

# Satsang Sandesh

# India Temple Association, Inc.

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## **Religious Calendar**

- 1-Aug Purnima, Satyanarayana Puja
- 12-Aug Kamala Ekadashi
- 16-Aug Amavas/Amavasya. Purushottam Maas Concludes
- 17-Aug 1st Day of Shravan Maas
- 19-Aug Sundarkand Paath
- 21-Aug Nag Panchami, Rudrabhishek
- 23-Aug Shitla Satam
- 27-Aug Putrada Ekadashi
- 28-Aug Rudrabhishek
- 30-Aug Rakshabandhan, Naryari Punam, Satyanarayana Puja
- 4-Sep Nag Panchami, Rudrabhishek
- 6-Sep Shitla Satam, Shri Krishna Janmashtami, Special Children's Aarti

#### **<u>Temple Hours</u>**

<u>Saturday & Sunday</u> 9:30AM -12:30 PM 4:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Monday to Friday 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM 5:30 to 8:30 PM

> Entry through Front Door Only (856)768-3134

# Satyanarayan Puja

Tuesday, August 1st— 6 PM Wednesday, August 30st— 6 PM

# Sundarkanda Paath

Saturday, August 19th - 10 AM

#### VIKRAM SAMVAT 2079 / 2023 CALENDAR AVAILABLE ONLINE AT https://www.indiatemple.org/

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- For security reasons, we will be keeping the Temple's doors locked. When visiting the Temple during open hours, please dial 856-768-3134 to be admitted. Also when leaving the Temple, please make sure that the door closes completely behind you. Thank you for your support.
- For Satyanarayana Puja participants: Please provide your name to Anoo Joshi @ 856-577-3631 few days prior to puja for planning.

# **SPECIAL PRAYERS**

ITA has a program whereby you can have prayers performed on your behalf every year on a special day in your life by pledging \$301. Shri Sudhir Jhaji will perform a special puja on your behalf, or the regular temple puja performed on the designated day will be dedicated in your name. Below are the donors for this month.

Amita Desai	5-Aug	Charu & Jaysukh Sheth	17-Aug
Shailendra Desai	5-Aug	Dilipkumar Patel	17-Aug
Mahesh Tekrival	7-Aug	Ghanshyam Dave	17-Aug
Tejas Patel	8-Aug	Snehal Sindvad	17-Aug
Nagraj Lingraju	10-Aug	Maganbhai Kanzaria	18-Aug
Shree Khaitan	10-Aug	Tejash Patel	20-Aug
Mahesh Dixit	11-Aug	Babubhai Patel	24-Aug
Akshaykumar Patel	15-Aug	Mitul Kanzaria	26-Aug
Kiran Desai	15-Aug	Sangita & Paresh Talati	27-Aug
Nisarg Shah	15-Aug		

# PROGRAMS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH, HEALTH, HAPPINESS & GOD REALIZATION

See ITA Website for Virtual Daily Prayer & Aarti Times Vishnu Sahasranamam & Lalitha Sahasranamam will be recited on 1st Friday of each month starting at 10:30 AM In-Person Only Bhajan Sandhya (In person first Friday of every month from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM) led by Venugopal Varma (609) 598-4038 Bhagavat Gita Study organized by Sharad Pimplaskar (856) 466-1430 Every Tuesday - 10:45 AM - Weekly Join Zoom Meeting: Meeting ID: 818 2564 6955; Passcode: 173521

ITA Senior Social Group Currently meeting weekly Contact Vinita Ganju (609) 744 8558 for additional information.

# PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS BY HSC SJ

First Meeting -- Sunday, August 13th, 2023

ANNUAL GRAND PICNIC will be held at Red Bank National Park, 100 Hessian Ave., National Park, NJ 08063. 11AM-12 noon, Snacks, 12 noon-1 PM free time, 1 PM-1:45 PM-Lunch, 1:30-3 PM-Entertainment, 3 PM-3:30 PM Watermelon, 3:30 PM-4 PM-Cleaning. The entrance fee is \$15 per person payable to Bharti Shah or any HSCSJ EC member. The admission will be strictly on the FIRST COME FIRST SERVED basis. Pre-registration is MANDATORY. SEATS ARE LIMITED.

Second Meeting -- Tuesday, August 22nd, 2023

Dr. Amrit Nayar, MD, FRCS, FACS will talk on "DIZZY SPELLS-Doctor, WHY I AM FEELING DIZZY?" on Tuesday, August 22nd, 2023 at 6:00 PM at ICC. Dr. Amrit Nayar is a graduate of Maulana Azad Medical College, Delhi. He had General surgery training at Michael Reese Medical Center, an affiliate of University of Chicago, Cardiothoracic surgical residency at Montefiore Medical Center, Albert Einstein College of Medicine in Bronx, New York, He is Certified by the American and Canadian Boards of Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery. He is a Heart, Chest & Vascular Surgeon. He has been in practice in South Jersey for 40+ years and had affiliation with Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital where he has performed over 5000 Open Heart procedures. He is now affiliated with Jefferson Health at Stratford, Cherry Hill and Washington Township division and treated thousands of chest and vascular cases. He has 2 children & lives in Moorestown, NJ, with his wife Dr. Anju Nayar, MD.

Food will be served in both the meetings. Please go to www.hinduseniors.org for more information. Yogi Virendra K. Gupta & HSCSJ EC Team

# **CONDOLENCES**

It is with a very heavy heart that we share the sad news that Smt. Vinod Satija, passed away peacefully in South Jersey on the morning of Friday, July 14, 2023. She is loved and remembered by her three devoted daughters, Monica Talwar, Gitu Mandloi & Ritu Mediratta; her three son-in-laws, Jagdeep Talwar, Sanjay Mandloi & Ajay Mediratta; and her six grandchildren, Shikha Talwar, Shivani Talwar, Shreya Mandloi, Rohil Mediratta, Alaina Mediratta & Saniya Mandloi.

It is with a very heavy heart that we share the sad news that Kumar Gaganjeet Singh, passed away on Tuesday, August 1, 2023. He is the son of Mr. Balvir Singh and Mrs. Sandeep Kaur.

The ITA and its Trustees extend their sincere condolences to the extended Satija and Singh family. We pray that their soul may find peace and that God gives strength to their family and friends to cope with this heartfelt loss.

# **ADHIK MAAS CONCLUSION**

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

Please join us to celebrate the last day of Adhik Maas at the Berlin Temple for traditional Purushottam 'Kantha Gore' Puja followed by bhajan, aarti and bhojan. <u>Venue:</u> 25 East Taunton Avenue, Berlin, NJ 08009 Time: 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

# **ITA INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE KRISHNA JANMASHTHAMI**

Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at 3:30 PM

#### **Children's Activities:**



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# 3:30 PM— 3:45 PM: Greet Children

3:45 PM— 4:30 PM: Baal Gopal activities. Krishna dance performances

Appearance by Vasudevji carrying live baby Krishna

4:30 PM— 5:00 PM: Special Baal Krishna Jhula/Matki Celebration Aarti & Prasad

## Children can come dressed as Gopal and Gopika.

#### **Evening Festivities:**

5:30 PM — 6:00 PM: Puja of Lord Krishna. 6:00 PM — 7:45 PM: Bhajans 7:45 PM — 8:00 PM: Utsav \*\*Yajman bring Lala & Nand Bhayo 8:00 PM — First Aarti 9:30 PM — Second Aarti 12:00 AM — Midnight Krishna Pragtya Aarti

If you would like to sponsor or participate in Lalla festivities, please contact Shilpa Acharya 609-923-7268, Vinita Ganju 609-744-8558, Kinnari Patel 609-230-4040 or Charu Sheth 856-662-8754.

If you would like to participate in Bhajans, please contact Dhiru Saparia at 856-287-1415.

# **CLOTHES AND BOOKS DONATION**

ITA Youth Community Service Group in conjunction with Prosferp and BookSmile are conducting a clothing and book drive

# Drop off Donation at the following events:

- Satyanarayan Pooja: 08/01 and 08/30
- Sunderkand: 08/19 and 09/16
- Balvihar: 09/10 an d09/24

#### **Guidelines:**

- Items should be clean and without stains, odors, rips, tears or pilling.
- Adult & children clothing, Indian clothing, Traditional & Non-traditional clothing.
- Please put Indian and Non-Indian clothes in separate garbage bags and label accordingly.
- Ages: Infant to high school.
- Children will love fiction and non-fiction books.
- No encyclopedia, reference of religious theme or library books.
- No old, torn, musty and marked books.

For more information, please contact Vinita Ganju at 609-744-8558, vinudidi@gmail.com or Kruti Lodhavia at 856-912-9972, kruti715@outlook.com.



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# **BALVIHAR PROGRAM**

#### New Student Enrollment for 2023/24 Opened on May 2nd

**Purpose:** To teach Vedic Heritage and Indian Culture to children (Pre-K to 8th Grade).

**Details:** Explore website for detailed curriculum by grade and general schedule. https://www.indiatemple.org/bal\_vihar.php

**Timing:** 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM on designated Sundays

**Dates:** 16-17 Sundays starting in Sept. & Ending in May.

Location: Marlton Middle School (150 Tomlinson Mill Road, Marlton, NJ)

# ITA MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED

Become a member: www.indiatemple.org

## **Enrollment:**

Late Enrollment (After June 2nd): \$239

Fees are NOT REFUNDABLE for any reason.

Space in the program is VERY limited. We encourage community members to enroll early.

# **PUJA SERVICE & TEMPLE RENTAL FEES**

Shri Sudhirji perform religious services on request. Please contact Anoo Joshi at (855) MY-MANDIR Ext 715 to schedule a Puja Service or Rental of Temple facilities.

	MEMBER		NON-MEMBER	
	Inside	Outside*	Inside	Outside*
Puja Services	Temple	Temple	Temple	Temple
Archana	\$21		\$21	
Vahan Pooja	\$25		\$25	
Namkaran/Annaprashan	\$51	\$101	\$151	\$201
Birthday	\$51	\$101	\$101	\$151
Shradha	\$51	\$101	\$151	\$251
Anniversary Celebration	\$101	\$151	\$201	\$251
Kesh Mundan	\$101	\$151	\$151	\$201
Satyanarayan Pooja	\$151	\$200	\$251	\$301
Engagement Ceremony	\$101	\$201	\$201	\$301
Havan/Graha Shanti	\$201	\$251	\$301	\$301
Vastu Pooja-Outside Only		\$251		\$351
Wedding per day	\$401	\$501	\$551	\$600
Upanayan/Yagnopavit	\$251	\$301	\$351	\$401
Uttarkriya Per day -Outside Only		\$151		\$251
Yagna/laghu rudrra-Outside Only		\$351		\$400
Navchandi Yagna-Outside Only		\$651		\$700
Antim Kriya	No C	harge	No Cl	narge

\*IRS defined per mile charge applied for pujas outside of Temple.

In addition to their base salary, Pujaris receive 50% of Outside Puja Services payment as compensation.

Facility Rental Fees	Member	Non-Member
Prayer Hall Rental	\$251	\$301
Social Hall Rental	\$351	\$401

Send address changes or Membership renewals to:

ATTN: VP of Information at 25 E. Taunton Ave. Berlin, NJ 08009 or email vpinfo@indiatemple.org