



Satsang Sandesh

India Temple Association, Inc.

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Religious Calendar

10-Oct Indira Ekadashi
14-Oct Sarvapitri Amavas, Amavasya
Tarpan Shradhha Paksha
Concludes
15-Oct Shrdiya Navratra Aarambh
22-Oct Durga Ashtami
24-Oct Vijaya Dashami
25-Oct Pashankush Ekadashi
28-Oct Sharad Purnima
31-Oct Karva Chauth

Temple Hours

Saturday & Sunday

9:30AM -12:30 PM
4:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Monday to Friday

10:30 AM to 12:30 PM
5:30 to 8:30 PM

Entry through
Front Door Only
(856)768-3134

Satyanarayan Puja
Saturday, October 28th— 10 AM

Sundarkanda Paath
Saturday, October 7th—10 AM

VIKRAM SAMVAT 2079 / 2023

CALENDAR AVAILABLE ONLINE AT <https://www.indiatemple.org/>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- For security reasons, we will be keeping the Temple's doors locked. When visiting the Temple during open hours, please dial 856-768-3134 to be admitted. Also when leaving the Temple, please make sure that the door closes completely behind you. Thank you for your support.
- For Satyanarayana Puja participants: Please provide your name to Anoo Joshi @ 856-577-3631 few days prior to puja for planning.

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. 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

PROGRAMS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH, HEALTH, HAPPINESS & GOD REALIZATION

<https://indiatemple.org/contact.php>

Vishnu Sahasranamam & Lalitha Sahasranamam will be recited on 1st Friday of each month starting at 10:30 AM
In-Person Only

Bhajan Sandhya (In person first Friday of every month from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM)
led by Venugopal Varma (609) 598-4038

Bhagavat Gita Study organized by Sharad Pimplaskar (856) 466-1430
Every Tuesday - 10:45 AM - Weekly
Join Zoom Meeting: Meeting ID: 818 2564 6955; Passcode: 173521

Announcement: ITA Gita Study group Zoom meeting will resume on September 26, 2023 with a new text. We will read Shri Shankara's Dakshinamurti Stotram. We will also be taking some references from a commentary (Vrittanta), called Manasollasa, by his disciple Sureshvaracharya. This Stotram is a simple, beautiful and complete treatise on Vedanta. The text of the Stotram with Dhyana-Mantra will be provided to attendees.

ITA Senior Social Group- Currently meeting weekly
Contact Vinita Ganju (609) 744 8558 for additional information.

PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS BY HSC SJ AT ICC

Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Medicare enrollment for the year 2024 starts from October 15th, 2023. Mr. Alan Gudis of BGA Insurance group will make a presentation on "Medicare and Product Availability" including existing plans, new plans, and changes for 2023. Mr. Gudis will also provide an introduction to BGA Insurance Group. This presentation will be followed by a Q&A session.

Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at 6:00PM

Dr. Bhagwat Mangla will share his experience/journey on his on-going Prostate Cancer treatment at Memorial Sloan Kettering in NYC. He will share from the eyes of a patient. Dr. Mahesh Kumar will talk about the various prostate treatment options including the latest developments. Contrary to the myth, talks will benefit both males and females. There will be an open panel discussion after the talks. Dr. Mangla lives in Marlton and Dr. Kumar in Cherry Hill

Food will be served in both the meetings. Please go to www.hinduseniors.org for more information.
Yogi Virendra K. Gupta & HSCSJ EC Team

CONDOLENCES

It is with a very heavy heart that we share the sad news that Smt. Anuradha J. Patel, age 55 years of Voorhees, NJ passed away on Tuesday, August 29, 2023. She is survived by her husband, Jayeshkumar Patel; her children, Dev Patel and Meera Patel (Darshan Patel); her mother, Ilaben Patel and many other family and friends.

It is with a very heavy heart that we share the sad news that Shri Arun D. Kumar, age 72, of Cherry Hill, NJ passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, September 27, 2023. He is survived by his wife, Parimala; his children, Divya, Deepak & Anant; his mother-in-law, Ramabai; and many other family members and friends.

It is with a very heavy heart that we share the sad news that Shri Akshay Gordhandas Kothari, age 82, passed away on Tuesday, October 3, 2023, in Hamilton, NJ. He was the beloved husband of late Suvarna Kothari; the beloved father of Himali Kothari & Vaishali Shah; and the devoted grandfather of Sohan & Sayuri Shah.

The ITA and its Trustees extend their sincere condolences to the extended Patel, Kumar, Kothari, Shah and Sheth families. We pray that their soul may find peace and that God gives strength to their family and friends to cope with this heartfelt loss.

NAVRATRI CELEBRATION

October 15-23 and 28, 2023



Date: October 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23

Location: Indian Cultural Center, 820 NJ-73, Marlton, NJ

Time: 7:30 PM - 11:00 PM

Schedule: Pooja @ 7:30 PM / Garba @ 8 PM / Aarti @ 9PM

Food: Package food sold from 7:30 PM - 10:00 PM

Note: Free admission to children of age 9 and under, everyday

Date: October 20, 21

Location: Moorestown H.S, 350 Bridgeboro Rd. Moorestown

Time: 7:30 PM - 12:00 AM

Schedule: Pooja @ 7:30 PM / Garba @ 8 PM / Aarti @ 9PM

Food: Package food sold from 7:30 PM - 10:00 PM

Note: Free admission to children of age 9 and under, everyday

Date: October 28 (Sharad Poonam)

Address: Eastern H.S, 1401 Laurel Oak Rd, Voorhees, NJ

Time: 7:30 PM - 12:00 AM

Schedule: Pooja @ 7:30 PM, Garba @ 8:00 PM and Aarti @ 9

Food: Free Jalebi and Fafda on Sharad Poonam Night.

Note: Free admission to children of age 9 and under everyday

DURGA ASHTAMI



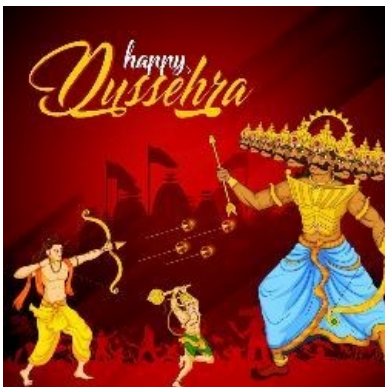
Please join Durga Ashtami Havan on Sunday, October 22, 2023
at Berlin Temple from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM.

KARVA CHAETH



Please join us for Karva Chauth Samuhik puja on
Tuesday October 31, 2023 at 4PM, 5PM & 6PM.

DUSSEHRA CELEBRATION



SAVE THE DATE: November 4, 2023 from 3:30 PM to 8:30 PM at ICC.

Event Includes:

- Ramayan Play
- Ravan Dahan
- Food & Fun activities.
- Details to follow

GENERAL BODY TRUSTEE BACKGROUND, APPLICATION AND ELECTION

The ITA is searching for committed and dedicated individuals who are interested in serving our community to join the Trusteeship. Board of Trustees oversee the functioning of the entire ITA and consists of 24 members that are each elected on staggered basis for a three-year term. 21 of the Trustees are General Body Trustees and 3 of the Trustees are Advisory Board Trustees. Each year the ITA General Body must elect 7 General Body Trustees and the Advisory Board must elect one Trustee. The General Body Trustee election is held at the ITA's General Body Meeting on. The 7 candidates with the highest number of votes will be elected. In order to be an eligible for Trusteeship an individual the requirements below and those outlined in the Trustee Application:

- Believe in the Objectives of the ITA as articulated in Article III of the ITA Constitution*.
- Be willing to assume the responsibilities and requirements of Trusteeship as outlined in Article II of the ITA By-Laws*.
- Have been a continuous ITA member from October 1st, 2021 to September 30th, 2023.
- Have participated on an ITA Committee for at least one year and willing to continue volunteering and contributing to ITA activities as Trustee as required by the By-Laws*.
- Not be an elected public official; candidate for public office; or an employee of a political campaign or party.
- Not have resigned in the past 12 months or lost "Good Trustee Standing" in the past 24 months.
- Not have served five (full or partial) cumulative terms as ITA Trustee as of December 31st, 2023.

Interested candidates that meet these criteria must submit a Trustee Application via email by October 30th, 2023 in order to be considered. Soft copy of application will be available after October 8th online at:
https://www.indiatemple.org/ita_documents.php.

Email typed and completed applications to electioncom@indiatemple.org.

If you have any questions, please contact: Pankaj Desai, Election Committee Chair: electioncom@indiatemple.org.

ITA GENERAL BODY MEETING & ANNUAL TRUSTEE ELECTION

Saturday, December 9th at 2:00 PM

We encourage all members to attend this important event. The preliminary agenda for the meeting is below: · ITA leadership will provide a review of the past year and priorities for the 2024. · Trustee Candidates for 2024 to 2026 term will discuss their qualifications and planned contribution. · Election will be conducted. · General Body will be given the floor to ask questions.



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BALVIHAR PROGRAM

New Student Enrollment for 2023/24 Opened on May 2nd

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

Details: Explore website for detailed curriculum by grade and general schedule.
https://www.indiatemple.org/bal_vihar.php

Timing: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM on designated Sundays

Dates: 16-17 Sundays starting in Sept. & Ending in May.

Location: Marlton Middle School (150 Tomlinson Mill Road, Marlton, NJ)

ITA MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED

Become a member: www.indiatemple.org

Enrollment:

Late Enrollment (After June 2nd): \$239

Fees are NOT REFUNDABLE for any reason.

Space in the program is VERY limited. We encourage community members to enroll early.

PUJA SERVICE & TEMPLE RENTAL FEES

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	\$21		\$21	
Vahan Pooja	\$25		\$25	
Namkaran/Annaprashan	\$51	\$101	\$151	\$201
Birthday	\$51	\$101	\$101	\$151
Shradha	\$51	\$101	\$151	\$251
Anniversary Celebration	\$101	\$151	\$201	\$251
Kesh Mundan	\$101	\$151	\$151	\$201
Satyanarayan Pooja	\$151	\$200	\$251	\$301
Engagement Ceremony	\$101	\$201	\$201	\$301
Havan/Graha Shanti	\$201	\$251	\$301	\$301
Vastu Pooja-Outside Only		\$251		\$351
Wedding per day	\$401	\$501	\$551	\$600
Upanayan/Yagnopavit	\$251	\$301	\$351	\$401
Uttarkriya Per day -Outside Only		\$151		\$251
Yagna/laghu rudra-Outside Only		\$351		\$400
Navchandi Yagna-Outside Only		\$651		\$700
Antim Kriya		No Charge		No Charge

*IRS defined per mile charge applied for pujas outside of Temple.

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	\$251	\$301
Social Hall Rental	\$351	\$401

Send address changes or Membership renewals to:

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