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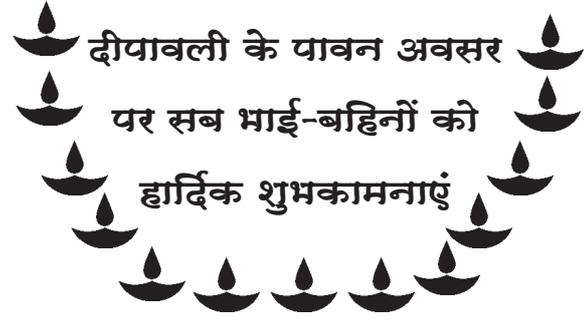
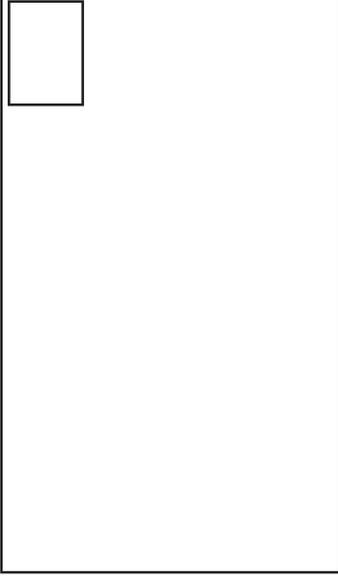
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नीरव स्वर

[ओ गो मौन! ना जदि कओ]

प्रभु! तेरा अनन्त मौन भी मुझे स्वीकार है-
तेरी नीरवता को ही मैं हृदय में भर लूंगा!
तेरी प्रतीक्षा में झुकी हुई यह नीरव रात्रि
तारों का दीपक जलाकर अनिमेष नेत्रों से
तेरी राह देखा करती है ।
मैं भी वही स्तब्ध प्रतीक्षा
अपने हृदय में भर लूंगा !
जब प्रभात की वेला आएगी,
अंधकार दूर होगा-
तेरी वीणा के सुनहरे तारों से प्रस्फुटित स्वर
- धारा आकाश को खंड - खंड करके
पृथ्वी पर छा जाएगी-
उस समय मेरे मन - पंछी का घोंसला भी
तेरे गीत, तेरे स्वरों से मुखरित हो जाएगा
न? और तेरी ही स्वर - कलिका मेरे
उद्यान की वन - लताओं पर फूल
बनकर खिल पड़ेगी न?

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Poem by Ravindranath Tagore

संपादकीय

पाठकवृन्द । संवाद का अक्टूबर-दिसम्बर का अंक आपकी सेवा में प्रस्तुत है । अगले आने वाले महीनों में नवरात्रि पर्व का स्वागत है । मातृशक्ति के ९ रूपों एवम् गुणों के आधार पर यह पर्व मनाया जाता है ।

पूजा के समय नमस्तस्ये नमो नमः के द्वारा मातृशक्ति को इतना ऊंचा स्थान देने की यह परम्परा हमारे देश के अलावा दुनिया में नहीं है। पितृ पक्ष अर्थात् श्राद्ध १५ दिन के लिए मनाए जाते हैं जिसमें हम अपने दिवंगत पितरों को याद करते हैं । हमारे देश की यह विशेषता है कि हम अपने बड़ों को सम्मानपूर्वक याद करते हैं और उन्हें नहीं भूले हैं । आज तो यह देखने में आ रहा है कि उम्र के एक पड़ाव पर मा बाप का बंटवारा हो जाता है एक पुत्र मा को रखेगा तो दूसरा पिता को, जैसे आजकी चर्चित फिल्म में दिखाया है जो एक सच्चाई है । अगर इस पर्व पर अपने पितरों के साथ २ जीवित बुजुर्गों को थोड़ा सा प्यार, सम्मान देने की भावना बनाएँ, तो जीवन में मधुरता आयेगी एवम् माता पिता के आशीर्वाद कवच बन कर हर मुसीबत में आपकी रक्षा करेंगे ।

संवाद में प्रकाशित सामग्री घर के हर सदस्य एवम् हर उम्र के व्यक्ति रुचि लेकर पढ़ें एवम् हर आने वाले अंक का इन्तजार करें इसलिए प्रकाशित सामग्री मौलिक हो एवम् इसमें हमारे समाज के हर वर्ग का योगदान हो चाहे वह बालक हो, युवा हो, महिला हो कामकाजी या गृहिणी या सम्मानित बुजुर्ग सदस्य, उनसे मेरा नम्र निवेदन है कि संग्रहीत सामग्री के बजाय अपनी खुद की रचना भेजें चाहे वह कविता हो, यात्रा सस्मरण पर रचना बड़ी न हों ।

दिवाली शुभकामनाओं के साथ



सम्पादक
रामचन्द्र सी भाटिया

EDITORIAL

The coming months are full of festivals. Dasera, Diwali - Navratri etc. Let us first wish A VERY HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS DIWALI AND NEW YEAR to the entire Bhatia community. and particularly to the readers of the SAMVAD.

Diwali is a festival of rejoicing with the whole community, country and the nature to mark the reunion of the fraternity and brotherhood. As we traditionally believe in **सर्व भयन्तु सुखिनः**: we always wish unity of brotherhood for whole mankind. Let us all beome united to bring laurels to our dear community.

Our Samvad "Editor" who had very successfully edited the Samvad for last few years with timely regular publication - Shri Ram Lilwa deserves our sincere appreciation for his services. Sponsors of Samvad i.e. Thathai Bhatia Shewa Fund, Thathai Bhatia Panchayat, Kewal Baug Trust thank him for good work done by him and sincerely hope that his guidance and support will always be available to Samvad readers. Shri Ram Lilwa had a successful career of 58 years as he rose from Accounts Clerk to DY General Manager (of Defence Accounts). He belonged to a generation which cherished the ideal of integrity, honesty and sincerity & observe them in daily life. We wish him a contented life.

The new issue is in your hand which we hope you will enjoy as we have enjoyed it putting together for you.

Editor
Ram C. Bhatia



ARCHIVES

GOD

What is the best prayer of God ?

Remember Him but ask Him nothing.
Immediately you ask Him for something,
He gets frozen.

May I know the utility of God ?

Useful as a touchstone for human virtues
and some one to pray to and blame when
things go wrong.

Do you fear God?

Much less than I fear men. God does not
acquire prejudices as fast as men do

What is the difference between nature
and God ?

Nature is the halo of God. Even God
needs Glamour.

Why do people generally begin
worshipping God in old age ?

By that time the devil becomes anaemic
and makes room for God.

Have you ever seen God ?

I have felt his presence in the different
pains of life. God is both love and pain.

Why did God create flowers ?

To give the world his definition of gentle
beauty and polite fragrance.

Who rules the world : God or Satan ?

God rules it, but Satan runs it.

Why don't you go to temple every
Sunday ?

Hindus dont believe in Sunday Gods.

**From the old issues of
MOTHER INDIA
Edited by Late Dr. Baburao Patel**

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.

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will be suitably rewarded. Editorial
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Hindi or in our diction of Thathai Sindhi
(Gujrati or Devnagri)

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CHINTAN

SPACE TIME WE AND ARABIC

We need to assess our 'present' in the Gulf region appropriately taking into account the experiences of the past, the current situation projecting the possibilities of future at all levels of our work which the community is presently engaged in. In order to do this a prime requisite is to detoxify ourselves from the material gains we have been very fortunate to enjoy, which are also the fruits of the seeds sown by our elders couple of centuries ago. Even those who have made themselves on their own should realize that they too are indirectly indebted to our older generations for being at the right places at the right time with right approach. It was a journey by wooden boats with sails from delta of river Sindhu most probably from a port called DEWAL BUNDER. There after in steamers from Karachi and Bombay and today we just fly to gulf region from anywhere at anytime. From a state of a choiceless sailing boats to the choicest airlines and with the options of classes. From a state of cooking our own meals on the decks of steamers to a state of being served drinks and meals of our choice, duty free selection of various items on board, and from the days of sailing on boats for days together to flying time of very few hours that too without botheration of sea sickness to a minimum occasional bumps due to air pockets with handy bags in front of us in case of any air sickness etc. etc. Indeed a dreamlike situation It is a true case of appreciation and satisfaction as well and

inspiration for a still brighter future. After the era of Pearl business was almost over in the Gulf due to arrival of cultured pearls from Japan, majority of our community persons being educated reasonably well for such clerical jobs opted for working in banks, shipping companies and oil companies etc. Most of us belong to that middle or higher middle class segment of the society and financially speaking are comfortably placed.

During the period immediately after the country's partition our womenfolk of that time also contributed considerably to enhance the financial position of their respective families. This was done also through the trips (carrying golden ornaments, foreign fabrics, perfumery) and many such tit bit items called "imported stuff", made by our womenfolk as well jointly by our men too on their yearly or three yearly vacations to India. We must admit that it was never a matter of selection, pride or glory for our community but the circumstances compelled most of us to opt for such not very upright way of making monetary gains. However after the partition and by loosing our home town Nagar Thatta which sheltered us during our good and bad days in the sense of insecurity was so acute that such outlets of our earning were forcibly adopted by many amongst us. It was indeed a situation of no choice and those who are critical of such happenings I am afraid do not realize the facts appropriately. Our community psyche has been certainly adversely affected from such phenomenon but it indeed was a matter of no choice during that period of a great turmoil.

All this is a long past and presently most of us are very well settled and can be categorized as a community mainly consisting of high middle class and middle class, which is certainly an achievement in the duration of last fifty plus years after the partition. Furthermore it is very heartening to see our younger generation wiping out those scars of rather sad memories by going for higher education and the number of such category keeps increasing day by day. Some of our youngsters have made to far away countries like USA, Canada, New Zealand etc. Youngsters in the GULF have succeeded in obtaining good positions in the field of services and also have come out with flying colors in various professions as well as in business of various kinds. Today the picture is very different in comparison. There is no dearth of modern amenities in this technically advanced region. What we have to realize or assess is the picture several years ahead.

My brief and precise suggestion, message or appeal here to all concerned is to learn the local language that I have been repeatedly suggesting to our younger folks based on my personal experience. Arabic and Persian both were fluently spoken by our elders in the past and that was a key factor of their success in the Gulf region. Those were indeed very hard day's of living however appropriate knowledge of the local languages made things a lot easier and life more tolerable. Mingling with locals and communicating with them in their own tongue must have given them considerable

sense of security which with our quite HI FI English we don't seem to have while we talk to them. Only our alien status gets further fortified and resulting in a kind of mental and emotional uneasiness. We may accept it or not but it is a fact and we can not afford to turn away from this large looming reality over us. With rapid localization programs and schemes in offing through out the Gulf region, knowledge of the local language will keep the younger lot a step ahead. No doubt it is difficult for the locals to replace all the expatriate labor but the time is nearing when the service class people will have to cope with a much tougher situation than a few years ago. Only a high degree of competitive spirit will help us survive and there is no substitute to it. Therefore, I earnestly wish to suggest to all our community members settled in the GULF and particularly the youngsters to go headlong and equip themselves at least with a workable knowledge of ARABIC. I do realize that it is not easy to start learning a new language at a later stage of life. Unless there is no conviction the mind will ever respond to any action in a new direction. I have found out that there are various types of courses and facilities available to learn the language as per the individual's degree of aptitude and capacity. Let us form a group or groups of people with this common interest in mind, please detoxify yourself from the recent material achievements made by yourself or your parents, and only then can a group be formed. Are we ready?

Ashok Gajria

पुकरण न्याणी

मेरी बुआ सास स्व देवकीबाई खुशालदास भाटिया कहती थी 'न्याणी जे वण जे छां में भि न वेजे' अर्थात् लड़की के ससुराल की पेड़ की छांव में भी नहीं बैठना चाहिये। इस विषय पर मैं उनके साथ दलील करती थी, इस पर या तो वह डाँट देती थी या हथियार डाल कर कहती थी 'बडा चईधा वा' अर्थात् बड़े बुढ़े ऐसे कहते थे।

पर ऐसी बातें सुनकर ही तो संस्कार बनते हैं। मेरा बेटा चेतन कोई १५, १६ साल का होगा जब अपनी चचेरी बहन वर्षा की सगाई के बाद माल देने उसके ससुराल गया। वहाँ उसकी सास ने मिन्नत कर उसे कॉफी पिलवाई। घर आते ही दादी से कहा 'भाभी' मैंने कुछ गलत तो नहीं किया उन्होंने काफी मिन्नते की तो मैं मना नहीं कर सका।

हम तब बेहरन में रहते थे। हमारे परिवार के साथ गुल्लुभाई (जवाहर लालचन्द गाजरिया) के परिवार का काफी आना-जाना था। लड़की वाले लड़के वालों के घर खाते पीते नहीं उसके वो बहुत विरुद्ध थे। मुझे कहते थे 'बहन' यह क्या आज हम एक दूसरे के घर खाते पीते हैं कल को कोई रिश्ता बन गया तो क्या एक दूसरे के लिये अछूत बन जाएंगे। मैं इस प्रथा को तोड़ने की कोशिश करूँगा। अब वे तो इस दुनिया में नहीं हैं पर बड़ी खुशी होती है देखकर कि उनके भाई अपनी ससुराल वाले या भतीजों के ससुराल वालों को

मिन्नत से सम्मान के साथ खिलाने का आग्रह करते हैं। अर्थात् उनकी इच्छानुसार इस बेड़ी को तोड़ने की कोशिश कर रहे हैं।

मेरी जानकारी के अनुसार सिन्ध के अन्य हिस्सों में यह प्रथा प्रचलित नहीं है अर्थात् यह हमारे राजपूत परंपरा का ही हिस्सा है जो अब तक चला आ रहा है।

विचार और गति से आगे चलें। भारत के अन्य हिस्से कैसे इसे लेते हैं। गुजरात में यह जरा भी नहीं है। गुजराती माँ बाप लड़की के यहाँ आते जाते हैं, खाते पीते हैं। राजस्थान, यू.पी. व बिहार, वहाँ यह अपनी चरम सीमा पर है अर्थात् गाँव की बेटा जहाँ ब्याही गई वहाँ का पानी पीना भी वर्जित है। विचारधारा आगे चली, बंगाल में एक बार लड़की को बच्चा हो जाये तो लड़की के माँ बाप खा पी सकते हैं। दक्षिण भारत की जानकारी मुझे जरा भी नहीं है।

श्रीकृष्ण अपनी छोटी बहन सुभद्रा के यहाँ आते थे रहते थे, जैसा कथाओं में उल्लेख आता है। तो फिर यह प्रथा कब और कैसे पनपी जो कि भारत के इतने बड़े हिस्से में फैली हुई है क्या किसी को इसकी जानकारी है? क्या कारण या वजह थी इसके प्रचलित होने की या जैसे मैंने उपर कहा है कि संस्कार सुनने से बन गये और एक पीढ़ी से दूसरी पीढ़ी तक और ज्यादा अंकुश बनाते गये कोई इस पहेली को सुलझायेगा?

इन्दिरा गाजरिया

NADIAD VISIT

Our Medical Treatment a wonderful Experience to share at P.P. Patel Ayurveda Hospital. Nadiad.

I Kishore . H. Bhatia residing at Dubai was taking various medicines since years for cure of skin ailment. One of my business associate told me and insisted that I must consult once in the above Hospital which I did sometime back and got considerable improvement. During my second visit to India. I shared this with my friends Shri. Ashok .M .Gajria and Shri Ram. C. Bhatia who are associated with our institute Thathai Bhatia Shewa Fund and Shri Thathai Bhatia Panchayat and went to Nadiad. Shri Ram. C. Bhatia who was suffering from Backache problem since last two months phoned me his intention to come for treatment. He joined there and we both were together for twenty days we both were benifited by the improvement in short span we returned at Mumbai with wonderful experience to share with our community members through our magazine Samvad - relevant information in brief regarding the above institute.

Introduction

The institute established in 1938 with small begining developed in the form of huge campus with several building stractures comprising J. S. Ayurveda College , P. P. Patel Ayurveda, hospital and Sunder Ayurveda Pharmacy.

1) P.P. Patel Ayurveda Hospital

Accomodation

The hospital has 25 special rooms attached

with toilets and hot water supply. Three rooms are air - conditioned. There are three general wards and one semi - special ward for 75 patients.

Food

The hospital has its own kitchen to provide pure vegetarian, fresh and disease wise food according to ayurvedic principles to the patients

Laboratory

Well equipped pathology laboratory - Four weeks prior information is necessary, to book the accomodation in the hospital, super **fast trains take about** 7 hours from Mumbai - By air it only takes one hour to reach the nearest Airport in Ahemadabad which is 70kms away, one can take a taxi from there or Hospital can arrange transportation on request, prior information of exact time of flight arrival and number with firm booking Cost - Being a non - profit organisation the price of treatments and other facilities are fixed to meet the expenses only. In special rooms daily cost usually doesn't exceed Rs 600 - 700/- about 15- 20 U. S dollars per day - which include accomodation food and treatment, poor patients are treated without cost in general ward

1) Treatment Principles

To maintain health, Ayurveda emphasizes on wholesome daily routine, wholesome food, pure rasayana & balance mental status..

To restore health, treatment includes avoidance of the causes of disease, eradivative treatment external & internal

purification of the body by Panchakarma which have five procedures meant for eradicating of harmful substances from the body.

Different types of massages, application of different plant preparation for external purification.

Treatment include suitable food, wholesome activities.

2. Approach

Patients often come after taking a lot of allopathic treatment. Sudden withdrawal of medicines result into discomfort & pain. So essential part of the previous treatment is not withdrawal. Any withdrawal is made according to patients condition & progress on day to day observation & vital laboratory investigations.

Significant response from the patients getting benefit in the following disease are milestones Hospital had achieved. These are:-

1. Renal failure
2. Heart diseases
3. Ulcerative colities
4. Rheumatoid arthritis
5. Asthama
6. Chronic skin disease (e.g. Psoriasis)

Presently this Ayurvedic Hospital is very popular and patients from Gujarat, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan were there when we were there. It has attracted many patients from abroad. About 200 patients from western countries visit the hospital including 30 - 40 patients from

Germany and Switzerland. Dr Gupta (Superint.) visits these countries twice a year to give lectures on Ayurved in the European Academy of Ayurveda which is the largest teaching institute for Ayurveda there.

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As the institute is charitable organisation running Maha Gujarat Society which had nice Chairman and devoted Hon. Gen Secretary - Shri Anoop Desai who had worked hard to turn this institute into modern standard hospital.

We thank all the above gentlemen with profound gratitude and hope you all find the same when you visit next sometimes.

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(सावरे भये श्री वल्लभ अपने)

The **SUKHDHAM** at our Seva fund is a Temple Of Shri Mahaprabhuji, where katha, varta, and sankirtan by Vaishnavs take place according to Shri Vallabhs teachings essentially for the realization of Pushti Bhakti without any monetary considerations direct or even remotely indirect.

Quite often we are asked by visitors to **sukhdham** that why **Shri Mahaprabhuji's swarupa** is carved out of black marble and why not in white marble?

It was indeed a dilemma when we resolved to go for its realization. How to determine about such an important issue? We decided to submit our problem to Goswami Shri Shyam Manoharji and his suggestion was to opt for black marble or granite for its sculpting. His reasons for this suggestion given were very straightforward. He explained that **throughout the country mostly in all our temples built according to the VEDIC traditions, the moortees installed inside the sanctum were carved out of black marble or granite and also Shri Mahaprabhuji is known to have dark shaded complexion and thus black marble seems to be a natural choice.**

It was mostly in the Jain Deharsars that icons were carved in white marble in accordance to their own convictions traditions or whatever other reasons.

Settling the issue in this manner we determined to get the SWARUPA of Shri Mahaprabhuji done in black marble at Jaipur.

Colours have been used by people of *vedic* origin from ancient times in order to illustrate various spiritual principles. For example, yellow symbolizes renunciation, red denotes activity, white denotes purity, and blue represents infinity etc. In our case we have perhaps substituted blue with the black the *shyama ranga* (श्याम रंग) or *sanvara ranga* and that symbolizes closer affinity with Lord Krishna of whose **Nirguna** (निर्गुण) or **Nishkama Bhakti** (निष्काम भक्ति) our Shri Vallabha advocates. The intention of selecting dark colour is to maintain that affinity and hold on to that *bhava* (भाव) of **tadamiyata** (तद्मियता) and **tadashrya** (तद्श्रय) that is a sense of belonging and reliance. Ultimately our is a system of establishing that **bhava** (भाव) in a statue and thus it becomes a *swarupa* otherwise the **braham** (ब्रह्म) is intrinsically in everything, is everything and is everywhere without any exception whatsoever. On the surface, this matter of *bhava* (भाव) may seem to be absurd or even dumb some, but discovering the deeper meaning of such sense of *bhakti* by invoking and establishing a particular *bhava* (भाव) is sheer joy! Pushti Marga employs the art of establishing *bhava* with amazing effect.

The **swarupa** (स्वरूप) was proposed to represent three modes of Shri Vallabh's being, his **adhibhautic** (आधिभौतिक),

adhyatmic (आध्यात्मिक) and ***adhidhaivik swarupa*** (आधिदैविक स्वरूप) all in one place. The statue itself is his adhibautic swarupa (आधिभौतिक), his presence in **sukhdham** as his ***adhyatmic swarupa*** (आध्यात्मिक स्वरूप) and these two aspects of his being inspiring sense of ***adhidaivika swarupa*** (आधिदैविक स्वरूप) in the eyes mind and hearts of his true followers. Dark is the complexion of Shri Krishna whom he represents and preaches to be served, dark is the complexion of Shri Yamunaji who represents literally the concept of his Nirguna Bhakti (निर्गुण भक्ति). We as Pushti Margis can never imagine of separating this divine combination of three. Let us all try to relish ***darshana*** (दर्शन) of Shri Mahaprabhuji at **sukhdham** in that context and cease from draining away our **bhava** (भाव) in any other irrelevant contexts.



Sanvare hai shri Krishna apne,
 (साँवरे है श्री कृष्ण अपने)
 Sanvari maa yamuna bhi,
 (साँवरी माँ यमुना भी)
 Sanvare bhaye shri vallabha apne ,
 (सावरे भये श्री वल्लभ अपने)
 ab ho gayaa sab sanvara hi!
 (अब हो गया सब साँवरा ही)

Ashok Gajria

E-MAIL COMMUNICATION LIFE BLOOD

Introduction

Email or Electronic mail, has become the single most used electronic application over the Internet in the last 2 decades. According to International Data Corporation (IDC), on an average day in the year 2000, 5.1 billion emails are sent in the US and 8.2 billion worldwide. Some facts about Email

Email came into existence with the electronic exchange of information between companies in the 1960s and 1970s in the United States, but its history can effectively be traced back to the first telegraph message sent electronically.

Email is cheaper and faster than a letter, less intrusive than a phone call, less hassle than a FAX.

Email works on the basis of email addresses which are like individual virtual postboxes.

An email may pass through several *mail servers*, computers on the Internet assigned with the job of relaying email to its final destination.

Email is transmitted extremely quickly and an email from Los Angeles to Mumbai can be received in the matter of a few seconds.

Email can be sent to one or more people at the same time.

Email is sent and read through a **mail client**. A few of the more popular mail clients are Microsoft Outlook, Outlook Express, Netscape Communicator, Eudora, etc.

Email can contain other documents such as pictures, sounds, movies, etc. of limited

sizes.

The correct format of an email address is: someone@somewhere.com, where someone will be the name or email identification of the person you are sending the email to, the somewhere.com is either company name or the name of the service from where they access email. The address may end with a .com, .edu, .net etc. based on the institution providing the email service. Email: Do's & Don'ts

Make sure the email address you are sending to does not contain spaces.

Always use a proper subject line in the email

Keep your messages short and focused.

Avoid sending e-mails to large number of people unless you have a serious reason to do it. Sending unsolicited mail to large number of users is known as SPAM and is the number one problem on the Internet today.

Using Email

To send email:

Open your e-mail program and launch a new message window by clicking on the New Message button or icon.

In the **TO** box, type the name of the recipient. It should take this form: **recipient@domain.com**. Make sure you enter the address correctly or the message will return to you.

Type the subject of the e-mail.

Write your message in the message window.

You can also add attachments to the email by selecting them from your computer. To

add attachments, click the attach button or icon and locate and select the file you would like to send with the email. A typical maximum size for the mail would be 2 MB (megabytes).

Reading Email:

When an email arrives in your mail client, it will be put in the *Inbox*. By selecting and double clicking on the email, it will be opened and you can read it.

Replying is a simple process very similar to sending email.

Some useful links

Webwise:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/webwise/course/index.shtml>

Internet 101:

<http://www.internet101.org/email.html>

Learn the Net:

<http://www.learnthenet.com/english/section/email.html>

This was a brief understanding on what is Email and provides introductory information on using it.

In today's highly electronic world, it has become necessary to learn these new tools to communicate and interact with business associates, friends and family.

In today's age, when families are highly dispersed throughout the world, tools like Email, have made it easy to stay in touch with friends and loved ones. No doubt the Internet will shape future communications, far beyond the current uses.

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કેશવસૃષ્ટિ ગૌશાલા

ભાયંદરથી થોડે અંતરે ઉત્તાન કરીને એક ગામ છે. એમાં આ કેશવસૃષ્ટિ ગૌશાલા છે. ત્યાં જતાંજ એમ લાગે કે કેશવે ખરેખર આ સ્વર્ગ જેવી સૃષ્ટિ બનાવી છે. એમ જ થયું કે સાચું સ્વર્ગ જ અહીં છે.

પૂજ્ય શ્રી નારીભા વલ્લભદાસ આસરપોટા એ પોતાની માતા હીરાવતીનાં નામે આ ગૌશાલાને ઘણી મદદ કરી છે. નારિયળનાં, કેરીનાં, પપૈયા અને કેળાનાં ઝાડ અલગ અલગ શાકભાજીઓ, વનસ્પતિઓ બંને બાજુ પહાડી, આગળ સમુદ્ર નો આનંદ માણી શકાય, ગૌશાલાનો કારભાર ઘણો વ્યવસ્થિત છે. ત્યાં કામ કરતા ભાઈઓ નિસ્વાર્થભાવ સેવા કરે છે.

ગૌ આપણી માતા છે. એના છાણ - મૂત્રમાંથી દવાઓ જેવી કે ડાયાબીટીસ માટે, શેમુ દંતમંજન, ધૂપ વગેરે બને છે. ગૌમૂત્ર માટે લોકો હવે ઘણા જાગૃત થયા છે. હિન્દુધર્મ માં તો એનું ધણું મહત્વ છે. ગૌમૂત્રમાં પોટેશિયમ, કેલ્શિયમ, ફોસ્ફેટ એમોનીયા છે. અનેક રોગોમાં એ રામબાણ દવા છે. આ ગૌમૂત્ર ખાલી દેશી ગાયનું જ કામ લાગે છે. જે ગાયો અહીં છે, દેશમાં તો એની માંગ છે. પણ હવે પરદેશમાં પણ માંગ વધી રહી છે.

ગૌમૂત્ર, મનુષ્ય તથા વનસ્પતિ જગતને પ્રાપ્ત થનારો દુર્લભ વરદાન છે. આરોગ્યરક્ષક રસાયણ છે. આ સંસ્થા કતલખાનામાં જતી, માંદી જે દૂધ ન આપતી હોય ગાયો જેને છોડી દેવામાં આવે છે, તેનું પાલન કરે છે. એની આગળ હનુમાન મંદિર, ગૌશાલા અને વાનપ્રસ્થાશ્રમ અને શાળા જે ઠથા ધોરણથી ચાલુ થઈ ૧૨મા ધોરણ સુધી છે.

રહેવાની હોસ્ટેલની સગવડ ઘણી સારી છે. C.B.S.E. નો કોર્સ છે. તથા ગાયોનું દૂધ શાળાના બાળકોને આપવામાં આવે છે.

આર્યુવેદિક દવામાં કામ લાગતી વનસ્પતિ, ઝાડ, જડીબુટ્ટીઓ વગેરેની ખેતી પણ છે. કોલેજનાં સ્ટુડન્ટ્સ અને જેમને જાણકારી જોઈતી હોય તેઓ પણ ત્યાં જાય છે જેને આ સંસ્થા માટે વધારે જાણકારી જોઈતી હોય તો, કેશવસૃષ્ટિ ઉત્તાન ભાયંદર નો ટેલીફોન નં : ૦૨૮૪૫ ૦૨૪૧ - ૨૮૪૫ ૨૮૫૫ આપને એક વખત તો જરૂર મુલાકાત લેવી જોઈએ ઘણો આનંદ થશે.

મંજુ ખીયરા.

DONATION

દાન (Donation) is the charitable disposition of the soul towards others. Charity does not mean only parting with a few paise or a few rupees or dollars or pounds. Charity is an attitude of the mind. It may be expressed in the form of physical action or it may not be so expressed. It includes charitable feelings, a charitable attitude, conduct and behavior towards others. The capacity to appreciate the situation of others is charity. When you are in a position to enter into the feelings and the actual conditions and circumstances of other souls and other persons and feel as they feel and think as they think and act as they act, not with a sweating effort but with a spontaneous expression of your nature, that would be the essence of a charitable nature, - *દાન* (Donation).

Katha Upanishada

इन्हें आजमाइये

१) एक कप चायकी उबाली हुई (used) पत्ती (फीकी) व नींबूके छिलके (रस निचोड़े हुए) रात को लोहे की कड़ाहीमें भिगो दें । प्रातः अच्छी तरह उबालकर ठंडा होने के बाद छान ले । इस पानीसे सप्ताहमें दो बार बाल धोएँ। चाहे तो इसी पानीमें शिकाकाई, आँवलां, अरीठा, मेहंदी और मेथीदाना डाल पुनः २४ घंटे बाद उबालें । आधा पानी रह जाय तब छान लें । यह शम्पू का काम देगा व आपके बालों को घना, काला, लम्बा व रुसी मुक्त भी करेगा । उपयोग के समय दस्ताने (Hand gloves) पहनें ।

२) अनार, संतरे व नींबू खानेके बाद छिलके निकालकर सुखा लें । चने का आटा, जौ (Oats) का आटा हल्दी, चन्दन पावडर, बादाम, जायफल और उसके छिलके सबका पावडर बनाकर रख लें । नहाने से पूर्व इसे दूध, दही या नींबू या काकडी के रस से पेस्ट जैसा गाढा गूंध ले । अगर चमडी सूखी (Dry Skin) हो तो कुछ तेल की बूंदे भी डालें । इसे चेहरे-गर्दन पर लगाकर सूखने दें । फिर रगड-रगड कर उतारें व गुनगुने पानीसे चेहरा धोयें। चेहरेमे चमक व चमडीमें दमक खुद महेसूस करेगे ।

३) नित्य नाभिमें सरसोंका तेल डालें (१-२ बूंदे), आपके होंठ (Lips) कभी फटेगे नहीं । रात को सोते समय ३-४ बूंदे सरसोंका तेल नाभी में डालकर उंगली से हिलाते रहें । आपके पैर कभी नहीं

फटेगे।

४) ४० की उम्र के बाद गरिष्ठ भोजन पर नियंत्रण करें । नित्य काले (देसी) चने मुट्ठीभर, ५-७ बादाम १ अंजीर (ठंड के मोसम में) १-२ छुआरे (सूखी खारक) सब को रात में धोकर भिगो दें और प्रातः सेवन करें (उठने के बाद) । खा सकें तो नित्य एक छोटा चम्मच भिगोया हुआ मेथीदाना या हलका भूनकर पीसा हुआ दाना फाँकें । आपका शरीर स्वस्थ व घोडेकी शक्ति वाला बनेगा । अंजीर पेट साफ रखता है व खून बढ़ता है। छुआरा ठंडसे बचाता है । मेथीदाना मधुमेह (Diabetes) में लाभदायक है व शारीरिक पीडाओंको घटाता है ।

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“सोचती हूँ”

सोचती हूँ सुखों का तार बुन डालूँ
सोचती हूँ खुशियों भरा सबका जीवन बना डालूँ
सोचती हूँ यह नफरत व क्लेश की
दीवारें तोड़ डालूँ
सोचती हूँ थोड़ा सा नाम कमा डालूँ
सोचती हूँ एकता सारे जग का लक्ष्य बना डालूँ
प्यार की आशा भी है मन में सोचती हूँ
उसको भी प्राप्त कर लूँ
सोचा है जो मैंने सब कुछ पूरा कर पाऊँ
हो सके यह ना मुझसे अगर
तो केवल प्रयत्न तो कर पाऊँ

- शिल्पा राजेश लाला

मेहरबानी



ओ भगवान,
रहता तो है तू ऊपर
पर दया है तेरी मुझ पर,
सब कुछ तूने दिया है
एहसान मुझ पर किया है ।
लिख रही हूँ जो भी
हाल अपना

नाचीज समझकर जरा ध्यान देना,
माँ-बाप ने अपना प्यार दिया है
दिल का गुलशन खोल दिया है,
बुर्जुगोने प्यार की बेली है बोई,
दुनिया की है रीति सिखाई ।
बच्चोंने मुझे प्यार किया
तेरा रूप ही दिखा दिया ।
वीणा-पाणि, लक्ष्मी ये दो बहने
इनके एहसान का भी क्या कहने ।
मित्र-मंडल भी ऐसा दिया,
अनमोल प्यार जिसने किया ।
प्यार नहीं तो इन्सान क्या ?
इन्सान नहीं तो संसार क्या ?
एक बिनती सुन ले तू मेरी,
दया मुझपर न कम हो तेरी ।
सुखमें सदा तुझे याद रखूं,
दुःखमें अपनी कसौटी परखूं ।
न रखूं बैरभाव किसीसे,
बिताकर अपना जीवन खुशीसे ।
चली आऊँ तेरे पास
लेकर चरणोंमें रहने की आस ।

इला शाह

TIT BITS

We never live, but we ever hope to live
—Pascal

When a man and a woman are married their
romance ceases and their history
commences

— Rochebrune

Considers pleasures as they depart, not as
they come

— Aristotle

Intelligence is a luxury, sometimes useless,
sometimes fatal. It is a torch or firebrand
according to the use one makes of it

— Caballero

The vainest woman is never thoroughly
conscious of her beauty till she is loved by
the man who sets her own passion vibrating
in return

— George Eliot

To a father waxing old, nothing is dearer
than a daughter. —Sons have spirits of
higher pitch, but less inclined to sweet,
endearing fondness

—Euripides

The voice of parents is the voice of the gods,
for to their children they are heaven's
lieutenants

—Shakespeare

Parents wonder why the streams are bitter,
when they themselves have poisoned the
fountain

—Locke

When our parents are living, we feel that
they stand between us and death; when
they are gone we ourselves are in the
forefront of battle

—Goodrich

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यात्रा - पर्यटन

जेसलमेर - जोधपूर यात्रा का विवरण लिखने के पश्चात मुझे यह विचार आया कि क्यूँ न हम जहाँ-जहाँ घूमने जाते हैं, उसका थोडासा विवरण 'संवाद' द्वारा एक, दूसरे तक पहुँचायें ? उससे जब कभी किसी का वहाँ जाना होगा तो उन्हें थोड़ीसी उस जगह की जानकारी व सुविधा होगी।

सिन्ध, 'नगर ठट्टा' छोड़ने के बाद हुए नये भारतवर्ष में आकर स्थायी हुए । और व्यापार रोजी रोटी के लिये हम सदियों से दुर्बई, मस्कत, बहरैन आदि जगहों पर जाते रहे हैं । तो UAE के देशों से जब हमारे भाई-बहन बम्बई आते हैं या तो किसी की शादी, उपनयन इत्यादि कार्यक्रमों में भाग लेने के लिये, और फिर थोड़ा वक्त मिला तो श्रीनाथजी, मथुरा, गोकुल की यात्रायें कर के वापिस चले जाते हैं । थोड़े से शौकीन लोग गोवा, दिल्ली, आगरा, केरल आदि जगहों पर जाते हैं ।

किन्तु भारतवर्ष बहुत ही विशाल हैं क्या हमारी भाटिया जाति इसे पूरा जान पाई है ? UAE की परदेशी कमाई, तथा वहाँ से बीजा आदि की वजह से कई लोग युरोप, अमेरिका, आस्ट्रेलिया, जापान तक घूम कर आते होंगे मगर दुःख की बात है कि वे लोग भारत को सिर्फ बम्बई-पूना-नाथद्वार तक ही सीमित समझते हैं । गलत-फहमी मत करियेगा, मैं ज्यादातर लोगों की यहाँ बात कर रही हूँ कि वे भी अपने अनुभव दूसरों से बाँटें, ताकि थोड़ा मार्गदर्शन मिले ।

आज मैं आपको हिन्दूओं के पवित्र धाम काशी जिसे बनारस या वाराणसी भी कहते हैं, वहाँ की छोटी सैर करवाने की कोशिश करती हूँ । उत्तर गंगा भारत का यह पवित्र धाम पावनमयी, गंगा नदी के तट पर बसा हुआ विश्व के पुराने शहरों में गिना जाता है, जो शायद सबसे पुराना शहर है क्योंकि वेदों में इसका उल्लेख है। यहाँ आप शहर में घूमेंगे या नदी के घाट पर जायेंगे तो खुद ही महसूस

करेंगे पुराने मकान, पुरानी बाज़ारें और पूरा शहर आपको ऐतिहासिक जमाने की याद दिला देगा । सबसे अधिक आपको आश्चर्य होगा, यहाँ की गलियाँ देखकर । प्रायः हम बम्बईवाले सिनेमा T.V. Serials में "निकल के (या खिसक) पतली गली से" यह वाक्य (dialogue) सुनते हैं, मगर उसका सही मायने में अर्थ समझना हो तो आप इन गलियों में चल पड़ें, बस फिर आप को दूँटना मुश्किल होगा और यह भी शर्त है कि आप जहाँ से घुसे होंगे उसी मोड़ पर या पड़ाव पर आप अपने आप कभी नहीं पहुँच पायेंगे । आपको वहाँ के किसी लोकल गाईड या दोस्त की जरूरत पड़ेगी।

बम्बई से काफी गाड़ियाँ बनारस जाती हैं । विमान द्वारा (Via Delhi) भी पहुँचा जा सकता है। वाराणसी शहर से विमानतल एयर पोर्ट १-१^१/_२ घण्टे की दूरी पर है । आप जब शहर की ओर टैक्सी में जा रहें हो तब आपके आगे या पीछे किसी Tata Sumo, Qualis गाड़ी की (ऊपर) छत पर मृत-देह को देखकर चौकियेगा मत!!! आस पास के गाँव-इलाके से लोग अपने मरे हुए स्नेहीजन के (पार्थिव शरीर को) बांधकर यहाँ के मणिकर्णिका घाट, या फिर हरिश्चन्द्र घाट पर अंतिम संस्कार करने लाते हैं । पुरानी मान्यता के तौर पर काशी में अगर गंगा घाट पर अग्निसंस्कार कर यहाँ अस्थियाँ विसर्जित करते हैं, तो मरनेवाले को सीधा स्वर्ग मिलता है ।

मैं दो बार काशी गई हूँ । १९९३ में April-May में जब कि वहाँ का तापमान था ४८°C-५०°C जो कि सबसे अधिकतम था, हम सहन नहीं कर पाते और इस बार जनवरी के प्रथम सप्ताह में वहाँ का तापमान था १°C-२°C जो न्यूनतम था । काफी ठण्ड जो कि आपके सोने पर पसलियों में कंपकंपी पैदा कर दे और गहरा कोहरा ओस की बूँदें । तो यह था वहाँ के तापमान का अनुभव । दीपावली के बाद नवम्बर-दिसम्बर या फिर फरवरी-मार्च वहाँ घूमने के लिये अच्छा मौसम है ।

डॉ. ललिता एच. पालेप

To be continued

THATHAI BHATIA PANCHAYAT

It is an irony, that we do not have a properly established body of our own MAHAJAN in form of any lawful physical structure. In absence of such a concrete presence even its spirit is slowly diminishing. This statement is not new and rather a repetitive narrative. The idea behind this repetition is to keep the candle of hope burning.

We do have several community associations functioning in Mumbai and abroad but none of it is what we can proudly call OUR MAHAJAN. No other association of ours in Mumbai or abroad can claim this distinction.

Today we are at a juncture where a long cherished dream can be materialized. However relentless efforts seem to be made by some of us in order to stop this project and that is indeed very unfortunate.

Let us understand few facts in this regard very clearly. Considerable amount of efforts have been put in order to realize this project by people from Dubai and here in mumbai. Most of the conditions put forward by the prospective donors the MHCTS of Dubai have been met. The seller of the said property is a respectable and responsible person from our own community and is very well aware with the purpose of purchasing this property. The lawyer too happens to be from the community and also well aware about her responsibility. And mind you this property is going to serve the community for a perpetuality. However, the committees come and go and so the people here there and everywhere.

This small appeal to all concerned is made to convey that it is a community project and any group of people or individuals do not matter match. I earnestly hope that the noble cause of community's long term welfare and unity will prevail and we shall soon achieve a requisite milestone in its history.

**Ashok Gajria
(Convenor Building Project)**

THE THATHAI PEOPLE

Preface - We are Thathai Bhatia - indicating we came from thatha. Some useful memories 2 facts are shared for the above.

The people of Thatha are peace loving and very religious minded. They believe in charity. In Mumbai, for example, there is an organisation run by Bhatias in Kandivli - where they are doing lot of good social work. Some very senior members of Thathai Bhatia Panchayat narrated many interesting facts about the mannerism and the peculiar language of Thathai's. People of Thatha are very apologetic in their talk. They are very careful to see that they do not hurt anyone. They are soft spoken and very compassionate. They believe in "Forgive and forget" policy and "Parayan khey Phanjo Karan wara " make even strangers the friends. May be this is the effect of the sacred land they belonged to.

About language, it's is said that Thathai's spoke a very peculiar dialect. For example - the ladies called their husbands "Hedanh" (listen) they did not take the name of their husbands. The way a lady accosted her husband was very popular in Thatha. In the family all emphasis was on bringing up children - well disciplined and with moral characters. People belonging to Thatha were vegetarians and always believed in neatness and tid'ness of the kitchen and very particular in having good (though simple) in a systematic way. They believed in simple living and high thinking. Majority people were Vaishnav Bhatias.

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translated by Dr. Shri Israney
By Ram C. Bhatia**

INSTITUTIONAL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

THATHAI BHATIA SHEWA FUND

KALINDI KIDDIES CORNER – ACTIVITIES

Head teachers & all teachers put efforts to co-ordinate the celebration following festivals:-

1. Independence Day – 15th August 2004

Kids assembled and sang National anthem.& hoisted National flag.

songs - "Hum Bharat Ke Veer Siphahi and Janda Premka" recited by kids.

2. Rakshabandhan – 27th August 2004 was observed when girl students of kiddies corner tied Rakhi to boys - who gave sweets to their sisters

3. Teacher's Day – 6th September 2004

5th September being SUNDAY – Teacher's day was celebrated on Monday 6th September 2004. From each students were chosen to act as a teacher.

4. Janmastami Celebration 7th September 2004 - Tini tots of Nursery school celebrated Janmastami by being dressed on krishnadress and imitating popular state celebration of Matka phor and singing "Govinda Aala Re"

5. Ganeshutsav in September 2004 was celebrated – Ganesh picture was kept and Ganesh Pooja & Aarti was performed. Teacher told the story of Ganesh.

SUKHDHAM SANGANAK KENDRA (COMPUTER SECTION)

Presently 2 batches are currently enrolled in computer classes for basic course.

Our Website is www.sevafund.net being

regularly updated. This section presently is managed ably by our staff members Smt. Geeta Salian

HIRANAND YOGA CENTRE

Yoga classes are being conducted daily in the morning from 6.30 a.m to 7.30 a.m. About 100 members attend every day for yoga persons. The monthly fee of Yoga classes is Rs.50/-.

On SUNDAY "Kriya Yoga" classes for past Sadhaks mainly focus on spiritual subjects in Dhyana (Meditation).

Members who are interested can contact TBSF for details.

On the eve of Janmashtami, Bhajan Sandhya was organised for all Sadhaks which had large attended. Maharshi Patanjali Yoga medal volunteers aranged nicely the programme.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At the Annual General Meeting the elections were held on 19th september, 2004 for the post of trustees & members of the New Managing Committee 2004 - 2005.

TRUSTEES

1. HON. PRESIDENT/TRUSTEE :

Shri Khubchand Muljimal Asar Tel.: 28823192

2. HON. MANAGING TRUSTEE :

Shri Issardas H. Asarpota Tel. : 28011836

3. HON. GEN. SECRETARY/TRUSTEE

Shri Ashok M. Gajria Tel. : 28056254

4. HON. SECRETARY/TRUSTEE

Shri Ram D. Khianra Tel. : 28684595

5. HON. TREASURER/TRUSTEE

Shri Navinchandra H. Gajria
Tel. : (R) 23522220, (O) : 22663269

6. TRUSTEE

Shri Bhagwandas H. Gandhi
Tel.: 28080701

MANAGING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1. HON. VICE PRESIDENT

Shri Uttam Hemandas Bhatia

Tel. : 28053329

2. Shri Mohanlal M. Bhatia

Tel. : 28071195

3. Nirmala Khubchand Asar

Tel.: 28823192

4. Rukmani Lalchand Gajria

Tel.: 28823192

5. Shri Jairaj Chellaram Asarpota

Tel.: 28071701

6. Shri Chandrasen A. Bhatia

Tel. : 28085770

7. Shri Anoop Khubchand Asar

Tel. : 28823192

8. Smt. Pushpa V. Asarpota

Tel. : 2889605

9. Shri Hemchand Naraindas Java

Tel. : 28050136

Thathai Bhatia Shewa Fund / Shree Thathai Bhatia Panchayat / Kewal Baug Trust are facing following difficulties for Samvad & other reports, Pamphlets etc. undelivered.

It is a matter of regret that a great many issues of "Samvad" are returned undelivered by Postal authorities/Courier's every quarter for reason of members shifting to another flat. Members fail to inform this change of address to the institutes of which they are members - thus their copies remain undelivered - resulting wastage of lots money involved in printing/postage/courier/ & ofcourse wasted efforts of man-power.

Earlier we had intimated through the pages of samvad that such members should collect the copy from Shewa Fund office with in months of its publication.

We again request to members that addresses are uptodated at the earliest and those whose flats are locked for months to inform us by

giving written information in simple post cards.

Difficulty with regard to Financial Asked:

Our Financial Aid committee are of the view after careful scrutinising forms submitted the following points :-

1. Sometimes the help is asked of such an amount that it is beyond the capacity of charitable constitution which they received as donation from various individuals. For example a sister appealed for Four Lakss for her flat & other sister wanted to send her son to America involving huge outlay. This is presently beyond our means. If such funds are made available, we would be willingly extending help.

2. Difficulty in identifying needy: Often person who are this help as some additional allowance don't fill the forms properly and fill wrong information is depriving us to serve really needy who with rising inflation will welcome some additional money if available.

This is only possible if we restrict the financial aid to really deserving. It is hoped that everybody will co-operate in above endeavour.

There is need to be definite change in method of distributing funds so that above difficulties can be minimised.

**Reported by
Shri Ramchandra C. Bhatia**

PROPOSED FREE HEALTH CAMP

Thathai Bhatia Shewa Fund is organising a threat free health camp focussing on ear, nose, throat examination - on SUNDAY 31st October from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. Following doctors will be available on this day:

- 1. Dr. Makarand Damle M.S. (E.N.T.)
D.N.B. F.C.P.S., DORL**
- 2. Dr. H.M. Shroff M.S. (Bom)**

Interested members should register their names at Shewa Fund office/clinic at an earlier date.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Trustees and the Members of Managing Committee of Thathai Bhatia Shewa Fund are pleased to announce an Annual Get-Together on Sunday the, 5th December, 2004 at 3.30 p.m. at Shewa Fund Auditorium Dagara Matushri Mandir, Kandivli (West).

Education : It has been further decided to have Merit Prize distribution for the students with outstanding performances at Annual Examination during academic year 2003-2004. Students of Schools, colleges or Universities confirming Diploma or Degrees at Annual Examination during the academic year 2003-2004 only will be eligible for Merit Prizes. Only those students who have been studying in India will be eligible for the prizes.

The merit prizes are as under :

Category	Standard	1st Prize Rs.	2nd Prize Rs.	Consolation Prize Rs.
I	Class I to IV	150	120	100
II	Class V to X	200	150	120
III	F.Y.J.C. & S.Y.J.C.	300	250	200
IV	1st & 2nd Year of B.A./B.Com./B.Sc. 1st, 2nd & 3rd Year of B.E./M.B.B.S./B.Pharma/B.B.A.	350	300	250
V	Govt. Recognised Diploma after 12th Std. (Please mention on Marksheet Duration of your course and which year i.e. 1st, 2nd or 3rd.)	350	300	250
VI	Degree in each Faculty	400	350	300
VII	Pre-Post Graduate Exams	500	400	350
VII	Post Graduate Degree	700	550	500

Category I : The First and the Second Prize will be given to the highest percentage marks holders and consolation prizes to all those who secure 70% marks or above.

Category II : the First and the Second Prize will be given to the highest percentage marks holders and consolation prizes to all those who secure 60% marks or above.

Category III to VIII : The First and the Second Prize will be given to the highest percentage marks holders and consolation prizes to all those who secure 50% marks or above.

Any 1st and 2nd prize won by students of all ages in Sports and Fine Arts at school and college level also to be submitted for consideration.

Note No. 1 : Every student must send **XEROX COPY OF MARKSHEET ON OR BEFORE 7th Nov. 2004** alongwith the following details :

- i) Marksheet must show Name and Address of School/College/Educational Institution.
- ii) Full name of the student with Surname.
- iii) Parents full Name, Address and Telephone No.
- iv) Membership Number of Thathai Bhatia Shewa Fund of Student/Parent must be given. Your membership No. is appearing on top of the Mailing Address Label.
- v) Kindly note that Mark Sheets received without above details or after **7th Nov. 2004**. will not be eligible for prizes.

Note No. 2 : Merit Prizes will be distributed only to those who will be personally present at the Function

Note No. 3 : The Decision of the Managing Committee regarding the merit Prizes will be final and binding on all those who have submitted their Marksheets before the mentioned date i.e.: **7-11-2004** and no complaint in this regard will be entertained.

ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME : Like every year, this year too, we will have a Cultural Programme and all Members and their children can participate in the following events :

1. **FANCY DRESS FOR CHILDREN** : **3 years to 10 years of age**
2. **SINGING /DANCE PERFORMANCE** : **11 years of age and above**

All the participants will be suitably rewarded.

Maximum 10 minutes will be given to each participant for singing, dance performance. **Any filmy song or related item has to be approved.** All interested participants should submit their details such as Name and Age with complete Address, Telephone Number and Membership Number of Self/Parents with details of items they intend to participate/perform to the Manager of Shewa Fund latest by **7-11-2004**.

This year, the practice will be conducted in the Shewa Fund premises under the supervision of our Committee members and suitable choreographer.

It is suggested that all Married Adults should get themselves enrolled as Life Members of Thathai Bhatia Shewa Fund.

All members are requested to intimate the change of address if any to the T.B.S.F. so that the same could be updated in TBSF records.

All members are requested to be present in time to make the programme successful.

Yours brotherly,
Ashok M. Gajria
(Hon. Gen. Secretary)

Date : 10-10-2004

**THE PRESIDENT, TRUSTEES &
THE MEMBERS OF THE MANAGING COMMITTEE**

*Cordially invite you along with your family to participate in
Annual Get Together and Merit prize Distribution programme
and thereafter to "DINNER"*



**ON SUNDAY 5th DECEMBER at 4.30 pm
at THATHAI BHATIA SHEWA FUND**



**Entertainment & Merit Prize Distribution 4.30 pm to 7.00 pm
Dinner 7.00 to 9.00 pm**

Ashok M Gajria.
Hon.Gen.Secretary.

SHREE THATHAI BHATIA PANCHAYAT

Annual General Meeting of Thathai Bhatia Panchayat on 7th November,2004. at Thathai Bhatia Shewa Fund. AGM notice to members has been sent.

Institutional News

Ideas expressed in earlier "Sampark" our earliest publication are still very inspiring which I cherish from bottom of my heart which I wish to share follows. "An earnest request to the stalwarts in Bahrain and Dubai" please do something to acquire a good property in form of a land, Soonest possible, Land is not an item of manufacture, which is available rarely. Puj Panchayat has to be restored its due place in the community. This is the oldest parent body with the oldest records of existence in the life of our community. It is the only body which is empowered to give the directives to the members of community."

I sincerely hope my request will be given due to consideration by my elderly brothers.

**Shree Thathai Bhatia Panchayat
Ramchandra C. Bhatia
Hon. Gen.Secretary**

PROPOSED THATTA VISIT

Due to some unforeseen factors which are yet to be sorted out & furnished before taking trip to other country. The tour is not yet functional. Please wait for our next announcement.

KUNAL MAHESH, son of Anita and Mahesh Askarandas Pancholia, student of The Indian High School-Dubai has topped the Commerce stream in the **ALL INDIA SENIOR SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION, 2004** in the whole of UAE by securing an aggregate of 445 marks (89%).

Kunal Mahesh is currently studying at The University of Manchester, most distinguished University of United Kingdom, for degree course - B.Sc. in Management (Finance). The University has granted a merit based scholarship of GBP 3000/- for his excellent results in grade12.

OBITUARY

We regret the Sad demise of the following brothers and sisters of our community and convey our deep and heartfelt sympathies to the begrieved families. May the souls of the departed rest in peace

Date	Name	Age
22-6-04	Jasodabai (Jasu) Hemandas Gandhi (Lurdha) Java	74
03-7-04	Chandra w/o. Mohanlal Chunilal Udeshi	69
28-7-04	Moolchand Mohandas Khiara	72
01-8-04	Khubchand Jeramdas Meghchiani	85
06-8-04	Vasudev Rupchand Asarpota	75
16-09-04	Padamabai Kumbhandas Damla (Chandarpota)	75
24-09-04	Uttamchand Maganmal Rajani (Chandarpota)	89
28-09-04	Laxmidas Vallabhdas Whabi (Chachra)	74
8-10-04	Ramesh Deepchand Khiara	64

WITH BEST WISHES FROM WELL WISHERS



चित्त को भगवानमें तल्लीन बनाना हो तो
अपने तन और अपने ही धन से
भगवत्सेवा करनी चाहिये ।

सिद्धान्त मुक्तावली

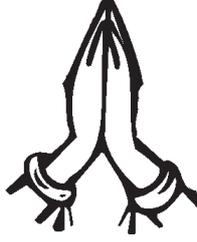
सेवा करनेवाला अपने सेष्य स्वरूप का दर्शन
जिज्ञासुरह करना चाहता है उसके अनुभार ही स्वंय
उसका भी स्वरूप बन जाता है पुण्यपापातीत परमात्मामें
यद्यपि कोई अन्तर नहीं पड़ता फिर भी जीवात्मा
तो अन्यथा भावसे व्यस्त होने पर अन्यथाभावापन्न हो जाती है,
अतः भगवान् के जैसे स्वरूप के ध्यान करने अथवा जैसे
साधनाचरण के कारण, स्वंय ध्यानकर्ता या साधक
का नाश न हो जाये, भगवान के
जैसे स्वरूपका ही
ध्यान करना चाहिये ।

सुबोधिनी

श्री हरिदास वीरुमल गांधी की



दीपावली और नूतन वर्ष की शुभ कामनाएँ



वल्लभ वाणी

यहां सब कुछ परमात्मा ही है. वही सृष्टिकर्ता है
और सृष्टि भी स्वयं वही है.
वही पालनकर्ता है और पाल्यमान भी वही है
वही संहारकर्ता और जिसका संहार हो रहा है
वह भी वही है यही मत ब्रह्मवाद है
बाकी सारी बातें मोहजनक है.

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