



Satsang Sandesh

India Temple Association, Inc.

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Religious Calendar

- 9-Nov Rama Ekadashi
10-Nov Dhan Teras Puja
11-Nov Kali Chaudash/Narak
Chatudashi. Hanuaman
Chalisa Paath
12-Nov Diwali, Laxhmi Puja,
Annakoot
13-Nov Rakshasa Naam Vikram
Samvat New Year 2080
14-Nov Bhai Beej/ Bhratri-Yam
Dwitiya
17-Nov Labh Pancham/Panchami
23-Nov Tulsi Vivah in Temple, Dev-
Prabodhini Ekadashi
26-Nov Dev Diwali / Purnima, Guru
Nanak Jyanti

Temple Hours

Saturday & Sunday

9:30AM -12:30 PM
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Monday to Friday

10:30 AM to 12:30 PM
5:00 to 8:00 PM

Entry through
Front Door Only
(856)768-3134

Satyanarayan Puja

Sunday, November 26th — 6 PM

Sundarkanda Paath

Saturday, November 18th —10 AM

VIKRAM SAMVAT 2079 / 2023

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please note change in temple hours and Aarti timings @ indiatemple.org
- 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.
- 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.

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

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 has resumed from September 26, 2023. 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, November 14, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Elections for the position of the President of HSCSJ will be held today. Dr. Ketki Soin, MD, Ophthalmologist (Eye Doctor) will talk on Eye problems like Cataract, Glaucoma, Dry Eyes, Cornea, Retina & Lasik. Dr. Ketki Soin is a board certified ophthalmologist & Fellowship trained Corneal Surgeon. She specializes in refractive vision correction surgery, treatment of the cornea including corneal transplantation and the advanced treatment of cataract & intraocular lens implants including laser assisted cataract surgery. Dr. Soin graduated with honors from the University of Pennsylvania in Biology, obtained her medical degree from Thomas Jefferson university, and her Residency from University of Illinois. Dr. Soin lives in Philadelphia with husband and 2 children.

Sunday, November 19, 2023

Diwali Pujan & Dhoom Dhadaka with Dance Performances: The Festivities will be held in the ICC Main Hall. There will be various Dance Performances by the artists from the Delaware Valley. Doors open at 11 AM sharp. 11 AM- 12 PM (Noon) -Socializing & Snacks, 12 Noon-12 45 PM- Diwali Pujan & Meeting, 12.45 PM-2.15 PM-VariouS Dance Performances, 2.15-3.00 PM- Luncheon. 3PM-Diwali Gift distribution & departure. The ticket price is \$20 per person until November 15th. After November 15th, the price is \$25 per person. Please call Mrs. Vidhya Mathur, tel. no (856)905-6039, email: vidhyalata29@gmail.com OR any HSCSJ Executive Council member.

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

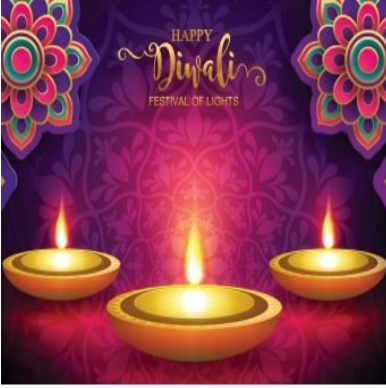
CONDOLENCES

It is with a very heavy heart that we share the sad news that Shri Yogesh R. Babu, age 80, passed away on Monday, October 16th in Cherry Hill, NJ. He is survived by his beloved wife, Rajeshri; daughters, Soniya & Monica; son-in-laws, Shashank & Aswan; and grandchildren, Siyana, Shayne & Alivia.

The ITA and its Trustees extend their sincere condolences to the extended Babu family. We pray that their soul may find peace and that God gives strength to their family and friends to cope with this heartfelt loss.

DIWALI EVENTS

ITA invites you & your family to celebrate Dhanteras, Kali Chaudas, Diwali, Laxmi Puja, Annkut and Vikram Samvat at Berlin Temple.
Annakut Prasad will be accepted



Dhanteras: Friday, November 10, 2023
Puja in Berlin Temple at 7:00 PM, Aarti at 8:00 PM

Narak Chaturdashi: Saturday, November 11, 2023
Hanuman Chalisa Paath at 7:30 PM
Aarti at 8:00 PM

Diwali, Laxhmi Puja, Annakut: Sunday, November 12, 2023
Special Temple Hours: 9 AM to 9 PM
Annakut Darshan @ 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Diwali Celebration:

Children's Aarti @ 5:00 PM
Laxmi puja @ 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM
Bhajan @ 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM
Main Aarti 8:00 PM, Second Aarti @ 9:00 PM
Note - Dropoff of Annakut prasad before Diwali is appreciated. For Prasad related questions, please call Binduben @856-996-5644.

Vikram Samvat New Year 2080: Monday, November 13, 2023
Special temple hours: 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM
Aarti Starts at 6 AM and then every hour until noon and 4 PM then every half hour until 8 PM.

CHILDREN DIWALI

November 18, 2023 in Temple from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM



Join us for an afternoon of Diwali celebrations – Organized by kids and for kids!
- Pooja performed by Kids, Kids performances
- Arts & Crafts for kids < 7
- Group activity for kids >= 7
- Child friendly Prasad and Aarti
- Firecrackers

NOTE: Each family can bring one small item for the Annakut that we can all share after Aarti.
Please keep it NUT FREE.

For questions and additional information contact: Garima Kohli @ 408-823-7086, Vinita Ganju @ 609-744-8558, Charu Sheth @ 732-710-6297 and Vidya Shukla @610-703-1710

TULSI VIVAH

November 23, 2023 in Temple 5:00 PM



ITA invites you and your family to witness the ceremonial marriage of the plant Tulsiji with Shaligram (a form of God Vishnu).
Yajman from bride side Rashmiben and Vieshbhai Darji.
Yajman from groom side Niru ben and Jyotish bhai Shah.
Baarat at 5:00 PM will be followed by marriage ceremony and Farali Prasad.

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.

<u>Facility Rental Fees</u>	<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