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A Landmark Achievement and an Exciting Future for Flower Mound Hindu Temple

The Flower Mound Hindu Temple Community Center (FMHTCC) has long stood as a beacon of worship, culture, and community for Hindus in North Texas. Established in 2009 with the mission of preserving and promoting the values of Sanatana Dharma, FMHTCC continues to serve not only as a sacred place of worship but also as a cultural and educational hub for all generations.

This August, the temple reached a historic milestone with the grand and divinely successful Bhoomi Puja for its new permanent temple and cultural center. Held on the auspicious day of Sravana Bahula Dwadashi, the sacred ceremony was attended by more than 700 devotees, making it one of the most memorable community gatherings in FMHTCC's history. The rituals, led by revered priests and acharyas, included Go Mata (Cow) Puja, Kalasha Stapana, Vastu Puja, and Samuhika Ishtika (Brick) Puja, invoking the blessings of Mother Earth and the deities for a harmonious and successful construction journey.

The atmosphere was filled with the chanting of Veda Mantras, the sanctity of collective prayers, and the resonance of the Maha Mangala Aarathi. It was not only a moment of devotion but also one of unity, as hundreds of devotees, volunteers, and families came together with Bhakti and Shraddha to make the event a grand success.

Beyond religious activities, FMHTCC remains committed to inclusivity and service. Through cultural programming, language and scripture classes, food drives, and outreach initiatives, the temple fosters harmony. It provides opportunities for people of all backgrounds to engage with Indian traditions and values.

As the temple community looks ahead, the construction of the permanent temple and cultural center will mark a new spiritual chapter, a lasting institution dedicated to worship, learning, service, and community in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.



New Temple Progress

With the grace of the Almighty and blessings of Bhoomi Devi, our new temple project is moving steadily forward. On August 17th, we witnessed a historic milestone as over 700 devotees gathered for the Bhoomi Puja. Together, families laid the sacred bricks, offered Navaratna and Navadhanya, and received divine blessings to begin the construction journey. On this auspicious day, our community also pledged generously, raising an additional \$310K in new commitments.

To date, devotees have pledged a total of \$2.3 million, with nearly 35% already received. We have addressed city requirements, paid for tree migration, engineering permits, and inspection fees and are now eagerly awaiting the Development Permit to officially begin land development. The next big step will be awarding the land development contract so that construction can start.

Phase 1: Development of Land and Building A can start.

As construction expenses begin to grow, our focus turns to raising the remaining \$1.7 million needed to keep Phase 1 progressing without interruption. We humbly request all devotees to continue their generous support by pledging and making their first installment payments at the earliest.

Together, with your devotion and contributions, our dream of a permanent temple and cultural center will soon become a reality.

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



Zelle

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
\$2.23 Million
as of August 2025

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Message From Temple Management

Namasthe, Devotees!

The Bhoomi Puja was steeped in tradition the powerful chanting of Veda Mantras, the sanctity of the Go Mata Puja, the collective offering of the Ishtika Puja, and the uplifting resonance of the Mangala Aarathi. Together, these rituals invoked positive energies, harmony, and divine blessings for the temple's successful journey ahead.

Our Priests & Acharyas: We are grateful to Brahmasri Rompicharla Venkata Ramana Charyulugaru, Acharya Lokesh Kumar Pandey Ji, Brahmasri Rallabandi Subrahmanyam garu, Brahmasri Bodapati Chandrasekhar garu, Brahmasri Balaji garu, our temple priest Sri Sairam Satyanarayana, volunteer priest Sri Badithela Raja Sekhar garu, volunteer priest Sri Tata Srinivasa Rao garu, and volunteer priest Sri Ramesh Kalapatapu for guiding us through this sacred ritual.

Our Sponsors: A special thank you to our food sponsors Café India, Mythri, Peacock, Ista, Indian Chili, Our Place, Swadesi, Hyderabad Spicy, Shankar Vilas, and India 101 and to our sponsors for LCD display and tents: Tharun Vavilapalli, Amrutha Mudragada, Praveen Chintha, Prashanti Chinta, Ram Sagila, and Venu Koochana.

Our Teams: From hospitality, puja management, pledges, ground setup, communications, prasadam, to risk management – every team worked tirelessly and selflessly to ensure this divine occasion was flawless.

Our Youth Volunteers: A shining highlight of the event was the active participation of our youth volunteers, who embodied true seva by:

- Shuttling devotees from the 9th Grade parking lot to the temple site in golf carts
- Directing traffic and assisting with parking
- Manning welcome and fundraising booths
- Serving food and refreshments with a smile

Their dedication brought youthful energy and inspiration, proving that our next generation is ready to carry forward the values of Sanatana Dharma with pride and devotion.

With gratitude,

Flower Mound Hindu Temple Management

Operational Updates

Throughout Sravana Masa, devotees participated in the sacred Rudrabhishekam every Monday, along with regular weekly events: Hanuman Bhajans & Hanuman Chalisa on Tuesdays, Sri Sai Baba Archana & Aarti on Thursdays, Durga Devi Puja on Fridays, Balaji & Hanuman Abhishekam on Saturdays, and Nagar Puja & Abhishekam on Sundays. We also observed auspicious occasions such as Samuhika Sri Satyanarayana Vratam on Purnima, Upakarma, and Sri Varalakshmi Vratam with great devotion.

August was further blessed with major celebrations!

- Sri Raghavendra Swamy Aaradhane (Aug 9) – Sankalpa, chanting of the Sri Raghavendra Swamy Stotra (11 times), Panchamruth Abhishekam, devotional songs, and Mangalarathi.
- Back to School Puja (Aug 10) – Samuhika Sri Saraswati Puja and Aarathi, with notebooks and pencils offered to children as blessings for a successful school year.
- Sri Krishna Janmashtami (Aug 15) – A joyous evening with kids' dress competitions, Dahi Handi, abhishekam, bhajans, alankaram, and midnight Maha Mangala Aarti.
- Sri Ganesh Chaturthi Mahotsavam (Aug 26 – Sep 6) – An 11-day celebration with daily pujas and sponsorship opportunities, highlighted by a special Lezim Dance & Procession on Aug 30 at our temple, followed by Aarti, Mahaprasad, and a musical concert.

These festivals brought our community together in devotion and joy, reflecting the richness of our traditions.

Devotee Reminder – Dress Code

As a mark of respect when entering the temple, devotees are kindly reminded to follow a traditional dress code (saree, salwar kameez, kurta-pajama, dhoti, or modest pants) and avoid shorts, ripped jeans, or attire not in line with temple sanctity.

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.

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.

Significant Hindu Festivals in the month of September

Bhadrapadam ends on 21st September and Asviyujaam starts on 22nd September, 2025

7th September: Mahalaya Paksham Starts. These 15 days are called Mahalaya Pakshamulu. These 15 days are very important for Pitrudevatalu. Most of the Hindus offer their prayers to their pitru, pitamaha, prapitamaha (Father, Grand father and Grand Grand father) and Matru, Pitrumahi, prapitamahi (Mother, Grand father wife, grand grand father wife) who have expired.

21st September is Mahalaya Amavasya. Final day of Mahalaya Paksham which very important day for family dynasti. This day Hindus offer their prayers to all relations including Gurus and Friends. The prayers are offered with Tarpanas as part of rituals.

22nd September: Asviyuja Month starts. Very important festival month for Hindus. First nine days are Devi Navartrulu. These 9 days Devi Durga Mata is prayed in Nine Avataras.

29th September is Durga Ashtami and Saraswati Puja (Mula Star)

30th September is Maha Navami

Author

Veerabhadra Rao Ivaturi

Neelakanteshwara: A Lesson in Leadership

The gods and demons together began the churning of the ocean of milk to obtain the nectar of immortality.

- Mount Mandara was used as the churning rod.
- The serpent Vasuki was used as the rope.
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As soon as the churning started, what came out first? The deadly **Halahala poison** – so powerful that it could burn the entire Universe. To make matters worse, it started spreading at lightning speed.

Everyone – gods, demons, and sages – simply stood watching. No one could stop the poison.

At that moment, only Lord Shiva stepped forward. He calmly took the poison into his hand and drank. He held it in his throat so that the world(s) in his stomach would not be destroyed. His throat became blue and held poison. Because of this, he came to be called **Neelakanteshwara** (the blue-throated one).

However, at that time, some gods and attendants were frightened and questioned Shiva:

“Why did you drink it? What if all the worlds are destroyed?”

But in reality, it was his sacrifice that protected the Universe.

Moral:

- Many times, society just stands by watching, either helpless, instead of or looking for a previous precedence instead of or trying to evade the responsibility or blame it on lack of procedures. (The Gods and Demons were expecting only the Nectar; not panicked when they saw poison).
- The one who takes the ownership and steps forward with decisive action may face criticism instead of praise.
- Yet, it is that brave soul who is remembered in history.

Author

Ravi Kommera



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Youth Voice – Teen Reporter



Vinayaka Chaturthi – A Celebration of New Beginnings

Vinayaka Chaturthi, also known as Ganesh Chaturthi, marks the joyous birth of Lord Ganesha, the remover of obstacles and the harbinger of wisdom, prosperity, and good fortune.

At Flower Mound Hindu Temple, this festival is observed with devotion and community spirit. The celebrations begin with the installation of Lord Ganesha, beautifully adorned with flowers and offerings. Special pujas, bhajans, and cultural programs fill the temple with divine energy, bringing families and devotees together in prayer and joy.

This year, the festival holds a deeper significance as our temple family embarks on the divine journey of building our permanent temple home. Just as Lord Ganesha clears the path for new beginnings, we too take His blessings to remove obstacles and fulfill this sacred vision.

We invite all devotees to participate not only in the joyous celebrations but also in the pledge drive for our temple building project. Every offering, big or small, is a step closer to establishing a spiritual home for generations to come.

As we gather at Flower Mound Hindu Temple, let us celebrate Vinayaka Chaturthi with faith, unity, and generosity – invoking Lord Ganesha's blessings for peace, prosperity, and the success of our temple's sacred mission.

Ganapati Bappa Morya!

Srividya Siripurapu
Flower Mound Highschool

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Temples of India -My Summer experience:

Hari Om! I want to share my experience of visiting six temples in India during summer vacation. When I realized that the temples were carved so intricately thousands of years ago, I immediately realized our ancestors were much more advanced than I thought.

Rameswaram: At Rameswaram, we went to Dhanushkoti where the Indian Ocean and Bay of Bengal meet. The colors were different and we saw shells at the southernmost tip of India, close to Sri Lanka. We visited Ramanatha Swami temple, famous for bathing with holy water from twenty-two wells. This ritual is believed to wash away sins from all lives. It is also said that Sri Rama took part in this ritual after killing Ravana.

Lepakshi: At Lepakshi, we saw a ginormous temple with hanging pillars that didn't touch the ground. From a lower area, I saw how they were connected only at the ceiling. We also saw Sita Devi's footprint before she was taken to Sri Lanka. It was surprising that even in the summer heat, her footprint still held water.

Thanjavoor: The Thanjavoor temple was truly massive and made by the Chola Kingdom. Even without power tools, they created structures hundreds of feet high with carvings that were so detailed. The Brihadeeshwara temple had the largest Shivalingam and Nandi statue I had ever seen. **Madurai:** At the Meenakshi temple, I saw the Thousand Pillars. The alignment was so perfect that if I stood behind one pillar, I could not see the next. The precision was amazing, especially since they had no rulers. The statues near the pillars were also very detailed, with some carved from a single rock.

ISKCON - Bengaluru: We went to the ISKCON Sri Krishna temple with modern architecture and gold in the deity area. We chanted the Hare Krishna mantra 108 times, stepping onto a stone each time. A large part of the temple was a gift shop, which was very different from the other temples.

Veeranjaneya Swamy - Bengaluru: We also went to the Anjaneya temple where the main attraction was a giant Hanuman statue carved from one rock. The precision and size were just jaw-dropping.

As I learned about Indian culture, religion, and temples, it was not just about seeing them but understanding how and why they were built. It was a very rewarding and humbling experience.

Deven Umesh
McKamy Middle School

RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

September 2025

Sat 06	GANESH VISARJAN 06:00 PM Ganesh Visarjan
Sun 07	SATYANARAYANA POOJA 06:30 PM Satyanrayana Samoohika Puja
Wed 10	SHANKATA HARA CHATURDHI 06:30 PM Ganesha Abhishekam
Fri 12	SUBRAMANYA ABHISHEKAM 06:30 PM Subramanya Abhishekam
Sat 13	VEN KATESHWARA ABHISHEKAM 10:30 AM Moola Murthy Abhishekam
Sun 14	NAGAR ABHISHEKAM 06:30 PM Naqar Abhishekam
Thu 18	SAIBABA ABHISHEKAM 06:30 PM Saibaba Utsava Murthi Abhishekam
Sat 20	NAVAGRAHA ARCHANA 06:30 PM Navagraha Pooja
Tue 22	SHARAD NAVARATHRI BEGINS 06:00 PM Kalasa Stapanam and Lalitha Sahasranama Paryanam

October 2025

Wed 01	VIJAYA DASAMI/DUSSEHRA 06:00 PM Dhurga Devi Uthsava Murthi Abhishekam
Sat 04	VENKATESHWARA ABHISHEKAM 10:30 AM Moola Murthy Abhishekam
Tue 07	SATYANARAYANA POOJA 06:30 PM Satyanrayana Samoohika Puja
Thu 09	SUBRAMANYA ABHISHEKAM 06:30 PM Subramanya & Ganesh 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



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 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



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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Invitation

**FLOWER MOUND HINDU TEMPLE
Groundbreaking Ceremony
Bhoomi Puja**



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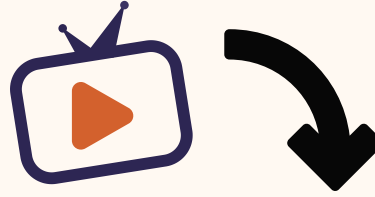








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[BHOOMI POOJA VIDEO](#)

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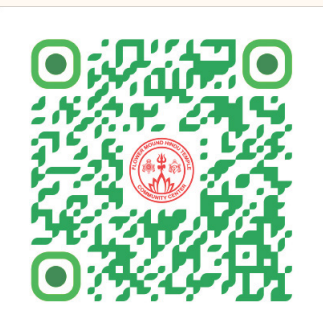


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Acknowledgment and Major Praise

August has been one of the most spiritually vibrant months at our temple, filled with devotion, community, and celebration. Our heartfelt gratitude goes to the Puja Committee, Behind the Bell Volunteers, and all event volunteers who worked tirelessly to make every program a grand success. From decorations and cleaning to preparing prasadam and managing crowds, their dedication continues to inspire us all.

A special note of appreciation also goes to our Accounting & Finance Team Volunteers, who work meticulously behind the scenes to ensure that our books are kept accurate and up to date for both temple operations and the new temple construction project. Their diligence and dedication provide the foundation for our transparency and financial discipline.

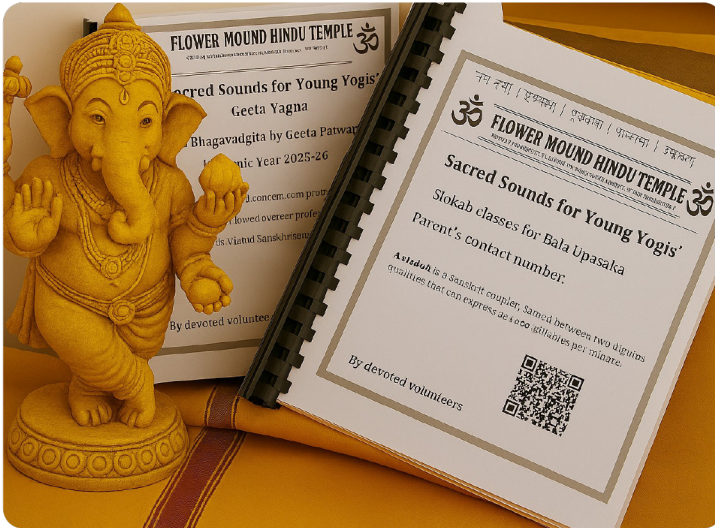


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Sacred Sounds || Om Śrī Ganeśāya Namaḥ ||



What a truly maṅgala rambha we had to our Sacred Sounds for Young Yogis for AY 2025-26 on August 24th, 2025! On behalf of all the siksakah, heartfelt gratitude to the parents of 54 children who joined us this year. Our growth is not merely in numbers but through the anugraha of Jagatguru Sri Kṛṣṇa, inspiring us to continue walking the Dharmic path with our children.

Special kṛtajñata to the parents of Sacred Sounds alumni, for their seva in printing and binding. Their dedication ensured that every child received a book during the “Meet the Teacher & Books Distribution” at the Flower Mound Library on August 16th. This readiness became the strength to fulfill our sankalpa to begin Day 1 of our classes on 24th August.

Classroom Highlights – Day 1 (August 24, 2025):

- 18 Bala Upasaka – all age-verified, books in hand, beginning their Dharmic journey by learning *loka*
- 12 Bala Sadhaka – settling in with utsaha to learn Stotra
- 24 Gita Yajña Adhyaya – eager and ready to dive deeper into Gita sadhana (brought to us by Geeta Pariwar)

Each of these milestones reflects not only the progress of our students but also the collective commitment of families and siksakah working together for Dharma.

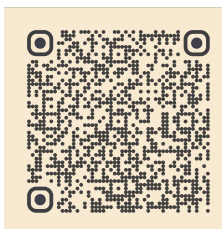
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Sacred Sounds @ Śanku-sthāpana

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August is always a whirlwind — schools reopen, routines reset, and calendars overflow. Yet, in the midst of all this, the Young Yogis from Sacred Sounds family shone brilliantly!

On 17th August, during the Śanku-sthāpana of our new Flower Mound Hindu Temple, twenty-two Sacred Sounds children stood tall and offered four Stotram with bhakti:

- Śrī Sankata-nāśana Ganeśa Stotram
- Śrī Visnu Satpadi Stotram
- Śrī Rāmadūta Añjaneya Stotram
- Śrī Śiva Pañcāksarī Stotram

This recital by children at the Śanku-sthāpana will hold a special place in the history of our new Temple.

Special gratitude to Founding Member Śrī Murthy Mantha-ji, who advocated for the Sacred Sounds program at this very event, and to the Temple's Executive Committee for sponsoring these classes — enabling us to pass on Dharma to the next generation.

Sacred Sounds Young Yogis at Bhagavad Gītā for World Peace – 2025

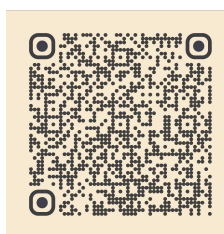
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HAPPY DUSSEHRA

Wednesday October 1st 2025

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*Front Elevation of the temple with
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