

## Hindu Temple of St. Louis.



*Hindu Temple of St. Louis is located in the heart of city, near by the Manchester Road. It is having Sixteen long years of history. The priests take special interest in explaining the inner meaning of the rituals we do on daily basis as well as on special occasions. Temple honors many guest artists and provides blissful time for the devotees. Picture captured by Smt. M. Lakshmi Ganga Bhavani.*

The Hindu temple of St. Louis was formally registered as a not for profit organization in the state of Missouri on March 7th, 1988.

Bhoomi Pooja (ground breaking ceremony) was performed on april 21,1990. The architectural plans were drawn by the famous V GANAPATI STHAPATI and Associates of CHENNAI, INDIA. After the completion of Phase I, the formal inauguration of the Temple was done on Nov 8,1991. Initially it had only pictures of the deities in the temple. Later SAMPROKSHANA (initiation) of CHARABIMBAS (UTSAVA VIGRAHAS) made of panchaloha (made of five metals) was celebrated on Jan 21, 1995.

The construction of Phase II was started on July 12, 1995. Eleven shilpis (artisans) came from India on Jan 21, 1997 and worked hard to complete the project. The PRANA PRATHISHTAPANA and KUMBHABHISHEKAM celebrations were done on July 6, 1998. The phase III construction including RAJAGOPURAM was immediately started. Finally NAVAGRAHA PRANA PRATHISHTAPANA and RAJAGOPURNA KUMBHABHISHEKAM took place on July 8, 2000.

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