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## GREATER ATLANTA TELANGANA SOCIETY NEWSLETTER-SEPTEMBER 2025

Greater Atlanta Telangana Society (GATeS) BackHome Services at Rangampalli Primary School, Telangana

The Greater Atlanta Telangana Society (GATeS) has continued its philanthropic outreach to government schools in Telangana by donating essential educational materials to Rangampalli Primary School in Farooqnagar Mandal. As part of its BackHome initiative, GATeS provided sound systems, stainless steel water bottles, and kitchen utensils — all aimed at enhancing the learning environment and promoting health and hygiene among students.

The event was organized under the leadership of School Headmaster Shekar Reddy and was graced by local community leaders including HM Shiva Kumar, Murahari Goud, SMC Chairman Shivaraj, school staff, students, and parents. The initiative received widespread appreciation from the community.

Speaking on the occasion, HM Shiva Kumar commended GATeS for its commitment to strengthening rural education and contributing to the development of government schools.

The donation and BackHome service were led by Sunil Gotoor, GATeS President Naveen Battini, Chairman Mr. Naveen Vujjini, and the dedicated GATeS team, who reiterated their mission to give back to their roots and uplift communities through meaningful and sustainable impact.

Teachers and parents expressed heartfelt gratitude to GATeS for their thoughtful contributions, highlighting the significant difference such initiatives make in rural education.







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## Community-Driven Change

The support extended to ZPHS Pulimamidi was made possible through strong coordination with school staff, including teachers and administrative members, along with involvement from local village leadership. Their participation ensured that resources were relevant, useful, and seamlessly integrated into the school's daily routine.

Deepak and team who managed the coordination on the ground, highlighted the importance of collaborative effort. "It's truly heartening to see school staff, village elders, and external supporters working together to create meaningful change for our students."

Thank You to all GATeS Sponsors and Volunteers



## Greater Atlanta Telangana Society (GATeS) Backhome Service in Hanumakonda, Telangana – A Lifeline for Children with Special Needs

GATeS Youtube: <https://youtu.be/-OoJtXQ2xU>

In a remarkable act of compassion and community service, Naveen Battini, Naveen Vujjini and GATeS Team, has extended its impactful Backhome Service to the Navya Sree Manovikasa Center in Hanumakonda, Telangana. This initiative brings much-needed infrastructure and support to children with intellectual and associated disabilities.

As part of the support, the center has received a new shed infrastructure and other essential resources to improve the environment for special children receiving care and education. The contribution is a significant boost to the center's efforts to provide a safe, inclusive, and nurturing space for learning and development.





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This initiative was sponsored by the GATeS team and Naveen Battini, whose dedication to community upliftment continues to inspire. The project would not have been possible without the tireless efforts and generosity of GATeS sponsors and volunteers both in Atlanta (USA) and Telangana (India).

"Navya Sree Manovikasa Center representative said - We are deeply thankful to GATeS Team and the extended team of volunteers and donors for their unwavering support," "Their contribution is more than just financial—it reflects their heartfelt commitment to the cause of children with special needs."

The local community and families of the children have welcomed this development with gratitude, seeing it as a beacon of hope and inclusion.

This partnership reflects the power of global-local collaboration and reaffirms the belief that collective action can drive meaningful change. GATeS continues to serve as a bridge between generous hearts abroad and pressing needs at home, paving the way for a more inclusive and compassionate society.



## వికలాంగుల రేకులషెడ్ నిర్మాణానికి ఆర్థిక సహాయం

» నవీన్ బత్తినీ, నవీన్ ఉజ్జిని, గేట్స్ సహకారంతో షెడ్డు నిర్మాణం

చాన్సలర్, నేటిభాగ్య:

సమాజంలో వరుసగా ఉపయోగపడే అనేక సంస్థలు స్వచ్ఛంద కార్యక్రమాల నిర్వహిస్తున్న గ్రేటర్ అట్లాంటా తెలంగాణ సొసైటీ (గేట్స్) అమెరికా సొసైటీతో సహజ మనోవికాస కేంద్రంలో మానసిక వికలాంగులు గల పిల్లల అవసరాల కోసం రేకులషెడ్ నిర్మాణానికి ఆర్థిక సహాయం అందించారు. గేట్స్ ప్రెసిడెంట్ నవీన్ బత్తినీ, చైర్మన్ నవీన్ ఉజ్జిని మరియు గేట్స్ టీం సహకారంతో సహజ మనోవికాస కేంద్రంలో రేకుల షెడ్డు నిర్మించారు. దీనికి ముఖ్య అతిథి డా. బత్తినీ జీవన్ ప్రవళిక చేతుల మీదుగా రేకుల షెడ్ ను ప్రారంభించారు. ఈ సందర్భంగా సహజ మనోవికాస సంస్థ ప్రెసిడెంట్



కుందర్ప, శ్రీకాంత్ మాట్లాడుతూ మానసిక వికలాంగులు అయిన మరో విద్యార్థుల అవసరాల కోసం రేకుల షెడ్ నిర్మాణానికి సహకరించిన గేట్స్ టీంకి మరియు మా సంస్థ కొరకు కృషి చేసిన జీవన్-ప్రవళిక పి ప్రత్యేక కృతజ్ఞతలు తెలియజేశారు. ఈ కార్యక్రమంలో డోనా, నాగరాజు, రామ, మారవి, వైద్య కదితర నిర్మాణం పొట్టోన్నాడు.





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The tournament featured men's singles, men's doubles, and kids' competitions, with matches that showcased both competitive play and encouraging family participation. Throughout the day, the courts echoed with cheers, enthusiasm, and energy as players of all ages displayed their skills on successful tournament.

In the men's singles category, Raviraj Kota emerged as the winner, with Chandramouli Vegi finishing as runner-up and Rajanikanth securing third place. The kids' competitions were equally spirited. In the girls' singles, Hasini Puttu claimed the winner's spot, with Tejaswini Puttu finishing as runner-up. In the boys' singles, Paavana Krishna Davula emerged victorious, followed by runner-up Shrimanth Ramesh. The kids' doubles matches saw an impressive performance from Pavan Krishna Davula and Hasini Puttu, who secured first place, while Ritwik and Ridaan Kaushik finished as runners-up.

The enthusiastic participation of both adults and children reflected the strength of the GATeScommunity in promoting healthy competition, youth engagement, and family involvement.

The organizing committee extended heartfelt thanks to all players, families, and volunteers whose dedication and support made the tournament possible. With this resounding success, plans are already underway for future events, continuing the tradition of uniting the community through sports while honoring cherished legacies.

Thank you to all the players, volunteers and supporters for making GATeS-TTA Tennis 2025 a success!

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### Tournament Results

#### Men's Singles

**Winner: Raviraj Kota**

**Runner-Up: Chandramouli Vegi**

**Third Place: Rajanikanth**

#### Men's Doubles

**Winners: VenuMadhav Kotla & Ranga Gunda**

**Runners-Up: Rajaguru Sethuramalingam & Arun Palaniswamy**

**Third Place: Suresh Mekala & Nabyseh Mekala**

#### Kids' Girls Singles

**Winner: Hasini Puttu**

**Runner-Up: Tejaswini Puttu**

#### Kids' Boys Singles

**Winner: Paavana Krishna Davula**

**Runner-Up: Shrimanth Ramesh**

#### Kids' Doubles

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## Greater Atlanta Telangana Society (GATeS) Service – September 2025 Food Drive

GATeS September Service - [https://youtu.be/\\_gMC2ZIS918](https://youtu.be/_gMC2ZIS918)

"అన్నదానందైవతానంతం" అనేసనాతనశాస్త్రోక్తిప్రకారం, ఆకలితో ఉన్నవారికి ఆహారం అందించడం కంటే గొప్ప పూజ, ఆచారం మరొకటి లేదు.

ఈ మహత్తర భావనను అనుసరిస్తూ — "ఒక్కడిగా చేయగలిగింది చిన్నదే, కలిసి కట్టుగా చేస్తే మహత్తరమైనది" అనే సారాంశంతో, "సంఘశక్తి కలాయుగే" అనే వేదవాక్యాన్ని పునఃస్మరించుకుంటూ, అమెరికాలో "GATeS" అనే సంస్థగా ఏర్పడి, గత కొన్ని సంవత్సరాలుగా వసుధైకకుటుంబకంసిద్ధాంతాన్ని నమ్ముతూ, సమాజానికి అవసరమైన సేవాకార్యక్రమాలు నిర్వహిస్తున్నాము.

The Greater Atlanta Telangana Society (GATeS) has proudly upheld a tradition of community service through our ongoing food donation initiatives. As part of our September 2025 Food Drive, we were honored to join hands with NFCC on September 26th for a meaningful and impactful food service event.

This collaboration allowed us to serve families in need with compassion, dignity, and care. Every meal shared is a testament to the collective spirit of service that binds us as a community.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our volunteers and donors whose dedication and generosity made this effort a success. Together, we continue to nourish hope and uplift lives. A special thanks to Ranjith Kodati and family for their generous donation, which made this event possible.

We also extend our warm gratitude to the dedicated GATeS volunteers—Chandrashekar Althati, Ranjith Kodati, Siritha Polsani, Naveen Battini—for their valuable time and efforts. Let's continue working together to make a positive impact in our community!







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## Continued Yoga Classes at Greater Atlanta Telangana Society (GATeS)

We are excited to announce that GATeS provided daily yoga classes throughout April and will continue offering virtual sessions until December 31st, 2025(Jan-Dec)!

Our daily yoga classes are designed to keep you healthy, motivated, and help you incorporate yoga and regular exercise into your daily routine. Whether you're just starting your yoga journey or you're an experienced yogi, all are welcome to join us!

A heartfelt thank you to the 108SN Team for leading these sessions and helping us bring wellness to our community!



## Greater Atlanta Telangana Society (GATeS) Hosts Spectacular 20th Anniversary Bathukamma & Dasara Celebration with Worlds Biggest &Tallest Bathukamma in Atlanta

Atlanta, GA — Sunday, September 28th, 2025

The Greater Atlanta Telangana Society (GATeS) marked its 20th anniversary in spectacular fashion by organizing one of the most historic cultural celebrations in the United States — the Worlds Biggest &Tallest Bathukamma. The grand celebration, held in Atlanta, brought together over 5,000 people to honor Telangana's rich cultural heritage and celebrate womanhood through the vibrant Bathukamma flower festival.

Standing tall at an awe-inspiring 43 feet, this Bathukamma was officially the tallest ever built globally, and the first of its kind in America — a remarkable tribute to Telangana tradition, community spirit, and the dedication of GATeS volunteers.

### A Monumental Effort of Community Spirit

The concept for this massive Bathukamma was envisioned over a year ago by Architect Anand Bukka Garu and President Naveen Battini, whose collaborative vision laid the foundation for this grand project. With strategic planning and guidance from Chairman Naveen Vujjini, the GATeS team executed the build over several months, involving more than 50 dedicated





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volunteers working tirelessly in various shifts to bring this dream to life in Atlanta. The structural design and artistic vision were led by Anand Bukka Garu, who served as the chief architect of the Bathukamma structure. His tireless dedication and creativity were instrumental in bringing this landmark vision to life.

More than 50 volunteers worked around the clock in shifts to construct the massive Bathukamma, wrapping it with over 25,000 feet of vibrant flowers. The structure stood as a symbol of devotion, unity, and celebration — a true gift to Telalganites across the globe, and especially to all women around the world.

## A Cultural Extravaganza

The program commenced with the traditional lighting of the lamp, followed by an array of cultural performances that showcased the richness of Telangana's artistic traditions. Highlights included:

- A Devotional singing performance by the Sravanthi team
- Energetic traditional dances by the Sahitya Dance Group
- Enthusiastic Kolatam performance by Priya's team (thank you Banjara banquets)
- Traditional Gauri Pooja performed by HTA Priest
- Live music by artists from Telangana, including Dandepally Srinivas, Relare Ganga, and Padmavathi Mamidala, who performed non-stop for three hours
- Dasara Celebrations – Durga natha Pallaki Seva and Jammi aaku Tradition.

While the music played, thousands of women joyfully danced around the colossal Bathukamma, celebrating their culture and sisterhood in a vibrant display of devotion and festivity.

As part of the Dasara celebrations, we joyfully conducted the Pallaki Seva, a ceremonial procession honoring the deities with devotion and grandeur. One of the highlights was the exchange of Jammi aaku, a symbolic gesture of respect, goodwill, and prosperity shared among all participants.

## A Festival for the Entire Community

The event also featured Telangana-themed decorations, including the iconic Kakatiya Thoranam decoration by Madhavi Garu, as well as food stalls, vendor booths, and interactive experiences that transported attendees straight to the heart of Telangana. Photography and videography were beautifully captured by Raghu Valusani (3rdI) and video by Sharath Goparaju, preserving the memories of this grand occasion. Special thanks to Bytegraph-Prashant for the amazing music system and Thanks to all vendors, well-wishers and Atlanta Community.

The event would not have been possible without the generous support of sponsors including: Experior Group (Vijay Vinjamara), Dr. Sreeni Gangasani, Reddy CPA, Food Sponsors: Biryani World and Rang





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A heartfelt thank you also goes out to all the yearly sponsors and community supporters who have stood by GATEs over the years.

We had the honor of felicitating all our esteemed guests during the event. A special mention goes to Sudhir Kodati Garu, who was our distinguished guest. He played a pivotal role in the early 2000s by promoting and spreading the spirit of Bathukamma across various cities and even globally. His early contributions have been instrumental in bringing the vibrant festival to a wider audience and preserving its cultural significance beyond borders.

## A Message to the Volunteers

This historic event stands as a shining example of what a community can achieve through passion, teamwork, and love for tradition. To all the GATEs volunteers, EC, BOD, Advisory, Past Leadership and Sponsors — your dedication, selfless service, and unwavering commitment made the impossible possible. Your hard work did not just build a towering structure of flowers, but a legacy that will inspire generations of Telanganites across the world.

Thank you to all media partners- NRI2NRI, TV5, SakshiTV, TV9, Mana TV and all other community members and photographers and video graphers who helped to reach GATEs Bathukamma across the world.

As GATEs celebrates 20 years of cultural preservation and community service, this grand Bathukamma event echoes far beyond Atlanta — resonating with pride, joy, and unity across the entire USA and globally.

### Nri2Nri:

[https://youtu.be/t2nl8RprXVU?si=Xa\\_4utsKfk\\_ZUVRB](https://youtu.be/t2nl8RprXVU?si=Xa_4utsKfk_ZUVRB)

### Mana TV:

<https://youtu.be/bslnlPhgr8Q?si=4l0ZX9eH5sJdVoKN>

Sakshi TV: <https://youtu.be/zAeQBsrQHqo>

### TV5:

[https://youtu.be/B9\\_KYLiVT7Y?si=2Q\\_F2YVII-1kHhJB](https://youtu.be/B9_KYLiVT7Y?si=2Q_F2YVII-1kHhJB)

### Event Live:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w4Cp76PS2N4>







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## GATeS Southside Bathukamma Celebrations at Hindu Temple of Atlanta: A Grand Cultural and Devotional Success

Atlanta, GA – September 26, 2025

The air was filled with the fragrance of fresh flowers, the echoes of devotional songs, and the rhythmic footsteps of joyful women as the GATeS Southside Bathukamma Celebrations unfolded with grandeur and grace at the Hindu Temple of Atlanta (HTA). With unwavering devotion, cultural pride, and community unity, the event became a vibrant tapestry of faith, tradition, and togetherness, beautifully reflecting the essence of Telangana's most beloved floral festival—Bathukamma.

### A Sacred Beginning

The event commenced in a spiritually uplifting manner, with HTA priests performing a special Bathukamma pooja, invoking blessings from Goddess Gauri—a form of Parvati Devi, the embodiment of Shakti (divine feminine energy). Rows of intricately decorated Bathukammas, crafted from fresh seasonal flowers arranged in concentric layers, stood as offerings of love and devotion. The priests chanted Vedic mantras and performed arati, sanctifying the occasion and filling the hearts of all attendees with divine vibrations.

### Community in Harmony

What made this celebration truly special was the deep involvement of the community, particularly families of doctors, teachers, and professionals, along with the Executive Committee and Board of Directors of GATeS, who participated wholeheartedly with their families. The event stood as a shining example of how cultural heritage can be preserved and passed on, even thousands of miles away from home.

Women dressed in colorful sarees gathered around the Bathukamma displays, singing traditional folk songs that honor nature, womanhood, and the divine. Their graceful movements, as they circled the Bathukamma in synchrony, created a mesmerizing sight. The songs, sung in unison, carried with them generations of memories and the soul of Telangana, touching the hearts of all present.

### Energetic Kolatam and Folk Performances

Adding energy and excitement to the celebrations, the men participated in kolatam, a traditional stick dance performed in groups. The clashing of sticks in rhythm, the vibrant attire, and the smiling faces of participants and onlookers created a festive atmosphere that echoed the joy and unity of the occasion. Children and youth also joined in, making it a truly intergenerational celebration of culture.

Folk artists and singers further elevated the spirit of the evening with live performances of Telangana folk songs, praising the beauty of the land, the strength of women, and the blessings of the divine mother. The music and dance were not mere performances—they were heartfelt offerings, expressions of bhakti (devotion), and a joyous tribute to the cultural wealth of the Telugu-speaking community.





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The event wouldn't have been possible without the dedication and support of many individuals and the Hindu Temple of Atlanta were thanked for their continued support and encouragement in hosting such culturally significant events on temple grounds. Their commitment to promoting Indian traditions within the diaspora was deeply appreciated by all.

All sponsors, donors, and volunteers were warmly felicitated with appreciation plaques and shawls, acknowledging their tireless efforts in organizing and executing the event. From arranging flowers and decor to managing logistics and coordinating cultural programs, each volunteer played a vital role in making the evening a seamless experience.

Special thanks were extended to the Hindu Temple of Atlanta priests, whose dedication and spiritual guidance helped preserve the sanctity of the occasion. Their hospitality and cooperation transformed the temple into a sacred home for the community's celebrations.

## A Festival of Devotion, Unity, and Culture

The Bathukamma celebration at the Hindu Temple of Atlanta was not just an event—it was a devotional experience, a heartfelt connection to tradition, and a beautiful reminder of the power of culture to unite people. As women offered their floral Bathukammas to the temple pond and lit diyas in reverence, prayers were silently whispered for peace, prosperity, and the well-being of families and communities around the world.

## Looking Ahead

The grand success of the GATeS 2025 Southside Bathukamma Celebrations at the Hindu Temple of Atlanta sets a glowing precedent for future Bathukamma events. The event reaffirmed that no matter how far we are from our native land, the spirit of our festivals, our language, our traditions, and our faith live on through dedicated community efforts and collective devotion.

