



Satsang Sandesh

India Temple Association, Inc.

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Religious Calendar

5-Jun	Ganga Dashahara
6-Jun	Nirjala Ekadashi/ Bheem Agiyaras/ Shri Gayatri Jayanti
10-Jun	Vrat Purnima Satyanarayana Puja
11-Jun	Sant Kabeer Jayanti (627)
21-Jun	Yogini Ekadashi Sundarkand Paath
23-Jun	Som-Pradosh
25-Jun	Amavas/ Amavasya

Satyanarayan Puja
Tuesday, June 10th — 6 PM

Sundarkand Paath
Saturday, June 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 month.

Dunthur & Yedahalli Uttaswamy	2-Jun	Dahyabhai & Taraben Patel	13-Jun
Kartik Patel	4-Jun	Santosh Khurana	19-Jun
Meghan & Melanie Patel	4-Jun	Rita Dube	21-Jun
Milan Patel	6-Jun	Rushikesh Parghi	21-Jun
Bharat Gandhi	7-Jun	Ishvar Patel	22-Jun
Dinesh Patel	8-Jun	Rushikesh Parghi	25-Jun
Ramesh Gupta	12-Jun	Kalavati Desai	29-Jun
Rushikesh Parghi	12-Jun	Kartik & Duapta Patel	29-Jun
Puttaswamy Hemali & vaishali Kothari	13-Jun		

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 2 meetings in the month of June at ICC.

First Meeting - Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 5:15 PM

PLEASE NOTE EARLIER START TIME (to accommodate schedule conflict with ICC).

Dr. Anju Nayar will be presenting on the Psychological Challenges of Senior Citizens of Indian Origin. She is a board-certified psychiatrist in clinical practice for over 30 years in Cherry Hill and now in Moorestown New Jersey. Dr. Nayar attended LLRM Medical College in Meerut, UP India and completed her psychiatric training at Cooper Hospital & Medical Center in Camden, New Jersey. In addition to psychiatry, she is a certified hypnotherapist. She uses a person-centered care model to tailor treatments to each individual's need integrating traditional pharmacotherapy with psychotherapeutic and physical health and wellness interventions.

Second Meeting - Tuesday, June 24, 2025 at 6:15 PM

Dr. Yajamana Ramu holds a Ph.D. in Biological Sciences and led a prominent research lab at the University of Pennsylvania for over 20 years. His work, published in top journals like Nature, Cell, PNAS, and The Journal of General Physiology, has advanced understanding of cystic fibrosis, diabetes, and ion channel physiology. A passionate scientist and mentor, Dr. Ramu has also spent the past four years guiding high school students in microbiology, pharmacology, biotechnology, and ecology. His students have won top awards at science fairs, including Regeneron ISEF and the Taiwan International Science Fair, and earned major scholarships. He will speak on "Cloning and Related Ethical Issues", covering the science behind cloning, its medical and agricultural uses, and the ethical implications. Dr. Ramu combines deep technical knowledge with a strong commitment to education and ethics.

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 Navnitlal Bulakhidas Modi (Bhaniabhadhu), age 82, passed away on April 29, 2025. He is survived by son, Kalpesh Modi; daughter, Mona Modi; daughter-in-law, Rinku; son-in-law, Vimesh Modi; and grandchildren, Manvi, Zalak, Haley & Priyam.

The ITA and its Trustees extend their sincere condolences to the Modi 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.

HOLI CELEBRATION

Sunday, June 1, 2025



ITA Holika Puja and Holi celebration on Sunday, June, 1st at John Connolly Park, Voorhees. DJ music, food, dance & color fun!

Arrival: 1:00 PM — 1:30 PM

Holika Puja: 1:30 PM — 2:00 PM

Dance and Color Play: 2:00 PM — 4:00 PM

Address: Connolly Park, 605 Centennial Blvd, Voorhees Township, NJ 08043

For more information, please contact:

Chirag Kansagra: 856-986-2966

Sagar Dalal: 201-705-4466

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2025 ITA SCHOLARSHIP

Purpose: *To support the I.T.A. community by giving scholarships to graduating senior students who have demonstrated **dedication and significant contribution to the I.T.A.***

Description: *Up to two scholarships worth \$1000 each will be awarded to graduating high school seniors whose families are current members of the I.T.A. Each will be renewable for up to 3 additional years based on meeting maintenance criteria and available funding. The scholarship can be used at a 2 or 4-year accredited institution for undergraduate studies related to tuition or books only.*

Eligibility:

- * Applicant's family must be a current I.T.A. member
- * Demonstration of participation in ITA service and programs **will be weighed heavily:** examples of participation include: Balvihar Program, Student Leader Program, ITA Youth Community Service Group, and volunteering in ITA events.
- * Applicant must be a current senior at a local high school with plans to enroll full-time in an accredited 2 or 4 year college in the United States.
- * A completed application form

Contact: Amit Patel at amitmpatel75@gmail.com or 301-785-1170 for details and scholarship application form.

SENIOR APPLICATION DEADLINE: Electronically sent by June 22nd

RENEWAL APPLICATION DEADLINE: Electronically sent by June 22nd.



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BALVIHAR PROGRAM

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

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