



Satsang Sandesh

India Temple Association, Inc.

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Religious Calendar

10-Mar	Amalaki Ekadashi
11-Mar	Bhaum Pradosh
13-Mar	Holikadahan Vrat Purnima Shri Satyanarayana Puja
14-Mar	Dhuleti
15-Mar	Sundarkand Paath
26-Mar	Papmochani Ekadashi
29-Mar	Amavas / Amavasya
30-Mar	Chaitri New Year Gudi Padvo / Ugadi Vasanti Navratra Aarambh Mata Ki Chowki at ICC
2-Apr	Panchami
5-Apr	Durga Ashtami Havan and Akhand Ramayan Paath
6-Apr	Shri Rama Navami Shri Sahajananda Jayanti Shri Rama Janma Puja
8-Apr	Kamada Ekadashi

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
Thursday, March 13th — 6 PM

Sundarkand Paath
Saturday, March 15th — 10 AM

VIKRAM SAMVAT 2081 / 2025

Calendar is available Online at <https://www.indiatemple.org/>
Questions: Contact Pandit Sudhir Jha @ 855-696-2634 Ext 0

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 month.

• Jashwantlal Mehta	1-Mar	• Rima Gandhi	15-Mar
• Lakshmi Pillalamani	1-Mar	• Vishwabandhu Gambhir	16-Mar
• Raj and Anita Chopra	1-Mar	• Troy Hudson	17-Mar
• Anisha Desai	8-Mar	• Bhanumati Mehta	18-Mar
• Shashi Gupta	8-Mar	• Jaysukh Sheth	19-Mar
• Sharad Pimplaskar	9-Mar	• Dinesh Desai	20-Mar
• Chandubhai Patel	11-Mar	• Vinnu Shah	23-Mar
• Harshad Patel	12-Mar	• Aarav Shah	28-Mar
• Nishtha and James Hudson	14-Mar	• Hemlata G. Patel	29-Mar
• Ketan Shah	14-Mar	• Navin Gupta	31-Mar
• Dhiraj Panda	15-Mar		

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 the month of March 2025.

Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 12:15 PM at ICC

Topic: How to make life memorable after 60+

Guest Speaker: Jatin V. Mehta, PhD, MBA

Dr. Jatin V. Mehta does not need an introduction to our South Jersey Community. He is a proud Voorhees resident since 2005 and has become a cornerstone of our community through his dedication and compassion. With a PhD in Biomedical Engineering and an MBA from the University of Massachusetts, he has made a lasting impact in various fields. A spiritual leader as a trustee of the India Temple Association, Jatin also founded the Toastmasters Club in Voorhees and served on the North South Foundation's Executive Board to support children's potential. Currently, as Vice President of NICE, Inc. and founder of MetaSense Inc., Jatin continues to enrich our community through his leadership. He has served as a director of the Voorhees Economic Development Board and is a board member of the Voorhees Cultural and Diversity Committee. Jatin's true joy, however, lies in giving back. A devoted volunteer, he coordinates regional efforts and shares his spiritual knowledge of the Hindu Sanatan Dharma through lectures at local mandirs. He also contributes his time to various temples. Jatin's life is a testament to the power of education, service, and community, inspiring us all to make a meaningful difference.

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

Bharti Shah
President, HSCSJ

Condolences

It is with heavy heart that we share the sad news that Shri Pramukhbhai Ambalal Patel of Cherry Hill, NJ, age 82 years, passed away on Thursday, February 20th. He is survived by his loving wife Savitaben, daughter Sumiben, son-in-law Jitendrabhai, Son Dravin, daughter-in-law Manali, and grandchildren Puja, Ved, and Viha.

It is with heavy heart that we share the sad news that Shri Jitendra Pandya of Berlin, NJ, age 68 years, passed away on Thursday, February 13th. He is survived by his loving wife Mayaben (Malvika), his children Rutu Pandya, Rushi Pandya and his fur baby Luke Pandya. He was an active ITA member and younger brother of Nikunjnaben Ghanshyambhai Dave active volunteer member of pujari service.

The ITA and its Trustees extend their sincere condolences to the Patel, Pandya and Dave 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.

GANGAUR FESTIVAL CELEBRATION

Friday, March 21, at Berlin Temple



ITA invites ladies to celebrate Gangaaur, the worship of Goddess Gauri at Berlin Temple on Friday, 03/21/2025 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 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.

More details with flyer and signup genius information to follow.

MATA KI CHOWKI

Sunday, March 30 at ICC



ITA invites you to join in the celebration of Mata Ki Chowki at ICC from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

More details with flyer and signup genius information to follow.

AKHAND RAMAYAN

Saturday & Sunday, April 5 & 6 at Berlin Temple



ITA invites you to join in the celebration of 24 Hours Akhand Ramayan Paath at the Berlin Temple from Saturday, 4/05/2025 to Sunday, 4/06/2025.

More details with flyer and signup genius information to follow.



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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	\$25			
Vahan Pooja	\$25			
Namkaran/Annaprashan	\$101	\$151	\$251	\$301
Birthday	\$101	\$151	\$151	\$201
Shradha	\$101	\$201	\$251	\$351
Anniversary Celebration	\$151	\$201	\$251	\$301
Kesh Mundan	\$151	\$201	\$201	\$251
Satyanarayan Pooja	\$201	\$300	\$351	\$401
Engagement Ceremony	\$201	\$301	\$301	\$401
Havan/Graha Shanti	\$251	\$351	\$401	\$401
Vastu Pooja-Outside Only		\$351		\$451
Wedding per day	\$501	\$601	\$651	\$701
Upanayan/Yagnopavit	\$351	\$401	\$451	\$501
Uttarkriya Per day -Outside Only		\$251		\$351
Yagna/laghu rudra-Outside Only		\$401		\$451
Navchandi Yagna-Outside Only		\$701		\$751
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	\$351	\$401
Social Hall Rental	\$451	\$501

Send address changes or Membership renewals to:

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