



**SASKATOON  
SHARBOJONIN  
PUJA PORISHOD**

# *5th Annual Banquet*



Representing the divine feminine power in hinduism



**SATURDAY, JULY 5, 2025**

**Confederation Inn, 3330 Fairlight Drive**



The background of the entire page is a faded, artistic rendering of several Hindu deities. In the center, Lord Venkateswara of Tirumala is depicted with his characteristic blue complexion, a crescent moon and star on his forehead, and a large, ornate golden crown. He is surrounded by other deities, including women in traditional attire with sarees and jewelry. The overall color palette is a warm, monochromatic brown or sepia tone.

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# ABOUT SSPP

Saskatoon Sharbojonin Puja Porishod (SSPP) aims to open an avenue for everyone to uphold the Culture and the Heritage of Bangladesh and promote Canadian values of multiculturalism and equal respect for all faiths. We are a Bangladeshi Hindu cultural organization in Saskatoon, dedicated to organizing religious activities and fostering community spirit among our members. We are a non profit charitable organization promoting Humanism and Canadian values of Multiculturalism, Spirituality, and Solidarity. Along with different community services, SSPP hosts regular cultural events and religious activities, including community prayers and Hindu worships (Puja). We also organize lectures and discussions on various social, cultural, educational, and contemporary topics. Committed to preserving tradition, SSPP promotes Hindu religious practices while celebrating the social and cultural heritage of the Bangladeshi community.



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# ABOUT THE EVENT

**The Scene:** Picture a theatrical space with a red-carpet entry, an assortment of traditional food stations, a photo area, and more! Spiritual decorations, instrumental music, and a feast for the senses surround.

**The Entertainment:** Kicking off with a warm and welcoming social gathering with beautiful traditional music, the event will fill with speeches of chief guest, and special people, cultural performances, a charismatic raffle draw announcements.

What makes this event unique? The event is intended to bring a diverse group of people together through social gatherings and cultural performances while raising funds to support our mission. With the audience in mind, we have lined up the social gathering with traditional snacks served with drinks, speeches, a vegetarian dinner consisting of ethnic Indian and Bangladeshi menu, colorful and elegant cultural performances, raffle draw prize distribution, and free form dances.



# PROGRAMME

5:30PM	Socialization & Networking with Appetizers & Welcome Drinks
5:40PM	Introduction Of MCs
5:50PM	Land Acknowledgment
5:55PM	Lighting the Auspicious Lamp By Malati Talukder, Pronothi Chowdhury & Maya Mozumder
6:00PM	Recitation of Gita by Bapon Chanda & Ayan Pramanik organized by Kingkar Pramanik
6:10PM	Ganesh Vandana by Rajib Podder
6:20PM	National Anthem of Canada & Bangladesh
6:40PM	Greetings from Debal Chowdhury, Vice President, SSPP
6:50PM	Aparna Chanda Rimu, Chair, Banquet 2025
7:00PM	Chief Guest: Senos Timon, Councillor
7:10PM	Guest Speaker: Vicki Mowat, MLA
7:20PM	Sponsor's Appreciation
7:30PM	Dinner
8:00PM	Cultural Programme
8:55PM	Closing Remarks by Shilpi Bhadra
9:00PM	Raffle Draw

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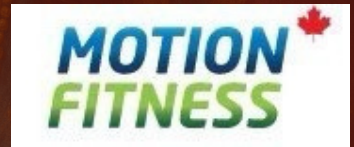


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# Cultural Programme

Time	Performance	Performers
8:00PM	Song - Tri Shakti	Pallavi Mozumder, Prachi Singla and Amruta Dash
8:10PM	Dance – The Power of Goddesses in Women	Arnavi, Arushi, Aryahi, Hridika, Srijita, Shreyoncee by Shatabdi Roy
8:20PM	Dance Drama– She is The Light	Alma, Audhora, Arindom, Promi, and Ayendrila
8:30PM	Dance- Come forth in splendour, O supreme, O beautiful one	Shayuree, Priana, Anusha and Sanvi by Biplob Kar
8:40PM	Dance – Nari Shakti (Fierce & Indestructible)	Ankita, Abonti, Mithila & Purnata by Shatabdi Roy
8:50PM	Dance – <u>Nabaananda Jaago</u> (Awaken by Joy)	Purnata, Prisha, and Sorupa by Biplob Kar
<b>Masters of Ceremony</b>	<b>Mithila, Sanvi, Dorah, Ayendrila &amp; Rayantika</b>	



# Women in Hinduism

## The Embodiment of Shakti

In Hinduism, women are seen not merely as individuals, but as embodiments of Shakti—the primordial cosmic energy. This divine feminine force is the foundation of creation, preservation, and destruction. From the compassionate Lakshmi to the fierce Kali, the feminine is worshipped in myriad forms.

## Divine Feminine and Goddesses

Hindu scriptures offer deep reverence to female deities, each representing essential cosmic principles:

- Saraswati, goddess of knowledge and wisdom
- Lakshmi, goddess of wealth and prosperity
- Durga, protector of the universe, vanquisher of evil
- Kali, destroyer of illusion and liberator of souls
- Parvati, motherly figure and consort of Shiva

Each goddess is not a mere consort to a male deity but a complete and autonomous divine force.

## Chant to Goddess Durga (Devi Stuti):

“Ya Devi Sarvabhuteshu Shakti Rupena Samsthita  
Namastasyai Namastasyai Namastasyai Namoh  
Namah”

Translation: “To that goddess who is present in all beings as power,  
we bow to her again and again.”

# MENU

## Starter

Samosa  
Spring roll  
Vegetable pakora  
Fruit punch

## Main

Paneer tikka masala  
Vegetarian manchurian  
Aloo gobi  
Bhindi bhaji  
Dal tadka  
Chana masala  
Salad (green & pasta salad )  
Rice & Naan

## Dessert

Rice Pudding & Gulab Jamun

