



Dear Devotees,

Namaste! We are delighted to bring you the second edition of our monthly newsletter, keeping you informed about the activities and developments at our Mandir. April has been another eventful month, and we appreciate your continuous support and participation.

Covered in this Newsletter

- ❖ Ramnavami celebrations
- ❖ Hanuman Janmotsav celebrations
- ❖ Mandir cleaning Seva
- ❖ Meeting at the Embassy of India
- ❖ School visits
- ❖ Handover to new Samiti
- ❖ Mandir renovation status & plans

**IMPORTANT!
Change in Mandir timing on Sundays**

Open : 11 AM - 4 PM
Aarti : 1:00-1:30 PM
Bhandara Starts : 1:30 PM

This change will be applicable from **1st June**.



Festivals

Akhand Ramayan Paath (5th & 6th April 2025)



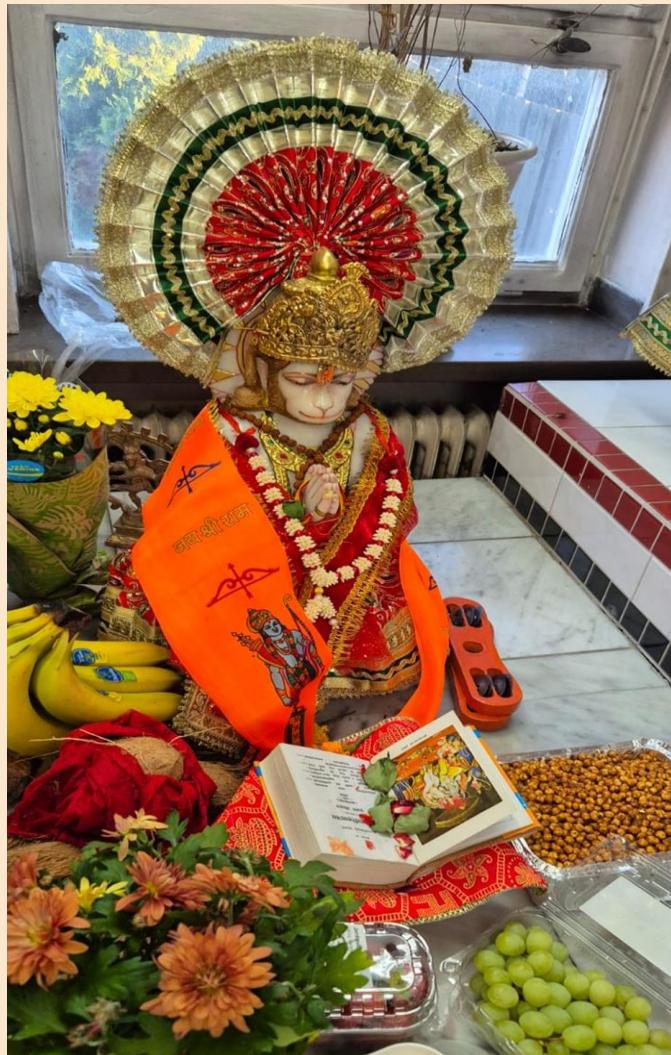
What better way to celebrate Ram Janmotsav on Ram Navami, than with an Akhand Ramayan path (paaraayan)

Large number of devotees participated in the recitation of Ramayan. Many devotees spent hours in the Mandir providing the necessary support. It was a divine and soul-enriching spiritual experience.

Thank you all for your participation and support for successful completion of the Ramayan path.



Hanuman Janmotsav (12th April 2025)



Celebration of Hanuman Janmotsav with Sundarkand path.

This was just one week after Ram Navami and a large number of devotees participated to celebrate this festival.



Operational updates

Handover update after the election

The process of updating board (a.k.a Samiti) members' names with Bolagsverket and the Bank is completed with proper access. 2024 Annual Report preparation is in progress by the 2024 Samiti.

Mandir cleaning Seva

Many devotees are doing "shramdaan" to keep the Mandir clean. However, as informed in the last newsletter, Mandir needs deep cleaning so that devotees can maintain the basic cleaning.



Therefore, we have hired a cleaning company to clean the Bathroom, Common and Bhandara area thoroughly once a week. We will reassess if more areas need to be routinely cleaned.



Meeting at the Embassy of India

The newly appointed Samiti was invited to the Indian Embassy for a customary meeting with Cd'A Shri Rakesh Tiwari on 15th April. Discussions included International Yoga Day, cultural initiatives, and upcoming festivals.

On 27th April, the Samiti also had the opportunity to meet with the Hon'ble CM of Jharkhand, Shri Hemant Soren, during his visit to Sweden to explore investment opportunities. The Samiti shared insights about Hindu Mandir in Sweden and extended a warm invitation for him to visit the Mandir.

School visit

HMS hosted students and teachers from various gymnasiums and the members of the Theosophical Society. The guests were introduced to the principles of Hinduism, the significance of our deities, the importance of rituals, and the philosophies of Sanatan Dharma. Prasad and light refreshments were offered to the guests.

The visitors showed great interest and asked thoughtful questions, sparking lively discussions and deeper understanding.



Building & Renovation



GOOD News !!! The Ventilation System which was not functional for many years has been repaired and is fully functional. Thereby saving us investment on a new Ventilation system.

We informed in the previous newsletters about some of the problems in the building. And we have been talking to different companies to get quotations.

Additionally, Mandir's old refrigerator stopped working and a new refrigerator was purchased.



Structural damages to the building

After taking over as Samiti, during the month of April, we have noticed many issues in the building that require urgent remediation, and the Samiti has started talking to different companies to fix the issues.

Following are the issues we have seen so far which needs urgent attention:

1. Rotten roof
2. Skylight window is rotten and water leaking into the room
3. Few roof tiles are missing and some tiles are not properly set.
4. The paint on the external side of windows has peeled off, and raw wood is exposed, if not repainted, will lead to further damage and rot.
5. Plaster and some concrete from few places has fallen - Bhandara room, outside entry etc.



These above specified issues are additional to the list of issues found last month (after taking over) :

1. Bathroom and toilets in Ground floor to be renovated. Vendor finalization in progress
2. Overall painting (inside, outside).
3. Overall decor including Carpets, lights.

We require support from each member/ business to support these large-scale renovation activities. We will release a fundraiser during May-July.





Spread the word!

Please encourage others around you to **Become a Member** to support your Mandir.

Benefits of Membership

- ❖ You become a part of building a stronger, united Hindu community in Sweden
- ❖ You get timely updates of all activities in Mandir
- ❖ You can use certain services of the Mandir/Poojari

Why the Mandir needs You

- ❖ Certain threshold of no. of members needed for getting grants from Swedish Govt.
- ❖ Mandir is in major need of renovation and your membership will help

Why the Mandir matters

- ❖ Keep our kids connected to their roots through festivals, language, and values
- ❖ Celebrate together – from Diwali to Holi, Navratri to Janmashtami
- ❖ Spread awareness of our rich traditions and spiritual wisdom

Membership options

Annual Individual Membership: **500 SEK/Year**

Annual Family Membership: **1000 SEK/Year**

Monthly Family Membership: A minimum of 101 kr/month.

Contribute via Swish: **123 218 0255**

Share payment proof at: helenalundhindumandir@gmail.com

If you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to reach out to us.



A Heartfelt Thank You !

We take this opportunity to also thank everyone who is supporting the Samiti in many ways. Both, people who have managed the Mandir for several years, as well as others who are coming forward to support us to work for the Mandir. **Big Thanks** to all of You.

Namaste
Hindu Mandir Samiti

Amit, Nishant, Sunil, Maneesh,
Sanjiv, Vani, Meenal, Neelu,
Tarunesh, Vaibhav, Karan

