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A Very
Happy New Year*

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ANNOUNCEMENT

THATHAI BHATIA SHEWA FUND will be holding the Annual General Body meeting on 01-12-2013(Sunday) premise at 11.00 a.m. . All members are hereby regulated to attend the meeting

**Hon. Gen. Secretary
Thathai Bhatia Shewa Fund**

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1. Smt. Nirmala Khubchand Asar
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(Hon.Vice President)
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13. Shri Arun Lilwa.
14. Shri Vimal Bhatia.
15. Shri Latesh D Bhatia.
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17. Smt Pushpa M Negandhi.

पाठकों की जानकारी के लिए संवाद जैसे ही प्रकाशित होता है उसी समय इसे **PDF FILE** में कम्प्युटर में डाल दिया जाता है जिससे आप अपने कम्प्युटर पर सारा अंक पढ़ सकते हैं ।

SHRI THATHAI BHATIA PANCHAYAT will be holding the Annual General Body Meeting on 01-12-2013(Sunday) at 1.00 p.m. at Shewa Fund Premises. All members are hereby requested to attend the meeting.

**Hon. Secretary
Shree Thathai Bhatia Panchayat
ANNOUNCEMENT**

Shri Thathai Bhatia Panchayat newly elected Committee

1. Shri Raj G. Thaker (Hon. President)
2. Shri Arun T. Bhatia(Lilwa)
(Hon.Vice President)
3. Shri Ashok M. Gajria
4. Shri Ramchandra C. Bhatia
5. Shri Navinchandra H. Gajria
6. Shri Hemchand N. Bhatia(Java)
7. Shri Omprakash L. Gajria
8. Shri Mukesh K. Bhatia
9. Shri Ashok P. Bhatia(Khiara)

MAKAR SANKRANT-UTRAYAN

MEMBERS 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 TRADITIONAL KEWAL BAUGH TRUST HAS ARRANGED A PROGRAMME OF FEEDING THE POOR OF SURROUNDING AREA ON THE 14th JANUARY 2014 BETWEEN 12PM TO 1 PM AT TRUST PREMISES.

THE MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY AND OTHERS ARE WELCOME TO SEND DONATIONS IN CASH OR KIND LATEST BY 5TH JANUARY 2014 AT KEWAL BAUGH.

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

**ASHOK M. GAJRIA
M. TRUSTEE**

CHINTAN

Just a minute or two please.....

One has to strive concomitantly to LIVE the GADHYA MANTRA and in case of any difficulty at the least must maintain the BHAWA to do so. It is not SIMPLY a secured ticket issued by a person affiliated to its original direct receiver Shri Vallabh from the divinity incarnated as Shrinathji, to enter VAIKUNTH regardless of the fact whatever we think or whatever way we live entangled in LAOKIKTA (common worldly living).

GADYAMANTRA (BRAHAMASAMBANDH) is in fact our true constitution to live accordingly or try not to live and do anything else that does not come within its defined parameters. We mostly live ignorantly in self deception misguided though but not without our own consent that is a result of our own latent LOKIK or AASURI BHAWA that in fact Shri Vallabh compassionately wants to free us from in this horrible YUGA of KALI. It is not a case of simple naivety but desired AASURI BHAVA that we cunningly do not want to be from like any such case of addition to a drug.

Mahaprabhuji Shri Vallabhacharya has blessed us with umpteen options of practice to reach that state of our living and playing the assigned role regardless of the space and time. However having at

our sight appropriate birds eye view of the ways and system he has complete surrender for perpetuity and thus be attached to him timelessly that is A SADANDHA, PARMANDA.

To be bereft any KUNTHA (Frustration) is to be living in the VANIKUNTH, GOLOK or similar state of the existence. A state of blissful consciousness at all the levels of our existence sustains regardless of our being in any space and time be it SANSARA, JAGAT or even a LOKA of more complex nature as far the SHTAI BHAWAS of DASOASMI and TAWSMI sustain. No variety of actuality of any material world matters regardless of the role assigned as any kind of a JIWATMA and the same can be relished just like an actor relishes a character assigned to him or her whatever other role and gender.

GRAH SEWA or serving SEWA SWARUP of our own beloved THAKURJI in a complete privacy like in any case of LOVE as prescribed by the ACHARYAS of earlier times within and with the whatever limitations and circumstances we are into. The TAKUR we can not touch is not our beloved SEWYA SWARUP all the rest of presentation in the name of PUSHTIMARG is simply something else but NEVER the MARG as prescribed by Mahaprabhu Shri Vallabhacharya.

Ashok Gajria.

BHATIA NEWS LETTER

VOICE OF YOUTH

In our recent "Samvad" magazine we had advocated the need of Bhatia website and quicker two way communication need of monthly news letter on electronic media. As it is felt that young generation has Fevicol tendency to stick to computers. Recent published article in Times of India dt: 3/7/2013 says that after the email we had forgotten to write. For so many suggestion to come to electronic media.

The pen is mightier than the sword. It is always says- So why not get those grey cells working for a change and write an article and send us. I am sure that we do not need to prove that we can think and write. Any member working to contribute and air his thoughts is freely welcome.

The issue we are starting with following:-

There will be addition and alteration improvement on suggestion from YOU - OUR READERS.

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Dear Readers,

In every issue you hear from us news, views, poems, matter selected to pustimarg & community matters. Now we want to hear from you to tell us how your favourite 'Samvad' can improve further.

Be our partner and join the team that shapes samvad by sharing your opinion.

Do you have views you'd like to share with us or with our readers ?

Do you have an opinion on something you've read in Samvad?

Do you have suggestion for what you'd like to read in your favourite news letter samvad?

We are always open to your suggestions and look forward to your feedback.

Very nice Please go ahead .

Put this information in the next bulletin as it is important for everyone to know about it. We have to device the methods and ways to make it very poular. There are some elements that could cause a negative propoganda but we shall overcome it. As you know the FACEBOOK is already filling this gap of communication among the members of our community. But with some efforts we shall overcome all such hurdles.

Good Luck and all the best. Let me know what contribution I as an individual and an office bearer can make.

I am of the opinion that we should choose people who too are with positive attitude. As our office bearers are subject change, an appropriate solution must be found in advance.

We shall talk about it more in person.

Ashok M Gajria

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Did you know ?

The Thathai Bhatias was traditionally known as traders , doing Trading business of food grains and pearls with Gulf countries, but there was few outstanding personalities, who immigrated from Thatta to Karachi or Bombay pursued study & scored very high in their respective field few of them known names to us are given below :

1. Late Hiranand Uttamchand Udeshi : Better known as Jodhpurwala with hard work & postal education because Indian Chief Engineer with Britisher who made Umaid Bhavan PALace at Jodhpur later to after Independence he was again recalled by then Rajasthan Government to work as Chief Engineer of the state.

2. Harkishan Motiram Bhatia(Asarpota) : From Rohriwala family, who was co-discover of rare blood group, known as Bombay Blood Group and retired as head of Blood Bank of KEM hospital.

3. Our own Dr. Lakhumal H Hiranandani : The only Thattai Bhatia who was offered "Padamshri" for his great work as E.N.T. doctor.

There may be many more in various other field and readers are requested to write about them to make younger generation. Aware that though Thattai Bhatia community was very small. It did have talent in post graduation.

By Lalit P Gajria

Article sent by Shri Lalit Parmanand Gajria is praise worthy and putting it in our pet Samvad news letter is a matter of pride. In earlier issue of Sampark & Samvad in Late nineties - Our Late Mulji Gandhi has written about the leading personalities . We shall try to represent those in our coming issues for younger generation. We shall include who has made in society for social issues.

Editor

Dear Ram C Bhatia,

I have received and read with interest SAMVAD issue 49. Thanks for interesting tribute to Late Shri Ramchand L Lilwa but much more could be written about him as I had presented him "PARAMANAND" Award in 1991. I am enclosing the copy of the citation for your information . You may select and publish in next issue of you wish.

With regards,

Maghanmal J Pancholia

HOW I READ SAMVAD.

To,

Shri Ramchandra C. Bhatia
Samvad Shri Thathai Bhatia Community Bulletin
Shewa Fund, Kandivali,
Mumbai:-400067.

Dear Shri Rambha,

I would like to contact you during my forthcoming visit to Mumbai, with my Mother-in-law- Tarabhabhi, my Wife Kusum and her sister Lata.

I am flying from Germany on 28th Dec. and will be in Mumbai on 29th Dec.

I will phone you in the new year as I would be attending a marriage on 29th Evening in Hare Krishna Temple in Juhu.

I would like to know, as to how can I read Samvad regularly on my PC in Germany.

Kindly convey my regards to Shri Ashokji Gajria.

With best regards
Jawahar Kandhari.

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From : Editor

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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, 15th Feb., 2014 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 2012-2013. Students of Schools, colleges or Universities conferring Diplomas or Degrees at Annual Examination during the academic year 2012-2013 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 Jan 2014** 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 **30th Jan 2014** 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.: **30-01-2014** 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 **30th Jan 2014** .

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

**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 15th Feb 2014 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.



“सुंधी की आत्मकथा”

“मैं सुंधी हूँ” - इसे नई पीढी नाम से तो क्या, देखकर भी नहीं जानती होगी - शायद !

आज से करीब पचास-साठ साल पहिले ठट्टाई भाटियों में मेरा बड़ा सम्मान था. विशेषकर शादी ब्याह के मौके पर ! प्रायः लडकीवालों की ओर से मानस्वरूप, लडकेवालों में जो बड़ी मूढी औरत (मां, दादी या नानी) को साडी के उपर रखकर दी जाती थी। मैं चाँदी की बनी हुई, एक छोटी आकार की पेटी जैसी, करीब एक डेढ़ इंच लम्बी, पौन इंच चौडी और आधे इंच उंचाई की बनती थी। मुझे बड़ी मूढी औरते सम्मान से अपने ब्लाउज के दाहिने ओर की जेब में रखती थीं। (जेब खास बनवाई जाती थी) मुझे पिसी हुई तम्बाकु (बजर) को रखने में काम में लिया जाता था। आज कल जिस तरह तम्बाकु गुटखा मुंह में चबाते है ठीक उसी तरह उस समय बजर को नाक में डालकर जोर से सूंघते थे। शायद सूंघने वाले को आनन्द आता होगा और दिनमें सात - आठ बार तो इसका नशा किया ही जाता था।

कहां गये वे बूढे लोग और कहां गई वो पिसी हुई सुगन्धित तम्बाकु (बजर)। एक तरह से तो अच्छा है नशे की लत उतर गई पर क्या होगा मुझ बेचारी “सुंधी” का जो शायद भाटियों में संग्रहालय के कोने में पड़ी रोती नजर आऊंगी.

ललित परमानन्द गाजरिया

॥ श्री वल्लभ - सुखधाम ॥

उद्घाटन और उद्देश

हमारे मुंबईवासी सभी पुष्टिमार्गीय वैष्णवों को यह बताते हुए हमें अत्यन्त हर्ष हो रहा है कि गोस्वामी श्याम मनोहरजी (पारला-किशनगढ) की प्रेरणा के स्वरूप सिन्धुप्रदेश में पुष्टिमार्गीयों के लिए जिस प्रकार सुखधाम हुआ करते थे, उसी के अनुरूप हमने यहां श्री ठट्टाई भाटिया सेवाफंड संकुल में भी, ऐसे ही एक सुखधाम को स्थापित करने का विनम्र हार्दिक प्रयास किया है. सुखधाम की मुख्य प्रवृत्तियों में श्री वल्लभाचार्य चरण के द्वारा उपदिष्ट ग्रन्थ सिद्धान्त साधना पद्धति का अध्ययन-मनन और वार्ता वचनमृत कीर्तन गान आदि का सत्संग नियमित उपलब्ध कराना रहेगा. ताकि ऐसी व्यवस्था के इच्छुक हर पुष्टिमार्गीय वैष्णव भाई-बहन इस सुखधाम का दिव्य लाभ ले पायें !

इस सुखधाम का उद्घाटन और भविष्य में यहां होनेवाले कार्यक्रमों की रूपरेखा का निरूपण गोस्वामी श्याम मनोहरजी द्वारा दिनांक 92वीं एप्रिल 2009 तदनुसार गुरुवार के दिन सायं 6.30 बजे होना निर्धारित हुआ है.

TRIBUTE TO 100TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY

PROFILE

MY STORY- FROM RAGS TO RICHES



By Sobhraj J. Gajria

I was born in Karachi on 5th December 1913. My Father had partially lost his eye sight and he put me in business when I was about 13 years of age. I was assisting him in his shop in Saddar-Karachi, but I had a great desire to study. In 1927 I had to go to Thatta(Sind), and I told my grand-mother-my father's mother Puj Rupibai-that I would like to study. She told me to stay with her and not to join my father's business. My father came rushing to Thatta to take me back, but my grand-mother refused to leave me. She arranged my admission in Naraindas Gangaram Anglo-Vernacular (N.G.A.V.) School in Thatta in standard 3. As I had left my studies I was very much backward and in Arithmetic Examination I secured 5 marks out of 100!!

My grand-mother died in 1929, and as there were no further educational facilities in Thatta, my mother with me and my two brothers shifted to Karachi. In Karachi my father's sister Puj Gokibai and her son Puj Godhubha helped us to start a home. I joined Modern High School in Std. 6 and then changed to N.J. High school, a Government institution , in Std. 7(Matric).

It was difficult for us to maintain ourselves in the city of Karachi. We had to pay rent of Rs.

7 per month for the room in which we were living. As we were late in paying the rent, the landlord would come to remind our mother that the rent is liked a "Sun's horse"- it keeps running all the time. Seeing such difficulties I told my mother that I would go and work to relieve the financial hardship, but my mother gave me a loving slap and said " Look here my son, I am your mother and your Father, you must pass Matriculation and then you can do what you like". These words of my mother still ring in my ears, and my brothers and I greatly admire her strength of mind and the sacrifices she made to bring us up. Up to her last days she had no attachment with the world, and she was even unable to keep any money with her. Our mother Puj Gomitibai was a Devi and is remembered with respect by all members of the family and those who knew her.

While I was in Std. 6 I gave tuition to other boys. I saw that many people were not able to get clerical jobs , but stenographers were in demand. So I started learning Shorthand and typing and by the time I passed matriculation in 1931 I had completed my stenographer's course. With a friend's help I got a job in Imperial Chemical Industries (I.C.I) in Karachi in a leave vacancy. I had to take dictation from a European. Having been educated in a village I could not understand his pronunciations with the result that I could not type correctly what he dictated. I used to come home and weep for my inefficiency. However, with the help of a colleague I carried on the job for six months.

One fine evening my shorthand teacher, Mr. T.S.Padmanabhan called at our house and suggested that I apply for a job in IMPERIAL AIRWAYS and I started working with them from 1st August 1933. This company was later called BRITISH OVERSEAS AIRWAYS CORPORATION (B.O.A.C.) and is now known as BRITISH AIRWAYS. After partition of INDIA I was transferred to BAHRAIN in 1974 where I worked for 10 years and then I was transferred to CALCUTTA. I retired from the Co. on 31 December 1971.

I landed in DUBAI in April 1972 and with the help of Maghabha and his brother Damoobha, I got a job in a leading Bank here within two days of my arrival DUBAI then looked like a small village with modern amenities. The present generation in the GULF may continue working with honour and dignity but keep a base at home.

Many people ask me why I am still working. In fact, I am a mere instrument in HIS hand. Shri Ramakrishna has said "I am a machine, God is the operator, I am a house, God is the indweller. I am a carriage, God is the driver". A learned Swami advises "Work is worship, consider that all the work you do is God's work. If you can work with this idea, your work will not bind you. On the contrary it will improve you spiritually, mentally and physically". This is really true as I have found from my personal experience.

Article Sent By His Son & Daughter-in-Law Muni & Smt. Asha Gajria.

USEFUL ARTICLE

I know the passing away of a loved one is a difficult time but here is the procedure for cremation of a deceased person having Dubai Visa who passes away under natural circumstances at home in Sharjah just so as to one knows what needs to be done and how to go about it.

1. Once the person passes away one needs to intimate the police on 999 who will refer you to an ambulance and the medics. The medics arrive promptly and see the history file, if available, and try to give medical attention before pronouncing the person dead. They ask and note the time of death. Then the police from the closest station come in and verify the scene. They take the deceased person's passport, ID and that of the reporting person-ID and labor card. The body is then transferred to the Kuwaiti hospital Sharjah mortuary for a doctor report.

2. The doctor after seeing the treatment and diagnosis file and examination gives you the doctor report and death notification.

3. The report and death notification has to be taken to the closest police station of your area and you need to inform them whether you will take the body to India or you will cremate here either in Sharjah or Dubai.

4. The new crematorium in Sharjah is not yet ready and will be functional in approximately 2 weeks time. The old place of cremation in Sharjah is on the airport road ahead of the cement factory. Personal note that this place is not recommended unless there is no other option. So if a Dubai visa exists you can ask the body to be cremated in Jebel Ali Sonapur. I doubt a person with Sharjah visa can be cremated in Dubai.

5. At this point the police make their report

and attach the medical report and death notification and return you the passport, ID of the deceased and the contact person ID and labor card. Then they give you a paper which needs to be taken to the Sharjah police headquarters near the clock tower in Sharjah. Please note to take the file number for the case from the police and note it down.

6. It is important to note that working timings for all authorities in Sharjah are from 8 am to 2 pm Sundays to Thursdays. So please note that if the death occurs on a Friday or Saturday the paper work will be done only on Sunday. There is no way out. The body will be kept at the hospital mortuary till then.

7. Head to the Al Khan court prosecution dept opp. Jazira park in Sharjah, The files from all police station come in at 10.30 am and then you will be referred to a room to meet the prosecutor. He will see the police file and give you a paper for the ministry of health for the death certificate, This process at the court can be time consuming but can be quick if the death is natural and the doctor at the hospital and the forensic doctor at the court has not asked for an autopsy.

8. Take the paper to the ministry of health on Al WAHDA road opp Gold centre behind the Indian school. Their office is on the first floor. Type the papers from their office their and they will give you a death certificate.

9. Take the death certificate to the police headquarters in Sharjah, pay 1000 AED and they will give 4 envelopes. One is for the Sharjah municipality ambulance service, another for the hospital, third for the mortuary, final for Dubai police headquarters. At this point make sure the body lies at the mortuary in the Kuwaiti hospital and has not been shifted to the main mortuary near the traffic dept. in Sharjah. If it has then you can ask the police to give

you another envelope for this mortuary clearance too.

10. Head to Dubai police headquarters CID building near Al Mulla Plaza. They don't take much time and give you clearance in approximately 15-20 minutes. They work after hours too.

11. Take this clearance to the Ghusais sonapur or cenetary Dubai Municipality office to get clearance to use the Jebel Ali Sonapur or crematorium. They charge 1010 AED HERE.

12. Call the Sharjah municipality ambulance to the hospital. Give the papers to the hospital and mortuary and you can claim the body.

13. Make prior arrangements by calling the crematorium in advance and inform all relatives n friends including the Maharaj to be there.

14. At the crematorium they take 2500 AED and 500 AED as deposit which they return when all formalities and paper work is completed and the remains are collected for visarjan within 10 days.

15. Later after few days you can visit the Indian Consulate in Dubai and register the death by filling in 2 forms available online and get a death notification from them too and get the passport of the deceased cancelled.

16. Lastly the visa of the deceased has to be cancelled from the DNRD and anyone on their sponsorship needs to be sponsored by the kin.

17. In this regards I would like to note that Shri. Hemu Bha, Shri. Dilip Bhaya, Shri. Suresh Gandhi, Shri. Bhagwan from Sharjah and Shri. Dilip Khira are always there to assist and guide in any and every way possible.

Jai Shree Krishna.

Shri Vinod Bhatia (Dubai)

PAST PRESENT & FUTURE

The concept of Panchayat evolved in ancient India and is one of the oldest democratic systems still in use today. Its roots lie in the village council which was later refined to accommodate, on occasions, a written constitution for the village during (Pandya dynasty). The Chola dynasty was one of the ancient kingdoms to realize the importance of self governance and did a lot to give more powers at the grass roots level as witnessed by stone carvings Tamil Nadu.

पूज्य महाजन

हम अपनी किसी भी संस्था को “पूज्य” कहकर संबोधित नहीं करते, चाहे वो बम्बई T.B.S.F. हो या केवलबाग. सिर्फ महाजन को ही पूज्य कहकर संबोधित किया जाता है। क्या कारण है? किसी ने कभी सोचा है?

भारत में भी जन शब्द का प्रयोग एक वंशज मनुष्य समुदाय के अर्थमें होता था। हिन्दी आर्य जिस वक्त अफघानिस्तान और सिन्धु तट पर पहुंचे तो वह अलग अलग जनों (कबीलों) में विभक्त छे

और जिस प्रदेश में वह जाकर बस गये वह उन्ही जनो के नाम से प्रसिद्ध हो गया।

जनों के ऐसे समुदायो की जो संस्था उनकी सामाजिक, धार्मिक और आर्थिक व्यवस्था की

निगरानी रखती उसे महाजन कहा जाता।

PUJYA PANCHAYAT & ITS INEVITABLE ROLE IN OUR LIFE

There have been questions raised by some among us in regards to the use of functionality of this institute and its long term purpose to such queries we have on several occasions attempted to put across the thoughts in favor of this project. I personally believe that reaching this stage of work in itself is a proof of the fact that there exists considerable number of members who are convinced that the PUJYA PANCHAYAT or more specifically PUJYA MAHAJAN can never be disassociated from our fundamental sense of belongings to the community and is still well embedded in our social psyche thought in a latent mode. Most of us generally mistake some other Community Institutes here & abroad as a PANCHAYAT or as the kind of substitutes. This too is a proof of our intrinsic urge & natural need for such a community association.

In quiny essence it is indeed the soul of community, and all other Community bodies here or abroad, though physically and materially bigger & richer or whatever else, infect are but its physical limbs Supplementary and complimentary extensions. It is a fact that some among us associated with such segregated community organization seek to disassociate themselves from all other community Organization forgetting that the space and time are two variables in our lives but mind you when a person is lifted for his last journey. The first sentence supposed to be uttered that is BOLOBHAI PANCHAYAT RAM. I hope the message is well received in a good spirit. My appeal to such brethern is toalso remain associated with the community as whole and that is what PUJYA PANCHAYAT is in its true sense and spirit.

PUJYA PANCHAYAT has a bigger role in our community Happy Moments like Birth, Janoi are shared with the community.

We are extending our congratulation to married couple who are celebrated their birthday, wedding anniversary in month of January 2014.

WHAT OUR VETERAN SENIOR MEMBERS SAY ABOUT PUJ THATHAI BHATIA PANCHAYAT

Late Shri Madan Kikla:- Shree Thathai Bhatia Puj Panchayat has to be restored to its due place in the community. This is the oldest parent body with the oldest records of existence on the life of our community. We hope that everybody will come forward to help the August body grow in size, commitment and a symbol of the community where everyone remain an equal person a member without being affected by material ups & down.

My one question which may always in my mind-that in spite of all resources our community has- why did we fail to establish our Puj Panchayat in its proper place even after fifty eight years of independence.

I am quoting few lines told in pre-independence era applicable to? Indians:-

"We are all knit together by bonds of blood. None can segregate us and no impassable barriers can be set up between us.

(Ram C. Bhatia)

All said & done; the committee had set its target on two priorities throughout te year

- 1) Bring awareness among the members that "Panchayat " does exist and
- 2) Try to vision a project whereby the panchayat can have its own sustenance; there is a lot of confusion among many members wether they are members of TBSF/Kewal Baugh or Panchayat?

(Raj Gangaram Thaker)

PRESENT- FROM CONCEPT TO REALITY

BHOOMI PUJAN CEREMONY:- Shree Thathai Bhatia Panchayat Managing Committee Members along with brother & sisters of our community participated with joy in Bhoomi Pujan ceremony. This was done by a renowned Pandit following Vedic traditions. After Bhoomi Pujan ceremony members took snacks with tea and expressed their thoughts to flourish further & further.

BHOOMI PUJAN GREETING:- We thank our brothers and sisters whose Congratulations, Messages, were received on Bhoomi Pujan eve.

We convey our thanks to community members, donors for continued support for redevelopment of Panchayat property.

We also kind attention that excellent co-operation from the donors of the land MHCT(Dubai) & perfect legal guidance by our advocate Miss Purnima Bhatia.

OUR MANAGING COMMITTEE MEMBERS GIVEN FULL CONCENTRATION ON TO COMPLETE BUILDING PROJECT WORK.

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LATE SHRI KHUBCHAND MULJIMAL ASE
LATE SHRI LALCHAND T. GAJRIA
LATE SHRI KISHINDAS V.
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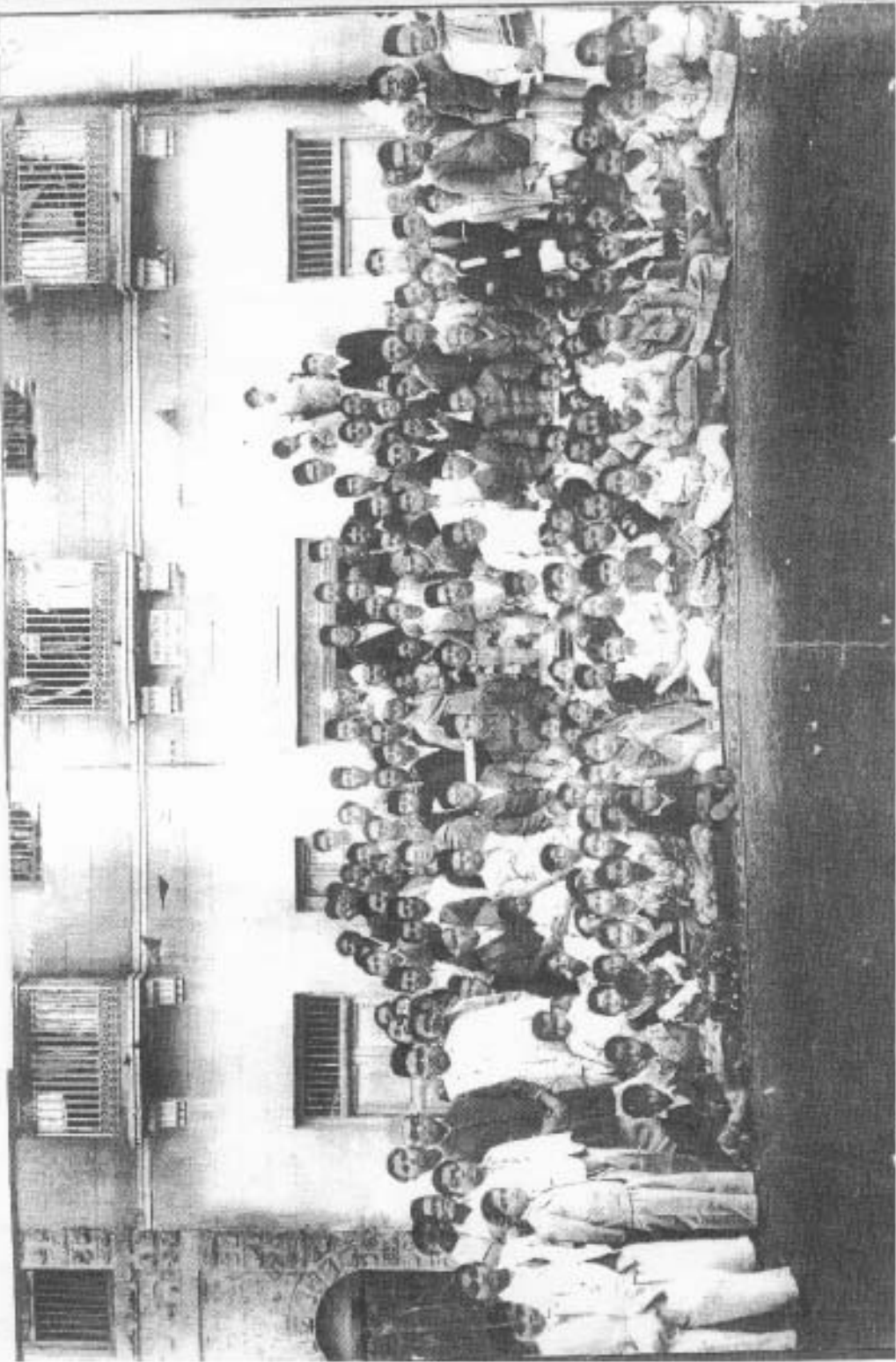
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STRUCTURAL ENGINEER
SHRI YOGESH P. PATEL(B.E.CIVIL)**

PAST

The Bhotia PANCHAYAT (THATHA SIND) KARASHI 1935-1936



PRESENT
PANCHAYAT
BUILDING



FUTURE
PANCHAYAT
BUILDING

PROBING THE
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PAST,PRESENT & FUTURE

PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE OF THATHAI BHATIA SHEWA FUND

The idea of setting up a permanent relief in statue, now Known as "THATHAI BHATIA SHEWA FUND" sprang up as plague relief fund was mooted by some dedicated Bhatias on 31.12.1918, then known as Thathai Bhatia plague Relief fund. The calamity caused by this was deadly disease prompted Kikla brothers. Shri Maghanlal and Gordhandas, sons of Assanmal, to set up a permanent Fund. Both the brothers appealed to Bhatia community to help bhatias and sisters who were affected by this dreadful epidemic. The donations poured in from all Bhatias living Thatta. Hyderabad, Bombay, Karachi, Nathdwara, Baharain and other places. Lohanas also contributed their mite to this fund. With the success of this relief fund, Kikla brothers, together with other

bhatias, decided to start a permanent institution which can render service to Bhatia community at times of their difficulty and need. The first meeting was called on 7-10-1918 under the presidentship of shri Damodardas Hemandas at Bombay. Unfortunately, this effort was not successful. Undaunted, the well-wishers held another get together at Thatta on 16-2-1919 under the presidentship of Sardar Mukhi Jeramdas Versimal and it was unanimously decided to establish Thathai Bhatia Shewa Fund. This is now our shewa fund came in to existence. at this sammelan 56 participants signed the following pledge and they decided to work as volunteers: "I, the undersigned declare that I have become themember of Thatia Bhatia Shewa fund and take a vow that I shall always do best to work for the interest of the fund and endeavour to enhance it"

THATHAI BHATIA SHEWA FUND.

**Remarks of a Bhatia Deputy Collector
from Visitor's Book.**

I am indebted to Mr. M.A. Kikla for the invitation to attend the Thathai Bhatia Shewa Fund Meeting today. I am greatly pleased to be introduced to the present members. Mr. Kikla's address tracing the History of the formation of the Fund from the beginning up to date is a story of how patience and perseverance overcome mountain and how one man's untiring zeal can knit together into a solid mass what is otherwise a flaccid floating incoherent material. Bhatia's all over Sind are the same but while elsewhere you can hear hands joined together in the cause of the uplift of the Community. What is this due to? Only one answer is possible Viz: The Kikla Brother's Loyalty to the Community to which they have made their own, and above all to their supreme sense of organisation which makes them place everything on sound scientific basis, above the reach of the personal pique or party manipulation. Funds are collected with a perseverance that does honour to them that show it. Collections are invested with sole eye to their safety and unfailing yield in interest. Capital is distinguished from income and budget is framed only on the basis of the latter. Social Service is the objective aimed at. Just at present it is macked at from 3 points of view Viz: Health, Education & Statistics and women is the chief object of solicitude of these various activities. A dispensary primarily for the service of the women of the Community is kept going under Miss Chatterji. A Gifted Lady endowed with some what abundant supply of "Mother's Milk". A Huge Building to serve as a Maternity Home is in the course of construction and no doubt when completed it will meet a badly felt want. Birth & Death Registers for the Community are maintained.

Hats off to the organizers. My heartiest congratulations to them and my sincerest wishes in the success of their cause. I only

wish Bhatia Brothers at other places, took a leaf out of the Shewa Fund Book.

10-11-1927.

**Sd. CHETANRAM,
Deputy Collector,
Tatta.**

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सनशाइन वाली आशा
रोने की वजहें कम हैं
हँसने के बहाने ज्यादा
जिद है मुस्कराएंगे
नए साल का है ये वादा
उम्मीदों वाली धूप सन
शाइनवाली आशा
इस साल फैसला कर लो
हर हाल में खुश रहना है
बस अच्छा सा सुनना है
बस अच्छा सा कहना है
तो खुल के खुशी लुटाओ
ये क्या है आधा-आधा

उम्मीदों वाली धूप सनशाइनवाली आशा
जिद है मुस्कराएंगे नए साल का है ये वादा

एक लाईफ मिली है सबको
पर वो ही खुश रहता है
जो हाथ छुडाके गम से
बस नदियों सा बहता है
जो बीता पीछे छोड़ो
नए साल में नया इरादा

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THATHAI BHATIA SHEWA FUND**MAJOR ACTIVITY BEFORE PARTITION.**

- 3.2.1921 - Registered as Public trust at Karachi.
- 26.12.1921 - Free dispensary and maternity room.
- 10.4.1926 - Foundation stone done of building laid.
- 6.9.1931 - Opening ceremony of Hospital bry.
- 1935 - Shri Jawaharlal Nehru visited our hospital
- 1941 - First lady Smt. Mohiniben elected as the president in 23rd year.

AT BOMBAY AFTER PARTITION.

- 20.5.1953 - Shewa fund registered as Public charitable trust.
- Nov. 1969 - Kandivali plot purchased.
- 31.1.1971 - Foundation stone of Bld. laid.
- 1975 - Ground and 1st floor completed.
- 1.4.1979 - Diamond jubilee celebration.
- 1979-1992 - Various activities launched slowly.
- 1993 - Occupation certificate of 2nd & 3rd Floor obtained.
- 1994-2000 - New activities e.g. Sampark starting
- 1994-1999 - Variou started.
- 2000-2009 - Decade of new contraction atteretion & Redevelopment.

THATHAI BHATIA SHEWA FUND**Alteration & Redevelopment**

- 1) Construction Of Hall No. 4(Shri Purshotam Choudhary Hall), Sukhdham Hall Pushtimarg Pushtkalay & Hall no. 6(Govind Dham)
- 2) Alteration of Office Block, Reading Library, Sanatorium Rooms, Kalindi Nursery School.

Renovation of Halls & Ground**Hall No. 1**

Breaking of Ceiling Plaster & plaster with Chemical & fall ceiling in entire hall Including stage with lighting New Chairs fitting at Hall no.1 Balcony Ladies & gents Bathroom Renovation.

Hall No.2/Hall No.3/Hall No. 4/Hall No. 6

Plastering & Painting in entire Hall.

Hall No. 5

Plastering & color in entire Hall & outside Wall of hall.

Entire Kitchen Braking of plaster & Replastering of Entire Kitchen with tiles & Kota ladi with color inside Plastic Paint & Outside Apex Paint.

Plumbing Work Plastering & Painting Work in All Sanatorium Rooms.

Crack cutting Chemical Process at West side wall of the Bldg..

Painting & Plastering outside wall of Library Galvanized Patra On South Side wall.

Repairing & Colors of Wadi Table.

Painting & Plastering New Gate no. 1 & Gutter Chambers Painting & General Repairing.

Paver Blocks Fitting With PCC in entire Ground.

New Drainage System In ground.

Breaking of plaster & Replastering Outside wall of Hall no. 2 & 3 & school bldg.

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OUR EMINENT DOCTOR'S

LIFE-SKETCH

Name:- **Late DR. H.M. BHATIA.**

Birth day:- 1928-1988.

Age:-

Birth Place:-

Community:-

Education:- M.Sc. & Phd.

Occupation:- Scientist.

Migrated to Bombay:-

Family:-

Date of Death :- 1988.

REMARK:- The World remembers Dr. H.M. Bhatia, a humble scientist, for his discovery of "Bombay Phenotype." After graduation in Microbiology in 1948, he made a modest beginning as a technician in Parsee General Hospital. Later on he joined K.E.M. Hospital where luckily he came across a patient having an a typical antibody. Investigations on this patient under the guidance of Dr. Y. M. Bhende, Professor of Pathology, led to the world famous discovery of "Bombay Phenotype" in 1952. He did further research on this subject and acquired MSc. Degree. He then joined ICMR and was posted in Indian Cancer Research Centre.

In 1961 Dr. Bhatia got the prestigious NIH fellowship to carry our research work at Boston University. He accepted the position Associate Research Professor in the same University in the year 1965.

He was appointed as an expert on several committees like:- ICMR Hematology Committee; National Blood Transfusion Committee, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Drug Act on Blood Banking; Post graduate Education in Blood Banking.

LIFE- SKETCH

Name:- **Late Shri Padma Bhushan Dr. L.H. Hiranandani.**

Birth Date:- 17th September 1917.

Date of Death:- 05th Septmber 2013.

We salute Dr. L.H. Hiranandani, the patriarch of the Hiranandani family, the medical luminary, the educationist, the envoy, and the activist. The doctor and crusader for humanity, who worked tirelessly for decades to give a voice to the voiceless across the nation. A giant amongst men with a generosity of sprit that did not differentitate between caste or creed, rich and poor. The man who created,. inspired loved but remained humble through it all.

REMARK:- Dr. L.H. Hiranndani(Padma Bhushan & Dhanvantari Awardee). An Eminent E.N.T surgeon for his long & dedicated services in the Medical field and for having been honoured last year as the "Otolaryngologist and Head & Neck Surgeons of India. His feelings & services in the cause of the welfare of the society & mankind are all the more praise worthy.

WHAT OUR VETERAN SENIOR MEMBERS SAY ABOUT PUJ. THATHAI BHATIA PANCHAYAT

Shri Vallabhdas Muljimal Asarpota was gracious to meet us to share his memories.

I was born at Karachi . My date of birth is 26-11-1920. In Thatha we used to live at Palang Para. I was educated at N.J.High School Bunder Road Karachi . I was married in year 1937 to Smt Rukmani d/o Naraindas Mulchand Khianra. I had four daughters who are happily married. My two grandsons Piyush Mahesh & Chetan Lalchand are managing their family business under my guidance. In Karachi, we were having Puj Mahajan where persons used to assemble at Dasehera and Santa and Ganthia used to be distributed. There was one function of janeo change.

Once Hirabha (Hiranand U Gajria) from Jodhpur came and he was kind enough to build a bigger Hall named Uttam Hall. Shri Jethanand Karani was head, Shri Asanmal Tikamdas Gajria, Jethanand & Tirathdas used to be secretary. But memories I cherish & remember is of Bhatia Yuvak Sangh which was body of youths who used to help greatly in funerals of our community people. The founder member Shri Chandumal J Bhatia had one big Hall in his house for Bhatia Yuvak Sangh where active memmbers assembled. The group consisted of 1) Jeevandas Assanmal Gajria (जीरुभा) 2) Bhudhanmal Tirathdas Gajria (बुधनभा) 3) Moolraj Lakhumal Gajria (मण्डुभा) who were meeting daily in club type of atmosphere. There was one Sahata Fund found where needy people were helped. It was supported by donors who believed in Gupt daan .

As told to Ram Bhatia

Editor : Any member having relevant information may send to us which we will published in our coming issues.

SHRADDHANJALI

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

Date	Name
07-07-2013	Jasoda Chatrabhuj Asarpota
19-07-2013	Vasdev Assandas Bhatia (Vayani)
26-07-2013	Mohiniben (Bhanumati) Bhagwandas Ashar D/o. Lalchand Asarpota
30-07-2013	Mohanlal Fatechand Bhatia
16-08-2013	Shanta Mohan Parpia
30-08-2013	Ashok Uttamchand Bhatia Sharjah (U.A.E.)
05-09-2013	Dr. Lakhumal Hiranand Hiranandani
06-09-2013	Anil Narain Bhatia(Gajria)
12-09-2013	Krishna Damodardas Gandhi
22-09-2013	Sarla Kalapi Asarpota (Ahmedabad)
03-10-2013	Sitabai Haridas Gandhi (Dubai - UAE)
04-10-2013	Vallabhdas Muljimal Ashar(Janiani)
09-10-2013	Meena Laxman Bhatia
13-10-2013	Poonam(Kamla) w/o. Vasudev Bhatia
14-10-2013	Vasant Chatrabhuj Asarpota (Vasantiben) Dubai U.A.E
12-11-2013	Jairaj Rupchand Bhatia (Diwan) Dubai UAE
23-11-2013	Kishandas Vallabhdas Asarpota (Diwan)
23-11-2013	Vijay Mohanlal Raigaga
24-11-2013	Kishore Tirathdas Asarpota
6-12-2013	Pratap Parshottamdas Gajria (Dubai)
15-12-2013	Kewalram Kishinchand Bhatia
16-12-2013	Mahendra Dhamanmal Asar(Manama-Bahrain)
23-12-2013	Padmani Parshotam Vayani
25-12-2013	Padmini Chaturbhuj Bhatia (Meghchiani)

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DETAILS OF EVENTS.

Blood donation camp.

The Thathai Hindu Community(THC), in cooperation with Salmaniya Medical Centre(SMC), conducted a blood donation camp at Shrinathji Temple premises on Friday, 5th July 2013. This is a quarterly event being conducted by THC since many years. Around 120 people came for blood donation. All staff, volunteers and executive committee members were present to assist during the event. Snacks were arranged and blood donor cards were issued later as usual.

Pushti margiya "BalMandir Paathshala"

Pushtimargiya "Bal-Mandir Paathshala" classes (for children from age of 5 years up to age of 14 years) were held during the month of July and August, 2013 on every Thursday from 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm in the Temple premises. The classes were FREE and, in view of encouraging response, they are going to be continued in the month from September to November 2013 as per the same schedule.

Rath Yatra Festival

"RATHYATRA" was celebrated on Wednesday, 10th July 2013. The darshan timings were 10 am to 12 noon during Rajbhog and were done in 4 jhankies. Many people visited the Temple on this auspicious occasion.

Hindola Festival

Annual Hindola Festival was celebrated in the Temple from 23rd July to 23rd August 2013 with lots of energy and enthusiasm from all devotees. Every day, swings were beautifully decorated ways with devotion and dedication for our Lord Shrinathji.

"Lord Shivji pujan" during the holy month of Shraavan.

As in the past, "Lord Shivji Pujan" was performed by sthapna of a "Shivling" in the Temple premises during the holy month of Shraavan from 23rd July to 5th September 2013. Every day, Puja, Abhishek, Shringar and decoration of "Shiv-ling" was done meticulously by devotees and Aarti was performed in the evening in the presence of many devotees.

Raksha Bandhan

Raksha bandhan was celebrated in the Temple on Tuesday, 20th August 2013.

Amrut-Mahotsav of Param Puja Goswami 108 Shree Indira Betiji Mahodayyaji

On Saturday, 24th August 2013, on the above mentioned auspicious occasion in our Bahrain Temple, Lord Shrinathji "Phool Mahal" Manorath was arranged followed by Mahaprasad.

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The captioned events were aptly celebrated with vigorous energy and enthusiasim in the Temple as in past years.

On 28th August 2013, on the occasion of Shri Krishna Janmashtami, morning and evening Aartis and Darshans were held as per the planned time schedule. For the first time, all evening Darshans were held in the THMC Auditorium. Around 6,000 devotees turned out for Darshans in the evening from 6.30pm till 10.30pm.

On 29th August 2013, Nandamahotsav was celebrated and in addition to morning and evening Aartis and Darshans, Mahaprasad was arranged by a devotee.

Visit of Mr. Somen Debnath on 30th August 2013.

Mr. Somen Debnath, a cyclist from West Bengal, India was visiting Bahrain as a part of his world tour on a bicycle to spread awareness about HIV/AIDS and message of the world peace. He is inspired by Swami Vivekananda's ideals and started his mission on 27th May 2004. So far he has travelled all over India and 80 foreign countries on a bicycle covering a distance of almost 100,000 kilometres. More details can be had from his website www.somen2020world.com.

Mr. Somen Debnath arrived at 10.45 AM on his bicycle and was welcomed at Temple on the occasion of "Matki Phodo" Govid Utsav. Chairman, Vice Chairman and other EC members were present for the welcome. He was very touched and happy for this cordial reception and hospitality and then spoke to the gathering about his mission, building of a global village at his native place, etc. He was requested to do a Pradakshina of the Temple ground on his bicycle. All who were present at the event were quite happy about having Mr. Somen amongst us on this auspicious occasion of "Matki Phodo" Govinda Utsav.

Visit by students of The British School, Bahrain on Tuesday, 24th September 2013.

As in the, courtesy educational visit by the students of The British School, Bahrain was arranged to our Shrinathji Temple on Tuesday, 24th September 2013. 114 boys and girls of Grade 4 class along with about 10 teachers participated in this visit. They arrived at 10.30 am in the Temple. After feeding the pigeons with bird feed, they were taken to the Temple Hall to attend the Rajbhog Aarti at 11.15 am. Thereafter, they were brought to the THMC hall and had a "Question and Answer" session. Temple priest, Shastri Shri Vijaykumar Mukhiya briefed the audience about the Temple and answered all the questions. Two students were asked to present a nicely decorated platter of delicious Indian sweets to Shastriji on behalf of the school. The children and teachers were given the Rajbhog Prasad along with a small gift as token of our love and affection before they left. They were happy with our cordial reception, hospitality and the information they acquired about our Temple and Hinduism.

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Rekindling the fire that prevades all neings let us meet together, let us talk together, and let our spirits grow towards union together. Seers ancient and modern have always learned to accept themselves, each other, and the gifts of their lives. In just this way, seer have always grown towards union together.

Common be our prayer, common be our purpose and common be our desites. We ofer each other our gifts . Common be our nintentions, common be our wishes, and common be our thoughts. May there be unity among us. Come let us grow together.

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SITABAI HARIDAS GANDHI

Life Sketch

Name:- Sitabai Haridas Gandhi

Birthday:-

Age:-

Birth Place:-

Community:- Vaishnav Bhatia

Occupation:-

Migrated to Bombay:- Family

Date of Death:- 03-10-2013



OBITUARY

Smt. Sitabai Haridas Gandhi (daughter of Late Smt. Kelibai & Late Shri. Parmanand Haridas Asarpota(Janjani);wife of Late Shri Haridas Viroomal Gandhi (Lurdha), nee,Haribha) passed away on Thursday, October3, 2013 in Dubai, U.A.E.

She was the sister of Late Shri Ladharam Asarpota, Late Shri Damodar Asarpota, Smt. Bhaktiben Gandhi, Smt. Rookanben Khiara, Smt. Hirabai Khaira.

Smt. Sitabai Haridas Gandhi was the mother of Shri Kishore Bhatia(Daddu), Smt. Chandra S. Jangla, Smt. Prafullata J. Bhatia(Java), Smt. Ila D. Bhatia; mother-in-law of Smt. Jyoti Kishore Gandhi, Late Shri Sunder Jangla, Shri Jaiprakash Bhatia(Java),Shri Dev Bhatia.

She was the grandmother of Manish Bhatia, Gautam Bhatia, Rekha Kamal Bhatia, Rajesh Sunder Jangla, Rakesh Sunder Jangla, Deepa Chachara, Raj Jaiprakash Bhatia(Java), Meenal Kamdar,Kapil Dev Bhatia.

Eighty five -year-old Sita Bai Haridas, a Dubai resident for 25 years, is yet to taste chocolate, biscuit or bread. She always carries her own water and food, even while travelling. "When I grew up in my village in Karachi, we never had chocolates, cakes or biscuits. Why should I begin now?" she questions. Her son, Kishore Bhatia, 67, says that the need to follow the practice has diminished over the years, with every generation. "The children in my house like to order out, especially pizza. The main kitchen is for the entire family but when they bring the pizza home, they have to eat it in the pantry." explains Kishore.

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Vallabhdas Muljimal

Life Sketch

Name	:-	Shri Vallabhdas Muljimal Asar
Birthday	:-	26th November 1920
Birth Place	:-	Karachi
Community	:-	Vaishnav Bhatia
Education	:-	
Occupation	:-	
Migrated to Bombay	:-	1936
Family	:-	Wife- Rukmani
Sons - Grand Sons	:-	Piyush Mahesh & Chetan Lalchand
Date of Death	:-	04-10-2013



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OBITUARY

Shri Vallabhdas Muljimal Asher passed away on Friday, October 4, 2013 in Mumbai, India.

He was the husband of Late Smt. Rukmanibai Ashar; son of Late Smt. Asaribai(Hamuri bhabi) & Late Shri Muljimal Thawardas Ashar(Gagabha).

Shri Vallabhdas Ashar was the father of Late Shri Lalchand, Late Shri Mahesh, Kusum, Usha, Chandrika and Damyanti; father-in-law of Smt. Lalita Lalchand, Smt. Champa Mahesh, Late Shri Girdhari D.I., Shri Jaikishen, Shri Babu & Shri Govind. He was the brother of Late Smt. Bachuben D.I., Late Smt. Padha Aadhi, Late Smt. Kaka Aadhi, Late Shri Khubchand Asher, Smt. Ishwari Ketiwala, Smt. Hemlata, Smt. Maduri, Shri Sushil, Shri Kishore, Shri Harendra, Shri Mukesh and Shri Manoj.

He was the grandfather of Chetan, Piyush, Chitra, Dilip, Neeta, Bela, Deepa and Nisha.

We extend our condolences to the family of the deceased and pray that his soul rests in peace.

Shri Vallabhdas Muljimal Asarpota was gracious to meet us to share his memories.

I was born at Karachi. My date of birth is 26-11-1920. In Thatha we used to live at Palang Para. I was educated at N.J.High School Bunder Road Karachi. I was married in year 1937 to Smt. Rukmani d/o Naraindas Mulchand Khianra. I had four daughters who are happily married. My two grandsons Piyush Mahesh & Chetan Lalchand are managing their business under my guidance. In Karachi, we were having Puj Mahajan where persons used to assemble at Dasehera and Fanta and Ganthia used to be distributed. There was one function of Janeo change.

{Extract From the Interview of Shri. Vallabhdas Muljimal Asher to the Editor Samvad Ramchandra C. Bhatia during his visit to Mumbai at Holi Festival of Thathai Bhatia Panchayat.}

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