



# Satsang Sandesh

## India Temple Association, Inc.

Hindu Temple, 25 E. Taunton Ave, Berlin, NJ 08009  
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### Religious Calendar

**3-Aug** Purnima/ Nariyari Punam,  
Rakshabandhan /Rudrabhishek

**10-Aug** Shitla Satam/  
Rudrabhishek

**12-Aug** Shri Krishna Janmashtami

**15-Aug** Aja Ekadashi

**17-Aug** Rudrabhishek

**19-Aug** Last day of Shravan  
Maas, Amavas/Rudrabhishek

**21-Aug** Kevada Trij- Haritalika  
Teej

**22-Aug** Shri Ganesha Chaturthi  
Ganesha Chaturthi

**23-Aug** Rishi/Rushi Panchami

**26-Aug** Radha Ashtami

**29-Aug** Parivartini Ekadashi, Shri  
Vamana Jayanti

**1-Sep** Anant Chaturdashi, Shri  
Ganesha Visarjan

**3-Sep** Mahalaya Starts, Shradha  
Paksha/Pitri Paksha Starts

**13-Sep** Indira Ekadashi

### Temple Hours

Open from August 1  
Tuesday & Saturday  
5.30pm-7.30pm  
Phone: (856) 768-3134

### Satyanarayan Puja

August-3 Sunday (Online)

### Sunderkand Path

August-18 Saturday (Online)

### See live Aarti and Events

Subscribe to ITA's YouTube channel - <https://www.youtube.com/user/>

### Temple Opening

#### Jai Shree Krishna.

I am excited to inform you that we are opening Temple today. The Temple will now be open on Tuesday and Saturday evenings from 5:30 to 7:30pm. At this initial stage, we will only be allowing silent Darshan. We have installed an air purification system and are implementing a number of precautions to protect worshipers, volunteers and pujaris. There will be no pujari present nor Aarti conducted. Worshipers will also be asked to follow posted guidelines. Worshipers that are unwilling or unable to adhere to these requirements will not be able to enter. Assuming that things proceed smoothly and the community COVID-19 case trends remain positive, we will expand hours and loosen restrictions.

Sincerely,

Pankaj Desai,

ITA President psdyes1961@gmail.com / (609) 332-3947

### 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. Also, at your request, 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.*

Amita Desai	5-Aug	Charu & Jaysukh Sheth	17-Aug
Shailendra Desai	5-Aug	Dilipkumar Patel	17-Aug
Mahesh Tekrival	7-Aug	Ghanshyam Dave	17-Aug
Tejas Patel	8-Aug	Snehal Sindvad	17-Aug
Nagraj Lingraju	10-Aug	Maganbhai Kanzaria	18-Aug
Shree Khaitan	10-Aug	Tejash Patel	20-Aug
Mahesh Dixit	11-Aug	Babubhai Patel	24-Aug
Akshaykumar Patel	15-Aug	Mitul Kanzaria	26-Aug
Kiran Desai	15-Aug	Sangita & Paresh Talati	27-Aug
Nisarg Shah	15-Aug		

VIKRAM SAMVAT 2076 / 2020 CALENDAR AVAILABLE ONLINE AT  
<https://www.indiatemple.org/>

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

### See ITA Website & Weekly Announcements to Join Prayer Meetings Online

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

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

Bhagavat Gita Study Tuesday starting at 11am on Zoom.  
Contact Sharad Pimplaskar (856) 466 1430 for details.

ITA Senior Social Group  
Contact Vinita Ganju (609) 744 8558 to learn about online activities.

Yoga and Pranayama Classes at Berlin Mandir  
Program currently cancelled

## CONDOLENCES

Smt. Sushila U. Thakur, mother of Yogesh Thakur of Vineland, NJ passed away in Mumbai on Sunday, July 26th, 2020. She is survived by two sons Rajendra and Yogesh, two daughters Chhaya and Shobha, daughter in Law Renuka, six grand children, three grand daughter in laws and five great grand children. May her soul find peace and God give strength to her family and friends to cope with this unexpected loss. ITA and its Trustees extend their sincere condolences to the Thakur family.

## PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS BY HSC OF NJ

August 13, 2020 @7 PM - Yogi Shanti Desai will talk about Vedantic Approach to Meditation and will teach us Power Meditation .He will describe Physical and Mental benefits and its application in life. Yogi Shanti Desai has taught Yoga, Meditation and Vedanta philosophy in the USA for the last 50 years and has authored 19 books .

August 27, 2020 @7 PM - Officer Brian Libetti & Officer Trampe of the Evesham Police Dept. will talk on (1) Identity Theft (2) Telephone Scams (3) Credit Cards Fraud (4) Wire Fraud (5) Computer & email Scams (6) Personal & Home Safety etc.  
**Both meetings will be conducted on Zoom. Zoom details will be sent a day before the meetings.**

Virendra K. Gupta & HSC EC Team

## ITA BALVIHAR PROGRAM ENROLLMENT FOR 2020/21 YEAR

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

Additional Program Details: [https://www.indiatemple.org/bal\\_vihar.php](https://www.indiatemple.org/bal_vihar.php)

**Timing:** 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM two Sundays a month starting on September 20th and ending on May 2nd

**Location:** Virtual

**Fees / Enrollment:** (ITA MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED)

After June 1st: Regular Enrollment: \$211

Space in the program is **VERY** limited. We encourage community members to enroll early. Please explore the Balvihar webpage for the calendar, curriculum and greater program details.

The website is [https://www.indiatemple.org/bal\\_vihar.php](https://www.indiatemple.org/bal_vihar.php)

Questions? Email [bvadmin@indiatemple.org](mailto:bvadmin@indiatemple.org) or call Samir Patel at 201-657-8661.

## ITA INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE JANMASHTHAMI

Virtually on Aug. 12.



### Schedule

Wednesday August 12 at 5.30 - 7.45pm

5:30pm - 6:30pm Program for children

6:30pm - 7:00pm Puja Of Lord Krishna

7:00pm - 7:45pm Bhajans followed by Nand mahotsav & Aarti

To sponsor virtual Puja or for additional information, please contact Vinita Ganju at 609-744-8558/ vinudidi@gmail.com or Charu Sheth at 856-662-8754 / sheth\_charu@yahoo.com

## ITA INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY

Virtually on Aug. 20.



### Schedule

Thursday August 20 from 8 - 9.30 PM

Celebrate 74th Independence Day of India virtually on zoom. Zoom details TBD.

## ITA INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE GANESH UTSAV

Virtually from Aug. 22 to Sept. 1st.



### Schedule

Saturday August 22 at 4.00 PM: Ganesh Sthapana Puja and Arati:

Daily from August 23, 2020 to August 31, 2020:

Ganesh Archana and Arati followed by temple Arati at Noon

Ganesh Puja followed by Arati at 7:30

Tuesday September 1st Visarjan at **TBD**

To sponsor virtual Puja, garland or for any additional information, please contact Anoo Joshi at 856-577-3631/anootemple@gmail.com or Charu Sheth at 856-662-8754 / sheth\_charu@yahoo.com

## PHASE-1 TEMPLE OPENING GUIDELINES

- 1) Masks covering nose and mouth required all times on premises.
- 2) Worshipers must complete a questionnaire and information form as well as have their temperature taken prior to entry. Visitors deemed high risk may be denied admission.
- 3) Darshan time will be limited to allow all worshipers a time within the visitation window.
- 4) Only the front door will be available for entry and exit. Backdoor will be locked.
- 5) Restrooms and social hall areas are closed and will not be accessible.
- 6) Worshippers will be asked to use hand sanitizer upon entering the building.
- 7) Worshipers will be asked to follow social distancing guidelines. Markers have been placed in the worship hall.
- 8) Worshipers will not be allowed on the altar.
- 9) Worshipers are asked not to bring any offerings, prasad or flowers.
- 10) We will not be distributing Prasad.
- 11) We strongly recommend that those having underlying health conditions should refrain from visiting temple.



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### Temple Hours

**Monday - Friday**

9 am - 1 pm

4 pm - 8:30 pm

**Saturday & Sunday**

9 am to 9 pm

**Aarti**

12 pm & 8 pm

Times may change during  
special occasions

**If back door is locked,  
please try front door, ring  
bell or call  
(856) 768-3134.**

**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.

### Facility Rental Fees

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Non-Member</u>
Prayer Hall Rental	\$201	\$251
Social Hall Rental	\$301	\$351