



Satsang Sandesh

India Temple Association, Inc.

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

1-Sep Anant Chaturdashi,
Shri Ganesha Visarjan

3-Sep Mahalaya Starts,
Shradha Paksha/Pitri Paksha Starts

13-Sep Indira Ekadashi

17-Sep Sarvapitri Amavas,
Amavas Tarpan

27-Sep Kamala Ekadashi

1-Oct Purnima, Shri
Satyanarayana Puja -7 PM

13-Oct Kamala Ekadashi

16-Oct Amavasya,
Aashvin Adhik/ Purushottam
Maas End.

Temple Hours

Tuesday & Saturday
5:30 - 7:30 pm
Phone: (856) 768-3134.

Satyanarayan Puja

September-2 Wednesday at 7pm
(Online)

Sunderkand Path

September-19 Saturday at 10am
(Online)

LIVE AARTI & EVENTS

ITA YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/indiatemple/>

Announcement

We are excited to inform you that we have started the phased opening of the Temple. The Temple is currently open on Tuesday and Saturday Evenings from 5:30 to 7:30pm. At this initial stage, we are only allowing silent Darshan. We have installed an air purification system and are implementing a number of precautions to protect worshipers, volunteers and pujaris. There will be no pujari present nor Aarti conducted. Worshipers will also be asked to follow guidelines outlined by us. Worshipers that are unwilling or unable to adhere to these requirements will not be able to enter. Assuming that things proceed smoothly and the community COVID-19 case trends remain positive, we will expand hours and loosen restrictions.

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. Also, at your request, Shri. Bhupendra Shuklaji or 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	Devendra Soni	18-Sep
Vinod N Patel	3-Sep	Nagindas & Champaben Shah	19-Sep
Giyamani Mulchand	4-Sep	Nathu Mistry	22-Sep
Kashiben Patel	8-Sep	Girish Aggarwal	23-Sep
Ajay Patel	10-Sep	Kirti Doshi	23-Sep
Omila Kochhar	14-Sep	Babubhai Patel	27-Sep
Krina Patel	14-Sep	Thakor Patel	28-Sep
Arun Maheswari	17-Sep	Vijay & Asha Gupta	30-Sep

VIKRAM SAMVAT 2076 / 2020 CALENDAR AVAILABLE ONLINE

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

PROGRAMS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH, HEALTH, HAPPINESS & GOD REALIZATION

See ITA Website & Weekly Announcements to Join Prayer Meetings Online on Zoom

Vishnu Sahasranamam and Lalitha Sahasranamam will be recited on 1st Friday of each month starting at 10:30 AM on Zoom.

Satya Sai Baba of Medford Bhajans 3rd Friday of each month from 7pm on Zoom
Contact P.K. Prabhakar (856) 596 3147/ Sessa Vemuri (856) 751 0687 for details.

Bhagavat Gita Study Tuesday starting at 11am on Zoom. Contact Sharad Pimplaskar (856) 466 1430 for details

ITA Senior Social Group

Contact Vinita Ganju (609) 744 8558 to learn about online activities.

Yoga and Pranayama Classes at Berlin Mandir

Program currently cancelled

PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS BY HSC OF NJ

Enjoy bimonthly meetings On ZOOM from the comfort of your home

September 10th, 2020 at 7 PM.

Dr. Rajan Gupta, MD is a practicing Pain Management physician in Cherry Hill and Philadelphia for over 14 years. He will explain how Physical pain is related to Emotional suffering. Vice versa Emotional suffering is related to Physical pain. The lecture will give you an insight into how and why we feel pain and how can we get rid of suffering. He got his Medical degree from Ahmedabad & did his Residency training at St. Francis Medical Center Pittsburg & Pain Fellowship from Vanderbilt Univ. in Nashville.

September 24th, 2020 at 7 PM.

Dr. Anju Nayar, MD is a practicing Psychiatric physician in Cherry Hill, NJ for over 25 years. She will talk on Mental & Emotional health & will teach us various coping techniques to improve our Emotional health & Wellbeing during Covid pandemic times. She graduated from LLRM Medical college Meerut U.P. & completed her Psychiatric Residency at Cooper Hospital and Medical Center. She is Board Certified Psychiatrist and Board Certified Disability Analyst & Hypnotherapist. For more info., please log in www.hinduseniors.org.

Yogi Virendra K. Gupta & HSC SJ EC Team

ITA Balvihar Program Enrollment for 2021

Purpose: To teach Vedic Heritage and Indian Culture to children (Pre-K to 8th Grade).

Additional Program Details: https://www.indiatemple.org/bal_vihar.php

Timing: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM two Sundays a month starting on September 20th and ending on May 2nd

Location: Remote (See website for details)

Fees / Enrollment: (ITA MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED)

After June 1st: Regular Enrollment: \$211

Space in the program is **VERY** limited. We encourage community members to enroll early. Please explore the Balvihar webpage for the calendar, curriculum and greater program details.

The website is https://www.indiatemple.org/bal_vihar.php

Questions? Email bvadmin@indiatemple.org or call Samir Patel at 201-657-8661.

Amendments & Vote Notice

As a result of COVID and the associated closure of the Temple, many Trustees will be unable to meet the event participation requirement in delineated in Article II, Section 2. (b) of the By-Laws and few Trustee candidates will be able to meet Committee Participation requirements outlined in Article II Section 4 of the By-Laws to stand for election. As such, the ITA leadership is asking the General Body to approve the Amendments which waive the event participation requirement for Trustees; “freeze” the aging of Trustee, Advisory Board and Core Executive Committee terms; and postpone the ITA elections to 2021. The specific Amendments, Vote Notice and Ballot can be found under the “ITA Documents” section of the indiatemple.org. ITA Leadership believes that securing these changes are in the best interest of maintaining continuity of ITA services and programs.

The ITA Election Committee is charged with conducting and overseeing all Trustee Elections and votes put to the General Body. The Election Committee is always comprised of one Trustee, one Advisory Board Member and usually one community member. This year’s committee consists of Govind Modi (AB), Samir Patel (Trustee), and Lalit Patel (community member). Because of the limitations of public gatherings and associated health risk, the ITA Election Committee has decided that the Vote to approve these changes will be conducted via mail and/or email. The specific instructions can be found on the top of the ballot which is on the third page of the above referenced document. For the proposed Amendments to be approved, 67% of votes must be cast in favor of the change and at least 10% of the General Body must vote. We strongly encourage you to participate this voting process. Votes must be mailed or emailed by September 27th, 2020. If you have any questions, please contact Election Committee Members (below).

ITA Election Committee

Govind Modi, Advisory Board (856) 649-6332

Lalit Patel, Community Member (609) 841-4888

Samir Patel, Trustee (201) 657-8661

ITA INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE GANESH UTSAV

Virtually from Aug. 22 to Sept. 1st.



Schedule

Saturday August 22 at 4.00 PM: Ganesh Sthapana Puja and Arati:

Daily from August 23, 2020 to August 31, 2020:

Ganesh Archana and Arati followed by temple Arati at Noon

Ganesh Puja followed by Arati at 7:30

Visarjan September 1st, Tuesday- Utthapan from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm followed by Arati

To sponsor virtual Puja, garland or for any additional information, please contact Anoo Joshi at 856-577-3631/anootemple@gmail.com or Charu Sheth at 856-662-8754/ sheth_charu@yahoo.com

PHASE-1 TEMPLE OPENING GUIDELINES

- 1) Masks covering nose and mouth required all times on premises.
- 2) Worshipers must complete a questionnaire and information form as well as have their temperature taken prior to entry. Visitors deemed high risk may be denied admission.
- 3) Darshan time will be limited to allow all worshipers a time within the visitation window.
- 4) Only the front door will be available for entry and exit. Backdoor will be locked.
- 5) Restrooms and social hall areas are closed and will not be accessible.
- 6) Worshipers will be asked to use hand sanitizer upon entering the building.
- 7) Worshipers will be asked to follow social distancing guidelines. Markers have been placed in the worship hall.
- 8) Worshipers will not be allowed on the altar.
- 9) Worshipers are asked not to bring any offerings, prasad or flowers.
- 10) We will not be distributing Prasad.
- 11) We strongly recommend that those having underlined health conditions should refrain from visiting temple.



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Temple Hours

Monday - Friday

9am- 1pm ; 4pm - 8:30pm

Saturday & Sunday

9 am to 9 pm

Aarti

12 pm & 8 pm

Times have changed to

Tuesdays & Saturdays

5:30-7:30pm only

If back door is locked,

please try front door,

ring bell or call

(856) 768-3134

Send address changes or Membership renewals to:

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

PUJA SERVICE & TEMPLE RENTAL FEES

Shri Shuklaji /Shri Sudhirji perform religious services on request. Please contact Anoo Joshi 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	\$11		\$11	
Vahan Pooja	\$25		\$25	
Namkaran/Annaprashan	\$51	\$101	\$101	\$151
Birthday	\$51	\$101	\$101	\$151
Shradha	\$51	\$101	\$101	\$151
Anniversary Celebration	\$101	\$151	\$151	\$201
Kesh Mundan	\$101	\$151	\$151	\$201
Satyanarayan Pooja	\$121	\$151	\$201	\$251
Engagement Ceremony	\$101	\$201	\$151	\$251
Havan/Graha Shanti	\$201	\$251	\$251	\$301
Vastu Pooja-Outside Only		\$251		\$301
Wedding per day	\$401	\$501	\$501	\$551
Upanayan/Yagnopavit	\$251	\$301	\$301	\$351
Uttarkriya Per day -Outside Only		\$151		\$201
Yagna/laghu rudra-Outside Only		\$351		\$401
Navchandi Yagna-Outside Only		\$651		\$701
Antim Kriya		No Charge		No Charge

*\$.58/ mile charge applied when puja requires greater than 20 miles of travel.

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	\$201	\$251
Social Hall Rental	\$301	\$351