



# BHARATIYA TEMPLE OF LANSING, INC.

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May 18, 2005

Dear Temple Devotees:

Based on the increased activities and expansion program, we have decided to create the temple newsletter with a new look and different content six times a year. Feedback from the community members have been instrumental for this new look. We will continuously try to improve the newsletter content and solicit your feedback. Please feel free to send your feedback and comments to Rajiv R Das ([dasrajiv@msu.edu](mailto:dasrajiv@msu.edu)) or Shiv Singh ([singhs1@michigan.gov](mailto:singhs1@michigan.gov)) via email.

Yours Truly,  
Board of Trustees  
Bharatiya Temple of Lansing

## Our Temple



**May - 2005**

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<b>1</b> 1st Sunday Puja	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Havan	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> Jain Puja	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

**June - 2005**

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Bhajan by Shri Purushottam Jalota – 7 PM
<b>5</b> 1st Sunday Puja – Welcome High School Graduates	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Devotional music by Shri Manish Khullar 7 PM	<b>11</b> Ma ki Cahuaki-worship and bhajans by Manish Khullar – 5 to 10 PM
<b>12</b> Bhagawat Katha by Swamiji Dr. Shri Sanjay Krishna Ji of Vrindavan. India	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Pranapratishtha anniversary celebration with Sarva Devata & Jain Puja	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Bhagawat Katha by Swamiji Dr. Shri Sanjay Krishna Ji of Vrindavan, India. The Katha will last from June 12 – 18.
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May 18, 2005

Dear Devotees/Friends/ Brothers and Sisters:

Namaste! We hope you all are enjoying the spring season in Michigan. The spring always shows beauty of the nature with new leaves, flowers and songs of the birds. Our scriptures tell us to learn from the nature the power of hope and revival. We want to present to you the new commitments and new things that we together can achieve for this year.

Our new commitments include a) improvements in the financial status, b) public relations and c) finalizing the Temple Completion plans through your input and financial commitments for three years.

We need to add more revenue to the Temple so that the annual operational expenses are met and at the same time we can build sufficient reserve of pledges and cash donation for the Temple Completion project. Our main goal is to increase religious and cultural activities in the Temple, which generate additional revenue.

The devotees are our best source of support and we want to be sure that the devotees are happy with the Temple activities and in particular with the Board. Our efforts will be to respect all views and accommodate any special request you have. Just let us know what your expectations are. Our commitment to harmony, service and respect for all, will remain as the main focus.

The Temple Completion project will include about 4000 Sq. Ft additional space on the first floor and same 4000 Sq Ft. additional space in the basement of the Temple. This additional area will help us to provide three class rooms for various classes, Navagrahas, Yagyashala, large Hall and new kitchen and dinning hall with a capacity of about 200 to 250 people. Temple office, new welcome lobby and storage for puja items are also included. There will be an elevator, near the East door to meet the legal requirements as per American Disability Act (ADA).

We need your input on space allocations, and overall design of the entire building. A complete package of plans will be placed in the Temple lobby for your reviews and comments. The most discussed issues are final roof design, and number of stairwells in the Temple as well as the Temple Vastu Shatra. The cost of the project will be estimated when the engineering plans are completed, and this information will be shared with you. Our Special Use Permit issued by the Meridian Township has expired in February 2005. The work ahead of us is very demanding for time and resources, and challenging for the development of overall agreements.

The temple is committed to bring young families into the Temple activities. We hope that with your active participation, and the grace of God, we can accomplish the above goals as well as strategic planning for the future. May God bless you and your family and may all your dreams come true.

Sincerely,

The Board of Trustees.

<p><b>a. From Detroit and Ann Arbor:</b></p> <p>I-96 West to Okemos Road (exit 110). Turn right (north) at STOP sign, go 5 miles. Turn right (east) at Haslett Road, go 2.5 miles (about 1 mile past the railroad track) till Haslett Road forks &amp; <b>See note.</b></p>	<p><b>d. From Jackson:</b></p> <p>127 North to Saginaw exit (do not take 496 Downtown exit), turn right (east) onto Saginaw. Go past Harrison, Abbott. Stay in right lane; take Haslett Toad fork to the right. Go past Okemos Road and Marsh Road. Cross railroad tracks. Go about 1 mile past the railroad track till Haslett Road forks &amp; <b>See note.</b></p>
<p><b>b. From Flint:</b></p> <p>I-69 West to East Lansing (exit 94). At the second stop light, turn left (south) onto Marsh Road and go 2 miles. Turn left (east) at Haslett Road. Go 1.3 miles till Haslett Road forks &amp; <b>See note.</b></p>	<p><b>e. From Kalamazoo and Battle Creek:</b></p> <p>I-94 East to I-69 North to I-96 East. Take exit 110 to Okemos Road. Turn left (north) at STOP sign and follow directions as in <b>a.</b></p>
<p><b>c. From Grand Rapids:</b></p> <p>I-96 East to I-69 East (going to Flint). Take exit 94. Follow directions as in <b>b.</b></p>	<p><b>f. From Mt. Pleasant, Alma, and Midland:</b></p> <p>27 South to exit 87, I-69 East (to Flint). Take exit 94. Follow directions as in <b>b.</b></p>



**Note: When Haslett Road Forks stay in the right lane. Temple is the 1<sup>st</sup> building on the right**

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