



Satsang Sandesh

India Temple Association, Inc.

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Religious Calendar

3-Dec Mokshada Ekadashi, Shri Geeta Jayanti

7-Dec Purnima, Shri Duttatreya Jayanti, Shri Satyanarayana Puja

19-Dec Safal Ekadashi

Satyanarayan Puja

Wednesday, December 7th – 6 PM

Sundarkanda Paath

Saturday, December 17th – 6 PM

VIKRAM SAMVAT 2079 / 2023

CALENDAR AVAILABLE ONLINE TBD @ <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.
- General Body Meeting is scheduled on December 3rd 2022 at 1:30 PM in Temple.

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.

Akshaybhai & Savitaben Patel	1-Dec	Jagdish Shah	22-Dec
Pravina Gohel	5-Dec	Nagindas & Champaben Shah	23-Dec
Snehlata Jani	9-Dec	Rasikbhai Mehta	25-Dec
Maya & Mamta Kanzaria	9-Dec	Vijay & Asha Gupta	25-Dec
Arun Maheswari	9-Dec	Satish Shah	25-Dec
Rajendra Pandya	9-Dec	Natwar Desai	28-Dec
Dev Dani	12-Dec	Panambur & Mitra Kini	28-Dec
Akshay Nandakumar	12-Dec	Mahendra Toprani	28-Dec
Jelabhai Patel	13-Dec	Kavita Gupta	30-Dec
Rukhmanidevi Tekrival	15-Dec	Amita and Naresh Talati	31-Dec
Jaysinh Chandriani	18-Dec	Navin K. Gupta	31-Dec
Sheela Kapoor	18-Dec	Manibhai Patel	31-Dec
K.S. Krishnan	18-Dec	Rajiv Verma	31-Dec
Laxman P Singh	18-Dec	Navin Gupta	31-Dec
Naresh Talati	20-Dec	Pramila Mitra	31-Dec
Nayan Shah	21-Dec	Raj Patel	31-Dec

Temple Hours

Saturday & Sunday
9:30AM -12:30 PM
4:30-8:30 PM

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

Entry through
Front Door Only

PROGRAMS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH, HEALTH, HAPPINESS & GOD REALIZATION

See ITA Website for Virtual Daily Prayer & Aarti Times

Vishnu Sahasranamam & Lalitha Sahasranamam will be recited on 1st Friday of each month starting at 10:30 AM over Zoom. Meeting ID: 825 4174 9889; Passcode: 718246

Satya Sai Baba of Medford Bhajans 3rd Friday of each month from 8-9 PM on Zoom
Contact P.K. Prabhakar (856) 596 3147/ Sessa Vemuri (856) 751-0687 for details.

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, New Session started from September 13 2022,
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 OF SJ

HSC SJ will hold its 16th Annual Function “Musical Bonanza with Food & Fun” on Wednesday, December 14th, 2022 at 10:45 AM at ICC.

Prayer & Arati will be at 11:15 AM. The program will start with a variety of appetizers from 11:20 AM till Noon. The Welcome Address & Annual Report by the President will be from Noon to 12:45 PM. The Famous Sur Sangam Group artists will provide the entertainment for about 1-1/2 hours. Sound system will be managed by Girish Patel. Arati Gupta will be hosting the entire show. The luncheon will start at 2:15 PM. There will be draw of raffle tickets. The entrance fee for the early bird special until December 5th is \$15 per member, thereafter until December 12th, 2022 is \$18 per member and at the gate on December 14th, 2021, it is \$20 per person. Please reserve your seats by paying the entrance fee to Bharti Shah, or any other EC Member and enjoy the day with your esteemed group.

Please go to www.hinduseniors.org for more information.
Yogi Virendra K. Gupta & HSC SJ, EC Team

CONDOLENCES

It is with a very heavy heart that we share the sad news that Maya Manish Dadhania, age 21, passed away on Thursday, November 17, 2022, at her home in Swedesboro, NJ. She is survived by her parents, Hina and Manish; her younger sisters, Asha and Rayna; and her grandparents, family, and friends. In her time on this earth, she positively impacted the lives of every person she met.

It is with a very heavy heart that we share the sad news that sister of Ashokbhai Sharma, Shri Sushilaben, age 77, passed away on Sunday, November 20, 2022.

The ITA and its Trustees extend their sincere condolences to both the families. We pray that their soul may find peace and that God gives strength to their families and friends to cope with this unexpected and devastating loss.

ITA GENERAL BODY MEETING & ANNUAL TRUSTEE ELECTION

Saturday December 3rd at 1:30 at the Berlin Temple

We encourage all members to attend this important event. The agenda for the meeting is below:

- ITA leadership will provide a review of the past year and priorities for the 2023.
- Trustee Candidates for 2023 to 2025 term will discuss their qualifications and planned contribution.
- Election Vote will be conducted.
- General Body Q&A

The Eligible Candidates for the 2023-2025 Trustee Term (Alphabetically by last name)

Shilpa Acharya

Lalji Bhimani

Deepak Chaturvedi

Vijesh Darji

Vinita Ganju

Ramesh Gupta

Vidya Iyer (Shukla)

Gopal Patel

Charulata Sheth

Eligible voters will be asked to vote for their top 7 candidates. Members will have the ability to receive and cast ballots between 1:30 to 3:00 or 15 minutes after the conclusion of the General Body meeting whichever is later. Ballots must be cast by 3:15 or 30 minutes after the conclusion of the General Body Meeting, whichever is later. The Election Committee may expand the voting window if deemed necessary. Please bring a photo ID. If you have questions regarding your eligibility to vote please contact: VPinfo@indiatemple.org.

GEETA JAYANTI CELEBRATION

December 4th from 9:00 AM

Please join us in-person at the temple or over Zoom for the recital of Entire Bhagvat Geeta.

Zoom Meeting ID: 878 8955 6616; Passcode: 281533

In-Person: Berlin Temple, 25 E Taunton Avenue, Berlin, NJ - 08009

If you are interested in chanting, please contact Mahendra Toprani at 856-912-0514

LIVE BHAJANS

December 10th from 2 PM—5 PM



Live bhajans with keyboard and tabla by South Jersey's little stars (Students of Chandan Modi) on December 10th, 2 pm - 5 pm, followed by light refreshments.

20 plus performances by talented kids. Please come and encourage rising stars.

Venue: Berlin Temple, 25 E Taunton Avenue, Berlin, NJ - 08009



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BALVIHAR PROGRAM

Enrollment for 2022/23 OPEN

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
Format: We hope to return to in person learning for 2022/2023, however, circumstances could necessitate use of a remote format.
Timing: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM on designated Sundays
Dates: 16 Sundays starting in Sept. & Ending in May.
Location: Marlton Middle School (150 Tomlinson Mill Road, Marlton, NJ)

Fees / Enrollment:
ITA MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED

Early Enrollment (May 16 to June 1): \$214
 Regular Enrollment (After June 2): \$231

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	\$11		\$11	
Vahan Pooja	\$25		\$25	
Namkaran/Annaprashan	\$51	\$101	\$101	\$151
Birthday	\$51	\$101	\$101	\$151
Shradha	\$51	\$101	\$101	\$151
Anniversary Celebration	\$101	\$151	\$151	\$201
Kesh Mundan	\$101	\$151	\$151	\$201
Satyanarayan Pooja	\$121	\$151	\$201	\$251
Engagement Ceremony	\$101	\$201	\$151	\$251
Havan/Graha Shanti	\$201	\$251	\$251	\$301
Vastu Pooja-Outside Only		\$251		\$301
Wedding per day	\$401	\$501	\$501	\$551
Upanayan/Yagnopavit	\$251	\$301	\$301	\$351
Uttarkriya Per day -Outside Only		\$151		\$201
Yagna/laghu rudra-Outside Only		\$351		\$401
Navchandi Yagna-Outside Only		\$651		\$701
Antim Kriya		No Charge		No Charge

*IRS defined per mile charge applied when puja requires greater than 20 miles of travel.
 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	\$201	\$251
Social Hall Rental	\$301	\$351

Send address changes or Membership renewals to:
 ATTN: VP of Information at 25 E. Taunton Ave. Berlin, NJ 08009 or email vpinfo@indiatemple.org