

ANNUAL REPORT AT GENERAL BODY MEETING 1995
Bharatiya Temple of Lansing
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Manohar D. Naga, Chair, Board of Trustees

Editor's note: We do not have a record of the speech given on this occasion. But we have the list of temple activities during the year that Mr. Naga wrote down in preparation for the speech. We give that list below as it gives an idea of the wide range of activities at the temple during its first full year of operation.

First Sunday Puja – on the first Sunday of each month.

Third Sunday Havan – on the third Sunday of each month.

Sri Rudram – every Monday evening.

Yoga classes every Tuesday and Saturday.

Bhagavad Gita class by Dr. Raju and Vishnu Sahasranamam chanting – every Saturday.

Sangeetanjali, a monthly program of classical music and devotional songs on the third Saturday of each month, had its inaugural program featuring Madurai R. Sundar on March 18.

January 15: Pongal celebration.

February 27: Maha Shivaratri.

April 2-8: Swami Anantacharya discourses.

April 9: Rama Navami.

April 23: Bhajans by Chaman Gupta.

May 21: Presentation of dance drama “Ramayan” by Sangeeta Kar & troupe.

May 30: Sant Keshav Das discourse.

June 18: Graduating high school students honored during 3rd Sunday Havan.

June 19-22: Swami Parmananda Bharati discourses.

June 21: Swami Vidyananda discourse.

June 25: Bharata Natyam.

July 12: Guru Purnima & bestowal of honorary temple membership on Dr. Sripada Raju.

July 24-30: Swami Swaroopanand Saraswati meditation classes and lectures.

August 18: Krishna Janmashtami.

August 29 – September 8: Ganesh Chaturthi festival.

September 21-24: Swami Saswatanandaji (Chinmaya Mission Chicago) lectures on Chapter VI of the Bhagavad Gita.

September 30 – October 7: Navaratri celebrated with daily Garba-Ras.

October 21: Diwali celebration.

November 3-5: Yoga and meditation classes by Soneji.

November 17: Swami Brahmananda from Salem (Tamil Nadu) gives a discourse.

December 2: Gita Jayanti.

December 16: Fund-raising Sangeetanjali program by Mrinalini Arkatkar.

Other activities:

Bal Vihar classes during the summer.

The temple library operated throughout the year, allowing checkout of books & videos.

Three weddings and three private pujas were celebrated during the year.

Accordion-doors partition between sanctum area and hall was put in April.

Kitchen sink was installed in second week of May.