

# Satsang Sandesh

### India Temple Association, Inc.

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**NOVEMBER 2022** 

#### **Religious Calendar**

**4-Nov** Tulsi Vivah, Dev-Prabodhini Ekadashi

**8-Nov** Dev Diwali / Purnima, Guru Nanak Jyanti Satyanarayana Puja

20-Nov Utpatti Ekadashi

**3-Dec** Mokshada Ekadashi, Shri Geeta Jayanti Geeta Paath

**7-Dec** Purnima, Shri Duttatrey Jayanti, Shri Satyanarayana Puja

## Temple Hours

Saturday & Sunday

9:30AM -12:30 PM 4:30-8:30 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, November 8th – 6 PM

### **Sundarkanda Paath**

Saturday, November 19th – 6 PM

#### **VIKRAM SAMVAT 2078 / 2022**

CALENDAR AVAILABLE ONLINE AT https://www.indiatemple.org/

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Balvihar enrollment is open and limited spots remain.
- 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.

#### 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.

Lalit Patel	1-Nov	Hansi Deshbandhu	17-Nov
Dunthur Puttaswamy	2-Nov	Bimal Patel	18-Nov
Piyush Patel	2-Nov	Mahesh Dixit	18-Nov
Chandrika Patel	3-Nov	Mahesh Dixit	20-Nov
Roopali Gupta	4-Nov	Jagdishver Patel	21-Nov
Kishan Ravani	5-Nov	Nagindas & Champaben Shah	22-Nov
Arun Maheswari	9-Nov	Kusum N. Patel	24-Nov
Barbara Desai	11-Nov	Kusum N. Patel	28-Nov
Surendra Bagaria	15-Nov	Rital Patel	28-Nov

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Satya Sai Baba of Medford Bhajans 3rd Friday of each month from 8-9pm on Zoom Contact P.K. Prabhakar (856) 596 3147/ Sesha Vemuri (856) 751-0687 for details.

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, New Session started from September 13 2022, 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

#### November 13th, 2022

Dr. Samir Shah, MD, FACS will discuss on an ear conditions such as an infection, hearing loss or trouble with balance -- nose and nasal issues like allergies, sinusitis or growths -- throat problems like tonsillitis, difficulty swallowing and voice issues -- sleep trouble like snoring & obstructive sleep apnea -- infections or tumors of your head or neck--followed by Q&A session. Dr. Shah is an ENT-Otolaryngologist. He is Managing Partner at Advanced ENT and Allergy, Cherry Hill, NJ and is affiliated with multiple hospitals in the area. Dr. Shah received his medical degree from State Univ. of NY and has been in practice for more than 23 years. Dr. Shah also achieved his MBA with highest honors from Rutgers.

#### November 22nd, 2022

Dr. Anjali Sharma, BAMS will talk on "AYURVEDA FOR SENIORS" followed by Q&A session. Dr. Anjali Sharma, carries a rich experience of over 20 years with her and is a well-established name in the Ayurveda and wellness sector in India and abroad. She has played diversified roles varying from an Ayurveda Physician, Educator, Nutritionist, Editor and Writer. She holds Bachelors in Ayurveda Medicine and Surgery (BAMS) degree from Shree Krishna Ayurveda Govt. College, Kurukshetra (Haryana) and is also a Diploma Holder in Nutrition and Health Education from Delhi University. She is presently doing a fellowship program with Pain Instacare to enrich her knowledge in Pain Management.

Food is sponsored by Roopali Gupta Hall daughter of Late Drs. Ramesh Gupta & Asha Gupta. Please go to www.hinduseniors.com for more information.
Yogi Virendra K. Gupta & HSC SJ, EC Team

#### **CONDOLENCES**

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Smt. Sushilaben Kothari. She is survived by Pankaj, Reema, and Dr. Nita Kothari. The ITA and its Trustees extend their sincere condolences to the extended Kothari family.

The ITA and its Trustees extend their sincere condolences to the extended Gupta 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.

### TULSI VIVAH Friday November 4th at 5:00 PM at the Berlin Temple



Tulsi Vivah is the ceremonial marriage of the Tulsi plant to the Hindu god Vishnu or his Avatar Krishna. This ceremony can be performed any time between Prabodhini Ekadashi - the eleventh lunar day of the bright fortnight of the Hindu month Kartik to the full moon of the month but usually it is performed on the eleventh or the twelfth lunar day. The day varies from region to region. The Tulsi wedding signifies the end of the monsoon and the beginning of the Hindu wedding season.

#### ITA GENERAL BODY MEETING & ANNUAL TRUSTEE ELECTION

Saturday December 3rd at 1:30 at the Berlin Temple

We encourage all members to attend this important event. The agenda for the meeting is below:

- ITA leadership will provide a review of the past year and priorities for the 2023.
- Trustee Candidates for 2023 to 2025 term will discuss their qualifications and planned contribution.
- Election Vote will be conducted.
- General Body Q&A

#### The Eligible Candidates for the 2023-2025 Trustee Term (Alphabetically by last name)

Shilpa Acharya

Lalji Bhimani

Deepak Chaturvedi

Vijesh Darji

Vinita Ganju

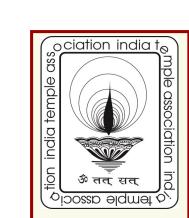
Ramesh Gupta

Vidya Iyer (Shukla)

Gopal Patel

Charulata Sheth

Eligible voters will be asked to vote for their top 7 candidates. Members will have the ability to receive and cast ballots between 1:30 to 3:00 or 15 minutes after the conclusion of the General Body meeting whichever is later. Ballots must be cast by 3:15 or 30 minutes after the conclusion of the General Body Meeting, whichever is later. The Election Committee may expand the voting window if deemed necessary. Please bring a photo ID. If you have questions regarding your eligibility to vote please contact: VPinfo@indiatemple.org.



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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: \$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.

	<b>MEMBER</b>		NON-MEMBER	
	Inside	Outside*	Inside	Outside*
Puja Services	Temple	Temple	Temple	Temple
Archana	\$11		\$11	
Vahan Pooja	\$25		\$25	
Namkaran/Annaprashan	\$51	\$101	\$101	\$151
Birthday	\$51	\$101	\$101	\$151
Shradha	\$51	\$101	\$101	\$151
Anniversary Celebration	\$101	\$151	\$151	\$201
Kesh Mundan	\$101	\$151	\$151	\$201
Satyanarayan Pooja	\$121	\$151	\$201	\$251
Engagement Ceremony	\$101	\$201	\$151	\$251
Havan/Graha Shanti	\$201	\$251	\$251	\$301
Vastu Pooja-Outside Only		\$251		\$301
Wedding per day	\$401	\$501	\$501	\$551
Upanayan/Yagnopavit	\$251	\$301	\$301	\$351
Uttarkriya Per day -Outside Only		\$151		\$201
Yagna/laghu rudrra-Outside Only		\$351		\$401
Navchandi Yagna-Outside Only		\$651		\$701
Antim Kriya	No C	harge	No Ch	narge

<sup>\*</sup>IRS defined per mile charge applied when puja requires greater than 20 miles of travel. In addition to their base salary, Pujaris receive 50% of Outside Puja Services payment as compensation.

Facility Rental Fees	<u>Member</u>	Non-Member
Prayer Hall Rental	\$201	\$251
Social Hall Rental	\$301	\$351

#### Send address changes or Membership renewals to:

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