



# Satsang Sandesh

## India Temple Association, Inc.

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### Religious Calendar

- 3-May** Akha Trij  
Akshya Tritiya  
Parashuram Jayanti
- 6-May** Shri Aadya  
Shankracharya Jayanti  
(Year 2529)  
Sri Ramanujacharya  
Jayanti (Year 1004)
- 12-May** Mohini Ekadashi
- 16-May** Satyanarayana Puja  
Budhha Jayanti (Year  
2646)
- 21-May** Sunderkanda Paath
- 26-May** Aparajita Ekadashi
- 30-May** Somvati Amavas
- 10-Jun** Nirjala Ekadashi  
Bheem Agiyaras  
Gayatri Jayanti
- 14-Jun** Purnima  
Sant Kabir Jayanti  
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

### **Satyanarayan Puja**

Monday, May 16th – 6:00 PM

### **Sundarkanda Paath**

Saturday, May 21st – 6:00 PM

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

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

### **UKRAINE FUNDRAISING UPDATE**

ITA Ukraine Relief Effort raised \$10,506 and a small UHAUL filled with goods. The goods were donated to Local Acts of Kindness to be shipped to Ukraine and funds raised were donated to World Central Kitchen earmarked for Ukraine relief efforts. We sincerely thank the ITA Community for its generosity and 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. Bhupendra Shuklaji or 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.*

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|------------------------|--------|----------------------------|--------|
| • 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 |

## PROGRAMS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH, HEALTH, HAPPINESS & GOD REALIZATION

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**See ITA Website for Virtual Daily Prayer & Aarti Times**  
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Vishnu Sahasranamam & Lalitha Sahasranamam will be recited on 1st Friday of each month starting at 10:30 AM.  
Please recite from home to receive blessings

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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/ Sessa Vemuri (856) 751-0687 for details  
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Bhajan Sandya by SJ Bhajan Mandali Group led by Venu Gopal Verma (856) 598-5038  
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Bhagavat Gita Study organized by Sharad Pimplaskar (856) 466-1430  
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**ITA Senior Social Group**  
**Currently meeting weekly**

Contact Vinita Ganju (609) 744 8558 for additional information  
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Yoga and Pranayama Classes at Berlin Mandir - CANCELED  
Contacts: Dr. Veena Gandhi (856) 816 4095 & Hina Desai (856) 435 9148  
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## PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS BY HSC OF SJ

There will be two meetings this month May 12th & May 26th at the ICC .

### May 12th, 2022 at 6:15 PM

Dr. Rajan Gupta, MD will talk on "MARRIED with PAIN". "Having pain is inevitable but living in pain is optional". People with chronic pain feel like they are married with pain and they cannot get the divorce. This lecture may not get you the well needed divorce but will definitely teach you how to live happily ever after. Dr. Gupta will teach you how physical pain is related to emotional suffering & vice versa . He will also teach you as to how we feel pain & how we can get rid of the suffering. Rajan Gupta, is a practicing Pain Management physician in Cherry Hill and Philadelphia for over 16 years. He got his Medical degree from Ahmedabad & did his Residency training at St. Francis Medical Center Pittsburg & Pain Fellowship from Vanderbilt Univ. in Nashville.

### May 26th, 2022 at 6:15 PM

Musical Nite by "Sur Sangam Group" of South Jersey. This will be a Live in Concert event. Sur Sangam group has graciously agreed to our invitation to entertain HSC SJ members. The Sur Sangam group will provide entertainment for about 1 hour & 30 minutes. The performing artists will be Praful Patel, Pradip Patel, Dharmishtha Bhatt, Surya K. Patel, Bipin Mehta, Girish Patel & Vinubhai Patel. The Emcees for this event will be Subhash & Sangeeta Rashatwar. The sound system will be handled by Ammie Singh. This is a Gala evening with a musical Extravaganza. The program will conclude around 8:45 PM.

Please log on [www.hinduseniors.com](http://www.hinduseniors.com) for more information.

Yogi Virendra K. Gupta & HSC EC team members

## VALLABH JAYANTI

**At Temple on Sunday, May 1, 2022 from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM**



The Hindu Temple in Berlin will celebrate Vallabh Jayanti on Sunday, May 1, 2022 from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM. There will be a chanting of Pusti marg's Yamunasthaka, and other "PĀTHA", followed by melodious Kirtans. Mahaprasad will be served after the Aarti at 6:30 PM.

The Wednesday Gita Satsang Group and Pusti-friends will sponsor the event at the Temple. If you are interested in taking part in the event, please call Urmila Gujrathi (609-472-0169), Dhiraj Saparia (287-1415), Kirti Doshi (424-8046) .

Shri Mahaprabhuji is the founder of religious sect called Pushtimarg. He was born in the year 1479 A.D. at a Champaranya. He is one of the foremost Indian philosophers taking the rank amongst the first class Acharyas who has expounded the school of Shuddha-advaita. Vallabhacharya heralded a new era of Bhakti-Marga, which teaches un-swerving love toward God admitting everyone in the fold, irrespective of sex, cast or nationality.

Pushti Marga, the path of grace as founded by Shri Vallabhacharya is very easy to follow as a way of life by common people. Once you commit yourself to God by ritual of "Brahma-Sambanth", God takes care of you unconditionally. In Pushti Marg, Bhakti is not a means, but an end.

Shri Mahaprabhuji's son Shri Vitthalnathji also known as shri Gusaiji was the one who embellished "Seva Bhav" by offering worship to Shrinathji eight different time of the day from 'Mangla to 'Sen'. During their time, Ashta Sakha's Kirtan was devotional expression for their personal experience with the Lord. When they were in the temple they witnessed the 'Lila' and sang about what they saw. The Shrimad Bhagvata is the ripened fruit of all scriptural knowledge, but the Kirtan's of the Ashta Sakha are the refined essence.

## HOLI CELEBRATION



ITA invites you to celebrate HOLI with color play, music and food on Saturday, May 7th from 12:30 PM - 4:00 PM at Connolly Park in Voorhees, NJ.

### ***Free Admission***

- Arrival: 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM
- Holika Pooja: 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM
- Dance and Color Play: 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM

\*Note: Food and Colors are available for purchase, and complimentary "Thandai" will be served while it lasts.

## 2022 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 amitmpatel75@gmail.com or 301-785-1170 for details and scholarship application form.

**H. S. SENIOR APPLICATION DEADLINE:** Postmark by May 15, 2022

**RENEWAL APPLICATION DEADLINE:** Postmark by June 1, 2022

## TEMPLE VISITATION COVID RELATED GUIDELINES

While we continue to be impacted by COVID, we ask all visitors to observe the guidelines outlined below during their visit to the Temple. The purpose of these guidelines is to ensure a safe environment for visitors and our Pujaris. We appreciate everyone's cooperation in this matter.

- Enter & exit from front door only.
- Complete the visitor questionnaire at entry.
- Wear masks which cover both nose and mouth at all times during your visit.
- Maintain proper social distancing from other visitors and pujaris.
- Please do not congregate on Temple premise.
- Please do not bring any Prasad or other offerings.
- If your visit is part of Festival or celebration which requires registration for a time slot, we ask that you please arrive and depart within your designated time slot.



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**BALVIHAR PROGRAM**

**Enrollment for 2022/23 OPENS MAY 16, 2022**

- 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](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**

Early Enrollment (May 16 to June 1): \$214  
 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 Shuklaji /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	\$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 rudra-Outside Only		\$351		\$401
Navchandi Yagna-Outside Only		\$651		\$701
Antim Kriya		No Charge		No Charge

\*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.

<u>Facility Rental Fees</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Non-Member</u>
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