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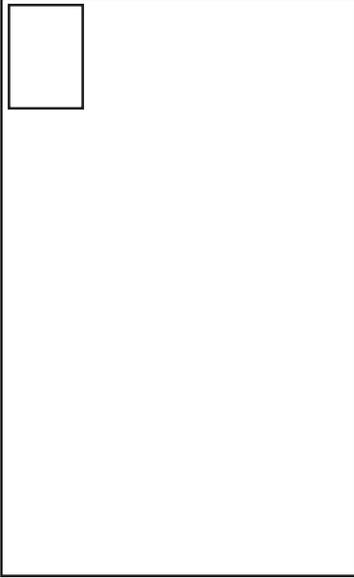
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‘गीतांजलि’ की कुछ पंक्तियां

जहां शब्द सत्य की
गहराइयों से आते हों
जहां अथक कर्मधारा अपने हाथ
पूर्णता की ओर फैलाती हो
जहां विचारों का निर्मल स्रोत
तुच्छ आचारों की रूक्ष
मरुभूमि की
बालू में सो न गया हो
जहां मन को आप निरंतर
विस्तारित होते
विचार एवं कर्म में ले जाते
हों
उस मुक्ति से स्वर्ग में
हे मेरे परमपिता
मेरे देश को जागृत करो.

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EDITORIAL

It is almost a decade that "Samvad" has been in the hands of readers of the community.

The idea or purpose of the "Samvad" is to create a sense of dialogue between the members of the community. But sad to say the response still is below the mark.

As a stimulation, we are giving space to various age groups of our society viz children , youths, women & our senior citizens. Let us hope that new year will bring the community folks more closer.

Ram C. Bhatia

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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.

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

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

All readers are requested to intimate the change of address so that records can be updated and correspondence mailed correctly.

All members are also requested to contact Panchayat office for :

- a) We are distributing Patal amount from the month of December 2005 and made special counter at Holi function to distribution. The members who are not collected their patal amount are requested to collect from Panchayat office in the month of April 2006 to June 2006.
- b) The members who have not paid their Annual Subscription for the year 2006-2007 are requested to pay their Subscriptions at Panchayat office.

c) New Membership forms can be collected from Panchayats office.

d) Members desirous of havinge community certificates for admission purpose etc should give their applications to the panchayat office.

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Bhatia

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CHINTAN

We have repeatedly stated that this bulletin was named as **SAMVAD** hoping that gradually certain exchange of views with each other will start to take place. However that perhaps was not to be, and I am more or less convinced that it seems least likely to happen even in the near future too. Basically **SAMVAD'S** stated mission is to be a community bulletin, and therefore we have not given up our efforts to keep it going and should never be given up. Though as mentioned above it has yet not achieved its aspired objective nonetheless it has succeeded in creating a kind of bondage or some sense of need among our people and therefore few number of complains by some not getting their copies etc, shall not deter us from our efforts to keep going and seek more improvements in its publication. We should never fall prey to any kind of personal biases, criticism or provocation and strive to see that the mission is carried out as resolved at its inception.

Writing this column too is proving to be an arduous job mainly due to the reason given above as one finds it very difficult to fathom the issues which will most commonly appeal to its readers. However by scripting this column in *Hindi* language in the last issue of **SAMVAD I** did receive few verbal comments from our womenfolk but the subject matter of **PUSHTI MARGA** is always resisted by a certain group of

people as they perceive that it does not happens to be a very relevant issue for our community. However I do have a very firm conviction that it is a very vital subject matter and need a lot of authentic information and reasonable amount of its study about its basic philosophy, metaphysics and the system according to the tanets laid down by its founder for its true practice and only that can prevent us from consistently falling prey to a fake lot of gurus and other such money makers in name of the **MARGA**. Our exchange of **JAISHRI KRISHNA** only thereafter will make its real sense.

Meanwhile let us try something different this time by proposing a couple of very relevant queries and hoping that someone may respond in a comprehensive manner and making it worthwhile for our folks to give it a thought too.

a) A young preson who is reasonably qualified in any profession and has a residence in Bombay earning 25-50 thousand rupees. What are the chances of such a person to opt for a career in Dubai, with the rising rents and high cost of living?

b) Retired seniors living in Dubai, those who already have good furnished self owned homes in their own country. Is there any necessity for them to stay in Dubai?

Ashok M. Gajria

MY MOST MEMORABLE JOURNEY AND CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS

During the last 15 years I have been to shenzhen (south china) five times and each time the importance of travel as a mind broadening experience has been enhanced. My youngest son who has an electronics business in shenzhen (bordering Hong Kong) was persisting, requesting us to visit Shenzhen during January 2006 for two reasons. firstly to participate in Grih Pravesh Puja of his new flat, and secondly to witness Chinese New Year celebrations which fell on the 29th January, 2006 as a year of dog.

So in the dawn of the 27th January, we my wife and eldest daughter Ela, flew by Cathay Pacific from Mumbai to Hongkong. On reaching Hongkong the same evening we were warmly greeted by the New Year and would continue eight days after the 29th january.

Our destination was Shenzhen a big city special economic zone bordering Hongkong . Our every visit to Shenzhen saw the city bigger and bigger and we were told that there were about 7000 multinational companies working in Shenzhen. a few years back there were very few indians in Shenzhen but now there were about 800 families in the city. There were about 3-4 Indian restaurants in Shenzhen and which catered in some

way to the needs of Indians. Ela's son had come to the Airport to receive us and we reached Shenzhen by car at about 8 o'clock Chinese time . It was bitter cold in Shenzhen and morning out was rather quite uncomfortable, we had already done sight seeing during our previous visit places like window of the world, chinese cultural village, safari park, Happy Valley, Lichi garden, East lake garden, old chinese ancient temples etc. etc. I am, therefore, confining, this article to Chinese New Year celebrations.

Chinese New Year is the most important time of the year for Chinese - no matter where they are around the world. It is the only time when the Chinese towns and cities completely shut down - when shops and small eateries close their doors and take a real and deserve break.

The New year is celebrated in a multitude of ways but basically it is a time to be out with the old and in with the new.

Homes are cleaned from top to bottom to get rid of all that is bad and get ready for a fresh, new and lucky start. To add to the festive mood, homes are elaborately decorated with spring couplets, tangerines and flowers.

The New Year's eve is a time for family to come together, give thanks to their ancestors and the gods for blessing them over the past year . All the lights are left on throughout the night and families stay

up to usher in the New Year .

our son informed us in advance that when you meet up with someone in those New Year days, be sure to say, "Kung Hei Fat Choi", which means "Wishing you prosperity and wealth".

In the morning of the New Year Day, our daughter-in-law, who is a chinese and speaks fluent English, gave my wife and me a few coloured envelopes with currency notes in them and told us "that it was customary for married couples to give out "Lai See" to children and anyone not married when they see us over the New year. "Lai see" are gifts of money in red envelopes decorated with Lucky symbols and chinese characters giving "Lai see" represents a wish to fortune and wealth in the coming year.

Flowers have special significance at Chinese new Year. The Chinese believe that if flowers bloom well, they will bring good luck and success. We visited a flower market in Shenzhen on new Year's eve in a bitter cold wearing as much warm clothing as we could. And Lo and behold ! The market place was replete with fragrant flowers of various hues and blossoms. Chinese spend a lot of money on a branch of flowering plant that looks like it will bloom well to ensure that they will have a prosperous year. The most auspicious flowers, we were told are peach blossom, plum blossoms, peonics, kumgret plants and small orange trees.

Ram Lilwa

ये अधूरी दुनिया

हैं देश मगर
इनमें शान्ति नहीं है
है लोग मगर
इनमें एकता नहीं है
हैं घर मगर
रहने वाले नहीं हैं
हैं रिश्ते मगर
इन्हें निभाने वाले नहीं है
हैं अपने मगर
अपनों के लिए प्यार नहीं है
हे ईश्वर ये कैसी है तूने दुनिया बनाई
बनानी थी जो ये दुनिया तो अधूरी क्यों

Shilpa Rajesh Lala

कागज के टुकड़े

कुछ भाइयों ने मेरे और मेरे भाई जयप्रकाश जावा के खिलाफ कुछ कागज के टुकड़े अपने लोगों में बाँटे है. क्या कहें कोई इन शीश महलों में रहते सरदारों को.

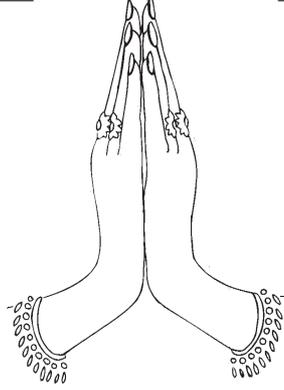
बस दो चार लाइनें लिख रहा हूँ उनके नाम, शायद कुछ बात बन जाये और उन्हें थोड़ा होश आ जाये.

या रब वो समझे हैं, हैं ना समझे मेरी बात दे दिल उनको जो न दें मुझको जबां और.

अगर बात फिर भी समझ नहीं आती तो एक शेर और सुन लीजिये भाईजानों
इश्क मुझको नही वहसत ही सही
मेरी वहसत तेरी शोहरत ही सही.

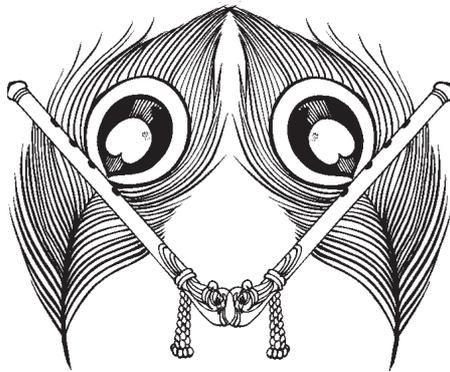
कतई ना कीजिये ताल्लुक हमसे
कुछ नही है तो अदावत ही सही.

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बच्चों के मुख से

पूज्यनीय छैंगन मामा एं मटर मामी
भादर प्रणाम ।

आशा करती हूँ की कदूनगर में
अथ कुशल पूर्वक होंगे. अहर्ष भूचना
करती हूँ कि मेरी अहन शौ. का.
मूली की झाड़ी धनिया नगर के
गाजर प्रभाद के साथ अम्पन्न हूई
हैं. अतः आपसे निवेदन है कि यहाँ
आकर आताअरण को चटपटा एं
मसालेदार अनाए. मैंने आलू काका
एं गोभी काकी को भूचना दे दी
है. पालक पिताजी एं गिल्की
मम्मी, नमक मिर्ची चख रहें.

यहाँ मेहमान आना शुरू हो गये
हैं. तुरीई चाची, निथुईया, कमल
काकड़ी, चाचा प्याज अ अच्चों में
लहसुन अ अदरक भी आगए हैं.
अंतमे अरथी अहन और छोटी गुड़िया
भिड़ी रानी को प्यार.

आपकी भांजी

पत्ता गोभी

रिश्ते नहीं रहेंगे

हम दो होंगे एक बच्चा होगा.
दूसरा न कोई बढ़ता रिश्ता होगा.
अधिक से अधिक एक कुत्ता होगा.
अगर हमारा एक बेटा होगा
उसको न बहन, न भाई होगा
न कोई बुआ होगी, न चाचा होगा
अधिक से अधिक एक कुत्ता होगा.
अगर लड़की हमारी बच्ची होगी
उसे न भाई और न बहन होगी
फिर न मामा होगा न मौसी होगी
अधिक से अधिक एक कुत्ता होगा.
मौसी मामा के बच्चे न होंगे
बुआ के बच्चे, चचेरे बंधु न होंगे,
प्यारी साली साला होगा
ससुराल सारा खाली होगा
अधिक से अधिक एक कुत्ता होगा.
दुख-सुख में कौन कितना साथ देगा ?
एक खम्बे का तंबू कितना दम पकड़ेगा
होगी हालत ऐसी कोई खाने वाला न रहेगा
अधिक से अधिक एक कुत्ता होगा.
सुदर्शन की बात हम मानेंगे
अब तो तीन बच्चों की ठानेंगे
जन संख्या असंतुलन मिटेगा
हमारा तब परिवार होगा और कुत्ता न होगा.

संकलित

श्री ईसरदास ऐच. आसरपोटा

NEED OF THE COMMUNITY FUNCTIONS
THAT BRING THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER

The main emphasis we are lacking / is that we are / moving / not with time, nowadays show business is more important than the real items we present in the functions.

A part from not showing any cultural items like BHARAT NATYAM our emphasis is on cinema items by children showing disco dances and flimy songs.

There is no objection in showing some of these items, but it should not from a majority of programme. We should add some magical items, give younger generation a chance to come on the stage and give talk on PRESENT BHATIA COMMUNITY.

The most important item we are forgetting is to pay attention to our senior citizen programme, like you should call a most elderly Bhatia on stage give him a chance to speak on his experience of life and remedial steps for younger generation to learn from their experience.

You should select a subject on which senior citizen can elobrate and give his views.

Frankly speaking prizes for good exam result should not be taken during functions, however, this can be done by sending gifts or prizes by post. The way it is organised during last few functions is quite deplorable and time consuming.

Give individual prizes for best speaker on the stage of the above topics.

Interaction between the organiser and participants should be more visible. I have never seen any of our senior committee member to interact with the people attending the function. The most attractive item of all the functions is dinner for which we get better crowd with remarks WAH WAH Khana achha tha, Jaishrikrishna.

L .C. Bhatia.

YATRA - CHARDHAMKI

All will agree that Himalayan Mountains and river Ganga are God's gifts to our country India i.e. Bharat.

Chardham means four holy places. There are two Chardhams existing in India. First one is Himalayan chardham i.e. Badrinath, Kedarnath, Gangotri and Yamunotri. Second one is called India Chardham, referring to the four holy corners of India namely Badrinath (North), Puri (East), Rameshwaram (South), Dwarka (West). Here we will be exploring Himalayan Chardhams which are situated in north, in Uttaranchal state.

Three years back we (myself and my husband) decided to visit these holy places. So we visited Uttaranchal Govt. tourism department at Nariman Point.

All the hotels bookings and Taxi booking were done by them. We travelled from Mumbai to Delhi by Air, from Delhi to Haridwar by Shatabdi Express, which is early morning train, very comfortable. In order to go to Chardhams, we have to visit Haridwar, or say go thro Haridwar. Hari means Lord Vishnu and Dwar means gate or some people call it Har-Dwar. Har-Shivji so any way its gateway to the abode of the gods.

HARIDWAR

Haridwar is right on the bank of holy Ganges, at the foot of Shivalik Mountains. It is the most holy land, Home of Ashrams and Dharmashalas, Hotels by various religious institutions. From here mighty Ganga begins to hurry down on her way from hills to the plains of India. Ganga is worshiped as the holy mother; believed to

cleanse all the sins of those who enter her, embrace with love and surrender. Throughout the year you will find rush of pilgrims here, taking holy dip morning and evening. Grand Ganga - Arti at Har-ki-paudi is lifetime experience in it self. I think it's the duty of every Indian to visit once (at least) to Haridwar. Other important places around Haridwar are Daksha Prajapati temple, Mansa devi temple, Bharatmata temple, replica of Vaishnodevi temple, Gayatri Ashram, Puja Ramdev Baba's Ashram. Haridwar one of the four pilgrim centers where Kumbh Mela is held once in twelve years. Haridwar is the place, where whole family would like to visit and enjoy, as there are markets, hotels, shops, souvenir shops, chatwalas.

RISHIKESH

24 km from Haridwar is situated Rishikesh. It means the land of Rishi's Mother Ganga flows between two mountains which are connected by the twin bridges called 'Ram-Jhula' and 'Lakshman-jhula'. In ancient times it was the meditation centre of sages. Today also you will see many Ashrams like Swami Shivanand Ashram, Swarg Ashram, Geeta Bhavan etc. These Ashrams provide free food and shelter to pilgrims. There is unique Temple called Muni-ki-Reti dedicated to Shatrughna youngest brother of Lord Rama. There is also Shivanand Nagar the divine life society (DLS) in Rishikesh, the seeds of which were sowed by Swami Shivanand in 1936. A doctor by profession, he renounced worldly life to spread the Ancient Vedic teaching. Massive work in the field of medicine, Yoga, spiritual books, meditation etc. is being done by DLS.

Dr. Lalita H. Palep

To be continued.....

कहानी एक सवाल

पिछले साल हम दो परिवार मिल कर गोकुल मथुरा गये थे. उनके साथ उनके किशोर वय के बच्चे भी थे. मथुरा में प्रसिद्ध कृष्ण मंदिर गये देखने. वहाँ मदनमोहन मालवीयजी का जिक्र था. मैंने उन दोनो बच्चों को जब मालवीयजी के बारे में पूछा तो उन्हें उनके बारे में कुछ भी मालूम न था. बड़ी हैरत हुई Indian School C.B.S.E. का कोर्स किये हुए बच्चों को मालवीयजी का नाम तक न मालूम हो. यही निराशा और बढ़ गई जब मैंने ऐसे कई बच्चों से यह बात पूछी.

अभी दुबई में मेरी छोटी दुहिती अमृता ने मुझे कहानी सुनाने को कहा. 'मम्मी कहती है आप उसे और मामा को कहानियाँ सुनाते थे'. काफी अरसा हो गया था. कहानी से प्रेक्टिस अभ्यास छूट गई थी. फिर भी कुछ अकबर बीरबल की कहानियाँ सुनाई. फिर मुझे लगा कि अपने भटियों के मूल के बारे में उसे कहानी सुनाऊं. जैसे ही मैंने शुरुआत की तो उसने कहा कि ये बातें तो उसे मालूम हैं क्योंकि अभी 'अनामिका' की जो अपने 'रीतिरीवाज' किताब निकली है उसने पढ़ी है. मुझे खुशी हुई साथ ही अनामिका को बधाई देने की भी इच्छा हुई क्योंकि इस किताब की वजह से बच्चों को भी अपने इतिहास के बारे में जानकारी मिली.

अमेरिका तथा यूरोप में अभी भी बच्चों को कहानी सुनाने का प्रचलन है. उसे पीछे छोड़ते जा रहे हैं. पाठ्यक्रम तो लोग आजकल अंको (Marks) के लिये पढ़ते हैं. पर कहानी के रूप में सुनली हुई ये बातें मन मस्तिष्क पर छा जाती है. इसी बात पर मुझे एक घटना याद आ गई. मेरी छोटी बहन मंजु के B.A. इतिहास का पेपर था. पानीपत की तीसरी लड़ाई के बारे में सवाल था. उसे उस वक्त कुछ याद नहीं आ रहा था. अचानक उसे

याद आया कि बचपन में भाभी माँ उसे अहमदशाह अब्दाली और सामने मराठी सेना जहाँ अलग अलग चूल्हे रसोई के लिये थे कि बात बताती थी. कैसे उस एक ध्य ने अब्दाली को जीत के लिये प्रेरित किया. जो सेना इस तरह बंटी हुई है उसे मैं जरूर जीतुंगा. उस आधार पर उसने सवाल का जवाब दिया. जो घर आकर देखा तो बराबर था. इतिहास भूल गया पर कहानी सुनी हुई मन पर अंकित थी.

बचपन में हम हर साल अपने ननिहाल जयपुर जाते थे. मेरे दूसरे मामाओं के बच्चे भी अपने अपने छुट्टियों में आते थे. रात को नानी हमें कहानियाँ सुनाती थी. उनकी कहानियों का सिलसिला समय के साथ बदलता गया. एकदम छोटे थे तो तोता मैंना की कहानियों से शुरु होकर फिर इतिहास की बातें महापुरुषों की बातें रामायण महाभारत बुद्ध व आनन्द नानक वगैरह धर्मगुरुओं की बातें. कठिन से कठिन बात कहानी के रूप में कितनी सरल लगती थी और मुझे लगता है कि व कहानियाँ एक अमिट छाप छोड़ गई. पाठ्यक्रम में पढ़ी हुई बातें शायद भूल जाती पर कहानियाँ जो नानी से उन महापुरुषों की सुनाई अंकित हो गई मन में.

आज छोटे छोटे बच्चे टी.वी. पर पिक्चर या सिरियल देखते हैं क्यों ? क्यों हम उन्हें Cartoon Discovery Channel देखने को नहीं कहते क्यों हम उन्हें कहानियों द्वारा अपने इतिहास से परिचित नहीं कराते हैं. राजा दाहिर, राणा प्रताप, पृथ्वीराज चौहान या अपने राजा समय-समय पर हुए कहानियों द्वारा ही उनके कोमल मन को प्रेरित करेंगे. पाठ्यक्रम को भूल ही जाएंगे हम ऐसा क्यों नहीं करते बस यही एक सवाल है.

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HOW SHALL TELL MY CHILD ?

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TYPICAL QUESTIONS ASKED BY CHILDREN

“What is menstruation?”

Menstruation is a flow of normal blood from the arteries of the uterus, usually making its appearance about the twelfth or fourteenth year. It marks the beginning of the “child-bearing” period. The flow usually takes place every twenty-eight days. The lining of the uterus is cast away during the flow, and is renewed each month. Should mating take place, and pregnancy follow, menstruation ceases, since the blood is then needed for the growth of the child. When menstruation ceases permanently (from the fortieth to fiftieth year) a woman can no longer become pregnant (climacteric, or menopause).

“How is it discharged?”

“Through the vagina. It comes from between the labia very much as urine does.”

“Is it like a cut on your finger that hurts when the blood comes?”

“No; it is not like a cut or any other injury. It is just an excess of normal blood that is thrown out of the body. You know how you perspire when the body gets over-heated. Menstrual discharge is the natural throwing off of a bodily fluid.”

Do boys have menstruation too?

“No; boys never have menstruation. You know the menstrual discharge is from the uterus, and the uterus has a place only in the female body. It is never in the male body. So boys never menstruate, boys start to have seminal emissions.”

“What are seminal emissions?”

“The seminal emission is a discharge that boys have.”

“Where does the seminal emission of the boys come from?”

“It comes from tubes in the testicles and is expelled through the penis.”

“When do girls commence to menstruate?”

“Anywhere between the twelfth and fifteenth year. Some menstruate before twelve and sometimes menstruation is delayed beyond fifteen. It is nothing to fear or dread. It is something to be expected and prepared for, so that the clothing may be protected from stain. This is done by wearing a napkin, a pad of cloth or paper designed for this special purpose, just as a handkerchief is used to take away the discharge that comes from the nose when we have a cold.”

“Do boys have a napkin for their seminal emissions?”

“No; it is a scantier discharge than that of

menstruation, and often passes away in the urine and is not seen at all. It is not bloody, so it does not stain the clothing.”

“What is cricumcision?”

“It is a simple little surgical operation that takes off a bit of skin called the foreskin from the end of the penis.”

“Why did baby brother have to be cricumcised?”

“We think it is the best way to keep the penis clean.

Sometimes there is irritation under the foreskin, and that is avoided when the forskin is cut away.”

“Why do grown people have hair on their bodies? Childern don’t have any hair on the body and babies don’t either. Why do grown people have it?”

“The growth of hair on the body is one of the signs of growing up to be men and women. There are various changes that occur when children grow up to be adults. Girls have breasts that grow out so they will have the means of nursing their babies whenever babies come to them. There is a change in the voice, too. The voices of men especially, but, to some degree, of women, too, lose the shrill tones of childhood, and men’s faces commence to grow beards. All these things are just a natural part of growing up. The appearance of hair on the body is one of the signs of maturity. Hair grows in the armpits and on the genitals, and

sometimes on other parts of the body, too. Men usually have hair on the chest. You know, if they don’t shave they will have beards and mustaches. These are all natural, wholesome ways of getting to be grown folks instead of childern.”

“When will I have hair on me?”

“The genital hair usually appears about the time of menstruation or the seminal emissions.”

“How can you tell if a baby will be a boy or girl?”

“There is no way to know whether a baby is a boy or girl until it is born.”

“How can you know when you are going to have a baby?”

“There are various ways by which pregnancy is known. The first is the stopping of the menses. Women who are not pregnant usually menstruate regularly. As soon as they are pregnant menstruation ceases since blood is needed for the growth of the baby. Then after a few months the baby is large and strong enough to move itself about in the mother’s body, and the mother can feel it moving about. She then knows that it will be ready to be born in about five months. That’s one of the most certain ways of knowing beforehand when the baby’s birthday will come.”

To be continued.....

A THIRSTY SONG

The chatak was singing
A sad low song
A thirsty song of
Raindrops that lay
Hidden in the thundering
clouds all thronged
with forked silver lightening
That deluded and dazzled
The wee little eyes
of the thirsty chatak

But a gust of wind
A fast gust of wind
Despotic and tyrannous
With manners austere and rugged
Issued and dragged
The helpless, unwilling clouds
Far far away
Away away
To far off lands
Where no chatak bird
Ever lived and sang
Such a sad song.

And in stately gait
There the moon donned in
Silver robes resplendent
Rode forth
And put to flight
The twinkling stars
The bright little playthings
of the firmament

Then she released her rays
The silvery hungry rays
The passionate rays
To woo the wavelets
To kiss the wavelets
To dance with the wavelets
The wavelets that softly crooned
Crooned and crooned
Dancing in the lake
Where wide awake
The chatak lay
In vain expectancy
A thirst for the raindrops
It's parched beak
Always drawn to the sky

With hope untrammelled and single
Thus in austere penance
A thirst and expectant

It continued singing
Singing and singing
The thirsty song.

And it went on singing
The same sad song
To drive the disappointment away

Ram Lilwa

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NEWS FROM ABROAD

Bahrain

Discourse by Pujya Yogesh Bawa:

Pujya Yogesh Bawa visited Bahrain from AMumbai from 11 April to April 2006. The topic of the discourse was "Vaishnavas duties after Bramhasambhand". The discourse from 11th April to 16th April was well attended and almost 100 persons took advantage of this discourse.

Bahrain Indian Community Relief Fund (ICRF) had arranged a ceremony in honour of retiring Indian Embassy counsellor H.R.Mohey - Chairman Indian Community Services (ICS) . The function was attended by prominent Bhatias.

Blood Donation Camp

THC has been organizing Blood donation drive every year for past 15 years. Normally the camp is held twice a year. Now it has been decided to hold the camp every quarter. The frist blood donation camp for this year was held on Friday, 28th April starting from 8:00 a.m. This time there were many donos who were donating the blood for first time. The blood donation camp is held at THMCAuditorium. About 8 persons from Salmaniya (the biggest) hospital in Baharain, consisting of nurses and doctors came to the auditorium along with beds and blood testing equipment. More than 100 presons donate their blood every time a camp is held. eporters of local newspapers cover this event. The next blood donation camp is likely to be held in August this year.

Dubai

Param Anand Award

The above award was instituted in 1989 on behalf of Pancholia family by Shri Maganmal Jethanand Pancholia of Dubai (U.A.E) in the respected memory of Late Shri Parmanand Jethanand Ex. President of Thatthai Bhatia Shewa Fund, Kandivli - Mumbai.

This year Awar citation & Rs. 50,000/- was presented to Mrs. Suri L. Lulla by H.E. Yash Sinha consul General of India Dubai, U.A.E. at India Club Dubai on Monday 27th February 2006 in presence of large gathering.

Mrs. Lulla had carried out valuable social work since last fifty years for weak and needy. She is currently President of Khaleej Times women's forum and also involved in various other charitable organisations in and around Mumbai City.

HONOURED

It is a matter of great pleasure that our brother Shri Ram Askarandas Pancholia has been invited to be on the board of a newly established "Steel advisory group" by Dubai Multi Commodities centre which is an authority of the Government of Dubai for Developing Dubai as a regional Hub.

Heartiest Congratulations.

સંસ્કૃતિ

ભારતની સંસ્કૃતિ તેના જીવંત ઉત્સવોમાં સમાયેલી છે. તેમાં મુખ્ય છે દિવાળી એ છે પ્રકાશનું પર્વ - અંધકાર પર રોશની ની જીવંત મનાવવાનું પર્વ - આત્માને અજવાળતું પર્વ. આ ઉત્સવો સાથે સંકળાયેલા પ્રતીકો એ આપણી સંસ્કૃતિનાં પર્વો છે. જેની અંદર ઘણાં અર્થો સમાયેલા છે.

સ્વસ્તિક :- કોઈપણ મંગળ કાર્યનાં પ્રારંભમાં સ્વસ્તિક તો હોય છે. સ્વસ્તિક એટલે શુભ થાઓ અને કલ્યાણની ભાવના વ્યક્ત કરે છે. - દશેય દિશામાંથી રક્ષણ અને કલ્યાણ થાઓ એવી ભાવના તેમાં વ્યક્ત થાય છે. એ વિશાળ દિલ ની નિશાની છે. નવું વર્ષ સમૃદ્ધ મંગલિક બનો એ ભાવના એમાં વ્યક્ત થાય છે.



દીપક :- દીપક એ અંધકારને દૂર કરી જીવનમાં પ્રકાશ અને માંગલ્ય ફેલાવવાનો સંદેશો આપે છે. એક જ દીવો સહસ્ત્ર દીવા પ્રગટાવી શકે. એક જ જ્ઞાની માનવ પણ કેટલાકને જ્ઞાન આપી શકે. જાતે જલિને જગતને અજવાળવાનો સંદેશો આપે છે.



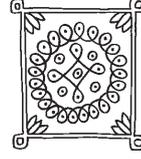
ઉંબરાપૂજન :- ઉંબરો ઘરની આબરૂનો રક્ષણહાર છે. ઉંબરો એ લક્ષ્મણરેખા છે. ઉંબરો એટલે મર્યાદા. દિવાળીમાં ઉંબરાની પૂજા કરી સ્વસ્તિક કરી આપણે દશેય દિશામાંથી આપણા રક્ષણ માટે દેવો પાસે પ્રાર્થના કરીએ છીએ. અનિતીનું ધન ઘરમાં ન પ્રવેશે એનું પ્રતિક છે.



તોરણ :- આપણે ઘરની બહાર આસોપાલવનું તોરણ બાંધીએ છીએ. એ આસોપાલવ શુકનિયાળ વૃક્ષ છે. જીવનમાં હરિયાળી પ્રસરાવવાનો જીવનને Evergreen રાખવાનો સંદેશો અપાય છે. લક્ષ્મીદેવીનાં સ્વાગતનો સંકેત છે.



રંગોળી :- શુભ શુકનનો સંકેત છે આપણી સંસ્કૃતિમાં કેટલી વિવિધ કળા છે. દરેક પ્રદેશમાં તેની અલગ અલગ મહિમા છે. પારસીઓ અને મહારાષ્ટ્રીઓ આજ શુભકામનાથી તેમનાં આંગણે રોજ જ રંગોળી કરે છે.



દિવાળીની જેમ બીજા ઘણાં તહેવારો જેવાં કે હોળી, રક્ષાબંધન મુખ્ય તહેવારો છે જેની પાછળ પણ આપણી સંસ્કૃતિનાં સૂત્રો છૂપાયેલા છે.

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◆ SON REMAINS SON TILL GETS THE WIFE.

◆ DAUGHTER REMAINS DAUGHTER THROUGHOUT HER LIFE.

(EXPERIENCE OF SENIOR CITIZEN)

INSTITUTIONAL NEWS

Institutional News TBSF

Shree Vallabh Sukhdham Programmes held.

Pravachans on "Sadhan Prakaran" by Puj Goswami Shri Shyam Manoharji were held from 6th Jan 2006 to 13th Jan 2006, Daily from 7.00 pm To 10.00 pm.

Children's Programme on 29-1-06 of games and quize were held from 2-30 PM to 9.00 PM.

Shri Vallabh Pustakalaya

Seminar was held and projected live in Sukhdham from 9th Feb 2006, to 12th Feb 2006.

Daily from 4.30 pm To 9.00 pm.

Discourse by Puj Goswami Shri Yogesh Kumar Raghunathlalji on "Pushti Vivek" from 24th March 2006 to 26th March 2006, daily from 6.00pm To 9.00 pm

Discourse on "sarvottam strot" by Puj Goswami Shri Shyam Manoharji was held on 24th April 2006. From 5.00 pm To 8.00 pm and From 25th April 2006 to 1st May 2006 daily from 7.00 pm to 10.00 pm

Sukhdham sanganak kendra (Computer

centre)

The computer centre is functioning very well. And at present there are 4 batches of 6 students each. 2 in the morning and 2 in the afternoon.

All other activities like Mahila Vikas mandal, Piyau, sanatorium facilities and Yoga centre are functioning well. Financial Aid. Comprising Maintenance, Educational and medical aid are followed up regularly.

Yoga Shibir : The Shibir on Yoga and Kriya yoga, The nineth of its and at Kandivli was held between 9th Jan, 2006 to 16th Jan, 2006 at Hiranand Gajaria yoga Centre by Maharshi Patanjali Yoga Mandal. The Shibir was conducted in two sessions.

Morning : 6.00 am To 8.00 am

Evening : 7.00 pm To 9.00 pm

The Shibir had overwhelming response and was appreciated by all the participants

Compiled by Lalchand T Gajria

TBSF sets Good example of Honesty

Goodness is its own reward. Being honest is virtue. The incident narrated reflects positive attitude of our persons.

On 11.5.2006 our Hall Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 were all occupied. Our Shri Yadav & Shri Jagdish of shewa fund went to inspect the Hall No. 6, when party had left the place.

The found hidden below two boxes containing ornaments. These were deposited to Manager's office at 10.30 PM

The information was conveyed to Hon. Gen. Secretary Shri Ashok M. Gajria on phone who advised to keep in locker of almira.

Next day Shri Ram D. Khianra Hon. Secretary came and called the party who told that nothing is missing from their side but they will contact Bridegroom's party who came after one day denied anything missing from their side.

It was presumed that it may be stolen from other party & kept there. After Hall No. 2 & 3 party was contacted who had given list of contents of jewelry boxes both boxes were returned to party by our President shri Khubchand M. Asar on 18.5.2006.

The party appreciated the honesty of people and thanked every one involved in the process, namely Shri Lalchand T. Gajria, Shri Kishan V. Diwan & Smt. Smita

Reported By
Ram C Bhatia.
(Manager)

Kewal Baugh

CHETICHAND-2006

Kewal Baugh Trust had arranged New Year celebration "CHETI-CHAND" function with Co-operation of Bhatia Bhagini Mandal at Kewal Baugh open ground on 3th April 2006.

The programme started at 6.00 p.m. which included Sindhi Bhajans, Hindi, Gujarati songs, Couple games, children's dancing competitions, Housie etc.

The event was well co-ordinated by Smt. Sunita L. Gandhi and team. The celebration continued with on the spot Quiz and Housie games. The Prizes were distributed among the winners by shri Isshubhai and Shri Uttambhai.

About 800 community members got together and enjoyed the functions; we also arranged delicious dinner (Special Sindhi Thali) including Pav Bhaji and Idli Sambhar for the teen-agers.

Shri Ashok Gajria and Shri Uttam H. Bhatia gave special thanks to Bhatia Bhagini Mandal's team for co-ordinating event and shared few words regarding Chetichand with our community members.

The day of celebration of Chetichand was over at 11:30 p.m. all community members went home with happiest mood.

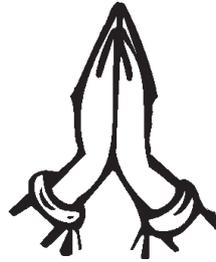
Note book Distribution :s

Like every year, this year too Kewal Baugh Trust distributed the note books to the needy students.

श्री ललभ ळाणी

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