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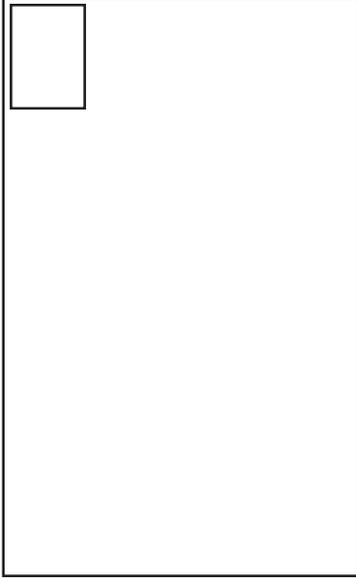
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### "सुंदर सपना"

करें ऐसा जतन, बने भाटिया वतन :  
नगर ठट्टा नाम से, करें उसको रोशन । ...  
सुबह जागके सदा करें दर्शन मंगला,  
मंदिर श्रीजी वल्लभा प्रेम भक्ति कीर्तन । ...  
बने सुंदर स्कूल और सुविधाएँ अनुकूल,  
बाग में रंगीन फूल, झुमे सारा गुलशन । ...  
हो बाजार विशाल, मिले हर किस्म का माल,  
बने विविधलक्ष्मी हॉल ऐसा अनमोल रतन । ...  
मकान मजबूत बनें घर सुंदर अपने,  
ऐसे प्यारे सपने हम देखे हरदम । ...  
प्यार मुहब्बत से रहें, काम जुटकर करें,  
जीएँ सुखी जीवन भाईचारे का वर्तन । ...  
एक खेल का मैदान, खिलाडी रखे अपनी शान,  
क्लबमें रहे आराम ऐसी हो सबको लगन ।  
'अशोक-मुलजी' का मिलन बोले मीठी सरगम,  
सपने साकार बने ऐसा देखे दर्पन । ...

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## EDITORIAL

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Welcome To New Year Our "**Cheti Chand  
Congratulations** "

I recall the initial name of this bulletin "Sampark". A Sanskrit word means "Communication" 'Contact' companionship. "Samvad" is a two way communication. I say to you and you reply to me then a "Samvad" has taken place.

Beginning from this issue, I am conveying you important community functions that were organized by our institutes. I would also like to draw your kind attention of coming important events.

1. You will find in this issue- a successful celebration of HOLI conducted by Puj Panchayat.

2. Again celebration of Cheti Chand by Kewal Baug Trust provided much needed community gathering and feasting.

3. Arranging tours of community folks-and articles written by the participants of the Jaisalmer tours were appreciated by our readers. You will find Announcement of one more such tour in this issue.

4. In our country womanhood is motherhood. The country where we are born is worshipped as Mother India-Bharat Mata. The cow is mother, Rivers are mothers. Swamy Vivekanand when asked who are the custodian of culture - his prompt reply was - The Woman Of India.

This applies to our Bhatia Ladies.

Let us keep coming closer by whatever good means possible.

**"JAI SHRI KRISHNA".**

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Readers,

Please go through the cutting below carefully. Our bhatia's had left "Thathai" at the time of partition and we also suffered during that time.

### Documentary Planned on Partition

Islamabad : A young filmmaker has launched a project to document the memories of Pakistanis who witnessed the trials and tribulations of the partition of India in 1947.

The "Oral History Project" by Pakistan's non-resident filmmaker Sharmeen Obaid Chinoy is trying to preserve the stories of ordinary Pakistanis who lived through the pain of partition . Chinoy's citizen Archieve of Pakistan has hired summer interns to meet the older generations and preserve their stories for posterity. The interns will also be collecting photographs , visuals and other material about partition.

"If you know of a friend, family member or someone in your community who travelled from India to Pakistan in 1947, please send us their name and information," reads a post on Citizens Archieve of Pakistan's website.

By conducting and collecting oral histories and photographs their stories are recorded preserved and made accessible for generations of Pakistanis to come, As with all historical records, oral histories provide important information on incidents from the past,' a note on the website of the organisation reads. [www.sevafund.net.in](http://www.sevafund.net.in)

I would request our senior citizens to contribute their memories of that period.

**Editor**

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

We are please to inform the members to Shree thathai Bhatia Panchayat that a proposal has been approved to arrange a tour to "**GOD'S OWN LAND GREEN KERALA.**"

It is proposed to have a 8 days trip including the journey time by railway.

In order to workout more details of this programme it is necessary to know the number of prospective participants joining the trip.

The members wishing to participate in this tour are kindly requested to submit their Names , Age, Address and Telephone no. to Usha Bhatia at Shree Thathai Bhatia Panchayat from **10.00 am to 1.00 pm and 3.00 to 5.00 p.m. before 22nd June 2008.**

Contact No. 28091770

For Shree Thathai Bhatia Panchayat  
**Issardas H. Asserpota**  
Hon. President

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**SHREE THATHAI BHATIA PANCHAYAT IS ARRANGING TOUR TO VISIT  
GOD'S OWN LAND GREEN KERALA**

<b>Days</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Programme</b>	<b>Remark</b>
1st Day 26 September 2008	11.40a.m. dept. by Netravati Express	Assemble at Lokmanya Tilak Railway stn. Kurla at 10 a.m.	Lunch and Dinner will be served in train. Tea + breakfast in train
2nd Day 27th September 2008	Arrival at Ernakuluam (Cochin) at 10.45 p.m.	Proceed to Hotel Half day sightseeing and night in hotel	Lunch in Train + BF + Dinner will be served in Hotel
3rd Day 28th September	Proceed to Munnar In morning by bus	Check in Hotel and and sight seeing	Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner in Hotel
4th Day 29th September	Local sight seeing	Rest + shopping	- do -
5th Day 30th September 2008	Departure in Morning to Kumarkam Alleppy	Check in at resort at Alleppy in backwater area	- do -
6th Day 1st October 2008	Proceed to tour backwater areas in Kumarkom	Visiting God's own home in Green areas backwater at Alleppy and Kurakom in houseboats	
7th Day 2nd October 2008	Proceed to railway Station to catch train	Return by Netravati Express Dept. 14.15 p.m.	Breakfast + Lunch + in Hotel + Dinner in Train
8th Day 3rd October 2008		In Train arrival at Lokmanya Tilak station at 18.20 p.m.	Breakfast + Lunch in train

**Total cost of Package Rs. 9000/-** Transport : 2nd class Non AC 3 tier by Train + Luxury Bus in Kerala. Accomodation in Hotel and Resort on Triple Sharing Basis. Cancellation charges@25% of package tour cost. Package tour cost also include Insurance charges. LAST DATE for Booking is By 22nd June 2008 as Railway opens Bookings 3 months in advance as per new rules. **Please contact Tour Convenor : Mr. Hemchandra Java 9821533710 or Miss Usha at Kewal Baugh Phone no 28091770**

## **CHINTAN**

Certain divisions among the community, families of resident or non-resident status have made their views very obvious as far as marital relationship is concerned. The chance of a marriage between a boy from India and a girl from Dubai, Bahrain or the Gulf countries is almost nil if not over. Any debate on the caused of this situation is no more of any consequence. The situation is as clear as writing.

It is futile to explore the causes of this malady, if indeed there is one then it is only due to the rapid changes concerning the overall lavish and comfortable lifestyle that a person gets used to. It's almost impossible to alter this lifestyle for the sake of community ties or any such similar social or economic reason. As I understand, now a girl from Dubai prefers a not very well off boy from Dubai in comparison to a well established and stable boy from India. In fact, very few like to migrate to US or UK, such is the lure of the Gulf.

The purpose of writing this is neither to find a fault with the situation nor to suggest any solution as there is none to be made. It is a matter of preparing for a change in the situation and this is hardly in control of an individual or a community. If there is any hope while I write this article then it is a hope against

a hope that the youngsters whom this issue is addressed to, also share my views, in case they have the time to read this!

As I still dream of Thatta and Karachi as my early childhood was spent there and I begin to see and hear although I cannot recollect what I saw or heard. But the scenes keep cropping into my memory, those voices and scenes in the background. I am sure the situation is the same for those who are born and brought up in the countries they presently live in. While I accept this reality, somewhere deep within me there is a feeling that hurts and will keep hurting. My children too are away, far away from me and so are all the youngsters of this community. The thought hurts and mind you, I am not alone.

Yesterday, I had gone to Kewalbaug where a get together of senior people from the community which was arranged by Ms. Smita L Gandhi and Pushpa Negandhi. Although, I Cannot see too well and could hardly see the expression on the faces but I could feel the aura of loneliness, sadness and not much hope for anything new.

I wish I could express these thoughts more graphically and convey my feelings more clearly to my kith and kin and my THATHAI BHATIA CLAN.

**ASHOK GAJRIA.**

## POEM

When you came into this world  
They held you in their arms  
You thanked them by wailing loudly

When you were 1 yr old  
They fed you and bathed you  
You thanked them by  
Crying all-night and keeping them awake.

When you were 2 yrs old  
They taught you how to walk  
You thanked them by  
Not speaking a word at the school interview

When you were 6 yrs old  
They drove you to school bus  
You thanked them by crying loudly  
"I don't want to go."

When you were 16 yrs old  
They invited your friend's home on your  
Birthday  
You thanked them by asking them  
To stay out and leave you and your friends  
alone in the room.

When you were 20 yrs old  
They wanted to discuss your career with you  
You thanked them by saying that  
Your plans are different from theirs.

When you were 24 yrs old  
They were excited to find a life partner for  
you  
You thanked them by breaking the news  
That you already have someone in mind.

When you were 25 yrs old  
They spent all their savings on your wedding  
you thanked them by  
Moving to a separate house with your  
spouse.

**Kishin. V. Asarpota (Diwan)**

## प्रभु प्रार्थना

यह प्रेम सदा भरपूर रहे,  
भगवान तुम्हारे चरणों में  
यह अरज मेरी मंजूर रहे,  
भगवान तुम्हारे चरणों में  
जीवन ही मैंने सोप दी है,  
यह डोर तुम्हारे हाथों में  
उद्धार पतन अब मेरा है,  
भगवान तुम्हारे चरणों में  
संसार असार है सार नहीं,  
बाकी न रही अब भूख कहीं  
मैं हूँ संसार के बंधन में,  
संसार तुम्हारे चरणों में  
आँखों में सदा ध्यान रहे,  
और मन चरणों में लगा रहे  
यह अंत समय की अर्जी है,  
भगवान कुम्हारे चरणों में  
यह बार बार मैं कहती हूँ,  
आगे प्रभु आपकी मर्जी है

**माधुरी कपानी (भाटिया)**

## FROM HERE AND THERE

### PERFUMES OR "FRAGRANCED PRODUCTS"

Perfumes or "Fragranced Products" are no different from tobacco smokes and loud noise in that they invade the personal space of people other than their users/creators.

They are considered desirable, fashionable, and so on owing to the weight of the advertising behind them. Generally because of being quite expensive they are considered at least by those who have more money than sense to represent "the Good Life".

Quite ignoring the fact that those around them are compelled to breathe in the fumes, many users of perfumes insist that it is their personal right to use these substances. They do not consider that even use of perfumes and "Fragranced Products" can make things exceedingly uncomfortable for others.

There is ample evidence to show that perfumes can cause health problems for those who inhale them. Most commonly caused problems are asthma, migraines, and upper respiratory tract condition.

The American lung Association, the journal of the American Medical Association, John Hopkins University and the Mayo Clinic all recognize that perfumes and "Fragranced Products"

are asthma triggers, Watery or dry eyes, double vision, sneezing, nasal congestion, sinusitis, trinities, ear pain dizziness, vertigo, coughing, bronchitis, difficulty in swallowing, laryngitis, asthma, anaphylaxis, headaches.....The list goes on and on. The list was made a rather longer one by research organization fifteen years ago.

Of course it is a fact that all of these do not affect every one but each can affect some. There has been a rise in request for "Fragrance free" work places.

Few people know that of the 5000 or so ingredients used in Fragrance Products between 80-90 percent are petroleum based. Safety testing has been done of less than 1500 only. Their effects on the skin have been tested, not the effects of inhaling them.

Extracts from an article by Mukul Dube in the Indian Express.

Ram Lilwa.

### ભાટિયા ભગીની મંડળ

આપણી જ્ઞાતીની અહેનોને આનંદ થાય છે જે ભાટિયા ભગીની મંડળ જે ૨૦ વર્ષથી ચાલે છે તેનો કાર્યક્રમ તા. ૭-૫-૦૮ ના દિવસે યમુનાષ્ટકના પાઠો કરવામાં આવેલ હતાં જેમાં ૫૦ અહેનોએ ભાગ લીધો હતો તથા અહેનોએ એકબીજાને ખૂબ જ આનંદ લીધો હતો દરેક પ્રોગ્રામ વખતે ઠંડાઈ ભાટિયા સેવા ફંડ અને કેવલબાગમાં કાર્યક્રમ યોજવામાં આવે છે.

એજ ભાટિયા ભગીની મંડળની  
કાર્યકર્તા કમીટી મેમ્બરો

## પુશ ખબર

જૈ શ્રી કૃષ્ણ, આપણા ઠંઠાઈ ભાટીયા મેમ્બરો માટે આનંદ સમાચાર ઠંઠાઈ ભાટીયા કપલ તેમજ સીનીયર સીટીઝન માટે શરૂઆત કરવામાં આવી છે તે માટે કેવલબાગ ટ્રસ્ટનો આભાર, તેમના સહકારથી પહેલો પ્રોગ્રામ તા. ૧૩-૫-૨૦૦૮ મંગળવારે કેવલબાગમાં આયોજન કરવામાં આવ્યું હતું. તેમાં ગેમ્સ, હાઉઝી, મેડીટેશન તેમજ અલ્પઆહારની વ્યવસ્થા કરવામાં આવી હતી. બીજો પ્રોગ્રામ તા. ૨૮-૫-૨૦૦૮ બુધવારે વીર સાવરકર ઉદ્યાનમાં હતો, સાથે હોટલ માં નાસ્તાની વ્યવસ્થા હતી.

આ એક નવા ગ્રુપની શરૂઆત કરવામાં આવી છે આ ગ્રુપનું આયોજન કરવાનો પ્રયોજન આપણા મેમ્બરો આવે એકબીજાને હળો મળે. એક કોચલામાંથી બહાર નીકળે. આમાં વય મર્યાદા નથી. નાના, મોટા, પતિ-પત્ની એકલવાયા કોઈપણ મેમ્બર બની શકે છે. જેને આમાં મેમ્બર થવાની ઈચ્છા હોય તે **સુમિતા ગોકલગાંધી - ૨૮૦૫ ૫૯૦૧,**  
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## **BHATIA'S TRADITION**

### **An unusual supper-time custom helps to harmonise relations between families related by marriage**

In the closely knit, 250-family Bhatia community in Jaisalmer, married women leave their husband's home every evening to spend some time at their parent's place. MOST OF THEM DINE THERE AND THEN RETURN TO THEIR HUSBANDS. In a milieu where it is traditionally believed that the parent's household becomes secondary to the in-law's household for a woman after marriage, this practice, encouraged by the husbands as a good way for their wives to relax, is a startling oddity.

The Bhatias originated as a trader community in the 9th century and are an offshoot of the Bhatti Rajputs. Eighty four sub-castes evolved over time but they all lived within a short distance of one another. Marriages took place within a short distance of one another. Marriages took place within different sub-castes and in-law's place was never far away from the parent's house. It is difficult to ascertain exactly why the custom of married women visiting their parent's house every evening started but the basis appears to be the belief among the Bhatias that women should remain involved with the life of their parents even after marriage. The concern of parents for the well-being of the daughter among her in-laws together with the prevalence of child marriages not very long ago might also have given birth to this

practice.

And unlike many other communities where daughters were married off to far away places, the proximity of the bridal homes to her new abode helped the custom take root.

Parents often do not interact very frequently with their daughters after marriage to help her get a sense of belonging with her in-laws and settle down on her own. But the Bhatias believe that free communication harmonises relationships between the two households. "Mothers motivate their daughters to adjust with their parents-in-law. So daily meetings with the mother help the daughter", says Gayatri, who belongs to the community. Sometimes women go with their mothers to their maternal grandmother's home. The daily dinners at the mother's house become less frequent as the mother ages and cooking becomes difficult for her. But the visits continue. A long break in visits immediately invites worried queries from the parents.

Bhatia women are viewed as a liberal lot, though very few of them have studied beyond graduation or taken up jobs. They insist on doing all household chores themselves and have a say in family matters. For the Bhatia community, which does not demand dowry, daily visits by married women to their parent's place serves as a social coolant.

Compiled BY  
**RAM BHATIA.**

## मां (Mummy)

मां एक ऐसा शब्द है जो बार बार बोलने को मन चाहता है । मां शब्द में वह कशिश है जो और किसी शब्द में नहीं । ममी अंग्रेजो का दिया हुआ शब्द है जिसका आज फैशन हो गया है । ममी और माम कहने से उनका दर्जा ऊँचा समझते है । बडे बच्चों को बोलना सिखाते हैं तब जाकर बच्चा बोलता है उस समय मां का कर्तव्य है कि अपने संस्कार उसे दे, उसे अपनी मातृभाषा में बोलना सिखाये न कि अंग्रेजी । मानते हैं कि आज के युग में अंग्रेजी इतनी फैल गई है कि उसके सिवाय किसी भी संस्था, ऑफिस, स्कूल आदि में काम नहीं होता यहाँ तक कि जब मां बाप एडमीशन के लिए आते हैं तो वे ऑफिस में हेडमास्टर या किसी भी बडे से इंग्लिश में बात करना अपनी शान समझते हैं और सामनेवाला भी उन्हें अच्छा मान सम्मान देता है तो क्या अंग्रेजी बोलने से वह **व्यक्ति** बडा बन जाता है और हिन्दी बोलने से वह छोटा और गँवार बन जाता है ? नहीं । मां का काम है जब बच्चों को बोलना सिखाए तो उन्हें अपनी मातृभाषा सिखाए । उन्हें वो संस्कार दें जो अपनी संस्कृति में है क्योंकि हिन्दी हमारी मातृ भाषा है हमारे देश की शान है हमारे बुजुर्गों की मान मर्यादा है । अब आईये मां के उस शब्द को समझे जो जननी कहलाती है बच्चों को यह अच्छी तरह समझना चाहिए कि मां मां होती है । मां की जगह कोई नहीं ले सकता वह कितनी तकलीफों से गुजरती है । अगर मां कुछ कहती है तो वह बच्चों में अच्छे संस्कार डालने के लिए एक अच्छा नागरिक एक अच्छा सदस्य बनाने के लिए वह कभी बच्चों

का बुरा नहीं चाहेगी वह मारे या पीटे या सजा दे फिर भी उसका दर्जा कोई नहीं ले पाता है . अगर वह बच्चों को मारती है तो बच्चों को प्यार भी करती है इतना प्यार जो दुनिया का कोई भी **व्यक्ति** घर का कोई भी सदस्य उसे नहीं दे सकता ।

इसलिए बच्चों को सब भूल कर पहिले मां की ईज्जत करना सिखना है उनका कहना माने उनकी हर बात पर ध्यान दे क्योंकि वह मां एक अच्छा इन्सान एक अच्छा नागरिक एक संस्कारी बेटा एक संस्कारी बेटी या बहु जो आगे चलकर मां का व पेरेंट्स का नाम रोशन करे । गर्व से कह सके कि यह मेरा बेटा है या यह मेरी बेटी है । अगर अच्छा इन्सान बनना है तो बचपन में ही अपने बडों की दी हुई शिक्षा अपने टीचर की दी हुई शिक्षा को ध्यानपूर्वक समझे तो ही तुम देश के अच्छे नागरिक बन सकते हो । देश के महान नेता बन सकते हो देश के अच्छे रक्षक बन सकते हो । आज जो हमारे देश के बडे बडे नेता हैं जिनको आज भी हम श्रद्धांजली देते हैं । जिनके ऊपर फूल मालाएं चढाते हैं वे भी किसी मां के लाल है वे किसी मां की बेटियां हैं । जैसे इंदिरा गांधी, झांसी की रानी, सुभाषचंद्र बोस अपने सबसे महान महात्मा गांधी जिन्होंने देश को अंग्रेजो के चंगुल से छुडाया, जवाहरलाल नेहरू, राजेन्द्र प्रसाद और कई ऐसे नेता हुए जिनके कारण हम आज अपने देश में आजादी से सांस ले सकते हैं । आज भी हम सिर ऊँचा करके कह सकते हैं कि भारत हमारा है । हम है भारतवासी.

बस इतना ही

(जय हिंद)

- सौ. माला सी. सकपाल

गोरेगांव, मुंबई

## एक चिट्ठी समधीजी के नाम

सूरज की तरह देदिव्यमान समधीजी एवं चाँदनी सी शीतल समधनजी,

जीवन बहता हुआ पानी है। समय के मानो पंख लगे हैं। कल ही की तो बात है। छोटी सी बिटिया गुडियों से खेलती थी, मुस्काती थी। उसकी भोली मुस्कान देखकर पिता का हृदय गदगद हो उठता था। दादा दादी फूले नहीं समाते थे। वही गुडिया आज अचानक सयानी हो गयी।

मेरी रानी बिटिया आज सोलह श्रंगार सजेगी। हाथों में मेहंदी रंग लायेगी। बिंदिया चमकेगी, चूड़ी खनकेगी। बाबुल का अंगना पीछे छूट जाएगा। माँ के जिस आंचल में छुपकर परिलोक में सो जाती थी, उस आंचल की याद तो आएगी।

बिटिया रानी आज प्रीत की डोर में बंधेगी। परिवार से जुड़ेगी व परिवार को जोड़ेगी। मर्यादाओं की लक्ष्मण रेखा बनाएगी।

समधीजी का परिवार एक विशाल आकाश है। उसे जीवन के नीलाभ गगन पर इन्द्रधनुष की तरह सजा दीजिए।

हमने जो आपको सौंपा है वो हमारे कलेजे का टुकड़ा है। इसे संभालिये, सहजिये, संवारिये। आज हमारी बिटिया रानी आपकी हुई। एक नया अध्याय शुरू हुआ। कागज आपको सौंपा है। अब कागज आपका। स्याही आपकी। कलम भी आपकी।

हमारे हाथ बंधे हैं, मस्तक नत है व आँखे नम है। इससे आगे कुछ भी कहने की क्षमता नहीं है।

- भारती गजरिया  
(जयपुर)

## कान्हा की दीवानी - (भजन)

अपने कान्हा की मैं तो बनी रे दीवानी  
हँसी उड़ाए चाहे सारी दुनिया

मैं तो बनी रे दीवानी

गोवींदा के रंग में, रंग ही मैं जाऊँगी,  
राधाजी के संगमें कनैह्या को निहारूँगी

मैं तो बनी रे दीवानी

मथुरा से आये वो, गोपीयों को भाए वो  
गोकुल से आये वो, ग्वालोको तो भाए वो  
हँसी उड़ाए सारी दुनिया ,

मैं तो बनी रे दीवानी

देवकी के जाये वो, यशोदाजी के प्यारे वो  
वासुदेव के न्यारे वो, नंदबाबा के दुलारे वो  
हँसी उड़ाए चाहे सारी दुनिया

मैं तो बनी रे दीवानी

जगत से न्यारे वो, बड़े ही मायालू वो  
बड़े ही दयालू वो, बड़े ही कृपालु वो  
हँसी उड़ाए चाहे सारी दुनिया

मैं तो बनी रे दीवानी

अपने कान्हा की मैं तो बनी रे दीवानी

- रेणुका गाजरीया

"नारी "

जननी, बेटी, पत्नी बनकर, जिसने जीवन बिताया है  
आज उसे प्रणाम...

हर गम को जिसने, हँसके भुलाया है  
आज उसे प्रणाम...

मनुष्य के अत्याचार सहती है जो  
आज उसे प्रणाम...

हर विषय में जिसने अपना साहस दिखाया है  
आज उसे प्रणाम...

चलाती है ये दुनिया फिर भी जिसकी आँखों में घमंड नहीं  
आज उसे प्रणाम...

करती हूँ मैं उसे शत शत प्रणाम,  
जिसके बिना न दुनिया चल पाती

शिल्पा

## **OUR COMMUNITY & CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS**

We, Thathai Bhatias have kept our individuality in regards to other Bhatias from Sindh. This might be due to our numbers being greater than other Bhatias originating from sindh.

As a part of our culture, and without looking towards governments, our Hindu Society has established Dharamshalas, etc. for Pilgrimage to holy sites.

We, in Thatha, started one such organization, known as "Sewa Fund", which established a hospital in Thatha. The contribution for this came from Asarpota and GokulGandhi families.

Following partition, most of our people settled in Mumbai and Shri Parmanand Haridas Asarpota (Janani) brought government bonds of about Rs. 50,000/-, but he was not satisfied with the attention given to this charitable work.

He wanted to handover the money to a charitable commission, but Shri Muljimal Thawerdas Asarpota (Janani) requested that the charge be handed over to him to run the trust.

By the grace of God, he got Mr. Vishnubha Sadji as the Secretary along with a few young boys to work for the institute.

It is my conviction that every good organization requires the work of such good secretaries, more so than presidents or chairpersons.

Shri. Vishnubha was well-read and had a vision for advancement. He started an annual function at Isardas Haridas Sion Hall and re-introduced Sewa Fund to Thathai Bhatias.

Following, Vishnubha's service, we luckily got another excellent contributor in Shri Kishore Tirthdas Asarpota (Janani), as Secretary, who after hard work, was able to

secure the present plot on which Sewa Fund is based in Kandivali., Mumbai. The amount for purchase of this was donated by Shri Khushaldas Dagra (GokulGandhi) and Shri Tulsidas Fatehchand Asarpota.

Prior to purchase of the Sewa Fund premises, Shri Bathubhaii and Shri Haridas Kewalram (Gokul Gandhi) donated a plot for Kewal Baug which is also situated in Kandivali.

In between, these individuals, we have once again gained a well educated and visionary Secretary in Shri Ashok Mulraj Gajaria, who has once again, enlarged the activities at Sewa Fund and also has established a third Thathai Bhatia organization, as the Panchayat Building, in Kandivali.

Our Hindu civilization is has sustained through the years, while in comparison the older civilizations of the Maya, Incas, Roman, Greek etc. has slowly deteriorated and are being relegated to the pages of history.

In order for us to grow and look towards a brighter future, I would kindly request my community leaders in the Gulf countries, specially Dubai, Kuwait, Oman & most importantly our brothers of the Thathai Hindu Mercantile Community of Baharin, to help and support Shri Ashok Mulraj Gajaria, who by education is an architect, and holds a strong vision for our community, in his efforts and vision to build a township of Thathai Bhatias in India.

I trust that in this project, we can request, as always, for support from Shri Niranjani Hiranandani to assist us, and also gain the support of every Thathai Bhatia who can become trustees for this project.

In coming together for this project, we can show our solidarity and desire to progress further and achieve success.

Many thanks for your continued support.

**Jai Shree Krishna**

**Haridas Gandhi.**



Coming together is ...

**a Beginning**

Keeping together is

**Progress**

Working together is

**Success**

**- Anonymous**

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**SHRI HARIDAS VIROOMAL GANDHI**



### A NOTE

I very sincerely wish to express our gratitude to Puj. Haribha for this article showing so much confidence in our team. However, I must ruefully admit that the proposed project at Deolali still remains as a non starter. the land is there in a most desirable location, plans are ready and approved, brochures distributed to all community folks. Our repeated appeals in this regards have gone in vain and very valuable is lost and we keep losing it. however now, the time only will prove that what big mistake it was to delay the said project. Nonetheless the land lying still vacant has become like a land mark as there is no such land available around anymore. The cost of land which keeps rising will not help but the increasing construction cost will certainly hurt.

We keep hearing various kinds of comments, but hardly one with any sound conviction. If I put forward all those reasons given by some of our people, any person aware with natural urge for easy and fast recognition will see through the real reason. There is sufficient number of members to contribute for halls, rooms, name on the marble plaque etc at Kandivli but find Deolali too far to do it. Sometimes, I get very sad thinking that is a couple of crore too much for some of our folks who with grace of the lord are in a very comfortable position to see the project materialized in no time. the swing of dollar this way or that way causes our rich brothers and sister loose or gain crores but this donation will be engraved in golden letters for ages to come. There is

no swing involved. trust me whoever aas a single person grabs this opportunity to name the whole project after his/her or any member of the family will be always remembered as a sort of pioneer. Shri SO AND SO AROGYA DHAAM !

No I am not trying to dramatize this issue which happens to be a noble cause . Mumbai in next few decades will choke like another big cosmopolitan city of the world, a short term escape in a quiet place like Deolali at that period of time will feel like a boon.

Anyway what more can I say, it sounds like a child like appeal or to some a very cunning ploy but I will never cease to appeal, keep knocking the doors till they fall down. My ideal is Late Puj. Gagibha and I shall too keep my DHOL making sounds. TANVI DHAM DHAM DHOL VAJAAYO KOI DEOLALI KHE THAARENA LAAYE AAYO.

**Ashok Gajria**

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આ ગ્રુપનું ઉદ્ઘાટન દીપજ્યોત કરીને કરવામાં આવ્યું હતું. તેમાં ઈશુભા, સવિતાબેન, નીમૂબેન, પદમણીબેન નેગાંધીએ દીપજ્યોત કરી હતી. તેમજ ખુભાભા, અશોકભાઈ ગાજરીયા, ઈન્દીરાબેન ગાજરીયાએ આવીને આ પ્રોગ્રામની શોભા વધારી હતી. અશોકભાઈનો ખૂબ ખૂબ આભાર તેમના માર્ગદર્શન

તેમજ સહકાર બદ્ધ.

**- પુષ્પા નેગાંધી**

## **SHRI VALLABH SUKHDHAM**

### **SEWAFUND IS NOT A WADI**

Any uncommon concept takes time for most persons to apprehend. SHRI VALLABH SUKHDHAM incidentally too is in a way such uncommon concept. It though originated in SINDH AND HAS SUCH SET-UPS FUNCTIONING IN KARACHI, Hyderabad(Sindh) but little known to most of us in the community particularly the people of our younger generation.

Since its beginning here at SHRI THATHAI BHATIA SHEWA FUND it has been serving its purpose very well and which is to try and propagate doctrines of MAHAPRABHUJI SHRI VALLABHCHARYA in its true essence and spirit. As a matter of fact since its establishment here a new generation of enlightened Vaishnavs in accordance to the doctrines by SHRI VALLABH is taking place as well people of our generation too are made to hear and look at the proper guidelines as provided by the founder and by other enlightened teachers of the past in pursuit of the MARG(path).

In order to retain the sancity of this place concerning its functioning now and in far future a well defined constitution is drafted, carved on marble plaque and put right in the entrance area of the Shri Vallabh SHRI VALLABH SUKHDHAM by Goswami Shri Shyam Manoharji who happens to be THE INSPIRATION for the managing committee to take such a path breaking step.

As a public trust it is mandatory to offer some service to the general public too. This section of our trust in addition to children's school, krishnalaya, library etc does fulfill this requirement within the scope of our

short and long term programes. Every now and then government authorities keep coming out with proposals to envisage working of the institutes registered as charitable trusts and availing income tax rebates. Under such an environment we must maintain a requistic character of our institute. Recently when we expanded our building structures certain areas of our institute were accepted by the evaluating authorities as non commercial and the SHRI VALLABH SUKHDHAM is a part of that category.

After explaining a practical aspect of this set-up let me tell you that it is a collective service by the Thathai Bhatia Community to the SAMPRADYA of its adoption for last over five hundred years, it is indeed a unconditional DAAN of Pushti Margya Gyan to its followers and by no means it is a small gesture, on the contrary the way work done at SHRI VALLABH SUKHDHAM is spreading in other parts of the country more particularly in Gujarat is worth mentioning and is bound to cover more such Pushti Margi Vaishnav societies. If one believes in theory of PUNYA of VDYA DAAN, it certainly goes to the whole community.

I realize that there will be some among us who still are in state of disbelief. How to convince such a lot? Only passage of time will bring the truth home.

I will end this small article with a small often repeated suggestion. Please do visit once in a while the web page uplinked from SHRI VALLABH SUKDHAM premises called <pushtimarg.net>. Trust me no other site offers better information on the MARG. All the others are like Havelis around and among these sites the said web page is SHRI VALLABH SUKDHAM.

**Ashok Gajria.**

## श्रीमदाचार्यचरण प्राक्ट्योत्सव

प्रतिवर्ष अनुसार श्रीवल्लभसुखधाममें श्रीमदाचार्यचरण के प्राक्ट्योत्सव पे पु.पा.गो. श्री श्याममनोहरजी (कीशनगढ-पार्ली) को सर्वोचमस्तोत्र पे प्रवचन ता. 9 मई 06 सून 8 मई 06 पर्यन्त सम्पन्न भयो. प्रथम प्राक्ट्य महोत्सव के दीन 'बधाईगान' सून प्रारंभ भयो. ता पाछे आपश्री ने सर्वोचमस्तोत्रके सर्वलक्षण सम्पन्न, श्रीकृष्णज्ञानदो और गुरु ये तीन नामन् पे प्रवचन को प्रारंभ कीयो.

अपने आचार्य श्रीवल्लभाचार्यजी कैसे सर्वलक्षण सम्पन्न है जासुं जा जीव पे कृपा करे वाको श्रीकृष्ण के स्वरूपको ज्ञान देवेहै अरु का जीवको श्रीकृष्णभक्तिको दान करे है ऐसे गुरुरूप श्रीआचार्यजी है सिद्ध साधन और साध्यसाधन को भेद समझायो. श्री महाप्रभुजी स्वयं आज्ञा करे है जो "इति श्रीकृष्णदासरय वल्लभरय हितं वचः"

अपने पुष्टिभक्तिमार्ग में गुरुरूप श्रीआचार्यजी में सर्वलक्षण सम्पन्नता है वासुं अपने भक्तिमार्गीय प्रोग्राममें प्राणभूततच्च शरणागति समर्पण और सर्वात्मभाव जगायवे को कइ प्रकार नहिं तो वह प्रोग्राम फेईल हो जायेगो.

प्रवचनमें सभी धर्मतमें सर्वलक्षण सम्पन्नता के विविधप्रकार जैसे १) वैदिक धर्म २) कन्फुशीयस ३) बौद्ध धर्म ४) ताओ धर्म ५) जैन धर्म ६) इसाई धर्म ७) शांकरमत वगैरे की समझ दी गई. अन्त में सर्वोचमस्तोत्र की विभिन्न टीका द्वारा नामन् की व्याख्या दी गई.

## जधन्याधिकार संगोष्ठी

श्री वल्लभाचार्य ट्रस्ट (मांडवी) द्वारा 96 एप्रिल से 29 एप्रिल तक श्रीवल्लभसुखधाम में 9पुष्टिभक्तिसाधनामें जधन्याधिकार“ विषय पर विचारगोष्ठीको आयोजन कीयो गयो. प्रथम दिवसीय रात्र में गो.श्री.शरदकुमारजी के अनुरोधसुं गो.श्री. श्याममनोहरजी (कीशनगढ-पार्ली) ने अध्यक्षस्थान ग्रहण कीयो और उपोद्घात वक्तव्य दियो. या विचारगोष्ठी में गो. श्री शरदकुमारजी (मांडवी) और गो.श्री. योगेशकुमारजी (गोकुल-पार्ली) और मुंबई, कोल्हापुर, जुनागढ, भरुच, इन्दोर, अहमदावाद आदि स्थलसे 96 वैष्णवने अपने पेपर प्रस्तुत कीये जीनमें विस्तृत चर्चा की गई.

## गोविंददासजीके पद

### सर्वलक्षण-सम्पन्न

सर्वलक्षण-सम्पन्न सुमिरेते परम सुख होत ॥  
बिन साधन किए उद्धत इकहत्तर कुलगोत ॥१॥  
ऐसी निधि बहुर्यो नहिं पावत श्रीवल्लभ-चरन-सरोज ॥  
शिव विरंचि शचिपति  
सुर नर मुनि हारे करि-करि खोज ॥२॥  
दैवी जन हित करन प्रकटे द्विजवर अवतार ॥  
कहत 'गोविन्द' श्री वल्लभ सुमिरे बिन,  
होत नहीं निस्तार ॥३॥

### श्रीकृष्णज्ञानद

श्रीकृष्णज्ञानद सो मेरे मन भाये ॥  
करि करुना कलियुगमें, निजधाम तजि कृपानिधि  
दैवी जन उद्धारनको, अवनीतल आये ॥१॥  
अन्यभजन असदालाप असत्संग असमर्पित ॥  
काम क्रोध लोभ मोह मत्सर मिटाये ॥२॥  
अपने जीव जानि दया, करि सरनागत-वत्सल ॥  
सिद्धान्त वचनमृत सुबोधिनी सुनायो ॥३॥  
निज-स्वरूप गुप्तरूप जानत है कोउ नाहि ॥  
करना करि श्रीवल्लभ आप सब बताये ॥४॥  
श्रीवल्लभ-चरन-सरोज-रजधन 'गोविन्द'पे  
अति-अभूत महिमा सुजस सब गवाये ॥५॥

### गुरु

गुरु तो श्रीवल्लभजी महाराज ॥  
और गुरु कहावें मिथ्या हरिविमुख करनके काज ॥१॥  
चौदह विद्यानिधि श्रीवल्लभ विदुषवृन्द-सिरताज ॥  
मार्ग पुष्टि भूतल प्रगटायो रह्यो भुवन सब गाज ॥२॥  
श्रीवल्लभ-भानुके दरसतें कमलसैं फूले भक्त-समाज ॥  
आसा परिपूरन भयी 'गोविन्द' गये सकल दुःख भाज ॥३॥

## **INSTITUTIONAL NEWS**

### **Thathai Bhatia Shewa Fund**

#### **Activities at a glance**

We thought it will be a good idea to give you brief information concerning the TBSF- its other activities. The Thathai Bhatia Shewa Fund was registered under Bombay Public Trust Act 1950 on 20th May 1953 and it is functioning at the present site i.e. Shankar Lane, Kandivli (w) , since 1978.

The Institute has come a long way since its inception in Tatta (Sindh) and shifting to Bombay after partition and re-establishment here.

#### **List of services offered by T.B.S.F. at present is given below.**

1. **Homeopathic-Clinic**-consultancy & medicines by a qualified Doctor almost a whole time center.
2. **Polyclinics-consultancy services**, specialist Doctors attend the centre.
3. **Neuro- Therapy**- very popular & 60-70 people take treatment every occasion twice a week.

These services as are redydrd at a very nominal rates to cater the Medical needs of the poor people of the society and TBSF is subsidizing fully to sustain the centre.

**Yoga Centre**- the yoga classes are being held every day in the morning, and once in a week a ladies special yoga classes is binning held on every Wednesdays.

**Library** - A free reading room for all contain News papers, magazines in various languages are being maintained by a full fledged librarian.

**Mahila Vikas Mandal**- Classes organized for girls in tailoring Embroidery & Mehendi classes.

**Financial Aid for Maintenance, Education, and Medical Aid** is being TO

given to needy persons.

**Lifts**- 3 lifts are working-used for Nursery School, sewing class, computer class students & Vallabh Pustakaiaya & many Others.

**Pyau**-free supply of cold & filtered drinking water to all.

**K.G. School-Playgroup, Nursery, Jr kg & Sr kg. classes** are being held. New admissions were well managed by coordinated efforts of teachers. The school reopen on 9th June Monday. During vacation- all benches repaired & painted All clean rooms were painted. and school thoroughly cleaned.

**Old age home**- Is being Maintained with separate cook & Aya For Krishnalaya old age home.

**Hall Services**- Free services of the hall are given for 3rd Ceremony (Baithak) 13th day & 6th Month & 12th Month ritual of the deceased.

**Sanskrit Classes** - Free Sanskrit classes are being conducted forbenefit of all.

**Pushti Marg**- Sunday classes for learning are regularly being held in addition to kirtan classes.

**Sukhdham Sangnak Kendra(Computer Center)**

The computer center is working soothly at present there are 2 batches of 7 students each. Presently courses include Ms Offices (Basic Course) with internet and Tally 7.2.

**Polio Drop Facility** - 3 camps were arranged with the Co-Operation of B.M.C. and large numbers of children were benefited.

**Karate Classes** -

Karate Classes are new addition of activity, which is essential for self defence. Boys & Girls have taken active interest.

One Bhatia boy had earned black belt certification.

**PROGRAMMES HELD BY VALLABH SUKHDHAM**

Event	By	Subject	Date and Time	Address	Contact Person
Seminar	Pujya Shri Shyammanoharji (Krsihangadh-Parla)	Jaghanyadhikar	April 18,2008 to April 21, 2008 3.00 p.m. to 9.00pm	Shri Vallabh Sukhdham C/o. Thattai Bhatia Shewa Fund,Shanker Lane, Kandivali (W), Mumbai 400067	
Pravachana	Pujya Shri Shyammanoharji (Krsihangadh-Parla)	Sarvottam Stotara	May 1, 2008 to May 7, 2008 at 7.00 p.m. to 10.00pm	Shri Vallabh Sukhdham C/o. Thattai Bhatia Shewa Fund,Shanker Lane, Kandivali (W), Mumbai 400067	

*Shri Lalchand T Gajria Deputy Manager T.B.S.F. has resigned of his own will w.e. of 31st May, 2008.*

*He had served T.B.S.F. for a period of eight years. T.B.S.F. will always remembers his dedicated services. Colleagues will miss his calm & cool nature and staff will miss his valuable guidance.*

*We all wish him peaceful retirement life.*

Readers will be glad to know that Shri Lalchand T Gajria will be associated with us in Editorial team of Samvad and as Committee member & Hon. Secretary of Puj Thattai Bhatia Panchayat.

**Editor Samvad**

**2) Sixteen year old Sunayana Bhatia**

scored the highest marks in Bahrain in the All India Senior Secondary School certificate examination this year. The former Asian School 10th grader obtained 94.4 percent as well as topped the scores for Mathematics and Hindi languages. a total of 10,327 candidates took exam from Gulf countries, including 734 from Bahrain, Sunayana, who is now a commerce student at the indian School, hopes to be a Chartered Accountant in the future like her father.

She is daughter o Nilesh Jyoti Bahrain, Grand-daughter of Chandubha and Geetaben.

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**YOUNG ACHIEVERS**

1) It was a matter of joy & pride that one Bhatia boy who enrolled in our karate classes conducted by Shotokan Karate Academy of India was awarded black belt by chief Instructor-senal Amit Patel in presence of distinguished gathering.

Shri Yash Bhatia is son of Smt Rekha & Shri Kamal and is grandson of Mr & Mrs Ram Bhatia(Adipur,) Living in Shankar Lane) Ashish to young achiever & congratulations to Family members.

### **Kewal Baug Trust Celebrated Cheti Chand.**

Kewal Baug Trust celebrated with great zeal the cheti chand on the 4th Mar 2008. About 700 members of the community participated in the function.

The entire programme was meticulously planned and performed By the members of Bhagini Mahila Mandal. Smt. Sunita Bhatia compered the Programme and her colleagues made the evening more alluring.

Shri Issardas Hemandas, the Managing Trustee of Kewal Baug Trust and Shri Ram C. Bhatia of Shree Thathai Bhatia Panchayat talked about the conception of celebrating cheti chand and how the idea of celebrating the event has grown over past few years.

The evening was more than made enjoyable by a group of ladies who sang Sindhi Bhajans. Two children (a boy and a girl) performed dance of Radhe Krishan, which was enthusiastically applauded by the entire audience.

The evening was also enjoyed by the audience who played games under the stewardship of Smt. Sunita Bhatia.

The celebration was followed by our traditional Thathai Bhatia delicious cusine of 'Tari-Pota', Plain Rice, White Soft Halwa, Kachories, Chokhan-ji-Puris, 'Khicho Sag' Fried Potato pieces and Bhavnagri Ganthias.

**Issardas Hemandas  
Managing Trustee.**

### **Holi Festival :**

Shree Thathai Bhatia Panchayat celebrated Holi Festival on 21st March 2008 at Kewal Baug in the open space at 6.30 p.m. Members with their families graced the occasion and participated in the evening festivities, around 500 persons attended the Holi Function which was the great success.

### **Announcement**

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

All Members are also requested to contact Panchayat office for:

- The members who have not paid their Subscription fee for the year 2006-2007, 2007-2008 & 2008-2009 are requested to pay their Subscriptions at Panchayat office.
- New Membership forms can be collected from Panchayat office.
- Members desirous of having community certificates for admission purpose etc should give their applications to the Panchayat office.

Contact - Usha Bhatia

Tel. No. 28091770/ 28070377 p.p.

In case of any difficulty they should contact us.

**Issardas H Asserpota** - Hon. President  
**Ramchandra C. Bhatia** - Hon. Secretary  
Tel. No. 28012413

## **SHRADDHANJALI**

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>
28.02.08	Dharamshy Hemandas Gandhi	70
05.04.08	Hiranand Jethanand Kandhari Khiara	74
07.04.08	Kaushaliya Assandas Negandhi	90
19.04.08	Hemandas Mohandas Jhaveri	75
01.05.08	Jethanand Tulsidas Asarpota	

Issardas H. Asserpota  
(Hon. President)

Ramchandra C. Bhatia  
(Hon. Secretary)

## PROGRESS REPORT

### A BRIEF REPORT ON THE PROPOSED BUILDING AT KANDIVLI WEST OF SHREE THATHAI BHATIA PANCHAYAT

We have received an approval from BMC to proceed with the working drawings to be submitted for availing a work-commencing certificate. This part of work of preparing the drawings is well in progress. Meanwhile we have invited the tenders for demolition of the existing building on the proposed site of our new building project. Cleaning of the site is a pre-requisite in order to avail a work commencement order by BMC according to our architect Mr. Yashwant Dandekar.

We shall revert back to you in order to keep you informed about the progress made in regards to this project.

It is matter of great pleasure that our community members are donating to Shree Thathai Bhatia Panchayat.

The details are as follows :

1. Smt. Laxmi R. Kettiwalla Rs.51,000/-
2. Bhatia Bhagini Rs. 55,000/  
- Mandal Members

We acknowledge the receipt of above and profound thank tos to donors.

**Issardas Hemandas Asserpota**  
**Hon. President**

## खत आधी मुलाकात होते हैं

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कुछ खत आधी मुलाकात होते हैं  
इसीलिए तो हम और आप  
खत की बाट जोहते हैं

खत में कभी खुद को  
कभी उनको टोहते हैं

कई कई खत मन को बहुत मोहते हैं  
कई खत दर्द दिल को दोहते हैं  
खतों की कितनी परिभाषा है  
मगर खत की हर खत की  
एक ही भाषा है.

कुछ खत जेठ की धूप होते हैं  
कुछ सावन की बरसात होते हैं  
खत आधी मुलाकात होते हैं

खतों की कहानी  
सदियों पुरानी है

खतों की बात मुश्किल समझती है  
खतों की जात भला किसने जानी है.

खत कभी दर्द

कभी खुशियाँ बांटते हैं

खत कभी मां बनकर जख्म सहलाते हैं  
कभी पिता बनकर डांटते हैं

खत का दिल से बहुत पुराना नाता है.

खत में लिखा हर शब्द रूह तक जाता है

मुझे तो खत का हर उनवान बहुत भाता है

कुछ खत दिवस से उजले कुछ खत स्याह नैन होते हैं

कुछ खत खाली खाली निरे दिखावटी होते हैं

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Shree Ram Navmi Function was held on Monday 14th April, 2008.

Pujya 108 Shree Darshan Goswamiji & A.Sau. Shree Shefali Bahuji from (Kadi- North Gujrat arrived in Bahrain on 15th May 2008.

Discourse on Seva-Reet-Preet Braj-Jan-Ki was held from 17th May, 2008 to 23rd May, 2008 at Thattai Hindu Community Bahrain.

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## LISTEN

*Listen to everyone, but don't say a word.*

*In this manner, remain in thge world.*

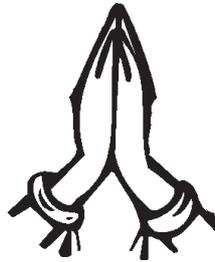
*Perform your vows and practices with sincerity- they will carry you across the mind ocean.*

*Greet all without negativity, and remain in the illumination of devotional association.*

*Rasakhan says,*

*"Worship Govinda the way a village woman balances a water jug upon her head,with effortless concentration".*

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