



Satsang Sandesh

India Temple Association, Inc.

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Religious Calendar

- 3-Oct Durga Ashtami, Havan
5-Oct Vijaya Dashami/Dashera
6-Oct Pashankush Ekadashi
9-Oct Sharad Purnima, Shri Satyanarayana Puja
13-Oct Karva Chauth Puja
21-Oct Rama Ekadashi
23-Oct Dhan Teras Puja
24-Oct Kali Chaudas/Narak Chaturdashi
25-Oct Diwali, Laxhmi Puja, Annakoot
26-Oct Vikram Samvat New Year 2079 Bhai Beej/ Yam Dwitiya
29-Oct Labh Panchami
4-Nov Tulsi Vivah, Dev-Prabodhini Ekadashi
8-Nov Dev Diwali / Purnima, Guru Nanak Jyanti, Satyanarayana Puja
20-Nov Utpatti Ekadashi

Temple Hours

Saturday & Sunday
9:30AM -12:30 PM
4:30-8:30 PM

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

Entry through
Front Door Only

Satyanarayan Puja

Sunday, October 9th – 10 AM

Sundarkanda Paath

Saturday, October 15th – 6 PM

VIKRAM SAMVAT 2078 / 2022

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.

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.

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

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 over Zoom. Meeting ID: 825 4174 9889; Passcode: 718246

Satya Sai Baba of Medford Bhajans 3rd Friday of each month from 8-9 PM on Zoom
Contact P.K. Prabhakar (856) 596 3147/ Sessa Vemuri (856) 751-0687 for details.

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, New Session starts from September 13 2022,
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

October 13, 2022: Medicare and Product Availability:

This meeting will be held at 6:15 PM at ICC. Alan Gudis of BGA Insurance group will make a presentation on "Medicare and Product Availability" including existing plans, new plans, and changes for 2023. They will also provide an introduction to BGA Insurance Group. This presentation will be followed by a Q&A session. Food will be served.

October 27, 2022: Diwali Festival:

This meeting will be held at 12 Noon at Gagan Palace Restaurant. We will be celebrating DIWALI Festival with Prayers, Songs, Live Music & Lavish Lunch, etc. from Noon to 3 PM at Gagan Palace Restaurant (33 S. White Horse Pike, Stratford, NJ 08084). Shri Dheerajbhai Saparia & his group will provide the Live music. We have booked the whole restaurant. The maximum number of people will be 95 (maximum capacity of the restaurant). The ticket is for \$10 per person to be collected at the gate. Please call Mrs. Asha Jain, tel. no (860) 463-1318, email: asha_jain@yahoo.com OR any HSC SJ Executive Council member and make the reservation. It is strictly on the FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS. NO ADMISSION WITHOUT PRIOR RESERVATION.

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

Yogi Virendra K. Gupta & HSC SJ, EC Team
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## CONDOLENCES

It is with a heavy heart that we convey to you this message. One of the Founding Members of ICC, Geeta Chhibber passed away on September 10, 2022. The ITA Trustee Board extend their sincere condolences and pray that her soul may find peace and God gives strength to her family and friends to celebrate her love and memories.  
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It is with a very heavy heart that we share the sad news that Dr. Ramesh Gupta, age 83, passed away on Friday, September 23, 2022, in Dresher, PA. He is survived by his wife Asha; eldest daughter Kavita, her husband Salil, and children, Nayan, Ketan, & Nidhi; and his youngest daughter, Roopali, her husband, Aaron and daughters, Maya and Leena. The ITA and its Trustees extend their sincere condolences to the extended Gupta family. We pray that his soul may find peace and that God gives strength to his family and friends to cope with this unexpected and devastating loss.

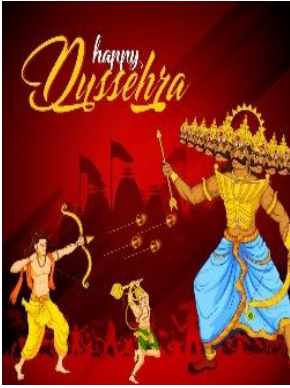
## DURGA ASHTAMI



Ashtami Havan on Monday, October 3, 2022 from 4 PM — 6 PM at Berlin Temple

## “DUSSHERA MELA”

Sunday, October 9, 2022 at 3 PM at ICC



Please join with your family and friends for a fun filled event “DUSSHERA Mela”: Live Ramayan Play, Ravan Dahan, Vendors/Shopping, Food, Games, Kids Activities, and a lot more.

### "Dussehra Mela" Program Highlights:

"Mela" Activities (Outdoor - ICC Parking Lot): 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Food, Merchandise, Jewelry, Kids Activities(Games, Face Painting, Musical Chair, Balloon, Henna/Mehendi Etc..)

Live Ramayan Play(Indoor Auditorium): 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Play Presented by Classical Rhythms Dance Academy(Abhilasha Saxena)

Ravan Dahan(Outdoor -ICC Parking Lot): 7:30 PM

Ravan Effigy (Juggy Talwar and Team)

For sponsorship and additional details. Please contact Pankaj Desai: 609-332-3947, Sangeeta Rashatwar: 609-685-2755, Charu Sheth: 732-710-6297, Ramesh Gupta: 856-912-0958.

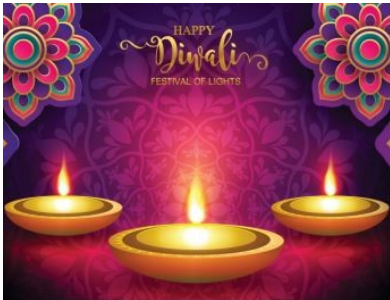
## KARVA CHAETH



Karva Chauth Puja is on Thursday, October 13, 2022 in Berlin Temple at 5 PM, 6 PM & 7 PM

## DIWALI EVENTS

ITA invites you & your family to celebrate Dhanteras, Kali Chaudas, Diwali, Laxmi Puja, Vikram Samvat and Labh Panchami at Berlin Temple.  
Annakut Prasad will be accepted



Dhanteras: Sunday, October 23, 2022  
Puja in Berlin Temple at 6:30 PM

Kali Chaudas/Narak Chaturdashi: Monday, October 24, 2022

Diwali, Laxhmi Puja, Annakoot: Tuesday, October 25, 2022  
From 5:00 PM to 9:30 PM,  
Special Diwali Aarti for Children at 5:00 PM

Vikram Samvat New Year 2079: Wednesday, October 26, 2022.  
Aarti Starts at 6 AM and then every hour until noon and 4 PM then every hour until 8 PM.  
Bhai Beej/ Yam Dwitiya

Labh Panchami: Saturday, October 29, 2022

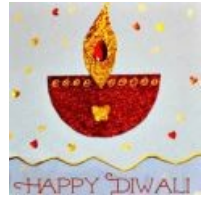
## CHILDREN'S DIWALI

Sunday October 23 2022 at Berlin Temple from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM



Special Diwali Celebration Program will include: Aarti, Art and Crafts and Fireworks. We ask each family to bring one small item for the Annaku that we can all share after Aarti. Additional information TBD.

Please contact Vinita Ganju at 609-744-8558, Vidya Shukla at 610-703-1710, Hima Prabhakar at 201-965-6185 or Sagar Dalal at 201-705-4466



## TULSI VIVAH

Friday November 4 at 5:00 PM at Berlin Temple



Tulsi Vivah is the ceremonial marriage of the Tulsi plant to the Hindu god Vishnu or his Avatar Krishna. This ceremony can be performed any time between Prabodhini Ekadashi - the eleventh lunar day of the bright fortnight of the Hindu month Kartik to the full moon of the month but usually it is performed on the eleventh or the twelfth lunar day. The day varies from region to region. The Tulsi wedding signifies the end of the monsoon and the beginning of the Hindu wedding season.

## ITA GENERAL BODY MEETING & ANNUAL TRUSTEE ELECTION

Saturday, December 3rd at 1:30 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 2022.
- Trustee Candidates for 2023 to 2025 term will discuss their qualifications and planned contribution.
- Election will be conducted.
- General Body will be given the floor to ask questions.

## 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, 2020 to September 30th, 2022.
- Have participated on an ITA Committee for at least one year and willing to continue volunteering and contributing to ITA activities 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.
- Not have served five (full or partial) cumulative terms as ITA Trustee as of December 31st, 2022.

Interested candidates that meet these criteria must submit a Trustee Application via email by October 30th, 2022 in order to be considered. Soft copy of application will be available after October 5th online at: [https://www.indiatemple.org/ita\\_documents.php](https://www.indiatemple.org/ita_documents.php).

Email typed and completed applications to [electioncom@indiatemple.org](mailto:electioncom@indiatemple.org).

If you have any questions, please contact: Samir Patel, Election Committee Chair: [electioncom@indiatemple.org](mailto:electioncom@indiatemple.org).

\*Copies of By-Laws and Constitution are available at [https://www.indiatemple.org/ita\\_documents.php](https://www.indiatemple.org/ita_documents.php)



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**BALVIHAR PROGRAM**

**Enrollment for 2022/23 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](https://www.indiatemple.org/bal_vihar.php)  
**Format:** We hope to return to in person learning for 2022/2023, however, circumstances could necessitate use of a remote format.  
**Timing:** 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM on designated Sundays  
**Dates:** 16 Sundays starting in Sept. & Ending in May.  
**Location:** Marlton Middle School (150 Tomlinson Mill Road, Marlton, NJ)

**Fees / Enrollment:**  
**ITA MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED**

Early Enrollment (May 16 to June 1): \$214  
 Regular Enrollment (After June 2): \$231

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                          | \$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       |

\*IRS defined per 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.

| <u>Facility Rental Fees</u> | <u>Member</u> | <u>Non-Member</u> |
|-----------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Prayer Hall Rental          | \$201         | \$251             |
| Social Hall Rental          | \$301         | \$351             |

**Send address changes or Membership renewals to:**  
 ATTN: VP of Information at 25 E. Taunton Ave. Berlin, NJ 08009 or email vpinfo@indiatemple.org