



# Satsang Sandesh

## India Temple Association, Inc.

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### Calendar

- 1-May Budhha Purnima  
Shri Satyanarayana Puja
- 13-May Aparajita Ekadashi
- 16-May Amavas/ Amavasya  
Sundarkand Paath in Temple
- 26-May Ganga Dashahara
- 27-May Kamla Ekadashi
- 30-May Vrat Purnima  
Satyanarayana Puja
- 31-May Holi Celebration

### **Satyanarayan Puja**

Friday, May 1st — 6 PM  
Saturday, May 30th — 6 PM

### **Sundarkand Paath**

Saturday, May 16th — 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 \$401 for members and \$451 for non-members. 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.*

### 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

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://www.indiatemple.org/contact-us.php>

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Vishnu Sahasranamam & Lalitha Sahasranamam will be recited on 1st Friday of each month starting at 10:30 AM  
In-Person Only  
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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.

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**ITA Senior Social Group- Currently meeting weekly**  
Contact Vinita Ganju (609) 744 8558 for additional information.  
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## PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS BY HSCSJ

This meeting is conducted by Hindu Senior Citizens of South Jersey” for its members. We request all non members who wish to attend our meeting, to become a member. It's just \$100 pp lifetime.

Visit “Hinduseniors.org” for more information.

First meeting: Tuesday, May 12 at 6:15 PM

Veena Gandhi:

A retired obstetrician and gynecologist by profession, Dr. Gandhi is a dedicated practitioner of yoga and spiritual pursuits. She is the author of "Creating a Miracle Child with Yoga", a complete and practical guide for expectant parents. We are delighted to welcome her back, as her presentation last year was unfortunately canceled at the last minute. Beyond her medical career, she is well-known within our community for her tireless volunteering and 'seva.' Having served in countless roles, she is a deeply spiritual individual and a steadfast guardian of Sanatan Dharma. Having recently returned from a pilgrimage to India's holy sites, she joins us today to share the enriching memories and insights from her journey.

Second Meeting: Tuesday, May 26 at 6:15 PM

Open Forum:

An open discussion with members of the general body to share comments and suggestions. The session will be informal and relaxed, with a free-flowing agenda that may include light entertainment by our own members.

We will also provide administrative updates, including a brief overview of the organization’s current state after the first five months of the new administration. Topics will include bylaws, the status of document procurement, membership updates, and a snapshot of our financials, along with any other emerging matters.

We will conclude by expressing our appreciation to all general body members and our Executive Committee for their continued support.

Lalji Bhimani, President HSCSJ, on behalf of EC team

## CONDOLENCES

It is with a heavy heart that we share the sad news that Shri Sujit Desai, age 58, passed away on Tuesday, March 31, 2025. He is survived by his wife, Nipa; son, Sujay; daughter, Sachi; daughter-in-law, Sharanya; parents, Hasmukhbhai & Sharmishthaben; and sisters, Sneha & Hetal.

The ITA and its Trustees extend their sincere condolences to the Desai 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, May 31, 2026



ITA Holika Puja and Holi celebration on Sunday, May, 31st 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:

Sangeeta Rashatwar: 609-685-2755

Vidya Iyer: 610-703-1710

Samir Patel: 201-657-8661

Ritesh Shah: 856-571-5826

## SAVE THE DATE: Jagadguru Swami Dr. Ram Kamal Das Vedantiji Sermons

Dates: Sunday, June 28 through Wednesday, July 1st

Time: From 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM (Except Monday, June 29, from 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM)

Location: Berlin Hindu temple, 25 East Taunton Ave, Berlin, NJ

Topic: Sri RamCharit Manas, KISHKINDHA KAND

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 information please contact:

Devendra & Ruchita Singh at 856-625-4335

OR

Rakesh & Nila Kohli, 856-264-4217

## TOP DONORS 2025

### \$25000+

Surendra & Sheela Bagaria

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**BALVIHAR PROGRAM**

**New Student Enrollment for 2026/27 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](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](http://www.indiatemple.org)

**Enrollment:**

Regular Enrollment (May 17th through June 1st): \$265

Late Enrollment (After June 2nd): \$275

**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.

Puja Services	MEMBER		NON-MEMBER	
	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
Annual Special Prayers	\$401		\$451	
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	Member	Non-Member
Prayer Hall Rental	\$401	\$451
Social Hall Rental	\$501	\$551

**Send address changes or Membership renewals to:**

ATTN: VP of Information at 25 E. Taunton Ave. Berlin, NJ 08009 or email [vpinfo@indiatemple.org](mailto:vpinfo@indiatemple.org)