



Satsang Sandesh

India Temple Association, Inc.

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Religious Calendar

- 2-Jun Aparā Ekadashi
4-Jun Bhaum Pradosh
6-Jun Vatsavritri Vrat, Amavas/
Amavasya
15-Jun Sundarkand Paath
16-Jun Ganga Dashahara
17-Jun Nirjala Ekadashi/ Bheem
Agiyaras/ Shri Gayatri
Jayanti
21-Jun Vrat Purnima,
Satyanarayana Puja
22-Jun Sant Kabeer Jayanti (626)

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

Friday, June 21st — 6 PM

Sundarkand Paath

Saturday, June 15th —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.

Dunthur & Yedahalli Uttaswamy	2-Jun	Dahyabhai & Taraben Patel	13-Jun
Kartik Patel	4-Jun	Santosh Khurana	19-Jun
Meghan & Melanie Patel	4-Jun	Rita Dube	21-Jun
Milan Patel	6-Jun	Rushikesh Parghi	21-Jun
Bharat Gandhi	7-Jun	Ishvar Patel	22-Jun
Dinesh Patel	8-Jun	Rushikesh Parghi	25-Jun
Ramesh Gupta	12-Jun	Kalavati Desai	29-Jun
Rushikesh Parghi	12-Jun	Kartik & Duptha Patel	29-Jun
Puttaswamy Hemali & vaishali Kothari	13-Jun		

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 June at ICC.

First Meeting - Tuesday, June 11th 2024 at 6:15 PM

Did you know nail cutting services are included in your Medicare plan? Dr. Prachi Patel is a board certified foot and ankle surgeon. Dr. Patel graduated from Temple University, completed her doctorate at the New York College of Podiatric Medicine and participated in a three year surgical residency at Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center, New York. Dr. Patel is trained extensively in diabetic limb salvage procedures, elective and non-elective foot and ankle surgery which includes reconstructive foot and rearfoot procedures. She is also trained in wound care, sports medicine, trauma, diabetic foot care, geriatrics, pediatrics and dermatopathology. She also completed a fellowship at Bako dermatopathology program in Atlanta. In her off time, Dr. Patel enjoys spending time with her husband and two children, traveling, and cooking new recipes.

Second Meeting - Tuesday, June 25th 2024 at 6:15 PM

Dr. Veena Gandhi, well known in the community as an obstetrician & gynecologist (1974-2016), a social worker with ITA (Berlin), Vishwa Hindu Parishad of America, Ekal Vidyalaya, Ekal Health, long time yoga teacher & lecturer, a book writer, "Creating a Miracle Child With Yoga" and a philanthropist, will be happy to present "What is Really Yoga?", in its depth, knowing well that most of you may be practicing physical yoga. Come, enjoy & reiterate your knowledge of yoga with Love (you may want to bring a pen/notebook to jot down some points).

Snacks will be served. Please note that we will try to accommodate Jain/Swaminarayan snacks 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 heavy hearts that we share the sad news that Smt. Deviben ("Devy") Ashvinbhai Shah, 81, passed away on May 23, 2024.

It is with heavy hearts that we share the sad news that Shri Jaykishan C. Patel, 85, passed away peacefully on April 30, 2024, at home with his wife Ranjana in Pennington, NJ. He is survived by his wife, Ranjana; his children, Manan & Mona; his daughter & son-in-law, Nrupa & Dave; his grandchildren, Jaya, Deven, Anand, Maya, & Ravi; his siblings, Sushila, Archana, Vina, Deepak, & Chetan; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

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

HOLI CELEBRATION

Saturday, June 1, 2024



ITA Holika Puja and Holi celebration on Saturday, June, 1st at John Connolly Park, Voorhees. DJ music, food, dance & color fun!

Arrival: 1:00—1:30 PM

Holika Puja: 1:30— 2:00 PM

Dance and Color Play: 2:00—4:00 PM

Address: Connolly Park, 605 Centennial Blvd, Voorhees Township, NJ 08043

For information, please contact:

Sagar Dalal: 201-705-4466; Samir Patel: 201-657-8661;

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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 information:

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

GRADUATION YAGNA AND SCHOLARSHIP / SERVICE AWARD RECOGNITION Sunday, June 30, 2024



ITA invites graduates of the class of 2024 and their family for Annual graduation Puja and Awards Ceremony on Sunday, June 30th, 2024 at 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM
Address: India Temple @ 25 Taunton Avenue, Berlin, NJ 08009

Event Agenda:

- Puja & Yagna
- Service Awards
- Words of Wisdom from graduating student leaders
- ITA Scholarship Announcement
- Concluding comments, ITA President

Any ITA members looking to be donors for graduate or service awards, please contact any of the committee members above.

If you are attending this event, please sign up at below link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0E4CA4AA22A2F49-49920103-graduation>

For Scholarship Questions, please contact: Amit M. Patel at amitmpatel75@gmail.com
For program details please contact: Samir Patel: 201-657-8661 or Vidya Shukla: 610-703-1710



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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

Become a member: www.indiatemple.org

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.

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