



Satsang Sandesh

India Temple Association, Inc.

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Religious Calendar

- 1-Apr Kamada Ekadashi
- 6-Apr Hanuman Jayanti and Purnima, Satyanarayana Puja followed by Hanuman Chalisa Paath
- 14-Apr Mesh Sankranti
- 15-Apr Vallabhacharya Jayanti
- 16-Apr Varuthani Ekadashi, Shri
- 20-Apr Amavas/ Amavasya
- 22-Apr Akha Trij / Akshya Tritiya Shri Parashuram Jayanti
- 25-Apr Shri Aadya Shankracharya Jayanti (Year 2530), Sri Ramanujacharya Jayanti (Year 1005)
- 29-Apr Janaki/Seeta Navmi

Temple Hours

Saturday & Sunday

9:30AM -12:30 PM
4:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Monday to Friday

10:30 AM to 12:30 PM
5:30 to 8:30 PM

Entry through
Front Door Only
(856)768-3134

Satyanarayan Puja

Thursday, April 6th – 6 PM

Sundarkanda Paath

Saturday, April 15th – 10 AM

VIKRAM SAMVAT 2079 / 2023

CALENDAR AVAILABLE 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. Thank you for your support.
- Evening Aarti time is returning to **8:00 PM** and temple closing is at 8:30 PM.
- Revised temple timings (in-person) from April 1, 2023:
Mon - Fri 10:30 AM -12:30 PM 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Sat - Sun 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM 4:30 PM - 8:30 PM

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.

Ashok Barbaria	2-Apr	Desh Raj Goel	16-Apr
Urmila Gujrathi	2-Apr	Arpana & David Brunt	19-Apr
Kevin Gandhi	3-Apr	Shailendra Desai	19-Apr
Narendra Bhatt	3-Apr	Arny & Deepal Patel	20-Apr
Surendra Sheth	4-Apr	Nimisha & Rajen Jain	22-Apr
Savitaben Patel	6-Apr	Samir Khurana	22-Apr
Dipti & Monil Pandya	8-Apr	Yogendra B Choksi	22-Apr
Upen Shah	12-Apr	Neal Dube	23-Apr
Vaishali Patel	13-Apr	Ramchandra Rao	25-Apr
Siddhi Vasa	15-Apr	Hansa H. Kothari	28-Apr

PROGRAMS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH, HEALTH, HAPPINESS & GOD REALIZATION

See ITA Website for Virtual Daily Prayer & Aarti Times

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

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

PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS BY HSC OF SJ

First meeting - April 11, 2023 at 6:15 PM

Swati M. Kothari, Esquire will talk on WILLS & ESTATE PLANNING etc. Swati is licensed in New Jersey & Pennsylvania. She is the owner/Founder of the Law offices of Swati M. Kothari, LLC located in Moorestown, NJ.

Second Meeting - April 25, 2023 at 6:15 PM

An Exciting Musical Evening - A Collection of Evergreen Hindi Songs, sung by Talented Artists from Northern & Central New Jersey.

Please go to www.hinduseniors.org for more information.

Yogi Virendra K. Gupta & HSC SJ, EC Team

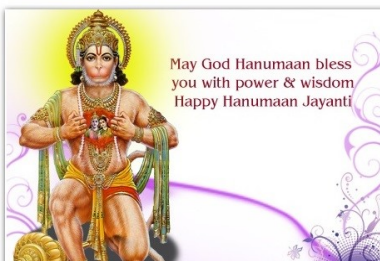
CONDOLENCES

It is with a very heavy heart that we share the sad news that ITA Member, Shri Vishwa Bandhu Gambhir, age 72, passed away on Thursday, March 16th, during a visit to India. He is survived by his wife, Surekha Gambhir; son, Gaurav; daughters, Shruti & Kanika; and three grandchildren.

The ITA and its Trustees extend their sincere condolences to the extended Gambhir 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.

HANUMAN JAYANTI & PURNIMA SATYANARAYAN POOJA

Live and Online: Thursday April 6th at 6 PM at Hindu Temple



Hanuman Jayanti is celebration of birth of Lord Hanuman.
We are celebrating Hanuman Jayanti Thursday April 6th at 6 PM at Hindu Temple
After Satyanarayan puja, we will sing Hanuman Chalisa 11 times.

HOLI CELEBRATION –SAVE THE DATE!

Afternoon of Sunday, April 30, 2023



ITA Holika Puja and Holi celebration on April 30th at John Connolly Park, Voorhees.
DJ, music, dancing & flash mob.
Food and colors available for purchase.

Additional details to soon follow.

VALLABH JAYANTI

Saturday, April 15, 2023 at 3:00 PM at Hindu Temple



The Hindu Temple in Berlin will celebrate Vallabh Jayanti on Saturday, April 15, 2023 from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM. There will be a chanting of Pusti marg's Yamunasthaka, and other "PĀTHA", followed by melodious Kirtans. We are inviting musicians and devotees from North Jersey to sing and do satsang with us. Mahaprasad will be served after the Aarti at 6:30 PM.

The Wednesday Gita Satsang Group and Pusti-friends will sponsor the event at the Temple. If you are interested in taking part in the event, please call Urmila Gujrathi (609-472-0169), Dhiraj Saparia (287-1415).

Shri Mahaprabhuji is the founder of religious sect called Pushtimarg. He was born in the year 1479 A.D. at a Champaranya. He is one of the foremost Indian philosophers taking the rank amongst the first class Acharyas who has expounded the school of Shuddha-advaita. Vallabhacharya heralded a new era of Bhakti-Marga, which teaches un-swinging love toward God admitting everyone in the fold, irrespective of sex, cast or nationality.

Pushti Marga, the path of grace as founded by Shri Vallabhacharya is very easy to follow as a way of life by common people. Once you commit yourself to God by ritual of "Brahma-Sambanth", God takes care of you unconditionally. In Pushti Marg, Bhakti is not a means, but an end.

Shri Mahaprabhuji's son Shri Vitthalnathji also known as shri Gusaiji was the one who embellished "Seva Bhav" by offering worship to Shrinathji eight different time of the day from 'Mangla to 'Sen'. During their time, Ashta Sakha's Kirtan was devotional expression for their personal experience with the Lord. When they were in the temple they witnessed the 'Lila' and sang about what they saw. The Shrimad Bhagvata is the ripened fruit of all scriptural knowledge, but the Kirtan's of the Ashta Sakha are the refined essence.

2023 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, volunteering at the ITA events, such as fundraising, and cultural programs and volunteering in ITA led community service 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 May 15th

RENEWAL APPLICATION DEADLINE: Postmark by June 1



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BALVIHAR PROGRAM

New Student Enrollment for 2023/24 Opens on May 2nd

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 2nd-June 1st): \$224

Late Enrollment (After June 2nd): \$239

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