



# BTI - BCC Newsletter

## October 2025 to December 2025



# Bharatiya Temple

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# Temple & Aarti Timings

<b>Temple timings:</b> <b>Weekdays</b> 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM 5:00 PM to 8:30 PM (9:00 PM Mar—Oct) <b>Weekends</b> 9:00 AM to 8:30 PM			<b>Aarti timings:</b> <b>Hindu Aarti</b> 12:00 PM and 7:00 PM daily <b>Jain Aarti</b> 11:45 AM and 6:45 PM daily	
<b>Mondays</b>	<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>Fridays</b>	<b>Saturdays</b>	<b>Sundays</b>
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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# “Support Your Temple” Campaign



## **Bharatiya Temple & Bharatiya Cultural Center**

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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.

### **Monthly Recurring Donation of Your Choice**

*You will be directed to secure Payment Website*



**\$20**

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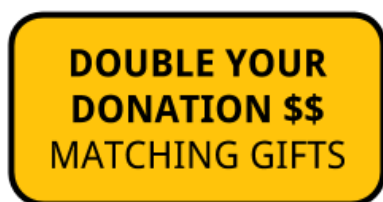
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<https://doublethedonation.com/tips/matching-grant-resources/list-matching-gifts-companies/>

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**Thanking you in advance for your support!!!**



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# Religious Committee - Hindu

## October 2025

The temple priests perform with discipline & devotion Nitya Pujas and conduct weekly and monthly pujas, upholding the sanctity of temple traditions.

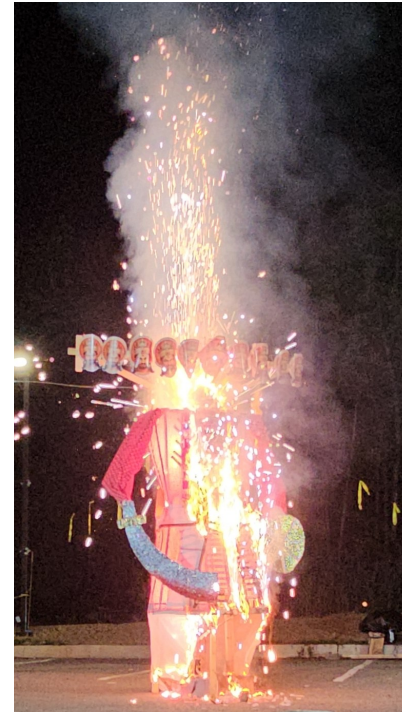
The month of October is marked by several important festivals, celebrated with devotion in keeping with family traditions and the Hindu calendar.

October began on an auspicious note with the celebration of Maha Navami. The day commenced with Maha Durga Abhishek and Puja, accompanied by the soulful chanting of Devi stotras. Devotees gathered in large numbers throughout the day to seek the divine blessings of Maa Durga, filling the temple with devotion and spiritual energy.

The following day, the festival of Dussehra was celebrated with great enthusiasm. The burning of the effigies of Ravana symbolized the triumph of good over evil and reminded us of the importance of eliminating negative elements from our lives. The temple floor, parking lot, and every corner of the temple campus resonated with joy, positivity, and festive spirit.



On October 6th, Sharad Poornima was observed with the performance of Satyanarayan Puja, followed by vibrant Garba celebrations by Devi Bhaktas. The devotional atmosphere combined with cultural festivities made the occasion truly memorable.



Karwa Chauth, which falls on the fourth day after the full moon in the Kartik month, was celebrated with traditional rituals at the temple. Especially popular in North India, this festival saw women devotees dressed in colorful attire performing puja together and praying for the long and healthy lives of their husbands.

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One of the most significant festivals celebrated across India, Deepawali, was observed with a grand nine-day celebration at the Bharatiya Temple. The festivities began with Dhanteras, followed by Narak Chaturdashi and Deepawali. Devotees from all regions visited the temple for darshan and enjoyed prasadam, lovingly organized by dedicated volunteers.

Annakoot Day was marked by melodious bhajans accompanied by the rhythmic beats of the dholak. Devotees continuously flowed into the temple, bringing authentic dishes prepared according to their family traditions to offer to Lord Krishna. The sacred Chhappan Bhog was offered to the Lord and later distributed to all devotees.

Celebrations continued with Nutan Varsha, during which devotees performed Lakshmi & kuber Puja and Skanda Shashti, a popular South Indian festival, celebrated with great devotion through Kavadi offerings.

The nine-day Deepawali celebrations concluded with Chhath Puja, a revered vrat dedicated to Chhathi Maiya. Devotees gathered at sunset to offer arghya to Surya Dev, and the following morning assembled once again to pray to the rising sun, bringing the festive season to a spiritually uplifting close.

### November 2025

November 2025, spanning the auspicious Hindu months of Kartika and Margasira, was a month filled with special celebrations and devotional services. We appreciate the participation of all devotees in the temple's events.

#### Festival Highlights

- **Valli Devasena Sameta Subrahmanya Kalyanam:** The sacred marriage of Lord Subrahmanya with Valli and Devasena was celebrated on **Saturday, November 1st**, at 5:30 PM.
- **Tulsi Vivah:** The ceremonial wedding of the Tulsi (Holy Basil) to Lord Vishnu was celebrated on **Sunday, November 2nd**, at 5:00 PM.
- **Gita Jayanti:** The auspicious day commemorating the revelation of the Bhagavad Gita was celebrated on **Sunday, November 30th**, at 4:00 PM.



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*Tulsi Vivah celebrated on Sunday, November 2, 2025*



# Religious Committee - Hindu

## Ayyappa Mandala Puja Season

The special Ayyappa Mandala Puja season commenced in November, with special pujas held as listed below. Every Ayyappa Mandala puja was very well attended by the BTI Ayyappa devotees many of whom took the Mandala Vratam.

- **Sunday, November 16th:** Ayyappa Mandala Puja at 6:00 PM.
- **Saturday, November 22nd:** Ayyappa Mandala Puja at 6:00 PM, which was held alongside the Murugan Puja.
- **Saturday, November 29th:** Ayyappa Mandala Puja at 6:00 PM.



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## Important Monthly Observances

- **Satyanarayan Puja:** The worship of Lord Satyanarayan was performed on the auspicious Kartika Poornima, **Tuesday, November 4th**, at 5:30 PM.
- **Ganadhipa Sankashti:** Dedicated to Lord Ganesha, Sankashti was observed on **Saturday, November 8th**, with Ganesha Abhishekam at 7:15 PM.
- **Sunderkand Parayan:** A devotional recitation of the Sunderkand from the Ramayana was held on **Sunday, November 9th**, at 10:00 AM.
- **Murugan Puja:** In honor of Lord Murugan, a special puja was conducted on **Saturday, November 22nd**, at 6:00 PM, as part of the Ayyappa Mandala Puja program.
- **Pradosham Siva Abhishekam:** The special Siva Abhishekam was performed on the Pradosham days: **Sunday, November 2nd**, at 7:15 PM, and **Monday, November 17th**, at 7:15 PM.

Regular monthly functions of the temple were also conducted according to the established calendar.

## December 2025

The auspicious month of December started with Yamunastak Path bhajans.

On Dec 4th we celebrated Sarvalaya Deepam. South Indian Temples and homes hold the festival of lamps for 10 days. The last day is marked by special puja for Lord Siva in the form of Jyothir Linga especially in Arunachalam or Thiruvannamalai Temple. A huge lamp is lit on top of the hill during the full moon day and stays lit for three days.

Ayyappa Mandala puja was celebrated on all Saturdays from 6 PM onwards.

On Dec 7th Sunderkand Parayan was done in the morning.

On December 15th, Dhanur month started around 9:30 am with the recital of Tirupalliyezhuchi and Tiruppavai. We repeated this on all Saturdays during the Dhanur month. Every Monday morning around 10:30 am, Tiruvempavai and Tirupalliyezhuchi Parayan was conducted for Lord Shiva.

Hanuman Jayanthi was celebrated on the 19th.

Vaikunta Ekadasi or Swarga Vassal Ekadasi was celebrated on 30th, Priest did the Dwara puja early morning around 8:30. Doors were opened after the recital. This door will



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be opened only on the Vaikuntha Ekadasi Day and Devotees are allowed to pass through it.

During New Year's eve, devotees participated in the bhajan program.. New year started with the recital of Suprabhatam, Tiruppavai and Tiruvempavai followed by Srinivasa Kalyaanam and Satyanarayan Puja in the evening. All the deities were adorned with special malas from India. The whole day the temple floor was filled with devotees. Wishing this new year will bring joy to everyone.



*Sarvalaya Deepam celebrated on Thursday, December 4, 2025*



## Religious Committee - Jain

The final quarter of 2025 was filled with spiritually uplifting observances and meaningful community gatherings that strengthened faith, learning, and togetherness within our Sangh.

**Aaso Maas Ayambil Oli** (Sept 29 – Oct 7) was observed with devotion and discipline, encouraging participants to practice austerity, self-restraint, and spiritual purification through penance and prayer.

On October 22, devotees welcomed the **Jain New Year** with Manglik, followed by Swamivatsalya, highlighting values of gratitude and unity, in order to start the new year with hope and positive intentions.



**Gyaan Pancham Aaradhna** on October 26 reminded the community of the importance of right knowledge and scriptural learning as essential steps on the path to liberation.

The **Jain Diwali Dinner** on November 1 brought families together a night of fun, food, and music. These photos show how much all enjoyed the evening.

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**Kartaki Poonam Aaradhna** on November 5 provided an opportunity for prayer and spiritual introspection, renewing devotion and inner focus.

The quarter concluded with **Navkar Jaap** on November 25, invoking peace, auspiciousness, and reverence for enlightened souls.



Together, all of these events made the quarter spiritually enriching as they fostered a strong sense of unity, devotion, and shared values within the community.



## Religious Committee - Jain



### **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

**Chair:** Babu Medi, B. Pharm, Ph.D.; **Co-Chair:** Anjan Dave, MS, MBA

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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 Niranjan 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](mailto:medibabu@yahoo.com) or signup @ [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc\\_7DvdFymbF-09L7XCIXLz-LwGkl0McRs7tayxFLxXc\\_n8-g/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc_7DvdFymbF-09L7XCIXLz-LwGkl0McRs7tayxFLxXc_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, participation 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.

This is the way to live a peaceful, strong and wise life.



# Education Committee

## **Bhagavad Geeta study group**

- Held on last Thursday of every month
- Virtual only via Zoom—can participate from the comfort of your home. Links below to join study group
- Next Study Group: Thursday, January 29, 2026 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

**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=UVNPbWUya004VXo4U0JVbmpRV1Uydz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82200963573?pwd=UVNPbWUya004VXo4U0JVbmpRV1Uydz09)

## **Ayurveda Dietics and Viadya Nisha Manikantan on October 29, 2025**

- Ayur = Life
- Veda = Knowledge or wisdom

Ayurveda is an ancient Indian system of medicine that focuses on balance of body, mind, and spirit. Its goal is not only to treat disease but to maintain health and prevent illness.

Key ideas of Ayurveda:

- Health depends on balance of three doshas: Vata, Pitta, Kapha
- Emphasizes diet, lifestyle, herbs, yoga, and meditation
- Treats the root cause, not just symptoms
- Promotes living in harmony with nature and daily rhythms

In short:

Ayurveda teaches how to live a healthy, balanced, and meaningful life.  
Ayurveda is good for life.

It helps by:

- Maintaining overall health, not just curing illness
- Creating balance of body, mind, and emotions

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- Improving digestion, immunity, and energy
- Reducing stress and anxiety through natural practices
- Teaching a healthy daily routine (dinacharya) and diet
- Encouraging long, peaceful, and disciplined living

Ayurveda shows a natural way to live a healthy, happy, and meaningful life.





## Women's Group

The BCC Women's Group hosted a Mehendi for Karva Chauth event on October 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> where tremendously talented volunteer Mehendi artist (Amita Gandhi, Anjana Patel, Bela Patel, Dimple Patel, Hema Patel, Kruti Tailor, Leena Nashikkar, Nayana Ingle, Pooja Jain, Smita Shah, Varshaben) decorated the hands of over 45 women. The event rocked with amazing energy and enthusiastic participation by women who had fabulous 'Sundar haathon pe mehendi' during the festival season. Donations of mehendi cones by Pinkal Salon, Varshaben, and Veena Joshi added extra color to our event.



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## Women's Group



The Women's Group organizes two book clubs that meet regularly. The Daytime Book Club discussed "Allegedly" by Tiffany D. Jackson on October 1<sup>st</sup> and "A Great Country" by Shilpi Somaya Gowda on December 10<sup>th</sup> over holiday lunch. The Evening Book Club discussed "True Biz" by Sara Novic on October 14<sup>th</sup>.



The Women's Group is planning several events in 2026, the first of which is **International Women's Day on March 21<sup>th</sup> 2026**. In addition, we are taking on a new initiative of forming an Arts and Crafts Group to encourage creativity, self-expression, and hands-on learning.

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 Bharatiya 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

During the 4th quarter of 2025, Our Senior Citizen Group attendees enjoyed two events, The Vishesh Mahalaxmi Puja and Bollywood Musical Night, organized by the Committee, under the leadership of our New Chairperson, Neelam Gupta.

Diwali Mahotsav celebration at Bhartiya Temple is generally crowded and Senior Citizens are not comfortable in attending it. Therefore, Senior Citizen committee organized an exclusive "The Vishesh Mahalaxmi Puja" for them. While the participation was low, but attendees appreciated it very much.

The second event on December 20th, "Bollywood Musical Night" was an overwhelming success. This was a ticketed event and over 150 Seniors bought the ticket to enjoy, listening and dancing to the 50s and 60's songs by local Singers. Seniors were served Hot Tea and Snacks during the Social Hour and freshly cooked delicious Dinner by our chef Venkat ji, after the Singers performance. This event was Cash flow positive and Committee donated the surplus funds to the temple. Overall the program was very successful and Committee members received lots of positive feedback.



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# Senior Citizen Group





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This concludes Senior Citizen Group's activities for 2025. We are looking forward to having more seniors appropriate events in the New Year.

# Bharatiya Vidyalaya

## Bharatiya Vidyalaya Celebrates 20 Years of Service

The 2025–26 academic session of Bharatiya Vidyalaya started on August 24, 2025, marking the 21<sup>st</sup> year of dedicated service to the community. With a record 216 students enrolled this year, the Vidyalaya continues to thrive as a vibrant center for spiritual, language and cultural learning.

### 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.

Occasionally, culture classes replace religion and language sessions.

#### 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, 15 Senior Students are getting 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 Q4-2025**

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

### **1. Digital Diwali Brochure**

We invite our community to enjoy the beautiful collection of student artwork on pages **10–19** of the online Diwali Brochure, available on the Bharatiya Temple website. Don't miss **page 28**, which features special photos of our vibrant Bharatiya Vidyalaya community

and celebrations.

## 2. Field Trip to Easton Gurdwara

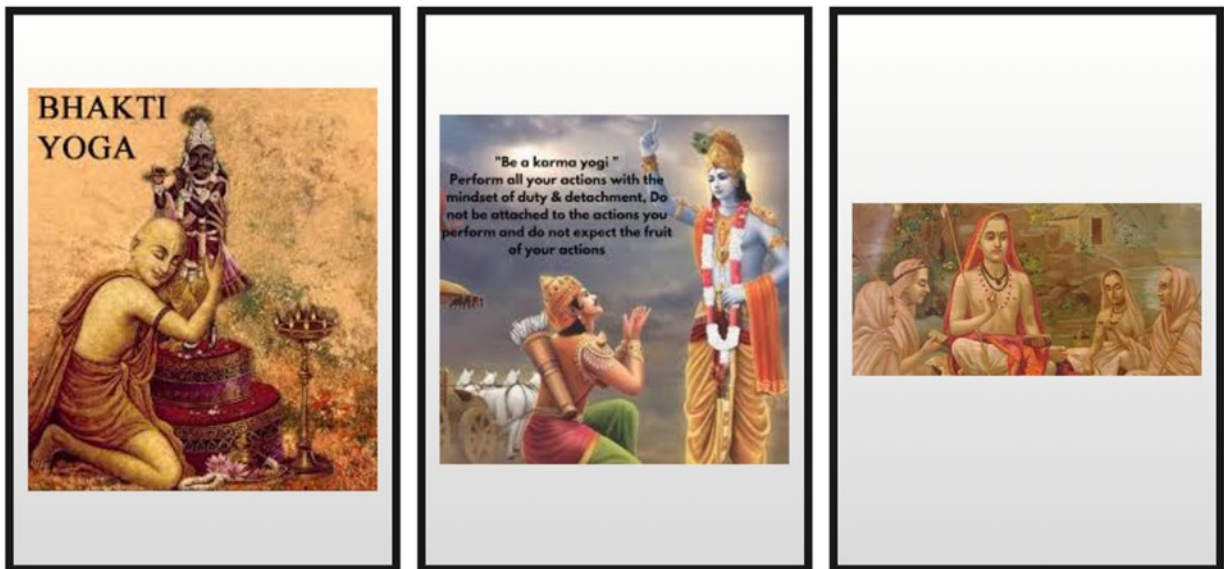
In honor of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji's Balidan Diwas, a group of 26 Vidyalaya students and parents visited the **Gurdwara Sahib in Easton** on November 30th. Students learned about the Sikh faith and solidarity while experiencing the noble tradition of *Langar* (community meal) and honoring their shared Indian heritage.

## 3. Gita Jayanti Celebration

On November 30th, the community gathered for a soul-stirring Gita Jayanti celebration. Participants chanted all **18 chapters of the Bhagavad Gita**, honoring the timeless wisdom of these divine teachings. It was a deeply meaningful and spiritual experience for both children and adults.

## 4. Student Spotlight: Assembly Presentations

Our Sunday morning assemblies have been filled with inspiration as students from all grades share their knowledge and creativity. From ancient wisdom to modern community service, these presentations showcase the leadership and learning happening at Bharatiya Vidyalaya.



**Nov 2 | Riya Shah (Grade 9) — The Three Paths of Yoga:** Riya delivered an insightful presentation explaining the spiritual significance of Karma, Bhakti, and Jnana Yoga. Her visuals connected these paths, showing how they offer a harmonious way to achieve spiritual balance.



## SVA DHARMA

PERSONAL DUTY

BHAGAVAN KRISHNA SAYS IT'S BETTER TO DO YOUR OWN  
DUTY

BRINGS CLARITY AND STRENGTH TO ONESELF



*śhreyān swa-dharmo vigrahaḥ  
para-dharmāt sv-anuṣṭhitāt  
swa-dharme nidhanam śhreyaḥ  
para-dharmo bhayāvahaḥ*

**Nov 16 | Shaivi Patel (Grade 11) — Understanding Dharma:** Shaivi shared a thoughtful exploration of "Sva Dharma" (personal duty), highlighting Bhagavan Krishna's teaching that performing one's own duty with sincerity brings true clarity.

## Brief Summary of Ayurveda

- Timeless holistic health science rooted in nature
- Focus on **prevention of diseases**
- **Focuses on balance** of the **three doshas**, which are your constitutional energies
- Adaptable to **modern lifestyles**
- **Ayurvedic proverb:** "When diet is wrong, medicine is of no use. When diet is correct, medicine is not needed."



**Nov 23 | Anshul Shah (Grade 10) — The Wisdom of Ayurveda:** Anshul shared an insightful summary of Ayurveda, highlighting it as a holistic health science focused on balancing one's constitutional energies, known as Doshas.

## Crayon Wastage

- 60-150 million per year
- Restaurants and households
- Made up of Wax
- Takes years and years to degrade



Question  
Is there a way to stop this wastage?

**Dec 7 | Vedesh Deshpande (Grade 4) — Recycling for a Cause:** Vedesh presented an eye-opening talk on 'Crayon Wastage,' highlighting the environmental impact of discarded crayons and challenging his peers to find creative ways to recycle.

## What is a Gurudwara?

- .A place of worship for the Sikh religion
- .It is made up of a Langar Hall (dining and serving area), Darbar Sahib (worship area) and the lobby.
- .Gurdwaras usually have a school inside them.

Darbar Sahib



Langar Hall



**Dec 7 | Chirag Yogesh (Grade 6) — Visit to the Gurudwara:** Chirag presented a guide titled 'What is a Gurudwara?', detailing the significance of the Darbar Sahib and Langar Hall, highlighting the Sikh community's tradition of service.



## The ethos of Bharatiya Vidyalaya

अन्नदानं परं दानं विद्या दानम् अतः परम् ।  
अन्नेन क्षणिका तृप्तिः यावज्जीवं च विद्यया ॥

*" The gift of food is a great gift, but the gift of knowledge is even greater.  
While food provides satisfaction that is temporary (momentary),  
knowledge provides satisfaction that lasts a lifetime."*

This timeless verse captures the ethos of Bharatiya Vidyalaya, where we strive to empower our students with the gift of knowledge that will guide and sustain them for a lifetime.

### Stay Connected: Bharatiya Vidyalaya WhatsApp Community

We've launched a WhatsApp Community for real-time updates and announcements.  
Join us here:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Ex6sOByBMlf4o5SaYiFt9c>

# Academic Enrichment Program at Bharatiya Temple

Dear Parents and Students,

We are delighted to announce the successful completion of the **Fall 2025 Academic Enrichment Program (AEP)** at the **Bhartiya Temple**. The session was rich with learning, curiosity, and community spirit — thank you to everyone who made it possible.

## Program Highlights

### Participation

40 students from across the community (Grades 4–8) enrolled in a 10-week program.

### Purpose

Our goal is to build mathematical thinkers who are confident, curious, and capable of using math meaningfully. We also aim to familiarize students with national-level exam structure, reduce test anxiety, and sharpen timed problem-solving skills.

### Focus Areas

Throughout the session, students worked on concept mastery, problem solving, critical thinking, and exam readiness.

Students undertook a Mock MOEMS (Math Olympiad for Elementary and Middle Schools) test to get a first-hand experience of the MOEMS format, timing, and question types. The mock test allowed students to practice under realistic conditions and helped instructors identify areas for targeted coaching.

## Math Competitions & Exam Readiness

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The session concluded with an exciting milestone — **students took the official MOEMS exam at the temple**. For many students, this was their first experience with a national-level math contest in a formal test setting, helping them build confidence and exam readiness.

We are now preparing to **host the official AMC 8 exam in the last week of January**,



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giving students another opportunity to participate in a nationally recognized math competition.

## Feedback from Students

- 1) Much better than school and is more challenging. I like the instructor and his way of teaching.
- 2) AEP has taught me many more concepts to help me understand more problems from competitive math tests.
- 3) AEP was a tremendous help in training students in critical thinking when it comes to math problems.
- 4) AEP has supported my academic excellence by turning me into a problem solver. These types of questions that I learn in AEP are about thinking logically and methodically. AEP has also helped me become more efficient at these problems.
- 5) AEP has helped me grow in my studies because it has helped me stress less during a math test in math class at school.
- 6) AEP has helped me improve in probability and gave me a whole different perspective on how to do math more efficiently.
- 7) AEP has improved critical thinking and mental math.

## Acknowledgements and Thanks

Our heartfelt thanks to **Temple management** for providing the venue and logistical support, to the **parents** for encouraging and supporting their children throughout the session, and to all the **AEP instructors and volunteers** for their dedication and thoughtful lesson planning.

We would also like to extend our sincere gratitude to **Dr. Raghunath Khetan** for his continued guidance, encouragement, and support of the Academic Enrichment Program. His leadership and commitment to student learning have played an important role in strengthening this initiative within our community.

Congratulations to all students who participated in Fall 2025 — your curiosity and perseverance made this session a success. We look forward to continued growth and more opportunities for learning together in upcoming sessions.

Warm regards,

**Academic Enrichment Program (AEP) Team**

## 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!**

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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:

**Hema Channarasappa**  
**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**



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

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



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**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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