



Satsang Sandesh

India Temple Association, Inc.

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Religious Calendar

3-Sep	Parivartini Ekadashi
6-Sep	Anant Chaturdashi, Shri Ganesha Visarjan
7-Sep	Purnima, Satyanarayana Mahalaya Starts, Shradha Paksha/Pitri Paksha Starts
17-Sep	Indira Ekadashi
20-Sep	Sundarkand Paath
21-Sep	Sarva Pitru Amavas/ Shradha Paksha Concludes
22-Sep	Shraddha Navratra Aarambh
30-Sep	Durga Ashtami, Havan in Temple
2-Oct	Vijaya Dashami / Dashera, Ravan Dahan TBD

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

Sunday, September 7th — 6 PM

Sundarkand Paath

Saturday, September 20th — 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.

Hudson James	1-Sep	Arjun Kumar	19-Sep
Vinod N Patel	3-Sep	Nagindas & Champaben Shah	22-Sep
Giyanani Mulchand	4-Sep	Nathu Mistry	23-Sep
Kashiben Patel	8-Sep	Girish Aggarwal	23-Sep
Ajay Patel	10-Sep	Kirti Doshi	27-Sep
Omila Kochhar	14-Sep	Babubhai Patel	28-Sep
Krina Patel	14-Sep	Thakor Patel	30-Sep
Arun Maheswari	17-Sep	Vijay & Asha Gupta	30-Sep
Devendra Soni	19-Sep		

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 September at ICC - Please note the Second Meeting is a daytime session at 12.15pm

First Meeting - Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 6:15 PM

Topic: The Aging Eye

Dr. Ekta Patel is an Ophthalmologist, Cataract Surgeon, and Cornea Specialist at Eye Associates & SurgiCenter of Vineland, serving southern NJ and greater Philadelphia. A graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University Medical School, she completed her Ophthalmology residency as Chief Resident at Mount Sinai and a Cornea Fellowship at Johns Hopkins University-Wilmer Eye Institute. Dr. Patel specializes in advanced cataract surgery—including drop less, IV-free techniques—and offers intraocular lenses (IOLs) to reduce dependence on glasses. She also treats complex corneal conditions, performs corneal transplants, and offers Bladeless LASIK.

Second Meeting - Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at 12:15 PM (Day time meeting due to Navratri conflict at ICC)

Topic: Dermatology for Seniors: Practical Tips for Healthy Skin

Julianna Jarvis, PA-C plans to cover aging skin, sun protection, skin cancer and treatment, benign growths, and common skin issues with simple over-the-counter remedies, and signs when you should see a dermatologist. Julianna is a board-certified Physician Assistant specializing in dermatology since 2018. She earned her Bachelor of Science from The College of New Jersey Honors Program and her M.S. from Thomas Jefferson University. Julianna joined Dermatology of Philadelphia in 2024 and sees patients in Center City and Voorhees. She is active in professional dermatology organizations, serves as Director at Large for the Pennsylvania Society of Dermatology Physician Assistants, and completed the SDPA Diplomate Fellowship. Julianna treats a wide range of skin conditions and is passionate about helping patients feel confident in their skin. Outside of work, she enjoys art, pottery, and hiking with her dog, Jett.

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

CONDOLENCES

It is with heavy heart that we share the sad news that Shri Jagdish Prasad Gupta, age 78, passed away on Friday, August 22, 2025. He is survived by sons, Adarsh & Jatin; daughters-in-law, Krishna & Sonali and grandchildren, Shubham, Ishaan, Paaras, & Aashirya.

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

CHILDREN'S NAVRATRI

September 14, 2025 @ ICC

Join us for an afternoon of Garba and Raas for young kids (ages 4-12)!



Including:

- Child friendly prasad and Aarti
- Small group garba and raas instruction
- Navratri related crafts
- Live musicians & singers
- Slower paced music to facilitate learning
- Less crowded environment

Tickets are sold at [indiatemple.org](https://www.indiatemple.org), Only. There will be NO Tickets at the door.

NAVRATRI CELEBRATION

September 22 — October 1 & October 4, 2025



Date: September 22 to 25, 28, 29, 30 & Oct 1

Location: Indian Cultural Center, 820 NJ-73, Marlton, NJ 08053

Time: 7:30 PM - 11:00 PM

Schedule: Pooja @ 7:30 PM / Garba @ 8 PM / Aarti @ 9PM

Food: Packaged food will be sold from 7:30 PM — 10:00 PM

Date: September 26, 27

Location: Moorestown H.S, 350 Bridgeboro Rd. Moorestown, NJ 08057

Time: 7:30 PM - 12:00 AM

Schedule: Pooja @ 7:30 PM / Garba @ 8 PM / Aarti @ 9PM

Food: Packaged food will be sold from 7:30 PM — 10:00 PM

Date: October 4 (Sharad Poonam)

Address: Eastern H.S, 1401 Laurel Oak Rd, Voorhees, NJ 08043

Time: 7:30 PM - 12:00 AM

Schedule: Pooja @ 7:30 PM, Garba @ 8:00 PM and Aarti @ 9:00 PM

Food: Packaged food will be sold from 7:30 PM — 10:00 PM

Free Jalebi and Fafda on Sharad Poonam Night.

Pre-purchase season passes plus Daily Tickets are sold at <https://www.indiatemple.org>

Online tickets sale begins on 09/05/25 and closes on 09/19/2025.

For further Navratri details, Sponsorship and advertisement, please visit our website at

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



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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
Baby Shower	\$101	\$201	\$251	\$301
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