



❀ **Jai Shri Ram | Jai Shri Krishna** ❀

We are pleased to present the **Tenth edition** of our monthly newsletter. December 2025 has been a spiritually uplifting and service-oriented month at our Mandir, marked by divine knowledge, unity, and selfless service.

We began the month with Gita Path on 1st December to celebrate **Gita Jayanti**. On 14th December, **Gurdeep (Bobby) Soora ji** from the Nirankari Mission blessed us with inspiring oneness gyan. The month concluded with a **Seva Day on 24th December**, where many devotees participated in shram daan, strengthening our spirit of unity and service.

We thank all devotees for your continued devotion and support.

We are happy to share that the **planned renovation work at the Mandir now stands completed**. Going forward, regular maintenance activities will continue with the support and participation of devotees. We sincerely thank all devotees for your devotion, seva, and continued support.

This month's newsletter covers:

- * Festivals and cultural activities
- * Operational updates
- * Renovation updates



Festivals, Cultural Activities & Events

Gita Path

The month began on a highly auspicious note with **Gita Path** on 1st December, celebrated on the occasion of **Gita Jayanti**. Devotees came together to recite and reflect upon the sacred teachings of the Bhagavad Gita, drawing inspiration for righteous living, devotion, and inner strength.

Oneness Gathering

On 14th December, we were honored by the visit of **Gurdeep (Bobby) Sooraji** from the **Nirankari Mission**, His enlightening discourse emphasized unity, compassion, and the universal bond of humanity, leaving devotees deeply inspired and spiritually enriched.

Seva Day

Continuing the spirit of selfless service, the Mandir organized a **Seva Day** on 24th December. Many devotees enthusiastically participated in **shram daan**, contributing their time and effort towards Mandir-related seva

School visits

The Mandir welcomed school students and teachers on 3rd and 8th December, where they got the opportunity to foster cultural awareness, understanding of Hindu traditions, and inter-cultural learning.

Bal Vihar, a program in collaboration with Chinmaya Mission has started and offers **free** spiritual and cultural learning for **children aged 5–15 years**. Every Sunday from 11:30-12:30. Contact: **+46 762924154** (WhatsApp only) for more details

Astrology Services, in collaboration with AstroDeva, are available, providing **free** Vedic birth chart readings for all mandir members. Please contact **+46 738741273** (WhatsApp Only) for more details.



Upcoming Festivals, Cultural Activities & Events

1st Jan 2026

As we step into 2026, the Mandir will have **extended opening hours:**
Morning 7:00-11:00 and **Evening** 16:00-19:00.
Amritvani Path: 17:30-18:30



Sakat Chauth - January 6

Observed on Magha Krishna Chaturthi, Sakat Chauth is dedicated to Lord Ganesha and the protection of family well-being.

Lohri – January 13

Lohri marks the harvest season. It symbolizes gratitude for abundance, community bonding, and the warmth of fire as a source of life.



Makar Sankranti | Uttarayan - Jan 14

Makar Sankranti marks the sun's transition into *Makara* (Capricorn) and symbolizes new beginnings, gratitude, and devotion. Celebrated across India with different names, it reflects unity in diversity. In **Gujarat**, people fly colorful kites; in **Tamil Nadu**, it is joyfully observed as **Pongal** with prayers and harvest offerings; **Assam** observes **Magh Bihu**, while **Maharashtra** shares tilgul as a sign of goodwill. Devotees take holy dips, offer prayers in temples, and thank the Sun God for prosperity and abundance.



Vasant Panchami - Jan 23

Vasant Panchami marks the arrival of spring and is dedicated to Goddess Saraswati, the deity of knowledge and wisdom.





Mandir Updates

Bathroom renovation completed:

- We are pleased to share that the Mandir's ground floor bathroom renovation has been completed. One bathroom/WC and two additional WCs are now fully functional, providing improved convenience and facilities for all devotees visiting the Mandir.
- As informed earlier, the Mandir's main entrance has been reopened following the completion of the bathroom renovation and pipe relining work.
- Additionally, Bhandara Hall painting has been completed. Soon, we will begin using the kitchen and Bhandara Hall for the weekly Sunday Bhandara.

WhatsApp group update:

- We have created a new WhatsApp community "Hindu Mandir Stockholm Community" and added both of Mandir's WhatsApp group in the community. This is to avoid any confusion about the WhatsApp groups.
- As first WhatsApp group reached to maximum number of members limit therefore new group was created with name "*Hindu Mandir Stockholm (द्वितीय-समूह / Dvitiya-samūha)*". A new person can join the group using link: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/CU9w0mQWHRf6uM9XdB3xmn>

Donation Drive:

- During December, the Mandir continued to receive generous donations towards the ongoing renovation
- Huge Thanks to all the devotees who donated with open hand and heart
- If anyone would like to contribute to this noble cause, please come forward and support the Mandir using link: <https://app.swish.nu/1/p/sw/?sw=1232180255&msg=DonationForMandir&edit=msg>



Operational updates

Renovation status:

Planned Renovation work at the Mandir is largely completed, with few tasks still ongoing. Many selfless devotees continue to actively contribute their time and skills in service of the Mandir.

- **Ground Floor Bathroom Renovation:** One bathroom/WC and two additional WCs on the ground floor are now fully functional.
- **Window Repairs:** Four broken window panes were replaced by a devotee.
- **Painting Work:**
 - Painting in the Main Bhavan is almost completed.
 - Painting in Shivalya and the adjacent room is completed.
 - Painting in Bhandara Hall is completed.
 - Painting in Entrance Hall is completed.
- **Lighting Upgrades:** Old ceiling lights have been replaced with modern, energy-efficient LED lights at many places throughout the Mandir.
- **Thermostat Replacement:** Thermostats replaced throughout the Mandir, which will help reduce energy consumption for heating and lower monthly costs.
- **Roof Work:** All roof-related work has been completed, including:
 - Replacement of the skylight window
 - Replacement of rotten roof wood
 - Repair of broken tiles and realignment of misplaced tiles

These improvements are part of our ongoing effort to enhance the Mandir's facilities, making it safer, more comfortable, and energy-efficient for all devotees.



Operational updates contd..

Here is the cost breakup for each work:

High-level Renovation Costs (incl. 25% moms) till date. Indicative - subject to final accounts and invoices

Cost Item	Cost (SEK)	Notes
4 Toilets: 1. Rebuilding of one existing bathroom/toilet on Mandir's ground floor 2. Rebuilding of one existing toilet on Mandir's ground floor (This was locked for long time) 3. One new toilet built on Mandir's ground floor 4. Rebuilding of one existing bathroom/toilet in side building	480,000	Includes extra work for damaged pipes
Pipe Relining of all underground pipes (kitchen, toilets, changing room, etc)	260,000	
Ventilation System repair (which was not operational for many years), pipe spolning & standing	60,000	
Replacement of Roof's underlying rotten wood and damaged tiles	85,000	
Replacement of roof's damaged skylight window	25,000	
New carpet for Bhavan	60,000	Donated by a Devotee
Paint Material	55,000	ongoing
Electric fixtures including LED lights, wires, connectors, sockets, switches, etc.	30,000	ongoing
Tools, accessories, temporary setups during renovation, disposables (plates, cups, boxes, etc.)	45,000	ongoing
Wall repairs, Shivalya pipe repairs, El central tap & water pipe repairs. Thermostat, other small repairs	40,000	ongoing
Total	1,080,000	*indicative

Note: An insurance claim was submitted for the bathroom renovation and pipe relining work, but it was denied by the insurance company, citing lack of mandatory maintenance and timely repairs over the past several years.

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Mandir received your support

With Ram ji's blessings, the planned renovation work is largely completed with few about to complete. Here is the updated list:

- ✓ Renovation of Toilets and Bathrooms: **Done**
- ✓ Relining of underground pipes and replacing damaged pipes. **Done**
- ✓ Ventilation System repair: **Done**
 - Anticimex Treatment (Pest control and hygiene)- Four appointments done. Fifth one is scheduled in Jan-2026. **Ongoing**
- ✓ Roof Repairs and skylight window replacement: **Done**
 - Window and Wall Repairs: **Ongoing**
 - Painting of Walls and Roof (with help from devotees): **Ongoing**
 - Replacement of Lighting with LED fixtures: **Ongoing**
 - Carpet Replacement in Main Bhavan: **Order pending**
 - Instruments and Equipment for Mandir Bhajans and Aarti: **Planning**
 - Essential Tools for Renovation Work: **Buying as needed**
 - New Utensils for the Kitchen: **Planning**

As of 30th December, in addition to regular donations and other sources of support, **more than 425K** SEK was received as marked for renovation. We sincerely thank all devotees who have contributed so far. Your support is not just for bricks and walls, but for preserving Sanatan Dharma.

“सेवा परमो धर्मः”

Service is the highest form of Dharma.

“धर्मो रक्षति रक्षितः”

Dharma protects those who protect it.

For donations: **Swish to 123 218 02 55** (mention '**DonationForMandir**')
For material contribution or volunteering: Contact any member of the Samiti or email helenalundhindumandir@gmail.com



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 support 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**

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 !

Namaste 🙏
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