



Satsang Sandesh

India Temple Association, Inc.

Hindu Temple, 25 E. Taunton Ave, Berlin, NJ 08009
 SOUTH JERSEY ♦ DELAWARE ♦ PENNSYLVANIA
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Religious Calendar

- November 7 Saturday**
 • Rama Ekadashi
- November 9 Monday**
 • Dhan Teras
- November 10 Tuesday**
 • Kali Chaudas / Narak Chaturdashi
- November 11 Wednesday**
 • Diwali, Laxhmi Puja, Annakoot
- November 12 Thursday**
 • Vikram Samvat Kartik
- November 13 Friday**
 • Bhratri Dwitiya / Bhia Bij
- November 16 Monday**
 • Labh Panchami
- November 22 Sunday**
 • Dev Prabodhini / Devothana Ekadashi / Tulsi Vivah
- November 25 Wednesday**
 • Dev Diwali / Purnima / Shri Guru Nanak Jayanti

Monthly Activities

- Kshamatemple@gmail.com
- November 14, Saturday**
 • Sunderkand Path 10am
- November 25, Wednesday**
 • Shri Satyanarayan Pooja 6pm

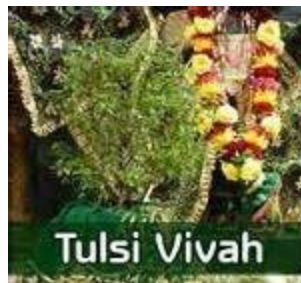
Monthly Bhajans

- November 13 Friday 8-9 pm**
 • Shree Ji Bhajan
 Urmi Upadhyay 8564249328
 Charu Sheth 856-662-8754
- November 20 Friday 8-9 pm**
 • Satya Sai Baba of Medford
 P.K.Prabhakar 8565963147
 Sessa Vemuri 856-751-0867

A note to our community

If you are not receiving the ITA event/emergency bulletins via our established ITA temple Yahoo group E mails, please send your request to Ramesh Viswanathan at rameshv@iitbombay.org. You will be receiving an invitation to subscribe to this group and once you accept the invite, your E mail address will get added. Thank you Please note that ITA has never sold or made available the E mail addresses to anyone.

Please join us for Tulsi Vivah, Diwali Celebrations and all our community programs in November 2015!



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.

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| • Patel Lalit | Nov 01 | Dixit Mahesh | Nov 18 |
| • Puttaswamy Dunthur | Nov 02 | Patel Bimal | Nov 18 |
| • Gupta Roopali. | Nov 04 | Dixit Mahesh | Nov 20 |
| • Ravani Kishan | Nov 05 | Patel Jagdishver | Nov 21 |
| • Maheswari Arun | Nov 09 | Shah Nagindas/Champaben | Nov 22 |
| • Desai Barbara | Nov 11 | Patel Kusum N. | Nov 24 |
| • Bagaria Surendra | Nov 15 | Patel Kusum N. | Nov 28 |
| • | | Patel Rital | Nov 28 |

From Me to You

Pranams!

We all know the saying, 'As you sow, so shall you reap'. One cannot sow thorns and reap mangoes.

The law of karma is universal; it applies equally to all. Every thought, word, deed, emotion, feeling and wish is a seed we sow in the field of life. In due course, the seeds will germinate and grow into trees, and yield fruit — bitter or sweet — which we shall have to eat. No one else can do that for us.

There are causes that produce their effect immediately. There are other causes that produce their effect after a long time. If I overeat, it is a cause that I have created. It produces an immediate effect — indigestion. There are other causes which take time to produce its effect but every seed must yield its fruit. This is the law of karma.

A Sindhi proverb says: 'The mother gives birth to children; each brings with himself/herself his/her destiny'. Each one brings his/her own karma. Among siblings, one might become a billionaire, while another struggles to make ends meet.

We are the architects of our own destinies. We are the builder of our own lives. Every thought, emotion, wish and action creates karma; and we have been creating these karmas for thousands, perhaps billions of years.

Instead of multiplying our unhealthy karmas, let us try to build some good karma by doing our bit for our Mandir and hope it nullifies the effect of the previously created bad karmas.

I remain,

Ramesh Viswanathan

Hindu Senior Citizens of South Jersey
November 2015 Meeting Announcement Venue – ICC
www.Hinduseniors.com
November 5 (Thursday) & November 23(Monday)

Thursday, November 5

6 to 7 pm	Diwali Celebration, aarti, sweets & snacks, tea/coffee
7:00 to 7:30 pm	Election Procedure
7:30 to 8:30	Scheduled Lecture

Thursday November 5

Hindu View of Environment

The topic Hindu view of Environment will elaborate Hindu beliefs and practices that shows a strong relationship between Hindus and nature. The five elements space, air, fire, water and earth form the foundation of an interconnected web of life. The scriptural commands and day to day practices are a testimony to this relationship with nature. The speaker is a very distinguished citizen of New Jersey Dr. Ved Chaudhary. A person of extensive experience, he worked in Bell Laboratories for thirty years and subsequently Governor Corzine appointed him as Assistant Commissioner in the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. He retired in 2010 and co-founded "**Educators' Society for Heritage of India**" or ESHA and serves as its President. He also serves as an Adviser to the Board of "**80-20 National Asian American Education Foundation**" and **Political Action Committee (PAC) for equality & Justice**. He is a co-founder and Board member of **Hindu American Seva Charities which hosts an annual White House Conference for Dharmic communities**, to engage Dharmic youth and organizations in community service. He has formerly served as a Trustee of the Rutgers University; Vice chair of NJ Committee of U.S. Commission on Civil Rights; a Member of Governor's Ethnic Advisory Council, and a Fellow of "Leadership New Jersey" a coalition of Government, Industry and Non-profits. Dr Chaudhary has received many awards and recognition for his community service and leadership.

Monday, November 23

The program includes multiple activities. We will start with the presentation of the new Executive Committee by the president-elect for the general body's approval. The second item will be awards to the young winners of the painting completion held on October 4. The remaining time is an open forum for discussion, songs, *bhajans*, etc. We will welcome a donor or donors for food on that day.

Surendra Gambhir
President, HSCSJ
sg@gambhir.net

Monthly Pujas at Mandir



It is a pleasure to read Sunderkand Path on Saturday November 14, at 10am and to perform Satyanarayan puja on Wednesday November 25, at 6pm at our Temple with family and friends.

We invite you to join us and perform Satyanarayan puja every Purnima day with family and friends and receive the blessings of Almighty God. Donations are welcome. Suggested donation is \$ 31. It is followed by Mahaprasad generously sponsored by Indian Villa.

Please join us for Sunderkand Path held on third Saturday of every month followed by Mahaprasad generously sponsored by Gagan Palace.

Jai Krishna, Kshama



Uddhava Gita Study

Starting: December 1, 2015.

Time / Place: Tuesdays 8 PM – 9PM, ITA Temple, Berlin, NJ

Besides Bhagavat Gita, there are many “Gita’s” in our scriptural literature and all of them are worth reading for a student of Vedanta. Each one of them is a discourse of Upanishadic teachings. Of these other Gitas, Uddhava Gita holds a particular significance for a person who already is a devotee of The Lord but is confused about what makes it meaningful and its goal. Bhakti is more than devotion. In the vision of The Lord presented in Uddhava Gita, Bhakti takes on a greater significance. The teaching is even more important for us because of the very place in Shri Bhagavatam where it appears. As Bhagavan Shri Krishna is about to conclude his Avatar on this earth with the self-destruction of the Vrishni clan at Prabhasa, His childhood companion, cousin, and Bhakta, Uddhava, follows Him to a lonely place and pleads Him not to leave. What follows is a beautiful, heartening, enlightening and the final teachings of the Lord to His dearest devotee. This, one of the final chapters of Shri Bhagavatam, is worth learning for every devotee of Lord Krishna and even the most ascetic Vedanta student who may have intellectually accomplished the study of the Vedas and yet may have missed its very glue to the human heart. As Shri Shankaracharya has said, Jnanam without Bhakti is like a wick burning in a lamp without the oil.

Please come and join in the study of this unique Gita study at our temple starting Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at 8:00 PM. For more information, please contact Sharad Pimplaskar at (856) 985-4785 or, sharad.pimplaskar@gmail.com.

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](tel:8569830769) for details.

Thanks for Generous Donation

ITA recognizes the Navratri donation of \$1000 from
Ashvinbhai and Arunaben Patel
Nirmala and Thakor Dahya

GOOD NEWS

The Board of Trustees (BOT) is very pleased to announce the purchase of adjoining property at 61 Haynes Avenue, Berlin, NJ. Prior Trustee Boards were trying to purchase this property and, in the year 2000, had officially granted approval for such a purchase to increase the number of parking spots and create two separate residences for our fulltime Pujaries.

Finally, the current BOT overwhelmingly approved such a purchase and took possession on August 3, 2015. Preliminary meetings with township officials, solicitor and engineer were very promising. Our team is working on to getting the site plans prepared and approved. Recently, we cleared the rear areas of both the properties and took advantage of open land during our Pran Pratishtha celebration. BOT will provide further updates as they become available.



Janmashtmi
September 5, 2015
by
Kaxa Prajapati

At our Hindu Mandir of Berlin, NJ, we celebrated, Janmashtmi, the day of lord Krishna's birth, on September 5th, by doing many activities from day to night. The day started off with a Bal Krishna program for youngsters from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. Volunteers greeted the boys with Bandanas, provided by Binduben, and helped to tie it on their foreheads. All the kids were welcomed with kum kum tilaks on their foreheads.

Then the children gathered around Charuben, who told Krishna Leela stories, aided with visual displays. Later, Dhirubhai, showed a video about Janmashtmi celebration of Govinda formations, human pyramid, to break the matki, a clay pot, filled with curd, re-enacting Young Lord Krishna's mischievous deeds. The inquisitive children asked questions and played games. Later, they watched two wonderful dance performances. The first dance to the song "Yeh Krishna Hai" was performed by Ankita Prajapati, a Yuva Darshan graduate, Khushbu Prajapati, a Yuva Darshan student, and Kaxa Prajapati, a Bal Vihar student. The second dance, a Kathak, was performed by two women named Abhilasha Saxena Chawdhary, a dance teacher, and Svetha Jetty.

When the dances ended, we started a matki celebration. Every child got a chance to try to break the matki, filled with sweets. When the matki was broken, kids, in friendly rivalry, pounced on the sweets and laughed with joy. As the matki celebration ended, we sang Aarati to Lord Krishna, one by one, all, pulled the cord to swing Baby Krishna on the jhula, his cradle swing. The children were treated to ice cream and munchkins. More than 100 children enjoyed the festivities.

With the children's Bal Krishna program conclusion, the main program, in the worship hall, commenced at 5 pm. Yuva Darshan students, Rashmi Devadiga and Yamini Nalla, greeted the devotees in the foyer from their Donation table and thanked the donors with Prasad boxes. Upstairs, bhagats, devotees, gathered to perform puja of Lord Krishna. At its conclusion, beautiful Bhajans by teens and adults' majestic voices calling Lord Krishna resounded the Worship hall. As the bhajans ended, we started Utsav, festival of celebration. People were dancing with bliss. Candy was thrown into the crowd from a matki. By 8:00 pm, aarati was performed and prasad was distributed. Many people stayed in the temple for the final aarati at midnight, the birth time of Lord Krishna. The last of the devotees left at 1 am in the morning. Everyone went home reverberating with peace and joy.



Tulsi Vivah

Tulsi Vivah is the ceremonial marriage of the Tulsi plant to the Hindu god Vishnu or his Avatar Krishna. This ceremony can be performed any time between Prabodhini Ekadashi - the eleventh lunar day of the bright fortnight of the Hindu month Kartik to the full moon of the month but usually it is performed on the eleventh or the twelfth lunar day. The day varies from region to region. The Tulsi wedding signifies the end of the monsoon and the beginning of the Hindu wedding season.

Tulsi Vivah Sunday November 22, from 3:30 pm



DhanTeras Puja—Monday November 9

Bring your jewelry, or precious items for Dhan Puja. In order to participate as yajman in puja, please contact, Binduben Shukla at 856-768-6785. Suggested donation is \$51.

Diwali - Annakut - Laxmi Pujan—Wednesday November 11

In order to participate in Laxmi puja as a Mukhya yajman or Sah Yajman, please contact **Harshad Patel** at Harshad41@aol.com or **Ghanshyam Dave** at ghanu44@aol.com. If you would like to bring Prasad for Annakut, please contact and register with Binduben Shukla or Nikunjana Dave.



Please drop your Prasad early by 3:30 PM to allow for presentation and decoration. Puja starts at 5 pm. First Aarati at 5:30 PM, with subsequent at 7 PM, 8 PM, 9 PM.

Sponsorship: PUJA 5 PM

\$251 and above, Mukhya Yajmans \$101 Sah Yajmans **Contact:** Harshad Patel at Harshad41@aol.com or Ghanshyam Dave at ghanu44@aol.com.

PRASAD

Bring your Prasad by 4 pm. 56 bhog, 28 sweet, 28 namkeen.

For questions, or to register, please contact Binduben Shukla [856-768-6785](tel:856-768-6785) or Nikunjanaben Dave at [856-596-7531](tel:856-596-7531)

Aarati: 5:30 PM, 7 PM, 8 PM, and 9 PM

Please drop your Prasad early by 3:30 PM to allow for presentation and decoration. Puja starts at 5 pm. First Aarati at 5:30 PM, with subsequent at 7 PM, 8 PM, 9 PM.

Vikram Samvat 2072 - New Year—Thursday November 12

Please join us for the New Year day celebrations starting at 6 am. First Aarati is at 6 AM and then every half hour until noon. Enjoy special breakfast items (nashta) served 9 am – 11:30 am. Please contact Nikunjanaben or Binduben to sponsor breakfast items (Nashta) and Prasad. Suggested items for breakfast (nasta) are: tea, mathia, gota, sweets. Please bring these items to the mandir by 8:30 am. Nashta & Prasad sponsors: **Contact:** Binduben Shukla [856-768-6785](tel:856-768-6785) or Nikunjanaben Dave at [856-596-7531](tel:856-596-7531)



Aarati: 6:00 AM, and every half hour until Noon. 4:00 PM and every half hour until 8 PM.

ITA GENERAL BODY MEETING & ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

Nominations along with completed forms are invited from General Body members by **November 16, 2015**. Nomination forms are included within and can also be downloaded from www.indiatemple.org. Please return completed and signed form to ITA Election Committee, PO Box 1877, Voorhees, NJ, 08043 or you can email your form to Electioncom@indiatemple.org. All emails and forms must be received by **November 16, 2015**. Questions, please contact Election Committee: Phone: 1-(855) MY MANDIR (855-696- 2634) x 715, Email Electioncom@indiatemple.org or visit www.indiatemple.org.

Further requirements for the nomination include valid membership for the two consecutive years (November 1st 2013 through October 31st, 2015), believing in ITA Constitution, one year work experience with any of the ITA Committees and willingness to volunteer time and services for ITA activities. If there is insufficient number of nominations received by the deadline, remaining vacancies may be filled by the Board in accordance with ITA Constitution and Bylaws.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW TO BECOME A TRUSTEE OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT

Sangeeta Rashatwar at Electioncom@indiatemple.org.

Seat	Zone	Zone Service notes	Eligible for re-election – renewal of Seat / Zone Y – Trustee is eligible to be re-elected N – Trustee is ineligible for re-election of additional term. Maximum of 3 consecutive terms served.
1	East	Dhiraj Panda	N
1	West	Govind Modi	N
1	Open	Pankaj Desai	N
1	South	Kshama Raghuvver	Y
1	Open	Charuben Sheth	Y
1	North	Ashvin Patel	Y
1	Open	Prahlad Patel	Y
1	Founding	Jagdish Shah	Y
1	East	VACANT	Term 2015-2017

ITA takes this opportunity to thank all outgoing Trustees for their dedicated support and looking forward to their continued support for the ITA activities.

Govind Modi
On Behalf of ITA

Sangeeta Rashatwar
On Behalf of Election Committee

Dear Members,

It is my pleasure to announce that the **ITA General Body** will meet on **December 13, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.** at Hindu Mandir on 25 East Taunton Road, Berlin, NJ. The members will discuss the operations of the ITA and elect trustees for the coming year.

The Bhajans program will commence at 4:00 pm and end at 5:30 PM. The regular business will be conducted from 5:30 PM and is expected to conclude by 6:30 PM.

With the exception of our religious gatherings, this is – without question -- the most important gathering of the year. There will be a scrumptious dinner sponsored by the current Board of Trustees after the meeting.

Agenda for the meeting is as follows:

Presentation of a report on the overall status of your association – made by Ramesh Viswanathan, President
Presentation of a report on the financial status of your Association – Shobna Daga, Treasurer, will make the presentation

Q&A session

Elections for the Board of Trustees conducted by Sangeeta Rashatwar, Election Chair

Dinner

We are thankful to so many of you who continue to provide selfless service to our association. I urge those who have not yet come forward, to get involved and to lend your intellect and energy in making a difference to our Temple and its future. We are always looking for new leadership, new contributors, new ideas, and new energy for our association.

As we contemplate this important meeting, I ask that each of you join us in celebrating our past successes, repairing our shortcomings and charting our future. To paraphrase, John F. Kennedy, “Ask not what the Temple can do for you, but what you can do for your Temple”.

Requirements for an active member to have voting privileges for ITA items, per Article I of our bylaws, are:

Age eighteen or older

A current member of good standing as defined in Article VIII A of the Constitution

A member at least for the calendar year immediately preceding the calendar year for which he/she is voting

At any given time of voting, member must have a valid membership for the past two years from the date of the voting

Voting period for eligibility is November 1st, 2013 through October 31st, 2015 (period of two years)

I urge and encourage every participant in our Temple to make sure that his/her membership is active. I would also encourage those with expired memberships to consider renewing for five years or even becoming life members. Many of you with children in our Sunday school would benefit from longer membership renewal since your kids may potentially have eight years of Bal Vihar and five years of youth program participation ahead of them. We have made the process easy with our new online renewal process.

Sincerely,
Govind Modi
ITA General Secretary

Sangeeta Rashtwar
ITA Election Secretary



ITA Trusteeship - Nomination Form (Term 2016-2018, Election Year 2015)

I, the undersigned _____ residing at _____ would like to present my name for consideration as an ITA Trustee (see category checked below):

I also declare that -

I am an ITA member for continuous period of two years (November 1st, 2013 through October 31st, 2015).

I believe in ITA constitution, accept and uphold the objectives outlined in it.

If I am an outgoing trustee, I have NOT been a trustee for the last three consecutive terms (My first term started in Year _____).

I have worked for at least one year in any ITA committee or any association activity and am willing to volunteer my time to ITA projects (please fill in the details below):

Past: and Future: Committees/Programs _____

Chairperson for that Committee _____

Date of my Involvement: _____

My background and expertise are in _____ (Hinduism, Accounting, Information Technology, Arts, Culture, Education, Music, Engineering/Science, etc.).

I am eligible and wish to be a trustee from one of the following *categories/zones* (please check your selection, check **ONLY ONE** that applies).

Category/Zone Definitions: (Zones Based on Candidate's Birth Place)

1. North Zone: Chandigarh, Delhi, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, Uttaranchal, Uttar Pradesh
2. South Zone: Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry
3. East Zone: Andaman, Arunachal, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Orissa, Sikkim, Tripura, West Bengal
4. West Zone: Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Goa, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Lakshadweep,
5. Founding: Founding or Life member of ITA
6. Open: Open for any Zone including Founding/Life members



Note:

All information pertaining to ITA matters including membership information is privileged to *the* ITA Trustees and its Board members and confidential and not intended for the personal use of the recipient(s) named above. ITA membership information may not be reviewed, copied and/or distributed to general public without the written approval of the ITA Board.

Deadline for form submission is **November 16, 2015**. Please return completed and signed form to ITA Election Committee, PO Box 1877, Voorhees, NJ, 08043 (if mailed, postmarked by 11/16/2015) or you can email your form to Electioncom@indiatemple.org. All forms emailed must be received by midnight, November 16, 2015. Questions, please contact Election Committee: Phone: 1-(855) MY MANDIR (855-696-2634) x 715, or Email Electioncom@indiatemple.org.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Contact phone # _____

Nominee Bio Questionnaire:

Experience: Professional, Mandir areas of expertise that you possess that can be used to contribute to benefit the Mandir in the areas of: Mandir governance, program management and execution, Fundraising, Membership Relations.

The Trustees hold six regular meetings a year and one General Body Meeting. We celebrate many festivals. How many meetings can you attend? How many festivals can you organize and how many can you volunteer at? How much time can you devote to the Mandir on a daily, weekly, monthly basis?

Eligibility requires one year in “any ITA committee or activity”. This is in Article II of the BL. What contribution have you made to our Mandir in the last three years?

What would you suggest to improve the membership of our temple congregation, how would you achieve it?

**ITA Celebrates Ganesh Chaturthi
by Charu Sheth**

Ganesh Utsav was celebrated from September 17th to Sept 27th with lot of enthusiasm, hard work, and cooperation between volunteers, devotees, and priests. Lataji and team decorated worship hall that set the joyous environment. Ganesh idol was ordered from Pune India and donated by Anoo and Rajan Joshi. A procession of enthusiastic devotees led Ganeshji into the worship hall. Twice a day special Ganesha Arati was performed with recital of Vedic Atharva Sirsha.



From Sthapan to Visarjan approximately 80 sponsors supported the 20 prasad and Mahaprasad and daily Garlands. According to Pandit Sudhirji some 1000 devotees received blessings of Lord Ganesh. The festivities were concluded at Cherokee High School with our Baal Vihar children and their parents. The occasion was graced by Deepa Academy special need dance group from India as well as local artists dances and Bhajans. This was ITA's second year for Ganesh Utsav. We are looking forward to make it a bigger community event next year. Ganapati Bappa Morya, Agle Baras Tu Jaldi Aa!!!!

**ITA participates in International Day 2015 Celebrations
by Chetna Giyanani**

On October 10th 2015, India Temple Association participated in Camden County Board of Freeholders & Voorhees Cultural Diversity 's International Day 2015 Celebrations at Eastern Regional High School, in Voorhees NJ. Congressman Donald Norcross, 1st District, Senator James Beach, 6th Legislative District-NJ, Camden County Freeholder Director Louis Cappelli Jr., Camden County Freeholder Jeffrey Nash, Honorable Michael Mignogna, Mayor-Voorhees Township, Nilsa Cruz-Perez, NJ Senator, 5th Legislative District, and, Hon. Harry Platt, Voorhees Deputy Mayor were some of the honorable dignitaries attending the event.

Over a 1000 people from the community attended this event that showcased the diversity in Camden County. The program initiated with the Parade of Flags from different countries. It was a very proud moment for many of us in Team INDIA to raise our Tiranga (lent to us by Dr. Veena Gandhi) in the Parade of Flags. Children, youth, adult volunteers, and ITA Trustees dressed in colorful traditional costumes portrayed the beautiful and diverse culture of India as they paraded in front of the dignitaries. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and the singing of the American National Anthem, reminding us all, that no matter which country we came from, together we are all Americans here in the land of the free and the home of the brave!

A few speeches from the dignitaries led us into the cultural program, which again displayed the vibrant colors of diversity. Team India thanks teacher & choreographer Abhilasha Chawdhary of Classical Rhythms Dance Academy for bringing her troop of students and showcasing dances from different states of India in three dance performances at the event. The cultural program was followed by the food tasting event. Thanks to Gagan of Stratford, Indian Villa Café of Cherry Hill, Nimit Palace of Voorhees, Palace of Asia of Cherry Hill, and Tiffin Restaurant of Voorhees which showed us their support by donating plenty food for the tasting event.

Various artifacts from India were also displayed by Team INDIA at our table for the community to look at. The Indian Flag -Tiranga and the American Flag were proudly displayed at our table. Special thanks to K.D. Patel for donating the Tiranga, and the American Flag to India Temple Association, they will surely be displayed at various ITA community events.

To sum it all, Team INDIA was one of the largest in the Parade of Flags, had rocking dance performances, and plenty of yummy delicious Indian food was served by many community volunteer students. This will be marked as yet another successful event by ITA. Kudos to all the volunteers and participants, this event would not have been possible without you giving us your precious time and support. Please note, community service hours will be issued to all students who participated and volunteered in this event.

Programs for Your Spiritual Growth

YOGA ABHYAS FOR HEALTH, HAPPINESS & GOD

REALIZATION: A program for adults on Yogasana, Pranayam & Meditation.

First Sunday: 9:30 -11:30 am at our Mandir
Contact: Surendra Sheth@ (856) 985-3700

GITA STUDY GROUP:

Every Tuesday & Wednesday, 8-9 pm at our Mandir
Contact: Sharad Pimplaskar @ (856) 985-4785

BHAJANS & STUTI:

Every Friday, 7:30-9 pm
Contact: Shree Shuklaji or Shri Sudhirji (856) 768-6785

Regular Programs for Children and Youth

BAL VIHAR: For children (ages 4-13), to promote a positive Hindu identity within the diverse U.S. culture.

2nd & 4th Sunday @ 10 am - 1 pm

Contact: Malathi Shankar (856) 424-7849, and Bhavesh Patel 1-855-my-mandir ext 3 for registration and location

YOUTH PROGRAM: A program for young adults (ages 13-18) and parents. 2nd & 4th Sunday, 9:45 am - 1 pm at our Mandir.

Contact: Praveen Garg at (856) 783-4692 or Sangeeta Rashatwar at (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; 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.**

PUJA SERVICE	INSIDE TEMPLE	OUTSIDE TEMPLE	Following listed fees and charges are in addition to the charges listed for Puja Services
Archana (Panchopachar)	\$11	N/A	
Vahan (Vehicle) Puja	\$21	N/A	
Namakaran/Annaprashan	\$51	\$101	
Birthday	\$51	\$101	<u>TEMPLE FACILITIES USAGE FEE</u>
Shraddha	\$51	\$101	Prayer Hall: \$200
Anniversary Celebration	\$101	\$151	Social Hall: \$300
Seemant	\$101	\$151	
Kesh Mundan Puja	\$101	\$151	
Sodashopchar, Kalash Puja, Punyah-Vachan or Blessings	\$101	\$151	<u>OTHER CHARGES</u>
Satyanarayan Puja	\$121	\$151	<u>MILEAGE AND TRAVEL TIME TIER</u>
Engagement Ceremony	\$101	\$201	\$0 for 1 - 25 mile radius
Havan/Grah Shanti	\$201	\$251	\$51 for 26 - 100 mile radius
Vastu Puja - outside service only	N/A	\$251	\$101 for 101 - 150 mile radius
Sunderkand Path	\$151		
Wedding Grah Shanti	\$201	\$301	
Wedding Ceremony per day	\$301	\$351	
Upanayan/Yagnopavita	\$251	\$301	
Antim Rites (Funeral Service)	Voluntary Donation		\$151 for 151 - 200 mile radius
Uttar Kriya per day - outside service only	N/A	\$101	NON-MEMBER
Yagna/Laghu Rudra - outside service only	N/A	\$351	
Navchandi Yagna - outside service only	N/A	\$651	\$51 for non-member surcharge

NOTE: Charges and availability of other Puja Services not listed above may be discussed with Smt. Charu Sheth at 1-855-MY-MANDIR Ext 1

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A. From Tacony Bridge:

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B. From Ben Franklin Bridge:

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

C. From Walt Whitman Bridge or Delaware Memorial Bridge:

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7:30 am - 12:30 pm

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3 pm. - 9 pm

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12 pm & 8 pm

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**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 (\$51) _____
Individual or Family five year (\$151) _____
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: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____