



Satsang Sandesh

India Temple Association, Inc.

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Religious Calendar

2-Oct	Vijaya Dashami / Dasher Ravan Dahan TBD
3-Oct	Pashankush Ekadashi
4-Oct	Shani Pradosh
6-Oct	Sharad Purnima Shri Satyanarayana Puja
10-Oct	Karva Chauth Puja
11-Oct	Sundarkand Paath
17-Oct	Rama Ekadashi
18-Oct	Dhan Teras Puja
19-Oct	Kali Chaudas/Narak Chaturdashi Hanuman Chalisa Paath
20-Oct	Diwali, Laxmi Puja, Annakoot Aarti Timing TBD
21-Oct	Amavas/ Amavasya
22-Oct	Pingal Naam Samvatsar Year 2082, Aarti Timing TBD
23-Oct	Bhai Beej/ Bhratri-Yam Dwitiya
26-Oct	Labh Pancham/Panchami
2-Nov	Dev-Prabodhini Ekadashi Tulsi Vivah
3-Nov	Som Pradosh

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, October 6th — 6 PM

Sundarkand Paath
Saturday, October 11th — 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.

Dupta Patel	1-Oct	Jitendra Dave	14-Oct
Dahyabhai & Taraben Patel	2-Oct	Surina Pandya	14-Oct
Tejal Patel	4-Oct	Renu Gupta	18-Oct
Kamlesh & Vrinda Dave	5-Oct	Bhaveshkumar Patel	19-Oct
Mosmi Shah	6-Oct	Dahyalal & Sushilaben Patel	21-Oct
Kusum N. Patel	8-Oct	Piyush Patel	23-Oct
Vijay Gandhi	10-Oct	Chandrika Patel	24-Oct
Dhayabhai & Taraben Patel	13-Oct	N. K. Gupta	26-Oct
Anvi Devika Iyer	14-Oct	Arjun Goyal	29-Oct

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 October in ICC.

First Meeting - Sunday, October 19, 2025: Diwali Function 11AM - 3PM

The Hindu Senior Citizens of South Jersey (HSCSJ) invites you to a Diwali Celebration featuring entertainment by our talented seniors under the theme "Talented Seniors" on Sunday, October 19, 2025 at Indian Cultural Center (ICC), 820 Route 73, Marlton, NJ 08053. The event is open to all, members and non-members.

Tickets: Early Bird: \$25 for members, \$30 for non-members, October 1 - October 10: \$35 for members, \$40 for non-members, October 11 - October 15: \$45 for members, \$50 for non-members. Payments can be made by Cash, Check, or via Zelle to Dahyabhai Patel at (856) 669-7557. Alternatively, payments can also be made to any Executive Committee member - Bhagwat Mangla, Vijesh Darji or Bharti Shah.

Second Meeting - Tuesday, October 28, 2025 at 6:15 PM

Medicare 2026 Update with Alan Gudis, BGA Insurance

Changes are coming to Medicare in 2026 - and we want you to be informed and prepared. We're pleased to announce that Alan Gudis will be presenting an important session on the upcoming updates to Medicare, including what they mean for your rights and entitlements as a beneficiary. From new prescription drug cost caps to expanded coverage options and automatic enrollment programs, the landscape of Medicare is shifting in ways that could significantly impact your healthcare decisions. Alan will walk us through these changes, explain how they affect you, and offer practical guidance to help you make the most of your benefits. Stay informed. Stay protected and join us for this essential update. This presentation will be followed by Q&A.

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

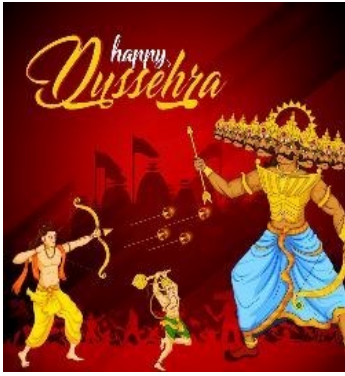
CONDOLENCES

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.

DUSSEHRA CELEBRATION

October 2, 2025 from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM at ICC



Dussehra 2025 Highlights:

- Fun & Food vendors (Outdoor—Parking Lot): 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM
- Live Ramayan Play (Indoor Auditorium): 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM
-Play Presented by Classical Rhythms Dance Academy (Abhilasha Saxena)
- Ravan Dahan (Outdoor - Parking Lot): 7:30 PM
-Ravan Effigy (Juggy Talwar and Team)

We are seeking donors to support this free event. Sponsorships Levels:

-Grand: \$5001+ -Platinum: \$1001+ -Gold: \$501+
-Silver: \$251+ -Bronze: \$151+ -Individual: \$101+

Donation: Please go to <https://www.indiatemple.org/donation-form.php>

Parking: We will be charging all cars that have less than 3 people **\$10 for parking.** We are doing this to encourage carpooling so that more people can enjoy this free event. Please be a considerate community member and carpool.

For more details, please contact:

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KARVA CHAETH

Friday, October 10, 2025



Please join us for Karva Chauth puja at Berlin Temple on Friday, October 10, 2025 at 4PM, 5PM & 6PM.

DIWALI CELEBRATIONS

From October 20 2025

Please join us for DIWALI celebrations. Programs details: TBD



GENERAL BODY TRUSTEE BACKGROUND, APPLICATION AND ELECTION

The ITA is searching for committed and dedicated individuals who are interested in serving our community to join the Trusteeship. Board of Trustees oversee the functioning of the entire ITA and consists of 24 members that are each elected on staggered basis for a three-year term. 21 of the Trustees are General Body Trustees and 3 of the Trustees are Advisory Board Trustees. Each year the ITA General Body must elect 7 General Body Trustees and the Advisory Board must elect one Trustee. The General Body Trustee election is held at the ITA's General Body Meeting on. The 7 candidates with the highest number of votes will be elected. In order to be an eligible for Trusteeship an individual the requirements below and those outlined in the Trustee Application:

- Believe in the Objectives of the ITA as articulated in Article III of the ITA Constitution*.
- Be willing to assume the responsibilities and requirements of Trusteeship as outlined in Article II of the ITA By-Laws*.
- Have been a continuous ITA member from October 1st, 2023 to September 30th, 2025.
- Have participated on an ITA Committee in s substantive capacity for at least one year and willing to continue volunteering and contributing to ITA activities as Trustee as required by the By-Laws*.
- Not be an elected public official; candidate for public office; or an employee of a political campaign or party.
- Not have resigned in the past 12 months or lost "Good Trustee Standing" in the past 24 months.
- Will not have served five (full or partial) cumulative terms as ITA Trustee as of December 31st, 2025.

Interested candidates that meet these criteria must submit a Trustee Application via email by October 30th, 2025 in order to be considered. Soft copy of application will be available after October 1st online at:

https://www.indiatemple.org/ita_documents.php.

Email typed and completed applications to electioncom@indiatemple.org.

If you have any questions, please contact: Samir Patel, Election Committee Chair: electioncom@indiatemple.org.

ITA GENERAL BODY MEETING & ANNUAL TRUSTEE ELECTION

Saturday, December 13th 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 2026.
- Trustee Candidates for 2026 to 2028 term will discuss their qualifications and planned contribution.
- Election will be conducted.
- General Body will be given the floor to ask questions.



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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