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The 55th Annual SKA Mahotsav was held on Sunday 6th September 2015 at the Watford Colosseum, Rickmansworth Rd, Watford under the Honorary Presidency of Mr Navin Jamnadas Khatri and Vyakti Vishesh Mrs Veena Navin Khatri.

The packed venue was treated to an entertaining programme consisting of Cultural dances, Raas and Bollywood Mix Song performances. On the completion of the programme, members were able to purchase alcoholic drinks at the bar before completing the evening with a vegetarian and a "home-made" chicken curry meal, both kindly donated by the Mahotsav President Navin Jamnadas Khatri's family, for which SKA would like to offer thanks for the generosity. The tasty non-veg meal was freshly cooked on the morning of the Mahotsav by the President's family & friends.

Once again SKA set up a very successful twitter feed for the Mahotsav by which the attendees provided on-going feedback and photos on the proceedings. The photos and messages were then regularly projected onto a wall and read out to everyone. This social media presentation was set up and presented by Sandeep Vrajlal Khatri.



2015 Children's Christmas Party

This year's Children's Christmas Party will be held at the SKA Community Hall on

Saturday 12th December 2015 from 3 - 6pm.

All children under the age of 11 years are invited to attend the fun, games and entertainment.

All parents are urged to bring their children as not to disappoint them.

To avoid over crowding, parents are requested to drop their children and collect them at 6pm.

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Mahotsav 2015

The Vyakti Vishesh started the 55th Mahotsav at around 12.30pm with the lighting of the divo to Shri Ganeshji asking for his blessings for the success of the Mahotsav. The Prathana "Tumhi Ho Mata Pita Tumhi Ho" and Swaqat Geet "Swaqatam Krishna" then followed.



This was followed by the introduction of the Honorary President Mr Navin Jamnadas Khatri by Kishore Mohanlal Parmar in Gujarati and Mitesh Navin Khatri in English. The introduction of the Vyakti Vishesh Mrs Veena Navin Khatri was made by Indira Rajendra Kapadia in Gujarati







A two minutes silence was observed as we remembered those who passed away and prayed that their souls rest in peace. Kamlesh Ratilal Motiram read out the good wishes and greetings from various Kshatriya Mandals around the world, as well as messages from relatives and well-wishers for the Mahotsav to be a great success.



The entertainment began with Dances "Kalaiyaan Girls", followed by the President of SKA Mukesh Vallabhbhai Khatri who gave a special announcement about the forthcoming AGM and SKA Committee's proposed resolution to limit SKA functions to key events (Bhajan, Mahotsav, Navratri, Diwali/New Year's Party, Children's Christmas Party) due to poor attendance at other events. However everyone was encouraged to attend the forthcoming 2015 AGM to debate the issue.

This was followed by a passionate Donation appeal speech given by Usha Mahesh Parmar.

Entertainment continued with Dance "Desi Beat", Dance "Blast from the Past" and Dance "Indiawale".



To give everyone a breather from the entertainment a refreshment break followed with free tea and biscuits provided for all. Additionally there were also lovely muffins courtesy of Veena & Navin Jamnadas Khatri in celebration of their Ruby Wedding Anniversary.



The programme continued with the floral presentation to the Honorary President, and Vyakti Vishesh. The dignitaries then gave their informative and enlightening speeches expressing their views and thoughts.



After 6 years of service to SKA the Retiring SKA President Mukesh Vallabhbhai Khatri gave his thoughtful views and thanked all those involved in staging this year's Mahotsav in making it once again a huge success at this new venue. He also gave a special thanks to those retiring from the SKA Committee.



Acknowledgements of academic & sporting achievements and those retiring were then announced; and all those who participated in the performances were reminded to collect their Gift Vouchers.



Diwali Greetings

from
Mr Chandraprakash Vallabhbhai Khatri
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The new SKA Executive Committee members for the term 2016-17 were then announced. With the same number of candidates coming forward to join the Executive Committee as existing Members leaving, elections were not necessary this time. So the candidates were duly elected to the Executive Committee unopposed. See separate article for the details of members leaving and joining.



The entertainment continued with Garbo "Kanuda Ni Morlima Morla Bole", a greatly welcome performance by the senior ladies of our community. After many, many years we had return of live singing with live band(!) presented by the Khatri Boyz, Dance "Gori Sharmaye Man Mein Muskaye", Dance "Evolution of the Item Numbers", and a special treat with the President's Family performing the Dance "Celebrations" (of Hindi cinema songs).

The eagerly awaited raffle draw was announced, with the following great prizes presented to the winners with the lucky ticket. Unusually, for two of the prizes we had to draw a ticket more than once. And for one of the prizes a ticket had to be drawn THREE times!! So don't leave until AFTER the draw or else you may have won but missed out.

1st Prize: £300 Holiday voucher

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2nd Prize: Microsoft Fitness Band

3rd Prize: Helicopter Ride with Lunch for Two

4th Prize: Bose Bluetooth Speaker

5th Prize: Two Tickets to Bend it like Beckham Musical

6th Prize: 7 Course Tapas & Cocktail for Two

Finally, the British and the Indian National Anthems were sung to end the entertainment segment of the day... but NOT the evening. The bar opened for members to have a drink or two with Bharat Gangaram Caterers serving the vegetarian buffet and "home-made" Non-Veg meals courtesy of the Mahotsav Pramukh's family.

THANK YOU

SKA would like to once again thank all those who participated in the performances for their time and dedication devoted to the many hours of practice. Without you the Mahotsav just would NOT be possible. All performances were outstanding and a pleasure to watch. For next year can we please encourage everyone to start your preparations early. Start NOW with ideas !! And a BIG thank you to all those volunteers who have selflessly helped before, during and after the Mahotsav. Your help is, as always, greatly appreciated and is indeed most welcome.

Important Announcement for 2016 Mahotsav

The **56th Mahotsav** will be held on Sunday 28th August 2016, once again at the **Watford Colosseum**, Rickmansworth Road, Watford WD17 3JN

We are also pleased to announce the Pramukh for our 56th Mahotsav will be

Mr Harivadan Dhansukhlal Gohil and the Vyakti Vishesh will be Mrs Bharti Harivadan Gohil, another husband and wife team!!



2015 Academic Achievements

Professional Award

Shaun Dhirendra Parmar - Qualified Actuary Analyst from the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries **Pritesh Harivadan Kabawala** - IFS Level 4

Diploma for Financial Advisors

Anit Bharat Patel - Master of Science in

Business Systems Analysis and Design **Aarti Khatri** - Masters in Physics

Leena Suresh Khatri - Master of Biology with

Upper 2nd Class Honours

Degree Award

Kajal Praful Narottam - Bachelor of Science with 1st Class Honours in Psychology

Vishal Satish Khatri - Bachelor of Science

with 1st Class Honours in Economics

Pooja Manoj Khatri - Bachelor of Science with 2nd Class Honours First Division in Mathematics

Priya Manoj Khatri - Bachelor of Science with

2nd Class Honours in Economics and Geography

Diploma

Nikita Jitendra Khatri -

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Business

A-Level Award

Alisha Manoj Khatri - A Biology, B

Mathematics, B Chemistry

Wishing everyone a Happy Diwali & a Prosperous New Year

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New SKA Executive Committee 2016-17



With same number of candidates coming forward to join the Executive Committee as existing Members planning on leaving, elections were not necessary this time. So the candidates were duly elected to the Executive Committee unopposed.

On behalf of our UK Kshatriya Community SKA would like to give heartfelt thanks to the outgoing Committee Members for their time volunteering and serving the Community for many years. For the incoming and those continuing to serve for 2 more years, again on behalf of the Kshatriya Community, SKA would like to offer thanks for offering your time and energy.

The Executive Committee Members leaving at the end of 2015 will be:

Mukesh Vallabhai Khatri (SKA President) Kamlesh Ratilal Motiram (Secretary) Mina Manoj Khatri (Vice Secretary) Usha Mahesh Parmar (Vice-Treasurer) Raj Pravinchandra Khatri Jitendra Pravinchandra Khatri Vinod Chhaganlal Khatri

Outgoing Co-Op Members:

Manoj Naranbhai Khatri Raj Bhupendra Khatri

New Executive Committee serving from 2016 to 2017 will be:

Kokila Kiran Kapadia Anita Praful Narottam Damyanti Atul Khatri Sandeep Vrajlal Khatri Naresh Amratlal Kapadia (new)

Gita Jitendra Khatri (new) Kiran Balkrishna Damania (new) Mita Dipak Khatri (new) Nilesh Ramesh Patel (new) Ganesh Deepak Khatri (new)





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2015 Annual General Meeting - Review



















The Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday 4th October at the Dudden Hill Community Centre, London NW10 2ED and proceedings commenced at 3.15pm. This was a late change in venue from our own SKA Hall due to our Hall undergoing renovation.

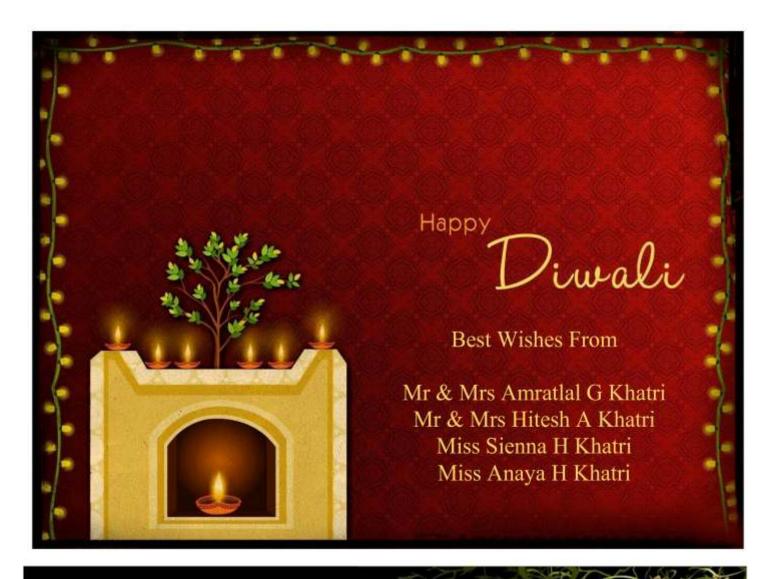
We are very pleased to say the attendance this year was well above average; and we are encouraged to see so many members attending and taking interest in SKA matters. In fact the Hall was completely full! Your attendance was greatly appreciated.

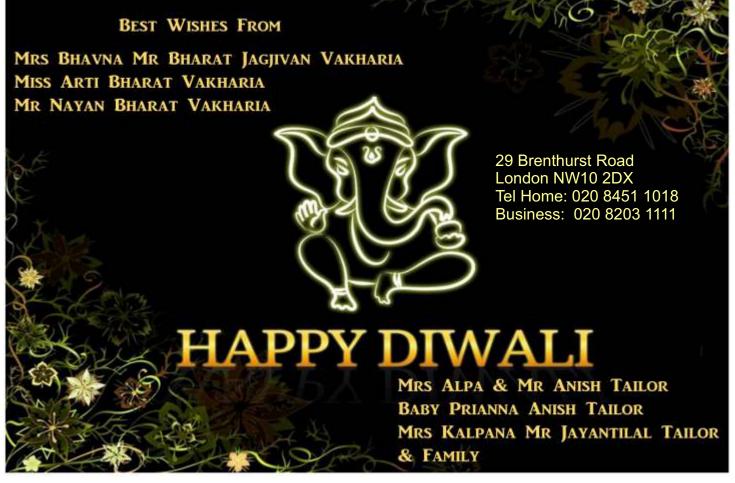
The following agenda items were discussed:

- Approval of Previous AGM Minutes -APPROVED
- 2. Approval of the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015 APPROVED
- Re-Appointment of Auditors -APPROVED
- 4. Approve the following Resolution:
 'From 1 January 2016 the only
 events that will be organised by
 SKA are; Annual Mahotsav, Navratri
 Celebrations, Diwali Party, Social
 Evening, Bhajan Sandhya and
 Children's Christmas Party.'
- 5. Any Other Business

The Meeting concluded at 5:10pm. The SKA Committee would like to thank all those who attended and request that members continue to support and engage in future AGM and the lively discussions and decision making that affects us all

Further details will be in the forthcoming AGM minutes. However, regarding the above resolution number 4, after informative debate, the Community members view was that it is not necessary to bind the SKA Committee with such a restrictive resolution; but that the Committee should simply have an internal Standing Order aiming to arrange the above mentioned activities/events at the discretion of the Committee, as per the current authority. It should be noted that there was not one person from one of the largest attendances of recent times, who opposed the **Resolution and wanted the Committee to** commit to arranging more activities than those mentioned in the Resolution.







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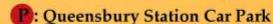
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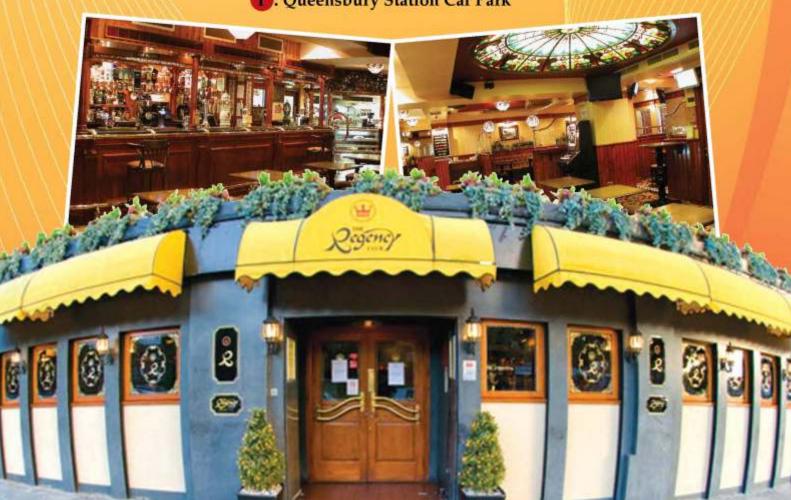


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Navratri and Aarti Thali Competition















This year's Navratri Festivities were held over 4 days 16/17/18th October and 20th October (Sud Atham) at the sports hall of the Queens Park Community School. All enjoyed the Garba & Raas.

On 17th October the ever popular Aarti Thali competition was held, with so many people entering. It was truly amazing to see the creativity and effort that was put into producing the entries. We are all grateful to be able to enjoy the colourful display; but of course it made the judging difficult. This year the judges were Veena Navin Khatri, Mina Manoj Khatri and Usha Mahesh Parmar; and the winners were:

1st Urvi Deepak Khatri (£35 voucher) 2nd Hetal Samit Kapadia (£25 voucher) 3rd Kalpana Kiran Khatri (£15 voucher)



We would like to thank all who attended, participated in the competition and assisted at this year's Navratri. It is with the kind assistance of the community members that we are able to hold the Navratri, especially during the weekdays when many, if not most, have to leave earlier from work to set up the hall. Help given includes providing van for equipment, loading/unloading van, setting up mandir/chairs/stage/sound system/water dispenser, singing, instrument players (dhol, organ and percussion). This assistance is greatly appreciated by the SKA Committee, without which we would not be able to hold the event.

Please bear this in mind that many people have put in a lot of effort for your benefit and try to attend all the days that the Navratri Festivities are held. When the hall is full it is truly pleasing to see everyone enjoying and dancing.





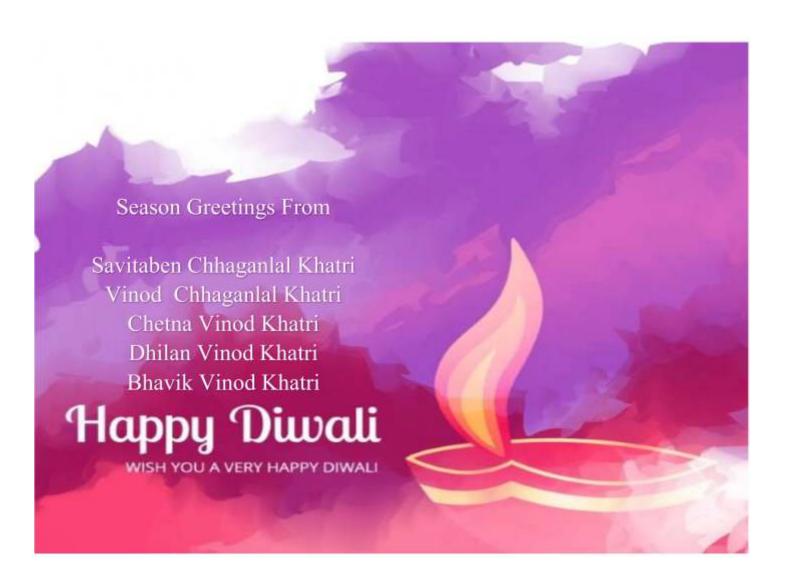


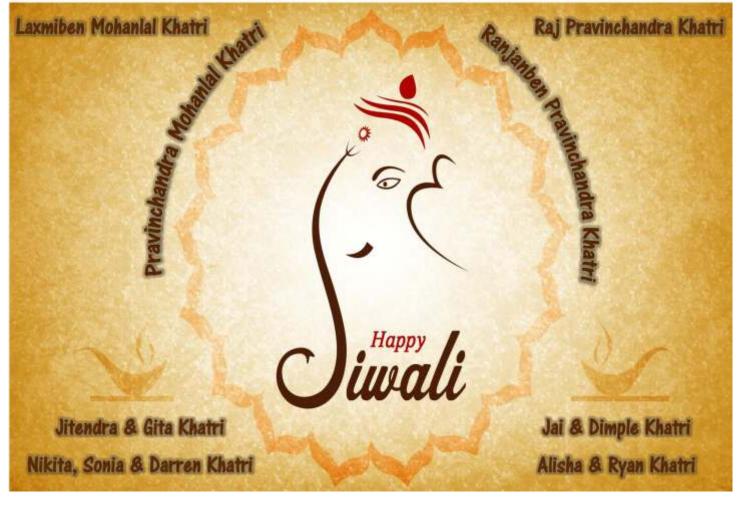












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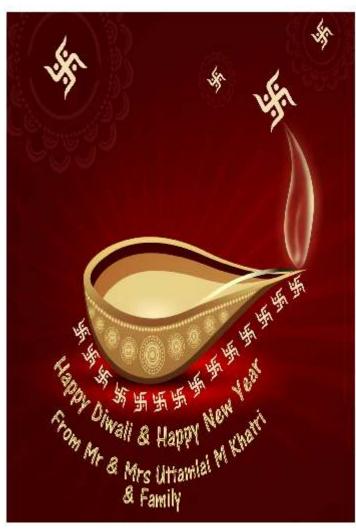


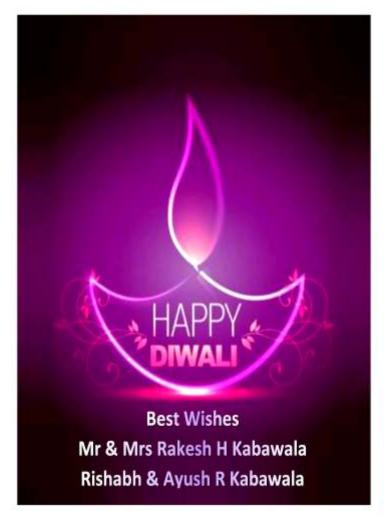
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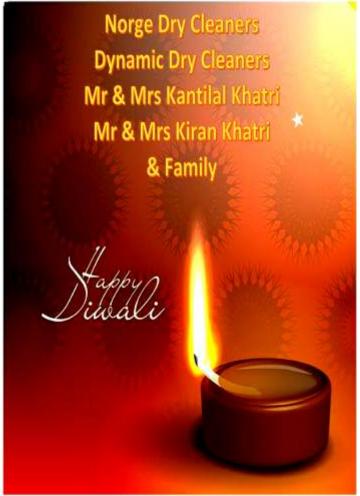


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NEW BORN

Congratulations to

Krupa & Yaashik Rajnikant Khatri on the birth of their daughter **LIYARNA KARINA**, who was born on 24th April 2015

SKA would like to thank Mr & Mrs Yaashik Khatri for their kind donation of £25.00

NEW BORN

Congratulations to

Alpa & Anish Jayantilal Tailor on the birth of their daughter **PRIANNA JESSIE**, who was born on 19th August 2015.

SKA would like to thank Mr & Mrs Anish Tailor for their kind donation of £25.00





NEW BORN

Congratulations to

Jhankhana & Kevin Ramesh Kapadia on the birth of their son **KIAN**, who was born on 27th August 2015

SKA would like to thank Mr & Mrs Kevin Kapadia for their kind donation of £25.00

NEW BORN

Congratulations to

Seema & Raj Bhupendra Khatri on the birth of their daughter **ARIYA**, who was born on 6th October 2015.

SKA would like to thank Mr & Mrs Raj Khatri for their kind donation of £25.00









WEDDING

Congratulations to:

SUNIL son of Mrs Chandan &
Mr Arun Manilal Kapadia
and SUSHMITA daughter of
Mrs Shakuntla & Late Mr Dhurba Mhirsha
They were married on 7th August 2015 in London

SKA would like to thank Mr & Mrs Arun Kapadiai for their kind donation of £51.00

WEDDING

Congratulations to:

PRASILA daughter of Mrs Shakuntala & Mr Shashikant Ishverlal Khatri and SUNIL son of Mrs Bharti & Mr Jagdish Ranchhodbhai Patel They were married on 9th August 2015 in London

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DIWALI / NEW YEAR PARTY 2015

on Friday 13th November 2015

Venue: The Kadwa Patidar Centre, Kenmore Ave, Kenton, HA3 8LU Time: 7pm to 10.30pm.



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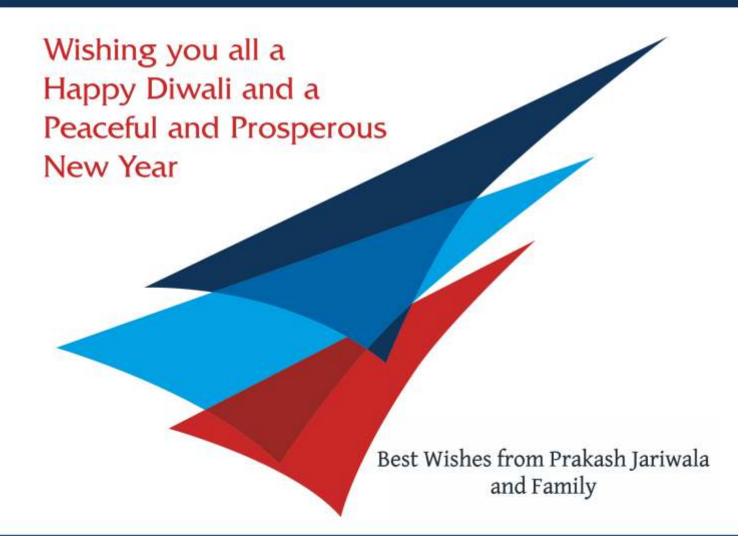
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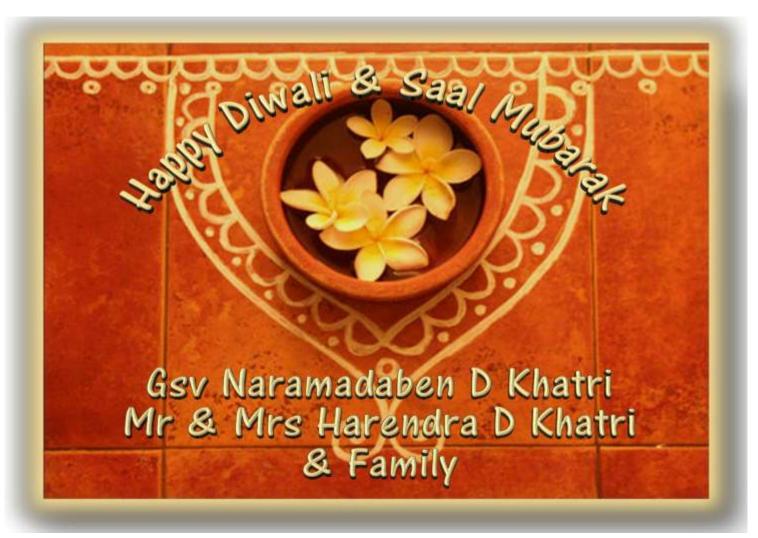


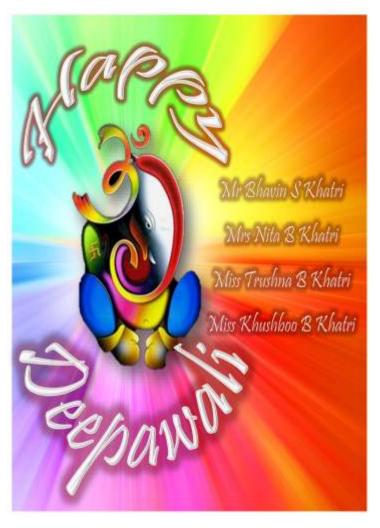


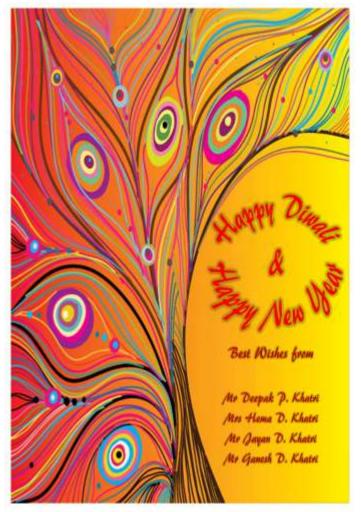
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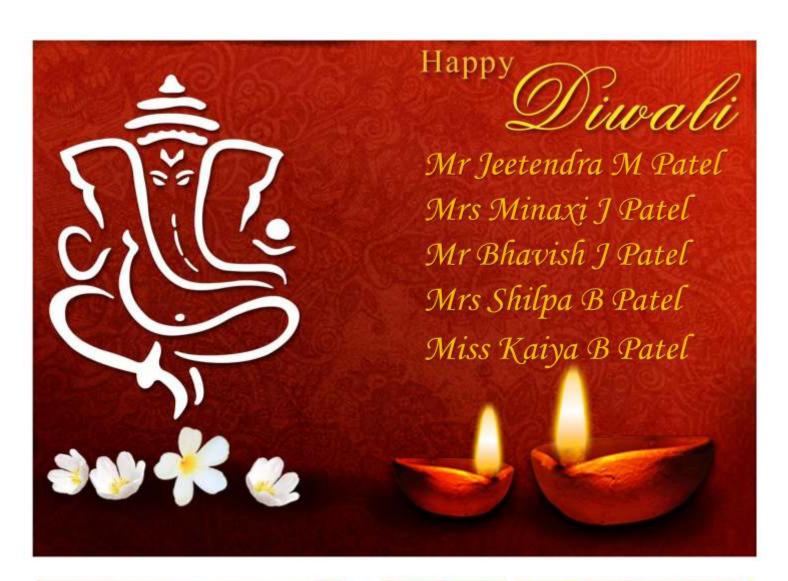


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Bon Voyage & Welcome



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Dubai

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Members' Events Diary Weddings - Party's - Functions

2015

13th November - SKA Diwali/New Year Party 12th December - Children's Christmas Party

2016

28th May - Wedding - London

Hina Girish Motiwala and Sachin Mukesh Patel

23rd July - Wedding - Toronto

Bhavik Vijay Kapadia & Dimple Satish Billimoria

24th July - Reception - Toronto

Dimple & Bhavik Vijay Kapadia

28th August - 56th Mahotsav - London 10th September - London Reception

Dimple & Bhavik Vijay Kapadia

2017

29th April - Wedding - Kettering (Northampton)
Bhavin Praful Narottam & Payal Jitendrabhai Patel
30th April - Reception - London

Payal & Bhavin Praful Narottam

Please contact or email **editor@skauk.org** of any function you wish to put on this Events Diary which will be continually updated in future newsletters and On **www.skauk.org** website. **This helps other members plan their function and avoid clashing of events.**

SKA Hall Renovation news

SKA Hall has recently undergone a major refurbishment and redecoration program. Changes include reconfiguring the kitchen area to accommodate gas burners, new flooring throughout the entire premises and new paintwork throughout.

We believe the new facilities will serve the community well going forward as well as appealing to future Hall hirers.

Social Evening Update

The next social evening will be on **Friday 4th December 2015.** a If you wish to attend, please inform **Raj Pravinchandra Khatri** on **07932 956 692**.

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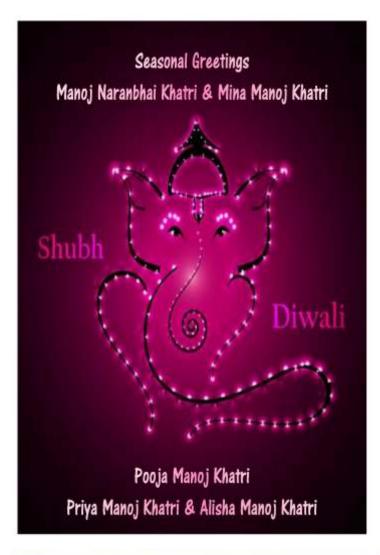
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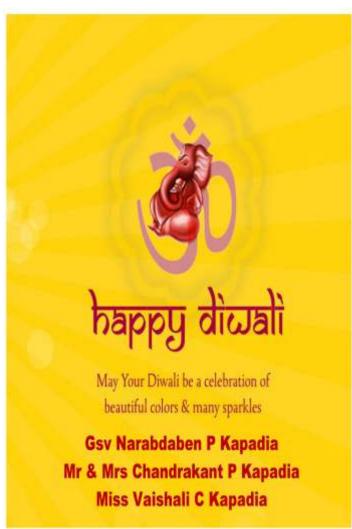


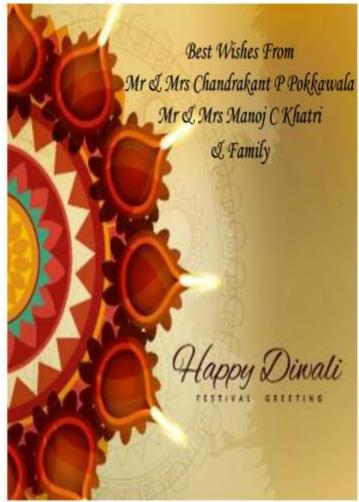
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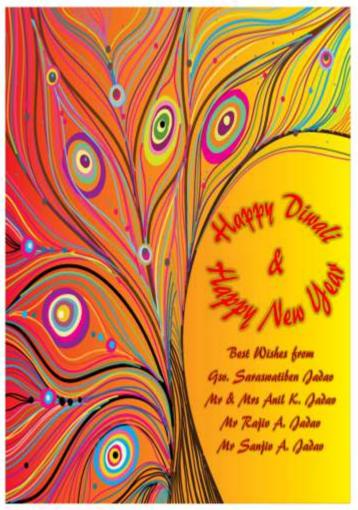
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Some twenty years ago, I purchased a miracle box called "computer". It did wonders for me. One can say that I was in love with my computer. It will do all wonders beyond my imagination. My friends and colleagues used to say that this computer is your second wife. You spend more time with your second wife than with your first wife. One day my second wife got sick. She would not work. I felt sorry for her. I immediately took her to a computer doctor. I was told after examination that she was infected with virus. Now this was something new to me. All this time I only thought that virus hits human body. "But this is a machine, how can virus infect the machine?" I questioned. The doctor must have thought for a while that I am an idiot. But he smiled at me and explained me that a virus in computing language is a specially written file to reduce the efficiency of your computer or in some cases totally blocks functioning of a computer. Virus was cleaned and my computer was back on track and one day it became sick again. This time I was told that your files are fragmented and need to be defragment. Now after years of experience, I have learnt to keep update on my antivirus program and keep hard drive defragmented. Now she never gets sick.

Our festivals are like antivirus in our life. Festivals helps us to remove all virus (worry, tension, depression etc) from our life. Living in 21st century is not as simple as it use to be in 19th and 20th century. Today human being is continuously surrounded by technologies. One has to force oneself beyond one's capacity to fulfil one's commitment. Life has become monotonous and boring. Sometime one falls in depression. Festivals cheer you up and blows fresh wind of hope and energy in life.

Deepawali is one of the most auspicious and significant festivals for Hindus all over the world. One can surf with Google search engine to find out various meaning of Deepawali. Most Hindu calendar will consider Deepawali festival from Dhan Teras to Bhai Beej. However, for me, Deepawali festival really begins with Rama Ekadashi till Laabh Panchami. Let us just briefly understand the meaning of each day of the Deepawali festival.

Rama Ekadashi: Ekadashi is not merely observing fasting or staying hungry. For most Hindu fasting really means not to eat full meal (vegetable, roti, rice, daal etc.). Eating farali meal is acceptable. This is a wrong concept accepted in today's society. In fact Ekadashi is a day when one should concentrate on controlling 11 senses (10 senses + mind) of our body. This should be on going practice and not just for one day. That is why it is called Rama Ekadashi.

Vagh Baras: Actually the name is Vaak Baras, but over the period we tend to call it as Vagh Baras. Vaak is a Sanskrit word meaning speech. After controlling your 11 senses, the next thing is to control your speech. Do not utter any word to hurt someone's feeling. If one observes this then one is truly observing Vagh (Vaak) Baras.

Our festivals are like anti-virus in our life

Dhan Teras: Dhan Teras is a very popular day with most Gujarati community. In fact this is known as Dhanvantari Jayanti. We all know that when Sur (devas) and Ashura (danavas) went for Samudra manthan, Lord Dhanvantari came with a kalash of medicine. Dhanvantari is known to be the best physician of devas. So on the Dhan Teras day while one offers puja to Laxmi Mata, one should be conscious to avoid junk food intake and avoid over eating habits. In short to maintain you physical fitness is the message from Dhanvantari jayanti.

Kali Chaudas: Also known as Nark Chaturdashi. This is the day for worshipping Kali (shakti -power). Offering some puja at midnight or cooking some bhajiya and vada is not what Kali Chaudas is all about. If one has controlled senses, speech and health then naturally one will have physical and moral strength and courage. Kali Chaudas really gives a message to help those in need.

Deepawali: There are number of stories associated with Deepawali. Deepawali falls on no moon (amavas) night. Normally Amavas is known to be inauspicious day but for Deepawali, Amavas is always auspicious. A new moon shines after no moon, a new year begins after Deepawali. Deepawali brings message of hope, a fresh start in life. Deepawali is not just end of a year it is beginning of a new year. It is time to meditate and concentrate on the divine power of mother Laxmi for her blessing.

New Year: A day of Bali puja, Govardhan puja and Annakut. A new day, a fresh start of life, a new venture, forgetting all old enmities. Govardhan puja is a promise to starve for knowledge, to learn new things in life. Learning is an ongoing process in life. Annakut is a promise to Lord that we shall never forget Lord in our life. We shall always be thankful to our Lord for giving us decent food on our table. We shall always thank Lord before consuming food.

Bhai Beej: A day to remember a promise made to sister by her brother. A day to recall good old days of young age. A day to sort out differences between brother and sister if any.

Laabh Paancham: A day to start a new chapter in life. . Business people start new chapter in their books from this day. Ladies buy jewellery on this day. In fact Laabh Paancham is the day to take a vow that as from this day onward, all my action, speech and deed shall be beneficial and fruitful to all those with whom I interact.

I wish to thank the publishers for giving an opportunity to share my views on Deepawali. You can also visit me on my blog "vaatvaatma.blogspot.com" or search manhar narsey on Google for my blogs.

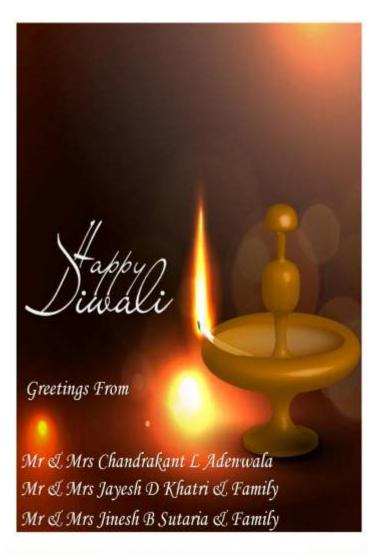
I wish you a very happy Deepawali and bright, encouraging and fulfilling new year to everyone in London and abroad.

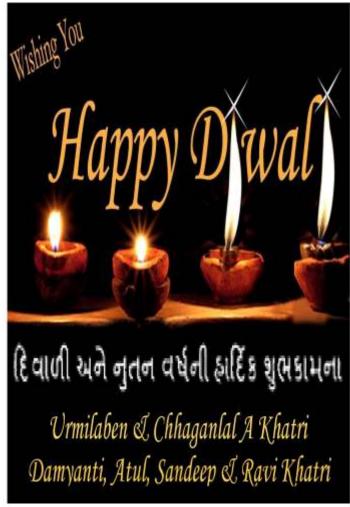
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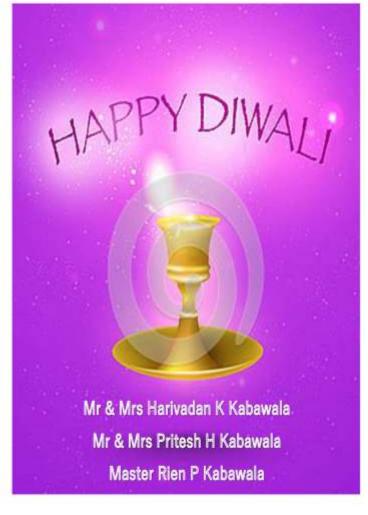


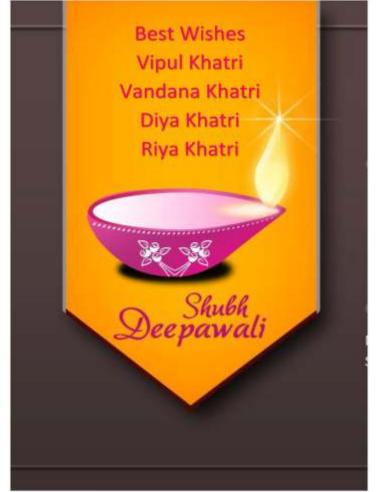
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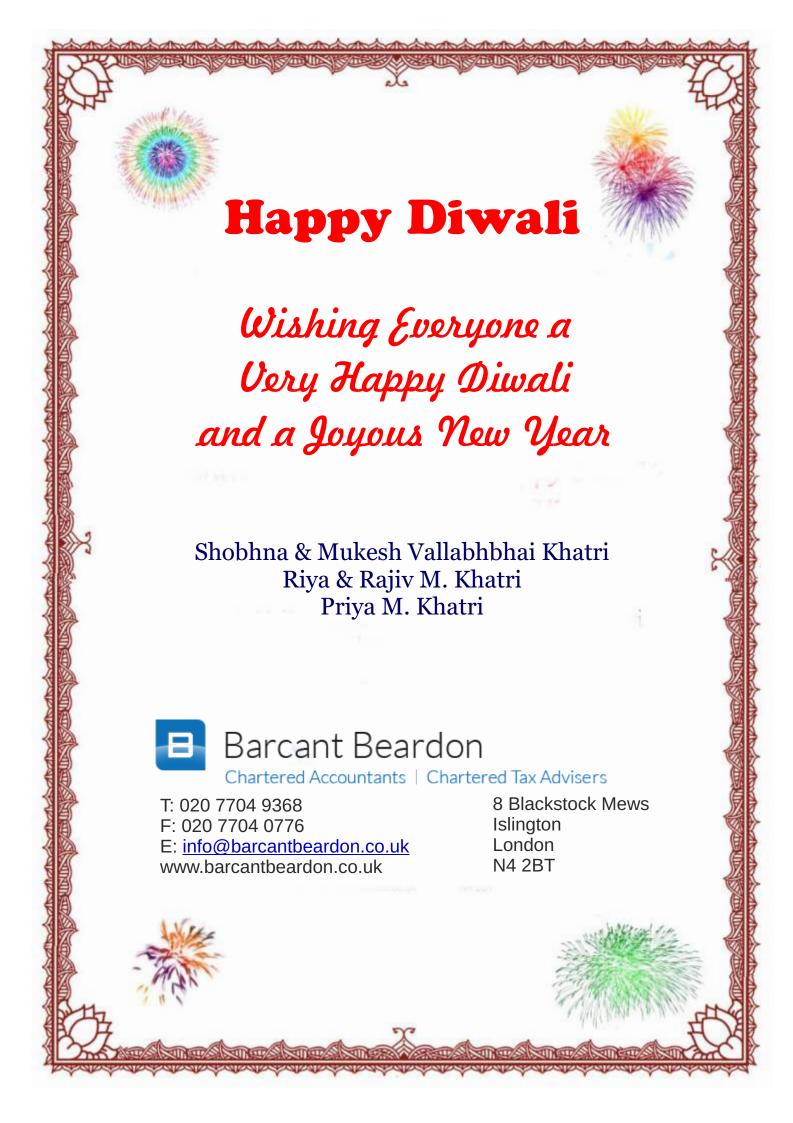












એન્ટી વાયરસ

વીસ વર્ષ પહેલા એક અદ્દભુત ખોખું મેં લીધું હતું, તે કમ્પ્યુટર હતું. એ મારા માટે અજબ કામ કરવા લાગ્યું. ક્રેય જણા જાણે મને કમ્પ્યુટર પર પ્રેમ થયો હોય. એકજ વસતુ આપણે આટલું બધું કરી શકીએ આ મારી સમજની બહાર હતું. મારા બધા મિત્રો મને કહેતા કે આ કમ્પ્યુટર તારી બીજી પત્ની છે. તું તારી પહેલી પત્ની કરતા બીજી પત્ની સાથે વધારે ટાઇમ વિતાવે છે.

એક દિવસ મારી બીજી પત્ની બીમાર પડી. એ કામ કરતી બંધ થઇ ગઇ.મને એના પર દયા આવી. હું એને જલ્દી કમ્પ્યુટર ના ડોકટર પાસે લઇ ગયો. મને કેહેવામાં આવ્યુ કે એને વાયરસ થયો છે. આ સાંભળી મને નવાઇ લાગી. અત્યાર સુધી મને એમ લાગતું હતું કે વાયરસ ફક્ત મનુષ્ય ને જ થાય પણ આતો મશીન, કેવી રીતે મશીનને વાયરસ લાગે? મેં સવાલ કયા. ડોકટર વિચાર કરતો હશે કે આ કેવો માણસ છે. ડોકટરે હસીને મને સમજાવ્યું કે કમ્પ્યુટર ની ભાષામાં વાયરસ ને શું કહેવાય. ઘણા વર્ષ પછીના અનુભવથી હું શીખી ગયો કે પ્રોગ્રામ કેવી રીતે અપડેટ કરવાનો. હવે એ કોઇ દિવસ બીમાર નહીં પડે.

આપણા તહેવારો પણ વાયરસ ને દુર કરે તેવા જ છે. તહેવારો આપણામાંથી વાયરસ કાઢવાની દવા છે. ફ્રીકર હોય, ડીપ્રેશન હોય તેની દવા. એકવીસમી સદી માં જીવન એટલું સહેલું નથી જેટલુ ઓગણીસમી અને વીસમી સદી માં હતું. અત્યાર ના જમાનામાં ટેકનોલોજીમાં બધા બીઝી થ ઇ ગયા છે. જીવનમાં રોજ સેમ વસ્તુ કરતા હોય તો મજા ના આવે . તો જયારે તહેવારો આવે તો તેમાં બધાને મળીને સાથે તહેવારો ઉજવીએ તેનાથી બધાને આનંદ અને ઉમંદ આવે.

દિપાવલી હિંદુ ઓ માટે ખાસ તહેવાર ગણાય. આ તહેવાર આખી દુનીયામાં મનાવવામા આવે છે. ઘણે ભાગે હિંદુ કેલેન્ડરમાં ધનતેરસ થી ભાઇબીજ સુધી ની દિવાળી ગણાય. પણ મારા માટે દિવાળી અગીયારસ થી લાભપાંચમ સુધી ની ગણાય. આપણે દિવાળી ના બધા દિવસોના અર્થ જાણીયે.

રામ એકાદસી... એકાદસી માં માત્ર ઉપવાસ કરવાનુ એવું નથી પણ ઘણા ભાગે હિંદુ ઓના માટે શાક, રોટલી ખાવાનું નહીં પણ ફરાળ ખાવું એ ચાલે. આ ખોટી પરંપરા છે. એકાદસી એટલે આપણી દસ ઇન્દ્રિઓ અને મનનું આમ અગ્યાર ઇન્દ્રિઓ પર કાબુ રાખવો. તેના પર ધ્યાન રાખવું જોઇએ. આ એક દ્વિસ નહી પણ હંમેશાકરવું જોઇએ. એટલે એને રામ એકાદસી કહેવાય.

વાઘ બારસ.... આ વાઘ બારસ નથી પણ વાક બારસ એ સંસ્કૃત શબ્દ છે. વાકનો સંસ્કૃત માં અથૅ બોલવું. અગ્યારસ પછી બારસ માં આપણે પણ સારૂં બોલવાનું અને કોઇને ખરાબ લાગે તેવું બોલવું નહીં.

ધન તેરસ....ધન તેરસ એ ગુજરાતી ઓ માટે નો અગત્યનો દિવસ કહેવાય.આપણા બધાને ખબર છે કે સુર અને અસુરો વચ્ચે સમુદ્દ મંથન કરવામાં આવ્યું હતું ત્યારે ભગવાન ધનવંતરી દવા ના કળશ સાથે પ્રગટ થયા હતા. ત્યાર પછી ધનની પુજા કરવામાં આવે છે. ધનવંતરી જયંતીમાં ખાવાનુ કંટ્રોલ કરવું જોઇએ.

કાળી ચાૈદસ..... કાળી ચાૈદસ ને નરક ચતૂરદસી તરીખે પણ ઓળખવામાં આવે છે. આ દિવસે કાળી ની પુજા કરીએ છીએ. આ દિવસે પુજામાં વડા અને પુરી ધરાવવામાં આવે છે પણ આને કાળી ચાૈદસ ના કહેવાય. આપણા મનનું સંતોલન , વાણી અને સ્વાસ્થય પર કાબૂ હોય તો શારીરિક અને સદાચારી શકતી અને હિમંત મળશે. કાળી ચાૈદસ નો અથઁ જેમને જરૂરત તેમને મદદ કરવી જોઇએ.

દિપાવલી....દિપાવલી માટે ઘણી વાતો છે. રાત્રે ચાંદો ના દેખાય તે દિવસ એટલે દિપાવલી. દર અમાસ અશુભ ગણાય પણ દિપાવલી મહત્વપુર્ણ ગણાય. ચાંદો ના હોય ત્યાર પછીનો દિવસે ચાંદો ચમકે , દિપાવલી પછીનો દિવસે નવું વર્ષે ચાલુ થાય. દિપાવલી એ વર્ષે નું અંત નથી પણ નવા વર્ષે ની શરૂઆત છે.મહાલ્ક્ષમીને ધ્યાનમાં રાખી મેડીટેશન માં તલ્લીન થઇ જવું જોઇએ.

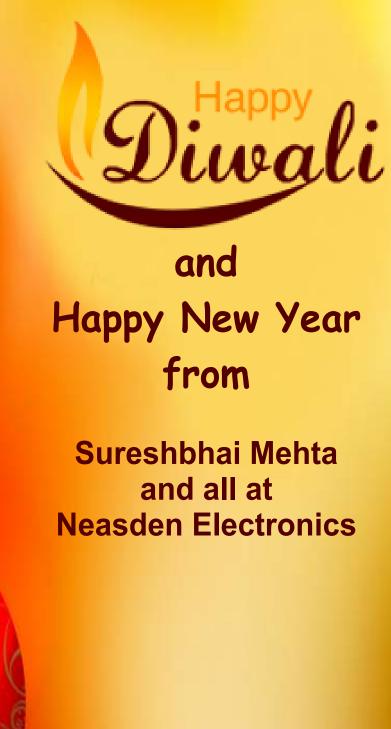
નવુ વર્ષે......બાલી પુજા ,ગોવૅધન પુજા અને અંકુટ ના દર્શેન કરવાનો દિવસ . જીવનમાં જુનું ભુલીને નવું કાર્ય કરવાની શરૂઆત કરવી જોઇએ.ભોજન સમયે ભગવાનનો આભાર માની યાદ કરવા જોઇએ.

ભાઇબીજ…આ દિવસ એટલે ભાઇએ બહેનને આપેલ વચન. ભાઇ બહેનનો બચપણ ની યાદ તાજી કરવાનો દિવસ. લાભપંચમી….. આજના દિવસ થી બીઝનેસ વાળા ચોપડા પુંજન કરે છે. અને સોનું ખરીદે છે. લાભપાંચમ થી અમારા બધા કાર્ય લોકો માટે લાભદાયક થાય તેવો પ્રયાસ કરવો.

દિપાવલી ના દરમ્યાન આ છપાવવા માટે લ્હાવો આપ્યો તે બદલ આભાર.

બધા ને મારા તરફથી શુભ દ્વિપાવલી અને સાલ મુબારક.

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Wishing all members a

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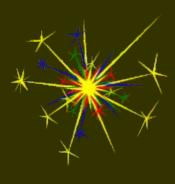
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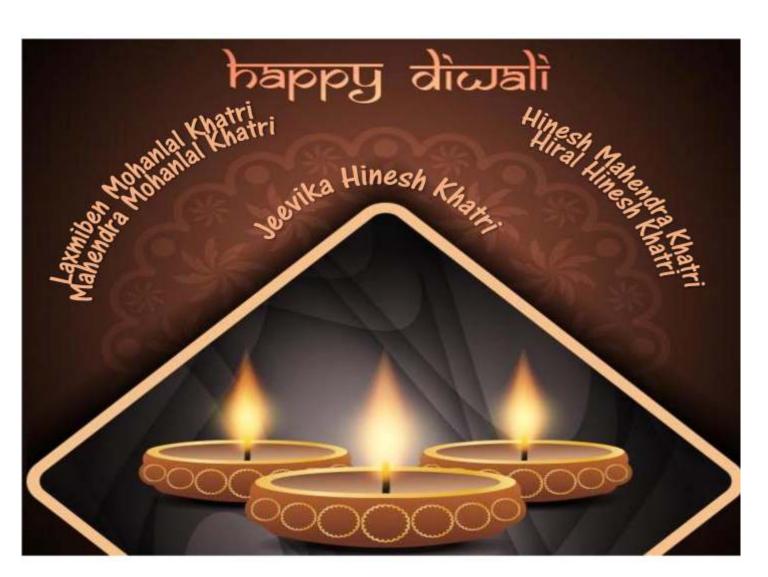


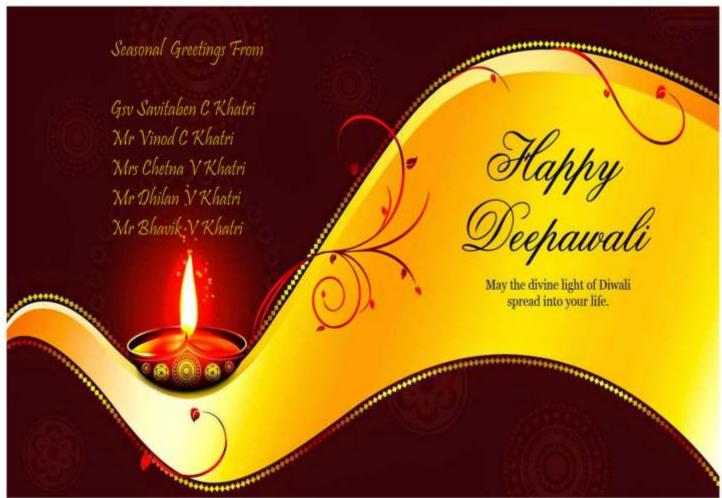
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એ સ.કે.એ.નો પપમો વાર્ષિક મહોત્સવ ૬ સપ્ટેમબર ૨૦૧૫ ના રોજે શ્રીમાન નવીન જમનાદાસ ખત્રીના પ્રમુખપદે અને શ્રીમતિ વિણા નવીન ખત્રીના વ્યક્તિવિષેશપદેવોટફર્ડખાતે ઉજવાયો હતો.

ક્રાયૅક્રમની શરૂઆત ગણેશજી સામે દીવો પ્રગટાવી કરવામાં આવી હતી. પ્રાર્થના થયા બાદ માનનીય પ્રમુખ મહોદયનો પરિચય ગુજરાતીમાં કિશોર મોહનલાલ પરમાર અને અંગ્રેજીમાં મીતેશ નવિન ખત્રીએ આપ્યો હતો. વ્યકિત વિશેષનો પરચિય ગુજરાતીમાં ઇંદીરા રાજેન્દ્ર કાપડીઆ અને અંગ્રેજી માંદીના અનીત પટેલે આપ્યો હતો. જે દેવગત થયા તેમને માટે બે મીનીટનું મૌન પાળવામાં આવ્યું હતું. ક્રમલેશ રતીલાલ મોતીરામે શુભ ેચ્છાના સંદેશ વાંચ્યા જે દેશવિદેશ ના અન્ય મંડળો, સગા સંબંધી અને મિત્રો તરકથી મળ્યા હતા. ખચાખચ લોકોથી ભરેલ હોલ માં એ બાદ એક પછી એક રંગારંગ કાયૅક્રમ રાસ. ગરબા, સાંસ્કૃતીક કાર્યક્રમ થયા હતા. ડાન્સ ની શરૂઆત થયાબાદ સંસ્થાના પ્રમુખ મુકેશ ખત્રીએ આવનાર એજીએમના ઠરાવ વિશે માહિતી આપી હતી અને સર્વે જ્ઞાતિજનોને આ વિષય પર ચર્ચા કરવા માટે એજાએમમાં આવવા આહવાન આપ્યું હતું. પછી ઉષા મહેશ પરમાર એ ભેટ માટે અપીલ કરી. કાન્ડાની મોરલી માં મોરલા બોલે, ગોરી શરમાએ, અને ખત્રી બો ઇઝ લાઇવ બેન્ડ, બ્લાસ્ટ ફ્રોમ ધ પાસ્ટ,કલ્યાની ગર્લ્સ જેવા ગીતો પર ડાન્સ કરવામાં આવ્યો હતો.

જ્ઞાતિજનોએ ચા અને બિસ્કીટ અને કપ કેક ના અલ્પવિરામને માણ્યો હતો.ત્યારબાદ ફુલપાનથી પ્રમુખ અને વ્યક્તિ વિશેષ નું સન્માન કરાયું અને તેઓ એ તેમના મંતવ્ય જણાવતું પ્રવચન આપ્યું.

ત્યારબાદ એસ.કે.એ. ના પ્રમુખ મુકેશ વલ્લભભ ાઇ ખત્રી એ દરેક નો આભાર માન્યો જે આ મહોત્સવ સફળ બનાવવા માટે પ્રયત્નો કર્યો હતા.

વિધાર્થીઓને સન્માન અને બાદ લ્હાણીનું વિતરણ કરવામાં આવ્યું. અંતે રેફલ ડ્રો કરાયો હતો. મહોત્સવની સમાપ્તિ ભારત અને બીટનના રાષ્ટ્રગીતો ગાઇને થઇ હતી. લોકોએ દારૂ ખરીદી તેનો આનંદ લીધો હતો. અંતમાં ભોજન કરી જ્ઞાતિજનો ધરે ગયા હતા. ભરત ગંગારામ કેટરર્સ તરફથી શાકાહારી ભોજન પીરસાયું હતું. ચીકનનું શાક મહોત્સવ પ્રમુખના પરિવાર અને મિત્રોએ બનાવ્યું હતું જે લોકોએ મજાથી ખાધું હતું. આ વર્ષના મહોત્સવના ભોજનનો સંપુર્ણ ખર્ચો શ્રીમાન નવીન જમનાદાસ ખત્રી અને તેમના પરીવાર તરફથી આપવામાં આવેલ હતો જેબદલ તેમનો ઘણો જઆભાર.

આ મહોત્સવને સફળતાથી ઉજવવામાં જે ભાઇ બહેનોએ સંસ્થાને મદદ કરી છે તેમનો ખુબ ખુબ આભાર...

<u>૨૦૧૬ નો ૫૬ મો વાર્ષિક મહોત્સવ</u>

સંસ્થા સહર્ષ જણાવે છે કે, આવતા વર્ષ નો પ ક મો વાર્ષિક મહોત્સવ શ્રીમાન હરિવદન ધનસુખલાલ ગોહિલના પ્રમુખપદે અને શ્રીમતિ ભારતી હરિવદન ગોહિલના વ્યક્તિ વિષેશપદે ૨૮ મી ઓગષ્ટ ૨૦૧૬ ના રોજે વાટફ્રૅડ કોલેસીયમમાં ઉજ્વવામાં આવશે.

વાર્ષિક સામાન્ય સભા

આ વર્ષે વાર્ષિક સામાન્ય સભા રવિવાર તા. 3 ઓક્ટોબર ૨૦૧૫ અને સમય બપોરે 3.3૦ કલાકે શરૂ થઇ હતી. જેમાં ૮૬ જ્ઞાતિજનોએ હાજરી આપી હતી અને સભામાં નીચેના મુદ્દાઓ વિશે ચર્ચા કરવામાં આવી હતી અને તેને મંજુરી પણ મળી હતી.

ચચાઁ ના મૂદ્દાઓ નીચે મુજબ હતા.

- ૧.ગત વર્ષે ની વાષિક સામાન્ય સભાની નોંધ ની મંજુરી.
- ર.ગત વર્ષે,૩૧ માર્ચે ૨૦૧૫, સુધી ના હીસાબને મંજુરી
- ૩. ઓડીટર્સની નીમણું ક
- ૪. સંસ્થા ૧ જાન્યુઆરી ૨૦૧૬થી વર્ષ ફકત મહોત્સવ, નવરાત્રી, દીવાળી પાર્ટી, સોશિયલ ઇવર્નીંગ, ભજન સંધ્યા અને બાળકોની કીસ્મસ પાર્ટીનું જઆયોજન કરશે.
- પ.અન્યવિષયો

સાંજે પ.૧૦ કલાકે મિટીંગ સમાપ્ત થઇ હતી અને ત્યારબાદ અલ્પાહારની વ્યવસ્થા કરવામાં આવી હતી. આશા કરીએ કે આવનારી વાર્ષિક સામાન્ય સભામાં આજ રીતના મોટી સંખ્યામાં જ્ઞાતિજનો હાજરી આપશે અને આ વખતે જેઓ ઉપસ્થિત હતા તેઓનો ખાસ આભાર.

ચર્ચાના ચોથા મુદ્દા, એટલે કે ઠરાવ વિશે વિસ્તારથી ચર્ચા કરવામાં આવી હતી. પ્રત્યેક ઉપસ્થિત જ્ઞાતિજનનું એવું મંતવ્ય હતું કે કમિટિ આ પ્રકારના નિર્ણયો લેવા જો ઈએ તથા ઠરાવ સિવાય કો ઇ વધુ કાર્યક્રમો કરવાની જરૂર નથી.

<u>નવરાત્રી ક્રયૅક્રમ</u>

આ વર્ષે ૪ દીવસ ગરબાનું આયોજન કવીન્સ પાકૅ સ્કૂલના સ્પોટસ હોલ માં કરવામાં આવ્યું હતું. જેની તારીખો ૧૬,૧૭,૧૮ તથા ૨૦મી ઓક્ટોબર હતી.

આ વર્ષે સંસ્થા તરફથી, જેઓ એ ગવડાવેલા ગરબા, રાસ અને રણજણીયું સૌને બહુ ગમ્યા હતા. ૧૭ મી આોકટોબર, શનીવારે રાત્રે આરતી ની સ્પર્ધા રાખવામાં આવી હતી. જેમના વિજેતાના નામો નીચે મુજબ છે.

- ૧.ઉર્વી દિપક ખત્રી.
- ર.હેતલ સમીત કાપડીઆ
- ૩. કલ્પના કિરણ ખત્રી.

જેઓ એ આરતીની સ્પર્ધામાં ભાગ લીધો હતો તેઓનો એસ.કે.એ આભાર માને છે. આ પર્વને સફળતાથી ઉજવવામાં જેભાઇ બહેનોએ સંસ્થાને મદદ કરી છે તેમનો ખુબ ખુબ આભાર..

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આવતી સોશિયલ ઇવર્નીંગ શુક્રવાર તા. ૪મી ડિસેમ્બર ૨૦૧૫ ના રોજેછે, વધુ માહિતી માટે શ્રીમાન રાજપ્રવિણચંદ્ર ખત્રી નો સંપર્ક કરવો.

<u>ઈવેન્ટસ ડાયરી</u>

કોઈ પણ પ્રસંગ ઈવેન્ટ ડાયરી માં મુકાવવા માટે પ્રવિણ શાંતીલાલ કાપડીઆ નો સંપક સાંધવો. આના લિધે અન્ય સભ્યો તેમના પ્રસંગોનુ આયોજન કરી બે પ્રસંગો ભેગા ન થાય તેની તકેદારી લઈ શકશે.

<u>બાળકો ની ક્રિસમસ પાર્ટી</u>

આ વર્ષે બાળકો ની ક્રિસમસ પાર્ટી ૧૩ ડિસેમ્બર ૨૦૧૫ ને સમય બપોરે ૩-૬ રાખવામાં આવી છે. દરેક ૧૨ વર્ષે થી નીચેની ઉમરના સમાજના બાળકોને આમંત્રણ છે. હોલમાં ગર્દીના થાય તેમાટે વાલીઓને વિનંતી કે તેઓ તેમના બાળકોને મૂકીને ચાલી જાય.

<u>હોલ સમારકામ અહેવાલ</u>

હોલમાં સમારકામ હજુ ચાલુ છે અને આવતા નયુઝલેટરમાં વધુ વિગતો અને ફ્રોટા છાપીશું. તે દરમ્યાન હોલ ભાડે આપવામાં નહીં આવે. તમોને તેના થકી કોઇ અવગડ થઇ હોય તો તે માટે અમોને ખેદ છે.

એસ.કે.એ. હોલ ભાડે માટે

હોલ ભાડે રાખવા માટે ફક્ત રાજપ્રવિણચદ્ગ ખત્રીનો જ સંપકૅ ૦૭૯૩૨૯૫૬૬૯૨ નંબર પર કરવો.

<u>નવી કારોબારી કમિટિ -૨૦૧૬-૨૦૧૭</u>

જુની કારોબારીના જેટલા સદસ્યોએ કમિટિમાંથી નિવૃતિ લીધી તેટલા જ નવી કમિટિમાં જોડાવા તેમના નામ નોંધાવતા, આ વખતે કારોબારી કમિટિ માટે ચંટણી કરવાની જરૂર નથી પડી.

જે સદસ્યો નિવૃત થઇ રહયા છે અને જે કમિટિમાં રહી ને હજુ કામ કરશે તથા નવા જોડાયેલ સદસ્યો નો જ્ઞાતિજનો તરફથી આભાર માનવામાં આવે છે.

> જે સદસ્યો કમિટિમાંથી નિવૃત થઇ રહયા છે તેમના નામો મુકેશ વલ્લભભાઇ ખત્રી - પ્રમુખ કમલેશ રતીલાલ મોતીરામ - મંત્રી મીના મનોજ ખત્રી - સહ મંત્રી ઉપા મહેશ પરમાર - સહ ખજાનચી રાજ પ્રવિણચંદ્ર ખત્રી જતેન્દ્ર પ્રવિણચંદ્ર ખત્રી

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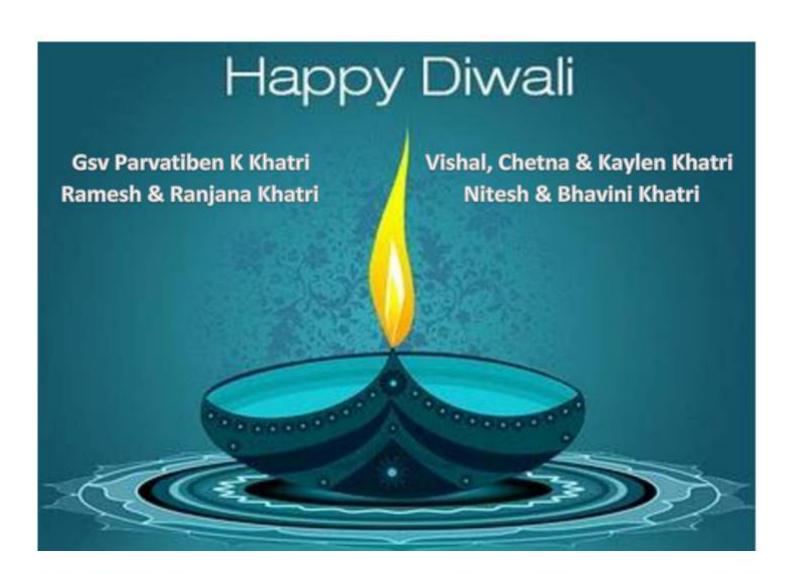
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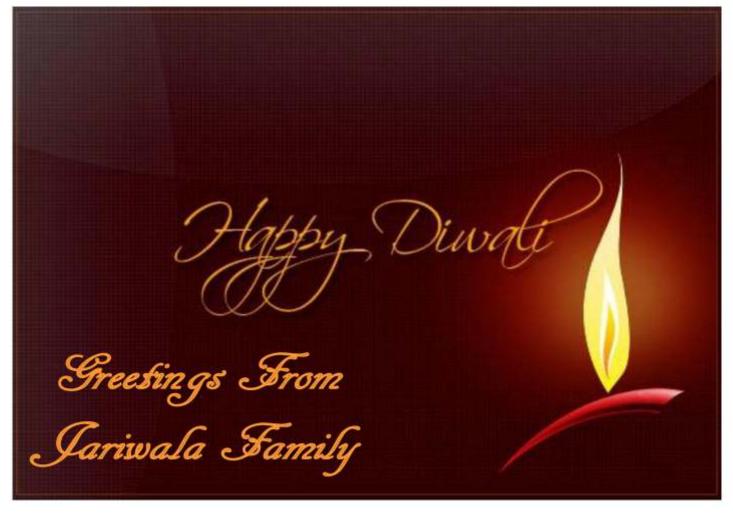
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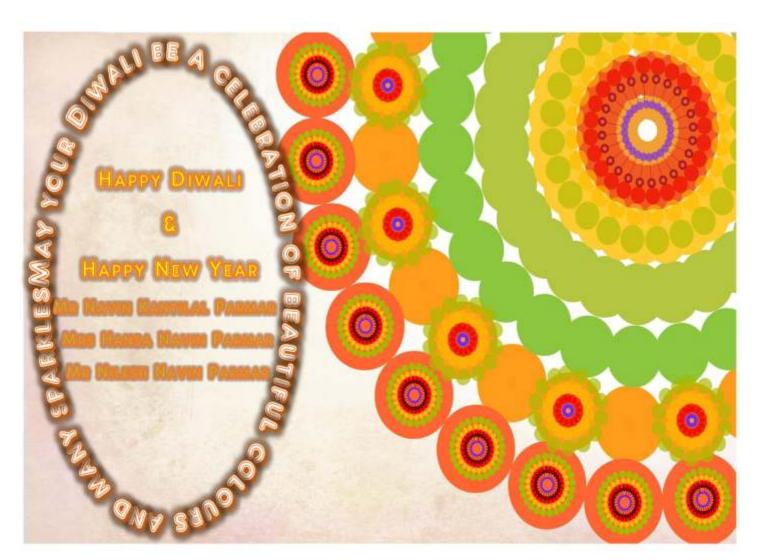
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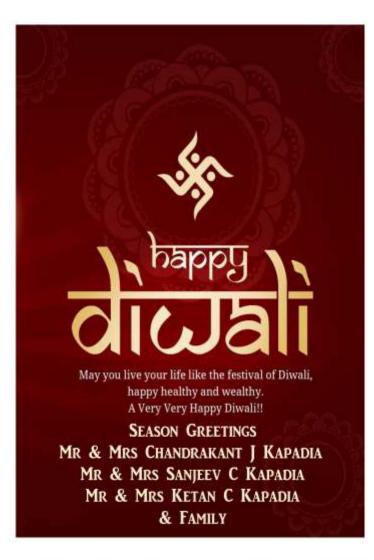


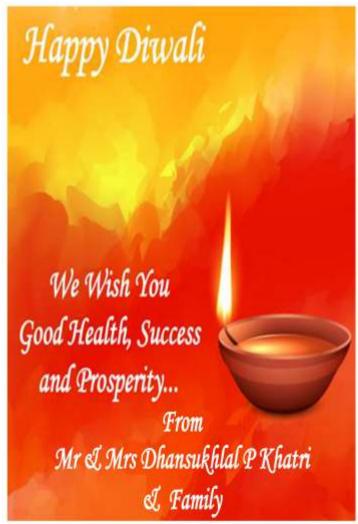


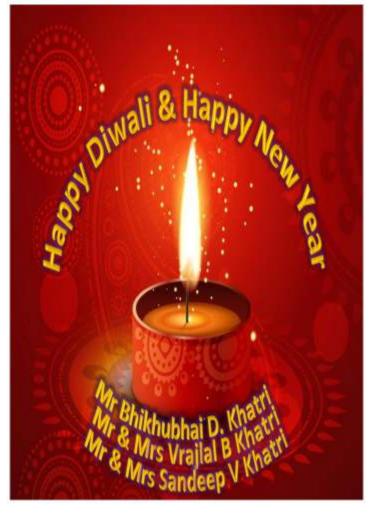


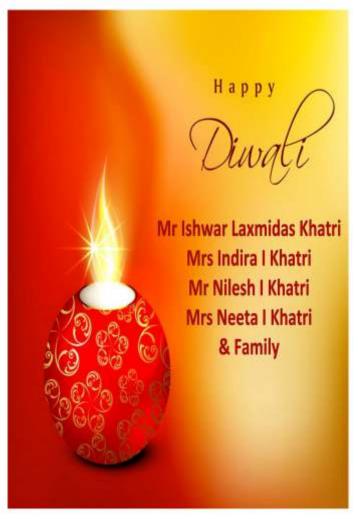


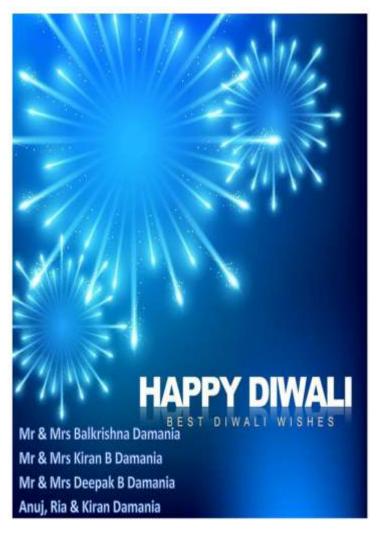


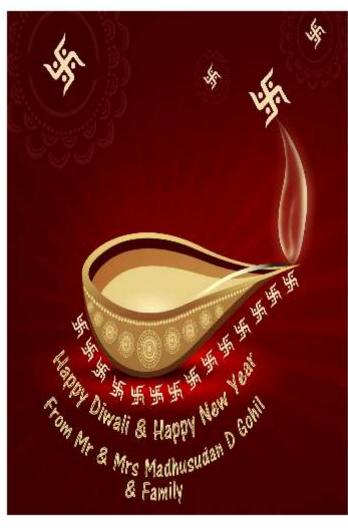


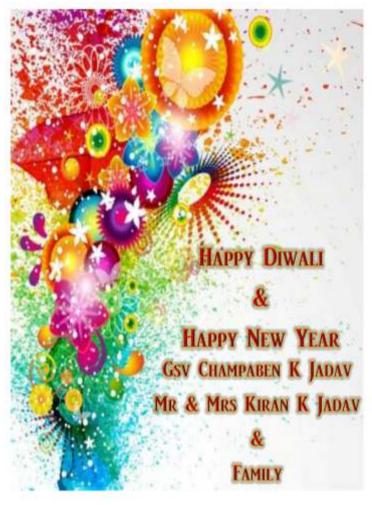


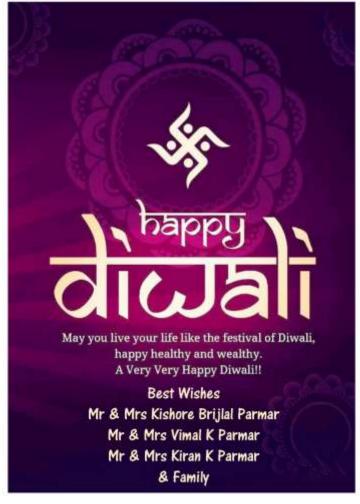


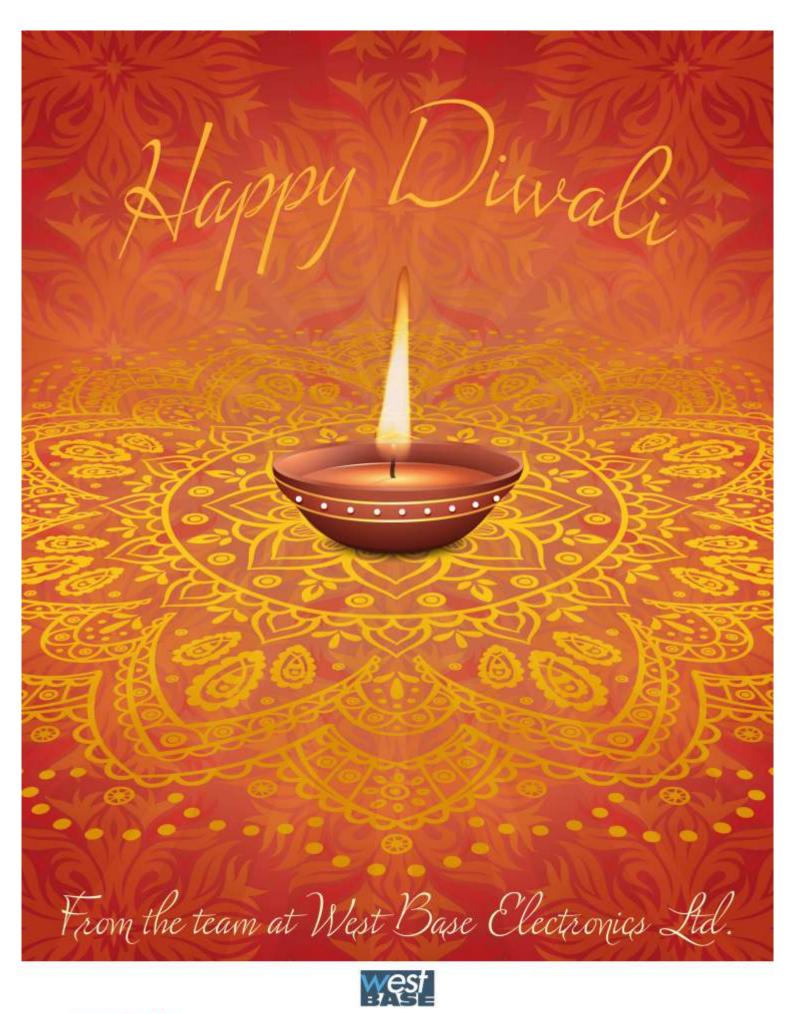








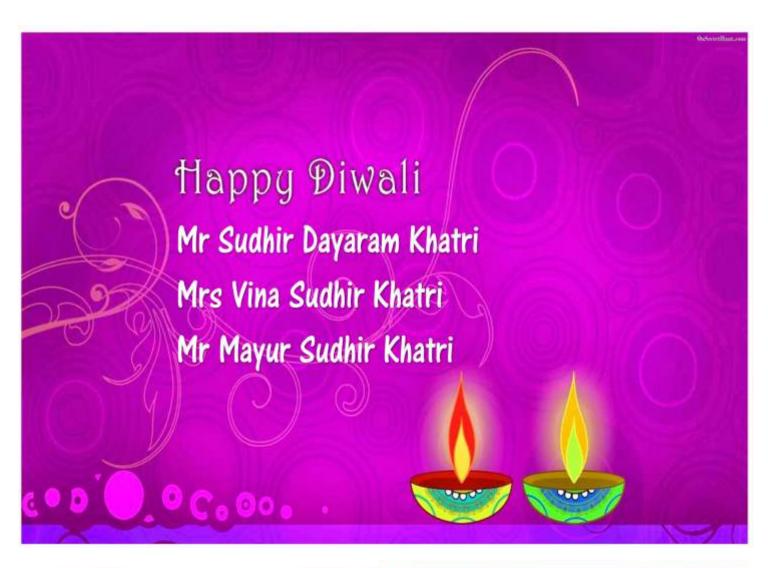




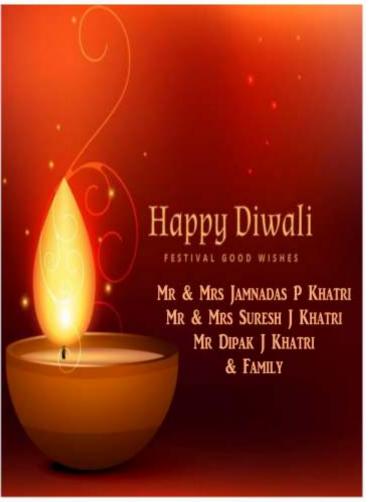












At 55th Mahotsav 2015





Ingredients:

- 1.5lbs Chicken Wings
- ½ tsp Salt
- 2 tbsp Honey
- 1 tsp Caraway Seed
- · 1 tbsp Dried Chilli Flakes
- 3 tbsp Chopped Green Onion
- ½ Fresh Ground Pepper
- 1 tsp Black Pepper Sauce
- 2 tbsp Marinade Sauce

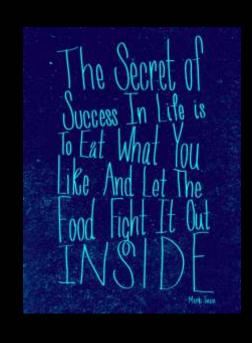
Directions:

- In a large mixing bowl, add all the ingredients on your left and mix it well by hand evenly.
- Cover the bowl with plastic wrap and keep in the fridge overnight or in the freezer until you are ready to BBQ or Bake.

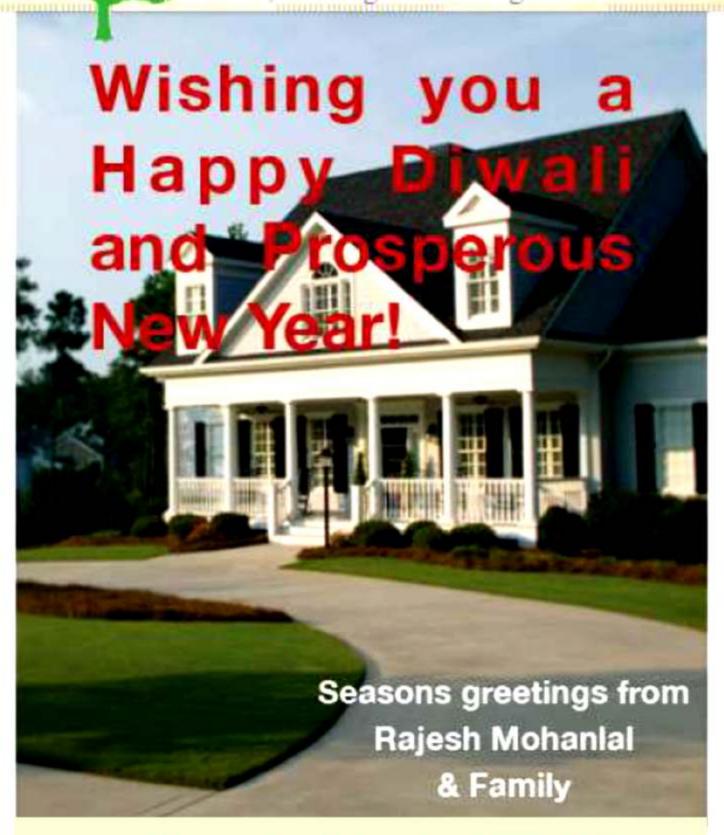
To Bake:

- When you are ready to bake, transfer everything to a baking pan and then oven. Bake uncovered, to make the chicken wings even more crispy.
- Set the oven to 210°c and bake for 20 minutes. Flip all the wings over and bake for another 15 minutes.
- · Transfer the wings to a serving plate and enjoy.









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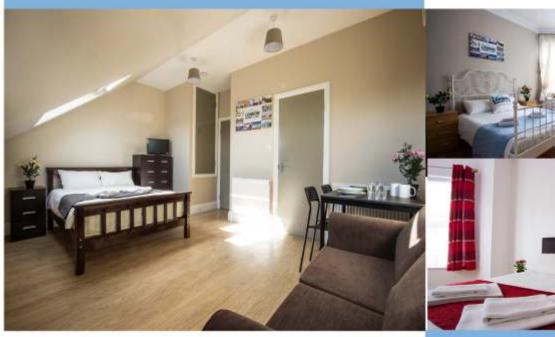
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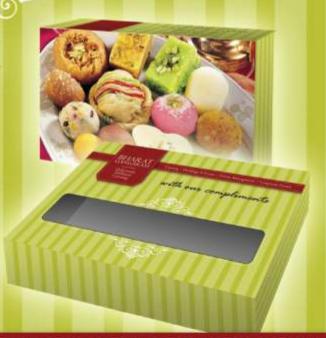
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All those that attended had an enjoyable afternoon.



















