



Satsang Sandesh

India Temple Association, Inc.

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Religious Calendar

- 1-May** Mohini Ekadashi
5-May Purnima, Shri, Satyanarayana Puja
15-May Aparajita Ekadashi
19-May Vatsavriti Vrat, Amavasya
20-May Sundarkand Paath
30-May Ganga Dashahara
31-May Nirjala Ekadashi/
Bheem Agiyaras/Shri
Gayatri Jayant

Satyanarayan Puja

Friday, May 5th – 6 PM

Sundarkanda Paath

Saturday, May 20th – 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.
- Please note daily evening Aarti time is 7:30 PM and temple closing is at 8:00 PM.
- Revised temple timings (in-person) until March 31st 2023:
Mon - Fri 10:30 AM -12:30 PM 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Sat - Sun 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM 4:30 PM - 8:30 PM

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.

Nanu Maisuria	2-May	Sushil & Kamala Chandra	19-May
Narendra H Amin	5-May	Sharad Pandya	19-May
Harendra Dave	5-May	Upendra & Rekha Shah	25-May
Rajubhai Patel	5-May	Mahesh Dixit	26-May
Shreyansi M Shah	8-May	Tejas & Priti Patel	26-May
Sudhaben Patel	9-May	Siddhi Vasa	26-May
Bhal Patel	10-May	Pooja & Jayesh Khatiwala	27-May
Iti Bar	11-May	Naresh & Amita Talati	27-May
Narsinh Sangani	15-May	Ishvar Patel	28-May
Natwarlal Contractor	16-May	Nishtha Patel-Hudson	28-May
Ruchi Talati Shah	16-May	Monil & Dipti Pandya	29-May
Mahendra Jaiswal	17-May	Jayanti & Kalaben Patel	29-May
Upendra & Rekha Shah	17-May	Jayant Pandya	31-May

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- Sunday, May 14, 2023

Hindu Senior Citizens of SJ will have its Fifth KAVI SAMMELAN on Sunday, May 14, 2023 at 6 PM in the main hall of the ICC. Poetry--Geet, Ghazal, Shayari--flavors of Humor, Satire (Humorous), Love and Beauty--Dedicated to you, The Listener. Renowned Humorous poets from India, Namely--Mrs. Anu Sapan, Shri Chirag Jain & Shri Ramesh Menon will entertain us for the evening. Tickets are \$15 for HSC SJ Members and non-members. Your relatives & friends are also welcome. Food will be served. Please pay Chiman Antala (856)768-9592 or any EC Member OR you can buy at the gate for the same price of \$15.

Second meeting- Thursday, May 25, 2023

Dr.. Richa Mishra, MD. will discuss Different kinds of Arthritis, its Symptoms & Approach, Joints, Muscles & Nerve pain, Management & Treatment of pain etc. Dr. Mishra received her MBBS degree from Kanpur. She completed her Internship & Residency from Abington Memorial hospital & Fellowship from University of Pennsylvania. She has been working as Rheumatologist at Advocare Arthritis, Osteoporosis & Rheumatology Associates since 2014. She lives in Cherry Hill. Food will be served.

Please go to www.hinduseniors.org for more information.
Yogi Virendra K. Gupta & HSC EC Team

CONDOLENCES

It is with a very heavy heart that we share the sad news that Smt. Anuradha Bhasin, age 75, passed away on Monday, April 24th. She is survived by her son, Vipul Bhasin; daughter-in-law, Herman Bhasin; daughter, Vibha Raina; son-in-law, Surinder Raina; and 4 grandchildren.

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

HOLI CELEBRATION – NEW DATE: TBD



ITA Holika Puja and Holi celebration is postponed and will be rescheduled due to inclement weather. New date will be announced soon.

Venue: John Connolly Park, Voorhees
DJ, music, dancing & flash mob
Food and colors available to purchase

SWAMI DR. RAM KAMAL DAS VEDANTIJI SERMONS



Swami Dr. Ram Kamal Das Vedantiji sermons at our temple, Hindu temple, 25 East Taunton Ave, Berlin, NJ.

Please block below dates:

- Wednesday, May 10 through Friday, May 12, from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM
- Saturday, May 13, from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM, followed by, Arti & Mahaprasad, (To be concluded by 1:30PM).

Dr. Ram Kamaldasji, Pujya Maharaj-ji a resident of Varanasi, India, is an expert speaker. He has captured the hearts of devotees all over India and in many parts of the world, including but not limited to devotees in UK, Germany, Fiji, and USA. He has written and published several books, such as Bhakti Path, Vedanta Pravah and Manas Vandana. Having a Ph.D. in Upanishads and MA in Hindi, he is an internationally known "Kathakar". He was invited in the year 2000 for and by the United Nations Religious Conference and it is our great fortune that he has blessed our temple, congregation and community every year since then, except during the Covid time.

For additional information, please contact: Devendra and Ruchita Singh at 856-625-4335 OR
Rakesh and Nila Kohli at 856-751-8688.

2023 ITA SCHOLARSHIP

Purpose: *To support the I.T.A. community by giving scholarships to graduating senior students who have demonstrated **dedication and significant contribution to the I.T.A.***

Description: *Up to two scholarships worth \$1000 each will be awarded to graduating high school seniors whose families are current members of the I.T.A. Each will be renewable for up to 3 additional years based on meeting maintenance criteria and available funding. The scholarship can be used at a 2 or 4-year accredited institution for undergraduate studies related to tuition or books only.*

Eligibility:

- * Applicant's family must be a current I.T.A. member
- * Demonstration of participation in ITA service and programs **will be weighed heavily:** examples of participation include: Balvihar Program, Student Leader Program, volunteering at the ITA events, such as fundraising, and cultural programs and volunteering in ITA led community service events.
- * Applicant must be a current senior at a local high school with plans to enroll full-time in an accredited 2 or 4 year college in the United States.
- * A completed application form

Contact: Amit Patel at amitmpatel175@gmail.com or 301-785-1170 for details and scholarship application form.

SENIOR APPLICATION DEADLINE: Postmark by May 15th

RENEWAL APPLICATION DEADLINE: Postmark by June 1



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BALVIHAR PROGRAM

New Student Enrollment for 2023/24 Opens 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:

Regular Enrollment (May 2nd-June 1st): \$224

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

Send address changes or Membership renewals to:

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