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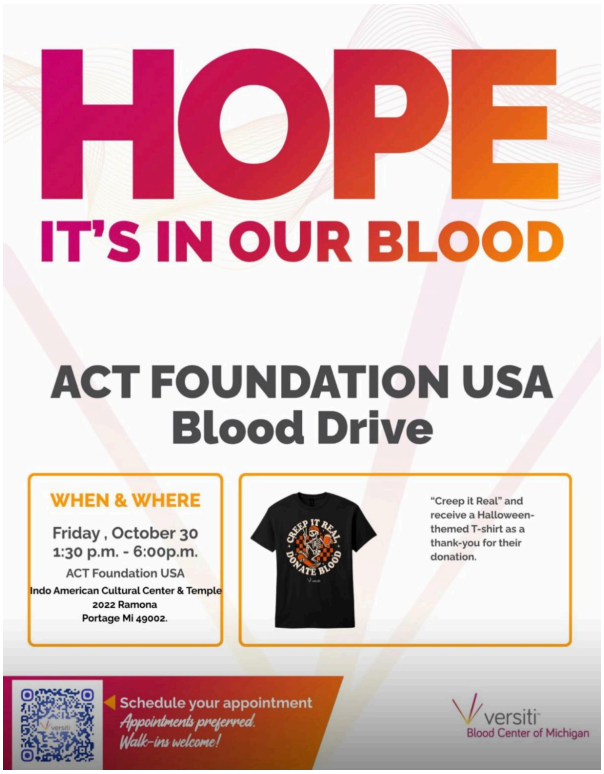
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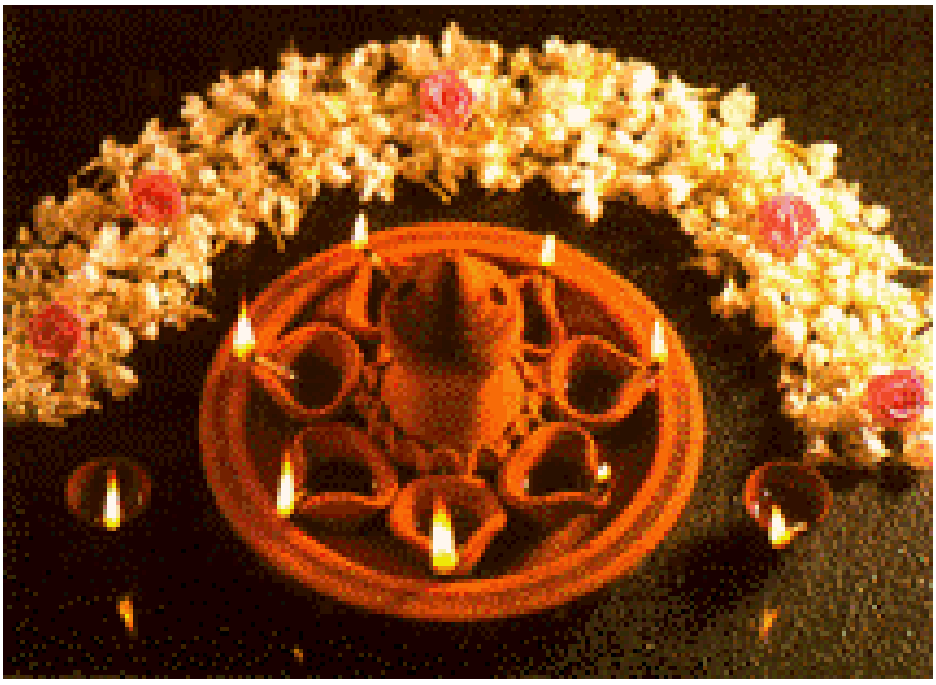
Wishing a Very Happy Diwali, Happy Thanksgiving and a Happy New Year to All

UPCOMING TEMPLE & COMMUNITY EVENTS

Karva Chauth Ladies Pooja
Wednesday, October 28, 2026 4:00 PM
Please contact Dipti Bhargava (269-271-2737 for info.

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE
by ACT FOUNDATION at IACCT
Friday, October 30, 2026 1:30 - 6:00 PM
For info please contact: Poonam Lohmor (269-762-6007)





MahaLakshmi Poojan & Diwali Celebration

Sunday, November 8, 2026, 6:00 PM

MahaLakshmi Pooja, Bhajans, Archana, Aarti, Dinner Prasad

Sponsors:

Abhijeet Pattanshetti & Supriya Salunke;



Chandan Pandit;
Ramesh & Mati Patel
Shri & Swerun Valvani

Annual General Body Meeting Satsang
Sunday, November 15, 2026 11:00 AM
General Body Meeting Satsang
Sponsors: Tarun & Aradhana Gupta (Pizza)

Satsang
Sunday, November 22, 2026 11:00 AM
Pooja, Bhajans, Aarti, Prasad
Sponsors: Sunil & Priyanka Sharma

Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, November 26, 2026
Temple Closed due to Thanksgiving

2026 IACCT ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING AND ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The IACCT Annual General Body Meeting for 2026 will be held on ***Sunday, November 15, 2026 at 12:00 Noon.*** All IACCT Life Members and 2026 Annual Members are invited. They are eligible to attend and vote at the 2026 Annual General Body Meeting.

Agenda
2026 IACCT ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING
Sunday, November 15, 2026 12:00 Noon

1. Bring the Meeting to order
2. Proof of Mailing
3. Approval of the 2025 Annual GB Meeting of Nov 09, 2025 (Minutes published in March 2026 IACCT Newsletter)

4. Major Accomplishments for 2026
5. Facilities Management Report
6. Religious Committee Report
7. Financial Report
8. Election of Directors
9. Members Comments
10. Adjournment

EXTREMELY GENEROUS SUPPORT FROM COMMUNITY FOR NEPAL FLOOD RELIEF FUNDS

Tens of thousands are in need of humanitarian assistance after catastrophic flash floods in Nepal. Since IACCT's earnest appeal for relief for this humanitarian crisis, ***IACCT received a total of $3,421 for Nepal Flood Relief from the following donors:***

Brij & Dipti Bhargava
Hari & Urmil Bhargava
Dileep & Madhuri Cheni
Kinju Dudhia
Chetan & Anupama Goel
Damodar & Jyotsna Golhar
Raj Goswami
Ramakrishna & Bhargavi Guda
Ram & Bimla Jaglan
Savita Jolly
Jayaram & Sripriya Krishna
Anil & Kumud Patel
Anil & Nayana Patel
Chandrakant & Trupti Patel
Kandarp & Kavita Patel
Ramesh & Mati Patel
Vats Patel
Pradip & Shubhada Sagdeo
Anamika Sarathy
Rohan Shah
Shri & Swerun Valvani

We thank above donors for their generous support.

It is important that we send all of the donations received ($3,421) to one or more recognized charities actively helping Nepal Flood relief. They must be recognized as vetted 501(c)(3) organizations and must have good rating as efficient charity, with good public track record, so the money reaches real relief. Based on our extensive review, IACCT sent all of the collected funds to following two organizations:

$2,021 to GlobalGiving - Nepal Flood Relief Fund
GlobalGiving runs a pooled fund that channels donations to vetted, locally led Nepali organizations responding on the ground. They are

verified 501(c)(3) organization, Charity Navigator 4-star rating and BBB-accredited.
Nepal Flood Relief Fund - GlobalGiving

$1,400 to Direct Relief - Nepal Flood Relief Fund
Direct Relief is a medical aid organization that's been sending donated medicine and supplies to disaster zones since 1948, and it has provided more than $119 million in medical aid to Nepal since 2009. After the flood it's coordinating with Nepal's Ministry of Health and local partners including Mountain Heart Nepal to get trauma and wound care, antibiotics and field-medic supplies to health posts that have been cut off. Verified 501(c)(3) organization, with Charity Navigator's top rating.
Nepal Flood Relief 2026 | Disaster Response | Direct Relief

In addition to above efforts by IACCT, ***Vijay Mehta and Molika Thakur*** organized a fundraising dinner for Nepal Flood Relief Funds. Almost 134 families from our community donated very generously. ***They sent all of the collected funds totaling $10,535 to Nepal. We are grateful to our community for so generously supporting such a worthy cause.***

ANNUAL ARCHANA FOR 2027

You can offer Archana for whole year by signing up and donating $200 at one time. Panditji will recite archana for you and seek blessings for the whole family, even if you are not present. Please provide your name along with your gotra, if known, with $200 to Panditji or at the front desk, and we will provide the information to Panditji ahead of the festival poojas where we have the archanas. The main events where we have archana at the temple are - New Year's Day pooja, Makar Sankranti, MahaShivaratri, Ugadi/Gudhi Padwa, Rama Navami, Ganesh Chaturthi, Ananta Chaturdashi, Vijaya Dashmi (Dusshera), Mahalakshmi Pooja at Diwali and possibly other events. Please call Panditji (269-274-6517) or Vijay Sood (269-599-2065) or any Board Member to participate in Annual Archana. You may also mail a check for $200 for Annual Archana to the temple address below or via ***Paypal Giving Fund by using the following link:*** **https://www.paypal.com/US/fundraiser/charity/1586612** or sending it via
Zelle *to temple ID* IACCT.Treasurer@gmail.com
The following families listed below, have signed up for Annual Archana so far. We hope you will consider signing up.

Brij & Dipti Bhargava
Anil & Kumud Patel
Shri & Swerun Valvani

PANDITJI BHEEMASHANKAR WILL BE GOING TO INDIA FROM NOVEMBER 28 TO DECEMBER 26, 2026. POOJA SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED IN PART

BY PRADIP SAGDEO DURING THAT PERIOD.

For your information, ***Panditji Bheemashankar*** will be going to India from November 28 until December 26, 2026. During his absence, the temple will remain closed weekday mornings (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday mornings). During weekday evenings and weekend mornings and evenings temple will remain open during regular hours as listed at the bottom. Please contact ***Pradip Sagdeo (269-830-4664)*** during November 28 - December 13, 2026, for any pooja services at the temple or away. We appreciate your understanding, cooperation and continued support.

WE NEED YOUR HELP IN SPONSORING SATSANGS & FUNCTIONS IN 2026

The temple is totally dependent on all families to sponsor satsangs. Please consider sponsoring to celebrate any occasion (birthdays, anniversary, etc). Please do not worry, if you have never sponsored a satsang. A lot of people are available to help. Please call any member of the Board to provide needed guidance. Please call ***Panditji (269-324-8224) or Aradhana Gupta (269-352-1392) or Niraj Rajpoot (269-213-9230) or Usha Rani Pugazhendhi (269-978-3251) to sponsor*** a satsang or sign up for any function at the bulletin board at the temple.

SELECT RECENT PAST & NEAR FUTURE TEMPLE and COMMUNITY EVENTS

(Recent past events included to recognize sponsors)

Shashti Pooja held on

Friday, October 16, 2026 6:00 PM
Pooja, Bhajans, Aarti, Prasad

Sponsors:

Rajendran Vairagoundar & Usha Rani Pugazhendhi;
Srinivas Vijay & Antha Dantu

4th Tree Planting Drive near Allegan State Park on Saturday October 17, 2026 10:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Members and friends of IACCT completed the 4th Tree Planting Drive in conjunction with ACT Foundation USA and Michigan Department of Natural Resources. They planted 650 tree saplings to help support local wildlife and create a healthier forest ecosystem. ***We offer our sincere gratitude to Poonam Lohmor and Kim Markovich for organizing the drive and to to all of the community members who dedicated their time and energy to planting trees.***







Satsang
Sunday, December 13, 2026 11:00 AM
Pooja, Bhajans, Aarti, Prasad
Sponsors: Needed

Vaikuntha Ekadashi Celebration Satsang
Sunday, December 20, 2026 11:00 AM
Pooja, Bhajans, Aarti, Prasad
Sponsors: Mohan Satish Gullapalli & Other Families

Christmas Day
Friday, December 25, 2026
Temple Closed due to Chrstmas

No Satsang
Sunday, December 27, 2026 11:00 AM
No Satsang Due to Christmas Week

Friday, January 1, 2027

New Years Day Special Pooja
Lakshmi Ganesha Pooja
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM and 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM
Archana 8:15 PM - 9:00 PM
Please contact Panditji to schedule special pooja.

REGULAR TEMPLE HOURS

Monday: 8AM-10AM, 6PM-9PM
Tuesday: 8AM-10AM, 6PM-9PM
Wednesday: Closed
Thursday: 8AM-10AM, 6PM-9PM
Friday: 8AM-10AM, 6PM-9PM
Saturday: 10AM-2PM, 6PM-9PM
Sunday: 10AM-2PM, 6PM-9PM
Wednesday: Temple Closed (Open for special Poojas and by prior arrangement) Temple Phone: 269-324-8224; Panditji's Cell Phone: 269-274-6517

REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

Day	Time	Event
Every 2nd & 4th Sunday	11:30 AM	Bal Vikas
Every 2nd & 4th Sunday	11:00 AM	Pooja & Satsang
Every Sunday	3:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Sabha in Gujarati, by Kalamazoo Satsang Mandal. Info: Sanjay Patel (269-548-5001)
Every Monday	7:00 PM	Rudrabhisheka
Every Tuesday	7:15 PM	Hanuman Chalisa
Every Thursday	7:00 PM	Ramarakshastotra
Every Friday	5:30 PM	Telugu Classes Info: Ramakrishna Guda (734-709-0432)
Every Friday	7:00 PM	Lalita Sahasranama
Every Saturday (Please check for possible schedule changes or cancellation before coming to join Yoga)	11:00 AM (The 2026 Calendar time listed as 10:00 AM has been changed to 11:00 AM)	Yoga for Fitness & Fellowship Info: Dhruba Bhattarai (269-274-5269) or Poonam Lohmor (269-762-6007)
Every Saturday	11:00 AM	Vishnu Sahasranama
See IACC&T Calendar for Dates of Following Events		
Every Pournima Day	6:00 PM	Satyanarayana Pooja
Every Pradosh Day	7:00 PM	Rudrabhisheka
Every Sankashta Hara Chaturthi Day	7:00 PM	Ganesha Abhisheka

For IACCT Board Meetings, please contact IACCT General Secretary Mohan Satish Gullapalli.

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Please use the following link to donate thru PayPal
https://www.paypal.com/US/fundraiser/charity/1586612

You may also send donations via your Bank with *Zelle* to IACCT.Treasurer@gmail.com

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