



Session 4

Hindu Mandir Empowerment Council
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Speaker Bio



Radhika Priya Sakhi shares bhakti yoga at Sri Radha Bhakti Dham in Holbrook, MA. Rooted in the Nimbarki Sampradaya, she joyfully welcomes the opportunity to serve all through sevas and kirtan with humility and devotion. Her journey is a dance of tradition, joy, and deep spiritual connection.



Presentation Abstract



Radhika Priya Sakhi, representing Sri Radha Bhakti Dham and the Nimbarki Sampradaya, shares the inspiring journey of their mandir's new construction project, emphasizing community service and environmental stewardship. Through seva and kirtan, the mandir fosters connection, humility, and unconditional love, inviting all to participate in their growing, inclusive community.



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Sri Radha Bhakti Dham

*A New Mandir: Community, Environmental Stewardship
& Ecstasy of Bhakti*

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Welcome & Gratitude



With humility and gratitude, I am here representing the Nimbarkī sampradaya and Sri Radha Bhakti Dham of Holbrook, Massachusetts.

With humble pranam to Tejal Shah, Vallabha Tantri, and the HMEC Council for the invitation.



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Rooted in the Nimbarkī Sampradāyā

- **Founded:** 2010, in Holbrook, Massachusetts
- **Dedicated** to: Sri Sri Radha Keshav Bihari Ju
- **Guru and President:** Keshav Kishor Sharan
- **My Diksha:** Taken in 2018, after years of learning, practicing, and sharing the yoga of bhakti



*Our practice is built on three pillars:
humility, harmony, and vishuddha prem
(unconditional love). It is through each of
those lenses that we're honored to
introduce you to our new mandir project.*

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What We Cultivate

Humility

Unity in diversity and Vasudeva Kutumbukam — the whole world is one family. Sixteen years, entirely donation-based, seva by volunteers.

Harmony

Living, actionable community — soothing and shaping the hearts of all who engage, in relationship with our neighbors and the land.

Vishuddha Prem

Unconditional love. Ecstatic devotion as the foundation of environmental stewardship, seeing the Divine in every being

Cooking • sharing prasadam • kirtan • aartis • meditation • devotional art • community service •
relationship with the environment

Sixteen years of Seva

- Founded in 2010
- Entirely donation-based for 16 years
- No paid staff
- Seva offered by volunteers
- 25,000+ plates of sattvic prasadam shared annually
- Birth and gender do not decide who may serve as pujari or pujarini

Inspired by the leelas of the ladies of Vrindavan some 5,000 years ago, every service is offered as loving seva by volunteers — Arati seva, Abhishek for the deities, and beautiful Srāngar sevas, open to anyone, adult or child, willing to adopt a sattvic life and learn.



A Community That Has Outgrown Its Home

300

current mandir hall capacity

2,000–3,000

participants at major festivals like Holi, Sri Krishna Janmashtami, Govardhan Puja

2018

search for a new home began



People of all nationalities, colors, languages, genders, ages, and sexual orientations come together to celebrate Sanatan Dharma through kirtan, meditation, dancing, cooking, cleaning, and so many other ecstatic explorations of bhakti yoga.

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Beginning With our Neighbors

- **2018** - We purchased seven acres of undeveloped land in a quiet Holbrook neighborhood, and began searching for a new home.
- **Listening First** - We visited every local neighbor, bringing prasadam, sitting at each family's kitchen table, and asking: *"How can our project be of service?"*
- **A Shared answer** - Every local home had water issues in their basements — so that became our starting point.



Kindness Created a Flow of Support

Longtime Holbrook residents who had never heard of Sanatan Dharma began attending local Planning Board and Conservation Commission meetings to speak on our behalf, in support of a new mandir abutting their own backyards

A shared vision emerged:

- 21,000 sq. ft. new mandir, approved with neighbor's support
- Access to 40 acres of previously inaccessible town conservation forest
- Walking trails and visitor parking

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Trails Inspired by Braj

Our land is being shaped as a place to walk, reflect, serve, and celebrate.



- Kalindi ji
- Prem Gali
- Dhan Gali
- Kunj Gali
- Radha Teela (inspired by Tatiyastan in Braj)
- Gabar Kunj

Dhan Gali includes 30+ fruit trees donated and planted by volunteers.

Stewardship Becomes Shared Seva



300+

Green Giant trees
planted so far, forming a
natural privacy screen
along the property line

Our neighbors themselves took up the seva of watering the young trees, and can often be seen mowing the grass on our retention pond. We continue to share prasadam and much laughter with them, and they continue to care for the land alongside us.

Teachings become living, actionable opportunities to experience harmony.

From Nimbarkacharya's Vedanta Kama Dhenu to the Raasa Leelas, the teachings shape how we relate to one another, the land, and the Divine.



The New Mandir • Building a Home Worthy of Our Growth



- Large mandir hall more than twice the size of the present hall
- Equally spacious dining hall for events
- Larger commercial kitchen 6× the size of the current kitchen for feeding our community
- Guest spaces for families and bhaktas to stay and immerse themselves in community

Unconditional love as ecstatic devotion—and as environmental stewardship.

With the Sakhis of Vrindavan as our wayfinders, we tend lovingly to gardens and old forests, recognizing the trees as Thakur ji's lungs, the rhythm of the rivers as his pulse, the rock ledge as his bones, the sun and the moon as his eyes.

We see our beloved Priya Priyatam reflected constantly in each visitor, volunteer, bhakta, bunny, deer, leaf, and flower, all flora and fauna a unique expression of the Divine, and each one a precious opportunity to serve.



We Are Not Complete Without You



"Without you, you directly, there can be no 'us.'"

- Walk our trails
- Experience the ecstatic harmony of kirtan
- Meditate peacefully under the bower groves
- Share sattvic prasadam and wonderful company
- Become part of the construction of Radha Bhakti Mandir



An Invitation to Build Together



All are welcome to visit.
All are welcome to serve.
All are welcome to be part of this sacred construction.



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Sri Radhe Shyam



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