



Satsang Sandesh

India Temple Association, Inc.

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

- 3-Sep Aja Ekadashi
6-Sep Last day of Shravan
Rudrabhishek in Temple
9-Sep Kevada Trij-Haritalika
Teej
10-Sep Shri Ganesha Chaturthi
11-Sep Rishi/Rushi Panchami
14-Sep Radha Ashtami
17-Sep Parivartini Ekadashi,
Shri Vamana Jayanti
18-Sep Sundarkand Paath
19-Sep Anant Chaturdashi,
Shri Ganesha Visarjan
20-Sep Purnima,
Satyanarayana Puja
21-Sep Shradha Paksha/Pitri
Paksha Starts
2-Oct Indira Ekadashi
Concludes

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

Satyanarayan Puja

Monday, September 20th- 7pm

Sundarkanda Paath

Saturday, September 18th- 10am

VIKRAM SAMVAT 2077 / 2021

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Shravan Maas Abhishek

The final Monday of Sharvan is September 6th. The Temple will be open to allow community members to offer Abhishek at 9:30-11:30 AM & 5:30-7:30 PM. Temple will provide milk for offering. Please do not bring any offerings.

Ganesh Chaturthi

We will be celebrating Ganesh Utsav from September 10th to 19th. Additional details on following page.

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 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.

•Hudson James	1-Sep	•Devendra Soni	18-Sep
•Vinod N Patel	3-Sep	•Nagindas & Champaben Shah	19-Sep
•Giyamani Mulchand	4-Sep	•Nathu Mistry	22-Sep
•Kashiben Patel	8-Sep	•Girish Aggarwal	23-Sep
•Ajay Patel	10-Sep	•Kirti Doshi	23-Sep
•Omila Kochhar	14-Sep	•Babubhai Patel	27-Sep
•Krina Patel	14-Sep	•Thakor Patel	28-Sep
•Arun Maheswari	17-Sep	•Vijay & Asha Gupta	30-Sep

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.
Please recite from home to receive blessings

Satya Sai Baba of Medford Bhajans 3rd Friday of each month from 8-9pm 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 in Laurel Acres Park
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

There are NO meetings planned in this month of September.
-Yogi Virendra K. Gupta & HSC EC team member

GANESH CHATURTHI CELEBRATION

India Temple Association invites you & your family to a celebration of Ganesh Utsav from September 10th to September 19th at the Berlin Temple. Please see the schedule of events below:



Friday September 10th

- Ganesh procession at 5:30 pm from parking lot to the temple
- Sthapana Puja- 6:30 pm and Arati at 7:00 pm

Daily Darshan from September 11th to September 19th

- 12 Noon Ganesh Archana and Arati followed by temple Arati
- 7:30 PM Ganesh Puja followed by Arati.
- Devotees need to register to do in person Pooja. Suggested donation \$101.00

Visarjan September 19th, Sunday

- Utthapan from 11.00 am to 12.00 pm followed by Arati

We ask that you please observe the Temple Visitation Guidelines during your visits to the Temple. Guidelines can be found on page 3 of the Satsang.

To sponsor Puja or for additional information, please contact Anoo Joshi at 856-577-3631, Charu Sheth at 856-662-8754 or Mrunal Phadnis at 856-873-2998.

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.

ITA GENERAL BODY MEETING & ANNUAL TRUSTEE ELECTION

Saturday, November 20th 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 2022 to 2024 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 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, 2019 to September 30th, 2021.
- 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, 2021.

Interested candidates that meet these criteria must submit a Trustee Application via email by October 1st, 2021 in order to be considered. Soft copy of application will be available after September 5th online at: https://www.indiatemple.org/ita_documents.php.

Email typed and completed applications to electioncom@indiatemple.org.

If you have any questions, please contact: Samir Patel, Election Committee Chair: electioncom@indiatemple.org.

*Copies of By-Laws and Constitution are available at https://www.indiatemple.org/ita_documents.php



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