



# 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

## Bhartiya Samaj Charitable Trust



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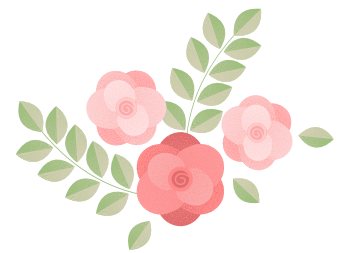
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# WELCOME MESSAGE

Dear Members, Supporters, and Friends,

It is with immense pride and gratitude that I present the annual report for Bhartiya Samaj. This year, our organization has continued to demonstrate resilience, innovation, and dedication in providing essential support services to senior citizens, children, youth, and migrants. The achievements outlined in this report are a direct result of the unwavering commitment and teamwork of our staff, volunteers, and partners. 2024 marks Bhartiya Samaj Charitable Trust's 30th year of operations, making a positive difference in the lives of diverse communities in Aotearoa.

In 1995, we started with our mission to assist people in their times of need. Today, while we have almost completed three decades in service, we have expanded to not only help people in times of need but also work towards creating happier and healthier communities in Aotearoa and Australia.

As we live through a period of considerable economic challenge, with rising costs of living and climate challenges placing people in acute distress, Bhartiya Samaj Charitable Trust has always been a central part of the collective response, helping those in need, and offering support, courage, and hope to the communities.

We ourselves face multiple challenges with ever-increasing demand for our services, increased costs, and the real risk of declining community funding. However, with the contribution, passion, skill, and commitment of our staff, trustees, board members, and the support of like-minded organizations and volunteers, we have been able to navigate through.

It is often in the face of serious challenges that we can demonstrate our resilience and our capacity to make a difference in the community. Bhartiya Samaj has demonstrated resilience and excellence by continuously delivering support services for senior citizens, children, youth, and migrants. This success is a testament to the dedication and hard work of the entire Bhartiya Samaj team, who tirelessly contribute to empowering our community and fostering a spirit of inclusion and support.

I take great pride in the fact that we supported AEWV migrants who were recently reported to be living in inhumane conditions in Auckland.

Besides, the Trust has been supporting several victims of elder abuse and domestic violence, with the help of other organizations, including Roopa Aur Aap Charitable Trust.

Our fortnightly meetings for seniors have proved to be a platform for them to mingle in the community, learn something new, and feel inclusive in New Zealand.

Our Bal Vikas classes, conducted every Sunday, provide opportunities for Kiwi-Indian children to learn Hindi and Indian culture so they stay connected with their roots and take pride in their identities.

Most importantly, Bhartiya Samaj's expansion to Queenstown, Canterbury, Bhartiya Samaj Lower North Island, and Brisbane in Australia has provided us with several opportunities to offer support to communities irrespective of geographical location.

Once again, I would like to thank the staff, trustees, board members, volunteers, and like-minded organizations for their unwavering support and active involvement in bringing courage, joy, and hope to our communities.

"Our strength lies in our unity and shared vision."

Jeet Suchdev QSM JP

Bhartiya Samaj Charitable Trust



**JEET SUCHDEV QSM JP**  
Chairperson



# FOREWORD

Roopa Aur Aap Charitable Trust, established in 2008, is the legal face of CEO Roopa Suchdev's efforts to further her endeavour in helping those without a voice of their own.

Since 1996 Roopa Suchdev has been passionately working to help the victims of domestic abuse across New Zealand. She has been a famous Indian radio and television personality in New Zealand. RAA continues its venture through its tenacious team members working towards its mission of developing a society nurturing and empowering individuals reach their ultimate potential.

RAA focuses on the development of the members of the South Asian Community who face inequality and violence.

The aim is to provide free counselling, offer interventions programmes to the victims of domestic abuse, and resolve family disputes with help of qualified and certified experts.

## OUR SUPPORT SERVICES

- **Culturally appropriate Counselling/Mediation**

RAA provides a range of therapeutic services and acts as a compassionate facilitator, who are experts in providing culturally appropriate services to the families. We also provide post traumatic solutions as a part of recovery and resilience.

- **Community Services**

RAA conducts several campaigns to create awareness and positively change the way people think and act on family harm. During the COVID-19 pandemic, RAA raised awareness about the benefits of getting vaccinated and also provided RAT kits, food parcels, medicines and other essential goods to hundreds of people to fight with covid in New Zealand.

- **Crisis Intervention**

We have well-crafted intervention system in place for victims of family violence. Through our services, we try to determine options to resolve the conflict, and counsel the victim as well as the perpetrator to help stabilise their emotions, enabling them to thrive in the face of chronic stress. It assists in reducing the incidences of family harm and forms a strong family bond.

- **Legal Support**

We have professional lawyers on board who assist and guide the victims about the civil and criminal legal matters. We help victims engage with the lawyers who help them resolve legal issues and issues relating to immigration.

- **Immigration Support**

We provide support on immigration matters with the help of certified immigration advisers. These immigration adviser guide the victims/clients to obtain their visas.

- **Elder Abuse Awareness**

In collaboration with Bhartiya Samaj Charitable Trust, we carry out interactive workshops & activities for seniors to spread elder abuse awareness.

- **Outreach services beyond New Zealand**

Our services extend to those beyond New Zealand. Often, victims are not the only ones affected by violence, but also those related to them. RAA ensures that its actions have far-reaching impacts and, therefore, we provide service to the victims' families in other countries as well.

- **Awareness campaigns & Education Workshops**

RAA conducts regular education workshops at various locations to create awareness on several social issues. These workshops encourage people to stand up for themselves and lead an independent life. Various activities/classes are also undertaken including English speaking lessons, computer skills, gardening, sewing, and information on managing the finances to help the clients/victims to be up to date.

- **Children Programmes**

In collaboration with Bhartiya Samaj Charitable Trust and other community organisations, we organise workshops for children during summer holidays and school breaks. Also, RAA provides support to children who have been the victims of family violence.



"तन से करो या धन से करो, सेवा करो तो मिथ्याई करो।"

As the popular Hindi idiom says, the Bhartiya Samaj Charitable Trust lives up to the universal values of humanity and community service.

BSCT was established with a vision to support diverse communities, particularly South Asian communities in New Zealand.

Over the past 28 years, BSCT has grown tremendously, supported by local and central government and, most importantly, by our volunteers, staff, trustees, and board members. Whether it's senior citizen meetings, childcare programs, or youth and migrant support initiatives, BSCT is a go-to organisation for people in distress.

In this challenging and uncertain economic climate, we feel a responsibility to continue supporting those affected by abuse, exploitation, health-related issues, or educational challenges. We strive to provide the highest quality of service to address these pressing needs.

Bhartiya Samaj's most valuable assets are its members and the people who find solutions, hope, and joy by coming together. Our experience shows that uniting people creates synergies.

Post-COVID challenges, natural disasters, and the rising cost of living present major difficulties for many. In these tough times, we aim to bring communities together, and in cooperation with other stakeholders, including Roopa Aur Aap Charitable Trust, we are working to address the issues confronting communities in New Zealand and Australia. (Ask Jeet ji whether to add these lines or not.)

While BSCT has successfully supported diverse communities, challenges to the well-being of children, youth, and families remain and continue to evolve. The aim of Bhartiya Samaj Charitable Trust is to empower individuals from children to elders. We have been organizing summer camps for the last 20-plus years, focusing on culturally appropriate education and empowerment through workshops & camps.

Therefore, it is essential that we continue our preventive and developmental work within the community to advocate for those we serve.

In the coming year, we plan to expand our operations to more geographical locations and internationally with various projects, including support for senior citizens and the rollout of children's programs in more regions of New Zealand.

As we offer these platforms, we seek support to improve the livelihoods of diverse communities in Aotearoa.

With this, I invite BSCT members, trustees, board members, staff, and volunteers to continue this meaningful journey with us.

Roopa Suchdev QSM  
CEO  
Roopa Aur Aap Charitable Trust

## FOUNDERS



**Jeet Suchdev QSM JP**



**Roopa Suchdev QSM**

## TRUSTEES



**Simran Chadha**



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**Harish Lodhia**

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**Ravinder Kaur**



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**Surinder Tandon**

# BSCT TEAM

## Board Members



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Sudha Tata



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## Our Dedicated Team



Gurpreet Singh



Kanika Ranga



Gurpreet Kaur



Ankita Rathod



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Kanishk Mahajan



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Sandhya Bokil



Nitin Bhaskar



Dheeraj Bhardwaj



Mudit Bhargava



Shruti Bhargava



Asmat Rehman



Yamini Gupta



Neeraj Gupta



Rekha Doshi

# OUR SERVICE



- **Senior Citizen Wing**

Mutual support and companionship for the Senior citizens through regular get togethers/programs, festival celebrations, recreational outings, Skill development programs and other services making them socially inclusive, connected, strong and confident. To empower them and enhance their skills we constantly keep adding new programs for their benefit.



- **Children & Youth Wing**

Multicultural Playgroup for children from 0-5 years, where young children and their mothers get a space to express their creative play capabilities and have a safe space for learning and socializing. Language and Cultural classes, Annual summer camp and Holiday Programme for Children 6-14 years for building and nurturing skills, values and attributes of self-awareness, self-management and responsible decision making. It also helps them to keep them connected with their cultural roots thereby helping in stronger family bonds.



- **Migrant Settlement & Distress Support**

Assisting new Migrants to settle down in New Zealand by providing them with relevant information and resources. To ensure wellbeing of the people and community, we offer support and professional advice to people in distressed situations. Provide social services by resolving issues such as family harm, elder abuse by assisting them in seeking counselling, legal help and advocacy support



- **Culturally Appropriate Care Home**

To address the cultural needs of older people requiring rest home care, we collaborated with Bupa David Lange Care Home to launch a culturally appropriate Aashirwad Wing for the South Asian Communities. Community development programs through partnerships with other government/local organisations like Auckland Council, Wastewise, Electoral Commission and many more.

## Summer Camp 2025: A Season of Culture, Creativity & Connection



BHARTIYA SAMAJ CHARITABLE TRUST'S SUMMER CAMP IN JANUARY WAS A WONDERFUL SUCCESS, OFFERING A MIX OF CULTURAL WORKSHOPS, CREATIVE ACTIVITIES, AND OUTDOOR FUN THAT CREATED LASTING MEMORIES AND VALUABLE LEARNING EXPERIENCES FOR ALL INVOLVED.

## CELEBRATING THE SPIRIT OF INDIA: 76TH REPUBLIC DAY 2025

THE 76TH REPUBLIC DAY OF INDIA WAS CELEBRATED WITH GREAT PRIDE AND UNITY ON SUNDAY, 26 JANUARY 2025, IN AUCKLAND. THE EVENT WAS ORGANIZED BY THE CONSULATE GENERAL OF INDIA IN ASSOCIATION WITH INDIAN DIASPORA ORGANIZATIONS, BRINGING TOGETHER THE COMMUNITY TO HONOUR THE SPIRIT OF THE INDIAN CONSTITUTION AND CELEBRATE THE NATION'S DEMOCRATIC HERITAGE.



## Talent Meets Opportunity at Bhartiya Samaj Charitable Trust.

**BSCT MUSIC IS ON A TALENT HUNT !!**

DO YOU HAVE A DESIRE TO BECOME A MUSICIAN WITH SOME BASIC KNOWLEDGE AND HAVE PASSION FOR GUITAR, KEYBOARD, DRUMS OR OTHER INSTRUMENTS?

BSCT Music is excited to announce a Talent Hunt and is offering a unique platform to music aspirants to explore, grow, and perform live on stage. Join us and experience the thrill of captivating an audience!

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BSCT MUSIC IS PROUD TO PROVIDE A PLATFORM FOR MUSICIANS TO SHOWCASE THEIR TALENT AND PERFORM ON STAGE. WHETHER YOU PLAY GUITAR 🎸, DRUMS 🥁, KEYBOARD 🎹, OR ANY OTHER INSTRUMENTS WITH BASIC KNOWLEDGE. JOIN US AND LET YOUR MUSIC BE HEARD.

## Papakura Chapter Launches with Heartfelt Community Gathering



We are excited to announce the successful launch of our Papakura chapter, marked by a warm and engaging inaugural meeting. Monthly gatherings will now be held every third Monday at Elizabeth Hall. Thank you to all who attended and supported this new beginning—your presence means everything!



## HOLI CELEBRATION WITH SENIORS AT BOTANIC GARDENS

On Saturday, 8th March 2025, Bhartiya Samaj Charitable Trust hosted a joyful Holi celebration for senior citizens at the Botanic Gardens, Manukau. The day began with a cheerful bus ride from Mt. Roskill, followed by prayers, birthday celebrations, and refreshments. A special musical performance by Rachit Bhatia ji brought everyone to their feet, as seniors sang, danced, and celebrated Holi with flower petals. 🌸🎵 The day wrapped up with a delicious lunch and beautiful memories in nature's embrace.



## Holi Celebrations at Bal Vikas



What a vibrant day at our Bal Vikas Language and Cultural Class! The children eagerly celebrated Holi with morning prayers, energetic cultural performances, joyful music, and a delicious shared lunch. The highlight was the colorful and laughter-filled Color Run, where both children and parents joined in the fun!

A heartfelt thank you to our dedicated volunteers, teachers, and parents. Events like Holi help our children embrace their cultural roots, learn values of unity and joy, and create lasting memories.



## Senior Citizens Meeting & Holi Celebration in Papakura



On Monday, 17th March 2025, Bhartiya Samaj Charitable Trust hosted a heartwarming Senior Citizens Meeting at Elizabeth Campbell Hall, Papakura. The day began with breakfast and prayer, followed by a soothing meditation session led by Ms. Niti Sharma. Seniors enjoyed singing, dancing, Antakshri, and a joyful Holi celebration with flower petals 🌸. The event concluded with a delicious lunch and smiles all around.

## BHARTIYA SAMAJ SENIORS CELEBRATE BAISAKHI ACROSS AUCKLAND

### SOUTH AUCKLAND SENIORS – A JOYFUL BAISAKHI CELEBRATION



South Auckland seniors came together to celebrate Baisakhi with traditional Gidda and Bhangra performances, reflecting the vibrant spirit of Punjabi culture. Poetry and singing added a soulful touch, while the joyful atmosphere brought the community closer in warmth and unity.

### MT ROSKILL – FORTNIGHTLY MEETING WITH A BAISAKHI TWIST



Held at Mt Roskill War Memorial Hall, the bi-weekly seniors' meeting began with prayers and an energetic exercise session led by Ella Ji. April birthdays were celebrated with joy, followed by a lively Baisakhi dance session, poetry, and singing. A delicious lunch and heartfelt thanks to volunteers and Unichem Pakuranga for on-site flu vaccinations rounded off a meaningful day.

### PAPAKURA – VAISAKHI & EASTER CELEBRATIONS TOGETHER



The Papakura branch came alive with joint celebrations of Vaisakhi and Easter. With birthday wishes, yoga led by Nidhi Ji, and a spiritual address by Acharya Pandit Ajay Tiwari Ji, the gathering was both uplifting and informative. Cr Daniel Newman (Auckland Councillor) praised the organisation's work and pledged his support. The event concluded with joyful music, dance, and a warm community lunch.

## MT ROSKILL SENIORS CELEBRATE LIFE, LEARNING & REMEMBRANCE



Our senior meeting at Mt Roskill War Memorial Hall began with warm smiles, morning tea, and heartfelt prayers. 🎂 Birthday celebrations and a fun exercise session set a joyful tone, followed by a moving tribute to ANZAC heroes 🇺🇸 and victims of the Pahalgam attack 🌸. The highlight was an informative Q&A on dementia led by Anjali Patiyal ji (AUT), sparking meaningful discussion. The day ended with singing, dancing, and community joy.



## CELEBRATING MOTHER'S DAY ACROSS BHARTIYA SAMAJ BRANCHES

### 🌸 South Auckland Seniors – Heartfelt Tributes and Joyful Moments

South Auckland seniors celebrated Mother's Day with high spirits, featuring cheerful games like Passing the Ball, poetry recitations dedicated to mothers, group prayers, and birthday celebrations. An energising exercise session by Mohni Ghatania ji added vitality to the day. We were honoured by the presence of Avinash Kaur ji, whose support made the event extra special.



### 🌸 Mt Roskill – A Grand Celebration of Mothers and Community

Held at Mt Roskill War Memorial Hall, this special senior meeting began with prayers, birthday celebrations, and light exercise. Esteemed guests including Dr. Madan Mohan Sethi ji, Jessica Phuang ji, Mr. Bhav Dhillon ji, and MP Carlos Cheung graced the event with warm wishes. The celebration featured soulful singing by Ruxann ji, dance by seniors, musical tributes by Sudha ji and Dhansukhlal ji, and a vibrant performance by Harika ji. Seniors also shared touching personal tributes to their mothers, making it a deeply emotional and memorable gathering.

### 🌸 Papakura Seniors – Honouring Mothers with Grace and Reflection

Papakura seniors marked Mother's Day with a serene morning prayer, birthday celebrations, and a symbolic lamp-lighting ceremony. Guest speaker Mrs. Sindhya Kirpalani, Mrs. NZ awardee, shared an inspiring message on motherhood. The celebration came alive with musical performances by Runa Rai ji, Gopal Bhatia ji, and Prakash Kirpalani ji, along with graceful dances by seniors. Mental health expert Sneh ji led a helpful workshop on dementia and wellness. The event concluded with lunch and warm community conversations.



## 😊 Bal Vikas – A Tribute Through Talent, Stories & Togetherness

Bal Vikas children, parents, and grandparents gathered to honour mothers with heartfelt stories, prayers, and a Talent Round where mothers and children performed together. Special congratulations to Manali ji and Yuvaan for their winning performance! With loving speeches from Roopa ji and Jeet ji, the day celebrated the strength and sacrifices of mothers, leaving everyone inspired and united.



## BSCT FORTNIGHTLY MEETING – A JOYFUL GATHERING!

On 24 May 2025, the Mt Roskill War Memorial Hall buzzed with energy as Bhartiya Samaj Charitable Trust (BSCT) hosted its vibrant fortnightly meeting. The event began with a warm welcome, prayers, birthday announcements, and new member introductions, followed by morning tea and group exercises.

The highlight was a soulful musical performance by Gopal ji, Runa ji, and their team, lifting everyone's spirits. Seniors joined in with joyful dancing, creating a heartwarming atmosphere of togetherness.

A big thank you to all our dedicated volunteers and participants for making it a truly memorable day!



## WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY 2025 – A MILESTONE EVENT

Despite the rain, the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day 2025 event at The Trusts Arena, Henderson, was a remarkable success. Initiated by Jeet Suchdev QSM JP and Sister Jessica Phuang QSM, this first-of-its-kind multicultural gathering in New Zealand united ethnic organisations, service providers, and NZ Police in a strong stand against elder abuse.

The day featured over 40 service stalls, cultural performances, food, and workshops on elder rights and safety—creating an inclusive, vibrant space for families and seniors.

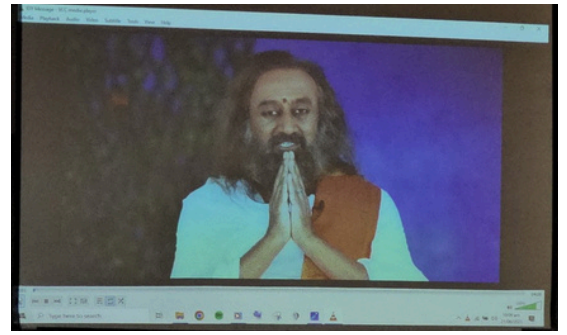
We were honoured by the presence of several dignitaries, including Ministers Casey Costello, Melissa Lee, and Dr Carlos Cheung, among others.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE AUCKLAND INDIAN DIASPORA TEAM!

A big thank you to everyone who made the recent gathering a memorable success:

- 🙏 Dr. Sethi, Consul General of India in NZ, for the T-shirts and ongoing support
- 🏛️ Auckland Indian Association, for the venue and refreshments
- 🧘 Art of Living, for an energising yoga session
- 💪 And to all our incredible volunteers – your dedication made it all possible!



## BHARTIYA SAMAJ CELEBRATES MATARIKI WITH JOY AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT

On 28 June 2025, Bhartiya Samaj Charitable Trust celebrated Matariki at Mt Roskill War Memorial Hall with over 200 seniors and community members. The event featured a powerful cultural performance by a local Matariki group, symbolising unity and new beginnings.

The BSCT Musical Group was officially launched, with impressive performances by young talents, mentored by Rushikesh Ahinave ji and Sudha Tata ji. Highlights also included a vibrant dance by the Khote Sikke children's group and a soulful song by Vidya Teke ji.

The celebration was graced by several dignitaries including Dr. Madan Mohan Sethi, MP Carlos Cheung, Sister Jessica Phuang, and local board members.

A warm community lunch rounded off the day. Heartfelt thanks to all performers, guests, and volunteers for making the Matariki celebration truly special!



## 🎉 FULL-ON FUN AT OUR FORTNIGHTLY GATHERING

Organised by Bhartiya Samaj Charitable Trust at Mt. Roskill War Memorial Hall, our seniors' gathering was a blockbuster event filled with music, dance, jokes, and endless laughter. After prayers, birthday celebrations, and an energising exercise session led by Roopa Suchdev ji, guest speaker Raj Srivastav ji (RJ & stand-up comedian, "Sarkar Raj" from Radio Tarana) had everyone in splits with his comedy. Adding to the fun, our seniors showcased their own parodies, making it a truly unforgettable day of joy, bonding, and togetherness!



## 🌟 BHARTIYA SAMAJ FORTNIGHTLY MEET 🌟

📍 Mount Roskill War Memorial Hall

In collaboration with Roopa Aur Aap Charitable Trust, Communicare, and Acupulse Wellness Clinic Our seniors' meet was a vibrant mix of learning, music, and masti! Communicare introduced their Friendship Group services with an engaging Q&A, while Dr Bhavesh Kumar Panchal from Acupulse Wellness Clinic shared insights on Acupuncture Therapy. Seniors lit up the stage with soulful songs, a graceful dance, and an exciting round of Tambola hosted by Roshni Chadha ji. The day was filled with joy, laughter, and togetherness truly a celebration of community spirit!



## 🌸🌟 BHARTIYA SAMAJ FORTNIGHTLY SENIORS MEETING

📍 Mount Roskill War Memorial Hall

The gathering was filled with emotions, celebrations, and learning. Members celebrated Raksha Bandhan, honoured the late Madhuben Ganatra ji with a moment of silence, and enjoyed birthday wishes and an energising exercise session. A special highlight was the presence of Sister Jessica Phuang, honoured ahead of her retirement from NZ Police, with heartfelt tributes from our Chairperson Jeet Suchdev and members. Fun and learning continued with a Word Finder game by Roopa Aur Aap Charitable Trust and an eye-opening Netsafe workshop by Megha Jadia on online safety for seniors. The day truly reflected BSCT's spirit of togetherness and community care.



## 🌸 79th Indian Independence Day – Auckland Celebrations 🌟

On 17th August 2025, over 1,500 people came together for a grand celebration of India's Independence Day in Auckland, graced by Prime Minister Christopher Luxon, Hon. Mark Mitchell, Her Excellency Neeta Bhushan ji, Dr. Madan Mohan Sethi ji, and many community leaders. A proud moment for Bhartiya Samaj was our seniors' energetic dance performance, which won hearts and showcased their spirit and joy. The event was a true celebration of unity in diversity, made possible by the efforts of volunteers and diaspora organisations. Jai Hind! Jai Aotearoa!



## Flatbush Senior Citizens' Monthly Gathering

Our seniors in Flatbush came together for their monthly milan, enjoying a day of joy, togetherness, and community spirit. The programme included prayers, birthday celebrations, dance and exercise led by Simran Chadha, and heartfelt cultural performances. We were honored by the presence of Avinash Kaur, who shared reflections on senior engagement and civic participation. A special thanks to Mr. Sandeep Kumar Khetan and the Bank of Baroda (NZ) team for their informative session on financial products for seniors. The gathering concluded with fun activities, warm fellowship, and a shared lunch, strengthening the bonds within our community.



## 🌟 Hindi Diwas 2025 Celebration in Auckland! 🌟

On 14 September 2025, 25 children from Bhartiya Samaj Bal Vikas Cultural Classes, led by Trustee & Education Chairperson Roopa Suchdev, performed at Hindi Diwas 2025 hosted by the High Commission of India and Consulate General of India. Through prayers, recitations, and dance, our children showcased their talent and celebrated the richness of the Hindi language, earning appreciation from dignitaries and the community.



## ✨ Hindi Diwas Prize Giving Celebration ✨

Today was a special day as our children were presented with certificates by Roopa ji, Rohit Sharma ji (Editor of Bharat Darshan), and Roshni ji. Their words of encouragement reminded our young ones to take pride in their heritage and to embrace every opportunity to grow and shine.

On stage, our children showcased their cultural learning with confidence and joy, filling us all with pride. Moments like these remind us that nurturing language and culture in our children is planting seeds of identity, confidence, and belonging for the future 🌱



## International Day of Older Persons Celebrations

Bhartiya Samaj proudly celebrated the International Day of Older Persons with two joyful events in Flatbush and Mt Eden.

In Flatbush (6 October 2025), seniors began with prayers and energetic exercises, followed by fun games, shayari, songs, and a lively Catwalk where top participants received special gifts.

At Mt Eden War Memorial Hall (11 October 2025), the celebration included prayers, an engaging exercise session led by Carlos Cheung MP, vibrant cultural performances by seniors, and wonderful presentations by Bal Vikas students. Certificates were awarded, and Sewa International shared Diwali goodies.

Both events beautifully honoured our elders, celebrating their spirit, culture, and invaluable role in our community. ❤️



## Diwali Celebrations – Bhartiya Samaj Charitable Trust 🪔

BSCT celebrated Diwali with joy and togetherness across generations.

Bal Vikas children enjoyed prayers, cultural performances, Mandala, Diya painting, Rangoli, and Henna art, earning certificates for their participation. Reshma ji was honoured as Volunteer of the Year, with special recognition to Ankita Rathod.

Our seniors joined the festivities at Wesley Community Centre with prayers, lively exercises, and a soulful performance by Kapil ji from Ishq Sufiyana, creating a magical Diwali atmosphere.

A heartwarming celebration of light, happiness, and community spirit! ✨❤️



## ✨ Spreading Light and Joy at David Lange Rest Home! ✨

Bhartiya Samaj Charitable Trust celebrated Diwali with the lovely residents of David Lange Rest Home, filling the day with warmth, music, and happiness 🎵.

Our senior members brought the celebration to life with heartfelt songs, joyful dances, and bright smiles, reminding everyone that joy has no age limit ❤️. Residents joined in with claps and smiles, creating beautiful moments of connection ✨.

A heartfelt thank you to our amazing seniors for representing Bhartiya Samaj and spreading festive cheer in the community 🙏



## 🎵 Udaan – by BSCT Music 🎵

Udaan was a magical evening celebrating music, talent, and togetherness ✨. Young musicians impressed with their skills, and our singers filled the hall with beautiful melodies 🎵. Special thanks to Chairperson Jeet Suchdev for supporting BSCT Music, and to mentors Sudha Tata and Rushikesh Ahinave for guiding young talents like Ana, Prithvi, and Abhi 🎸🥁🎹. Our singers — Geeta, Aarti, Prakash, Sandeep, Mukta, Ayfaj, and Chintan — lit up the stage with soulful performances 🎵.

Gratitude to Ghouse Majeed ji for event coordination and to all volunteers for their wonderful support 🙌. A big thank you to everyone who joined and made Udaan a heartwarming musical celebration ❤️.



## 🌸 Celebrating Seniors Expo – Papakura 2025 🌸

A wonderful day celebrating our vibrant senior community at the Seniors Expo held on Thursday, 30 October 2025 at the Papakura Library Foyer 🎉.

Bhartiya Samaj Charitable Trust proudly hosted an information stall, sharing updates about our Papakura Chapter and initiatives supporting seniors, women's empowerment, yoga, and community well-being ✨. It was heartwarming to meet so many residents and connect with organisations working toward an age-friendly, inclusive Papakura.

Thank you to the organisers, volunteers, and everyone who joined us 🙏❤️



## BSCT – Christmas & End-of-Year Celebrations 🌟🌟

Our BSCT Flatbush community celebrated the festive season with warmth and joy. On 1st December, the Christmas-themed meet at Indian Accent, Botany featured soulful songs, poems, laughter, and a delicious lunch. Coordinators and volunteers were honoured for their dedication, bringing the community together in celebration.

Bal Vikas children enjoyed a creative Christmas day, decorating the class tree and making mango shakes 🥭🥤, learning teamwork and confidence through fun, hands-on activities.

On 13th December, our Seniors Christmas & End-of-Year Celebration was a heartwarming afternoon filled with music, dances, skits, and lively performances by children and seniors. Community leaders joined to honour the event, and our seniors enjoyed recognition for best-dressed participants, along with the announcement of a new Cultural Coordinator to strengthen future cultural initiatives.

A joyful end to the year, celebrating community, creativity, and togetherness!



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Since 2008, Roopa Aur Aap Charitable Trust has dedicated itself to supporting victims of domestic violence. Our focus is to empower them and address their day-to-day life issues. We care for our clients, so we offer culturally appropriate tailored services as per their needs. We strive to support them through crisis and trauma by taking care of their every vital requirement.

Our team comprises of skilled, experienced, qualified, and knowledgeable individuals fluent in multiple languages. We also provide legal and immigration consultation services, through professionals, to our clients facing various problems related to Legal and Immigration matters.

Additionally, we provide educative and informative workshops. We try our best to educate the migrant community about domestic violence and help them to get assimilated into the mainstream kiwi life.

We provide counselling services to strengthen relationships and bond families, which is free of cost. We prioritise the confidentiality of our clients.

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