



Satsang Sandesh

India Temple Association, Inc.

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Religious Calendar

- 4-May Varuthani Ekadashi, Shri Vallabhacharya Jayanti
- 8-May Amavas/ Amavasya
- 10-May Akha Trij / Akshya Tritiya, Shri Parashuram Jayanti
- 12-May Shri Aadya Shankracharya Jayanti (Year 2531); Sri Ramanujacharya Jayanti (Year 1006)
- 17-May Shri Janaki/Seeta Namavi
- 18-May Sundarkand Paath
- 19-May Mohini Ekadashi
- 20-May Som Pradosh
- 23-May Budhha Purnima, Shri Satyanarayana Puja

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
Thursday, May 23rd — 6 PM

Sundarkand Paath
Saturday, May 18th —10 AM

VIKRAM SAMVAT 2080 / 2024

CALENDAR AVAILABLE ONLINE AT <https://www.indiatemple.org/>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please note change in temple hours and Aarti timings @ indiatemple.org
- 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 Anoo Joshi @ 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.

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://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

Bhajan Sandhya (In person first Friday of every month from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM)
led by Venugopal Varma (609) 598-4038

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 Zoom meeting has resumed from September 26, 2023. We will read Shri Shankara's Dakshinamurti Stotram. We will also be taking some references from a commentary (Vrittanta), called Manasollasa, by his disciple Sureshvaracharya. This Stotram is a simple, beautiful and complete treatise on Vedanta. The text of the Stotram with Dhyana-Mantra will be provided to attendees.

ITA Senior Social Group- Currently meeting weekly
Contact Vinita Ganju (609) 744 8558 for additional information.

PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS BY HSCSJ AT ICC

There will be 2 meetings in the month of May at ICC.

First Meeting - Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 6:15 PM

Dr. Raj Darji received his BS in Biomedical Engineering from The New Jersey Institute of Technology in 2012. He then attended Midwestern University College of Dental Medicine where he received his Doctorate in Dentistry. Dr. Darji was accepted to the Montefiore Medical Center in New York, for a year-long General Practice Residency, which he completed in 2017. He is a member in good standing of the American Dental Association, the New Jersey State Dental Association, the American Academy of Implant Dentistry, the Academy of General Dentistry; and is a member of the Delta Sigma Delta International Dental Fraternity. Dr. Darji loves his profession, and he appreciates getting to know his patients on a personal level. His goal is to exceed his patients' expectations by performing exceptional Dentistry in a caring and friendly manner.

Second Meeting - May 28, 2024 at 6:15 PM

Officer Rich Hernandez is a Master Patrolman II. He has been a police officer for over 23 years with Evesham Police. He is currently assigned to the community engagement unit and has served as a K9 officer, Detective, NJPTC police academy instructor. Officer Hernandez will be providing a Fraud presentation that will cover prevention areas of identity theft, bad checks, scams and other white collar fraud.

Snacks will be provided. PLEASE NOTE: We will try to accommodate Jain/Swaminarayan snack with advance notice of 48 hours prior to the meeting. For more information, please visit www.hinduseniors.org

Bharti Shah
President, HSCSJ

CONDOLENCES

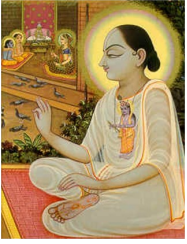
It is with a very heavy heart that we share the sad news that Smt Kusum Makadia passed away on Tuesday, April 23, 2024.

It is with a very heavy heart that we share the sad news that Shri Abhi V. Shah, age 45 of West Chester, PA passed away peacefully after a long illness on April 6th, 2024.

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

VALLABH JAYANTI

Saturday, May, 4 at Berlin Temple



The Hindu Temple in Berlin will celebrate Vallabh Jayanti on Saturday, May 4, 2024 from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. There will be a chanting of Pusti marg's Yamunasthaka, and other "PĀTHA", followed by melodious Kirtans. Mahaprasad will be served after the Aarti at 6:30 PM.

HOLI CELEBRATION –SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, June 1, 2024



ITA Holika Puja and Holi celebration on Saturday, June, 1st at John Connolly Park, Voorhees.

DJ, music, dancing & flash mob
Food and colors available for purchase.

SAVE THE DATES:

Swami Dr. Ram Kamal Das Vedantiji sermons at our temple

Hindu Temple: 25 East Taunton Ave, Berlin, NJ (website: www.Indiatemple.org)

Wednesday, June 12 through Friday, June 14, 2024, From 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM.

Topic: Sri Ram Charit 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 further information:

Please contact: Devendra and Ruchita Singh at 856-625-4335 OR Rakesh and Nila Kohli, 856-751-8688

2024 ITA SCHOLARSHIP

Purpose: *To support the I.T.A. community by giving scholarships to graduating senior students who have demonstrated **dedication and significant contribution to the I.T.A.***

Description: *Up to two scholarships worth \$1000 each will be awarded to graduating high school seniors whose families are current members of the I.T.A. Each will be renewable for up to 3 additional years based on meeting maintenance criteria and available funding. The scholarship can be used at a 2 or 4-year accredited institution for undergraduate studies related to tuition or books only.*

Eligibility:

- * Applicant's family must be a current I.T.A. member
- * Demonstration of participation in ITA service and programs **will be weighed heavily:** examples of participation include: Balvihar Program, Student Leader Program, ITA Youth Community Service Group, and volunteering in ITA events.
- * Applicant must be a current senior at a local high school with plans to enroll full-time in an accredited 2 or 4 year college in the United States.
- * A completed application form

Contact: Amit Patel at amitmpatel175@gmail.com or 301-785-1170 for details and scholarship application form.

SENIOR APPLICATION DEADLINE: Postmark by June 15th

RENEWAL APPLICATION DEADLINE: Postmark by June 1



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BALVIHAR PROGRAM

New Student Enrollment for 2024/25 Opens on May 17th

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

Enrollment:

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

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

Fees are NOT REFUNDABLE for any reason.

Space in the program is VERY limited. We encourage community members to enroll early.

Become a member and enroll at: www.indiatemple.org

PUJA SERVICE & TEMPLE RENTAL FEES

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	\$21		\$21	
Vahan Pooja	\$25		\$25	
Namkaran/Annaprashan	\$51	\$101	\$151	\$201
Birthday	\$51	\$101	\$101	\$151
Shradha	\$51	\$101	\$151	\$251
Anniversary Celebration	\$101	\$151	\$201	\$251
Kesh Mundan	\$101	\$151	\$151	\$201
Satyanarayan Pooja	\$151	\$200	\$251	\$301
Engagement Ceremony	\$101	\$201	\$201	\$301
Havan/Graha Shanti	\$201	\$251	\$301	\$301
Vastu Pooja-Outside Only		\$251		\$351
Wedding per day	\$401	\$501	\$551	\$600
Upanayan/Yagnopavit	\$251	\$301	\$351	\$401
Uttarkriya Per day -Outside Only		\$151		\$251
Yagna/laghu rudra-Outside Only		\$351		\$400
Navchandi Yagna-Outside Only		\$651		\$700
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.

<u>Facility Rental Fees</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Non-Member</u>
Prayer Hall Rental	\$251	\$301
Social Hall Rental	\$351	\$401

Send address changes or Membership renewals to:

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