



# Satsang Sandesh

## India Temple Association, Inc.

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### Religious Calendar

- 4 Sep Nag Panchami, Rudrabhishek  
6 Sep Shitla Satam, Shri Krishna Janmashtami  
10 Sep Aja Ekadashi  
15 Sep Last Day of Shravan Maas, Rudrabhishek  
18 Sep Kevada Trij- Haritalika Teej, Samoohika Puja  
19 Sep Shri Ganesha Chaturthi Ganesha Chaturthi Celebration  
20 Sep Rishi/Rushi Panchami  
23 Sep Radha Ashtami  
25 Sep Parivartini Ekadashi, Shri Vamana Jayanti  
28 Sep Anant Chaturdashi, Shri Ganesha Visarjan  
29 Sep Purnima, Satyanarayana Puja, Mahalaya Starts, Shradha Paksha/Pitri Paksha Starts

### 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**

Friday, September 29th— 6 PM

### **Sundarkanda Paath**

Saturday, September 16th—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.*

Hudson James	1-Sep	Arjun Kumar	19-Sep
Vinod N Patel	3-Sep	Nagindas & Champaben Shah	22-Sep
Giyamani Mulchand	4-Sep	Nathu Mistry	23-Sep
Kashiben Patel	8-Sep	Girish Aggarwal	23-Sep
Ajay Patel	10-Sep	Kirti Doshi	27-Sep
Omila Kochhar	14-Sep	Babubhai Patel	28-Sep
Krina Patel	14-Sep	Thakor Patel	30-Sep
Arun Maheswari	17-Sep	Vijay & Asha Gupta	30-Sep
Devendra Soni	19-Sep		

## 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

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

## PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS BY HSC SJ

Tuesday, September, 12, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Dr. Mahesh Kumar, Ph.D. will talk on (1) Identity Theft (2) Telephone Scams (3) Credit Cards Fraud (4) Wire Fraud (5) Computer & email Scams (6) Personal & Home Safety, (7) The latest Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology is now being used by scammers to use your own voice to fake the kidnapping of a relative and loved one or being in dire circumstances, etc. to extract money to scam Senior Citizens to take action to minimize the probability of becoming a victim. Dr. Mahesh Kumar & his wife Rekha Kumar live in Cherry Hill. They have 2 children & 2 grandchildren.

Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Mrs. Benu Dhawan will talk on "AYURVEDA & YOGA FOR SENIORS" and will be discussing the Benefits of Yogic Kriyas & Ayurvedic Treatments. Some of the Treatments & Kriyas that will be discussed are- Shankh Prakshalan-the best detox to bring the stomach/gut to the level of a newborn baby. Shirodhara: to relieve headaches, stress, anxiety, depression etc. Kati Basti/Janu Basti: Herbal oil absorption to muscles, ligaments and tendons to soothe pain. Benu is a yoga practitioner and teacher, and has 16 years of experience in the rich science of Ayurveda. She has held clinics all across the world and has helped people restore balanced health. Benu practises in the clinic Pain Instacure in Voorhees and lives in Marlton with her husband, mother and her two sons.

Food will be served in both the meetings. Please go to [www.hinduseniors.org](http://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. Anasuya Srinivasamurthy Bindiganavile, passed away on Monday, July 31, 2023. She is survived by her sons, Venkatram Kowshik, Kiron Kowshik & Raghu Kowshik; daughters-in-law, Manjula, Arathi & Chinti; and her deeply adored and loved grandchildren, Aditi, Sriram, Gautam & Anjali.

It is with a very heavy heart that we share the sad news that ITA Member, Smt. Sarala Gupta, passed away on Friday, August 4, 2023. She is survived by her husband, Jagdish Gupta; sons, Adarsh & Jatin; daughter-in-laws, Krishna & Sonali; and four grandchildren, Shubham, Ishaan, Paaras, & Aashirya.

It is with a very heavy heart that we share the sad news that Kumar Gaganjeet Singh, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, August 1, 2023. He is the son of Mr. Balvir Singh and Mrs. Sandeep Kaur.

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); and her mother, Ilaben Patel.

The ITA and its Trustees extend their sincere condolences to the extended Bindiganavile, Kowshik, Gupta, Singh, Kaur and Patel families. We pray that their loved one's soul may find peace and that God gives strength to their family and friends to cope with this heartfelt loss.

## **KRISHNA JANMASHTAMI**

Wednesday September 6, 2023 at 3:30 PM at Berlin Temple

### **Children's Celebration:**

3:30 PM - 3:45 PM: Greet Children

3:45 PM - 4:30 PM: Baal Gopal activities. Krishna dance performances.

Appearance by Vasudevji carrying live baby Krishna

4:30 PM - 5:00 PM: Special Baal Krishna Jhula/Matki Celebration, Aarti & Prasad

*Children can come dressed as Gopal and Gopi.*

### **Evening Festivities:**

5:30 PM - 6:00 PM: Puja of Lord Krishna.

6:00 PM - 7:45 PM: Bhajans

7:45 PM - 8:00 PM: Utsav \*\*Yajman bring Lala & Nand Bhayo

8:00 PM: Main Aarti and Farali Prasad

9:30 PM: Second Aarti

12:00 PM: Midnight Krishna Pragtya Aarti



If you would like to sponsor or participate in Lalla festivities, please contact Shilpa Acharya @ 609-923-7268 or Vinita Ganju @ 609-744-8558 or Kinnari Patel @ 609-230-4040 or Charu Sheth @ 856-662-8754.

If you would like to participate in Bhajans, please contact Dhuru Sapia at 856-287-1415.

**Sponsorship is welcome**

## **GANESH UTSAV**

September 19th—September 28th, 2023

Receive blessings, remove obstacles 2 feet tall Ganpati Moorti

**Ganesh Sthapan & Pooja:** Tuesday September 19th, 2023

Sthapana procession from parking lot to temple at 6:00 PM followed by Pooja, group chanting of Atharva Shirsha, Aarti and Mahaprasad.

**Aarti:** September 20th—September 28th, 2023

Arati will be performed at 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM each day

**Saturday September 23rd:**

5:30 PM – 6:15 PM - Ganesh Puja

6:30 PM – 7:15 PM- Singing by local artists

7:30 PM - Aarti followed by Mahaprasad

**Sunday September 24th:**

5:30 PM – 6:15 PM - Ganesh Puja

6:30 PM – 7:15 PM - Bhajans by Venu Gopal and Group (SIBM)

7:30 PM - Aarti followed by Mahaprasad.

**Visarjaan:** Friday September 28th, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Visarjaan will begin at the Berlin Temple followed by Mahaprasad.

**Donations are welcome**



## **CHILDREN'S NAVRATRI—SAVED THE DATE**

**October 8th 2:30—5:00 PM @ ICC**

Join us for an afternoon of Garba and Raas for young kids (ages 4-12)!



Including:

- Child friendly prasad and Aarti

- Small group garba and raas instruction

- Navratri related crafts

- Live musicians & singers

- Slower paced music to facilitate learning

- Less crowded environment

**Online-ticket purchasing and other information forthcoming**

## **ITA 2023 NAVRATRI—SAVE THE DATES**

October 15th (Sunday) to October 23rd (Monday) and October 28th (Saturday / Sharad Poonam).

**Additional details forthcoming**



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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](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](http://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:**

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