



Satsang Sandesh

India Temple Association, Inc.

Hindu Temple, 25 E. Taunton Ave, Berlin, NJ 08009
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Religious Calendar

- 1-Dec Mokshada Ekadashi
Shri Geeta Jayanti
Geeta Paath in Temple TBD
- 2-Dec Bhaum Pradosh
- 4-Dec Purnima
Shri Duttatrey Jayanti
Shri Satyanarayana Puja in
Temple @ 6 PM
- 15-Dec Safla Ekadashi
- 20-Dec Amavas/ Amavasya
Sundarkand Paath @ 10 AM

Satyanarayan Puja

Thursday, December 4th — 6 PM

Sundarkand Paath

Saturday, December 20th — 10 AM

VIKRAM SAMVAT 2082 / 2026

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.

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| Akshaybhai & Savitaben Patel | 1-Dec | Jagdish Shah | 22-Dec |
| Pravina Gohel | 5-Dec | Nagindas & Champaben Shah | 23-Dec |
| Snehlata Jani | 9-Dec | Rasikbhai Mehta | 25-Dec |
| Maya & Mamta Kanzaria | 9-Dec | Vijay & Asha Gupta | 25-Dec |
| Arun Maheswari | 9-Dec | Satish Shah | 25-Dec |
| Rajendra Pandya | 9-Dec | Natwar Desai | 28-Dec |
| Dev Dani | 12-Dec | Panambur & Mitra Kini | 28-Dec |
| Akshay Nandakumar | 12-Dec | Mahendra Toprani | 28-Dec |
| Jelabhai Patel | 13-Dec | Kavita Gupta | 30-Dec |
| Rukhmanidevi Tekrival | 15-Dec | Amita and Naresh Talati | 31-Dec |
| Jaysinh Chandriani | 18-Dec | Navin K. Gupta | 31-Dec |
| Sheela Kapoor | 18-Dec | Manibhai Patel | 31-Dec |
| K.S. Krishnan | 18-Dec | Rajiv Verma | 31-Dec |
| Laxman P Singh | 18-Dec | Navin Gupta | 31-Dec |
| Naresh Talati | 20-Dec | Pramila Mitra | 31-Dec |
| Nayan Shah | 21-Dec | Raj Patel | 31-Dec |

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.

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.

Candidates for 2026-2028 Term

| | | |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| -Vijesh Darji | -Vinita Ganju | -Ramesh Gupta |
| -Ritesh Shah | -Vidya Iyer | |

- There will be no election as there are only 5 candidates for the 7 open positions.
- General Body will be given the opportunity to ask questions.

PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS BY HSCSJ

Annual Function - Sunday, December 21, 2025: 11AM - 3PM (The event is open to members only.)

Bollywood Masti..... A Celebration of Music, Flavor and Joy!

Join us as HSCSJ proudly presents its 19th Annual Program on Sunday December 21st, 2025 from 11:00am to 3:00pm at ICC, a vibrant afternoon filled with rhythm, laughter, and community spirit. Enjoy our Annual Musical Extravaganza featuring a spectacular performance by the renowned ICC Karaoke Group - bringing the magic of Bollywood melodies to life! And that's not all - treat your taste buds to a sumptuous spread of delicious food, prepared to add even more flavor to this memorable day. Come, participate, and celebrate this joyous occasion with our community as we wrap up the year on a high note of music, masti, and mouthwatering moments!

Event Schedule:

11:00 am - Aarti, Snacks & Socializing
12:00 pm - Welcome address and Annual Report by the President
12:30 pm - Entertainment by our famous ICC Karaoke Group
2:00 pm - Luncheon
3:00 pm - Farewell
There will be raffle tickets drawn.

Pricing:

Early Bird Special: \$20 / December 1-10: \$25 / December 11-17: \$30 / December 18-21: \$40

Please reserve your seats by paying the entrance fee to Dahyabhai Patel (856) 669-7557 via cash, check or Zelle. Alternatively, payments may also be made to any member of the HSCSJ Executive Committee. When registering, please inform us of any dietary requirements (Jain or Swaminarayan). Please note that refunds or exchanges cannot be accommodated. For further information, please log on to "hinduseniors.org".



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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 |
| Rudrabhishek 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