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KENDRA CONGRATULATES NARENDRABHAI MODI

Hardik Abhinandan and sincere felicitations go out to India on its 15th democratic election and to Prime Minister, Shri Narendrabhai Damodardas Modi, a true Sevak, for his big victory and his aims of big delivery and a small Government. Shri Modiji's unique election is truly a victorious moment for the true democracy at work – where over one half of a billion people voted. He has exalted himself from a Chaiwala (tea seller) to Chief Minister of Gujarat and now to Prime Minister of India.

As Chief Minister he brought electricity to almost every village in Gujarat and today he is spreading his light to the entire nation of India with his ability to enforce dynamic development, economic growth and prosperity.

NAMO (as he is affectionately called), has a brilliant quality of leadership, a composed nature and exceptional political skills that make him out to be a true Nationalist.

Hundreds of millions of Indians voted for him and look upon him with their high hopes and aspirations for a better India.

It is with great pride and joy that the Gujarati Hindu Sanskruti Kendra congratulates and wishes Prime Minister Narendrabhai Modi everything of the very best for his term in office.

Bharat Mata Ki Jai!!

KENDRA BUSINESS FORUM YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

The Kendra Business Forum (KBF) has a strong focus on youth empowerment. With that in mind, the KBF has made arrangements for youth to visit some of the leading businesses in Durban. This is the first time that this initiative is taking place and during the first round, the visits include the following 3 companies:

1. JMV Textiles Verulam
2. Vimal Clothing Mount Edgecombe
3. East Coast Radio Umhlanga

This initiative is targeted at youth that are in matric, or are studying at a tertiary level.

The visits will take place during the school and university holidays in July and each company visit will comprise up to 10 youth.

The visits will be during working hours and should last approximately 3 hours. In order to allow as many youth the opportunity to attend, no person may go on more than 1 visit.

During the visit, the youth will have an opportunity to meet with management and learn about the operations of the business. The youth will get a better idea how businesses operate. It is also an ideal time for youth to ask exploratory questions, particularly for those considering careers.

If you are keen to participate in the program, please contact Samir Mistry by email on businessforum@kendra.org.za or on his mobile 082 666 6655. Kindly include your full name, email, and cell contact details, age and current education status.

SATYANARAYANA POOJA AT KENDRA

Sri Satyanarayana pooja is a very popular ritual in many parts of India including Gujarat, Bengal, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra.

Many Hindus, throughout the world, have strong faith, belief, and devotion towards Srimannarayana, an incarnation of Vishnu. There is a very ancient famous temple for Sri Satyanarayana Swami at Annavaram, East Godavari district, Andhra Pradesh, India. This vrata is performed daily in Annavaram. Large numbers of devotees, many with families, visit the temple, offer prayers and perform this Vrat Katha in the temple.

The pooja starts with a prayer to Lord Ganesha, to remove all obstacles that may occur. This is done by chanting all the names of Lord Ganesha and offering prasad and the showering of flower petals.

A Navagraha pooja is performed to appease the nine important celestial beings in the universe. They consist of Surya (the Sun), Chandra (the moon), Angaaraka/Chevaai (Mars), Budha (Mercury), Guru aka Bruhaspati (Jupiter), Shukra (Venus), Sani (Saturn), Rahu (the head of the Demon snake), and Ketu (the tail of the Demon snake).

The rest of the pooja consists of worship to Satyanarayana, an extremely benevolent form of Lord Vishnu. First "panchamrita" is used to cleanse the area where the deity is located. Then Satyanarayana Bagwan is worshipped. Names of Satyanarayana are chanted along with offering of a variety of prasad (including a mixture of milk, honey,

ghee/butter, yogurt, sugar) and flower petals.

A story of the pooja Satyanarayan Vrat Katha is heard among all those observing and partaking in the pooja. The story involves the origin of the pooja and the benefits thereof.

The prayer concludes with an Aarti, which consists of revolving a small fire-lit-lamp in the vicinity of an image of the Lord. After the pooja is over, participants and observers partake of the prasad that was offered and blessed by the Lord.

The Gujarati Hindu Sanskruti Kendra will be performing a Samuh Satyanarayana Pooja on 29 June in the Ekta Mandir Kendra. Those wishing to participate in the pooja, please contact Ramnikbhai Juta on 0313091824 or Thakorbbhai Ravjee on 031 3261082

Participants will be provided with Pooja goods and Aarti trays –ALL WELCOME



The Kendra Business Forum has secured a sponsorship for a Kendra member who is employed in a management position. This is a 6 day course to improve management skills with Dyna training during September/October.

This sponsorship is valued at R15,000.

The BMS ,200 Best Management Skills Programme is a learning "pressure cooker" experience.

It is a 2 phase process where learners cross pollinate and benchmark ideas with diverse and progressive leaders and organizations.

The candidate will be chosen from applications received.

Applications must be sent to : businessforum@kendra.org.za

BURSARIES AVAILABLE

Bursaries are available for students studying :-

- Civil, Mechanical and/or Electrical Engineering
- Quantity Surveying
- Project Management

All enquiries contact Jolene at Kendra on email admin@kendra.org.za

More Top Achievers



Disha Patel
Daughter of
Purush & Netal Patel
4 Distinctions, studying
Bachelor of Pharmacy
at the University of the
Western Cape



Balram Bhikha
Son of
Ajit & Lata Bhikha
Graduated in Bachelor
of Dental Science



Shameen Tulsi
Daughter of
Rajnikanth &
Najmoonissa Tulsi
Diploma in Mechanical
Engineering at the
Durban University of
Technology



Sutika Bhikha
Daughter of
Rajan & Sandya Bhikha
Graduated as a Doctor
Presently working at the
Steve Biko Hospital in
Pretoria.



Akshay Pradeep Soni
Grandson of
Champak & Damyanti
Soni achieved 9
distinctions. Now
studying Medicine at
The Nelson Mandela
School of Medicine.



Akshay Mugan
Son of
Geeta Ishwar Mugan
Passed Matric now
studying Mechatronic
Engineering



Eshani Daya
Daughter of
Subhash & Arti Daya
4 Distinctions.
Studying Bachelor
of Education degree
through Unisa.



Mayuri Hargovan
8 Distinctions
Studying Veterinary
Science at the
University of Pretoria



Rupal Kara
Daughter of Nimesh
& Ushmita Kara
4 Distinctions, Studying
BSc Computer Science
at UKZN Westville



Sohail Tulsi
Son of Rajnikanth &
Najmoonissa Tulsi
6 Distinctions, Studying
Actuarial Science at
University of Cape Town



Hirna Bhikha
Daughter of Rajen &
Sandhya Bhikha
8 Distinctions Studying
Civil Engineering at the
University of Cape Town

Exciting Youth Winter Programme

The Kendra youth have organised an exciting programme for the July Holidays. Even the older people can take part in the Thunee competition

Programme

Sat 28th June - 8 a side soccer

Venue : Stella Football Club

Tues 1st July – Thunee Competition Over & Under 30

Wed 2nd July - Playstation / Movie

Thurs 3rd July – Pool / Table tennis Competition

Venue : Kendra Gardens Retirement Home

Come one come all to this fabulous event

Lots of prizes to be won

For further details contact

Vikash Naran 082 575 2090, Nehal Pragjee 074 776 3611

Shanil Parbhoo 083 249 4178

Use of Yagna Pith for Private Havan and Shraad Prayer at Kendra

The Yagna Pith situated at rear of the main hall may be used for family and personal purpose

Tariff:

Shraad Havan 12th, 13th or 16th day prayer - FREE

Private Havan R 250.00

Use of downstairs hall for 12th, 13th or 16th day for Shraad Prayer R500.00

Dependent on availability. Not available on days when the Main Auditorium is booked.

All enquiries to Jolene at Kendra : 031-3091824 for availability. Terms and Conditions apply.

DIARISE THESE DATES 2014

Satyanaryan Katha	Sunday	29 June
Youth Soccer	Saturday	28 June
Youth Programme	Tues to Thurs	1/2/3 July
Medical Day	Sunday	13 July
School Excoriation	Sunday	20 July
Rangili Shaam	Saturday	09 Aug
Krishna Janmashtami	Sunday	17 Aug
Ganesh Chaturthi	Friday	29 Aug
Ganesh Visarjan (Blue Lagoon)	Sunday	31 Aug
Bridal Fair	Fri, Sat, Sun	5,6,7 Sept
Pre-Navratri Bhajans	Tuesday	23 Sept
Navratri	Thursday	25 Sept - 3 Oct
Maha Aarti/Durga Astami	Thursday	02 Oct
Dasera	Saturday	04 Oct
Diwali Dinner	Saturday	11 Oct
Diwali / Chopda Pooja	Thursday	23 Oct
Vikram New Year	Friday	24 Oct
Gujarati Classes Open Day	Friday	5 Dec
Kendra Golf Day	Tuesday	16 Dec

Senior Citizen meeting at The Kendra Gardens Retirement Home, first Sunday of every month. Snacks provided

KENDRA VIDYALAY

Kendra Vidyalay's second term commenced in April 2014. During this term, learners participated in the 108 Hanuman Chalisas at the Ekta Mandir on the 27th April 2014. Learners sang with much gusto and enthusiasm for a duration of one hour.

An Educational Excursion, to the Gandhi Settlement in Phoenix and the New Jagganath Puri Temple of the Hare Krsna Movement, also in Phoenix has been arranged for the 20th July 2014. In August this year, the school will write the Veda Niketan Examinations, which will be written by the senior learners.

These Examinations on Hinduism have been ongoing since 2003 and it is with a great sense of pride that we report a record 100 % pass rate ever since its inception. Amongst the many Learners who received distinctions last year, 3 students excelled.

We are proud to announce our top achievers who are Deelan Vanmari and Thashni Chhagan, who sat for the Basic Teachings of Hinduism and Kiaan Patel who wrote the Elementary Teachings of Hinduism. Well Done! Congratulations go out all learners especially to these stars of the Kendra Vidyalay.



Deelan Vanmari



Thashni Chhagan



Kiaan Patel



Learners rendering Bhajans at the Bhakti Sangeet Programme on Lotus FM celebrating Youth Day (15 June 2014)

KENDRA SENIOR CITIZENS

Tour of Northern India and Gujarat The group left Durban on 1st February 2014 and returned on 28 February 2014. They travelled by bus, train, and airplane and stayed in luxury hotels.

We had fun everywhere we went. They prayed in temples, played in the snow in Shimla, bathed in the river Ganges, climbed Mt Abu assisted by a professional English speaking guides

All persevered and returned hale and hearty enriched with knowledge of incredible India. Finally, the tour was most informative, most adventurous, most religious, most amazing, most captivating and most touching tour ever experienced. Never ever to be forgotten and will remain in our memory for all times....

Trip to Sun City and Warm Baths 16 members from the Kendra travelled by luxury coach to Sun City and Warm Baths. All enjoyed themselves tremendously. They left on 23 March and returned on 28 March.

Their activities include dipping themselves in the Hydro pool which was therapeutic, rode the high wave at the Valley of the Waves, took long and brisk walks which developed our appetites, saw warthogs roaming in bushes, stayed in luxury apartments. Received breakfast and dinner by bus delivered right to our door steps and entertainment galore.

The tour has left them with pleasant and fond memories.

Senior Citizens (resident and non resident) meet every 1st Sunday of every Month at Kendra Gardens from 2pm-5pm

VIVA OUR SENIORS GROUP

11th ANNUAL RANGILI SHAAM

Our 11th Annual Rangili Shaam will be held on Women's Day, 9th August 2014 at Kendra Hall. Approximately 100 participants take part in Rangili Shaam annually and the ages vary from 2yrs-70yrs. Last year, the youngest participant, Priyal Jamnadas was only 6mths old! An average of 1000 people attend this programme which concludes with an Aarti and Dinner. Participants are assisted, guided and rehearsed. New ideas, concepts and suggestions are most welcome.

Your participation and support is most appreciated. Please also encourage the children to participate. Many have skills and talent and what better platform to start with them than with our own, "Rangili Shaam".

Should you wish to participate or for further information please contact Ekta Gandecha on 031-3261000 • Manisha on 073 890 7472 m.doolabh@gmail.com • Sunita Bhoola on 082-8880-224

AUM SHREE GANESHAY NAMAH:



GUJARATI HINDU SANSKRUTI KENDRA



WILL BE HOSTING IT'S VERY FIRST

SAMUH SATYANARAYAN KATHA

DATE :SUNDAY, 29 JUNE 2014

VENUE : KENDRA TEMPLE

TIME : 10H00

THE KENDRA EXTENDS A CORDIAL INVITATION TO ALL TO ATTEND / PARTICIPATE IN THIS SPIRITUAL AND DIVINE OCCASION AND RECEIVE THE RICHEST AND MOST SPIRITUAL BLESSING OF SHREE SATYANARAYAN DEV

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR TO BOOK YOUR PARTICIPATION KINDLY CONTACT Ramnikbhai on 031 309 1824 or Thakorbhai on 031 326 1082

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE PROVIDED WITH THE POOJA SAMAGRI AND AARTI TRAYS. MAHAPRASAD WILL BE SERVED AFTER THE AARTI AT NOON

SATYAMEV JAYATE = TRUTH ALWAYS TRIUMPHS

All Welcome

Letter to Editor

Sir, I found the Kendra Samachar Newsletter excellent, a pleasure to read – well-laid out, excellent text and important information. The community has a lot to be proud of. Was showing it to my colleagues in the IEO – and they too concur. Well done and keep up the good work!!

Kind regards



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PICTORIAL HIGHLIGHTS RECENT EVENTS



Feb 2014 - Maha Shivratri



April 2014 - Raam Naumi



March 2014 - Holi



March 2014 - Holi Celebration



March 2014 - Holi Prayer



March 2014 - Holi Celebration



April 2014 - Raam Naumi



April 2014 - Hanuman Chalisa



April 2014 - Hanuman Chalisa



April 2014 - Chaitri Navratri



April 2014 - Hanuman Chalisa

Kendra Celebrates 15 Years *Sunday Times Eastern Bride* FAIR



This year's event is scheduled for 5, 6, 7 September 2014 at the Durban Exhibition Centre and we anticipate yet another phenomenal response, judging from the success of our previous fairs. Attendance to the fair averaged 10000 people over 2½ days.

This event has grown from just a bridal preparation to an important social event in the Durban calendar. The event features a glossy, full colour magazine, fashion show which incorporates participation of popular Indian TV Series and displays by the finest stores.

This is a massive event and for a Non-Profit organisation like Kendra to reach it's 15th Annual Milestone is a momentums achievement. The Sunday Times Eastern Bridal Fair committee and public support is appreciated.

The Bridal Fair has been a major community project with over 200 volunteers each year. This includes approximately 100 models and dancers who are professionally trained by overseas professional choreographers. The performers receive a graduation certificate at the end of the event. The Fair moulds many of our youth to take on responsibilities. The Sunday Times Eastern Bridal Fair is also a fund raising event of the Kendra Gardens Retirement Home and has been the largest contributor to the Home's fund raising activities

The Fashion Show is professionally choreographed dance and fashion extravaganza displaying the finest bridal garments, stunning jewelery and make-up. There are usually 9 performances over 3 days. We take this opportunity to thank all our sponsors, stall holders, participants, volunteers and supporters for the past 14 years and look forward to a successful 15th Sunday Times Eastern Bridal Fair.



Social Responsibility Program

WINTER WARMTH

Deadline 30th June 2014

Cash donations of R70 per Blanket
Or donations of good and clean
second-hand clothes will be highly
appreciated



MEDICAL DAY & BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

Sunday 13th July 2014

Regular blood donors please bring
along a friend or relative to donate a
pint of blood.

Free Medical, Blood & Cholesterol test

First Blood Donor will get a

Free Sugar Testing Machine



DIWALI HAMPERS

Deadline Monday 13th October 2014

Cash donations of R120 per Hamper
and kind donations of canned or
dry food will be most appreciated



CHRISTMAS CHEER

**First week of December at Paediatric
Cancer Unit Addington Hospital**



RANGILI SHAAM

11TH Annual Rangili Shaam

will be held On 9th of Aug 2014

at Kendra Hall Upstairs

Time: 3-30pm to 6-30 pm

(Supper Will be Served after Aarti)

We Invite Age group of 2/75

to Partake in Rangili Shaam

Please contact: Ekta Gandecha: 072-190-3635

Manisha Doolabh: 073-890-7472

Sunita Bhoola: 082-888-0224

Mahesh Gandecha: 083-778-3645

Or Email: vicprod@yeho.co.za / M.doolabh@gmail.com

Please note closing date for all entries is 5th July 2014

Gujarati Hindu Sanskruti Kendra Invites you to

SHRI KRISHNA JANMASTAMI UTSAV

Sunday 17th Aug 2014 at Ekta Mandir – Kendra

5:30pm to 6:45pm Havan/Pooja & Pushpanjali

6:45pm to 8:10pm Bhajans & Kirtans

8:10pm to 8:30pm – Samuh Jaap & Thaal

8:30pm Aarti

Thereafter arrival of Shri Krishna



Gujarati Hindu Sanskruti Kendra in
association with Saptah Mandir
Invites you to :

Ganesh Chaturthi Mahotsav

29 – 31 Aug 2014

Programme: Fri 29 Aug at Ekta Mandir

5:30pm – 6:30pm Ganeshji's arrival & Sthapan & Pooja

6:30 pm to 8:00pm Aarti, Bhajans & Kirtans

Sat 30 Aug

6:30 pm Aarti • 6:45 to 8:00pm, Bhajans and Kirtans

Sun 31 Aug

Pooja and Purnahut Havan

at Ekta Mandir, Kendra Hall Durban 8am to 9am

Shobha Yatra

Departs Ekta Mandir, Kendra Hall at 9h30am to Blue Lagoon
Behind Engen Garage at Canoe Club

All devotees are welcome to join the Shobha Yatra processions with their own transport

Dharshan and Bhajans

at Blue Lagoon from 10:30am to 12:15 pm

Visarjan

at Blue Lagoon at 12:30 pm

Thereafter Maha Parsad (lunch)



SPECIAL 15TH ANNIVERSARY

Sunday Times eastern BRIDAL FAIR

Auditions

Saturday 28th June 2014
at Kendra Gardens

Models Auditions 3-4pm
Dancers Auditions 4-5pm

Book Your Stall & Advert Now!
Limited Stalls Available.

For Adverts in the popular

200 page, full colour, glossy
Eastern Bride Magazine, 8000
copies distributed free at the
fair in goody bags for ladies.
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5,6,7 SEPTEMBER 2014 - DURBAN EXHIBITION CENTRE

Kendra Annual Medical Day

Sunday 13 July 2014, From 10am to 3pm



FREE MEDICAL CONSULTATIONS

* Blood, Sugar, Pressure, Cholesterol
* Eyes, Ears, General Medical

"Give blood and save a life"
(Light Refreshments will be served)

ALL WELCOME

Gujarati Hindu Sanskruti Kendra in association with Gujarati Mahila Mandal presents

Dasera Music Masti

with Mukhtar Shah and Party from India
An evening of Filmi Songs

Sat 4th Oct, 7pm

FREE ENTRY - REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

GUJARATI HINDU SANSKRUTI KENDRA INVITES YOU TO A



PRE NAVRATRI



Bhajan Evening with Mukhtar Shah and Party from Gujarat India

Tues 23 Sept, 2014 6h45 - 8h15
(Light meals will be served)

All Welcome

Gujarati Hindu Sanskruti Kendra Presents

Diwali Dinner & Get Together

An Evening of live entertainment & Dinner

Sat 11th Oct 2014 @ 7:15pm

Tickets: R100.00pp or Table of 10 for R1000

Tickets will be available over Navratri & at Kendra Gardens Retirement Home

Gujarati Hindu Sanskruti Kendra Invites you to

CHOPDA POOJAN

@ Ekta Mandir - Thursday 23 October 2014

6:00 pm - Chopda Poojan

6:30 pm - Diwali Aarti

(BRING YOUR BUSINESS BOOKS)

Gujarati Hindu Sanskruti Kendra And Patni Social Club Host

NAVRATRI

18th Annual

Thur 25th Sept to Fri 3rd Oct
@ Ekta Mandir - Kendra Hall,
John Zikhali Road (Sydenham Road, Durban)

Daily Pooja & Havan

Mornings 7am - 8:30am
Evenings 5:30pm - 7:00pm

Chandi Paat recitals

Daily @ 9:00am to 11:00am

Aarti daily @ 8:00pm

Garba daily @ 8:30pm

Dandia Raas daily @ 9:30pm

with Mukhtar Shah & party of India

Durgastami Havan

On Thursday 2 Oct commencing @ 11:00am

Purnahuti 2 Oct @ 5:30pm,

Maha Aarti

Thurs 2 Oct @ 8:30pm

Upstairs Main Hall

Uthapan

Friday 3 October @ 5:30pm

Officiating Priest - Sri Ashwinbhai Hirjee Thrikamjee

Resident Priest - Sri Tarunbhai Tharkorbhai Purohit

All Welcome!

Gujarati Hindu Sanskruti Kendra invites you to

NEW YEAR HAVAN & GET TOGETHER/ANNKOOT

Kendra Hall, Friday 24th October 2014

Havan 10h30am to 11h30am

Meet & Greet 11h30am • Aarti & Annkoot 12noon

(Annkoot Trays to be delivered by 10h00am)

Gujarati Hindu Sanskruti Kendra Hindu Dharma and Gujarati Classes present

Gujarati School Awards Day

Kendra Hall, Friday 5th December 2014

5h30pm for 6h00pm

Kendra 20th Annual Golf Day

Tuesday

16 December 2014

(Contact: Husmukh Patel 083 564 0021)



Kendra Gardens Reaches – 50% Milestone

The Kendra Gardens Retirement Home was designed to offer the residents maximum relaxation and a spirit of community with their fellow citizens. We are proud to announce that is exactly what we have achieved. Through the hard work and dedication of the administration of the Kendra Gardens Retirement Home, the staff, the care givers and through public support, we have made amazing progress at the home and this gives us a sense of pride and joy.

By the end of July 2014, occupancy in the home will be 50%, that is 45 full time residents. At a point in April, with the various religious and other functions at Kendra all 75 rooms in the Home were occupied. When we commenced occupation of the Home, and due to budget constraints, we had no air-conditioners or televisions. Today, we have 47 air-conditioners and 59 televisions for our 75 rooms (90 residents). By the end of September, all rooms will be fully equipped.

Computer equipment has been installed in the internet room for residents and free wi-fi throughout the building. Further activities include Book Club, Yoga and Sewing Classes.

The kitchen staff is very active and besides catering for the needs of the residents that is they have snacks and take away meals for sale. They also cater for all Kendra events. Guests can have meals at a nominal price but prior arrangements have to be made.

Numerous religious groups use the function areas for Satsangs and the residents participate in many of these. On the average, there are about 1000 devotees attending the Satsangs each week. Numerous committees and organisations have meetings on site as well. This is all at no charge.

We are also on the People Mover Bus route.

We pray that our Seva will grow from strength to strength.

Kendra Gardens Retirement Home Views of a Resident

“Satyam, Sivam and Sundaram” is certainly the ambiance at the Kendra Gardens Retirement Home. It is dawn, a resplendent sun emerges to “lighten” the earth. The fragrant breeze of our lovely garden is almost transcendental in its effect. I’m reminded of a management Guru when he advised “Time is the most rare of resources, unless it is managed well, little else can be managed.” Kendra Gardens Retirement Home allows one, sufficient time to plan one’s day rest, think things through, find inspiration. “A peaceful retirement is the greatest luxury of life”, said Benjamin Franklin. Born from the Herculean effort of the Gujarati Community who sacrificed their time as volunteers to raise funds to build Kendra Gardens Retirement Home, is an effort that will stand the test of time.

At Kendra Gardens Retirement Home, rooms are beautiful. Facilities that aid people in bathrooms are a great source of comfort. As a writer who is wheelchair bound, one feels very safe as the architects of Kendra Gardens Retirement Home, have made painstaking efforts to create security and comfort. The fact that there are cleaning services and laundry facilities is helpful to the elderly. There is a good selection of television channels. My channel of choice is Aljazeera, a cutting edge news channel. Among elders the attainment of wealth acquires less significance as residents become frugal and introspective on the purpose of life.

This goal becomes more meaningful when one watches the thought provoking story of the “ Buddha “. During the seasons of Vanaprastha and Sanyasi, time management is crucial as prayer and meditation become the corner stones of one’s existence. Meal times are a good time to interact, enjoy a light moment over an interesting vegetarian cuisine.

We are blessed to have a beautiful temple at Kendra Gardens Retirement Home frequented by residents. The words of our sages are still prevalent and imperative. “ The only COMRADE for the soul is good conduct “. Nurtured well, our altruism develops, elevates and cautious mankind.

Kendra Gardens Retirement Home has a breathtaking library. Books range from the dominant, popular, prominent and pedestrian genre. Classical works reflecting on the human condition, Bhavan articles and, Gandhian thoughts are food for the soul. A literary paradise. I’ve enjoyed works of the classical, cultural, spiritual to aesthetic nature whilst utilizing my time well. My first interaction with Kendra was the professionalism with which Mrs Ekta handled all queries.

Article by
Shireen
Sarojini
Munsamy



DANCE CLASSES WITH KSHITIJ

Kshitij Vaishnav ex Shiamak Davar Dance Institute and Iqraam Rahim of 15 years Eastern Bridal Fair will host Master Dance Classes at the Kendra for the Community.

The course will be held from **31 July to 9 Aug**. The Junior Batch will be trained from 18h00 to 19h00 and the seniors 19h00 to 20h00. This is an opportunity not to be missed.

The cost for the entire course is **R550 for 10 sessions**. The groups will be divided into junior and senior batches.

All enquiries, contact Iqraam on 071 237 2900.



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316-320 Grey Street (Cnr Derby & Grey Str)
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Grand views of Royal Dbn Golf Course & Kendra.

Enquiries- 083 661 4013

GUJARATI HINDU SANSKRUTI KENDRA

NOTICE OF BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: Thurs, 24th July 2014 – Time: 6pm Venue: Kendra Main Hall

AGENDA

1. Prayer
2. Notice of Meeting
3. Presidential Address
4. MINUTES
 - a) Confirmation of minutes of Biennial General Meeting held on the 24th July 2012
 - b) Matters Arising – Ex Minutes
5. Secretarial / Management Committee Report
6. Approval of Audited Financial Statements for year ended 31st March 2013 and 31st March 2014
7. Elections
 - 7.1 President
 - 7.2 One Deputy President
 - 7.3 Three Vice Presidents
 - 7.4 Two Secretaries
 - 7.5 Two Treasurers
 - 7.6 Twenty Management Committee Members
 - 7.7 Trustees
 - 7.8 Confirmation of Appointment of Patrons
8. Appointment of Auditor
9. General
10. Shanti Paath

Dinner will be Served

H Narsi / H Jamnadas
Jt. Hon. Secretaries

All nominations for the Executive and/or Management Committees must be lodged with the secretary not later than seventy-two (72) hours before the time of the Biennial General Meeting, accompanied by written acceptance by the nominee: At Kendra Offices, 5 John Zikhali (Sydenham) Road, Durban - Office Hours. (Deadline 16h00- 21st July 2014)

In terms of the constitution all Hindus of Gujarati descent and their spouses and children who are over the age of 18 and who are resident in the Province of KwaZulu-Natal are eligible for membership. Only persons who have been enrolled for membership at least seven (7) days prior to date of the Biennial General, shall be eligible to vote.

Membership forms are available from the Kendra Office
5 John Zikhali (Sydenham) Road, Durban, 4001

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www.kendra.org.za.