



# Durga Temple

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Dear Friends,

Durga Temple together with SSVT and Mangal Mandir located in the Washington DC metropolitan area, were the host temples for the fourth HMEC held over the weekend of September 11, 2009. We were assisted by dedicated members of VHP of America, both the local chapter and the national team.

By all accounts, the event was a major success. Of the 17 local Hindu Temples and the members of UHJT (United Hindu Jain Association), 16 attended and actively participated. Additionally, a number of other local organizations were involved such as HAF, USINPAC, AJC, etc. A very active participation of the youth was very heartening as well.

We were able to keep the registration fees low, due to local sponsorships and donations for items such as all meals, Audio/Visual systems, transportation, etc. This led to increased participation and display of local hospitality.

To organize such conferences is a lot of work. However, we all felt that the effort was well worth it. The cooperation and team work paid off and every participant gained a lot including new friends for life and leaning innovative ideas for improvements in temple operation and activities. The goals and objectives of HMEC are noble and critical for sustaining and preserving our Sanatana Dharma in our adopted land. Each one of us has an obligation to do our part.

You are most welcome to reach me any time; I will be most pleased to share my views on any aspects of how we did what and why and of course, lessons learnt. My contact information is: 703.980.7487 (M); 703.495.9299 (H) or [santguptava@gmail.com](mailto:santguptava@gmail.com)

I am looking forward to attending the next HMEC (fifth anniversary) in Houston area. I will be glad to assist in any way I can. We wish you the very best of success and fun.

With Warm Regards,

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