



Satsang Sandesh

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Religious Calendar

- 5-Feb** Vasant Panchami,
Saraswati Puja
- 12-Feb** Jaya Ekadashi
- 16-Feb** Purnima
Satyanarayana Puja
- 27-Feb** Vijaya Ekadashi
- 1-Mar** Mahashivaratri

Satyanarayan Puja

Saturday, February 16th 7pm

Sunderkand Path

Canceled for February

VIKRAM SAMVAT 2078 / 2022

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children's Vasant Panchami Program on Feb. 5th. Details on page 3.

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.

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|---------------------------|--------|--------------------------|--------|
| Sushil Bhatnagar | 3-Feb | Amrita Nandakumar | 19-Feb |
| Akshay Amin | 6-Feb | Ghanshyam Dave | 20-Feb |
| Narendra Amin | 6-Feb | Maya & Mason Doshi | 20-Feb |
| Kiran Doshi | 7-Feb | Gopal Patel | 23-Feb |
| Naresh Talati | 7-Feb | Priti Patel | 23-Feb |
| Kiran Desai | 7-Feb | Satish & Sulochana Patel | 24-Feb |
| Rushikesh Parghi | 13-Feb | Sureshbhai Patel | 24-Feb |
| Jadev Gajera | 14-Feb | Champak Patel | 25-Feb |
| S. Kumar | 15-Feb | Manoj Shah | 26-Feb |
| Vaishali & Rajubhai Patel | 16-Feb | Samit Desai | 28-Feb |
| Jagdish-Maya Shah | 16-Feb | Kellan Martin | 28-Feb |
| Neel Kadakia | 17-Feb | | |

Temple Hours

Saturday & Sunday

9:30AM -12:30 PM
4:30-7:30 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

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 over Zoom starting at 10:30 AM. Please recite from home to receive blessings

Satya Sai Baba of Medford Bhajans 3rd Friday of each month from 7-8pm on Zoom
Contact P.K. Prabhakar (856) 596 3147/ Sessa Vemuri (856) 751-0687 for details.

Bhajan Sandya by SJ Bhajan Mandali Group led by Venu Gopal Verma (856) 598-5038

Bhagavat Gita Study organized by Sharad Pimplaskar (856) 466-1430.

ITA Senior Social Group
Currently meeting weekly over Zoom

Contact Vinita Ganju (609) 744 8558 for additional information.

Yoga and Pranayama Classes at Berlin Mandir - CANCELED
Contacts: Dr. Veena Gandhi (856) 816 4095 & Hina Desai (856) 435 9148

PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS BY HSC OF NJ

February 10th, 2022 at 7:00 PM via TBD

Mr. Raj Maruvada, MBA, will discuss income tax law changes impacting 2022 from the TCJA-Tax Cuts & Jobs Act (major tax legislation) and other new tax laws, including changes to individual tax rates and deductions; review foreign financial accounts; and conclude with a Q & A session. Mr. Maruvada has had his own accounting and tax practice in Voorhees, NJ since 1991.

For more information please visit www.hinduseniors.org.

Yogi Virendra K. Gupta & HSC SJ EC Team

CONDOLENCES

It is with heavy heart that we share the sad news that Smt. Shardaben Kantilal Darji, age 86, passed away on Wednesday, January 19th, 2022. She was the mother of Rashmi Darji and mother-in-law of ITA Trustee, Vijesh Darji. She is survived by her children and their spouses, Hemant (Minaben), Harish (Bakulaben), Meena (Sureshlal), Rama (Ashoklal), Rashmika (Vijesh); grandchildren; and great grandchildren.

It is with heavy heart that we share the sad news that Smt. Sudha Mehta, age 77, passed away on Monday, January 24th, 2022, in Santa Monica, CA. She and her husband were Cherry Hill residents and ITA Community Members for many years. She is survived by her husband Sharad Mehta and sons, Anurag and Aalok and their respective families.

ITA and its Trustees extend their sincere condolences to the Darji and Mehta families. We pray that their departed souls may find peace and that God gives strength to their family and friends to cope with their unexpected loss.

TEMPLE VISITATION COVID RELATED GUIDELINES

While we continue to be impacted by COVID, we ask all visitors to observe the guidelines outlined below during their visit to the Temple. The purpose of these guidelines is to ensure a safe environment for visitors and our Pujaris. We appreciate everyone's cooperation in this matter.

- Enter & exit from front door only.
- Complete the visitor questionnaire at entry.
- Wear masks which cover both nose and mouth at all times during your visit.
- Maintain proper social distancing from other visitors and pujaris.
- Please do not congregate on Temple premise.
- Please do not bring any Prasad or other offerings.
- If your visit is part of Festival or celebration which requires registration for a time slot, we ask that you please arrive and depart within your designated time slot.



CHILDREN'S VASANT PANCHMI PROGRAM

Saturday February 5, 11.00 – 12.30 pm @ Berlin Temple

Dress up in the brightest yellow and join us for Vasant Panchami puja & take blessings of Goddess Sarasvati – Goddess of Knowledge.

- Sign up using the link below.
- Vaccination proof will be required to attend the event.
- Masks required all the time.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0848afad2fa1f94-children>



MAHASHIVARATRI

We invite you to join us in the celebration of Mahashivaratri on March 1st. Additional details to follow.

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BALVIHAR PROGRAM

Enrollment for 2021/22 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
Format: We hope to return to in person learning for 2021/2022, 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. Draft Dates on Website
Location: Marlton Middle School (150 Tomlinson Mill Road, Marlton, NJ)

Fees / Enrollment:
ITA MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED
 Regular Enrollment: \$229

Fees are NOT REFUNDABLE for any reason.

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

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

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 | |

*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:
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