



# Satsang Sandesh

## India Temple Association, Inc.

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### Religious Calendar

- 2-Apr** Chaitri New Year  
Gudi Padvo/UGadi  
Vasanti Navratra  
Aarambh
- 9-Apr** Akhand Ramayan Paath  
Durga Ashtami
- 10-Apr** Rama Navami,  
Sahajananda Jayanti  
Rama Janma Puja
- 12-Apr** Kamada Ekadashi
- 16-Apr** Hanuman Jayanti  
Purnima  
Satyanarayana Puja  
Hanuman Chalisa Paath
- 26-Apr** Varuthani Ekadashi  
Vallabhacharya  
Jayanti
- 30-Apr** Shani Amavas
- 3-May** Akha Trij  
Akshya Tritiya  
Parashuram Jayanti

### 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**

Saturday, April 16th– 5 PM\*

### **Sundarkanda Paath**

Canceled for April

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

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chaitri Navaratri Havan on April 2nd at 4:00 PM  
Akhand Ramayan Paath on April 9 from 12:15 PM  
Hanuman Jayanti on April 16 at 5:00 PM  
Shri Vallabhacharya Jayanti Celebration on May 1 at 3:00 PM  
Holi Celebration on May 7th

### 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.*

Ashok Barbaria	2-Apr	Desh Raj Goel	16-Apr
Urmila Gujrathi	2-Apr	Arpana & David Brunt	19-Apr
Kevin Gandhi	3-Apr	Shailendra Desai	19-Apr
Narendra Bhatt	3-Apr	Arny & Deepal Patel	20-Apr
Surendra Sheth	4-Apr	Nimisha & Rajen Jain	22-Apr
Savitaben Patel	6-Apr	Samir Khurana	22-Apr
Dipti & Monil Pandya	8-Apr	Yogendra B Choksi	22-Apr
Upen Shah	12-Apr	Neal Dube	23-Apr
Vaishali Patel	13-Apr	Ramchandra Rao	25-Apr
Siddhi Vasa	15-Apr	Hansa H. Kothari	28-Apr

## 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 over Zoom 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 7-8pm on Zoom  
Contact P.K. Prabhakar (856) 596 3147/ Sessa Vemuri (856) 751-0687 for details.  
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Bhajan Sandhya (**In-Person**) 1st Friday of each month by SJ Bhajan Mandali Group led by Venu Gopal Verma (609) 598- 4038  
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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 at Gibson House**

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

## PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS BY HSC OF SJ

### April 14th at ICC at 6:15 PM

Dr. Surendra Gambhir will talk on "LIFE JOURNEY: Yours, Theirs & Mine". Dr. Gambhir is a retired professor from the University of Pennsylvania. He is the author of many books, chapters in some books, journals & encyclopedias. Currently, he is finishing a book on his experiences of 2 migrations. Dr. Gambhir has been Past President of Hindu Senior Citizens of SJ. He lived in Cherry Hill & Voorhes for over 32 years and currently resides in Philadelphia. Our 6 minutes speaker will be Mrs. Benu Dhawan, who will be talking on "Wellness Journey in Old Age". Snacks Will be provided.

### April 28th at ICC at 6:15 PM

Dr. Richa Mishra, MD will discuss Different kinds of Arthritis, its Symptoms & Approach, Gout , Reasons for Joints Pain, Bone Loss, Muscles & Nerve pain, Fracture with age, Management & Treatment of pain etc. Dr. Mishra got 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.

For more info. please log on to [www.hinduseniors.org](http://www.hinduseniors.org). Snacks will be provided.  
Yogi Virendra K. Gupta & HSC EC Team

## CONDOLENCES

It is with heavy heart that we share the sad news that Shri Pradyumna A. Badheka, age 86, passed away on Monday, February 5 2022, in Mumbai, India. He was the father of Swati M. Kothari, Esq. ITA member and former legal counsel. The ITA and its Trustees extend their sincere condolences to the Badheka and Kothari families. We pray that his soul may find peace and that God gives strength to his family and friends to cope with this unexpected loss.



### CHAITRI HAVAN

ITA invites you to join in the celebration of Chaitri Havan on April 2nd at 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM in-person at the Berlin Temple.

Please join us for “Havan” and offer “Ahuti”.

### RAM NAVMI INCLUDING AKHAND RAMAYAN PAATH

From April 9 to April 10, live at Berlin Temple and Online at ITA YouTube Channel

#### In-Person Program Schedule:

April 9 2022, Saturday:

Akhand Ramayan Paath starts from 12:15 PM

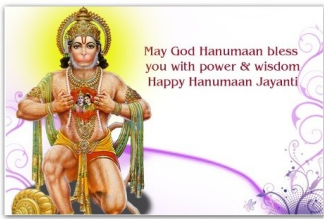
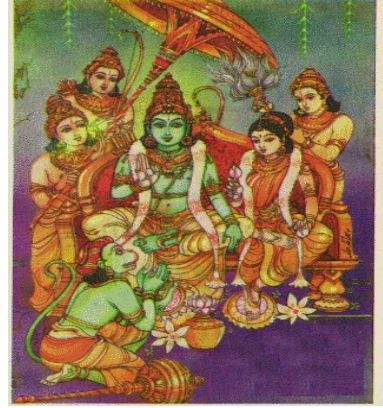
Ramayan Reading with Music: from 7 PM to 9 PM

April 10 2022, Sunday:\*

Ramayan Reading with Music from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Bhajan/Aarti from 12:15 PM to 1:00 PM

\* Limited Capacity: Signup is required for Sunday, April 10th 2022.  
To reserve your spot, please [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up



### HANUMAN JAYANTI & PURNIMA SATYANARAYAN POOJA

In-Person on April 16 at 5:00 PM

Hanuman Jayanti Program includes Satya Narayan Puja at 5:00 PM followed by 11 times chanting of Hanuman Chalisa.



### VALLABH JAYANTI

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

The Hindu Temple in Berlin will celebrate Vallabh Jayanti on Sunday, May 1, 2022 from 3:00 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



Save the Date May 7th 2022 for Holi Celebration in the Park.

## 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.

**SENIOR APPLICATION DEADLINE:** Postmark by May 15, 2022

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



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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**

Fees are NOT REFUNDABLE for any reason.  
 Space in the program is VERY limited. We encourage community members to enroll early.  
 Questions? Email [bvadmin@indiatemple.org](mailto:bvadmin@indiatemple.org) or call Samir Patel at 201-657-8661.

**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

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