



Satsang Sandesh

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Religious Calendar

- 1-Jul JayaParvati Vrat Starts
3-Jul Guru/Vyas Purnima, Shri Satyanarayana Puja
5-Jul JayaParvati Vrat Concludes
13-Jul Kamika Ekadashi
17-Jul Somvati Amavas / Amavasya
18-Jul Purushottam Maas Aarambh
29-Jul Kamala Ekadashi
1-Aug Purnima, Satyanarayana Puja

Satyanarayan Puja

Monday, July 3rd — 6 PM
Tuesday, August 1st— 6 PM

Sundarkanda Paath

Saturday, July 15th – 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.

Vinu Patel	1-Jul	Vijay & Asha Gupta	22-Jul
Krishnasankar Shastriji	11-Jul	Kiran Bhatt	24-Jul
Vinod Mehta	12-Jul	Mahesh Dixit	24-Jul
Ramesh Upadhyay	13-Jul	Amardeep Patel	24-Jul
Asha Gupta	18-Jul	Kailash Lav Iyer	27-Jul
Arun Maheswari	18-Jul	Ritam Kush Iyer	27-Jul
Pratima Parikh	19-Jul	Hariprasad K Jani	30-Jul

Temple Hours

Saturday & Sunday

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

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— Tuesday, July 11th, 2023

Dr. Biren Tandan, MD, FACS, FICS will talk about the diagnosis and treatment of Urological conditions in older adults: Incontinence, Urinary tract infections, Prostate disease & Genitourinary Malignancies, Stone disease and Renal transplantation. This discussion will be followed by a Q&A session. Dr. Tandan graduated from Gandhi Medical College, Bhopal and trained as a Urologist in the USA. Dr. Tandon is a Diplomate of American Board of Urology, FACS, FICS, had his own private practice in Hammonton, NJ, and served in the USAF. He is currently a consulting urologist at several volunteer organizations. He has 2 sons and lives in Hammonton, NJ with his wife.

Second Meeting—Tuesday, July, 25th, 2023

Chandanbhai Modi & his students will entertain us with his melodious Bhajans, Ghazals and Bollywood songs. Chandanbhai Modi is very active in our community and has been teaching music for the last 45 years. He holds a degree in music.

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 one of the founding member, Shri Sharad Gandhi, passed away on Friday, June 16th 2023. He is survived by his wife, Dr. Veena Gandhi; his son Devesh; daughter, Soniya and their respective families.

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

GRADUATION YAGNA AND SCHOLARSHIP / SERVICE AWARD RECOGNITION

July 16th, 1:30-3:00

The ITA invites your family to the Temple to celebrate your child's graduation milestone with a puja. We encourage and welcome all students to participate. Completion of every school year is a milestone that can be recognized. For Example: Pre-K, KG, 3rd Grade, Elementary School, Middle School, High School, College or Graduate School.

We also will be recognizing this year's ITA Scholarship and Service Award recipients. Please come out to support these dedicated individuals.

IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND, PLEASE SIGN UP YOUR GRADUATE ON SIGN UP GENIUS. LINK:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0848AFAD2FA1F94-itagradaution>

ITA 2023 SCHOLARSHIPS

We are proud to announce the recipients of this year's ITA Scholarships : Sanjna Goyal, Riya Joshi, Riti Patel and Niva Shah. The ITA scholarship is awarded every year to graduating high school seniors who have demonstrated commitment to Indian Culture, Hinduism and the ITA Community. Applicants' academic performance, activities & interests, reflections & suggestions related to their ITA experiences, and letters of recommendation are also considered.

Sanjna is a graduate of Eastern Regional High School and in the fall will be attending the University of Pittsburgh to study civil and environmental engineering. She has been involved with the ITA from a young age as a student in Balvihar, a Student Leader, and a volunteer at other cultural programs and events. Sanjna has volunteered 306 hours with the ITA. Her interests include playing tennis, crocheting and knitting, and Kathak dance for which she earned a degree after completing her Rangmanch Pravesch.

Riya was Valedictorian of Highland Regional High School this year. She will be attending Rowan University to study Computer Science starting in September. She has been an active member in the ITA community. She was a Balvihar student and Student Leader having volunteered 303 hours while in high school. She was President of her high school's DECA club. Her interests include tennis, playing the flute, reading, and helping the community prosper.

Riti is a graduate of Eastern Regional High School and will be attending UCLA to study Computer Science and Bioinformatics. She was an officer for Eastern's Medicine and Cultural Diversity Club. She has been involved in her school's Science Olympiad team and STEAM club. She has also been actively involved in the ITA as a Balvihar student and Student Leader having volunteered over 300 during her time in high school.

Niva is a graduate of Lenape High School and will be attending Rowan University in the fall to study Biomedical Engineering, as part of Rowan's 7-year BS/MD program with Cooper Medical School. In high school, she loved learning STEM, playing golf, studying Kathak dance, and conducting medical research. At Balvihar, she served as a dedicated Student Leader and has volunteered 305 hours while in high school.

We congratulate Sanjna, Riya, Riti and Niva on their recent graduation and scholarship award, thank them for their contributions to ITA and Balvihar, and wish them the best as they enter college in the Fall. We hope that that they continue to remain active in serving the our community and the world.

2023 COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

The ITA is proud to announce this year's Service Award recipients. This award is given to Student Leaders that have volunteered at every session of the this year's Balvihar Program and have made a significant contribution to their Balvihar class. Student Leaders are Balvihar graduates that have returned to serve as assistant teachers in the program. Student Leaders have helped improve the Balvihar by bringing new ideas, enthusiasm and a better understanding of how to engage students. The ITA is truly appreciates their hard work and dedication.

AWARDEES

Muskaan Batra	Gowtami Manem	Ronak Pathak	Niva Shah
Shubham Gupta	Tharun Nathan	Arjun Rabinowitz	Neel Shukla
Riya Joshi	Kavya Parikh	Rahul Rabinowitz	Sara Soni
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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.

<u>Puja Services</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>		<u>NON-MEMBER</u>	
	Inside Temple	Outside* Temple	Inside Temple	Outside* 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 rudra-Outside Only		\$351		\$400
Navchandi Yagna-Outside Only		\$651		\$700
Antim Kriya		No Charge		No Charge

*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.

<u>Facility Rental Fees</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Non-Member</u>
Prayer Hall Rental	\$251	\$301
Social Hall Rental	\$351	\$401

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