

Bharatiya Temple of Lansing

presents

Maha Kumbhabhishekam Mahotsav

June 9th-13th, 2010

Wed, June 9th	Thurs, June 10th	Fri, June 11th	Sat, June 12th	Sun, June 13th
Kalasha Sthapana	Havans & Pujas	Havans & Pujas	Havans & Pujas	Maha Kumbhabhishek
Cultural program	Cultural program	Cultural program	Sangeetanjali	Community Cultural program

Maha Kumbhabhishekam literally means ritualistic pouring of sacred water from the great vessel. Such abhishekam or ritualistic pouring of water dates back hundreds of years to post-vedic times when temple rituals were formalized. During the vedic period, deities were invoked and propitiated in great rituals of fire sacrifices such as yagnas and homas, which were performed in the open. After this period, when temples were built for different deities, the divine energy/spirit was invoked by appropriate homas and transferred into kumbhas -- brass or mud vessels containing the waters of the holy rivers of Bharatavarsha -- by chanting mantras derived from the Vedas and Samhitas. These mantras consisted of prayers to different deities for the well-being of mankind, guidance in performing religious duties properly, and instruction in following the four-fold duties of Dharma, Artha, Kama, and Moksha. After the vigrahas of the deities were installed, the energy in the water in the kumbhas was transferred to the vigraha in the temple by pouring the water on the gopuram (top of the temple tower) and on the vigraha of the deity. This pouring from the kumbhas was accompanied by the chanting of appropriate mantras derived from the Vedas, considered to be of divine origin.

The five-day Mahotsav at this great mid-Michigan institution is an unique opportunity for participants to offer such prayers during the Maha Kumbhabhishekam.

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