



# Satsang Sandesh

## India Temple Association, Inc.

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### Religious Calendar

- 7-May Covid Relief Special Havan
- 7-May Varuthani Ekadashi Vallabhacharya Jayanti
- 14-May Akha Trij / Akshya Tritiya Parashuram Jayanti
- 15-May Sundarkanda Paath
- 17-May Aadya Shankracharya Jayanti (Year 2528) Ramanujacharya Jayanti (Year 1003)
- 23-May Mohini Ekadashi
- 29-May Satyanarayana Puja Budhha Jayanti (Year 2645)
- 5-Jun Aparajita Jayanti

### Temple Hours

Currently Closed

Phone: (856) 768-3134.

**Satyanarayan Puja**  
Wednesday, May 29th 7pm

**Sundarkanda Paath**  
Saturday, May 15th 10am

**VIKRAM SAMVAT 2077 / 2021**

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

### INDIA NEEDS YOUR HELP

Our family, friends and homeland are being devastated by COVID. This crisis is unprecedented and the need for resources is enormous. The ITA is raising funds for Sewa International's [Covid Response](#) to help India. Sewa is a highly rated charity (Charity Navigator: 4/4 Stars & Guidestar: Platinum) that is using its resources in America and in India to have a meaningful impact TODAY. Our goal is to raise at least \$100,000. We have a donor that will match the first \$50,000 in contributions. You can donate by writing a check to the ITA, through our website or through Sewa International's COVID relief website. Our contributions can save lives. Please donate if you have the ability to contribute. If you have any questions please reach out to Pankaj Desai; Samir Patel ; or Vinita Ganju. If you donate directly to Sewa and want your contribution matched, please email your receipt to Vinita Ganju..

-ITA Trustees

### 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.*

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

### SAVE THE TEMPLE MONEY! GO DIGITAL!

Email: [vpinfo@indiatemple.org](mailto:vpinfo@indiatemple.org) to convert to a digital only subscription.

## 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 and 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.

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.

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Yoga and Pranayama Classes at Berlin Mandir - CANCELED  
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## PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS BY HSC OF NJ

### May 13th at 7pm via Zoom.

Dr. Richa Mishra, MD. will discuss on Different kinds of Arthritis, it's Symptoms & Approach, Joints, Muscles & Nerve pain, 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. Our 4 minute speakers are Madan Gambhir & Hansa Kanzaria.

### May 27th at 7pm via Zoom.

Senior's Night for the Seniors by the Seniors. There is so much talent in this Group and to harness that energy, we are requesting newcomers to shed their shyness and come forward to sing Bollywood songs, Ghazals, Bhajans--recite Poetry, Jokes, Shayari for your esteemed Group. Please call Raj Verma at 856-344-7074 if you wish to participate. Our 4 minute speakers are Pushpa Patel & Mahendra Toprani.

**-Yogi Virendra K. Gupta & HSC EC Team**

## **CONDOLENCES**

It is with heavy heart that we share the sad news that Smt. Motiben Zaveri, age 87, passed away on Wednesday, April 21, 2021. She was the loving wife of late Ram Das Zaveri. She is survived by her two sons, Nand Kishor & Sanjay; three daughters, Purnima Mehta, Nalini Mehta & Jyoti Bariya; their respective spouses; and nine grandchildren.

It is with heavy heart that we share the sad news that Smt. Nitiben Chhaya, a ITA Founding Member, passed away on Friday April 9th 2021. She is survived by her beloved husband Dr. Kirit Chhaya; daughter, Sheetal & her husband, Sandeep; son, Nihar & his wife, Meera; and grandchildren, Lara, Anaya & Niyam.

It is with heavy heart that we share the sad news that Shri Nikhil Shukla, age 69, passed away on Thursday April 1st. 2021 in Ahmedabad India. He is survived by his wife, two daughters and one son. He was younger brother of our ITA priest Shri Bhupendrabhai Shukla.

The ITA and its Trustees extend their sincere condolences to Zaveri, Chhaya, and Shukla 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.

## COVID Relief Special Havan

May 7th @ 7-8pm via ITA YouTube Channel

Please join us in prayers seeking relief from the suffering caused by Covid in India and in the rest of the world. We will perform a Havan with chanting of the Maha Mrityunjaya Mantra in hopes of securing the grace of Lord Shiva. The Maha Mrityunjaya Mantra is chanted to bestows longevity, ward off calamities and prevents untimely death. This divine mantra can also be chanted for healing, for maintaining vitality, and to inspire courage.

## Balvihar Program

**NEW Student Enrollment for 2021/22 STARTS May 16th**

**Purpose:** To teach Vedic Heritage and Indian Culture to children (Pre-K to 8th Grade).

**Program 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 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)**

Early Enrollment (May 16th to June 1st): \$204

Regular Enrollment (Post June 1st): \$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](mailto:bvadmin@indiatemple.org) or call Samir Patel at 201-657-8661.

## 2021 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](mailto:amitmpatel75@gmail.com) or 301-785-1170 for details and scholarship application form.

**SENIOR APPLICATION DEADLINE:** Postmark by May 15, 2021

**RENEWAL APPLICATION DEADLINE:** Postmark by June 1, 2021



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## Temple Hours

*Currently Closed*

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

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

## 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

\*\$.58/ 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