



Satsang Sandesh

India Temple Association, Inc.

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Calendar

6-Oct	Indira Ekadashi
10-Oct	Sarva Pitru Amavas/ Shradhha Paksha Concludes
11-Oct	Shrutiya Navratra Aarambh
15-Oct	Panchami
19-Oct	Durga Ashtami, Havan in Temple 4-6 PM
20-Oct	Maha Navami
21-Oct	Vijaya Dashami / Dusshera / Ravan Dahan
22-Oct	Pashankush Ekadashi
24-Oct	Sundarkand Paath
25-Oct	Sharad Purnima Shri Satyanarayana Puja
28-Oct	Karva Chauth Puja at 4PM, 5PM and 6PM

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 October 25 - 6PM

Sundarkand Paath
Saturday October 24 -10AM

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.

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	Bhaveskumar 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://www.indiatemple.org/contact-us.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

First Meeting on Tuesday, October 13 2026:

Time: 1 PM

Venue: Berlin Hindu Temple

Guest Speaker: Allan Goodies, Insurance Agent - BGA Insurance Group

Topic: "Insurance and upcoming Medicare updates"

We are 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.

Second Meeting: There will be no second General Body Meeting in October due to our Diwali Party.

Diwali Party on Saturday, October 31, 2026

Theme: Seniors Got Talent on

Time: 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Venue: ICC

Celebrate Diwali with friends and our community at the annual gathering of the HSCSJ. Enjoy an afternoon of music, cultural performances, entertainment, & shared traditions honoring our heritage in a warm and joyful setting.

-Lalji Bhimani, President, HSCSJ, On behalf of the EC Team

CONDOLENCES

It is with a heavy heart that we share the sad news that Smt. Madhukanta D. Shah, age 86, passed away on Friday, July 24, 2026. She is survived by her sons, Prasant Shah & Deven Shah; daughters, Amita Doshi & Namita Ghelani; daughter-in-laws, Manisha Shah & Sehal Shah; son-in-laws, Kumar Ghelani & Tushar Doshi; grandchildren, Prem, Parth, Chirag, Jigar, Neil, Nishi & Shailee; and great grandchildren, Ahrav & Raya.

It is with a heavy heart that we share the sad news that Shri Chaganlal (Kumar) A. Kalola, age 91, passed away on Friday, September 18, 2026. He is survived by his wife, Vijuben Kalola; daughters and their spouses, Nina Kalola & Atul Mori and Bina Kalola & Islam Ulhaq; and grandchildren and their spouses, Aspen Mori & Alexander Montgomery and Sienna Mori McCormick & Daniel McCormick.

It is with a heavy heart that we share the sad news that Smt. Urmila R. Darji, age 83, of Atco, NJ passed away on Tuesday, September 22, 2026. She is survived by her daughter, Shobha; her son, Trushant; and her beloved grandchildren.

The ITA and its Trustees extend their sincere condolences to their families. We pray that their soul may find peace and that God gives strength to their families and friends to cope with this heartfelt loss.

CHILDREN'S NAVRATRI

October 11, 2026 @ ICC

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

Including:

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



Tickets are sold Online Only at [indiatemple.org](https://www.indiatemple.org)

There will be NO Tickets at the door.

NAVRATRI CELEBRATION

October 11 — October 20 & October 24, 2026

Date: October 11 to 15, 19 & 20

Address: 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: October 16, 17, 18

Address: Evesham Rec Center (Blue Barn), 1004 Tuckerton Rd, Evesham Twp, NJ 08053

Time: 7:00 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: October 24 (Sharad Poonam)

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

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 09/21/26 and closes on 10/09/2026.

For further Navratri details, Sponsorship and advertisement, please visit our website at <https://www.indiatemple.org/navratri.php>

DUSSEHRA CELEBRATION

October 20, 2026 from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM at ICC

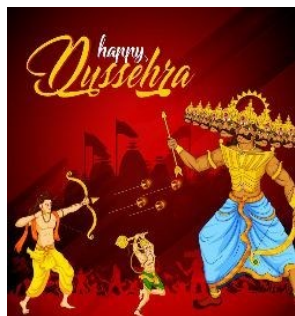
Dussehra 2025 Highlights:

- 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:

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

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



Parking: Please be considerate community members and carpool. Due to new Ravan location. Entry and Exit from the ICC will be halted 15 minute prior to burning and until allowed by the Fire Marshall. Plan accordingly.

For more details, please contact:

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KARVA CHAETH

Wednesday, October 28, 2026

Please join us for Karva Chauth puja at Berlin Temple
at 4PM, 5PM & 6PM.

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, 2024 to September 30th, 2026.
- Have participated on an ITA Committee in s substantive capacity for at least one year and willing to continue volunteering and contributing to ITA activies 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, 2026.

Interested candidates that meet these criteria must submit a Trustee Application via email by October 30th, 2026 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: Vidya Shukla, Election Committee Chair: electioncom@indiatemple.org.

*Copies of By-Laws and Constitution are available at https://www.indiatemple.org/ita_documents.php

ITA GENERAL BODY MEETING & ANNUAL TRUSTEE ELECTION

Saturday, December 12th 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 2027.
- Trustee Candidates for 2027 to 2029 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 2026/27 Open

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:

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.

<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
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

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Non-Member</u>
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