



Amaravani Newsletter



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Happy Diwali from Flower Mound Hindu Temple

Flower Mound Hindu Temple extends warm greetings on the joyous occasion of Diwali – the Festival of Lights. As we celebrate the triumph of light over darkness and good over evil, may this Diwali fill your homes with happiness, harmony, and prosperity.

We pray that the divine blessings of Lord Ganesha and Goddess Lakshmi bring peace, health, and success to you and your family.

Wishing our community a very Happy and Prosperous Diwali!

Flower Mound Hindu Temple Management



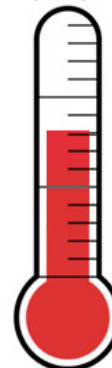
Please scan the QR code below to make Zelle payments for the Flower Mound Hindu Temple's new temple construction.



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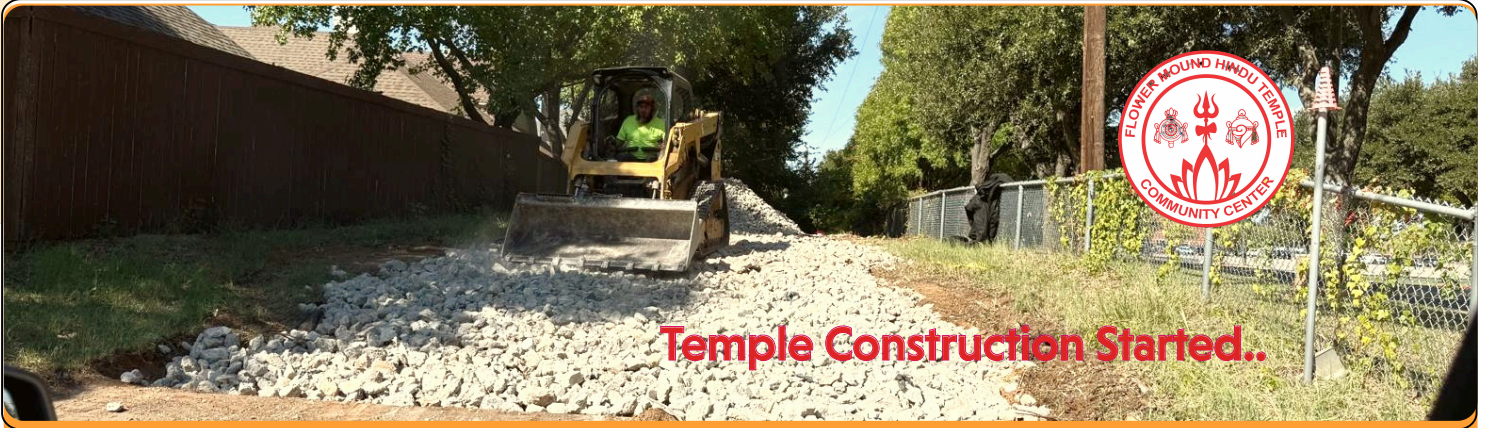
To use the Zelle QR code, you need to log into your bank account first and scan it from there or send payments to donations@fmhtcc.org.

\$4,000,000



◀ Raised \$2.5 Million as of September 2025

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Temple Construction Started..

New Temple Progress

With your continued blessings and support, we are making remarkable progress toward building our New Temple! In September, we reached an important milestone with \$2.5 million in pledges, of which 30% has already been fulfilled. We humbly request all devotees to continue pledging and fulfilling commitments every contribution brings us one step closer to realizing our dream temple.

After a thorough review of proposals and with legal guidance from Nadler Law, we are delighted to announce that KREA Construction has been selected as our Land Developer. We sincerely thank KREA Construction for their dedication and collaboration with both the temple and the City of Flower Mound. The land development cost of approximately \$1.3 million covers essential work such as site preparation, erosion control, earthwork, utilities, landscaping, irrigation, and more.

We were also blessed to welcome Sthapati R. Selvanathan (B.Sc. Temple Architecture) and his wife Ms. Ponni Selvanathan of Sri Vaidyanatha Sthapati Associates on September 24–25. Together with our management team and architects, the conceptual design and floor plan were finalized. The Sthapati is now preparing the final rendering, which will be shared in the November newsletter.

Another key milestone was achieved on September 25 with the successful City Pre-Construction Meeting and final approval of the Site Plan. By God's grace, land development officially began on September 29th, during the auspicious days of Navratri!

As we enter this crucial phase, please note that during land development and subsequent building construction, the contractor will submit invoices tied to milestones. These must be paid promptly to avoid penalties. We therefore urge all devotees to fulfill their pledges without delay, ensuring that construction continues smoothly and without interruption.

Together, let us build a sacred space that will inspire and serve generations to come.



The temple architect, Selvanathan, provided a brief overview of the significance of the Lord Shiva Vishnu Temple according to Agama Sastra.

"Shivaaya Vishnu Roopaaya, Shiva Roopaaya Vishnave.
Shivasya Hridayam Vishnu, Vishnuscha Hridayam Shivaha"

Sthapati R. Selvanathan
B.Sc. Temple Architecture

Message From Temple Management

Namasthe, Devotees!

Wishing you a Devi Navarathri filled with new beginnings and great rewards and may your home and heart be full of happiness and prosperity.

On behalf of the management, I am glad to report that the Land Development Contract is signed, 1. and site work began September 29th, during the auspicious days of Navratri!. This is our first big step toward the permanent temple a historic milestone for our community! Congratulations to our Hindu community for making this possible. Together, we now carry the shared privilege of bringing this dream to life.

We in the management are deeply thankful for the enthusiasm and support shown by our community. It is your encouragement that gives strength to every step of this journey.

Our Pledge Drive is already in full swing. We warmly encourage you to host a community gathering at your home invite friends and neighbors, and our management team will gladly provide snacks and a short presentation.

Pledge Benefits – while every donation, big or small, helps, the most popular options seem to be:

\$10,000+ Pledge → Life Membership with the opportunity to join the Management Executive Committee, plus your name displayed on the Donor Wall.

\$100,000+ Pledge → All the above benefits plus Trustee Membership and eligibility to serve on the Governing Board of Trustees.

For more details, please connect with one of our team members.

With gratitude and excitement,

Dr. Ravi Siripurapu

Chairperson, GBOT, FMHT

Welcome aboard our second priest



We are excited to welcome our second priest, **Sri Dharanidhar Bhattar Agnihotram Ji**, who began his service at the Flower Mound Hindu Temple on September 20, 2025. The community is invited to a meet-and-greet event to celebrate his arrival, which will feature grand celebrations and vibrant rituals.

Operational Updates

Important Communication Update

We have migrated to an official FMHT WhatsApp Channel, which is more secure and reliable for temple updates. Please note: if anyone invites you to join a separate WhatsApp group claiming to be an “FMHT Devotees group,” kindly refrain from joining. These are spam groups with malicious intent. We encourage everyone to stay connected only through our official channel.

Student Volunteer Opportunities

Students who wish to volunteer at the temple and accumulate volunteer hours for school or community programs can sign up using the Volunteer Hours Sign-Up Sheet available at the temple. Completed hours may be logged for official credit. For questions or guidance, please contact Asha Marla at asha.marla@fmhtcc.org.

Call to Service

Our temple thrives because of the selfless service of our volunteers. From Puja and Behind the Bell to Fundraising, Communication, and accounting teams, your time and dedication are the foundation of our growth. As we are preparing to move into our New Temple, your involvement is more important than ever. Join us to make a lasting impact and help our community flourish. To volunteer, please email: contactus@fmhtcc.org committee lead will follow up with you. Let's grow together!

Significant Hindu Festivals in the month of October

Ashwayuja Masam ends on 20th October and Kartika Masam starts on 22nd October, 2025

1st October Mahanavami and Vijaya Dasami:

This day with the Raja Rajeswari Avatar Navaratri days are concluded. After the demon Mahishasura is killed by Durga Devi for the good of people on the 9th day Vijaya Dasami is celebrated on the 10th day.

9th October Karva Chauth: Karva Chauth celebrates the bond of marriage through a day-long fast observed by women for their husband's longevity and prosperity. The festival symbolizes deep love, devotion, and sacrifice within the marital bond. Key rituals include a pre-dawn meal called "Sargi," performing a puja in the evening, and breaking the fast after moonrise by viewing the moon through a sieve and then the husband.

18th Danteras: This is also called as Dhana Trayodasi. Dhanvantari, who is also worshipped on the occasion of Danteras, is considered the god of Ayurveda who imparted the wisdom of Ayurveda for the betterment of mankind and to help rid it of the suffering of disease.

19th October Naraka Chaturdasi: On this day Satyabhama wife of Lord Srikrushna killed the demon Naraka.

20th October Deepavali: This day is celebrated as Deepavali a festival of happiness

21st October auspicious Kartka Masam starts: Karthika Masam is a holy Hindu month of great spiritual significance, dedicated to both Lord Vishnu and Lord Shiva, but especially Lord Krishna (Damodar). Its importance lies in performing auspicious deeds, fasting, lighting lamps (Karthika Deepotsavam) to dispel inner darkness, and bathing in rivers to gain spiritual merit. The month is considered especially favorable for devotees to purify the mind and soul, increase self-knowledge, and receive everlasting blessings for a good life.

25th Nagula Chavithi:

Nagula Chavithi is a Hindu festival in South India dedicated to honoring and seeking blessings from the Serpent Gods (Nagas) for protection from snakebites, family well-being, fertility, and prosperity. It is celebrated on the fourth day after Deepavali Amavasya, and married women, in particular, observe the rituals, fasting, and making offerings to the Serpent Gods for the welfare and protection of their children and families. The festival also fosters a connection with nature, promoting harmony with the environment and respect for wildlife, particularly snakes, which are seen as symbols of fertility and protectors of nature.

Author

Veerabhadra Rao Ivaturi

The Annual Puja/Ishta Devata Puja Please scan this QR code



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Youth Voice – Teen Reporter

Flower Mound Hindu Temple: A Journey Begins

An important turning point for our expanding community is the official start of the Flower Mound Hindu Temple's construction. This temple, which is situated next to the Flower Mound High School ninth-grade campus, offers area students a fantastic chance to complete volunteer hours requirements and participate in worthwhile community service. Young people can contribute to a respectable institution in their own area while gaining invaluable experience in civic duty, cultural understanding, and community participation by getting involved in several facets of the temple's growth and ongoing operations.

The community's tremendous support and dedication to this project was demonstrated by the great success of the groundbreaking event. Tens of thousands of dollars were donated in the weeks that followed the event, which created a lot of momentum. The significance of the temple to our multicultural community and its potential to remain a spiritual and cultural hub for many years to come are demonstrated by this outstanding reaction. To fund the completion of this temple, we kindly ask everyone who is interested to think about contributing money, no matter how small. Your donation will support the establishment of a vital institution in our growing city and offer a hallowed area for interfaith discussion, worship, and cultural preservation.

We cordially invite everyone in the community to visit the temple site and take part in the activities as the Deepavali holiday draws near. Gathering your family, experiencing the rich customs of Hindu culture, and receiving blessings during this festival of lights are all made possible by this auspicious occasion. The Flower Mound Hindu Temple extends a warm welcome to anybody looking to enhance their spiritual practice or simply learn more about the rich cultural legacy of our community.

HAPPY DIWALI !!

Varun Sai Vasireddy
Texas A&M University

To publish articles, please send an email to: contactus@fmhtcc.org

Vinayaka Chavithi Experience:

Vinayaka Chavithi, also known as Ganesha Chaturthi, is a Hindu festival celebrated this month. On the first day of the festival, we performed a puja for our clay idol of Lord Ganesha. We placed a bindi (bottu) on him and offered him sweets and flowers. My mom made me listen to the story of how Ganesha became a god in Telugu. Since I didn't understand it well, she translated it for me. We also put a bindi on my homework book to help me with my studies.

On the second day, we conducted another small puja, offering prasadam and flowers. On the last day, we performed a puja, immersed the idol of Lord Ganesha in water, and prayed for his return next year while asking for his blessings to keep us safe throughout the year. Lord Ganesha is known as the remover of obstacles..

Kriti Korrapati

Showdow Ridge Middle School

Devotees Generously Support New Temple Construction

On the auspicious occasion of Dussehra, the community of Flower Mound Hindu Temple came together in devotion and unity, pledging their support for the construction of the new temple. The festival, symbolizing the triumph of good over evil, served as a meaningful backdrop as devotees offered prayers and contributed towards building a divine space for future generations.

The pledge drive reflected the deep commitment of the devotees to preserve culture, spirituality, and tradition in the heart of Flower Mound. Families and individuals made generous contributions, reaffirming that the temple is not just a place of worship but also a center of learning, service, and community bonding.

The temple committee expressed heartfelt gratitude to all devotees for their unwavering support. Each pledge is a step closer to fulfilling the vision of a larger, more vibrant temple that will serve as a beacon of faith and heritage for years to come.

Temple Management

RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

October 2025

Wed 01	VIJAYA DASAMI/DUSSEHRA 06:00 PM Dhurga Devi Uthsava Murthi Abhishekam
Thu 02	SHRI SHIRDI SAI BABA'S 06:30 Shree Shirdi Sai Baba's 107th Mahasamadhi
Sat 04	VENKATESHWARA ABHISHEKAM 10:30 AM Moola Murthy Abhishekam
Tue 07	SATYANARAYANA POOJA 06:30 PM Satyanarayana Samoohika Puja
Thu 09	SUBRAMANYA ABHISHEKAM 06:30 PM Subramanya & Ganesha Abhishekam
Mon 20	DIWALI 06:30 PM Mahalakshmi Abhishekam
Thu 23	SAIBABA ABHISHEKAM 06:30 PM Saibaba Utsava Murthi Abhishekam
Sat 25	NAVAGRAHA ARCHANA 06:30 PM Navagraha Pooja
Sun 26	NAGAR ABHISHEKAM 06:30 PM Nagar Abhishekam

November 2025

Sat 01	VENKATESHWARA ABHISHEKAM 10:30 AM Moola Murthy Abhishekam
Sun 02	RUDRABHISHEKAM 11:00 AM Pradhosham
Tue 04	SATYANARAYANA POOJA 06:30 PM Satyanarayana Samoohika Puja
Wed 05	SUBRAMANYA ABHISHEKAM 06:30 PM Subramanya Abhishekam
Sat 08	SHANKATA HARA CHATURDHI 06:30 PM Ganesha Abhishekam Uthsava Murthy
Thu 20	SAIBABA ABHISHEKAM 06:30 PM Saibaba Utsava Murthi Abhishekam
Sat 29	NAVAGRAHA ARCHANA 06:30 PM Navagraha Pooja
Sun 30	NAGAR ABHISHEKAM 06:30 PM Nagar Abhishekam



TEMPLE HOURS

Monday through Friday: 09:30 AM - 12:30 PM & 05:30 PM - 08:30 PM

Saturday and Sunday: 09:30 AM - 02:00 PM & 05:30 PM - 09:00 PM

WEEKLY ABHISHEKAM

Monday: 06:45 PM Rudrabhishekam

Tuesday: 07:30 PM Sri Hanuman Chalisa & Bhajan

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

Saturday: 10:30 AM Sri Balaji Abhishekam

MONTHLY PUJA

Purnima 06:30 PM Samuhika Satyanarayana Vratam

Sankatahara Chaturthi 07:00 PM Sri Ganesha Abhishekam

Krittika: 07:00 PM Murgugan Abhishekam

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



BHOOMI POOJA PHOTO GALLERY

Annual 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 Devas 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.

meaning *Dharma protects those who protect Dharma.*

For more information and sponsorship details – please contact 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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Septempber -2025 Fundraising Event - Townlake





September -2025 Fundraising Event - DATA

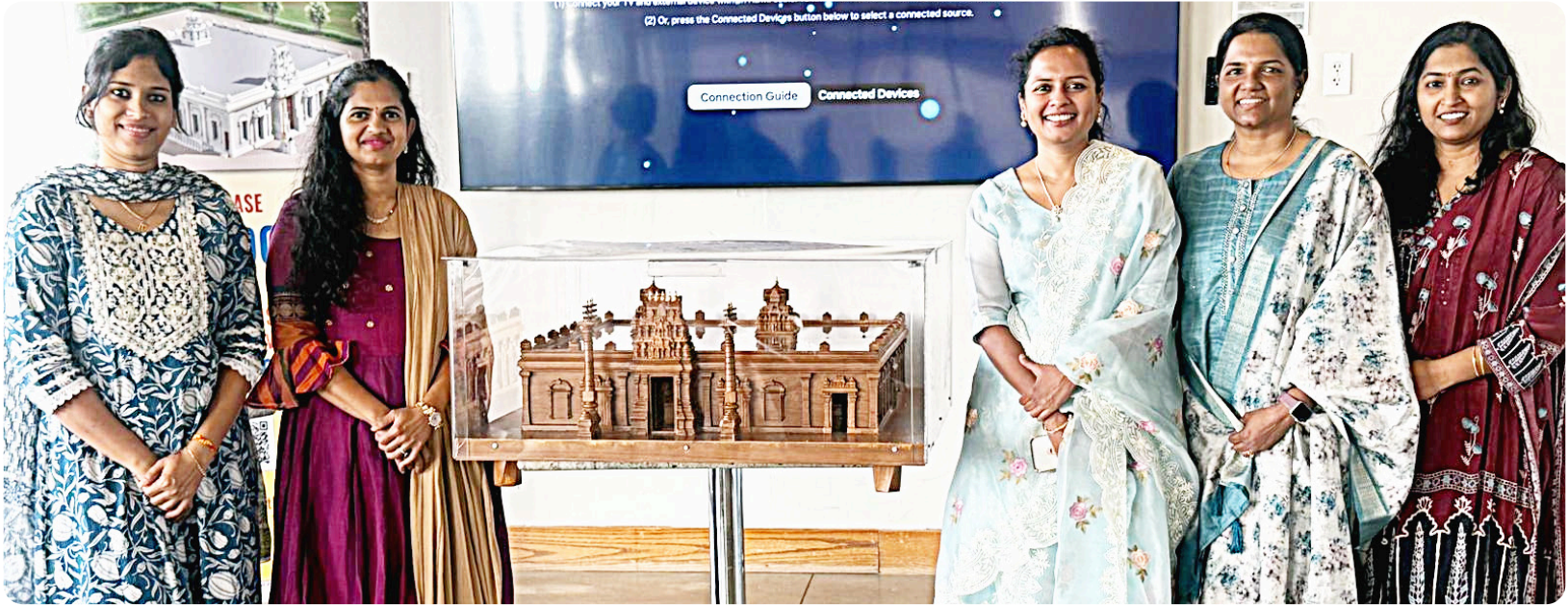
Dallas Area Telangana Association





September -2025

Fundraising Event - Copper Canyon





September -2025 Fundraising Event - DCICA

Rhythms of navaratri competition & Dandiya night





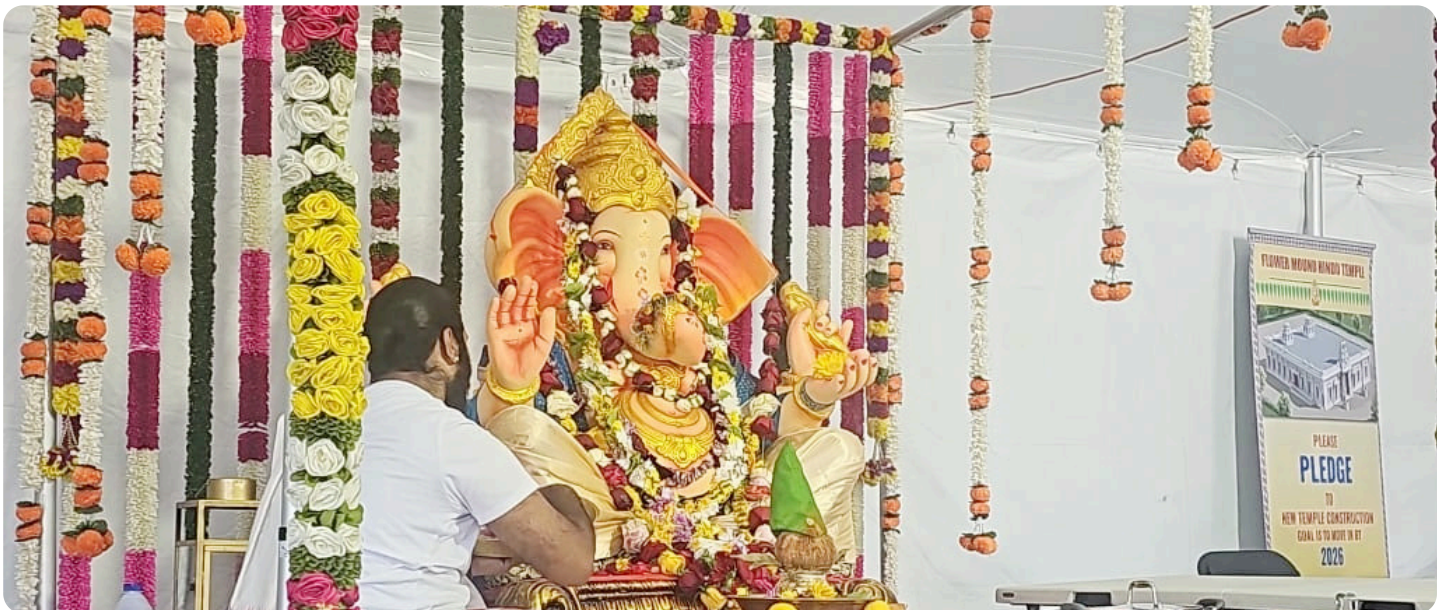
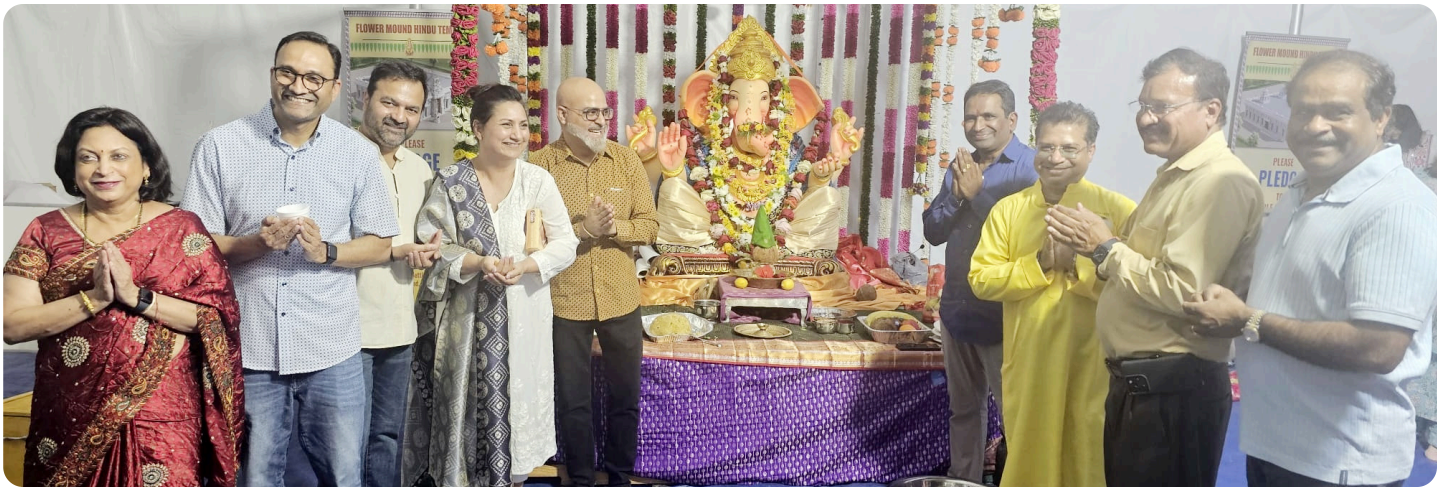
Sri Ganesha Chatruthi

Aug 26th to Sep 6th, 2025

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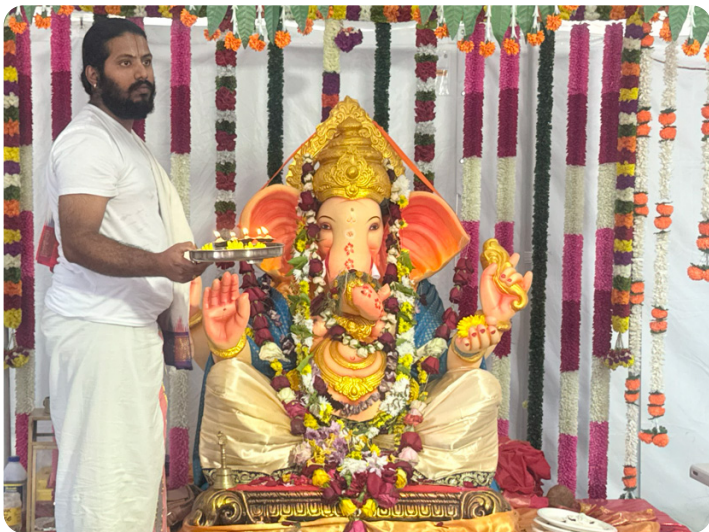




Sri Ganesha Chatruthi

Ganapathi laddu auction

A Ganapati laddu auction involves selling a sacred laddu (sweet) from a Ganesh puja to the highest bidder during the Ganesh Chaturthi festival. Recent prominent auctions at the Flower Mound Hindu Temple fetched a record \$2,000.00.





Dusshera & Bathukamma Celebrations

Bathukamma in 2025 begins on Sunday, September 21st and the nine-day festival will conclude with Saddula Bathukamma on September 30th, 2025



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Devi Navaratri & Dussehra Celebrations



SHAILA PUTRI/PARVATHI



SREE LAKSHMI



SREE BALA TRIPURA SUNDARI



ANNAPOORNA



GAYATRI DEVI



KALIKA



SARASWATHI



DURGA DEVI



SREE MAHISHASURA MARDINI



HAPPY DUSSEHRA 10/01/2025



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*Flower Mound Hindu Temple Model and
it arrived from India on Bhoomi Puja.*



*Front Elevation of the temple with
Indianization*

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