



Satsang Sandesh

India Temple Association, Inc.

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Religious Calendar

1-Nov	Diwali Laxhmi Puja Annakoot
2-Nov	Vikram Samvat / New Year,
3-Nov	Bhai Beej/ Bhratri-Yam Dwitiya
6-Nov	Labh Pancham/Panchami
12-Nov	Dev-Prabodhini Ekadashi
13-Nov	Tulsi Vivah in Temple
15-Nov	Dev Diwali Purnima, Guru Nanak Jyanti, Satyanarayana Puja
16-Nov	Sundarkand Paath
26-Nov	Utpatti Ekadashi
1-Dec	Amavas/ Amavasya

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
Friday, November 15th — 6 PM

Sundarkand Paath
Saturday, November 16th —10 AM

VIKRAM SAMVAT 2081 / 2025

Calendar will be available soon Online at <https://www.indiatemple.org/>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please note Special Hours for Diwali and Vikram Samvat
- 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.

Lalit Patel	1-Nov	Hansi Deshbandhu	17-Nov
Dunthur Puttaswamy	2-Nov	Bimal Patel	18-Nov
Piyush Patel	2-Nov	Mahesh Dixit	18-Nov
Chandrika Patel	3-Nov	Mahesh Dixit	20-Nov
Roopali Gupta	4-Nov	Jagdishver Patel	21-Nov
Kishan Ravani	5-Nov	Nagindas & Champaben Shah	22-Nov
Arun Maheswari	9-Nov	Kusum N. Patel	24-Nov
Barbara Desai	11-Nov	Kusum N. Patel	28-Nov
Surendra Bagaria	15-Nov	Rital Patel	28-Nov

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 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.

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

PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS BY HSCSJ

First Meeting - Sunday, November 3, 2024: Diwali Function 11 AM – 3 PM

The Festivities will be held in the ICC Main Hall. Our theme is "Seniors Got Talent 2024" so our very own seniors will be entertaining us! Doors open at 11:00 AM.

11:00am - 12:00pm - Snacks & Socializing

12:00pm - 12:30pm - Meeting

12.30pm - 2:00pm - Entertainment

2.00pm - 3.00pm - Lunch

3:00pm - Farwell

REGISTRATION IS CLOSED!

Second Meeting - Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 6:15 PM

Dr. Surendra Sheth - Fall Prevention

Sudden fall is the biggest health risk to senior citizens, sometimes it can cause serious injuries. Dr. Sheth will talk about preventive health and falls in senior citizens.

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. Food will be served in both the meetings. For more info. **Please log on to "hinduseniors.org"**.

Bharti Shah

President, HSCSJ

CONDOLENCES

It is with heavy hearts that we share the sad news that Smt. Anupama Rajendra Shah, resident of Sicklerville, NJ, passed away on October 18, 2024. She is survived by her beloved husband, Rajendra Chunilal Shah; her son, Savan; her daughter-in-law, Nirmita; her two grandchildren, Ariana & Veronica; and countless friends & family.

It is with heavy heart that we share the sad news that Urvi Bhimani-Macwan passed away on October 20th, 2024. She is survived by her loving husband, Sanket; her cherished children, Aria & Sam; her devoted parents, Mulji & Manda; loving in-laws, Sandeep & Kala; her brother, Hemal and sister-in-law, Vibhuti; and many extended family members & friends.

It is with heavy heart that we share the sad news that Shri Sharad Doshi, resident of Cherry Hill, NJ, passed away peacefully in Ahmedabad, India on October 15, 2024. He is survived by his beloved wife Smt. Dipika Doshi and by his two sons (Duke and Dipal); his two daughters-in-law (Sejal and Sara); his four grandchildren (Eshaa, Chhaya, Max and Aiyana); and his countless number of friends and family.

The ITA and its Trustees extend their sincere condolences to the Shah, Bhimani-Macwan and Doshi family. We pray that their soul may find peace and that God gives strength to their family and friends to cope with this heartfelt loss.

DIWALI

ITA invites your family to celebrate Diwali, Annakut Darshan and New Year Celebration at Berlin Temple. Event details and Annakut Prasad guidelines are below.



DIWALI & ANNAKUT DARSHAN

Date: Friday, November 1st

Temple hours: 9 AM to 9 PM

Aarti times: 10 AM, Noon, 2 PM, 4 PM & Every 30 min from 6 to 8:30 PM

Annakut: If you would like your Prasad to be part of Annakut Decoration on the alter, please drop off at the Temple by Noon on Diwali (11/1).

VIKRAM SAMVAT / NEW YEAR

Date: Saturday, November 2nd

Temple hours: 7 AM - 8:30 PM

Aarti times: Hourly 8 AM to Noon & 5 PM to 8 PM

Snacks & Chai: 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM

For any questions or additional information, please contact,
Vinita Ganju: 609-744-8558, Chirag Kansagra: 856-986-2966, Kinnari Patel: 609-230-4040 or
Vidya Shukla: 610-703-1710



TULSI VIVAH

Wednesday, November 13, 2024 in Temple at 5:00 PM

ITA invites your family to celebrate the marriage of the plant Tulsiji with Shaligram (a form of God Vishnu).

Baarat starts at 5:00 PM, followed by marriage ceremony and Farali Prasad.

ITA GENERAL BODY MEETING & ANNUAL TRUSTEE ELECTION

Saturday, December 14th 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 2025.
- Trustee Candidates for 2025 to 2027 term will discuss their qualifications and planned contribution.
- Election will be conducted.
- General Body will be given the floor to ask questions.



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BALVIHAR PROGRAM

New Student Enrollment for 2024/25 CLOSED

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 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.

Facility Rental Fees

	<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