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मराठी भाषिक मंडळ, एडमंटन, वार्तापत्र, वर्ष – २, क्र. १, डिसेंबर ३० - २००९
नमस्कार मंडळी

An attempt is made to circulate this E-Patra on a regular basis (one E-Patra in two months). MBME encourages members and their children to submit any interesting subjects like Lalit, Kavita, Ruchira, Aarogya, Pustak Parichay, Vyang Chitra, Quiz, Rashi Bhavishya, Yuva Page, jokes, science facts, Food recipes, marriages / anniversaries, births, birthdays, buy/sell, holiday discounts etc. (can be in English). We expect that the E-Patra concept will eventually gather speed in coming years.

Efforts will be made to have this E-Patra as much with Marathi (मराठी) content and fonts as possible. Everyone's support is necessary.

मराठी संस्कृती श्लोक

सकळी उठल्यावर

वक्रजुंड महाकाय सूर्यकोटि समप्रभ
निर्विघ्नं कुरुमेदेव सर्वकार्येषु सर्वदा ॥
कराग्रे वसतेलक्ष्मीः करमध्ये सरस्वती
करमुले तू गोविंदः प्रभाते कर दर्शनम् ॥

भोजनाच्या वेळी

वदनी कवळ घेता, नाम घ्या श्रीहरीचे
सहज हवन होते नाम घेता फुल्लये
जीवनकरी जीवित्वा अन्न हे पूर्णब्रह्म
उदरभरण नोहे जाणीजे यज्ञकर्म ॥

झोपताना

त्वमेव माता पिता त्वमेव
त्वमेव बंधु सखा त्वमेव
त्वमेव विद्या द्रविणं त्वमेव
त्वमेव सर्व मम देवो देव ॥

गुरुपूजन

ज्या ज्या ठिकाणी मन जाय माझे
त्या त्या ठिकाणी निजरूप तुझे
मी ठेवितो मस्तक ज्या ठिकाणी
तेथे तुझे सदगुरू पाय दोन्ही ॥
गुरुब्रह्मा गुरुविष्णुः गुरुदेवो महेश्वराः ।
गुरु साक्षात्परब्रह्म तस्मै श्रीगुरवे नमः ॥

गणेश वंदन

प्रारंभी विनंती करु गणपती विद्यादयासागरा ।
अज्ञानत्व हरोनी शब्द मती दे आराध्य मोरेश्वरा ॥
चिंता क्लेश दरिद्र दुःख अवघे देशातरा पाठवी ।
हेरंबा गणनायक गजमुखा भक्तां बहु तोषवी ॥

स्नान करताना

गंगेच यमुनेचेव गोदावरी सरस्वती
नर्मदे सिंधुकावेरी जले स्निग्ध सन्निधिकुरु ॥

संध्याकाळी दीपवंदन

शुभं करोति कल्याणम् आरोग्यं धनसंपदा
दुष्टबुद्धिं विनाशाय दीपज्योति नमोस्तुते
उपासनेला टूढ चालवावे ।
भूदेव संताशी सदा नमावे ।
सत्कर्म योगे वय घालवावे ।
सर्वांमुखी मंगल बोलवावे ॥

सरस्वती पूजन

या कुंदेन्दुः तुषारहारधवला या शुभ्र वस्त्रावृत ।
या वीणावर दंडमंडितका या श्वेत पद्मासना ।
या ब्रह्माच्युत शंकर प्रभुतिभिर्देवः सदावदिता ।
सामां पातु सरस्वती, भगवती निः शेष जाडया पहा ॥

Submitted by Ms. Yukti Zode / Grade 7

Makar Sankranti – The Kite Festival of India

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sankranti>
www.hssus.org/boudhik/Makarsankrant.ppt

Significance -

Sankranthi, or **Sankranti** (Sanskrit: मकर संक्रान्ति), Makara Sankranti is about transition of Sun into Capricorn on its celestial path. It is huge Religious festival regarding Sun. This is significant considering the Winter Solstice marks the beginning of the gradual increase of the duration of the day. Traditionally, this has been one of many harvest days.

Flying kite is the important game and ritual of Makar Sankranti. Blue, clear skies and cool breeze fills the festive environment with a feeling of anticipation, joy and jubilation. This article explores the importance, history and celebrations of kite flying on the day of Makar Sankranti.



What is Kite:

Kite is a wind supported flying device, generally made of paper or foil. Some kites are also made of silk and other thin material. Kites are used for sports and also for research or study. Festival kites are marketed in several sizes and colors, framed by a thin bamboo stick.

Importance of Flying Kite:

Kite is taken as a symbol of having high aspirations and elevated vision. Man always had an inherent wish to fly high in the sky and reach the horizon. This would have surely made him to invent the kite that can touch the sky on his behalf and there can be satisfaction for man that he touched the sky as high as he likes.

On the day of Makar Sankranti it is an important ritual to fly kites. The festival spirit is showcased by flying the kites as high as possible. The real excitement lies in cutting in the kites of others. The more you cut the kites the more is the gain for you in the coming year. Anyhow the cutting is for fun but never means a bad competition. The day brings happiness and joy with colorful flying kites

European Marathi Sammelan 2010 (EMS 2010) in Switzerland

There is enthusiastic response welcoming the European Marathi Sammelan 2010 (EMS 2010) which will take place from the 23rd - 25th July 2010 in Zurich, Switzerland. Registrations for this event are now open through the EMS 2010 website. All information related to registration is available under - http://www.ems2010.org/registration_form.html

If you need additional information before registering online, please send an email to registrations@ems2010.org

Please visit the EMS website where you will find relevant information related to your visit - specifically around accommodation, sponsorship, tourism in Switzerland etc under

“**Vishwa Marathi Natya Sammelan**” will be hosted in New Jersey USA during the May 29, 30, 31 2010. For Additional details visit <http://www.vmns.org/index.htm>

Silly One-liners

Be nice to your kids. They'll choose your nursing home.

A clean desk is a sign of a cluttered desk drawer.

Wife isn't in the car. On a rural road a state trooper pulled this farmer over and said: "Sir, do you realize your wife fell out of the car several miles back?" To which the farmer replied: "Thank God, I thought I had gone deaf!"

When everything is coming your way, you are in the wrong lane

WHAT MATTERS IN THIS LIFE:

A few years ago at Seattle Special Olympics, nine contestants, a; Physically or mentally disabled, assembled at the starting line for the 100 yard dash. At the gun, they all started out, not exactly in a dash, but with a relish to run the race to the finish and win. All, that is, except one boy stumbled on the asphalt, tumbled over a couple of times and began to cry. The other eight heard the boy cry. They slowed down and looked back. They all turned around and went back.

Every one of them.

One girl with Down's syndrome bent down and kissed him and said, "This will make it better". All nine linked arms and walked across the finish line together. Everyone in the stadium stood and the cheering went on for several minutes. People who were there still telling the story... Why?

Because deep down all of us realize one thing:

What matters in life is more than winning for ourselves.

What truly matters in our life is helping others in their race, even if it means slowing down and changing our course.

FAMILY Corner:

Test your knowledge: (Answers at end of E-Patra)

1. In our Solar system do the planets rotate clockwise or anticlockwise?
2. Can you name any animal that have travelled in space and which was first one?
3. Which country issued the postage stamps for the first time in history?
4. Have you heard the phrase "Once in Blue Moon" and what is a Blue Moon
5. Can you name a "mammal" that can fly
6. Can you name the fastest animal

FELICITATIONS:

1. Shri Anna (Anil) Arvikar recently celebrated his 75th Birthday on Dec 06, 2009. MBME and all Marathi community wishes him a happy and healthy life.
2. Master Satyen Akolkar excelled and ranked in top 4 % in the All Canadian Mathematics Competition (conducted by University of Waterloo), in 2009, achieving GOLD STANDARD. MBME congratulates Master Satyen and wishes him excellence in his studies in future. He is presently in pre IB program at Old Scona High School.

2009 Dyaneshwari Photos:

Dyaneshwari event in 2009 was very unique and a "Dindi" (Palki procession) was undertaken. The Abhangwani / bhajans, the food was appreciated by all Bhaktas and the Hindu Mandir committee. MBME appreciates and thanks



the volunteers and the participants for their passion and their contribution.

FAMILY Corner Answers

1. All Planets rotate Anticlockwise, except Venus
2. The first animal in space was a female dog – Samoyed Husky – launched by Soviets in 1957. Later US sent in space mice and chimpanzee in 1958 and 1969. In 1963 French launched cat in space
3. UK was the country which launched first postage stamp on May 01, 1840. Hence UK stamps are the only stamps in the world not to bear the Country of origin on the stamps.
4. Blue Moon is the second full moon day (really speaking night) in a calendar month
5. Bat is the only mammal that can fly
6. Cheetah is the fastest animal clocking 70 mph or 112 km.hr

Job Corner:

As we all have seen that the oil boom has settled down and hoping for some new sustaining boom. Last 3 to 4 years Edmonton has seen many new people / families move in for a better life. For some when the oil boom busted, the times became more challenging. It is said now that the Power industry is steadily growing .

Power Projects: http://www.alberta-canada.com/documents/SP_IMAP_power.pdf

Other AB projects: http://www.albertacanada.com/documents/SP_MajorAlbertaProjects.pdf

The APEGGA publication also give a glimpse of all the Engineering activities in this province, links are:

<http://www.apegga.org/members/publications/peggs/Web11-09/NovPEGG.pdf>

<http://www.apegga.com/Members/Publications/peggs/Web09-09/SeptPEGG.pdf>

If you are a job hunter or want to switch job —you may want to visit their web-sites mentioned in the web links above and gradually develop personal networking. Also suggested to chat with some of our own Marathi community professionals in future upcoming MBME events.

Oil and Gas industry still has some momentum, but not to the levels as compared to what we all had seen in 2005-2007 period.



Announcements:

Prizes on Jan 16, 2010

We appreciate members sending in the membership fees for 2010. We thought this year to pull out two (2) winning names, in a lucky draw, of the members who have paid the membership fees on or before 16 Jan 2010.

Membership Fees:

The membership fee is - Single \$ 75, Couple \$ 100, Family with Children (under 21 years) \$ 125.

Cheque is payable to **MBME** or **Marathi Bhashik Mandal Edmonton**, can be mailed to MBME Treasurer or can be paid on Jan 16, 2009 event.

(Ms. Sunita Zode, #7 - 2376 Millbourne Road West, Edmonton, T6K 3B4)

Program Location:

All MBME events are held at: Hindu Society Of Alberta (www.hindusociety.ab.ca)

14225 133 Avenue Northwest
Edmonton, AB T5L 4W3
(780) 451-5130

Volunteers: Volunteers form an important part of any organization. Anyone interested in volunteering are welcome. Please send an email to mbmedmontonorg@gmail.com

Please send in your suggestions and or E-Patra contributions to mbmedmontonorg@gmail.com

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MBME Committee



February 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Angarika Chaturthi	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 Maha Shivaratra	13
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28 Holi						