

# Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple of Colorado



## 2023 Annual General Body Meeting

**Time & Date: 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm MT, December 17, 2023**

**Venue: Castle Pines Library + Google-meet**



## 2023 Annual General Body Meeting Agenda

- Prayer
- Introduction of incoming BoT members
- Quorum (need attendance of 60 members but approximately 25 attended. NO Quorum)
- Chairman Report (15 Minutes) – **Sri Sreedhar Donthula**
- Financial Update (Income, Expenses, Loan Status, 2024 budget) (30 Minutes)-  
**Sri Baburao Karamsetty & Sri Ramakrishna Thurimella**
- Committee Chair Reports
  - Religious Committee (5 Minutes) – **Sri Satya Velagapudi**
  - Facilities Committee (5 Minutes) – **Sri Venu Anumayam**
  - Annapurna Committee (5 Minutes) – **Smt. Sowmya Nandireddy**
  - Multimedia, Web & Communications Committee (5 Minutes) – **Sri Suresh Kommula**
  - Education & Cultural Committee (5 Minutes) – **Sri Nandu Sankaran**
  - Temple Manager (5 Minutes) – **Sri Venkat Bandla**
- Thanks to Outgoing BoT members
- Other topics
- Member Question & Answer session



## New BoT members (2024 – 2025)



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- Joining BoT 2024-2025 :
  - Smt. Sowmya Nandireddy
  - Smt. Sridevi Katta
- Continuing one more term :
  - Sri Saiganesh Rajamani
  - Sri Ravi Maraju
  - Sri Swamy Mandavilli



## Chairman's Report

**Sri Sreedhar Donthula**



# SRI VENKATESWARA SWAMY TEMPLE OF COLORADO



1. Opening Remarks
2. Several major events we organized successfully
  1. Sri Rama Navami
  2. Brahmotsavam
  3. Udayasthamana Seva
  4. Chandi Homam
3. Revenues went up 35% from 2022
  1. \$590k vs \$800k+
4. Made a lot of investment in long term needs of the temple
  1. kitchen appliances, religious stuff
5. Organized Volunteer appreciation day
6. Hired 3rd priest Vijay swamy in March 2023
7. In the process of hiring a full time Cook, R-1 approved, working on Visa
8. Tried to acquire property next door
9. We need to start on Cultural Center, Priest Quarters and Shiva Temple
10. Thanks to all the EC team, outgoing BoTs, volunteers, Priests



## Financial Update

**Sri Baburao Karamsetty &  
Sri Ramakrishna Thurimella**





## Support of the Financial Committee Members is Greatly Acknowledged!!

- Ramakrishna Thurimella (Chair)
- Dileep K Kadirimangalam
- Venkat Bandla
- Chandrasekhar Reddy Mandhapati
- Sankar Chava
- Baburao Karamsetty
- Raju Dandu





## FINANCIAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN BRIEF

- No personal loans and only mortgage loan.
- Finance committee is looking at modern technologies at front desk and back end integration. Cloud based solution to access remotely.
- Close to \$800K contributions from devotees for current year.
- Good financial support from devotees for the big events of the year as shown below:
  - Sri Rama Navami event contributed around \$80K
  - Udayastamana seva event contributed around \$40K
  - Annual Brahmotsavam event contributed around \$25K
  - Chandi Yagam event contributed around \$15K
  - New Year and Sivaratri events contributed around \$5K each

# Balance Sheet

As of November 30, 2023

	TOTAL
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
102 First National Denver - 6418	213,081.41
105 US Bank - 1284	177.79
109 Paypal Account	9,120.04
111 PB&T Operating 4888	8,939.47
112 PB&T Savings 5762	170,374.64
120 CD Accounts	
120.01 12 Month CD	40,514.00
120.02 12 Month CD (2)	60,000.00
120.03 12 Month CD (3)	100,000.00
120.04 13 Month CD	100,000.00
<b>Total 120 CD Accounts</b>	<b>300,514.00</b>
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$702,207.35</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$702,207.35</b>
Fixed Assets	
142 Fixtures & Equipment	6,664.75
144 Buildings including Land	4,226,632.95
146 Personal Property	106,723.59
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>\$4,340,021.29</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$5,042,228.64</b>

<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
211 Current Portion L/T Debt	36,471.36
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$36,471.36</b>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$36,471.36</b>
Long-Term Liabilities	
262 NP - PB&T Commercial Loan	923,695.29
Less	
277 Current Portion	-36,471.36
<b>Total Less</b>	<b>-36,471.36</b>
<b>Total Long-Term Liabilities</b>	<b>\$887,223.93</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$923,695.29</b>
Equity	
283 Retained Earnings	0.00
340 Temple Equity	3,788,528.25
Net Income	330,005.10
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$4,118,533.35</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$5,042,228.64</b>

# 2023 Monthly Financials briefly

Month	Contributions	Operating Expenses
January-23	\$127,811	\$28,793
February-23	\$42,223	\$31,990
March-23	\$73,269	\$30,240
April-23	\$118,060	\$50,614
May-23	\$65,930	\$47,947
June-23	\$38,996	\$27,434
July-23	\$43,099	\$41,496
August-23	\$88,392	\$47,495
September-23	\$49,227	\$38,947
October-23	\$42,317	\$28,783
November-23	\$50,575	\$36,152
December-23 (Estimate)	\$51,000	\$30,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$790,899</b>	<b>\$439,891</b>

# Mortgage Status

Mortgage	As of 01/01/2023	As of 12/17/2023	Terms	Monthly Payment	Notes
<b>PB&amp;T</b>	\$950,851	\$923,695	3.85% 10-year Fixed on 25-year Amortization	\$5,330	Paying the minimum required, and saving to invest

# 2024 Budget Proposal Based on 2023

	2023 (Proposed)	2023 (Actual)	2024 (Proposed)
Reimbursed Expenses	6,000	20,203	16,000
Outside Priest & Support	2,000	7,069	8,000
Temple Operating Supplies	50,467	69,856	75,000
Priest Salaries	83,600	75,234	100,000
Employee Benefits	19,000	13,968	20,000
Rent	50,000	38,886	72,000
Utilities	35,000	40,838	45,000
Repairs & Maintenance	8,000	17,983	20,000
Security	2,500	2,536	3,000
Janitorial Services	24,000	25,725	30,000
Business Liability Insurance	12,500	13,564	20,000
Permits & Licenses	3,000	6,830	7,000
Equipment Rent	0	16,693	18,000
Bank & Merchant Processing Fees	10,000	12,960	14,000
Legal & Accounting	9,000	9,453	10,000
misc (freight, telephone, travel)	3,000	1,622	2,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$318,067</b>	<b>\$373,420</b>	<b>\$460,000</b>

**Total Proposed  
~15% increase  
+  
Capital project \$1.2M  
Priest Quarters with  
\$240K down)**



## EC updates

## EC Chairs (or representatives)





## Executive Committee

### Committee Chairs

- Sri Ravindra Maraju (President)
- Sri Satya Velagapudi ( Religious Committee Chair)
- Sri Ramakrishna Thurimella (Finance Committee Chair)
- Smt. Sowmya Nandireddy (Annapurna Committee Chair)
- Sri Venu Anumayam (Facilities Committee Chair)
- Sri Krishna Madhavan (Education & Cultural Committee Chair)
- Sri Suresh Kommula (Multimedia, Web & Comm Committee Chair)
- Sri Venkat Bandla (Temple Manager)





**Religious Committee**

**Sri Satya Velagapudi**



## Our heart-felt gratitude to all the committed Volunteers

Sri Satyanarayana Velagapudi (Chair)

Sri Nandu Sankaran

Smt. Smitha Thurimella

Smt. Suneeja Ankana

Smt. Anu Rathina

Sri Raju Dandu

Sri Saiganesh Rajamani

Sri Phanidra Yendamuri

Sri Ramesh Chatari

Sri Raghavendra Mamudur

Sri Ramesh Bomma

Sri Kishore Srikakolapu



## Our Priests



CVHTS 2019





## Religious Committee Report

- Hired a new priest Sri Vijay Kumar
- Sri Rama Navami celebrated as flag ship event of the year
- All major events celebrated, including Dasara, Deepavali and Vykunta Ekadasi
- Performed Brahmotsavam & Pavitrotsavam
- Volunteer appreciation Vishesha Archana
- 2024 Temple calendar prepared by volunteers
- Performed an inventory of the Temple valuables
- Volunteers preparing Garlands for regular events



## Challenges & Recommendations

### Challenges and Constraints:

- On-time performance of temple events
- Conduct events in an Organized manner
- Committed Volunteer base

### Recommendations:

- Strengthen volunteer base on an on-going basis
- Event coordinators for all major events
- Lead priest for all scheduled and major events
- Keep all the required Pooja items well stocked
- Prepare for the events well in advance





## Facilities Committee

## Sri Venu Anumayam





## Facilities Committee

### Committee Members

1. **Venu Anumayam (Chair)**
2. Vamsheedhar Katta
3. Ratnakar Kalangi
4. Srinivas Panati
5. Karthik Sunka
6. Phanindra Yendamuri
7. Krishna Bandi
8. Mithil Govind
9. Dhanvin





## Objectives

- Support temple infrastructure work
- Operational Support of Temple
- Maintain cleanliness of the temple
- Assist other committees as per the need
- Maintain temple grounds/landscaping
- Provide logical support for Annual/Monthly events and major festivals



## Accomplishments

- Provided logistical support for major festival/events at the temple: Sri Rama Navami Kalayanam, Annual Brahmostavam, Udayastamana Seva & Diwali.
- Switched Elevator maintenance contract from Kone to Schindler's.
- Set up Yagasala and cleanup after Bramhotsavam and Pavitrotsavam.
- Installed the water purification system.
- Replaced the well pump with a high-performance motor for water demand.
- Installed new LED lights around the temple and near the parking lot.
- Professional landscaper mows the lawn and removes weed - twice a year.
- Professional cleaner helps in the kitchen perform regular cleaning activities.
- Got all annual/quarterly inspections done for fire, water and elevator.
- Repairs of all plumbing, mechanical and electrical systems taken care of.
- In Progress : South Entrance door repairs, ADP Security system

**Thanks to all the volunteers for their help !!**



## **Annapurna Committee**

**Smt. Sowmya Nandireddy**



## Annapurna Committee

### Committee Members

- ❖ Sowmya Nandireddy (Chair)
- ❖ Bharathi Mandavilli
- ❖ Deepika
- ❖ Karuna Bandla
- ❖ Krishna Tulasi
- ❖ Lakshmi Koneru
- ❖ Madhavi Bandreddi
- ❖ Madhavi Chinnamareddy
- ❖ Madhavi Surapaneni
- ❖ Madhavi Panati
- ❖ Madhavi Katamaneni
- ❖ Parvathi Donthula
- ❖ Prathap
- ❖ Sandhya karamsetty
- ❖ Smitha Thurimella
- ❖ Swamy Manadavilli
- ❖ Shiva
- ❖ Swetha
- ❖ Suma chetti
- ❖ Soujanya
- ❖ Usha Velagapudi
- ❖ Veena Nandagiri
- ❖ Veeranna Boosnur

**And Many More Volunteers..**

**Thanks to Each one of you for being part of Annapurna Team.**



## Annapurna Committee

### Sincere thanks to:

- ❖ All volunteers (Lot of hard-work)
- ❖ Laddu preparation team
- ❖ Sweets and snacks preparation team
- ❖ Weekly cooking teams
- ❖ Special events volunteers
- ❖ Priests and other committee members
- ❖ Annadanam sponsors
- ❖ Swagat Groceries (Ft.Collins) for continuous sponsorship





## Annapurna Committee

### Weekly cooking Volunteers:

- ❖ 1st Saturday- Fort Collins team led by Swamy Mandavilli and Bharathi Mandavilli team.
- ❖ 2nd Saturday- Lakshmi Koneru and team
- ❖ 3rd Saturday- Chandra ji and team.(Mint restaurant owners)
- ❖ 4th Saturday- Colorado springs team led by Sandhya Karamsetty
- ❖ 1st Sunday- Sai Ganesh and Team
- ❖ 2nd Sunday- Shwetha and team
- ❖ 3rd Sunday- Hindhu and team
- ❖ Special thanks to the Laddu team led by Parvathi Donthula and team





## Annapurna Committee

### Kitchen Improvements in 2023

- ❖ Ordered new bins for the pantry to keep the ingredients organized and also to maintain the inventory.
- ❖ Ordered accessories for the pressure cookers and blenders .
- ❖ Ordered wet grinder
- ❖ Got the shelves with closed doors done at the back of the stage for increasing more storage space for the kitchen items.
- ❖ Full time cleaner appointed to help with Kitchen cleaning.



## Annapurna Committee

### Activities:

- ❖ Annadanam on all Saturdays and all special events (except Diwali and New Year day)
- ❖ Mysorepak and Badusha added to the regular snacks list
- ❖ SRN event, cooked 10+ item vindu bojanam, prepared for 2500 folks and serving for 2000 folks
- ❖ Brahmotsavam - cooking and serving for 1000 people on final day
- ❖ Udayatsmanaseva - cooked and served for 1500 people
- ❖ Batukamma - cooked and served for 500 people



## Annapurna Committee

- ❖ Deepavali - prepared special dinner boxes for 1000 people
- ❖ Private orders of Sweets to attract additional revenue
- ❖ Efforts to add new snacks and savories to the snacks menu
- ❖ Special Menu for the private events



## Annapurna Committee

### Contributions(2023):

~\$122,322 till November 2023.

*Year on Year up by \$47,322*

### Split:

Annadanam – \$71,506

Laddu – \$33,000

Snacks – \$2,500

Kitchen Sales – \$5,000

SRN auction laddu – 10,316

### Expenses(2023):

33,598 till November 2023.

*Year on Year Expenses increased by \$23,000*

### Split:

Operating Expenses – 30,148

Big Wet Grinder – 3,450



## Annapurna Committee

### 2023 Special Event Highlights

- ❖ Sri Rama Navami Annadanam Donations - \$11,255
- ❖ Sri Rama Navami Laddu (Prasadam) Auction - \$10,316
- ❖ Brahmotsavam Annadanam Donations - \$4,344
- ❖ Udayastamaana Seva Annadanam Donations - \$4,407



## Annapurna Committee

### Help needed:

- ❖ More volunteers needed to do annadanam on Sundays too
- ❖ Sink needs to be raised
- ❖ A doorway to be created between the kitchen and the dining area to avoid the access through the priest kitchen
- ❖ Power outlets upgrade (tripping a lot)
- ❖ Water and Gas leak issues to be resolved permanently



## Multi Media, Web & Communications Committee

**Sri Suresh Kommula**



## Multimedia, Web & Communications Committee

### MULTIMEDIA ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#### TELECAST

- LIVE TELECAST OF CELEBRATIONS, CULTURAL EVENTS
- WEB COMMUNICATIONS

#### FACEBOOK

- FOLLOWERS: 5184
- MALE: 60%; FEMALE: 40%
- REACH: 462,386
- AVERAGE VIEW: 249
- AVERAGE SHARES: 66
- AT MONETIZATION

#### INSTAGRAM

FOLLOWERS: 190

#### TWITTER

EMBARKED TO TWITTER(X)

#### YOUTUBE

- SUBSCRIBERS: 1640
- 142,988 VIEWS AND GOING ON
- MALE: 80%; FEMALE: 19%

#### TAPESTRY

- CULTURAL SIGNIFIANCE
- INPERSON SURVEY
- TRANSMISSION OF HERITAGE
- EMOTIONAL BONDING TO THE TEMPLE
- ONENESS OF TEMPLE
- DIGITAL EQUIPMENT

CULTURAL ACTIVITY IS THE SOUL OF DEVOTEE

#### Team:

Sri Sai Ganesh  
 Sri Radhakrishna  
 Sri Srini Burri  
 Sri Prahlad  
 Smt. Suneeya  
 Sri Tulsiram Puttaraju  
 Sri Krishna Bandi  
 Sri Srujith  
 Sri Babu  
 Sri Dileep Kumar (proof reading)

#### Students:

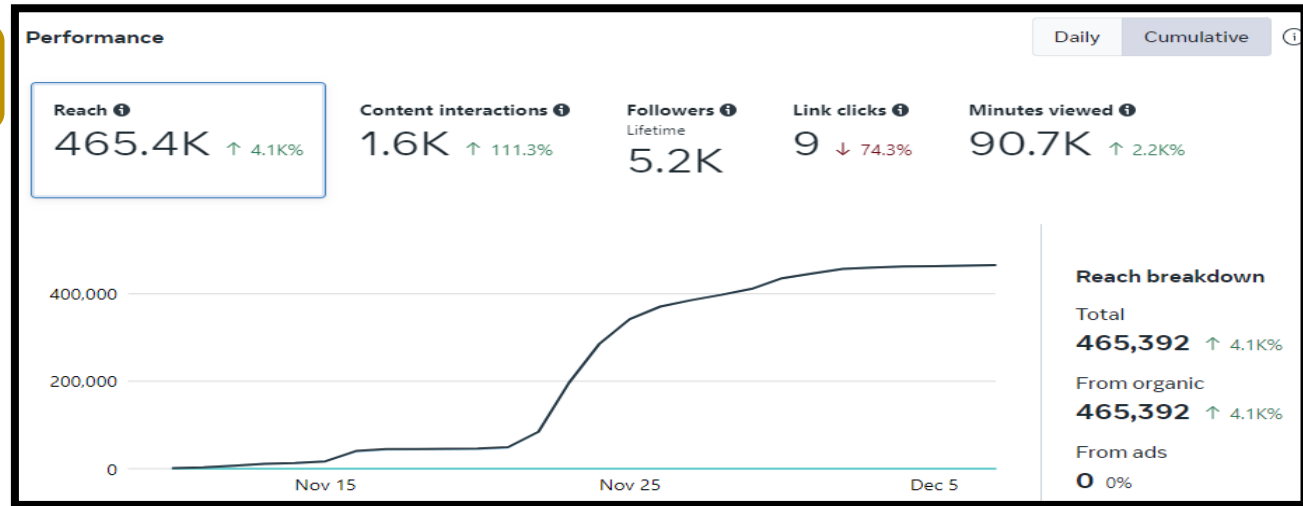
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 Chi. Bhavya  
 Chi. Sahithi  
 Chi. Juliana Woodward





## Multimedia, Web & Communications Committee

Cumulative Performance on FB



### Suggestions

- Web site renovation
- Hire full time manager at the temple that can speak any Indian language
  - Remove dependency of Front desk & Manager
  - Cleanliness and orderliness
  - Engage the devotees
  - Telecast any event that happens at the temple
  - Coordination and close communication with priests
  - Event planning
  - Serves as a representative for the temple, interfacing with external institutions and community members, which is necessary to maintain a strong presence within the community and emotional bonding of the devotee to the temple



## Education & Cultural Committee

**Sri Nandu Sankaran**

# Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple of Colorado



## Annual General Body Meeting- December 17, 2023 Education & Cultural Committee Report



## Education & Cultural Committee Report

### Education & Cultural Committee

Chair: **Sri Krishna Madhavan**

**Volunteers who have helped during 2023:**

- ❖ **Sri Ravi Maroju**
- ❖ **Sri Saiganesh Rajamani**
- ❖ **Sri Nandakumar Sankaran**
- ❖ **Sri Suresh Kommula**
- ❖ **Sri Divakar Ramachandran**
- ❖ **Sri Ganesh Ananthakrishnan**



## Education & Cultural Committee Report

- Concerts during Srivari Abhishekam on 1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays
  - Srimati Meera Ganesan (April 8<sup>th</sup>)
  - Sri Advaith Veturi (May 6<sup>th</sup>)
  - Srimati Kamala Vedantan (September 2<sup>nd</sup>)
  - Srimati Padmini Murali (October 7<sup>th</sup>)
- Special Music and Dance Events with devotee participants
  - Sri Rama Navami (April 1<sup>st</sup>)
    - Sri Thyagaraja Swami's Pancharatna Kritis were sung in the morning.
    - Children performed in front of the Sri Seetha Rama after Kalyana Utsavam
  - Tamizh Puttandu & Vishu Celebrations (April 22<sup>nd</sup>)
    - Students of Srimati Sulakshana Jayaraman performed some dance pieces.



## Education & Cultural Committee Report

- Special Music and Dance Events (Contd.)
  - Annamacharya Jayanthi Day (May 14th)
  - Srivari Brahmotsavam (May 26th-28th)
  - Srimati Jayanthi Savitri performed Harikatha on Sri Sundara Khandam (June 24th)
  - Srimati Aparna Vaidyanathan performed a veena concert during the Sahasradeepalankara Seva (August 5<sup>th</sup> - Udayastamana Seva)
  - Entire Sri Kamalamba Navavaranam of Sri Muttuswami Dikshitar was sung under the leadership of Srimati Priya Hariharan (Oct 21st)
  - Srimati Sruthi Ravali's Concert on Deepavali Day (November 12th)
- Sri Krishna Madhavan represented the temple at the Interfaith Night of Music at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Parker, CO on May 7th.



## Education & Cultural Committee Report

- The temple hosted a groups of Nepali Devotees and Devotees from Denver ISKCON on the Thirunakshatram of Swami Ramanujacharya as per the Lunar (Telugu) Calendar on March 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - Sri Krishna Madhavan gave a temple tour and a talk on “The Glories of Swami Ramanujacharya”.
- The temple hosted the students of the World Religions Class of University of Colorado Colorado Spring (Instructor: Prof. Erik Hanson) on March 12<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Sri Krishna Madhavan gave a temple tour





## Education & Cultural Committee Report

- Commencement of SVTC Balavihar
  - Started on October 29<sup>th</sup> online
  - Split in two groups
    - SVTC Balavihar Senior Group (10-18 Years)
      - Instructor: Sri Divakar Ramachandranji
      - Number of Participants as of December 10: 9
    - SVTC Balavihar Senior Group (10-18 Years)
      - Instructor: Sri Ganesh Ananthakrishnanji
      - Number of Participants as of December 10: 12
  - Can be split in more groups if teachers volunteer to conduct new groups.
  - From next year, SVTC Balavihar will coincide with the school year.
- Planning to start Vedic Satsang (Ages > 18) and Sahasranama/Gita Classes in 2024.





## Temple Manager Report

**Sri Venkat Bandla**



## Activities & Accomplishments

- With the blessing of Sri Venkateswara Swamy, we are getting very positive feedback from devotees on the services we are providing at the temple.
- Temple is open on time everyday as per schedule and devotee attendance has increased year over year during weekends and events.
- Priests are instructed to treat all devotees equally and make them feel welcome at the temple.
- Priests strictly follow their schedules, take prior permissions for any deviations and performed events on time.
- Priests get live updates on private puja schedules on their smart phones.



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- Priests dakshina amounts are entered in the POS every week and the total amount calculated per month will be sent to the treasurer.
- We have performed 396 private pujas between January 1<sup>st</sup> and December 17<sup>th</sup> of 2023.
- Garlands preparation at the temple saved more than 80%.



**Thanks to outgoing BoT members**



# SRI VENKATESWARA SWAMY TEMPLE OF COLORADO



- Sri. Ashok Reddy Budamgunta
- Sri Rajendra Kadari
- Smt. Kalpana Mohanraj



## Other Topics



## BoT members who attended AGBM 2023:

1. Sri Ashok Reddy Budamgunta
2. Sri Baburao Karamsetty
3. Dr. Gupta Kuna
4. Smt. Kalpana Mohanraj (partial)
5. Sri Muthukumarappan Ramurthy
6. Sri Nandu Sankaran
7. Sri Phanindra Yendamuri
8. Dr. Rajendra Kadari (partial)
9. Sri Ratnakar Kalangi
10. Sri Saiganesh Rajamani
11. Sri Sreedhar Donthula
12. Sri Swamy Mandavilli

## Some select topics discussed:

- ❖ Hiring a Manager as employee would be of great help
- ❖ More volunteers needed in most committees
- ❖ Jeernodharana Kumbhabhishekam in 2025: start planning early



## Q & A

