

BHARTIYA SAMAJ

CHARITABLE TRUST

NEWSLETTER



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Chairperson's Message

As we wrap up another vibrant quarter, it gives me immense joy to reflect on the wonderful activities and achievements of Bhartiya Samaj Charitable Trust from October to December 2025. This period has been full of celebrations, learning, and community engagement, from Diwali festivities and seniors' gatherings to our inspiring youth and cultural programmes.

Our events have continued to bring together people of all ages, fostering connection, creativity, and joy within our Indian and wider South Asian community. I am particularly proud of the dedication shown by our seniors, volunteers, and young participants, whose enthusiasm and energy make every initiative a success.

As we share highlights and photos from our recent seniors' meetings, I would like to wish all our members, volunteers, and supporters a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2026. May this festive season bring happiness, health, and togetherness to you and your families.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone for their unwavering support. Together, we continue to nurture a strong, inclusive, and vibrant community.

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Chairperson

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OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

International Day of Older Persons – Flatbush Seniors

Our Bhartiya Samaj South Auckland Seniors celebrated the International Day of Older Persons with great joy and festive spirit

The gathering on Monday, 6th October 2025 featured morning prayers and an energetic exercise session by Surinder Kaur ji and Roshni Chadha ji. Seniors enjoyed a fun Passing the Parcel round with shayari, songs, and jokes. The highlight was the vibrant Catwalk, where the top three participants received special gifts. A heartwarming day filled with smiles and togetherness.



International Older Persons Day Celebration – Respect, Love & Fun!

On Saturday, 11th October 2025, Bhartiya Samaj celebrated the International Day of Older Persons at Mt Eden War Memorial Hall with community representatives in attendance. The event opened with a prayer and a lively exercise session led by Carlos Cheung MP, whose cheerful energy delighted everyone.

Seniors showcased wonderful performances including skits, Damdaar Gidha, and soulful sangeet. Bal Vikas students, guided by Kanika Ranga, also impressed with songs, poems, and dance presentations.

Certificates were presented to seniors, and Sewa International kindly provided Diwali goodies.

A warm, joyful celebration that honoured our elders and brought the community together.



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Diwali Networking Event 2025
Bhartiya Samaj Charitable Trust joined Asian Family Services for a vibrant Diwali Networking Event, bringing together community leaders and organisations across Aotearoa .
It was an inspiring evening celebrating unity, collaboration, and the festive spirit of Diwali .
Wishing everyone a Happy Diwali 2025 filled with light and togetherness!



Shubh Deepawali from Bal Vikas Classes – Bhartiya Samaj Charitable Trust
Our Bal Vikas family celebrated the Festival of Lights with art, music, and joy! The day featured a Diwali prayer and a creative Mandala Workshop led by Reshma ji . Children showcased cultural performances, prayers, and a special play, earning Certificates for their enthusiasm . Reshma ji received the Volunteer of the Year Award, with special recognition to Ankita Rathod for her support . The celebration included Diya painting, Rangoli making, and Henna art, reminding children to spread light, happiness, and care .



BSCT Diwali Celebration – Thodi Masti, Thoda Dhamaal!
BSCT celebrated Diwali with our wonderful seniors on Saturday, 25th October at Wesley Community Centre, creating a joyful and festive atmosphere . The day began with morning prayers , followed by a lively exercise session that filled the hall with energy. Seniors arrived in beautiful festive attire, adding to the Diwali charm . A special highlight was Kapil ji's soulful performance from his upcoming show Ishq Sufiyana, with "Piya Re Piya Re" turning the hall into a magical moment of togetherness . The celebration wrapped up with cheerful mingling and lots of smiles . Heartfelt thanks to all supporters and volunteers



Diwali Celebration – Light, Culture, and Community

Diwali symbolizes the victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance, a timeless and powerful message.

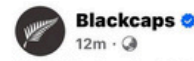
The celebration featured incredible performances, bringing together talent, culture, and joy. Pictured here are the High Commissioner, performers, Jeet Suchdev, founder of Bhartiya Samaj Charitable Trust, and Mangal Behal, President of Bhartiya Samaj Queenstown Charitable Trust.



Proud moment for Bhartiya Samaj Bal Vikas classes

Our very own Axar Patel, a bright 9-year-old of Indian origin, has been selected as the ANZ Toss Coin Kid for the New Zealand vs England international match!

What a joy to see one of our Bal Vikas children representing the Indian Kiwi community on such a big stage! We are so proud of you, Axar!



A quick shoutout to tonight's ANZ Coin Toss Kid Axar Patel! Thanks for your help tonight Axar you legend 🙌



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.



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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



Bhartiya Samaj Charitable Trust – Flatbush Seniors Meet

A warm and joyful gathering with our lovely seniors! The meet began with prayer, birthday wishes, and an energising exercise session by Urmil Seth ji. A fun game session brought lots of smiles and lively participation.

A proud moment for BSCT as we announced our new quarterly magazine, showcasing seniors' talents, stories, recipes, and creativity.

A beautiful morning filled with laughter, connection, and togetherness.



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Community Gathering Honouring Shri Piyush Goyal

Bhartiya Samaj Charitable Trust was honoured to attend a special event welcoming Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Minister of Commerce and Industry, hosted by the Consulate General of India, Auckland.

The evening was graced by NZ Prime Minister Christopher Luxon, Hon. Todd McClay MP, and other dignitaries, celebrating the strong India–New Zealand partnership through trade, culture, and community collaboration.

A proud moment for Bhartiya Samaj, witnessing the Indian community recognised on such a significant platform.



Bhartiya Samaj Mt. Roskill Seniors Meet November 2025

A heartwarming day filled with smiles and good vibes . The morning began with tea, snacks, and friendly mingling .

Seniors enjoyed an energising exercise and wellness session with Khushali Jani , and a special announcement introduced our new quarterly Bhartiya Samaj Magazine .

A simple, joyful, and memorable day wrapped in togetherness and happiness



Bhartiya Samaj Charitable Trust – Flatbush

End-of-Year Christmas Theme Party | 1st December | Indian Accent, Botany

Our BSCT Flatbush family celebrated a warm and festive Christmas-themed meet .

The afternoon was filled with soulful songs, heartfelt poems, and lots of laughter .

We honoured our coordinators and volunteers for their dedication , and enjoyed a delicious lunch together .

A joyful celebration of community, connection, and togetherness .



Bhartiya Samaj Bal Vikas children had a fun and engaging day celebrating the Christmas spirit .

They decorated the class Christmas tree, bringing warmth and excitement to the room. The highlight was a mango shake activity , where the children measured, mixed, and topped their shakes with blueberries. It was wonderful to see them take initiative, support one another, and show confidence in every step .

A joyful reminder of how much learning happens through simple, creative experiences.



Seniors Christmas & End of Year Celebration – Highlights 13 December 2025

Our Seniors Christmas and End of Year Celebration was a joyful and heart-warming afternoon filled with festive cheer, smiles, and togetherness. The hall came alive with music, laughter, and positive energy as our seniors enjoyed every moment of the programme.

We were honoured by the presence of invited community leaders and representatives, whose support added significance to the celebration.

A special milestone was the announcement of a new Cultural Coordinator, marking an important step forward in strengthening our cultural and community activities.

The event featured delightful performances by children, community groups, and seniors, including dances, music, and a beautifully presented skit. Our senior singers filled the space with soulful melodies, and the best-dressed participants were recognised, adding fun and excitement to the day.

