।
यज्ञो दानं तपश्चैव पावनानि मनीषिणाम् ॥ 5॥**

In Srimad Bhagavad Gita Lord Shree Krishna pronounces his verdict that we should never renounce actions which elevate us and are beneficial for humankind.

*yajña-dāna-tapaḥ-karma na tyājyaṁ kāryam eva tat
yajño dānaṁ tapaśh chaiva pāvanāni manīṣhiṇām*

PROGRAM DETAILS.

Saturday 6th January.

Inauguration Day Ribbon Cutting ceremony. 9.00 to 1.00 pm

Grand beginning with Mahasankalpa, Ganesh Puja, Vastu havan, Yajnashala Shuddhi, Highlight of the day Kalash Shobha Yatra at 12.00 noon Yajnashala Inauguration, Ribbon Cutting and Opening ceremony of Yajnashala, followed by Arati & lunch

Evening 6.00 to 7.30 pm

Lalitha Sahasranamam and Vishnu Sahasranam will be recited by the Lalitha Sahasranam Devotees of HSNEF at Yajnashala to sanctify the Yajnashala followed by Arati and Prashad

Sunday 7th January 9.30 to 12.00 noon

High Lights: Mahakumbha Sthapana, Maha Ganapati Havan, Aruna Mantra Yajna and Navafruh Yajna followed by Arati and Lunch.

We begin the celebrations with **Maha Ganapati havan** to overcome all the obstacles and successful completion of the event. The Ganapathi Havan is performed to invoke the blessings of Lord Ganesha, thereby preventing obstacles and hurdles while performing our dharma and regular duties. Invoking his blessing is beneficial before starting anything new and auspicious.

Aruna Mantra Yajna: (Rare & Important) This Yajna is very rare yajna and should be performed on Sundays. This yajna is performed for Lord Sun ‘Surya Deva’ for healthy life and cure of deceases. For Suryopasana we have many mantras, tantras and many stotras. Among them, **Aruna prasna, the sacred mantra of Yajurveda is very popular**, important and highly practiced. By performing of Aruna Prashna, parayana or yajna, it is believed one can be healed of diseases and ailments especially related to eyes and skin. By conducting the Aruna Prashna yajna the devotees are blessed with charisma and radiance like that of the Sun. Please participate in Aruna mantra Yajna, reap its benefit which is followed by Navagraha havan, Arati, and Lunch

Evening 4.00 to 7.00 pm

Highlight ‘Gayatri Yajna’ Followed by ‘Rass Garbha’ 7.00 to 9.00 pm.

Sunday 7th January evening Yajnashala Schedule is Gayatri Yajna. Since Gayatri mantra is Sun related, we wanted to schedule on Sunday. Gayatri and Yajna form an inseparable pair. One is said to be the mother and the other, the father of Bhartiya Sanatana Dharma. They are inter-dependent. Gayatri anushtan cannot be considered fully accomplished unless it is accompanied by Yajna.

Worshiping Maa Gayatri Yajna fulfills worshipers all wishes. It gives seven rewards of age, soul, subjects, animals, fame, wealth, and Brahmavarchas from Maa Gayatri are mentioned in the Atharvaveda. This Puja creates a protective shield around the seeker and protects him during times of suffering. The presence of Maa Gayatri Maha Yajna brings success, fame, wealth, and opulence along with a healthy life. Maa Gayatri Maha Yajna fulfills all wishes of worshipers.

Monday 8th January 9.30am to 12.00 noon

Mahaganapat, Gayatri & Panchasukta Havan followed by Arati & Lunch Prashad
Chanting or listening to Pancha Suktam can bless the devotees with *clarity of mind, excellence in all actions undertaken, success in all endeavors, peace and prosperity in life, and also radiance, wealth, strength, prudence and power.*

Evening 6,00 to 8,00 pm Monday Special ‘Rudra Havan’

Rudra Havan is performed to please Lord Shiva who is the destroyer of death. Performing Shri Rudra Havan cleans the previous birth bad karmas, any disorders and

relieves people from accidents, very serious illness or untimely death. This Havan is performed to achieve *Jaya* (victory) over *Mrityu* (death)

Benefits of Rudra havan

Rudra Havan is performed to remove the fear of death. It helps to overcome illness and previous birth karma. It gives good health and prosperity. It provides relief from relationship troubles and leads a happy life. It helps to attain success in life. Please participate in Rudra havan reap its benefit and enjoy the divine bliss.

Tuesday 9th January Morning 9.00 to 11.00am.

Mahaganapati, Gayatri & Panchasukta Havan followed by Arati & Lunch Prashad

Evening: Tuesday Hanuman Special 5.00 to 8.00 pm

Hanuman Yajna and hanuman Chalisa will be performed in the Yajnashala for the first time to bless the yajnashala.

Hanuman is invoked to bless people with abundance, vigor, valor, and success in all tasks. Benefits of this Havan are:

Removes all blemishes of sin. Confers purity of mind. Removes fear of enemies. Confers victory and protects his devotees from evil. Drives away evil spells and black magic influences, negative spirits, and removes all poisonous effects in one's body. Wards off the troubles caused by bad influences of the planets. Comforts all types of wealth and provides knowledge, victory, good family life, and prosperity. Obtain courage and will-power to accomplish personal and social endeavors. Participate in hanuman Yajna and enjoy the power of hanuman Chalisa followed by Arati & Dinner Prashad.

Wednesday, 10th January 2024 9.00 to 11.00 am.

Dhanvantari Yajna:

Dhanvantari Homam is conducted to cure any type of *illness in your body* thereby increasing body strength and restore it with good health. It is performed by invoking *Lord Dhanvantari (Divine Physician)* is the incarnation of *Lord Vishnu*. Lord Dhanvantari appeared during the Churning of the Cosmic Ocean of Milk with the elixir in his hands that rejuvenated all the celestial beings.

It is followed by the chanting of Dhanvantari Mantra for health and then performing the homam with *medicinal herbs* which emit medicinal properties across the air, thereby alleviating all your physical ailments. Please participate in Dhanvatari yajna and be blessed by good health.

Evening 5.00 to 8.00 pm 'Bhagavad Gita Yajna' (First nine Chapters)

Bhagavat Gita is one of the principal holy scriptures of the Hindus which contains the essence of life. It preaches how life should be spent and what is this universe about. It tells about the cycle of life and birth and how to stop this cycle of birth and death. It preaches how to get salvation. Bhagavat Gita Homam is performed by paying homage to Lord Agni and reciting some verses of Gita.

Benefits of Bhagwat Gita Homam

- This Homam is one of the measures which are instrumental in removing the Pitru Dasha.
- It blesses with name, fame and good health.
- It bestows upon prosperity, wealth, and abundance.
- This Homam also blesses one with the ability to make decisions and take action promptly.
- This Homam is also helpful in getting rid of the cycle of birth and death leading them to salvation.

Thursday 11th January 'Rama Taraka Havan & Pancha Sukta Havan'

Rama is the 7th incarnation among ten avatars of Lord Vishnu, the supreme god. He is also portrayed in ancient Vedic texts. It is also believed that anyone who spells his name can get peace of mind from various problems in life. Lord Rama is considered as the protector of earth who destroyed several evil forces and demons including Ravana. Rama homam will give several benefits to a person for living a better life. This homam plays a key role in liberating a person from life cycle (birth and death) to attain salvation.

Significance of Rama Taraka Homam

According to Vedic scriptures, Lord Rama is considered as a self-controller who helps for emerging as a victorious leader.

- Rama homam provides methods for reducing sins and karmic problems to witness major changes.
- It is possible to recover from doshas and negative influence of planets in a horoscope with this homam.
- One can be able to purify soul, mind and body with this homam for gaining spiritual knowledge.
- Moreover, this homam allows a person to attain success in all endeavors by addressing exact needs.

Benefits of Rama Homam

- Rama homam makes feasible ways for getting relief from health issues and obstacles in life.
- In addition, it helps to eliminate the afflictions of planets in a horoscope with this homam.
- Another advantage of Rama homam is that it shows ways for ensuring wealth and prosperity.
- People can be able to get blessings from Lord Rama for living a trouble-free life in this world.

Please participate in Rama Taraka Yajna for peace and prosperity. After Yajna Arati followed by Lunch Prashad.

Evening “5.00 to 8.00pm Bhagavad Gita Yajna’ (Second nine Chapters)

Bhagavad Gita Yajna is scheduled on 10th and 11th January. Please participate in two-day Gita Yajna and be blessed by Lord Krishna. Followed by Gita yajna Arati and Dinner Prashad.

Friday 12th January 2024 9.00to 11.00am.

Sri Sukta havan followed by Goda Devi and Shri Sudarshana Murthy Sthapana

Significance of Srisukta havan

Sri Sukta Homam is performed to removes all the obstacles and negative energies and gives victory or success, acquire wealth and prosperity, and bring harmony in family and success in life.

Followed by Srisukta Havan, Utsava murthy of Shri Goda Devi Murthy and Shri Sudarshan murthy sthapana will be celebrated. Followed by sthapana Arati & lunch prashad.

Evening 5.00 to 8.00pm ‘Ashta Lakshmi Havan’ Friday evening Special

Ashta Lakshmi Maha Yagna - Eight form of Goddess Lakshmi and their Goodness at Once!

Each of these eight forms of Goddess Lakshmi is the ruler deity of various form of Wealth such as Materials, Money, Grains, Luck, Progeny, Courage, Victory, and Knowledge.

What is exactly Ashta Lakshmi Maha Yagna? Ashta Lakshmi Maha Yagya is performed with the aim of invoking Eight Divine aspects of Goddess Lakshmi to achieve eight different forms of wealth through this maha fire ritual. This Maha havan goes for two days the first day is full of Japa and the next day will be homam for eight goddesses of Lakshmi.

Benefits and Significance of Ashta Lakshmi Maha Yagna: Each goddess has their own individuality and the common benefit of performing this Ashta Lakshmi Maha homam is that for gaining various forms of wealth and prosperity to live a happy life ever.

- 1. Adi Lakshmi:** Goddess Adi Lakshmi Portrayed the appearance of Lakshmi which lives with Lord Vishnu in the Vaikuntha, She blesses her devotees with all riches.
- 2. Dhana Lakshmi:** Goddess Dhana Lakshmi helps her devotees for earning income in multiple right ways by fulfilling their desires.
- 3. Dhanya Lakshmi:** Goddess Dhanya Lakshmi is the giver of all related to agriculture needs. She blesses her devotees with wealthy and healthy food in their life.
- 4. Gaja Lakshmi:** Goddess Gaja Lakshmi brings all lucks in every phase in life.
- 5. Santhana Lakshmi:** Goddess Sri Santhana Lakshmi bestows her devotees with the

greater wealth of child.

6. Dhairya Lakshmi: Goddess Dhairya Lakshmi grants her devotees with the courage and strength to defeat any sorts of struggles.

7. Vijaya Lakshmi: Goddess Vijaya Lakshmi helps her devotees to attain victory in all aspects of life.

8. Vidya Lakshmi: Goddess Vidya Lakshmi grants her devotees to explore and grow their talents.

Following Ashtalakshmi Yajna is Yajmaan Ashirvad and felicitating the entire yajnashala Builders and sponsors without whom the Yajnashala is not possible. We will conclude the program Arati followed by cultural Program and Dinner Prashad.

Saturday 13th January 9.00 to 1.00 pm 'CHANDI HAVAN' followed by Arati & Lunch prashad

January 13th & 14th will be celebrated as grand finale for the Yajnashala nine days program. The grand finale of yajnashala will be concluded with celebrating Lohri, Bhogi on Saturday 13th and Sankarathi & Pongal with Maha Sudarshan Yajna, Maha Poornahuti in the morning and in the evening Sankrati & Pongal special puja 'Ayyappa makara Jyoti puja in the evening 5.00 to 8.00 pm on Sunday 14th January.

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A Chandi Homa/Havan/yajna is a prominent Havan and one of the most powerful ones for getting overall Success in all undertakings and removing all kinds of Doshas and Obstacles in one's life. In this Yajna, an extensive Puja and Chanting and offerings are carried out for Devi Durga.

Every one of us faces troubles at one or the other time in our life. At times, we can deal with them by utilizing our Intellect, Hard Work, and Dedication. But sometimes, despite our best and maximum efforts, we cannot solve our problems, which may be negatively affecting our entire life and, at times, even the lives of all those who are most near and dear to us. At such times, we should approach for the help of Divine Intervention so that we can lead a Happier, Healthier, and Wealthier life full of peace.

A Chandi Homa/Havan is an ultimate prayer to Maa Durga (also known as Maa Chandi), which can be extraordinarily beneficial for removing all kinds of Obstacles and helping us achieve our goal of life by clearing all our problems in life as per Ancient Vedic Texts. Hence, if you have a question in mind about "How to solve your problems in life," then a Chandi Homa is an ultimate answer. What importance Rudrabhishekam holds for Lord Shiva, Chandi Homam has for Devi Durga. Chandi Homa/Havan sets a person, free from all kinds of Black Magic, Evil Eyes, Obstacles, Negative Energies, Evil deeds

against the worshipper, and the devotee is blessed with long-lasting Health, Wealth, and prosperity.

Main benefits of conducting this Chandi Homa: –

- 1) Performing Chandi Homam helps in overcoming obstacles and barriers in life.
- 2) Helps you attain Success and win over one's enemies.
- 3) Blesses one's life with positivity and happiness.
- 4) Liberates one from evil eyes and curses.

Note: If you get a chance of participating in this Chandi Havan/Yajna, please don't miss it as it is a powerful Homam that can make you feel better from all the problems.

Evening

Saturday Evening Lohri & Bhogi Celebrations 5,00pm to 8.00 pm

Saturday evening Rudrabhishek will be conducted while celebrating Yajnashala Udghaatana followed by Lohri Celebrations and Bhogi Goda Kalyanaotsavam followed by Arati & Lunch Prashad.

GRAND FINALE OF SIDDHI VINAYAK YAJNASHALA &

MAKAR SANKRATI PONGAL CELEBRATIONS 9.00 TO 1.00 PM

MAHA SUDARSHAN YAJNA, SHANTI HAVAN & MAHAPOORNAHUTI.

Sunday 14th January 2024 is the Grand Finale of the nine-day Yajnashala program. We are going to celebrate grand finale along with Sankrati & Pongal Celebrations.

Maha Sudarshana Yajna

Maha Sudarshan is very powerful Yajna which fulfills one's desire, wealth, peace and prosperity, solves all kind of financial problems. Maha Sudarshan Yajna removes all sufferings and grant the happiness. This yajna removes all enemies and gives protection.

It is believed that Performance of the Maha Sudarsana Homam removes your unexpected troubles, obstacles, distress and health issues. It gives you protection and removes your fear of death, fear of distress and bring strength of mind. This great Homam confers health, wealth, success, and Prosperity for you and spiritual benefit too.

Maha Sudarshan Homam is believed to remove negative energies at your Home, workplace and around you. It destroys evil forces around you and your family that hampers your family happiness, your progress, your success and your earnings. It is also effectively minimizing the bad planetary effects on you. It Helps in the removal of astrological flaws i.e. any negative things to happen in your horoscope. It is believed that Mahasudarshana Homam saves and rescue the devotee from all sufferings soon or in the

**Grand Finale
Mahapoornahuti will
be celebrated on
January 14th Sunday
at 11.15 am followed
by Grand Abhishek
to Lord Ganesh
followed by Arati,
Prashad, Lunch and
Yajmaan Ashirvad.**

long run. Auspicious Sudarshana Mantras which are believed to be equally powerful like Sudarshana Chakram may destroy Evil and negative forces around you and derives good luck and victory for you in your mission.

**Evening 5.00 to 8.00 pm Sankrati & Pongal
Special**

AYYAPPA MAKAR JYOTI PUJA

Followed by Arati, Ekanta seva and Annadaan

This program is a very divine program. The Yajnashala is permanently dedicated for yajnas; for fire worship for ever for our HSNEF. We have strong support from the congregation to build the yajnashala. Also, we have strong manpower and volunteers to beautify the yajnashala, which we all witness today. The thought, planning, arrangements, and all yajna programs is all blessed and planned by Lord Ganesh, on whom the Yajnashala is named after. The yajna Samagri is brought from India with special permission and will be used for all Yajnas. According to the Hindu scriptures authentic yajna samagri is obtained from India. We are also consecrating the yajnashala with **three Kalashas**, signifying the whole Yajnashala as fire Altar, sanctum sanctorum of the one Almighty. Let us all participate and enjoy the divine bliss and pass on this great facility to the next generation.



With Divine thoughts

Pandit Shrinath Kadambi

Head Priest/Director of Worship, HSNEF

Note Devotees participating in Yajna kunda please wash hands and feet before they sit in yajna Kunda, please collect Yajna Samagri from worship volunteers. Please collect prashad before you leave.



Highlights of Siddhi Vinayak Yajnashala Udhgatana Celebrations

Saturday 6th January through Sunday 14th January

Celebrating along with Lohri, Bhogi, Sankranti & Pongal Celebrations

Saturday 6th January Kalash Shobha yatra & **Yajnashala Inauguration** 12.00 Noon
Evening Lalitha & Vishnu Sahasranama Parayana 6.00 to 7.30 pm.

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Wednesday 10th January Dhanvatari & Panchasukta Havan 9.00 to 11.00 am.
Evening Bhagavadgita havan (first nine chapters) 5.00 to 8.00 pm

Thursday 11th January Ramataraka & Panchasukta Yajna 9.00 to 11.00 am.
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Friday 12th January Srisukta havan followed by Sri Goda & Sudarshana Utsava Murthy
Sthapana 9.00 to 11.00 am.

Evening Ashtalakshmi havan, yajman Ashirvad, Felicitating the entire yajnashala
Builders, sponsors followed by cultural program 5.00 8.00 pm.

Saturday 13th January Chandi havan 9.00 to 1.00 pm

Evening Rudrabhishek, Lohri celebrations & Bhogi celebrations Goda Kalyanam

Sunday 14th January Grand Finale of Yajnashala Yajna Rituals 9.00 to 1.00 pm
MAHAPOORNAHUTI 11.15 AM

Mahasudarshana Shanti homam followed by Ganesh Abhishek, Arati & Prashad Lunch.
Evening Sankranti & Pongal celebrations Ayyappa Makara Jyoti Puja,
Arati & Annadaan 5.00 to 8.00 pm