



Satsang Sandesh

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Religious Calendar

- October 7 Wednesday**
- Matru/Matri Navami Shradha
- October 8 Thursday**
- Indira Ekadashi
- October 12 Monday**
- Sarvapithi Amavas, Amavas Tarpan, Shradha Paksha concludes
- October 13 Tuesday**
- Shri Sharadiya Navaratra Aarambh
- October 21 Wednesday**
- Durgashtami—Havan**
- October 22 Thursday**
- Vijayadashami (DASHERA), Mela/Ravan Dahan
- October 23 Friday**
- Pshankush Ekadashi
- October 26 Monday**
- Sharad Purnima / Satyanarayan Katha
- October 30 Friday**
- Karak Chaturthi/Kadva Choth

Monthly Activities

- Kshamatemple@gmail.com
- October 17, Saturday**
- Sunderkand Path 10am
- October 26, Monday**
- Shri Satyanarayan Pooja 6pm

Monthly Bhajans

- October 9 Friday 8-9 pm**
- Shree Ji Bhajan
- Urmi Upadhyay 8564249328
 Charu Sheth 856-662-8754
- October 16 Friday 8-9 pm**
- Satya Sai Baba of Medford
- P.K.Prabhakar 8565963147
 Sessa Vemuri 856-751-0867



Venue Dates Time		
October 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20 & 21 Indian Cultural Center 820 Route 73 South Marlton, NJ 08053 7:30 To 11:00 PM	October 16 & 24 Eastern High School 1401 Laurel Oak Road Voorhees, NJ 08043 7:30 To 11:30 PM	October 17 Eastern High School 1401 Laurel Oak Road Voorhees, NJ 08043 7:00 To 11:30 PM

Navratri Celebrations are in October 2015!!!!

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.

• Patel Dupta	Oct 01	Pandya Surina	Oct 14
• Patel Dahyabhai & Taraben	Oct 02	Gupta Renu	Oct 18
• Dave Kamlesh & Vrinda	Oct 05	Patel Dahyalal & Sushila	Oct 21
• Shah Mosmi	Oct 06	Patel Piyush	Oct 23
• Patel Kusum N.	Oct 08	Patel Chandrika	Oct 24
• Gandhi Vijay	Oct 10	Gupta N. K.	Oct 26
• Patel Dahyabhai & Taraben	Oct 13	Goyal Arjun	Oct 29
• Dave Jitendra	Oct 14		

Condolences

Kantaben Patel, mother of Induben Mahendrabhai Patel of Marlton, NJ, passed away on September 16, 2015. ITA and its Board extend their sincere condolences to Kantaben's families.

Hindu Senior Citizens of South Jersey October 2015 Meeting Announcement Venue – ICC www.Hinduseniors.com

Thursday, October 8 & Monday (October 26)

6:30 pm Tea/coffee with snacks, aartii, FLU SHOT CLINIC
7:00 pm Meeting starts
7:30 to 8:30 Presentation followed by Question-Answer period

(Members are encouraged to offer snacks at least once a year and they should inform Ms. Manju Goel in advance if they are planning to bring snacks to a particular meeting)

Thursday October 8

Social Service as a Means of Spiritual Growth

The panel will discuss serving others as a means of spiritual growth. The three participants Kiran Desai, Lata Pimpaskar, and Niti Chaya will elaborate avenues of service they have personally explored to that end and how it has benefitted them to expand their own spiritual horizons. They will respond to questions on how the members can explore ways to incorporate "Service Above Self" to enrich their own "vanprasthashram".

Monday, October 26

An Evening of Bollywood Songs & Musical Experience

Music is an important tool that aligns well with the rhythm of life. October 26 evening is going to be a musical evening of Bollywood songs that will tickle you. The name of the singing group is RHYTHM and the talented singers are Nilkanth Shah, MC Shukla, Aarti Shah, Baldev Patel, Ashok Mehta, Pradeep Patel, Raj Lothia, and Sital Nanavati. Most of the songs will be 1960-1990 and some new songs from 2012-2015. They will sing songs sung by Lata Mangeshkar, Asha Bhosle, Momd. Rafi, Talat Mehboob, Hemant Kumar, Kishore, Jagjit Singh and Arajit Singh.

Surendra Gambhir, President, HSCSJ, sg@gambhir.net



Ravan Dahan

For second time ever, ITA is celebrating Dusehra with Ravan Dahan. Please save the date for Thursday October 22. It will be held at 6 pm at the ICC. We will have cultural show, food, vendor stalls, and of course the Raavan Dahan. If you are interested in participating in the show or to become a vendor, please contact Sangeeta Rashatwar at SangeetaRashatwar@gmail.com Please come with your family and friends.

Om Namo Bhagavaté 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 Oct 17, 2015, 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.



Be well, do good work, and extend a helping hand. Sarvé jaynaa sukhino bhavanthu, Samasta summangalani santhu. With the blessings of Sri Lord Venkateswara. We will be having our program at 9:30 on Saturday October 17 in our mandir. Please join us!

Monthly Pujas at Mandir



It is a pleasure to read Sunderkand Path on Saturday October 17, at 10 am and to perform Satyanarayan puja on Monday October 26, at 6 pm at our Temple with family and friends.

We invite you to join us and perform Satyanarayan puja every Purnima day with family and friends and receive the blessings of Almighty God. Donations are welcome. Suggested donation is \$ 31. It is followed by Mahaprasad generously sponsored by Indian Villa.

Please join us for Sunderkand Path held on third Saturday of every month followed by Mahaprasad generously sponsored by Gagan Palace.

Jai Krishna, Kshama



October 21, Wednesday, Durgashtami - Ashtmi Havan - 4-7 pm in mandir

From Me to You

Pranams!

Human beings, whether consciously or unconsciously, seek eternal bliss; the pursuit of happiness in this world is a sign of this quest. The Upanishads, while explaining the nature of the Self (Brahman, Atman), make a distinction between the Self and the non-Self to drive home to the spiritual seeker that except the Self, all others fall under the category of non-Self. This demarcation is essential to understand that the Self alone is the nature of eternal bliss. Discrimination of mind to distinguish between the Self and the non-Self is the primary prerequisite of spiritual life.

Brihadaranyaka Upanishad says, 'This Self is dearer than a son, dearer than wealth, dearer than everything else, and is innermost.' The Chandogya Upanishad elucidates that except the Self, nothing else can give permanent joy as they are all finite. It is a warning against depending on anyone for one's happiness as the fear of losing one's dearest will always be there. On the other hand, when one identifies with the Self in all, there will not be grief over loss of what is understood as non-Self.

A man of wisdom is ever joyous because he abides in the Self, and he is endowed with the vision to see the Self in all. When the Upanishad says that the Self is the dearest of all, it does not amount to saying that loving oneself is selfish because the spiritual seeker must identify only with the Self within his/her personality (and not with the body-mind-intellect). In the Bhagavad Gita, Lord Krishna has stated that of the four types of devotees who worship Him, the Jnani is the dearest: 'I am extremely dear to the wise man (who knows Me in reality), and he is extremely dear to Me. Indeed all these are noble, but the man of wisdom is My very self; such is My view.'

Let us take that first step towards reaching the final state of a perfect Jnani and as a prerequisite, regard our Mandir as part of our own selves and nourish this Mandir (self) in the most optimal way possible.

Humbly,
Ramesh Viswanathan

GOOD NEWS

The Board of Trustees (BOT) is very pleased to announce the purchase of adjoining property at 61 Haynes Avenue, Berlin, NJ. Prior Trustee Boards were trying to purchase this property and, in the year 2000, had officially granted approval for such a purchase to increase the number of parking spots and create two separate residences for our fulltime Pujaries.

Finally, the current BOT overwhelmingly approved such a purchase and took possession on August 3, 2015. Preliminary meetings with township officials, solicitor and engineer were very promising. Our team is working on to getting the site plans prepared and approved. Recently, we cleared the rear areas of both the properties and took advantage of open land during our Pran Pratishtha celebration. BOT will provide further updates as they become available.

Senior Social Group

Senior Social Group(SSG) will meet every Tuesday at 1pm in the Social Hall at Berlin Temple. Please contact Mr. Bhulabhai Bhaktaji at [8569830769](tel:8569830769) for details.



India Temple Association Seva Samiti Cordially Invites you and your family to

How to Conquer Inner Chatter BY: RAJEN VAKIL

Sunday - October 4, 2015 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Location: Hindu Temple(Berlin), 25E Taunton Ave., Berlin, NJ

Shri S. N. Tavaraiji has distilled the ancient secrets of Yogic asanas, pranayamas, and other higher practices into a few simple exercises which were passed on verbally in 'Guru-Shishya' parampara of thousands of years. Sri Tavaraiji had a group of students with whom he shared this invaluable knowledge.

Mr. Rajen Vakil was one of his disciples, and has dedicated his life to spreading it throughout the world. Mr. Vakil has given seminars earlier to our temple. His seminars was very well attended and many of us found it beneficial. He is coming on October 4, 2015 to present "How to Conquer Inner Chatter" at our Berlin Temple.

We are very fortunate that a mirror reflects only our physical form; when we look at it we are proud to see a human being, perched atop the ladder of evolution. If we had a mirror that reflected our minds, we would see a monkey. Say, when someone criticizes, cheats or calls a few names, this monkey within starts working overtime and becomes aggressive, although on the outside we may be smiling and portraying a pleasant demeanor. This seminar will help us gain control over our minds.

Take advantage of this Free Seminar. Seminar will be in English. For more information, please contact: Hina Desai 856-424-1934 / Cell # 856-495-5864 hinamdesai@hotmail.com, Sunitha Reddy 856-596-3215 / Cell # 856-655-1386 sunithareddy@yahoo.com, Lata Pimplaskar latap1215@gmail.com (856) 985-4785

On-the-Spot Painting Competition for Children 3 years to 12 years. Three Age Groups.

Awards to three winners in each age group. Day - Sunday October 4, Time 4 -6; Venue - ICC. For details and registration please visit www.hinduseniors.com. All children are welcome. The program is sponsored by Hindu Senior Citizens of South Jersey and Indian Cultural Center. Please register your children, grandchildren and inform your friends about it. Children are going to love this event.

Pran Pratishtha Celebration

30th Pran Pratishtha Celebration was a HUGE success. People were very much into both religious and cultural celebration mood. Members of BOT and Executive Committees worked very hard along with many of our volunteers that brought such success to these three days events.

It is very difficult to provide names of individuals who helped us both financially and physically due to a long list. Some had provided voluntary service without giving their names which makes it harder to publish a complete list. The Board of Trustees is very grateful to all of you who have given their support for this occasion. Because of financial support in large sums from chief guests and sponsors and donations from many of you, our organization has added in excess of \$40,000 to its net revenue. This additional money will help reduce the cost of improvements of the newly purchased property adjacent to our temple.

Our Vendors were also nice enough to provide substantial discounts on their services that reduced our expenses. ITA is also thankful to those who provided free decorations, free hotel accommodation and free trucks for our use during these events. Large number of volunteers, local artists, Puja Brahmins and participants of every event were instrumental in executing these three days activities without any commotion at all. Thanks to local organizations for supporting this event. Special thanks to our sister organization ITACC for its selfless support during the Saturday night event.



DhanTeras Puja—Monday November 9

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. Suggested donation is \$51.

Diwali - Annakut - Laxmi Pujan—Wednesday November 11

In order to participate in Laxmi puja as a Mukhya yajman or Sah Yajman, please contact **Harshad Patel** at Harshad41@aol.com or **Ghanshyam Dave** at ghanu44@aol.com. If you would like to bring Prasad for Annakut, please contact and register with Binduben Shukla or Nikunjana Dave.



Please drop your Prasad early by 3:30 PM to allow for presentation and decoration. Puja starts at 5 pm. First Aarati at 5:30 PM, with subsequent at 7 PM, 8 PM, 9 PM.

Sponsorship: PUJA 5 PM

\$251 and above, Mukhya Yajmans \$101 Sah Yajmans **Contact:** Harshad Patel at Harshad41@aol.com or Ghanshyam Dave at ghanu44@aol.com.

PRASAD

Bring your Prasad by 4 pm. 56 bhog, 28 sweet, 28 namkeen.

For questions, or to register, please contact Binduben Shukla [856-768-6785](tel:856-768-6785) or Nikunjanaben Dave at 856-596-7531

Aarati: 5:30 PM, 7 PM, 8 PM, and 9 PM

Please drop your Prasad early by 3:30 PM to allow for presentation and decoration. Puja starts at 5 pm. First Aarati at 5:30 PM, with subsequent at 7 PM, 8 PM, 9 PM.

Vikram Samvat 2072 - New Year—Thursday November 12

Please join us for the New Year day celebrations starting at 6 am. First Aarati is at 6 AM and then every half hour until noon. Enjoy special breakfast items (nashta) served 9 am – 11:30 am. Please contact Nikunjanaben or Binduben 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 8:30 am. Nashta & Prasad sponsors: **Contact:** Binduben Shukla [856-768-6785](tel:856-768-6785) or Nikunjanaben Dave at 856-596-7531



Aarati: 6:00 AM, and every half hour until Noon. 4:00 PM and every half hour until 8 PM.

Karva Chauth
Karak Chaturthi Karva Chauth Puja
in Temple October 30 Friday at 4pm-5pm, 5pm-6pm, 6pm-7pm

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.

The day of Karva Chauth is celebrated mostly amongst the entire North Indian community settled either in India and other parts of the world. The most important aspect of this day is that a dawn to dusk fast is undertaken by the North Indian ladies and seeing the moon they finally break the fast. The Karva Chauth fast is unique perhaps because nowhere in the world does a wife go without food or water just to pray for the longevity and well-being of her husband.

The puja song sung by punjabi women, while they exchange thalis seven times...

**"Veero Kudiye Karwada, Sarv Suhagan Karwada, A Katti Na Ateri Naa,
Kumbh Chrakhra Feri Naa, Gwand Pair payeen Naa, Sui Che Dhaga Payeen Naa
Ruthda maniyen Naa, Suthra Jagayeen Naa, Bhain Pyari Veeran,
Chan Chade Te Pani Peena Ve Veero Kuriye Karwara, Ve Sarv Suhagan Karwara....."**

This Stanza is sung 6 times i.e. It keeps on repeating till the time Thalis have been exchanged and all women have their own thalis... it goes on six times, 6 feras / circles. The seventh fera or circle or exchanging goes like this...

**"Veero Kudiye Karwada, Sarv Suhagan Karwada, Aye Katti Naya Teri Nee,
Kumbh Chrakhra Feri Bhee, Aar Pair payeen Bhee, Ruthda maniyen Bhee,
Suthra Jagayeen Bhee, Ve Veero Kuriye Karwara, Ve Sarv Suhagan Karwara....."**

Bhajan Sandhya

Bhajan Sandhya on Sunday, November 1, from 4 to 7 pm. Come enjoy an evening of devotional songs by devotees from Hare Rama Hare Krishna temple followed by mahaprasad. If you would like to sponsor the evening, please call Shobhna Daga at 856-986-8894.

*****INTERNATIONAL DAY - Saturday, October 10th, 2015*****

India Temple Association is representing INDIA at the Camden County Board of Freeholders and Cultural and Diversity Committee of Voorhees Township's International Day Celebrations

Date: Saturday, October 10th, 2015

Time: 1:00pm -5pm

Location: Eastern Regional High School Voorhees NJ

FREE Event, Come and appreciate the Cultural Diversity in our community!!

To participate or volunteer, please contact Chetna Giyanani at (732)322-6212

Programs for Your Spiritual Growth

YOGA ABHYAS FOR HEALTH, HAPPINESS & GOD

REALIZATION: A program for adults on Yogasana, Pranayam & Meditation.

First Sunday: 9:30 -11:30 am at our Mandir
Contact: Surendra Sheth@ (856) 985-3700

GITA STUDY GROUP:

Every Tuesday & Wednesday, 8-9 pm at our Mandir
Contact: Sharad Pimplaskar @ (856) 985-4785

BHAJANS & STUTI:

Every Friday, 7:30-9 pm
Contact: Shree Shuklaji or Shri Sudhirji (856) 768-6785

Regular Programs for Children and Youth

BAL VIHAR: For children (ages 4-13), to promote a positive Hindu identity within the diverse U.S. culture.

2nd & 4th Sunday @ 10 am - 1 pm

Contact: Malathi Shankar (856) 424-7849, and Bhavesh Patel 1-855-my-mandir ext 3 for registration and location

YOUTH PROGRAM: A program for young adults (ages 13-18) and parents. 2nd & 4th Sunday, 9:45 am - 1 pm at our Mandir.

Contact: Praveen Garg at (856) 783-4692 or Sangeeta Rashatwar at (856) 424-4211

CREATIVE ART WORKSHOP

1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday @ 9:30 am at our Mandir
Contact: Sudha Patel (856)489-4065

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 note that 50% of the listed cost of Puja performed outside the temple goes to Pujari in addition to his regular salary. Please check temple availability at www.indiatemple.org; Click on "CALENDAR tab" and, from drop-down menu, Click on "EVENT/RENTAL CALENDAR". **Please contact Shri. Divyakant Parikh at 1-855-MY-MANDIR Ext 1 for the booking of the Temple Facilities and/or scheduling of Puja Services by Shuklaji or Sudhirji.**

PUJA SERVICE	INSIDE TEMPLE	OUTSIDE TEMPLE	Following listed fees and charges are in addition to the charges listed for Puja Services
Archana (Panchopachar)	\$11	N/A	
Vahan (Vehicle) Puja	\$21	N/A	
Namakaran/Annaprashan	\$51	\$101	
Birthday	\$51	\$101	
Shraddha	\$51	\$101	
Anniversary Celebration	\$101	\$151	
Seemant	\$101	\$151	
Kesh Mundan Puja	\$101	\$151	
Sodashopchar, Kalash Puja, Punyah-Vachan or Blessings	\$101	\$151	
Satyanarayan Puja	\$121	\$151	
Engagement Ceremony	\$101	\$201	
Havan/Grah Shanti	\$201	\$251	
Vastu Puja - outside service only	N/A	\$251	
Sunderkand Path	\$151		
Wedding Grah Shanti	\$201	\$301	
Wedding Ceremony per day	\$301	\$351	
Upanayan/Yagnopavita	\$251	\$301	
Antim Rites (Funeral Service)	Voluntary Donation		
Uttar Kriya per day - outside service only	N/A	\$101	
Yagna/Laghu Rudra - outside service only	N/A	\$351	
Navchandi Yagna - outside service only	N/A	\$651	
			<u>TEMPLE FACILITIES USAGE FEE</u>
			Prayer Hall: \$200
			Social Hall: \$300
			<u>OTHER CHARGES</u>
			<u>MILEAGE AND TRAVEL TIME TIER</u>
			\$0 for 1 - 25 mile radius
			\$51 for 26 - 100 mile radius
			\$101 for 101 - 150 mile radius
			\$151 for 151 - 200 mile radius
			NON-MEMBER
			\$51 for non-member surcharge

NOTE: Charges and availability of other Puja Services not listed above may be discussed with Smt. Charu Sheth at 1-855-MY-MANDIR Ext 1

DIRECTION TO BERLIN TEMPLE

A. From Tacony Bridge:

Take NJ route 73S; drive for about 12 - 13 miles and follow signs for East Taunton Avenue. Temple is on your right

B. From Ben Franklin Bridge:

Take route 30E to NJ route 70E to NJ route 73S, drive for about 7 miles and follow signs for East Taunton Avenue. Temple is on your right

C. From Walt Whitman Bridge or Delaware Memorial Bridge:

Take I-295N to Exit 29-A for route 30E to Berlin Twp. Turn left on East Taunton Avenue

D. From Central and North Jersey:

Take NJ Turnpike South. Exit 4 for route 73S. Drive for about 10 - 11 miles and follow signs for East Taunton Avenue on your right



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Darshan Schedule

Morning

7:30 am - 12:30 pm

Evening

3 pm. - 9 pm

Aarti

12 pm & 8 pm

Times may change during
special occasions

**Please use the front door
and ring the bell if locked**

**PLEASE REVIEW YOUR ADDRESS LABEL AND RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP BASED ON EXPIRATION DATE OR SUPPORT ITA WITH YOUR
ENROLLMENT IF YOU ARE NOT IDENTIFIED AS A MEMBER**

**Please check appropriate items from the following, and mail it to
Hindu Temple, 25 East Taunton Ave., Berlin, NJ 08009 Attn: Mr. M. Kanzaria**

I/We would like to join India Temple Association and I/We are remitting the membership dues
(please select one) Individual or Family one year (\$51) _____
Individual or Family five year (\$151) _____
Life (\$1,001) _____

I/ We are seniors, age 65 and above and would like to join India Temple Association. I am/We are
remitting the membership dues
(please select one) Individual or Family Five year (\$25) _____
Life (\$101) _____

I am adding additional donations:
_____ Scholarship Fund _____ Lifetime Seva (\$301) _____ Temple Renovations
_____ Seva Samiti Fund _____ Bal Vihar Fund _____ Youth Fund

I am relocating to the following address

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____