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FREEDOM IN MIND... FAITH IN WORDS... PRIDE IN SOULS...

We are in the era of the course of human event, where it becomes necessary for us to know in and outs of the value of independent nation. What I have learnt through the ages is that an independent nation forms out of oneness of society, culture and integrity. My school days taught me that India is a heterogeneous society and it is made of different diversified groups.

We were divided in terms of language spoken and culture n and there we formed the es and regulations of casteism exhibiting our respective independence. One of the more serious challenges that Indian national leaders in India face even now is how to integrate the interests of the divergent group. Each of them has its own distinctive aspirations, history, and way of life. Attempts to minimize confrontation between conflicting groups do not always succeed.

It should be given a serious thought as we experience regionalism cultural identity posing threat to nation's integrity. Some of the social elements having their separate cultural identity want to preserve it even at a political level and for this purpose, some of these ts want further

ization of the states. This is quite evident in the formation of States on linguistic basis. In our independent nation, the reservation was made for a limited period but it was extended time to reservation of seats in the educational institutions and jobs on the caste basis ins h a s

str engthened the caste feeling and resulted in the sibilities of various inequalities and conflicts. While many have high opinion of India's growth story, few think that the development after independence has been abysmal. Independence of India needs to be given a thought with the expression of liberty, pursuit of happiness, society, culture and the self integrity.

The need of the hour is the value of "patriotism" to be kept alive, Patriotism offers us a chance to reflect on the country's founding principles and to perhaps act with them with full mind and heart.

**Vande Mataram!!
Jai Hind!!**



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THE OPEN PAGE TRIBUTE TO DR KALAM

The open page felt deep sorrow on sad demise of our beloved late president and Missile Man of India, Dr APJ Abdul Kalam. We are proud of him as the great teacher of our age. Though he was a great scientist, he is very much fond of our great Indian culture and he lived simple and average life.

The Open page tributes to Dr Kalam, who dedicated his entire life for the welfare of the motherland and its people. He says think big and have big dreams and try hard with honesty to complete that dream. We again salute the person who is a firm believer of morality.



SHAHEED-E-AZAM BHAGATSINGH

(Even our death will not be able to kill our spirit of revolution, from our remains, the scent of revolutionary spirit will keep on coming)



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We all know and have deep respect for Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagatsingh. Our country India was made colony by British imperialists in the 18th Century. When the attitude of Britishers was reformist, their administration was smooth. But, when its administration started becoming exploitative, sporadic rebellion started taking place in different parts of the country.

The first war of Independence began in 1857 under the leadership of Bahadurshah Zafar. The main heroes of this struggle were Jhansi ki Rani Lakshmibai, Tatya Tope, Nana Saheb Peshwa and others. From 1857 to 1946, about 6 lakh people were martyred in the struggle for independence. Out of these, 2 lakh were students and youths. And yet the title of 'Shaheed-e-Azam' (Best of Martyrs) is garnered to Bhagatsingh by the people.

Bhagatsingh was born in 1907 at Banga Village of Lyallpur taluka in Punjab. Today this region is the part of Pakistan. His house was a continuous visit place of revolutionaries like Sufi Ambaprasad, Lala Hardayal, etc. His two uncles, Ajit Singh and Swarn Singh were also great revolutionaries. Swarn Singh was martyred in jail at a very young age due to Police torture. Ajit Singh was a peasant leader and also a key member of Gadar movement. Bhagatsingh had a deep influence of these trends of revolutionary movement going on around him and in the country. He felt, at a very young age, that his aunts lived a miserable life due to Britishers only.

Once when his teacher and father were passing by the farm, they saw Bhagatsingh sowing some sticks. His teacher asked What was he doing. He replied that he was sowing guns. When there will be sufficient amount of Guns, he will make Britishers run away from the country with the help of these guns. The well known Jalianwalah Bagh incident left a deep mark in the heart and soul of Bhagatsingh. On the next day of incident, instead of going to school, Bhagatsingh went to Jalianwala Bagh; paid a silent tribute to the martyrs there for a long time and then took the bloodshed soil in a bottle and carried it to his home. When he reached home, all were worried as he was late than usual. When his sister asked him, he told about the Jalianwala Bagh incident and showed her the bottle. Both the brother and sister set up a tradition to daily pay tribute to this pious soil.

Bhagatsingh always used to keep a photograph of Kartarsingh Sarabha, a martyr of Gadar movement who faced the gallows with a smiling face.

Leaving his home, career and everything behind, Bhagatsingh joined Hindustan Republican Association (HRA) led by Ram Prasad Bismil, Ashfaqulla Khan, Chandrashekhar Azad, Sachindranath Sanyal, etc. After the martyrdom of all these leaders in Kakori case in 1924, Chandrashekhar Azad became the Commander-in-chief of the organization. They added the word 'Socialist' and renamed the organization as Hindustan Socialist Republican Association (HSRA). Bhagatsingh and his associates like Batukeshwar Dutt, Bhagwaticharan Vora, Sukhdev, Vijaykumar Sinha, Shivkumar Verma, Rajguru and others firmly believed that mere freedom from Britishers is not sufficient. They set the aim of establishing Socialist state where "...exploitation of men by men becomes impossible". They gave a new slogan in the independence movement, 'Inquilab Zindabad' (Long Live Revolution). Chandrashekhar Azad joined Independence struggle at a young age of 15 years. He was detained by the Police for participating in non-cooperation movement. When the Magistrate asked him his name in the court, he replied,

'Azad'. From then on Chandrashekhar Tiwari became known as Chandrashekhar Azad. He vowed that in his lifetime, he will never come alive in the hands of Britishers. He used to proclaim, "I will live Azad; I will die Azad" And true to his proclamation, he never came in the hands of British Police. He was martyred in Alfred Park on 27th February 1931 while facing the large contingent of police. The place where he was martyred, Britishers uprooted that tree itself. Yet today lakhs of people pay tribute to this great martyr every year in this park. The park is renamed as Chandrashekhar Azad Park.

Bhagatsingh, Sukhdev, Rajguru were given death sentence for the murder of British officer Saunders who lathicharged Lala Lajpatrai and caused his death. Vijay Sinha, Shiv Verma and others were given life sentence.

Bhagwaticharan Vora got martyred while testing a bomb meant for rescuing Bhagatsingh and other associates from jail.

A Memorial has been built on the bank of river Satluj in Hussainiwala at India-Pakistan Border, where these three revolutionaries were martyred

People in large number gather every year on 23rd March, the day of their martyrdom, to pay a rich tribute to their heroes. Ram Prasad Bismil used to sing,

"Shaheedo Ki Mazaar par lagenge har baras mele Watan pe marne walo ka yahi baki nishan hoga"

(there will be congregation every year at

Before going to gallows, Bhagatsingh wrote a letter to his remaining associates in which he wrote, "...As I go to gallows with a smiling face, the mothers in India will vow to make their sons Bhagatsingh. And the number of revolutionaries will rise to such an extent that it will become impossible for any exploitative rule to thwart Revolution..."

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Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end. ~ Seneca

JOYFUL MOMENTS



We have to take out some time to enjoy every little moment. From the time you are born, you learn to be taken care of, learn to walk, learn to talk, learn to drink, learn to eat, learn to read, learn to write, learn to study, learn to give exams, learn to play, learn to question, learn the answers, learn to respect, learning while enjoying.

“Kem Cho Majjha Maa”

The title only sounds Gujarati, it has a Universal feel. A few days back I was listening to a speaker on the truths, where we miss happiness and celebration in the day today chores. It states that we have grown up in the modernization to an extent that we end up with whatsapp between two members of the family in one house at one point of time; it gets worse when this type of communication is seen between two persons in the same room or even next to each other. We have to take out some time to enjoy every little moment. From the time you are born, you learn to be taken care of, learn to walk, learn to talk, learn to drink, learn to eat, learn to read, learn to write, learn to study, learn to give exams, learn to play, learn to question, learn the answers, learn to respect, learning while enjoying.

I wish to draw your attention to the fact that we don't require a festival to get us into the festive mood or celebrate; we as human beings have lost ourselves amidst the worldly assignments with no space left out for something called celebration in our so called busy lives.

Once back from school, kids with their parents were less tired and stressed returning from office or household work to celebrate the

moment of togetherness during the homework assignments, craft work, a little play, educative aids etc. and celebrate the snacks and the dinner. Parents who can paint the town pink, can make a little more pastel. The underlying fact is that we need to have like minded people around us to do anything in common, and celebration is no different. It is not our differences that divide us. ***“It is our inability to recognize, accept, and celebrate those differences” ~ Audre Lorde***

I have known numerous festivals and also been a part of many festivals that are celebrated in India. Some of them were listed in one of the web pages, Ekadashi, Lohri, Floating Festival, The Republic Day, Ganga Sagara, Pongal – Sankranti, Tyagaraja Festival, BhogaliBihu, Ravi Das Jayanti, V a s a n t a P a n c h a m i , M a g h a M e l a , Muthumariamman Temple Festival, Sakata Chutha, Tai Pusam, Sedal, Moharam, Chellum, The feast of Purim, DolPurnima, Ramakrishna Utsava, Teppan, Shivarathri, Urs of PirGaikwad, Urs of Sharif Sailani Shah Miya, Kalahasti Temple Festival, TijaraRathaYatra, Holi, Lambaras Festival, JamshedNavroz, Christian Fair, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Yugadi (Ugadi) and PanchangaShravana, ShitalAshtami, Cheti Chand, BurwaMangal, Bakr-Id, ChaitraPratipada, VaisaliMahotsava, Bramhotsavam, Goru and RangoliBihu Festival, Car Festivals, Vishu Festival, The Festival of Passover, Ramanavami, Vaigai River Festival, Hanuman Jayanti, Kaila Mata, MahavirJayanti, Nav Roz, Milad-un-Nabi, AmbedkarJayanti, Jwalamukhi Festival, Baisakhi, NabaVarsha Festival, Pooram Festival, Naga Festivals, JamshedNavroz, Pola and Hadaga, Krishna Janmashtami, MingerMela, Independence Day, Kaveri River Festival, Sair-e-Gulforoshan, Parsi festivals, The Onam, Tirupathi Festival, Ramzan and Id-ul-Fitr, Ganesh Chaturthi, AnanthaVrutha, Virgin Mary Festival, Harvest Festivals, Gandhi Jayanti, Guruvayur Temple Festival, KanskaMela, Rasa-Lila Festival, Kathikai Festival, Children's Day, Karwachoth, Deepavali, JainaKartikaMahotsava, DhanaTeras, KartikaPurnima, Shabarimalai Temple Festival, VaikunthaEkadashi, St. Francis

Xavier's Day, Carnival and Shigmotsava, Christmas, Solar Eclipse, KumbhaMela, Kandoori, Pandarpur Temple Festival, Fire-walking Festival, Mahamasthabhisheka of Shravanabelagola, Bhil Festivals, Rathasaptami (Seven Chariots), Chaitra-Purnamasi, Good Friday, Easter, Buddha Jayanti, Dasara, ShivajiJayanti, VataSavitri, Chaliho, Guru Purnima, Teej, Naga Panchami (Snake Festival), Coconut Day Festival, Thadari, Varalakshmi Festival, RakshaBandhan, Bandi Festival, Thread Festival, Gond Festivals, TulasiVivah, Samvatsari Festival.

Oh My God ! in the light of being an Indian, we have so much to celebrate the festivity of Indian-ness, which starts from our family. What is common in most of the festivals listed above is Uthsava or Utsava or Utsav, derived from the Sanskrit word, Utsava. The Sanskrit word Utsava comes from the word "ut" meaning "removal" and "sava" which means "worldly sorrows" or "grief". We at every inch of life await celebration, especially in today's world which is full of mental issues, health issues, political issues etc. The best counterparts in the making of a platform to share the experiences, learning from the aged/learned and respecting each relationship in its own fervor; are not crowds, you are a part of; these are a group of galaxies that form the family of solar system as a part of the universe, towards a celebration of



achievement. The festivity of doing it in style always is a nostalgic experience: The mannerism of the festivals, the reason behind the existence of the ritual, the technical aspects staunchly followed from generation to generation, the concepts from religion to religion, family to family and individual to individual. The only thing that stays alive is the belief, faith and respect for the Indian culture. The first-hand hands-on you gain in this company is happiness; this experience of the world is the festivity and the whole family affair is the celebration of oneness unearthed at some point of our livelihood. Please enjoy all festivals and follow them most religiously. One thing I must confess being a NRG, not a Non-Resident Gujarati; instead a Non-Gujarati Resident for more than 02 decades in Ahmedabad is that people of Gujarat (definitely this could be true for all the 29 states and U.T. of India) who look for celebration in their daily chores, even in household entities of a small family, get together. The food part has a lion's share in the celebration, vacationing la pacham - just freaking out for the five days and most importantly the dance of joy - garba, one dance that fits all occasions. May be that is the reason why it is called “where life is a celebration”. Majjha Ni Life!!



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Good luck is often with the man who doesn't include it in his plans.

FREEDOM COMES WITH RESPONSIBILITY



Our independence day is a day which brings all the emotions of love and pride for our country. The feeling of gratitude

for our freedom fighters and our soldiers is at the peak. Everyone of us feel high throughout the day. We love our country and at the same time acknowledge, value and pay our gratitude to all the freedom fighters who have gifted us this independence with their sacrifice.

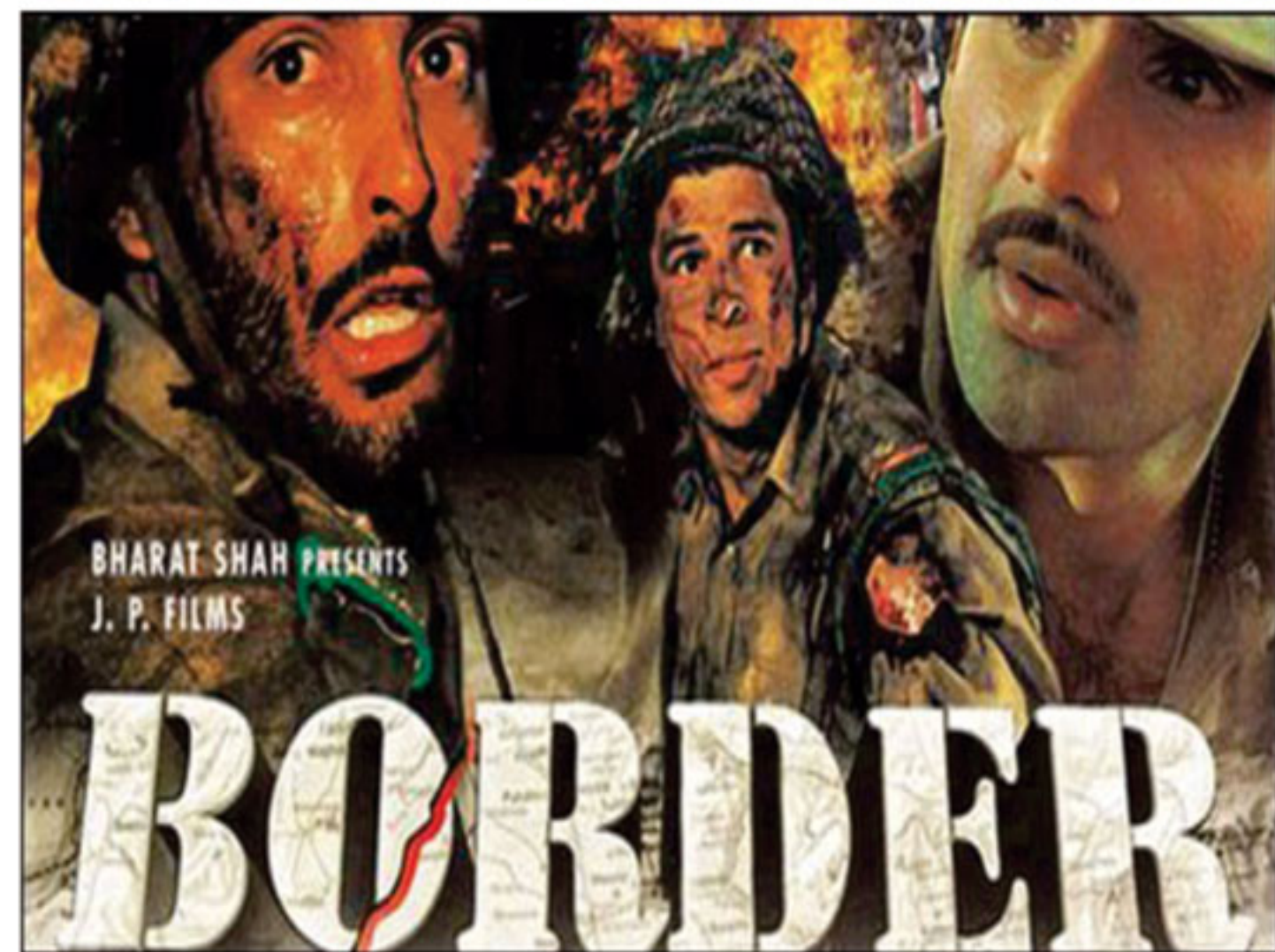
Today we as a nation are in developing stage where lots of development is happening in the country in almost each field. But at the same time it is a hard reality to accept that we as a citizen of India are avoiding the responsibility to make our nation the best. It is sad and painful that it was 200 years of British rule in our country and the phase of slavery. It was a tough struggle to gain independence so it should be valued. Its very natural to enjoy independence when achieved after a long time with sacrifice, but more important is to digest this independence and happiness to move forward. Independence always comes with responsibilities. It is to be understood that gaining independence involved each and every person in the country thus the development of our nation also needs the involvement of each and everyone contributing in their own way. No effort is small. It is seen that the citizens still want to live the way they want without any rules or regulations. It is human nature that they don't want any authority above them at the same time don't

work efficiently without an authority. Self-discipline lacks most of the time. The need is to take the charge in the progress of our country. The good news is it is possible. Our nation is blessed with best geographical features, four seasons, profound culture, intelligent and active youth, experience of the old and energy and intelligence of the youth. The time has come to show our love for our country through our deeds. It needs a little change in the mindset rather than thinking it is the duty of the government to work for the progress of our country. It can start with very small thing which can make a huge difference. Few deeds which are very easy, less time consuming and no investment such as throwing the garbage in the dustbin, no spitting on the roads, following the traffic rules punctual in school and workplace, evaluating self and the work done. Its a tragedy that everyone appreciates Singapore, Bangkok and Switzerland but no one wants to make our nation like them. The foremost thing to put in mind, heart and soul is India is our own country by just saying I love my country, I am proud to be Indian and the next moment throwing the garbage in public places makes no sense. It is 68 years we are just enjoying the independence and grateful to our freedom fighters. The need is to pay homage to our national leaders and freedom fighters by taking responsibilities to work for the progress of our country for which they had sacrificed their life and take it to the next level. India is progressing in all fields, the need is to stop blaming what is not happening and see how you can help in the progress.



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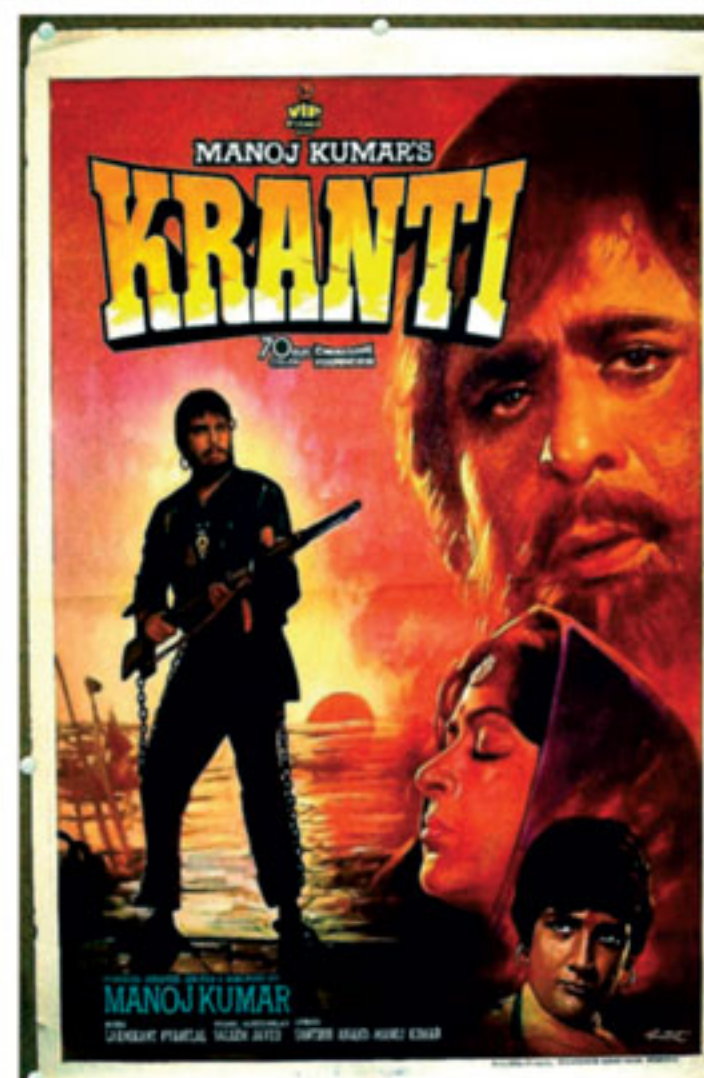
MOVIES ON THE SUBJECT OF FREEDOM STRUGGLE OLD AND NEW FILM RELATING TO INDEPENDENCE STRUGGLE



countrymen. Meaningful lyrics, melodious music and beautiful scenes added in it the fragrance of liking.

Rang de Basanti: A blockbuster movie, released in January 2006, in which Aamir Khan played a leading role was superb patriotic movie. It was selected to send for Golden Globe Awards and Academy Awards but it could not retained its position. Though, it received many other awards.

Shaheed: Directed by Ramesh Saigal and released in the year



Aakhein etc attracted the viewers and woke up their love for country.

When we take a walk down memory lane then the scenes of the above-mentioned movies flash on the mind of screen and entertain us. In fact, movie is a good source to spread a wave of patriotism in the country. In this age of computer and mobile when youngsters are keeping themselves busy in chatting, it's the responsibility of the film makers to produce those films which can instill in the minds of youth the love for their country.

We, the Indians celebrate Independence Day and remember the martyrs who sacrificed their lives to render us from the shackles of slavery. They walked on the path of thorns to give us the free air of liberty to breathe. The movie hub of India Bollywood made plethora of Films on the above-mentioned theme and inspired the young generation to retain the freedom of the county by instilling in them the spirit of patriotism. Let us have a fleeting glimpse on the theme of these movies which left on our minds an indelible impression of patriotism.

Upkar: In the year 1967 Manoj Kumar directed this film which had spread a wave of patriotism. Its songs rolled on every lips and the melodious crooning was in the air. Long queue at all box offices had shown the success of film and it won many accolades as well.

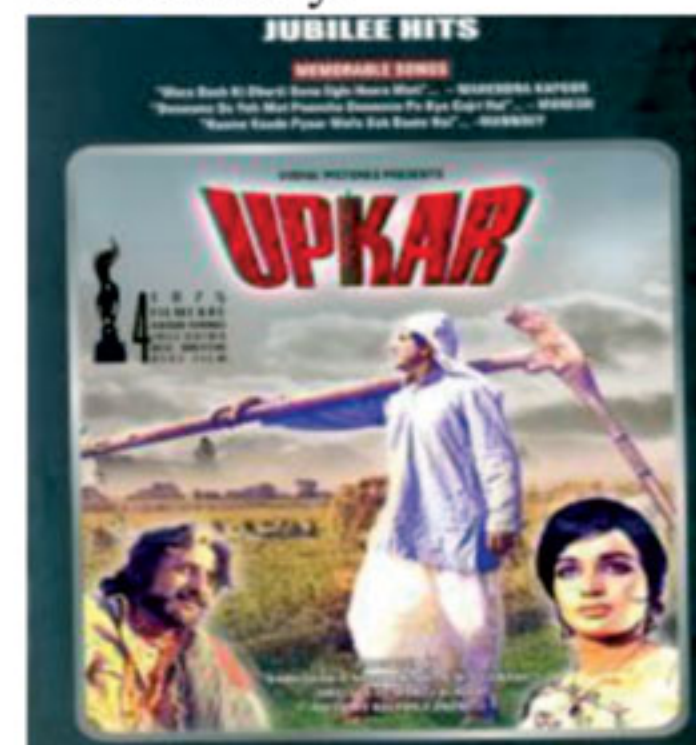
Kranti: The next movie Kranti, produced and directed by Manoj Kumar in February 1981 with megastar and the thespian Dilip Kumar brought 'Kranti' in true sense as it helped to wake up the love for country in the hearts of



1948 with great bollywood stars like Dilip Kumar, Kamini Kaushal with others also left a permanent impression of patriotism on the hearts of youngsters. Its songs like 'Watan ki Raah Men' was the song of the year.

Jagriti, released in the year 1954, directed by Satyen Bose and music composed by Hemant Kumar was a grand movie with melodious songs. Even the songs of this movie are played in these days at the time of Independence Day or Republic Day celebrations.

Some good movies like Karma, Bhagat Sing, Border, Lakar, Haquekat,



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Happiness is the meaning and the purpose of life, the whole aim and end of human existence.

FESTIVALS OF INDIA

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SOME TRADITION

India is well known all over the world as a country of culture and traditional festivals as it has many cultures and religions. One can enjoy the festival celebration in India every month. People from each religion have their own cultural and traditional festivals.

India is a culturally diverse country. India has the second largest population on earth and is referred to as a sub continent in itself. India is well known all over the world as a country of cultural and traditional festivals as it has many cultures and religions. One can enjoy the festival celebration in India every month. People from each religion have their own cultural and traditional festivals. Some of the festivals are celebrated by the people of all religion in the entire nation. Each and every festival is celebrated uniquely in different ways according to the rituals, beliefs and its significant history. Each festival has its own history, legend and significance of celebration. Indians abroad also celebrate their cultural festival with an immense passion.

What is undoubtedly unique about India as a 'land of religions' is that it is the birthplace of several major world religions. Three-fourths of the people describe themselves as adherents of Hinduism, the oldest continuous faith in the world. Though today Hinduism has spread to all parts of the world, taken there by Indian migrants, Hinduism has, and will continue to have, an indelible association with India; and perhaps in no other case is the association between a faith and a land so close as it is with Hinduism.

India is equally a land of other faiths: the world's second largest population of Muslims is to be found in India, and there are also many Christians dwelling in India. In antiquity, Buddhism flourished in India, and it is in Bodh Gaya that Buddha gained enlightenment; his great contemporary Mahavira, is the founder of Jainism, also uniquely Indian. Today Jains are among India's most distinguished trading and business communities; and the legacy of Jain art and culture is just as profound. Sikhism another Indian faith, whose practices and precepts may well change the nature of the faith in India. India also has the largest community of Zoroastrians, also known as Parsees, and though in recent years the once-thriving and very old Jewish community of Cochin has all

but disappeared, the small Jewish community of Bombay still makes its presence felt in the public realm.

India is a country with example of unity in diversity as it contains people of various religions like Hindu, Muslim, Sikh, Jain, Christian and etc. Some of the festivals are celebrated at national level whereas some are at regional level. According to the religions and rituals, festivals have been categorized into following categories:

Hindu Festivals

There are lots of cultural and traditional festivals celebrated by the people of Hindu religion all over the world. All the people of Hindu religion celebrate their festivals by uniting together in community without any distinction of age, caste and gender.

As in any old civilization, most of these festivals have religious associations, as is the case with Holi, Dusshera, Krishna Janmashtmi, Hanuman Jayanti, Ganesh Chaturthi, Muharram, Shivratri, and Diwali or Deepavali; many are also, associated with the harvesting of the crop, as is true of Pongal - Sankranti in South India. Still others, such as Karwa Chauth, the observance of which is strictly restricted to Hindu married women, are not festivals as such though there may be something of a festive air attached to these occasions. Some festivals are observed throughout the country, or in a greater part of it; others, such as the famed snake race of Kerala, have peculiarly regional associations.

Festivals Celebrated by the Hindus include:

Makar Sankranti, Pongal, Vasant Panchami, Thaipusam, Maha Shivaratri, Holika Dahan, Chaitra Navratri, Ugadi/Telugu New Year, Gangaur Festival, Mewar Festival, Ram Navami, Hanuman Jayanti, Rath Yatra, Guru Purnima,

Onam, Raksha Bandhan, Kumbh Mela, Janmashtami, Ramlila, Ganesh Chaturthi, Brahmotsavam, Pitr Paksh, Navratra, Dussehra, Maharishi Valmiki Jayanti, Karva Chauth, Dev Uthani Ekadashi, Dhanteras, Diwali, Govardhan Puja, Bhai Dooj, etc.

Muslim Festivals :

All the people of Muslim religion enthusiastically celebrate their Islamic festivals all over the world. There are many religious festivals which they celebrate with great passion and dedication by following the date of their Islamic calendar. Some of the very important Islam festivals are Ramzan (Ramadan), Id-e-Milad, Muharram, Bakr-Id etc which they celebrate in special ways by offering prayers in the mosques, feasting, fasting and wishing each other.

They decorate their homes with colored lights and other things in the evening and celebrate throughout the night by getting together. Some of the Islamic festivals have been declared as public holiday in the educational institutions, government offices and other working place. Islam has five most significant Pillars such as "Shahadah (Faith), Salah (Prayer), Zakah (Donate), Sawm (Fasting) and Hajj (Pilgrimage)".

Festivals Celebrated by the Muslims include:

Barawafat, Milad-Un-Nabi, Giaravahin Sharif, Hazarat Ali's Birthday, Shab E Miraj, Shab-e-Barat, Jamat-UL-Vida, Id-ul-Fitr (Ramzan Eid), Id-ul-Zuha (Bakrid or Eid Ul-Adha), Muharram, etc.

Sikh Festivals

India is considered as the country of numerous religions, cultures and traditions. People of Sikh religion have lots of unique and ritual festivals which they celebrate with full courage and enjoyment. They commemorate the lives of their 10 Sikh gurus including their teachings. Some Hindu festivals are also celebrated by the people of Sikh religion having different reasons of celebration.

All the worship at the festival of Sikhism is directed towards the holy book called "the Guru Granth Sahib" which

was first compiled by the Sikh guru, Guru Nanak and later edited by the Sikh Guru, Arjan. The Guru Granth of the Sikh religion has the place of deity among people and taken out on a palanquin in the public processions while celebrating any Sikh festival. They involve lots

of music and religious songs, readings from the holy book, holy songs, singing of gurbani while celebrating their festivals in order to attach with God.

Festivals Celebrated by Sikhs include:

Guru Gobind Singh Jayanti, Lohri, Holla Mohalla, Sodal mela, Birthday Guru Ramdassji, Guru Nanak Jayanti, Guru Purab, Installation of Guru Granth Sahibji, etc.

Jain Festivals

People from Jain religion have lots of rituals and religious ceremonies to be celebrated. Their rituals belong to the idol worships in various ways and festivals belong to the life events of Tirthankara which involves the purification of the soul. Their rituals are divided in two parts named Karya and Kriya. According to the Jain Svetambara there are six obligatory duties called Six Avashyakas which are "Chaturvishnati-stava: praising Tirthankaras, Kayotsarga: meditation, Pratikramana: expiation of past sins, Pratyakhyana: renunciation of anything, Samyika: practising serenity and meditation and Vandan: respecting teachers and ascetics". According to the Jain Digambara there are six duties which are "Dana: charity, Devapuja: worship of Tirthankaras, Guru-upashti: respecting teachers and ascetics, Sanyam: controlling self by following different rules, Swadhyaya: studying spiritual texts and Tapa: austerities" which has been involved as a fundamental ritual activities of the Jains.

Jain Festivals include:

Deep Diwali, Mahamastak Abhishek, Mahavir Jayanti, Paryushan, Aayambil Aoli, etc.

Christian Festivals

India is a land of variety of cultures and ethnicity because of celebrating lots of colorful festivals by the people of different religions. People of the Christian religion celebrate their festivals like Christmas, Easter, Good Friday, etc with enthusiasm and fun filled activities. People from other religions also involve in the Christmas celebrations which proves the unity in diversity of India.

There are various famous places in India where

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UNSUNG HEROES OF FREEDOM STRUGGLE - SHRI ALLURI SITA RAMA RAJU

The month of August takes pride as a month of celebration and various festivals starting with Independence Day, Janmashtami, Ganesh Chaturthi, Rakshabandhan etc., We all know that August 15 every year is celebrated as the Independence Day. More than the why of this celebration it is time we focus on the how of it. Let us ask ourselves the following questions.

- Are all the educational institutions and organizations making it a point to celebrate the Independence Day?
- If yes, is the attendance 100%?
- Is the chief guest who has been invited a person with a difference whom the gathering can look upto?
- Is the objective of the Celebration well defined?
- Whom are we remembering on this Day?

There is no doubt in accepting the fact that all our efforts are directed to inculcate patriotism in young minds through speeches, songs, dances, skits etc., which centre around the contribution of great leaders such as Gandhi, Subhash Chandra Bose, Bhagat Singh etc., in making India free from the clutches of the British Rule. But how well are we equipped to bring our students closer to many unsung or forgotten heroes at the regional level who laid their lives in the Freedom Movement. I take this opportunity to introduce to the readers one such hero from Andhra Pradesh – Sri Alluri Sitarama Raju called as Manyam Veerudu (Hero of the Jungles).

Sri Alluri Seetarama Raju was a brave son of India who laid down his life to free mother India from the oppression of the British. He was born on 4th July 1897. While pursuing his studies at Kakinada, Sri Alluri Seetarama Raju came in contact with a notable freedom fighter, Sri Madduri Annapurnayya, and Rallapalli Atchuta Ramayya, a scholar of high repute. For his further studies he went to Visakhapatnam at the age of 15. Though he didn't have much interest in studies, he was very keen to know more about the political condition of India at that time.

In 1857 during the first war of independence thousands of tribals of Gond land laid their life for their country. Sri Alluri Seetarama Raju went deep into the forests of Gond land to meet the tribals and inspire them to fight for India's independence.

In the tribal areas, the poor and illiterate tribal people were exploited and oppressed blatantly by the Britishers. Since the tribals were not united against the Britishers they took advantage of it and deprived the tribals of their rights. Sri Alluri Seetarama Raju inspired and united the different tribes of the area, trained them in skills of guerrilla warfare and proved to be a terror for the Britishers. Soon he was ready to attack the enemy with his army. On 22nd August 1922, his tribal army initiated their struggle by raiding three police stations Chintapalli Police Station, Krishnadevipeta Police Station, and Rajavommangi on three consecutive days. After the raids they captured a huge number of guns, bayonets, cartridges and swords. They even freed Veerayya Dora from jail who was a revolutionary.

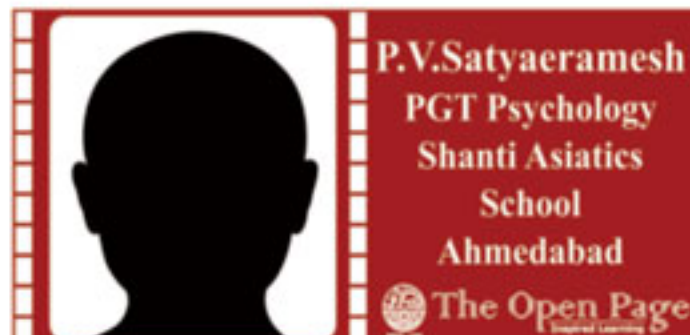
The British Army was alerted by his actions and platoons of Police and Army were ordered to arrest Sri Alluri Seetarama Raju. He again attacked the British Army at Peddavalasa and defeated them as a result of which they had to bear heavy casualties and finally retreated. From that day onwards there was a regular warfare between Raju and the Britishers and Raju came out triumphant in all. Nearly for two years (1922 to 1924) he terrorized the British Army and was the ruler of the vast area. Later Britishers were keen to kill him and deployed battalions of Assam Rifles and others. He was killed by the British on one fateful day.

Legacy:

- In his honour, two statues of Raju have been erected, one at Seethammadhara Junction and the other one on the beach road near The Park Hotel in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- In 1986 a commemorative stamp featuring Raju in the series 'India's struggle for freedom' was issued by the Indian Postal Department.

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Alluri Sita Rama Raju



Aggi Pidugu Alluri

Born	4-July-1897 Pandurangi village, [Visakhapatnam]
Died	7 May 1924 (aged 26) Mampa village in the Visakhapatnam District
Cause of death	Shooting
Resting place	K.D Peta village, Visakhapatnam district
Ethnicity	Kshatriya
Known for	Freedom fighting
Title	Manyam Veerudu
Religion	Hinduism
Parent(s)	Venkata Ramaraju, Suryanarayanamma

FESTIVALS OF INDIA SOME CUSTOMS SOME TRADITION

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the Christian festivals are celebrated such as Goa as most of the oldest and beautiful churches. They do feast, prayers and processions while celebrating their festivals.

Festivals celebrated by Christian Brethren and Sisters include: Good Friday, Easter, Christmas, Feast of the saints, etc.

Buddhist Festivals: People from Buddhist religion celebrate their festivals well connected to their Lord Buddha and the Bodhisattvas. It is considered that the Buddhist festivals were first started by lord Buddha and he advised his followers to be in touch with each other to strengthen their bond. Buddhist has their own beliefs and rituals of celebrating historical festivals. The do worship of the historical objects while celebrating their festivals.

Their festivals become more religious, spiritual and intellectual which are not restricted to any service of the community.

Buddhist celebrate the following festivals: Losar, Buddha Purnima, Hemis Gompa, Ullambana, etc. Thus one can say that India is a land of festivals and Indians are always in joyous mood to celebrate all the festivals that they come across being a secular country.

Source: Excerpts from indiacelebrating.com

INSPIRING JOURNEY ON A CYCLE



65 years old senior citizen, known as Indian Uncle is spreading benefits of Cycle riding for National building. Talking with the Open Page. Uncle told, students are the future of nation and when our students excel the Country will automatically become power full. OIU told that students will be involved in this service of Nation and would be provided proper guidance. He narrated the benefits of Cycle to school students and spread the message of Environmental Protection which will help fuel saving as well as health improvment. A Native of Junagadh and retired Govt. Officer, said that a name like "Indian" will help to motivate and unite us as a big family. Co - operation is the best way for happy relations. He started his journey Since 26th January 2012 and visited 22 schools of Junagadh, 7 schools of Ahmedabad. 6 schools from Dhoraji and educated students about the benefits of Cycling and patriotism.

He who rejects change is the architect of decay. The only human institution which rejects progress is the cemetery. ~ Harold Wilson

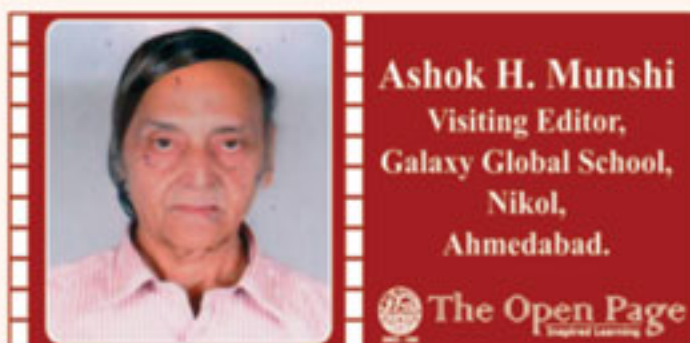
SHRAVAN MONTH TO WORSHIP LORD SHIVA



Nagpanchami, Janamashtami, Pavitra Ekadashi, Raksha Bandhan etc are celebrated with great zeal and enthusiasm. Shravan month is mainly dedicated to Lord Shiva. Many people, especially females observe fasts to please Lord Shankar. Some devotees observe Shravan Somvar, almost sixteen Monday, they observe fasting. Tuesday is dedicated to the Goddess of strength i.e. Shakti or Parvati. This Vrat is known 'Gauri Vrat'. People of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Goa follow the Dark Fortnight lunar calendar while in Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Punjab, Bihar and Himachal Pradesh people follow Bright Fortnight Calendar. This month is considered as the most auspicious month because people worship Lord Shiva.

There is a legend connected with Shravan. Once all demigods and demons decided to take out the Amrut (Elixir) from the vast ocean. So they started churning the ocean. The mount Mandarachal was placed in the middle of the ocean for stirring and Nag Vaasuki was called to use it as a rope. At one side the demigods and at the other side the demons were standing to stir the ocean. Fourteen valuable things came out from the ocean. Amrut (Elixir) also started floating at the top but before that the hot poison came out. No one was ready to accept it. Then Lord Shiva appeared and he drank it. His neck became blue and so he was called as Neelkanth as well. This incident happened on Monday of Shravan Month. This is a popular belief and people observe fasting on 'Shravan Somvaar' to please Lord Shiva.

People visit temple, offer their obeisance and chant the holy Mantra of Shiva. The worship which has been done during Shravan month gives many spiritual rewards. Devotees get the blessings of Lord Shiva and also receive special boon from him. In this month the rain fall in abundant and thus farmers get good yield.



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IMPORTANCE OF GAURI VRAT



In the month of Ashadha this Vrat is followed by the young Hindu Girls. Girls keep five days fast and on Purnima they complete the Vrat.

During these days they do rituals and puja of Jawara and Shivji as well. Now why we should encourage young girls to keep fasting on these five days, And what is the benefit and learning out of sowing and nurturing Jawara (gorma)???

Here are some benefits of teaching your kid about how do we get food?

- Young kids learn science of growing food. They learn how to sow seed, and time required to nurture it.
- With daily Puja, they nurture Jawara (Gorma) with water and Sun light. So they become more disciplined while doing this ritual.(Niyam)
- Kids start respecting plants.
- They will start respecting food and they would never waste it, as now they know the effort it requires to grow grains and food.
- Gratitude-Your kids will learn to show gratitude to mother earth (Dharti Mata) Sun (Surya dev) and Rain (Jal Dev) for giving their energy so we can produce grains, with their help.
- **Health Benefit** - They would stay away from all junk food. Girls will be eating more fruits and dry fruits that nourish their body and mind on fasting days.
- **Self Discipline** - Girls will become more self disciplined as they will not eat just for taste it helps to cultivate good habits.
- In Gaurivrat girls keep fasting refraining from salt that supports health and revives taste sense.

Please make your child aware about Vrat and Niyam.

GITA VIDYALAY GIRLS GAURI VRAT - DEVOTION AND JOY



Gauri Vrat is performed all over the state. School going girls enjoy. But about 800 girls of Exita Vidyalay, Amraiwadi, Ahmedabad were so lucky as its Trustee Rameshbhai Patel provided them dry fruits, juice, fruit dish and lunch during all festival days. Moreover he arranged for cultural programme and tour also. Shri Rameshbhai Patel, Trustee of Gita Vidyalay told that, most of the girls observing Gauri Vrat are from labour workers family, so every year school provides special facilities. This year 403 girls worshiped Gauri Vrat while 409 girls worshiped Jaya Parvati Vrat. All girls studying in this school were provided dry fruits, juice, fruit dish including lunch on all fasting days. On this first day of puja a Brahmin was called at Gita Vidyalay for traditional rituals and performed puja. To mark the occasion ex-vice Chancellor of Gujarat University, Shri M N Desai, DEO, Ahmedabad City, Bansakantha DEO Dr. R K Patel, AMC School Board Chairman Shri Jagdish Bhavasar, Trustee of School Shri Ramesh Patel, Principal Shri Babubhai Desai were present 403 girls from KG to Standard Seven of this school were gifted woolen coat while 409 girls from Std.8 to 12 were gifted wrist watch.

TRIPADA BAL RATHYATRA

The 48th Balrathyatra that marked the Foundation Day of Tripada was celebrated with utmost zeal, irresistible excitement hovering with piety. The celebrations kicked off with the spiritual procession of Mosadu, on 17 July, Friday from the Campus of Tripada International School to its premier institution, Tripada High School.

On 18th July 2015, Saturday, the students and faculties of Tripada Group of Schools besides parents and well wishers thronged to the vicinity of THS for a mega street festival for this reminiscent 48th Bal Rathyatra.

Tripada Band followed by the marching Scouts and Guides ushered the procession through the wide and narrow roads, showcasing the cultural extravaganza exemplifying the theme, **"SAMPRATH BHARAT : SAMARTH BHARAT."** The dynamism of India, its values, cultures, lifestyle, wellness criterions have captured the nerves of people globally. Undoubtedly, the Bal Rathyatra aimed at furthering India's original and creative solutions from its

culture of innovations.

The pious devotees thronged to have a look at the deities that passed by their way and for the prasads with utmost devotion. Gratitude to all the generous well wishers who provided quality snacks, juice and drinks to the participants of the cavalcade. We acknowledge our gratitude to the custodians of law and order for cooperating with our faculties for a hassle free procession. Besides, the school had mindfully planned out its safety measures for a peaceful march. First Aid, mobile toilets, sufficient chilled waters eased off all the difficulties that could have arisen otherwise.

The 48th bal Rathyatra was as usual a cynosure in the city, a veritable visual treat but for those who were away, thousands of well-wishers, aluminis witnessed the event through its live telecast online on www.tripada.vimukti.com which devotedly covered every aspect of the Rathyatra.

~ Arvind Kapadia, Tripada International School, Ahmedabad



This year our school has celebrated 48th Bal Rathyatra. I have also participated in it. The Procession began at 6:30 am with an arti at Tripada High School. Students from all the Tripada branches have participated in different activities. Many banners were prepared according to the theme. The procession started with the band. It was followed by activities like March past, Mass P.T, Yoga. Students have also performed different stunts in skating, gymnastics and karate. The other activities were dance, mime, song, skit and garba. On the route there were volunteers who were distributing "Prasad" to everyone. On the way students got many food items like chocolates, biscuits, soyastick, Cadbury chikki, Chocobar, Kulfi and namkeen pouches of water were given throughout on the way. Different liquids like buttermilk, lime juice and frooti was also given to all the students. The procession ended at Tripada International School at 11:30 am.

This was my 8th most memorable Bal Rathyatra.

~ Malav Mistry, Std-8th,
Tripada International School



The main attraction of this Rathyath is the "Rath" God Jagnath along with his sister Subadra and his brother Balram go around the city. The Rath is well decorated with attractive colours, the God and Goddess are adorned with precious ornaments and beautiful dresses (vagh). The beginning of the procession is done by puja and arti. Teachers, students and devotees take part in this procession. People warmly welcome the procession and adore the Rath and this creates a spiritual atmosphere. The Rath is pulled by our young pundits (students) and the girls follow the rath with kalas.

The routes covered were Menara Hall, K. K. Nagar Prabhat chowk, Mangalmurti Appt, Mirambika school. There were many people who sponsored eatables and drinks like ice-cream, candy, sweet lasi, biscuits, chocolates, lemon juice etc. The students performed various activities during the procession. The main attraction was

the ring dance and pyramid. People appreciated it very much.

~ Pabari Sanket Viralkumar, Std :-
9, Tripada High School, Rannapark



PROGRAMME OF RADIO JOCKEY

In this world of worries and tension we would like to have some entertainment and listen to something good and pleasing to our ears. As we are celebrating the “માણે મહેકાવે માતૃભાષા” Gujarati Term we had a special programme arranged on 14 July 2015, Tuesday at 12:00 a.m. in Tripada High School. Mr. Maulin Munshi (Radio Jockey) along with Mr. Shailesh Nayak were invited to tell us about the importance of Gujarati language, our mother tongue. Mr. Maulin Munshi is a famous R. J. He works for All India Radio as an executive. He told us about the importance of Gujarati pronunciation, reading of books etc. Children asked him some questions about his profession and he answered them well. He runs a voice bank and gives training to elders and children for Radio Jockey. He has also trained Many R.J. He told us about his profession and encouraged the children for Radio Jockey.

**CELEBRATE FESTIVALS, BE ECO-FRIENDLY****CONTINUED FROM P-16**

noise are also being witnessed commonly during such occasions. It is injurious mainly to the ears of a tender infants and sick old age people. This noise is also disgusting to students during their study.

During past couple of years, the local authority declares artificial places where pits are dug and filled with water for idol emersion. They also appeal to the groups of community to procure small size idols to make both handling and its emersion easy. The wastes so collected, being hazardous in nature, is disposed of into scientifically designed facility known, in its abbreviation form TSDF - Treatment Stabilisation Disposal Facility.

In fact, though the laws on both noise pollution and water pollution are in place, the people are yet to become fully aware on such sensitive issues of festivity pollution. In fact, the judiciary has also laid the onus on the principals of schools to educate their students about noise pollution mainly causing during firecrackers and festival celebrations. It is true that our festival customs are important as a part of culture. But the present ways of celebration of festivals or any occasion should also be looked into to protect from causing harm and pollution.

All the educational institutions, non-government organizations and the elected representatives through their respective good offices must also help to bring about paradigm shift of the mind set of people.

Let us help to make our celebrations of festivals or any occasion environmental friendly.

GUJARAT MATRUBHASHA ABHIYAN 4TH JULY 2015

On 4th July 2015, Saturday at 11:00 A.M. in Tripada High School, we had a seminar on Gujarati Matrubhasha Abhiyan which was conducted by Mrs. Sudhaben Bhatt. The language teachers of all the three schools were present for the seminar. It was arranged in the K.G. hall. There were 14 teachers present for the seminar. Mrs. Sudhaben Bhatt gave us information about reading, writing, pronunciation, punctuation, grammar, prose and poem section, composition etc..... She gave us a lot of knowledge that we were unaware of. It was a very useful seminar for us.

“TO LEARN ENGLISH IS VERY EASY!!!”

Jay International School, Rajkot had arranged for the celebration of “English Week” for its students of Std 1 to 8 from 6th July to 15th July. As a part of this celebration, grade 7 & 8 students and their teachers debated on topics related to the language of English like “Should it be compulsory to speak only in English in an English Medium School or not?” And “Is it difficult to learn English language?” According to the teachers' views, English has become a global language now and one needs to learn English compulsorily for further studies as well as employment and business purpose with the foreign countries. The students on the counterpart, put forth their view that even Hindi should be stressed upon as it is our National language and so should be given equal importance for further prospects in our own country. One day was observed for enacting a drama or one-act play in the English language. This way, by self-realization and creative method, the importance of English was taught to the students.



BRIGHT DAY SCHOOL'S INVESTITURE CEREMONY



Bright Day School, CBSE Unit, Harni celebrated Investiture Ceremony. Prof. N. Pradhan was the Chief Guest for the function. The ceremony began with the prayer by students. According to the saying "The old order gives way to the new order"; the members of Students Council solemnly took the oath to perform their duties with sincerity and to make their school proud. The principal Mrs. Neeta Sharma preceded the oath taking ceremony. Prof. N. Pradhan, Chairman Sir and Managing Trustee honored them with sashes and badges.

STATE POLICE CADETS DIWAN BALLUBHAI PRIMARY SCHOOL, ENGLISH MEDIUM



The SPC Project is a school-based youth development initiative that trains school students to evolve as future leaders of a democratic society by inculcating within them respect for the law, discipline, civic sense, empathy for vulnerable sections of society and resistance to social evils. As many as 35 schools have been selected for the pilot project. Each school will have two teachers who will be nominated as Community Police Officer (CPO) and Asst Community Police Officer (ACPO). They will, in turn, be assisted by the local jurisdictional police inspectors also known as Police Student Liaison Officer (PSLO) and Drill Instructors (DI), the statement said. SPC classes are conducted every Thursday in schools without disturbing their academic classes. Students will also have field visits to police stations, courts, BBMP and jails in order to create better understanding of law enforcement.



CELEBRATION OF DOCTOR'S DAY AT BAPS-RAYSAN



Pre primary Section's children went for a medical check with their case paper. They underwent general and dental check-up. They observed how weight and height were taken. They performed role plays and sang rhymes on "Doctor". First aid kit was shown to them and the use of things in it was demonstrated and discussed. In case of an emergency they were made aware to call up "108" for an Ambulance.

THE RAINBOW DAY CELEBRATION AT EARTH ENGLISH SCHOOL



Students of earth English Bachpan School came dressed in various colors of the Rainbow & celebrated "The Rainbow Day," with great pomp & show on Friday. Students narrated the importance of earth color in the Rainbow, accompanied by drawings. Principal of the school appreciated the tiny tots for the wonderful performance.

KEEP UP THE SPIRITS!!!!



"This month being the month for India's Independence, Students of Rosary School, Rajkot, are gearing up to felicitate the Independence Day event just as we get ready to celebrate Diwali. Students of 3 to 5 Gujarati Medium have started preparing charts as a part of celebrations for the this month. They have prepared charts on the basis of the content covered in their syllabus, thereby revising what they have already studied. Bravo Rozarites!!! Keep up the spirits!!!!"

FIND THE 7 DIFFERENCES



INDIA FACTS FOR KIDS

- India is officially known as the Republic of India.
- India has the second largest population in the world, with over 1.2 billion people (1,205,073,612 as of July 2012).
- India is the seventh largest country by total area.
- India belongs to the continent of Asia, it is bordered by the countries of Bangladesh, Bhutan, Burma, China, Nepal, and Pakistan.
- The highest mountain in India is Kanchenjunga, standing at 8,598m (28,209 ft), which it shares with Nepal. Kanchenjunga is the third highest mountain in the world.
 - Many different languages are spoken in India. The main ones are Hindi, Bengali, Telugu, Marathi, Tamil, and Urdu.
 - The capital city is New Delhi, while the most populated city is Mumbai. Other major cities include Kolkata, Chennai and Bangalore.
 - Because of India's location, it experiences periods of heavy rain called Monsoon.
 - The Taj Mahal (a famous mausoleum and popular tourist attraction) is located in the region of Agra.
 - India became an independent nation in 1947 after ending British rule that began in 1858.
 - Mahatma Gandhi is famous for the important part he played in gaining India's independence.
 - Once British rule was over, India was split into the Republic of India and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. Later, an area between India and Pakistan became the People's Republic of Bangladesh.
- The national symbol of India is the endangered Bengal Tiger.
- The most popular sport in India is cricket, with the Indian team being the first to win the Cricket World Cup on home soil when they were victorious in 2011.
- India hosted the 2010 Commonwealth Games in Delhi, but has never hosted the Olympic Games.



FROM THE DESK OF THE REPORTER'S CLUB



**RADHIKA REPORTING
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PAYING TRIBUTE TO OUR
FAVOURITE EDUCATIONIST,
LOVINGLY CALLED
'MISSILE MAN' –
DR. A.P.J ABDUL KALAM**

The sudden demise of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam has shocked the nation and put us, students, in a deep grief. The news of his death somehow made our students look into and read about his life in the net, instead of their usual social networks. Hearing their conversations about their findings, I along with my teachers decided to have a discussion about his life. Students of Grade 6 participated in the discussion.

The excerpts of the discussion are as follows:-

Devansh Joshi was astonished to know about the poor family background of Abdul Kalam which depended on the meagre income of his father. He further astonishingly stated that, Abdul Kalam who in childhood, was selling newspaper after his school to help his father, has become the President of the country. Roshan Mehta felt that curriculum (National or International), financial status of the family or the expensive infrastructure of the school does not matter, his disciplined life style and his focus on his goal had given him achievement and success. Divyansh expressed a valid inference, that is people belonging to any religion cannot be termed as good or bad people. All of them voiced with agreement that, "Abdul Kalam's life has inspired us that rich or poor, religion or caste, foreign or Indian education, does not matter, all matters is your positive thinking, practice, hard work, efforts, dedication and strong will to achieve your goal, leads to success. If a son of a fisherman can achieve the title of 'Missile Man' in the second most populated country, why can't we?" They were happy to know about how he contributed his life to the inspiration of students. Every body felt that, being a patriotic month, they salute a true patriotic who studied, researched, invented, worked and achieved success in India. They also appreciated his humility and quoted their reading about the incident of the guard who stood in the vehicle for four hours. The discussions were thought provoking and we enjoyed it thoroughly.

In the next edition we would come up with the discussion on the India – Bangladesh border issue. Our students have geared up to research on this topic. Are you?



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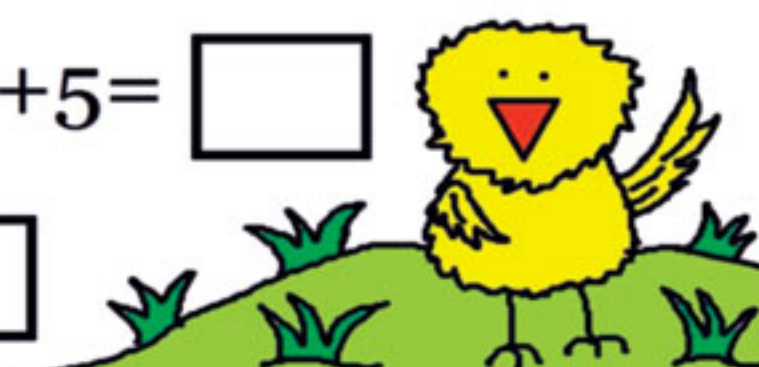
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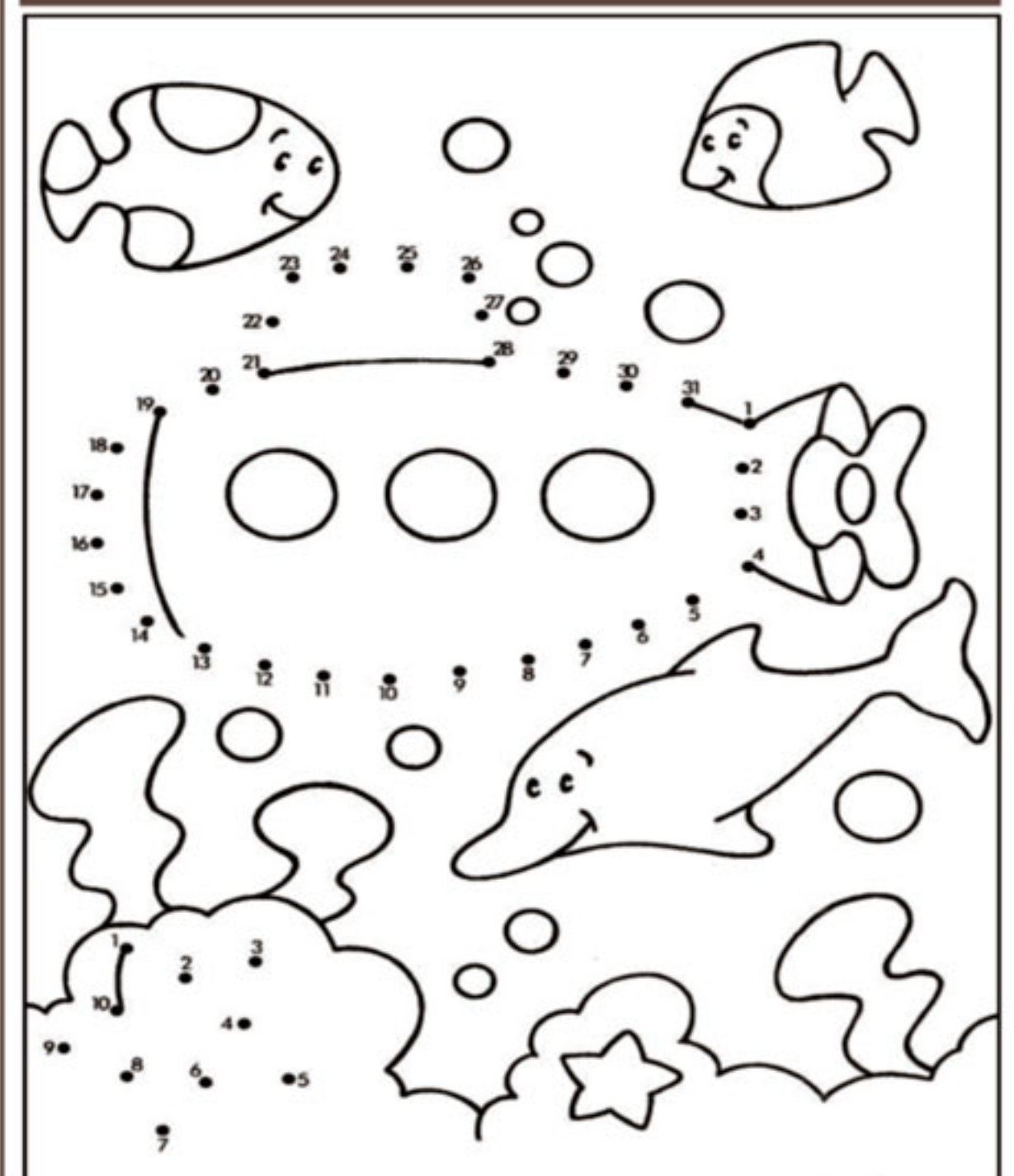
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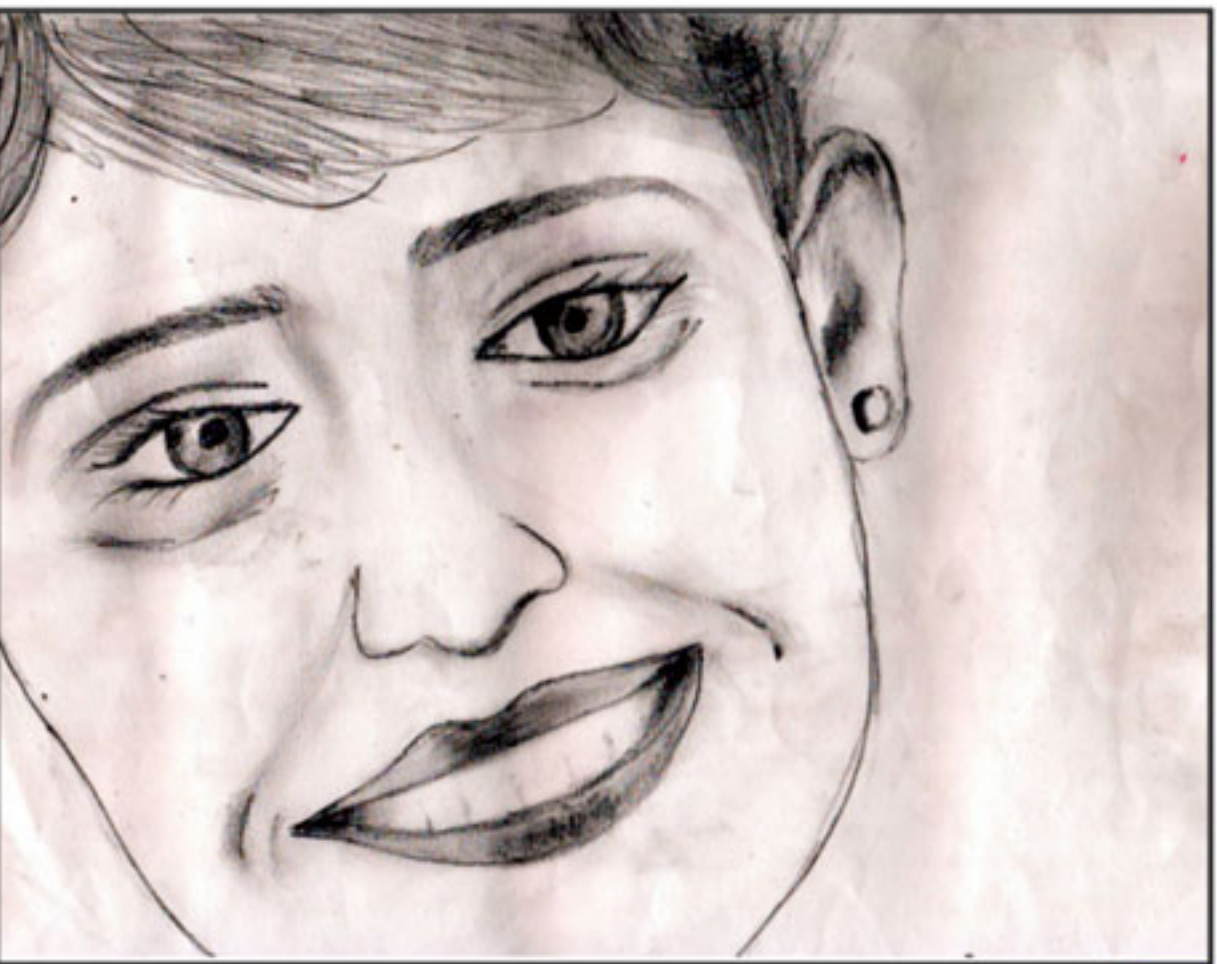
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Email your answers to: theopenpage@tripada.com by 25/8/2015.

You can also post your answers to the following address: The Open Page, 4th Floor, Vishwa Arcade, Opp. Kumkum Party Plot, Akhbarnagar, Ahmedabad - 13.

MUSIC TERMS WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

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ALTO	PAUSE	
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BARS	POLKA	
BASS	RAGTIME	
CHORD	REST	
CHORUS	RHYTHM	
DUET	ROCK	
FLAT	SCORE	
KEYS	SHARP	
LEGATO	SOLO	
LYRICS	SOPRANO	
MEASURE	TENOR	
MELODY	TONE	

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

1. True or false? Sound travels faster through water than air.
2. Water is made up of what two elements?
3. What is another name for a tidal wave?
4. True or false? The Indian Ocean is the biggest ocean on Earth.
5. The solid state of water is known as what?
6. Can the average human survive without water for a few days or a few weeks?
7. True or false? Pure water is tasteless.
8. Nimbus, cumulus and stratus are types of what?
9. True or false? Water is an example of a chemical element.
10. Does water; cover more or less than 50% of the Earth's surface?

ANSWERS OF LAST MONTH

1. Larynx, 2. Nostrils, 3. Taste buds, 4. Vertebrae, 5. A double helix, 6. Circulation, 7. Ribs, 8. The oesophagus, 9. True, 10. Epidermis

WINNER OF JULY

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We talked to two Budding talents of Ahmedabad who at the age of 18 have started their own web solution business "Criowebs" providing a to z solutions for all web needs all over India.

Sohail : Why did you both start such Business at such a small age?

Answer} we don't think there is any age to do what you love to do, we were the two students from our school who always thought to do something different. It was like a dream for us and our age can't be an obstacle in between.

Sohail : Can you describe your work?

Answer} We are currently providing everything anyone needs to expand their business online, whatever they want we create, we provide services like web design, web development, SEO, domain registration, Hosting etc. Mainly focusing on the small businesses in India and providing our services to all.

Sohail : Where do you see yourself after 5 years from now?

Answer} We hope to be the inspiration for people to do what they love instead of doing what others want them to do.

Sohail : What is your Aim?

Answer} we are totally unique will be the kind in to it soon.

Sohail : you start how did you with your

Answer} We project by developers, experts, We have India as well as (Romania), As we working on our website which will eventually take some time, our clients contact us through our email. Anyone can contact us on criowebs@gmail.com



currently working on a project which first of its India, Hope Complete

How did this, and get in touch clients?

started this creating a team of designers, SEO Marketing expert. developers in abroad are currently

Sohail : What inspired you the most?

Answer} The inspirational stories of other people and our love towards what we always wanted to do are the two most inspiring factors for us.

Sohail : What would you like to tell The readers of The Open Page?

Answer} If You have seen the amazing Spiderman movie, then you must remember the Gwen's speech from graduation day, it was something like this

"What makes life valuable is that it doesn't last forever, what makes it precious is that it ends. I know that now more than ever. And I say it today of all days to remind us that time is luck. So don't waste it living someone else's life, make yours count for something. Fight for what matters to you, no matter what. Because even if you fall short, what better way is there to live?"

We think the speech was enough to say what we think.

Sohail
Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 1

MY ENABLED FRIENDS



Master. Kaushik to participate in a Chess Tournament. Here is the short conversation between him and his Father.

Kaushik: Dad, why are some of the participants not walking properly?

Kaushik's Father: Son, they did not have polio drops, when they were supposed to have.

Kaushik: Dad, Can we arrange for those drops now, so that they can walk like us?

Kaushik's Father:: Son, That wouldn't be possible, because it had to be taken at that small age of up to 5 years itself

Kaushik: Is it not difficult for them to do their work?

Kaushik's Father: Son, whenever God decreases something from anyone, HE ensures that HE equips that person with some additional ability After the two rounds out of three, my son runs to me exclaiming with happiness.

Kaushik: Dad, do you know what, I actually played with one of my special friends, he is really good.

Kaushik's Father: Son, they are as we are.

Kaushik: Yes, Dad. Thank you for getting a chance to play with my new friends

Kaushik's Father: (I just loved him for his concern towards the enabled lots of children)

CAN WE ALL HAVE THIS FEELING AND DEEDS SPEAKING FOR THE CONCERN?

Worth mentioning: Master KAUSHIK SALLA is a Class "VI" student in KV ONGC Ahmedabad. His Grandfather, Sri. SALLA APPARAO, is continuing to do numerous voluntary services for social causes. This is what we can call "The Indian Culture Tree".

**LIKE GRAND FATHER,
LIKE GRANDSON!!**

Kaushik Salla
Kendriya Vidyalaya, ONGC



A UNIVERSAL PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Lord, make me an instrument of the peace;
Where there is hatred; let me sow love;
Where there is injury; let me sow pardon;
Where there is doubt; let me sow faith;
Where there is despair; let me sow hope;
Where there is sadness; let me sow joy.

O divine master, grant that I may not seek
So much to be consoled as to console,
So much to be understood as to understand,
So much to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in forgiving that we are forgiven;
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Sahil Tailor
Std-7, Sri Sathya sai Vidyaniketan,
Navsari



It is true that our festival customs are important as a part of culture. But, the present ways of celebration of festivals or any occasion should also be looked into to protect from causing harm and pollution.

Social customs or methods vary across nations and cultures over the globe. In India, family is considered to be important while expressing joy and celebrations. This is what the life is centered around. Since past centuries it was common for several generations to live in the same house as an extended family and witness various celebrations.

It is a general perception for a good citizen to follow social customs, loyal to national ideals and develop a sense of social responsibility. Culture is considered inclusive of the manifestation of dress, customs, cuisine, and linguistic characteristics and nowadays, the last but not least as national holidays!

A festival is a tool to bring life to a state of cheerfulness and enthusiasm. This is usually the significance and importance of festivals. Earlier, any good occasion which leads to community betterment is festival. For example, let it be a ploughing day, planting day, weeding day, harvesting day, etc. People offer some food-offerings such as flowers, fruits, sweets, peanuts, til-chirva, revaries, gajak, etc. to their deity.

These festivals are celebrated by people of various faith and belief and may belong to several communities like Hindu, Muslim, Sikh, Jain, Christian, Buddhist, etc. Many festivals are celebrated together expressing the noble way to respect mutual religions.

These festivals include - Barawafat, Bhai Dooj, Birthday Guru Ramdassji, Brahmotsavam, Buddha Purnima, Chaitra Navratri, Christmas, Deep Diwali, Dev Uthani Ekadashi, Dhanteras, Diwali, Dussehra, Ganesh Chaturthi, Gangaur Festival, Giaravahin Sharif, Govardhan Puja, Guru Gobind Singh Jayanti, Guru Nanak Jayanti, Guru Purab, Guru Purnima, Hanuman Jayanti, Hazarat Ali's Birthday, Hemis Gompa, Holi, Holika Dahan, Holla Mohalla, Id-ul-Fitr (Ramzan Eid), Id-ul-Zuha (Bakrid or Eid Ul-Adha), Installation of Guru, Granth Sahibji, Jamat-Ul-Vida, Janmashtami, Karva Chauth, Kumbh Mela, Lohri, Losar, Maha, shivaratri, Mahamastak Abhishek, Maharishi Valmiki Jayanti, Mahavir Jayanti, Makar Sankranti, Mewar Festival, Milad-Un-Nabi, Muharram, Aasho Navratri, Onam, Paryushan, Good Friday, Easter, Pitr Paksh, Pongal, Raksha Bandhan, Ram Navami, Rambarat, Ramlila, Rath Yatra, Shab E Miraj, Shab-e-Barat, Sodal mela, Thaipusam, Ugadi/Telugu New Year, Ullambana, Vasant, Panchami, and the list is long.

Apart from community festivals, various days with a specific theme, motive and message or cause are also observed among international and

national levels by various group of people including educational and non-governmental organization. Over, scores of days, are listed under the international observance for specific days as declared by the UN concerning to humanity. e.g. the World Environment Day, the Mother Earth Day, the Ozone Day, the Health Day, World Cancer Day, the World Wildlife Day, the International Women's Day, the World Water Day, the World Day for Safety and Health at Work, the Global Day of Parents, etc. Whereas the national days are decided usually based on national concerns on patriotism, customs and cultures, e.g. the National Girl Child Day of India, the National Tourism Day, the Voter's Day, the India's Republic Day, the India's Independence Day, the Teacher's Day, etc. Many community from western and northern part in India celebrate with fun & joy, Holi, which is also known as festival of colours. With the change of time festivities bring about avoidable elements like colourful chemicals mixed with water or even in dry form being spread / applied over each other commonly by children and youngsters. These chemicals are produced from dyes and pigments which are harmful and toxic in nature. At times, petroleum oil/paints are also used to mix the colours to play Holi without knowing the consequences of its ill effects! There were instances of injuring eyes, nose, lungs and skin due to these chemicals. Apparently these colours look in negligible quantity possess enough toxicity to pollute the streams, pond, river and other water lands. Earlier people were using natural colours made from edible items mostly prepared from flowers, fruits/seeds and leaves of plants. We can adopt to apply a token tilak i.e. a long sign of colour on forehead and make the Holi festival free from pollution. This will also help in conserving our precious water resources.

Diwali - a festival of light is celebrated by most communities in India. During Diwali firecrackers are burst usually and enjoyed by children for a while. However, this festival, too, has been caught in the euphoria, and many people burst the fancy firecrackers causing loud bangs one after another at anytime and anywhere during these festivals.

Nowadays, besides marriage procession of bridegroom, religious processions, winning any kind of elections, cricket, settlement on strikes, etc. celebration is expressed with bangs of firecrackers. On the top of it, the loudspeakers and DJ blasting

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