Manikanta Lanka

I am a devoted and regular attendee of our Hindu temple, actively participating in major events and contributing through devotional singing during special occasions.

My spiritual journey has always been closely tied to temple activities, and I have been blessed with the opportunity to sing bhajans regularly during events and special occasions. I believe that music is a powerful medium to connect with the divine and inspire devotion among the community.

Also my spiritual journey is deeply rooted in temple activities, and over time, I've developed a strong interest in cultural education and sharing the deeper meanings behind our customs, chants, and rituals.

I firmly believe that understanding our scriptures and rituals adds depth to our devotion. It's not just about performing rituals, but about connecting with their purpose and the spiritual wisdom they offer. I have often spoken on the significance of traditional attire, temple decorum, and the richness of our spiritual heritage.

I have been volunteering for parvathi abhishekam every 2 nd Sunday of month with the blessings of Lord Shiva and Maa parvathi. If elected as a board member, my focus will be on promoting spiritual awareness and scriptural understanding through the following goals:

- Initiate discourses on the meaning and spiritual essence of Vedic chants such as Rudra Namakam, Chamakam, Sri Suktam, and Purusha Suktam, sundara kand parayanam and many more of this sort and helping devotees connect with the energy and intention behind these mantras.
- 2. Organize/explore the teachings and values embedded in our scriptures, presented in a simplified way for both adults and youth to foster learning and engagement.
- 3. Introduce short, insightful explanations of major poojas and rituals performed during temple events, so that devotees can understand and appreciate the deeper significance of what they are witnessing or participating in.