

BHARTIYA SAMAJ CHARITABLE TRUST NEWSLETTER



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Chairperson's Message

As we conclude the January to March 2026 quarter, I am pleased to reflect on the many meaningful activities and achievements of Bhartiya Samaj Charitable Trust. From Republic Day and Holi celebrations to seniors' meetings across Mount Roskill, Flat Bush, and Papakura, along with women empowerment programmes and youth initiatives like Bal Vikas and Summer Camp, this period has been filled with connection and community spirit.

We also proudly participated in wider community events and introduced a Hindi section in our newsletter to better engage with our members.

My sincere thanks to all our members, volunteers, and supporters. Your continued support helps us build a strong, inclusive, and vibrant community.

Jeet Suchdev QSM JP

Chairperson

Bhartiya Samaj Charitable Trust



Summer Camp 2026 was such a wonderful success as we celebrated our 23rd year.

This meaningful milestone was filled with energy, laughter, learning, creativity, sports, engaging workshops, delicious food, and unforgettable memories for our children. It was truly heartwarming to see over 100 children come together, build confidence, and enjoy a vibrant and enriching programme. We sincerely thank all the parents for their trust and continued support, and our children for their enthusiasm and joyful participation. We are deeply grateful to our dedicated volunteers and teachers for their time, care, and commitment in making everything run smoothly. A special thank you to our workshop facilitators and supporters for adding great value to the children's learning experience. We also extend our heartfelt appreciation to Pabla ji and family for their incredible hospitality in hosting the farm visit, creating a memorable experience for all. Thank you to our sponsors and everyone who contributed in any way. Completing 23 years of this camp reflects the strength and unity of our community.



Celebrating India's 77th Republic Day

Bhartiya Samaj Charitable Trust was honoured to be part of the 77th Republic Day of India celebrations in Auckland, organised by the Consulate General of India in collaboration with the Indian community. It was a joyful and proud occasion that brought people together to celebrate India's Constitution, democratic values, and shared heritage.

Our BSCT seniors added a special highlight with their vibrant performances, showcasing culture, talent, and enthusiasm. The day, including the flag hoisting and community gathering, reflected a strong sense of unity and connection.

We sincerely thank the Consulate General of India, Auckland, and the wider Indian diaspora for hosting such a memorable celebration.



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Bhartiya Samaj Flatbush – 2026 Meeting Highlights

It was wonderful to reconnect with our Bhartiya Samaj Flatbush family at our February meeting after the break. The day was filled with warmth, laughter, and meaningful connections, beginning with chai and prayer that set a positive tone.

We celebrated the birthdays of our respected members, enjoyed an energising exercise session, and marked Valentine's Day by sharing beautiful memories and stories that brought smiles to everyone. A fun activity kept everyone engaged, while songs and shayari added joy and liveliness to the gathering.

Thank you to our seniors, volunteers, and members who continue to make this space so special.



Bhartiya Samaj Papakura – Women Empowerment Programme Highlights

Bhartiya Samaj Papakura hosted an inspiring Women Empowerment Programme on 7th February, bringing women together to reflect, connect, and feel motivated. The event began with a warm welcome and prayer, followed by a graceful cultural dance by Tiana Arora ji. A yoga session led by Nidhi ji emphasised physical and mental wellbeing, while melodious songs by Sudha ji added joy to the gathering. The heart of the programme was the sharing of personal experiences: Minky ji spoke on overcoming overthinking and building confidence, Mrs Devinder ji shared lessons on resilience and courage, and Sudha ji highlighted the vital role of women in uplifting society.

An interactive empowerment-themed game encouraged participation and meaningful discussion, strengthening unity among attendees. The programme concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to all speakers, participants, and volunteers. The event was inspiring, well organised, and deeply enriching for everyone involved.



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Bhartiya Samaj Charitable Trust at Bihar Diwas Celebration

Bhartiya Samaj Charitable Trust extends heartfelt thanks to the Bihar Jharkhand Association of New Zealand for inviting us to such a meaningful occasion. The celebration of Bihar Diwas, combined with the farewell of Her Excellency the High Commissioner of India to New Zealand, Ms Neeta Bhushan ji, was truly special.

The event beautifully highlighted the rich culture and pride of Bihar while allowing the community to express gratitude for Ms Bhushan ji's dedicated service and warmth. It was inspiring to see everyone come together in a spirit of celebration and respect.

Congratulations to the Executive Committee and organising team for curating such an elegant and inclusive event. We are grateful to have been part of this memorable celebration.



Bhartiya Samaj Papakura – February Seniors Meeting Highlights

Our February Seniors Meeting was filled with warmth, reflection, and celebration. The day began with prayers and reflections on Valentine's Day and Shivratri, followed by birthday celebrations, lively songs, and graceful performances.

Highlights included updates from Roshni Chadha Ji, a fun games session, a talk on Unity in Diversity by Ranbir Pabla Ji, a heartfelt poem by Chander Kiran Ji, and an energetic traditional Boliyan. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by Sister Niti.



Bhartiya Samaj Valentine's Day Celebration – 14th February

Our first meeting after the Christmas break was a joyful Valentine's Day celebration filled with warmth and togetherness. The day began with prayers and birthday wishes, and we were honoured to welcome the High Commissioner of India to New Zealand, Her Excellency Ms Neeta Bhushan ji, along with Consul General Dr Madan Mohan Sethi ji and Mrs Swagitika Bhuyan ji.

Highlights included a dance performance by Gurdev Kaur ji and our senior members, lively songs, stories, and jokes shared by everyone, and the celebration of Mrs Swagitika Bhuyan ji's birthday with cake. The event reflected love, laughter, and community spirit, made possible by our dedicated volunteers.

A wonderful day bringing hearts together and strengthening our community bonds.



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150 Years of Vande Mataram

Bhartiya Samaj Charitable Trust was honoured to be part of the celebration marking 150 years of Vande Mataram, the timeless composition by Bankim Chandra Chatterjee that continues to inspire generations.

We sincerely thank Swagatika Mohanty ji and the Consulate General of India in Auckland for organising such a meaningful and well-coordinated event. Roopa Suchdev ji and Roshni Chadha ji proudly represented our organisation at this special gathering.

It was a deeply moving experience to come together and honour a song that symbolises unity, courage, and devotion, reminding us of the power of culture to connect communities across generations.



BSCT Mount Roskill Seniors Meeting Highlights

Our second gathering of the year on 28th February 2026 was filled with warmth and energy. The day included prayers, birthday celebrations, exercise, and inspiring reflections on International Women's Day.

A fire safety workshop by Fire and Emergency New Zealand was informative and engaging, followed by joyful musical performances from our talented seniors.

Thank you to all participants and volunteers for making the day so special.



Celebrating Holi at Bal Vikas

Our Bal Vikas children enjoyed a joyful and vibrant Holi celebration filled with excitement and learning. The day began with understanding the meaning of Holi, highlighting the victory of good over evil and the spirit of love and togetherness.

Soon, the celebration came alive with colours, laughter, and pure fun as children played and celebrated with great enthusiasm.

A big thank you to all parents for their support and contributions, making the day even more special. Happy Holi!



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Celebrating Women, Strength, and Community

On 7 March 2026, Bhartiya Samaj Charitable Trust Papakura hosted a Women Empowerment Gathering to inspire and connect women in the community. The event began with a prayer, birthday celebrations, and a beautiful welcome dance by Japsirat Kaur. An insightful International Women's Day workshop by Harjeet Kaur shared perspectives on women's empowerment, leadership, and community engagement. Participants also shared their own stories, creating a meaningful space for connection and encouragement. The gathering included soulful songs by Amita Ji and concluded with heartfelt thanks to all who contributed, celebrating the strength, resilience, and empowerment of women in our community.



"Bura Na Mano, Holi Hai!" – Flatbush Seniors Celebration

On 2nd March 2026, Bhartiya Samaj Flatbush Seniors came together for a joyful Holi celebration at the Old Flatbush School Hall. The day began with warm greetings, tea, and light exercise to energise everyone.

Fun continued with the lively "Passing the Glass" game, followed by vibrant Holi songs and dance, filling the hall with music, laughter, and the spirit of togetherness.

A big thank you to all participants and volunteers for making this celebration so joyful and memorable!



Bhartiya Samaj Papakura – March Community Gathering

Bhartiya Samaj Papakura recently hosted a joyful community gathering filled with connection and celebration. The day began with tea, prayer, and March birthday celebrations.

Highlights included a refreshing yoga session led by Niti Sharma ji, insights on mortgage brokerage from Ashmita Maharaj ji, soulful songs by Rupinder ji, a talk on women empowerment by Prakash ji, and a thoughtful poem on self-confidence by Ranbir Pabla ji.

Fun continued with a lively Bingo game and a vibrant Holi-themed dance by Lucky Mittal ji, complete with flowers and celebration.

Thanks to all our volunteers for making the gathering enjoyable and successful. Together, we continue to build a strong, caring, and vibrant community.



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BSCT Seniors Holi Celebration & Beach Outing

On 14 March 2026, Bhartiya Samaj Charitable Trust (BSCT) hosted a joyful outing to Long Bay Beach for our seniors. The day began with a cheerful gathering at Mount Roskill War Memorial Hall, followed by a fun bus ride filled with prayers, antakshri, laughter, and creative reels. At the beach, seniors showcased their talents through dance, singing, and acting, and everyone joined in a lively Freeze Dance activity. The celebration continued with a vibrant Holi event, spreading colours, happiness, and togetherness. A heartfelt thanks to all BSCT volunteers and supporters for making this day memorable and full of joy.



नमस्कार मित्रों,

मुझे यह बताते हुए अत्यंत खुशी हो रही है कि हम इस तथा आने वाले सभी न्यूज़लेटर्स में हिंदी अनुभाग की शुरुआत कर रहे हैं। इसकी शुरुआत हम रूपा जी के परिचयात्मक लेख से कर रहे हैं, जो इस अनुभाग की जिम्मेदारी संभालेंगी। यदि आप हिंदी में अपनी कविता या कोई लेख प्रकाशित करना चाहते हैं, तो कृपया उनसे 021 665609 पर संपर्क करें। सदस्यों की रुचि को देखते हुए, भविष्य में हम न्यूज़लेटर में एक अलग हिंदी अनुभाग भी शुरू कर सकते हैं। धन्यवाद।

Here are some simple and practical tips in Hindi for financial independence for elderly people:

वृद्ध लोगों के लिए आर्थिक स्वतंत्रता के कुछ सुझाव

1. बजट बनाकर चलें
2. अपनी आय और खर्चों का स्पष्ट हिसाब रखें और अनावश्यक खर्चों से बचें।
3. बचत को प्राथमिकता दें
4. हर महीने कुछ राशि बचत के रूप में अलग रखें, चाहे वह छोटी ही क्यों न हो।
5. सुरक्षित निवेश करें
6. अपनी बचत को सुरक्षित योजनाओं जैसे फिक्स्ड डिपॉज़िट, पेंशन योजनाओं या सरकारी योजनाओं में निवेश करें।
7. धोखाधड़ी से सावधान रहें
8. किसी भी अनजान व्यक्ति या कॉल पर अपनी बैंक जानकारी साझा न करें।
9. स्वास्थ्य बीमा रखें
10. मेडिकल खर्चों से बचने के लिए स्वास्थ्य बीमा अवश्य लें।
11. कर्ज से बचें
12. अनावश्यक ऋण लेने से बचें और यदि कर्ज हो तो उसे समय पर चुकाएं।
13. डिजिटल बैंकिंग सीखें
14. ऑनलाइन बैंकिंग और UPI जैसी सुविधाओं का सुरक्षित उपयोग सीखें।
15. परिवार से संवाद बनाए रखें
16. अपने वित्तीय मामलों के बारे में परिवार के विश्वसनीय सदस्य को जानकारी दें।



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