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EDITORIAL

Nine NIGHTS AND A DAY

What do the festive occasions of Navratri and Dussehra Signify? And how were they shaped?

Lights, colorful music - these are the things that come to mind the minute someone mentions Navratri. Like most festivals in our country, Navratri too signifies the celebration of a particular season. This festival which marks the beginning of the spring and autumn seasons (it is observed twice a year). In March-April, Navratri is celebrated as Chaitra Navratri, the last day of which is called Ram Navmi (the day when Lord Rama was born). In September - October, the nine days of diurnal fasting, and the puja and dancing at night mark the victory of Goddess Durga over the demon Mahishasura. This festive period (called Sharad Navratri) ends with Dassera. There are many stories and legends about how Navratri actually started but the main theme remains the same - the worship of Goddess Shakti and her various forms. The festival is celebrated in various ways in the different states of India.

Happy Deepavali and Prosperous New Year

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Thathai Bhatia Community Members.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Readers,

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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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CHINTAN

What makes a woman attractive to a man?

In fact every woman sends out signals to men. Most men can detect and read your signals in a matter of seconds. The first pulses you emit are your dress and your body language.

Its incredibly easy for a woman to attract attention from men. Just wear skin-tight, thigh-length, revealing clothing, You'll get lots of male attention. But will it be the kind of attention you want?

Fishermen insist that the fish you catch is determined by the bait you use.

Would you like to make yourself more appealing to a man who will be attracted to you as a person and not as an object? If so, remember these tips to keep in mind when trying to attract a man. Confidence is the number one attraction. Being more confident with yourself and yourself and your surrounding will attract someone that is equal to you. You will also notice that more people are drawn to you.

Appearance is also a big issue. Your appearance and body language may catch his attention, but it takes personality and

charm to sustain a man's interest. Realize you only have one chance to make a good first impression. If he sees you when you are at your worst then he will not want to look a second time.

Give man a reason to think about you. Wear a lingering fragrance that haunts his memory soft clothes that he yearns to touch and a smile that he can't get out of his mind. And don't forget to leave a little something to the imagination. An air of mystery can be provocative and appealing to a man.

Make him feel Important by focusing your full attention on him. Listen intently to what he has to say and respond with respect for his opinions, laugh at his jokes no matter how lame they are, take an interest in his interests.

And finally - don't try and be something you are not, He will be falling for a false idol and will not want to know you when he sees the real you. Let him know you're different from all the rest. Emphasize your originality through your personality, intelligence and behavior.

Compilation from the Internet

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 Saturday the, 19th Nov., 2011 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 2010-2011. Students of Schools, colleges or Universities conferring Diplomas or Degrees at Annual Examination during the academic year 2010-2011 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.

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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 Oct 2011** 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 2011** 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.: **30-10-2011** 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/performance to the Manager of Shewa Fund latest by **30th Oct 2011** .

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 2011

**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 SATURDAY 19th Nov 2011 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.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I LOVED READING

SPECIALLY LIKED ARTICLE ON
'DEVLALI' AND KANYA DAN'

ALL OF YOU ARE DOING GREAT JOB
FOR THE COMMUNITY.

MY BEST WISHES

ISK

KISHORE BHATIA

To,

Dear Kishore Bhatia,

Received your Email liked Samvad May to Aug 2011. Thanks for the same.

I had sent a letter addressed to Haribha enclosed copies of articles received from our 80 plus senior citizens writing about their 'Paras' in Thatta and Members of Thatta & Karachi

I had requested Haribha to write about 'Lurda Para' in thatta. Please try to pursue him.

I would like to publish in next "Samvad" issue Sept to Dec 2011.

With regards to him.

Ramchandra Bhatia

Aug 9, 2011

The Editor, Mr. Ram C. Bhatia

Respected Sir,

We feel extremely delighted in announcing that Miss Karishma Mukesh Gajria daughter of Jyoti and Mukesh Gajria and grand- daughter of Chandra and Madhan Gajria has secured an A1 Grade in all subjects in X standard CBSE Delhi board exams held in Bahrain this year. She has secured overall 97.2% and scored 100% in Mathematics. She has made us & our entire community proud with her achievement. We have enclosed her mark-sheet for your reference.

We humbly request you to print this in our Samvad.

Thanks & Regards,

Mukesh Gajaria
Membership No. 1962.

JAI SHRI KRISHNA TO ALL.
THERE IS A SMALL (DOUBT) WHICH ALL OF YOU ARE REQUESTED TO CLARIFY:
WHAT IS THE DEFINATION OF A THATTAI / THATHAI BHATIA ? OR TO PUT IT MORE CLEARLY WHO CAN QUALIFY TO CALL HIMSELF OR HERSELF A THATTAI/ THATHAI BHATIA?
SHALL WAIT TO HEAR FROM ANY OR ALL OF YOU.
REGARDS
RAJESH KISHOR.

To,

Mr. Chandan Gandhi

Ref: Regarding Samvad subcription- for sponsored page of mrs Shashikala C. Gandhi. Dear Brother,

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Ram C. Bhatia

Editor

Cc

Mr. Mohanlal Bhatia

July 18, 2011

Dear Brothers,

I have duly received the latest copy of Samvad for Please accept my sincere thanks.

Jai Shree Krishna

H.T.SAGAR

July 18, 2011

The Editor

Samwad

Dear brother,

Many Thanks for your intimation.

With high respects and regards,

Chaterbhoj Lalchand Bhatia

BLOOD PRESSURE

Some Notes

"A Man too busy to take care of his health is like a mechanic too busy to take care of his tools." - Spanish Proverb it is extremely important to live a healthy lifestyle. Your body needs regular care both physically and emotionally.

Blood pressure is the force of your blood pushing against the walls of your arteries. Each time your heart beats, it pumps out blood into the arteries. Your blood pressure is highest when your heart beats, pumping the blood. This is called systolic pressure. When your heart is at rest, between beats, your blood pressure falls. This is the diastolic pressure.

Your blood pressure reading uses these two numbers, the systolic and diastolic pressures. Usually they are one above or before the other. A reading of.

120/80 or lower is normal blood pressure

140/90 or higher is high blood pressure

Between 120 and 139 for the top number, or between 80 and 90 for the bottom number is prehypertension

High blood pressure usually has no symptoms, but it can cause serious problems such as stroke, heart attack and kidney failure. You can control high blood pressure through healthy lifestyle habits and taking medicines, if needed. The reality of high blood pressure medication being generally prescribed, is very much by trial and error. GP's prescribe such medication with very little information, if any at all. I advise all users of this type of medication, to research all of the know side effects of all high blood pressure medication. You will not find to many positive comments. The Drug companies gain the highest benefits. The GP fees are another are poor value for

money.

Q: Which is the correct way of monitoring my blood pressure- while breathing normally or while inhaling deeply and exhaling lengthily?

Just a while ago, the former resulted in 140/67 (pulse rate 63) as the average of 3 takes; with the latter, it was 118/62 (pulse rate 62).

You should be breathing normally when you take your blood pressure. The recommendation of the Joint National Committee on Prevention, Detection, Evaluation and Treatment of High Blood Pressure (JNC) is to sit quietly in a chair for five minutes prior to measuring blood pressure.

Q: I am wondering what would be considered the normal range of blood pressure variation within a five minute span. My first reading is usually about 20 points higher than the second reading. Which is done about 5 minutes later.

A: It is well known that the blood pressure can vary within a few minute span. Because of this, it is recommended that you rest for five minutes prior to a reading being taken. This allows your blood pressure to stabilize before the reading is taken. Average three reading taken 5 minutes apart to determine blood pressure has also been suggested as a more accurate way to determine blood pressure at any given moments in time.

Q: Are there any long term hazards from taking beta blockers? They seem to keep my bp regulated more than other medications.

A: There is some concern that long term use of beta blockers may increase the risk of getting diabetes. This risk needs to weighed against the benefits of having good blood pressure control. You should discuss this further with your doctor.

**Compiled by
Indira Gajria**

**The Bhagavad Gita
The Science of Charity
By Sri Govinda Das**

A summary of the lecture --- The Science of Charity ,

He who tries to enjoy his wealth without sharing it is a thief

Krishna is the sole enjoyer, controller and possessor of the material and spiritual worlds. Untill you realize this, you remain in the cycle of birth and death.

Charity is one of the activities that should never be renounced. Along with Sacrifice and Austerity it purifies even the great souls.

Austerity cures you of the illusion that you are the controller. Charity is the means to cure you of the illusion that you are the possessor.

The primary Sacrifice in Kaliyuga is the Chanting of the Holy Name. The minimum austerities observed in Kaliyuga are the four regulative principles of freedom: No

meat eating, No intoxication, No illicit sex, no gambling.

The greatest Charity is to give to another the message of Lord Krishna in the Bhagavad Gita -- for this leads to freedom from all suffering and love of god.

The Charity that you give today is the seed for your fortune tomorrow

Karma allows you to reap what you sow. If you eat all your crop and keep none for seed, you will starve tomorrow.

You receive the benefits of your Charity in this life and future lives as long as your Karmic credit is good. In the interval between two lives you also reap the benefits in Swarga Loka (heaven).

If you give food - you will never go hungry.
If you give water - you will naver go thirsty.
If you provide medical aid - you will never lack medical care.

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Vallabdas Muljimal Asarpota(Janiani)

Even a small seed could yield a large tree. Similarly, even the smallest act of charity could yield large benefits in the future.

Seeds carelessly strewn will be lost to you now and hereafter. Similarly, Charity given foolishly is a loss to you and is of benefits to no one.

Krishna describes three varieties of Charity: Charity in the mode of Goodness, Charity in the mode of Passion and Charity in the mode of Ignorance.

That Charity which is given without expectation of any return, to the appropriate person, for a worthy cause, at the correct time and place is Charity in the mode of Goodness.

The appropriate person is a saintly person who accepts charity as an instrument to intelligently disburse it for a worthy cause. The worthy cause is the relief of suffering material and spiritual. The best time is during an eclipse or the full moon. The ideal place is a sanctified holy site.

Charity in the mode of Passion (Rajas) or in the mode of Ignorance (Tamas) is not recommended by Lord Krishna in the Bhagavad Gita.

Charity given with some desire for return or given reluctantly is in the mode of Rajas or Passion.

Bribes are also a form of charity given with the desire to get something in return.

Charity is also given for name and fame for oneself or one's family. The celebrity desired is also a return on your charity.

Charity forced out of you through social or other pressures is also charity in the mode of passion.

Even charity given in the hope of attaining Svarga Loka (heaven) and its delights, or getting benefits in future lives is charity in the mode of passion,

Tamasic Charity is charity given with contempt to an unworthy person, leading him to delusion and madness.

Gifts of intoxication are Tamasic Charity

Money rarely satisfies a recipient of charity because he always wants more. Charity in the form of food satisfies the hunger of the beneficiary because he is soon unable to eat any more.

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SHRI HARIDAS VIROOMAL GANDHI**

Food given without religious instruction may lead the beneficiary to use the energy for sinful activity. This also entraps the donor in bad karma.

Prasadam (sanctified food) given with the gift of the Lord's name absolves the donor from any fruits that may result.

Charity in the form of money given to a beggar can always be used for cigarettes, alcohol or drugs. You are an unknowing participant in this bad karma. Giving Prasadam of equivalent value in packets of peanuts and candied sugar nourishes the body and purifies the soul.

Krishna asks in the Bhagavad Gita that we do everything for Him. All charity and every gift should be offered first to him before being given away.

By remembering Him and reminding others of Him we fulfill his message to us in the Bhagavad Gita

Helping to spread His message and reminding others of Him enables us to be constantly absorbed in thoughts of Krishna thus, at the time of death we naturally remember the Lord and return back to Godhead.

AUM TAT SAT

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The Bhagavad Gita

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CO- EDUCATION

With reference to the query on Co-education, I have personally always been in favour of a co-education school as I went to one in my childhood.

The main advantage that I feel is that children learn that boys are different from girls in many ways. In short, they learn how to handle each other. Boys tend to be more physical, while girls are gentler. Of course, there are tom-boys too but generally both of them learn to understand each other at a very early stage.

Friendships Develop in a very natural way in co-education Schools. This happens because there are so many group activities in schools in which girls and boys take part in a pleasant, well supervised environment. The development is very natural and allows young boys and girls to express their views openly and assertively.

I believe that this sort of interaction is very healthy particularly when the children become adolescents. That is a very awkward stage for both boys and girls but if they have interacted with each other since childhood they do not see each other as strangers. This sort of interaction also comes in use in the future when boys and girls become men and women. They understand each other much better in their future lives.

Due to the education Ministry rules in Dubai both my daughters had to study separately from boys but thankfully they never realized it as they were allowed to interact with their cousins and other classmates in a healthy manner and for he higer studies a college he system of co-education easily adopted. There is quotation in manusmirti yasya naryasu pujyante, remante tasya devta. It meant where women is worshiped there is existence of the god. This is the basic principle of co-education,,

Charu Thakkar

THE TWINS

One summer night, some ten years ago, I was lying in my bed, -restless- The night was very close. The moonlight flooded my bed which looked as though it had glistening sheets.

It was very calm without, save an occasional scream of the bat. Thus, in the appalling stillness which seemed hanging about like a cloud, I was lying in my bed. Suddenly I heard some hoarse whispers outside. I jumped off my bed and peeped through the window. Facing my house stood a stone villa but there was no sign of human beings. I got into my bed. But hardly I got into the bed when hoarse whispers began again:

'Brother!'

'Yes Brother!'

'Did you hear that he is killing us to-morrow?'
Killing us!'

'To-morrow we are dying-you and I.'

'Why should he kill us?'

'Just to gratify his personal desire.'

'Oh! how cruel!'

'Cold blooded murder!'

'But will he ever be happy/'

'No-never.'

The converstion then ceased. I once again looked through the window but I could find nothing. I was quite puzzled by the strange conversation and my brain ran amuk with the ideas of ghosts and spirits. Soon I was in the arms of morphens.

Early next morning, I hurried to my granny thinking she could give me an explanation of the strange occurrence. i told her about it but as she was engaged in her house-hold we've been grateful for the opportunity and respect extended to us by our host countires

duties she asked me to wait for a few minutes.

The ten minutes which intervened seemed to me as heavy as ten hours. At last she came to me and said, "What is it?"

I described the whole thing to her.

Did you really hear that?" she asked.

'Yes. Truly.'

'About someone trying to kill?

'Yes exactly.'

'And about cold-blooded murder?'

'Yes, and also about the final curse', said I.

'Oh, you have heard everything then!' she exclaimed.

'Did you hear the same conversation? I asked.

'I have heard it for years', she replied.

'What are they, granny?' I asked, eagerly.

'Spirits of course!' she said.

'Spirits!'

'Yes. The spirits of two trees.

'spirits of trees! i don't follow you, granny' said I.

'These that whisper are the spirits of two trees.

'But how did they become spirits? Do tell me the whole story.

'You see that stone villa opposite our house?'

'Yes I do'.

'Well', she said. 'Once two Babul so huge and tall stood there ____'

"What became of them?' I interrupted.

'The owner thought of raising a building so the trees had to be felled ____'

'Had to be felled?'

'Yes. He did think of their spirits and he asked Brahmins to devise an easy way of getting rid of them.'

'And what did they tell him?'

'Well, if you interupt me in this way, I don't want to go on. said my granny getting hot. I blushed.

'The Brahmins'. proceeded my granny, 'told

him to offer to each tree a five seer 'sugared' loaf, the night before they were to be cut

_____'

'What ever for?'

'To appease the spirits of the trees'.

'And were they pleased?'

'No. The spirits left are the of fearing was made.'

'What happened then?'

'The owner raised the villa and brought his family to live there.'

'But what became of the spirits?' I asked suddenly.

'They came to haunt the villa the day the family occupied it. and I heard this conversation the same night.'

'Did you inform the owner about it?'

'I did, but he did not belive in spirits.'

'Him what happened then?'

'The owner', my granny said. was a trader in the persian Gulf. So he left for the place leaving his family behind. Soon afterwards his only son got whooping cough and died. His wife died too. broken-hearted.

'And the owner himself?' I interrupted.

'He drowned himself when he came to hear about the calamity'

'oh!' !!

'The curse came true at last!' said my granny.

'But can the trees have spirits granny?' I expressed a doubt.

'Why, If they have life. they have spirits!'

'Of course they have life'. I said admitting the truth about the first half of her statement, Sir Jagdish Chandra Bose has proved_____'

'Then it is as plain as your nose that trees have spirits' said my granny.

Her story removed my disbelief in spirits. Not that I quite believe in them now, but as I have never been able to make head or tail of it, I am quite willing to acknowledge that there may be such things as spirits!

(By Ram Kisani.)

IMMIGRANTS WONDER WHAT ARAB SPRING WILL MEAN FOR THEM

DUBAI - Jaiprakash Vallabhdas, a second-generation Indian businessman, arrived in Dubai in 1959 on a Kalinga Airlines propeller plane that flew weekly from what was then called Bombay to Sharjah. Mr. Vallabhdas, just 15 years old, had undertaken the voyage to join his father, Vallabhdas Keshavdas, who had set up shop in Dubai in 1952, also as a 15-year-old.

Mr. Vallabhdas still operates out of the family's first shop in Dubai. Located in the old textile souk, known as the Indian bazaar, the 100-square-meter, or 1,100-square-foot, space, stocked with blankets from South Korea and China, sits on the Khor Dubai, the saltwater creek that divides the city into Bur Dubai and Deira. The first level overlooks the creek, on which hundreds of dhows carrying merchandise in and out of Dubai are floating.

"It was a very different place when I first came," Mr. Vallabhdas said this month. "The boats would not be able to come into the creek. They would stop in the middle of the sea, and the goods and passengers would arrive on barges. My father and I would work in the bazaar all day and then walk home, climb over a sand dune, where I would just lie for a few minutes and stargaze, before heading to eat and sleep."

Still, opportunities abounded to carve a better life. "The Arabs welcomed us," he said. "They wanted us to trade, and so we imported textiles from India, sold them in the bazaars here and prepared them for Iran and the rest of the region."

More recently, as the Arab Spring uprisings spread through the Middle East and crept into the Gulf, beginning with Bahrain, new questions have surfaced about the volatility

of social divisions and the uprising's impact in economics that largely depend on sizable expatriate populations.

The Gulf countries, particularly Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar, have vied for decades to be the region's leading business destination. During that time, the demographics of foreign workers expanded from a few traders and mostly unskilled laborers from South Asia to skilled workers and professionals from Western countries. With each report of Arab Spring unrest, business analysts became increasingly anxious, fearing an enormous exodus of the workers who form the foundation of the region's economies. "There were reports of companies' considering the relocation of their staff from Bahrain to Dubai, but for us there was no doubt we would remain in Bahrain, come what may," said Kishore Kewalram, managing director of Kewalram & Sons, an Indian trading company with headquarters in Manama.

Historically, the Indian subcontinent has had strong business ties with the Gulf states, particularly Dubai, Bahrain and Muscat. The ancestors of Mr. Kewalram and other members of his Thattai Bhatia community have had trade links with the Arab world since the 19th century.

The family's first business activities in the Gulf included trading pearls and textiles. In the 1960s, the family ventured into distributing electronics, forging ties with India and countries in the Far East.

Mr. Kewalram is the fourth generation of his family to call Bahrain home. In 2006, through a special decree, his family was granted Bahrain citizenship - a gesture rarely extended to foreign workers in the Gulf countries.

"As far as the old-times of the Indian community are concerned, I would say,

and their rulers," Mr. Kewalram said. Not only were the Indian traders and merchants encouraged to earn a livelihood, but their cultural identity was preserved, as land grants allowed for the construction of Hindu temples in Manama and Dubai.

Mishaal Al Gergawi, an Emirati current affairs commentator, said, "In recent years, at least in the U.A.E., Emiratis and Indians have less personal interactions."

"My parents' generation was influenced by Arab nationalism and were more liberal than my generation," he added. "So Indians and Emiratis were able to relate to each other through similar cultural values, such as the importance of marriage and education. In the 1980s, there was an Islamic awakening, and you'll find the average Emirati now is more conservative than 25 years ago."

But in Dubai today, according to Mr. Al Gergawi, the typical Indian expatriate has little in common with his Emirati counterpart. "I think the nature of special relationship is no longer limited to one or two communities," he said. "If earlier it was the British and the Indian, it is ever-changing, with the influx of several new communities."

And yet, Indians account for 30 percent of the Emirates' population, making them the largest expatriate community in the country. The majority are unskilled migrant workers. Still, a 2005 Merrill Lynch wealth report estimated that there were 33,000 Indian millionaires in the Emirates.

Narayanappa Janardhan, an Emirates-based political analyst on Gulf-Asia affairs, said: "The trade dynamic, a key factor in the genesis of Indo-U.A.E. ties, has undoubtedly been a bedrock of the thriving

association. In fact, contrary to popular belief that politics conditions economies, in this case it's robust economic ties that have had an upbeat influence on political, social, cultural and people-to-people contacts as well."

"The profile of the community has changed, but within the countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council, I think it has been a deliberate policy that expatriates are not given a sense of permanence, as a precautionary measure to prevent the dilution of the citizen's cultural identity," he added.

Families like that of Mr. Vallabhdas, who placed tremendous faith in Dubai, its system of governance and enterprise in the pre-oil era, were rewarded with land grants for schools, a prayer space for their community to assemble and the privilege of owning their own business without a mandatory local business partner, otherwise possible only within dedicated economic free zones.

"There are about 130 Indian families who have this license allowing 100 percent ownership," he said. In local business circles, they are known as the "decree families." as their businesses were formalized by a decree prior to the creation of the Department of Economic Development.

Those privileges, Mr. Al Gergawi said, "are not part of any policy as such, but examples of the ruler's benevolence. In return, I would say the recipients of the ruler's generosity did not misuse their proximity to power,"

Mr. Vallabhdas recalled a youth spent in the community salons of Sheikh Saeed bin Maktoum al Maktoum and Sheikh Rashid

bin Saeed Al Maktoum, erstwhile rulers of Dubai. "They would often visit us in the shops, and we would greet them" during holidays, he said.

"It was a beautiful time, even if it was physically challenging, as there was no electricity, or proper roads, and the desert was still the desert," he added.

"It was also easier to assimilate then, as people had more time and patience. Now there are a lot more people, and no one has any time."

Well aware of the sense of impermanence associated with residing in the Gulf, Mr. Vallabhdas said there had always been a tacit but clear understanding within the Indian trading community of the manner in which business would be conducted.

"We are an apolitical people," he said. "Our focus has always been on developing business and contributing to the local economy, by serving the country and community." Mr. Vallabhdas's 37-year-old son is now leading the expansion of the family trading business.

Describing the differences in Western and Gulf migration policies, Mr. Janardhan, the Emirates-based political analyst, explained how the term "migration" did not apply to expatriates. "They are referred to as 'temporary contractual workers,'" he said, "thereby eliminating any scope for permanent settling."

"In today's world, home is where the job is," Mr. Janardhan added. "In making the Gulf home, the multigeneration Indian family businesses were ahead of their time. They

sensed an opportunity, worked hard and without an agenda. They're law-abiding and expect no political rights. They are, in a way, the model expatriate for the Gulf states."

For Mr. Kewalram, watching events of the Arab Spring unfold in Bahrain's city centre, minutes away from his office, was unnerving. "We were naturally anxious for the country, but whatever the outcome we are Bahraini," he said. "It's been my family's home for about 100 years, so leaving was and is not an option."

By VINITA BHARADWAJ

HONESTY

On 01/09/2011 Hall no.4 was Booked by Shri Sanjay K. Tolia Kandivali Mumbai -67. After the function over party left the Hall Kamal (Security) found the watch and he handed over the watch to Mr. Mukesh (Supervisor). Mr. Mukesh took the initiative to inform the Party on 03/09/2011 & called Mr. Sanjay K. Tolia & handed over the watch to Mr. Sanjay on 03/09/2011, Mr. Sanjay has given Thanks in Writing for Honesty Shown by The Staff of TBSF.

Quote

~~"The real winners in life are the people who~~ look at every situation with an expectation that they can make it work or make it better."

Editor

INSTITUTIONAL NEWS

INSTITUTION NEWS TBSF

Kalindi Nursery:- 64th Independence Day celebration held on 12th August 2011. at Hall No.6.

Honorable Trustees were present. Our tiny tots dressed as like of Great Leaders and sang patriotic songs which filled our hearts with fervour of patriotism.

Krishna Janmashtami Program was held on 19th August 2011 at Hall No. 6. Jr & Sr KG kids performed dance which was followed by the breaking of Dahi Handi. Hats off to all kids. 'Jay Kanhaiya Lal Ki' was the song which infused thrill among all.

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.

Plant a seed activity was conducted by Jr KG section on 23rd July. Thus making days more colourful & Joyful

8th July was Green day &

29th July was yellow day.

12th Aug Rakhi celebration.

Gifts, Snacks & Sweets were distributed on the following occassion respectively.

KEWAL BAUGH TRUST

CHETI CHAND CELEBRATION

Kewal Baugh have organized to celebrate "Cheti-Chand" on Thursday 6th October 2011 at the premises of Kewal Baugh Trust, Kilachand Road, Kandivli (West), Mumbai-400 067 at 5 p.m. onwards.

All community members and their families were cordially invited to attend the celebration of cultural variety programme and also participate in sumptuous dinner of traditional

"Tari-POTT".

The evening was more than made enjoyable by Shri Sushil D. Bhatia and Shri Latesh D. Bhatia who sang filmy songs. which were an enthusiastically applauded by the entire audience.

The evening attraction were songs by Mrs. Mamta Deepak Asarpota. Our ladies participate in Ras Garba and made it attraction of the show.

The celebration was followed by our Traditional Thathai Bhatia delicious cuisine of Trari-Pott, Tea and plain rice, Mohanthal, Kachoris, Puris, Khicho sag and fried potato pieces and etc.

(Ashok M. Gajria)
Managing Trustee

COMING EVENTS

KEWAL BAUGH TRUST

MAKAR SANKRANT- 14TH JANUARY 2012.
(UTRAYAN)

Kewal Baugh will arrange Bhojan for the poor and the needy on 14-1-2012 Community members wishing to participate in Makar Sankranti (Utrayan) celebration send the donation in cash or Kind latest 5th January 2012. They are **reported to contact Mrs Rekha or Mrs Dammi or Mr Latesh on Tele No: 28623549/28072297**

Ashok M Gajria
(Managing Trustee)

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

(ASHOK M. GAJRIA)
M.TRUSTEE

SHREE THATHAI BHATIA PANCHAYAT

Institutional News - Panchayat

Annual General Meeting was held on 15th May 2011 at 11.30am at Thathai bhatia Shewa Fund premises presently.

The Managing committee members are as following:

1. Shri Ashok M. Gajria (Hon. President)
2. Shri Kishindas V. Asarpota (Hon. Vice President)
3. Shri Ramchandra C. Bhatia (Hon. Secretary)
4. Shri Navin H. Gajria (Hon. Treasurer)
5. Shri Hemchandra N. Java (Committee Member)
6. Shri Dayaram Dhamanmal Khiarra (Co-Opted member)
7. Shri Omprakash L. Gajria (Join Secretary)

All readers are requested to intimate the change of address so that record can be updated and corresence mailed correctly

All members are requested to contact Panchayat office for:

a) The members who have not paid their subscription fee are requested to pay their subscription due.

b) Members desirous of having Community Certificate for admission purpose etc should give their applications to the office.

Contact - Usha Bhatia

Tel No.: 2809 1770

In case of any difficulty they should contact us.

Ashok M Gajria **Ramchandra C Bhatia**
Hon. President **Hon. Secretary**
Omprakash L Gajria
Hon. Jt. Secretary

Patal/Lagas -

For general information the details are as follows.

Laga for Janoi & Marriage is Compulsory.

Janoi Laga	Rs.451/- per head
Marriage Laga	Rs.451/-per head

Illustration - If members wishes to distributed patal amount Rs.5/- to Panchayat members he has to pay patal amount and patal laga as under:

Patal Amount	1100x5 = 5500/-
Patal Laga	451/-
	<u>5951/-</u>
Marriage/Janoi Laga	451/-
	<u>6402/-</u>

Our Panchayat gives these item on hire.

Items	Deposit	Per day charges
Dholak	500	51/-
Ekota	500	51/-
For Devi Par an & Thali	100	21/-
Membership		51/-

List (Sale)

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
	Sushila Harikishandas Asarpota	
06.07.11	Chandra Lalchand Gandhi	
14.07.11	Ramchand Devidas Asar	
16.07.11	Devkibai Damodardas Udeshi	--
17.07.11	Haridas Maganmal Pandav	
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19.07.11	Govindram Udhavdas Parpia	--
20.07.11	Naraindas Narsinghdas Babla	--
13.09.11	Rukmani Narsinghdas Khiyara	--
19.08.11	Lalchand C. Bhatia	--
05.09.11	Meena d/o.L.C.Bhatia (Canada)	--
09.09.11	Virendra Kishanchand Udeshi	--
08.09.11	Kishin Chaturbhujdas Khiara(Dubai)	--
	Ashok M. Gajria Ramchandra C. Bhatia	
	(Hon. President) (Hon. Secretary)	

INSTITUTIONAL NEWS

Shree Vallabh Sukhdham Programs

Shree Sarvottam Stotra 2011 by Pujya Goswami Shri Shyammanoharji held from 28th April to 8th May,

Conducted under Sukhdham Pushti Asmita Bal Sanskrutik "Ame Eva Re" Program Shri Sarvottam Stotra Nurtya Natika & Gujarati Drama "Vadilo To Nathi Dhundhukari Jeva" held at Tejapal Hall Mumbai on 25/06/2011, 01/07/2011, 17/08/2011 All Four Shows Were House Full.

Shri Gopinathji Utsav Kirtan/ Sadhan Dipika Path & Vachnamrut By Pijya Goswami Shri Shyammanoharji held on 24th Sep.2011. Also Inaugurate Pushti Vangmay Software CD by Pujya Goswami Shri Shyammanoharji, You can view/ Search Pushti Margiya Granths more easily.

Pushti Sahitya Library (Sukhdham) You can take Books Home For Reading,

Time Tuesday to Sunday 3:30pm to 5:30pm.

Coming events

Bhagwat Chintan 10th skant on 29th Oct to 9th Nov will be that at Kishangarh (Rajastans).

Live Video/ Audio will be made available at our Shri Vallabh Sukhdham.

Computer center- Mahila Vikas

Mandal

Spreading the computer literacy for general and needy people. The computer center is running smoothly.

Started new batch for our Kalindi Nursery students. 70 students were enrolled for this year. This centre is managed by **Geeta Salion** nicely.

TO:

THATHAI BHATIA SHEWAFUND

ARTICLE ON BHATIA COMMUNITY,

Dear Baboo,

Thanks a lot for sharing with me an article on Bhatia Community which has appeared in June 2011 issue of Salaam Bahrain.

Thattai Bhatia community has played a significant role in trade and relations in this region and I am glad that it has now been catalogued in the media for future generations to read and enrich their knowledge.

The Indian community has reason to be proud of Bhatia who were the road openers to Persian Gulf several centuries back. If they had not come here, we would not have seen such a big number of Indian community living here.

Once again I compliment you for your active role and wish you long and healthy life.

Best regards,
Dr Ram Buxani

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Dear Members,

Jai Shree Krishna!

We are pleased to inform all the THC members about the forthcoming event Temple.

'THC' will be distributing prizes plus certificates to the deserving students from 5 to Std.12th & also to those who have excelled in other academic fields in year 2011. Please give the same, latest by 17th Oct'11, Monday in the THC office. (5.15 to 7.45 pm)

Late submissions will not be entertained.

The original academic certificate will be returned after verification.

Please ensure your fees upto the year 2011 are up-to-date.

Only those members who have paid the fees up-to-date can submit the a certificates.

Also please note that only those students studying in Bahrain can submit the a certificates.

Thanking You,

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**MLM - MULTI LEVEL MARKETING OR
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Recently I was approached by our Bhatia Community persons to be part of above. Under the pretext that this is good business proposal for achieving "FF"(Financial Freedom)

I am concerned & worried as I noticed that between many of our youth (Age Group 20/30) & Ladies are involved in this !

Please check on these & put your comments / warning in "SAMVAD" of thought fit.

Use full link (S) :

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Assume "**SPEAK ASIA - INDIA**" was also one such scheme ?

JSK

Regards

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July 18, 2011

**CAPT. VIJAYANT THAPAR - AGE 22
HE LAID DOWN FOR OUR BETTER
TOMORROW.**

Dearest Papa/Mama/Birdie and Granny
By the time you get this letter, I will be observing you from the sky enjoying the hospitality of Apsaras.

I have no regrets, in fact even if I become a human again I will join the army and fight for my nation.

If you can, please come and see where the Indian army fought for your tomorrow.

As far as this unit is concerned, the new chaps should be told about this sacrifice.

Contribute some money to orphanage and keep on giving

Best of luck Birdie never forget this sacrifice of these men,

Papa you should feel proud Mama so should you.

Please meet the girl whom I loved so much and accept her .

Ok than it's time to join my clan of dirty dozen my party has 12 chaps.

Best of luck to you live life king size.

Yours Rolin (Vijayant Thapar)

Note : - The above letter was narrated by one army persons on occasion of 15th Aug 2011 who described the sacrifice of young soldiers. Shri Vijay Thapar who paid his life just wrote this letter few hours before his death. The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or touched but must be felt with the heart.

Happy World's Heart day.

Important

We invite news from our community members who can tell us about our Thathai Bhatia brothers who served Indian Army, Airforce, Navy, etc.

Editor



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