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આડી ચાવી

૧. ભારતનું National bird. (૨ અક્ષર)
૨. ગુજરાતનું એક શેહેર. (૫ અક્ષર)
૩. Goat ને ગુજરાતીમાં _____ કહે છે. (૩ અક્ષર)

ઉભી ચાવી

૪. ગુજરાતીમાં Toy ને _____ કહે છે. (૪ અક્ષર)
૫. ત્રણ પહોળાવાળું વાહન. (૨ અક્ષર)

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Decode This

૧. ખાસડા કટર
૨. સર સર સઘર
૩. મારીદુ, કાનમાંઉ!!! તમચે વડોવે, ચાપ છે

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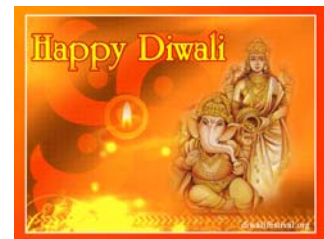
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આપ સૌ ને, ગજરાતી સમાજ ઓફ ડિટ્રોઇટ તરફથી નૂતન વર્ષની અનેક શુભેચ્છાઓ !!

COMMUNITY SECTION

Scholarship Funds

Gujarati Samaj of Detroit would like to thank Dr. Deepa, Dr. Kamlesh and Dr. Anand Parekh who have generously contributed \$1,000 to the 2007 GSOD Scholarship Fund. Not only are they contributing this year, but have made a generous commitment to donate \$1,000 each year in 2008, 2009 and 2010.

Their \$4,000 total commitment to the GSOD Scholarship fund will encourage high school students of GSOD and will go a long way in shaping our youth's careers. Samaj greatly appreciates their long term commitment and support. As a non-profit organization we rely on individuals, business and corporate donations and it's people like them that deliver and support us, even without GSOD reaching out to them.

The Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees of GSOD 'THANK YOU' for your support.

2007 GSOD Annual Golf Tournament was full day and complete fun filled event on September 30 with huge turnout of around 50 Golfer along with more than 20 novice Golfers. 2007 Golf Tournament was sponsored by Mr. Mike Chaudhary – DMC Constructions, Inc.. Weather also very well co-operated with this year's GSOD Golf tournament outing. Golf Schedule started first with Golf Training from Mr. Bob Ackermann (PGA Golf Pro) at 11 am. Bob showed the Golf basics with moves, tip and also answered some question from the group. Great Bellacino's Grinders' Lunch was kindly provided by from Mr. Girish Patel. After lunch, 18 holes tournament started with scramble options among 12 foursomes at around 12.15 pm and last foursome completed their 18th hole at around 7.30 pm.

Golf Tournament Award ceremony was conducted at Priya restaurant (in FH) and total 11 trophies were awarded to Golf winners' for multiple categories followed by delicious dinner at Priya. GSOD EC and BOT committees appreciate Mr. Mike Chaudhary for his Golf tournament sponsorship, Mr. Girish Patel for Grinder's Lunch and Ms. Shirisha for Priya Restaurant's delicious dinner, Mr. Dhirubhai Patel's technical assistance for the 2007 Golf Tournament, volunteers and mainly all the enthusiastic Golfers.



Dandia Dhamaal—A evening to remember!!!!

Navratri—a evening of raas, garba and of course, **Dandia Dhamaal**. Gujarati Samaj's Dandia Dhamaal attracted a crowd of **over 1,400 people** who celebrated Navratri on Saturday, October 13 at U of M FieldHouse Arena. To be in Dearborn Gymnasium filled with record number of participants and spectators wearing colorful Gujarati dresses and dancing on the vibrant beats was to witness Gujarat at her best. Navratri is the festival that combines religious, devotional, cultural and recreational activity.

The fusion of traditional and modern music provided by Malhar group was at its peak and every one had gala time. The overnight extravaganza was worth witnessing for pomp, a splendor and exhilaration that permeated everywhere. The evening began at 7pm and number of people took advantage of the training provided by the committee volunteers. The paypal on-line ticket buyers breezed 'in' as they already had their tickets on hand and this was a huge plus for all involved.

Several competitions were held which fueled the energy into dancers and spectators. Samaj raffled of gift cards in exchange for e-mail addresses for Samaj's e-blast announcements. Bombay Boutique was our generous sponsor and we would like to thank them for their financial contribution. We would like to thank Patel Brothers for their generous contribution in providing samaj with 'prasad'.

Kids were provided with free food, which kept them full and entertained though the whole night. Refreshment provided by Swaminarayan temple was zesty and filling.

The EC and BOT team members really enjoyed seeing everyone having a gala time. Thank you to all our members and guests who shared their excitement and provided us with great feedback. We thank you for attending and making Navratri a great success.

We look forward to seeing you at our Diwali Celebrations. See you on Saturday, November 3rd.

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સૌથી પહેલો known ગુજરાતી કોણ?

આપણો આદિ ગુજરાતી કોણ? સૌ પ્રથમ ગુજરાતી કોણ? કોનું નામ આપશો?... કોઈ રાજાનું?... કોઈ દેશ ભક્તનું?... let's see. ગુજરાતની પ્રજાનો ઇતિહાસતો ઘણો જુનો છે. આંખ બંધ કરીને વિચારો - ગુજરાતીઓ એ કેવા અદભુત કામો કર્યા છે. પાછલા ૧૦૦ વર્ષોના ઇતિહાસમાંથી જ મોહનદાસ કરમચંદ ગાંધી એવો મહામાનવ થઈ ગયો જેણે વિશ્વમાં પથરાયેલા બ્રિટિશ એમ્પાયરનો એક લાકડી પણ ઉપાડ્યા વિના સંપૂર્ણ વિરોધ કરી નાખ્યો, વિફ્રમ સરાભાઈનો શરુ કરેલો સ્પેસ પ્રોગ્રામ આજે ભારતને વિશ્વના કોમર્શીયલ સ્પેસ પ્રોગ્રામ નું નેતૃત્વ આપ્યું છે. જેમ જેમ ગુજરાતનાં ઇતિહાસની ગલીઓ વટાવતા જઈએ એમ ખ્યાલ આવશે કે સુગમ અને દુર્ગમ કોઈ પણ પ્રકારનાં સંજોગોમાં ગુજરાતીઓ હમેશા અગ્રેસર રહ્યા છે. આપણી ગુજરાતની ખમીરવંતી ધરાનું ગૌરવ બરાબર જાળવ્યું છે. સરદારની કુટનીતિ અને ડો. કુશીયનની અમુલ ડેરી બન્ને, દેશને માટે આર્થિક રૂપ નિવડ્યાં છે. ગુજરાતનાં ઇતિહાસની પગદંડી અપણને અમદાવાદની સ્થાપનાની સસલા અને કુતરાની કથાથી માંડીને સોમનાથનાં ધ્વંસ સુધીની બધીજ કથા સંભળાવશે.

સોમનાથના ધ્વંસની વાત આપણા માનસ પટલ ભ્રમરથી કદાચ ભુંસાઈ ગઈ હશે. સોમનાથનું મંદીર લગભગ સાત વખત અલગ અલગ આક્રમણકારીઓ દ્વારા વિનાશ થયા બાદ ફરી બંધાયું. જરા વિચારો આપણા પૂર્વજો કેવા સક્ષમ હતા જેણે પેઢી દર પેઢી સોમનાથનું મંદીર ફરી બાંધ્યું. સોમનાથ મંદીરના વિનાશ અને પૂનઃ સર્જનમાં કેટલા વીરો શહીદ થયા હશે. આપણા જીવન કાળમાં ૨૦૦૧ માં આપણે એક વિનાશ જોયો છે. આપણે સમજી શકીએ છીએ પૂનઃ સર્જન એ કેવું કપરુ કામ છે.

ગુજરાતની ધરાનું ગૌરવ આવા સફળ ગુજરાતીઓએ વધાર્યું છે. આ બધી વાતો અને વિચારો કરતાં કદાચ એક સહજ પ્રશ્ન થાય કે - આપણો આદિ ગુજરાતી કોણ? સૌ પ્રથમ ગુજરાતી કોણ? કોનું નામ આપશો?... સિધ્ધરાજ જયસિંહ?... નરસિંહ મહેતા?... મૂળરાજ સોલંકી?... ના. આપણા ગુજરાતનો ઇતિહાસ શરુ થાય છે કૃષ્ણની દ્વારિકાથી. ભગવાન શ્રી કૃષ્ણને આદિ ગુજરાતી ગણાવવા એ વાત ભરો ભર મેળની છે. આપણે કૃષ્ણથી પહેલાનાં ગુજરાત વિશે ખાસ કંઈ જાણતા નથી. શ્રી કૃષ્ણએ મથુરા છોડી ગુજરાતનાં દરિયા કિનારે દ્વારિકા વસાવી. ગુજરાતની ભૂમિને પાવન કરી અને ભમદા સંસ્કાર અને પરંપરાઓનું સિંચન કર્યું. કદાચ એજ પાવન પગલાંનાં પરિણામે આપણી ધરતી નરસિંહ મહેતા, ગાંધી, સરદાર, અને વિફ્રમ સરાભાઈ, જેવા મહાગુજરાતીઓ ને સર્જી રહી છે.

જો શ્રી કૃષ્ણએ ગુજરાતને એમની કર્મભુમી ન બનાવી હોત, તો મીરાંભાઈ અને નરસિંહ મહેતા એના પ્રભુને શોધવા ક્યાં જાત? ગુજરાતી એવ્યમ જેવું “વૈષ્ણવ જન તો, તેને રે કહીએ ...”, ન સર્જ્યું હોત તો ગાંધીજીને પ્રેરણા શેમાંથી મળી હોત? કૃષ્ણથી માંડીને વિફ્રમ સરાભાઈ સુધીનાં બધા ગુજરાતીઓ ભગવદ ગીતાના ઉપદેશોને જાણતા અજાણતા જીવનમાં લેતારેને જીવી ગયા. આપણે એટલું તો કરીએ જ કે આપણા બાળકોને ગુજરાતની આ પરંપરાઓ અને સંસ્કારથી પરિચિત કરાવીએ. દ્વારિકા એ ફક્ત પૂરાણ કથા નથી. સોમનાથનું મંદીર વિનાશ અને નવસર્જનમાંથી સાત વાર પસાર થયું છે. ગાંધીની કથા અદભુત છે. નરસિંહ મહેતા એ ફક્ત કવી નથી, સમાજ સુધારક છે અને ગુજરાતનો સાંસ્કૃતિક વારસો આપનાર છે. આપણા બાળકોને ગુજરાતથી વાકેફ કરી સાચા ગુજરાતી બનાવીએ.

- વૈશાલી ભટ્ટ

Mayank Parikh, our Past President and 2007 Board of Trustee member, has recently moved to Dallas, TX. All of us on the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees, thank him for his commitment, dedication and contribution to Samaj and wishes him and his family all the best in their future endeavors.

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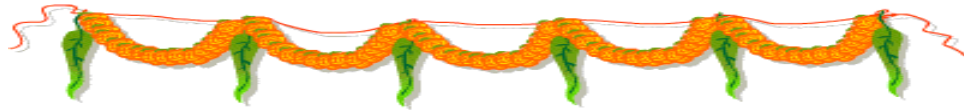
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નૂતન વર્ષથી Cost Cutting શરુ !!

જ્યેન્તીને થયું કે “આખી દુનીયા cost cutting કરે છે, તો હું કેમ નહીં ?? આજે બેસતું વર્ષ છે. હુંડો લ્યા, ... આજથીજ cost cutting ચાલું કરી દઈયે ...!!” એમ વિચારી જ્યેન્તી સિધો ફરસાણવાળાની દુકાને પહોંચી ગયો...

જ્યેન્તી: “ભઈ ... ફાફડા ચ્યમ આલ્યા?”
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 જ્યેન્તી: “અને ચટણી ??”
 દુકાનવળો: “ચટણી મફત.”
 જ્યેન્તી: “હારુ તારે લાવો, કીલો ચટણી આલો.”



DIWALI STORY

The other day, when I came back from school, all of our living room furniture was in our yard. I got really scared. I asked mom, "Mom, what happened?"

Mom said, "Oh, nothing. Navaratri is done, Dashera is gone and now it is time for Diwali Cleaning".

I asked, "Diwali Cleaning? I have heard of Spring Cleaning, but what is this Diwali Cleaning?"

Mom said, "Let me explain. Diwali is the most important **festival** in our Gujarati calendar and the day after Diwali is our New Year. We have to prepare and get ready to welcome the New Year with full spirit. Just like how we prepare for your birthday by planning a party, inviting all your friends, making goody bags, etc., we have to prepare for Diwali too. The first thing we do is make everything sparkling clean."

"Now I know what Diwali Cleaning is", I told mom. I and my brother got very excited and ran up to our room and started cleaning it. She didn't even have to tell us this time. After we were done cleaning our room, we helped mom and dad to clean the rest of the house. It took us the whole weekend to do it. We cleaned every inch of it. The house looked sparkling clean.

I told mom, "Haash, now we are ready for Diwali."

Mom said, "Are you kidding? I still have to make all kinds of **snacks** and **sweets**, write and mail Diwali cards, buy gifts, buy divda, and the list goes on and on." For the next couple of days, the kitchen smelled soooo good. Mom made Mathia, Chevdo, Masala Puri, Cholafali, Khakhra, Ghari, Ghooghra, Barfi, Ladoo, and Gol Papdi. My favorite is Chevdo and Gol Papdi.

A couple of days later when dad came back from work, he brought a whole bunch of boxes with strings of **lights** in them. My little brother asked, "Wow! Is it Christmas already?"

I said, "No silly, it is Diwali." Then I helped dad put up the lights all over the house. When we turned them on, it looked really cool.

Then dad said, "Tomorrow, I have a surprise for you guys."

Dad and mom were very excited the next day. Dad took us to a store to buy fireworks. Me and my brother went crazy in the store and got a lot of fireworks. That was not all. From the fireworks store, we went to the airport. The real surprise was there. Our Dada, Ba, and cousin brother came from India to celebrate Diwali with us. This Diwali is getting better and better. In the car, my brother asked our cousin, "Bhai, are you going to miss school for so many days?"

Our cousin said, "In India, everyone gets Diwali vacation. There are no schools for a whole month during this time."

When we reached home, mom was getting all the colorful little diva ready. We put rows of divda on the windowsills, balcony, porch, and patio. Dada said, "In India, during Diwali, almost every home, store, streets, and even public buildings are lit with bright colourful lights, diva, kandeel (lantern), etc." Now I know why Diwali is called the Festival of Lights.

That Saturday, we took part in the **rangoli** competition at the mandir. Mom explained that In India, people draw rangoli at the entrance of the house to bring good luck. After the competition, we all had pizza, and when it got dark, everyone went to the parking lot to do fireworks. Grown-ups did the big fireworks and kids got to do the sparklers. My cousin said, "In India, we burst a lot of fireworks. We have rockets, spinners, fountains, bombs, little guns with rolls of poppers, and many other kinds. Bright, colourful and loud fireworks create an atmosphere of joyful fun and noise in every neighbourhood."

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Next week was Diwali. Ba and dada explained to us that Diwali is celebrated over a number of days. Each day has its own significance. First day is Rama Ekadashi. It is a very holy day and a lot of people fast on this day. Next day is Vaagh Baaras. People do puja of cows on this day. Also, those who own a business "close" their books on this day and don't do any transactions till the New Year. During these days of Diwali, the whole house had a magical feeling. We woke up early; ba did puja of our Je Je Bhagawan and gave us yummy prasada; dada played nice music on the CD player; dad got fresh flowers every morning; ba and mom made beautiful rangolis in the morning and lit all the lights and divda in the evening; and we got to eat all those mithai and naasto that mom made. We almost didn't feel like going to school. I wish I also had a Diwali Vacation like bhai.



Next day is **Dhan Teras**. On this day, people do puja of goddess Laxmi. We also did Laxmi Pujan in the evening. Everyone wore new clothes. We first washed a murti of Laxmiji and a few coins with water, then put kum-kum and rice on them and then all the grown-ups said some prayers. We all had a special prasada called panchamrut. Outside, on the driveway, we did the most fun part- fireworks! Later dada told us that all those diva guided goddess Laxmi to come to our house and by doing **Laxmi Pujan**, we asked goddess Laxmi to give us good health, happiness & prosperity. Washing of Laxmi on Dhan Teras day also acts as a reminder to us to aim for purity in our thoughts and deeds.

Next day is Kaali Chaudas. Ba told us a story of Lord Krishna and a demon called Narakasur. On this day, thousands of years ago, Krishna Bhagawan killed Narakasur and freed sixteen thousand princesses whom Narakasur had kidnapped. So, every year on this day, we remember and celebrate this victory. We had dahi vada for dinner, lit the lamps and burst some more firecrackers with our cousin.

Next day is the Diwali day. Ba told us a story of Lord Ram. Many years ago, Ram, the beloved prince of Ayodhya fought a big battle with the evil King Ravan of Sri Lanka who had kidnapped Sita, Ram's wife. Ram, Laxman, and Hanuman with the help of entire army of monkeys fought with Ravan's army. Ram killed Ravan and freed Sita. Victorious Lord Ram and Sita came back to Ayodhya on this day. The whole city of Ayodhya was lit with lamps to welcome them. There was joy everywhere. Thus the day of Diwali is celebrated all over the world to signify triumph of good over evil. It is also the last day of the Hindu year, known as Vikram Samvat. Dada told us that on Diwali day, businessmen do puja of their new account books before the start of the New Year for good luck. It is called Chopda Pujan. At many places in India, it is like "bring your family to work day". Along with Chopda Pujan, they have a big dinner, all friends and families meet and greet each other, exchange gifts, and have a great time. The festivities of the day end with..... of course, **fireworks**! Lots and lots of fireworks. That evening, we too went for a Diwali dinner party at a friend's house. When we went to bed, ba reminded us of the promise we made her. We promised her that we would wake up really early the next day.



Even though next day was a Saturday, we kept our promise because it was the New Year Day. Everyone else was already ready when we woke up. Ba had already finished her puja. Dad had hung a beautiful toran of fresh flowers and leaves on the front door. Bhisimillah Khan's melodious tunes put on by dada filled the air.

Phone was constantly off the hook. Either mom was calling all the relatives and friends to wish them **Saal Mubarak** or they were calling us. We quickly got ready and wore the new Indian clothes that our aunt had sent for us. Then me and my brother bowed to dada, ba, dad, and mom and got their blessings. I don't know why but everyone gave us money! We didn't complain. Then all of us went to the **mandir**. We prayed to Je Je Bhagawan that let this New Year bring hope and promise of good things. There were a lot of people at the mandir. We wished everyone Saal Mubarak.

After we came back from the mandir, we went to our friends' houses in the neighborhood to wish everyone Saal Mubarak. We spent the rest of the day playing with our cousin and other friends. It was a lot of fun. Ba told us another story about Lord Krishna.

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“દિવાળીના દિવસમાં ઘર ઘર દીવા થાય
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The Five days of Diwali

Diwali, also called Deepavali, is a major Indian festival that is very significant in Hinduism. Known as the "Festival of Lights," it symbolizes the victory of good over evil, and lamps (called diyas or kandils) are lit as a sign of celebration and hope for humankind. Celebrations focus on lights and lamps, particularly traditional dipa or deeya. Fireworks are associated with the festival. Diwali is a colloquial name used in North India, while the festival is formally called Deepavali in South India. Diwali is celebrated over five days in most of North India. All the days except Diwali are named using the designation in the Indian calendar. A lunar half-month is 15 days. Diwali as a new-moon day, marks the last day of a 15-day period.

Diwali being festival of lights, across India people celebrate it via symbolic diyas or kandils (colorful paper lanterns) as an integral part of Diwali decorations.

1)Dhan-trayodashi or Dhanteras: Dhan means "wealth" and Trayodashi means "13th day". Thus, as the name implies, this day falls on the 13th day of the second half of the lunar month. It is an auspicious day for shopping.

2)Naraka Chaturdasi: Chaturdasi is the fourteenth day on which demon Narakasura was killed. It signifies the victory of good over evil and light over darkness (**Gujarati: Kali Chaudas**). In south India, this is the actual day of festivities. Hindus wake up way before dawn as early as 2.00 in the morning, have a fragrant oil bath and wear new clothes. They light small lamps all around the house and draw elaborate kolams /rangolis outside their homes.

3)Diwali: the actual day of Diwali, is celebrated on the third day of the festival, when the moon completely wanes and total darkness sets in the night sky.

4)Govardhan Puja or also called Annakut, is celebrated as the day Krishna defeated Indra. For Annakut a mountain of food is decorated symbolizing Govardhan mountain lifted by Lord Krishna.

5)Bhayiduj (also Bhayaduj, Bhaubeej or Bhayitika) — on this day, brothers and sisters meet to express their love and affection for each other (Gujarati: Bhai Bij, Bengali: Bhai Phota). Most Indian festivals bring together families, Bhaiduj brings together married sisters and brothers, and is a significant festive day for them

Source: wiki.com

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Once, on this day, he lifted Govardhan Mountain with his little finger to rescue all the villagers from a big rain storm. Therefore, in many temples, on this day, there is Annakut puja. Mountain of food is offered to Lord Krishna and there is a big feast. Later, that food is given to all devotees as prasad. After lunch, we opened our Diwali **gifts**. When we opened the box, we couldn't believe our eyes. Dad and mom had gotten us a Nintendo Wii. I and my brother went berserk. Diwali is just out of this world. Good food, good clothes, good stories, good gifts, and lots of fun with family and friends! I wish **Diwali** lasts for the whole year.

— Jesal Shah

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10:59 AM – 12:22 PM	10:30 AM – 11:26 AM
3:08 PM – 5:57 PM	1:18 PM – 4:06 PM
7:34 PM – 9:11 PM	5:02 PM – 5:56 PM

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Decode This (Answers)

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૩. મારી દુકાનમાં ઉત્તમ ચેવડો વેચાય છે.

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- **The Diwali Program is strictly for current Gujarati Samaj members only.** Non-members must become members prior to ordering tickets for the program.
- If you like to sit with your friends / relatives, then send all the completed forms with checks in one envelop. *Each family must submit a separate ticket request form.* We will verify the membership before sending tickets to you.
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Contact between 7 PM – 9 PM:

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Mark your calendars: Diwali Program – Saturday, November 3rd 2007 @ 5:00 pm

4 – 5 PM Diwali Puja

5 – 6.45 PM Dinner

7.00 PM onwards Diwali Program

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2007-2008 Gujarati Samaj Youth Election Update

Gujarati Samaj had its 2007-2008 Gujarati Samaj Youth (GSY) elections on Sunday, September 16th, 2007. 16 young members from the community submitted nominations forms for various GSY positions.

We are happy to introduce the 2007-2008 GSY team to all our GSOD members:

Directors:	Nimmi Patel and Kimi Patel	Co-Director:	Ferique Kothari
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On behalf of EC & BOT members, we congratulate the new GSY team and wish them all the best for the upcoming year. Samaj looks forward for an active participation from our youth members and we know they will excel in anything they do.

Chandrika Patel, EC coordinator for GSY will work with the new GSY team.

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DIWALI Word Search

Find words related to Diwali in this puzzle

Words are written in **bold** in the article on pages 6, 10 and 11.

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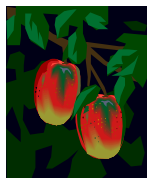
દિવાળીની yummy!! વાનગી - બદામનો શીરો

Ingredients:

૧ ½ કપ બદામ (આખી રાત પલળેલી), ૩ કપ ગરમ દુધ, ૨૫૦ ગ્રામ ઘી, 1/2 થી 1/3 કપ ખાંડ.

Method:

બદામને ઘોલો, ઘુસો, અને ગ્રાઇન્ડ કરી fine paste બનાવો. તવામાં ઘી ગરમ કરો. ઘી ગરમ થયાબાદ તવામાં બદામની પેસ્ટ ઉ મેરો. પહેલા slow અને ત્યાર બાદ high flame ઉપર cook થવા દો. એ દમ્યાં શીરાને સતત હલાવવાનું ચાલું રાખો. શીરો થોડો brown થયા બાદ ગરમ દુધ નાખી હલાવો. શીરો થોડો thick થતો દેખાય ત્યારે ખાંડ નાખો અને પછી પાછી cook થવાદો. શીરો બરાબર cook થઈ જાઈ પછી, શીરાને chopped nuts થી decorate કરી ગરમ serve કરો.



Mango Pie

Ingredients:

3 cups water in a pot, 1/2 cup water in glass bowl, 3 packets of Knox unflavoured gelatin-(one box holds 4 packets), 8 oz cool whip, 8 oz cream cheese, 16 oz can of mango pulp, 1/2 cup or a little less of sugar

Method:

Boil 3 cups of water. Place 3 gelatin packets into 1/2 cup cold water and stir. Add the now liquid gelatin into the 3 cups boiling water. Remove the boiling water from the stove and let cool for 5-10 minutes. Add all ingredients into the blender until smooth. Pour into pie shells and refrigerate for 3 hours.

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shining sword and dark surprised deity,
reminds me of Kali Puja on this Diwali evening,

Flickering little earthen lamps,
no match to decorative electric lights,
eliminate darkness from the night and hearts,
arouses feeling of hope for the future in the world of darkness.

Colorful paper streamers, and sky lanterns,
homes shining with fresh paint in vibrant colors,
the beauty and charm of decorations,
makes the eyes and mind go wild with vivid imaginations.

Sparklers, rockets, spinners and fireworks,
brings excitement and adventure in the minds of young at hearts,
The appetite for Laddoo and sweets offered in Ganesh and Laxmi Puja, starts a sweet happy new year to most of us..

Sandhya(Darkness) and Prakash(Light) make up the legendary love story, Sandhya bids farewell to Prakash every evening with dusky eyes, Prakash awakens Sandhya every morning with the bright and happy sunrise,

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-Anonymous

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