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EDITORIAL

Dear Readers,
Jaishrikrishna

My uncle made a bungalow fifty years back in Khar (W) Mumbai and named it आभार Abhar I admired strength of the word to show your gratitude to your near and dear once and acknowledge with thanks whatever the little others have done whether materially or spiritually.

Same feeling is being expressed for our readers colleagues etc associated with publication of this our community magazine Samvad. I relate the words of Lord Krishna told to Udhav that Udhav उद्धव, Mohe briz visarat nahi मोहे ब्रज विसरत नाही similarly our senior citizen expressed that mohe Thatta visarat nahi. I am thankful to our octogenarian citizen Shri Ram Lilwa, Shri Lakhu Thaker & Shri Kishin V. Diwan to write their sweet memories of Thatta with relation to pada which they used to reside. Shri Bharat Chachara had pointed out that "Satam" is our festival for sisters and Rakshabandhan is mainly for Brahmins. He urged our Bhatia system to observe 'Satam' as brothers day and stick to our brothers & sisters festival.

We wish to bring to notice of all members that 'Satam' is being celebrated in a traditional way every years by younger generation whose fathers, mothers. I wish some one write about the same.

Deepavali is round the corner.

WISHING YOU HAPPY DIWALI.

More in next.

Editor

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CHINTAN

Whenever I am asked to do my bit of work for SAMVAD, a load of ideas come to the mind and make it very hard for me to choose a subject and more particularly a relevant subject as that has been our joint resolve for SAMVAD as it being essentially a community bulletin and mostly focusing in its past present and future affairs.

These days what I find as most alarming development is frequent consumption of alcohol among our womenfolk and the youngsters that includes both the genders. I call the situation alarming on the basis of my very personal experience of very long standing and am very much aware about its social consequences in the future. We have embarked on the path of gradual but certain erosion of social values which once used to be the pride aspect of our beloved Thathai Bhatia Community. The other Bhatias from the different parts of Sindh felt proud to be associated with us.

This trait seems to be more common in the rich who can afford that kind of living. However it is bound to trickle down in the economically lower strata of the community as this evil practice is acquiring a sort of status symbol and a tag of modernity and we Thathais love to ape each other. Mind you in my narration above I am not excluding my own kithandkin though it hurts deep

inside but there is no scope left anymore to advocate something unfavorable to our indulging folks on such issues.

What will be the further/future culmination of this trait is difficult to predict but the present scenario is certainly quite disturbing. Perhaps we have reached a point of no return and that is a misfortune in my sincere opinion.

A simplest solution to being with is to stop storing any alcoholic drinks in the house. Charity starts from the home and this very simple sounding remedy can help get achieve some good results gradually that too is a personal experience.

My late aunties used to bless me saying 'do grow a lot but grow wisely and gracefully' whenever I touched her feet every morning before going to school. I certainly feel that it was because of such blessings by the elderly folks that from being a boozier I could give-up this evil habit for good.

A very famous Urdu Shayar gave up drinking because his wife threatened to leave him. When asked about it he said

BEFORE THE LIQUOR WAS LIFE,
NOW THE LIFE ITSELF IS A LIQUOR.
PAHELE SHARAB JEEST THI AB JEEST
SHARAB HAI

Jigar Murdabadi.

Ashok Gajria

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, 12th Decemer, 2010 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 2009-2010. Students of Schools, colleges or Universities conferring Diplomas or Degrees at Annual Examination during the academic year 2009-2010 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./B.M.S. 1st, 2nd & 3rd Year of B.E./M.B.B.S./B.Pharma/B.B.A.	350	300	250
V	Govt. Recognised Diploma after 10th Std. (Please mention on Mark sheet 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
VIII	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 MARK SHEET ON OR BEFORE 30th Nov 2010** alongwith the following details :

- i) Mark sheet 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 **20th Nov 2010** 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 Mark sheets before the date mentioned i.e.: **20-11-2010** 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 **20th Nov 2010** .

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 : 29th Oct 2010

**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 12th December 2010 at 4.00 pm
at THATHAI BHATIA SHEWA FUND**

*Entertainment & Merit Prize Distribution 4.00 pm to 7.00 pm
Dinner 7.00 to 9.00 pm*

Ashok M Gajria.
Hon.Gen.Secretary.

Highlights of Annual function is song
by our Sushil Bhatia of Bahrain



SAD DEMISE

Shree Krishna Sharanam Mamah!!

Shree Krishna Sharanam Mamah!!

With heavy heart we inform the sudden demise of

SHRI KHUBCHAND MULJIMAL ASAR(JANIANI)

on 25-08-2010

His services to the community, Shewa Fund, Kewal Baug & Thathai Bhatia Panchayat in particular will always be Cherished and Remembered.

We pray God for

Eternal peace of

Departed Soul.

The President, Trustees, all committee members &
all the staff Members of
Shri Thathai Bhatia Shewa Fund
Shri Thathai Bhatia Panchayat &
Shri Kewalbaug Trust.



Shree Krishna Sharanam Mamah!!

Shree Krishna Sharanam Mamah!!

With heavy heart we inform the sudden demise of

SHRI LALCHAND TIRATHDAS GAJRIA (THAKER) on 6-11-2010

His services to the community, Shewa Fund, Kewal Baug & Thathai Bhatia Panchayat in particular will always be Cherished and Remembered.

We pray God for

Eternal peace of

Departed Soul.

The President, Trustees, all committee members &
all the staff Members of
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Shri Thathai Bhatia Panchayat &
Shri Kewalbaug Trust.



THATTA THE HISTORIC CITY OF BHATIAS

Jai Shree Krishna!!

I (L M Thker) was born on 23rd April 1931 in THAKKAR PARA, THATTA nad now 80 years old. I was educated from



1st grade to 4th in a Sindhi School. There after went to N.G. High School. I Studied up to metric but couldn't finish my studies due to partition and left THATHA during November 1947 to bahrain. There, with the help of late Shri. Jethand Chandumal Bhatia, i got my first job in Eastern Bank. There after I jointed The modern Art Studio (Sole Agent of Rolex in Bahrain) from January 1949 until i retired in February 2002, thereby holding a record in the expat community in Bahrain of working with one company for 53 years. In Thakkar Para, Thatta there were 5 buildings which belonged to our cousins and people within our relations. There was also a Bhatia Panchayat Hall where meeting used to be conducted. The tradition of the people living in Thatta was to distribute sugar to every household on every happy occasion.

Our neighbors' in Thatta were Maharaj Kewalram, Shri. Versimal (who was a teacher in N.G. High School). Mr Kakan

bhutt and some gold smith's family. Thatha was called small Broj. There was Shri. Brajrai Temple in Wagh Para, Shri. Gordhanath ji Temple in Kheer Bazar, Lohana para which is now, with the great effort of late Shri. Hemanbha this temple is now in Chembur, Shri. Dwarkaji Temple in gangaram Para. There is river indus (Sindhu Nadi) which is flowing through Thatta passing through small canals and used to come and meet various ponds.

About my personal life, I am married to Smt. Padamni Thaker D/O of late Shri. Versimal Sunderdas Bhatia on 13th November 1952 (58 years) in Ghatkopar. i have 2 sons and 2 daughters and 8 grand children. My children are all now happily married and well settled.

I would like to this opportunity to congratulate the members of T.B.S.F for making Bhumi Poojan of the Bhatia Panchayat Building. i wish great success to all members and wishing Sewa Fund & Panchayat all the very best for their new projects.

Yours Faithfully,

Lakhumal.M.Thaker

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TIKAMDAS PURSHOTAM BHATIA

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To,
Shri Ram c. Bhatia
Editor - Thathai Bhatia Shewa fund
Kandivli (W), Mumbai 400 067.

Dear Sir,

**Ref: Community Sanatorium at SHRI
NATHDWARA.**

Reference to article in Samvad of May 2010,
a proposal by Shri Sham Sunder Bhatia, and
noted the comments. We have noted the
proposal and we support the same.

We hereby support the above and requested
you to forward us the project report for our
consideration. This is due to the fact as we
wish to participate in the above.

Thanking you,

yours faithfully,

(Tikamdas P. Bhatia)
Chairman

Mohan C. Gajria
Managing Trustee

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 saty 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.

**KISHAN .V. ASARPOTA
(DIWAN)**

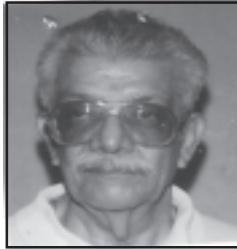
THE PADA'S NAGAR THATHA

Thathai Bhatia Seva Fund

The Pada's Nagar
thatha

Oh My Thatha

I had total 7 children 4
daughter and 3 sons,
(one daughter expired
during the year 1982



and my life partner left me alone on 10/07/
2006. After returning from Dubai during
1967, I was called during 1991/2 to look
after installation of Air-conditioning in Shewa
Fund as I had experience of my own work
shop in Bombay from 1975 to 1990 at
Tardeo and since then have been working
with Sewa Fund. I Kishandas Vallabhadas
Asarpota (Diwan) was born on 31st January
1931 at Thatta (Sindh) now in Pakistan. I
am now completing 80 years and eight
months. I have studied upto Metric that was
7th in those days.

I had started my education in Sindhi School
where we had to complete 6 years to reach
4th standard. After passing 4th sindhi
standard I joined 1st English at N.G.V school
at Thatta that was during year 1942, by
studying 4 year we were shifted to newly
built N & J.A High School for further studies
where I studied upto Matric i.e 7th standard
and due to partition of India I could not
complete my studies and during the month
of September 1947 I had to shift to Bombay
where I stayed for 8 months with my
relatives (who were already settled in
Bombay) and by June 1948, I went to

Bahrain there I started my carrier as a clerk
by working at Airport in the firm called
international Aeradio Ltd., there I worked for
nearly 1 1/2 month and switched my job to
Gray Mackenzie & co Ltd., through K.T.
Asarpota (Kaku) till year 1964, there after I
started my own business there I was a failure
and shifted to India and by staying 2 years in
Bombay I went back to Dubai and started
working with Imco services, a division of
Halliborton Ltd a big oil company of world.
My personal life I had married during year
1949 the daughter of shri Jethanand
Tejanmal, My father was still in Pakistan
working with SIND purchasing BOARD who
was not allowed to leave Pakistan

Nagar Thatha was based on Padas all
locations were based on the names of areas.
The area of nagar Thatha was around 3 Kilo
meters by 2 kilo meters. Our pada which was
"Palang pada" which was situted at the center
of the town.

All Bhatia were residing at different localities
known on Padas. The total population was
around ten thousand (10,000) In Thatha we
had no Taxi & Riksha or Tonga (Horse
Driven), there were only donkey and bullock
carts for goods loading/ carriage.

In fact Thatha was a most calm quiet &
Peaceful Place although Hindhus were in
minority & especially our family was living in
centre of Muslim Locality.

River Indus was our main place of pilgrimage
during Cheti chand where every year three
days we use to go there and do prayers, in
the evening at the place called Chhahh at
(Bawa jo GHOTH and sprinkle AKHO in the

river which was 2 kilo Meter away from town there were other function such as KHUDIAN JO MELO)

2 (SATANWARNAN JO MELO) 3 'TIJARI' The Ladies and Children were celebrating Tijari at local Gardens and carry food from Home.

3. The SATAN VARNAN JO MELO was done at MAAN SHING BHAVANI temple. Which has 15 sanaitotuim room for piligrims. There was one well which was called aghor the water of this well was taken and sprinkled at home at the time of any visit. This temple was situated at the base of hill called Makli Takri and highway towards Karachi use to pass by the side of temple.

The rainy season we had several local fruits such as mango, papaya, KUM, Ghanna, & Dhadhari, Auvara & Imlil local & American, Meetha Bhor, peru. Tha Mango was sold @ Rs 2/- per 100pcs and 39pcs were given on top of 100 pcs free.

There were several ponds where all use to go for swimming in rainy and new water season.

In Thatha there were several temples but main temple was BRIJARAJ temple at wagh pada.

This was my Thatha which is still having 2nd Jama Masjid, as Thatha being 2nd capital of Moghul Kings Shaha Jahan 300 years ago.

K.V.Asarpota

**By the Consul General of India to dubai,
H.E. Sanjay Verma**

www.panjakhada.com

Eight years after the stupendous success of Panja khada, the first ever culinary guide to Thathai Bhatia cuisine, Deepa and Bharat Chachara launch the first website dedicated to Thathai Bhatia food-

www.panjakhada.com

The website is an extension of the book but on a larger format to reach to the entire community and anyone interested in Thathai Bhatia cuisine.

The website contains over 150 traditonal recipes under various categories like Nasto - Breakfast items, Sakri - Lunch recipes, Raat jo Khado - Dinner specialties, Mitharaan - Sweeta, Nasta - Savories, Rotiyun - Bhatia breads, Loar - Accompaniments, Dahi ja, Chutneys, Pickles, Masalas etc. it also has details of the Bhatia basic Kitchen Equipment, Culinary Terminology used by Bhatias, Glossary (the names of the food items in Sindhi, hindi and English). Apart from the photographs of recipes and links to how to cook the recipes as shown on you Tube, lovers of Bhatia food are invited to contribute their own recipes and variations of the traditional food that they eat.

The Website is also linked to face Book, Twitter, Delicious, Digg this and Youtube.

The website is FREE to access without any charges, whatsoever.

Members of the Thathai bhatia community are invited to contribute recipes not listed on the website and variations to the traditional recipes given.

This website is proudly supported by

KISANI PARA

I am Ram my Nookh is Lilwa, My family name is kisani. The Word kisani came from my great, great, great grand father kisamali Thus

Ram Lalchand

Lalchand Samidas

Samidas Kisamal

Kewalram Kisamal

and decendents of kisamal came to be known as kisanis.

I was born in Lady Dufferine Hospital at Karachi on 1.12.1918. My memories of Kisani para are limited to 10 years only i.e upto my age of 10 (Ten) years.

Kisani para was an open ended para i.e like other paras like shive para, Dwarkadas para, Gangaram para, Daooji para, Kisani para had no huge wooden gate which normally used to be closed at night as a safety measures.

Kisani para was a Cluster of eight houses, namely that of

1. Manga ma and kakri Adhi
2. Ludhamal and kisinchand

We called them Ludhabha and Kisibha. There were four ladies in the house Viz. Jethi chachi, Padhubhabhi mother of kisibha Akhibhabi i.e. wife of kisibha. The house was quite big with one storey.

3. Lalumal Viroomals house - We called him Laluadha who had one storey house and lived with his wife Lachhmi Bhabha and four daughters. Laludha had

business in Imam in Persion Gulf - Now UAE Laluadha's trip to Imam was to be of 2-3 years and whenever he returned to Thatha he distributed khajur, pista, Badam, Maskati cucumber (Bhadruk) and Muskati promoganelo in a chhali (Basket of straw)

4. Vado ghar where initsilly lived Dhamanmal Jagoomal and his wife gend Pbhahhariwith their children.

In portion of Vado ghar live my step grand mother Jamnabai who was second wife of my grand father samidas, Later on I learnt that my step grand mother Jamnabai belonged to Mathura.

Vado ghar was a big house with a large chawk where cooking was done during wedding in the Kisani families.

5. There was then my house with one storey. On the ground floor was a hall in the front and in the interior was a room and kitchen. Subsequently my father has built a "vera" for cows and a bathroom and latrine. My father Lalchand used to go to Dubai and occasionally to Bombay. My mother Asabai with us children lived in Thatha and some times in Bombay. In Between my house and Vado ghar there were two "Veras" one belonged to Dhamanmal Jagoomal and the other to Laluadha. The Veras were used as cow sheds Laluadha's vera maintained about 20 cows and calves. There was also a bull which was maintained to sire the cows.

By - Shri Ram Lilwa

Rest in next issue

RAKHRI POONAM & SEEYA SAATEIN

SIGNIFICANCE OF RAKHARI POONAM AND SEEYA SAATEIN

The Significance of Rakhari Poonam and Seeya

Saatein amongst Thathai Bhatias

Rakhari Poonam (Raksha Bandhan or Rakhi in Hindi) is celebrated with great gusto throughout India. The significance of this festival is that a sister ties a thread on her brother's wrist who promises to protect her from any trouble.

Traditionally, Thathai Bhatias do not celebrate Rakhari Poonam keeping this in mind. The sentiments behind the brother-sister bonding are celebrated by Bhatias in the festival Seeya Saatein. But over the last couple of decades, due to mass commercialization and ignorance about the how Rakhari Poonam is celebrated, Bhatias have also started following the mass tradition of sisters tying Rakhi to their brothers and in some cases treat Rakhari Poonam and Seeya saatein as one and the same.

So what exactly is the significance of Rakhari poonam amongst the Thathai Bhatias and how is it different from Seeya Saatein..

The origins of Rakhari Poonam for Bhatias is when the family Maharaj /

Pandit comes to the devotee's house and ties a Rakhi around his wrist. The devotees seeks the Brahmin's blessings and vows to protect the Brahmin and his family. the devotees invites the Brahmin to a meal in his house and gives him a karchi. The lady of the house ties a thread around shri Krishna's right arm on Rakhari Poonam. This thread is removed and immersed in the sea / well the next day.

Seeya Saatein is the main festival of Thathai Bhatia which celebrates the bonding of a brother and sister cementing their fraternal relationship. Seeya means brother and saatein is the seventh day in the month of bado when this festival is celebrated.

So, this year, make a pledge to follow authentic Thathai bhatia rituals and celebrate Rakhari Poonam by allowing a Brahmin or your family priest to tie a thread around your wrist and let the sisters' apply tikka to you on Seeya Saatein. it is the duty of each persons to not only protect his sister but also a brahmin / family priest from any hardships.

Deepa & Bharat Chachara

Dubai

PRESIDENT, HON. SECRETARY & ALL MANAGING COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

Dear Vaishnav,
Jai Shree Krishna!!

Annual Sadhanprakaran Pravachan is online now under Ongoing pravachan link given below :

http://www.pushtimarg.net/newPushti/index.php?page_nm=pravachana.ongoingpravachana&lang=eng

Webmaster
www.pushtimarg.net

Please note : For any problem with <pushtimarg.net> refer to the webmaster of the site directly.

**Thathai Bhatia Shewa Fund
Ashok M Gajria**

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Also whoever is interested in having information about the programs taking place at "SUKHDHAM" can provide their names & Mobile nos. in writing to the office. So that in future information is conveyed to them.

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Vallabdas Muljimal Asarpota(Janiani)

MEDICAL HELP

“Service to Humanity is Service to God”, so goes an age-old saying. The timelessness and the relevance of the message and sentiment underlying this noble thought struck me as never before when very recently an appeal for help drew no response from the Guardians of our community.

To dispel any doubts about either my motive or qualification to address this issue that is very near to my heart, I must at once confess that, I neither intend to find fault nor sermonise. I am extremely proud and grateful that I belong to Thathai Bhatia Community and as a member thereof, I have a lot to cherish, look forward to and learn from the elders and peers of our Community. I am acutely aware of yeoman services that have been rendered and continue to be rendered by the members of our Community in all spheres of life; be it education, religion, community services, social issues and of course, medicine. Since this writing is meant for the members of our community itself, it is my humble attempt at loud thinking by an insider before fellow insider.

In my experience and estimates, if there is one area where we could do a lot more than what we are currently doing, it is undoubtedly in the area of medical help and assistance. Diseases and illnesses have never been so prevalent and widespread as they are today. Even diseases such as T.B, Malaria and Flu which we thought had been conquered more than 2 or 3 decades ago have now made a comeback and that too with a vengeance and ruthlessness seen never before! They are, in the present context, both life threatening and life taking. Besides Cancer, Kidney failure are diseases which are almost common, not to talk of various other diseases such as Dengue and a lost of mental and psychological diseases

and ailments. While we progress materially, we are also faced with the prospect and reality of having to undergo long-drawn treatment very often nearly to keep the symptoms in check and to try and slow down the rapidity and extent of deterioration. Cure, in many cases is almost impossible.

Most time lifelong treatment becomes necessary even in the case of human who are in their tender years. It is not uncommon to see sole earning member of family being afflicted to a degree where earning either become severally restricted at times even virtually non-existent and the worst part of this scenario is that disease and illness are growing at a rate faster than human can find answers thereto, I would readily admit that I have written nothing that is either new or not obvious. Be that it may, in this hurly-burly of life, we tend to notice the uncommon while failing to observe what is very common and clearly obvious and it is in these situations that a tap on the shoulder is enough for the community to get going. We are a prosperous and yet, thankfully an orthodox community. Orthodox here means a willingness to abide by the core values of life of which service and help to humanity is upper most. It is my conviction that we, as a community could do much more to help and assist members of our community who need sustained financial help and assistance in order to have the necessary medical treatment. This could be done through regular donation or by other means such as members of our community adopting others to secure and make available for adequate, timely and long-drawn medical treatment.

If this piece of writing and Appeal would motivate even a few members of the Thathai Bhatia Community to take initiative and help those who are deprived and needy, I would most humbly believe, we would only be truly living to the Legacy and Standard that our ancestors have set for us, both through Word and Deed.

By - Poonam Bhatia

Dear Brothers:

Jaishree Krishna ,

We write to extend our deepest heart-felt condolences to the Trustees, Mangement committee members of TBSF on the sudden demise of Puj. KHUBABHA (Shri Khubchand Muljimal Asar - Janani) in Mumbai on aug 25, 2010.

Currently, Puj. Khubhabha was President of TBSF and Trustee of Kewal Baugh. But his relation, attachment and participation in Thattai Community is over the past 40 years, and much more it is the second generation relationship, if one remembers Late Puj. Shri Gagabha (Shri Muljimal) and his efforts in establishing TBSF. Puj. Khubhabha remained head of various community organisations including Puj. Thattai Bhatia Panchayat, and his contributions and relentless support will be remembered for the years and generations to come. When Puj. Khubhabha was among us, he was admired. Now he won't only be admired but even remembered deepest in the hearts of Thattais.

Civilization is a place where men arise and fall like winter wheat. The dawn brings new rays everyday yet there are some people who rise every day and bring to life, cherished memories, teaching and faith that help us sail journey of life,

May Shreenathji bless the departed soul and all his wishes for glorifying the Thattai community.

With personal regards and respects - HARIDAS VIROOMAL GANDHI

Jaiprakash N.Java, Raj J. Java and family members.

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कभी बिन बात अकडना,
तेरे प्यार का ये अलग अंदाज है
पहले चिढाना, फिर देर तक मनाना
तरीका यह भी तेरा खास है
ख का मुझ पर तु वरदान है
तुं मेरी खुशी, तुं मेरा गुमान है
मुश्किलो सें डर नहीं लगता मुझे
जो हाथों में मेरे, तेरा हाथ है ...
... शिल्पा ललान

The Mercantile Hindu Community of Thatta [Sindh]

Post Box No. 7383

DUBAI [U.A.E.]

August 30,2010

The Management Committee -

TBSF, Thattai Bhatia Panchayat and Kewal Baugh Mumbai

Dear Brother & Sisters,

We are deeply saddened to hear about the sudden demise of SHRI KHUBCHAND MULJIMAL ASAR, President of TBSF and Trustee of Kewal Baugh Trust on August 25, 2010.

On behalf of the Management Committee and members of the captioned organization , as well as the entire Thattai community residing in UAE, we would like to extend our heart-felt condolences to the Management Committee Members of TBSF and Kewal Baugh, as well as the family member of Jananis.

During his entire community services of almost 40 years, we all remember Shri Khubhabha as most calm, generous, harmonious, honorable and thoughtful person. His wisdom and contribution towards community services are admirable and will be remembered by the generations to come.

Life is Eternal, and Love is immortal, and Death is only a Horizon, and Horizon is nothing save the limit of our sight.

May Shree Nathji Shower His Divine on departed soul and courage to the family members and Thattai Community to bear this severe loss.

With Regards,

The Mercantile Hindu Community of Thatta [Sindh], Dubai

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Hon. Chairman

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INSTITUTIONAL NEWS

INSTITUTION NEWS TBSF

Vallabh Sukhdham:- Shri Gopinathji Utsav was held on 5.10.10 and Bhagwat chintan were conduct W.e.f. 6th oct To 10th october which was attended by majority Public further kirtan classes are held regularly and also Sanskrit classes are held free for benefit of all public at large.

N.B. Sringer classes:- will remain close till 24.10.10 & re-open on 25.11.10.

Kirtan Classes:- wil remain closed on w.e.f 18.10.2010 To 21.11.2010.

Kalindi Nursery:- Children celebrated Janamashtami. Nursery children danced on the music of Jai Kanaya Lal. Ki. Our Hon Managers were present for the programme and chocolates were distributes among all children. Thus the programme was concluded by Nand Gher Anand Bhaiya Jai Kanaya Lalki by Jr. KG Class.

ON 17.9.2010 'God of Wisdom' Lord Ganesh Pooja was done with one voice "Ganpati Bappa Morya' on 24th Sept 2010 yellow Day was celebrated making our days more brighter. End of the month on 30.9.10 it was really thrilling. Poerty Recitation Competition was held for all gardes. Prizes were distributed for the first three winners and well done cards were Given for the other participants.

Children school is functioning smoothly. Navratri festival was celebrated on 11th October,2010 children came in traditional dresses. The Aarti of Goddess Bhavani was performed and children played dandiya and Garba. The Prasad was distributed among all children.

Maintenance of the Institute:

1. During this Period repair of 332 chairs of Auditorium was completed.
2. The wall and Pillar cracks in the front

side of hall No.1 and back side of wall has been completed.

3. Hall NO.3 AC rant of 8.5 has been installed and function well.

Polio Drop Facility:- with the co-operation of B.M.C. this was arraged at Hemandas P. Bhatia Polyclinic. Camp Dt 23/10/2010 Stop Press

Coming Events:- Shti Thathai Bhatia Shewa Fund annual general meeting will be held on Sunday morning 12th Dec 2010 at 10.30am at Trust Premises.

2. Shri Thathai Bhatia Shewa Fund announces Annual Get- together the 12th Dec at shewa Fund Hall Details page No

3. Kewal Baug Trust "Makar Sankranti" celebration on 14th Jan 2020.

MAKAR SANKRANT-UTRAYAN CELEBRATION ON 14TH JANUARY 2011.

MEMBER OF COMMUNITY ARE AWARE THAT IT HAS BEEN A TRADITION WITH KEWAL BAUGH TRUST TO ARRANGE A PROGRAMME OF FEEDING THE POOR ON MAKAR SANKRANT DAY EVERY YEAR.

CONSIDERED WITH THE TRADITION, KEWAL BAUGH TRUST HAS ARRANGED A PROGRAMME OF FEEDING THE POOR OF SURROUNDING AREA ON 14 THE JANUARY 2011 BETWEEN 12 AM TO 1 PM AT TRUST PREMISES.

THE MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY AND OTHER ARE WELCOME TO SEND DONATIONS IN CASH OR KIND LATEST BY 5TH JANUARY 2011 AT **KEWAL BAUGH**

TRUST OFFICE (TEL.NO.28623549/ 28072297) AND THOSE WHO WISH TO DONATE OLD CLOTHES SHOULD ENSURE THAT CLOTHES ARE WEARABLE CONDITION.

**(ISSARDAS ASSERPOTA)
M.TRUSTEE**

SHRADDHANJALI

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

Date	Name	Age
06.06.10	Krishna Sobhraj Gajria Rukmani Deepchand Khiara	78
25.06.10	Nandoo Bhagwandas Dhutia	64
13.07.10	Tulsidas Chaturbhujdas Khiara	72
13.07.10	Naraindas Vallabhdas Asarpota	89
23.07.10	Chandraben Purshottam Bhatia	75
25.05.10	Mahendra Tulsidas Asarpota	58
13.06.10	Keshavlal Vaghela	
31.07.10	Lalchand Thakurdas Kettiwala	68
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18.09.10	Ramchand Jethanand Chachra	65
18.10.10	Parshotamdas Jeramdas Meghchiani	92
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06.11.10	Lalchand T. Gajria(Thaker)	80
06.11.10	Smt. Khemibai Gobindram Bhatia (D/oLalchand Whabi)	72
06.11.10	Smt. Kusum Khushaldas Gandhi (Lurdha)	75

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

TRIBUTE TO DEPARTED SOULS

This poem is to the near and dear ones.

*I cannot say and I will not say
That he/she is dead
He/she is just away with a cherry smile
and a wave of hand,
he has wandered
into an unknown land
And left us dreaming
how very fair its need must be
Since he lingers there
so think of him
faring on as dear
in the love of there
As the love of here
Think of him is still the same -
He is not dead
he just is away.

May it help you
at this time and bring
Some comfort,too
To know that others truly care & share
Your grief with you,
with kindest thought.*

By Ramchandra C Bhatia

(Gokul Gandhi Ludhra)

A Thathai Bhatia Community member

TO:

THATHAI BHATIA SHEWAFUND

THE GENERAL SECRETARY & COMMITTEE MEMBERS,

*EXTREMELY SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT THE SUDDEN DEMISE OF
PUJ. KHUBHABHA. WE PRAY TO THE ALMIGHTY TO GIVE ENOUGH
STRENGTH AND COURAGE TO THE BEREAVED FAMILY MEMBERS
TO BEAR THIS IRREPARABLE LOSS.*

MAY THE DEPARTED SOUL REST IN ETERNAL PEACE.

IN GRIEF,

RUKMANI BAI S. KEWALRAM

BABOO KEWALRAM - RADHI B. KEWALRAM

KISHORE KEWALRAM - POONAM KISHORE

JAI KEWALRAM - ANURADHA JAI

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Shri Krishna Janmashtmi, Nanda Mahotsav & Govinda

(Makhan - Matki Phodo) in September 2010

Shri Krishna Janmashtmi was celebrated at the temple on 2nd Sep 2010. Large number of devotees came to the temple for jagraan which was held from 9p.m to 9.20p.m. followed by Janm Darshan and Panchamrut from 9.30p.m. to 10.30p.m.

Shree Nanda Mahotsav started with Paalna Darshan on 3rd Sep 2010 from 6.00a.m. onwards followed by Shree Nanda Mahotsav celebrations by chanting Nanda gheranand bhayo, Jai Kanhaiyalaki by the kirtaniya's and all the devotees and sprinkling of sweets, nuts & bheta's by Pujya Shree Mukhiyaji on the devotees. This was attended by more than 200 devotees.

Govinda (Makhan - Matki Phodo) event was organized at the temple grounds on 3rd September 2010. Two separate Matki's were decorated and tied at high levels, one for children and second for adults. More than 125 Govindas enthusiastically took part and competed for breaking the pot. More than 500 people witnessed the event by dancing, singing and clapping.

Ganesh Chaturthi in September 2010

Ganesh Chaturthi was celebrated on 11th September 2010 at THMC auditorium. A special mandap was made and was decorated specially for the festival by using decorative items, garlands, lights. The celebrations last one and half days and about 7000 to 8000 devotees thronged the temple and attended the celebrations with devotion, gusto and enthusiasm.

Mukesh Khushaldas Bhatia

Joint Secretary - THC Bahrain

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*There are many fine things which you mean to do some day,
under what you think will be more favorable circumstances.*

*But the only time that is surely yours is the present, hence
this is the time to speak the word of appreciation and sympathy,
to do the generous deed, to forgive the fault of a thoughtless friend,
to sacrifice self a little more of others...*



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