



# Shri Shiva Mandir Ltd

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Community Mandir located at

201 Eagleview Road, MINTO NSW 2566 Australia

## Annual Festival Practice

### Maha Utsavam (Grand Festival)

Temples are constructed according to the prescriptions given in the Agama.

The Agamas define temple practices in three stages. These are:

- 1) **Karṣaṇadi Pratiṣṭhantam:** Selecting the site, constructing the temple, and performing consecration / Kumbhabhiṣekam
- 2) **Paripalanam (Daily Maintenance):** This refers to the daily rituals that must be performed in temples, commonly known as Nithya Puja (daily worship).
- 3) **Maha Utsavam:** Utsavam (festival) is conducted primarily with the participation of devotees. That is why Sun Deechar (Sannidhi-related observances / ceremonial representations of devotees) are given significance during these festivals.

**Temple practices to avoid lighting lamps for saturn (Sani Deepam), car puja (vehicle worship), during the festive period commencing from 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026 until 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026.** Because

- All other deities, nearby temple deities & even the 33 crore (millions of) devas are believed to arrive and reside at that temple during these festival time.
- Since all divine energy is established, other independent forms of worship do not yield additional benefit during that period. (after the establishment of the Kalasam (sacred pot))

We humbly request all devotees, on behalf of the temple administration, to:

- Focus completely on Lord Shiva during festival days,
- Participate in the best of their ability,
- Receive the divine grace of Shiva.

### AUM NAMA SHIVAYA

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