



Satsang Sandesh

India Temple Association, Inc.

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Religious Calendar

- 2-May Shri Aadya Shankracharya
Jayanti (Year 2532)
Sri Ramanujacharya Jayanti
(Year 1007)
- 6-May Shri Janaki/Seeta Namavi
- 8-May Mohini Ekadashi
- 12-May Budhha Purnima
Shri Satyanarayana Puja
- 17-May Sundarkand Paath in Temple
- 23-May Aparajita Ekadashi
- 24-May Shani Pradosh
- 26-May Somvati Amavas/ Amavasya
Vatsavriti Vrat
- 27-May 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
Monday, May 12th — 6 PM

Sundarkand Paath
Saturday, May 17th — 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 month.

Nanu Maisuria	2-May	Sushil & Kamala Chandra	19-May
Narendra H Amin	5-May	Sharad Pandya	19-May
Harendra Dave	5-May	Upendra & Rekha Shah	25-May
Rajubhai Patel	5-May	Mahesh Dixit	26-May
Shreyansi M Shah	8-May	Tejas & Priti Patel	26-May
Sudhaben Patel	9-May	Siddhi Vasa	26-May
Bhal Patel	10-May	Pooja & Jayesh Khatiwala	27-May
Iti Bar	11-May	Naresh & Amita Talati	27-May
Narsinh Sangani	15-May	Ishvar Patel	28-May
Natwarlal Contractor	16-May	Nishtha Patel-Hudson	28-May
Ruchi Talati Shah	16-May	Monil & Dipti Pandya	29-May
Mahendra Jaiswal	17-May	Jayanti & Kalaben Patel	29-May
Upendra & Rekha Shah	17-May	Jayant Pandya	31-May

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 2 meetings in the month of May at ICC.

First Meeting - Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 6:15 PM

Dr. Arun Kachroo will speak on Strokes & Neuropathy as it relates to Seniors. Dr. Kachroo was born in New Delhi in 1967 and moved to the U.S. in 1971. He pursued engineering studies at Columbia University before earning his medical degree from New Jersey Medical School in 1994. Dr. Kachroo completed his neurology residency at Albert Einstein University in the Bronx and a fellowship in neuromuscular disease at Fletcher Allen Hospital in Vermont, finishing in 1998. He then joined Neurology Associates of South Jersey, where he has been practicing since 1999.

Second Meeting - Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at 6:15 PM

Awakening Inner Energy & Consciousness: "Maha Kumbh and Maha Nagri Ayodhya" experiences, by Dr. Veena S. Gandhi.

Snacks will be served. Please note that we will try to accommodate Jain/Swaminarayan snacks if requested by 12pm the previous Saturday.

For more information, please visit www.hinduseniors.org

Bharti Shah
President, HSCSJ

2024 Donors

\$25000+

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\$5000-\$9999

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\$500-\$999

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CONDOLENCES

It is with heavy heart that we share the sad news that former Kanta (Sapru) Kachroo of Succasunna, NJ, age 82 years, passed away on Sunday, March 29th. She is survived by her loving husband, Girdhari Lal; sons, Arun & Robert; daughters-in-laws, Vinita & Prerna; and granddaughters, Maya, Riya & Arianna.

It is with heavy heart that we share the sad news that Smt. Ramilaben Navnitlal Modi, age 75, passed away on March 31, 2025. She is survived by her loving husband, Navnitlal Modi; Son, Kalpesh Modi; daughter, Mona Modi; daughter-in-law, Rinku; brother-in-law, Vimesh; and grandchildren, Manvi, Zalak, Haley & Priyam.

It is with heavy heart that we share the sad news that Girdhari Lal Kachroo of Succasunna, NJ, age 85 years, passed away on Wednesday, April 2nd. He is survived by his sons, Arun & Robert; daughters-in-law, Vinita & Prerna; and grandchildren, Maya, Riya, & Arianna.

It is with heavy heart that we share the sad news that ITA member Smt. Daxa Khatiwala, age 77 years, passed away on April 5th, 2025. She is survived by her daughter, Anu Bhagat; son-in-law Hitesh Bhagat; daughter-in-law, Mamta Khatiwala; son Bharat Khatiwala in spirit; and grandchildren, Dhruti Bhagat, Kush Bhagat, Ruchi Khatiwala & Rhea Khatiwala.

The ITA and its Trustees extend their sincere condolences to the Kachroo family, Modi family, Kachroo family and Khatiwala & Bhagat families. We pray that their soul may find peace and that God gives strength to their families and friends to cope with this heartfelt loss.

Jagadguru Swami Dr. Ram Kamal Das Vedantiji sermons at Berlin Temple

Sunday, May 4 through Wednesday May 7, 2025, Time: 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Topic: Continuation from the last year: From Sri Ram Charitmanas

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 more information, please contact Devendra and Ruchita Singh at 856-625-4335
OR Rakesh and Nila Kohli at 856-751-8688



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BALVIHAR PROGRAM

New Student Enrollment for 2025/26 Opens on May 15th at Noon

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): \$252

Late Enrollment (After June 2nd): \$263

Detailed Information Available at:

<https://www.indiatemple.org/balvihar.php>

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	\$301	\$351	\$401
Engagement Ceremony	\$201	\$301	\$301	\$401
Havan/Graha Shanti	\$251	\$351	\$401	\$451
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