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April 2026 to June 2026



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Temple, Cafeteria & Aarti Timings

<u>Temple Timings</u> Monday to Friday 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM 5:00 PM to 8:30 PM Saturday and Sunday 9:00 AM to 8:30 PM (March – October closes at 9:00 PM)	<u>Aarti Timings</u> Hindu Aarti 12:00 PM and 7:00 PM daily Jain Aarti 11:45 AM and 6:45 PM
<u>BTI Cafeteria / Bhojanshala</u> Thursdays and Fridays 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM Saturdays and Sundays 11:00 AM to 9:00 PM	

*** 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 13, 2026	Jyeshta Gauri Puja Sep 17, 2026
Independence Day (India Day) Aug 15, 2026	Jyeshta Gauri Visarjan Sep 19, 2026
Vara Lakshmi Vrat Aug 21, 2026	Mahalaya Paksha / Shradh Begins Sep 26, 2026
Onam Aug 27, 2026	Mahalaya Paksha / Shradh Ends Oct 9, 2026
Raksha Bandhan / Rakhi Aug 28, 2026	Ashvayuja Masam Begins Oct 11, 2026
Krishna Janmashtami Sep 4, 2026	Sharad Navratri Oct 11, 2026 – Oct 19, 2026
Nand Mahotsav Sep 5, 2026	Vijaya Dasami/Dussera/Ravan Dahan Oct 20, 2026
Labor Day Sep 7, 2026	Jain Nav Pad Puja Oct 24, 2026
Jain Ashtaprakari Puja, Jain Pratikraman, Jain Bhavana Sep 8, 2026 – Sep 15, 2026	Satyanarayan Puja/Sharad Poornima Oct 25, 2026
Shravanmas Sampoorn Puja Sep 11, 2026	Karva Chauth Oct 28, 2026
Lalitha Sahasranama Parayan Sep 11, 2026	Daylight Savings Time Ends Nov 1, 2026
Bhadrapada Masam Begins Sep 11, 2026	Dhanteras Nov 6, 2026
Ganesh Festival Sep 14, 2026 – Sep 25, 2026	Kali Chaudas Nov 7, 2026
Jyeshta Gauri Avahan Sep 16, 2026	Deepa Lakshmi/Kumkumarchana/ Diwali (Deepavali)/Chopda Puja Nov 8, 2026

“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.

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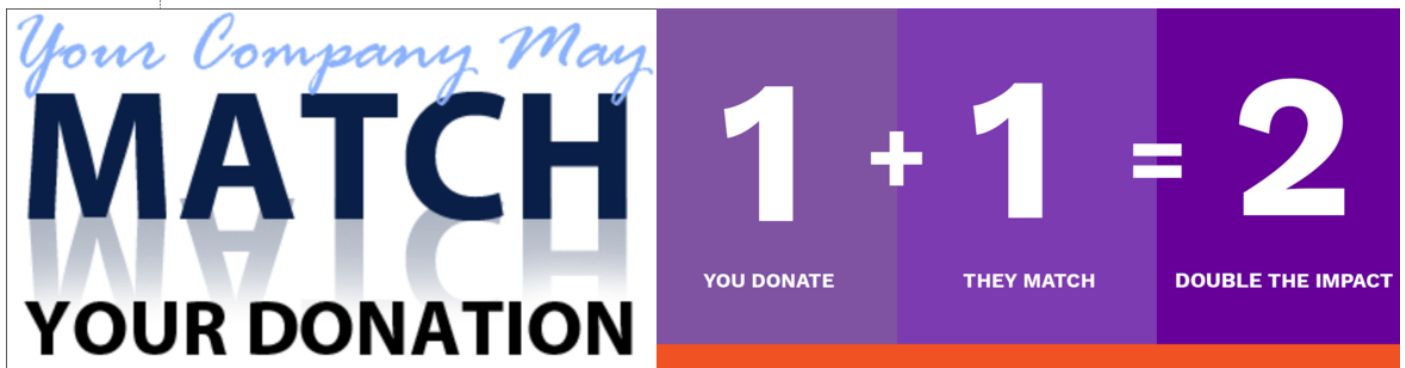
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The matching process can also be found on our website:

<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/>

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!!!



Maximize your impact



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BTI Cafeteria



BTI Cafeteria

Thursdays & Fridays: 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Saturdays and Sundays: 11:00 AM to 9:00 PM



Entrée / Rice Items

Paneer Tikka Masala, Parotha, Rice.....	\$8.50
Chole Bhature	\$7.50
Pav Bhaji	\$6.00
Idli (2), Sambar & Chutney	\$6.00
Medu Vada (2), Sambar & Chutney.....	\$6.00
Dahi Vada (2)	\$6.00
Daal Pongal	\$6.00
Samosa Chaat (2)	\$6.00
Bhel Puri Chaat	\$6.00
Kachori Chaat (5)	\$6.00
Plain Kachori (6) with Chutney	\$5.00
Samosa (3)	\$5.00
Sambar – Vada	\$5.00
Tamarind Rice	\$5.00
Batata Vada (Aloo Bonda) with Fries	\$5.00
Vada Pav (Mumbai Special) with Fries	\$5.00

Combos

Idli (1), Medu Vada (1) Combo, Sambar & Chutney	\$6.00
Idli (1), Medu Vada (1), Small Masala Dosa (1), Scoop of Pongal (1), Sambar & Chutney	\$10.50
Malai Kofta Special Combo – Malai Kofta (3), Butter Naan (1), Jeera Rice and A Sweet	\$12.00
Malai Kofta (3) and Butter Naan (1)	\$7.50
Malai Kofta (3) and Jeera Rice	\$7.50

Sweets

Ladoo (4)	\$5.00
Mohanthal (4)	\$5.00
Jalebi	\$5.00
Ras Malai	\$5.00
Gulab Jamun (6)	\$5.00
Mysore Pak	\$5.00
Dudhi Halwa	\$5.00

All prices include sales tax
Menu items are subject to availability

Dosas

Plain Dosa	\$7.00
Masala Dosa	\$8.00
Plain Mysore Dosa	\$7.50
Mysore Masala Dosa	\$8.50

Dosa Grill Closes at 8:30 PM

Additional Sides

1 Cup Chutney	\$1.00
1 Cup Sambar	\$1.50
1 Bhature, Idli or Medu Vada	\$2.00
1 Pav Bun	\$1.00
Only Fries	\$2.00
1 Cup Chole	\$2.50

Home Made Snacks

Fafda with Chutney	\$7.00
Methi Puri	\$5.00
Black Pepper Puri	\$5.00
Masala Papadi	\$4.00
Fulvadi	\$3.50
Kachori	\$3.00
Kenya Mix	\$2.50

Beverages

Bottled Water	\$1.00
Coffee / Tea	\$1.50
Coke / Sprite	\$1.50
Lemonade (Home Made)	\$2.00
Mango Lassi	\$3.50

Home Made Ice Cream

Ice Cream	\$3.50
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Flavors Available

Kesar Pista	Pistachio
Rajbhog	Falooda Kulfi
Mava Kulfi	Sitafal

If have food allergies, please see staff member
Jain food option also available



Catering available for limited items

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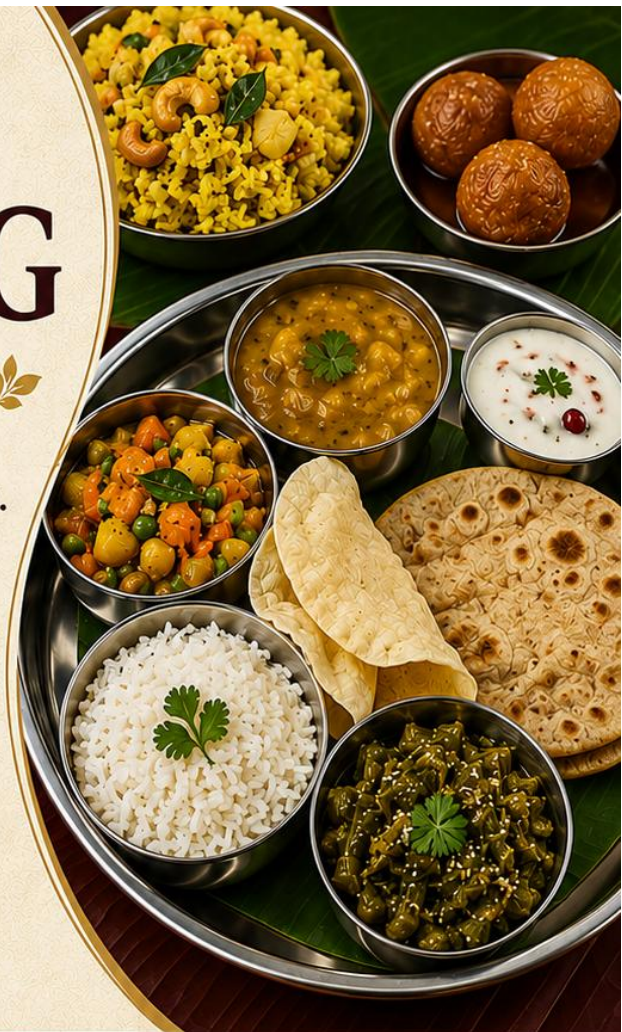


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Religious Committee - Hindu

April 2026

The month of **Chaitra-Vaishakh** began with the vibrant celebration of **Hanuman Jayanti**, as devotees gathered in large numbers to chant the **Hanuman Chalisa** 11 times. The celebration concluded with the distribution of *Prasadam*. This was followed by the sacred **24-hour Ramayan Parayan**, where continuous chanting of the *Ramayan* and devotional bhajans filled the temple with divine vibrations. The peaceful pre-dawn hours were especially uplifting, offering devotees a profound spiritual experience.

Regular weekly and monthly programs, including **Sunderkand Parayan**, **Sankashti Chaturthi**, and **Satyanarayan Puja**, continued to enrich the temple's spiritual atmosphere. The month concluded with the beautiful celebration of **Meenakshi Kalyanam**.

Vishu Kani, a popular festival was also celebrated by our Malayali brothers & sisters.

Bharatiya Temple is truly a **Siddha Mandir**, where devotees experience peace, devotion, and the Divine's grace with every visit.

May 2026

On May 16th Shani Jayanthi was performed with more devotees. We recited Kolaru Padigam which is devoted to nine planets to grant their blessings to all. We all sang bhajans followed by prasad. On 17th Adhika maas Puja started with Purushottam Sahasranamavali followed by bhajans. The interesting story behind this month goes like this. Purushottam Maas is also known as "Mal Maas". Due to its name, this month was not considered important - no one praised it, and it was not ruled by any specific deity. Feeling neglected and disrespected, Mal Maas went to Vaikuntha to seek the shelter of Lord Vishnu and explained his situation. Pleased with his prayers, Lord Vishnu granted a boon: He himself would become the lord of this month. Since he became the presiding deity of this month, chanting his name and offering prayers during this time is believed to bring positivity and blessings to all.

Our Temple Anniversary program started in the morning of May 29th. Sponsors and devotees attended the Panchanadyaa Panchamrit Kalash Puja with enthusiasm. On May 30th Vishnu Parivar Maha Abhishekam and Nutana Garuda Vahana

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Religious Committee - Hindu

Subaramba puja were performed by the priests. Devotees pulled the Garuda Vahana with Lakshmi Narayan around the temple floor three times. After the arthi Maha prasadam was served. In the evening Siva Parivar and Murugan and Ayappa Abhishekam were performed followed by a stotra path .On May 31st priests did the Mahabishek to Ganeshji, Durgama, Hanumanji and Navagrahas.

Dhwaja Puja was performed around 11 AM which symbolizes the ashtamangala in Hinduism. It creates a protective shield around the temple and its followers. It represents the devotees dedication to follow the Sanathan Dharma. Dhwaja was taken around the temple in a procession and replaced the old one with the new Dhwaja. Devotees were chanting mantras and Bhajans. In the evening around 4:30 we had Amritvani and Bhajans which was well attended and Swami Siddhanandaji & his group sang devotional bhajans followed by Mahaprasad prepared by the Panjabi group.

Monthly Pujas and bhajans were part of this month also.

June 2026

The Sacred Purushottam Maas Celebrations (May 17th – June 15th)

A once-in-three-years spiritual window concluded this month with the culmination of the highly auspicious Purushottam Maas (also known as Adhik Maas). Running since mid-May, this extra month in the lunar calendar is deeply treasured by devotees as a period gifted by and dedicated entirely to Lord Sri Krishna (Purushottama). Because every act of devotion is multiplied infinitely during this month, the Bharatiya Temple observed strict daily routines of heightened sadhana. Devotees continuously offered ghee diyas (lamps), chanted sacred Vishnu and Krishna mantras, and dedicated themselves to the daily reading of the 15th Chapter of the Bhagavad Gita (Purushottama Yoga) along with the Srimad Bhagavatam, turning the temple premises into a powerhouse of pure spiritual vibrations.

Purushottam Maas Sampoorana Puja & Udyapan (June 15th)

To conclude this intense month of scriptural study, charity, and daily lamps, the temple performed the grand **Purushottam Maas Sampoorana Puja and Udyapan** on June 15th, beginning promptly at 5:15 PM. This concluding ritual was a magnificent community event filled with absolute devotion. Families participated in the collective thanksgiving puja to mark the successful and complete execution of their vows. The ceremonies concluded with specialized offerings, traditional Vedic chants, and a grand distribution of Maha Prasad, allowing the congregation to internalize and celebrate the immense blessings accumulated over the preceding thirty days.

Religious Committee - Hindu

Life Transformation Program with Swami Mukundananda (June 26th – 30th)

From June 26th to June 30th, the Bharatiya Temple had the immense privilege of hosting the world-renowned spiritual leader and authority on mind management, **Swami Mukundananda**, for his highly anticipated 2026 Life Transformation Program. The week featured a deeply moving and practical lecture series titled *"Inspiring Stories From Saints."* Swamiji beautifully bridged ancient scriptural truths with contemporary challenges, guiding attendees on how to handle stress, navigate complex relationships, and build a truly joyful life by drawing lessons from India's greatest historical saints. Every evening (6:45 PM on weekdays, 5:45 PM on weekends), many families filled the temple hall to partake in his enlightening discourses, soulful guided meditations, and daily complimentary dinner prasada, making it a truly unforgettable experience of inner renewal.

REGULAR MONTHLY RITUALS & COMMUNITY PUJAS

Alongside our exceptional high-profile events, the temple's foundational calendar remained highly active. Devotees diligently sustained our traditional schedule of monthly deities and planetary observances:

- **Sankashti Chaturthi Puja (Monthly):** Dedicated to Lord Ganesha, the remover of obstacles. Devotees observed fasting, and special evening prayers and modak offerings were made during the moonrise to bring peace and prosperity to families.
- **Sunderkand Parayan (June 7th at 10:00 AM):** The community gathered on Sunday morning, June 7th, for a powerful mass recitation of the Sunderkand path from the Ramacharitamangas, invoking the protection, strength, and unwavering devotion of Hanumanji.
- **Siva Abhishekam (Pradosham Days):** Observed with great sanctity twice during the month on Pradosham days. The temple priests performed elaborate liquid abhishekam (milk, honey, curd, and holy water) on the Shiva Lingam during the twilight hours.
- **Ayyappa Puja (Monthly):** A vibrant gathering of regional devotees filled the shrine with traditional bhajan sessions, continuous chants of *"Swamiye Saranam Ayyappa,"* and special multi-item neivedyam offerings to Lord Ayyappa.
- **Murugan Puja (Monthly):** Special Shashti / monthly worship for Lord Kartikeya (Murugan). The deity was adorned beautifully, accompanied by the recitation of Skanda Shashti Kavacham for health, victory, and courage.
- **Satyanarayana Puja (Purnima Day):** Observed collectively on the Full Moon (Purnima) day. Multiple families joined the community vratam, listening to the sacred Katha, performing Vishnu archana, and partaking in the special sheera prasada.

Religious Committee - Hindu



Religious Committee - Hindu



Religious Committee - Hindu



Religious Committee - Hindu



Religious Committee - Jain

BTI Jains Celebrating Mahavir Jayanti and Our Temple Anniversary (April – June 2026)

A Joyous Mahavir Jayanti Celebration

Our BTI Jain Sangh was blessed to celebrate a truly memorable Mahavir Jayanti on Sunday, April 12. Nearly 200 Sangh members gathered in devotion and fellowship to commemorate the birth of Lord Mahavir through a beautiful day of spiritual activities, including the Aadhar Abhishek, an inspiring children's cultural performance, and Swamivatsalya.

Lankeshbhai Haria, Mulchandbhai Gala, and Arunaben Gala helped conduct the sacred 18 Abhishek ceremony, helping create a deeply spiritual atmosphere for all who attended.

Nidhi Gangar led a creative and spiritually enriching Jain Art Workshop, where children of all ages explored Jain values through art and imagination.

We were especially proud of our talented children, whose heartfelt performances beautifully reflected the teachings and virtues of Lord Mahavir. Their dedication, along with the guidance and encouragement provided by our teachers and parents, made the celebration truly meaningful and inspiring.

Temple Anniversary Celebration

Our Jain Temple Anniversary celebration from June 6-7 was another joyous yearly milestone, with more than 120 Sangh members coming together to commemorate this special occasion.

The June 6 program featured a reverent Shri Parshwanath Panch Kalyanak Pujan (conducted by Dr. Kirtibhai Shah, Mr. Mahendrabhai Bhavsar, and Mrs. Damayantiben Bhavsar) followed by a vibrant Dhawaja Aarohan (flag-raising ceremony). The festivities began with a colorful procession accompanied by uplifting music, creating an atmosphere of celebration and devotion throughout the temple grounds. On June 7, we performed a Dev Gur Shashtra Puja & other ceremonies. Kalpanaben Shah led an insightful discussion on the 12 Bhavanas, which are fundamental mental reflections in Jainism, to detach from worldly illusions, understand reality, and build spiritual equanimity. In the evening, we organized a wellness lecture given by Atmarpit Rakhshitji (Shrimad Rajchandra Mission Dharampur) who led an engaging discussion on Winning Over Anger.

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Religious Committee - Jain

Adding to the excitement, 6ABC Action News covered our anniversary celebration, sharing our vibrant community and traditions with the broader Philadelphia region. We invite everyone to click the photo below to view the news segment and celebrate this wonderful moment with us.

We are deeply grateful to all of the volunteers, sponsors, participants, and Sangh members whose dedication and enthusiasm made these celebrations such a tremendous success. Together, we continue to strengthen our community while preserving and sharing the timeless values of Jainism for generations to come. To learn more about the BTI Jains Sangh, email jainsbti@gmail.com.



Jain Temple Anniversary: Channel 6ABC New Coverage of Flag-Raising Ceremony



Mahavir Jayanti Kalyanak: BTI Jains kids sitting in prayer during the ceremony



Mahavir Janma Kalyanak

Religious Committee - Jain



Jain Temple Anniversary: Attendees celebrating the raising of the new flag



Jain Temple Anniversary Sangh members in procession, with musical fanfare

Health & Human Services

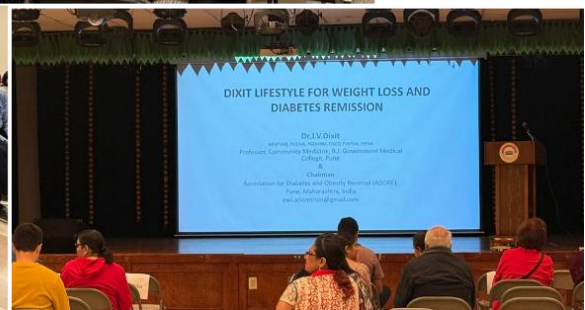
Chair: Babu Medi, B.Pharm, Ph.D; **Co-Chair:** Anjan Dave, MS, MBA
Advisor: Dr. Akkaraju Sarma MD, FAAFP; **BTI Board Liaison:** Atul Sangal, MSPT

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 conduct professional medical seminars/health fairs
- Organize American Red Cross blood drives and Vaccine clinics
- Provide training sessions on first aid, CPR, AARP driving courses

Educational Series on Obesity Management and Diabetes Remission:

BCC HHS organized an educational seminar on Obesity and Diabetes Management on 27 Apr 2026. The talk was delivered by Dr. Jagannath Dixit (MBBS, MD), the architect of Dixit Lifestyle and renowned scientific leader. Dr. Dixit received several awards for his work on Diabetes and was invited by Prime Minister Sri Narendra Modi for Fit India Campaign lectures. Dr. Dixit covered The Two-Meal Formula to manage Obesity and Diabetes and the scientific basis of this formula. More than 100 community members attended this event and benefited from the discussion. Thanks to Ojaswinee Jog, Prasanna Jog, Ravi Murarka for coordinating with Dr. Dixit and bringing this event to Bharatiya Temple.



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Health & Human Services

Blood Drive:

BCC HHS team organized Blood Drives on 06 Jun 2026. We collected a total of 26 units of blood that can potentially save up to 78 lives. 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 Anjan Dave, Seetharam Alladi, Prabhu Mysore, Meena Durbha, Prakash Kurukunda, Niranjan Yanamandra and Ranjit Komati for making this blood drives very successful. Thanks to Temple youth volunteers for helping with the drives.

We host 4 drives annually that brings donors from local community along with Bhartiya Temple devotees. The blood drives bring many donors from local community into the Temple and they are all encouraged to visit mandir upstairs when they come to donate.

Thanks to BTI/BCC management for 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.

The next blood drive is scheduled for 29 Aug 2026 (Saturday) from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Please register using the following link:

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



Health & Human Services



Education Committee

Educational Committee Goals in a Temple:

Preserve and Promote: Dharma

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

Adult Spiritual Growth Bharatiya Temple is Conducting study groups, satsangs, and workshops for deeper understanding of scriptures and philosophy. Offer practical teachings for modern life balance (family, work, spirituality).

TIME: SUNDAY, March 8th, 2026 - 10 AM – 12:00 PM

“Steady, Grounded, and Graceful”

Navigating Stress with Gita gyan..... By Brahmachari Pratyagatma Chaitanya is a traditional Vedanta teacher

Associated with Arsha Vidya Gurukulam in Saylorsburg, PA. He studied Vedanta and Sanskrit under Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati. He shares timeless wisdom from the Upanishads and Bhagavad Gita in a practical way that helps modern seekers handle life's pressures with clarity and composure.

Reflects three powerful inner qualities:

- Steady – Maintaining emotional balance even in challenging situations.
- Grounded – Staying connected to values, clarity, and inner strength.
- Graceful – Responding thoughtfully rather than reacting impulsively.

May 21, 2026

Dr. R. Rangan ji is a respected spiritual leader, Vedic scholar, poet, and author who shares ancient Indian wisdom in a simple and practical way. He holds a doctoral degree in Yoga from SVYASA University and also has a Master's degree in Management.

He is the author of the well-known 10-volume *The Ramayana of Valmiki* and *What is Dharma?*. At the age of thirteen, he composed seven thousand verses in Samskrit, showing his extraordinary talent from a young age.

Dr. Rangan ji teaches the Vedas, Upanishads, Bhagavad Gita, and Yoga Sutras. He also guides students through two traditional gurukulams in Bengaluru — Shruti Rama Gurukulam and Sita Lakshmi Gurukulam — where students learn spirituality, culture, and values in a traditional environment.

Education Committee

During the month of Adhik usually people go at the thirth Dham but we are so lucky to shree Rangan ji came to Bharatiya Temple. I humbly requested Swamiji to give gyan through his Amrit vani. Rooted in deep devotion to Sri Rama, Ramayana is his primary spiritual inspiration. His teachings emphasize righteous living, inner transformation, and universal values. He has delivered thousands of individual lectures and hundreds of extended series (like Saptahams and Navahams) over his 25+ year career as a speaker.

Teaching is one of the spiritual gifts given to people at BHARATIYA TEMPLE but you have to attend our program. On last Thursdays of the month, Bharatiya Temple holds BHAGAVAD GITA study group via Zoom. We are honored to have Praveen Sharma, who guides us through the teaching of BHAGVAD GITA.

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 30th, 2026 at 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Zoom only: Meeting ID: 822 0096 3573

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82200963573?pwd=UVNPbWUya004VXo4U0JVbmpRV1Uydz09>

Verse 5.10 Sanskrit:

ब्रह्मण्याधाय कर्माणि सङ्गं त्यक्त्वा करोति यः ।
लिप्यते न स पापेन पद्मपत्रमिवाम्भसा ॥

Meaning: One who performs actions for God, giving up attachment to results, is not affected by sin, just as a lotus leaf remains untouched by water.

Explanation: The lotus grows in water but water does not stick to it.

Likewise, a Karma Yogi:

Lives in the world.

Performs duties.

Serves family and society.

Yet remains unattached.

Example:

A teacher teaches sincerely.

Students may pass or fail.

The teacher does their best and leaves the result to God.

This is Karma Yoga.

What is the value of true knowledge?

Who can gain spiritual knowledge?

How to overcome doubt and move forward in life?

Education Committee

June 24 to June 27th , JK YOG SWAMIJI MUKUNDANANDA JI

We had a wonderful Satsang based on Inspiring Stories from Saints: Life Transformation by Swami Mukundananda. It was an uplifting and spiritually enriching session, filled with inspiring stories, profound wisdom, and practical life lessons.

Heartfelt gratitude to everyone who participated and made this Satsang so meaningful. May these divine teachings continue to inspire us toward greater faith, devotion, and selfless service.

He has Authority on Mind Management – FOUNDER OF JK YOG

* IIT & IIM Alumnus

Students --- (Jagadguru Kripaluji Yog)



Best-selling Author of spiritual books -- Vedic Scholar

HE IS Devoted Bhakti Saint --- Swamiji, Your - Divine presence, - is a blessing for all of us. - Your teachings - INSPIRE US TO LIVE- A LIFE OF DEVOTION,- WISDOM, SELFLESS SERVICE, & LOVE FOR THE GOD. We are truly grateful that you have to bless our temple and our community.

Benefits of Attending:

- Calm and focused mind
- Stronger faith and devotion
- Practical tools for stress-free living
- Deeper understanding of Sanatan Dharma
- Spiritual upliftment for the whole family

1. Keep learning --Take time each day to read, reflect, or learn—right knowledge clears confusion.

2. Have faith and patience--Trust the process. Don't expect instant results—growth takes time.

3. Avoid overthinking and doubt--Too much doubt stops action. Think, then decide, and move forward.

4. Do your duty sincerely---Focus on your work without worrying too much about results.

5. Act with clarity and calm mind--Before acting, pause, understand, then do the right thing.

Education Committee



Education Committee



Women's Group

After a successful launch of the Women's Group Arts & Crafts Group with an open-house on January 21st, the group held classes on 15th April and 20th May, where Anuja Palsule taught crochet to a group of women who enjoyed an afternoon of crochet, conversation, and camaraderie. On June 17th, the Arts & Crafts group gathered to paint flowerpots, share laughs, and express their creativity. The Arts & Crafts Group plans to continue meeting every month at the Temple to **foster creativity, bonding, and community engagement.**



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Women's Group

The BCC Women's Group is continuing its initiative of community service by volunteering at SPARK Senior Center in Lansdale PA. We represent the Bharatiya Temple and serve lunch to the senior citizens on a weekly schedule. Our volunteers make the senior center a brighter place with their kindness, dedication, and enthusiasm.



Women's Group

The Women's Group organizes two book clubs that meet regularly. The Evening Book Club discussed *A Guardian and a Thief* by Megha Majumdar on April 21st and *The Lion Women of Tehran* by Marjan Kamali on June 16th. The Daytime Book Club discussed *The Beekeeper of Aleppo* by Christy Lefteri on June 10th. A very talented published author amongst us, Chandra Misra, read one of her short stories to the group at the Daytime Book Club.



The Women's Group is planning several events in the rest of 2026, including a **Summer Potluck Family Picnic on July 25th 2026.**

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

The Senior Citizens Group launched a new initiative called Seniors Games Night in the second quarter, featuring karaoke and bingo with Hot Tea and Snacks, for seniors. The events take place in the newly built Bhojanshala/cafeteria, where seniors gather to showcase their singing talents and compete in bingo games to win prizes. This event is held from 4-6 PM on the third or fourth Thursday of each month and has received positive feedback from participants.

Unfortunately, the planned pilgrimage bus trip to Akshardham and Balaji Temples in New Jersey had to be canceled due to lack of registration. However, an alternative event, Shri Vishnu Amritvani, was organized in the temple, led by professional singer Smt. Manisha Jain Sangal ji. The event concluded with Aarti and Prasaad, receiving positive feedback from attendees.

In the next quarter, the group plans to introduce Tech Education for Seniors to help them understand the basics of computer and cell phone operations.

The group feels blessed to be able to share positive energy and engage seniors in meaningful events.



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Bharatiya Vidyalaya

Bharatiya Vidyalaya: Celebrating 21 Years of Dedicated Service

The 2025–26 academic session (August 2025 thru May 2026) marked our 21st year of dedicated service to the community. With a record enrollment of 216 students during 2025-26, Bharatiya Vidyalaya continues to thrive as a vibrant center for spiritual, language, and cultural learning. Student sessions run from 9:30 am to 12:20 pm. Following the main program, enrichment classes for Geeta chanting and music were held from 12:20 pm to 12:45 pm on Sundays.

New Beginnings at the Bharatiya Learning Center

Our Bharatiya Learning Center proved to be an optimized learning environment. Classrooms are fully equipped with advanced noise-proof walls to minimize distractions alongside interactive smartboards that enhance student engagement. Teachers reported improved focus and engagement.

A Glimpse into a Typical Sunday

The day begins at 9:30 am with a morning assembly where students and volunteers engage in yoga, prayers, and Bhagavad Geeta chanting. Occasionally, students deliver short talks on religion, culture, or language. At 10:00 am, students attend religion classes, Hindu or Jain, followed by language classes at 10:55 am. Occasionally, culture classes replace these religion and language sessions to provide a broader perspective on Indian heritage (e.g., festivals, arts, history). We are proud to offer seven Indian languages: Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Marathi, Sanskrit, Tamil, and Telugu. These are offered at various levels, based on proficiency. Students participate in Aarati at 11:50 am.

While students are in class, parents have the opportunity to engage in their own learning and wellness. Options include a Bhagavad Geeta discussion group led by volunteers or a concurrent yoga and meditation session for quiet reflection.

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Bharatiya Vidyalaya

Special Programs: Q2-2026

Religion Day (April 12)

Parents joined the sessions in person to observe student progress firsthand. Throughout the approximately two-hour session, students in each class completed a curriculum quiz and successfully presented their final class projects.



Parents and community members stood attentively along the walls of a bright classroom as seventh- and eighth-grade students completed their Sindhu class quiz on Religion Day.

Mandatory Parents-Volunteers Meeting (April 26)

On April 26, approximately 75 parents and volunteers gathered for our mandatory community meeting, which provided an interactive platform for constructive feedback and discussion while expressing immense gratitude for our dedicated teaching faculty for their hard work.

Geeta Chanting (April 26)

In the afternoon, twelve well prepared students from Bharatiya Vidyalaya traveled to Chinmaya Madhuvan in Morrisville, PA, to participate in the Gita Chanting Yajna.

Mother's Day Picnic (May 10)

Our community celebrated Mother's Day with an outdoor picnic from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Spring Valley Park Picnic Pavilion in Lansdale, PA, drawing a

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wonderful turnout of around 100 attendees. The program commenced with a beautiful collective singing of the first four verses of the *Matrustavanam* and narrating their meanings. A highlight of the program was a high-spirited, recreational tug-of-war event where mothers and children joyfully competed against each other.



A lively, sunny outdoor tug-of-war match at Spring Valley Park, showcasing a large group of mothers pulling hard on a rope against their enthusiastic children under a wide-open lawn and pavilion backdrop, supported by comfortable weather.

Language Annual Day (May 17)

The Language Annual Day ran from 9:15 am to 12:30 pm, celebrating our students' linguistic achievements and concluding with a heartfelt vote of thanks, group photos, and a community lunch. A special segment of the day was dedicated to honoring our graduating 12th-grade students as they prepare for college. The diverse and creative program presentations by class included:

- Tamil: Thiruvassagam Sivapuranam (Glory of Lord Shiva)
- Kannada: Great Personalities of Karnataka
- Hindi Intermediate: Sanatan Dharm ki amar yatra

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- Gujarati Junior: Gujarati Balgeeto
- Marathi Junior: Me ani majhe kutumb (Me and My Family)
- Telugu Junior: Bala Geethalu
- Sanskrit Senior: Ishavasyam idam sarvam (Prahlaad character)
- Gujarati Senior: The Message of Govardhan (Protection of Nature)
- Hindi Junior I: Rang Birange Sitare
- Sanskrit Junior: We play in Sanskrit!
- Marathi Senior: Pailwan
- Hindi Junior II: Bollywood Muqabala
- Hindi Senior: Al ki Leela!
- Telugu Senior: Jeopardy Game Show

The diversity of presentations showcased the linguistic richness of our Vidyalaya.

Online Summer Sanskrit Program

Extending learning into the summer, our Online Sanskrit Program successfully launched on June 16. Meeting on Tuesday evenings via Zoom for eight 90-minute sessions, the course has brought together 2 children and 7 adult students. The enthusiasm of our adult learners is especially inspiring. The well-rounded curriculum welcomes anyone from the 1st grade and above, covering foundational elements such as the alphabet, grammar, shlokas, Bhagavad Geeta verses, and conversational Sanskrit practice.

Our Ethos

मातुराशिषा वन्दिता भुवि । सन्ति हि नरो नन्दिता दिवि ।।

With mother's blessings alone men become worshipful in this world and rejoice in heaven too.

Stay Connected

- Volunteers: Supported by over 60 dedicated teaching and non-teaching volunteers.
- Senior Students: During 2025-26, 15 students in Grade 9 and above gained teaching experience.
- Library Services: Offers a wide selection of books for children and adults to support home learning. The popular genres are mythology and children's stories.
- WhatsApp Community: Join for real-time updates:
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Ex6sOByBMlf4o5SaYiFt9c>

Academic Enrichment Program at Bharatiya Temple

Dear Parents and Students,

Every Tuesday evening, our classrooms came alive with students debating strategies, discovering elegant solutions, and celebrating those unforgettable "I finally got it!" moments. Spring 2026 was another memorable chapter for the Academic Enrichment Program (AEP), filled with curiosity, perseverance, and a shared passion for learning.

As the academic year draws to a close, we are proud of how much our students have grown. Not just in mathematical knowledge, but also in confidence, critical thinking, and their willingness to embrace challenges. From national mathematics competitions and our Annual Awards Ceremony to exciting new summer programs, this quarter truly reflected the spirit of AEP: challenging minds, building confidence, and inspiring a lifelong love for mathematics.

Celebrating Student Achievement

One of the most memorable moments of the Spring Session was our Annual AEP Awards Ceremony, where we celebrated the dedication and accomplishments of our students throughout the year.

Awards were presented to outstanding students from each class, top performers across grade levels, and students who distinguished themselves in mathematics competitions. Seeing students recognized in front of their families, teachers, and peers was a wonderful reminder that consistent effort, perseverance, and curiosity lead to meaningful achievement.

Congratulations to every student who participated this year. Every challenge attempted and every problem solved contributed to your growth as a mathematical thinker.

AEP Students Shine in Mathematics Competitions

This year, our students enthusiastically participated in several nationally and internationally recognized mathematics competitions, including AMC 8, MOEMS, Pi Math Contest (PiMC), Gauss Mathematics Contest, and Mock MathCounts.

Their hard work and determination resulted in several outstanding achievements.

Academic Enrichment Program at Bharatiya Temple

STUDENT COMPETITION ACHIEVEMENTS

Proud of our students' hard work and national-level recognition



AMC 8

1

Merit Award

1 student received
a Merit Award



MOEMS



2

Silver Awards
(Top 10% nationally)



2

Students in
Top 20%



12

Students in
Top 50%



PiMC



1

Bronze Award
(Top 30% nationally)



6

Honors
Recognitions



Students are gaining exposure to national-level academic competitions and achieving strong recognition.



Summer Learning Continues

Learning doesn't stop when school ends—and neither does AEP!

This summer, we introduced our new **Intro to Cryptography** course, where students are discovering the fascinating world of secret codes, ciphers, encryption, and logical reasoning. It has been exciting to watch students explore how mathematics is used to protect information in today's digital world while asking thoughtful questions and eagerly tackling new challenges.

To help students maintain continuity in their mathematical learning, we are also offering Summer Math Enrichment Classes. These sessions allow students to strengthen their problem-solving skills, reinforce concepts learned during the school year, and continue building confidence over the summer.

The enthusiasm we've seen in both summer programs reminds us that learning thrives when students are curious, engaged, and challenged.

Looking Ahead

As one successful academic year ends, we are already looking forward to the next.

Academic Enrichment Program at Bharatiya Temple

The Fall 2026 Academic Enrichment Program will begin in September 2026, with registration opening during the second week of August.

Whether your child is returning to AEP or joining us for the first time, we look forward to another year of challenging problems, engaging discussions, exciting competitions, and meaningful learning experiences.

We encourage families to register early, as students are placed in small learning groups to provide personalized instruction and an interactive classroom environment.

Thanks

The success of AEP is truly a community effort.

We sincerely thank the Bharatiya Temple management for providing the facilities and continued support that make this program possible.

To our parents, thank you for encouraging your children to embrace challenges and supporting them throughout their learning journey.

To our dedicated instructors and volunteers, thank you for the countless hours spent planning lessons, mentoring students, and creating an engaging classroom experience.

A very special thank you goes to Dr. Raghunath Khetan for his continued guidance, encouragement, and unwavering support of the Academic Enrichment Program. His leadership has played a vital role in the continued growth and success of AEP.

Until Next Time...

As we reflect on another wonderful year, we are reminded that success isn't measured only by awards or competition results. It is measured by the confidence students gain, the questions they ask, the perseverance they develop, and the excitement they bring to every class.

Thank you for being part of the AEP family. We wish everyone a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable summer and look forward to welcoming you back this September for another exciting year of mathematical exploration and discovery.

Becoming a Member of BTI / BCC

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MEMBER

JOIN US

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:

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 Hema Channarasappa 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 in, please refer to the respective flyer and reach out to 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:



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Hall Rental	\$600 for 4 hours + \$100/additional hour (Friday evenings, Saturdays, Sundays & Holidays) OR \$400 for 4 hours + \$75/additional hour (weekdays)
Education Room Rental	\$100 for 2 hours + \$50/additional hour (Friday evenings, Saturdays, Sundays & Holidays) OR \$50 for 2 hours + \$25/additional hour (weekdays)
Kitchen Rental	\$75 for warming food. Food cooking is not permitted.
Audio Equipment Rental	<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)
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)	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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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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