



# Satsang Sandesh

## India Temple Association, Inc.

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### Religious Calendar

October 5, Saturday  
 Samoohika Shri Vishnu  
 Sahasranaam Parayan 930am  
 October 6, Sunday  
 Durga Ashtami  
 October 8, Tuesday  
 Vijaya Dashami / Dasher  
 October 9, Wednesday  
 Pashankush Ekadashi  
 October 13, Sunday  
 Sharad Purnima  
 October 17, Thursday  
 Karak Chaturthi, Karva Chauth  
 October 24, Thursday  
 Rama Ekadashi  
 October 25, Friday  
 Dhan Teras  
 October 26, Saturday  
 Kali Chaudas /  
 Narak Chaturdashi  
 October 27, Sunday  
 Diwali, Laxmi Puja, Annakoot  
 October 28, Monday  
 Vikram Samvat New Year  
 October 29, Tuesday  
 Bhai Beej / Yam Dwitiya

### Sign up to Volunteer!!

Click on the community service logo on ITA website to check out the ITA community service opportunities and sign up to volunteer.



**October 13, Sunday**  
**Shri Satyanarayan Puja**

**October 19, Saturday**  
**Sunderkand Path 10am**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

NAVRATRI Garba 2019— save dates in Sunday September 29 to Monday October 7  
 Sharad Purnima Garba Saturday October 12  
 Vishnu Sahasranama on Saturday October 5, 2019 at 9:30am at our Mandir  
 International Day at Camden County College on Saturday October 5th  
 October 6th, Sunday—Durga Ashtami Havan in Temple 3-6pm  
 October 8, Tuesday—Vijaya Dashami / Dahsera  
 October 8, Tuesday—ITA Dasher—Ravan Dahan Program at ICC 6pm  
 October 17, Thursday—Karva Chauth Puja  
 October 25, Friday—Dhan Teras Puja at Temple 6pm  
 October 26th, Saturday—Children Diwali Puja and Annakut 2pm-4pm  
 October 27, Sunday—Special Diwali Aarti for Children @4pm  
 Oct 27, Sunday—Diwali, Laxmi Puja, Annakoot 5-930pm; Aarti @7pm, 8pm, 9pm  
 October 28, Monday—Vikram Samvat 2076 New Year—  
 Happy New Year Aarti 6am-noon every half hour; 4pm-8pm every hour

VIKRAM SAMVAT 2075 / YEAR 2019—CALENDAR & Event Updates  
 ONLINE -<https://www.indiatemple.org/>  
 To receive Berlin Temple info & Satsang Sandesh by email,  
 Please email [vpinfo@indiatemple.org](mailto:vpinfo@indiatemple.org)

### Special Prayers

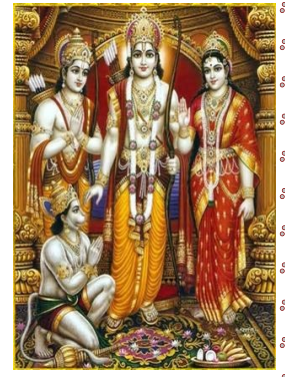
ITA has a program whereby you can have prayers performed on your behalf every year on a special day in your life by pledging \$301. Also, at your request, Shri. Bhupendra Shuklaji or Shri Sudhir Jhaji will perform a special puja on your behalf, or the regular temple puja performed on the designated day 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
Kamlesh & Vrinda Dave	5-Oct	Renu Gupta	18-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



**Monthly Pujas at Mandir**

**SUNDARKAND PAATH**  
**Saturday, October 19 @ 10 AM to 12:00 Noon**  
Followed by Mahaprasaad sponsored by Gagan Palace



**SATYANARAYAN PUJA**  
**Sunday October 13 @ 6:00 PM**  
Followed by Mahaprasaad sponsored by Indian Vila  
Anyone can sit in this Puja and receive blessings of Lord Satyanarayan.  
Please contact Binduben at (856) 768-6785  
or Kshamaben at kshamatemple@gmail.com  
if you are planning to be Puja Participant. Suggested Donation of \$31 or  
more from Puja participants will be appreciated.

**PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS BY HSC OF NJ**  
**ICC, 820 RT 73, MARLTON, NJ**

We will have two meetings for Seniors for the month of October 2019:-

Our first meeting will be held on October 10, 2019 at ICC at 6.30 PM. Alan Gudis and Greg Gudis of BGA Insurance group will make a presentation on Medicare information and product availability for the year 2020. They will also talk about an introduction to BGA Ins.Group--medicare refresher--current plans--changes for 2020, including MACRA--Hospital & Cancer coverage followed by a Q&A Session.

Our second meeting will be held on October 22, 2019 (DIWALI CELEBRATIONS) at ICC at 6.00 PM--half an hour earlier so that members can have more socializing time. Dr. Samir Shah, MD, FACS will talk about an ear condition, such as an infection, hearing loss or trouble with balance--nose and nasal issues like allergies, sinusitis or growth--throat problem like tonsillitis, difficulty swallowing and voice issues--sleep trouble like snoring or obstructive sleep apnea--infections or tumors of your head or neck. Dr. Samir Shah is an ENT--otolaryngologist in Cherry Hill, NJ and is affiliated with multiple hospitals in the area. He received his medical degree from State Univ. of NY and has been in practice for more than 20 years.

Snacks provided by Dr. Kavita Gupta Shah and Roopali Gupta Hall daughters of Drs. Asha and Ramesh Gupta.  
Ram Arora, President

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**Prayers**



We will be reciting Vishnu Sahasranamam and Lalitha Sahasranamam on first Friday of each month--Next meeting is Friday October 4th at our Berlin Temple. We will start at 10:30 am. This will be followed by Aarti at 12 noon. Please join us with family and friends and get Blessings.



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Om Namoh Bhagavate Vasudevaya Namah- Remember, our Vedic Rishis words, "All be Happy and be Prosperous". If maximum numbers of people in a society (city, state, or country) are happy, then that society is happy and prosperous. One easy way is to chant Sri Vishnu Sahasranama and do good work. Experience has shown that an individual chanting VSN alone makes him/her calm and happy. If this chanting is done as a part of a Satsang, then one feels his/her happiness elevated to another level, and the satsang group feels very positive and happy (multiplying effect). By spreading the word, collectively we all can do Sri Vishnu Sahasranama chanting across the Globe for world harmony and peace. In this connection, on Saturday October 5, 2019 at 9:30 AM at our Mandir. We all get a chance to participate in the Same Time Satsang across different countries in the world. Thanks for your time and help, and please spread the word.



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**FREE YOGA CLASSES FOR ALL LEVELS—YOGA and Pranayam Classes at Berlin Mandir**

How do we stay physically and mentally HEALTHY? Yoga - done on regular basis is the answer. So come in large numbers and enjoy the yoga classes in the serene atmosphere of the temple. Dr. Veena S Gandhi lead YOGA Class on Tuesdays at 9AM and Hina Desai will lead class on Thursdays at 9AM, Veena - Tel. Number (C)856 816 4095, (h) 856 435 9148; Hina - Tel Number: 856 495 5864. Wish all of you will continue practices daily. All the best for the happy and healthy 2019. In God's services, love you All.

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Bhagavat Gita Study— Every Tuesday morning 11AM- Sharad Pimplaskar: (856) 466-1430

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Satya Sai Baba of Medford Bhajans 3rd Friday of Month 8-9pm P.K.Prabhakar 8565963147/Sesha Vemuri 8567510687

**October 6th, Sunday @3-6pm—  
Durga Ashtami Havan at temple**



**Ravan Dahan ITA Dussehra Festival  
on Tuesday October 8th 2019 from 6pm to 930pm at ICC**  
Please join us with family and friends to celebrate Dussehra on Tuesday October 8th at 6pm at the ICC. This year Musical Ramayana Play is presented by Classical Rhythm Dance Academy followed by Bigger and Better Ravan Dahan. Food Fun for the whole family. For information contact Sang-ceta Rashatwar 609-685-2755 / Ramesh Gupta 856-912-0958

**NAVRATRI 2019—WHERE and WHEN !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Sunday, September 29th to Thursday to October 3rd, October 6th & 7th  
Indian Cultural Center  
ICC Programs From 7.30 PM to 11PM  
Friday October 4th Eastern High School, Voorhees  
Saturday, October 5 Moorestown High School (Mac Gym)  
Saturday October 12th Eastern High School, Voorhees  
All Garba Programs not at ICC From 7.30 PM to 12AM  
Request—Dedicated Donation for Chunri; Sponsor for Outside Artists;  
Sponsor for additional Police Security; Business banners  
All sponsors will be recognized before Aarti



**HAPPY NEW YEAR! DhanTeras Puja—Friday October 25 at 6pm**

Bring your jewelry, or precious items for Dhan Puja. In order to participate as yajman in puja, please contact Binduben Shukla at 856-768-6785 bshukla53@gmail.com or Kshama-ben Raghuvveer 707-332-3400 <kshamatemple@gmail.com>. Suggested donation is \$51.

**Diwali - Annakut - Laxmi Pujan—Sunday October 27 at 4pm-930pm**

In order to participate in Laxmi pujan as a Mukhya yajman or Sah Yajma or bring Prasad for Annakut, please contact Binduben or Kshamaben. Please drop Prasad early by 4pm- 56 bhog, 28 sweet, 28 namkeen Sponsorship: PUJA 5 PM; \$251 and above- Mukhya Yajmans; \$101 Sah Yajmans; Early Special Aarti for children at 4 pm  
Aarati: 7PM, 8PM, and 9PM. Puja starts at 4 pm

**Vikram Samvat 2076 - New Year—Monday October 28**

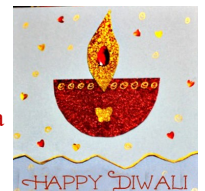
Please join us for the New Year day celebrations starting at 6am  
Enjoy special breakfast items (nashta) served 9am – 11:30am. Please contact Binduben or Kshamaben to sponsor breakfast items (Nashta) and Prasad. Suggested items for breakfast (nasta) are: tea, mathia, gota, sweets. Please bring these items to the mandir by 8:30am. Aarati: 6AM, and every half hour until Noon; 4PM and every half hour until 8PM



**Saturday October 26th Children Diwali Puja and Annakut**

**Join us from at 2-4 pm at the Berlin Temple for Special Diwali Celebration**

Program will include: Telling of the Story of Diwali; Mini-ANNAKUT; Short Laxmi Puja; Crafts (Making Diya, Rangoli, and Lanterns); Sparklers; Aarti. We ask each family to bring one small item for the Annakut that we can all share after Aarti. Please contact Vinita Ganju 609-744-8558 <vinudidi@gmail.com>, Vidya Shukla 610-703-1710 <vidyashukla@gmail.com>, or Charu Sheth 856-662-8754 <sheth\_charu@yahoo.com>



**Tulsi Vivah— Friday November 8 @ 6pm at mandir**

Tulsi Vivah is the ceremonial marriage of the Tulsi plant to the Hindu god Vishnu or his Avatar Krishna. This ceremony can be performed any time between Prabodhini Ekadashi - the eleventh lunar day of the bright fortnight of the Hindu month Kartik to the full moon of the month but usually it is performed on the eleventh or the twelfth lunar day. The day varies from region to region. The Tulsi wedding signifies the end of the monsoon and the beginning of the Hindu wedding season.



## ITA GENERAL BODY MEETING & ANNUAL TRUSTEE ELECTION

**Saturday November 23rd at 1:30 at the Berlin Temple**

The ITA will hold a General Body Meeting and Annual Election on November 23rd at 1:30. We encourage all members to attend this important event. Please note we have moved the meeting time, day and month to mitigate weather impacts and improve attendance by addressing member concerns about night driving and conflicts with winter travel to India, NFL games and children's school night preparations. The preliminary agenda for the meeting is below:

-ITA leadership will provide a review of the past year and priorities for the 2020.

-Trustee Candidates for 2020 to 2022 term

will discuss their qualifications and planned contribution.

-Election will be conducted.

-Constitution and By-Laws Amendment Vote will be conducted.

-General Body will be given the floor to ask questions.

### 2019 By-Laws and Constitution Amendments

As a reminder the ITA is governed by a Constitution which outlines the guiding principles of the organization and By-Laws which provides operating details. Each year the By-Laws and Constitution Committee seeks to improve these governing documents based on the evolving needs of the organization. The scope of this year's proposed changes is more limited than in the past. The Board of Trustees has approved these changes and a copy of both documents with proposed amendments highlighted can be found on the ITA website. [https://www.indiatemple.org/ita\\_documents.php](https://www.indiatemple.org/ita_documents.php). The Board of Trustees is asking the Membership to review the documents. A vote seeking approval of the Amendments at the will be held at the General Body Meeting on November 23rd. The ITA Executive Committee and Board of Trustees believe that these changes will allow us to better serve the community and safeguard the ITA. If you have any questions, please contact By-Laws Committee members directly with questions: Samir Patel (201) 657 8661 or Kiran Desai (856) 217-3400.

Sincerely,

By-Laws & Constitution Committee and Board of Trustees

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### Karak Chaturthi - Karva Chauth Puja Thursday October 17: 3:00 PM, 4:00 PM, 5:00 PM, 6:00 PM

Karva Chauth is a one-day festival celebrated by Hindu married women in North India in which married women fast from sunrise to moonrise for the safety and longevity of their husbands.

Karva means a type of earthen pot of water and Chauth means fourth or fourth day of the dark- fortnight of the month of Kartika.



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### International Day at Camden County College on Saturday October 5th

India Temple Association represents INDIA at Camden County's International Day Event.

Please join us Saturday, October 5th 2019 from 12-4pm at the Connector Bldg Camden County College Blackwood Campus.

Event features performances from dance and musical numbers to spoken words, educational programming for entire family, various vendors of different cultures, a parade of flags and a delicious sampling of ethnic foods

For details contact Chetna Giyanani [chetnatemple@gmail.com](mailto:chetnatemple@gmail.com) (732)322-6212

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### Marlton Gita Group at ICC is pleased to announce:

Sri Shankaracharya's Prathana Satpadi, a short prayer of six verses to Lord Vishnu. It is remarkable for its potential to evoke devotion in all those who recite it. It seeks the grace of the Lord so that one may have humility, compassion and love for all, and command over one's mind and impulses. The essence of this prayer is the spirit of total surrender to the Lord, and it emphasizes the role of devotion in purifying the heart of the striver.

Swami Tattvaidanandaji unfolds the value of compassion is particularly relevant in modern times when we have little time for our fellow beings.

Swami Tattvaidanandaji is disciple of Late Sri Swami Dayananda Saraswati of Arsha Vidya Gurukulam in Saylorsburg, PA. Starting on Tuesdays at 8:00 PM; October, 15th 2019 - December, 12th 2019;

At Indian Cultural Center; 820, State Highway 73, Marlton, NJ 08053

Class facilitated by Lata Pimplaskar; You may register On ICC website Or [latap1215@gmail.com](mailto:latap1215@gmail.com)

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### Senior Social Group

Senior Social Group (SSG) meets every Tuesday at 1pm in the Social Hall.

Please contact Mr. Bhulabhai Bhakta 856-983-0769 for details.

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Free Notary Service Notary Service by our ITA Members—The following ITA members provide Free Notary Service to our community: Ghanshyam Dave.:856-596-7531; Raman Modhera: 856-528-2863 and Dalapat Patel: 609-298-2724

**PROGRAMS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH  
YOGA ABHYAS FOR HEALTH, HAPPINESS &  
GOD REALIZATION:**

Contact: Veena Gandhi at 856-435-9148

**GITA STUDY GROUP:**

Every Tuesday 11am at our Mandir

Contact: Sharad Pimplaskar @ (856) 985-4785

**BHAJANS & STUTI:**

Every Friday 7:30-9 pm

Contact: Shree Shuklaji (856) 768-6785 or  
Shree Sudhirji (856) 768-3134

**REGULAR PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

**BALVIHAR:** For children (PRE-K to 8th Grade) teaches Sanatana Dharma, Vedic Heritage and Indian Culture. Two Sundays a month from 10 am - 1 pm.  
Contact: Malathi Shankar, Sagar Dalal, Samir Patel at -855-my-mandir ext 3 or  
bvadmin@indiatemple.org

**YOUTH PROGRAM:** A program for young adults (9th to 12th Grade).

Contact: Lalit Patel at -855-my-mandir ext 4 or youthadmin@indiatemple.org

**CREATIVE ART WORKSHOP**

1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday @ 9:30 am at our Mandir

Contact: Sudha Patel (856)489-4065 or art@indiatemple.org

**PUJA SERVICE CHARGES, TEMPLE FACILITIES USAGE FEE AND OTHER CHARGES:**

The following provides list of applicable charges and fees. Shri Shuklaji /Shri Sudhirji will be available for religious services on request. Please check temple availability at [www.indiatemple.org](http://www.indiatemple.org); Click on "CALENDAR tab" and, from drop-down menu, Click on "EVENT/RENTAL CALENDAR". **Please contact Anoo Joshi at 1-855-MY-MANDIR Ext 715 for the booking of the Temple Facilities and/or scheduling of Puja Services by Shuklaji or Sudhirji.**

Please note that 50% of the listed cost of Puja performed outside the temple goes to Pujari in addition to his regular salary.

**PUJA SERVICE CHARGES, TEMPLE FACILITIES USAGE FEE AND OTHER  
CHARGES:-EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019**

PUJA SERVICE	MEMBER		NON MEMBER	
	Inside Temple	Outside Temple	Inside Temple	Outside Temple
Archana	\$11.00		\$11.00	
Vahan Pooja	\$25.00		\$25.00	
Namkaran/Annaprashan	\$51.00	\$101.00	\$75.00	\$121.00
Birthday	\$51.00	\$101.00	\$75.00	\$121.00
Shradha	\$51.00	\$101.00	\$75.00	\$121.00
Anniversary Celebration	\$101.00	\$151.00	\$121.00	\$175.00
Kesh Mundan	\$101.00	\$151.00	\$121.00	\$175.00
Satyanarayan Pooja	\$121.00	\$151.00	\$151.00	\$175.00
Engagement Ceremony	\$101.00	\$201.00	\$151.00	\$251.00
Havan/Graha Shanti	\$201.00	\$251.00	\$251.00	\$300.00
Vastu Pooja-Outside Only		\$251.00		\$300.00
Wedding per day	\$401.00	\$501.00	\$501.00	\$551.00
Upanayan/Yagnopavit	\$251.00	\$301.00	\$300.00	\$351.00
Uttarkriya Per day -Outside Only		\$151.00		\$200.00
Yagna/laghu rudra-Outside Only		\$351.00		\$400.00
Navchandi Yagna-Outside Only		\$651.00		\$700.00
Antim Kriya	Voluntary Donation			
Prayer Hall Rental	\$200.00		\$225.00	
Social Hall Rental	\$300.00		\$325.00	
Mileage \$ 0.58 per mile over 20 miles				

**Payment is required before service is provided.**

**Team ITA Seva Samiti's American Cancer Society Relay 2019 Update**

ITA Seva Samiti is proud to announce that our team has yet again raised \$10000 for American Cancer Society's Relay for Life 2019 event. We had a total of 18 participants in our team who helped us raise these funds. Relay day, June 3rd was sponsored by ITA, Dunkin Donuts, Padma's Salon, Samaritan, Realtor Nikunj Shah, Evesham Capital & Classical Rhythms Dance Academy. We had a few fundraisers at our tent on relay day by the ITA Balvihar kids. Fundraiser Beauty for a Cause sponsored by Padma's Beauty Salon & Fundraiser Dance for a Cause, an event organized by ITA Youth Riya Chaturvedi, Shaili Lotia & Meet Patel, sponsored by S2S Communications, Ivy Rehab, C2 Education, Investors Bank, Dunkin Donuts, assisted us in achieving our goal and maintaining our team's rock star status. This year at the event ,we ranked first among the participating companies and 5th among the participating teams. Participation in this main stream event is only possible because of your support. ITA Seva Samiti would like to thank all the sponsors, supporters, donors and volunteers for their continued support. Join us again next year as we raise more funds for this great cause. For questions or to participate in Relay 2020, reach out to Chetna Giyanani chetnatemple@gmail.com (732)322-6212.



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### Darshan Schedule

#### Morning

9:00 am - 1 pm

#### Evening

3 pm - 9 pm

#### Aarti

12 pm & 8 pm

Times may change during  
special occasions

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please try front door, ring  
the bell and call  
856 768 3134*

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