



Satsang Sandesh

India Temple Association, Inc.

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Religious Calendar

8-Dec	Utpatti Ekadashi
12-Dec	Amavas/ Amavasya
22-Dec	Mokshada Ekadashi, Shri Geeta Jayanti, Geeta Paath
26-Dec	Purnima, Shri Duttatreya Jayanti
7-Jan	Safla Ekadashi
10-Jan	Amavas/ Amavasya

Satyanarayan Puja

Tuesday, December 26th — 6 PM

Sundarkanda Paath

Saturday, December 16th — 10 AM

VIKRAM SAMVAT 2080 / 2024

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please note change in temple hours and Aarti timings @ indiatemple.org
- For security reasons, we will be keeping the Temple's doors locked. When visiting the Temple during open hours, please dial 856-768-3134 to be admitted. Also when leaving the Temple, please make sure that the door closes completely behind you.
- For Satyanarayana Puja participants: Please provide your name to Anoo Joshi @ 856-577-3631 few days prior to puja for planning.

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 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.

Akshaybhai & Savitaben Patel	1-Dec	Jagdish Shah	22-Dec
Pravina Gohel	5-Dec	Nagindas & Champaben Shah	23-Dec
Snehlata Jani	9-Dec	Rasikbhai Mehta	25-Dec
Maya & Mamta Kanzaria	9-Dec	Vijay & Asha Gupta	25-Dec
Arun Maheswari	9-Dec	Satish Shah	25-Dec
Rajendra Pandya	9-Dec	Natwar Desai	28-Dec
Dev Dani	12-Dec	Panambur & Mitra Kini	28-Dec
Akshay Nandakumar	12-Dec	Mahendra Toprani	28-Dec
Jelabhai Patel	13-Dec	Kavita Gupta	30-Dec
Rukhmanidevi Tekrival	15-Dec	Amita and Naresh Talati	31-Dec
Jaysinh Chandriani	18-Dec	Navin K. Gupta	31-Dec
Sheela Kapoor	18-Dec	Manibhai Patel	31-Dec
K.S. Krishnan	18-Dec	Rajiv Verma	31-Dec
Laxman P Singh	18-Dec	Navin Gupta	31-Dec
Naresh Talati	20-Dec	Pramila Mitra	31-Dec
Nayan Shah	21-Dec	Raj Patel	31-Dec

Temple Hours

Saturday & Sunday

9:30AM - 12:30 PM
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Monday to Friday

10:30 AM to 12:30 PM
5:00 to 8:00 PM

Entry through
Front Door Only
(856)768-3134

PROGRAMS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH, HEALTH, HAPPINESS & GOD REALIZATION

<https://indiatemple.org/contact.php>

Vishnu Sahasranamam & Lalitha Sahasranamam will be recited on 1st Friday of each month starting at 10:30 AM
In-Person Only

Bhajan Sandhya (In person first Friday of every month from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM)
led by Venugopal Varma (609) 598-4038

Bhagavat Gita Study organized by Sharad Pimplaskar (856) 466-1430
Every Tuesday - 10:45 AM - Weekly
Join Zoom Meeting: Meeting ID: 818 2564 6955; Passcode: 173521

Announcement: ITA Gita Study group Zoom meeting has resumed from September 26, 2023. We will read Shri Shankara's Dakshinamurti Stotram. We will also be taking some references from a commentary (Vrittanta), called Manasollasa, by his disciple Sureshvaracharya. This Stotram is a simple, beautiful and complete treatise on Vedanta. The text of the Stotram with Dhyana-Mantra will be provided to attendees.

ITA Senior Social Group- Currently meeting weekly
Contact Vinita Ganju (609) 744 8558 for additional information.

ITA GENERAL BODY MEETING & ANNUAL TRUSTEE ELECTION

Saturday, December 9th at 2:00 PM

We encourage all members to attend this important event. The preliminary agenda for the meeting is below:

- ITA leadership will provide a review of the past year and priorities for the 2024.
- Trustee Candidates for 2024 to 2026 term will discuss their qualifications and planned contribution.

Candidates for 2024-2026 Term

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| - Deepak Chaturvedi | - Kruti Lodhavia | - Nehal Jhaveri |
| - Hiten Doshi | - Kinnari Patel | - Samir Patel |

- There will be no election as there are only 6 candidates for the 7 open positions.
- General Body will be given the opportunity to ask questions.

PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS BY HSC SJ AT ICC

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023 AT 11:00 AM

HSCSJ will hold its 17th Annual Function on Sunday, Dec. 17th at 11:00 AM at ICC Main Hall. Please note that this year also our program will be during the day time. Please start making preparations to participate and enjoy our Annual Musical Bonanza with Food and Fun.

Program details:

11:00 AM- Doors open
11:00 AM-11:50 AM- Socializing & Appetizers
11:50 AM-12 Noon- Aarti
12 Noon-12.45 PM- Welcome address & Annual Report by the President and Raffle draw
12.45 PM-2.15 PM - Entertainment Bonanza
2:15 PM-3:00 PM- Luncheon
3.00 PM-Distribution of GIFT and departure
The performing artists are from the Tri-State area. There will be raffle tickets drawn.

THIS EVENT IS ABSOLUTELY FREE FOR HSCSJ MEMBERS. HOWEVER REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY TO DETERMINE FOOD QUANTITY (OTHERWISE YOU WILL BE CHARGED \$20 AT DOOR).

You MUST register with Dr. Ammie Singh Tel. No. (609)865-1712, email at ammiesingh38@gmail.com. (email is preferred). THE CUTOFF DATE FOR REGISTRATION IS DECEMBER 14TH, 2023.

-Yogi Virendra K. Gupta & HSCSJ EC Team



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BALVIHAR PROGRAM

New Student Enrollment for 2023/24 Opened on May 2nd

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

Details: Explore website for detailed curriculum by grade and general schedule.
https://www.indiatemple.org/bal_vihar.php

Timing: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM on designated Sundays

Dates: 16-17 Sundays starting in Sept. & Ending in May.

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

ITA MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED

Become a member: www.indiatemple.org

Enrollment:

Late Enrollment (After June 2nd): \$239

Fees are NOT REFUNDABLE for any reason.

Space in the program is VERY limited. We encourage community members to enroll early.

PUJA SERVICE & TEMPLE RENTAL FEES

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	\$21		\$21	
Vahan Pooja	\$25		\$25	
Namkaran/Annaprashan	\$51	\$101	\$151	\$201
Birthday	\$51	\$101	\$101	\$151
Shradha	\$51	\$101	\$151	\$251
Anniversary Celebration	\$101	\$151	\$201	\$251
Kesh Mundan	\$101	\$151	\$151	\$201
Satyanarayan Pooja	\$151	\$200	\$251	\$301
Engagement Ceremony	\$101	\$201	\$201	\$301
Havan/Graha Shanti	\$201	\$251	\$301	\$301
Vastu Pooja-Outside Only		\$251		\$351
Wedding per day	\$401	\$501	\$551	\$600
Upanayan/Yagnopavit	\$251	\$301	\$351	\$401
Uttarkriya Per day -Outside Only		\$151		\$251
Yagna/laghu rudra-Outside Only		\$351		\$400
Navchandi Yagna-Outside Only		\$651		\$700
Antim Kriya		No Charge		No Charge

*IRS defined per mile charge applied for pujas outside of Temple.

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	\$251	\$301
Social Hall Rental	\$351	\$401

Send address changes or Membership renewals to:

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