



# Satsang Sandesh

## India Temple Association, Inc.

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### Religious Calendar

2-Sep	Amavas/Amavasya, Last Day: Shravan Maas, Rudrabhishek
6-Sep	Kevada Trij- Haritalika Teej Samoochika Puja
7-Sep	Ganesha Chaturthi
8-Sep	Rishi/Rushi Panchami
11-Sep	Radha Ashtami
14-Sep	Parivartini Ekadashi Vamana Jayanti
17-Sep	Anant Chaturdashi Ganesha Visarjan
18-Sep	Purnima, Satyanarayana Puja Mahalaya Starts, Shradha Paksha / Pitri Paksha Starts
21-Sep	Sundarkand Paath
28-Sep	Indira Ekadashi
2-Oct	Shradhha Paksha Concludes

### 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**  
Wednesday, September 18th — 6 PM

**Sundarkand Paath**  
Saturday, September 21st — 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 Kruti Lodhavia @ 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.*

Hudson James	1-Sep	Arjun Kumar	19-Sep
Vinod N Patel	3-Sep	Nagindas & Champaben Shah	22-Sep
Giyamani Mulchand	4-Sep	Nathu Mistry	23-Sep
Kashiben Patel	8-Sep	Girish Aggarwal	23-Sep
Ajay Patel	10-Sep	Kirti Doshi	27-Sep
Omila Kochhar	14-Sep	Babubhai Patel	28-Sep
Krina Patel	14-Sep	Thakor Patel	30-Sep
Arun Maheswari	17-Sep	Vijay & Asha Gupta	30-Sep
Devendra Soni	19-Sep		

## PROGRAMS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH, HEALTH, HAPPINESS & GOD REALIZATION

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

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Vishnu Sahasranamam & Lalitha Sahasranamam will be recited on 1st Friday of each month starting at 10:30 AM  
In-Person Only  
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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 will start reading of Ishavasya Upanishad with Shankrara Bhashyam beginning September 10, 2024. Ishavasya Upanishad is one of the smaller Upanishads from Shukla Yajurveda and is first of the ten principal Upanishads commented on by Shri Shankaracharya. Though small it presents a complete Vedanta treatise on Self-Knowledge. Everyone interested in the study of our original scriptures is invited to join these sessions. These are weekly sessions on Zoom every Tuesday from 10:45 AM to 12:00 Noon.

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

## PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS BY HSCSJ

### First Meeting - Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 6:15 PM

Alzheimers Association - What to watch for in yourself and others.

Alzheimer's causes changes in memory, thinking and behavior that are not normal aging. Join us to learn about the difference between normal aging and Alzheimer's, common warning signs, importance of early detection and benefits of diagnosis and next steps and expectations for the diagnostic process. We will also get knowledge about the resources provided by Alzheimers Association.

### Second Meeting - Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 6:15 PM

Chandan Modi & his students will entertain us with their melodious bhajans, ghazals and Bollywood songs. Chandanbhai holds a degree in music. He is very active in our community and has been teaching music for the last 45 years. He teaches classical, semi classical and light music in vocal and instrumental. Chandanbhai learned vocal music at Gandharv Maha Vidhyalaya and instrumental music at Bhartiya Maha Vidhyalaya. He is a composer for gazals, bhajans, gujarati garba and Bollywood songs. He performs music in the USA and India.

Snacks will be served.

Please note that we will try to accommodate Jain/Swaminarayan snacks with advance notice of 48 hours prior to the meeting.

For more information, please visit [www.hinduseniors.org](http://www.hinduseniors.org)

Bharti Shah  
President, HSCSJ

## GANESH CHATURTHI

September 7—September 17, 2024  
Receive blessings, remove obstacles

### Saturday September 7:

6:00 PM: Procession from parking lot to the temple  
6:30 PM: Sthapana Puja  
7:30 PM: Aarti followed by Mahaprasad

### Sunday, September 8th—Monday, September 16th:

10:30 M—12:30 PM & 5:00 PM—8:00 PM (Mon-Fri) - Daily Darshan  
9:30 AM—12:30 PM & 5:00 PM—8:00 PM (Sat-Sun) - Daily Darshan  
12:00 PM—Ganesh Archana & Aarti followed by temple Aarti  
7:15 PM—Ganesh Puja followed by Aarti

### Sunday, September 15th:

6:00 PM—7:15 PM—Singing Concert by Ms Swati Aloni  
7:30 PM—Aarti followed by Boxed Prasad

### Tuesday, September 17th: (Visarjan)

6:00 PM—7:30 PM—Utthapan  
7:30 PM—Aarti followed by Mahaprasad

To facilitate planning please RSVP:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0E4CA4AA22A2F49-50832145-ganesh/23897135#/>

**Donations appreciated. Suggested donation for puja is \$101.**

To sponsor Puja and for donation, please contact:

Anoo Joshi: 856-577-3631, Mrunal Phadnis: 856-873-2998 or Vidya Shukla: 610-703-1710

## CHILDREN'S NAVRATRI—SAVE THE DATE

September 29, 2024 @ ICC

Join us for an afternoon of Garba and Raas for young kids (ages 4-12)!

Including:

- Child friendly prasad and Aarti
- Live musicians & singers
- Small group garba and raas instruction
- Slower paced music to facilitate learning
- Navratri related crafts
- Less crowded environment

**Online-ticket purchasing and other information forthcoming**

## ITA 2024 NAVRATRI—SAVE THE DATES

October 3rd (Thursday) to October 12th (Saturday) and October 18th (Friday/Sharad Poonam).

Additional details forthcoming

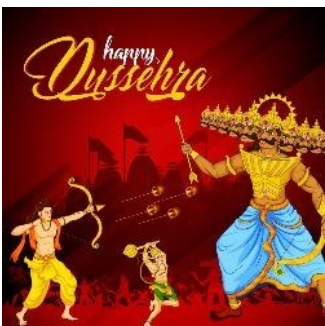
## DUSSEHRA CELEBRATION—SAVE THE DATE

October 19, 2024 from 3:00 PM to 8:30 PM at ICC.

Event Includes:

- Ramayan Play
- Ravan Dahan
- Food & Fun activities.

Additional details forthcoming





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**BALVIHAR PROGRAM**

**New Student Enrollment for 2024/25**

**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](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](http://www.indiatemple.org)

**Late Start Enrollment:**

Email [bvadmin@indiatemple.org](mailto:bvadmin@indiatemple.org)

**PUJA SERVICE & TEMPLE RENTAL FEES**

Shri Sudhirji perform religious services on request. Please contact Kruti Lodhavia 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:**

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