



# Hindu Temple and Cultural Center of South Carolina

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Temple is open seven days a week from  
**8:30am - 12:00noon (M-F); 8:30am - 1:00pm (weekends)**  
and again from **5:00pm - 8:30pm (M-S)**

## REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Daily **Pooja** and **Aarti** to all deities performed every day 9:00 - 11:00 am  
**Managalarati** is performed every evening at 7:30 pm

Weekly Schedule of events:

**MONDAY:** Sri Rudrabhishekam from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

**THURSDAY:** Bhajan and Satsangh from 8:00 pm to 9:15 pm

**SATURDAY:** Sri Venkateswara Suprabhatam from 8:00 to 8:30 am  
Sri Venkateswara Abhishekam from 8:30 to 10:00 am

**Poornima:** Sri Satyanarayana Puja & Katha from 6:30 to 8:00 pm

\$101/main sponsoring family which performs the  
pooja with the priest.

\$16 people participating in pooja by Sankalpam  
& archana.

**Sai Bhajan** – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month between 5 and 6 pm.

**Ganesh & Kartikeya Abhishekam** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month  
between 10 and 12 noon.

**Annual membership contribution per family is only \$51.00**

**Please send your membership today!**

**Transportation is to be arranged by devotees, if the religious  
services are to be performed at individual homes by the priest.**

Please make all checks payable to **HTCCSC** and request a receipt for all check and cash donations.

For Pooja, Priest Services and use of Temple premises, please contact: **Mrs. Arunima Sinha** at **781-9054**.

# Hindu Temple and Cultural Center of Columbia Divine Discourses on Bhagvath



The program is from  
Sun., June 17th to Wed., June 20th  
June 17th: 6 PM to 8:30 PM  
June 18th, 19th, 20th: 7 PM to 9 PM

The venue:  
Hindu Temple and Cultural Center  
of Columbia, SC.  
5704 Kiawah Road,  
Columbia, SC 29212

803-772-9650  
[www.hindutemples.org](http://www.hindutemples.org)

Dinner Prasad will be served  
on all the days of the program.

**Saadhvi Rithambara (Didi Maa)**

Hindu Temple and Cultural Center of Columbia, SC.  
5704 Kiawah Road,  
Columbia, SC 29212

Contact persons:

KumaraSwamy Joshi (Priest) 803-772-9650

Sunil Tuppale 803-212-8293

## **Poojya Didi Maa's Program**

As mentioned in the previous newsletter (dated May 6, 2007), we are excited to remind you of Sadhvi Rithambara's (also known as Didi Maa) visit to our temple. It is a great honor and privilege to have a saint of Didi Maa's caliber visiting our temple. Didi Maa comes from the distinguished lineage of saints and seers of Bharat. She is a disciple of Poojya Swami Paramananda Giriji Maharaj of Akhanda Param Dham in Haridwar. Shri Paramanandji Maharaj is a great spiritual Master with a deep and profound knowledge and understanding of the Upanishads and Bhagavad Gita.

She is very well versed in our sacred texts such as Bhagavath. Bhagavath is a unique work of Maharshi Veda Vyasa which deals exhaustively with the life and leelas of Bhagavan Shri Krishna. It is said that in spite of Maharshi Veda Vyasa's achievements such as editing the Vedas and compiling the Puranas, he felt restless and unhappy within. On Maharshi Narad's advice, he took to writing a complete Purana about Bhagavan Shri Krishna's glories. It came to be known as the Bhagavatha Purana. After completing the Bhagavatha Purana, his restlessness was said to be assuaged. The devotees of Bhagavan Krishna consider the Bhagavath Purana as Lord Krishna himself.

Didi Maa has dedicated her life to the cause of Sanatana Hindu Dharma. She is committed to spreading the message of Bhagavatah, Bhagavad Gita and the Ramayana. Whether it is in India or abroad, she is constantly traveling and giving pravachans (discourses). Didi Maa's pravachans are devotional, thought provoking, humorous and insightful. Few can match her oratory skills. She has the unique ability to hold her audience spellbound. To listen to her even once is a profound and life changing experience. People who were casual dabblers in religion have become staunch devotees after listening to her. Her following includes people from all walks of life. She is very approachable and welcoming of all who seek her spiritual guidance and counsel. She is very caring, affectionate and responsive to people who come to her with all kinds of problems of everyday living. At the same time she makes no demands or attempts to enforce her views and beliefs on others. All in all, she embodies the Sanyaasa (reunuciate) spirit of loving all and serving all, but having supreme detachment to the things of the world.

Apart from being involved in spreading the Divine Message of the sciptures, Didi Maa is also involved with a unique social project called Vatsalya Gram ([www.vatsalyagram.com](http://www.vatsalyagram.com)). It is a unique way of creating a family out of orphaned children, destitute women and forlorn elderly women. Under the tender, loving care of a family and with mentoring and guidance of Didi Maa, these children can grow up to be happy and healthy citizens who can be contributors to the society, country and the world as a whole. Without such care, the plight of orphaned kids in India is unimaginable.

We request all our Hindu brethren and devotees to participate in the pravachans and bhajans of Didi Maa and make this program a grand success.

## Yoga Shibir



A Yoga Shibir (camp) will be conducted by Poojya Swami Asangananda Saraswathi, a disciple of Poojya Swami Satyananda Saraswathi who is the founder of Bihar School of Yoga, Munger, Bihar (<http://www.yogavision.net>). Poojya Swamiji comes from Poojya Shri Adi Shankaracharya's tradition called the Dashanami Parampara which means the ten categories of naming a renunciate. Sanyaasis (monks) belonging to this tradition have one of the following as their last names - Saraswati, Bharati, Puri, Tirtha, Ashrama, Giri, Parvata, Sagara, Vanam and Aranya. He is a disciple of Satyananda Saraswathi who is the founder of Bihar School of Yoga.

Swami Asanganandji is an adept in Yoga and Pranayama. As we all know, Yoga has become a fad all over the world with the Western world taking increasing interest towards this ancient Indian knowledge. Many diseases are said to be overcome by the regular and constant practice of Yoga and Pranayama. Some even claim that the need for a By Pass Heart surgery can be circumvented by regular practice of Pranayama. There is no doubt that for all round physical and mental health and well being, Yoga is imperative. The Hindu Community of Columbia, SC is indeed very fortunate and blessed to have an authentic teacher of Yoga in our midst. We request all devotees to avail of this opportunity.

### Program Details

**Days:** June 8, 9 and 10 and June 15, 16 and 17

**PS:** Camp will be conducted on weekends of June 8<sup>th</sup> and June 15<sup>th</sup>. There is no camp between June 10<sup>th</sup> and June 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Timings:** June 8, 9, 10, 15, 16

Mornings: 6 AM to 7 AM – Yoga, 7 AM to 8 AM – Pranayama

Evenings: 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM - Yoga, 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM – Pranayama

June 17 - Only morning session same as other days.

**Location:** Econo Lodge & Conference Center, 773 St. Andrews Road (I-26 exit 106), Columbia, SC 29210

Phone: 772-7275

Since this is the first time, Swamiji is visiting Columbia, there is limitation of seating and space for the programs. Hence the same programs are conducted both in the mornings and the evenings. Participants may choose to come for the morning or evening sessions. For all details and registration, please contact Shri Harshad Patel at 794-0628 or our Priest Joshiji at the temple at 772-9650.