

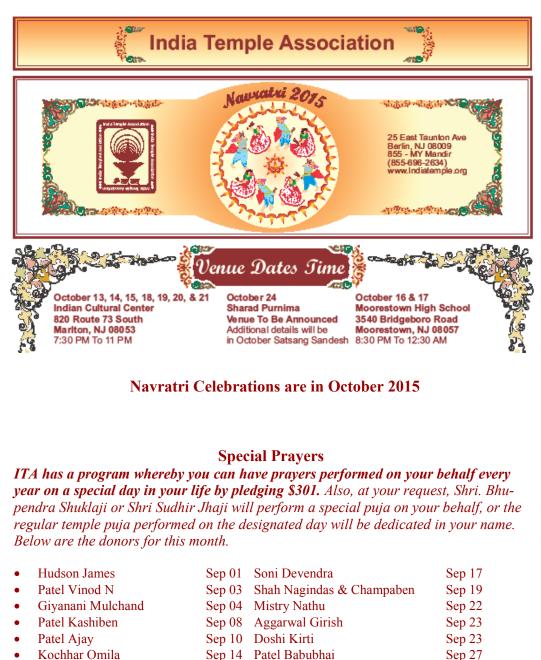
# Satsang Sandesh

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**Religious Calendar** September 2 Wednesday **Nag Panchami September 4 Friday Shitala Satam** • **September 5 Saturday JANAMASHTAMI September 7 Monday Rudrabhishek in** Mandir **September 8 Tuesday** Aja Ekadashi **September 13 Sunday** Last day Shravan Maas, Somavati Amavas, **Rudrabhishek September 14 Monday Bhadrapad September 16 Wednesday** • **Kevada** Teej **September 17 Thursday** Shri Ganesh Chaturthi **September 18 Friday Rishi Panchami** • **September 24 Thursday** Parivartini Ekadashi **September 25 Friday** Shri Vamana Jayanti • **September 27 Sunday** Anant Chaturdashi, Purnima, Ganesh Visarjan **September 28 Monday** Mahalaya Starts, Shradha Paksha Starts **Monthly Activities** Kshama Raghuveer 707-332-3400 September 19, Saturday **Sunderkand Path 10am** September 27, Sunday Shri Satyanarayan Pooja 3:30pm



- Kochnar Omi
- Patel Krina
- Maheswari Arun
- Sep 14Patel DavisharSep 27Sep 14Patel ThakorSep 28Sep 17Vijay & Asha GuptaSep 30

#### Hindu Senior Citizens of South Jersev September 2015 Meeting Announcement Venue – ICC www.Hinduseniors.com

The month of September is Open Forum month. It's time for sharing personal experiences, songs, bhajans, celebrations and laughter

#### Thursday, September 10 & September 24

6:30 pm Tea/coffee with snacks, aartii

7:00 pm Meeting starts Open Forum 7:30 to 8:30/8:15

8:15 to 9:15 (Sept. 24) Dinner sponsored by Bhulabhai & Shantaben Bhakta

#### **Thursday, September 10**

**Open Forum** – We will start with a presentation by Shri Sharad Jogal who will be visiting us from Wisconsin (He used to live in the Cherry Hill area many years ago). His short presentation "A Sunami in my life: beginning of belief in God" deals with a 1975 series of challenging situations and inexplicable helping hands from all different directions that saved his 9yr. old son from the jaws of Leukemia. We will plenty of time for others to share briefly any significant experiences in India, in other countries, or in the United States. Significant experiences can include inter-cultural, spiritual, emotional, and social experiences. These can be hilarious or life-altering experiences. **Thursday, September 24** 

**Open Forum** – This session is going to include voluntary singing, dancing, celebrating and loud laughters. Members can also share anything that can excite the funny bones of others in the audience. We can also celebrate collectively any significant events in the life of our members. Bhulabhai and Shantaben are completing their 50 years of marriage and Bhulabai is also completing his 85 years of healthy and wealthy life. Others are welcome to celebrate their significant moments. May I also invite all members to email me one photograph of their younger years (childhood, their wedding, or later) by September 20. I will put them together in a slide show and let other members guess who that person in the photograph is.

Your RSVP to the invite is important. Thank you !

Surendra Gambhir, President, HSCSJ, sg@gambhir.net



#### Ravan Dahan

For second time ever, ITA is celebrating Dusehra with Ravan Dahan. Please save the date for Thursday October 22. It will be held at 6 pm at the ICC.

We will have cultural show, food, vendor stalls, and of course the Raavan Dahan. If you are interested in participating in the show or to become a vendor, please contact Sangeeta Rashatwar SangeetaRashatwar@gmail.com Please come with your family and friends. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

#### **Om Namo Bhagavaté Vasudevaya Namah**

Remember, our Vedic Rishis words, "All be Happy and be Prosperous". If maximum numbers of people in a society (city, state, or country) are happy, then that society is happy and prosperous. One easy way is to chant Sri Vishnu Sahasranama

and do good work. Experience has shown that an individual chanting VSN alone makes him/her calm and happy. If this chanting is done as a part of a Satsang, then one feels his/her happiness elevated to another level, and the satsang group feels very positive and happy (multiplying effect). By spreading the word, collectively we all can do Sri Vishnu Sahasranama chanting across the Globe for world harmony and peace. In this connection, on Oct 17, 2015, we all get a chance to participate in the Same Time Satsang across different countries in the world.

Thanks for your time and help, and please spread the word.

Be well, do good work, and extend a helping hand.

Sarvé jaynaa sukhino bhayanthu, Samasta summangalani santhu. With the blessings of Sri Lord Venkateswara. We will be having our program at 9:30 on Saturday October 17 in our mandir. Please join us!



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#### **Senior Social Group**

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

#### Monthly Pujas at Mandir



It is a pleasure to perform Satyanarayan puja on Sunday September 27, at 3:30 pm and read Sunderkand Path on Saturday September 19, at 10 am 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. Mahaprasad generously sponsored by Gagan Palace.

Jai Krishna, Kshama

#### From Me to You

#### Pranams!

The Bhagavad Gita says: "The good will never perish; evil can never exist". Evil doesn't exist as a separate entity; it has only a relative existence. Just as darkness does not have an existence, it is only a lack of light. Likewise, evil is simply a lack of goodness. This approach avoids the dilemma about evil and the omnipresence of God. Most religions are of the view that God is Omnipresent, Omnipotent and Omniscient. If God is Omnipresent, then there is no place for evil to exist outside God. If one recognizes a separate existence for evil, then one has to forgo God's Omnipresence. If evil is an external power, then God is not Omnipotent. If He is not Omnipotent and Omnipotent, He can't be Omniscient. God loses his essential qualifications to be God if evil exists as a separate force.

Vedanta holds that evil cannot exist outside God, because God is the material cause of the universe. The example is of the spider weaving its web from its saliva. The spider, the cause, is not different from its web, the effect. Vedanta discards a separate existence for evil and considers evil to be only a relative viewpoint. For example, poison is generally considered to be bad, but it is also good in a certain context: many life-saving drugs are poisons. Likewise, vitamins may be good, even lifesaving, but consumed in excess they can be fatal.

Hence good and evil are only relative. Everything is an appearance, including evil. Advaita philosophy is close to quantum physics. For both systems, the basic proposition is the same: that the universe is made up of one substance. Vedanta says that God is energy and intelligence, and that the world, which is matter, is nothing but a part of God. Everything is relative. Whether it is a poisonous metal such as mercury or lead, or a vitamin, the scientist does not assign any predetermined 'moral' value to it. He just knows them as they are; that they are useful in different places for different purposes. Usage alone makes something good or bad. Therefore, Vedanta's approach to evil, as well as its concept of divinity, is consistent with scientific thought.

Let us try to be true Vedantins and view our Mandir (and ourselves) as part of this supreme, and take proper care as we would do to ourselves.

Truly,

Ramesh Viswanathan



\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* ITA invites you to celebrate Ganesh Utsav September 17<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, 2015 **Receive blessings, remove obstacles 2 FEET-TALL GANPATI MOORTI** Ganesh Sthapan & Pooja : September 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm Sthapana procession from parking lot to temple at 6:00 pm followed by Pooja, Arati and group chanting of Atharva Shirsha. Arati: September 18<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> Arati will be performed at 11:00 am and 7:00 pm each day Visarjaan: September 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am Visarjaan will begin at the Berlin Temple and be done at Cherokee High School with our Bal Vihar children at 11:30 am **Donations are welcome.** To sponsor Prasad, please contact Charuben Sheth at (856)-662-8754 or at: sheth charu@yahoo.com

For more information, please contact: Anuradha Joshi: <u>anootemple@gmail.com</u> Sangeeta Rashatwar: sangeetarashatwar@gmail.com

## SPECIAL PRAN-PRATISHTHA BULLETIN



This is the oldest temple in our area that has been built by our seniors who settled here in sixties and seventies. It is now time for current generation to solidify their vision and generously support these events.



## PRAN-PRATISHTHA CELEBRATION DETAILS-SEPTEMBER 11, 12, 13

SEPTEMBER 11, FRIDAY AT 6:30 PM BHAJANS AT OUR BERLIN HINDU MANDIR FOLLOWED BY MAHAPRASAD

SEPTEMBER 12, SATURDAY AT 9:00 AM PUJA AT OUR BERLIN HINDU MANDIR FOLLOWED BY LIGHT LUNCH

SEPTEMBER 12, SATURDAY AT 4:00 PM SHOBHA YATRA FOLLOWED BY CULTURAL PROGRAM AT OUR OWN ICC MAIN HALL AND DINNER

SEPTEMBER 13, SUNDAY 9:00 AM TO 12:30 PM HAVAN AT OUR BERLIN HINDU MANDIR FOLLOWED BY MAHAPRASAD

THERE WILL BE \$10 ADMISSION CHARGE FOR SATURDAY NIGHT EVENT AT ICC . DONATIONS OF \$101 TO \$499 (TWO FREE ENTRANCE PASSES); \$500 TO \$999 (FOUR FREE ENTRANCE PASSES); \$1000 AND ABOVE (SIX FREE ENTRANCE PASSES). WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO DONATE AT LEAST \$101, ATTEND CULTURAL PROGRAM BY PROFESSIONAL SINGERS AND MUSICIANS AND ENJOY DELICIOUS FOOD BEFORE AND AFTER THE PROGRAM

Board of Trustees request everyone to register his/her participation with any of the volunteers listed in this bulletin. Due to limited space and capacity in both Berlin Hindu Mandir and ICC, only limited number of participants and attendees will be allowed. Board of Trustees will do its best to accommodate as many as possible to satisfy all of our members and supporters.

#### VOLUNTEERS CONTACT INFORMATION

Divyakant Parikh: 856-745-9676, Ghanshyam Dave: 856-366-7500, Harshad Patel: 609-760-8851 Ramesh Viswanathan: 215-219-7261, Shobna Daga: 856-986-8894, Kshama Raghuvir: 707-332-3400 Charu Sheth: 732-710-6297, Lalit Patel: 609-841-4888, Govind Modi: 856-649-6332, Sangeeta Rashatwar: 609-685-2755, Bhavesh Patel: 856-524-3935, Rakesh Kohli: 856-264-4217, Devang Parikh: 609-481-8062, Pankaj Desai: 609 678 8232, Dr. Prahlad Patel: 856-905-2580 Dr. Surendra Sheth: 609-519-5445, Nidhi Agrawal: 856-520-3451, Binduben Shukla: 856-996-5644 Hansa Kanzaria: 856-905-3370, Dhiru Saparia: 856-287-1415, Girish Talati: 609-560-8506 Ashvin Patel: 609-313-5673, Jagdish Shah: 856-520-6391, Vinay Vardhana: 856-751-5375 Praveen Garg: 856-905-3370, Dhiraj Panda: 856-981-9221, Dinesh Depani; 856-449-6760

#### LIST OF ITEMS REQUIRING COMMUNITY SUPPORTS

#### MAHA YAJMAN

Suggested donation \$1,000 or more. Will perform all Pujas along with other Maha Yajmans and Yajmans. Will be provided with KALASH or SCRIPTURE to be in front during Shobha Yatra . Will also be considered a Life Member

#### YAJMAN

Suggested donation \$351 for all Pujas, \$251 for Saturday Puja. Will also get Five Year or Senior Life Membership as applicable. New membership or extension of existing membership will commence from September 1, 2015 \$101 qualifies for short Yagna on Sunday

#### SPONSORSHIP DONATIONS

Rental of ICC Hall: \$2,001 (Already taken by Pravin Kadakia Family)

Friday Bhajan Artists' Sponsor: \$1,501(Already Taken by Dhiru Saparia Family)

Friday Maha Prasad: \$2,501 (Will also qualify for Maha Yajman unless group of people sponsoring this item.)

Saturday Morning Lunch: \$2,501 (Will also qualify for Maha Yajman unless group of people sponsoring this item)

Saturday Program Artists' Sponsor: \$2,001 (Will also qualify for Maha Yajman unless group of people sponsoring this item)

Saturday Dinner Sponsor at ICC: \$6,001 (Already Taken)

Sunday Lunch Sponsor: \$3,001 (Already Taken by Dr. Surendra Bagaria Family)

Tent Sponsor: \$2001 (Will also qualify for Maha Yajman unless group of people sponsoring this item) We need two sponsors for tents; one at ICC and one at Berlin Mandir

#### ITA IS LOOKING FOR THREE CHIEF GUESTS WHO WILL PARTICIPATE IN ALL PUJAS AND WILL BE HONORED AT ICC CULTURAL EVENT. SUGGESTED DONATION IS \$10,000

Please check appropriate items from the following, and mail it to Hindu Temple, 25 East Taunton Ave., Berlin, NJ 08009 Attn: Mr. M. Kanzaria					
We/I	residing at				
Have enclosed a check in the amount of	for :				
[] General Donation for this event		<b>Online Payment Option</b>			
[] To be a Yajman on both days	Suggested Donation: \$351	https://www.indiatemple.org			
[] To be a Yajman on Saturday	Suggested Donation: \$251	Go to indiatemple.org website scroll			
[] To be a Maha Yajman	Suggested Donation: \$1000	down to locate donation section. Select your choice of donation/			
[] To participate in Yagna. \$101	Suggested Donation:	sponsorship from Prana-Pratistha Mahostav 2015 sponsorship. Write detail information in memo			
[] Friday Mahaprasad	Suggested Donation: \$2501	and click donate. This will direct you			
[] Saturday Lunch 2501	Suggested Donation: \$	to payment processing page, where payment can be made using all			
[] Saturday Dinner 6001	Suggested Donation: \$	<u>major credit cards.</u>			
[] Saturday Music Program	Suggested Donation:	\$2001			

#### ITA Balvihar program will begin on Sept 27, 2015 Time: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM; Location: Cherokee High School

#### Teaching Sanatana Dharma and Vedic Heritage - Giving Our Children Positive Identity!

The Balvihar Team is excited to begin registration for the 2015-16 school year. Our online registration is open now and we encourage you to enroll your child(ren) ASAP. Please explore the Balvihar webpage for the calendar, curriculum and overall program details. The website is <u>https://www.indiatemple.org/bal\_vihar.php</u>

We have received feedback from parents and students and are making modifications to the schedule that will enhance the large group and classroom experience as your children learn about religion and culture.

The registration fee is \$151 if you register by July 31; the fee is \$201 on August 1 and thereafter. This fee covers all material and facility costs as well as the Balvihar Annual day celebration. We **ENCOURAGE YOU TO REGIS**-

**TER EARLY** as it makes it easier for us to plan classroom sizes and order supplies.

For registration questions, please email <u>ita.balvihar@gmail.com</u> or contact Shashank Sheth at 732-604-8956

Pre-K (Prithvi) - Hindu Art, Shlokas/Songs/Story

KG (Meghaa) - Stories from Panchatantra, Indian Festivals

1st (Saagar) - Stories from Puranas, Introduction to Gods/Goddess(coloring and explanation), Introduction to India(States/ Languages/rivers/mountains/animals)

- 2nd (Vaayu) Bala Bhagavatam, Stories of Saint, India neighbors/religions/diversity/arts(music, dance, rangoli etc.)
- 3rd (Pavan) Ramayana, Important people/leaders from Indian History
- 4th (Aakash) Mahabharata I, Indian History I (Mauryan dynasty)

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

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

7th (Maruth) - Principles of Hinduism & Ishvara, British Rule in India and the after effects

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

Note- 8th grade students have an option to join Bal Vihar, or join Yuva Darshan (Youth) group

## Janamashtami Celebrations on Saturday, September 5.





5:00pm. Children will come dressed in Indian Clothes. Please contact Charu Sheth at sheth\_charu@yahoo.com or Dhiru Saparia at dannysaparia@verizon.com for details. 3:00pm - 3:15pm, Greet Children 3:15pm - 3:45pm, Krishna Leela Stories and Dances. \*\* Krishna dance performance participants. 3:45pm - 4:00pm, Baal Krishna Aarti 4:00pm - 5:00pm, Matki Celebration and Prasad. 5:30pm-6:15pm, Puja of Lord Krishna. 6:15pm-7:30pm, Bhajans 7:30pm-8:00pm, Utsav 8:00pm- First Aarti 9:30pm- Second Aarti

Bal-Krishna-Leela-Special program for children from 3:00pm -

12:00am, midnight Krishna Pragtya Aarti If you would like to participate in Bhahjans, please contact Dhiru Saparia at dannysaparia@verizon.net If you would like to participate in Lalla festivities, please contact Binduben at 8569965644 or Charuji at 8566628754. Sponsorship is also welcome.

Save the Date! Ekal Vidyalaya is organizing once again this year's Walk-A-Thon on Sunday September 27th from 8:30 AM to Noon at Cooper River park in Pennsauken. MARK YOUR CALENDAR TO JOIN A WALK FOR A WORTHY CAUSE

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	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, Bhavesh Patel 1- 855-my-mandir ext 3, Rina Patel (856) 313-5235 for regis- tration 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.
<b>BHAJANS &amp; STUTI:</b> Every Friday, 7:30-9 pm Contact: Shree Shuklaji or Shri Sudhirji (856) 768-6785	Contact: Praveen Garg at (856) 783-4692 or Sangeeta Rashatwar at (856) 424-4211 <b>CREATIVE ART WORKSHOP</b> 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday @ 9:30 am at our Mandir

### Contact: Narendra Amin (856) 429-8761

#### 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 <a href="http://www.indiatemple.org">www.indiatemple.org</a>; 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	TEMPLE FACILITIES USAGE FEE
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	OTHER CHARGES
Satyanarayan Puja	\$121	\$151	
Engagement Ceremony	\$101	\$201	MILEAGE AND TRAVEL TIME TIER
Havan/Grah Shanti	\$201	\$251	
Vastu Puja - outside service only	N/A	\$251	\$0 for 1 - 25 mile radius
Sunderkand Path	\$151		
Wedding Grah Shanti	\$201	\$301	\$51 for 26 - 100 mile radius
Wedding Ceremony per day	\$301	\$351	\$101 for 101 - 150 mile radius
Upanayan/Yagnopavita	\$251	\$301	
Antim Rites (Funeral Service)	Voluntary Don	ation	\$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: Take NJ route 73S; drive for about 12 - 13 miles and follow signs for East Taunton Avenue. Temple is on your right

#### **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:

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

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

Take NJ Turnpike South. Exit 4 for route 73S. Drive for about 10 - 11 miles and follow signs for East Taunton Avenue on your right



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**Darshan Schedule** 

**Morning** 7:30 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

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