



Satsang Sandesh

India Temple Association, Inc.

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Religious Calendar

- 13-Oct Kamala Ekadashi
- 16-Oct Amavasya, Ashvin Adhik/
Purushottam Maas ends
- 17-Oct Shardiya Navratra
Aarambh, Vishnu Sahasranama
chanting
- 23-Oct Durga Ashtami,
- 25-Oct Vijaya Dashami/Dusshera
- 27-Oct Pashankush Ekadashi
- 30-Oct Vrat Purnima
- 31-Oct Sharad Purnima
- 4-Nov Karva Chauth
- 11-Nov Rama Ekadashi
- 13-Nov Dhan Teras
- 14-Nov Kali Chaudas / Narak
Chaturdashi
- 15-Nov Diwali, Laxmi Puja

Temple Hours

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

Satyanarayan Puja

October-1 Thursday at 7pm (Online)
October-30 Friday at 7pm (Online)

Sunderkand Path

October-10 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.

Dupta Patel	1-Oct	Jitendra Dave	14-Oct
Dahyabhai & Taraben Patel	2-Oct	Surina Pandya	14-Oct
Tejal Patel	4-Oct	Renu Gupta	18-Oct
Kamlesh & Vrinda Dave	5-Oct	Bhaveshkumar Patel	19-Oct
Mosmi Shah	6-Oct	Dahyalal & Sushilaben Patel	21-Oct
Kusum N. Patel	8-Oct	Piyush Patel	23-Oct
Vijay Gandhi	10-Oct	Chandrika Patel	24-Oct
Dhayabhai & Taraben Patel	13-Oct	N. K. Gupta	26-Oct
Anvi Devika Iyer	14-Oct	Arjun Goyal	29-Oct

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

Roshani Parikh, 41, of Voorhees NJ passed away after a battle with breast cancer for 1.5 years on Saturday, September 26, 2020 at her home. Roshani is survived by her husband Vishal and beloved children Riya and Rahil, her parents Bharat and Biraj from Charlotte, NC and in-law's Satish and Parag Parikh of Cherry Hill, NJ. May her soul find peace and God give strength to her family and friends to cope up with this unexpected loss. ITA and its Trustees extend their sincere condolences to the Parikh family.

PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS BY HSC OF NJ

October 8th, 2020 at 7 PM via Zoom.

The First zoom meeting will be held on October 8th, 2020 at 7 PM. Alan Gudis and Greg Gudis of BGA Insurance group will make a presentation on Medicare information and product availability for the year 2021. They will also talk about an introduction to BGA Ins.Group--medicare refresher--current plans--changes for 2021, followed by a Q&A Session including questions on Covid -19. The 2-4 minutes segments speakers are Sushil Bhatnagar & Virendra K. Gupta.

October 22nd, 2020 at 7 PM via Zoom.

Our second meeting will be held on October 22, 2020 at 7 PM. Arun Maheshwari will talk on "Roots of Sanatan Dharma - Bharat or Central Asia". Arun Maheshwari is from Ratlam, MP and was brought up in Jaipur, Raj. He studied at IIT Mumbai and IIM, Kolkata then came to the US as a student where he attended Columbia University, Stanford University, & Wharton School (Univ. of Penn.), and obtained a PhD degree in Business and Applied Economics. He has worked for many Fortune 500 companies as a senior executive and later set up a very successful IT business in India. He is retired and pursues subjects related to Hinduism. The 2-4 min. speakers are Urmila Arora & Nalini Bhavnani.

-Yogi Virendra K. Gupta & HSC SJ EC Team

PHASE-1 TEMPLE OPENING 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) Worshippers 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.

2020 BY-LAWS AND CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT VOTE RESULTS

I, Samir Patel, the Election Committee Chair and Trustee; Lalit Patel (Volunteer), and Govind Modi (Advisory Board Trustee), collectively, the Election committee ("EC"), conducted the 2020 By-Laws and Constitution Amendment Vote per guidelines outlined in the By-Laws. Proposed Amendments, voting procedures, and ballots were circulated 32 days prior to the Voting deadline. Votes received by the September 27th deadline were counted by the EC.

Vote Results:

Total Votes cast: 168

Total Valid Votes: 159

Votes For/Approving Amendments: 158

Votes Against/Disapproving Amendments: 1

Per the ITA Constitution Article VIII, C – Ratification of Amendments to the Constitution and/or By-Laws of the India Temple Association requires two-thirds affirmative vote from Members and that at least 10% of total eligible Members cast a vote (quorum). These requirements were met as evidenced below.

Vote Thresholds:

Total eligible Members (per membership list provided): 1,161

Article VIII, C – 10% Quorum Threshold: 117 Votes / Actual Votes: 159

Article VIII, C – 2/3 Approval Threshold: 78 Votes / Actual: 158

Based on results of vote, EC certifies that the proposed Amendments to Constitution and By-laws have been ratified by the General Body. We appreciate the opportunity to have served in this important capacity for the ITA. Please contact us should you have any questions.

Regards,

Samir Patel, Election Committee Chair & Trustee

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.

NAVRATRI 2020

Celebration plans
TBD

Please look out
for forthcoming
Navratri Bulletin.



DUSSHERA 2020

Celebration
plans
TBD

Please look out
for forthcoming
Dussehra
Bulletin.



ITA Balvihar Program Enrollment for 2021

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

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

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)

Enrollment Fee: \$211

Limited spots remain.

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



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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