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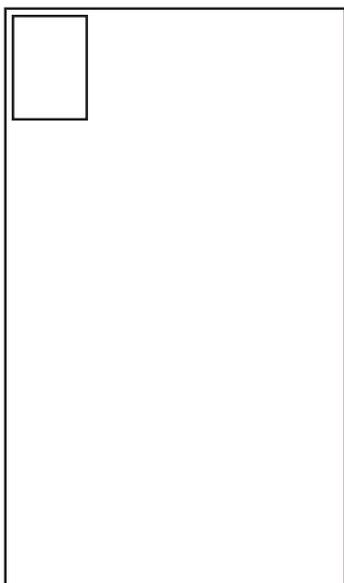
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### संवाद

चेतनामयी प्रज्ञा की, प्रेम और विश्वास की  
नित नूतन आभास की, स्नेह और उद्रमास की  
देती रही अविरत याद परिजनों के साथ  
सच्चे अर्थों में वही है आपकी पत्रिका संवाद

सम्पादक.

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### हरिवंशरायजी बच्चन की एक कविता से प्रेरित

एक पक्षी (संवाद) ने कहा कोयल  
(बिरादरी) से मैं तुम्हारे लिए लिखुं  
कोयल ने कहा क्या मेरी तरह  
तुम्हारे पास सुरीला कंठ है?  
क्या तुम्हारे पास मेरी तरह पर हैं?  
क्या मेरी तरह तुम उड़ सकते हो?  
अगर नहीं, तो फिर क्यों लिखोगे?  
जवाब था कि मैं तुमसे प्यार करता हू  
क्योंकि तुम मेरी बिरादरी की हो.  
इस लिए तुम मेरी हो..

सम्पादक.

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## EDITORIAL

The “ mission of “Civits”

The “Civits” is a Latin word meaning return to community “ The “Mission” word denotes to make dedicated efforts to discover and communicate solutions to the problems of our community. Because it is in the best interest of us to think critically about our impact on the next generation. This philosophy is driven by economics as well as social goals. If we don't take care of our children today by providing the community environment in which they can grow and thrive- We are losing leaders, thinkers of next generation of our community. Future of our community lies in the success of our children and the value that we as adults ensure they receive. We are to assist and motivate our youths in learning the value of serving their own community. The value of a man should be seen in what he gives and not in what he is able to receive.

Recent published book “ you and your community” emphasizes as follows :

1. The greatest obstacle to community development is the lack of active participation on the part of the members of community.
2. Lack of personal involvement by community members in discovering problems for themselves and then finding appropriate solutions to them.

Last Year I was at Dubai and was reading “ Khaleej Times” with interest. One letter to

the Editor had impressed me, the relevant portion I quote herewith :-

### **Praise, don't criticize**

People travel abroad in search of greener pastures to feed and improve the condition of their family and loved ones. But then they attack one's motherland for them the memory of their home place evoked in them a wave of nostalgia

He requested the Editor to prefer articles which talk of India's wonders, her beauty, her strength, her culture. These would be a pleasure to read as we relive the nostalgic feeling on Friday morning. Indira Gandhi once said “There are two kinds of people, those who do the work and those who take the credit. Try to be in the first group there is less competition.

And I would add , please encourage and pat those who do the work. They need encouragement to keep their spirit alive. I had toured a lot, interacted with different communities but had not found any caste group so cohesive, right mixture of tradition & Modernity as our Thathai Bhatia's. They had been able to keep their separate identity since centuries. I Quote “East or West Thathai Bhatia's are the best.” And our youngsters when in school or colleges are asked who they are they proudly say “ Thathai Bhatia's.

It is Albert Einstein who said :- The world is a dangerous place, not because of those who do evil but because of those who look on and do nothing.

I conclude this article with a poem :

"I expect to pass through this world but once,

Any good therefore that I can do

Or any kindness that I can show,

To any fellow creature, let me do it now,

Let me not defer or neglect it

For I shall not pass this way again.

**Ram C. Bhatia.**

Note:-

As our Puj Thathai Panchayat has been revived and keeping in mind the above, we invite our readers contribution on the following topics.

1. Role of Thathai Bhatia Panchayat in the present contact.

Article may be in English, Gujrati, Hindi, Sindhi. Articles are to be brief about 150 words –200 words . Articles may be edited for clarify,language, relevance and space. The letter of the day one that started our from the rest will be chosen by Samvad Editorial Committee.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

We invite from our readers contribution on the following topics relevant to our community :-

1. My vision of our community in the year 2010.
2. Decline in Pushtimarg value in our Community.
3. Need of the community functions that brings the community together.
4. Rising trends of divorces in our community - malady and solution. (Divorce some facts and figures : in Delhi 5475 - Such cases were filed in 2004. 2550 - cases filed in Mumbai in 2004)

The two best contributions in each category will be suitably rewarded. Editorial committee's decision will be final. Contribution may be in English, Gujrati, Hindi or in our diction of Thathai Sindhi (Gujrati or Devnagri)

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## **A HAPPY DAY**

It is a very happy day in our history as a THATHAI BHATIA COMMUNITY.

What has been achieved today is a kind of beginning and I must admit that after some queries raised and doubts expressed which did cause some anxiety and nervousness to us working on this project. However we realize that in a process all such objections clarifications etc. are quite justified if the end results are constructive and indicative of progress and further unification of the community. There has been nothing personal at all in my previous writings in this regard. However any offence felt by someone is regretted by me on such a joyous occasion. Trust me there is never anything personal in my writings through this bulletin.

A lot of work is yet to be done. We have to prove to the donors as well as the community in general that it is not necessarily the size of the building which only matters but it is the inherent spirit beneath and spirit which matters the most.

We hope that everybody will come forward to help this august body grow in the size, commitment and a symbol of the community where everybody perpetually remains an equal person as a member without being affected by worldly and material up and downs.

Jaishrikrishna

**Ashok Gajria**

A member of the Thathai Bhatia  
Panchayat

## **BLESSING FROM DEPARTED SOULS FOR SHRI THATHAI BHATIA PANCHAYAT**

**Late Shri Madan Kikla wrote once**

Shree Puj Panchayat has to be reseeded its due place in the community. This is the oldest parent body with the oldest records of existence in the life of our community. The most striking feature of this body is that it has been essentially democratic in giving the directives to the misled members of the community.

**Late Shri Mulji G. Gandhi**

Today, there seems to be an authority even to remind the members about their obligations and responsibilities to the community and earmark ethical codes and values of social order. Whither Panchayat.

**Late Shri Ranvir T. Udeshi**

It has been a long time since our Panchayat has been active. We anticipate a lot of change taking place-- kindly keep us informed about any Marriage\ Engagement in your family. Make it a habit to send Panchayat your wedding card. Many brothers of our Bhatia community have not yet become the members of our Panchayat.

Please enroll your name soon.

## **THE MAIN IDENTITY**

Ram,  
I could not find the article you spoke to me about. This paragraph from one of the mail too is good enough with some alteration.

Acquiring a piece of property at KANDIVLI WEST though a fall in physical sense but it is heartening to see that the same is done in a very high degree of community spirit and we are sure that this endeavor by few understanding individuals will go a very long way and serve the community causes very well in near as well far future. We offer our warm greetings and appreciation to all those who have successfully taken up a good first step forward. Wish you good luck and may LORD KRISHNA GIVE YOU COURAGE AND STRENGTH TO CARRY ON THIS NOBLE CAUSE FURTHER.

**Haridas Veerumal Gandhi**

## CHINTAN

In Thailand on a beach the elephants that were tied to chains suddenly started to cry to the surprise of their Mahavats. Their unexplained extraordinary sense made them aware of pending earthquake followed by terrible Ksunami waves. The elephants were applying all the strength they had to run towards the highlands and mountains on the opposite side of the sea and with tears rolling down their big eyes. MAHAVATS begun to realise that something extra ordinary was going to happen and they freed those animals from their chains. The heard began to run towards the mountains and in the process lifted some of the tourists with their trunks and put them on their backs.

Those among us who are interested in history will know that a different kind of **KSUNAMIS** have taken place in our community life, causing a lot of harm. Some of which is still remembered but most of it is forgotten being a very far back in the history. One such **KSUNAMI** took place by person called **A. KHILJI** around year 13 hundred and another in year of 1947 for more or less the same reasons. I can not go in more detail about these happenings of history but the readers can easily find them out with a little effort of their own. Persons in their eighties will tell us that how the community has experienced economical ups and downs as well helplessly changing of places without being able to do much about it. Demographic and geographical demarcations changes keep

occurring and sometimes much faster than we normally visualise and anticipate. It may not be possible for some of us to see to so far in back but let us never forget the recent eye openers which have been taking place in Middle East since last couple of decades.

I wish all our people settled in the Gulf region the everlasting peace prosperity and more and more progress in business, jobs and everything else which will make their life still better and secured. However I see no harm in reviewing the overall situation from time to time keeping our ears and eyes as well our mind very open to certain happenings and subtle changes taking place around us. Nobody can asses any such situation for perfect predictions but paying some extra attention and taking few precautionary measures in accordance to every individuals need, financial capacity and all such other related issues.

I am no expert on this issues but one thought always haunts me and that, if others can do it why not we too. There has been several cases of failures in past but there are few good cases of success too. Positive policies and opportunities due to strongly blowing winds of globalisation are taking place in India and are taking very fast. With all its infrastructural and environmental drawbacks this country is emerging as a land of opportunity, particularly for those who have made very well financially in Gulf for last few decades. In simple term if you are keeping ten eggs elsewhere keep two in this basket also disregarding usual financial

theories or calculation for higher and higher returns

Similarly let us do little more with the community funds too, in whatever name and in whomsoever control they might be. No need to donate to any of the existing institutes of ours here in Mumbai if one does not feel confident or satisfied. Make your own setups controlled by the people of your own choice and with conditions the donors wish to impose. Crores of paper money belonging to our Gujarati brothers in Uganda and Yemen were just lost like nothing for the similar reasons which I refrain from elaborating as that will unnecessarily irritate and make some people very angry. We still have a lot of time, possibilities and people to build something so good that the community one day may be known for such a foresight by their stalwarts of 21st century.

The time clock is very loudly clicking and as I had mentioned in these columns many years ago that God has stopped manufacturing the land any more. Oh worthy Mahavats get out of your sweet cozy slumber of this space and time before it is too late. Whatever we shall acquire or build will mostly benefit our coming generations. Our roots may remain in tact or as much possible, already we have started to suffer from not having a place we can call as our own. Present ruling by Supreme Court permitting the communities to have their own society may cause our coming generations further embarrassment when we are questioned about our JATI. Some time ago I

had written an article asking if we are Sindhis or not? Personally I do not think that this ruling by SC will hold much when it comes to be implemented on ground. However remember somebody trying to get the word Sindhi removed from our national anthem? Any individual or collective effort to do something for the community will some day bear fruit. Even by organizing seminars, group discussions over a cup of tea, in individual sitting rooms, in clubs over a glass of beer or whatever. We must start to think and talk to each other. Mostly our folks in regards to such subject matters feel that it is responsibility of someone else. Recall that story from an Upanishad that you are that tenth fellow.

These cautionary suggestions might be deduced by some cynics residing in their ivory towers as undue and unwarranted false alarms but elephants who anticipate some pending trouble have to cry and make noises.

**Ashok Gajria**

## हमें खेद है

संवाद में पिछले दिनों में जो परिवर्तन हुए हैं उनका हमारे सभी पाठकों ने व्यापक तौर पर स्वागत किया है इसे संवाद का पुनःजागरण व पुनर्जन्म कहा है. हम ऐसी प्रतिक्रियाओं से शक्ति तो पाते हैं लेकिन इस कारण जो दायित्व बोध के कारण हम अपने सभी पाठकों के समक्ष खेद व्यक्त करते हैं कि किन्हीं तकनीकी चूकों की वजह से जो भूलें हुई हैं उनका हमें खेद है.

## SHARE AN EXPERIENCE

Helping attitude I praise & share with you.

Goodness is its own reward Being helpful to unknown is virtue- The incident narrated reflects positive attitude of our persons.

Shri Yadav of Shewa Fund found one certificate left at our Piyau and submitted to office. Ms Smita found that it has been issued on 7th June and the girl will need it at the time of admission. She along with Ms. Rekha Narsale rang N.L School repeatedly to find out the owner of certificate. Shri Lalchand Gajria Dy. Manager took the step of sending our Knowing the girl and she along with her mother came with tears in her eyes and thanked Shewa Fund institute being so helpful.

Our team Ms Smita / Rekha Narsale / Keshav / Yadav led by Shri Lalchand Gajria deserves full praise for noble deed to unknown persons. God rewards, such acts & we congratulate the team for positive & helpful attitude.

## Stamp Collecting Hobby

When our staff members drew our attention of News published in Gujrati Middy. On above subject, we came to know that photograph with this article is our Thathai Bhatia. We were happy to see again in Times of India News Dtd.24th June 2005 titled Stamping his name in history. "Shri Hemchandra Bhatia who is resident of Kandivli {West} has colleation of around 75000 stamps. His unique collection consists of 100 Albums which and well preserved." It includes the first stamp released by British Empire on May 6,1840 & other rare stamps.

We congratulate Shri Hemchand Bhatia on this unique hobby.

## KIDDIES CORNER

### The Cooperage Children's Traffic Training Park

It's probably the only place your toddlers can run their bicycles on petrol. Inaugurated by the governor of Maharastra, Vijayalaxmi Pandit, in 1964, this one-and-a-half-acre park boasts a miniature petrol pump, traffic signals and a letter box among its exhibits.

After the routine of idenification of sings, the guide then acts as the petrol pump attendant filling imaginary petrol into the tyres, while simultaneously tickling the kid's grey cells. "What should't you do at a petrol pump?" he asks. "You should not smoke," comes the pat reply.

As the kids wipe the sweat off their foreheads, teachers can rest assured, knowing this experience will say with them long after the school bell has gone. Who knows, they might even grow up to be traffic officials, warding off vehicular nightmares outside their schools.

School students can visit these parks between 10am and 5pm from Monday to Saturday after seeking permission from the Worli office of the Traffic Control Branch.

For details, Contact: 249 25462.

## RIDDLES

1. What never asks queations always ansvera it  
*A door bell*
2. What type of table do we cook and eat  
*Vegetables.*
3. How many sides does a box have?  
*Inside and outside*
4. What did the policeman have in his sandwiches?  
*Traffic-Jam.*

**Nehal. S. Thakkar**

## WOMENS WORLD

Today before you think of saying an unkind word  
Think of someone who can't speak  
Before you complain about the taste of your food  
Think of someone who has nothing to eat

Before you complain about your husband or wife  
Think of someone who's crying out to God for a  
companion  
Today before you complain about life  
Think of someone who went too early to heaven

Before you complain about your children  
Think of someone who desires children but  
they're barren  
Before you argue about your dirty house  
someone didn't clean or sweep  
Think of the people who are living in the streets  
Before whining about the distance you drive  
Think of someone who walks the same distance  
with their feet  
And when you are tired and complain about your  
job  
Think of the unemployed, the disabled and those  
who wished they had your job

But before you think of pointing the finger or  
condemning another  
Remember that not one of us are without sin and  
we all answer to one maker  
And when depressing thoughts seem to get you  
down  
Put a smile on your face and thank God you're  
alive and still around

*Life is a gift....*

*Live it.*

*Enjoy it..*

*Celebrate it..*

*And fulfill it..*

**HAVE A WONDERFUL DAY...**

Charu Thakkar

**हिन्दू समाज में निम्न बातें होती हैं,  
जो अपने यहां नहीं होती, क्यों ?**

- १ मांग में सिन्दूर, पाँवों में पायल व बिछुड़ी  
सुहागन की निशानी मानी जाती है ।
  - २ शादी के पहले दुल्हा-दुल्हन को हल्दी-उबटन लगाने  
की रस्म भी अपने यहां क्यों नहीं है?
  - ३ शादी के पूर्व दुल्हे के कपड़े फाड़ने का रिवाज भी  
सिर्फ अपने ही समाज में क्यों है ?
  - ४ मारवाड़ी समाज में दुल्हा-दुल्हन दोनों के हाथों में  
मेहन्दी रचाई जाती है । अपने यहां सिर्फ दुल्हन  
को ही।
  - ५ शादी में ७ फेरे लिए जाते हैं, अपने यहां सिर्फ ४  
क्यों ?
  - ६ दुल्हन की विदाई के समय थाली में भरा अनाज  
पीछे फेंका जाना अपने यहां नहीं ।
  - ७ विवाह बांद गौना की शू भी अपने यहां नहीं,  
क्यों ?
  - ८ करवा-चौथ का वृत सुहागन द्वारा रखने का रिवाज  
भी अपने यहां क्यों नहीं है ?
- कृपया कोई मेरी जिज्ञासा को शांत करे.....

हेमलता आर. भाटिया

## सिंधी (भेत)

(Poem)

जो खीर पीए,  
सो वीर थीए.  
दंद ज़ोर वठन  
सुठा सुहणा थियन  
अरिवयुन जोत वदे  
द्राडी सुंह थिए  
खीर सफा सुठो  
वा वा द्राडो मिठो  
दे खीर अमां  
पी पढ़ण वजा वज

तरला कोकल

टीचर

## यात्रा - पर्यटन

### दशास्थ मेघ घाट

शाम को दशास्थ मेघ घाट पर माँ गंगाजी की आरती देखकर भक्त गण अपने आपको धन्य कर लेते हैं। बड़ा ही सुन्दर अपर्णनीद एवं पवित्र दर्शन है वह, जो आपने एक बार देखा तो कभी नहीं भूल पायेंगे। पाँच सतयुक्त ब्राह्मण, पाँच पाँच भिन्न भिन्न लकड़े के मंचो पर खड़े होते हैं। केसरी धोती एवं उपवस्त्र पहने हाथों बड़ी बड़ी आरती जिसमें १०८ बत्तियाँ जती हैं, बड़े प्रेम से माता गंगा की आरती उतारते हैं। नवयुवक ही इतनी भारी आरती उठा सकते हैं। यह आरती १-२ घण्टे चलती है। सर्वप्रथम घी की १०८ बत्तियोंवाली आरती, बादमें कर्पूर की आरती, तत् पश्चाद् चान्दी के कलश में दूध एवं पानी (भिन्न-भिन्न) के अवर्ष और धूप से एवं अन्त में लालवस्त्र से आरती उतारी जाती है। और पुनः दीपों की महा-आरती। जिन मंचो पर ये ब्राह्मण युवक खड़े रहते हैं उसपर बड़े मजबूत बांस के खम्बे और उसमें लगी हुई बांस की शतरंजी की तरह गोल छत्री नूमा आकार की सजावट रहती है। जिनपर रंगबिरंगी बिजली की रोशनी की जाती है। यह बांस की गोलाकार छत्रीयाँ बनारस की मानों पहचान है। हर घाट पर हर पण्डेके बड़ेसे टेबल (ऑफिस ही समझिये) पर यह गोलाकार छत्रियाँ

लगी

रहती हैं। इनसे धूप से तो बचाव होता ही है परन्तु यह वहाँ की मानों विशेषता है। आपको वहाँ की चित्राकारी में, सील्क की साडियों पर भी कभी कभी यह नमूना मिल जायेगा।

घाट की शामकी यह रंगीन सजावट, नीचे खल-खल बहता गंगाजी का जल, बस मानों अपने आप में एक स्वर्ग का आभास करवाता है। देखने वालों की भीड़ में आप दुनिया हर कोने से खड़ा हुआ व्यक्ति पायेंगे। जी हाँ परदेशी प्रजा के लिये बनारस-वाराणसी एक खास आकर्षण पैदा करता है। इनमें अंग्रेज, जर्मन, चीनी, जापानीज ई. हो सकते हैं। उनके लिए तो यह एक आश्चर्य है कि हम हिन्दु ईन पंचमहाभूतों को देवता मानकर उनको पूजते हैं। गंगा मैया को माँ का आदर प्रदान करते हैं। आरती की गूँज लाउडस्पीकर पर बजती रहती है।

जय गंगा माता, मैया जय गंगा माता,  
जो नर तुमको ध्याता, मनवञ्चित फल पाता,  
चंद्रसी ज्योति तुम्हारी जल निर्मल भाता,  
शरण पड़े जो तेरी, सो नर तर जाता.....

..... जय गंगे माता...

और अन्त में हर छोटे बड़ों को पुष्प तथा अक्षत दियेजाते हैं जो नीचें उतरकर गंगाजल में अर्पित किये जाते हैं। और फिर अन्त में हरेक व्यक्ति को प्रसाद !!! बड़ी बड़ी नावमें बैठकर भी कई लोग यह अतुल्य दर्शन करते हैं।

## हम कौन थे

हम कौन थे क्या हैं  
अभी और होंगे क्या कभी ?  
आओं विचारें मिलकर  
आज ये समस्यायें अभी ।

यें पंक्तियाँ हमारे स्वराष्ट्रकीर्त मैथलीशरण गुप्त ने सदन में अपने राष्ट्र के लिये कही थी, पर देखा जाये तो ये पंक्तियाँ हर जाति संप्रदाय के संदर्भ में कही जा सकती है। हर जाति या समाज को इसी सोच के साथ आगे बढ़ना चाहिये। आइये हम भी अपने जाति के बारे में सोचे।

हम यही राजपूत १३ वीं सदी में अलाउद्दीन खिलजी के आक्रमण के बाद जेसलमेर छोड़कर भागे उसीमें से एक काफिला नगर ठठ्ठा सिन्ध पहुँचा और ठठ्ठाई भाटियों के नाम से अस्तित्व में आया। हम अपने गाँव में बहुत संतुष्ट थे, हमारे पूर्वज उससमय भी मोती के व्यापार के सिलसिले में खाड़ी प्रदेशों में जाया करते थे। अचानक १८८९ के विभाजन ने फिर हमें अपनी जन्मस्थली से अलग कर दिया। हमारे पूर्वजों के खाड़ी प्रदेशों के संबंध उस वक्त काफी सहायक सिद्ध हुए। अब भाटिया वहाँ मोती के व्यापार के लिये नहीं पर छोटी बड़ी नौकरीयों के लिये भी जाने लगे। पहले जहाँ केवल पुरुषवर्ग जाता था अब परिवार भी उसमें जुड़ गया।

बेहरन, दुबई, कुवेत, अबूदबी या मस्कत आज जैसे उन्नत न थे, छोटे छोटे गाँवों की तरह थे। लोग एक दूसरे के और नजदीक आ गये। एक गली से दूसरी गली तक जाते हुए जयश्रीकृष्ण कहते हुए हम काफी एक दूसरे के नजदीक आ गये, जिहाँ weinit society कह सकते हैं। जो बरबई में रहे वो भी इन लोगों के साथ जुड़े रहे। जहाँ अन्य सिन्ध के प्रान्त के लोग फैल गये हम बंच गये और जुड़ गये।

पर पिछले कुछ सालों से परिस्थिती कुछ भिन्न हो गई है। आज हमारे ज्यादा से ज्यादा बच्चे या युवा पढ़ने के लिये अमेरिका जाने लगे हैं और फिर वहीं बस जाते हैं। अमेरिका काफी बड़ा राष्ट्र है, लोग इतना भी नहीं जानते कि कौन किस शहर में शहर में है, फिर भी पहली पीढ़ी (Generation) वहाँ जाती है वह फिर भी कुछ हदतक अपने मूल से जुड़ी रहती है, पर जो बच्चे वहीं पैदा हुए, बड़े हुए वो कैसे हमारे समाज में जुड़े रह सकते हैं।

अभी हाल ही में मैं अमेरिका में थी। हमारे एक सरबन्धी हेराचन्द ठक्कर व उनकी पत्नी रंजना ने मुझे यह बात बतलाई। उनके अनुसार गुजरातीयों के अलग-अलग समाज सारे अमेरिका में फैले हुए हैं। हर समाज के लोग इसी प्रयत्न में रहते हैं कि ऐसा कोई प्रोग्राम किया जाये जिससे लोग एक दूसरे से मिले और एक दूसरे का पहचाने। अलग-अलग शहरों से लोग आकर उसमें सम्मिलित होते हैं और हम भाटिया एक दूसरों को दीवाली या नये साल पर एक-दूसरे या फोन भी नहीं करते।

ऐसी ही एक और घटना का जिक्र मैं यहाँ करूँगी। हम अपने एक दोस्त से मिलने मिलवावी (अमेरिका) से घंटे भर के अंतर पर आई एक मोटेल में गये। मोटेल एक बुजुर्ग महिला अपने दो पोतों के साथ चला रही थी। वे पोतें वहीं पैदा हुए और बड़े हुए। पर शुद्ध गुजराती बोल रहे थे। जबकी हमारे जो बच्चे वहाँ है जिनके माँ बाप दोनो भाटिया है फिर भी अपने बच्चों को अपनी बोली नहीं सिखाते वह भी तो एक बड़ी कड़ी है जिससे हम अपने नींव से जुड़ सके। किस जटिल परिस्थिती से हम गुजर रहे हैं हम। वैसे भी हमारी जाति बहुत छोटी है। क्या होगा आगे इसका हल। सोचकर देखिये।

## DECLINE PUSHTIMARGIYA

Sir,

With reference to your announcement inviting community members for their contribution on the subject matter, we wish to express our experiences/comments as follows :-

1. At a very young and tender age we had an awkward experience in temple we were treated like Achoolts in a particular house. On enquiring we were told about Manj-Bhar which we could not understand and digest. On our insistence to know, we were scolded left and right and ordered to "shut-up" by elders. Why? Can someone explain to our youth, What is the reality and how does it serve humanity?
2. Every year on Naryeli Purnima Day - Raksha Bandhan- a pooja used to be performed at our Karachi Mahajanwadi, where old sacred thread (Janoi) was discarded and replaced with new. On one such occasion "between 1944-46" a Padharamani of Maharaj shree was organised by Puj Mahajan (We do not recollect the name of the guest). Few members of Bhatia Yuvak Sangh-Karachi requested the answer was very blunt that "We are not here to answer your queries, we are Pujaniyas and have come to bless you on the occasion" !!! Most of the persons present there offered their Bheats which were very gladly accepted. As for as our memory goes Bhatia Yuvak Sangh, Karachi was a reformery body but was branded as revolutionary by our then elders.
3. How can we forget an incident of Bahrain Temple where Mukhiagi (poojary) made make-shift partition of Temple hall by

laying wooden strips so that no one can enter the other side of the strips. There were few small children (age group 3 to 5 Years) present in the hall - children are children - one of them unawaredly entered the other side. Mukhiaji shouted at the top of his voice "Khabardar under aya to chamdu cheeri nakhees". It was really very inhumane for a poojary to shout like this. This very Mukhiaji used to visit the house of the selected few community members in the evening with "Prashad" and collect Dakshina !!! Is this a common practice of the Marga!!

4. Most of the Bhatias have gone through the ritual of the Brahama - Sambandh without properly understanding as to what it is. This is a very highly revered relationship one enters into with Brahama and this should be performed by person who has reached to that stage. Does this happen ? Is it explained to the disciple as to why he is to go through this and what it is ?
5. So called gurus of marga are by birth and not by deeds. Can Hierarchy serve the Marga ? The leader - Guru - Should be very knowledgable who can give proper guidance to uplift younger generation.
6. The whole set up of the Marga appears to be commercialized. The greed has paved into such an extent that one wonders as to where this world lead us to?
7. Shri Ashok Gajaria has very rightly expressed his thoughts in Samvad in "CHINTAN", Volume 7, Issue No.24 of Jan / April 2005 para 1 & 2.

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## **RISING TREND OF DIVORCE IN OUR COMMUNITY ITS MALADY & SOLUTION**

1. Marriage is a civil and religious contract where by a man is joined and united to a woman. It is said that marriage is done in heaven but at times it becomes a fate accompli worse than death for some. The subject-matter is quite debatable and insolvable. We cannot blame either of the spouses for this. If there is no oneness amongst the husband and the wife. Marriage becomes a state of sustained tension and agony. Prior to Independence cases of divorce were a few and far between in all communities amongst Hindus. Our community is an exception to this. But after Independence cases of divorce have increased tremendously to an alarming proportion. So also matrimonial legislations.

2. The role of a woman as a wife can be described thus:

Place a husband in a jar of carefulness and set it near the fire of conjugal Love. The warmth must be constant. Cover the husband with affection and kindness; add spices of pleasantries and other confectionery. Accompany this with sufficient honey. Mixed with prudence and good sense. Cooked properly, a husband is an admirable dish.

Right from her wedding-day, a young woman makes a surrender, an absolute surrender of her liberty for a joint life with her husband.

3. The role of a man, as a husband can be described thus :

A husband is the householder. His role is akin to the role of a commander of an army. If the commander is defeated the whole army disintegrates. So, he has to keep up this position and rank intact, to fight future battles ahead. He has to cultivate mental faculty by consciously overcoming negative traits, like fear, anger, pride and egoism as a safeguard to avoid injury to his spouse whether mental or physical and focus his mind to the welfare and well-being of his family. He should not make himself a person beyond reform and should exhort himself to face any perceived problems in his family life. Everywhere a man is respected on account of his qualities. No respect accrues to a person of no qualities even if he has loads of money. A little bright moon of the second day of ascendance is worshipped more than a full moon. Just as a gem studded in gold looks more graceful, a man must stud his personality with qualities to enhance its beauty. A good natured wife is the man's best friend; while a good matured husband is the wife's best mate.

4. Divorce or separation is not a means to be in a happier state or an end in itself. It is also not a substitute. It is an evil in a civilized society. All of us know about it, but then what ? It is in some cases, a necessary evil. Divorce is a new escape. You are escaping from yourself. One should bring about a transformation in married life to prevent divorce. The

husband or the wife should know their shortcomings and try to correct himself/herself. When a pygmy sees a tall man, he realised his own short comings. The only antidote to anger is forgiveness and forgiveness is the highest form of giving. It is only the heart filled with love that can give forgiveness. Emptiness can only give emptiness. A woman who has divorced her husband becomes an object of ridicule to her own society. This equally applied to a man, as well. Quarrels and bickering do occur between a couple in married life, but those should not be carried further. They should be ignored and treated as normal wear and tear in married life and should not be provoked into anger. This is what I meant by transformation in married life.

5. Last but not least, for want of sufficient space. I end up this brief write-up with a proverbial saying, "IF YOU WANT TO STEER OF TROUBLE; DO NOT GET MARRIED". Hear, I may sound a sermon. Don't take this advice in its literal sense; otherwise, sooner or later our community will be totally annihilated by this cirrhosis disease of not getting marred. All that, by this I want to imply is, that one cannot eat the cake and at the same time have it too.

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## RIISING TREND OF DIVORCE IN OUR COMMUNITY ITS MALADY & SOLUTION

વર્ષોથી એક વાત હું સારા સ્ત્રીઓ પાસેથી સાંભળું છું કે લગ્ન સ્વર્ગમાંથી નક્કી થઈ આવે છે કે કોના નસીબમાં કયો પાત્ર મળે. જેના નસીબમાં જેની સાથે જોડાવવાનું હોય તેની સાથે જ મેળ થાય. નહીં તો છોકરો ક્યાં ઉછરેલો હોય છોકરી ક્યાં મોટી થઈ હોય તે બંને વચ્ચે મેળ થાય, લગ્ન થાય તે એક ચમત્કારિક લાગે છે પછી તે લગ્ન પ્રેમ લગ્ન હોય કે આયોજન કરેલા હોય, કે પછી પોતે કરેલા હોય કે વડીલોએ કરાવ્યા હોય એક પહેલું આ છે અને બીજું વિચારક એમ કહે છે કે મોંચી જોડા સીવે અને ગોરમહારાજ કજોડા બનાવે. મને કંઈ વાતને માનવું એની મને ગડમથલ છે કે આમાં વડીલો, છોકરા, છોકરીઓનો સમાજમાં શુ રોલ છે એક વિચારક એમ કહે છે કે જોરો મોરો કયો ત ગાલ પક્કી કઈ શી વાત પાકી દુલ્હો નક્કી, લગ્ન થઈ ગયા, બાળક થઈ ગયું, બધા રાજીના રેડ પછી તો કામ પત્યું વૈધ થયો વેરી.

હવે બીજી કહાવતનો વારો કે ખબર પડી કે સ્વર્ગમાંથી ઉતરેલા જોડકા નથી પણ ગોરે બનાવેલા કજોડા છે અને હવે શું પરિણામ, વાત ખલાસ, વાત ગમતી નથી એક બીજાની, તેનો ઈલાજ છૂટાં પડવું સારું, વાત અહીં પતતી નથી કે એક ખૂબસૂરત મોડ પર છોડ દેના અચ્છા વાત વધારે વણાસે છે કે કોણ કેટલું એકબીજાને તકલીફ આપી શકે છે તેમજ કોણ કોર્ટમાં કેટલા આરોપો લગાડી શકે છે. છૂટા પડવાની કિંમત આપી બંને હાશકારો અનુભવે છે. કિંમત વસૂલ કરવાવાળો તેમજ કિંમત દેવાવાળો બધા રાજી હાથ માંડ છૂટયા હવે રોલ સમાજનો શરૂ થાય છે. વાતો વાતો ફક્ત વાતો, સમાજનો એક દ્રષ્ટિકોણ રહ્યો છે કે ગરમ તવા ઉપર એક,

બે રોટલી મહત્તમાં શેકાઈ જાય તો વાંઘો નહીં. કારણ તેમાં તેમણે તો કંઈ ગુમાવવાનું નથી. એક સારા તત્વજ્ઞાનીની જેમ સલાહ સૂચનો આપતા રહેવાનું છે.

આ બધાની અંદર માતાપિતા, પતિપત્ની, ગોરમહારાજ, સમાજ એ બધાએ પોતપોતાનો રોલ પૂરો કર્યો હવે આ બધાની ઉપર એક સંબંધ બીજો પણ છે. એક જવાબદારી ત્યાંની ત્યાં જ રહે છે તે છે તે પતિપત્નીનાં બાળકનું ભવિષ્ય જેને પેલા જોડકાએ ખૂબ જ હોશથી, પ્રેમથી પોતાની ઈચ્છાથી આ દુનિયા દેખાડી છે. બધા કાવાદાવામાં બાળકનો કયાંય પણ રોલ નથી તે નથી કહેતું કે તમે ઝઘડો કરો, કેસ કરો, છૂટા પડો અને તેને મા અથવા પિતાથી તેને વંચિત કરો.

આપણા સમાજ માટે એક એવી લાલબત્તી છે કે આપણો ઠહાઈ ભાટીયા સમાજ ખૂબજ નાનો છે તેમાં પણ બહારથી આવેલી પ્રજા પણ સામેલ છે. તેમજ આપણાં બાળકો જેને આપણે હમણાં મોડેન તેમજ આધુનિકતામાં ખપાવીએ છીએ. કે આજકાલનાં છોકરાઓને કહેવાય નહિં. આપણી છોકરીઓ ભણે છે તો કહેવાય નહિં આજકાલની છોકરીઓ સાથે પહોંચવું એ મારા માથામાં વાળ નથી તો આપણાં સિદ્ધાંતો અને આપણા સમાજની રચના કયાં પહોંચી છે મારી માતાના મોઢેથી સાંભળ્યું છે કે લગભગ બધાને ખબર હશે દરેકે દરેક ભાટીયાને તેનું જ્ઞાન છે. એક માણસે ઠહામાં એક વિધવા સાથે લગ્ન કર્યા ત્યારે તેને સમાજ બહાર કાઢી નાંખ્યા હતા. જો કે તેમણે તે સમયમાં ક્રાંતિકારી કામ કર્યું હતું. મારા મતે એક બિરાધાર સ્ત્રીને પોતાની જીવનસંગીની બનાવી અને સમાજમાં તેને એક દરજ્જે આપ્યો એ ખૂબજ ગર્વ લેવા જેવી વાત છે પણ ત્યારે આપણા સમાજે તેનો બહિષ્કાર કર્યો અને હવે આજની પરિસ્થિતી માટે આપણાં કાન બહેરા તેમજ આંખે પાટો ફક્ત મોઢું ખુલ્લુ છે આહ કે અફસોસ કરવા માટે, પણ

એક વિચારક તરીકે પોતાના વિચારો કટાક્ષોથી વાતને વધારે બગાડી દઈએ છીએ.

આપણા સમાજમાં હવે એવો કાયદો જરૂરી છે કે લગ્નવિચ્છેદ કરનારાને સમાજ બહિષ્કાર કરે તેમજ અણસમજ્યા સંબંધો ઉપર ધ્યાન આપે પહેલેથી એકબીજાને સમજી શકે, સમર્થી હોય અથવા પોતાની યાદર નાની અને સામેવાળાના પગ મોટા છે એવા સંબંધો એવા કજોડા ન બનાવે. સમાજમાં પતિપત્ની એક ખૂબજ નાજુક સંબંધો છે. જવાનીમાં કર્યાનું ભાન રહેતું નથી. જ્યારે સમજાય છે ત્યારે ઘણું મોડું થઈ ગયું હોય છે. પોતાનો અહંમ જેનો કંઈ અર્થ નથી આપણે તેને સ્વામિમાનમાં ખપાવીએ છીએ. જે એક રીતે અભિમાન હોય છે. સ્વામિમાન અને અભિમાન વચ્ચે પાતળી રેખા છે જેમાં જેને તે સમજાય તો તે તરી જશે. મારી એવા માબાપોને પ્રાર્થના છે કે મહેરબાની કરીને એક અનાથઆશ્રમની રચના કરવાનું બંધ કરી દીયો ઠહાઈ ભાટીયામાં એક વૃદ્ધાશ્રમ છે. ત્યાં ફક્ત એક ગૃહિણી છે. ત્યાં આવા માતાપિતાની ભૂલને લીધે પરેશાન થયેલા બાળકો માટે આશ્રમ ન ખોલવો પડે એવું કાર્ય કરશો નહિં પતિપત્ની બનવું ભગવાનની દેન છે. માતાપિતા બનવું ગર્વની વાત છે તમે તમારા કુમળા બાળકનું સિંચન એક ફૂલની જેમ કરો બાવળના ઝાડની જેમ તેનું સિંચન નહિં કરો જેથી તેને જે મળ્યું છે તે સમાજને કાંટા સિવાય કંઈ આપી નહિં શકે તમે તમારી સાથે બીજી એક જીંદગી પણ ખરાબ કરી રહ્યાં છો. જેનો તમને ઈશ્વરે પણ અધિકાર આપ્યો નથી. જેવું તમે વાવશો તેવું લણશો. ઘઉં વાવશો તો ઘઉં મળશે. પણ તમે જવ વાવ્યા છે તો તમને જવ શિવાય કંઈ નહિં મળે તેથી આશા કરું છું મારુ લખેલું કોઈ એક બાળકની પણ જીંદગી સવારી શકશે તો હું મારી જાતને ઘન્ય માનીશ.

અસ્તુ

નેગાંધી પુષ્પા એમ.

महोदारचरित्रवान और प्राकृतानुकृतिव्याजमोहितासुरमानष्य Face value में महोदारता और मोहजनकता contradictory लगे । श्री गोविन्ददासजी ने री सर्वोचमस्तोत्र के हर नामों कीर्तनात्मक टीका करी श्री गुसाईजी के सामने यासूं यह री गुसाईजी का अभिप्रेत अर्थ है ।

श्री महाप्रभुजीके चरणरंजके प्रतापसूं असदालाप और असत्संगतिसूं छूट शके । श्री महाप्रभुजी के चरणमें जीनने माथा टेपयो वाके कारण इतूसेवा और हरिकीति कबहु छुटे मातृ ।

अपने मार्गमें ठाकुरजी का अपने अजीकार श्री महाप्रभुजी के दास तथा करें है यह श्री महाप्रभुजी की उदारताकी व्याख्या है । यदि श्री महाप्रभुजीकी शरणागति स्वकारी तब साधन करने भये थी साधनाभीमान नहीं जगोगे कृपाभीमान जगोगे ।

कर्तव्योपदेश क्या प्राप्त हो रह्यो हे ? जो और सब उपाधि को छोडिके, असत्संगनिवारी, संशय काठी वचनामृत सुनो और हरिसेवा करो ।

श्री भागवको भी यहि उपदेश हे जो रहूगणराजा को जडभरताजी ने कहयो है, रहूगणएतत् तपसा नयाति न चेण्यायानिवंणाद.....

.....वीना महत्यादरजोभिषेकम्

यह तपससूं, यज्ञसूं, सन्न्यासादिधर्मसूं आदिसूं सिद्ध नहीं होते है परन्तु यदि महापुरुषके चरणकी रज को अभिषेक अपने मस्तकपे होवे तब भावत सिद्ध होवे है. याके कारणक्या होवे है जो उत्तमश्लोक प्रभु के गुणानुवादमें इतिहोवे है और ग्राम्यकथा सूं विरति होवे है.

वासुदेव कथा को आरम्भ भागवत एसे करे है

द्रव्यं कर्म च काल च स्वभावो जीवएव च

वासुदेवात्परो ब्रह्मन् नचान्याथेडिस्ति तत्त्व तः

द्रव्य, कर्म, काल, स्वभाव और जीवरूप स्वयं तत्त्वतः वासुदेव ही है. तत्त्वतः सब कुछ वासुदेव है पर कर्मतः अलग अलग भये है.

तत्त्वबोध अनुष्ठानार्थ है और तत्त्वबोधरहित अनुष्ठान नीरर्थके

A seminar was conducted from 6th Feb. to 9th Feb. 2005 in Shri Vallabh Sukhdham at Sevafund. This seminar was the 5th Seminar in the series of seminar conducted by Shri Vallabhcharya Trust Mandir. The main purpose of seminar series is to have a fruitful dialogue based on the writings of Shri Vallabhcharyaji Shri Goswamiji and other prominent writers of the pushtisampradaya. Puj. Goswami Shri Shyam Manoharji chaired the seminar and was assisted by Goswami Shri Sharadji. 4 papers were presented by Goswami balaks. One paper was presented by the Redington Prof of Washington university, a scholar on Pushti bhakti sampradaya. Other nearly 15 papers were presented by learned vaishnavas. Each Paper was followed by a detail discussion and the proceedings were recorded to enable to print a book later. For public viewing, big screen was put in hall where the live discussion availed conducted at Vallabh Sukhdham.

## PROMISING YUVA BHATIAS

### Meet Young Achievers

1. Miss Shweta Rajendra Gajria Grand daughter Late Parmanand & Devki Gajria done her MBA **From Symbiosis, Poona. She has worked with** reputed Companies TNT- Bangalore Chandigarh.

Currently is associated with Airtel.

2. Mr. Nitin Jayant Bhatia Grandson of Mr. Mohan & Hiraben Asarpota Information System Senior, won dealing 1<sup>st</sup> place for VB. NET at the Region 3 student conference on October Testamorting (Probate, Succession Certificate, Letter of Administration, 7-9-04 over 200 contestants from 21

consulting.

3. Amit G Wabhi S/o of Smt Jayshree G Versimal Sunderdas Wabhi & late Govind Wabhi presently B.E D from working as Equity Analyst with network 1972. She worked stock broking firm He has passed his M.BA SARITA for 10 yrs in the Year 2004. From ST Francis Collage. madras.

### **PROFESSTIONAL**

4. Rajesh Asarpota, S/o. Jairaj & Sheela Asarpota Is currently the Vice President of Financial Planning & Analysis at Invitrogeu corporation & \$1Billion Biotechnology company located in Coulsbad, California. Before joining Invitrogeu in 2004, Rajesh had a successful 12 year career at General Electric Corporation. He completed his MBA In 1990 from Marquette University in

### Meet the Women of Substance

1. Miss Manisha Gajria has passed C.A. in The year 1995 worked in financial planning **and management** reporting in Reuters N C R & Reduffusevis current portion - is Project Manager with standard Chartered Bank.

2. Purnima G. Bhatia has passed in Law in the year 1994. The practicing as advocate at Mumbai court. Current in Property, Conveyence of Property) Matrimonial matters (Divorce) with petitions against the Govt, Excise &

3. Smt. Rukmani Javeri D/o. Chandrapota had passed B.S.C & Mumbai University in the year in Mulund school J.NANA Currently she is settled at

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1. Miss Ma  
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Milwaukee, WI after graduating from  
HR College in Bombay.

4. Miss Deepa D/o Govind & Rukmani Javeri  
had passed her B.E. in Computer Engineer  
2001 from Madras University.  
She is working in Infosys at Madras as a  
Programme analyst at settled U.S.A.

5. Miss Bina Mukesh Bhatia Grand daughter  
Of Shri Khushaldas Kishanlal & Padmani  
Negandhi. Class X A,  
The Asian School, School topper in  
CBSE X exam. Bina topped the Asian  
School in the CBSE examination scoring  
94.2 percent marks. She stood 3<sup>rd</sup> in whole  
of Bahrain. She had topped the worldwide  
Annual UN Information Test conducted  
by the united Schools International in 2000  
with 95 percent marks and received various  
awards in extracurricular activities such as  
dance, caroms, darts, etc.

## गूढ़

गूढ़ शब्द का शब्दकोष में अर्थ है गहन, छिपा हुआ, जिसमें कोई छिपा अर्थ या व्यंग हो ।

गूढ़ शब्द का प्रयोग श्री महाप्रभुजी ने पुरुषोत्तमसहाराज में किया है, और वैसे भी इस शब्द का प्रयोग अधिकार प्रभु की लीला के सम्बन्ध में ही आता है ।

साधारणतया देखा गया है ऐसे बहुत सारे शब्दों का अर्थगहन, उसके मूलगाव के विपरीत अपने निजी लौकिक स्वार्थ के अनतर्गत तथाकथित मार्गदर्शको द्वारा किया जाता है । गूढ़ शब्द का सबसे बड़ा दुरुपयोग बालकों ने अपनी अज्ञानता को छुपाने के लिये व अयोग्य कर्मों को ढकने के लिये भी किया है । खासकर बालकों में जो अपने निज स्वार्थ के लिये पूर्णपुरुषोत्तम होने का मुखौटा ओढ़े है उसका पर्दाफाश होने का डर भी गूढ़ शब्द के उपयोग को बढ़ावा देता है ।

सबसे बड़ी विडंबना तो यह है कि प्रभुसेवा एक बहुत ही निजी और गूढ़ साधना व्यवस्था है जिसके प्रदर्शन से भक्ति रस का अधिकतम हास होता है । दिखाई गई सेवा किसी भी रूप में महाप्रभुजी द्वारा प्रगट किये मार्गीय सिध्दान्त के बिल्कुल प्रतिकूल है । और यहाँ तो आजकल अपने ठाकुर का सार्वजनिक रूपसे प्रदर्शन कर अपनी आजीविका और अय्याशिपूर्ति का साधन बना दिया गया है और इस प्रकार के अधर्म को ढकने में गूढ़ शब्द का प्रयोग अति उपयोगी सिध्द होता है ।

सेवा की गूढ़ता का आलम यह है कि एक मार्टन event की तरह ठाकुरजीकी सेवा श्रृंगार का सार्वजनिक आयोजन और प्रतिस्पर्धा आदि आयोजित

किये जाते है । इससे अधिक सेवा की गूढ़ता की निरर्थकता और क्या हो सकती है ।

अपने मार्ग में नाथद्वारा के मंदिर को छोड़कर और किसी भी मंदिर का उल्लेख मूल सिध्दान्ती में नहीं । फिर भी जो कुछ मंदिर किसी ऐतिहासिक कारणों से अस्तित्व में आ जायें उनको नाथद्वारा में हो रही सेवा प्रणाली के साथ जोड़कर अपने ज्ञान का प्रदर्शन करने का प्रयत्न क्या सिध्द करता है ? नाथद्वारा आज भी हम सब पुष्टीमार्गीयों के लिये एक अतिमहत्वपूर्ण स्थान है मूलतः उसके ऐतिहासिकता के कारण । किन्तु सांप्रदायिक दृष्टिकोण से उसका महत्व न्यूनतम रह गया है । एक समय में श्रीनाथजी का मंदिर एक पुष्टीमार्गीय मंदिर था । गवर्मेन्ट ने उसे हथिया लिया एक टेम्पल बोर्ड स्थापित किया जिसका अध्यक्ष एक विजातिय व्यक्ति था । तिलकायतजी की हैसियत एक मुख्य पुजारी मान्त्र है जिनको टेन्डर द्वारा प्रसाद बेचने के रुपयों मे से २० प्रतिशत हरजाना मिलता है । कोई भी व्यक्ति किसी भी धर्म और मान्यता का व्यक्ति वहा जा सकता है आदि आदि । सो कृपाकर अपने श्रीनाथजी और दूसरे तथाकथित मंदिरों की गूढ़ता को दूर रखकर अपने देशवालके हिसाब से अपने कृष्णमंदिर को अपने तरीके से विवेक से चलानेमे ही बुध्दिमता है । अगर नहीं तो और कई आयेगें पुष्टी के नाम पर और हमें बेवकूफ बनाते रहेगें और कहेंगे किसको बताना नहीं क्यों कि जो कुछ हम कहरहे हैं वह गूढ़ है, अगर आप कुछ बोले तो ठाकुर नाराज हो जायेगें, बैकुंठ में आपकी सीट का रिजर्वेशन हो जायेगा, आपको मुखटता का दोष लगेगा आदि आदि ।

## **Shree Vallabh Sukhdham**

The noteworthy activities at Vallabh Sukhdham is as follows :

1. Holi, Rasiya, Dhamar, Kirtan programme was organized on Sunday 6th March at 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
2. A Shibir on Sadhan Dipika Granth was organized from : 22-4-05 to 24-4-05 (Sunday) at 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. also Kirtan on Shri Mahaprabhuji from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
3. On the occasion of Mahaprabhu Shree Vallabhacharya's Prakatya Utsav, Goswami Shri Shyam Manoharji conducted discourse on Shree Sarvottam Strotra in Vraj Bhasha from 27-4-05 to 7-5-05 between 7 - 10 p.m.
4. A Seminar on Krishnashraya was conducted from 13-5-05 to 15-5-05 (Sunday)

Apart from above major events regular classes on various subjects of Marga are also run on regular basis.

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#### **YOGA SHIBIR**

The Shibir on Yoga and Kriyayog seventh of its kind at Kandivali, was held between 14th March, 2005 to 20th March, 2005 at Hiranand Gajaria Centre by Maharshi Patangjali Yoga Mandal.

The Shibir got overwhelming response at the time of enrollment and more than 400 members enrolled for the Shibir. The Shibir was conducted in Morning session (6.15 p.m. a.m. to 8.15 a.m.) was on Yogasutra wherein the content was on asanas and Pranayam were explained in simple and lucid style to the participants.

Everyday, the programme commenced with the Swamiji's discourse for half an hour wherein the meaning of Yoga, its implications and need of in today's life was explained in a very simple and lucid style with an appropriate example touching the heart of the beginners. The subject a difficult one for the layman, was explained to all the participants and touched the heart of every one. The talk also contained do's and don'ts before beginning the journey of Yoga.

The talk was followed by explanations on the asanas with illustrations. Out of the total participant's 290 persons has attended the morning shibir for more than five days.

At the end, the shibir was appreciated by one and all the participants. The response was so good that participants have given the names of their friends and relatives for being enrolled for the next shibir.

#### **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

All other activities like Yoga centre, Piyau, Mahila Vikas Mandal, Santorium facilities, R Kendra (Computer Centre) are functioning well.

Financial aid, Maintenance aid & Medical aid programme are being followed up properly.

## મહિલા વિકાસ મંડળ

આપણા ઠક્કાઈ ભાટીયા સેવા ફંડ હોલમાં મહિલા વિકાસ મંડળ જેમાં ડમીબેન ને કાર્ય કરતાં જોઈ આનંદ થયો. એ વાતનો આનંદ થયો કે આ સિવણકલાસમાં છોકરીઓ ફક્ત છ મહિનામાં સિલાઈ શીખીને પોતાને પગભર થઈ છે. તેમજ એક છોકરી એમ. કોમ. ભણો છે સાથે ફેશન ડિઝાઈનીંગના કલાસ કરે છે. ચાર મહિનાથી તે સિવણકલાસમાં ડમીબેન પાસે આવે છે. એવી ઘણી છોકરીઓ અહીં જોવા મળે છે. હમણાં હાલ ૨૦ જેટલી છોકરીઓ શિવણકલાસમાં આવે છે તેમજ ૩ ભરતકામ કરે છે. આ બધી ડમીબેનની સ્ટુડન્ટ છે એ જાણીને ખૂબજ આનંદ થયો. બીજી રીતે દુઃખ પણ થયું આપણી સંસ્થાએ આવી સુંદર મહિલા વિકાસ મંડળની સ્થાપના કરી છે પણ આપણે તેનો ઉપયોગ કરતાં નથી અહીં ઍબ્રોડરી, ગ્લાસ પેન્ટીંગ, ટેક્સટાઈલ ડિઝાઈનીંગ, ફેબ્રીક પેન્ટીંગ તેમજ ટોચ મેકીંગ કલાસ ચાલે છે આશા છે આપણાં સમાજની છોકરીઓ, સ્ત્રીઓ આનો ઉપયોગ કરશે.

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નેગાંધી પુષ્પા એમ.

### KEWAL BAUGH

#### CHETI CHAND - 2005

Kewal Baug Trust organized New Year celebration "CHETI CHAND" function with Co-operation of Bhatia Bhagini Mandal at Kewal Baugh Trust premises on 10th April 2005.

The programme started at 6.00 p.m. which including Sindhi Bhajans, Singing competition, Games etc.

The event was well co-ordinated by Smt. Dhamiben Bhatia, Smt. Sunita L. Gandhi and team.

The celebrations continued with on the spot Quizzes & Housie Games. The Prizes were distributed among the winners who had taken part in the competitions.

About 850 community members got together and enjoyed the function, we also arranged delicious dinner (Special Sindhi Thali) including Pav Bhaji for the teen

ages. Shri Hira Maharaj catering service.

The day of celebration of 'CHETI CHAND' was over at 11.30 p.m.

All community members felt very happy celebrating the function.

#### **NOTEBOOK DISTRIBUTION**

Like every year, this year too Kewal Baugh Trust distributed the note books to the needy studentsof Malad, Kandivali & Vasai Municipal Schools in the Month of June 2005.

Managing Trustee

## **SHREE THATHAI BHATIA PANCHAYAT RENAISSANCE**

The Mercantile Hindu Community of Thatta (Sindh) Dubai asked us to search for suitable place in the western vicinity Borivli, Kandivli & Malad. After untiring efforts one Building Plot No. 62 off Sanghvi layout at Kandivli (West) has been selected for this purpose. Ms Purnima G Bhatia (advocate) was appointed as legal consultant and she scrutinized all the relevant papers.

We are glad to inform that our esteemed readers and community at large that above property has been purchased by Shree Thathai Bhatia Panchayat by contributing 25% of cost from its fund and 75% Donation from Dubai Mercantile Hindu Community Thatta Sindh. We are thankful to our Dubai brothers for their unprecedented co-operation to execute the purchase of property.

As per our Architect, it can be utilized for Educational, Health purpose & welfare centre after suitable repairs.

There is considerable misconception in the minds of majority of community members that Kewal Baug Trust & Shree Thathai Bhatia Panchayat are one. Even our legal consultant was under this illusion. Other share the same view due to past events in this connection.

Shri Thathai Bhatia Panchayat is registered as Public Trust under the Bombay Public Trust act 1950. Shri Thathai Bhatia Panchayat occupies one room on the second floor of Kewal Baug as office for its administrative functions. The income of Shri Thathai Bhatia Panchayat is from Donation, interest on

investment, Annual membership fees and income arising for providing utensil facilities to the users through Kewal Baug for administrative convenience for which certain percentage is charged by Kewal Baug Trust.

We once again thanks all those who came forward to help to accomplish the noble cause of community and hope that all will constantly support their Puj Mahajan.

I am extremely happy to inform you that first donation had come. We are grateful to Shri Muljimal Damodardas Khiara.

We are keen to see that Puj Panchayat will soon be revived to fulfill our needs in accordance with the current times and serve our brothers and sisters in the most honest and sincere ways.

More in next.

For Shree Thathai Bhatia Panchayat  
**(Ramchandra C. Bhatia)**

Hon. Gen. Secretary

### **Dwarka & Somnath Tour**

As announced in last "Samvad" for above tour, the detail programme of above tour is given below. The prospective participants joining the trip should submit their form along with payment for tour giving details latest by 30th July 2005.

(Refer Page No. 20)

**Issardas H. Asarpota**  
**(Hon. President)**  
**Ramchandra C. Bhatia**  
**(Hon. Gen. Secretary)**

DAY	TIME	PROGRAMME	REMARK
1 <sup>st</sup> Day 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2005	Dept. from Borivli 21.15	Assemble at Borivli Stn. 19.30 Dept. by Saurashtra Mail No. 9005 Dept. 21.18 Arrival next day at 15.35 at Dwarka Dept. from BC 20.25 Dept. from Bandra 20.38	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Day 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2005	At Dwarka	Transfer to Hotel. After Refreshment proceed to Sh. Dwarkadhish Temple for Evening and Shayan Arti at 19.30 Overnight stay at hotel in Dwarka.	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Day 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2005	At Shree Dwarkadhish Temple	To Shree Dwarkadhish Temple in Morning. Mangal Arti and Shringar Arti + Other temples. Lunch between 1pm to 2 pm Visit to Math of Shree Shankarcharya + Sunset Point. Overnight stay at hotel at Dwarka.	
4 <sup>th</sup> Day 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2005	Dept. 08.00 for Okhabet Jamnagar	After Breakfast visit to Okhabet by. Visit temple of Lord Shree Krishna. Check out from hotel after lunch and proceed to Somnath Temple via Porbander. Eveninging in temple. Overnight stay at Somnath.	
5 <sup>th</sup> Day 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2005	Dept. in early Morning	Visit to Jai Shree Somnath Temple in morning. Local visit to temple and visit to Dehalia Safari Park. Overnight stay at hotel in Somnath.	
6 <sup>th</sup> Day 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2005	Dept. 08.00	After Breakfast dept. in morning Proceed to Rajkot Via Junagadh. Virpur and Gonadal. Overnight stay at Rajkot. Shopping in evening at Rajkot.	
7 <sup>th</sup> Day 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2005	Morning to noon	Local sightseeing in morning. Lunch at Hotel dept. by Train No. 9018 Jamnagar Bandra Exp. departure at 15.20 Arrival next 8 <sup>th</sup> Day in Mumbai at 05.03 at Borivli Station. Bandra arrival 05.50.	

Tour Cost : Rs. 5000/- Train journey by Second Class 3 tier Sleeper. Road Transport : 2 X 3 Luxury Coach Non AC

Accommodation : 3 persons sharing with attached western or Indian type of Bathrooms.

Food : Morning : Hot Breakfast, Bread butter tea-coffee

Afternoon : Lunch Sweets, Farsans, Two vegetables, Puri/Roti Dal Rice Papad Salad Chatni Mukhwas + Tea coffee and snacks. Evening Light Dinner with Varieties of Punjabi & Gujrati Food.  
Staff : Catering Contractor will arrange his own staff at his cost to serve everyone and they will travel separately in other vehicle. Arrangement for catering would be in collaboration with Shree Pankaj Maharaj for Bhatia type of food facilities.

**Cooking in rooms not permissible.**

**RULES & REGULATIONS :**

1. All yatris join the tour at their own risk : Panchayat is not responsible for any loss.
2. Panchayat has the right to change the Programme/Timings.
3. Yatri should keep peace & give full cooperation during delays due to unavoidable circumstances.
4. Subject to Bombay jurisdiction.

Contact Tel. No. :2809 1770 \ Ms. Usha Bhatia 2807 2297(Ms. Rekha / Dhama p.p.)

Tour Convener

Tel. No. : 2899 4457, 2899 7223, 2899 2474, 2899 2821 Hemchandra N. Java

## **Shree Thathai Bhatia Panchayat**

Members desirous of having Community Certificates for admission purpose etc. should give their applications to the Panchayat's office & contact Ms. Usha Bhatia at Tel. No. 2809 1770, 2807 0377 (p.p) In case of any difficulty, they should contact Hon. Gen. Secretary, Ramchandra C. Bhatia at Tel. No. 2801 2413 or meet personally.

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## **Holi Festival**

Shree Thathai Bhatia Panchayat celebrated Holi festival at Kewa Baug premiese with large gathering of community members on 25th March 2005. Holi fire was lit at 6.30 p.m. and pooja was performed by the devotees. At the end, the gathering enjoyed sweet and snacks and dispersed in a jovial mood.

## **Shradhanjali**

*"Yaadgare, Ek Khazana Hoti hain,  
Jinhe koi chura nahi sakta!  
Mrityu ek dil ka dard hota hai!  
Jo kabhi ruk nahin sakta!!"*

We regret the Sad demise of the following brothers and sisters of our community and express our sympathies to the berieved families.

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
19-03-05	Gitabai Jambadas Bhatia	
21-03-05	Bhagwandas Kishinchand Balwani	
02-04-05	Rukmani Vallabhadas Janiani	
10-04-05	Sitabai Kalyandas Khianra	
12-05-05	Kavita Suresh Bhatia	

**For SHREE THATHAI BHATIA PANCHAYAT**  
**Hon. Gen. Secretary**  
**(Ramchandra C. Bhatia)**

## **Important Announcement**

Parents who wish to get their childsern admitted in either in Sardar Vallabhai Patel High School or Pancholia High School should contact Shri D. Khianra Tel. No. 2868 4595 as soon as results are announced.

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Jaishree Krishna

Team work and team efforts lead to achievement once, an old man was planing mango saplings in his garden. His wife asked him not to exert himself, as he was not going to be around to relish the mangoes from their saplings, the old man replied.

I could eat mangoes in my lifeline because some wise man planted saplings in his life. I am planting these so that the next generation can enjoy their fruits. Mahatma Gandhi had written that

“A small body of determined spirits fired by an unquenchable youths in their course of history”

Both the above statement are absolutely true. The combined team of Dubai Mercantile Community of Thatha ( Sindh) & Shree thathai Bhatia Panchayat deserved all the praise for their efforts put together for purchase of property for our Puj Thathai Bhatia Panchayat(Mahajan) which will serve our Thathai Community perpetually henceforth.

I recall the episode of Kaun Banega Crore Pati in which after a long wait one person gets the highest coveted prize and Anchor Amitabh Bachan exclaimed with joy that you had made history - you have made it.

So congratulations to joint team of Dubai Mercantile Community of Thatha (Sindh) & Shri Thathai Bhatia Panchayat for making history.

I conclude this article with the poem which echoes valuable thoughts.

“I expect to pass through this world but once, Any good therefore that I can do or any Kindness that I can show, to any fellow creature, let me do it now, Let me know defer or neglect it. For I shall not pass this way again.

Stephen Grellet.

Thanks to member of Dubai Mercantile Community of Thatha (Sindh)

1. Shri Maghanmal Jethanand Pancholia - Hon. Chairman
2. Shri Maghanlal Mathuradas Karani - Hon. Vice Chairman
3. Shri Jaiprakash Naraindas Java - Hon. Secretary.
4. Shri Ram Askarandas Pancholia - Hon. Jt. Secretary.
5. Shri Chaterbhoj Lalchand Dutia - Hon. Treasurer.
6. Shri Jaiprakash Vallabdas Gajaria - Hon. Jt.Treasurer.
7. Shri Suresh Vasudev Gandhi - Hon. Member.
8. Shri Hemchand Tolaram Lilwa - Hon. Member.
9. Shri Dilip Naraindas Khiara - Hon. Member.s

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**श्री महाप्रभुजी की बधाई  
(राग-देवगंधार)**

प्रकटे श्री वल्लभ सुखधाम ।

श्री लक्ष्मणनंदन दुःखनिकंदन भक्तन पूरणकाम

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श्री गोकुल गोवर्धनवासी सब वसुधा के मण्डन ।

तिलक रुप हरिभक्त शीशधर और मते सब खण्डन

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श्री ब्रजराजकुमार विलासी ब्रजकी लीला भावे ।

ब्रजहीके संयोगी विरही ब्रजहीमें राह आवे ॥३॥

ब्रजहीके गुणगान दूढ करके ब्रजही मतो हठावे ।

गिरिधरलाल किये यश अपने जयजय जगत कहावे

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श्री वल्लभ पूरणपुरुषोत्तम सकलवेद यश गावे ।

श्री विठ्ठल गिरिधरनलालसों अहर्निश प्रीति बढ़ावे

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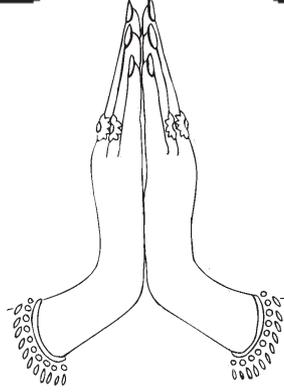
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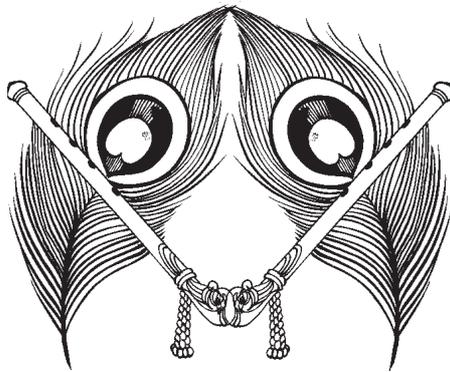
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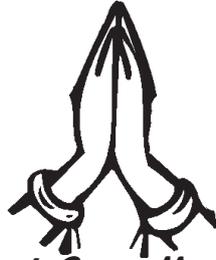


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