



# Satsang Sandesh

## India Temple Association, Inc.

Hindu Temple, 25 E. Taunton Ave, Berlin, NJ 08009  
 SOUTH JERSEY ♦ DELAWARE ♦ PENNSYLVANIA  
 (Non-Profit Tax Exempt Organization, Tax ID # 22-2192491)

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### Religious Calendar

July 4, Tuesday  
 Devshayani Ekadashi / Gau-ri Vrat Starts  
 July 07, Friday  
 Jaya Parvati Vrat  
 July 08, Saturday  
 Guru-Vyas Purnaima, Gau-ri Vrat concludes  
 July 11, Tuesday  
 Jaya Parvati Vrat concludes  
 July 19, Wednesday  
 Kamika Ekadashi  
 July 24, Monday  
 Shravan, 1st Day of  
 Shravan Maas,  
 Rudrabhishek 10am-12pm,  
 4pm-7:30pm at temple  
 July 27, Thursday  
 Nag Panchami  
 July 29, Saturday  
 Shitala Satam  
 July 31, Monday  
 Rudrabhishek 10am-12pm,  
 4pm-7:30pm at temple

### Monthly Activities

July 7, Friday  
 Vishnu Sahasranaam  
 July 8, Saturday  
 Shri Satyanarayan Pooja  
 10:30am  
 July 15, Saturday  
 Sunderkand Path 10am

### Monthly Bhajans

July 14, Friday 7:00pm-9pm  
 · Shriji Bhajan  
 Urmi Upadhyay 856-424-9328  
 Charu Sheth 856-662-8754

### Music Program

**Music Programs**  
 Please make a note that the Musical Program for July 22 by Mr. Chandan Mody has been canceled. A new date and time will be announced in future.

**July 8, Saturday  
 Shri Satyanarayan Puja  
 is at 10:30 am**

**July 15, Saturday  
 Sunderkand Path 10am**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**July 2, Sunday, Vachnamrut and Satsang 1pm-3pm**

**July 4 Independence Day Parade**

**Sunday, July 16th at 5pm; Location: ICC**

**Topic: College Application II: Admission Officer's Perspective  
 Speaker: Ruby Bhattacharya, Former Assistant Dean of Admissions Swarthmore College**

- Please book these dates in your planner and join these major events with friends and families.

### 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.*

Vinu Patel	July 01	Kiran Bhatt	July 24
Vinod Mehta	July 12	Mahesh Dixit	July 24
Ramesh Upadhyay	July 13	Amardeep Patel	July 24
Asha Gupta	July 18	Hari Prasad K. Jani	July 30
Arun Maheswari	July 18		
Pratima Parikh	July 19		
Vijay & Asha Gupta	July 22		

## Condolences

Smt. Maghiben Kanzaria mother of our founding member Magan Kanzaria passed away at the age of 94. She is survived by her 8 loving children, 18 grand children and 14 great-grand children. ITA and its Board convey their sincere condolences to their family.

## PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS BY HSC OF NJ ICC, 820 RT 73, MARLTON, NJ

We will have two meetings for the Month of July 2017 -

Our first meeting will be held on July 13, 2017 at 6.30 PM at ICC, Marlton, NJ

Bollywood Nite led by our Senior Baldev Patel, Arti Shah and Devang Parikh. You will hear melodies of Mohammed Rafi, Lata Mangeshkar, Asha Bhosle and Kishore Kumar of 1960's through 1980's REVIVED. Some of the songs may be recent songs. So, relax and enjoy the memorable songs.

Our 2nd meeting will be held on July 27, 2017 at 6.30 PM at ICC, Marlton, NJ and will be devoted to the discussion of RISK, RETURNS and Financial Products as it relates to Seniors.

Dr. Bhandari is the founder and President of LC Bhandari & Co. He has MBA and Ph.D in Finance. For the last 18 years, he has been giving advice to institutional investors. Dr. Bhandari also taught at the Univ of Alberta and worked for Chemical Bank and Bank Paribas.

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### ITA Service Awards

ITA recognizes youth that made a significant contribution to the ITA at its Annual Graduation Yagna. Award recipients received a \$101 Gift Card and ITA Community Serve Award Certificate. The 2017 ITA Community Service Award recipients are: **Pujan Choksi; Rishi Lad; Aakash Pillai; Aditya Pillai**

### ITA Scholarship Recipients

This year two graduating high school seniors were chosen for the ITA Scholarship award. Each student was awarded \$1000 towards their first year of college. The students were formally presented with the awards at the Graduation Yagna. The selection process looked at the entire student background with focus on their contribution and dedication to the ITA and South Jersey Hindu community. We are proud to announce our 2017 awardees:

#### Khushbu Prajapati

High School: Cherokee High School; College: Rowan College at Burlington County

ITA related activities: Mata Ki Chowki, Dusshera, Balvihar annual day choreographer, Vasant Panchmi, ITA Relay for Life, Balvihar and Youth Group

Highlights from essay: "Om Sarve Bhavantu" – this shloka has changed my perception on life. I remember sitting on the temple floor and discussing this shloka. Praveen uncle emphasized the meaning of it. One line of the sholka translates to "may all be free from illness". We are not just praying for ourselves but all living creatures. To help us understand this more, Praveen uncle made a connection to Ramayana. Lord Shiva send Hanuman to be a monkey because he wanted to show that animals are equal to humans. Hanuman was smart, brave and devoted. He was nothing less than a human being. Since the day I learned the true meaning of this shloka, I gained appreciation for all living things. It gives deeper meaning to me being a vegetarian."

#### Pooja Patel

High School: Cherokee High School; College: Rutgers University

ITA related activities: Holi, Mata Ki Chowki, Relay for Life, Kite and Color Festival, International Day (Camden County), Sandwich Program, Art classes, Balvihar and Youth Group.

Highlights from essay: "Being a Hindu is much more than celebrating a few holidays and wearing Indian clothing, and only organizations like Balvihar and Youth allow us to confront the greater meaning behind being an Indian. Participation in such activities has to be stressed so that immigration does not rob us of what our forefathers were and what we could have been had we been living in India, so that living abroad does not detach us from the values our culture teaches us to cherish, and so that our Hindustani identity is not dissolved amidst a society very different from our own"

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### ICC/ITA Head Start Speaker Series

**Topic: College Application II: Admission Officer's Perspective**

**Speaker: Ruby Bhattacharya, Former Assistant Dean of Admissions Swarthmore College**

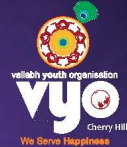
**Date: Sunday, July 16th at 5pm; Location: ICC**

Program Coordinator: Parth Chauhan (856)304-7345/parth@hgfarms.org & Samir Patel (201)657-8661

**Speaker Bio:** Ruby Bhattacharya is an experienced college admissions and counseling professional. She is the former Assistant Dean of Admissions at Swarthmore College. She has also served as an application reader for Williams College in addition to working in the College Counseling Office at Concord Academy, a boarding school in the Boston area. Ruby recently completed a Masters degree in Higher Education from Harvard University and also has a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and French from Swarthmore College. Ruby is a South Jersey native and a graduate of Moorestown High School.

॥ Shri Hari ॥

Vallabh Youth Organization  
Cherry Hill  
Presents



# Vachnamrut & Satsang

— † Inspirational Divine Vachnamrut By † —

His Divine Holiness Yuva Vaishnavacharya Pujya Goswami 108  
**Shri Vrajraj Kumarji Mahodayshri**

Discourse Subject:

**Krishna Leela**



Program Schedule

**Vachnamrut and Satsang  
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM**

Pragnesh Shah (856)534-3200 • Girish Talati (609)560-8506 • Mahendrabhai Toprani (856)912-0514

**For Brahmasabandh & Padharamani Contact:** Pragnesh Shah (856) 534-3200

**Venue:** Hindu Mandir India Temple Association - 25 East Taunton Ave, Berlin, NJ 08009

[www.vyoworld.org](http://www.vyoworld.org)

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## Seva Samiti

“Compassion does not mean to be solicitous to someone who appears to be stray, imperfect, or needy. It means to see that person as we see ourselves, as unique human beings with wants, hopes, needs, dreams, and desires.” Gail Pursell Elliott

Namaste Friends,

Thankfully our community in South Jersey has grown and receive more requests for help. I would like to begin and strengthen the Outreach Program but it's not possible without community help. Below is the list of things that members may need help:

Visiting homes or hospitals; Finding Governmental help through research, phone calls etc.; Providing ride.

Just calling and giving your ear. (All the information must be kept confidential); Creating flyer to reach H1B visa holder community that residing in numbers in certain apartments complex.

Please, join to give Seva Samiti a helping hand. We need you, community needs you.

Call or send an email to [latap1215@gmail.com](mailto:latap1215@gmail.com) or call 856-985-4785. Lata Pimplaskar

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## Invitation to Join, Marlton Gita Study Group, Meets every Tuesday at 8:00pm

The Group will begin studying Bhagavad Gita: Chapter 2 Saankhya Yogah: Yoga Of Knowledge Arjuna wanted to know if there are answers to the dilemma that was drowning him in sorrow. Knowing that Arjuna's problem is born of a delusion natural to all human beings, Lord Krishna begins to unfold the vision of the Vedanta, that is called Sankhya, meaning 'that which can be completely known'. Thus, the second chapter is named 'Sankhya Yoga'.

What is this vision of the Vedas? Lord Krishna says it makes a wise person see that his birth and death are only the apparent realities of his being and therefore, do not become a cause for his despair. The true reality of an individual does not change through the various stages of his life-time nor through the many lives of that individual; just like a person removing old clothes and taking up new ones. This reality is the source of every personality. This reality, referred to as 'I' by the person, is known as Atma and it is opposite of the nature of his body, mind or senses. While one continue to experience the of changing of body and mind causes distress, fear, anxiousness, and many more negative emotions are cured only by knowing the immortal truth of the self.

72 verses of the CHAPTER 2 covers teachings of the entire Gita.

For more information contact, Lata Pimplaskar [latap1215@gmail.com](mailto:latap1215@gmail.com) or call 856-985-4785





**Monthly Pujas at Mandir  
SATYANARAYAN PUJA  
Saturday, July 8 @ 10:30 AM**

Followed by Mahaprasad sponsored by Indian Vila

Anyone can sit in this Puja and receive blessings of Lord Satyanarayan. Please contact Charuben at 856-662-8754 or Kshamaben at 707-332-3400 if you are planning to be Puja Participant. Suggested Donation of \$31 or more from Puja participants will be appreciated.

**SUNDARKAND PAATH**

**Saturday, July 15 @ 10 AM to 12:00 Noon**

Followed by Mahaprasaad sponsored by Gagan Palace



**ITA Balvihar Program Enrollment for 2017 -2018 Year Opens on July 1st Program**

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

Curriculum Summary:

Pre-K-Children 4+ - Hindu Art, Shlokas/Songs/Story

KG (Meghaa) - Stories from Panchatantra, Indian Festivals

1st (Saagar) - Stories from Puranas, Intro. to Gods/Goddess, Intro. to India

2nd (Vaayu) - Bala Bhagavatam, Stories of Saints, Intro. to India II

3rd (Pavan) - Ramayana, Important Indian Historical Figures

4th (Aakash) - Mahabharata I, History: Mauryan Dynasty

5th (Gagan) - Mahabharata II, History: Gupta Dynasty/South Indian Empires

6th (Agni) - Values, Analysis of Ramayana/Mahabharata characters, History: Mughal dynasty

7th (Marut) - Principles of Hinduism & Ishvara, History: British Rule

8th (Medhaa) - Religious Disciplines, Culture, Tradition, Vedic Chanting, Evolution of civilization

**Timing:** 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM on 17 Sundays starting on September 10th and ending on May 6th

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

**Fee:** \$152 on or before July 31st / \$202 on or after August 1st. **(ITA MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED)**

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 [balviharenrollment@gmail.com](mailto:balviharenrollment@gmail.com) or call Samir Patel at 201-657-8661

**RELAY 2017**

*Namaste from Chetna Giyanani, as the Team Captain of Team ITAICC Service Group, I would like to thank all the participants, sponsors, donors, supporters, and, volunteers of the community who came out and supported this event. Our 5th year at Relay with American Cancer Society, another successful year of giving back and a very proud moment for all of us! Check out for a more detailed update in next months Satsang Sandesh !!*

**Senior Social Group**

Senior Social Group (SSG) will meet every Tuesday at 1pm in the Social Hall at Berlin Temple. Please contact Mr. Bhulabhai Bhaktaji at 8569830769 for details.

**YOGA Classes at Berlin Mandir FREE YOGA CLASSES FOR ALL**

Please see our WEB site at [www.indiatemple.org](http://www.indiatemple.org) and see schedule day and time for this class on Saturday Mornings. It will cover soft but complete exercise, pranayama and short meditation. There may be another YOGA CLASS FOR BACKACHE for an hour in weekday morning, provided there is enough interest. Please call Dr. Veena S. Gandhi at 856-435-9148. Although classes are free, participants can donate money to ITA for Dr. Gandhi's valuable time.

Notary Service by our ITA Members—The following ITA members provide Free Notary Service to our community:  
Ghanshyam Dave.:856-596-7531; Raman Modhera: 856-528-2863 and Dalapat patel: 609-298-2724

**PROGRAMS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH  
YOGA ABHYAS FOR HEALTH, HAPPINESS &  
GOD REALIZATION:**

Contact: Vina Gandhi at 856-435-9148

**GITA STUDY GROUP:**

Every Tuesday 8-9 pm at our Mandir

Contact: Sharad Pimplaskar @ (856) 985-4785

**BHAJANS & STUTI:**

Every Friday, 7:30-9 pm

Contact: Shree Shuklaji(856) 768-6785

**REGULAR PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

**BALVIHAR:** For children (PRE-K to 8th Grade) teaches Sanatana Dharma, Vedic Heritage and Indian Culture. Two Sundays a month from 10 am - 1 pm @ Marlton Middle School Contact: Malathi Shankar (856) 424-7849 or Bhavesh Patel 1-855-my-mandir ext 3.

**YOUTH PROGRAM:** A program for young adults (8th to 12th Grade) and parents. Two Sundays a month from 9:45 am - 1 pm at our Mandir. Contact: Praveen Garg (856) 783-4692 or Sangeeta Rashatwar (856) 424-4211

**CREATIVE ART WORKSHOP**

1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday @ 9:30 am at our Mandir

Contact: Sudha Patel (856)489-4065

**PUJA SERVICE CHARGES, TEMPLE FACILITIES USAGE FEE AND OTHER CHARGES:**

**The following provides list of applicable charges and fees.** Shri Shuklaji /Shri Sudhirji will be available for religious services on request. Please note that 50% of the listed cost of Puja performed outside the temple goes to Pujari in addition to his regular salary. Please check temple availability at [www.indiatemple.org](http://www.indiatemple.org); Click on “CALENDAR tab” and, from drop-down menu, Click on “EVENT/RENTAL CALENDAR”. **Please contact Shri. Divyakant Parikh at 1-855-MY-MANDIR Ext 1 for the booking of the Temple Facilities and/or scheduling of Puja Services by Shuklaji or Sudhirji.**

Please note that 50% of the listed cost of Puja performed outside the temple goes to Pujari in addition to his regular salary.

<b>PUJA SERVICE **</b>	<b>INSIDE TEM- PLE</b>	<b>OUTSIDE TEMPLE</b>	<b>Following listed fees and charges are in addition to the charges listed for Puja Services</b>
Archana(Panchopachar)	\$11	N/A	
Vahan (Vehicle) Puja	\$21	N/A	
Namakaran/Annaprashan	\$51	\$101	
Birthday	\$51	\$101	
Shraddha	\$51	\$101	
Anniversary Celebration	\$101	\$151	
Seemant	\$101	\$151	
Kesh Mundan Puja	\$101	\$151	
Sodashopchar, Kalash Puja, Punyah-Vachan or Blessings	\$101	\$151	
Satyanarayan Puja	\$121	\$151	
Engagement Ceremony	\$101	\$201	
Havan/Grah Shanti	\$201	\$251	
Vastu Puja - outside service only	N/A	\$251	
Wedding Grah Shanti	\$201	\$301	
Wedding Ceremony per day	\$301	\$351	
Upanayan/Yagnopavita	\$251	\$301	
Antim Rites (Funeral Service)	Voluntary donation		
Uttar Kriya per day-outside service only	N/A	\$101	
Yagna//laghu rudra - outside service only	N/A	\$351	
Navchandi Yagna—outside service only	N/A	\$651	

**TEMPLE FACILITIES USAGE FEE:**

Prayer Hall: \$200

Social Hall: \$300

**OTHER CHARGES**

\$51. travel charges for 25 to 50 miles

\$101 travel charges for 51 to 100 miles

\$51 Non-member charges

**NOTE: Charges and availability of other Puja Services not listed above may be discussed with Divyakant parikh @ (856) 745-9676**

**DIRECTION TO BERLIN TEMPLE**

**A. From Tacony Bridge:**

Take NJ route 73S; drive about 12-13 miles and follow sign for East Taunton Ave. Temple on your right

**B. From Ben Franklin Bridge:**

Take route 30E to NJ route 70E to NJ route 73S, drive about 7 miles and follow sign for East Taunton Ave. Temple on your right

**C. From Walt Whitman Bridge or Delaware Memorial Bridge:**

Take I-295N to Exit 29-A for route 30E to Berlin Twp. Turn left on East Taunton Ave.

**D. From Central and North Jersey:**

Take NJ turnpike south, Exit 4 for route 73S. Drive about 10-11 miles and follow sign for East Taunton Ave. on your right.



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### Darshan Schedule

#### Morning

9:00 am - 12:30 pm

#### Evening

3 pm - 9 pm

#### Aarti

12 pm & 8 pm

Times may change during  
special occasions

**Please use the front door  
and ring the bell if locked**

Please check appropriate items from the following, and mail it to  
**Hindu Temple, 25 East Taunton Ave., Berlin, NJ 08009 Attn: Mr. M. Kanzaria**

I/We would like to join India Temple Association and I/We are remitting the membership dues (please select one) Individual or Family one year (\$75) \_\_\_\_\_  
Individual or Family three year (\$111) \_\_\_\_\_  
Individual or Family five year (\$161) \_\_\_\_\_  
Life (\$1,001) \_\_\_\_\_

I/ We are seniors, age 65 and above and would like to join India Temple Association. I am/We are remitting the membership dues  
(please select one) Individual or Family Five year (\$25) \_\_\_\_\_  
Life (\$101) \_\_\_\_\_

I am adding additional donations:  
\_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship Fund \_\_\_\_\_ Lifetime Seva (\$301) \_\_\_\_\_ Temple Renovations  
\_\_\_\_\_ Seva Samiti Fund \_\_\_\_\_ Bal Vihar Fund \_\_\_\_\_ Youth Fund

I am relocating to the following address

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_