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FAREWELL FUNCTION OF PRINCIPAL SHRI J.R.TRIVEDI WE ONLY PART TO MEET AGAIN!

By Avni Shah
"Life brings us together for a special reason. Instead of being prisoners of the past, let us be architects of the future!"

It has been a tradition of Gujarat Law Society to respect its staff, right from their appointment till their retirement. The farewell function jointly organized by the Society and GLS (Smt.M.R.Parikh) Institute of Commerce is one such gesture. It is the generosity of the management, led by Shri Sudhir Nanavati, which makes GLS the most desired place to work at and most painful to depart from!

The Retirement function to bid adieu to Principal J.R. Trivedi was organized at the GLS auditorium. It was an event where Prin. Trivedi was recognized for his lifetime, sincere and honest services. This appreciation was shown not only through words but also through a Memento gifted to him by the GLS Management, the Principals of GLS institutions, and the teaching staff of GLS (Smt.M.R.Parikh) Institute of Commerce. Principal J.R. Trivedi is known for his modesty, simplicity and



humility. His wisdom and knowledge are reflected in his behavior, and are exemplified this quote:

"Great is the art of beginning, but greater is the art of ending!"

The programme began with the felicitations of dignitaries like Shri Sudhir Nanavati, Shri

N.R.Shah, Shri Bhalchandra Joshi and Shri J.R.Trivedi, at the dais. It was followed by beautiful expression of emotions and feelings by Prof. S.S. Sodha and Prof Bhawin Bhatt from GLSIC. It was followed by a speech delivered by Prin Dr. Ashwin Purohit (SMPIC) and another talk by

Prin. Bela Mehta from C.U. Shah Primary School. These talks expressed the memorable experiences of working with Prin Trivedi and carrying out herculean tasks with him. All the principals and staff who worked with Prin Trivedi remember him as a supportive

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INDIA GOES TO VOTE

The idea of being a citizen of the world's largest democracy has a much greater feel-good factor than the reality of it. Ask those who are on polling duty! Nonetheless, there are certain facts about India's elections that even the most skeptical and cynical person would feel proud about. The logistics and the organization to manage the electoral process of the country with the highest voting population in the world, the most varied demography, and the largest number of linguistic, cultural and educational extremes, are truly mind boggling! And the West

thinks India is a chaotic country!

Consider these facts:

10 Crore More Voters: The 16th Lok Sabha polls will witness the largest ever population of eligible voters, led by over 81.4 crore voters, which is more than 10 crore since the last parliamentary election in 2009. Of which, more than 23 million voters comprise of younger generation aged between 18 and 19.

168 million, or about 20%, will be eligible to vote for the first time.

28,314 voters have



registered as transgender. India's transgender community is being recognized for the first time and can vote under 'third sex' or 'others', a category that didn't exist in the last elections

Polling centers: 919,000

polling stations have been set up with approximately 3.6 million electronic voting machines. This is because the Election Commission of India (ECI) has ruled that no one should have to travel more than 2 kilometers (about 1.2 miles) to reach a polling station, and that no polling station should have to manage more than 1,500 voters.

Voting will be held in 10 stages, which will be staggered until May 12, and results are due to be announced on May 16.

Electronic voting machine security includes: transported

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INKED FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME: INDIA'S GEN-NEXT CHOOSES THEIR GOVERNMENT



I was waiting for elections. I was too excited for such an important right and duty. I felt like a grown up.
Jilesh Mistry GLSIC- T.Y.B.Com Student

You can't change the world
 But you can change the facts
 And when you change the facts
 You change points of view
 If you change points of view
 You may give a vote
 And when you give a vote
 You may change the world..
 So I take pride in the first
 voting of my life.
-Apurva Rathi GLSBCA



Naturally I felt like a grown up but I also had this weird and nervous feeling of being responsible for whatever happens in the country in future if my chosen candidate becomes the PM.
Arpita Jaichandani GLSIC- T.Y.B.Com Student

My first voting experience feels great...and the sense of becoming an adult who can take some decisions for the benefit of the society. I was proud to tell people that "Yes, I did my job, did you?" My inked finger continuously reminded me of the responsibility I fulfilled my duty towards my nation...And yes, I by having my head raised high can say, "My Vote Counts".
Nirzari Mehta (GLSBBA)



Can't describe the feeling of first vote!! I used my right and I felt responsible.
Vrunda Sharma GLSIC- T.Y.B.Com Student



I voted for the first time for the better future of the country and it was a wonderful feeling.
-Ansh Patel GLSBCA



I was just thrilled while casting my first ever vote. At the time of casting vote, while I was very happy, but was also feeling very serious and sensitive as my one vote is also contributing in the formation of new government in India which can make a difference in the life of people of India and can make a better India to live in.
Naina Gupta (GLSBBA)

It was a terrific experience to vote for the first time, as it gives inner feeling and satisfaction and the electorate gave us prospect to choose the best governance by our single vote and happy to be part of it.
Mohit Jain NRBBA



GOT INKED!!
I consider myself really lucky because I just turned 18 and the elections happened to occur this year only. So I didn't have to wait and could exercise my right to vote immediately. This being my first voting experience was very special. For the first time I felt like a responsible adult and a proud citizen of this country. This surely was my first vote but not the last vote. I am going to make sure that I vote in every election and fulfill my duty towards my country.
Aishwaryasai Somayajula F.Y. (NRBBA)

Today morning was not just another morning, it was something different. From today onwards, I would be having a power cum responsibility. The power which will allow me to have my own say in this largest democracy of the world. The power to vote. But this power fetches responsibility, in fact, the biggest responsibility any Indian citizen can have. The first vote means sense of responsibility towards the nation. Yes, I was enthralled while going to the voting booth and that feeling went on much higher scale when I finally gave my first vote ever. I take pride in myself every time I look at that indelible ink on my finger. Today I realized that how important my vote is for me and for my nation.
Mahesh Purohit (GLSBBA)



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I feel that every citizen should vote for the better country. I feel proud that the person going to lead us is selected by us and I am one of them.

Dipsi Jain GLSBCA



Looking towards the future and selecting candidate on that basis by giving an vote was an nice experience. As such it was for the first time when I felt that "I am a Voter" and my vote can make a lot of difference.

-Vrunda Patel GLSBCA

I voted first time this year. I was feeling proud as well as little confused about whom to vote for. I was not aware about politics and there were so many candidates were doing road shows, meetings and election campaigns in the city. First I collected information about the candidates who were going to contest from different political parties in my area. After that I went through their past work and their contribution to public service. After checking all this I short listed two candidates for whom I was positive. And then after discussions with my parents and friends, I selected one final candidate.

And I felt a proud to vote. Later, all my friends met and discussed our experiences. We all felt so proud to be true young citizens. We did our duty. I am proud to be an Indian.

Jaimin Khavadiya HACC Sem 2



My first vote: My first independent decision

Generally in our country our parents, our elders use to take all our major decisions. But the Constitution of India showed trust on the YOUTH and gave us the right to vote at 18. We have been taught about governance, parliament, elections etc. In Civics at school, but the first voting experience was very unique. For the first time in my life, I stood in such a long queue and waited for my turn. Showing my voter ID card to electoral officer made me think, "Yes, I have my own identity as a citizen of the world's biggest and strongest Democracy!" I saw police officials were there for the security of our vote, and I understood true meaning of democracy. In front of EVM, I saw the symbols of different political parties and at the end there was a new option NOTA. I was free to take my decision. Nobody was allowed to see what I selected. I have the mark on my figure which made me feel proud to be a mature Indian.

By. Ayushi Jain H.A.C.C



It was my first vote. I was very excited and nervous too. I wondered if I could do it correctly. There was some confusion in my mind. But the staff present at the booth was very helpful. It felt mature, standing in the queue, waiting for my turn. And the mark on my left index finger shows that I am a citizen of India, concerned about the prosperity of my country. This feeling is a cocktail of a proud and exciting experience!

Mallika Kapoor HACC, Sem 2.

This election was my first voting experience. This time was different because I was going to cast my own ballot. It feels great and a sense of becoming an adult who can take some decisions for the benefit of society, I voted first time. I decided to do early voting hoping to avoid a very long wait, but still had to wait in line with a lot of other people. The poll workers gave us some instruction while we were in line. I showed the poll worker our IDs, they checked us in. I am proud to be citizen of biggest democratic country in the world."

Chaitanya Patel - Sem-4, SMPIC



I was eager to turn 18 for a very special reason to do something for my nation and wanted to use my voting right to select a right person to govern my country for the betterment and development of youth and the nation.

Drushiti Shah- Sem-2, SMPIC

The anxiety of first time voting and getting my finger inked was seen to be believed. I got the feeling of accomplishment and completeness after casting my first vote. I have made a promise to myself that I will never skip voting "Come What May" in my entire life time.

Mansi Prajapati -Sem-6, SMPIC



"Democracy is not just the right to vote, it is the right to live in dignity."

- Naomi Klein

"Every election is determined by the people who show up."

- Larry J. Sabato, Pendulum Swing

"[T]he vote is the most powerful instrument ever devised by man for breaking down injustice and destroying the terrible walls which imprison men because they are different from other men."

- Lyndon B. Johnson

Corrigendum

The captions of the photos of GLSICA Toppers of Semester I and V in the April issue of GLS Voice were erroneously exchanged. The caption of Semester I belonged to the picture of Semester V, and vice versa. The error is regretted.

EVENTS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Lil Graduates of C U Shah Preparatory School!

Gone are the days when all children had to do was to pass time playing in the house! These are the 21st century kids, full of ambitions and zeal to do something innovative! They exhibited this passion on stage during the function organized by C U Shah Preparatory School! May these toddler graduates achieve more and more success in future!



GANESH STUTI-LIVE GANESH CREATED BY JUNIOR STUDENTS



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LOOKING VERY PLEASED WITH THE GOLD MEDAL AWARDEE MASTER CHARIT RUPARELIA



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STANDING OVATION FOR THE CHIEF GUEST ENTERING THE VENUE FOLLOWED BY THE PROCESSION OF YOUNG GRADUATES



CHILDREN SPEND MOST OF THE TIME AT SCHOOL. YOUNG TEACHER OFFERS OUR BLOOMING BUDS A NEW PERSPECTIVE TO EDUCATION WHICH WOULD TRANSFORM YOUNG MIND INTO RESPONSIBLE CITIZEN OF TOMORROW.



MASTER KAVISH RUPARELIA WAS AWARDED A GOLD MEDAL FOR HIS EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE IN BOTH ACADEMIC AND EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.



THE YOUNG GRADUATES RECEIVING THE CERTIFICATES OF MERIT BY OUR CHIEF GUEST, SHRI SUDHIR NANAVATI, EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT OF GUJARAT LAW SOCIETY.

INTERESTING INDIA



- The official Sanskrit name for India is Bharat Ganarajya.
- India is the largest

democracy in the world, the 7th largest Country in the world, and one of the most ancient civilizations.

- The largest employer in India is the Indian Railways, employing over a million people.
- Chaturanga—Sanskrit, meaning “four members of an army” was invented in India. Now known all over the world, chess had its

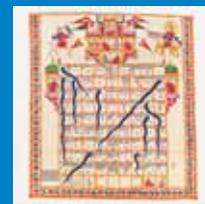


beginnings in India.

- The game of Snakes & Ladders was created by the 13th century poet saint Gyandev. It was originally called ‘Mokshapat’. The

ladders in the game represented virtues and the snakes indicated vices. The game was played with cowrie shells and dices. It appeared

- India has the largest



number of Post Offices in the world.

- The Art of Navigation & Navigating was born in the river Sindh over 6000 years ago. The very

word Navigation is derived from the Sanskrit word ‘NAVGATIH’. The word navy is also derived from the Sanskrit word ‘Nou’.

When (Election) Duty Whispers Low “Thou Must”, the Youth replies “I Can” ...

By Prof. Maitrey Bhagat

On 2nd April I received order from Election Commission which stated that I was appointed as Presiding Officer in Danilimda constituency for Assembly Election 2014 on 30th April, 2014 in Gujarat. At that time the first reaction in my mind was that why should I get the duty because I had such a bad experience of same in 2009, but rules being rules we all had to go

I attended my first training session on 23rd April at Civil hospital where I was briefed about the duties of presiding officer which I would perform before poll, during the poll and after the poll. Here I also trained into using and sealing an EVM machine live.

One day before the poll i.e. on 29th April at Ahmedabad Polytechnic College I was handed over the charge of Behrampura ward under Danilimda constituency in Municipal Community Hall.. I met my team members and my sector officer. Around 1:00 p.m. they hand over the material and EVM to us, after checking all the material we reached Behrampura by 03:00 pm. There we checked the room, and arranged for the entire polling process for the next day. As a



presiding officer it is my duty to keep the EVM and the ballots machine safe, so I had to stay at the same premises.

The polling day i.e 30th April started at 5.30 am, with all the team members reporting in on time . Firstly we had to perform a mock poll, in presence of the agents of different parties, to assure them that the machine was performing to its optimum. After the mock poll the control unit of EVM machine is sealed and secured, in a very special manner. At 7:00 a.m. the poll

was started by few people who had came there to give their votes. My booth only had 236 registered voters so I didn't find such a long queue in my booth. As time progress, voters started thronging the booth and by 1:00 p.m. almost 50% votes were cast . by around 2 to 4 pm the number of voters started dying down, probably because of the heat. We all watched our watches for 6 o'clock and finally it was 6:00 p.m. and I pressed the close button in control unit of EVM machine.

After this the EVM machine was sealed off, and all the necessary paper was completed and sealed with due care, this paper work was in fact the most cumbersome part, but my experience of the 2009 pools came really handy. I reached at receiving center around 9:45 p.m. the arrangements for receiving the EVM machine and all necessary forms was really immaculate. I hand over the EVM machine and other documents to responsible authorities there. Within 30

minutes, say by 10:15 p.m. I received the Duty Reliever Certificate from EC and became free from the given responsible duty. The experience of 2014 compared to 2009 was really good.

At the end I wish that we would get stable government which would rule amicable for next 5 years and we will not have another election before it implying no election duty too.
(Writer is an Asst. Professor at G.L.S. Institute of Business Administration)

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under armed escort and stored in strong rooms, with a double lock system and guarded 24x7 by armed police, and CCTV coverage. Also, parties/candidates will be allowed to keep a watch on them.

Nearly 10 million officials (including police for security) will be deployed.

Malkajgiri in Andhra

Pradesh is the biggest Indian constituency in terms of voters with around 2.95 million electors; Lakshadweep is the smallest with 47,972 voters. In Lower Dibang Valley district of Arunachal Pradesh, Hukani polling station has 22 registered voters. Officials travel 22 km on foot to get there.

The indelible election ink that is applied while electors

cast their votes is manufactured by Mysore Paints & Varnish Limited, a Karnataka government undertaking.

The election will cost about \$5 billion (or 300 billion rupees), according to Centre for Media Studies via Bloomberg. That's 150% more than the last elections in 2009.

In Gujrat's Gir Forest, officials set up a voting booth,

manned by five people for just one voter, Mahant Bharatdas, according to the New York Times.

Around 12K NRIs to Vote for the First Time in History: This Lok Sabha election will feature a set of historic first that will herald a new electoral pattern. Out of which, around 12,000 Non-Resident Indians registered as voters will be

able to exercise their voting rights for the very first time.

So, as you can see, it is not the past of India that brings the country glory; neither is it the future. It is in the here and now, in the present, that we see the glory of India!

Data collected from:

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and gentle person, always encouraging and kind.

Prin. Vadibhai Patel, the Co-ordinator of Commerce Colleges, also delivered a talk on behalf of the GLS Management. He has been a close friend and colleague to Prin. Trivedi. Shri Sudhir Nanavati, Executive Vice-President, GLS, expressed his pride at being the leader of learned, visionary and enthusiastic principals like Prin. Trivedi, whose



contribution to GLS cannot be comprised in words. He

credited all the principals for their dedication, commitment

and sincerity which have resulted in the success of GLS

as a brand name for education. He also credited Prin. J.R.Trivedi for his wisdom, commitment, honesty and kindness, resulting in the growth of GLSIC. He also expressed his earnest desire and readiness to welcome Trivedi sir as a member of GLS any time in the future.

Prin. JR Trivedi is an example of the best kind of principal we could have.

(Writer is an Assistant Professor in Communication Skills at GLSIC)

THE JOURNEY OF THE BALLOT

The ballot is explained as a device used to cast votes in an election. Since we have been talking about it a lot these days during this "Election Season", we at GLS Voice thought it would be interesting to trace the history of the Ballot.

WHAT'S NEW IN ELECTIONS 2014!!



Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail system (VVPAT)

The Government of India, via notification, dated 14 August 2013, has amended the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, enabling the Election Commission of India to use Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail system (VVPAT) with the Electronic Voting Machines. Voter-verified paper audit trail (VVPAT) system is introduced in 8 of 543 parliamentary constituencies as a pilot project in Indian general election, 2014.

VVPAT is implemented in Lucknow, Gandhinagar, Bangalore South, Chennai Central, Jadavpur, Raipur, Patna Sahib and Mizoram constituencies. Generated slip tells voter to which party or candidate vote has been given and also includes name of voter, constituency and polling booth.

The word ballot comes from Italian "ballotta", meaning a "small ball used in voting". In ancient Rome, votes were cast with the help of black or white balls or counters. If the citizen liked the candidate, they used a white ball. If they disliked him, they used a black ball. Thus, Ballot comes from the Italian word "pallotte", or "ball", and indicated small balls used as counters in secret voting.

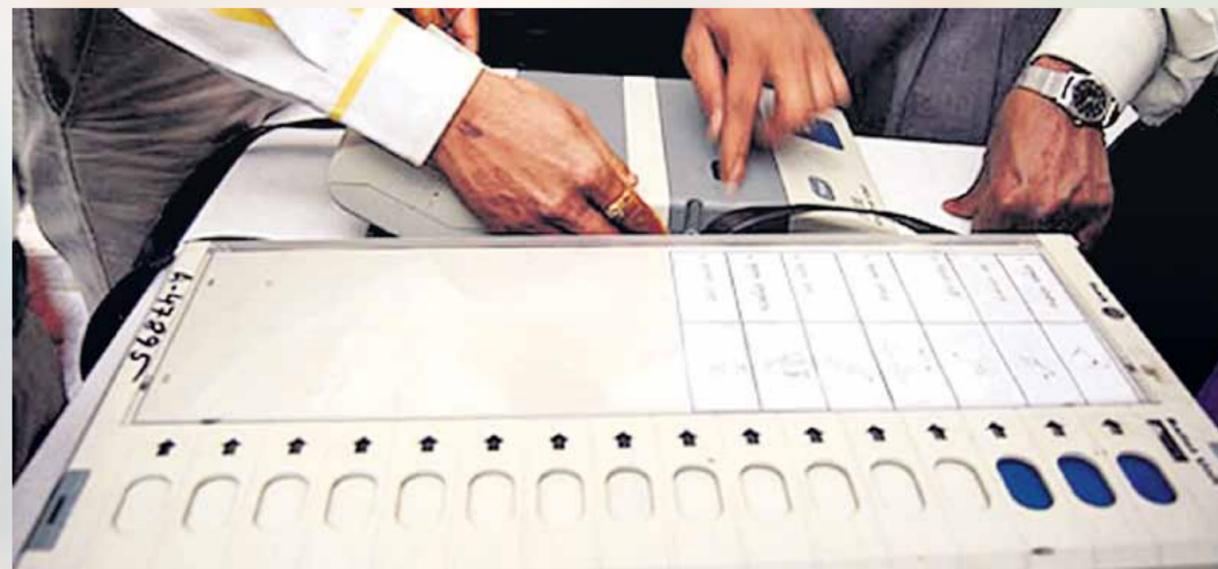
The first use of paper ballots to conduct an election appears to have been in Rome in 139 BC.

In India, during 920 AD or so, Palm leaves were used for village assembly elections in Tamil Nadu. The palm leaves with candidate names written on them, would be put inside a mud pot for counting. This was called the Kudavolai system.

The first use of paper ballots in North America was in 1629 within the Massachusetts Bay Colony to select a pastor for the Salem Church.

PAPER BALLOTS

First used in the Australian state of Victoria in 1857, the paper ballot listing all the candidates was first known as "the Australian ballot." In 1889, New York became the first American state to use these ballots.



Gradually, it came to replace voting by ticket.

Although they were once common, today only 1.7% of registered voters use paper ballots. They are primarily used in small towns, rural areas, or for absentee voting.

MECHANICAL LEVER MACHINES

Until recently, more than half of all American voters used machines with levers beside the

name of each candidate. The voter entered a booth, drew a curtain, and then pulled the levers corresponding to each voting choice. The machines recorded the votes and the numbers of people voting.

OPTICAL SCAN VOTING SYSTEM

An optical scan voting system is an electronic voting system and uses an optical scanner to read marked paper ballots and

tally the results.

Optical scanning calls for voters to use a black marker fill in a circle, or box beside their voting choice. A scanning machine then picks up the dark markers on the paper, tabulating the results.

PUNCH CARDS

There are two main types of punch card ballot.

To use one type, voters are issued a list of candidates and

Or, in using the other type, voters make a hole beside the name of the candidate of their choice.

DRE VOTING MACHINE

A direct-recording electronic (DRE) voting machine records votes by means of a ballot display provided with mechanical or electro-optical components that can be activated by the voter (typically buttons or a touch screen). It processes data by means of a computer program. This is the system we mainly use in India at present.

INDIAN VOTING MACHINES

Electronic Voting Machines ("EVM") are being used in Indian General and State Elections to implement electronic voting in part from 1999 elections and in total since 2004 elections. The EVMs reduce the time in both casting a vote and declaring the results compared to the old paper ballot system.

INTERNET VOTING

In April 2011 Gujarat became the first Indian state to experiment with Internet voting by using secure remote voting technology.

WHAT'S NEW IN ELECTIONS 2014!!



"None of the above" voting option (Negative Vote)

"None of the above" is a proposed voting option in India that would allow voters who support none of the candidates available to them to register an official vote of "none of the above", which is not currently allowed under India election regulation. The Election Commission of India told the Supreme Court in 2009 that it wished to offer the voter a None of the above button on voting machines; the government, however, has generally opposed this option.

On September 27, 2013, Supreme Court of India pronounced a judgement that citizens of India have Right to Negative Vote by exercising None of the above (NOTA) option in EVMs and ballot papers. The judgment was passed on a PIL filed by the People's Union for Civil Liberties, an NGO in 2009. Election Commission has implemented this option of "None of the above" voting option in EVM machines w.e.f. five states polls starting from Nov., 2013. However it does not mean that if 'NOTA' gets highest votes then election will be conducted again, rather even in that case the candidate who got more votes among all will be treated as elected candidate.

At the bottom of all the tributes paid to democracy is the little man, walking into the little booth, with a little pencil, making a little cross on a little bit of paper. . . .

Author: Gilbert Keith Chesterton



જળ એ જ જીવન

આ જથી હજારો વર્ષ પૂર્વે આયુર્વેદના મહાન આચાર્ય ભાવપ્રકાશ નામના ગ્રંથમાં જેને જીવોનું જીવન કહી બિરદાવ્યું છે તે પૃથ્વી પરના અમૃત 'પાણી' માટે સંસ્કૃત ભાષામાં ૭૦ સમાનાર્થી શબ્દો પ્રયોજવામાં આવ્યા છે. જેમાંનો એક શબ્દ છે જીવનમ્-એટલે કે જીવન.

માનવ સંસ્કૃતિનું પારણુંજ નદી, સરોવર અને ઝરણાંઓને ખોળે બંધાયું હતું. ભારતમાં ગંગા, યમુના અને સરસ્વતી તથા મેસોપોટમિયામાં ટાઈગ્રીસ અને યુકેટીસ અને ઈજિપ્તમાં નાઈલ વગેરે નદીઓ વિશ્વની પ્રાચીન સંસ્કૃતિની જનેતા કહી શકાય. આવા પવિત્ર અને વિશાળ જળસ્ત્રોતોએ આદિ માનવની ખોરાક અને પાણીની રચનાપાટનો અંત આણ્યો હતો. અને સતત વહેતા જળરાશિના સાન્નિધ્યમાં માનવ સંસ્કૃતિ પાંગરી હતી. નદીઓના ખોળે ખોરાક અને પાણીની પૂરતી ઉપલબ્ધિ હોવાથી માનવીના શ્રમ અને સમયની બચત થઈ અને તેથી કલા, સંગીત અને ધર્મનો ઉદય થયો.

જળ સંચય

માનવ જીવનની સુખાકારી અને સમૃદ્ધિ તથા સંરક્ષણમાં પાણીનો મહત્વનો ફાળો હોવાથી તેનું માનવીને મૂલ્ય સમજાયું. જળના અભાવે જીવનની ગતિવિધિઓ ખોરવાઈ ન જાય એ હેતુથી માનવીએ જળસંચયના વિજ્ઞાનનો વિકાસ કર્યો. તેણે પોતાના ઘરની આસપાસ પાણીનો સંગ્રહ કરવા માટે વહી જતા વરસાદી પાણીનો જથ્થો એકઠો કરવાની યોજના બનાવી. ગુજરાતના પારંપરિક ઘરોમાં આજે પણ શુદ્ધ વરસાદી પાણીના સંગ્રહ માટેની સુવિધાઓ જોવા મળે છે. રાજસ્થાનના રણપ્રદેશમાં આજે પણ પથ્થરોની ડુંડીઓ વરસાદી જળના સંગ્રહ માટે વાપરવામાં આવે છે. જીવન જરૂરીયાત માટે વરસાદી પાણીનો સંગ્રહ કરવાની કળા, ગુજરાતીઓ વેપાર-ધંધામાં વિદેશમાં સ્થાયી થયા ત્યારે પોતાની સાથે વિદેશમાં પણ લઈ ગયા હતા. વીસમી સદીના આરંભે આફ્રિકામાં વસતા ગુજરાતીઓ ત્યાંના અંતરિયાળ ગામોમાં જળસંચયની સુવિધા દ્વારા પાણીની સમસ્યા હલ કરી રહ્યા હોવાના ઉલ્લેખો પ્રાપ્ત થયેલ છે.

ધાર્મિક પરંપરા અને વિધિ-વિધાનોમાં જળ

પ્રાચીન ભારતમાં ઋષીઓએ જળનો મહિમા ઘણો વિસ્તાર્યો હતો. પુણ્ય કમાવા માટે પૂર્તકર્મ કરીને વાવ, કૂવા અને



તળાવનું નિર્માણ અને સંવર્ધન કરવાનો ભારતીય શાસ્ત્રોમાં અનેરો મહિમા છે. ભારતના વિવિધ જળસ્ત્રોતોનું સંવર્ધન કરવાની પ્રેરણા આપી હતી. આવા મહાન જળસ્ત્રોતો પ્રત્યે જાગૃતિ કેળવવાના આશયથી જ તેઓને તીર્થોનું ગૌરવ આપી તેની યાત્રા કરવાનો રિવાજ અમલમાં આવ્યો હશે. ભારતીય સમાજમાં તરસ્યા માણસને પાણી ઉપલબ્ધ કરાવવાનો ખૂબ મહિમા ગવાયો છે. અને તેથી વટેમાર્ગીઓ અને તીર્થયાત્રીઓ સહિત સૌ કોઈ માટે સરળતાથી પીવાનું પાણી ઉપલબ્ધ થઈ શકે તે હેતુથી પાણીની પરબ બંધાવવાનો ક્રમ ભારતીય સંસ્કૃતિનો અવિભાજ્ય અંગ સમો રિવાજ બની ગયો છે. જળ પવિત્ર કરનારું છે. પવિત્ર નદીઓ અને સરોવરોના શુદ્ધ જળને દૂર દૂર પોતાના ઘર સુધી લઈ જઈને અભિષેક, વર્તમાન, સંકલ્પ, આચમન વગેરે વિધિઓમાં તેનો ઉપયોગ કરવાની રીત ભારતીયો માટે અજાણી નથી. પવિત્ર નદીઓ અને સરોવરોમાં સ્નાન કરી પવિત્ર થવાનો રિવાજ પણ ખૂબ જાણીતો છે. પ્રાચીન માન્યતા અનુસાર પવિત્ર નદીઓમાં સ્નાન કરવાથી માનવીનું અંતઃકરણ શુદ્ધ થાય છે અને કુર્મોનું પાપ ધોવાય છે. તે જ રીતે પવિત્ર નદીઓના પાણીનું સેવન પણ તન અને મન બેઉને પવિત્ર કરનારું મનાય છે. જીવ જન્મ-મરણના દુઃખદાયી ચક્રમાંથી મુક્ત થાય એ હેતુથી અંતિમ ક્ષણોમાં પવિત્ર ગંગાજળનું પાન કરાવવાની આપણી સનાતન પરંપરા છે. આપણા તન, મન, અને આત્માની સ્વસ્થતા માટે પાણીની વિશેષ ઉપયોગિતા છે.

નિરામય સ્વાસ્થ્ય માટે પાણીનું મહત્વ પૃથ્વીની જેમ જ આપણું શરીર પણ ૭૫% પાણી અને ૨૫% ઘન દ્રવ્યોનું બનેલું છે. જ્યારે આપણા શરીરમાંથી પાણીનું પ્રમાણ ૧% જેટલું ઘટે છે ત્યારે આપણે તરસનો અનુભવ કરીએ છીએ. આપણા શરીરમાંથી પાણીનું પ્રમાણ ૨% જેટલું ઘટે છે ત્યારે આપણા શરીરમાંથી ઉર્જા ૨૦% જેટલી ઘટી જાય છે. અને જો આપણે આપણા શરીરમાંથી ઝાડા-ઊલટી, કોલેરા કે રક્તસ્ત્રાવને કારણે ૧૦% જેટલું પાણી ગુમાવીએ તો આપણું મૃત્યુ નિશ્ચિત છે. શરીરમાં આવશ્યક તત્વોનું વહન અને વિતરણ કરવા ઉપરાંત પાણી શરીરનું તાપમાન નિયંત્રણ રાખવાનું મહત્વનું કાર્ય કરે છે. વિકસિત અને વિકાસશીલ દેશોમાં યુવાપેઢી એવા મિથ્યા ભ્રમમાં રાચે છે કે પાણીની અવેજમાં સોડા, ફેલેવર્ડ ફ્રૂટ ડ્રીંક્સ, જ્યુસ, ઠંડા પીણા, ગ્લુકોઝ કે એનર્જી ડ્રીંક્સ પીવામાં કોઈ વાંધો નથી. પરંતુ ઔષધ નિષ્ણાંતો અને આહાર વિશેષજ્ઞોના મતે આ ખૂબ જ ખોટો અને ભયજનક ખ્યાલ છે. તેઓ સ્પષ્ટપણે જાહેર કરે છે કે શુદ્ધ સાદા પાણીનો બીજો કોઈ વિકલ્પ નથી. વળી તેઓ તો પ્લાસ્ટીકના પાઉચ અને બોટલમાં મળતા શુદ્ધ કહેવાતા પાણીના સેવન અંગે પણ લાલબત્તી ધરે છે. કારણકે પ્લાસ્ટીકના સતત સંસર્ગમાં રહેવાથી અને પ્લાસ્ટીકમાંથી છુટા પડતા રસાયણોને કારણે આ પાણી શુદ્ધતા ગુમાવી શકે છે.

આપણી આધુનિક જીવનશૈલીને કારણે શાળાના વિદ્યાર્થીઓ, યુવાનો અને વયસ્કોમાં દિવસ દરમ્યાન પીવાતા પાણીના પ્રમાણમાં નોંધપાત્ર ઘટાડો થયો

છે. આધુનિક તબીબી વિજ્ઞાન પણ આ વાતને સ્વીકારે છે. માથાનો દુઃખાવો આધાશીશી (માયગ્રેન), એ.સી.ડીટી, અસ્થમા, કમરનો દુઃખાવો, એલર્જી અને અર્થિરાઈટીસ જેવા રોગોના મૂળમાં ઓછું પાણી પીવાની આદત કારણભૂત હોઈ શકે. નિષ્ણાંતોના પ્રયોગ પરથી એવું સાબીત થયું છે કે, જે બાળકો પુરતા પ્રમાણમાં પાણી પીએ છે તેઓમાં શરદી થવાનું પ્રમાણ ઓછું જોવા મળે છે. અર્થાત્ જો પુરતા પ્રમાણમાં પાણી નિયમિત પીવામાં આવે તો રોગપ્રતિકારક શક્તિ જળવાઈ રહે છે. વળી રાત્રે સૂતા પહેલા જો યોગ્ય માત્રામાં પાણી પીવામાં આવે તો હૃદય રોગના હુમલાની શક્યતાઓ ઘટી જાય છે. તેમ પુરવાર થયું છે.

આયુર્વેદ અને જળ

આયુર્વેદ દ્વારા થતા રોગોપચારમાં નસ્ય, બસ્તિ અને સ્વેદન વગેરે ક્રિયાઓ કરવામાં આવે છે. આ તમામ ક્રિયાઓમાં પાણી એક આવશ્યક સાધન છે. નસ્યક્રિયામાં મીઠાવાળું પાણી વાપરવામાં આવે છે. જળબસ્તિ દ્વારા આંતરડાની શુદ્ધિ થાય છે. જ્યારે ઔષધયુક્ત બાષ્પસ્નાનને સ્વેદન કહેવામાં આવે છે. વહેલી સવારે ઘાસ પર રહેલા ઝાકળરૂપી જળનો પણ આયુર્વેદમાં વિશેષ મહિમા છે. ઝાકળભીના ઘાસ પર વહેલી સવારે ચાલવાથી દષ્ટિ, સ્વાસ્થ્ય અને પ્રાણમાં સુધારો થાય છે. માંદગી દરમ્યાન ઉકાળેલું પાણી પીવાથી દૂષિત 'આમ' નામના વિષમય તત્વનો શરીરમાંથી નિકાલ થાય છે. આ 'આમ' દૂર થવાથી શરીરના ત્રણેય તત્વો વાત, પિત્ત અને કફનું સંતુલન રચાય છે અને દર્દી પુનઃ સ્વસ્થતા પ્રાપ્ત કરે છે.

ઉત્સવોમાં જળ

જેમાં પાણીનો મુક્ત મને વિનિયોગ થાય છે તે ધૂળેટીનો ઉત્સવ ભારતમાં ભવ્યતાથી ઉજવાય છે. કેસૂડાના ફૂલને પાણીમાં ઉકાળીને તૈયાર કરવામાં આવેલ ઔષધીય રંગીન જળનો છંટકાવ આરોગ્યપ્રદ ગણવામાં આવ્યો છે.

વળી ભાદરવા સુદ એકાદશીના દિવસે ભગવાનના બાળસ્વરૂપ ઠાકોરજીને જળવિહાર કરાવવાનો ઉત્સવ ભારતીય પરંપરાનો એક ભાગ છે. આ દિવસ શ્રી હરિની ચલપ્રતિમા તથા માટીથી બનેલી ગણેશજીની પ્રતિમાનું વિધિવત્ પૂજન કરવામાં આવે છે અને ત્યારબાદ તે બંને સ્વરૂપોને નૌકામાં બિરાજમાન કરી જળવિહાર કરાવવામાં આવે છે. ભક્તો વાજિંત્રો વગાડતા-વગાડતા જલયાત્રામાં

જોડાય છે અને ઉત્સવના અંતિમ ચરણમાં ગણપતિની પ્રતિમાનું જળમાં વિસર્જન કરવામાં આવે છે. દક્ષિણ ભારતમાં ઘણા મંદિરોમાં મંદિર પરિસરમાં જ આવેલા જળાશયમાં ઉત્સવમૂર્તિને ઉત્સવો દરમિયાન પવિત્ર સ્નાન કરાવવાની પ્રથા છે.

સંવાદિતા, એક્ય અને આદરનું માધ્યમ જળ

હિંદુ સંસ્કૃતિમાં પોતાના આંગણે પધારેલા મહેમાનોનું સ્વાગત કરવા માટે સૌ પ્રથમ જલપાન કરાવવાની પ્રથા છે. જો મહેમાનને જલપાન કરાવવામાં ન આવે તો તે દ્વારા મહેમાનનો તિરસ્કાર થયાનું માનવામાં આવે છે.

જન્મ અને મૃત્યુ પર્યંતનું સાક્ષી જળ

નવજાત શિશુને સૌપ્રથમ શુદ્ધ જળથી સ્નાન કરાવવામાં આવે છે. જ્યારે અંતકાળે માનવીને શુદ્ધ ગંગાજળ પીવડાવવાની પ્રથા છે. મૃત્યુ બાદ માનવીના પાર્થિવ શરીરને સ્નાન કરાવી નવા વસ્ત્રો પહેરાવી વણસીવ્યા શ્વેત વસ્ત્રો ઓઢાડવામાં આવે છે. અને અંતિમક્રિયા બાદ અર્થાંને પવિત્ર તીર્થરૂપ નદીના જળમાં પધરાવવાની પ્રથા છે.

જલચિકિત્સા

પાણી ઔષધીય ગુણો ધરાવે છે. નિષ્ણાંતો માને છે કે પાણીને સ્મૃતિ પણ હોય છે! જલચિકિત્સક શુદ્ધ જલના પાત્રને હાથમાં લઈ જ્યારે પવિત્ર અને હકારાત્મક વિચારોનું તેમાં આરોપણ કરે છે ત્યારે તે જળ ચિકિત્સક ગુણવત્તા પ્રાપ્ત કરે છે. પવિત્ર મહાપુરુષો દ્વારા પ્રાપ્ત થયેલ જળમાં ઔષધીય ગુણ સમાયેલો હોય છે.

અણમોલ વરદાન સમા જળની સુલભ પ્રાપ્તિ માટે જળાશયો અને વાવ બંધાવવાની પ્રથા ગુજરાતની સંસ્કૃતિનું આગવું પ્રદાન છે. આવી વાવ તરસ્યાને જળ અને યાત્રિકોને આશ્રય આપનારી બની રહે છે. પાટણની રાણકી વાવ, અડાલજની વાવ, જૂનાગઢની અડીકડી વાવ, વગેરે આના ઉત્તમ ઉદાહરણો છે.

આમ ભારતીય સંસ્કૃતિ અને જીવનશૈલીમાં પાણીનું વિશિષ્ટ પ્રદાન છે. અને તેથી જ તે ધરતીનું અમૃત અને જીવોનું જીવન છે. ચાલો આપણે જળ સંરક્ષણની પ્રતિજ્ઞા કરી આપણા ઉજવળ ભાવિનું નિર્માણ કરીએ.

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SMT. SADGUNA C.U.ART COLLEGE FOR GIRLS



SMT. SADGUNA C.U.ART COLLEGE FOR GIRLS ORGANIZED A ONE-DAY WORKSHOP "FROM COLLEGE TO CAREER" ON 22-4-2014. DR. PRIN. STAR PAYAL IYER (R.H.PATEL ARTS AND COMMERCE COLLEGE); MR. TUSHAR RAVAL, DEPT. ENGLISH GLS (MRP)IC MOTIVATED THE STUDENTS AT THIS OCCASION. MR. JASVINDER SINGH, CEO, WORDSWORTH ENGLISH LANGUAGE LAB CONDUCTED THE WORKSHOP. THE SECOND PART OF THE WORKSHOP WAS FOCUSED ON SKILL ENHANCEMENT CONDUCTED BY MR. JIGAR RANA, DIRECTOR, TRAINER & AUTH. PARTNER, STAR SCHEME.

ACHIEVEMENTS & EVENTS

SMPIC



SMPIC students participated in state level competitions organised by Indus University named “Abhivyakti 2014.” wherein six teams of SMPIC won following positions .Three groups of SMPIC headed by Jaimil Joshi, Asma Qureshi and Kunal Shah stood first in Ad-mad show, Make over-The dress up competition and

Treasure hunt, three groups headed by Jaimil Joshi, Dev Shah and Utsav Solanki stood second in Make Over, Ground Zero and Match me-The talent competition . On the basis of the best performances SMPIC was awarded “The Best College” with trophy and cash prize of Rs.5,000.



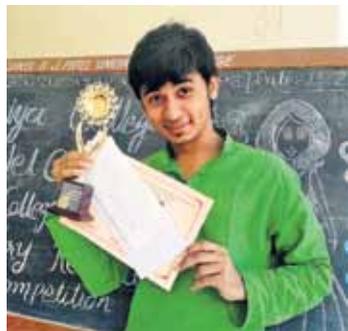
SMPIC stood 2nd in Nukkad Natak at Renaissance’14 organized by B.K. School of Manangement. The winners

were Asma Qureshi, Palkesh Agrawal, Jaimil Joshi, Usman Khedawala.



Girls Cricket Team of S.M. Patel Institute of Commerce brought laurel to the institute by winning The Chimanbhai Patel Girls Cricket Championship .

Priyanka Maheshwari was adjudged the player of the Tournament and Rohanshi Amin bagged the Best Bowler’s prize.



Jaimil Joshi stood 1st in Poetry Recitation Competition organized by Umiya Arts College and received Winner’s Trophy with cash prize of Rs. 3500.

SMPICites’ Prolific Research Experience



28 students of SMPIC participated in the National Conference on Discourses on Indian Politics: Post Coalition Issues Of Development and Technology organized by Study Abroad Program Department of Gujarat University. Students made presentations and debated on various issues like Advantages of Young voters in Indian Politics, Role of technology in 21st century, Advantage of young voters at micro and macro level-a comparative study, Role of technology in today’s changing scenario, Development theories in economics- an overview, Effectiveness of young voters in Indian politics-Need of an hour. The students were very much appreciated by their earnest efforts for effective presentations on conference themes by eminent personalities.

C U SHAH COMMERCE



MS. SHAILJA C. TIWARI, VISITING FACULTY IN ACCOUNTANCY AND MANAGEMENT, WAS AWARDED PH.D BY SAURASHTRA UNIVERSITY, RAJKOT.

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GUEST SPEAKERS DR. KINJAL TRIVEDI AND DR. GAURANG TRIVEDI AT LATE SHREE I. M. NANAVATI MEMORIAL LECTURE



PRINCIPAL DR. SANJAY VAKIL DELIVERING LECTURE ON THE CHALLENGES FACED BY YOUTH ON THE OCCASION OF SWAMI VIVEKANAND JANMA JAYANTI.



RELEASE OF THE COLLEGE MAGAZINE VAANIYA KALP BY CHIEF GUEST MR. C.F.PATEL, CA, SHREE DILIPBHAI DESAI AND DR. MARGIBEN HATHI ALONG WITH PRINCIPAL DR. N.B.PATEL AND THE EDITORIAL TEAM.



THE WINNER TEAM OF SOFT BALL AT GUJARAT UNIVERSITY SOFT BALL CHAMPIONSHIP – 2013-14

GLS VOICE RECOMMENDS...

BOOK

The Siege – The Attack on the Taj

By Adrian Levy and Cathy Scott-Clark

By Deepali Atre

November 26, 2008 – a date that has the same significance to Indians as 9/11 has to Americans. It was the day on which four terrorists entered Mumbai and committed carnage in various parts of the Southern part of the commercial capital of India. They entered into the Taj Mahal Hotel and took control of it. Over the next three days, the world watched

this beloved landmark go up in flames.

Levy and Scott-Clark are authors with solid credentials and vast experience as foreign correspondents and investigative reporters. They spoke to the staff, guests and the National Security Guard. They went through the transcripts of calls between the terrorists and their handlers and pieced together a timeline and incident line of what it was like to be in the Taj on those fateful days.

Readers come to know how intelligence had tipped off the police who tried to identify the

soft targets and in meetings with management of hotels, tried to work out and implement plans to beef up the security measures. Readers are aghast at how simple youth is brainwashed into becoming a jihadi and a human bomb. Readers get a glimpse of the preparation undertaken by David Headley and how crucial it was that the attacks be carried out on that day – after all, Taj was playing host to a young socialite couple celebrating their wedding, a contingent of Indian and foreign industrialists, and politicians among others. Readers can only feel awed by the sense of commitment and loyalty displayed by the staff of



are angered by the thoughtlessness of people who were giving live updates to the media parked at the doorstep, unmindful of the fact that the terrorists were therefore able to know the locations, thus endangering the rescue operations. Readers will be incensed at the delay in the deployment of the National Security Guard, even though they were assembled and ready within hours of the first attack.

A book that disturbs and angers one....do read!

(The writer is an Assistant Professor at NRBA)

Taj when customer safety was given a priority over personal and in the case of Karambirsingh Kang, family safety. Readers

RECIPES

Upside down Pineapple Cake

Ingredients

For The Cake

- 1 cup maida
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp baking soda

slices and cherries on the caramel as per your requirement. Keep aside.

4. Preheat the oven at 160 degree Celsius.
5. Sieve all the dry ingredients together.



- 1 tsp pineapple essence
- 2 tbsp melted butter
- 2 tbsp oil
- 200 gms condensed milk
- 1/2 cup chopped pineapple pieces

For The Garnish

- 1 cup pineapple slices
- 1/2 cup cherries, deseeded and halved
- 1 tsp butter
- 2 tbsp brown sugar

Method

1. In a ring mould, add the butter, and put the mould over the flame.
2. When the butter melts add the brown sugar, and caramelize it.
3. Arrange the pineapple

6. In a large vessel, whip together the condensed milk, oil and butter. Add the essence and mix well.
7. Gradually add the sieved flour mixture to the whipped mixture.
8. Whip again till a thick batter is formed. Add the chopped pineapple pieces and mix well.
9. Pour it in the mould over the pineapple and cherry (the prepared tin).
10. Bake at 180 degree Celsius for 20 minutes or till the cake is done.
11. When the cake is baked, take it out of the oven and let it cool. Unmould and serve.



Panna Cotta

Ingredients

For the panna cotta:

- 4 cups full fat coconut milk
- 1 tablespoon unflavored gelatin
- 1/3 cup honey
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 cup mango pieces

Instructions

Pour 1 cup coconut milk into a medium saucepan and sprinkle evenly with the

gelatin. Let the milk sit for 5-10 minutes to allow the gelatin to soften.

Heat the milk and gelatin over medium heat, stirring constantly, until gelatin is dissolved and milk begins to steam. Stir the remaining coconut milk and honey into the warm milk and whisk until all the ingredients are dissolved. Remove the pan from the heat and stir in the

vanilla. Let the mixture cool for 10 minutes.

Divide the coconut milk mixture evenly among 6 glasses or small bowls. Cover panna cottas tightly with plastic wrap, making sure the plastic wrap does not touch the cream's surface. Refrigerate for about 5 hours, until cold and set. When you are ready to serve, top with mango pieces, or seasonal berries.



Mango Jam

Ingredients:

- 1 Kilo ripe mangoes
- 1 1/2 cups white sugar (if the mangoes are very sweet, you can reduce the quantity of sugar to 1 cup)
- 3/4 cup water
- 3 saffron threads (optional)

Method:

1. Boil, steam, or microwave the whole mangoes until soft. Cool, then remove the peel and inner seed; place the mango pulp in a large bowl. Use a fork or

potato masher to mash the pulp well.

2. Place the sugar and water in a large saucepan over low heat, stir mixture, and bring to a boil. When mixture begins boiling, increase heat to medium-high. Continue boiling until fine, soft threads form, 270 degrees F (135 degrees C). Stir in the mango pulp, add the saffron threads, if desired, and boil until the mixture thickens, about 5 minutes.
3. Pour cooked jam into sterilized jar.

ACHIEVEMENTS & EVENTS

I.M.Nanavati Law College



I.M.Nanavati Law College organized Late Shri I.M.Nanavati inter-college Elocution Competition 2013-14 on 13th February. Five colleges had participated in the competition. Competition was

judged by senior advocate Shri M.N.Bhavsar. Students of I.M.Nanavati Law College Kushal H. Iyer won 1st prize and best speaker award while Dhvani Desai won 2nd prize.

Sir L A Shah Law College



The University Grants Commission has approved Minor Research Project of Assistant Professor of Sir L. A. Shah Law College Dr. Mayuri Pandya and sanctioned grant of Rs. 1,60,000/- . The approved Minor Research Project is on the subject "Human Rights : Concern Study for Climate Change Scenario in the Progressive State-Gujarat".

GLSBBA ALUMNI MEET

By Vineeta Gangal

GLS (J.P.Shah) Institute of Business Administration recently held its first alumni meet on the 26th April 2014 . A special, emotional , happy and memorable day for GLSIBA, which was marked with the unchecked flow of emotions.A day when it said good bye to its present batch of TYBBA students, but along with it came the happiness of welcoming all its old students right from its first batch of 1999 - 2002 to the pass outs of 2013. It was a real pleasant gathering of 450 students, who had come from places like Ankleshwar,Mumbai, Rajkot, Bhavnagar, Gandhidham etc.. It was an evening filled with nostalgia,recollection of memories,meeting long lost friends,music,dance and food. The cherry on the cake of course was the live band Reva and the DJ Night where in all the students let their hair loose and danced through the evening



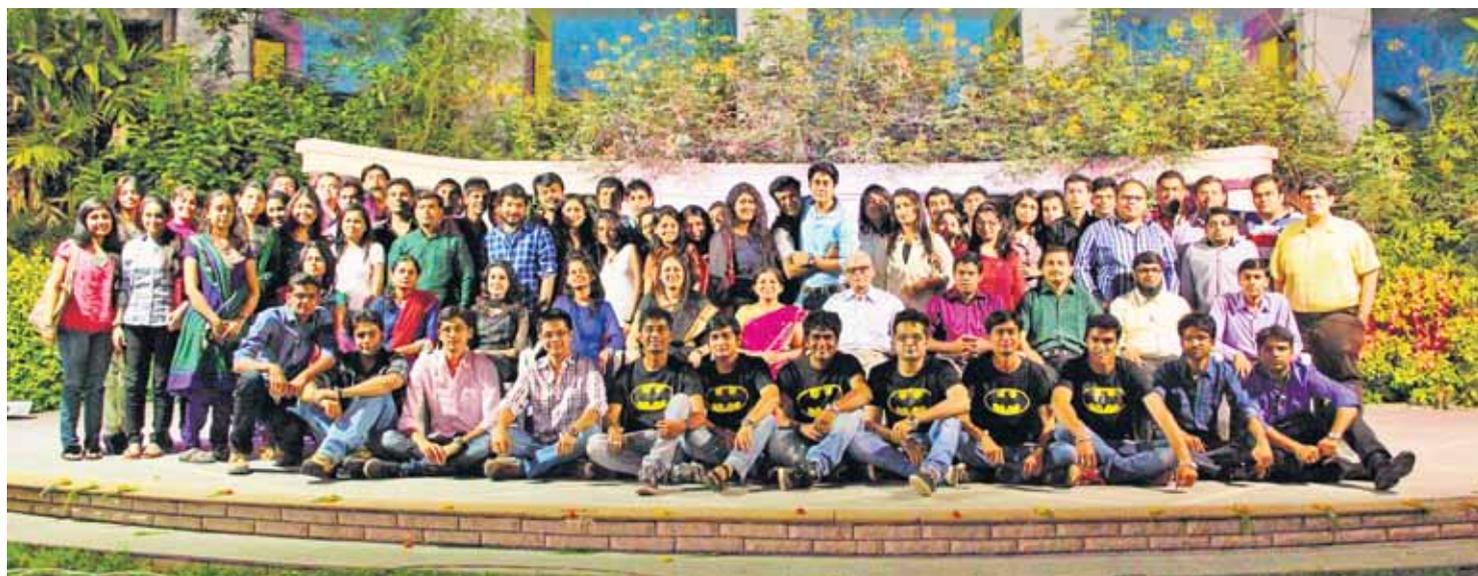
All the participants, not just the students, but even the faculties of GLSIBA left with a lot of sweet remembrance that would last them a long long time
(Writer is an Asst. Professor at GLSBBA)

GLSICA ALUMNI MEET

By Hemali Moradiya

GLS (I&RK Desai) Institute of Computer Applications (GLSICA) organized 2nd Alumni Meet on March 31, 2014. The function was presided over by Prof. R. P. Soni, Campus Director (Computer Education), GLSICA.

The Director, in his address, underlined and praised the achievements of the alumni of GLSICA in all spheres of life. He observed that it was a matter of great pride for GLSICA that its alumni are well placed in their careers and are holding senior positions in various government organizations and private companies in the IT sector as well as in the academic sector with many of them starting their own enterprise and providing jobs to others. He also praised various initiatives taken by GLS like Wi-Fi accessibility through Zoomie Tabs, GLSICA D-Kosmos magazine and Moodle, an online examination tool on which internal exams are conducted. Prof. Tripti Dodiya, In-charge Director of GLSICA, also addressed the alumni and apprised them of latest developments on the campus. She also stated that GLSICA



has consistently focused on keeping pace with latest technology and in this regard it has also upgraded its laboratories with latest technology along with Ubuntu, an open source operating system.

An alumni meet is also an occasion for the alumni to interact with faculties, with fellow alumni as well as with the current batch of students. To make the interaction more seamless, several games were organized by the institute in which the alumni participated and enjoyed. Mr. Darshit

Rathod, a student of SYBCA, enthralled the audience with his tabla beats.

Several alumni recalled their memories in GLS and also interacted with current third year students. Mr. Yogesh Gupta discussed about the current trends in application development market. He also asked the students to follow their instincts while choosing their career path and to thrive to be the best in whichever field or technology they choose to work in. Mr. Jaimin Gajjar, a GLS alumnus and founder of Joy Technologies, discussed about

the opportunities available in the android and iOS application development. Mr. Vijayant Das advised the students to develop sound soft skills like leadership and effective communication skills as these are the primary requirements to succeed and grow in industry. Ms. Ekta Vasisth, one of the alumni motivated students and emphasize to achieve success in their professional life. She also advised students to stay updated in IT field to withstand the competitors.

Great friendliness was observed everywhere with old

students reliving their old memories with their batch mates, seniors and juniors. Many of the current students were also seen interacting with their pass out seniors and learning from their experiences. Alumnis's decided to strengthen the link between the current GLSICA students for their support to current students in the area of training, placement, career counseling and any other help.

The Meet ended with dinner and promise to meet again.
(Writer is an Asst. Professor at GLSICA)

INTO THAT HEAVEN OF FREEDOM...

By Nirja Vasavada

The month of May has always been quite hot in Ahmedabad, but this year it is hotter than usual with the heat of elections. Every medium of communication - news channels, Radio channels, newspapers, and more importantly, every chat, every cup of chai, every intellectual discussion - has targeted or headlined elections. And why should they not? After all, India is the world's largest democratic country. People have realized the value of their vote, their voice.

The month of May is important for one more reason. The 7th of this month marks the 154th birth anniversary of the Nobel Laureate of India, Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore. Tagore, we know, was not only a poet, but a patriot and a freedom fighter. His views on freedom are expressed in his



signature poem from the Geetanjali, "Where the mind is without fear.." This has always been one of my favourite poems and every time I read it, the words channelize the ardor of the dream of India for me.

Tagore's dream of freedom

from fear, narrow-mindedness, and discrimination at all levels, is now India's dream. This dream has been evident all around as India goes to vote. The aspiration of taking the country into a certain "heaven" was seen in the way people

voted. The passion of patriotism was revealed in advertisements of various products which have nothing to do with elections/politics/country, and yet, they spoke about responsibility, about the dream that Tagore gave us.

India has not been 'that heaven of freedom' even after more than half a century of getting independence, I agree. But the public passion that I have seen in this month of elections leads me to believe that things can change. I can even dare to foresee a future of hope, growth, patriotism and fellowship. A certain commercial of a Cement company shows the collapse of the 'narrow domestic walls' of division and divisiveness, as Tagore's poem imagines. And riding on these very waves of optimistic faith, I envision an India free of all kinds of biases, prejudices, divisions and discrimination. It is with this hope that I remember Tagore and dream with him: "Into that heaven of freedom, my father, let my country awake"!

(The writer is a Lecturer in Communication Skills at NRBA)

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