



Satsang Sandesh

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Religious Calendar

- 7-Apr** Paap Mochani Ekadashi
- 12-Apr** Somavati Amavas
- 13-Apr** Chaitri New Year,
Gudi Padvo/ Ugadi
Vasanti Navratra
Aarambh
- 17-Apr** Akhand Ramayan
Paath
- 20-Apr** Durga Ashtami
- 21-Apr** Rama Navami,
Sahajananda Jayanti
Rama Janma Puja
- 23-Apr** Kamada Ekadashi
- 27-Apr** Hanuman Jayanti &
Purnima
Satyanarayana Puja
- 7-May** Varuthani Ekadashi,
Vallabhacharya Jayanti

Temple Hours

Currently Closed
Phone: (856) 768-3134.

Satyanarayan Puja
April 27 Tuesday @ TBD

No Sunderkand Path

VIKRAM SAMVAT 2077 / 2021
CALENDAR AVAILABLE ONLINE AT <https://www.indiatemple.org/>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The risk associated with Covid-19 / Corona virus continue to increase as the prevalence of cases grow. As a result, the Temple is currently closed and we will reopen only when circumstances improve. In the meantime, we will continue to broadcast events over the internet and provide access to event recordings on ITA's YouTube channel. These actions are being taken to protect the community. Thank you for your understanding during this uncertain time. We will continue to update the community through emails.

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.

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
Open Shah	12-Apr	Neal Dube	23-Apr
Vaishali Patel	13-Apr	Ramchandra Rao	25-Apr
Siddhi Vasa	15-Apr	Hansa H. Kothari	28-Apr

SAVE THE TEMPLE MONEY! GO DIGITAL!

Email: vpinfo@indiatemple.org to convert to a digital only subscription.

PROGRAMS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH, HEALTH, HAPPINESS & GOD REALIZATION

See ITA Website for Daily Prayer & Aarti Times

Vishnu Sahasranamam and 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.

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

ITA Senior Social Group

Contact Vinita Ganju (609) 744 8558 to learn about current activities.

Yoga and Pranayama Classes at Berlin Mandir - CANCELED

PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS BY HSC OF NJ

April 8th at 8pm via Zoom.

Dr. Tushar Chauhan will discuss GI diseases such as Acidity, Reflux & Heart Burn, Gallstones, Irritable Bowel Syndrome, Colorectal Cancer, Hemorrhoids, Ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease. Dr. Chauhan graduated from MS University of Baroda in 1984 and undertook postgraduate training in India and the UK. He then came to US in 1991 where he completed his Internal Medicine Residency at UMDNJ and GI fellowship in New York. He has practiced in South Jersey since 2002. Last year his group joined the Virtua Medical Group GI. Dr. Chauhan is now part of the Virtua System.

April 22nd at 7pm via Zoom.

Shri Bhulabhai Bhakta will talk on the latest state of affairs of the stock market. Shri Bhulabhai will talk about interesting topics including: (1) how NOT to run out of money during your retirement; (2) how to manage your portfolio of stocks, bonds & bond funds; and (3) will provide tips on buying & keeping legendary stocks. He has spoken to our organization in the past and our people have benefited his advice. For more info. please log on www.hinduseniors.com.

-Yogi Virendra K. Gupta & EC Team

CONDOLENCES

It is with heavy heart that we share the sad news that, Shri Shashikant R. Mehta, age 81 of Moorestown, NJ, passed away on Friday, March 19th, 2021. He was beloved husband of Kokila Mehta. Devoted father of Mehul and Hetul Mehta. The ITA and its Trustees extend their sincere condolences to the Mehta family. We pray that the departed soul may find peace and that God gives strength to their family and friends to cope with this unexpected loss.

It is with heavy heart that we share the sad news that Shri Manmohan Daga passed away on Tuesday March 9th 2021. He was father-in-law of former ITA treasurer Shobna Kishor Daga. The ITA and its Trustees extend their sincere condolences to the Daga family. We pray that the departed soul may find peace and that God gives strength to their family and friends to cope with this unexpected loss.

It is with heavy heart that we share the sad news that Smt Devika Mansukhani, age 92, of Marlton, NJ passed away on Monday, March 8th, 2021. She is survived by her husband Dr Sunder Mansukhani, daughter Kiron, sons: Ashwin & Sharad. The ITA and its Trustees extend their sincere condolences to the Mansukhani family. We pray that the departed soul may find peace and that God gives strength to their family and friends to cope with this unexpected loss.

It is with heavy heart that we share the sad news that Shri Bijan Kumar Sarkar passed away on Saturday, March 6th 2021. He is survived by his wife Chaitali, three sons Debkumar, Rajkumar, Rishikumar, daughter-in-laws and 2 grandchildren. The ITA and its Trustees extend their sincere condolences to the Sarkar Family. We pray that departed souls may find peace and that God gives strength to their family and friends to cope with this unexpected loss.

Upcoming Events

Details to follow in future emails

April 17 to 18th: Akhand Ramayan Paath

April 20th: Durga Ashtami Chaitri Havan

April 24th: Mata Ki Chowki

Balvihar Program

NEW Student Enrollment for 2021/22 STARTS May 16th

Purpose: To teach Vedic Heritage and Indian Culture to children (Pre-K to 8th Grade).

Program 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)

Early Enrollment (May 16th to June 1st): \$204

Regular Enrollment (Post June 1st): \$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.

2021 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 amitmpatel75@gmail.com or 301-785-1170 for details and scholarship application form.

SENIOR APPLICATION DEADLINE: Postmark by May 15, 2021

RENEWAL APPLICATION DEADLINE: Postmark by June 1, 2021



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*If back door is locked,
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Send address changes or Membership renewals to:

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

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

*\$.58/ 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