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30th. July 2009

Dear Members,

Warmest Greetings. The month of August brings many auspicious events. Do not miss any of the activities organized for the benefit of all.



RAKSHA BANDHAN CELEBRATION Wednesday 5th. August 2009

Your MC takes pride in announcing the auspicious celebration of Raksha Bandhan to commemorate the everlasting bond between brothers and sisters. Though it is marked by a simple ceremony, in which a sister ties a Rakhi on her brother's wrist, but it has got a great significance.

Date : Wednesday, 5th. August 2009

Venue : Samaj Premises

Programme : 6.30 – 7.45 pm : Dinner

8.00 – 9.30 pm : Special Programme

- Please bring along your own thali, diva, rakhi and sweets for the rakhi-tying ceremony. Please be punctual and dress colourfully for the occasion.
- Rakhis can be purchased from:
Nisha Kothari 012- 3817475 & Binaben Bakhda 012- 2285476

DISCOURSE (in Gujarati)

By

Rushivar **Kirit Bhaiji**

Rushivar (**Kirit Bhaiji**), a spiritual self-realized mystic of 22 years, is well versed in various languages, arts, alternative medicine, literature, naturopathy and yoga. The learned Rushivar is a powerful orator capable of reaching our hearts in a unique way.

Date : Sunday, 9th. August

Time : 7.00pm – 9.00pm (Dinner served at 6.00pm)

Venue: Shri Lakshmi Narayan Temple

Please do not miss this discourse. All are invited.

Religious Discourse

By

Swami ShrutPragyaji

A spiritual and enlightening discourse by renowned personality Swami Shrut Pragyaji, a powerful orator whose knowledge is vast will be held as follows:

Date : Monday 10th. August & Tuesday 11th. August 2009

Time : 8.30 – 10.00pm

Venue : Samaj Premises

We request all members to come with family and gain divine knowledge.

ACTIVITIES IN CONJUNCTION OF THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF SAMAJ

In conjunction with the Official opening of the Samaj, the MC has planned a few activities for members to come together and celebrate the successes and triumphs of our Association.

A) Send best photos of yourself/family/friends in any Samaj Activities

- the competition is open to all members and their families.
- the pictures must have been taken in **ANY SAMAJ ACTIVITIES**.
- Each picture should be accompanied by...

** the name of the sender, address and contact number

** title of the picture

** where & when it was taken

- You are not restricted in the number of photos you send in.
- All photographs will be displayed in the Samaj.
- Attractive prizes for winning entries

Entries must be received by Friday, 12th. August 2009.

Send your entries to: Kailash H. Seth (Tel No: 012-3603051)

B) Slogan writing competition

Since it is the Official Opening of the Samaj, the MC is looking for a slogan which defines SAMAJ the best.

- the competition is open to all members and their families.
- There will be 3 categories:

i) Below 12 years ii) 12 years to 19years iii) Adults 20 years and above

- All participants must complete the following sentence in **NOT MORE THAN 20 WORDS**

Our SAMAJ, Together it is Possible because _____

Send in your entry to Prakash C. Mehta (Tel No: 019 3808017) by 12th. August 2009.

You can also email the entry to: prasas@streamyx.com

JAAP

(The Power of Prayer is Tremendous
The Power of Joint Prayer is Stupendous)

To commemorate the official opening of our Samaj, the MC has organized a JAAP (Repeated recital of Mantras). All members and their families are invited to join in this prayers.

Date : Saturday, 8th. August 2009
Time : 9.30 am to 10.30 am
Venue : Samaj Premises

*The MC humbly request all members with their families to participate in this special prayers.
Do not miss this divine opportunity.*

RAAS GARBA – 'GUJARAT NO GAURAV'

GAWPS TO BE IN THE MALAYSIAN BOOK OF RECORDS

12 HOURS NON-STOP OF.....GARBA.....



This attempt is endorsed by



Garba Dance is a popular folk Dance of Gujarat.

A graceful, rather unique dance associated with the raas lila of Krishna and the Gopis

For the first time in the history of Malaysia, Gujaratis under the patronage of Gujarati Association of Wilayah Persekutuan and Selangor (GAWPS) will be having a **non-stop 12 hours Garba Malaysian Book of Records 2009** from **10am to 10pm on the Friday, 14th Aug 2009** at our **Samaj** in conjunction of the official opening ceremony of the GAWPS premises which will be a grand and memorable event on the 15th August 2009 by our dynamic President, Datuk Bhupatrai M. Shah.

- This non-stop 12-hour garba once accomplished, will be incorporated into the Malaysian Book of Records where it will be *the longest non-stop Garba* (Gujarati folk dance) by our community.
- We have invited members of various other organizations, the press and the general public to witness the said feat. Banners, backdrops & buntings will be displayed at strategic locations in Bangsar to create awareness and inviting the general public to join us in the spirit of 1MALAYSIA.
- Thus, please register yourselves to be part of this wonderful yet memorable event. It will definitely be a pride for one to say that he or she was part of a great and historical event like this.
- There will be six slots that you may choose from; each slot is for 2 hours where the committed individual will have to physically be at the Samaj premises throughout the slot to help in the continuity of the Garba. As the Ras Garba is a non stop event, roll over substitutes will replace those who get tired or need a rest. One may rejoin the circle anytime again during the entire period of 12 hours.
- The slots are from 10-12 noon, 12-2pm, 2-4pm, 4-6pm, 6-8pm and the finale, from 8-10pm. There will be lunch, tea and dinner served for all those participants of this fantastic event. We intend to organize live singers and drummers from 7-10 pm.
- Gifts will be awarded for participants who perform for the longest time frame, best dressed, most graceful, etc.
- There will be celebrations once officials from The Malaysia Book of Records confirm our feat achievement at 10 pm.

**So, what are you waiting for? Register and *be a part in making of the History...*
Malaysian Book of Records 12 hours Non-Stop Raas Garba (Gujarati Folk Dance)**

You can contact any of the following members (please mention your desired slot)

- a) Dr. Haresh Doshi (012-3939036) or email to haresh@utar.edu.my
- b) Saroj Avalani (019-2811511)
- c) Meeta Sheth (012-3035310)
- d) Meesha Avalani (012-2161607)
- e) Preeti Patel (012-2814143)

We invite all members and their families and friends to be present in the Samaj to provide moral support to all our participants. Members are humbly requested to be in their best dressed Indian Traditional Attire.

CAN WE ????

YES..... WE CAN!!!



"To dance is to be out of yourself. Larger, more beautiful, more powerful."

THE GRAND OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE SAMAJ

15TH. AUGUST 2009



Our Home...Our Pride...Our Joy...our Love

With the grace of the Almighty, the generosity of all our donors, the assistance and hard work of all the members and their families and the Trustees, the MC is proud to announce that the official opening ceremony of our **HOME** will be on the **15th. August 2009**. Our Home.....the centre of congregation for our active and united community is to be officially officiated by our President Datuk Bhupatrai M. Shah.

The MC invites all members and their families to come and participate in this historical event.

The MC has planned an eventful opening of our Association Building.

Programme:

- 3.00 pm to 4.30 pm – Tea/Snacks while you enjoy live Hindi numbers
- 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm – Prayers followed by the Grand Opening Ceremony
- 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm – Sumptuous spread of dinner
- 8.15 pm to 11.00 pm – Eventful Programmes by the Juniors, Youths and Mahilas
- 11.00 pm to 11.30 pm – Janmashtmi Celebrations
- 11.30 pm onwards – Supper



- We request all members to car-pool as we expect a huge turnout from all our members & their families as well as guests from other parts of the country.
- We have arranged a car park area opposite the Bangsar Brahma Kumaris Centre. It will be on a **first come first serve basis**. Members are required to collect a special entry pass from Mahendra P. Malani at the Samaj from 3.00pm onwards on Sat 15th. August 2009.
- Special ‘door gifts’ will be given to ALL families on this day to commemorate the grand opening ceremony of our premises.

‘For a community to be whole and healthy, it must be based on people's love and concern for each other’.

**SHREE MAHAVIRAY NAMAH
JAIN PARYUSHAN FESTIVAL**

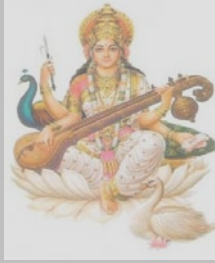
Spiritual Upliftment Through Divine Bhakti Sangeet

We wish to inform all members that the 'Jain Paryushan Festival' will commence on Monday 17th. August to Monday, 24th. August 2009. We are very fortunate to have in our midst during the Paryushan Festival, a very learned and knowledgeable orator. Bipinbhai Dharor's knowledge in Jainism is vast.

To further uplift our spirituality, the MC has also invited Vijaybhai Doshi, a professional Stavans singer along with his musicians.

Date	Time	Programme	Venue
Monday, 17 th . August 2009 to Sunday, 23 rd . August 2009	8.30 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.	Religious lectures/ Bhakti Geet	Lalitaben Harsukhlal Kamdar Jain Mandir
	8.30 pm – 10.00 pm	Religious lectures/ Bhakti Geet	Samaj Premises
Monday, 17 th . August 2009 to Sunday, 23 rd . August 2009	6.30 pm – 8.00 pm	Pratikraman	Lalitaben Harsukhlal Kamdar Jain Mandir
Monday, 24 th . August 2009	8.30 am. – 10.00 am	Religious lectures/ Bhakti Geet	Lalitaben Harsukhlal Kamdar Jain Mandir
	10.00 am – 11.30 am	Shree Alovana	
	6.30 pm – 8.30 pm	Shree Samvatsari Pratikramann	Shree Lakshmi Narayan Temple

- The learned Bipinbhai, Vijaybhai & the musicians' accommodation will be at our Samaj Premises.
- We need your fullest co-operation to serve these personality in welcoming them for meals at your home. Please contact Shri Kantibhai H. Sheth at tel. 03-22821661 to book your convenient day and time.
- We urge all members to come along with your family to gain religious knowledge and uplift your spiritual awareness during this 'Parvadhiraaj Paryushan'. Do not miss any of the events.
- Any member who would like to give "Prabhavnas". Please contact Shri Bhashkar P. Chitalia at Tel No: 012-2104395 with an amount of RM 101.00. All monies collected for "prabhavnas" will be donated to Charity Homes.
- We also wish that during this auspicious festival, the community will be blessed with record Tapasyas.
- **Let us all begin and end the Paryushan Parva with Kshmapana – Day of True and Sincere Forgiveness.**



**MATA SARASWATI POOJA
CUM
HIGH ACHIEVERS AWARD
CUM
SANGH BHOJAN**

*The MC will be organizing a Mata Saraswati Pooja,
recognizing our High Achievers and having the Sangh Bhojan
on Sunday 30th. August 2009*

1) The GAWPS is organizing a pooja of Maa Saraswati for ALL especially students. We encourage **ALL** to come and participate in this Pooja and seek the blessings of the divine Mata.

** Please bring along your own thali, diva, Mata Saraswati's photo, books, pencil boxes etc.

Date : Sunday, 30th. August, 2009

Time : 10.30 am sharp

Venue : Samaj Premises

**Saraswati, the goddess of knowledge and arts,
represents the free flow of wisdom and consciousness.
It is believed that goddess Saraswati endows human beings
with the powers of speech, wisdom and learning.**

2) APPRECIATION PROGRAMME

This day would also witness the appreciation of academic achievement by the young achievers in the community in the 2008 Government (UPSR, PMR, SPM & STPM) / GCE O & A Levels. We strongly believe that this act of achievement and recognition to these deserving individuals would motivate the younger generation and any other individuals to excel. The Champaben Shantilal Avalani Challenge Trophy will be awarded to the Most Outstanding Student in the SPM/GCE O Levels Category.

We would also like to request to all members and their families to please inform the Secretary/ Asst. Secretary if they know of any individuals in our Association who has excelled in any fields (School sports, debates ... Representing state/nation etc.)



*Education should consist of a series of enchantments,
each raising the individual to a higher level of awareness, understanding,*

**SANGH BHOJAN
Sunday, 30th. August 2009**

All members (Jain & Non-Jains) are cordially invited for the Sangh Bhojan.

- Come in full force with your family.
- We need your wholehearted support & assistance in cooking, serving & cleaning.
- We also need your generous financial contribution. Please come forward on your own and contribute generously.

In return we sincerely pray that the Al mighty will shower his choicest blessings on you and your family.

The Saraswathy Pooja will be followed by the High Achievers Awards and the Sangh Bhojan.

MINI JATRA TO MARAN

The MC is organizing a trip to the
Maran Temple, Kuantan
On Sunday, 6th. September 2009.

All those who are interested to attend this
trip MUST register
by Tuesday 1st. September
with
Yagnesh Patel (Tel No: 012-2863322)
Jothiben Doshi (Tel No: 03 22831939)

HUMBLE APPEAL (ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION)

We observe some of our dear brothers due
to their busy schedule may have
overlooked to forward their 2009 annual
contribution. The Association needs your
financial support. Your President and
Treasurer may call your good self to seek
your co-operation. Thank You for your
gracious understanding.

We look forward to the full participation of all the members and their families in all the events.
The MC looks forward in seeing you.

Yours in community service,

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Dipak V. Damani
(Hon. Secretary)

"Great things are not done by impulse, but by a series of small things brought together."