



Satsang Sandesh

India Temple Association, Inc.

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Religious Calendar

1-Dec	Amavas/ Amavasya
11-Dec	Mokshada Ekadashi Shri Geeta Jayanti
14-Dec	Purnima, Shri Duttatrey Jayanti
26-Dec	Safila Ekadashi
28-Dec	Shani Pradosh
30-Dec	Somavati Amavas/ Amavasya

Satyanarayan Puja

Saturday, December 14th — 6 PM

Sundarkand Paath

Saturday, December 21st — 10 AM

VIKRAM SAMVAT 2081 / 2025

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 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

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

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

There will be only one meeting in December in ICC.

Annual Function - Sunday, December 15, 2024: 10 AM - 3 PM

HSCSJ will hold its 18th Annual Function on Sunday, December 15th, 2024 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at ICC. Please start making preparations to participate and enjoy our Annual Musical Bonanza presented by the renowned Sur Sangam Group. Adding to the excitement, our emcee for the day Krupa Ruparel Sindhvad, will keep the energy alive and make the event even more special.

Event Schedule:

10:00 AM - Doors open
10:15 AM - Aarti
10:30 AM - Appetizers
11:15 AM - Welcome address and Annual Report by the President
12:00 PM - Entertainment by Famous Sur Sangam Group
2:00 PM - Luncheon
3:00 PM - Farewell

TICKET PRICES: There will be raffle tickets drawn.

- \$30 - Early Bird Special
- \$35 - December 7th - 12th
- \$45 - At the door on December 15th

Please reserve your seats by paying the entrance fee to Bharti Shah at (856) 278-4546 via cash, check or via Zelle. Alternatively, payments can also be made to any of the HSCSJ Executive Committee members. When registering, please inform us of any dietary requirements (Jain or Swaminarayan). Refunds or exchanges will not be accommodated. For more info. Please log on to "hinduseniors.org".

Executive Committee Members:

Bhagwat Mangla (802) 999-5289

Dahyabhai Patel (856) 669-7557

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Bharti Shah, President, HSCSJ

CONDOLENCES

It is with a very heavy heart that we share the sad news that Shri Bindingnavele Raghuvveer, age 86, passed away on Friday, November 15th in Bangalore, India. He is survived by his beloved wife, Kshama; son Vijay; daughter, Brinda; daughter-in-law, Pooja; son-in-law, Alok; and grandchildren, Roopa, Leela, Saara, Jaiya, Vedan, Deepa, Gopal & Krishna.

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

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 (below) 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.

The Eligible Candidates for the 2023-2025 Trustee Term **(Alphabetically by last name)**

Anoo Joshi

Chirag Kansagra

Gopal Patel

Sarita Prabhakar

Naylesh Shah

Ritesh Shah

Bhawna Sharma

Milind Shroff

Jagdeep Talwar

Eligible voters will be asked to vote for their top 7 candidates. We ask Members to please listen to candidates discuss their qualification at the General Body Meeting before casting their votes. Members will have the ability to receive and cast ballots between 2:00 to 4:00 or 15 minutes after the conclusion of the General Body meeting whichever is later. Ballots must be cast by 4:15 or 30 minutes after the conclusion of the General Body Meeting, whichever is later. The Election Committee may expand the voting window if deemed necessary. Please bring a photo ID. If you have questions regarding your eligibility to vote please contact: electioncom@indiatemple.org.



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BALVIHAR PROGRAM

New Student Enrollment for 2024/25 is 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