



BTI - BCC Newsletter

July 2025 to September 2025



Bharatiya Temple

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Temple & Aarti Timings

<u>Temple timings:</u>			<u>Aarti timings:</u>	
Weekdays 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM 5:00 PM to 8:30 PM (9:00 PM Mar—Oct)			Hindu Aarti 12:00 PM and 7:00 PM daily	
Weekends 9:00 AM to 8:30 PM			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 Venkateshwara 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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Tulsi Vivah Nov 2, 2025
Kartika Poornima Nov 4, 2025
Satyanarayan Puja Nov 4, 2025
Kartaki Punam Aradhana Nov 5, 2025
Veterans Day Nov 11, 2025
Ayyappa Mandala Puja Begins Nov 16, 2025
Vrishchika Sankranti Nov 16, 2025
Margasira Masam Begins Nov 20, 2025
Navakar Jaap Nov 27, 2025
Thanksgiving Day Nov 27, 2025
Gita Jayanti Nov 30, 2025
Sarvalaya Deepam Dec 4, 2025
Dhanurmasam Begins Dec 15, 2025
Dhanu Sankranti Dec 15, 2025
Dhanurmasam Begins Dec 15, 2025
Thiruppavai Thiruvembavai
Paryan Begins Dec 15, 2025
Hanuman Jayanti (Tamil) Dec 19, 2025
Pushya Masam Begins Dec 20, 2025
Christmas Day Dec 25, 2025
Murugan Puja Dec 25, 2025
Vaikuntha Ekadasi Dec 30, 2025
New Year’s Eve Puja and Bhajans Dec 31, 2025
New Year’s Day Jan 1, 2026

“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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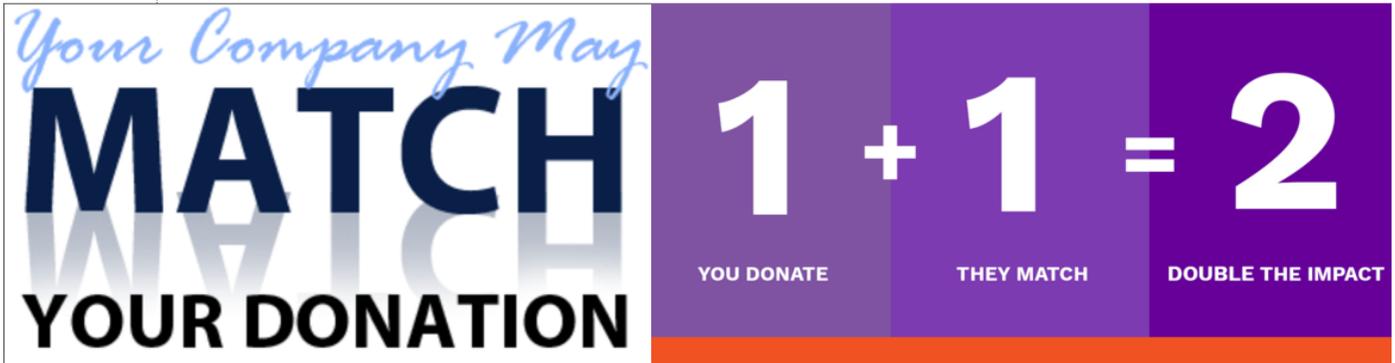
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Each year, companies and businesses support nonprofits by distributing hundreds of millions of dollars in matching gift donations. Most companies match 1:1; some companies match 2:1 and even 3:1. Several of our supporters take advantage of this initiative and we are grateful for their support. Please check with your organization's HR department and follow their established procedures for matching funds.

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/>

If your company matches, then please direct your donation to Bharatiya Cultural Center and follow up with your Company's HR department.

Thanking you in advance for your support!!!

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Religious Committee - Hindu

July 2025

Saravan Maas

Saravan Maas is considered one of the most auspicious months in the Hindi calendar. It is a time to purify the body and mind, deepen faith, and live in harmony with others.

Gauri vrat & Jaya Parvati vrat

Gauri Vrat is observed by unmarried women and young girls with the hope of obtaining an ideal and devoted husband. Morning time devotees bring young girls to pray for an ideal husband whereas Jaya Parvati Vrat is observed by married women for a happy married life. The pujas started on the 13th day of Ashadh month. Celebrations continue for 5 days. This Vrat is particularly popular among Gujarati community

Guru Poornima

Guru Poornima is celebrated among the Hindu community to honor their Guru, Teachers. Guru Poornima is also known as Vyasa Poornima and commemorated as the birth anniversary of Veda Vyasa Maharshi. Satyanarayan puja is conducted in the temple where each & every devotee performs puja in an individual set up.

Hindola

Hindola utsav is celebrated in the month of Ashadh and Shraavan. The Hindola utsav has a special status in the Hindu dharma. Priests decorate Hindola in different ways each week.

Sudarshan Homam

Sudarshana Chakra is the Weapon of Lord Vishnu which is usually used For the ultimate destruction of enemies and protecting good over bad. Sudarshan & Narasimha Homam is performed in the temple which is very well attended mostly by devotees from South of India.

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Saravan Maas

Beginning of Saravan mass, devotees in hundreds visit temple seeking blessings of lord Shiva.

Monthly programs like Sunderkand, Yamunashtak puja, Navagraha Abhishek are diligently performing.

August 2025

August 2025, spanning the auspicious Hindu months of Shravan and Bhadrapada, was a period of intense devotion and vibrant community celebrations. We successfully concluded a packed schedule of festivals and special programs, and we thank everyone who participated and contributed to their success.

Krishna Janmashtami & Nand Mahotsav

The birth of Lord Krishna was celebrated with great fervor on Saturday, August 16th, through an elaborate program that ran from 7:30 pm until midnight.

- **Janmashtami Program:** The evening began at 7:30 pm when sponsors performed the Laddu Gopal Puja, which was conducted by the temple priests. At 8:30 pm, we were treated to a charming children's program, where young devotees sang bhajans and recited shlokas. This was followed at 9:30 pm by sweet Krishna bhajans sung by other temple devotees. The climax of the evening occurred at 11:30 pm with the Bal Krishna Aagaman and Janma Puja, conducted by the priests. The celebration concluded precisely at midnight, as priests and devotees joyously rang in the birth of Bal Krishna, followed by the Maha Mangal Aarti.
- **Nand Mahotsav:** The celebrations continued the following day, Sunday, August 17th, with the Nand Mahotsav. A highlight of this event was the traditional Dahi Handi program, which was conducted on the temple floor. The handi was filled with chocolates, and the children greatly enjoyed picking up the treats, bringing the festivities to a sweet close.

Religious Committee - Hindu

Ganesh Festival

The Annual Philadelphia Ganesh Festival at the Bharatiya Temple began on Tuesday, August 26th, and continued with devotion and pomp, concluding on Saturday, September 6th.

- Ganesh Chaturthi (August 26th): The festival was launched with enthusiasm. A Ganesh Abhishekam was performed by the priests and devotees. This was followed by the Ganesh Havan at 4:00 pm and the Ganesh Aagaman Procession at 5:30 pm. Following the procession, the Utsav Murti (clay murti) sthapana (installation) was completed, and the priests conducted the Shodashopchar Puja and aarti.
- Ganesh Maha Abhishekam & Jyeshtha Gauri Avahan (August 30th): A grand Ganesh Maha Abhishekam was conducted by the priests with sponsors at 9:00 am. During this time, the priests offered the Ashtagandha abhishekam to the Mula murti of Ganesh in the main vigraha, while sponsors and devotees offered abhishekam to the brass murtis of Ganesh and Riddhi-Siddhi. In the afternoon, children offered their own puja to Ganapati. The day concluded with the Jyeshtha Gauri Avahan puja at 5:00 pm.
- Ganesh Vivah & Jyeshtha Gauri Puja (August 31st): Sunday, August 31st, was marked by a beautiful Ganesh Vivah with Riddhi-Siddhi, performed at 9:00 am. The Jyeshtha Gauri Puja was performed again that evening at 5:45 pm.
- Conclusion: The three-day Gauri puja was concluded on Monday, September 1st, with the Jyeshtha Gauri Visarjan at 5:00 pm. The entire Ganesh festival concluded on Saturday, September 6th, with the visarjan puja, followed by a procession around the temple premises, ending with the final visarjan where devotees bid farewell to Lord Ganesh.

Other Important Observances

Special Shravan Functions: Siva Abhishekams

Throughout the month of Shravan, from August 1st through August 21st, the Siva Abhishekam was performed every day by priests and devotees. Shravan Somvars (Mondays) were considered even more auspicious, and devotees came in large numbers to offer abhishekam to Lord Siva.

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Rig/Yajur Upakarma

The sacred event of Rig/Yajur Upakarma was observed on Friday, August 8th, beginning at 7:00 am. During this time, devotees performed puja and changed the sacred thread (Janeu or Yagnopavita).

Vara Lakshmi Vrat

Devotees successfully observed the Vara Lakshmi Vrat on Friday, August 1st, at 7:15 pm, seeking blessings from the Goddess of Wealth.

Hindola

The delightful Hindola ceremony took place on Saturday, August 2nd, at 5:00 pm, where devotees sang traditional Hindola bhajans.

Yamunashtak Path

The devotional Yamunashtak Path was held on Monday, August 4th, at 5:30 pm.

Bhajans by Balkrishna Bhajan Group

A full day of profound devotion and musical offering was held on Sunday, August 24th, provided by the Balkrishna Bhajan Group, who performed continuous bhajans from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm.

September 2025

In the month of September, 21st Monday on Mahalaya Amavasya Samuhik sarva Pitru shradh Puja was conducted by the priests. Sharad Navaratri was celebrated from the 22nd to Oct 2nd. The temple was decorated beautifully by volunteers and devotees. Upstairs in the temple a beautiful cave mandap was made with Durga mata's utsav murti. This year Vaishnavi Mata Mandhir is the theme, the decoration team brought the miniature creation of the mountain and the mandhir in the auditorium. Everyone enjoyed and appreciated the efforts. A typical South Indian Golu display was also created on either side of the mandap. On the 22nd to mark the start of Sharad Navaratri a Durgama Abhishekam was performed along with Ghata Sthapana. A procession was also held around the temple with Dhol Tasha and dancing. In the auditorium downstairs arthi was done everyday in the

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evening with different groups performing dancing & serving Mahaprasad. Chandi path was chanted by devotees on all days of the Navaratri. Also each day a Durga Vishesh puja was held that devotees could sponsor and perform. Vishwambari Stuti was chanted every evening. On 27th Mata Ki Chowki was conducted with much enthusiasm. Durga Ashtami and a Durga Ashtami Havan was conducted by the temple priests with more than 600 devotee participation on 30th. October 2nd was Vijaya Dasami, vahan puja was offered as a part of the event. A Mata Saraswati puja was performed in the evening ending with Durga mata and Sarva Devata aarti. The Navratri celebrations ended with Ravan dahan in the temple compound attended in large numbers.

October 6th, was Sharad Pournima day and a Satyanarayan Puja was performed in the temple that devotees also performed. Karwa Chauth was celebrated by the women devotees in the temple on October 9th. It was nice to see the ladies remembering their wedding day and wearing those jewels and costumes.

Religious Committee - Jain

The BTI Jains group had an active 3rd 2025 quarter filled with a summer picnic, Paryushan Maha Parva, a Chaitya Paripati visit to our temple, and our very own full-day Chaitya Paripati visit to three temples. Through the collective efforts of our sponsors & volunteers, all of these events were highly successful!

Summer Picnic

On July 12, 2025, we held a fun-filled summer picnic at Parkside Place Park. Leena Dedhia, Rita Sanghvi, the BTI Jains core committee, and other volunteers came together to create a fun day of singing, games, and great food. Approximately 50+ members came together and we look forward to this becoming an annual event!



Paryushan Maha Parva

Paryushan Mahaparva is a **most** important annual festival for Jains, lasting eight to ten days, focused on spiritual reflection, self-purification, and forgiveness. During this time, followers observe austerities like fasting, meditation, and prayer to suppress negative passions like anger and greed, and the final day, called Samvatsari, involves asking for and granting forgiveness from all living beings with the phrase "Micchami Dukkadam". For us, this is a time for:

- Spiritual reflection: The festival is a time for inner introspection to purify the soul, reduce negative emotions, and reconnect with one's true self.

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- Penance: Jains practice self-restraint through fasting, increased prayer, and simplified routines.
- Forgiveness: A central theme is seeking and granting forgiveness for any harm caused, with the final day being a culmination of this practice.
- Religious practices: Individuals may attend sermons, read religious texts, and perform evening rituals of confession and repentance called Pratikraman.
- Dietary practices: To minimize harm to living beings, some Jains may avoid certain root vegetables, leafy greens, any foods that even remotely cause hinsa (violence) and processed foods during the festival.



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Visiting Jain Sangh (Chaitya Paripati) from New Jersey

On Sept. 18, 2025, approximately 25 Jains from New Jersey visiting BTI Jains for darshan and swamivatsalya (community meal). Our sangh members did an amazing job in hosting our visitors, greeting them with song, blessings, and tokens by which to remember their visit.

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BTI Jains' Chaitya Paripati visit to 3 Temples

The idea of 'chaitya paripati' is have pilgrimages to Jain holy sites/temples. We were proud to organize this full-day bus pilgrimage to the Jain Center of Metropolitan Washington, Jain Temple of Virgina, and The Greater Baltimore Hindu & Jain Temple. We had many sponsors for this event, including our maha sanghpati sponsors, the family of Bhavesh & Jhilpa Shah. In addition to over 55 people, the spirit of our sangh filled the bus early on Sept. 21, 2025. After an early morning darshan at Bharatiya Temple, all participants embarked on the journey. JSMW temple greeted our sangh with exuberant

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song & dance, providing us a tour of their newly expanded temple, and lunch. During our visit, our sangh was joined by other visitor from Chicago as well as the pathshala students, in addition to temple leadership. We then visited JTVA, where the hosts provided a warm greeting & visit to their unique temple. Our last stop GBHJ Temple was very warm, with a song-filled welcome, and bhakti, followed by swami vatsalya dinner. This is a day that will last in the memories of those who participated!

The BTI Jains committee looks forward to organizing more such events in the future!



Health & Human Services

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BCC HHS Mission: *Manava Seva is Madhava Seva*

- 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/health fairs
- Organize American Red Cross blood drives and Vaccine clinics
- Arrange training sessions on first aid, CPR, AARP driving courses

Blood Drives

BCC HHS team organized Blood Drive at Bharatiya Temple on 23 Aug 2025. We collected a total of 18 units of blood that can potentially save up to 54 lives. Thanks to Warrington Township for providing Lindy Community Center for the Blood Drive as the Temple cultural hall was busy. Thanks to all the DONORS and Volunteers who made this possible. Great team effort and thanks to all the donors and volunteers for their continued support for the blood drive that has a huge community impact. Kudos to the HHS Team including Niranjana Yanamandra, Parimal Desai, Manisha Sonee, Sai Buddai, Raju Kalidindi, Prakash Kurukunda, Meena Durbha for making this blood drive very successful.

We host 4 drives annually that bring donors from local community along with Temple devotees. The blood drives also provide a great opportunity for local community to get introduced to the Temple and they are all encouraged to visit mandir upstairs when they come to donate. This time we had 6 donors interested in visiting upstairs and we were able to arrange this with the help of volunteers.

Thanks to BTI/BCC management for their continued support for these activities. This is one of the noble causes the Temple has been supporting for many years that saved thousands of lives.

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Health & Human Services

The next blood drive is scheduled for 20 Dec 2025 (Saturday) from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Please register using the following link: <http://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=bharatiya>



Volunteers Needed

We have a great volunteer team at the Temple, but need more volunteers to help with multiple temple activities, please reach out at medibabu@yahoo.com or sign up @ https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc_7DvdFvmbF-09L7XCIXLz-LwGklOMcRs7tayxFLxXc_n8-g/viewform

Education Committee

Some Education Committee Goals at our Temple:

Preserve and Promote: Dharma

Teach the principles of Sanatana Dharma as well as values from our sacred scriptures (e.g., Bhagavad Gita, Ramayana, Vedas, Upanishads, Puranas). Encourage practice of ethics, devotion, and service in daily life.

Youth and Children's Education:

Organize Sunday schools, Bal Vihar, and cultural classes for children. Teach slokas, bhajans, Sanskrit, Hindi/Gujarati/Tamil (or other regional languages), and life lessons from Hindu epics. Build character and leadership skills among youth.

Teaching is one of many spiritual gifts given to all people including the devotees at Bharatiya Temple. To benefit from some of these teachings, participating in the various Education programs such as the Bhagavad Geeta Study group is highly encouraged. The study group, for example, meets on the last Thursday of every month and is led by our honorable Praveenji Sharma, who guides us through the teachings of the Geeta.

Krishna says: Don't fall down to the level of the senses. Instead, lift yourself up — go deeper into who you really are. You are not the body, not the mind, not even the intellect. You are the pure, peaceful Atma — full of joy and light. When you hold on to this truth, the senses lose their power. You become the master — not a slave to desires or emotions. **Krishna goes on to say that Arjuna should fulfill his dharma through selfless action, which is a frequent theme in the *Bhagavad Gita*.** "Selfless" isn't used in the more common sense of "charitable," but meaning literally without thought or concern for oneself.

Our senses, mind, and intellect are like doors through which desires enter. **Example:** Imagine a garden full of wild plants. Before you can plant beautiful flowers (meditation), you need to clear the weeds (vasanaas) and prepare the soil (karma yoga). Only then will the flowers grow properly.

Education Committee

The next Bhagavad Geeta study group will be on Thursday, October 30, 2025 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The study group is done virtually via Zoom and you can attend this from the comfort of your home. Below are details needed if you wish to join:

Zoom Meeting ID: 822 0096 3573

Passcode: Krishna

Or you can copy and paste or click on the following hyperlink:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82200963573?pwd=UVNPbWUya004VXo4U0JlV2R1Uydz09>

यदा यदा हि धर्मस्य ग्लानिर्भवति भारत ।
अभ्युत्थानमधर्मस्य तदात्मानं सृजाम्यहम् ॥ 4.7 ॥

Whenever there is a decline in righteousness and an increase in unrighteousness,
O Arjuna, at that time I manifest Myself on earth.

Lastly, have you heard of Kajol Hindustani? The name "Kajol Hindustani" also known as Kajal Shingala, is a right-wing political activist from Gujarat, India, known for her nationalist views and controversial speeches. She gained prominence through her vocal support for Hindutva causes and has been associated with delivering provocative speeches at events organized by groups like the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP). She is active on social media, where she advocates for Hindu unity. She had visited the Temple during her trip to USA.



Women's Group

The BCC Women's Group hosted a Summer Potluck Picnic on August 3rd at the beautiful and serene lakefront location of Peace Valley Park. About 35 women enthusiastically shared an afternoon of delicious food, raffle, enjoyable games, and each other's company.



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Women's Group

The BCC Women's Group is continuing its initiative of community service by volunteering at SPARK (previously GHNPS) in Lansdale PA. We represent the Bharatiya Temple and serve lunch to the senior citizens on the 2nd Friday of every month.



Women's Group

The Women's Group organizes two book clubs that meet regularly. The Evening Book Club and the Daytime Book Club discussed *Independence* by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni on July 15th and August 6th. *None Of This True* by Lisa Jewell was discussed on September 9th by the Evening Book Club.



The next event for Women's Group is presentations on **Wellness and Pranic Healing** on **December 13th 2025**.

To continue receiving 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.

Senior Citizen Group

Senior Citizens Group Open House

Our first ever Senior Citizens Group “Open House” on September 7th, 2025 was an overwhelming success, under the leadership of newly appointed Chairperson, Neelam Gupta. Over 150+ Senior Citizens Enjoyed the Bingo game, Raffles, Snacks and Delicious Dinner.



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Senior Citizen Group

During one of the games, a 94-year old and 91-year old helped pick the winning Raffle ticket.



Senior Citizen Group

Two External guest speakers, Ms. Alexis from SPARK of Montgomery County, and from PA State Representative, Mr. Malagari's offices, presented Senior Services offered by respective offices.



Senior Citizen Group

For future activities of Senior Citizens interests, a survey was filled out by 89 attendees suggesting new activities, ideas and educational seminars for future events.

During Navratri Mahotsav, Senior Citizens Garaba night was attended by 100+ Seniors.

A diversified and expanded BCC Senior Citizens Committee has been formed with an objective to invite and encourage Senior Citizens from different Indian communities to attend and participate in activities organised by the committee. While focusing on the high standards of BTI BCC Senior Citizen Groups Mission our "Open House" event this quarter was appreciated by all Seniors with positive Feedback for future events.



Bharatiya Vidyalaya

Bharatiya Vidyalaya Celebrates 20 Years of Service

The 2025–26 academic session of Bharatiya Vidyalaya started on August 24, 2025, marking the 21st year of dedicated service to the community. With 210 students enrolled this year, the Vidyalaya continues to thrive as a vibrant center for spiritual, language and cultural learning. Registration for the 2025–26 session, ongoing thru May 2026 is still open.

A Glimpse into a Typical Sunday

9:30 AM – Morning Assembly

The day begins with yoga led by experienced volunteers, followed by prayers and Bhagavad Geeta chanting. Parents are warmly invited to join. Occasionally, a student delivers a short talk on topics related to religion, culture, or language.

10:00 AM – Religion Classes

Students attend classes based on their faith tradition—Hindu or Jain—guided by knowledgeable instructors.

11:00 AM – Language Classes

Students choose from seven Indian languages:

- Gujarati, Hindi, Marathi, Sanskrit, Tamil, Telugu (multiple sections by proficiency)
- Kannada (one section)

Additional languages may be offered if six or more students register.

12:00 PM – Aarati and Enrichment

After a collective Aarati, students may join either the group singing (music) class or the Geeta chanting class.

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Bharatiya Vidyalaya

Parent Engagement: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

While students attend classes, parents are invited to participate in:

- A Bhagavad Geeta discussion group, led by insightful volunteers
- A concurrent Yoga and meditation session for quiet reflection

Thanks to the dedication of our volunteers, the program remains both enriching and enjoyable for students and parents alike.

Volunteers: The Heart of the Vidyalaya

The 2025–26 session will be supported by over 50 teaching and 10 non-teaching volunteers, all compliant with Pennsylvania’s volunteering laws. New volunteers are paired with experienced mentors for orientation and support.

Senior Student Program

Designed for students in 9th grade and above, this program offers hands-on teaching experience. In 2025–26, 14 Senior Students will get trained for teaching one subject while continuing their own studies in two others.

Library Services

Our library, managed by a dedicated team of volunteers, offers a wide selection of books for both children and adults. Parents are encouraged to explore and borrow resources to support learning at home.

Special Programs in Q3-2025

Bharatiya Vidyalaya celebrated a vibrant and meaningful third quarter with a series of enriching events that brought together students, parents, and volunteers in the spirit of learning, and community.

Online Sanskrit Classes (Adults & Children)

Weekly Zoom sessions were held from May 28 to August 6, offering foundational Sanskrit learning to both adults and children. With 11 participants enrolled, the classes fostered intergenerational engagement and cultural enrichment. Sessions emphasized

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pronunciation, script familiarity, and basic conversation.

In-Person Summer Program (July 7–11)

16 Children from grades 1 through 12 participated in a full-day summer program blending academic enrichment, cultural activities, and spiritual learning. Held from 9 AM to 5:30 PM, the program offered a vibrant mix of language, arts, and values-based sessions in a nurturing environment.

PGF Dance Performance – Bappa’s Aagaman (Aug 26)

10 Girl students from Bharatiya Vidyalaya performed a traditional dance during the Ganesh Festival procession. Their graceful presentation during “Bappa’s Aagaman” was the result of dedicated practice and deep cultural pride, warmly received by the festival audience.

Vidyalaya Stall at Philadelphia Ganesh Festival (Aug 30–Sep 1)

Bharatiya Vidyalaya hosted a lively stall during the Philadelphia Ganesh Festival. Students and alumni engaged visitors by sharing their Vidyalaya experiences and answering questions. The stall ran in rotating shifts, offering a platform for meaningful community interaction and cultural representation.

Open House – Student & Parent Orientation (Sep 7)

The Open House welcomed families for an overview of Vidyalaya’s spiritual, cultural, and language programs. Presentations covered Hindu and Jain traditions, student guidelines, and community engagement. A Q&A session allowed parents to connect and clarify expectations for the year ahead.

Navaratri Mata ji Procession Dance (Sep 22)

12 Students of all grades participated in a devotional dance during the Navaratri Mata ji procession. The performance celebrated spiritual unity and cultural expression, with selected students attending preparatory sessions to ensure a graceful and respectful presentation.

Bharatiya Vidyalaya

BLC Sewa – Furniture Assembly & Setup (Sep 27–28)

Parents came together for sewa at the Bharatiya Learning Center, assembling classroom furniture and preparing the space for future learning. The effort reflected the community's commitment to nurturing a vibrant educational environment.

Navaratri Garba Celebration (Sep 28)

Students, parents, and volunteers joyfully participated in Garba during Navaratri. The event welcomed all skill levels and encouraged traditional attire and Dandiyas. It was a spirited celebration of togetherness, rhythm, and devotion.

20-Year Souvenir Book

Handwritten Reflections

To mark Bharatiya Vidyalaya's 20th anniversary, students and alumni submitted handwritten reflections and artwork centered on religion, culture, and language. These heartfelt contributions will be featured in the commemorative Souvenir Book, to be released during the BLC inauguration in November/December, 2025.

Community Advertisements

As part of the 20-Year Souvenir Book initiative, families and businesses were invited to place advertisements in support of Bharatiya Vidyalaya. Options ranged from one-line messages to half-page spreads, helping commemorate the milestone and sustain future programs.

The ethos of Bharatiya Vidyalaya

उद्यमेन हि सिध्यन्ति कार्याणि न मनोरथैः।

न हि सुप्तस्य सिंहस्य प्रविशन्ति मुखे मृगाः॥

"Tasks are accomplished through effort, not by mere wishes.

Just as deer do not walk into the mouth of a sleeping lion."

This timeless verse captures the ethos of Bharatiya Vidyalaya, where students are taught that purposeful action—not idle dreaming—is the path to success.

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Community in Celebration: Bharatiya Vidyalaya students, parents, and volunteers gather joyfully after a spirited Garba performance on September 28, 2025, honoring tradition and togetherness.



Joyful Welcome by Young Hearts: Bharatiya Vidyalaya's younger students present a vibrant dance on August 26, 2025, in honor of Ganapati Bappa during the Philadelphia Ganesh Festival.

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Graceful Tribute by Senior Students: Older students of Bharatiya Vidyalaya offer a spirited dance performance on August 26, 2025, to welcome Ganapati Bappa at the Philadelphia Ganesh Festival.



Flavors of Learning: Students engage in hands-on culinary exploration during the Summer Program, held from August 7 to August 11, 2025.

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

Bharatiya Cultural Center Tax ID: 76-0706802

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:

Ramana Kanumalla
267-396-PUJA (7852)
priest@b-temple.org



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	<p>\$75 for warming food. Food cooking is not permitted.</p>
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	<p>\$1,300 for all day—includes access to kitchen and Basic Package for audio equipment rental</p>
Cleaning	<p>\$100—this includes sweeping and mopping only; you still have to pick up trash</p>
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**

Connect with the Community and the Temple

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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