



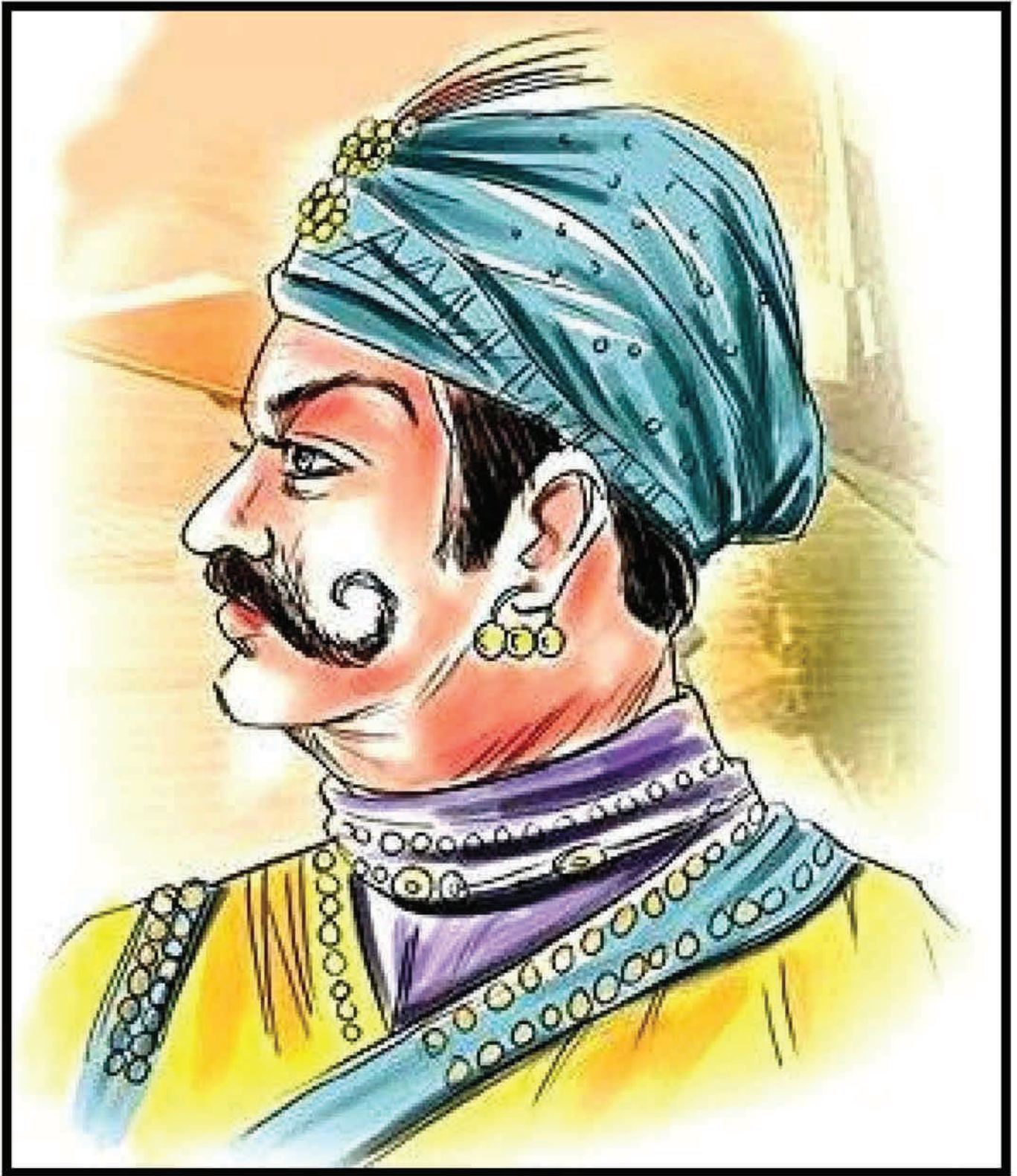
RANA-NJ CHAPTER

# RAJ SANDESH

2017-18

CONNECT. BUILD. INSPIRE.





“चार बांस चौबीस गज, अंगुल अष्ट प्रमाण,  
ता ऊपर सुल्तान है मत चुके चौहान।”

Prithviraj Chauhan  
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Ajmer, Rajasthan



# From the Editors Desk

Greetings Fellow RANA Members.

It is with a feeling of immense pleasure and pride , I present to you, the First RANA-NJ  
MAGAZINE:

“ RAJ SANDESH- Connect..Build..Inspire..”

This publication aims at bringing all the existing , new and prospective members, closer and to collaborate for the success of one another.I would like to take this opportunity to convey my gratitude to the entire RANA-NJ-Executive Committee and the RANA NJ Chapter members, to have made such generous contributions towards this publication. Be it in the form of art-work or essays, or puzzles or inspiring real life stories, this magazine has it all.

We have worked towards inviting advertisements and content from RANA Members across North America, so that mutual connections can be made. The seed for this magazine was sown at one of the RANA-NJ-EC monthly meetings and it was decided that the magazine should be launched at the Diwali Cruise in October. Now the onus was on the committee members to spread the word far and wide in order to collect funds and content. Well, the word did spread far and wide, since; we got great articles form across the globe, which in-turn made this magazine an interesting read.Also, the funds collected from the same shall be used towards future philanthropic and creative projects.

I would also like to thank my husband Naivedya Singh Sengar (Education Secretary and RYA) for his never ending support and belief in my abilities.

We became members of RANA-NJ in 2015 and in just two years, our enthusiasm was appreciated and channeled in the right direction. We became the RANA-NJ Executive committee members in 2017. Many a great things can be achieved if creative freedom is provided.

Our Chapter President Dilip Singhji's faith in our skills helped us to better ourselves.

We value your feedback immensely, hence please reach out to us, as we plan the activities for the upcoming year.

Wishing you and your family a Bright and Beautiful Diwali and a Promising New Year 2018.

Warm Regards:  
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*With Best Compliments  
to all  
Rana's family  
&  
Happy Diwali  
From Rathod Family*



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## RANA-NJ President's Message

Dear RANA Biradari,

I am Dilipsinh Rathod, New Jersey Chapter President, wishing you all a Happy Diwali and a healthy and prosperous New Year!

First and foremost, I would like to thank our New Jersey Chapter members and all of the RANA members for making this Diwali event possible. Through this event, we are able to unite families from all over in celebrating the New Year. I hope that you all will enjoy this cruise and make it a memorable night.

I have been an active member of RANA for many years and have had the privilege of watching our respected seniors make this organization into what it is today. I am proud to be a part of an organization that brings families together, sponsors many events, and enlightens others about our Rajput community and its purpose. Since January 2017, in the NJ Chapter alone, we have approximately 250 members and this number is growing rapidly. I would like to see this trend of active members participating in events increase throughout the years because of the impact it can make on our community. It is very important for us to stand strong and united as a Rajput community. Individually, I hold a high opinion of unity and community, as I find it fundamental for the development of a person intrinsically. I believe that the more one can grasp another's roots, the better that someone will be able to develop an understanding for others and their heritage. In this method then, an entity can gain an adequate appreciation of what it is like to walk in the shoes of another, and subsequently bridge connections between one's self and countless other individuals.

Once again, I would like to thank you all for your attendance. It is very much appreciated and I hope to see you all at future events.

Best Regards,

Dilipsinh Rathod

President, RANA-NJ 2016-2018



## RANA-NEC President's Message

Dear RANA Family:

On the occasion of Diwali, I wish you all hope, health, joy and peace. Thank you for your mandate to allow me to serve as RANA President for the next two years. With your trust and support, I will work tirelessly on behalf of all RANA Local Chapters to help address challenges, and to secure lasting and meaningful improvements to our beloved organization, RANA.

Let me thank you for being a committed members of RANA. We all are brand ambassadors of RANA for promoting Rajput culture and heritage across Rajputs in North America. It is our collective responsibility to ensure that Rajput culture is well and alive, and our posterior and the broader community are aware and appreciative of our ancestors' sacrifices and rightful place in the history.

It is my understanding that the need for creation of NJ Chapter was realized much earlier, however, it was formally born in early 2009 after several years of hard work and consensus building by the previous NECs and dedicated members. NJ Chapter is the second youngest yet the most vibrant of all Local Chapters of RANA, boasting the largest membership affiliation. However, I believe there are scores of non-member Rajput families in NJ, PA area who should be reached out for bringing them into RANA folds. NJ Chapter can play vital role in this. NJ Chapter has set an example for other chapters to follow by setting standards of leadership. It is a flourishing chapter with wider scope for further expansion. Having personally attended some of the recent NJ Chapter events, I am feeling an increased involvement of young families. While we value equitably older and more experienced RANA families, chapters must make continuous efforts to reach out to newer and younger families.

Many of our members' children are born in our adopted country and their future belongs here. Wisdom lies in retaining superior straits of Hindu Rajput heritage while imbibing the best of what this country has to offer. And for this each, one of us must make efforts to inculcate in our children the true Rajput values - Character, Chivalry and Charity. Let us be the bridge between experience & naïveté; between maturity and innocence, between traditional and contemporary.

I wish RANA NJ Chapter the best and to all RANA members, I say - let us celebrate and reflect together the uniqueness of who we are, with joy and peace.

Dr. Sanjay Singh  
President, RANA-NEC 2017-2019



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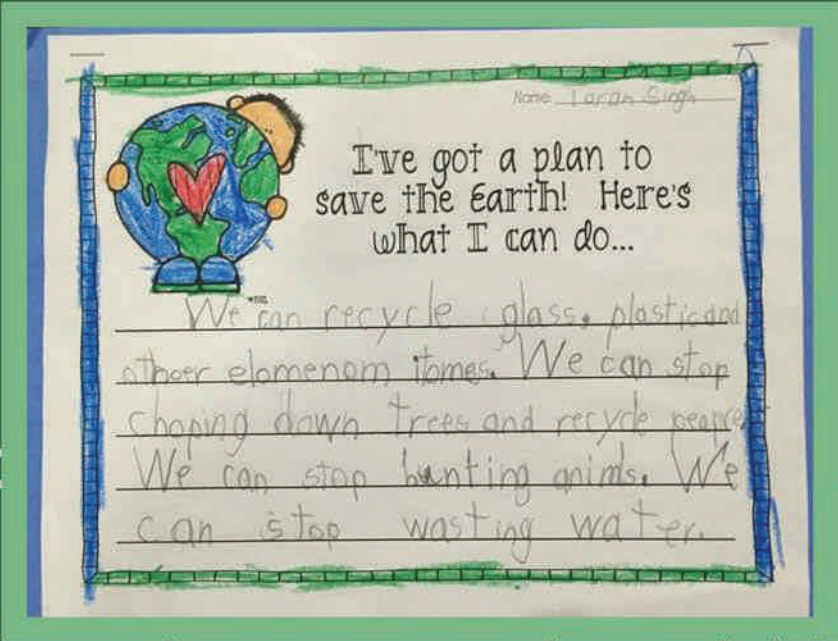
The RANA-NJ Chapter is growing leaps and bounds under the leadership and dynamism of its Executive Committee. This team has and shall always work towards strengthening the chapter and create more opportunities for growth.

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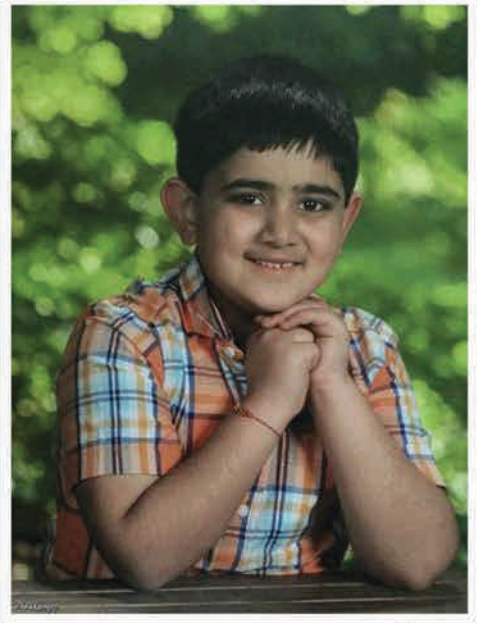
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**“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.” Helen Keller**





**By Taran Singh**





## The story of Rana Kumbha

Victory to Mewar! his fathers last words encouraged the young prince to become the greatest king he could be. Then, the people who killed his father started following him. Kumbha ran to seek the help of a Patel, a city leader. The Patel let him in and locked the doors. What can I do for you, Your Highness? asked the Patel. I need a horse. said Kumbha. And with that the Patel led him to the stables. These are the two fastest in the kingdom he said. The new Rana took one and killed the other so the traitors couldn't catch up with him. As soon as Kumbha burst out of the stables, one of the traitors almost gave up. He said Wed better give up. At that speed we will never catch up with him. Another said I recognize that horse. Its the Patel. But he has another horse that is as fast. So when they ran into the stables, the dead horse gave them a shock. By that time Kumbha had reached Chittor. Close the gates! Be quick! he said. Then the enemies decided they would catch him some other time.

Soon, the prince became king. After the coronation, the king talked with his grandma, Hansa Bai. Mapha, Chacha and Mera (the enemies) are still at large. I must pursue them. Hansa bai asked Kumbha to first become a stronger king and asked him to seek help from her brother. The Rana sent a messenger to Rao Ran Mal, the Rathore king of Marwar. Rao Ran Mal said, Rana Mokal has been murdered! I bow my head in shame for not preventing this. He ripped off his Pagdi (turban) and threw it to the floor, saying, I vow not to wear a Pagdi till it is avenged. Rao Ran Mal took a trip to Chittor to meet with his nephew, Kumbha, and said, The treacherous assault on Rana Mokal burns my heart. Rao Ran Mal set out towards the Pai Kotra hills, where the enemies were hiding. He reached out to the Bhils living at the foothills for information on the traitors. Bhils told him, there is a lion who just had a cub, and is blocking the way, its not safe to go there. Rao Ran Mal said, I cant wait, I must start climbing the hills at once. Rao Ran Mal started the difficult journey with 60 men on his side. They came across the lioness in the jungle, and before the lioness could move, Rao Ran Mals son jumped and killed her with his dagger to save his men. They soon reached the summit and started to climb the parapet. Rao Ran Mal found Chacha and Mera in the fort and punished them for the death of Rana Mokal. Mapha went into disguise of a woman, and escaped.

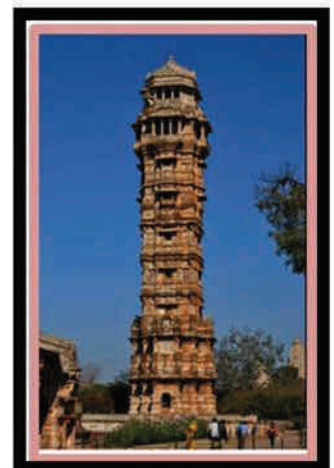
Rao Ran Mal returned to Kumbhas palace in Chittor and informed about the escape of Mapha. A few years later Rana Kumbha came to know the whereabouts of Mapha and asked Sultan Khilji to return the traitor to Chittor. But the Sultan refused. Rana Kumbha and Rao Ran Mal combined their forces to attack Sultan Khilji and bring back the traitor. They were attacked by the Sultans army in Sarangpur, where Rajputs fought so hard that Sultans army went back to the fortress of Mandu. Rajputs followed the army and surrounded the fortress. Sultan Khilji got worried and told Mapha he can no longer offer him refuge. Mapha thought Rana will show me no mercy, I better escape. He took a horse and ran away. The next day Rajputs attacked the fort yelling Victory to Rana Kumbha! Mohammad Khilji was captured, and he laughed and said You have me, but not Mapha. Rana Kumbha was still determined to capture Mapha alive. To mark the victory against Sultan, Rana Kumbha built 9 story high Vijay Stambha (Pillar of Victory) in Chittorgarh, it is still standing tall reminding us of the glorious history of Rajputs. Years later Mapha was able to plead to Rana Kumbha and obtain his pardon. Rana also released the Sultan. A few years later Sultan attacked Rana Kumbhas army again, only to get defeated from Rana Kumbha.

Rana Kumbha built 32 out of 84 fortresses in Mewar. He built Kumbalgarh, the highest fort in Rajasthan. The walls of Fort Kumbhalgarh are the second-longest wall after the Great Wall of China.

Maharana Kumbhas story tells us the traits of brave Rajputs like courage, kindness and determination.



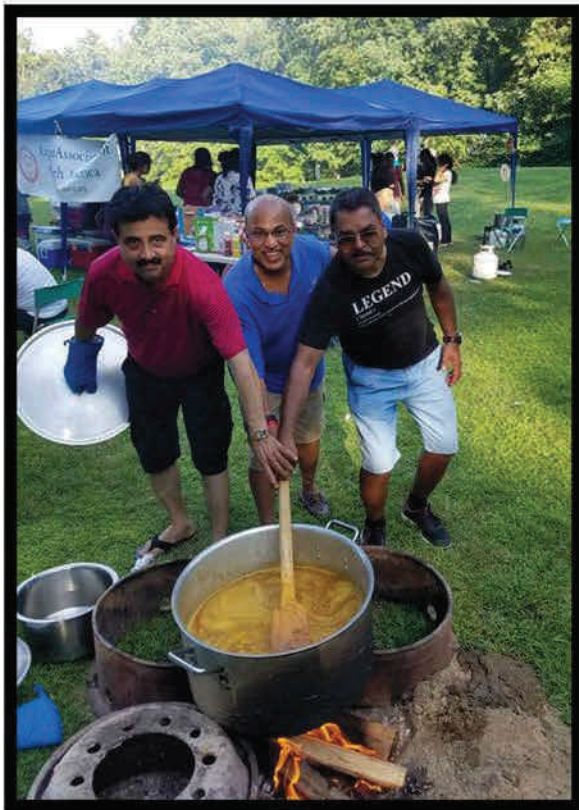
"Vijaya Stambh" built by Mewar king Maharana Kumbha in 1448 AD to commemorate his victory over the combined armies of Malwa and Gujarat led by Mahmud Khilji.



**By - Kavya Singh**



## RANA NJ Camping - 2017



Namaste!

We had an amazing camping Adventure with participation of 44 families and 120 people. This was the largest and perhaps the best camping trip ever. In fact, long time camper, Rajesh Singh mentioned it was the best trip in his 30+ years of camping. The camping sites were all in one location that surrounded a single Kitchen. Organizers collaborated and did an amazing job.

We had 2 catered dinners, a catered Dosa brunch party, an amazing Chulha party sponsored by the Rathod Family and 2 nights of Barbecue. We were fortunate to have a beautiful sunny 4 days without a drop of rain.

The holiday weekend was packed with activities including boating, fishing (Shaurya caught a fish!) swimming, tug of war, charades, Famous jodis, antakshari, volleyball, cricket, karaoke, bingo, sack race, pin the tail on the donkey, freeze dance, trip to Hershey park, visit to Amish village, who had the best camping tent contest with RANA theme (Chandrik and Rasik won) and so much more.





Sponsors for camping were Vibha Singh of Montgomery Mortgage and Dr. Sanjay Singh who came all the way from the Alabama Chapter. They both contributed \$500 each. A special thanks to Chandrika Jadav and Minaxi Singh for logistical guidance, Anupriya Sengar for activities. Mukesh Parmar did outstanding work to locate and identify the campground and had the vision of reserving the pavilion (which we had all to ourselves) on the banks of Laurel Lake at Pine Grove Furnace State Park where everyone enjoyed a Dosa/Ice Cream Brunch on Sunday afternoon. Above all, thank you to all the participants. We are fortunate to have participation from NY, DC and Alabama Chapter. Two founders of RANA were in attendance, JB and Pushpa Singh as well as KN and Raj Singh. Everyone was enthusiastic and there was lots of positive energy.

The next camping trip will be organized by Surensinh Rathod, Mukesh Mahida, Naivedya Sengar and Raghu Singh.

President Dilipsinh has made a goal of 60 families next year.

We all had serious masti time. On the last day, we sadly packed our stuff, no one wanted the trip to end. We made new friendships and deeper bonds with existing friends.

**By- Rajiv Singh "Manu"**





**RANA NJ CHAPTER**

# Happy Diwali

*to the dear members of RANA!*

*from Rajiv, Vibha, Ambika and Yash*





# Pilgrimage To Kauais Hindu Monastery;

Vibha and I have had the good fortune to visit one of the oldest Hindu Temples in the US, Kadavul Nataraja Siva temple which is located in Kauai, Hawaii. It was a surreal experience that brings peace to the soul. It is one of the most beautiful places on earth. We were there 17 years ago to celebrate our 10th anniversary and went there again recently.

There are 19 or so monks that reside on the 70 acre property. There is an additional 500+ acres that is farmed by the Monks. They divide all the tasks associated with the operating the monastery. It is inspiring to see their commitment to Hinduism. They are brilliant people using sustainable strategies such as Solar Energy and have deployed Hydroponics in their Farm.

The Monastery does very important work for Hindus. For several decades they have been publishing an informative quarterly magazine called Hinduism Today [www.Hindu.org](http://www.Hindu.org) All hindus should subscribe to this magazine. Annual subscription is only \$35 and lifetime subscription is only \$300.

In addition to traditional chanting of Hymns, the temple propagates the virtues of Hinduism more than most Hindu temples. This information is disseminated in English which is extremely important since the number of people is rapidly increasing that speak English as their first language. Certainly this is even more important for Americans of Indian origin for the coming generations.

Their website is very impressive. The content is interesting and relevant. Its remarkable to see the dedication of the monks as the site is continuously updated with fresh content.

On the majestic property, for the past 27 years the US's first all Granite Temple has been under construction. San Marga Iraivan Temple is 100% hand carved by Chisel and Hammer onsite by workers from Southern India. All of the granite has been imported from India. It is estimated that another 3 to 4 years are required to complete this awesome project.

We met Satguru and had a wonderful session. Very inspiring and we learned so much in a short period of time.

When in Kauai, consider staying in the southern town of Poipu. It doesn't rain in Poipu as much as the north side of Kauai. Please be sure to consider visiting the temple. You will find all the information you need [www.himalayanacademy.com](http://www.himalayanacademy.com) Feel free to contact me with any questions 732-648-1754 or email [Raj@SinghTeam.com](mailto:Raj@SinghTeam.com) I can assist facilitating a meeting with Satguru ji.

**By- Rajiv Singh "Manu"**



**Vibha and I with Satguru ji  
Aloha!**





Late Ramilaba Sabalsinh Rathod Rajput Kanya Kelvani Mandal, Malpur, Gujarat

In the memory of our Late Sister, Ramilaba, we as a family (Rathod family from Maljina Pahadia, Malpur, Gujarat), initiated a process to start Education Trust to help needy Rajput daughters to help them achieve higher college education by providing financial support in our native place, Maljina Pahadia, Malpur, Gujarat and surrounding area.

We as a family put proposal to Rajput community in our Malpur area. Entire community got together and supported our proposal overwhelmingly. The trust was established in 2007. Since 2007, with our parents blessings and Gods grace, our family and Rajput community in our area started the fund raising process. As of now, we have raised more than 13 Lakhs rupees. Since then, we have allotted more than 3 lakhs rupees in form of scholarships, books and other needed study supplies. This has been a wonderful process of helping needy Rajput families to support the college education of Rajput daughters. Our family believes that todays educated daughter is tomorrows educated mother and that will in turn bring better education and life in Rajput families.

Lately, we have started the fund raising process here in USA. Some of the respected RANA families have donated very generously and we have been successful to raise more than \$3,500.

We are also in process of making this trust here in USA as a non-profit charity trust.

Prepared by Dolatsinh Rathod on behalf of Rathod Family

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**Happy Diwali and Best wishes for the New Year  
Prafulba and Dolatsinh Rathod Family  
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# Gathjor: Rajputana Customs and Weddings

Tripti Singh Rathore is connecting Rajput community and has helped many through her ventures Gathjor and Ghoomar. Gathjor, which started as a channel for meaningful networking for the Rajput community, has come a long way by helping Rajput families find soul mate for their family members. During the journey of Gathjor, Tripti Ji has accumulated a fair amount of experience in organizing events primarily around traditional themes. Ghoomar: Twirl with Grace event has been organized in various parts of India. Tripti ji has brought together traditions and ancient cultural practices with modern events, which have been very well received by the Rajput community. She tells her story in this brief interview in her very elegant and precise words:

"The story of India, some say, is really the story of Rajasthan. From events that inspired mythological beliefs to battles that defined the course of history, from cultural riches that became symbolic of the entire nation to traditions that spawned a hundred others this was where it all started; and spread to other regions like rivers silently flowing below the earth's surface.

The story of Rajasthan, in turn, is inconceivable without the story of Rajputs the ones who lived by simple principles held dearly, who were often as servile as they were noble, and who took or gave away lives for matters of honor yet were not a primal people. Their history is rife with imagination-defying tales of valor, loyalty, integrity and personal sacrifice.

And yet, it isn't just the past that defines the Rajputs of today. It is also the customs and social graces that have evolved with time - the rituals steeped in tradition, the music, and colors that defy the plainness of the terrain.

It's hard to define what the true essence of being a Rajput is, but you know if you've felt it. And never is this feeling stronger than at a wedding.

As the Dholi stands up to deliver a spirited Shubraj a paean dedicated to their clan, family members start to hear the whispers of their ancestors in their blood. With the opening notes of the song that follows, the revelry of senses starts to unfold elaborate meals are cooked and shared, Manwars are offered, good times remembered and family ties forged.

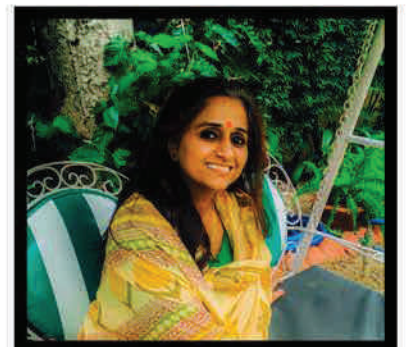
Gathjor is a group dedicated to the undying sense of bonhomie and revelry that can only be experienced at a Rajput wedding. It can sometimes take years of thought and preparation but on the day of the event the foot is always in step with the music, the turbans starched and the dresses resplendent, the emotions always true, and the cup does not run dry."

Q: What was your childhood like?

- "I grew up in Bikaner in a joint family. As a child, my favorite 'fun fact' about myself was that I was born not in a hospital like other children, but at my father's farm near Sirohi! We were a large family headed by the patriarchal figure of my grandfather Brig Bagh Singh, cousins were never in short supply and there were enough family functions and celebrations to see through a year. The Army School Bikaner remains a lasting impression as well - I was better in sports than academics but came out okay overall I guess."

(contd..)

**Tripti Singh Rathore**  
**Founder Gathjor**





Q: What inspired you to do what you are doing?

"Through all my professional forays and ventures, right from an academic counselor at a computer training institute in Bikaner to a recruitment consultant in Gurgaon, it was clear that I like to network and make a meaningful contribution to other peoples' lives, just how will this become a long-term pursuit hadn't dawned on me yet. And then one day, during a year we were spending in the US - and thanks perhaps to the clarity of thought that comes from being far away from home - the idea of a virtual community of Rajputs came to me. So if you ask me what is my inspiration, it is really the strength of this idea that there is a virtual place devoted to the Rajput community. I often tell people that by restricting Gathjor to our community, we are not being communal, only cultural.

At a personal level, I've always been inspired by my grand-mother, who had enough confidence to fill a room. In spite of never having gone to college, she mingled freely in Army circles and even played professional golf. "

Q: Who does your venture benefit and how?

- "Gathjor fulfills (or aims to fulfill anyway) a unique need in the Rajput community. That while most of our children are still open to the idea of marrying within the community, the ways and means to find prospective matches have not evolved. For the longest time, marital connections have only been forged on mutual relatives or acquaintances. Newspaper ads or online matrimonial postings lack the human touch. The traditional word-of-mouth approach to matrimonial connections has become less effective as the community has become more dispersed and people have moved out of their hometowns to work. So, short answer your question, Gathjor benefits members of the Rajput community looking for suitable matrimonial matches for their children (or even for themselves) by providing a virtual, intimate and trustworthy environment for search and consultation. Over the years, I have realized that we are starting to see Gathjor not simply as a matrimonial service, but really as a small step in preserving Rajput culture and heritage."

O: what drives you to continue doing what you do?

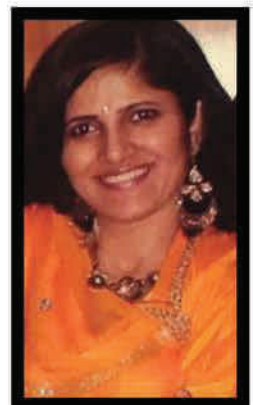
- "The reactions from families we have helped (or tried earnestly to anyway) continue to be a driving force. I've had the fortune to meet and get to know some really wonderful people and I am humbled and touched by words of encouragement from them. It's absolutely amazing how an exchange that starts with a tentative phone call becomes such a selfless and lasting bond. So this really is the biggest reward and motivation for me to keep doing what I do. "

Q: Your message for fellow Rajputs across the globe?"

- "A very simple and humble request to all members of the community: to make a genuine effort to appreciate and uplift other members of the community. It's quite obvious that as a community we need to get better at supporting each other - some of our own who have got to prominent positions have often made a conscious effort to appear neutral and distanced themselves from what they perhaps see as a 'communal' association. This mindset needs to change and we need to be a lot more open about helping our own. It's not about undue favors or out of turn rewards, but staying within the realms of fairness, it is still possible to make a conscious effort to do something for the community. Also, I think we need to be able to distinguish between cultural heritage and archaic ways of thinking.

While our core and an undying source of strength is the very fabric of the Rajput community, we need to recognize that our thinking needs to change in many areas - specially with regards to treating our daughters equally and empowering them to make meaningful life choices."

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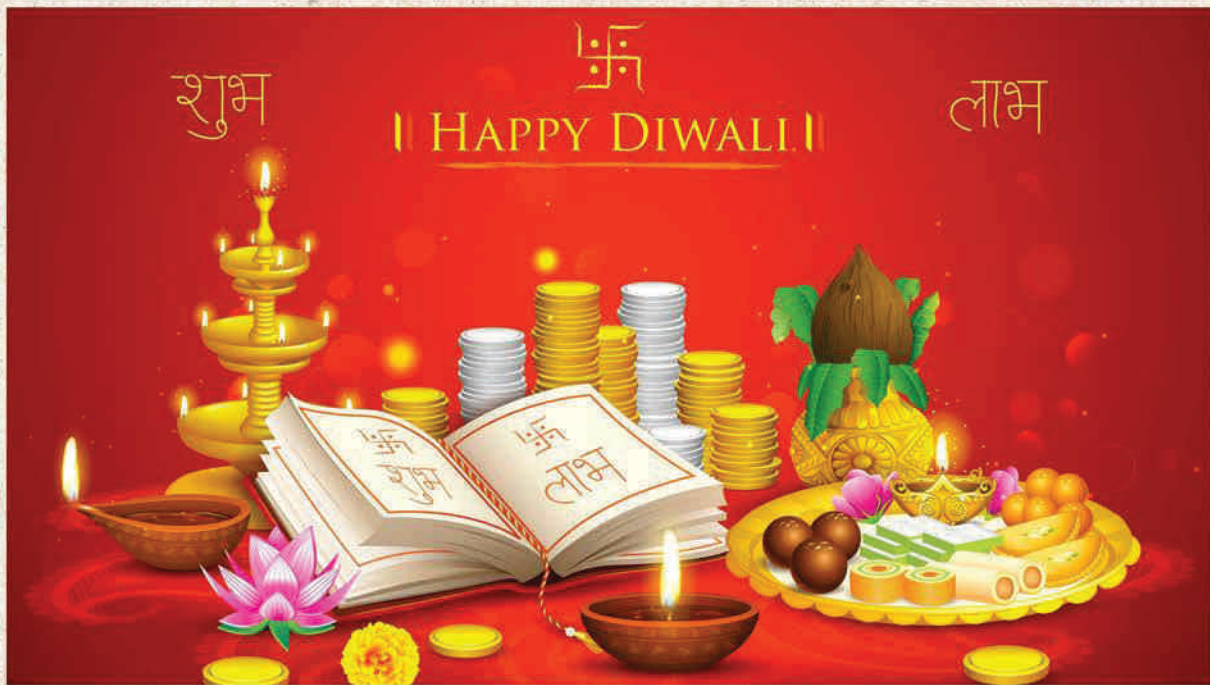




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Diwali*

*From: Vaghela Family*



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*Happy Diwali and Prosperous New Year to All RANA family  
from Jayavantsinh Gohil Family  
May your life brighten up like the Diyas in the Diwali celebration and  
keep all darkness away from your life.*



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- Orientation camp for saafa & paaghdh tying & demonstration.
- Royal marriage consultancy: Royal Dress, Royal Heritage marriage procession, Nobat - Shehnai vadan team of international fame, horse carriages, Horse riders, Baggies, Ladies for singing of marriage songs, Entertainment programmes of Dandiya - Maniyara Raas of International fame Raas Mandai, Folk Dance of Gujarat & Rajasthan Dance Artists, etc.

Paaghdh & Saafa are the most important part of man's attire. Paaghdh or Saafa is not only a piece of cloth but it is something more than that. Head is the dignity and honor bearing part of the human body. The apparel or dress of each head is Headgear - Pag - Paaghdh or Turban. A man is known by his native place & community. Each community tries to introduce by the style of his Paaghdh. Paaghdh tying is a vanishing art needs its revival by helping its artists.

— **VIKRAMSINHJI JADEJA** —

- Only Rajput Paaghdh & Saafa tying Folk Artist in Gujarat approved by local Govt.
- Expert in Halar, Jam shahi, Marwadi, Mer, Kathiyawadi, Chakri (Morbi), Gohilwadi, Jhalawadi, Bharwadi, Kachchhi turban, and the turbans of many princely states of India, & Jammagari Saafa & decorated thousands of people with it on marriage functions for the last 45 years in all over India's cities like Delhi, Jaipur, Bhopal, Indore, Bhubaneswar, Mysore, Lucknow, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad & Mumbai.
- 1995: In Jammagar, Australian telefilms Documentary by Michael Abbott for Indo-Australian Council, Adelaide.
- 2000: 'Government Approved Folk Artist of Paaghdh & Saafa' awarded by Govt. of Gujarat.
- 2001: Radio Talk 'Paaghdh & Saafa' on All India Radio - Rajkot.
- 2002 Oct. Article: 'Paaghdh & Saafa' with photographs in 'Kumar' Gujarati monthly.
- 2005: As Paaghdh & Saafa expert in Documentary Film on Jammagar by Govt. of Gujarat.

— EXHIBITIONS —

2005 Photo Story: (a) 'Nobat' - Evening Daily, Jammagar (b) 'Aaj Kal Evening Daily, Jammagar. (c) Gujarat Samachar by Zaverlal Mehta - 2006.

2005: Jan. 14. Had the honour to tie Saafa or Paaghdh to Shri Bhainsingji Shekharjiwar (Hon. Vice President of India), Shri Naval Kishor Sharma (Hon. Governor of Gujarat), Shri L.K. Advani (President BJP), Shri N. Modji (C.M. Gujarat), Shri Chudasama (Agriculture Minister Gujarat), Shri L.K. Jadeja (U.D. Minister Gu.) Shri Rajendrasingji Rana (Head, BJP Gu.) and other dignitaries in the International Programme on Global Investors' Summit at Gandhinagar & received Certi. of Merit from the Govt.

2005: Feb. at Jammagar. Awarded With memento by Shri Shankarsinghi Vaghela (Ex. C.M. of Gujarat) sponsored by Rajput Yuva Sangh.

2005: Feb. at New Delhi. Awarded with silver memento by Royal Family of Gondal (Hawa Mahal) on K.S. Jyotirmaysinhji's marriage function.

2006: Was sent as Representative by H.H. Jam Sahebj of Jammagar for the study of turbans at the Exhibition by Avantilal Chavla at Surat.

2007: Awarded with Mayor Award - 2007 as Excellent Personality of the city for excellent work in the field of Paaghdh & Saafa.

2009: Paaghdh Show - Conducted Paaghdh Fashion Show at the annual function of Shri Satya Sai School - Jammagar.

2011: Rajkumar College Rajkot has exhibited 29 paaghdhs made by me of the founder donors of the princely dignities of Halar, Jhalawad, Gohilwad & Soonth at the permanent Gallery at the Girls division inaugurated by the Hon. Governor Smt. Kamla Benwarl.

2011: Lecture & Demonstration of Paaghdh & Saafa to the students of NIFT National Institute of Fashion Technology, (Gandhinagar) at Rajkumar College, Rajkot.

2015: July & awarded with 'India Book of Records' for tying saafa & paaghdh on most people (more than 20225 people) in India. ([www.indiabookofrecords.in](http://www.indiabookofrecords.in))

2015: Certificate for excellent merit at District level Ping Hoisting Programme on 15 Aug. at Jam Jodhpur. Dist. Jammagar by the Govt. of Gujarat.

2016: TV show on Aasma channel before cricketer Ravindra Jadeja's marriage on 17 April, 2016.

2016: 50 turbans with busts are permanently exhibited at Darabgadh Museum, Gondal, Maharani Kurukdhami Sahiba of Gondal.

2016: 'Sarman Patra' by Ramsinhji Jadeja (London) Memorial Trust, Jammagar.

A collection of more than 1000 old photos of Rajas, Maharajas, Nizams, Nawabs, Thakor Shahabs of the princely states of India as well as Nepal, Burma, Afghanistan & Britain, which exhibit different types of turbans of the golden era that they lived in.

Has been honoured in tying Saafa or Paaghdh to H.H. Jam Sahebj, Dabharajsinhji of Jammagar, H.H. Rajguresinhji Maharao of Sirohi, Rajguresinhji, H.H. Maharana Raj Sahebj, Pratsinhji, H.H. Maharana Raj Sahebj, D. Digvijaysinhji & Yung Keshraoj of Wankner, H.H. Maharaja Jyotindrasinhji, Yerra Hirunakumarasinhji, M.K. Ghanshyamsinhji of Gondal, H.H. Maharaja Vijaysinhji & Yung Jayantsinhji of Bhavnagar, H.H. Maharana Shree Jivantsinhji - Mewar, H.H. Maharaja Harantsinhji of Dholpur, H.H. Maharaja Gopalsingh Singh Doo of Puri, K.K. Jayappa of Dharwad, M.K. Hirunakumarasinhji, R.K. Gurusinhji, R.K. Upendrasinhji, K.S. Jayantsinhji & K.S. Pannarasinhji - of Hava Mahal Gondal, Thakor Sahebj Mandrasinhji, Yung Mandrasinhji & K.S. Jayantsinhji of Rajkot, Thakor Sahebj Pratsinhji & Yung Somnathsinhji of Saura, M.K. A.U. Singh Doo & R.K. Kalkesh Narayan Singh Doo (M.P.) of Solapur - Parra, Capt. Chandrasinhji - New Delhi, R.K. Dautrasinhji (Ex. M.P.), K. S. Ayya Jadeja - Orkher, R.K. Col. (Retd.) Jayantsinhji, K. S. Jayantsinhji, K. S. Rajwatsinhji, R.K. Adityasinhji, K. S. Krishna Kumar Singh, K. S. Brijasinhji - members of the Royal Family of Jammagar, Thakor Sahebj Krishna Kumarasinhji & M.K. Rajguresinhji of Chota Yung Jayantsinhji of Limbdi, Thakor Sahebj Pratsinhji & M.K. Yabundrasinhji of Vipar, Darbar Sahebj Pratsinhji & K.S. Rajguresinhji of Dand, Shri Anantsinhji (Samajad) Parji Darbar Sahebj Shrangisinhji & K.S. Rajguresinhji of Dand, Thakor Sahebj V. Vikramsinhji & Yung Mandrasinhji of Jodhpur, Thakor Sahebj Krishna Kumarasinhji of Lathi, Yung Pratsinhji of Garf, K.S. Vahadrasinhji of Mob, K.S. Lokendrasinhji of Rad & Dr. C. Rao of Vani, Kesh Darbar Sahebj Jayantsinhji & Chhatrapalshahi of Mod, Shri Naresch Khachar (Horse Show Awardee), Maharaja Parajayantsinhji of Santampur, K.S. Yashantsinhji of Rajgola, Shri Bhagantsinhji & Harunantsinhji of Vana (Now at Mysore), Patil D.S. Kamrenti, Jigar D.S. Manoj Vela, Khayda D.S. Mahammad Khan (Jungar), D.S. Ganeshdewasinhji & Yung of Harpur, Shri Hardevsinhji Rad - London, Shri Mahendrasinhji Jades - London, cricketer Ravindra Jadeja, playack singer Manohar Utkar, Maharaja Dharmendra Prasad Singh & Yung Sahebj of Barampur, Ku. Jasvanti - Raak (Doodachad) M.A. - Mumbai.

Dr. Virbhadrasinghji (C.M. Himachal Pradesh) & his son Ku. Vikramdityasinhji, H. H. Maharaja Anshcharya Pratapsinhji of Dholav, Vajpur, Col. Rao C. P. Singh Doo & Yung Anshcharya Singh Doo of Manasa (Orissa), H. H. Maharaja Ching Gu Son of Jodhpur, Maharaj Indrasinhji of Jodhpur & R. K. Divyantsinhji & R. K. Abhisinhji, Thakor Sahebj Vansinhji Chavda of Mansa, Darbar Sahebj Inayatsinhji of Vano, Darbar Sahebj Jahangirsinhji of Dasada, Thakor Sahebj Ghanshyamsinhji of Navvad & his Yung, M.K. Mansinhji of Deodar, Shri Nimalasinhji Zala - President Zalawad Khatiyana Samaj, European guests from Poland, Shri Shrawantsinhji Vaghela (Ex. C.M. Gujarat), Smt. Anandiben Patel (C. M. Gujarat), Shri Ranjitsinhji Jhala (Co. Op. Minister of Gujarat), Shri Kishisinhji Rana (Agriculture Minister), Shri Tushantsinhji (M.A.) - Devgadhi Baria, Shri Baskubhai Uthrat (Sports Minister Gujarat), Shri Jaynarayan Yyas (Agriculture Minister Gujarat), Shri Anil Shah (Home Minister Gujarat), Shri Shaktisinhji Gohil - Leader Gujarat Congress, Shri Mulantaria Kurdiyaya (M.P.), Coj. cricket team Gujarat, Joms at Ravindra Jadeja's marriage & European guests from Poland & many dignitaries from the Royal Families of Saurashtra, Kachchhi, Gujarat & other princely states of India.





An Occasion to Celebrate:

Victory over Defeat, Light over Darkness

Awareness over Ignorance

An Occasion to Celebrate Life

May this Auspicious Holiday

Light up your Life

With Happiness, Peace, & Prosperity.

Wishing our RANA Family A Happy Diwali!

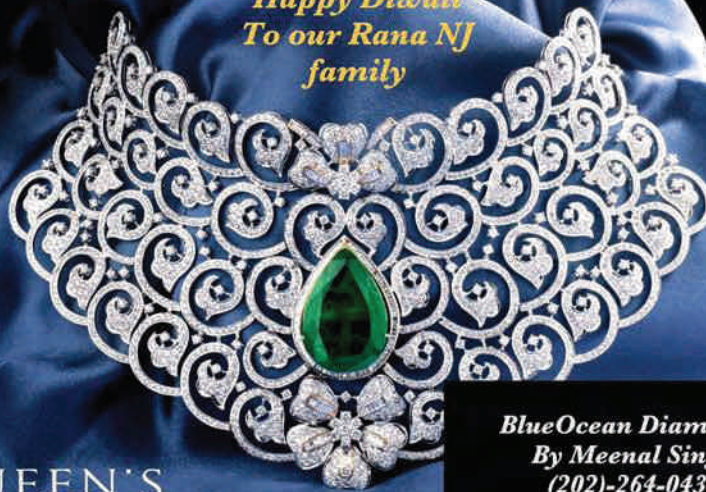
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# Are You Healthy?

As a student who is currently interested in medicine, I am always analyzing health issues, diseases, and illnesses around the world. For one of my classes, we analyzed the leading causes of death in the United States in particular ethnic groups. Naturally, I chose to observe Asian Indian Americans and what health issues affected them the most. The results were astounding. The leading illnesses and deaths in Indians were Coronary Heart Disease, Hypertension, and Diabetes.

Coronary Heart Disease or Cardiovascular Disease is responsible for about 24.8% of deaths in Indians. In India, this heart disease is 15% more common than in the United States. What causes this condition? High cholesterol, use of tobacco, obesity, high blood pressure, and heredity can all account for the weakened heart and damaged blood vessels. However, this condition is preventable! You must take care of your health. Watch your cholesterol, because cholesterol will cause plaque to build up in the heart vessels. Butter, Ghee, fat cheese, milk, coconut, and meat products contain a lot of cholesterol. Many of these ingredients are very common in the Indian diet. Additionally, one should exercise daily whether it is a jog, yoga, or a full body workout. It is extremely crucial for Indian elders to maintain a healthy lifestyle because they are the ones who are most affected. If you look after your health at a much younger age, you can prevent such diseases.

Additionally, hypertension is correlated with high blood pressure which can cause blockages in the artery leading to a heart attack or severe damage to organs. Foods with high sodium contain canned beans, bottled tomato products, soft drinks, frozen meals, candy, coffee, alcohol, noodles, and red meat. Again, these foods need to be monitored in the Indian diet because many people suffer from high blood pressure. Finally, the last major health issue in the Indian American population is diabetes. A lot of Indian food contains excessive amounts of sugar & carbs such as chai, daal, rice, fried foods, and most desserts. A balanced diet is crucial, especially with the Indian diet. Opt for less sugar or alternative/healthier sugars such as brown sugar or stevia, and replace the carbs with as much veggies & proteins as possible.

We live in a generation where people are suffering from extreme health conditions, but do not understand that it is preventable with a healthy, balanced, and active lifestyle. My goal is to raise awareness and hope that more people take charge of their lives.

By - Jamie Jadav







**Best Diwali Wishes from  
Sanjay Singh (RANA NEC President 2017-19)  
Dibya Singh and family.**





**Best Wishes for a Prosperous Diwali from  
Ina, Pradeep, Reela and DivyaPratap Singh Sengar**



# RANA NJ HOLI - 2017

Namaste!

We had a memorable kickoff to the New Year of RANA NJ Chapter activity with the Holi Samroh.

For fund raising, a beautiful Calendar memorializing accomplished Rajputs was distributed to all attendees of the Holi Celebration. This was a brilliant idea of Naivedya and Anupriya Sengar. We hope this will be an annual tradition of RANA NJ Chapter. Fundraising Secretary Rajendrsinh Vaghela did an awesome job with fundraising for this event.

The evening started out with the Aarti led by many of the senior members of our Chapter. We were blessed by the attendance of elders, Dr. Jaswant Singh, Dhiraj Uncle, Bhanubha Auntiji, Rathod Uncle, Dr. Nagendra Nath Singh, Asha Auntiji Rajesh Uncle, JB and Pushpa Singh.

Our new Chapter President, Dilipsinh Rathore was introduced. He made a heartwarming welcome and introduced the new members of the NJ Chapter Executive committee. He described details of forthcoming events such as Camping, Diwali, Gandhi Community Service day and New Years Bash.



The MC for the festivities was talented Raghu Singh and the wonderful entertainment was Organized by Cultural Secretary Minaxi Singh. We were treated by our Youth dancing, singing and singers Vijaya Singh and Raghu.

A whopping 10 New Members were introduced and they all made a brief statement. Perhaps this is the largest number of new members attending a RANA NJ gathering. A wonderful achievement by new membership secretary Mukesh Mahida.





Naivedya Sengar described the exciting RANA NJ Youth Ambassador Program. More information will be forthcoming.

Republican Gubernatorial Hirsh Vardhan Singh made a moving appeal for support. Many RANA members stepped up and enthusiastically voiced their support for Hirsh.

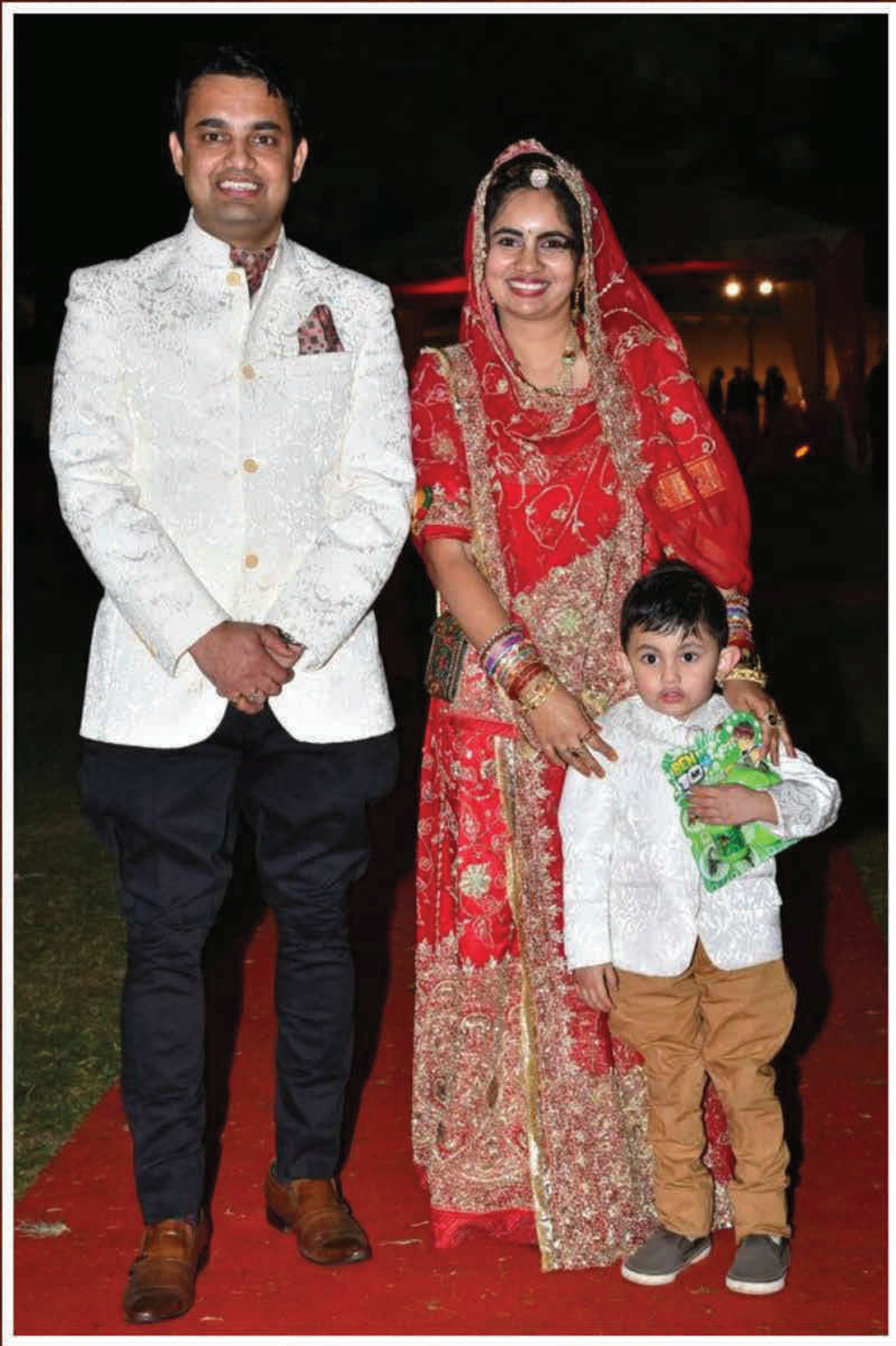
The night was capped off with group dancing and garbha to the tunes played by the fabulous DJ.

All in all, a wonderful event. It could not have been possible without the participation of our members. Thank you for your support.

A sign of great times ahead for the RANA NJ Chapter and hope to see more participation in future events!!







**Best Wishes for a Spectacular Diwali  
&  
A Prosperous New Year 2018  
Anupriya - Naivedya Singh Sengar  
Yagyaved Singh Sengar**



# RANA-NJ Youth Ambassador Program

Greetings, Fellow Rana Members,

RANA NJ is proud to announce its Youth Ambassador Program 2018 (RANA-RYA), aimed at discovering the Dynamic RANA Youth across the United States to get involved in humanitarian projects in order to give back to the community.

The RANA-NJ Chapter will sponsor 3 extraordinary candidates between the ages of 16-25 years and a scholarship of \$1000 will be awarded to each of the 3 on successful completion of the Youth Ambassador Program. This program would augment as an experience of a lifetime for the youth and would also add luster to their resumes in the future.

We urge the RANA brethren to spread the word about this distinctive program for the greater good of the community.

Qualification for youth to participate in RYA:

- \*Youths parents must be lifetime RANA member as a family.
- \*Youth must be registered in college program.
- \*Age limit: 16 years to 25 years, on 1 September of 2018.

Terms & Conditions:

- \*RANA NJ chapter committee will decide the location and activity.
- \*All participants will have same location and activity to participate for the current calendar year.
- \*Every participant must raise donation for the selected charity. The minimum fund raising limit is \$500.00 per participation. Fund must go through RANA NJ account and participating youth need to provide records of all donors. They must not collect money from their parents.
- \*Scholarship will be honored during New Year function, if youth has finished all the requirements by end of 2018.

Selection of youth:

- \*Every year RANA NJ chapter would sponsor 3 youth for RYA program.
- \*If more youths apply for RYA, then the youths from the most RANA active family will get priority.
- \*RANA NJ chapter youths will have priority over other chapter during selection.
- \*Each youth will get onetime opportunity to participate in RYA.

Completion criteria:

- \*After completion of participation, youths must prepare minimum 500 words essay and submit to committee
- \*Youths need to provide their daily activity journal during their visit.
- \*Youths would have to prepare presentation of their work and present to the committee.
- \*RYA secretary will be single point of contact for any question and concerns from youth.

**For further inquiries or suggestions,  
please get in touch with:  
Naivedya Singh Sengar  
RANA-NJ Education & Youth Ambassador Secretary  
naivedya.sengar@gmail.com**

**Youth is the Trustee of Prosperity - Benjamin Disraeli**



# RANA-NJ Youth Ambassador Program

My time spent with the children was an unforgettable experience with everlasting memories.

It was an unforgettable experience, and I am glad I got the opportunity to spend time with them. It was great seeing the children I had seen seven years ago, who are all grown up, some of whom are now in college and working. During the week long visit to the orphanage, we played with the children separately, as the boys and girls live in different homes. I would talk to the girls for hours, do mehendi, play games and help them with their homework. They were so excited to receive the clothes Roshni and I had donated. With the boys I played games with them, helped them with homework, and also talked with them. During the week visit we went to the hospital for two children who were very ill. We also did a visit to the five star hotel that donates lunch to the orphanage every day. The chefs make the food especially for them. Every week the children do yoga and every Sunday they learn the Bhagvad-Gita which were also able to attend with them.

I would also like to thank Smriti Masisa, my aunt, who did an amazing job of making us feel at home. She had been a huge help before the trip, as I planned our week trip in Jaipur with her.

During our week stay at her home she made sure we were taken care off by providing fresh home cooked meals for breakfast, lunch and dinner. She made sure our journey to and from, and around Jaipur was secure and taken care off. She would personally drive us within Jaipur. Smriti Masisa was very grateful and appreciative of the donations as it was much needed for the children's medical needs. Without our knowing, as a thank you for our time at the orphanage she gave Roshni, Yash, Gaurav and I gifts as well as for our parents.

It is truly heartwarming to see how Smriti Singh has made a home for the children, who to them she is Ma. She has given them not only a home but a family. To them she is their everything.

I hope that with our experience other children in RANA, both high school, college and beyond are inspired and take away from our trip. It truly is life-changing.

A final thank you to all the donors, who without you my trip to India would not have been possible!



**Shree Mahida**  
**NJ/PA Chapter**



# RANA-NJ Youth Ambassador Program

Dear RANA community,

As Diwali approaches us, I wish to share a story that I hope impacts everyone's lives. More often than not, we fail to recognize everything that we have to be thankful for. We often find ourselves wishing for more than we already have without being grateful for everything good in our lives. This Diwali, I hope anyone that reads this article decides to take a step back from everything happening in our lives to appreciate all that we have to be thankful for.

This past August I had the honor of being a RANA Youth Ambassador (RYA) and embarked on a journey to make a change. On August 1, 2016, I flew out to Jaipur international airport and began a life-changing experience. Roshni, Shree, and I spent 10 days visiting the children of Faith Sansthan Orphanage and spent the months prior raising money to donate to the orphanage. The money raised went towards their educational, medical, and housing costs. Faith is the home to over 50 children, most of which suffer from HIV+.

After spending over a full day travelling to Jaipur and resting for a night, we visited the orphanage for the first time on August 3, 2016. We introduced ourselves to the kids and then sat in on their yoga class. Later during the trip, we visited the orphanage office. There we got a better understanding of how the records for all of the children are maintained. Each child has a separate file that consists of every detail of their life from family background to medical history to personal traits.

The children have a fixed schedule that everyone follows routinely. They wake up early in the morning at 5:30 AM to shower and get ready for school. They then say their morning prayers, eat breakfast, and take their medicine before heading off to school. They come back from school around 2:30 PM and then take a break to relax and play games with each other. A tutor then comes for two hours and all of the children begin doing their homework. I even got the chance to help the children with their English homework. After they finish their homework, they usually do another activity together or play with each other until it's time for dinner. Before dinner, the children conduct an aarti for around 30 minutes. They then get together to take their medicine and eat dinner. The food that the children eat is provided by a local restaurant that donates food to the orphanage. The children then relax for some time before going to bed at 9 PM.

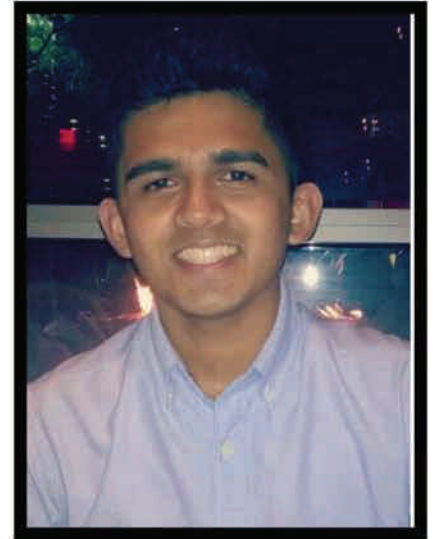
There are two homes that the children live in and they're separated by gender. The homes are walking distance from each other so they often visit the other house and get together. The manner in which Faith treats and houses these children is absolutely amazing. Most of these children come from low income families that cannot afford proper healthcare and housing so the fact that Faith is able to provide both to these underprivileged children is beautiful. The children share bedrooms with each other like siblings. They treat each other like brothers and sisters and share such tight bonds with each other. The boys and girls were so excited and happy to have visitors like us come and play with them. The fact that we were able to put such bright smiles on their faces just by talking to them and playing games with them is truly heartwarming.

There isn't a combination of words that can explain how much this journey and the RYA program has affected me. These children were born with HIV+ and seeing the pain they go through on a daily basis is truly heartbreaking. They almost never get to see their parents and rarely get a chance to speak to them over the phone. They have scheduled times for taking their medicine multiple times a day. They say God's name before eating every meal. They treat each other like family. These kids do everything right yet they are still stuck with this deadly disease. This is the life they were born into and none of them deserve it; no one does for that matter.



# RANA-NJ Youth Ambassador Program

This journey really goes to show that we can never take anything for granted because there are so many people out there that can only dream of living the lives we live. Every day I find myself wishing for more than I already have without realizing how privileged I already am. This experience has changed that mindset of mine and I hope it can do the same to anyone who reads this. The smallest things in our lives such as having a loving family, access to quality education, and having good health are things that millions of people around the world can only dream of.



**By Gaurav Jadav**

I hope you all were able to take away something from this article. I hope that this Diwali you take a step back from the chaos that goes on in our everyday lives. I hope that this step back makes you realize how fortunate every single one of us is. There are too many people living poverty in this world that would kill for the simple things that we look over. I hope that you all are able to go into Diwali this year with a different mindset; a mindset that lets you open your eyes and accept the world we live in today. I wish you all a very Happy Diwali and hope that my words were able to make a positive impact on your lives. Thank you to everyone that donated and everyone supported me throughout this journey of mine; it truly has been a life changing experience. Also, a huge thank you to Mr. Rajiv Singh and the RANA NJ chapter for organizing this program and making it a huge success.

## Puzzles By Rajiv Raj Singh (Manu)

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Unscramble each of the clue words.  
Take the letters that appear in  boxes and unscramble them for the final message.

All youth ages 15 and Under that correctly (one or 2 omissions or errors are acceptable) complete the attached puzzles will receive a \$25 Gift Card and receive other surprise awards at the RANA Holi Gathering in 2018.

You can scan and email to [Raj@Singhteam.com](mailto:Raj@Singhteam.com) or take a picture and text to 732-648-1754 or take a picture and email to [Raj@Singhteam.com](mailto:Raj@Singhteam.com). Entry deadline is January 1, 2018.

Try to solve as much as the puzzle on your own by doing research. After you have found as many as possible, ask your parents and or RANA friends to help.



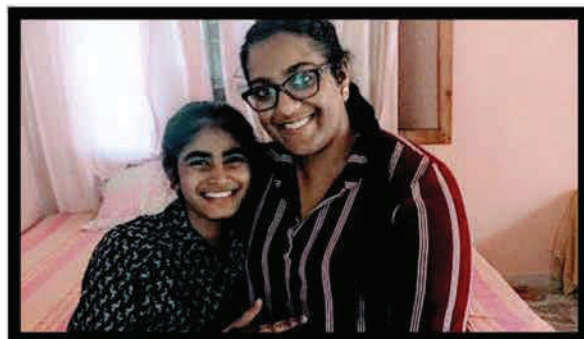
# RANA-NJ Youth Ambassador Program

Faith Sansthan, Jaipur, India.

As I have returned back to America from the first Youth Ambassador Trip sponsored by RANA, I thought I would let you know how it went. We were so kindly hosted by Smriti Singh and her family with such hospitality during our stay in Jaipur. I never expected to be taken care of so well while embarking this journey. We had hot home-cooked meals for breakfast, lunch, and dinner everyday at her home. Everything was absolutely wonderful. We also stayed at Mukesh Uncle's dad's home in Jodhpur from which we also got to visit a Rajput school he taught at, the Chopasani School. Both hosts were very kind and generous while opening their homes for us to stay at. I think that is something RANA could be commended for; being able to keep and make these connections with friends and family members in different countries is a wonderful thing.

Meeting the kids was an incredible experience, they were all so kind and inviting with open arms and smiles. There are currently 33 boys and 16 girls at the two care homes at Faith Sansthan. Meeting them all was wonderful and being able to spend the time that I did with them, I would never want to trade. The kids' ages range from about 5 years to full adults, some working as staff. When you first meet the kids, you don't think that they are living with and fighting a disease. They just seem so happy and I think it is incredible that they are given a chance to be able to have a normal childhood and household to live in. Within the care homes they are given shelter, nutritional food, medication that they need, an education and schooling, clothing, etc. It really puts into perspective what we take for granted, and how much value such things hold. Getting to know a few of the kids and going to the doctors with them really impacted me personally. Since I aspire to work with kids in the medical field, it was interesting to see the different types of hospitals in India, as well as it attached me to the children because I wanted them to get the treatment they deserved which Smriti Ji rightfully makes sure they do. I think one down side was not being able to spend enough time with the kids, but then again, maybe there isn't ever enough time. I definitely would love to visit the kids again, and help out as much as i can as well. I think this is hands down the best and most meaningful participation I have taken that is a part of RANA. I definitely think it should continue, and hope future youth will take interest in it.

## Roshni Padhiar NJ/PA Chapter







**Happy Diwali 2017 Health, Wealth & Blessings!  
Sunil, Sadhna, Versha & Trisha Singh  
New Jersey**



**Happy Diwali & Prosperous New Year to all RANA Family  
from Rajendrasinh Chudasama Family  
May your life brighten up like the Diyas in Diwali Celebration and keep  
all darkness away from your life.**



# Rajput Paintings in Bhavnagar

The little known wall paintings that still exist in Sihor, in Bhavnagar district, are one of the most unique and distinct set of artwork from the diverse Rajput school of paintings.

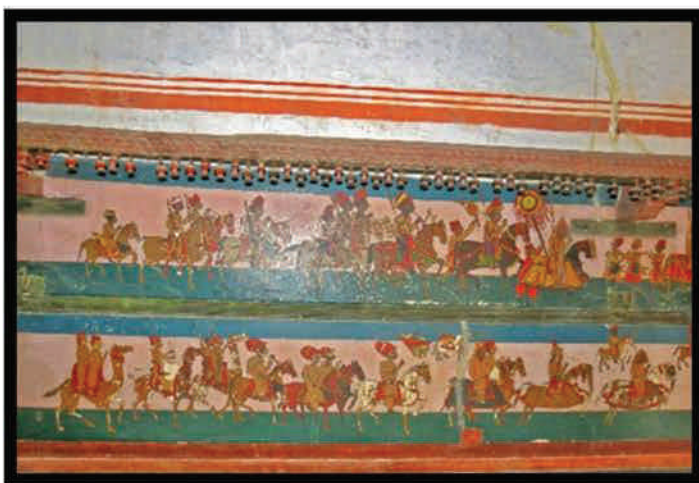
The frescoes are painted on the walls in the old Darbargarh of the former Thakore, Wakhatsinhji Gohil of Bhavnagar. What makes these paintings unique, is that these paintings were created by a group of painters from Sindh in present day Pakistan, called the Kaamangari painters. This group of painters were visiting at the court of the Thakore in 1792, when the Thakore was preparing a siege on the largest unified uprising by his Kathi neighbors. The various chieftains of the 3 prominent Kathi clans had all assembled in Chital with plans of a joint attack on the Thakore of Bhavnagar. They were awaiting assistance from the Nawab of Junagadh, who also had personal ambitions tied to the defeat of the Thakore.

However, Wakhatsinhji, on learning about this congregation, started to ready his own forces. He called upon his various clansmen and Rajput brethren. He marched on Chital before the Kathi garrison could launch their attack and laid siege on the town of Chital. The siege lasted for several weeks and the Kathis were eventually driven out, pursued and subdued with a decisive victory on the part of the Rajput ruler.

The Kamangari painters accompanied the Thakore during this siege and were eyewitnesses to the entire length of the confrontation. Upon the victorious return of the Thakore, they offered to paint the scenes of this skirmish in the inner chambers of his fortress, and thus came into being, the most unique collection of Rajput paintings, painted by eye-witness artists. The paintings still exist and are under the supervision of the Archeological Survey of India.

In 1912, Maharaja Bhavsinhji II of Bhavnagar had a series paintings recreated from the original frescoes and developed into a card game as a special favor to be presented to the guests attending the wedding of his daughter.

**By Vijaysinh Raol**







**Best Wishes for a Prosperous Diwali  
Bhanuba & Dhirajsinh  
& Solanki Family  
Vital Health Tech.**



# Introduction to Durga Mahila Vikas Sansthan (DMVS)

“Chamak uthi san sattawan me, wo talwar purani thi  
bundele harbolo ke muh humne suni kahani thi,  
Khoob ladi mardaani, wo to Jhansi waali Rani thi”

History has witnessed numerous stories of bravery of Indian women. Above lines from a famous poem about the queen of Jhansi portray how she fought like men for the freedom of her kingdom and country. Our glorious history is inspirational and reminds us there is nothing girls can't achieve if given the right education and opportunities. We bring you story of a great initiative to encourage girls, educate and train them, and help them fulfill their dreams. Durga Mahila Vikas Sansthan (DMVS) was established in 1998 by Thakur Ratan Singh Ji in Sikar, Rajasthan with the noble aim to promote contemporary education & Rajput cultural standards among the Rajputana Girls; especially girls from rural areas who could not afford to go to cities for secondary education and higher studies due to lack of such facilities in rural areas and economic conditions of their families.

Thakur Saheb has been devoting all his time to DMVS since 2000, after retiring from a fulfilling career. DMVS offers English medium school to girls from all communities, and boarding facility in a hostel, exclusively to Rajput girls. 90% of the girls residing in hostel are from economically challenged background, and some have lost one or both of their parents. The hostel is run by the funds received from community contributions. There are 120 girls utilizing the boarding and lodging facility at girl's hostel in DMVS campus. DMVS not only focuses on educating these girls, but also on providing them safe learning environment, healthy meals, training in shooting, sports, yoga/religion, arts & culture, to name a few.

There is so much more DMVS can do for these young Rajput girls who want to reach the culmination of success in academics and life. With contributions from Rajput community, these girls can realize their potential. You can contribute any amount to the organization; sponsor a child's education for 1 year, or help them in any other way. Thakur Ratan Singh ji will be very pleased to show you around the campus and talk about how you can help to the cause. Please contact him at 91-9414243769 to know more and find out how you can contribute.

As Winston Churchill rightly said, “We make a LIVING by what we get, but we make a LIFE by what we give”.

**by Minaxi Singh**





# दुर्गा महिला विकास संस्थान

धोद रोड़, नाथावतपुरा, सीकर

राजस्थान के सीकर जिला मुख्यालय से 4 कि.मी. दूर नाथावतपुरा में दुर्गा महिला विकास संस्थान बालिका शिक्षा के क्षेत्र में 1998-99 से कार्य कर रहा है। इससे पहले यह छात्रावास सीकर शहर में चल रहा था परन्तु वहां स्थान छोटा होने के कारण नाथावतपुरा में राज्य सरकार से 3 हैक्टर भूमि आवंटित करवायी गई। वर्तमान में छात्रावास में 120 बालिकाएं निवास करती हैं, जो नर्सरी कक्षा से पी.जी. कक्षा तक की बालिकाएं हैं।

कैम्पस में ही नर्सरी से कक्षा 10 तक अंग्रेजी माध्यम से विद्यालय संचालित हैं जिसमें 400 बालिकाएं अध्ययनरत हैं जिसमें 60 बालिकाएं होस्टलर तथा शेष समीप के गांवों से आती हैं। विद्यालय का नाम संत शिरोमणी मीरा बाई के नाम से मीरा गर्ल्स स्कूल रखा गया है। छोटी लड़कियों के लिए एक केयर टेकर रखी गई है जो उनके खाने-पीने से लेकर वाशिंग आदि सभी कार्य करती है। कपड़े आदि वाशिंग कार्य वाशिंग मशीन से करती है।

हिन्दी मिडियम व कॉलेज में पढने वाली छात्राओं को नजदीक के स्कूल, कॉलेज में संस्थान के वाहन से लाने-लेजाने की व्यवस्था है।

अध्ययन के अतिरिक्त एयरगन से स्यूटिंग करना सिखाया जाता है। प्रत्येक रविवार को छात्राओं के द्वारा हवन किया जाता है और योगासन करवाया जाता है।

प्रत्येक शनिवार को सामाजिक बुराइयों पर चर्चा की जाती है एवं लघु नाटिकाएं कर प्रदर्शन किया जाता है। सांयकाल आधा घंटा बिना उपकरण वाले खेल दौड़ना-भागना, खो-खो, कबड्डी आदि नियमित रूप से खिलाए जाते हैं। आधा घंटे नैतिक शिक्षा की क्लास चलायी जाती है एवं महाराणा प्रताप, दुर्गादास राठीड, महाराव शेखाजी आदि जैसे अन्य अनेक महापुरुषों के बारे में जानकारी दी जाती है। एक वर्ष घुड़सवारी सिखाने के लिए कार्यक्रम चलाया गया परन्तु खर्च अधिक होने के कारण बन्द कर दिया गया।

छात्राओं को सप्ताह के प्रत्येक दिन अलग प्रकार का अल्पाहार व खाना दिया जाता है, साथ में दूध-दही आवश्यकतानुसार दिया जाता है। संस्थान की स्वयं की डेयरी है जिसमें 7 गायें हैं जिनसे शुद्ध दूध-दही मिल जाता है। माह मे दो बार स्पेशल डाईट जो बालिकाओं की इच्छानुसार दी जाती है।

राजस्थान के शिक्षा में पिछड़े इलाकों जैसे बाडमेर, जैसलमेर आदि से बालिकाएं यहां अध्ययन हेतु आती हैं। अभिभावक सबसे ज्यादा सुरक्षा पर ध्यान देते हैं अतः यहां पर पुरुष स्टाफ नहीं है। छात्रावास में 2 महिला वार्डन, 4 महिला कुक 1 महिला केयर टेकर 1 महिला स्वीपर है।

गार्ड, ड्राईवर, कैंशियर, स्टोरकीपर, आदि पुरुष स्टाफ हैं जो होस्टल भवन से बाहर बने क्वार्टरस में रहते हैं तथा मैं स्वयं भी होस्टल भवन से बाहर बने क्वार्टर में रहता हूँ।

एज्युकेशन सेल, डिप्टी DEO, सैकण्डरी प्रधानाध्यापक, एनसीसी नाइक आदि पदों पर कार्यकर 2001 में सेवानिवृत्त हो गया था वर्तमान में मेरी आयु 77 वर्ष है। मैं अवैतनिक पुरा समय संस्थान में ही रहता हूँ।

किसी भामाशाह का इन्तजार है, जो शेष कार्यों को पुरा करवा सके। खेल मैदान जैसे बास्केटबाल, बैडमिन्टन, वॉलीबाल, 200 मीटर का ट्रैक, तरणताल, आदि के निर्माण की आवश्यकता महसूस की जा रही है। एक ऑडिटोरियम की सबसे ज्यादा आवश्यकता है।

राष्ट्रपति श्री नैरोसिंह शेखावत, पंचायती राज मंत्री श्री राजेन्द्रसिंह राठीड, सैनिक कल्याण बोर्ड चेयरमैन श्री प्रेमसिंह बाजौर आदि समय-समय पर मदद करते हैं।

यदि यह संस्थान नहीं होता तो मैं समझता हूँ कि इनमें से आधी बालिकाएं भी अध्ययन नहीं कर पाती। प्रारम्भ में अभिभावकों की सोच यही थी कि बेटी पढ-लिख लेगी तो घर-घर अच्छा मिल जायेगा, परन्तु अब उनकी सोच बदली है, लड़कियां RAS IAS आदि पदों पर जाने की बातें करने लगी हैं। ऐसी बालिकाओं के लिए कोशिश की व्यवस्था नहीं हो पा रही है, अधिकांश लड़कियां मध्यमवर्गीय परिवारों से हैं यदि भवन पुरा बन जावे तो यहां कुछ कोर्स जैसे नर्सिंग, खेल अकैडमी, बीएड आदि प्रतियोगी परिक्षाएं प्रारम्भ की जा सकती हैं।

लिखकर बताने की बजाय कोई आकर देखे तो पता चलेगी कि कितना कार्य हुआ है। आवश्यक फोटो संलग्न कर भेजे जा रहे हैं।

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## From the Farm to Joint Police Commissioner

Recently a dear friend, Kesarisinh Gulabsinh Bhati visited us. With very little notice, NJ Chapter President Dilipsinh Rathod facilitated a gathering at Guru Palace that was attended by NJ Chapter members Viren Rathod, Mamraj Singh, Suren Rathod, Mahendra Raol, Mukesh Parmar, Gajendra Solanki and Rajiv Singh. We were inspired by Joint Police Commissioner Sahaab. We marveled at his knowledge and it is obvious why he was recently promoted to one of the highest and most prestigious positions within the Indian Police, Joint Police Commissioner. We agreed that he is a special person and were particularly stricken by his humbleness. Perhaps being humble is an attribute common to successful leaders such JPC Sahaab.

JPC Sahaab was born to a family of farmers in the Gujarat Village of Bhanpur, Vijapur. He was raised in a very modest farm home with very traditional Hindu and Rajput values. From a very young age with encouragement from his Father Gulabsinh Ji, his ambitions were to serve his country. He pursued an advanced degree in History since this subject path is good for the Indian Civil Service Exams. In the very first sitting, he finished near the top of the competition at a position of 13. I recall him requesting me to go and see his results. When I told him he qualified 13th in the ridiculously difficult test, he made me go back to verify it was correct. I remember it like it was yesterday.

I met him while we were in College. It is quite remarkable that no matter how high he climbed; he always found time for his friends. This is another trait of successful leaders. After qualifying in the GPSC Batch of 1989, with courage, perseverance and hard work he went from Deputy Inspector all the way up to his most recent appointment as Joint Police Commissioner, Baroda City. He is known for his unwavering honesty and bravery. One of his biggest inspirations was his older brother who also is an IPS officer, Sidhrajsinh, the current Joint Commissioner of Police Surat.

It gives me a great deal of pride to see fellow Rajputs achieve such high levels, especially those that serve the country. Bhati Babu is married to Nipakunvar ji and they have 2 remarkable sons that reside in the US, Harshvirsinh and Jaydevsinh. The younger Jaydevsinh is following Fathers big footsteps and is studying Forensic Criminology.

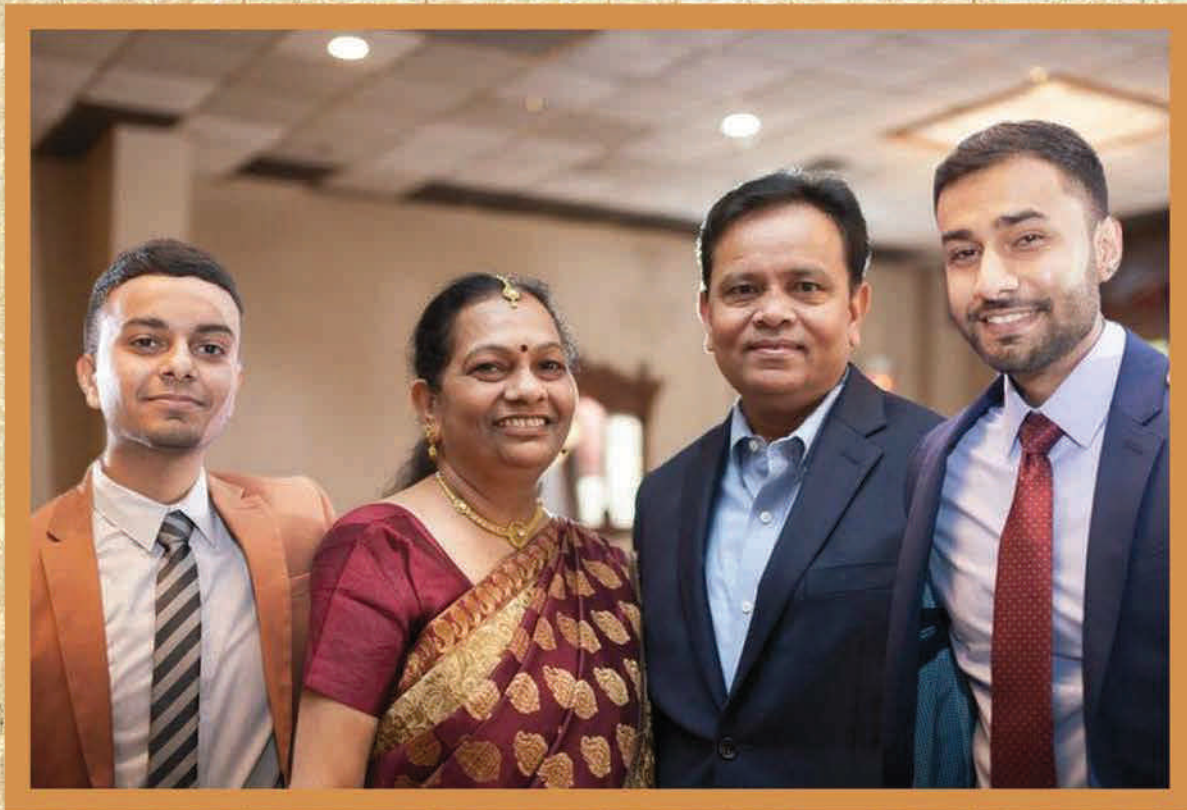
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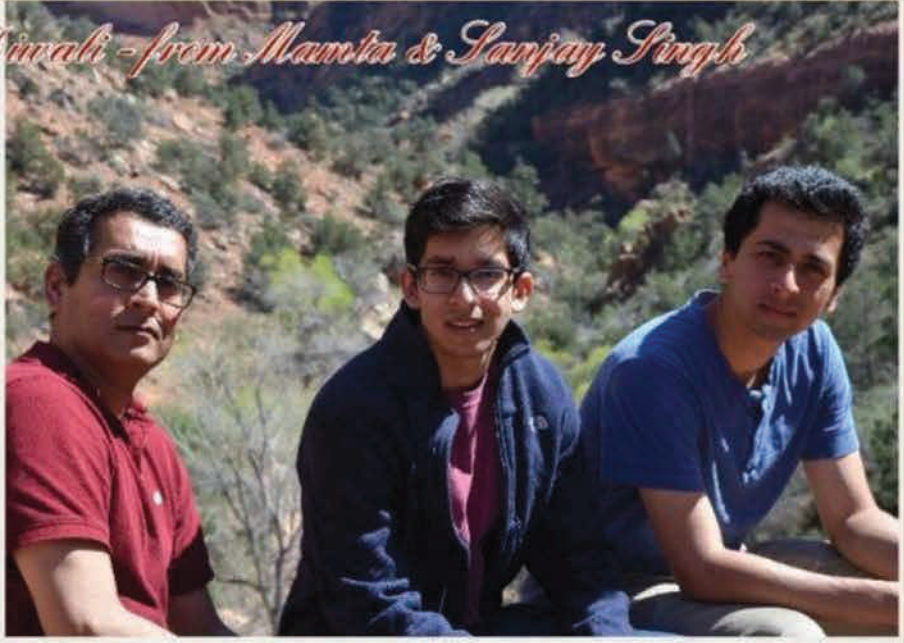
**Best Wishes for a Prosperous Diwali**  
**Kesarisinh Gulabsinh Bhati : Joint  
Police Commisioner at Baroda City**  
**Nipakunvar Kesarisinh Bhati**  
**Jaydevsindh K Bhati : Studies at John  
Jay College of Criminal Justice,  
Manhattan, NY.**  
**Criminal Justice & Computer  
Forensics,**  
**Volunteer at a Fire Department in  
Long Island, NY.**  
**Intern student at Suffolk County Police  
Department**



**Best Wishes for a Prosperous Diwali**  
**Mukeshsinh M. Mahida : RANA Member Secretary**  
**Shreyakunvar M. Mahida**  
**Shardul M. Mahida : Education: Dual Degree Bachelor of Science in Computer  
Science and Biology. Job: Software Test Engineer Company: Vertex Inc.**  
**Munjhal M. Mahida : BS Computer Science**



*Happy Diwali - from Manita & Sanjay Singh*





With Best Compliments to our RANA family



Gajendrasinh Solanki - Vice President, NEC

Dr. Kinjal Solanki

Siddhi Solanki

## Kalyan Singh Kalviji's visit to the RANA NJ Chapter





## अहसास परम तत्व का

थोड़ा सा अँधेरा है, होने वाला सवेरा है.  
सब सो रहे है, पर कुछ जाग भी रहे है,  
चुपचाप दबे पांव ड्राइव वे में,  
धीरे धीरे टहलते हुए सुना  
दूर पेड़ पर एक चिड़िया की चहक,  
शांत प्रकृति  
लगता है पेड़ मौन कर रहे हैं  
मैडिटेशन.

अलौकिक सत्ता के हो रहे दर्शन  
धीरे धीरे यह मौन भी मुखर हो उठता  
आस पास कोई भी नहीं, पर जीवन संगमय हो :  
दाये बाए ऊपर नीचे कोई भी नहीं दिखता  
पर सब तरफ कोई है  
उसका एहसास है  
सुगंध है और छुअन भी है,  
आंखें बंद हो जाती है  
शब्द चुक जाते है  
आनंद छा जाता है  
सब कुछ भने लगता है.

आशा सिंह





*From Parmar Family,  
Philadelphia.  
Mukesh Singh Parmar  
Vijaya Parmar  
Varshita Singh Parmar  
Harshita Singh Parmar*

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# HAPPY DIWALI

**May this Diwali be bright for you  
and your family. May God fulfill  
all your wishes this Diwali. Happy  
Diwali From Raj Family!**

**-Raj Singh  
-Kusum Devi  
-Rinku Singh  
-Mohit Singh**





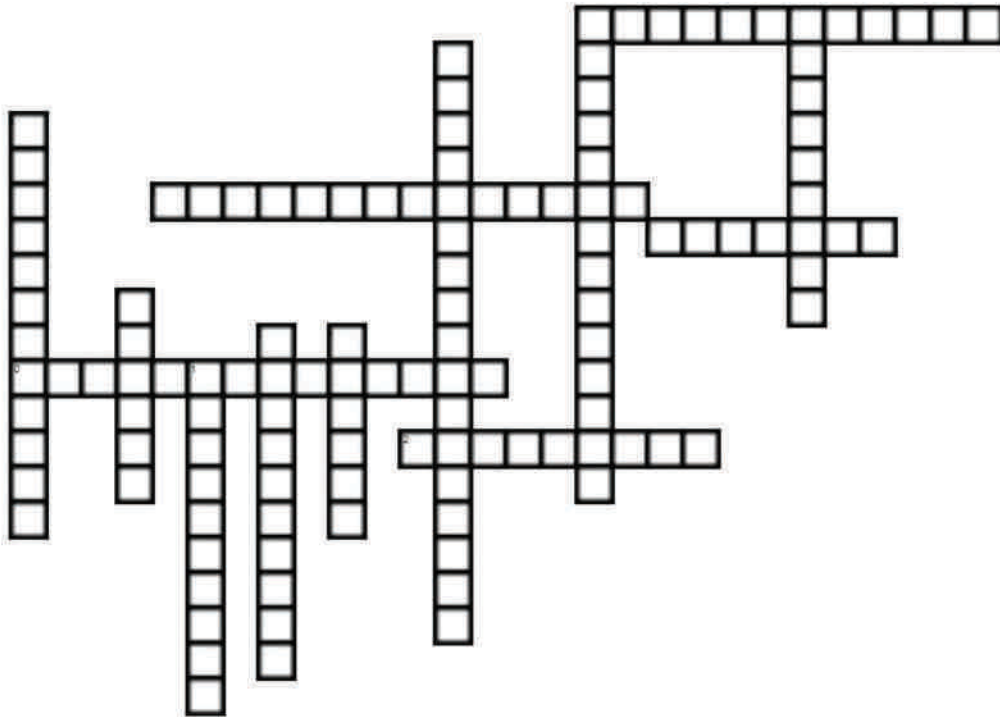
## Puzzles By Rajiv Raj Singh (Manu)

All youth ages 15 and Under that correctly (one or 2 omissions or errors are acceptable) complete the attached puzzles will receive a \$25 Gift Card and receive other surprise awards at the RANA Holi Gathering in 2018.

You can scan and email to Raj@Singhteam.com or take a picture and text to 732-648-1754 or take a picture and email to Raj@Singhteam.com. Entry deadline is January 1, 2018.

Try to solve as much as the puzzle on your own by doing research. After you have found as many as possible, ask your parents and or RANA friends to help.

Rajput



- Raja of this City that Fought in Pakistan War 1971
- Jhansi Ki Raani-
- Former Prime Minister
- Former Chief Justice Supreme Court of India
- Repulsed invasions by Muhammad of Ghor
- Olympic Silver Medalist
- Mewar Warrior
- Last Monarch of Dogra Rajput Dynasty
- Left Armed Spinner
- 3 Time Olympic Gold Medalist
- Former Vice President of India
- First President of RANA
- Bollywood Singer

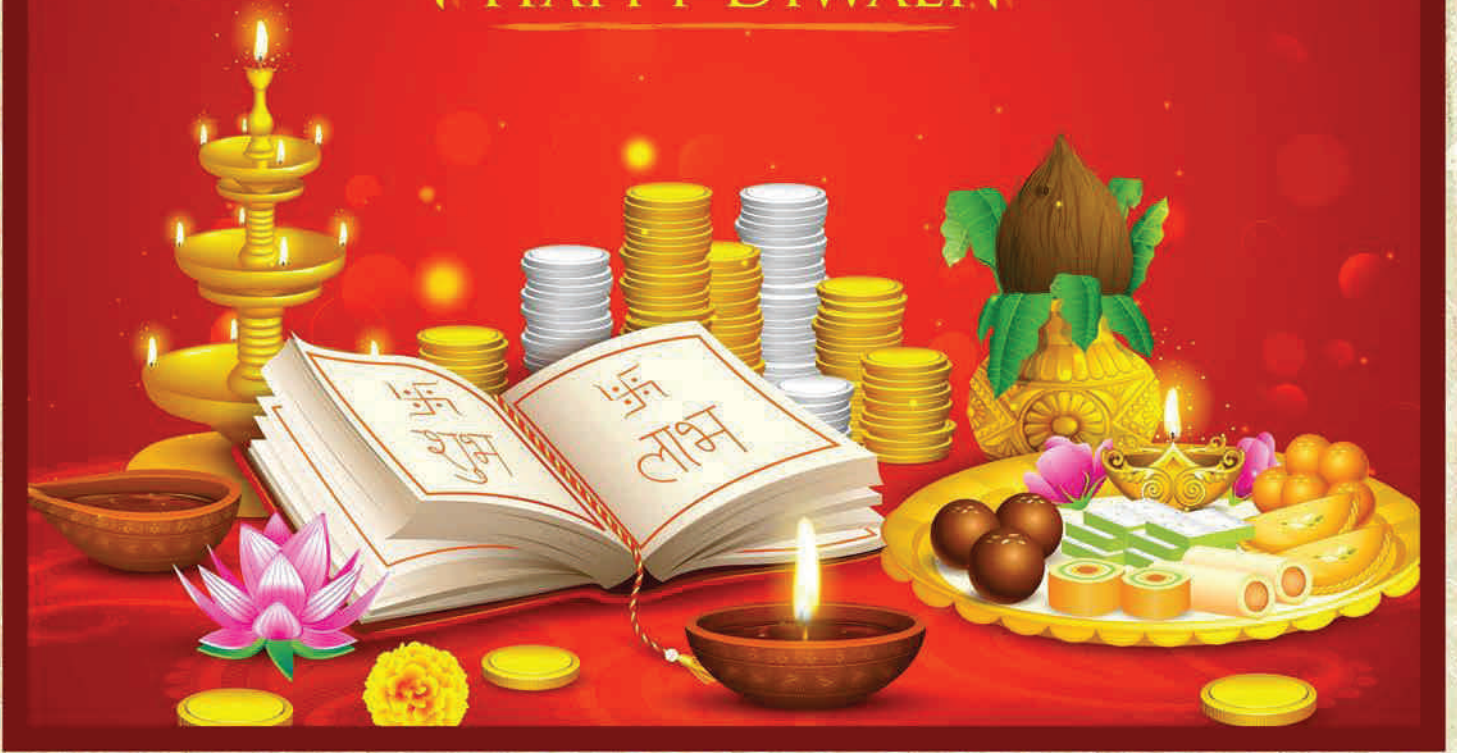


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॥ HAPPY DIWALI ॥

लाभ



**Best Wishes for a Prosperous  
Diwali  
MahavirSinh Chudasama**



# "Kailash Dham" by Dilipsinh Rathore

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આ આશ્રમનું સંચાલન યાનરૂં સેવાર્થીઓ દ્વારા કરવામાં આવે છે. સેવાભાવી અને શ્રદાળુ ભક્તજનો તરફ વૃદ્ધોની સેવા જેવી આશ્રમની રહેક પ્રવૃત્તિઓ કરવામાં આવે છે. પુણ્ય બાપુની એવી લાગણી છે કે, આ જીવ સુષ્ટિના તથા યાનવસ્તેવા જેવા સત્કર્મના કાર્યોમાં વધારે સપાકામાં લોકોની સેવાઓ મળી રહે. આપણે તો તન-મન અને પનથી સાચે સર્વોને આ સેવાવસ્તમાં શ્રેયાર્થીને આપણા જીવનને પચાવી કરીએ.

**આપ સૌ ભાવિકોને અમારું સ્નેહભર્યું નિમંત્રણ છે. આપ અહીં આવી પ્રવૃત્તિ નિરૂપી અને આપણાં વડીલોને સન્માન સ્નેહ, પ્રેમ-હુંડ આપો. આ સેવાયજ્ઞમાં તન-મન-ધનથી 'નેડાયા' યત્ન કરો અને જીવનમાં કંઈક કરી છુટવાને સંતોષ મેળવો.**



- નિમંત્રક શ્રી -  
**શ્રી કેલાસધામ અર્જુનસિંહ રાહોડ**  
મેનેજીંગ ટ્રસ્ટી શ્રી

## કેલાસધામ

**વૃદ્ધાશ્રમ - અ પ્રલોચ - ગૌશાળા**  
**પંચદેવ મંદિર - વડાશાળા**  
**ચિકિત્સાલય તથા અલોચ**  
**સામાજિક પ્રવૃત્તિઓનું અભિયોગું**  
**સ્થળ...**

**પૂ. મુક્તાનંદજી બાપુ**  
પીડીતોને રાહત આપો,  
પડેલાને ઊભા કરો,  
ઊભેલાને ગણિ આપો,  
ગણિવાળાને સાચી દિશા આપો.  
- પૂ. મુક્તાનંદજી બાપુ

માનવ સેવા એજ સાચી પ્રભુ સેવા છે.



- નિમંત્રક શ્રી -  
**શ્રી અર્જુનસિંહ રાહોડ**  
(નિવૃત્ત ડી.વાય.એસ.પી.)

## સંસ્થાની પ્રવૃત્તિઓ

- વૃદ્ધ સ્વજનોનું પોતાના પરિવાર જેવી હુંક સ્નેહ અને દેહાંત સુધી પ્રેમપૂર્વક માવજત.
- અસહાયક પૂ. બાપુના આશીર્વાદથી બે ટાઈમ ભોજનપદયાત્રીઓ તથા વડેમારુઓને પણ અસહાય. જ્યાં દુકરો ત્યાં પ્રભુ હુંકરો.
- ગૌશાળા : ગૌ માતાનું રક્ષણ, જતન અને સેવા
- પંચદેવ મંદિર : ભારતીય સંસ્કૃતિ અનુરૂપ પંચદેવની આરાધના.
- વ્યાખ્યાનખંડ : વૃદ્ધોને માટે તેમજ સૌ અતિથિ માટે સત્સંગ, ભજન, સંગીતની આરાધના.
- યજ્ઞ શાળા, વિસામો, ઔષધાલય જેવી પ્રવૃત્તિઓ વિકસાઈ રહી છે.
- આપની એક વખતની કેલાસધામની મુલાકાત જીવનનું સંભારણું બની રહેશે.

**કેલાસધામ અર્જુનસિંહ રાહોડ**  
"કેલાસધામ" મહુડી રોડ,  
પેઠાપુર ચાર રસ્તાથી આગળ,  
મુ.પો. પેઠાપુર,  
તા.જી. ગાંધીનગર - ૩૮૨૧૧૦

## કેલાસ ધામ

**કેલાસધામ ચેરીટેબલ ટ્રસ્ટ**  
(સંક. નં. ડી/૧૧૨૨૪/૨૦૨)



**પરમ પૂજ્ય**  
**સંતશ્રી મુક્તાનંદજી બાપુ**  
દ્વારા પ્રેરિત  
**સનાતન ધર્મનો આશ્રમ**  
મહુડી રોડ, પેઠાપુર ચાર રસ્તાથી  
આગળ, મુ.પો. પેઠાપુર,  
તા.જી. ગાંધીનગર - ૩૮૨૧૧૦

## ભૂમિકા

ધર્મનુરાગી પરમ ભક્ત ભાર્થીઓ/બહેનો,  
આપ સૌ જાણો છો કે, પેઠાપુર થી મહુડી જતાં બે કિલોમીટરના અંતરે "કેલાસધામ" સનાતન ધર્મનો આશ્રમ આવેલ છે. પ.પૂ. મુક્તાનંદજી બાપુ દ્વારા સંચાલિત વૃદ્ધાશ્રમ, અનુભવ, ગૌશાળા તેમજ યજ્ઞશાળા વિગેરે પ્રવૃત્તિઓ સાથે છે. પંચદેવ મંદિરનું પણ આયોજન કરવામાં આવેલ છે. કાલ ભોધકામ ચાલુ છે. ભવિષ્યમાં આર્થનુરૂપ, ચિકિત્સાલય, ઔષધાલય તથા મનોરમ સુંદરશ્યામ બનાવવાનું આયોજન થઈ ચુકેલ છે. જેનો લાભ લાભ વૃદ્ધાશ્રમના અંતેવાસીઓને પણ મળે છે.

પરમ પૂજ્ય મુક્તાનંદજી બાપુના પરમ ગુરુ શ્રી ભગવતીનંદજી અને કાકા ગુરુ શ્રી ભોપાલનંદજી અને ગરવા ગૌરના જંગલ વચ્ચે ચાપરડા ગામે આશ્રમ સ્થાપી રહે છે. તેઓ દ્વારા સમાજના વિવિધ કાર્યો ભારતભરમાં તથા પાસ કરીને નુજવાતમાં સોરાષ્ટ્ર તથા કચ્છમાં શૈક્ષણિક સંસ્થાઓ, શિક્ષણ તથા રહેવા જમવાની વિના મૂલ્યે સેવાઓ અપાય છે. આ ઉપરાંત વૃદ્ધાશ્રમ, અમલોચ, ગૌશાળા, આર્થ નુરૂપ, રોગ નિવાન કેમ્પ, કેટલ કેમ્પ, તેમજ ટિકીટોના સમૂહ લાભ અને કુદરતી આકતો જેવી પરિસ્થિતિમાં તેઓ માનવ સેવા જેવી પ્રવૃત્તિઓ કરવા ઉપરાંત જન કલ્યાણના વિવિધ સંજોમાં વધારે રૂપિ પસારી રહ્યાં છે. અને આવી પ્રવૃત્તિઓમાં જ બાપુ સદાય કાર્યરત રહે છે.

સ્વભાવે સરળ અને સદા હકીરીની મસ્તીમાં રહેત આ સંત સંમિશ્રા જીવદયા અને માનવસેવા એજ સાચી પ્રભુસેવાના સિદ્ધાંતને વહેલા રહી કર્મનિષ્ઠ બની કલ્યાણકારી પ્રવૃત્તિઓમાં જ જીવસ્ત રહે છે. સંતશ્રી મુક્તાનંદજી બાપુના આ ઉપરાંત મુખ્ય :  
"મનુષ્ય જીવનના બે અર્થ છે સ્વમાં લીન રહેવું અને પોતાના દ્વારા વધારેમાં વધારે

જીવસુષ્ટિને કાયદો થાય તેવા કાર્યનું નિર્માણ સાચીભાવે સંભજ રીતે કરવું અને કરાવવું."  
સંતશ્રી મુક્તાનંદજી બાપુ સૌના હૈયામાં વસી જાય એવા વંદનીય મહાપુરુષ છે. તેઓ બેકાતરે મહિને પુનમે "કેલાસધામ" માં પધારે છે. બાપુનો મૂળ આશ્રમ "સુરેવેશ્યામ" મુ.પો. ચાપરડા, તા. વિસાવદર, જિ. જુનાગઢ ખાતે આવેલ છે.

આપ સૌ જાણો છો કે, પેઠાપુર આમના વાવેલા દરબારનાં દિકરી અને શ્રી અર્જુનસિંહ રાહોડના પરપરિનિ શ્રીમતી કેલાસધામ અને મુક્તાનંદજી બાપુના ઉપરોક્ત સમાજ સેવાના કાર્યોથી પ્રભાવિત થઈને તેમનાં વિસ્તાર, પેઠાપુર બાહુ એક આશ્રમ સ્થાપવાની પૂજ્ય બાપુને વિનંતી કરી તે માટે જરૂરી વિશાળ જમ્યા આપવાનો તેમણે સંકલ્પ કર્યો તેમની લાગણીને યાન આપીને પુજ્ય બાપુ દ્વારા આ સનાતન ધર્મનો આશ્રમ પેઠાપુર સ્થાપવામાં આવ્યો. ભૂમિદાનના મુખ્ય કાંતા કેલાસધામના નામ ઉપરાંત આશ્રમને "કેલાસધામ" નામ આપવામાં આવેલું છે.

પૂ. મુક્તાનંદજી બાપુના માર્ગદર્શન નીવે કેલાસધામના આજુબાજુના વિસ્તારોમાંથી ભવિક ભક્તજન, યુવાન સેવાભાવી ભાઈ-બહેનો ઉપરોક્ત પ્રવૃત્તિમાં પોતાનું યથા શક્તિ યોગદાન, તન, મન અને ધનથી આપી રહ્યાં છે. તેમજ ગાંધીનગર, અમદાવાદ અને મહેસાણા વિગેરે વિસ્તારમાંથી સેવકગણ આવીને આશ્રમમાં પોતાની સેવા આપી રહ્યાં છે.

આપ સૌ જાણો છો કે, પવિત્ર જગ્યાના શુભારંભ પ્રસંગે ભારતભરમાંથી પધારેલ સારું સંતો, મહાનો, મેલેજરો, મહામંડલેશ્વરો, પરમ પુજ્ય જગદગુરુ સંકરાચાર્યક મહારાજ વિગેરેના સાનિધ્યમાં સમ્પરિત માનસ સખાલનું આયોજન આશ્રમ તરફથી કરાવામાં આવ્યું હતું. તેમાં ભાવિક ભક્તો તથા આજુબાજુના વિસ્તારના આમ્મજનો સંતદર્શન તથા કથા સતસંજનો લાભ લીધેલ હતો.

## કેલાસધામ આશ્રમની સેવા પ્રવૃત્તિઓ

**વૃદ્ધાશ્રમ :**  
વૃદ્ધાશ્રમમાં જેઓને ખરેખર જરૂરીયાત છે તેવા વૃદ્ધ સ્ત્રી-પુરૂષોને રાખવામાં આવે છે. જેઓની જીવન પરચત નિભાવણી આ આશ્રમ દ્વારા કરવામાં આવે છે. આ સનાતન ધર્મના આશ્રમમાં શ્રેષ્ઠતાના જાન-જાતના ભેદભાવ વગર માનવતાના ધોરણે વિનામૂલ્યે પ્રવેશ આપવામાં આવે છે. પ. પૂજ્ય મુક્તાનંદજી બાપુની પ્રેરણાથી આ વિશાળ સંકુલમાં બે માળના મકાનમાં દરે રૂમો છે જે તમામ હર્નિગર સાથે સજ્જ કરવામાં ગામ ડિખાવપુર (બિલોલ) તા. વિજાપુરના સૌથી ઉંચકાઈ પહેલના માતૃશ્રી સ્વ. મણિબેન બળદેવભાઈ પટેલના સ્મરણાર્થે તેઓશ્રીના પરિવાર તરફથી બનાવી આપવામાં આવેલ છે. આ વૃદ્ધાશ્રમનું ઉદ્ઘાટન પ.પૂ. જગદગુરુ સંકરાચાર્ય સ્વામિ સ્વરૂપાનંદ સરસ્વતિ મહારાજ, શારદાપીઠક દારેકાના વરદે હસ્તે કરવામાં આવેલ અને કાયમ તબક્કે પચાલ વૃદ્ધોનો સમાવેશ થાય તેવી સંપૂર્ણ વ્યવસ્થા કરવામાં આવેલી વ્યારબાદ ગુરુ કૃપાથી નવા મકાનનું નિર્માણ થઈ ચુક્યું છે અને વૃદ્ધ વડીલોની સંખ્યામાં પણ વધારો થયેલ છે.

**અભ્યાસોચ**  
પુજ્ય બાપુની પ્રેરણાથી આ આશ્રમમાં આવતા અતિથી તથા પંચપાળા યાત્રીકો, યાત્રી સંગેને દરરોજ સવાર સાંજનું ભોજન વિનામૂલ્યે આપવામાં આવે છે તથા ઉત્તારાની વ્યવસ્થા પણ આ આશ્રમ દ્વારા આપવામાં આવે છે.

**ગૌશાળા**  
આશ્રમમાં સૌતા વૃદ્ધો તથા અતિથિઓને જરૂરી શુદ્ધ-ની-કૃત તથા છાયા વિગેરે મળી રહે તે

હતુથી ગૌરની ગાયો રાખવામાં આવે છે. ગાયોને રહેવા માટે ગૌશાળાનું ભોધકામ, ચાલકારની વ્યવસ્થા તથા તેમની નિભાવણી, અમદાવાદ સ્થિત યુવાન ઉધોગપતિ શ્રી ચેતનભાઈ કીરીટભાઈ પટેલના માતૃશ્રી સ્વ. મુખ્યશામલ કીરીટભાઈ પટેલના પરિવાર દ્વારા થયેલ છે.

**પંચદેવ મંદિર પ્રવૃત્તિ**  
પુજ્ય ગુરુજીના આશીર્વાદ તથા સૌના શક્તિવાર સાથ-સહકારથી આ આશ્રમમાં વિશાળ પંચદેવ મંદિર તથા સત્સંગ હોલ આકાર લઈ રહ્યા છે. જેનું ભોધકામ કાલમાં કાપથી ચાલી રહ્યું છે.

**યજ્ઞશાળા**  
સનાતન ધર્મ આશ્રમમાં એક યજ્ઞશાળા છે. જ્યાં દર પૂનમે યજ્ઞ કરવામાં આવે છે. આ દિવસે પરમ પુજ્ય મુક્તાનંદજી બાપુ અહિં પધારે છે. ભક્તજનો સાથે સૌ મહાપ્રસાદ લે છે અને યજ્ઞશાળામાં અર્ચન પૂણે પ્રજ્જવલિત રાખવામાં આવે છે.

**વિસામો**  
કેલાસધામ, મહુડી રોડ, પેઠાપુર ચાર રસ્તાથી આગળ, તા.જી. ગાંધીનગર - ૩૮૨૧૧૦, આ માર્ગે પસરી પદયાત્રામાં પસાર થતાં જૈન ભાઈ બહેનોનો સંપ અર્ચાઈ પસાર થતાં જૈન પૂ. મહારાજશ્રીઓ તથા પૂ. સાધ્વીશ્રીઓ માટે પણ વિશામ સ્થળ છે. જેને સુખઈ સ્થિત પરેશભાઈ રતિલાલ બાદ તરફથી વિશ્વમાલય તાજેતરમાં બંધાવી આપેલ છે. મહુડી જાય છે તેમજ અંબાજી પદયાત્રા સંધમાં અંબાજી જતાં પદયાત્રીઓ માટે સુંદર વિશામના સ્થળ તરીકે પણ કેલાસધામનો વિશાસ થઈ રહ્યો છે. આ ધાર્મિકોને રાગી નિવાસ ભોજન અને અલ્યાહારની વ્યવસ્થા પદયાત્રાના સમપયાથા દરમ્યાન કરવામાં આવે છે.





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## राजपूतों की वंशावली

"दस रवि से दस चन्द्र से, बारह ऋषिज प्रमाण, चार हुतासन सौ भये, कुल छत्तिस वंश प्रमाण  
भौमवंश से थाकरे टांक नाग उनमान, चौहानी चौबीस बंटे कुल बासठ वंश प्रमाण."

अर्थ:-दस सूर्य वंशीय क्षत्रिय, दस चन्द्र वंशीय, बारह ऋषि वंशी एवं चार अग्नि वंशीय कुल छत्तिस क्षत्रिय वंशों का प्रमाण है, बाद में भौमवंश, नागवंश क्षत्रियों को सामने करने के बाद जब चौहान वंश चौबीस अलग-अलग वंशों में जाने लगा तब क्षत्रियों के बासठ अंशों का प्रमाण मिलता है।

नाम	गोत्र	वंश	स्थान और जिला	शाखायें
उदमतिया	वत्स	ऋषि	आजमगढ गोरखपुर	
कछनिया	शाण्डिल्य	ऋषि	अवध के जिलों में	
कछवाहा	गौतम, वशिष्ठ, मानव	सूर्य	जयपुर और म्वातियर राज्य	जसावत, घोडेवाहा, कासिब, मोनस, नगबक, नरोनी, जोतियाना, भुटियाना
कटहरिया	वशिष्ठ, भारद्वाज	सूर्य	बरेली बंदायूं मुरादाबाद शहाजहांपुर	
कटोच	कश्यप	चन्द्र	राजानादोन कोटकांगडा	
कनपुरिया	भारद्वाज	ऋषि	पूर्व में अवध के जिलों में हैं	भनवग
करचुल हेहय	कृष्णात्रेय	चन्द्र	बतिया फ़ैजाबाद अवध	
काकन	भृगु	ऋषि	गाजीपुर आजमगढ	
कोशिक	कोशिक	चन्द्र	बतिया, आजमगढ, गोरखपुर	
गर्गवंशी	गर्ग	ऋषि	आजमगढ, नरसिंहपुर सुल्तानपुर, अवध, बस्ती, फ़ैजाबाद	
गहरवार	कश्यप	सूर्य	माडा हरदोई उत्राव बांदा पूर्व	राठोड, बुन्देला, काठी
गहतोत	बेजवापेण	सूर्य	मथुरा कानपुर और पूर्वी जिले	गोहिल, आहड़िया
गौतम	गौतम	ऋषि	फ़तेहपुर	
गौर, गौड	भारद्वाज	सूर्य	शिवगढ रायबरेली कानपुर लखनऊ	सुकेत, पिपरिया, अमोठिया
चन्देल	चान्द्रायन	चन्द्र	गिद्धौर, कानपुर, फ़र्रुखाबाद, बुन्देलखंड, पंजाब, गुजरात	
चौपटखम्ब	कश्यप	ऋषि	जौनपुर	
चौहान	वत्स	अग्नि	राजपूताना पूर्व और सर्वत्र	हाडा, खींची, सोनीगारा, पाविया, पुरबिया, संचोरा, मे लवाल, भदौरिया, निर्वाण, मतानी, धुरा, मडरेवा, सनी खेची, वारेखा, पसेरिया, बातेखा, रूसिया, चांदा, निकू म, भावर, छछेरिया, उजवानिया, देवडा, बनकर
छोकर	अत्रय	चन्द्र	अलीगढ मथुरा बुत-दशहर	
जनवार	कोशल्य	चन्द्र	बलरामपुर अवध के जिलों में	
जरोतिया	व्याघ्रपद	चन्द्र	बुत-दशहर	
जादोन	अत्रय	चन्द्र	करोली	जादवा
जोहिया	पाराशर	चन्द्र	पंजाब देश मे	
झाला	मरीच, कश्यप, मार्कण्डे	चन्द्र	धागधरा मेवाड झालावाड कोटा	
टांक (तत्तक)	शौनिक	नाग	मेनपुरी और पंजाब	
डोगरा	कश्यप	सूर्य	कश्मीर राज्य और बतिया	
तुलवा	आत्रेय	चन्द्र	राजाविजयनगर	
तोमर	अत्रय, व्याघ्र, गर्गय	चन्द्र	पाटन के राव तंवरघार जिला म्वातियर	किसनातिल, जाटू, द्वार, इन्दौरिया
दहिया	गौतम	ऋषि	मारवाड में जोधपुर	
दाहिमा	गर्गय	ऋषि	काठियावाड राजपूताना	
दिविखत	कश्यप	ऋषि	बुन्देलखंड	तरकड, खाती, दुर्गवंशी, बिलखरिया



नाम	गोत्र	वंश	स्थान और जिला	शाखायें
दोबर(दोनवार)	वत्स या कश्यप	ऋषि	गाजीपुर बलिया आजमगढ़ गोरखपुर	
ध्वस्त	यमदाग्नि	ऋषि	जौनपुर आजमगढ़ बनारस	
धाकरे	भारद्वाज(भृगु)	भीम	आगरा मथुरा मेनपुरी इटावा हरदोई बुलन्दशहर	
ननका	कोशल्य	चन्द्र	जौनपुर जिला	
निकुम्भ	वशिष्ठ,भारद्वाज	सूर्य	मऊ गोरखपुर आजमगढ़ हरदोई जौनपुर गाजीपुर बस्ती	श्रीनेत
पडियारिया,	देवल,सांकृतसाम	ऋषि	राजपूताना	
परमार/ पंवार	वशिष्ठ	अग्नि	मालवा मेवाड धौलपुर पूर्व में बलिया	डोडिया, धेकाहा, भाले, उजने, गिदवरिया,चावडा,वर्तमान कुमावत,अहवन बरगाही, तखी, तिसहिया, कतहंस
परिहार	कोशल्य	अग्नि	बांदा जिला	
पालीवार	व्याघ्र	चन्द्र	गोरखपुर	
पुण्डीर	कपिल	ऋषि	पंजाब गुजरात रीवा यू.पी.	
बंधतगोती	भारद्वाज	ऋषि	अमेठी,सुल्तानपुर	
बढगूजर	वशिष्ठ	सूर्य	अनूपशहर एटा अलीगढ़ मेनपुरी मुरादाबाद हिसार गुडगांव जयपुर	लौतमिया
बल्ला	भारद्वाज,कश्यप	सूर्य	काठियावाड में मिलते हैं	
बिसेन	अत्रय,वत्स,भारद्वाज, पाराशर,शान्दिल्य	ऋषि	गोरखपुर गोंडा प्रतापगढ़ में हैं	बमटेला
भाटी	अत्रय	चन्द्र	जेसलमेर	
भृगुवंशी	भार्गव	ऋषि	कानास, बलिया, आजमगढ़, गोरखपुर	
मोरी	ब्रह्मगौतम	सूर्य	मथुरा, आगरा, धौलपुर	
यदुवंशी	अत्रय	चन्द्र	राजकरोती राजपूताने में	जाडेचा, सुर्वेया, जेसवार, डाबी, खरकड, खगार, छोकर
रक्षेत	कश्यप	सूर्य	रीवा राज्य में बघेलखंड	
राठोड	गौतम,कश्यप,भारद्वाज,शान्दिल्य	सूर्य	जोधपुर, बीकानेर,किशनगढ़ और पूर्व ओर मालवा	उदावत, जायस, सलपोखरिया
रायजादे	पाराशर	चन्द्र	पूर्व अवध में	
रेकवार	भारद्वाज	सूर्य	बहरायच सीतापुर बाराबंकी	
कनाफर	पाराशर,कश्यप	चन्द्र	बुन्देलखंड बांदा बनारस	पठानिया
वाञ्छित	अत्रयवञ्छित	चन्द्र	मथुरा बुलन्दशहर शाहजहाँपुर	
वैस	भारद्वाज	सूर्य	आजमगढ़ उन्नाव रायबरेली मेनपुरी पूर्व में	बहरेलिया, चन्दोसिया, भातेसुल्तान
शोनक	शोन या भृगु	ऋषि	इलाहाबाद परगना मह	
सिंहेत	कश्यप	सूर्य	आजमगढ़ परगना मोहम्दाबाद	
सिकरवार	भारद्वाज	सूर्य	ग्वालियर, आगरा और उत्तरप्रदेश में	
सिरसवार	अत्रय	चन्द्र	बुन्देलखंड	
सितार	शौनिक	चन्द्र	सूरत राजपूतानी	
सिसोदिया	बेजवापेड	सूर्य	उदयपुर	
सुरवार	गर्ग	सूर्य	काठियावाड में	
सूर्यवंशी	भारद्वाज	सूर्य	बुलन्दशहर आगरा मेरठ अलीगढ़	दीत्त
सैंगर	गौतम	ऋषि	जगन्बनपुर भरेह इटावा जालौन	किनवार, बरहिया
सोमवंशी	अत्रय	चन्द्र	प्रतापगढ़ और जिला हरदोई	वेनवंशी, पलवार, सरगेया
सोतंकी	भारद्वाज	अग्नि	राजपूताना मालवा सोरो जिला एटा	बघेल, टडेया, कटारिया
हरद्वार	भार्गव	चन्द्र	आजमगढ़	

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# RANA NJ Picnic 2017

The weather Gods were in agreement with the RANA-NJ PICNIC that was organized on September 9th, 2017 at Thompson Park, Monroe, NJ.

This was a free event and the food, beverages and entertainment were arranged by the RANA Members.

The Picnic started as the women took charge of the frying and men fired up the grill. Lunch was also catered at the event followed by which, the Chapter President invited new members to introduce themselves.

The park had a swing set for kids and also a petting zoo. The location had a good mix of amenities for all age groups.









आओ साथी पग बढ़ाएं, - आशा सिंह

आओ साथी पग बढ़ाएं,  
सृष्टि के अनुपम डगर पर ॥  
पग पग पर ठोकर लगेगी,  
तू किसी से पर न डर,  
सिर उठाके दम लगा के,  
जूझ तू होकर निडर ॥  
बह रहा है लहू तेरे रग-रग में,  
किस वंश का,  
पृथ्वीराज, राणाप्रताप,  
और जयसिंह का,  
यादकर कुर्बानिया और,  
देशहित उत्थान का,  
कर ले कुछ सहयोग सेवा,  
इस राजपूत समाज का ॥  
वीर भी है धीर भी है,  
योग्यता शैक्षिक भी है,  
देश वंश समाज को,  
कैसे बढ़ाये,  
सोचना राजनैतिक भी है ॥  
उठो जागो सोचो और आगे कदम बढ़ाओ,  
कुछ कमजोर है कुछ लाचार है,  
कुछ बेबस और बीमार हैं,  
हाथ पकड़ो उनका और कदम से कदम मिलाओ ॥





**As we move forward we expect more participation from RANA Biradari and RANA Youth, so feel free to share your ideas with committee members.**

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**In case you are not receiving information about our upcoming events, then please update your contact information by sending across an email to**

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**Thanks for reading the magazine and we hope that you will act as a RANA Ambassador to spread the word out and make our organization even Bigger and Better!!**



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