



BTI - BCC Newsletter

April 2023 to June 2023



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Temple & Aarti Timings

Temple timings:

Weekdays
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
5:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Weekends
9:00 AM to 9:00 PM

Aarti timings:

Hindu Aarti
12:00 PM and 7:00 PM daily

Jain Aarti
11:45 AM and 6:45 PM daily

Mondays	Tuesdays	Fridays	Saturdays	Sundays
Shiva Abhishekam 7:15 PM	Hanuman Chalisa 7:15 PM	Lalitha Sahasranama 7:15 PM	Suprabhatam Venketeshwara Abhishekam Vishnu Sahasranama Stotram 9:00 AM	Lakshmi Narayan Abhishekam 10:00 AM

*** In the event of inclement weather, please check the website or call 215-997-1181 ***

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Upcoming Major Events

Shravan Masam Begins	Aug 16, 2023
Vara Lakshmi Vrat	Aug 25, 2023
Onam	Aug 29, 2023
Rig / Yajur Upakarma	Aug 30, 2023
Rakhi / Rakshabandhan	Aug 30, 2023
Krishna Janmashtami	Sep 7, 2023
Nand Mahotsav	Sep 8, 2023
Jain Pratikraman /	
Jain Bhavana	Sep 12 to Sep 19, 2023
Shravanmaas Sampurna Puja	Sep 14, 2023
Bhadrapada Masam Begins	Sep 15, 2023
Jain Swapna Darshan	Sep 16, 2023
Haratalika Teej	Sep 17, 2023
Philadelphia Ganesh Festival	Sep 18 to Sep 28, 2023
Mahalaya Paksha / Shraddh	Sep 29 to Oct 13, 2023
Annular Solar Eclipse	Oct 14, 2023
Ashvayuja Masam Begins	Oct 15, 2023
Ghata Sthapan	Oct 15, 2023
Sharad Navaratri	Oct 15 to Oct 23, 2023
Durgashtami Havan	Oct 22, 2023
Vijaya Dasami / Dussera / Ravan Dahan	Oct 24, 2023
Sharad Poornima / Satyanarayan Puja	Oct 27, 2023
Partial Lunar Eclipse (5:57PM—6:26PM) ...	Oct 28, 2023
Karwa Chauth	Oct 31, 2023

“Support Your Temple” Campaign



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Please help your Temple by making recurring tax deductible donation of your choice by clicking the donate button below. These donations will help the Temple continue with daily pujas, programs and pay for monthly operating expenses. Your donation will also help Vidyalaya/Sunday school.

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The matching process can also be found on our website:

<https://b-temple.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/BCC-Corporate-Matching-Contribution-Process.pdf>

To view a List of Companies with Matching Gift Programs, you can visit:

<https://www.1800runaway.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/corporate-match-directory.pdf>

<https://doublethedonation.com/tips/matching-grant-resources/list-matching-gifts-companies/>

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Thanking you in advance for your support!!!



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Religious Committee - Hindu

April 2023

Meenakshi Kalyanam was celebrated on April 4. It was well attended by a fair amount of devotees. April 6 was Hanuman Jayanti; in the evening the priests conducted Hanuman Abhishekam and also the Hanuman Chalisa was chanted blissfully by priests and devotees together. Vishu or the New Year was celebrated by devotees from South India, especially from Tamil Nadu and Kerala.

On April 16 a Bhajan and Satsang program was organized by devotees. Devotees sang sweet bhajans. On April 29 and 30, an Akhand Ramayan Parayan program was organized in the temple. The priests started the path and then devotees continued. This year Sri Tulsi Ramayan parayan was done from morning to evening on both days.

May 2023

Month of May began with Satyanarayan puja that takes place every month on the Poornima day.

Sankashti puja is also part of regular monthly puja's that took place on 8th of May and was well attended by Lord Ganesha devotees.

The first Sunday of every month temple floor resonates with the chanting of "Sunderkand" by group of temple devotees. On the rhythm of dholak / manjiras. Third Sunday of every month, devotees gather in the temple to sing bhajans.

Shani Jayanti is considered as the birthday of Shanishara. It was celebrated in the month of May with Navagraha Abhishekam and homam was performed in the temple which was well attended by devotees.

Most days in the month of May, priests & volunteers were busy planning & preparing for the various pujas to celebrate Brahmotsava. Volunteers & devotees Decorating and cleaning every part of the temple for the Brahmotsavam celebration in the end of May for 5 days.

It's one of the major religious activities that involves the not only the priests but all community members.

Religious Committee - Hindu

June 2023

Varshik Brahmotsav (Patotsav) celebrations started with Ganesh puja, pancha Kalash sthapan, Ganesh and Murugan Peeta puja and abhishekam on May 31st and continued until 4th of June.

June 1st, we had shiva Parivar and Ayyappa Mahabhishekam and ended with Harivarasanam.

June 2nd we celebrated Ma Durga with special Trishati kumkum archana and bhajans.

June 3rd Balaji Suprabhatam and Abishekam was a feast to the ears and eyes. Gold Kavacham was the highlight of the day. Venkateswar paramatmika Homam was performed in the evening.

All the celebrations were ended on June 4th in a grand scale, more than 300 Bangladesh devotees came in buses to have Maha Prasad and dharshan. Amritvani bhajans filled the hall with devotional music. Maha Prasad was served on all days.



Photo From Varshik Brahmotsav Havan

Religious Committee - Hindu



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Religious Committee - Jain

On Saturday April 9, 2023, the Jain Community celebrated Mahavir Jayanti - birth of Mahavir Bhagwan. Over 200 devotees attended this auspicious occasion, and it was a very successful event. Collection for various pujas, aarti and dinner prasad was very significant. Dinner prasad for over 200 members was sponsored by a member of the community,

On Saturday June 17, 2023 and Sunday June 18, 2023 members of the Jain community celebrated Temple's Anniversary and Dhawaja Aarohan by doing various pujas, Gautam Swami puja and dinner prasad. This event was attended by over 100 members of the Jain Community and turned out to be a very nice celebration. Narendrabhai Shah and his team from India performed the rituals and puja live for this special occasion. Members of the Jain Community made generous donations for dinner prasad, dhawaja aarohan and general fund. We had sponsors for dinner prasad for both days.



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Health & Human Services

HHS Core Volunteers: Sai Kumar Buddai, Darshan Bhatt, Meena Durbha, Srini Siddapureddy, Seetharam Alladi, Prakash Kurukunda, Niranjan Yanamandra,
BCC Youth Group

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BCC HHS Mission

- To provide health related services to the community
- Create, maintain, and communicate health related information to educate the community
- Identify, plan, and implement professional medical seminars
- Organize health seminars/fairs, American Red Cross blood drives and Vaccine clinics
- Arrange training sessions for volunteers and community on first aid, CPR

Blood Drives: HHS team organizes 4 Blood Drives throughout the year at Bharatiya Temple. This activity has been ongoing for >10 years and brings local community donors to the Temple. Each pint of blood donated can potentially save 3 lives and in total this donation could save 72 lives. Every day, blood donors help patients of all ages. Blood transfusions are given to patients in a wide range of circumstances, including serious injuries (such as in a car crash), burns, surgeries, childbirth, anemia, blood disorders, cancer treatments, and many others. In fact, every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. The next blood drive is scheduled for Saturday 26 August, 2023 from 10AM to 3PM. Please register using the following link:

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=bharatiya>

A very big THANK YOU to all the donors, Volunteers and BTI management for supporting this life saving mission.

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Health & Human Services

COVID-19 Health Education: COVID-19 Health Education and Vaccine education activities were conducted for the benefit of the community. COVID-19 infections are still around and people who are older, are immunocompromised, have certain disabilities, or have certain underlying health conditions continue to be at higher risk for serious illness. Vaccines are safe and effective, and the best way to protect you and those around you from serious illnesses.

Asian Indian Immigrant communities face cultural and linguistic barriers which limits their access to information, opportunities and resources relating to COVID-19. Limited or no information and misinformation can create misunderstanding leading to vaccine hesitancy. BCC HHS team helped prepare materials in 8 different native Indian languages (Hindi, Gujarati, Punjabi, Marathi, Telugu, Kannada, Tamil and Malayalam) along with English. The material was to educate the need to get vaccinated and be up to date with CDC COVID-19 vaccine recommendations. The material was printed and distributed at the Temple and other community gatherings. The awareness material was also sent via an e-mail to 4000+ community members (sent to the subscribers of the temple e-mail alerts) and was also uploaded to the webpage of the BCC HHS. Please refer to the temple web page for this information: <https://b-temple.org/healthandhumanservices/>

BCC HHS also conducted an in-person educational activity to educate about COVID-19 vaccine and conducted a vaccine clinic on April 16, 2023. This event was done as part of a cultural activity at Bharatiya Temple. The presentation included education about COVID-19, why it is still important to be vaccinated and stay up to date.



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Education Committee

Geeta Study Group by Praveenji Sharma

Bhagavad Gita study group in “English” is held on the last Thursday of every month. This quarter we started the fifth session of the Geeta from the beginning.

The fact that dharma is the first word used in the Bhagavad-Gita, this is very significant about what its content is going to be. Of course, dharma is a part of the compound dharma-ksetra. Einstein said, “When I read the Bhagavad-Gita everything else seems so superfluous.”

Bhagavad Gita teaches us about understanding how we can overcome difficulty, self-doubt, and ultimately live a life of truth and purpose. The Bhagavad Gita is entirely representational and highly symbolic. There is no real battlefield or fight to be won; the entire text is a representation of the battle that goes on in our minds.

Yoga Classes

The Educational Committee held yoga classes every Thursday from March to June 2023 at Bharatiya Temple

Satsang with Swami Mukundandanda

From June 19 to June 22, 2023 a satsang with Swami Mukundandanda was had with the topic of “Golden Rules for Living Your Best Life”. About 140 devotees attended the event. Swamiji is a unique sanyasi, who has a distinguished IT-technical and management educational background that complements his deep philosophical and spiritual knowledge. Using a simple yet scientific and logical approach, Swamiji offered new ways of understanding and applying the knowledge of the scriptures in our daily lives, associating with the various paths of God-realization. He has authored numerous books such as “Bhagavad Gita” and many more, with his most recent new book “7 Mindsets for Success, Happiness and Fulfillments”.



Education Committee

International Yoga Day

On June 21, 2023 we celebrated International Yoga Day with Swami Mukundandandji in BTI. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the first International Day of Yoga on June 21, 2015 on the theme "Yoga for Harmony and Peace". Patanjali is known as the father of modern yoga.



Hindu Hriday Milan

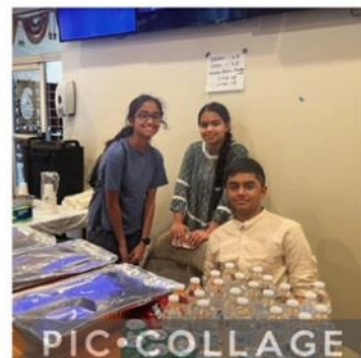
On June 25, 2023 we celebrated "Hindu Hriday Milan" with Swami Amrutcharitdas. It was on our Hindu scriptures with a unique celebration of unity and harmony. Topics also discussed were on methods on how to educate Hinduism to our next generation, important role of temples, etc.

There are two forms of happiness in Hinduism— the first being the sense of satisfaction from accomplishment and delight, from living a good life, whilst the second being the kind of happiness and pleasure that comes from God. The topic of "What do individuals want?" has four solutions described in Hinduism, with Dharma, Artha, Kama, and Moksha being the drivers for purpose of life. When Artha and Kama are combined, they represent the Good Life. Artha translates to "thing, item, and matter," and people often construe it to mean "riches," but it also has a comprehensive connotation of accomplishment, economic success, fame, and influence. The Kama denotes liking broadly, not just gratification. It also encompasses the desires of thoughts and intelligence; frustration alternates with contentment resulting from achievement and pleasure.

Cultural Committee

Cultural Committee hosted its first successful cultural show to represent festivals of India. Response for cultural show was overwhelming and more than 50 participants performed for this show. The participants showcased various Indian classical dance forms like Kathak, Bharatnatyam, Kuchipudi as well as folk dances like Garba, Giddha, Bhangra which are performed during festivals. The show gave an opportunity to all different age group participants from 5 to 75 years.

Culture committee thanks to BCC Youth Group volunteers and other committee volunteers to help with the show and making this event successful.



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Cultural Committee



Cultural committee celebrated and participated in the Vishu festival with the help of Kerala Cultural group. The festival's religious as well as aspects were celebrated. The cultural celebrations included a fun filled dance and musical show and a traditional Kerala Sadya(feast). Many professional dance and music schools participated in the cultural show. The show ended with a mesmerizing performance by North Penn High School student's band - Indium.

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Women's Group

The BCC Women's Group hosted a Spring Potluck Picnic on May 20th. Even though the weather Gods were not kind that day, approximately 50 women joined in the fun event. We played toss a bean bag and bingo, and sang and danced our hearts out at the antakshri. We all enjoyed the delicious lunch with soul warming tea and exchanged a few recipes.



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The Women's Group Book Club continues to meet every other month. The Book Club members select the books to read and the discussion is held over a potluck lunch at the Temple. The Reading List by Sara Nisha Adams and Our Missing Hearts by Celeste Ng were discussed on 27th April and 15th June, respectively.



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The Women's Group is planning several more events this year. Our next event is a **Madhubani Workshop on 27th August 2023**. In addition, we are planning to hold educational talks on women-focused health-related issues and financial management for women. We are also exploring opportunities for our group to volunteer at the community food banks.

To continue to receive updates about our upcoming events, please like us on our BCC Women's Group Facebook page or be part of the BCC Women's Group WhatsApp group, or sign up for the Temple emails.

We have a very talented and enthusiastic group of women in the Women's Group Committee who are wholehearted committed to the success of the mission of this group.

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Youth Group

The BCC youth group successfully organized Spring Garba along with North Penn Schools' Indian Cultural Association (ICA) club. Event had great turnaround of about 150-200 young garba enthusiastic. Youth sold Paneer with rice, pizza and vegetarian biryani.

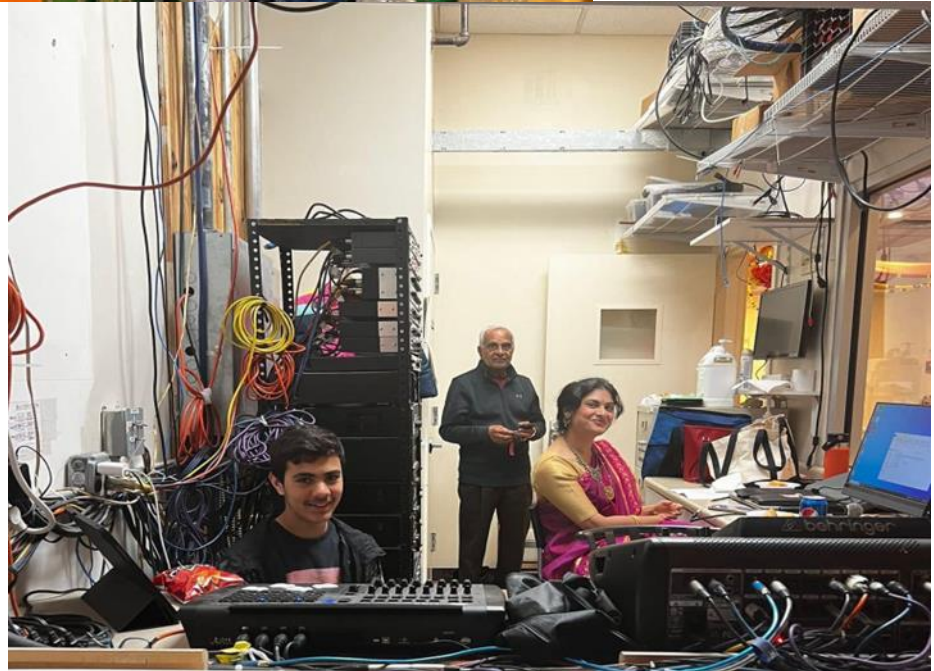


Highlight of Spring Garba was amazing performances from a youth band call INDIUM

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BCC Youth Group helped various temple events like Cultural Show organized by cultural committee, helped with Varshik Bramhostav and volunteered during Blood drive.



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Bharatiya Vidyalaya

161 students registered for 2022-23 Bharatiya Vidyalaya program (August 2022 thru May 2023), the 18th year of successful operation of Bharatiya Vidyalaya.

A Typical Bharatiya Vidyalaya Sunday

Students started their Sundays at 9:20 AM with Yoga conducted by experienced volunteers, followed by musical chanting, prayers and Bhagavad Geeta chanting. Parents joined morning assembly along with students.

At 10 AM, students attended Hindu Religion classes for their respective age groups. Jain students attended Jain Religion classes. On a few Sundays, Culture classes were scheduled instead. The schedule for the year was finalized in advance.

At 11 AM, students attended one of the seven language classes as per their selection of language. Gujarati, Hindi, Sanskrit, Tamil and Telugu language classes are further split into 2 or 3 sections based on proficiency of students. Kannada and Marathi had one section each.

At noon, students attended Aarati upstairs. After the Aarati, about 30 students joined the music (group singing) class and 20 joined Bhagavad Geeta chanting classes.

Students enthusiastically participated in the program provided by hardworking volunteers. Students and parents found the Bharatiya Vidyalaya program engaging and beneficial.

From 10 AM to 12 PM, a group of 10 parents joined the discussion group for Bhagavad Geeta and other scriptures. Volunteers who are knowledgeable on the subject moderated the group. The group studied Bhagavad Geeta chapter 1 during Q2, 2023. Chapter 1 helps one understand how emotions can get in the way of us doing our duty.

Volunteers

Bharatiya Vidyalaya program for Q2, 2023 was run by 50+ teaching volunteers and 10+ non-teaching volunteers. All volunteers actively maintained their compliance required for volunteering as per the law for volunteering in Pennsylvania. Volunteers conducted classes for Hindu and Jain religion, and seven Indian languages. Additionally, volunteers

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conducted Yoga for children, music (group chanting and group singing), prayers in Sanskrit and Bhagavad Geeta chanting. During Q2, the main focus was preparing students for Religion Day and Language Day.

New volunteers in their first year were paired up with experienced volunteers.

Senior Students

As part of the Senior Student program, 9th grade and above students were provided an opportunity for getting trained for teaching by adult volunteers. Seven students received the training for Senior Students. They help with teaching one subject (for example, Religion) and attended classes for the other two subjects as students (in this example, Culture and Language).

Library

Bharatiya Vidyalaya library was shut down for two years during the COVID period. A dedicated group of volunteers reactivated the library in October. Parents borrowed books from the library for their family.

Expenses

Bharatiya Vidyalaya volunteers were extremely conservative with expenses. The only significant expense was the cost of text books, which is less than 10% of the fee parents pay. Additionally, volunteers and parents donate generously to cover most, if not all expenses for occasional food sponsoring, web site hosting and other expenses required for running the Vidyalaya activities.

Special Programs during Q2-2023

Saturday, April 22nd: Bhagavad Geeta Chanting Yajna

20 students represented Bharatiya Vidyalaya thru their participation in Bhagavad Geeta Chanting Yajna at Swami Siddhananda ji's Ashram in Yardley, PA. Over 130 students had participated in the event including the 20 students from Bharatiya Vidyalaya. Students

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chanted Bhagavad Geeta chapter 3 “Karma Yoga”. 13 out of the 20 Vidyalaya students were placed in the “Meritorious” / “Excellence” category based on their performance. Here is a valuable verse from chapter 3

यज्ञार्थात्कर्मणोऽन्यत्र लोकोऽयं कर्मबन्धनः ।
तदर्थं कर्म कौन्तेय मुक्तसङ्गः समाचर ॥ ९ ॥

*yajñārthāt karmaṇo 'nyatra loko 'yaṁ karma-bandhanaḥ
tad-arthaṁ karma kaunteya mukta-saṅgaḥ samāchara*

We have to perform action to maintain our body. Action leads to bondage. We can be free from the bondage when we perform action for the sake of Yajna, that is when we perform action as our duty.

Sunday, April 23rd, 2023: Religion Day

Students performed on the stage on Religion Day. They dressed up in traditional Indian attire.

- ⇒ Ganga (Kindergarten) students performed a play on Ramayana
- ⇒ Kaveri (Grade 1) students mesmerized audience with a Shri Ram bhajan
- ⇒ Narmada (Grade 2) and Yamuna (Grade 3) students presented Vishnu Avatar stories
- ⇒ Saraswati (Grade 4) students performed a play on Mahabharat
- ⇒ Jain students presented a play on the divine family of Bhagavan Rushabhdev ji
- ⇒ Krishna (Grade 5 and 6) students made a presentation on “Understanding values taught in Hinduism”
- ⇒ Godavari (Grade 7 – 11) students chanted Bhagavad Geeta. Audience followed them. Students explained the meaning of verses

The program was made available on Zoom for students’ grandparents and other relatives in India. Volunteers and parents contributed for snacks and lunch for students, parents, volunteers and guests.

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Bharatiya Vidyalaya



Bharatiya Vidyalaya students, volunteers and guests after performing in Religion Day program on Sunday, April 23rd

Sunday, May 14th: Mother's Day Picnic

Over 40 students, their parents and volunteers celebrated Bharatiya Vidyalaya Mother's Day Picnic at Spring Valley Park, North Wales. They started the day with Maatrustavanam, a prayer in which we express gratitude towards their mothers. Students, parents and volunteers enjoyed by playing tug of war and other games. Volunteers and parents generously contributed for snacks and lunch.

Graduating Students

The following three Bharatiya Vidyalaya students graduated from high school

- Chinmaya Sapre
- Dhaval Tantry
- Nandini Narayanan

Bharatiya Vidyalaya volunteers felicitated them on the Language Day.

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Sunday, May 21st: Language Day

Students performed on the stage on Language Day. They dressed up in traditional Indian attire.

The program started with the invocation prayer and lamp lighting by the three graduating students.

- ⇒ Hindi beginner students presented Bachchon Kee Kushaltaa, Children's Talent
- ⇒ Tamil students performed Bhakti Padalgalum and Mazhalai Mozhigalum
- ⇒ Sanskrit Junior students presented सुभाषितरसस्याग्रे सुधा भीता दिवं गताः, "Sweet and beautiful things defeated by poetry"
- ⇒ Marathi students narrated Marathi poems in their program *Kavi and Kavita*
- ⇒ Sanskrit Senior students followed with बालकाण्डम्, Bala Kandam, the first section of Ramodantam
- ⇒ Sanskrit Advanced students presented अयोध्याकाण्डम्, the second section of Ramodantam
- ⇒ Gujarati Advanced students enacted a news room
- ⇒ Hindi Senior students made the audience have a hearty laugh by presenting the humorous Akbar and Birbal – The Field of Gold
- ⇒ Hindi Intermediate students presented "Uttarakhand Char Dham"
- ⇒ Telugu Junior class acquainted all with "Telugu Treasures"
- ⇒ Gujarati Junior students sang "Madhur Bal Geet"
- ⇒ Kannada students presented "Save the Earth – Reduce, Reuse and Recycle"

The program was made available on Zoom for students' families in India. Volunteers and parents generously contributed for snacks lunch for students, parents, volunteers and guests.

Summer Program, Monday thru Friday, July 10th – 14th

Dedicated volunteers conducted 5-day long full day Bharatiya Vidyalaya in-person Summer Program.

Students enjoyed Yoga, visited the Temple upstairs, chanted prayers, enjoyed storytelling, participated in arts and craft, got introduced to Indian spices and cooking, played musical chairs, played cricket and participated in other engaging activities. Parents appreciated the program very much.

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Becoming a Member of BTI / BCC



Membership Categories	
Annual Membership	\$100
Life Member	\$1,200
Patron	\$5,000
Grand Patron	\$10,000
Senior Trustee	\$25,000

Benefits of becoming a Trustee, Patron or Life Member

- All mailings including Brochures, newsletters and calendar.
- Complementary Pujas performed at the temple for you and your family member on birthdays.
- Discounted or complimentary admission to selected events.
- One time per calendar year, receive a 20% discounted fee for Hall rental (Max discount of \$100)
- Eligible for Board of Director's position.

All donations to Bharatiya Temple and Bharatiya Cultural Center are tax deductible!

Bharatiya Temple Tax ID: 23-2959416

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For additional information regarding membership and to download application forms, please visit the Temple website.

Puja Request

To schedule a Puja or inquiries pertaining to this, please contact:



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267-396-PUJA (7852)
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If you are requesting specific priests for your puja, this will only be confirmed by Ramana Kanumalla and not by the priests themselves. Please keep in mind that:



- All services (except Archana, Abhishekam & Vehicle Puja) must be scheduled in advance.
- All private puja services are charged on an individual puja basis.
- Mileage charges will apply for all outside pujas.

For a complete list of Pujas and prices, please visit the temple website.

Volunteers Needed

The Temple is always in need of help and volunteers! If there is a committee that interests you, please reach out to the respective chairperson. If there is an event that you would like to help out in, please refer to the respective flyer and get in touch with the contact person(s) listed. If you can only volunteer for a day or even a few hours, it will be greatly appreciated! Please reach out to the contact person for the event based on your availability.



Bharatiya Temple Hall Rental Information

For Hall Rentals or inquiries pertaining to this, please contact:



Dixal Patel
610-291-7493
hall@b-temple.org



Hall Rental	<p>\$600 for 4 hours + \$100/additional hour (Fridays evenings, Saturdays, Sundays & Holidays)</p> <p>OR</p> <p>\$400 for 4 hours + \$75/additional hour (weekdays)</p>
Education Room Rental	<p>\$100 for 2 hours + \$50/additional hour (Friday evenings, Saturdays, Sundays & Holidays)</p> <p>OR</p> <p>\$50 for 2 hours + \$25/additional hour (weekdays)</p>
Kitchen Rental	\$75 for warming food. Food cooking is not permitted.
Audio Equipment Rental	<p><u>Basic Package</u>—\$75 (includes 1 wireless and 2 wired mics, connection for laptop or phone)</p> <p><u>Enhanced Package</u>—\$250 (includes 1 technician and use of all audio facilities for 4 hours., \$50/hour extra thereafter)</p>
Wedding	\$1,300 for all day—includes access to kitchen and Basic Package for audio equipment rental
Cleaning	\$100—this includes sweeping and mopping only; you still have to pick up trash
Discounts (once/year)	<p>20% or maximum \$100 for Life Members of BTI/BCC (once/year)</p> <p>20% or maximum \$100 for nonprofit organizations (once/year)</p> <p>10% or maximum \$100 for annual members of BTI/BCC (once/year)</p>

For additional information or to download the rental agreement, please visit the Temple website.

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Temple Priests



**Sri. Vishnuji
Parshad Vassyal**



**Sri. Seshasai
Rompicharla**



**Sri. Umamaheshwara
Shivam**



**Sri. Nikul
Prasad Joshi**

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Bharatiya Temple App

You can download this **FREE** app by simply scanning the barcode or by searching "Bharatiya Temple" in iTunes (Apple) or Play Store (Android).

With this app you can easily view upcoming events, view monthly calendar, request hall rental, request priest services, listen to bhajans, post pictures, send a message, etc.

If you choose to receive notification, you will receive real-time information about parking situation at the temple, temple closings due to inclement weather and reminders about special events at the temple.



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