

# Satsang Sandesh

# India Temple Association, Inc.

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**JANUARY 2022** 

#### **Religious Calendar**

13-Jan Putrada Ekadashi

14-Jan Makar Sankranti

Uttarayana Pongal

17-Jan Purnima

Satyanarayana Puja

28-Jan Shat Tila Ekadashi

5-Feb Vasant Panchami

## Satyanarayan Puja

Monday, January 17th–7pm

### **Sundarkanda Paath**

Canceled for January

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

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

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Happy New Year!

Haldi Kum Kum Celebration Event on Jan. 19th details forthcoming

#### **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.

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 4:30-8:30 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

#### 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 over Zoom starting at 10:30 AM. Please recite from home to receive blessings

Satya Sai Baba of Medford Bhajans 3rd Friday of each month from 7-8pm on Zoom Contact P.K. Prabhakar (856) 596 3147/ Sesha Vemuri (856) 751-0687 for details.

Bhajan Sandya by SJ Bhajan Mandali Group led by Venu Gopal Verma (856) 598-5038

Bhagavat Gita Study organized by Sharad Pimplaskar (856) 466-1430.

#### ITA Senior Social Group Currently meeting weekly over Zoom

Contact Vinita Ganju (609) 744 8558 for additional information.

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 SNJ

January 13th at 6:15 PM @ ICC (Masks Mandatory Except while eating)

Virendra Gupta will be sworn in as the new President of HSCSJ for the 2nd Term. He firmly believes in Yoga, Meditation and serving Humanity. A retired Nuclear Mechanical Engineer, he lives in Cherry Hill with his beautiful wife Madhu Gupta. He will also present his EC nominees to the General Body for their approval.

Dr. Nidhi Agrawal who is a registered dietitian will speak on the topic "My Plate, My Health" and Healthy Aging for Seniors. She will discuss how a healthy lifestyle can slow the aging process and stave-off age-related chronic diseases. Dr. Agrawal specializes in cardiovascular health including high cholesterol, diabetes mellitus, kidney disease, gastrointestinal disease, weight loss, and mindful eating She has a Doctoral degree in Food & Nutrition and has been practicing for 20 years. Dr. Agrawal is currently a corporate dietitian and has been managing 12 nursing homes, adult day care centers & assisted living centers. Dr. Nidhi has also started a private practice, NutriAid Consulting, which accepts most of the major insurances including Medicare. In her free time, Nidhi enjoys community services and socializing with people. Nidhi lives in Voorhees and has a beautiful family with a loving husband, Naresh Agrawal, and 2 sons, Kunal & Kautik, & lives in Voorhees, NJ.

For more information log on to www.hinduseniors.org.

Yogi Virendra K. Gupta & HSC SJ EC Team

#### 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 you 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 2021/22 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 2021/2022, 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. Draft Dates on Website

**Location:** Marlton Middle School (150 Tomlinson Mill Road, Marlton, NJ)

#### Fees / Enrollment:

ITA MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED

Regular Enrollment: \$229

Fees are NOT REFUNDABLE for any reason.

Space in the program is VERY limited. We encourage community members to enroll early.

Questions? Email byadmin@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.

	MEMBER		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:

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