



Satsang Sandesh

India Temple Association, Inc.

Hindu Temple, 25 E. Taunton Ave, Berlin, NJ 08009
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Religious Calendar

- 1-Feb** Jaya Ekadashi
5-Feb Purnima, Satyanarayana Puja
16-Feb Vijaya Ekadashi
18-Feb Mahashivaratri Rudrabhishek
20-Feb Somvati Amavas / Amavasya

Satyanarayan Puja

Sunday, February 5th – 6 PM

Sundarkanda Paath

Saturday, February 11th – 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 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Sat - Sun 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM 4:00 PM - 8:00 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.

Sushil Bhatnagar	3-Feb	Amrita Nandakumar	19-Feb
Akshay Amin	6-Feb	Ghanshyam Dave	20-Feb
Narendra Amin	6-Feb	Maya & Mason Doshi	20-Feb
Kiran Doshi	7-Feb	Gopal Patel	23-Feb
Naresh Talati	7-Feb	Priti Patel	23-Feb
Kiran Desai	7-Feb	Satish & Sulochana Patel	24-Feb
Rushikesh Parghi	13-Feb	Sureshbhai Patel	24-Feb
Jadev Gajera	14-Feb	Champak Patel	25-Feb
S. Kumar	15-Feb	Manoj Shah	26-Feb
Vaishali & Rajubhai Patel	16-Feb	Samit Desai	28-Feb
Jagdish-Maya Shah	16-Feb	Kellan Martin	28-Feb
Neel Kadakia	17-Feb		

Temple Hours

Saturday & Sunday

9:30AM -12:30 PM
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Monday to Friday

10:30 AM to 12:30 PM
5:00 to 8:00 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 and on Zoom: Meeting ID: 825 4174 9889; Passcode: 718246

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 OF SJ

HSC SJ will hold only one meeting in the month of February 2023: February, 21st, 2023 at 6:15 PM at ICC.

Now is the TAX Filing Time again.

Dr. Laxmi Bhandari, MBA, Ph.D will be discussing (1) What is going on in the Stock Market and with the interest rates; (2) Information for filing 2022 income tax returns; and (3) Using the Internet safely for financial transactions. This will follow with the Q&A session. Dr. Bhandari is the founder and President of LC Bhandari & Co. He taught at the Univ. of Alberta, Canada and worked for Chemical Bank, Banque Paribas and Warburg Pincus. For the last 25 years, Dr. Bhandari has been giving investment advice to the institutions. Dr. Bhandari has three children & five grandchildren and lives with his wife in Medford, NJ.

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

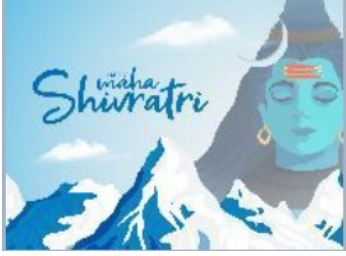
CONDOLENCES

It is with a very heavy heart that we share the sad news that Rajesh Patel, age 67, passed away on Wednesday, January 18th, in Voorhees, NJ. He is survived by his wife, Panna; his son, Keyur; daughter, Bhavisha; daughter-in-law, Yasmin; son-in-law, Ashish; and grandchildren, Arya, Talan, & Rohan.

It is with a very heavy heart that we share the sad news that Smt Rajyalakshmi Vardhana, beloved wife of ITA past president Mr. Vinay Vardhana, passed away on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 in New York. She was loving and caring wife, and mother of three children and eight grand children.

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

MAHA SHIVARATRI
Saturday, February 18, 2023, at Berlin Temple



ITA invites you to join in the celebration of Maha Shivaratri at the Berlin Temple.

In-Person:

Date: Saturday February 18, 2023

Address: 25 Taunton Avenue, Berlin, NJ 08009

Abhishek*: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM & 4:00 PM - 7:45 PM

(* Note: Milk for Abhishek will be provided by the mandir)

Bhajans: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Aarti: 8:00 PM

For questions and additional information contact:

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Samir Patel: 201-657-8661

Hima Prabhakar: 201-965-6185

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BALVIHAR PROGRAM

Enrollment for 2022/23 OPEN

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
Format: We hope to return to in person learning for 2022/2023, however, circumstances could necessitate use of a remote format.
Timing: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM on designated Sundays
Dates: 16 Sundays starting in Sept. & Ending in May.
Location: Marlton Middle School (150 Tomlinson Mill Road, Marlton, NJ)

Fees / Enrollment:
ITA MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED

Regular Enrollment (After June 2): \$231

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:

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