

Highlights of STS Activities (2009-2010)	
Event	Particulars
STS School Edutainment Program Date: 20th Jun 2009 Venue: Newater Centre	An edutainment program for the kids during the school holidays. Kids with lot of enthusiasm and energy participated and explored the world of water. It was a splendid program as perceived by most of the parents as it gave their kids a great opportunity to mingle with fello Telugu kids. The event was action packed with lot of games and fun filled activities
STS Bowling Tournament Date: 11th July 2009 Venue: Yishun SAFRA Country Club	<p>First ever bowling Tournament was conducted by STS in July 2009. 32 teams have participated and the competition was fun.</p> <p>Team Winners : Challengers Girish Kumar, Tulasi, Shyam and Indu Team Runners : Jalsa Brundam Sudhakara Varma, Hari Krishna, Sunil and Aiyappa Men's Top Scorer : Shyam Women's Top Scorer : Tulasi Top Scoring Couple : Girish Kumar & Tulasi</p>
Blood Donation Camp2 Date: 18th Jul 2009 Venue: Blood Bank @HSA	STS management committee arranged second round of Blood donation campaign in association with Red cross society manifested the social responsibility amongst the Singapore Telugus.
Telugu Badi Date: 26th Jul 2009 Venue: SINDA	STS took the campaign "Promote Mother tongue and Preserve the culture". Young kids living in Singapore are given an excellent opportunity to learn their mother tongue in a systemic and structured manner. The response to this program was overwhelming and the first batch of the "Telugu Badi" successfully finished with the participants age varying from 7 years to 70 years. STS would not have achieved this success without the volunteers and parents support.
Old Age Home Visit Date: 15th Aug 2009 Venue: Narayana Mission	First of its kind charity activity to spend time with elderly people to commemorate the spirit of Indian Independence day. Most of the management committee members along with fellow Telugu people visited this old age home and the inmates were provided with free lunch. It was really motivating to see the joy and gratitude expressed by the elderly inmates at the mission. Senior citizens lauded the efforts taken by the STS to organise this charity activity.
Vinayaka Chavithi Pooja Date: 23rd Aug 2009 Venue: Bala Murugan Temple, Yishun	The Hindu festival calendar begins with festival of Lord Ganesha. Several Telugu families turned up and Pooja was performed in traditional way. The pooja was conducted by local Hindu priest with all the ingredients in place. Prasadam was distributed after the puja. It was an evening filled with cultural spirit and devotion.
Tribute to Late CM Dr. Y.S.R Date: 6th September 2009 Venue: Andhra Curry	It was a great loss to the state of Andhra Pradesh on the tragic demise of Chief Minister Late Dr. Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy. STS paid tribute to the great leader and many participants expressed their grief on his death. Around hundred people gathered in Little India to pay rich tribute to the beloved leader.
STS & Aliens Super Six Cricket Tournament Date: 21st September 2009 Venue: IA & CSI Grounds	<p>A 12 hours non stop cricket tournament was organised by STS in association with Aliens Developers from Hyderabad. This tournament was an instant success with the unprecedented participants. Aliens and SB ventures have sponsored this event and STS has organised this grand event.</p> <p>WINNERS: ACC-PETRO6 RUNNERS: MERINOIDS</p>
Bathukamma Festival Date: 26th September 2009 Venue: Changi Beach Park	<p>In the history of STS, Bathukamma festival for the first time celebrated in a grand fashion. This specific festival is celebrated in Telangana region of Andhra Pradesh.</p> <p>The initiative was highly applauded and many Telugu folks joined this traditional gathering. This event manifested the cultural unity and pride of all the regions in the state of Andhrapradesh.</p>
Indhradhanassu Cultural Event Date: 10th October 2009 Venue: Singapore Polytechnic Convention Centre	<p>Indhradhanassu Telugu word for rainbow was chosen in symbolic manner to celebrate Diwali and Dasara cultural fest. The Singapore Telugu Samajam (STS) celebrated the festival Dussehra and Diwali with great pomp in the form of a cultural extravaganza titled Indhradhanassu. More than 950 people witnessed this mega event with festive fervor and exhilaration on the colorfully decorated stage with colorful banners and flowers. His Excellency Shri N.G Vasanth Kumar, First Secretary Indian High Commission Singapore has graced the event as the chief guest.</p> <p>Local Telugu Diaspora and the crowd was treated to some native Telugu cultural programs. STS samaharam a short presentation on the events organised by STS was presented to the audience. The winners of various events and tournaments were given mementos and certificates during the ceremony. Famous singers from MAA TV fame and well known artists presented their talent in this great program.</p>
Kaartheeka Masa VanaBhojanalu Date: 1st Nov 2009 Venue: East Coast Park	<p>Kartheeka Masam Vanabhojanalu (1st November 2009 @ EastCoast Park)</p> <p>This event was planned on the eve of Andhrapradesh formation day 1st November. It was a great gathering to celebrate the annual vanabhojanalu event on this auspicious day. An action packed six hours non stop entertainment with delicious food was the highlight of this event. The event witnessed over 500 people. Amidst a beautiful beach backdrop and lush greenery.</p> <p>The event started at 10:30 am and went on till about 5pm when heavy rain forced people to break up the party which was otherwise going strong with lively Telugu music and entertaining programs. Sporting events were conducted for people of all ages and Kabaddi, Volley Ball, Running races and spoon lemon race for women turned out to be the biggest crowd pullers.</p> <p>In addition to these programs, drawing competitions for kids, Anthyakshari for women and Thambola for families were organized to provide wholesome entertainment. All the guests were served a sumptuous meal with many traditional Andhra delicacies like Gaarelu, Boorelu, Bobbatlu, Bajjilu, Thokkudu pachadi etc. Drinks and snacks were provided in the evening.</p>

<p>Meditation workshop Date: 20th December 2009 Venue: SINDA</p>	<p>STS has organised the meditation workshop for the Telugu community in Singapore. Sri Vemula Vijay from vihanga yoga organisation Chennai has shared his experiences and taught the tips and basics of Meditation and Pranayama to the members . The approach in teaching the pranayama art was ease and very helpfull to the participants. Over hundred people attended this workshop and had a nice experience and hailed the STS's initiative to arrange this kind of events</p>
<p>High tea with Hon. Minister Smt D.K.Aruna Date: 19th Jan 2010</p>	<p>Honourable Minister for small scale industries, Andhrapradesh Smt. D.K.Aruna visited Singapore and to her honour STS has organised an high tea and felicitated her. Singapore Telugu Samajam has raised funds for the 2009 calamity in Andhrapradesh and the funds were handed over to the minister. SMT.D.K.Aruna spoke on this occassion and praised the efforts by the Telugu Samajam for assisting the flood victims.</p>
<p>Sankranthi Dinner Date: 23rd Jan 2010 Venue: SIFAS Auditorium</p>	<p>Telugu people in Singapore celebrated Sankranthi through "Sankranthi Sambaralu " organised by Singapore Telugu samajam. . The whole event was organised with a native Andhra touch in every aspect right from the decoration of the stage to the cuisine served in a traditional way. Colourfull "muggulu", cheruku gadalau , maamidakulu, gobemma were the highlights of the event. The dinner served included traditional Telugu items like ariselu, bobbatlu, ulavacharu etc. Tambola was organised and all the participants showed enthusiasm and enjoyed the event. Kids had fun while the adults who participated witnessed Telugeness in Singapore. Speical thanks to STS women members who prepared home made delicious dinner and all the proceedings collected at the dinner were donated to STS.</p>
<p>Thaipusam Route Marshal Date: 29th January 2010</p>	<p>Thaipusam is famous festival celebrated in Singapore by Indian community during the Tamil "Thai" month, which falls during Jan/Feb. Thaipusam was celebrated by thousands of devotees in Singapore. The specialty of the celebrations in Singapore is that the people irrespective of races participate in the grand event. Singapore Telugu samajam has sent its hundred over volunteers for this event. The volunteers with dedication and discipline contributed to the smooth success of the festival and local festival organizers have commended Singapore Telugu Samajam's role. This is one such manifestation to show that we as Samajam are committed for any social cause.</p>
<p>Blood Donation Camp3 Date: 06th Feb 2010 Venue: Blood Bank@HSA</p>	<p>Continuing the social responsibility STS has vested interest in organising this event with commitment. This event would have not been possible without the support of all the blood donors. Blood donation program is conducted in association with Red cross organisation. Thanks to all the donors who came forward to donate the blood and especially women members participation was commendable.</p>
<p>Badminton Tournament 2010 Date: 27th Feb and 28th Feb 2010 Venue: Bukit Gombak Sports Hall</p>	<p>It is amazing to witness the sporting enthusiasm amongst Telugus in Singapore. Singapore Telugu Samajam brought the third edition of sporting event to encourage badminton lovers to play with fellow Telugus in Singapore. The response to the tournament was overwhelming and the event was commended by all the participants and spectators. The event included four categories :Singles Men and Women, Doubles Men and Mixed doubles</p>
<p>Nrithya Ragaalu Date: 06th March 2010 Venue: PGP Kalyana Mandapam</p>	<p>It was splendoud evening with a right mixutre of songs and dance ballet. Started with a prayer song and then the famous Trio (Srikrishna, Anjana Sowmya, Geeta Madhuri) sang the popular Telugu numbers with a right mix of old and new melodies. Ms. Koka VijayaLaksmi and Troupe has presented fabulous dance ballet of Annamaya Padavinyasam in kuchupudi dance form, the crowd has enjoyed the every bit of the ballet.</p>
<p>Ugaadi Pooja & Srinivasa Kalyanamahotsavam Date: 16th March 2010 Venue: Srinivasa Perumal Temple</p>	<p>Ugaadi pooja has been conducted in a very traditional way in Perumal temple begun with Subrabatham and Sevas to Lord Venkatesware Swamy and distributed Ugaadi Pachacdi to all the devotees. STS conducted Srinivasa Kalyana Mahotsavam, most of the Pooja Items including Tirupati Laddus were directly brought from TTD, arond 60 couples have participated in the Kalyanam, the couples were blessed with pooja items brought from TTD. More than 1200 devotees witnessed the Kalayanmahotsavam and took the blessings of Lord Venkateswara. This event was witnessed as one of the rarest occasion in Singapore Telugu Samajam history with participation of different generations of our community.</p>
<p>Ugaadi Cultural Event - Ugadhi Hungama Date: 28th March 2010 Venue: Victoria Theatre</p>	<p>STS has conducted Ugadhi Hungama, a cultural extravanza with a right mix of classical dance ballet, enthralling dance performances, mimicry, non-stop fun and entertainment by eminent artists from India. K V Satyanarayana and his disciples presented Kuchipudi dance ballet on Amukta Malyada which was appreciated by one and all. Pragathi, a name almost synonymous with famous TV channels like ETV,MAA TV & NTV has hosted the event and her high energy levels coupled with professionalism made the remarkable mark. Bhaviri Ravi, the talented mimicry artiste who gave more than 5,000 performances has entertained the crowd with good humour. Famouce dance master Satya and team rocked Singapore telugus with their thunderous performances which add glitz and oomph to the Hungama.</p>
<p>Indian New Year Celebratons Date: 16th April 2010 - 17th April 2010 Venue: Marquee, Opp: Serangoon Plaza</p>	<p>The inaugural Singapore Indian New Year Celebrations held on 16th Apr 2010 and 17th Apr 2010 under the auspices of Moulmein Community Centre and Hindu Endowments Board (HEB) in association with other Indian organizations in Singapore. Singapore's first Prime Minister & Minister Mentor Mr.Lee Kuan Yew has attended as a chief guest in this joyous occasion on Saturday 17th April 2010. The event facilitated STS to showcase the Telugu culture and heritage to thousands of enthusiastic visitors including locals and tourists and it also helped us to bring the awareness about the culture of Andhra Pradesh and tourism. kuchipudi dance performance given by world famous Ms.Deepika Reddy and her disciples from Andhra Pradesh was the best received program of the evenings and it was applauded by one and all including managements of other participating organizations.</p>