

# Amaravani Newsletter

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Flower Mound Hindu Temple



## New Temple Progress

We are excited to share positive momentum on our New Temple project!

To date, we have received over \$1.67 million in pledges—a strong testament to your continued support and belief in our shared vision.

On March 26, 2025, the Town of Flower Mound provided the first round of review comments on our temple site plan. We are pleased to report that the comments were minor. The temple management and design team held a productive discussion with the Town's project manager and are actively collaborating with our Sthapati, civil engineer, and architect to submit responses.

We anticipate one or two more rounds of comments before the project proceeds to public hearing and, ultimately, to groundbreaking and land development.

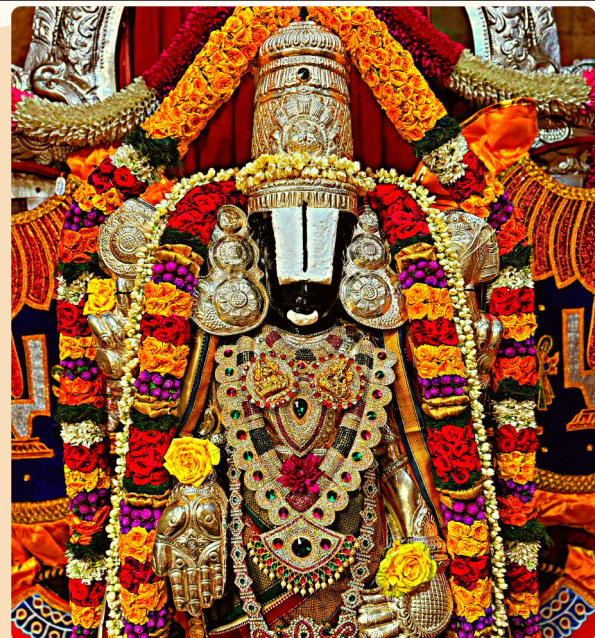
## Fundraising Goal

\$3,000,000



◀ Raised  
\$1.67 Million  
as of Mar 2025

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## Message From Temple Management

**Namasthe!**

We are delighted to bring you the April edition of our temple newsletter—your source for the latest updates, upcoming events, and spiritual reflections. This platform continues to strengthen our collective connection to faith, community, and cultural heritage.

**UGADI / GUDI PADWA – A Grand Success! Our Ugadi/Gudi Padwa celebration on March 29th was a truly divine experience! The event began with Sri Balaji Mula Murthy Abhishekam, followed by a spiritually enriching Panchanga Pathanam by our esteemed devotee Sri Veerabhadra Rao Garu. A heartfelt thank you to our dedicated volunteers for their tireless efforts—from temple cleaning and decorations to preparing and serving food to our devotees.**

**We are grateful to our community for the generous support—together we raised over \$5,000 in new temple pledges during the celebration!**

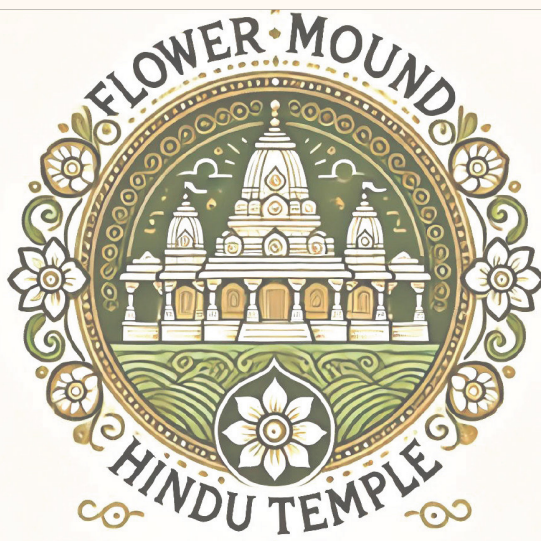
**Calling Teen Reporters – Youth Voice in the Newsletter**

**We are seeking youth contributors to bring fresh perspectives to our monthly newsletter. This is a great opportunity for teens to get involved and express their voice within our temple community.**

**Interested? Please email us at [contactus@fmhtcc.org](mailto:contactus@fmhtcc.org)**

**Your voice counts—join us in making a difference!**

**With Gratitude,  
Flower Mound Hindu Temple Management**



### About FMHTCC

Welcome to the Flower Mound Hindu Temple! Established in 2009 to preserve Sanatana Dharma, commonly known as Hinduism, the Flower Mound Hindu Temple has been a cornerstone of the community. Since its inception, the temple has offered a wide range of religious and language classes, while joyfully celebrating various festivals and special events that are significant in Hinduism. With the expansion of the community and the development of new neighborhoods in and around Flower Mound, the current temple space has outgrown its capacity to accommodate the growing needs of our community. Recognizing this need, the community and the temple committee have united to construct a new temple at 3131 Old Settlers Road, Flower Mound, to better serve the spiritual and cultural needs of our community.

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## Significant Hindu Festivals in the month of April

### **Srirama Navami:**

Every year Srirama Navami is celebrated on Chaitra Sudha Navami. This year Sriramanavami will be celebrated on 5th April, 2025.

Lord Srirama was born on this day with birth star Punarvasu in Ayodhya, Uttarpradesh, India. As per epic Ramayana, Rama was the king of Ayodhya for 11000 years. The rule of Lord Rama over Ayodhya is often considered the epitome of an ideal and just governance, characterized by righteousness, justice, and prosperity. The period of Rama's reign is known as "Rama Rajya," and it is upheld as a model of good governance and ethical leadership in Hindu philosophy. Lord Vishnu took his birth as any normal human. In this avatara highest number of demons who were obstructing the sages in doing their rituals as per Sanatana Dharma were killed. Rama's living gives a message for all times how to respect parents, how to live with brothers, wife, friends and people. There is a saying that Ramo Vighrahan Dharmah. In Hindu culture everyone will be taught the epic story of Srirama from childhood. On Siramanavami day all Hindu Temples conduct Sita Rama Kalyanam for the good of the Universe.

### **Solar New Year**

In Solar system Chaitra Month starts on 13th

### **Akshaya Trithiya:**

This auspicious day is celebrated on Visakha Month Trithiya with Lakshmi Puja, This year Akshya Trithiya will be on 29th of April.

Author

Veerabhardra Rao Ivaturi

### **Youth Voice – Teen Reporter**

Sri Rama Navami, celebrated on the ninth day of the Chaitra month, marks the divine birth of Lord Sri Rama, one of the greatest inspirations in Hindu tradition. More than just a festival, it is a reminder of the timeless values that Lord Rama represents—righteousness, truth, humility, and devotion. His journey, as told in the Ramayana, teaches us about the power of perseverance, the importance of duty, and the strength found in unwavering faith.

For today's youth, Lord Rama's life serves as a guiding light, showing us how to navigate challenges with honor and integrity. His unwavering commitment to justice and his deep respect for family and society remain relevant even in our modern world. Sri Rama Navami is not just about celebrating his birth—it's about reflecting on his values and striving to embody them in our own lives. May his virtues inspire us to walk the path of dharma with courage and kindness. Jai Sri Ram!

The University of Texas at Dallas  
Varun Gunda

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## Youth Voice – Teen Reporter

Growing up as an Indian teen in America, I've really felt my connection to Hinduism through the rituals and the sense of community, especially during festivals like Ugadi, Holi, and Diwali. These celebrations are so much more than just traditions; they bring our families and friends together and create amazing memories.

In those moments, I feel super connected; not just to my culture, but to everyone who shares it with me. Even though I'm miles away from India, these festivals remind me that home isn't just a place; it's the people who celebrate alongside you.

Rhea Machepalli  
Flower Mound High School

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## Host an Awareness Gathering

As we continue our efforts toward new temple construction, we're seeking volunteers in the following communities to host awareness and fundraising events. Your leadership will help us build momentum as we await final city approvals. Our goal is to conduct at least 4 community events each month:

- Bradford Park
- Grand Park Estates
- Towne View Estate
- Flower Mound Oaks
- Lakeside

If you'd like to host or support one of these events, please reach out - we deeply appreciate your involvement! Together, We Build Our Future. Your continued support, participation, and devotion are the foundation of our growing spiritual home. Let's come together in service and celebration as we move closer to realizing the vision of our new Hindu temple in Flower Mound.

With gratitude and blessings, Flower Mound Hindu Temple Management

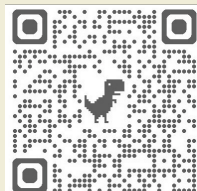
**SIRAMA RAMA RAMETI RAME RAME  
MANORAME ! SAHASRANAMA  
TATTULYAM RAMANAMA  
VARANANE!  
IS SAID TO BE MAHAMANTRAM.**

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## RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

### April 2025

- Tue 1 **KRITHIKA/SUBRAMANYA SWAMI**  
06:30 PM Subramanya Swami Abhishekam
- Sat 5 **SRI RAMA NAVAMI**  
10:00 AM Sita Rama Kalyanam at temple site
- Sat 12 **SATYANARAYANA PUJA**  
06:30 PM Satyanarayana Puja
- Wed 16 **SHANKATA HARA CHATURDHI**  
06:30 PM Ganesha Abhishekam Uthsava Murthy
- Thu 17 **SRI BABA ABHISHEKAM**  
06:30 PM Small Moorthy Abhishekam

### May 2025

- Sat 3 **VENKATESHWARA ABHISHEKAM**  
10:30 AM Moola Murthy Abhishekam
- Sun 11 **SATYANARAYANA PUJA**  
06:30 PM Satyanarayana Puja
- Thu 15 **SHANKATA HARA CHATURDHI**  
06:30 PM Ganesha Abhishekam Uthsava Murthy
- Thu 22 **HANUMAN JAYANTHI**
- Sun 25 **NAGAR ABHISHEKAM**  
06:30 PM Nagar Abhishekam
- Thu 29 **SRI BABA ABHISHEKAM**  
06:30 PM Small Moorthy Abhishekam



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#### WEEKLY ABHISHEKAM

Monday: 06:45 PM Rudrabhishekam

Tuesday: 07:30 PM Sri Hanuman Chalisa & Bhajan

2nd Thursday: 06:45 PM Sri Shiridi Saibaba Abhishekam

Saturday: 10:30 AM Sri Balaji Abhishekam

#### MONTHLY PUJA

Purnima 06:30 PM Samuhika Satyanarayana Vratam

Sankatahara Chaturthi 07:00PM Sri Ganesh Abhishekam

Krittika: 07:00 PM Murgugan Abhishekam

Nagara Abhishekam: 05:30 PM Last Sunday of every Month

#### Annual and Lifetime Puja Sponsorship

एकं सद्विप्रा बहुधा वदन्ति (Ekam Sat Vipraha Bahuda Vadanti) -Rig Veda (1.164.46)

The truth is one; but the wise, talk of many.

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Certain pujas are not conducive to be performed at home on a regular basis (ex. Siva Abhisheka, Lord Balaji Abhisheka) but are easily possible in a temple setting. Our scriptures place an emphasis on doing Pujas for the various deities on important days at the appropriate time (thithis); but due to schedules and other responsibilities, devotees may not be able to personally participate in these activities.

Supporting the worship of your *Ishta Devatas* on important days during the year has been made easy through the *Annual Puja Sponsorship Program* at FMHtCC. Sponsorship of your favorite deities will ensure that Pujas are done on your behalf on special days regardless of if you are present on that day. These tax-deductible sponsorship donations are at a discount compared to sponsorship of individual programs during the course of the year. Annual sponsorships are valid for one year from the date of sponsorship. Lifetime sponsorships are valid in perpetuity and are deposited into the Flower Mound Hindu Temple Community Center.

You have helped build one of the largest temples in the United States; now consider extending the same generosity to ensure its future. Sponsor an *Ishta Deity* for a year, or in perpetuity and preserve Dharma today and for the future.

धर्मो रक्षति रक्षितः (Dharma protects those who protect Dharma.)

For more information and sponsorship details – please contact [contactus@fmhtcc.org](mailto:contactus@fmhtcc.org) or by phone at (214)513-2562. Thank you for your support!



# Employer Matching Contributions

Employer contribution matches for religious or charitable organizations typically depend on the specific policies of the employer's matching gift program. Here's an overview of how it usually works:

1. Check Eligibility
  - Employers usually provide a list of eligible organizations or categories, such as religious, educational, or nonprofit organizations. Some employers exclude religious organizations unless the donation is for non-religious activities like community outreach or education.
2. Donation by the Employee
  - The employee makes a personal donation to a qualifying religious or charitable organization, like a Hindu temple.
  - The donation amount should meet the employer's minimum requirements (e.g., \$25).
3. Submit Matching Gift Request
  - The employee submits a matching gift request through the company's platform or by filling out a matching gift form.
  - This could include: The donation receipt.
  - Information about the organization (e.g., tax-exempt status like 501(c)(3) in the U.S.).
  - Some companies use platforms like Benevity or Double the Donation to manage these requests.
4. Employer Verification
  - The employer verifies whether the organization and donation meet their eligibility criteria.
  - If approved, the employer matches the donation, usually up to a specified limit (e.g., \$1,000 annually).
5. Funds Disbursed
  - Once approved, the matching amount is sent directly to the organization by the employer.

## Important Considerations

- Tax-Exempt Status: Most employers require the organization to have a recognized charitable status, like 501(c)(3) in the U.S.
- Restrictions on Religious Use: Some employers restrict matching to non-religious purposes, like community services or educational programs offered by the religious organization.
- Annual Caps: Employers often have an annual maximum they will match per employee.

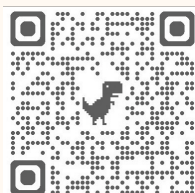
To ensure the temple qualifies and the match is successful, check with your HR or your employer's matching gift policy.

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# Temple Volunteer Meetup

## Hillcrest at Wellington - Flower Mound



We are grateful for your hospitality. Meeting all of you was delightful. Your hard work in organizing this gathering is truly valued and inspiring. Thank you!

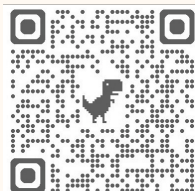
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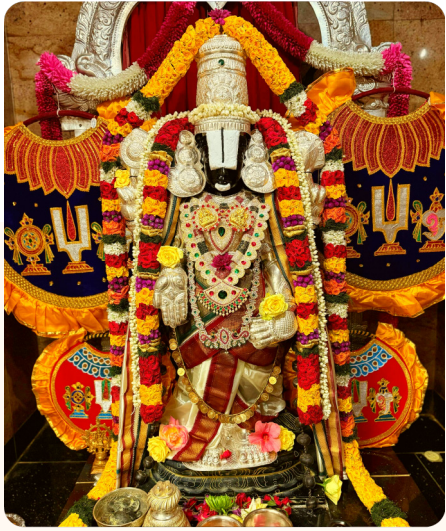
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**Devotee Support Community**

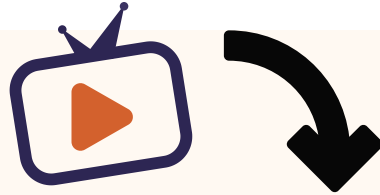
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# U G A D I

Flower Mound Hindu Temple YouTube channel.



Embark on a spiritual journey this FMHTCC

## Ugadi Photo Gallery



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# Sacred Sounds

In our Sacred Sounds classes for children, remarkable progress has been made this year: Bala Upāsaka – 21 children have learned 35 Ślokas and completed Saṁskṛta Akṣarābhyaṣaṁ. Bala Sādhaka – 15 children have mastered 5 Stotras and are currently learning their 6th. Gītā Yajña Adhyāyī – 15 dedicated learners are on the verge of completing two chapters of the Bhagavad Gītā this academic year. Their dedication and perseverance shine through every recitation!



Your volunteer Śikṣakā are glad to share that over Spring Break, nineteen kids (37% of Sacred Sounds) successfully attended Vasanta Sādhana, each receiving short bursts of impactful learning. Across our three classrooms, this added up to 9.5 hours of dedicated learning, with 100% of the 27 slots utilized in just one week!

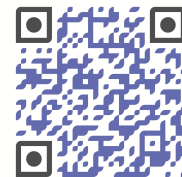
The kids truly enjoyed these sessions, carefully noted all suggested corrections in their books, and received individualized worksheets for continued practice.

The Spring Break week has reinforced that regular class attendance, daily recitations, and recordings—along with the tireless efforts of parents, a child’s first teachers—play an invaluable role in their learning journey



Do watch the Sacred Sounds performance of our children in beautiful Bhāratīya attire here,

Click on the link to get more information. FMHTCC Sacred Sounds FAQ

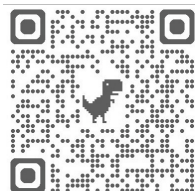


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# FLOWER MOUND HINDU TEMPLE COMMUNITY CENTER

Sita Rama Kalyanam At Our New Temple Site

## Saturday 5th April



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# श्रीरामनवमी

# KALYANA MAHOTSAV

## *Sri Sita Rama*



**APRIL 05, 2025, AT 10:30 AM**

At Our Temple, All Are Welcome!  
3325 Long Prairie Road, Flower Mound, TX 75022

Dear Devotees,

As we prepare for the upcoming Sri Rama Navami Celebrations, we humbly request your participation in contributing Akshantulu (Kalyanam Talambralu) for the Sri Sita Rama Kalyana Mahotsav at our temple land.

How You Can Contribute:

Please prepare Akshantulu by mixing uncooked rice with turmeric powder (a few drops of ghee can be added to help the mixture blend evenly).

Ensure the rice is dry before packing it in a small zip-lock bag or container.

Drop-off point: 3325 Long Prairie Road, Flower Mound, TX 75022

Note: Due to inclement weather forecast, all events will be held at the current temple

Collection Date: 04/05/2025 – 08:00 AM to 10:30 AM

If you need assistance with pickup, please let us know, and our volunteers will be happy to collect it from your home.

For any questions, please contact:  
Satya Vasireddy – 469-496-9927

Your support and participation are deeply appreciated. May the blessings of the Almighty be with you and your family.

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# *In loving Memory of Smt. Srirekha Potturi*



With deep sorrow, we announce the passing of Smt. Srirekha Potturi, a founding member and dedicated volunteer of our temple community, on Saturday, March 29th. Srirekha was the beloved wife of Sri Deepak Hanumandlu, who passed away in 2017. They leave behind two sons—one a senior in college and the other a high school senior, both set to graduate this spring.

The viewing and funeral services are planned for Thursday, April 3rd at 10:00 AM at:

Flower Mound Funeral Home  
3550 Firewheel Dr  
Flower Mound, TX 75028

Please keep the family in your prayers as we come together to honor Srirekha's life and support her children during this incredibly difficult time.

Family & Friends and FMHTCC volunteers