



Satsang Sandesh

India Temple Association, Inc.

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Religious Calendar

- 5-Apr Pappmochani Ekadashi
6-Apr Akhand Ramayan Paath Starts
7-Apr Akhand Ramayan Paath Concludes
8-Apr Somvati Amavas / Amavasya
9-Apr Chaitri New Year
Gudi Padvo / Ugadi
Vasanti Navratra Aarambh
13-Apr Mesh Sankranti
Maka Ki Chowki
16-Apr Durga Ashtami
Chaitri Navaratri Havan
17-Apr Rama Navami
Sahajananda Jayanti
Rama Janma Puja
19-Apr Kamada Ekadashi
20-Apr Sundarkand Paath
23-Apr Hanuman Jayanti and Purnima
Satyanarayana Puja
4-May Varuthani Ekadashi
Vallabhacharya Jayanti
Vallabha Jayanti Celebration

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

Satyanarayan Puja
Tuesday, April 23rd — 6 PM

Sundarkand Paath
Saturday, April 20th —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.

Ashok Barbaria	2-Apr	Desh Raj Goel	16-Apr
Urmila Gujrathi	2-Apr	Arpana & David Brunt	19-Apr
Kevin Gandhi	3-Apr	Shailendra Desai	19-Apr
Narendra Bhatt	3-Apr	Arny & Deepal Patel	20-Apr
Surendra Sheth	4-Apr	Nimisha & Rajen Jain	22-Apr
Savitaben Patel	6-Apr	Samir Khurana	22-Apr
Dipti & Monil Pandya	8-Apr	Yogendra B Choksi	22-Apr
Open Shah	12-Apr	Neal Dube	23-Apr
Vaishali Patel	13-Apr	Ramchandra Rao	25-Apr
Siddhi Vasa	15-Apr	Hansa H. Kothari	28-Apr

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

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.

PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS BY HSC SJ AT ICC

There will be 2 meetings in the month of April at ICC

First Meeting - April 9, 2024 at 6:15 PM

Our guest speaker, Christopher Nigro, would like to talk about Cochlear Implants and how he has overcome his hearing disability with innovation of technology. Christopher was born with normal hearing but lost his hearing at 9 years old. He had navigated the world as a hard-of-hearing and deaf individual. Cochlear Implants have been an incredible benefit which has led to the discovery of new sounds never heard before.

Despite his health challenges, Christopher is an employee at Penn Medicine. He holds a BA in Journalism and Communication, an MA in Corporate & Public Communication and an MS in Health Administration.

Second Meeting - April 23, 2024 at 6:15 PM

Some very talented singers from the ICC Karaoke group have been invited to entertain our HSCSJ members. The group will sing popular Bollywood songs. This event is organized by the ICC Karaoke Club Team.

Snacks will be provided. For more information, please visit www.hinduseniors.org

Bharti Shah
President, Hindu Senior Citizens of South Jersey

CONDOLENCES

It is with a very heavy heart that we share the sad news that Shri Dinesh R. Desai residing in Moorestown, NJ 08057 passed away on Wednesday, March 27, 2024.

The ITA and its Trustees extend their sincere condolences to the Desai family. We pray that his soul may find peace and that God gives strength to his family and friends to cope with this loss.

AKHAND RAMAYAN

Saturday & Sunday, April 6 & 7 at Berlin Temple



ITA invites you to join in the celebration of 24 Hours Akhand Ramayan Paath at the Berlin Temple from Saturday, 4/06/2024 to Sunday, 4/07/2024.

Program Schedule:

April 06 2024, Saturday:

Akhand Ramayan Path starts from 12:00 PM

Musical Ramayan Reading: 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

April 07 2024, Sunday:

Musical Ramayan Reading/Bhajan/Aarti: 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM
followed by Mahaprasad

Address: Hindu Berlin Temple: 25 E Taunton Ave, Berlin, NJ 08009

Above event will be live broadcasted on ITA YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/indiatemple>

GANGAUR FESTIVAL CELEBRATION

Wednesday, April 10 at Berlin Temple



ITA invites ladies to celebrate Gangaaur, the worship of Goddess Gauri at Berlin Temple on Wednesday, 4/10/2024 from 6:30 PM to 7:45 PM.

Gangaaur is a colorful and important festival of the people of Rajasthan and is observed with great fervor and devotion by women who worship the goddess Gauri (Parvati), the consort of Shiva during the Hindu month of Chaitra.

This is "LADIES ONLY EVENT*". Dress code: Black garments NOT permitted.

Participation fee - \$5 payable at the door – either cash (preferred) or check payable to ITA.

*All proceeds will go towards women's health charities dealing in distribution of hygiene products.

MATA KI CHOWKI

Saturday, April 13



ITA invites you to join in the celebration of Mata Ki Chowki.

We reached capacity for in-person for Mata Ki Chowki celebration. This event will be live broadcasted on ITA YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/indiatemple>

Note: If you are already signed up for in-person, kindly please consider car pooling due to limited parking space.

Program Schedule:

Devi Puja: 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Live Bhajans with Music: 3:45 PM - 5:45 PM

Mahishasur Dance Play: 6:15 PM - 6:30 PM

Aarti: 6:45 PM

To make Donation: <https://www.indiatemple.org/donation-form.php>

VALLABH JAYANTI

Saturday, May, 4 at Berlin Temple



The Hindu Temple in Berlin will celebrate Vallabh Jayanti on Saturday, May 4, 2024 from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. There will be a chanting of Pusti marg's Yamunasthaka, and other "PĀTHA", followed by melodious Kirtans. Mahaprasad will be served after the Aarti at 6:30 PM.

The Wednesday Gita Satsang Group and friends will sponsor the event at the Temple. If you are interested in taking part in the event, please call Amita Desai (856-751-2321), Bharti Sidhwad (856-424-5876), or Minu Desai (856-797-9444).

SAVE THE DATES:

Swami Dr. Ram Kamal Das Vedantiji sermons at our temple

Hindu Temple: 25 East Taunton Ave, Berlin, NJ (website: www.Indiatemple.org)

Wednesday, June 12 through Friday, June 14, 2024, From 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM.

Topic: Sri Ram Charit Manas, KISHKINDHA KAND

Dr. Ram Kamaldasji, Pujya Maharaj-ji a resident of Varanasi, India, is an expert speaker. He has captured the hearts of devotees all over India and in many, many parts of the world, including but not limited to devotees in UK, Germany, Fiji, and USA. He has written and published several books, such as Bhakti Path, Vedanta Pravah and Manas Vandana. Having a Ph.D. in Upanishads and MA in Hindi, he is an internationally known "Kathakar". He was invited in the year 2000 for and by the United Nations Religious Conference and it is our great fortune that he has blessed our temple, congregation and community every year since then, except the Covid time.

For information:

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BALVIHAR PROGRAM

New Student Enrollment for 2024/25 Opens on May 17th

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:

Regular Enrollment (May 17th through June 1st): \$TBD

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

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

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