

Annual Shankabhishekam at Darwin Varasiddhi Vinayaka Temple

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An idol in a Temple is given life by reciting mantras on an auspicious day. The idol is considered to have been born on that day whilst the birth star is calculated by time of its consecration. Every year the idol's

Birthday and Star is celebrated by renewing the mantras and rejuvenating the Shakti, power or life force of the idol. The Vara Siddhi Vinayaka Temple is no different. Over the weekend we conducted the annual Shankabhishekam to rejuvenate and reinforce Darwin Siddhi Vinayaka on His birthday and birth star.

Festivities concluded with a mass Lakshmi Pooja performed by about 40 female devotees. It was a sight to behold, of beauty, grace, colour and devotion. They each invoked and brought to life Mahalaxmi in the form of a lamp to Whom flowers and fruit were offered in reverent worship. The Mahalaxmi mantras chanted by the visiting priest rend the air, which vibrated with auspiciousness and piety.

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