



Satsang Sandesh

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Religious Calendar

- 13-Oct Kamala Ekadashi
4-Nov Karva Chauth Puja
11-Nov Rama Ekadashi
13-Nov Dhan Teras Puja
14-Nov Kali Chaudas / Narak Chaturdashi
15-Nov Diwali, Laxmi Puja
16-Nov Vikram Samvat New Year 2077 / Bhai Beej/ Yam Dwitiya
19-Nov Labh Panchami
25-Nov Tulsi Vivah / Dev-Prabodhini Ekadashi
30-Nov Dev Diwali / Shri Guru Nanak Jayanti
11-Dec Utpatti Ekadashi
14-Dec Somvati Amavas

Temple Hours

Tuesday & Saturday
5:30 - 7:30 pm
Phone: (856) 768-3134.

Satyanarayan Puja

November-30 Thursday at 7pm
(Online)

Sunderkand Path

November-21 Saturday at 10am
(Online)

LIVE AARTI & EVENTS

ITA YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/indiatemple/>

Announcement

We are excited to inform you that we have started the phased opening of the Temple. The Temple is currently open on Tuesday and Saturday Evenings from 5:30 to 7:30pm. At this initial stage, we are only allowing silent Darshan. We have installed an air purification system and are implementing a number of precautions to protect worshipers, volunteers and pujaris. There will be no pujari present nor Aarti conducted. Worshipers will also be asked to follow guidelines outlined by us. Worshipers that are unwilling or unable to adhere to these requirements will not be able to enter. Assuming that things proceed smoothly and the community COVID-19 case trends remain positive, we will expand hours and loosen restrictions.

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.

Lalit Patel	1-Nov	Hanshi Deshbandhu	17-Nov
Dunthur Puttaswamy	2-Nov	Bimal Patel	18-Nov
Piyush Patel	2-Nov	Mahesh Dixit	18-Nov
Chandrika Patel	3-Nov	Mahesh Dixit	20-Nov
Roopali Gupta	4-Nov	Jagdishver Patel	21-Nov
Kishan Ravani	5-Nov	Nagindas & Champaben Shah	22-Nov
Arun Maheswari	9-Nov	Kusum N. Patel	24-Nov
Barbara Desai	11-Nov	Kusum N. Patel	28-Nov
Surendra Bagaria	15-Nov	Rital Patel	28-Nov

VIKRAM SAMVAT 2076 / 2020 CALENDAR AVAILABLE ONLINE

<https://www.indiatemple.org/>

PROGRAMS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH, HEALTH, HAPPINESS & GOD REALIZATION

See ITA Website & Weekly Announcements to Join Prayer Meetings Online on Zoom

Vishnu Sahasranamam and Lalitha Sahasranamam will be recited on 1st Friday of each month starting at 10:30 AM on Zoom.

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

Bhagavat Gita Study Tuesday starting at 11am on Zoom. Contact Sharad Pimplaskar (856) 466 1430 for details

ITA Senior Social Group
Contact Vinita Ganju (609) 744 8558 to learn about online activities.

Yoga and Pranayama Classes at Berlin Mandir
Program currently cancelled

CONDOLENCES

It is with heavy heart that we share the sad news that Shri Bhupatbhai C. Dave of Medford passed away on Monday, October 19, 2020, at 6:04pm. He is survived by his wife Pramilaben, children, Rupa and Apurva, daughter-in-law Heather, grandchildren, Dylan, Leela, Kiran and Tenaya, and a large, loving family in US and India. ITA and its trustees extend their sincere condolences to Dave family.

It is with heavy heart that we share the sad news that Mr. Upendrabhai Abuvala, father of Sonal Desai and father-in-law of Pankaj Desai passed away on October 30, 2020 in Mumbai, India. He is survived by three daughters. Ketki Shah, Dr. Swati Patel and Sonal Desai and a large, loving family in US and India. ITA and its Trustees extend their sincere condolences to Desai family.

PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS BY HSC OF NJ

November 12th, 2020- ZOOM meeting at 7 PM

The First zoom meeting will be held on November 12th, 2020 at 7 PM. Dr. Ashmit Gupta, MD (ENT SPECIALIST) will talk on an ear condition such as an Infection, Hearing Loss or trouble with balance--Nose & Nasal issues like Allergies, Sinusitis or Growths--Throat Problems like Tonsillitis, difficulty swallowing & Voice issues--Sleep trouble like Snoring & Obstructive Sleep Apnea--Infections or Tumors of your Head or Neck. He was Born in Ahmedabad & Grew up in New York City, Medford, & Moorestown. Went to Penn for Undergrad and George Washington for Med School and ENT Residency. He has been practicing Advanced ENT since 2005. He is working in his Haddonfield, Mt Laurel, & Voorhees offices. He lives in Phila. with his wife, Mechelle, who is a director & filmmaker, and son, Liam. Dr. Gupta has been chosen as Top Doctor by South Jersey. magazine. The 2-4 minutes segments speakers are Laxmi Chowdhury & Virendra K. Gupta.

November 24th, 2020 ZOOM meeting at 7 PM

Our second meeting will be held on November 24th, 2020 at 7 PM. Shri Natubhai Patel will talk on "Relationship & Importance of Vastu, Ayurveda, Yoga & Astrology to maintain Perfect Health". Shri Natubhai Patel is a Holistic Healer, Author & Speaker. He has been in the area of Health & Spirituality for the last 16 years in the USA. He has written several books & released many videos in English & Gujrati on Health & Spirituality. The 2-4 min. speakers are Nilkanth Shah & Kiran Desai. For more info. please log on www.hinduseniors.org. to Hinduism.
-Yogi Virendra K. Gupta & HSC SJ EC Team

ITA Balvihar Program Enrollment for 2021

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

Timing: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM two Sundays a month starting on September 20th and ending on May 2nd

Location: Remote (See website for details)

Additional Program Details: https://www.indiatemple.org/bal_vihar.php

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

2020 GENERAL BODY MEETING

The ITA will hold a General Body Meeting on November 21st at 2:00 PM via Zoom. We encourage all members to attend this important event. ITA leadership will provide a review of the past year and priorities for the 2021. Detailed meeting agenda and Zoom link will be distributed closer to the meeting date.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Dear Community Members,

The ITA would like to thank you for your support in this year's Navratri festivities. Navratri is an event that requires a good amount of participation from the community to be successful. Despite the challenges created by the pandemic and associated State and Federal Health regulations, our community's enthusiasm and engagement still shined through this year.

Although we were unable to celebrate Navratri as grandly as we do every year, we were still able to preserve the spirit and excitement of the holiday. We kept the Temple open every day for visitation and were able to allow the maximum number of families to do Darshan at the Temple by using online registration which avoided overcrowding. Using YouTube, we broadcasted twice a day Puja & Aarti, Ashtami Havan and even virtual Garba from India. We were so pleased to see over 200 people take advantage of in-person Darshan and hundreds join us daily by watching the online programming. The ITA also greatly appreciates the generous donations that were made by the community in honor of this holiday. 2020 has been a challenging year so these contributions are critical in helping us deliver our events and programs.

We look forward to next year when we return to fully celebrating Navratri, bringing the entire community under one roof happily dancing. Thank you for your patience and understanding through these unprecedented times. We hope your support and participation will continue at future ITA events. If you are interested in helping serve the community and working with other enthusiastic volunteers, please reach out to me or any member of the ITA Leadership Team.

Sincerely,

Nehal Jhaveri (nehaljhaveri@gmail.com)
Navratri Chair & ITA Trustee

KARVA CHAUTH 2020 4th November

Celebration plans TBD

Please look out for forthcoming
Bulletin.



DIWALI 2020 15th November

Celebration plans TBD

Please look out for forthcoming
Diwali Bulletin.



PHASE-1 TEMPLE VISITATION GUIDELINES

- 1) Masks covering nose and mouth required all times on premises.
- 2) Worshipers must complete a questionnaire and information form as well as have their temperature taken prior to entry. Visitors deemed high risk may be denied admission.
- 3) Darshan time will be limited to allow all worshipers a time within the visitation window.
- 4) Only the front door will be available for entry and exit. Backdoor will be locked.
- 5) Restrooms and social hall areas are closed and will not be accessible.
- 6) Worshipers will be asked to use hand sanitizer upon entering the building.
- 7) Worshipers will be asked to follow social distancing guidelines. Markers have been placed in the worship hall.
- 8) Worshipers will not be allowed on the altar.
- 9) Worshipers are asked not to bring any offerings, prasad or flowers.
- 10) We will not be distributing Prasad.
- 11) We strongly recommend that those having underlined health conditions should refrain from visiting temple.



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Temple Hours

Monday - Friday

9am- 1pm ; 4pm - 8:30pm

Saturday & Sunday

9 am to 9 pm

Aarti

12 pm & 8 pm

Times have changed to

Tuesdays & Saturdays

5:30-7:30pm only

If back door is locked,

please try front door,

ring bell or call

(856) 768-3134

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.

Facility Rental Fees

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