



# Amaravani Newsletter



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## Temple Management Message: The Heart of Seva: Celebrating Our Progress and Future Dear Devotees: Namaste!

As we welcome the arrival of spring, our hearts are filled with gratitude and renewed energy. The past few months have been a beautiful reminder of what makes our temple truly special, a vibrant, devoted community united by faith, seva, and shared purpose.

### Gratitude to Seva and Community Spirit

We continue to be inspired by the incredible dedication of our volunteers. Events like Maha Shivaratri brought thousands of devotees together in devotion and celebration, made possible entirely through selfless service. From preparing prasad to organizing temple activities, your contributions reflect the true spirit of dharma and community.

### Progress on Our Spiritual Home

Our temple construction continues to move forward steadily. With key infrastructure work already completed, wet utilities are in place, we are witnessing our vision take shape day by day. The dry utilities (Electric, Gas and Data) are underway and expected to finish soon. This new temple will not only expand our prayer facilities but also provide spaces for youth education, cultural programs, and senior engagement. Each step forward is a testament to your generosity and unwavering support.

### Looking Ahead: March & April Highlights

We are excited to share a glimpse of upcoming events and opportunities for spiritual enrichment:

- Ugadi Celebrations: Welcoming the New Year with traditional prayers and festivities
- Sri Rama Navami: Celebrating the birth of Lord Rama with special pujas and bhajans
- Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swami Divya Mahotsav
- Youth & Cultural Programs: Continued Sacred Sounds classes and cultural learning sessions
- Community Engagement Activities: Opportunities to connect, serve, and grow together

We encourage all devotees to participate actively and stay connected through our temple website for detailed schedules and updates.

### How You Can Continue to Support?

- Participate in seva opportunities and temple events
- Join the Pillar of Support initiative through monthly contributions
- Host neighborhood gatherings to spread awareness and strengthen community bonds

Our temple is truly a “home away from home,” built not just with bricks, but with devotion, unity, and shared vision. We extend our heartfelt thanks to our priests, volunteers, donors, and every devotee who contributes in their own way.

Let us continue walking this path together, preserving our heritage and building a legacy for future generations.

Thank you!

Temple Management



## New Temple Progress Update 2026

Respected Devotees,

With the blessings of the Lord and the unwavering support of our community, 2025 has been a trans-formative year for the New Flower Mound Hindu Temple & Community Center. What began as vision and planning has now blossomed into visible on-site construction, bringing our collective dream closer to reality than ever before.

### Construction Progress:

| Work Completed   | Work in Progress (Nov 2025 - Apr 2026)                                | Projected Time Line  | Financial Snapshot & Fundraising Needs  |
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| All 15 City-approved trees have been safely removed.   | Installation of underground utilities, including electricity and gas. | Land Development Completion: April-May 2026  | Total Pledges: \$3.55 Million<br>Pledges Fulfilled: \$1.45 Million  |
| Earthwork and grading are 100% complete, and the building pad is fully prepared with select fill—a strong, stable foundation for the temple structure.                           | Concrete foundation for the temple, parking and sidewalk preparation  | Building Completion & Move-In: December 2026 & Q1 2027.                                      | Phase 1 (Land Development + Building A), we still require: \$1.0 million in new pledges   |
| Site mobilization, staging, utility preparation, and erosion-control measures are in place. Sewer, Water and Plumbing (SWP) along with data line installation work is completed. |   | Three new deities have been ordered as per the AGM approval, and it will take 7 to 8 months. | Timely fulfillment of existing commitments. Your support at this stage ensures continuous payment for contractor milestones and uninterrupted construction. |

To fully complete the project, we still need an additional \$1 million in new pledges and the timely fulfillment of existing pledges totaling \$3 million.

### Together Toward 2026 and Beyond

We are building not just a physical structure, but a sacred home for devotion, culture, learning, and community. With gratitude and unity, let us step into 2026 with renewed purpose, devotion, and commitment.

### Temple Management

## Temple Construction Progress Gallery



### Temple Construction Video

Click on the link mentioned above



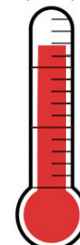
Stay connected with us as we continue to share more construction videos on our Flower Mound Hindu Temple Channel.

Please scan the temple WhatsApp Channel



## Fundraising Goal

\$4,500,000



Raised \$3.55 Million as of Mar 2026

FMHTCC is a non-profit exempt Organization Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code 1986.

## Operational & Puja Committee Update

The final weekend of March marked a significant spiritual milestone for our community, characterized by profound devotion, traditional rituals, and a powerful sense of togetherness.

The Celebration of **Sri Raman Navami & Sri Sita Rama Kalyanam** On March 26th, the atmosphere was transformed into one of celestial joy as we celebrated Sri Raman Navami. The highlight of the day was the Sri Sita Rama Kalyanam, a sacred wedding ceremony performed with meticulous adherence to Vedic traditions.

**Community Presence:** We were honored to host around 700 devotees, whose presence filled the atmosphere with collective energy and devotion.

**Festive Vibe:** Beyond the rituals, the day was packed with engaging activities that catered to all ages, ensuring the festive spirit remained high from dawn until dusk.

### **Sudharshana Homam & Lakshmi Narasimha Kalyanam**

The spiritual journey continued on March 29th with the powerful Sudharshana Homam, followed by the Lakshmi Narasimha Kalyanam. This day was marked by a rare and auspicious energy, thanks to a very special guest.

**A Sacred Connection:** We were privileged to have a head priest travel from the renowned Yadagiri Gutta Temple in India. His expertise and authentic recitation of the liturgy elevated the occasion into a truly spectacular and soul-stirring experience.

**Family Participation:** It was heartening to see so many families participating in the rituals, seeking blessings for health, prosperity, and protection.

### **The Pillar of Our Success: Volunteers and Prasadams**

No spiritual gathering is complete without the sharing of Prasadams, and this weekend was no exception. The success of these large-scale programs is a direct testament to the tireless efforts of our "The Hands behind the Maha-Prasad".

These dedicated individuals worked behind the scenes to prepare and distribute sanctified offerings to every attendee, ensuring that everyone left not only with spiritual blessings but also with a sense of warmth and nourishment.

**Om Ramaya Ramabhadraya Ramachandraya  
Vedhase Raghunathaya Nathaya Sitayah Pataye  
Namah!!**

## Adi Shankaracharya: The Sage Who Unified a Nation



Adi Shankaracharya was one of the greatest philosophers and spiritual teachers, known for consolidating the doctrine of Advaita Vedanta, which teaches that the individual self (Atma) and ultimate reality (Paramatma) are one and the same. He was born in Kerala and showed extraordinary intelligence from a very young age, choosing the path of renunciation early in life.

Adi Shankaracharya was an incarnation of Lord Shiva, who took birth to revive spiritual knowledge and guide humanity. He is believed to have lived only about 32 years, yet his impact was immense.

Shankaracharya traveled extensively across India, engaging in philosophical debates and revitalizing Hindu thought during a time of religious fragmentation. His efforts helped restore unity and clarity within the tradition. He wrote influential commentaries on key scriptures such as the Upanishads, Bhagavad Gita, and Brahma Sutras, making complex spiritual ideas more systematic and accessible.

In addition to his philosophical works, Shankaracharya made significant contributions to literature through devotional hymns and poetic compositions. Works like Bhaja Govindam, Nirvana Shatakam, Soundarya Lahari, Kanakadhara Stotram, and Dakshinamurthy Stotram are widely revered. The Kanakadhara Stotram, in particular, is associated with a touching story where he prayed to Goddess Lakshmi to bless a poor woman, symbolizing compassion, kindness, and the power of sincere prayer.

He also established four major monasteries (mathas) in different parts of India—Sringeri (South), Dwaraka (West), Puri (East), and Jyotirmath (North)—to preserve and propagate spiritual knowledge. Through these institutions, he ensured the continuity of his teachings.

Shankaracharya's influence on Hinduism was profound. He unified diverse traditions, strengthened the foundation of Advaita Vedanta, and promoted harmony through practices like Panchayatana worship. His teachings emphasized knowledge (jnana), self-realization, and the idea that the material world is transient (maya).

Adi Shankaracharya's legacy continues to shape Indian philosophy, literature, and Hindu religious life, inspiring seekers even today.

**Author  
Ravi Kommera**

## **Significant Hindu Festivals in the month of April**

### **13th Monday:** Tamil New Year (Puthandu)

Welcoming the Tamil New Year with traditional rituals and community joy.

### **17th Friday:** Starting of Viasakha Month

### **19th Sunday:** Askhaya Tiritiya

Falling on the third day of the bright half of Vaisakha month, is a highly auspicious Hindu festival marking a day of "never-diminishing" wealth, success, and divine blessing. It symbolizes new beginnings, prosperity, and charity,

### **21st Tuesday:** Adi Sankaracharya Jayanti

A revered 8th-century Indian philosopher who revived Advaita Vedanta and solidified Hindu philosophy. It is observed on the Panchami Tithi of Shukla Paksha in the Vaishakha month, featuring special prayers, vedic chanting, and discourses at the four Mathas he established.

Significance: Celebrates the birth of a key philosopher who unified various Hindu traditions and taught the non-dualistic nature of the soul and Brahman.

Key Contributions: He established four main monasteries (Mathas) in the four corners of India:

North: Jyotir Math (Badrikashrama)

South: Sringeri Sharada Peetham

East: Govardhan Math (Jagannatha Puri)

West: Kalika Math (Dwarka).

Celebrations: Devotees engage in special poojas, recite his hymns (stotrams), and study his commentaries on the Upanishads, Bhagavad Gita, and Brahma Sutras.

### **22nd Wednesday:** Ramanujacharya Jayanti

celebrates the birth anniversary of the 11th-century Indian philosopher and saint, Sri Ramanujacharya, a key proponent of Sri Vaishnavism and Vishishtadvaita Vedanta. Born in 1017 CE in Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu, he championed devotion (Bhakti), equality, and social reform. It falls in the Tamil month of Chithirai (usually April-May), on Thiruvathirai Nakshatra.

Significance: Ramanuja taught that loving devotion (Bhakti) and self-surrender to Lord Vishnu is the path to liberation.

### **29th Wednesday:** Lord Narasimha Jayanti

Narasimha Jayanti a major Hindu festival celebrating the birth of Lord Narasimha, the fourth avatar of Lord Vishnu a half-man, half-lion form who appeared to destroy the demon Hiranyakashipu and protect his devotee, Prahlada. It signifies the triumph of good over evil, celebrated on Vaishakha Shukla Chaturdashi (the 14th day of the waxing moon in the Vaisakha month.

This day is observed to gain protection from evil influences, overcome fear, remove obstacles, and seek divine grace.

The festival emphasizes that faith and righteousness (Dharma) will always prevail over tyranny and evil forces.

### **Author**

**Veerabhadra Rao Ivaturi**

## **The Golden Age of Bhakti: Sri Vyasaraja Tirtharu, Sri Krishnadevaraya, and Dasa Sahitya**

The spiritual and cultural history of Bharat shines brightly in the era of Sri Vyasaraja Tirtha and Emperor Krishnadevaraya—a time when devotion, scholarship, and art came together to uplift society in a profound way.

Sri Vyasaraja Tirtha, the great saint of the Dvaita tradition, was not only a philosopher of unmatched brilliance but also a compassionate reformer who brought divine knowledge closer to the common people. At a time when sacred scriptures were largely confined to Sanskrit and accessible only to scholars, he broke barriers by composing and promoting spiritual teachings in Kannada. This act of spiritual democratization transformed devotion into a living, accessible experience for all.

Under his guidance, the Haridasa movement reached its pinnacle. He nurtured extraordinary saints like Purandaradasa and Kanakadasa, whose soul-stirring compositions continue to echo in temples and homes even today. These compositions were not merely songs—they were vehicles of Vedantic wisdom, expressing profound truths in simple, musical form.

This flourishing of Dasa Sahitya found strong support in Emperor Krishnadevaraya, the illustrious ruler of the Vijayanagara Empire. A devout disciple of Sri Vyasaraja, the emperor saw his guru not just as a spiritual guide but as the very source of his strength and success. With royal patronage and spiritual leadership working in harmony, this period became the golden age of Kannada literature and Bhakti.

Together, they created an ecosystem where philosophy, music, and devotion thrived. Millions of compositions emerged, blending deep spiritual insight with cultural richness, leaving behind a legacy that continues to inspire generations.

As we approach and observe the sacred Aaradhane of Sri Vyasaraja Tirtharu on April 7, 2026, we are reminded not only of his extraordinary scholarship but also of his boundless compassion in making divine knowledge accessible to all. The Aaradhane is not merely a remembrance—it is an opportunity to reconnect with his teachings, reflect on the path of Bhakti, and renew our commitment to living a life of devotion and dharma.

Sri Vyasaraja stands at the center of this divine confluence—as a teacher, guide, and visionary who ignited a movement that transcended time. His work reminds us that true knowledge must uplift all, and true devotion must be lived and shared.

As we reflect on this sacred legacy, may we too strive to bring wisdom into action, devotion into daily life, and unity into our community.

### **Author**

**Deepak Chebbi**

## Youth Voice – Teen Reporter

### Puthandu - The Tamil New Year

Puthandu, or the Tamil New Year, is celebrated on April 14th, marking the start of the Tamil calendar with traditions like cleaning homes, visiting temples, and sharing food. The festival brings families together to celebrate hope, renewal, and prosperity, anchored by deep spiritual significance through the worship of Lord Vishnu, the Preserver of the universe. This spiritual foundation is mirrored in the physical preparation of the home and the reinforcement of community bonds, as families scrub their houses clean and decorate entrances with vibrant Kolams—intricate rice-flour patterns—to welcome positive energy.

Central to this celebration is the Kanni, an arrangement of auspicious items like gold, fruits, and a mirror, often centered around an image of Lord Vishnu to ensure the first sight of the year is one of divine abundance. This theme of balance extends to the traditional Mangai Pachadi, a dish incorporating six distinct tastes to symbolize that life under Vishnu's preservation will bring a variety of experiences to be accepted with equanimity. Through these rituals, Puthandu transcends a simple date on the calendar, becoming a profound act of spiritual reset and communal harmony that honors the eternal cycle of time.

Puthandu Vazhthukkal - Happy New Year

**Rishvik M**

**Flower Mound High School**

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## The Symbol Of Divine Justice

April 30th 2026. This date can seem like any other day to most people, but this day, was the divine reincarnation of Bhagwan Vishnu. For some people, this day is filled with fasting and chanting, because this day holds immense spiritual significance and is believed to invoke the blessings of Narasimha Swamy. This day marks the triumph of good over evil, the embodiment of power and protection. This day marks the story of Prahlada.

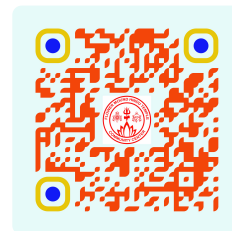
Prahlada was a immensely dedicated follower of Vishnu, despite his fathers immense hatred towards Vishnu. This led to many assassination attempts by his father to kill Prahlada, but he was protected by bhagwan each time. His father eventually resorted to getting the aid of the demon king, Hiranyakashipu who could not be killed by any man, women, or animal, nor during day or night. Prahlada was attacked, and when all hope seemed lost, Bhagwan Vishnu took the form of Narasimha, half man and half lion, and slaughtered Hiranyakashipu during twilight, neither day nor night. This demonstrates how no evil can withstand divine judgement.

Narasimha Swamy holds deep significance in hindu culture, and represents many praised ideals in tradition. In Tamil Nadu Culture, Narasimha Jayanthi takes the form of dramatic performances and retellings of the story involving elaborate measures like, costumes, rituals, and songs. In regions of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, Narasimha is seen more as the divine general of justice rather than just focusing on his triumph over Hiranyakashipu. During historical times, Narsimha was seen as symbol of power and legitimacy among rulers. He was deeply revered, and during the Gupta Empire, coins were minted bearing the image of Bhagwan Narasimha.

**Adhvaith P**

**Flower Mound High School**

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## RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

April 2026

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| Wed 01 | SATYANARAYANA PUJA<br>06:30 PM Satyanarayana Samoohika Puja  |
| Sat 04 | VENKATESHWARA ABHISHEKAM<br>10:30 AM Moola Murthy Abhishekam   |
| Sun 05 | SANKATAHARA CHATURTHI<br>06:30 PM Ganesh Abhishekam  |
| Mon 06 | SHIVA ABHISHEKAM<br>06:30 PM Shiva Abhishekam  |
| Sat 11 | VENKATESHWARA ABHISHEKAM<br>10:30 AM Moola Murthy Abhishekam   |
| Mon 13 | RUDRABHISHEKAM<br>06:30 PM Rudraabhishekam   |
| Tue 14 | TAMIL NEW YEAR / PUTHANDU<br>06:30 PM Tamil New Year   |
| Sat 18 | VENKATESHWARA ABHISHEKAM<br>10:30 AM Moola Murthy Abhishekam   |
| Sun 19 | SHANKARACHARYA ABHISHEKAM<br>10:30 AM Shankaracharya Abhishekam<br>Note: Shankara Jayanti is on April 21 <sup>st</sup><br>SUBRAHMANYESHWARA ABHISHEKAM<br>06:30 PM Akshaya Tritiya |
| Mon 20 | RUDRABHISHEKAM<br>06:30 PM Rudraabhishekam   |
| Sat 25 | VENKATESHWARA ABHISHEKAM<br>10:30 AM Moola Murthy Abhishekam   |
| Sun 26 | NAGAR ABHISHEKAM<br>10:30 AM Nagar Abhishekam  |
| Mon 27 | RUDRABHISHEKAM<br>06:30 PM Rudraabhishekam   |
| Tue 28 | PRADOSHA RUDRABHISHEKAM<br>06:30 PM Pradosha Rudraabhishekam   |
| Thu 30 | SATYANARAYANA PUJA<br>06:30 PM Satyanarayana Samoohika Puja  |



### 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



**Flower Mound Temple Construction**



TAMIL PUTHANDU

**VAZTHUKAL**

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## Spotlight on Donors

the Gudipati's



While God is omnipresent, a temple serves as a spiritual supercharging station a place where collective positivity and energy act as a powerful multiplier for our faith. We believe that having local access to such a sanctuary is essential for expressing gratitude and seeking blessings through all the ups and downs of life.

After experiencing the energy of our beloved temple and witnessing the commitment of its volunteers, we chose to contribute to the FMHT construction to ensure our community has a beautiful, accessible space for worship. We hope others will also come forward to support the ongoing construction and help build this home for our shared values.

Aravind, Archana Gudipati  
Aanya, Ayush

## Spotlight on Donors

the Joshi's

My name is Narendra Joshi; I am one of the founding members and a long-time volunteer of Flower Mound Hindu Temple. In early 2009, a simple gathering at a founding member's home sparked a bold idea: to build a Hindu temple in Flower Mound. We didn't have a five-year financial analysis; instead, we had something even stronger: passion and 100% confidence. Over 75 families each contributed \$2,000, united by a common purpose: to create a local place of worship that would thrive for generations.

### Lessons in Leadership and Resilience

Building a temple from the ground up is not just about bricks and mortar; it's about people. With intense passion comes a variety of opinions. Some wanted to save every penny, while others wanted to invest in outreach. Over the years, our core volunteers learned to embrace our differences and developed the "broad shoulders" necessary to manage the temple's daily operations.

For 17 years, I have witnessed forty families consistently lead the way, inspiring countless others. Even during the peak of the pandemic, we never closed our doors. We transitioned to Facebook Live and Zoom to ensure our community remained connected to the divine.

### More Than a Building: A Second Home

Today, our horizontal land development is complete, and we are ready to begin vertical construction. However, a temple is more than just a place of worship is a place to find inner peace, focus, and strength.

I once thanked an elderly uncle for cleaning the prasadam area. His response changed my perspective forever: "You don't need to thank me. I clean because this is my parents' house. It is my duty."

This is the spirit we invite you to embrace. When you visit, don't just come to pray; come to serve. Bring a small offering of fruit or flowers and think of the temple as your second home. Help us care for it.

Narendra, Shailja Joshi  
Diwakar, Fernanda and Vaibhavi

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



The one God, in His/Her infinite compassion, takes on several forms (Ishta Devata – personal God) to fulfill the needs and aspirations of His/Her devotees. Flower Mound Hindu Temple Community Center was founded on this principle of having several Ishta Devatas to meet the needs of a wide range of devotees. Worship of Ishta Devata and Kula Devata (Family Deity) is a special tradition to all Hindus. Supporting the rituals to various Deities according to one's choice and ability not only helps in maintaining this tradition, but it is recommended by the scriptures as one's duty. By supporting such activities in the temple, benefits accrue to the masses, and it sets a good example for future generations to follow.

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



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](mailto:donations@fmhtcc.org).



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# 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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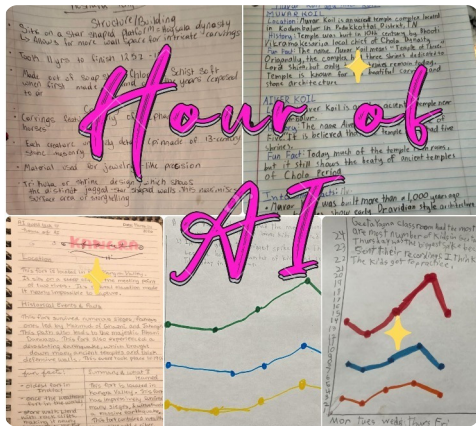
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The Cultural Society of Flower Mound is a not-for profit organization run by volunteers to bring the Hindu community together through vibrant cultural events and shared traditions. We provide and support a variety of educational, social, and health-related services and programs. In addition, we plan to provide a library of books on Indian philosophy, religion, arts, culture and spirituality.

# Sacred Sounds

March typically tends to be a shorter month due to Spring Break, but we made excellent use of the time and continued our momentum across all classrooms. On the classroom front, our Bala Upāsaka students crossed the 40-śloka milestone for this academic year, expanding their daily sādhana by learning ślokas on reverence to nature and daily practices (Aśvattha, Tulasi, Go Vandanam, morning and snāna ślokas), thereby building a complete routine of mindful living. The Bala Sādhaka students learned the Nirvāṇa Ṣaṭkam, their sixth stotram this academic year, deepening their understanding of ātma-tattva while continuing to strengthen both recitation and meaning. The Gītā Yajña classroom made strong progress in Adhyāya 16 (Daivāsura-sampad-vibhāga Yoga), advancing from Śloka 11 through 22, with a growing emphasis on memorization, precision, and assessment readiness.



## Hour of AI:

Science, mathematics, and technology have always been an integral part of our Bhāratiya saṁskṛti.

With this as the foundation, your "Sacred Sounds for Young Yogis" team embarked on the global "Hour of AI" movement - <https://csforall.org/en-US/hour-of-ai> during this Spring Break.

For over 18 days, 30% of our classrooms (15 kids) participated in a daily AI Quest, learning concepts such as Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Generative AI, Data Science, Bias, and Responsible AI in a fun and child-friendly manner.

They also visualized Data Science through graphs, and discovered places in Bharath using AI experiments. Here's some of their amazing work.

We conducted 4 hours of "Hour of AI" classroom sessions for Denton & LISD Young Yogis.

In these sessions, children learned about the foundations of AI, including concepts like natural language and speech recognition, Large Language Models, AI in daily life, and actively participated in discussions led by professionals in the field.

Through interactive games (built by Google Research), they trained and built simple AI models, solving real-world challenges such as:

- \* Predicting weather and floods
- \* Helping doctors prioritize patients in resource-constrained settings



"Hour of AI" and similar initiatives are made possible through the children's enthusiasm and the partnership of parents.

We express sincere thanks to Shri Murthy Mantha ji (Head - Cultural Society of Flower Mound) for his thought leadership. Murthy-ji took on the role of a Śikṣakaḥ and guided the children explaining his research work. He then offered his āśīrvādam by presenting their certificates and gifts.

The children truly enjoyed earning their Champion Caps and laminated certificates from code.org . Please find the key learnings from the program, as shared by the kids, here:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/TYxT6Ddx2RjUN4U3A>

Special thanks to the Mātṛśakti for bringing Ugadi vantalu we all relished the Ugadi Pachadi, Bobbatlu & Payasam.

Rooted in Dharma - ready for the future.

# Ugadi Festival



# KITE FESTIVAL



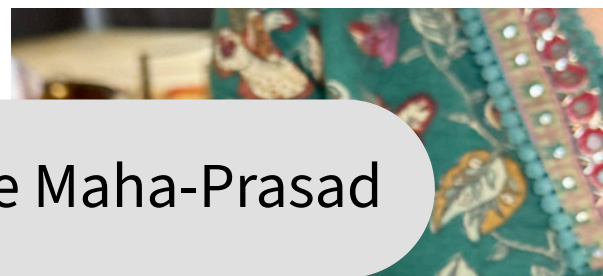
Kite Festival Volunteers  
(Morning)



# Holi Mela & Kite Festival

Huge crowd and grand success





The Hands behind the Maha-Prasad





# Sri Sita Rama Kalyanam





# Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Kalyanam



