

# SANDESH



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## ELECTION NEWS COMMITTEE RESHUFFLE



From left to right: Pratik Rathod, Viren Pabari , Jyoti Doshi, Payal Bhakta, Priti Shah, Anjana Rajani and Nilesh Kerai. Absent Seema Dholakia – Photographed by Dipak Rajani

**The Annual General Meeting held in Warwick Community Centre on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2006, saw a change in the Committee.**

*'The reasonable man adapts himself to the world, the unreasonable one persists in trying to adapt the world to himself. Therefore all progress depends on the unreasonable man.'* –

- **George Bernard Shaw**

I couldn't agree with him more!

This team looks set to be unreasonable. And if we are to make improvements to our community, then change is one way of doing so. I for one, wish them all the best for the coming year.

*Lookout for a chance to win fabulous prizes (including free movie tickets) in competitions in the next issue!*



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G'day readers. As you can see, few changes have occurred since the last edition of Sandesh. The new Sandesh itself has a new look to it and so have the editors, and also a change to the Gujarati Committee for 2006 and 2007. I look forward to seeing what happens this year.

So far it has been cold in Perth, but Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August will bring about warmth in the family as Raksha Bandhan brings everyone closer together. What is Raksha Bandhan - see page 5.

I hope to provide you with a variety of articles that I feel might be of interest to you all over the coming year. Please feel free to contact me if you have any topics you would like to share, to:

*minesh@togainternational.com* or call me on 9302 5752

Send your articles in Microsoft Word document files and any images in Jpeg form (just makes it a lot easier).

Enjoy, wherever you are,

*Minesh*

Minesh Rajdev

Dear Readers

Welcome again to another event-filled year organised by the dynamic and newly elected GSWA committee. Hope all those not yet in the workforce are enjoying the lovely weather Perth is offering during the holiday season. Unfortunately this is not ideal for the drought WA is experiencing! So take care of how much water you use.

The GSWA committee has agreed to support a long-term project archiving the history of the association. I have agreed to coordinate the project and would like to add an extra dimension to the project. This includes archiving the history and growth of the Gujaratis in WA. The project is still in an early stage of planning but already looks very exciting!!!!!! If you would like to participate in this project by contributing any information (including old photographs) or artifacts on the life of the Gujaratis in WA, please contact me at: 0402 516 743 or 9450 4638 or by e-mail [bmorar@cyllene.uwa.edu.au](mailto:bmorar@cyllene.uwa.edu.au). At a later stage, I plan to include historical information on the broader Indian community to the archive. This is a wonderful opportunity to document early stages in the life of people that have made the brave decision of leaving their home countries to settle elsewhere, and have had to adapt to major environmental and cultural changes.

Many new ideas are planned for community members to actively participate in the Sandesh, so look out for future issues. Feel free to send us any feedback. This is your newsletter after all!

**Bharti Morar**

Namaste dear friends

It is with great pride and joy that I take up the presidency again for the year 2006 – 2007, more so because of the support of another excellent committee and most importantly, because of you all. Thank you to all those wonderful well-wishers who have sent us congratulatory messages via phone, e-mail or in person. A big thank you to all those who attended the AGM – your presence there reaffirmed the value and role of our Samaj in your lives and your support as always is highly appreciated.

I welcome on board 3 new committee members. The rest of the committee remains as is with some changes in positions. Congratulations also to our new Sandesh Editors, Bharti Morar and Minesh Rajdev.

The committee and I pledge to uphold the amended constitution of the Gujarati Samaj and will continue to strive to present another exciting year. In return I ask for your continued support/involvement in any way possible – ideas for future activities, how to improve on past events, physical assistance, volunteers for sub-committees, your attendance at events, etc. Please contact a committee member if you can contribute in any way – your input is extremely important to us.

I also request that if anyone is aware of new Gujarati migrants to Perth, kindly inform

them about the Gujarati Samaj and ask them to contact us. One of our major aims this year is to integrate all Gujaratis, whether newcomers or pioneers, members or non-members, and compile a directory that contains the contact details of all people of Gujarati-origin and/or Gujarati-speaking in WA. For this mammoth task any assistance and, more essentially, everybody's cooperation will be sought. Please act promptly once the notice and consent forms are sent out, to enable us to perform this task efficiently.

We start the year with an exciting event for the children of our community. Kids, this July school holidays you will get a chance to learn and play the games that your parents and grandparents grew up playing. Make sure you do not miss this event. The ever-popular Indoor Sports event is also coming up soon. Come on all you sports enthusiasts, start flexing your muscles and begin by send in your entries as soon as possible. This year the event will be held over 2 days to ensure greater participation. Read on for further details regarding this and more. I look forward to seeing you all then and hope that we can all enjoy these events in the true spirit of sportsmanship and friendship.

Kind regards from  
Your President  
Priti Shah

### Membership Update

A kind reminder to members that membership subscriptions are due for the year 2006-2007 (see form on page 16). Those members that are unsure of their membership status should contact the secretary (Anjana Rajani) by email for clarification. In order to notify us of payments made online please ensure that your full name appears on our bank statement.

### Methods of Payment

- **Direct deposit:** Bank West, BSB # 306 061, Acc # 416475 – 7
  - **Cheque / Money Order:** Gujarati Samaj of Western Australia, P.O.Box 365, Hillarys WA 6923.
- Please do not send cash by mail.**

### **BELIEVE IT OR NOT!!**

- ◆ When my husband and I arrived at a dealership to pick up our car, we were told the keys had been locked in it. We went to the service department and found a mechanic working feverishly to unlock the driver's side door. As I watched from the passenger side, I instinctively tried the door handle and discovered that it was unlocked. "Hey," I announced to the technician, "its open!" To which he replied, "I know - I already got that side."
- ◆ I was signing the receipt for my credit card purchase when the clerk noticed I had never signed my name on the back of the credit card. She informed me that she could not complete the transaction unless the card was signed. When I asked why, she explained that it was necessary to compare the signature I had just signed on the receipt. So I signed the credit card in front of her. She carefully compared the signature to the one I had just signed on the receipt. As luck would have it, and **BELIEVE IT OR NOT**, they matched.

# Raksha Bandhan

The celebration of Raksha Bandhan falls on the full moon day of Shravan month – generally mid-August. Sisters around the world tie ‘rakhi’ on their brother’s wrist and pray for their well being. Brothers in return promise to take care of their sisters.

Wanting to know more about the celebration, I went on-line and searched the web. I found one particular site quite comprehensive - [www.raksha-bandhan.com](http://www.raksha-bandhan.com).

**Raksha** meaning protection and **Bandhan** meaning bound or binding.

Traditionally families get ready for rituals in the early hours of the morning. They take a bath to purify mind and body before starting any preparations. The sisters prepare a Thali for the pooja which contains: a Diya, the Rakhi, kumkum, rice grains (uncooked!!) and some sweets (nowadays its smarties!).

After invoking the blessings of God the sister puts kumkum and rice on her brother’s forehead and ties the Rakhi (not too tightly as to stop the blood flow!!!) wishing him all the success in the year ahead. The brother in return blesses the sister and promises to protect her from the evils of the world.

Living in Australia, some family members are unable to meet due to our location in this world. Thankfully, love is expressed through e-mails and e-cards over the internet, and rakhi greeting cards sent overseas in time for that day.

Some shops started stocking Rakhis as early as May in order to attract people to see the latest look. There’s a plethora of designs from a simple string, to decorated fluffy cotton.

It’s an important day for Priests too, as they tie



rakhis on their patrons and in return receive offerings from them.

Some groups reserve Raksha Bandhan day for changing the ‘Sacred Thread’ – ‘*Janoi*’, when the men discard the old one and wear a new one.

In ancient times a woman tied a ‘rakshaa’ on her husband’s wrist to protect him from evil. Gradually this changed and she tied a ‘rakshaa’ on her brother’s right wrist to protect him from evil influence and those factors which may taint his character, and to strengthen the bond between them.

No matter what happens that day, the ritual performed is a symbolic everlasting bond between brothers and sisters reinforcing ties between them even across the seas, and is the one which has the most importance on that auspicious day.

**Editor’s comment** – Send your photos of that special day for publication in the next issue of the Sandesh.





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- **July 2006 - Children's Fun Day** - Blast from the past (see details below).  
Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2006. Time: 11.00am - 4.00pm
- **August 2006 - Sports Festival** (see pages 10 and 11)  
Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> of August 2006.
- **September 2006 - Navratri**  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2006, Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2006, Friday 29<sup>th</sup>  
September 2006, Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2006. Venue: Herb Graham  
Recreation and Fitness Centre, 27 Chesterfield Road, Mirrabooka. Times to  
be announced.
- **October 2006 - Gujarati Samaj Rangoli & Diwali function**  
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2006. Time and venue to be announced.
- **October 2006 - Diwali Mela**  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2006. (ISWA, Sikh Association, GSWA & Anglo- Indian  
Association). Time and venue to be announced.
- **February 2007** - Dandia Dance Night
- **April 2007** - Geetanjali - Date, time & Venue to be announced.
- **May 2007** - Annual General Meeting. Date, time & venue to be announced.

## BLAST FROM THE PAST

**Venue: Scarborough Civic Centre  
173 Gildercliffe St, Scarborough  
Date: Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2006  
Time: 11.00am – 4.00pm**

Ever fancied a game of "KHO" but just not had enough people to play with, or do you feel like challenging your responses with a game of "KABADDI". Want to play a fun game of "GOTI" or try your hand at making kites. If you want to do all this, then the right place for you to be will be with us at the Scarborough Civic Centre.

A fun filled day for the young and young at heart.

We will be playing traditional Gujarati games such as Kho, Kabaddi, Goti, as well as some of the current favourites like hopscotch and dumb charades!

We welcome children of all ages, as this will be a good day to see the fun side of our rich culture.

There will be games to suit children of all ages and snacks will be provided.

For catering purposes we would like you to confirm your attendance as soon as possible.

**All entries should be received by the 12<sup>th</sup> July. No entry will be accepted after the due date.**

**Members - Free**

**Non - Member fees: Children - \$ 5.00 Adults - \$10.00**

Please contact us for further details:-

Seema	92044794	seema_sd@hotmail.com
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# PUZZLE BOX

SAN DOKU - Sandesh Version!

Exercise your mind by completing this puzzle. The level of this game is a **medium** *Answers in next issue*

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## RIDDLES?!?!?!?!?!?!?!?


1. What gets harder to catch the faster you run?
2. The more you have it, the less you see. What is it?
3. What do you throw out when you want to use it, but take in when you don't want to use it?
4. What's black when you get it, red when you use it, and white when you're all through with it?
5. What is so special about this sequence of numbers 8 5 4 9 1 7 6 10 3 2?

*Answers in next issue*

*Pooh says...*



Getting married is very much like going to a restaurant with friends. You order what you want, then when you see what the other person has, you wish you had ordered that!



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On a winter night in 2004, a writer (Chetan Bhagat), met a young girl on a night train journey. To pass time she offered to tell a story. However! It was conditional--- that he makes it a novel!!

No, it is not a thriller nor a murder mystery as the name suggests, but a witty and dramatic tale involving six characters (3 males, 3 females) all working at “The Connexions Call Centre” in Delhi. The story, as related by Shyam, the main character, intelligent and sparkly, a bit carefree and reckless, unable to confront the upheavals of life, is set around one night when they get a phone call. That call was from God!

Were Shyam, his ex girlfriend Priyanka, pretty, bubbly but confused & over shadowed by her dominant mother, Esha always worried about her looks, aspiring to be great model, Radhika, a model Indian daughter in law yet stifled by traditions and his male colleagues, Varun, a typical IT freak better known as Vroom, lover of Bikes, fast life and pizzas, as well as the quiet, stern, deep, but soft within Military Uncle ready to take that call?

An award winning Indian author, Chetan Bhagat, as the plot develops, he has brilliantly penned a catchy novel, with a few twists and turns. Very different, each of the six characters is a story within themselves. Their tales of woes, frustrations and heartaches entangled with fun, laughter and joy form the essence of the book, whose fragrance has been very wittily captured by the author, empowering the whole story a light philosophical touch.

A very easy read, this book is a must for all who enjoy people, a little spice and tang and definitely a splash of reality!

**Jyoti Doshi**

*Jyoti Doshi has kindly offered to lend the book to interested readers Contact her at [ivtdoshi@aol.com](mailto:ivtdoshi@aol.com) for further information.*

## FILM REVIEW



Director: Rajesh Roshan

Starring: Hrithik Roshan,  
Priyanka Chopra, Rekha,  
Naseerudin Shah

Well, how do I start! India has a Super Hero – Krrish. This sequel to Koi mil gaya continues with much enthusiasm. With Dadima-(Rekha) who is now er! Dadima to Krishna (Hrithik) son of Rohit (Hrithik) and Nisha (Preety Zinta) who are now dead er! with me so far? Discovers that Krishna has powers like his father.

The first half of the movie was beautifully filmed. The second half was shot in Singapore.

Mixed with Minority Report, Matrix, Superman, Spiderman and the Sound of music!! The special effects were brilliant, and about time too. This will certainly raise the standards of movies now.

Who will Krrish fight in the next trilogy – Bhangra Man, Doti Man

Hrithik trained for over a month before the film shoot and he certainly shows a remarkable skill in weaponry – kids wil l love it. The fight scenes were well choreographed – helped by none other than the film director of House of flying daggers and The Hero.

Word of warning, in India, the movie caused some kids to imitate Krrish by jumping off balconies causing much injury – I don't think it will happen here as we are exposed to Marvel heros like superman and kids are used to that.

I feel the ending could have been less emotional and more to the imagination of the audience. Perhaps a trilogy.

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INDOOR SOCCER 6 A SIDE 2006 ENTRY FORM

Scarborough Civic Centre 173 Gildercliffe St, Scarborough

DATE: SUNDAY, 6TH AUGUST 2006 TIME: FROM 9.00AM

THEME: WORLD CUP SOCCER

(COUNTRY NAMES TO BE CONFIRMED WITH THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE)

TEAM NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Captain: \_\_\_\_\_

Players: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile N°: \_\_\_\_\_

1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_ 3) \_\_\_\_\_

4) \_\_\_\_\_ 5) \_\_\_\_\_ 6) \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE INDICATE HOW MANY OF THE TEAM ARE MEMBERS / NON-MEMBERS

For all enquiries contact Viren Pabari (08) 9477 5599 ; 0402 579 037 ; 0439 935 333

Participation Charges: Members \$5; Non-Members \$10. Entrance Fees will be collected before the event.

Maximum 10 teams therefore hurry!!!!. Entries accepted on First Come First Served basis.

Entries close on 30th July 2006 and are to be sent to Gujarati Samaj of WA P.O.Box 365 Hillarys WA 6923.

DISCLAIMER: I/we declare that I am /all my team members are current paid-up members of the Gujarati Samaj and I/we understand that I/we shall participate in the above games at my/our own risk. I/we pledge to abide by the Rules & Regulations of the GSWA.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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INDOOR GAMES 2006 ENTRY FORM

HERB GRAHAM RECREATION CENTRE 27 CHESTERFIELD ROAD MIRABOOKA

DATE: SUNDAY, 20TH AUGUST 2006 TIME: FROM 9.00AM

BADMINTON NETBALL VOLLEYBALL SQUASH

Name Of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: F / M - Age: Under 16 / Over 16 - Member / Non Member

6 A-SIDE TEAM EVENTS Please TICK where applicable

VOLLEYBALL NETBALL

TEAM NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

1) \_\_\_\_\_ (Captain)

2) \_\_\_\_\_ 3) \_\_\_\_\_

5) \_\_\_\_\_

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS Please TICK where applicable

SQUASH: At Mirabooka Squash World from 2pm to 5pm

BADMINTON: Singles: Doubles: Men's; Women's; Mixed Doubles

Mobile N°: \_\_\_\_\_

4) \_\_\_\_\_

6) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact:

Nilesh Kerai (08) 9377 6112 for Volleyball

Seema (08) 9204 4794 for Netball

Priti Shah 9245 7380 or Pratik 0431 518 541 for Badminton

Payal Bhakta 0415 672 952 for Squash

Participation Charges: Members \$5 per game - MAXIMUM \$10; Non-Members \$10 per game - MAXIMUM \$15

Entrance Fees will be collected before the event.

Maximum 10 teams for all team events therefore hurry!!!!. Entries accepted on First Come First Served basis.

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you wondering when the next Sports Festival is going to be held? Well wait no more.

This years Indoor Sports Festival is just around the corner . . .

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> of August 2006 - \*\* INDOOR SOCCER \*\***

Venue: Scarborough Civic Centre, Scarborough Time: 9.00am-5.00pm

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> of August 2006 - \*\* INDOOR GAMES: BADMINTON, NETBALL and VOLLEYBALL\*\***

Venue: Herb Graham Recreation Centre, Mirrabooka Time: 9.00am-5.00pm

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> of August 2006 - \*\* INDOOR GAMES: SQUASH \*\***

Venue: Mirrabooka Squash World, Mirrabooka Time: 2.00pm-5.00pm

- Please carefully read through the rules of entry below for full details on the indoor sports festival. **Deadline for submitting forms is the 30<sup>th</sup> July**, so you'll have to hurry if you don't want to miss out!
- We are looking for volunteers to help us out at Sports Festival! We are also looking for volunteers who have completed a First Aid Course. Please contact **Payal Bhakta** to register your interest.
- These games are open to members and non-members so let's make it a huge fun-filled event! Looking forward to yet another great action packed Sports Festival. Make sure you're there!

## RULES AND REGULATIONS OF ENTRY 2006

1. The deadline for submitting the Indoor Sports Entry Forms, for both Indoor Soccer and Games, is the **30<sup>th</sup> July**. All forms must be sent by this date to confirm participation.
2. Payment can be made upon registration on the day of the sporting event.
3. All participants are requested to bring along necessary equipment and their own special/personal clothing, food, and drinks. Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear at all times. It is very important that all participants wear non-marking soled sports shoes. Vests have been organized for Soccer and Netball. If you are unable to form a team, please let us know in advance so that we can try and allocate you to a team.
4. Registration for **Indoor Soccer** will commence at **9am on the 6<sup>th</sup> of August at Scarborough Civic Centre**. Please be on time so that you know your playing time and opponents. In the spirit of World Cup Soccer this year choose a country of your liking, as this will be the name of your team. This will be accepted on a 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> serve basis, so please have an alternative name in mind.
5. Registration for **Indoor Games - Badminton, Netball, and Volleyball**, will commence at **9am on the 20<sup>th</sup> August at Herb Graham Recreation Centre**. Registration for **Indoor Games - Squash**, will commence at **2pm on the 20<sup>th</sup> August at Mirrabooka Squash World**. For squash, ensure that you have non-marking soled sports shoes. Again, please be prompt so that you know what time you will be playing and who the opponents are.
6. For all sports, the appointed Referee's/Umpire's decision will be final. (The Samaj's committee will have no say on the Referee's/Umpire's decision.)
7. The prize giving ceremony will take place on the same day as the sporting event.
8. The following people are responsible for the individual games:
 

<b>Soccer: Viren Pabari</b>	<b>Badminton: Priti Shah &amp; Pratik Rathod</b>
<b>Netball: Seema Dholakia</b>	<b>Volleyball: Nilesh Kerai</b>
<b>Squash: Payal Bhakta</b>	

Their contact details are listed on the entry form on the opposite page.
9. All participants who want to play multiple sports are advised that the individual organizers of each sport are notified accordingly. There will be limited "waiting period" for you to start your game so be prompt. If you are not on time you will jeopardize your playing time.
10. If you have any questions please feel free to contact any committee member. Contact details can be found in the Gujarati Directory, Sandesh or on the entry forms.
11. **PLEASE NOTE: ALL GSWA EVENTS ARE ALCOHOL AND DRUG FREE.**

All human activities are motivated by two impulses: revulsion to sorrow and a yearning for joy. We try to avoid and discard things that are not agreeable and non-conducive environments but court the agreeable and conducive. However, as objects and environments are constantly changing, we are all the while engaged in a futile effort to find happiness.

Absolute happiness is the goal of all human actions and thus it is important to analyze actions and discover where happiness is exactly located. A person uses their three-fold equipment: the body, mind and the intellect to gain more and more happiness. Even the happiest person in the world constantly endeavors in their own way to find more satisfaction and contentment in life. Happiness may be sought in two ways: the first is by avoiding sorrows, which is the negative way of gaining happiness, and the second is by experiencing the joys positively.

So than what is happiness? It has been discovered that happiness is a state of the mind. It is purely a subjective concept since there exists a clear relationship between the state of mind and the joy or sorrow experienced. When the mind is agitated there is sorrow and when it is tranquil, there is joy. Happiness is therefore measured by the tranquility of one's own mind.

Tranquility of mind may be brought about by contact with the sense objects but then this is only a temporary measure. No real satisfaction can ever be obtained from sense gratification. Thinking that happiness lies in the sense objects, we pursue after, acquire and indulge in them. However, we as human beings have the capacity of making the mind quiet and thereby enjoying real tranquility within, without having to depend upon any object or being around.

Happiness is purely a subjective phenomenon, and has no material bearings on the objects experienced. Happiness can be expressed in the form of an equation as follows:

$$\text{Happiness} = \text{Number of desires fulfilled} \div \text{Number of desires entertained.}$$

The quantum of happiness increases by either increasing the nominator or decreasing the denominator or by both. The fulfillment of the existing desires quietens the agitations created by the desires. By entertaining fewer desires, again, the agitations in one's mind are reduced.

In either cases therefore, it is the lessening of the agitations or the quietening of the mind that produces happiness. The best way of establishing permanent happiness is to reduce the number of desires entertained by one's mind.

Dina Khimasia, Bangalore, 19<sup>th</sup> May 2006

ગુજરાતી સાહિત્યના એક ઉત્તમ લેખક તરીકે આપણે જેને માન આપી શકીએ તેવા શ્રી કિશનસિંહ ચાવડાની, પોતાના જીવનના અનુભવોની વાતો જેમાં તેમણે લખી છે તેવા પુસ્તક “અમાસના તારા” માંથી ઉતારેલો આ લેખ તેમના જ શબ્દોમાં રજૂ કરું છું.

મનની વાત એ છે કે તેમના અનુભવેલા પ્રસંગો લખ્યા પછી તેઓ જે પોતાની લાગણી કે પ્રત્યાઘાત લખે છે તે ખરેખર વાંચવા લાયક હોય છે.

### “ઘીનો દીવો”

હું સમજણો થયો ત્યારની આ વાત છે. મારી ઉંમર સોળ-સત્તર વર્ષની હશે. મારા પિતાશ્રીના એક ઓળખતા હતા નૌતમલાલ શાહ. પોતાને પરમ વૈષ્ણવ કહેવડાવતા. ધંધો એમનો મોટા પાયા ઉપર વ્યાજવટાનો હતો. તેમની ઘરાકી ઢેડ, બારિયા, વાઘરી વગેરે નીચલા ઘરની જાતિમાં હતી અને વ્યાજના દર પણ ઊંચો કહેવાતો. એક રૂપિયે દર મહીને એક આનો વ્યાજ એ લેતા અને પહેલા મહીનાનું વ્યાજ, મુદ્દલ આપતી વખતે મુદ્દલમાંથી જ કાપી લેતા. એક મુસલમાનને નોકરીમાં રાખ્યો જે તેમની ઘોડાઘાડી હાંકતો અને જરૂર પડ્યે નૌતમલાલના ઘરાકને ચાબુક મારીને પૈસાપણ વસૂલ કરતો. એ શેઠને ઘરે ભગવાનની પૂજા હતી. એમની સ્ત્રીએ ટેક લીધી હતી.

એક દિવસ હું મારા પિતાશ્રીની સાથે એમના ઘરે ગયો હતો. અમે બેઠા હતા એટલામાં જ એક વાઘરી જેવો માણસ એક મોટી વાઢીમાં દશ શેર જેટલું ઘી લઈને આવ્યો. ઘી આવતાની સાથે જ ગંધાવા માંડ્યું અને આખા ઓરડામાં દુર્ગંધ ફેલાઈ ગઈ. મેં પૂછ્યું: “નૌતમલાલ, આવું ગંધાતુ ઘી કેમ લો છો?” નૌતમલાલે સંકોચ વિના સ્મિત સાથે ઉત્તર વાળ્યો: “ભાઈ, ભગવાનની પૂજાના દીવા માટે ખોરું ઘી આપવું છે. આ તો આપણે ખાવાનું ચોખ્ખું ઘી તો ઠેક પાદરાથી આવે છે. તારી કાકી ટેકીલી હતી. ચોવીસ કલાક દીવા બળતા રહે છે. ચોખ્ખું ઘી વાપરીયે તો ઘરબાર વેચવા પડે.”

આ સાંભળીને મને લાગ્યું કે આ વાણિયો, ગરીબ અજ્ઞાન માણસોને છેતરે છે એટલું જ નથી; ભગવાન પણ એની પકડમાંથી બચી શક્યા નથી. મારું ગભરૂં હૃદય સમસમી રહ્યું.

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Many days pass and finally the boy can tell his father that he took out all nails from the fence. The father brings his son in front of the fence and tells him –

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*It does not matter how many times you say sorry, the wound will stay. A wound caused by words hurts just as bad as a physical wound.*

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- Editor

### Don't Clap with your Mouth

When somebody gets angry with you or insults you, remain quiet and calm. Do not react. You can clap only with two hands. If you stay quiet and don't say anything there won't be any clapping of the mouth. The other person will automatically become silent.

**Neeta Ruparelia.**

### News from the Senior's Club

The seniors celebrated the 5th anniversary of the formation of their Club on 21 April 2006. During the members' discussion on the day, some spoke about the progress of the Club in the past 5 years and their observations about the same. Others expressed their views and vision for the future. The lady members of the Club had prepared a sumptuous lunch for the day and entertained the members to a grand feast. All thanked those who had volunteered and their families who had rendered their assistance in various ways.

The Seniors' Club has thus crossed the first milestone of its history making them proud and satisfied of the achievement. Let us pray that the members of the Club flourish in terms of Health, Happiness & Peace and continue to work towards their welfare and fellowship.

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