

# Satsang Sandesh

### India Temple Association, Inc.

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**JUNE 2021** 

### **Religious Calendar**

5-Jun Apara Ekadashi

19-Jun Sundarkanda Paath

**21-Jun** Nirjala Ekadashi Bheem Agiyaras Gayatri Jayanti

**24-Jun** Purnima
Sant Kabir Jayanti
Satyanarayana Puja

**5-Jul** Yogini Ekadashi

## Thursday, June 24th 7pm

Satyanarayan Puja

Sundarkanda Paath Saturday, June 19th 10am

### **VIKRAM SAMVAT 2077 / 2021**

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

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Temple Reopening**

We have begun the phased reopening of the Temple. The Temple will now be open on Saturday from 10-11:30 AM & 6-7:30 PM and on Sunday from 10-11:30 AM. In the upcoming weeks, we will be slowly expanding number of days and hours open. Please watch for update emails.

### **India Covid Relief Update**

The ITA has exceeded its goal of raising \$200,000 for India Covid Relief efforts. Since launching this initiative a month ago, we have raised more than \$215,000 and already transferred these funds to Sewa International. We want to thank the families that contributed and our matching donors for their generosity.

### **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.

Dunthur & Yedahalli Uttaswamy	2-Jun	Dahyabhai & Taraben Patel	13-Jun
Kartik Patel	4-Jun	Santosh Khurana	19-Jun
Meghan & Melanie Patel	4-Jun	Rita Dube	21-Jun
Milan Patel	6-Jun	Rushikesh Parghi	21-Jun
Bharat Gandhi	7-Jun	Ishvar Patel	22-Jun
Dinesh Patel	8-Jun	Rushikesh Parghi	25-Jun
Ramesh Gupta	12-Jun	Kalavati Desai	29-Jun
Rushikesh Parghi	12-Jun	Kartik & Dupta Patel	29-Jun
Puttaswamy Hemali & Vaishali Kothari	13-Jun		

### **Temple Hours**

Saturday 10-11:30AM Saturday 6-7:30 PM Sunday 10-11:30 AM Entry through Front Door Only

Phone: (856) 768-3134

### SAVE THE TEMPLE MONEY! GO DIGITAL!

Email: vpinfo@indiatemple.org to convert to a digital only subscription.

### Graduation Pooja, Scholarship Announcement & Service Awards

Save the Date: June 27th, 2021 from 5-7 PM Detailed email to follow.

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

### See ITA Website for Virtual Daily Prayer & Aarti Times

Vishnu Sahasranamam and Lalitha Sahasranamam will be recited on 1st Friday of each month starting at 10:30 AM.

Please recite from home to receive blessings

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 Sandya by SJ Bhajan Mandali Group led by Venu Gopal Verma.

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

### **ITA Senior Social Group**

Contact Vinita Ganju (609) 744 8558 to learn about current activities.

Yoga and Pranayama Classes at Berlin Mandir - CANCELED

### PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS BY HSC OF NJ

### June 10th at 7pm via Zoom

Dr. Mukund Thakar will discuss Nursing home programs providing special Long term & Short term Rehabilitation to our Indian Community. He has 12 Nursing Home facilities in New Jersey & New York. He has pioneered a new way of caring for Indian Seniors living in the U.S.A. The unique Indian program also provides Indian Doctors, Nurses & Staff; Indian food; and Indian TV & entertainment to suit the residents' preferred lifestyle. Dr. Thakar comes from Gujarat, India. He has been recognized by the US House of Representatives, Lions Club & other organizations. Our 2-4 minutes speakers are Asha Jain & Yadatore Chandrashekhar.

### June 24th at 7pm via Zoom

Chandan Modi will entertain us with his melodious Bhajans, Ghazals and Bollywood songs. Chandan Modi is very active in our community and has been teaching music for the last 45 years. He holds a degree in music. Our 2-4 minutes speakers are Umesh Chandra & Nalini Bhaynani.

For more info. please log on www.hinduseniors.com

-Yogi Virendra K. Gupta & HSC EC Team

### **CONDOLENCES**

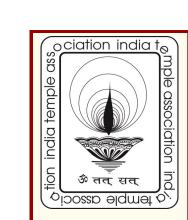
It is with heavy heart that we share the sad news that Smt. Bimla Bhola, 83, from Somerdale, NJ passed away on March 25th, 2021. She is survived by her two sons, Lavesh and Rupesh, daughter in-law and two grandchildren.

It is with heavy heart that we share the sad news that one of our Founding Members, Shri Krishnan Kadayam, age 89, passed away on Sunday, May 2nd, 2021 in Norristown, PA. He is survived by his wife, Jaya; his daughter-in-law, Nancy; his brothers and his sisters.

It is with heavy heart that we share the sad news that Shri Pravinbhai Khatiwala, one of our Founding Members, passed away on Tuesday May 4th, 2021 in Ventnor NJ.

It is with heavy heart that we share the sad news that Shri Mohit (Monty) Bose of Voorhees, NJ passed away on Tuesday, May 18, 2021. Monty is survived by his wife Mohini and other family members.

The ITA and its Trustees extend their sincere condolences to Bhola, Kadayam, Khatiwala, and Bose Families. We pray that departed souls may find peace and that God gives strength to their family and friends to cope with this unexpected loss.



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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 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.

	<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 Cł	narge

<sup>\*\$.58/</sup> 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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