



Satsang Sandesh

India Temple Association, Inc.

Hindu Temple, 25 E. Taunton Ave, Berlin, NJ 08009
(Non-Profit Tax Exempt Organization, Tax ID # 22-2192491)

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Religious Calendar

- 2-Jan** Putrada Ekadashi
14-Jan Makar Sankranti,
Uttarayana, Pongal
18-Jan Shat-Tila Ekadashi
21-Jan Shani Amavasya
26-Jan Vasant Panchami

Satyanarayan Puja

Friday, January 6th – 6 PM

Sundarkanda Paath

Saturday, January 21st – 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.

Dilip Guharoy	2-Jan	Anil Desai	20-Jan
Mulchand Giyanani	5-Jan	Vinod Patel	20-Jan
Milan & Monica Gupta	14-Jan	Shailen Patel	24-Jan
Kusum Kumar	14-Jan	Narendra Amin	28-Jan
Divyakant Parikh	14-Jan	Ravin Patel	31-Jan
Ashvin-Deviyani Shah	18-Jan		

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 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 OF SJ

HSC SJ will hold only one meeting in the month of January 2023: January, 18th, 2023 at 6:15 PM at ICC.

Cardiologist Dr. Vijay R. Marwaha, MD, MBA, FSCAI, FACC will talk on coronary artery disease, peripheral vascular disease with special emphasis on preventative care, Heart Attack, Stroke, reasons & Management of High/Low Blood Pressure, Aortic Disease, Heart valve complications etc. Dr. Marwaha was born and raised in India. He received his BS with honors in Chemistry from Penn State, MD & MBA from Case Western Reserve University. residency and internship at George Washington University Hospital. Dr. Marwaha completed his Cardiology Fellowship and Interventional Cardiology Fellowship with Peripheral Training at VCU Pauley Heart Center in 2006 and joined VCU Pauley Heart Center's interventional cardiology team as Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine, Cardiology. He authored & co-authored several articles & were published in various reputed Medical Journals. He was featured in the PBS NOVA SCIENCE episode, "Can you live forever?" performing a lifesaving heart procedure on a cardiac arrest patient. He lives in South Jersey with his wife & twin boys. Light dinner will be provided (courtesy Roopali Gupta-Hall, daughter of Dr. Asha & late Dr. Ramesh Gupta).

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 Shri Jagdish Kapoor, age 79, passed away on Wednesday, December 28, 2022. He is survived by his wife, daughter, daughter-in-law and two grandchildren. The Dhawan, Kapoor, Anand, Husain and Sehgal Families.

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

MAKAR SANKRANTI—HALDI KUMKUM

Thursday, January 19, 2023 at 6 - 8 PM at Berlin Hindu Temple

India Temple celebrates Makar Sankranti - Haldi KumKum
Registration required. More details to follow.

First time we are piloting this event at our temple. Please see our special bulletin that will follow shortly. This is a special day for the women in Maharashtra when married women are invited for a get-together called 'Haldi -Kunku' (literally meaning turmeric and vermillion) and exchange gifts. Typically, women wear black sarees or black colored outfits on this occasion.

CHILDREN'S VASANT PANCHAMI

Sunday, January 29, 2023



Join us for Vasant Panchami celebrations and take blessings of Goddess Saraswati—Goddess of Knowledge.

Dress up in the brightest yellow.

Celebration includes:

Pooja performed by Kids Kids Performances
Aarti Kid friendly Prasad

Venue: 25, Taunton Ave, Berlin, NJ 08009

Time: 10:30 AM — 12:00 PM

For additional information contact:

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2022 TRUSTEE ELECTION SUMMARY

The Election Committee, is an independent body as defined by our By-Laws that oversees the ITA's Trustee Election Process. The Election Committee is expected to operate free from influence from the general community, Advisory Board, or Trustees. Given the importance of the responsibility, the Election Committee strives to discharge its responsibility in an impeccable, fair and unbiased manner. The 2022 Election Committee is comprised of Lalit Patel (current BOT), Kiran Desai, (Advisory Board) and myself, Samir Patel (Trustee & Election Chair).

The Election Committee conducted the 2022 ITA Trustee elections per guidelines outlined in the By-Laws. Election procedures were published in the Satsang Sandesh and ballots were tallied accordingly. Nine candidates stood for seven open 2023-2025 Term Trustee seats. After verifying and counting the cast ballots, the Election Committee certified that **Charu Sheth, Vinita Ganju, Vidya Iyer (Shukla)** and **Lalji Bhimani** were duly elected to the 2023-2025 Trustee Terms. These four individuals received the greatest number of votes and a sufficient number of votes to exceed the Quorum Threshold. Quorum Threshold, which is defined in ITA By-Laws, is the minimum number of votes that a candidate must secure in order to be elected. Three seats remained unfilled as a result of insufficient votes being cast for any of the remaining five candidates.

Subsequent to the Election, the ITA Trustees held a special meeting on January 5th. Using the power provided in Article II Section 7 of the By-Laws, the Trustees appointed **Shilpa Acharya, Vijesh Darji,** and **Ramesh Gupta** to open 2023-2025 Term Trustee seats. They also appointed **Gopal Patel** to the open 2023-2024 Term Trustee seat.

On November 1st, 2022 the ITA Advisory Board conducted their annual meeting and elected Sangeeta Rashatwar to serve as Advisory Board Trustee for the 2023-2025 Trustee Term.

-Samir Patel

on behalf of the ITA Election Committee & Trustees



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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:

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