



PATRIKA

BHARATIYA TEMPLE OF LANSING, INC.

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Dear Devotee:

It is my privilege to provide you with some key updates and also an important message on behalf of your board via this first issue of Temple **PATRIKA** in 2007.

First of all, I am very fortunate to have such a dedicated and talented team of board members. Each of them bring critical experience and skill to the table which will improve the services at the temple and help attain the long term vision.

One of our first tasks this year was to ensure smooth and improved operation of temple with value added services to the community. We have decided to pay attention to the existing infrastructure, cleanliness and adding more services such as Senior Citizen's group.

Our community has grown substantially. We have welcomed many new families in last few years. Temple was conceptualized and constructed by the members of the Hindu and Jain communities who moved in here over 20 years ago. Time has come, when the new generation has to take leadership and provide financial support to complete the remaining components of our temple, great institution in mid-Michigan. **I make an urgent plea to this group of our community to come forward and help with the completion.**

Your Board of Trustees has made good progress in raising funds in 2006, including during the Navagraha Prana Pratishtha activities. The Board continues to work in meeting the community-set target of collecting \$330,000 before construction activities can start. As of January 31, 2007, the state of our capital improvement account is as follows:

- Cash in Capital Improvement Account - \$ 145,000
- Cash expected by March 2007 based on pledges - \$ 95,000

Based on the above status, we have a shortfall of **\$90,000** to meet our goal for initiation of construction activities. Our community has been blessed and is very gracious and benevolent in all temple projects. Full realization of the completion plan will help us achieve most of the current and future goals and enable the community to enjoy the expanded services provided. For a community our size, and specifically, with the three-fold growth we have seen in the last 5 years, the above goal is not insurmountable. The existing facility and level of services have been made possible with only one third of the current devotees. I urge you to rise to the occasion and make this goal a reality. **We need only ninety donors with \$1,000 to meet this goal within next ninety days.** Of course, donations of any amount that help reach the goal are welcome. If every family committed to becoming a member and participating in one of the other donation programs, we can complete the temple. I urge you donate generously.

God Bless.

Yours Truly,

Rajiv Das

Chair, Board of Trustees
Bharatiya Temple of Lansing

Temple Open Hours

Monday - Friday: 9 AM to 1 PM and 5 PM to 9 PM

Saturday, Sunday: 9 AM to 2 PM and 5 PM to 9 PM

Note: The Temple may also be open at other times for special events and occasions.

Visit our website www.lansingtemple.org for updated schedule of events

Puja & Activities Schedule

Daily: Evening Arati for Temple Deities at 8:30 PM.

Note: Archanas requested by devotees will be performed at any time until the evening Arati (8:30 PM), but not after the Arati.

Free Yoga classes from 7:00 – 8:00 AM

Sunday: Shri Ganesha Abhishekam at 9:30 AM (45 minutes), Bal Vihar classes for children ages 2-7 & 8-12 (10:30 to 11:30 AM), Gita class for adults every Sunday 10:30 AM, Tamil class for children and young adults from 5:30 to 7:30 PM.

Monday: Shri Rudra Abhishekam at 9:30 AM (45 minutes) and at 7 PM (75 minutes)

Tuesday: Shri Karttikeya Abhishekam at 9:30 AM (45 minutes); Shri Karttikeya and Shri Hanuman Prayer-Chanting and Puja at 7:15 PM (45 minutes)

Thursday: Srirama Devotional Music session at 7:30 to 8:45 PM

Friday: Lalita Sahasranamam recitation at 7 to 8 PM

Saturday: Shri Venkateswara Suprabhatam at 9:30 AM (30 minutes), Shri Venkateswara Abhishekam at 10:15 AM (45 minutes), and Navagraha Devata Abhishekam at 11 AM (75 minutes), Vishnu Sahasranamam recitation, bhajans, and arati 7:30 to 8:30 PM, Class on “Sankara Bhashyam on Gita” for adults 11 AM to 12:30 PM.

On Sankatahara Chaturthi days: Shri Ganesha Abhishekam is performed at 7:15 PM

On Purnima days: Satyanarayana Puja is performed at 6:30 PM

First & Third Sunday: Conversational Hindi for children & young adults from 10:30 to 11:30 AM

First Sunday each Month: Puja and satsang from 11:30 AM, followed by lunch.
Contact Sunit Patke, 517-349-5576.

Third Sunday of Month: Havan at 11:30 AM, followed by lunch.
Contact Jai Jaglan, 517-337-8085.

Fourth Sunday of Month: Jain Puja at 11 AM. Contact Navin Jain, 517-347-4168.

In addition, major religious festivals (Sivaratri, Holi, Rama Navami, Mahavir Jayanti, Krishna Janmashtami, Ganesh Chaturthi, Navaratri, Diwali, etc.) are celebrated

A unique event at our Temple...

The Temple's Youth Group is coordinating an entirely youth-organized, youth-coordinated, and youth-led puja with Hindi and English translations. They will also recognize graduating seniors from our community. Preparations for this event are in full swing and various youth committees are working on making this a unique, and hopefully, a yearly event. Other area youth groups and friends are invited to witness our culture and religious services.

What: Youth led Puja service & Recognition of High School Graduates

When: Sunday, April 29, 2007, 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Program: 10.30 – 10.45 Puja
10.45 – 11.45 Cultural Program (Dances, Songs, Skits, & Music)
11:45 – 12:00 Recognition of Seniors & Blessings by Dr. Raju
12:00 p.m. Aarti followed by Prasad/Lunch

Youth group members:

Aakash Bhargava	Anjali Bisht	Shiwani Bisht	Saloni Dagli
Forest Gupta	Mohan Gupta	Rama Gupta	Kavitha Iyengar
Priyanka Kannan	Swadhruth Komanduri	Esha Kumar	Sahil Saini
Bhavna Singichetti	Preethy Subramanian	Leila Syal	Neil Syal
Sita Syal	Gaurav Thakur	Purvi Trivedi	



In-home Bhajans...

The Bharatiya Temple of Lansing now offers a service to perform Bhajans and Kirtans at devotees' homes. The in-home Bhajan service is offered by a devoted group of individuals and includes one of our priests. Currently, the group can perform Bhajans for Lord Hanuman, Lord Rama, Lord Shiva, Lord Ganesh, Lord Radha Krishna, and Ma Durga. The group continues to expand their Bhajan collection to include other deities. Your Board encourages financial donations and offerings for this service. All donations go to the Bharatiya Temple and the group members do not receive any compensation. As such, these donations are deductible as charitable contributions to the Temple.

At this time, the group can perform on weekends, between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m., with other days and times accommodated upon request and group members' availability. Prior reservation is necessary to allow for better coordination. For additional details, information, and reservations, please contact the group's coordinator, Mr. Rampal Agrawal at 517.339.3395 or rampalratni@yahoo.com.

Note: devotees planning to have a puja along with bhajans should also co-ordinate with the priest beforehand. Priest services, including in-home puja, have associated charges; this information is available from our priests.

What can I do for the Temple?

- ✓ Visit the Temple and grow spiritually
- ✓ Volunteer at least 2 hours a week for Temple activities
- ✓ Respect and honor our religious, cultural, and traditional diversity
- ✓ Stay after events to help keep our Temple clean...it's God's work!
- ✓ Help our kids understand our religion
- ✓ Volunteer at least 2 hours a week for Temple activities
- ✓ **Donate generously...** "If you want to be blessed with all the good things in life, learn to silently bless everyone with all the good things in life...The more you give, the more you will receive...In fact, anything that is of value in life only multiplies when it is given" – Deepak Chopra

How can I donate?

- ❖ Grand Benefactor (Marble Plaque in Temple) **\$5,000**
 - Life Member – Pledge \$1,000 for 5 years
 - Member – Pledge \$3,000 Year 1, \$2,000 Year 2
- ❖ Pledges **\$500 & above**
 - Designate for Capital Improvements
 - Designate for Operations
- ❖ Sponsor-A-Day **\$400/Year**
 - Select a day of your choice in the year (Birthday, Anniversary etc.)
 - Puja to deity of your choice; Prasad mailed home, if not present
- ❖ Dollar-A-Day **\$365/Year**
 - Pay at the start or end of year
 - Drop a dollar in your piggy bank and bring it every time you visit
- ❖ Membership **\$150/Year**
 - Everyone should be a member – It's your Temple!
- ❖ Hundi (Cash Boxes) **Every Visit**
 - Every time you visit, God blesses you
 - Every time you visit, donate cash in Hundi
- ❖ Priest Services (Puja, Religious Ceremonies, Archana)
 - At Temple
 - At home
- ❖ Meijer Community RewardsSM Program
 - Donate without donating!
 - Sign-up for program designating Temple code (#214325)
 - Meijer donates to the Temple a percentage of your purchases

“Tulsi” Krit “Shri Rama” Charitmanas

Reading Schedule

Tuesday, March 20, 2007 5:30 P.M. To 7:30 P.M.
Wednesday, March 21, 2007 5:30 P.M. To 8:30 P.M.
Thursday, March 22, 2007 5:30 P.M. To 8:30 P.M.
Friday, March 23, 2007 5:30 P.M. To 8:30 P.M.
Saturday, March 24, 2007 8:00 A.M. To 3:00 P.M.
Sunday, March 25, 2007 8:00 A.M. To 3:00 P.M.
Monday, March 26, 2007 5:30 P.M. To 8:30 P.M.
Tuesday, March 27, 2007 5:30 P.M. To 7:00 P.M.

Rama Navami Celebrations

TUESDAY, March 27, 2007

Puja: 7:00 PM

“Bhajans” by Temple singers 7:25 PM

“Sita: Goddess in Human Form (Avatara)”

by Dr. S. Kulkarni 7:45 PM

Ramayan Closing, Hanuman Chalisa,

Sankat Mochan and Aarti 7:55 P.M.

Followed by Prasad (Dinner)

Sita-Rama Vivaham

Wednesday, March 28, 2007

7:00 to 8:30 PM

Followed by Prasad (Dinner)

Please call Sharma Ji or Shastri Ji for your participation in Sita-Rama Vivaham

For Information, Ramayan Reading & Food Participation:

Prakash & Usha Kapoor (517) 349-5958

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS To READ, COOK and CLEAN.

From the Balvihar archives...

