



# Satsang Sandesh

## India Temple Association, Inc.

Hindu Temple, 25 E. Taunton Ave, Berlin, NJ 08009  
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### Religious Calendar

- 4-Dec** Amavas  
**14-Dec** Mokshada Ekadashi  
Shri Geeta Jayanti  
Bhagvat Gita Recital  
**18-Dec** Purnima  
Shri Duttatrey Jayanti  
**19-Dec** Satyanarayana Puja  
**30-Dec** Safra Ekadashi  
**14-Jan** Makar Sankranti  
Uttarayana  
Pongal

### **Satyanarayan Puja**

Sunday, December 19th– 7pm

### **Sundarkanda Paath**

Canceled for December

### **VIKRAM SAMVAT 2078 / 2022**

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Temple hours on Wednesday December 1, 8, 15, & 22nd shortened to:  
11:30am to 12:30 pm and 7:30 to 8:30 pm.

Bhagvat Gita Recital starting at 9AM on December 14th over Zoom

### 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. Bhupendra*

Akshaybhai & Savitaben Patel	1-Dec	Jagdish Shah	22-Dec
Pravina Gohel	5-Dec	Nagindas & Champaben Shah	23-Dec
Snehlata Jani	9-Dec	Rasikbhai Mehta	25-Dec
Maya & Mamta Kanzaria	9-Dec	Vijay & Asha Gupta	25-Dec
Arun Maheswari	9-Dec	Satish Shah	25-Dec
Rajendra Pandya	9-Dec	Natwar Desai	28-Dec
Dev Dani	12-Dec	Panambur & Mitra Kini	28-Dec
Akshay Nandakumar	12-Dec	Mahendra Toprani	28-Dec
Jelabhai Patel	13-Dec	Kavita Gupta	30-Dec
Rukhmanidevi Tekrival	15-Dec	Amita and Naresh Talati	31-Dec
Jaysinh Chandriani	18-Dec	Navin K. Gupta	31-Dec
Sheela Kapoor	18-Dec	Manibhai Patel	31-Dec
K.S. Krishnan	18-Dec	Rajiv Verma	31-Dec
Laxman P Singh	18-Dec	Navin Gupta	31-Dec
Naresh Talati	20-Dec	Pramila Mitra	31-Dec
Nayan Shah	21-Dec	Raj Patel	31-Dec

### 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**  
**(856) 768-3134**

## PROGRAMS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH, HEALTH, HAPPINESS & GOD REALIZATION

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**See ITA Website for Virtual Daily Prayer & Aarti Times**  
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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

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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.  
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Bhajan Sandya by SJ Bhajan Mandali Group led by Venu Gopal Verma (856) 598-5038  
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Bhagavat Gita Study organized by Sharad Pimplaskar (856) 466-1430.  
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**ITA Senior Social Group**  
**Currently meeting weekly in Gibson House in Marlton**  
Contact Vinita Ganju (609) 744 8558 for additional information.  
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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 SNJ

### Annual 2021 December Dinner

HSC SJ will hold its 15th Annual Function on December 12th, 2021 at 4:45 PM at ICC. Prayer & Arati will be at 4:45 PM. The program will start with appetizers from 5:00 PM till 6:00 PM. The Welcome Address & Annual Report by the current President will be from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. The Rhythm Group will provide the entertainment for about 1-3/4 hours. The performing artists are Arti Shah, Dinesh Shah, Manish Mehta, Nilkanth Shah, Pradeep Patel, Sital Nanavaty; Music system Help : Hemant Shah, Emcee- Nidhi Agrawal. There will be draw of raffle tickets. We will also honor our sponsors and three awardees of Dr. Ramesh Gupta and Dr. Asha Gupta Community Service Award. Dinner will start at 8:40 PM and end at 9:30 PM. The entrance fee for the early bird special until November 30th is \$13 per member, thereafter until December 5, 2021 is \$15 per member and at the gate on December 12th, 2021, it is \$25 per person. Please reserve your seats by paying the entrance fee to Raj Verma at 24 Borton Ave. Voorhees, NJ 08043 (856-344-7074) or any other EC Member and enjoy the evening with your esteemed group.

For more information, pl. log on to [www.hinduseniors.org](http://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. Madhu S. Gandhi of Voorhees, NJ passed away on Sunday, November 28th, 2021 at the age of 69. She is survived by her children and their spouses: Rahul & Priyanka (Danny Abriano); grandchildren, Ayana & Iyla; sisters, Anjana, Prathiba, and Prabodh.

It is with heavy heart that we share the sad news that Smt. Ramaben Vinodrai Mehta, age 88, passed away on Friday, November 19th, 2021. She is survived by her children and their spouses: Kiranben (Kiratbhai), Rajesh (Sangeeta), & Jatin (Parul); 6 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

The ITA and its Trustees extend their sincere condolences to her family. We pray that her soul may find peace and that God gives strength to her family and friends to cope with this unexpected loss.

## **ITA GENERAL BODY MEETING & ANNUAL TRUSTEE ELECTION UPDATE**

ITA 2020 General Body Meeting was held over Zoom on November 20th from 2 to 4 PM. All Community Members were invited to attend. A slide presentation reflecting the information discussed at the GBM has been emailed to Community Members and link is provided below. We encourage Community Members who were unable to attend to please review these materials. ITA and its Board of Trustees appreciates the communities engagement and support. We welcome Hima Prabhakar to the Trusteeship and appreciate the continued commitment of returning Trustees: Anuradha Joshi, Mihir Parekh, Lalit Patel & Naylesh Shah.

-ITA Trustees

### **Presentation Link**

[https://mcusercontent.com/3e8835cc5e98b8b0d082a5294/files/4b7af274-27e7-b366-e5c8-0b057b9fb6cd/ITA\\_2021\\_General\\_Body\\_Meeting\\_Final.pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/3e8835cc5e98b8b0d082a5294/files/4b7af274-27e7-b366-e5c8-0b057b9fb6cd/ITA_2021_General_Body_Meeting_Final.pdf)

## **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.



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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](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](mailto: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:**

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