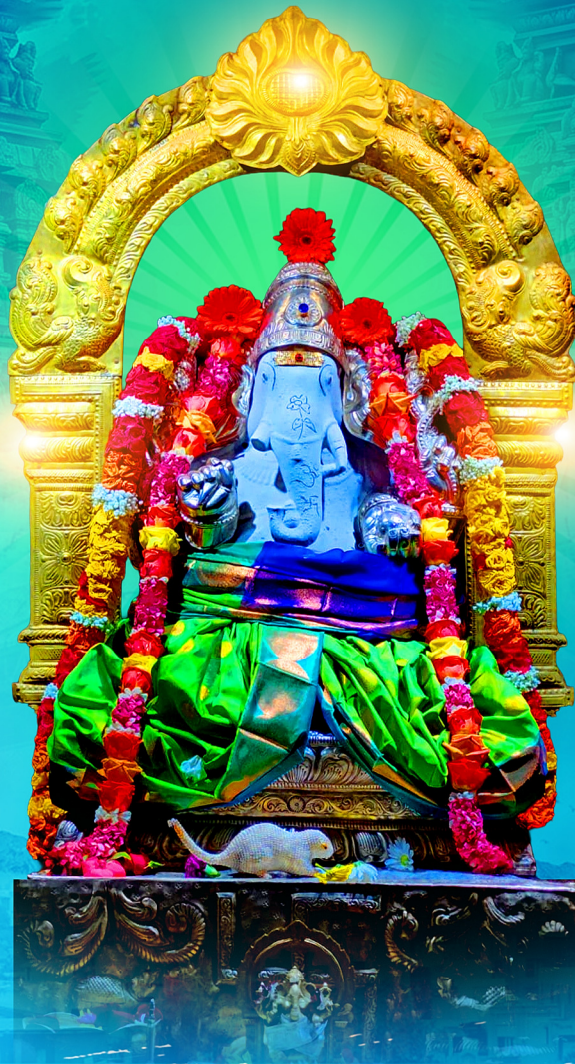


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Morning : 9.00 - 11.30 am
Evening : 5.00 - 8.30 pm
(Closed at 8.00 pm in Winter)
Arati at 7.00 pm

WEEKENDS

9.00 am to 8.30 pm
(Closed at 8.00pm in Winter)
Arati 11-45 am & 7.00 pm

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Message from Chair

A Quarter of Devotion, Unity, and Momentum

Hindu Society of Northeast Florida – Q1 2026 Highlights

As we reflect on the first quarter of 2026, we are filled with gratitude for the unity and devotion shown by our community since the new Executive Board took over on January 14th.

The temple witnessed strong participation across a series of meaningful religious celebrations, including **Yagnothsavam, Makara Sankranti/Pongal, Ayyappa Puja, Thaipusam, Maha Shivaratri, Holika Dahan, Ugadi/Gudi Padwa, Sri Rama Navami, Akhand Ramayan, Mahavir Jayanti**, and our **Temple Anniversary**. Each event brought the community together in faith and celebration.

We also hosted eight **“Eat for Good Cause”** fundraisers, strengthening community bonds while supporting temple initiatives.

Anand Bazaar 2026 – By the Community, For the Community

A key highlight was **Anand Bazaar 2026**, our flagship food and cultural festival. Regional organizations came together to prepare and serve food, while our children showcased their talents through dance, music, and performances.

The **Children’s Parade**, accompanied by **Dhol Tasha, Chenda, and Parai**, was a vibrant celebration of culture and heritage. The event reflected the spirit of teamwork, volunteerism, and community pride.

Gratitude for Collective Effort

We sincerely thank our community members, volunteers, Executive Board, and Advisory Board members for their continued support. Special thanks to our Head Priest, Pandit Srinath ji, Venkat ji, and our dedicated office staff for their guidance and behind-the-scenes contributions.

“Every act of seva and every contribution is helping build a lasting legacy for our community.”

Looking Ahead

Every dollar raised supports our temple, including the expansion and construction of the new **Multi-Purpose Hall (MPH), classrooms, cafeteria, and our mission**. We are planning to **break ground later this year** and invite our community and donors to support this important milestone.

As we move into the next quarter, we look forward to your participation in the **JHDC Summer Camp** by the JHDC youth Committee and upcoming events for **Adhik Purushottam Maas**.

Together, we continue to grow stronger in faith, service, and community spirit.

With warm regards and prayers,
Jignesh Kapadia

Message from Head Priest

Pradakshina or Parikrama (Circumambulation)

Hari OM

Parikrama means “the path surrounding something” in Sanskrit, while Pradakshina means “to the right.” Both refer to the sacred act of circumambulation—walking clockwise around a holy object or space. This ancient practice is a common and deeply symbolic form of prayer in India.

Pradakshina (or Parikrama) is observed in Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, and Sikhism, and represents placing the Divine at the center of one’s life.

Meaning and Symbolism

Pradakshina is the ritual of walking clockwise around a deity, temple, or sacred object, always keeping it on one’s right side.

It symbolizes:

- Living in harmony with the cosmic order (like the movement of the sun)
- Removing ignorance (*ajnana*)
- Centering one’s life around the Divine
- Gaining spiritual strength and blessings

Key Aspects of Pradakshina

- **Spiritual Significance**
 - Acts as *prayaschitta* (atonement for past actions)
 - Encourages inward focus and mindfulness
 - Expresses reverence by never turning one’s back to the Divine
- **Method**
 - Performed barefoot
 - Done slowly and mindfully
 - Often accompanied by mantra chanting
- **Direction**
 - Always clockwise (right shoulder facing the sacred center)
- **Pradakshina can be performed around**
 - Temples & Deities – Around the sanctum (*GarbhaGriha*)
 - Nature – Sacred trees (like Peepal), rivers, or mountains
 - People – Parents, teachers, and Gurus
 - Fire – During weddings (*Saptapadi*) around the sacred fire

Atma Pradakshina (Circumambulating Oneself)

When space or circumstances do not permit walking around a deity, one may perform Atma Pradakshina—turning around oneself clockwise.

This is usually done at the end of a puja or temple visit.

Significance

- Divine Within Recognizes that the same Divine presence resides within oneself
- Self-Purification Accompanied by prayer for the removal of sins across lifetimes
- Universal Truth Reflects the teaching that the entire universe resides within the Divine

Atma Pradakshina Mantra:

*Yāni kāni cha pāpāni janmāntara kṛtāni cha
Tāni tāni vinaśyanti pradakṣiṇa pade pade*

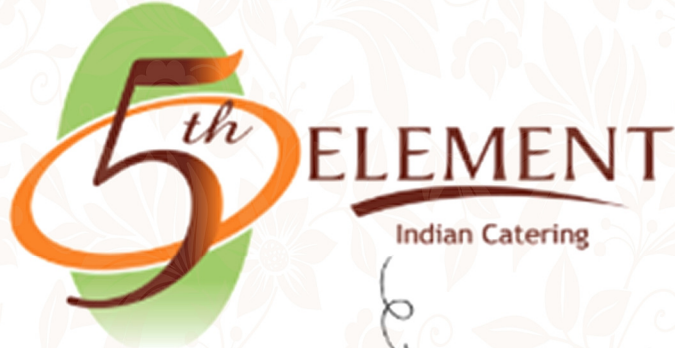
Meaning:

“With every step of pradakshina, all sins committed over many lifetimes are destroyed.”

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With Divine Thoughts,
Pandit. Shrinath Kadambi
Director of Worship Services
Pradhan Acharya
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Events for April - June 2026

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Apr 1 st	Wed	Hanuman Jayanthi Celebrations See flyer for details	
Apr 4 th	Sat	Sri Venkateswara Suprabhata Seva Sri Ram Parivar Pooja/Tulsikrit Sundarkand Path Shri Mata Rani Chowki Puja	9:30 to 10:30 AM 10:30 to 11:45 AM 3:00 to 7:00 PM
Apr 5 th	Sun	Ganesh Abhishek Sankataharana Chaturthi Ganesh Abhishek & Alankar	10:00 to 11:00 AM 6:00 to 8:00 PM
Apr 11 th	Sat	Sri Venkateswara Suprabhata Seva Devi Pooja Samuhika Soundaryalahari Prayanam	9:30 to 10:30 AM 10:30 to 11:45 AM
Apr 12 th	Sun	Shiv Pooja Rudrabhishek, Bhajan followed by Arati Jain Samavesh	10:00 to 11:30 AM 11:30 to 12:00 PM 12:00 to 1:00 PM
Apr 13 th	Mon	Baisakhi, Vishu Puja	6:00 to 7:PM
Apr 14 th	Tue	Tamil New Years Day Ganesh Special Abhishek See flyer for details	
Apr 15 th	Wed	Maha Pradosh Shiva Rudrabhishek & Pooja	6:00 to 8:00 PM
Apr 18 th	Sat	Sri Venkateswara Suprabhata Seva Shri Venkateswar Abhishekam & Pooja	9:30 to 10:00 AM 10:00 to 11:45 AM
Apr 19 th	Sun	Sri Satyanarayan Puja	10:00 to 11:45 AM
Apr 20 th	Mon	Vainayaki Ganesh Abhishek & Alankar	6:00 to 7:00 PM
Apr 21 st	Tue	Shankara Ramanuja Jayanthi Celebrations	6:00 to 7:00 PM
Apr 25 th	Sat	Sri Venkateswara Suprabhata Seva Sri Lakshmi Narayana Pooja Navagraha Abhishek	9:30 to 10:30 AM 10:30 to 11:00 AM 11:00 to 11:45 AM
Apr 26 th	Sun	BalaKrishna Pooja&Bhagavat Path & Bhajans Jain Samavesh Meenakshi Sundaeswara Kalyana Utsavam	10:00 to 11:45 AM 12:00 to 1:00 PM 5:00 to 7 PM
May 2026			
Mar 1 st	Fri	Vaisakha Poornima Samuhika Satyanarayan Puja	6:00 to 8:00 PM
Mar 2 nd	Sat	Sri Venkateswara Suprabhata Seva Sri Ram Parivar Pooja/Tulsikrit Sundarkand Path Annamacharya Jayanthi Celebrations	9:30 to 10:30 AM 10:30 to 11:45 AM 1:00 to 6:00 PM
Mar 3 rd	Sun	Ganesh Abhishek	10:00 to 11:00 AM
Mar 5 th	Tue	Sankataharan Chaturthi Ganesh Abhishek	6:00 to 8:00 PM
Mar 9 th	Sat	Sri Venkateswara Suprabhata Seva Devi Pooja Samuhika Soundaryalahari Prayanam	9:30 to 10:30 AM 10:30 to 11:45 AM
Mar 10 th	Sun	Shiv Pooja Rudrabhishek, Mother's Day Celebrations Durga Puja	10:00 to 11:00 AM 11:30 to 12:00 PM

		Jain Samavesh	12:00 to 1:00 PM
Mar 14 th	Thu	Mahapradosh Shiva Abhishek	6:00 to 8:00 PM
May 16 th	Sat	Sri Venkateswara Suprabhata Seva Shri Venkateswar Abhishekam & Puja	9:30 to 10:00 AM 10:00 to 11:45 AM
May 17 th	Sun	Sri Satyanarayana Puja Shri Ram Parivar Puja	10:00 to 11:45 AM 10:30 to 11:45 AM
May 19 th	Tue	Vainayaki Ganesh Abhishek	6:00 to 8:00 PM
May 23 rd	Sat	Sri Venkateswara Suprabhata Seva Sri Lakshmi Narayana Pooja Navagraha Abhishek	9:30 to 10:30 AM 10:30 to 11:00 AM 11:00 to 11:45 AM
May 24 th	Sun	BalaKrishna Puja & Bhagavat Path & Bhajans Jain Samavesh	10:00 to 11:45 AM 12:00 to 1:00 PM
June 2026			
Jun 4 th	Thu	Sankataharan Chaturthi Ganesh Abhishek	6:00 to 8:00 PM
Jun 6 th	Sat	Sri Venkateswara Suprabhata Seva Sri Ram Parivar Pooja/Tulsikrit Sundarkand Path	9:30 to 10:30 AM 10:30 to 11:45 AM
Jun 7 th	Sun	Ganesh Abhishek	10:00 to 11:00 AM
Jun 12 th	Fri	Mahapradosh Shiva Abhishek	6:00 to 8:00 PM
Jun 13 th	Sat	Sri Venkateswara Suprabhata Seva Devi Pooja Samuhika Soundaryalahari Parayan	9:30 to 10:30 AM 10:30 to 11:45 AM
Jun 14 th	Sun	Shiv Pooja Rudrabhishek, Bhajans followed by Arati Jain Samavesh	10:00 to 11:30 AM 11:30 to 12:00 PM 12:00 to 1:00 PM
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Jun 27 th	Sat	Sri Venkateswara Suprabhata Seva Sri Lakshmi Narayana Pooja Navagraha Abhishek	9:30 to 10:30 AM 10:30 to 11:00 AM 11:00 to 11:45 AM
Jun 28 th	Sun	BalaKrishna Puja & Bhagavat Path & Bhajans Jain Samavesh	10:00 to 11:45 AM 12:00 to 1:00 PM

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**Sri Meenakshi Sundareswara
Kalyana Mahotsavam
Sunday, 26th April 2026**



5:00- 7:00 pm

***Sri Meenakshi Sundareswara
Procession , Kalyana Mahotsavam
followed by Arati and Dinner Prashad***

Meenakshi Kalyanam Sponsorship :\$51

Finance Report

Hindu Society of N.E. Florida	
January - March 2026	
Total Donations	\$314,131.93
Total Expenses	\$178,417.75
Net Donations for Q1 2026	\$135,714.18

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Multi-purpose Hall	\$60	\$100	\$120
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Yagnasala Hourly	\$40	\$55	\$70

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HSNEF Phase 2 Expansion Project

As HSNEF embarks on our Phase 2 expansion project, we invite every member of our family to help shape the future of our temple. Your contributions are vital to bringing this vision to life. Please join us in this milestone by [[donating securely online here](#)]



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Event Pictures

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Event Pictures Anand Bazaar – 2026



Event Pictures

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Seva to Success

Cultivating Leadership in Youth

Kishore Madire

Our Bharat's tradition has always emphasized the importance of character formation from an early age. Our scriptures, history, and cultural values repeatedly affirm that a strong society is built on individuals who lead with integrity, compassion, and responsibility. In today's rapidly evolving world, developing leadership skills at a young age is not just beneficial — it is essential.

Leadership is often mistaken for authority or position. In reality, true leadership is rooted in self-discipline, clarity of thought, courage to do what is right, and a willingness to serve others. These qualities are best cultivated during childhood and youth, when minds are open and values take deep root.

Leadership as Inner Strength

One of India's greatest youth icons, **Swami Vivekananda**, placed immense faith in the power of young minds. His stirring call continues to inspire generations:

“Arise, awake, and stop not till the goal is reached.”

This message was not merely about personal ambition, but about awakening inner strength, confidence, and a sense of duty toward society. When young people are encouraged to take initiative and responsibility, they begin to recognize their own potential and purpose.

Leadership development at an early age nurtures confidence, effective communication, emotional maturity, and ethical thinking. Whether guiding a group activity, organizing an event, or supporting peers, such experiences help young individuals grow into thoughtful and resilient leaders.

Lessons from Indian Role Models

India offers many examples of leadership shaped during youth. Dr. A.P.J. AbdulKalam, fondly remembered as the “People's President,” consistently emphasized the role of young people in nationbuilding. He reminded students across the country:

“Excellence is a continuous process, not an event.”

Dr. Kalam's journey—from humble beginnings to global respect — demonstrates how discipline, curiosity, and perseverance developed early can lead to extraordinary contributions. Similar stories of Indian youth excelling in science, technology, social service, and entrepreneurship reaffirm that leadership is not defined by age or title, but by values, vision, and commitment to the greater good.

Role of Family, Community, and Culture

Leadership development does not occur in isolation. Families, temples, and community organizations play a vital role in shaping young minds. Indian culture has always emphasized seva — selfless service — as the highest expression of leadership.

When youth witness elders practicing integrity, empathy, and responsibility, they naturally absorb these values. Providing opportunities to volunteer, lead small initiatives, and participate in community activities helps ensure that leadership is balanced with humility and compassion.

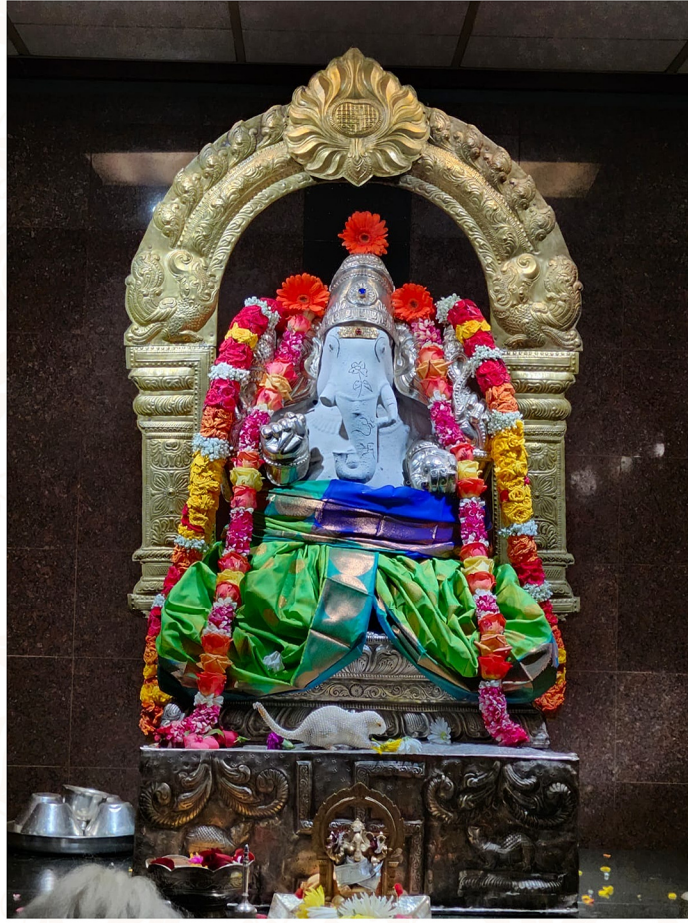
Supporting youth initiatives, offering mentorship, and appreciating effort rather than perfection sends a powerful message: that leadership is learned through experience. When elders walk beside youth as mentors rather than directors, they create leaders who are confident, grounded, and compassionate.

Ripples: Leadership in Action

In this context, the Ripples Youth Committee stands as a shining example of leadership in action. Ripples is not merely a youth committee; it is a nurturing platform where future leaders are shaped through action, responsibility, and shared purpose. Its members embody the timeless values of service, discipline, and unity that define our culture.

As we speak of youth leadership, it is equally important to acknowledge the temple committee and volunteers who continuously support and empower initiatives like Ripples. Their foresight, encouragement, and steadfast commitment create a safe and inspiring environment in which young leaders are able to learn, serve, and grow with confidence.

By nurturing leadership at an early age and standing firmly behind our youth, we help build a future led by individuals who are capable, compassionate, and rooted in strong values. In doing so, we strengthen not only our community, but society as a whole.



What is Ripples?

The Ripples Youth Committee is the youth volunteer branch of the Hindu Society of Northeast Florida (HSNEF). The organization is comprised of middle school and high school students who volunteer for the events in Jacksonville and related to the temple. We try to help our community in any way we can!

Ripples Membership

Ripples currently has 250+ members. If you would like to be a part of HSNEF's Ripples Committee, you can fill out the membership form on the HSNEF Ripples website (<https://hsnef.org/ripples/>)

RIPPLES

First Quarter Recap

✓ Townhall Meeting (1/24/26):

The organization kicked off the year by introducing the 2026 Ripples leadership team. During the meeting, members reviewed volunteer hour expectations and discussed upcoming events and initiatives for the quarter.



HSNEF YOUTH COMMITTEE

✓ Hope Lodge – American Cancer Society Cooking Event (2/16/26):

Ripples leaders volunteered at **Hope Lodge**, where they prepared and served dinner to patients staying at the facility, supporting individuals undergoing cancer treatment.

✓ Gate River Run (3/7/26):

Ripples coordinated volunteers to assist with the **Gate River Run**. Volunteers distributed water to runners and provided encouragement along the race route, contributing to the event's success.

✓ Anand Bazar (3/14/26):

Ripples organized and managed the **Kids Zone** at **Anand Bazar**, creating engaging activities and a fun environment for children attending the event.

✓ Temple Event Volunteering:

Mahashivratri, Holi, Ram Navmi, Hanuman Jayanti:

- Volunteering includes set up, food and prasada distribution, and clean up





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To bring our incredible Hindu heritage closer to the kids of Northeast Florida community—making it meaningful and accessible while building friendships, sparking creativity, and honing leadership skills.



Thank you to everyone who applied!

We're currently confirming spots and will keep families updated. We're excited for another wonderful summer in 2026—filled with learning, fun, and lasting memories.



Parent volunteer and snack donation sign-up links will be shared closer to camp dates. We truly appreciate your support in helping make camp successful!

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(L. to R.) Saharsa Aka • Rishi Tegulla • Aarunya Kumar • Agrim Kumar • Aanya Patel • Nidish Vaste.)

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