

કહેવાય છે કે, "લોકો તમને અને તમારા કાર્યને કેવી રીતે મુલવે છે એ તમારે જાણવું હોય તો,તમારે મરવું પડે."

We salute your 'FEELINGS' for 'SeM'
on 25th May, 2008

"Jay Gujarati"

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1. Pravin Patel wrote:

Sent: Friday, May 23, 2008 8:37 AM
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Cc: rpchandaria@comcraft.com ; patel.balvant@gmail.com
Subject: Re: 'Sunday eMahefil'-155-Third Year-May 25, 2008

Dear Ratibhai/Uttambhai/Balvantbhai:

It is said that end is written before the start,

I, however, enjoyed SM from the start and am happy the way it ends. I would miss, but at the same would cherish the things served all along on the plate.

Love, principle, dedication, and visualization were the driving force of the SM, and all those who kept it moving as I know were young at heart. It would not be improper to congratulate you and your team.

Again, where there is an end, there is new beginning. I am hopeful, and believe that there is a silver lining somewhere ahead.

SOMEWHERE, SOMETHING, for sure is doing to happen, and soon I would see THAT on my computer screen.

I wish you all a good health and happiness rest of life.

BE THE PEACE WITH YOU.

Truly yours,

Pravin Patel 'Shashi'-USA

2. Mahendra Shah wrote:

Friends: If you know about Sunday E Mahefil, I need not need to explain it. If you don't know, this attached SEM # 155 will explain everything to you. SEM meant a lot to me, .(and of course to all other readers too) I don't have any words for SEM and it's

team for it's "Veeram" . To me it's like a Viday of a daughter to her Sasural by a father . It is not one of the " Happiest moment" of my life for me, but that's life! Let's hope for the best. Only thing, I can tell is SEM gave me encouragement, appreciation, and a platform to uplift my cartooning skill. . Here is a priceless gift I rec'd from SEM a " RasDarshan" to one of my cartoon.(see attachment) Thanks a lot, Vadeel Sri. Ratikaka, Uttambhai, Balvantbhai, Harnishbhai & all SEM family members.

With regards.
Mahendra Shah-USA

3. Dhirajlal Parikh wrote :

I share my sentiments with Mahendrabhai.

I will miss this a lot. It has been a constant comapnion for me. --Dhirajlal Parekh

4. Kirit C. Daftary wrote:

Great Job, we love you all. You made e-mail interesting to read. But, alas!. Now same old same, junk and spam mail to put up with.

Mahendrabhai, BETA still can't come back home because you forgot their favorite SUBWAY..... Most gujjus like it because it is Vegetarian, tasty and healthy!

With best wishes and Regards,

Kirit C. Daftary-USA

5. Jay Vyas wrote :

This is a BIG disappointment ..i am sure you know the REAL reason ,...i dont . can you think of taking over this ?? can do commercially , not for money but ..for network .. i can find an investor for this ..but we need osmeone like you think about it ..

i ma in canada this week ..will be back in us monday afternoon

keep in touch
jagdish vyas

6. Kanak Raval wrote:

સંડે મહેફિલ બંધ થશે તે જાણી ગણો વસવસો થાય છે.

તેના કારણો સમજી શકાય છે પણ ગળે વાત નથી ઉતરતી.
વિનંતિ છે કે માત્ર ૬ મહિના માટે આ નિર્ણય મોકુફ રાખીએ
અને આ અદ્ભુત રચનાને ચિરંજીવ રાખવા પ્રયત્ન કરીએ.
મહાનુભાવો સર્વેશ્રિ રતિભાઈ,બળવંત ભાઈ,ઉત્તમ ભાઈ,
હર્નિશ ભાઈને અનેક ધન્યવાદો અને આભારનો સંદેશ.
કનક રાવળ-જય ગુજરાત -USA

7. Shailly Vaishnavi wrote:

great loss to me dr.niloo vaishnav
--Shailly Vaishnavi

8. Suresh Jani wrote-

I am shocked.

આ પગલાંથી મને અત્યંત ગ્લાની પહોંચી. પણ ભાઈ સુનીલ શાહના કેટલાક ખુલાસાથી
ઠંડક થઈ. ઉત્તમભાઈએ જે કાર્ય શરૂ કર્યું હતું, તે આગળ ધપાવવા હવે આપણે સૌએ કમર
કસવી રહી.

—સુરેશ જાની—ટેક્સાસ—યુએસએ

9. Sunil Shah wrote-

વહાલા ઉત્તમભાઈ,

સન્ઠે ઈ મહેફીલ બંધ થવા અંગેનો અણસાર તેના કારણો સહીત તમે એકાદ મહીના પુર્વે જ
આપી દીધેલો, મનમાં મુંઝવણ, નીરાશા હતી; પણ તમારી સાથે ફોન પર લાંબી વાતો થયા
પછી ભારે હૈયે આ કડવો ઘુંટ ઉતારવો જ પડે એમ હતો. દર શનીવારે મેઈલબોક્સમાં
અચુક પડતી એ પી.ડી.એફ. ફાઈલના દર્પણમાં, ગુજરાતી સાહિત્યની કાળજીપુર્વક પસંદ
થયેલી ઉત્તમ કૃતીઓ માણવાનો એ ભીનો અવસર અનેક વાર માણ્યા પછી, આમ, અચાનક
તેની વીદાય ગમી તો નથી જ... તમારા લખ્યા પ્રમાણે એ ‘વીદાય’ નહીં પણ ‘વીરામ’ જ
બની રહે તેમ ઈચ્છું છું. સન્ઠે મહેફીલ સાથે સંકળાઈને થોડું ટાઈપીંગ કરવાનો મને જે મોકો
આપ્યો તેનાથી ગુજરાતીમાં ઝડપથી ટાઈપ કરી શકવાની મારી ક્ષમતા વીકસી એટલું જ
નહીં, એ કૃતીઓ છાપતાં તેના અક્ષરે અક્ષરને સ્પર્શવાનો અદ્ભુત અવસર મને પ્રાપ્ત કરી
આપવા બદલ તમારો ઋણી છું. કૃતીની પસંદગીથી માંડીને લેખક પરીચય અને ત્રણ-ચાર
વખતના પુક રીડીંગમાં તમારી ચીવટાઈ તથા આ બધામાં આદરણીય રતીકાકા,

બળવંતભાઈ અને હરનીશભાઈના ઉત્સાહવર્ધક પ્રેમ-પ્રોત્સાહને મહેફીલને જે સુંદરતા બક્ષી હતી તે નીહાળવાનું-માણવાનું સદભાગ્ય મને સાંપડતું રહ્યું છે. મારા જીવનની આ ધન્ય પળો પુનઃ નવા રુપ-રંગે જીવીત થાય એવી પ્રાર્થના સાથે આભાર..પ્રણામ.....
સુનીલ શાહ (સુરત)

10. Rajendra Trivedi, M.D. wrote:

We wish you stay connected.
As a Team You have done a great work.
Regards

Geeta + Rajendra and Trivedi Parivar

11. Mahesh Naik wrote

It is really more painful to read about SEM, I can not imagine my friday with out getting email from SEM team, it is simply selfless effort by Shri Ratikaka, Shri Balvantbhai, Shri Uttambhai along with friends like you, It is GREAT to be associated with ALL of YOU. Thanking you once again to everyone associated with the SEM team.

Mahesh Naik

12. Dharnidhar Thakor wrote:

માનનિય મુ. ઉત્તમભાઈ,

કુશળ હશો. ઇમેલ વાંચી આઘાત થયો. પરંતુ આપ સર્વની સેવાને બિરદાવવા માટે મારી પાસે કોઈ શબ્દો નથી..

ઇશ્વર ત્રિપુટીને દિર્ઘ આયુષ્ય અને તંદુરસ્તિ બક્ષે તેવી પ્રભુને પ્રાર્થના.

મારા લાયક કામકાજ જણાવશો.

ધરણીધર.ઠાકોર.

13. Leena Shah wrote:

Dear Sir,

since last one week i had started to read ur sundayemahefil.really its very nice to read. if i want to subscribed ur sunday e mahefil liteature or i want to bcome a user of ur regular

updt. then wats a procedure let me knw
once again really very nice article & also plz start some educational articals also

with regds
leena shah
mumbai-maharashtra

14. Poonam Krishnani wrote:

Dear Uttam Uncle,

I use to wait for Saturday to read Sunday eMahefil and use to read without fail. It is sad to read that today is the last eMahefil. However its true that it need more attention and devotion of time and due to that social life and other work may disturb.

You are more experience than me but still would like to give you one suggestion that instead of discontinuing it you can develop it as month;y magazine after talking a small break (Please take a small break as i love to receive and read again in my Inbox)
I apologies for not giving my feedback of Sunday eMahefil, i really sorry for that and appreciate for initiative for Gujarati language development.

Regards,
Poonam Krishnani-

15. Prakash Modi wrote:

It is a sad news that the Sunday E-mehefil is winding up! I hope and wish that this should continue. I can understand the reasoning but I suggest it can be made into fortnightly or monthly and can continue serving readers as well as be in touch.

I may mention that in my case, I do read the magazines mentioned in the e-mehfil because of its contents and not because of the *Unza Jodni*. I mention this to avoid the impression that I approve of the change! There is no choice for the readers except to discontinue the subscription. In fact, I did so for Naya Marg.

Sincerely,
Prakash

16. Kishor Raval wrote:

Sorry to know about clouser of Mehfil, but I do understand your plight. I unofficially closed Kesuda.com after March 2007. Unofficially because I stopped upadating it.

My reasons are not very clear to me either.

Kanubhai has been very supportive of Kesuda and therefore he is upset about Kesuda coming to an end.

But we started our activities for the fun of it so it is equally all right if we end it when we want for reasons better known to us.

I wish you happiness in whatever you decided to. So long as you and Madhuben are happy, I am happy.
Kishor Raval-USA

17. Dr. Vivek Tailor wrote:

Dear Uttambhai & all,

So, no more Sunday E- Mehfil will be there from now onwards...

This is a sad news... indeed a sad news that we shall not receive SEM now onwards.... It was a nice time reading SEM every week. I sincerely appreciate the hard work done by the entire team over past 155 weeks without a single break. That was indeed a BIG task.. Congratulations to all ...

I must once again heartily congratulate on exceptionally nice commitment & a pretty lengthy way to prove Unjha spelling fruitful... We read SEM just because we love Gujarati literature. But it was definitely painful to see the modifications... So, out of your 8500 receivers, kindly count me out of those who got acquainted with this new spelling system... And count my vote when you shall project the extrapolated result to the Government supra-structure.

We shall wait for the second innings...
Take care...

Dr. Vivek Tailor

18. Nandlal Shah wrote:

THANK YOU FOR THE HARD LABOUR PUT IN FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLE

Nandlal

19. Manoj Sathia wrote:

Thank you I will miss my Gujarat
Manoj Sathia

20. Khurshed Gandhi wrote:

Dear Uttam Kaka, Balwant Kaka, Ratilal Kaka,
Its saddening to know that I will not be receiving your mail. Without knowing you all personally a sort of bond was created. Especially being a surti I was proud when I came to know that you are also from surat and today when I came to know that being in 70 &

આ દીવસ આવવાની ખબર હતી એટલે સૌના કરતાં દુઃખ અનુભવવાનો ગાળો વધુ મળ્યો !!

આજે છેવટે એ દી'ય આવી પુગ્યો. ખુબ ખાલીપો અનુભવ્યો. આને પુરવાનું શક્ય જ નથી. આખી ટીમને વીદાય સાથે જ અભીનંદન પણ મોકલવાં જ રહ્યાં. આ વરસોમાં એમની મહેનત અને નીષ્ઠા બેમીસાલ રહ્યાં છે.

ગુજરાતી અને ગુજરાતીઓને માટે આ SEM એક ઐતિહાસીક બાબત જ બની રહેશે. હું ઘણી રીતે એને મુલવું છું. મુ. રતીકાકા અને એમની ભાષાભક્તી આ બધાંની પાછળ (કે આગળ ?) છે. એમને અંગે તો કહીએ તેટલું ઓછું જ રહેવાનું.

હું આજના દીવસને વીશ્વગુજરાતી મંચ પરના એક યાદગાર દીવસ તરીકે અને તમારી ટીમને એ મંચ પરના મહાન નટો તરીકે ગણીને વંદના કરું છું.....

જ્યાં જ્યાં હશે કોઈ ગુજરાતી, ત્યાં ત્યાં સદા 'સેમ' લહેરાતી.

આપ સૌનો,

--જુગલકીશોર--અમદાવાદ

25. Mahendra Shah wrote:

આનાથી વધારે નીશાસો શું હોઈ શકશે?

ગઈ કાલે પાર્ટીમાં SEMના વીરામના સંદર્ભમાં એક મીત્ર સાથેના વાર્તાલાપ પરથી..,

" હંમેશાં દર શુક્રવારે હું જોબ પરથી ઘરે આવીને જુતાં પણ નથી ઉતારતો અને મારા 85 વર્ષના પીતા આતુરતાથી પુછશે..," બેટા આજની SEM નું પ્રીન્ટ આઉટ લાવ્યો છે? " " .

મહેન્દ્ર શાહ-યુએસએ

26. urvish kothari wrote:

dear uttambhai & team members

pl. accept my salaam to your efforts. They'll go in to history of Gujarati e-publishing as a sincere and memorable effort to bring Gujarati on the net.

Thanks you, sir.

urvish - Mahemdavad

27. rajesh shah wrote:

hi,

pleaseeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeee keep it up, do not stop this, even though i am in india only i do not get this kind of stuff to read phisically (books) due to the time constrain but if its through email definately i go through it and forward the same to my friends and relatives and like mind people. awaiting every week monday (in india)eagerly to check my inbox, and you wa'nt believe that first email i open is yours mehfil (i am not exgarating).

i appreciate your efforts is writing the same leaving your all other social commitments and engagements i hereby request you to continue the same as a fortnightly/monthly, if you are not able to cop-up as a weekly.

hope you will consider my request and as well other reader's request also not to stop this 'MEHFIL'.

as in your last મધુરેશ સમાપયેત has been mentioned by shri mahendrabhai that ' mafat nu vacvani addat padi gai chhe.'

regards,
Rajesh shah

28. MILAP V SHAH wrote:

It is really sad that movement like this going to be end too early.

Though I may not be so deep reader of Gujarati literature uptil now and a reader of "e mehfil" from few months, but I am strong supporter and fan of this.

Is not any other way or people, who will carry forward this movement? Can't we take help from Mr. Modi to have helping hands from govt. also?

A surveys says that " the next generation of Gujarat will not be able to understand and speak "shuddh Gujarati" , in this shameful case, the movement like " E-mehfil" is really doing marvelous work.

Please...please do something to continue this.

Your fan, Milap V. Shah

29. Dr. Jitendra Mistry wrote:

Hello, Dear Uttambhai

we read your last email and was shocked.
suddenly this type of news, no one like it.
We know this is time consuming and hard team work. But for 3 yrs you all did with love
so we appreciate and congratulate to all of you.
we are in Brisbane, so if you come this side please visit us, it will be a pleasure.
If you start something new let us know please.
there are very good stories and poetry in the articles and interesting to read in passing
time.
anyway thanks a lot to entertained lots of communities/people.
God bless you all and live healthy- peaceful and happy life.
Thank you again, Namaste.

pushpa

30. Yusuf & Farida Kundawala wrote:

Uttambhai- sorry to hear the closure- I wish you all the best and many many thanks of the
service- Is it possible that you can leave all the 3 years set of writings on a web site? i do not
have so many of the Sunday collections--Thanks again--Yusuf Kundawala

31. Akash Acharya wrote:

I indeed appreciate your efforts and wish that some new initiative will come from you in short time.
I enjoyed "Sunday eMahefil".

Akash

32. Pravin Sheth wrote:

Sunday Mehfil,our extremely e-paper run so dreftly by Ratibhai Chandariya,Uttam Gajjar
an their committed group has blazed a new trail in e-communication with varied and
'prasanna' readings with all the diversity of creative Gujarati in form,style and content.

I bow down to them and pray that they are rechrge with yet another initiative--so rare in
helping us enjoy our literature thru a digital medium that connected our Diaspora across
the world.

Pravin Sheth

33. ASHOK KARIA wrote:

it was sad to know that S.M is now stpped.
our humble request and prayer is to start whenever it suits u.
I take this opportunity to thank heartily to trio i.e Ratibhai, Balwantbhai, uttambhai and all
others who have helped in this regard.
once again hearty thanks/gratitude for it.
regd
Ashok Karia

34.Madhukar Bhatt wrote:

Uttambhai,

Rec. Sunday e-Mahefil alongside shocking note that this is the last edition. I personally thanks and appreciate team of Sunday eMahfil for services and your deep efforts to mobilize Gujarat and Gujarati Literature. Hope, you will continue with such Mahfil, may be in other form.....

Regards,
Madhukar Bhatt

35. Ashok Vidwans wrote:

Dear Shri Uttambhai,

It is quite a disappointment to learn that you gentlemen are deciding to take a pause from such marvelous journey! But I cannot complain. You have done your tour of duty. Let us hope that someone else will pick up your torch and move on. My sincere salute to you all for what you have done.

With sincere regards,

Ashok.

36. Vasant Dubal wrote:

Uttambhai.

I read sunday Mahefil since last one year. I enjoy the articals It is a big job to prepare and send

by email.I hope it may continue We enjoy gujarati reading living in USA. Pl. pass my comments for all Gujarati community. Keep in touch.

37. GIRISH PANDYA wrote:

Respected Shri Uttambhai Gajjar and Family.All of you our heartily JayGaytrimaiya.Received your email and shocked to heard that now we are timebeing not get sunday-E Mahefil 's valuable thoughts. All our Family members are reading this "SEM" regularly and discussing the topic also.

Now we cutout for some time from "SEM" as this takes VIDAY. We appreciated your effort and thankful from 13 January2006 to stiill date of Episod 155,which was unforgettable.

"WE ALL WISHING YOU AND ALL COMMITTE MEMBERS OF "SEM" and pray to GOD that our allmighty give encouragement and sprit for restart the "SEM" .

Resp. Uttambhai we will be in touch by email with goodthought's email and any NEW messages.

All the best and good luck to all.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

38. ULLAS OZA wrote:

Respected Ratilalbhai, Balwantbhai & Uttambhai,

You have done excellent work of spreading Gujarati over all the continents and

also created interest in Gujarati - Our Matrubhasha in the young generation.

You deserve KUDOS for this service to the Gujarati community and we appreciate the devotion with which you all have worked for the cause.

We feel very sad that from next week we will be missing your e-mails and Gujarati 'aaswad'.

In any case wish you all and your families GOOD HEALTH and PEACEFUL life in the years to come.

With kind regards,
Ullas Oza & family

39. Sharifa Vijaliwala wrote:

aa bandh karva jevu to nathi j.think again.i want to write in gujarati.can you help me?

40. bharat pandya wrote:

Uttambhai,

Sorry to hear,I would definitely miss it.But world never stops some other will take its place.Sincere Thanks for all you did

**E Rite mari hasti jagat parathi visarai Gayi
pani mathi nikaLi angali ne jaga purai ghayi.**

If you happen to read something good pl. forward it to me.
I would be thankful.

Bharat pandya.

41. manoj anandpura wrote:

Respected Uttambhai,

Is it not possible to continue even once or twice a month? It will be great help to gujarati samaj.
Manoj

42. Bharati asher wrote:

Respected Vadilo, Aane ame purna-viramne badle alp-viram ganaviato? PCma unap lagse.

With best wishes and warm regards, Bharati and Mahendra Asher,POBox
4421,Dubai,UAE.

43. rajendra karnik wrote:

murrabi shri uttambhai,
hun aje j ek charchpatra lakhwano hato ke mafatni pan kimmat hoi chhe. Babubhai umrao ne mafat ma lokone manoranjan karavta sambhline parantu aapna kartune vichar badalvani faraj padi chhe. kher, nirnay vyavaharu hova chhata dukhad chhe parantu aapni vedna dur kari shaku evu marama technological koi samrthya nathi etle lachar chhun baki hun pan samay to aapi shakat. aapno khub abhar trane janano ke aape samaj ne khubaapyu. tame jene nathi manta teni ane tamara vishwasni tamara ane madhuben per krupa hojo. dukhi rajendra

44. SAMPARK CONSULTANTS wrote:

Dear Ratilal bhai, Balvant Bhai & Uttambhai,

The journey/yatra of three years with you have been very enriching. Selection of literature piece too was par excellent. One part of me says, can you not make it once a month or bi- weekly and one part of me says, 'gamta no kariya gulal' should not be burden to you.

'Sunday e mahefil' was addiction. From all boring business emails, and tons of forwards, this 'live ' email was like recharging your self.

To many , it helped to revive their touch with "Gujarati Sahitya".

We, as readers will cherish our memories of Sunday e-mehfil.

I thank you all for such great and successful efforts and wish you all a very healthy and joyful journey of life.

'Viram' instead of 'the end' is like a silver border in skyline like a ray of hope....!

Warm Regards,

**Amisha Shah
(Editor- 'Thank you, Pappa')**

45. Urmila Jobanputra wrote:

I am so sorry to learn that I will not be able to read Gujarati any more from your sight - I used to look forward to receiving your article - although it was once a week only - i was hoping that you will increase it to two days and gradually every day - I take the opportunity to Thank you for your services that you provided us so far - I will really miss your articles - Urmila

46. premji b wrote:

જવાનોને શરમાવે એવા ત્રણે વહાલસોયા ડોસાઓ ને વંદન.... આભાર.....
વાત તમારી સમજાય છે. જે નથી લખ્યું એ મારી સમજ પ્રમાણે વંચાય છે. આ જવાબદારી
લેવા લાયક અને તૈયાર વ્યક્તિઓ મળી નથી. મને 61 વર્ષ થયા છે. તબીયત સરસ છે. હું
કઈ રીતે મદદરૂપ થઈ શકું ખબર નથી પણ ઇચ્છા જરૂર છે. શક્યતા હોય તો જણાવજો.
સરસ સ્પેલચેકર ડાઉનલોડ કર્યું પણ આખું વર્ક ડોક્યુમેન્ટ કેવી રીતે સ્પેલ ચેક કરવું ખબર
ન પડી.

આપ સહુને ખુબ ખુબ શુભેચ્છાઓ.

પ્રેમજીભાઈ ભાનુશાળીના પ્રણામ.-હૈદરાબાદ

MKGANDHI wrote:

Aavun na chale. But, I should respect your thoughts.

Thanks for everything and all the best for your delightful and healthy future.

With warm regards, peace and love,

TRK Somaiya

Bombay Sarvodaya Mandal / Gandhi Book Centre

299, Tardeo Road, Nana Chowk,

Mumbai - 400 007 India.

47. Tushar Bhatt wrote:

Dear Uttambhai,

Your announcement about the closure of weekly mehfil saddened me no end. It was like the toppling of Bhishma Pitamah in the Mahabharat war. It also reminded me of the shutting down of Milap years ago by Mahendra Meghani. The mehfil meticulously nurtured by you and others did a yeoman's service to the Gujarati language globally. Wish it could have continued indefinitely. Alas, whatever be will be.

I wish you and all those involved in the project a happy life.

Regards

Tushar Bhatt,

Former Editor, The Times of India, The Economic Times,

Ahmedabad May 24, 2008.

48. mahesh vasavada wrote:

Dear Uttambhai, sad to learn about the closure of emehfil. Your constant efforts have given us a variety of very interesting Gujarati articles.

I can understand why you had to say goodbye. The reasons you gave are convincing. "Thank you " would not be enough to describe our gratitude to you for excellent weekly emails which kept us fresh.

A selfish suggestion. You may be closing the site, but do try to give us something once in a while - maybe monthly or even two-monthly.

With warm regs

MV

mahesh vasavada

49. Dr Vikram Patel wrote:

Dear Friends,
Jay Shri Krushn.

You have all the right whether to continue or not but it seems that you are stopping for want of time and possibly enough help. My experience is also that we are not getting enough second liners and so we are not able to develop good long lasting institutes. Our work depends upon personal character and when a person ceases to be, the work also stops. May be our ego as a population also plays as we do not want to continue work started by others but want anything stamped by our own name and so the process continues. everybody starts something good which can last only one lifetime. Anyway, I really enjoyed the articles, almost all of them are read by me. If you start in future, please include my address and oblige.

Regards.

Dr Vikram Patel
Chairperson
Muni Seva Ashram
GORAJ - INDIA.

50. Pooja Gajjar wrote:

Why is this the last one, dada??

51. Bharat Kapadia wrote:

Respected R,B,U

Just cant believe this. On one hand, you make us addict of good, nutritional reading. On the other you say Good bye. Not fair, just not fair. Unless you cleared it yourself, we could have never thought you all are old aged. And what the age has to do with such good activity. Nothing.

Agreed, that your bodies might have become old or DOSA as you have repeatedly described in the farewell letter, not your souls or heart as you claim. No way, your souls are old. Your contents and selection every Sunday have evidenced that your hearts are full of CHIR YAUVAN. You have filled hearts with varied articles/writings contained of all NAV RAS.

Though I can not digest your decision of discontinuing the SeM, have to accept it with sad heart with a salutation.

With warmest regards
Yours
bharat

52. Rakesh Shah wrote:

Respected Balvantkaka, Uttamuncle, and Ratiuncle,
“Jay shree Krishna”
It is a sad day for Gujarati lovers. I read all your articles and saved those in my eMahefil folder. Thank you all very much for your hard work for last three years.

Love,
R. C. Shah CHA-USA

53. Brijesh Mistry wrote:

Uttambhai
This is Shocked Massage.

After reading this last Sunday eMahefil mail i m really shocked .
why this happened ? please if possible then be continue.

you are doing great great work (No body can do this way) for Gujarati Language and Sahitya ,
it was really amazing.

but whenever you start this type of work again please touch me . Thanks.

Thanks,
Regards,
Birju,
BRIJESH MISTRY--Ahmedabad, Gujarat

54. Maulik Joshi wrote:

Hi,

I had no idea that the e-mehfil was run by three elderly people! You guys did a great job so far!

A big thank you for taking it this far.

regards,
maulik

55. Sharvari Desai wrote:

ooooooooooooooooooooo uttambhaaaaaaaaiiiiiiiiiii,
avu na chale ho!!! e-mehfil bandh karo chho? bau j khot padse mane. tamari, jijani
baddhani.
its look like u had been too busy in e-mehfils work & c'dnt get enough time for this & all
the other things to do.kharu ne?
ok chalo tyare, havethi tame dar athvadie nai malo em ne? madhuben ne & badhane yaad
- Sharvari Desai- USA

56. Chinar Desai wrote:

I have been receiving Sunday eMehfil for about 2 years. I can imagine how much work this would be for you, and I do appreciate all your efforts. At the same time, I would like to know if I can help in any way to keep this going. I am a mother of twin girls (ages 1.25 years), and I work full-time, but I am very much inclined to give as much time as I can if it is going to help this eMehfil going. Please let me know

Best regards,
Chinar

57. Kiranben Parikh wrote :

Hello everybody: I will appreciate if you take time to read my reactions to this week's Sunday e-Mahefil attached here with...Thank you.

Dear All Sunday e-Mahefil Team and Family members: What a shocking news we are hearing from you today? Like many other readers, my heart can't believe and accept what we are hearing from you this week. I understand there might be many more other reasons then you have explained for taking such a hard decision but please don't leave us like this. Every Friday I had a special reason to open my inbox not just to check my mails but to be very sure that there will be a mail from you. The message/material in SEM is kind of an anxiousness and curiosity for me. SEM has provided lot of guidance and support to live my life meaningfully and truthfully.

Beloved Vadeel Sri. Ratikaka, Uttambhai, Balvantbhai, Harnishbhai, Mahendrabhai (Mama!) & all SEM family members:

I can go on and on this issue but let me express some of my feelings how I felt after I received a good bye from SEM.

- I feel like Mahefil has just began and before we realize the real enjoyment it has stopped.
- I feel like all three Dadaji's have gave me their support and guidance to live my life meaningfully and truthfully and suddenly took away their offer. (I have a tears in my eyes while writing this!) Do you have any idea what are you giving to this young generation? We don't need wealth in our heritage any more from our elders we need our missing culture back and that is what I use to get from you. What happened?
- Mahendrabhai has expressed his feelings that "this is a viday of a daughter by his father" I am not a mother so I can only imagin that feelings but I surly some body's daughter and for me I feel like father has raised her daughter with so much love and affection and suddenly he has decided to stop giving that care, guidance and love and affection. Please make sure to give your daughter's hand (SEM) to the right person to take care of her instead of making her lost in her life.
- I strongly refuse to accept this "viday" (I am sure there may be many more readers like me around the world) so please try to find out some solution to this harsh decision to stop SEM. Let's try to spread SEM's fragrance to many more who are depriving from getting advantage of it.

Here are some suggestions if you can reconsider your decision instead of to totally stop "Sunday e-mahefil Yatra" by replacing "Monthly e-mahefi Yatra".

We understand that to do such work there is not only time is involve but money too! How about we contribute our time and money. We know this is a team work, may be in every country we can have a team of volunteers and may be every month each country can contribute their work to you and then you can distribute among Gujarati readers all around the world. This way, many more Gujarati people with same interest can make more Gujarati friends too!

We truly and heartily understand your personal & social problems to continue this "Yatra" but instead of totally stopping, [Can you hand this over to some body who can be trust worthy and capable to do this work with the same interest you have started this "Yatra"?](#)

At last but not least THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR READING MY REACTIONS. I DON'T EXPECT ANY REPLY BUT SURE DO EXPECT YOUR RECONSIDERATION OF CONTINUE THIS MAHEFIL....THIS YATRA..... I TRULY AND HEARTILY APPRECIATE YOUR SELFLESS SEVA TO SEM. PLEASE EXCEPT MY "VANDAN" AND "SALUTE"

GOOD LUCK AND MAY GOD BLESS US ALL

...Kiranben Parikh

Pittsburgh, PA

USA

58. Meera Shah wrote:

Alas! Dear dear Uttambhai-Madhuben,

All good things come to an end. Sunday eMahefil is no exception.

Indeed, as Mahendrabhai's cartoon suggested, we got used to reading free articles! *Ghar ma-n ghana patang padyaaa hoy, pan pakdela patang ni majaa or j chhe*. Once a Japanese friend said that we get everything in Japan but when someone brings 'stuff' from abroad, it's free and more enjoyable.

Jokes aside, The past three years have been a satisfying experience when I looked forward to receiving Gujarati literature. (*Jodni vishe to aankh aadaa kaan kayraa*, it was more, a lot more fun to read the wonderful work that came through than nit-picking about the long and the short ees and oos)

I will miss looking for the e-mahefil in my received mails' list. But as it is said, "it's better to have loved and lost, than not loved at all."

Many friends and family members have departed this world but their wonderful memories are in my heart within a touch of my thought. So are you.

Wishing you the best for all that you venture to do in the days to come,

Meera naa pranaam

59. Preety Sengupta wrote:

Hello Uttambhai,

I just got your e-mail and the pdf explaining why you the Mehfil will be paused (viraam). I am sure you are going to get thousands of e-mails in response.

You, Ratilalbai and Balwantbai came upon this idea, started with it, and it spread. It took wings, got bigger, and started gobbling up all your time. This does happen some times. Then either one pauses, or finds some others to take over.

You three are the pioneers, and visionaries. This was a "revolution" - until the Mehfil started no such offering was made available. This is age of the fast communication and electronic dependence. You all were ahead of everyone, and put in so much energy and creativity in this offering.

Now do take some rest, as necessary, as required - for social obligations, as you have mentioned. I look forward to the re-start whenever it happens.

As for me, I am steeped in Gujarati - reading, writing, speaking, thinking - so my loss is a bit lesser than many others for whom this was perhaps staple for three years.

Lots of wishes to all of you and families.

until later, sincerely, -----Preety Sengupta

60. Popat Savla wrote:

We will miss Sunday mahafil. Wish you all best in life.

61. vijay shah wrote:

Uttambhai

If you want to keep sunday e mehafil in shudhdha gujarati I can get help and take lead in the movement

Good procedure can be kept live

62. Mehta, Bhupen wrote:

Dear Uttambhai,

It is very sad to read that you have decided to take "viraam" / pause in publishing "Sunday e-mehfil".

It had become a part of my life. I have thoroughly enjoyed reading Gujarati articles sent by you.

In my childhood, I remember my father used to gather good articles from different magazines, papers for me.

I was pampered and he used to find good articles, novels, poems for me.

He was working with janmabhoomi in Mumbai and he took me to many kavi sammelans and other sahitya programs.

Now also when I visit him in Mumbai, once every 2 years, he keeps ready for me some good reading in Gujarati.

I have felt similar feelings when I was getting e-mehfil e-mails from you every week.

Like my father I had also taken you for granted that you are always there and that you will always send such good readings every week.

It will be very painful for me, now that I will not get e-mails from you from next week. I already feel the emptiness in my life.

However I realize how painful it must be for you all to stop doing what you all loved doing the most.

I appreciate and thank you all for such a wonderful work you all have done in Gujarati sahitya.

I have hopes that you will resume your Yatra soon, as you have mentioned it is just a "viraam".

Pranam and Jai Shree Krishna,

--Bhupen Mehta.

63. Suren wrote: Arpan Foundation

Friends with a purpose

Dear Uttambhai:

I respect the decision. Thank you very very much for the journey.

I hope this is only a pause and not an end.

Suren

64. Mehta, Jayantilal wrote:

Thank you for giving such a great service for so long.

May be the material you presented can be prepared in a book form.

Think about it. The material you presented was excellent.

My love and regards for your great service.

Jayant Mehta

65. Qasim Abbas wrote:

Shriman, Uttam Bhai, Ratilal Bhai, Balvant Bhai & all others involved in Sunday eMehfil,

Greetings,

With heavily heart, I read the "**Vida'y-Sala'm**" - **Sampa'dako** today.

Really, Sunday eMehfil was like a weekly Gujarati newspaper, we enjoyed each week like our favourite newspaper. We hope that the Viday may be temporary and in near future we will be able to see Sunday eMehfil again.

Though we fully understand that the domestic life, which is everyone's right, is also to be given due importance, we wish you that now you will be able to give more time to your domestic life and to your dearest family members. We really really appreciate your efforts, at this senior age, that you devoted your much precious time to provide a food for thought to more than 8,000 Gujaratis all over the world, during this period.

We wish you every comfort and good life and we also wish to see you again, though after some time or after considerable time, on Sunday eMehfil - be it on one page only.

Howeve, we shall alwyas be in touch periodically, through e-mail.

With our best wishes and kind regards.

**Qasim Abbas
Toronto, Canada**

66. Ketan N. Shah wrote:

Uttambhai,

It is a sad day for me to receive this email from you. For last couple of years, it has been a routine for me to go to work on Friday morning and print e-Mehfil and read it. I sort of look forward to it. A part of me wants to be selfish and wants you to continue all the good work you do and the other part wants to thank you for all that you have done over last 3 years and increase awareness of Gujrati. I wish you the best and hope that you will some day come back from this "Viram" and give us many more years in e-Mehfil.

Regards,

Ketan Shah(Mahendrabhai Shah(Cartoonist)'s Nephew in Pittsburgh)

67. Kusum Shah wrote:

Dear Sirs,

I write this with a sunken heart for I have looked forward to receiving you e-mail every week. And as I have previously informed you, i have used many navlikas in my teaching.

But I am truly grateful for what you have given me and thousands more.

You will be greatly missed.

I sincerely hope it is only a Viraam and not a full stop.

Very best of wishes for your Future

Kusum

68. Lata and Raj Doshi wrote:

Thanks alot for the "Sunday eMahefil"

We will miss you.

Like to wish you best of the luck for whatever you do next.

Lata

69. Rajnee Gohil wrote:-

Dear Ratikaka, Balvantkaka and Uttamkaka,

I felt very unhappy when I knew that this 155th SEM is the last. I regularly enjoyed your selection.

I work as a Manager of the Dinbandhu Hospital. I remain almost busy. Whenever I got time I enjoyed reading SEM.

Hope, you will start again after rest..

But the GujaratiLexicone is the greatest gift for me and my Hospital Staff. Many times we refer it to seek its help.

Thank you so much Ratikaka and all.

Rajnee

Dinbandhu Hospital, Kholvad- Dist. Surat

70. Piyush D. Panchal wrote:

Adarniya Mahanubhavo,

Aa vakhatni tamari mail joine dukhad ascharya thayu chhe.

Man ma ekaj prashna chhe... "Aam achanak,kaya karonasar" aavu thayu?

Sunday Maehfil lagbhag darek Gujarati Sahitya na jeevan no ek hisso bani gayo hato..

Athwadiya na chhela tran divas ema prakashit thayela lekh ne maanvama ane bakina divaso eni raah jovama jata hata. have Aa badhuj bandh thai jashe..

Tame tran jane sarvanumate je nirnay lidho chhe e khub vicharine lidho hashe em maani tamara aa nirnay ne hu pura aadar saathe swikaru chhu. Pan Sunday Maehfil vagar jeevan ma adhurarap chhokas lagshe.

Ante Gujarati Sahitya na chahak ni rite hu tamara trane mahapurusho no amne Sunday Maehfil na rup ma sundar bhet aapva badal khub khub aabhar maanu chhu ane aasha raakhu chhu. rahse.

Bhare hriday hu pan ahi virnu chhu.. Aasha raakhu chhu ke aapdi patra maitri jalvay.

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Warm Rgds,

Piyush.D.Panchal
Reliance Corporate Park,
Navi Mumbai.

71. Hetal Vin wrote:

Dear Uttamsir, Ratialasir and Balvantsir

Maru favourite Sunday eMaehfil have thi band thai rahiyu che te jani ne bahu thayu.
Dar week ma vachavani adat padi gayi che. Haji pan thoda time bhankara to vagse ke haji pan Emaehfil kem na aaviyu.

tamara aa PDF magazine ne lidhe ketla badha nava nava articles vachava maliya. Ketlay nava artist no prichay thayo. Have te badhu hu surely miss karis.

I can understand ke have tamne badhu maintain karvavanu bau adharu che ane Hard wok mangi le che.

I would like to say you Thanks a lot. Tame amne bahu badhu aapiyu che.
Gujarati bhasa taraf badha ne pacha attract kariya che. te mate tamaro khub khub aabhar.

Aavjo.

Take care

Jai Shree krishna

Hetal Vin
Surat

72. Dinesh Panchal wrote:

સ્નેહી શ્રી ઉત્તમભાઈ અને મધુબહેન સહિત આપની સમગ્ર ટીમ,

‘સન્ડે મહેફિલ’ અંગેની વિદાયપત્રિકા મળી. તમે ખુબ દિલપૂર્વક લખ્યું છે. બંધ કરવાનું વાજબીપણું સમજી શકાય છે; છતાં હજીયે ચાલવી જોઈતી હતી એવી લાગણી

જન્મી. તમે ઓછા સમયમાં જે ઉંચાઈ સર કરી હતી તે તમારી નીષ્ઠા અને સાહિત્યપ્રીતિ વિના શક્ય નહોતું. ખાસ કરીને વિશ્વભરના ગુજરાતીઓને તમે 'ઉંઝાજોડણી'નો ખાસ્સો મહાવરો પૂરો પાડ્યો. ગુજરાતી ભાષા, સાહિત્ય અને જોડણીના વિકાસમાં તમને ઉંડો રસ ના હોત તો વિશ્વભરમાં આવડી ઉંચી છલાંગ લગાવવાનું શક્ય ના બન્યું હોત. ખાસ કરીને જોડણીના વિકાસમાં તમે શરૂઆતથી જ જે જહેમત ઉઠાવી છે તે રેશનાલિઝમના વિકાસમાં રમણ પાઠકના ગાઢા યોગદાન જેવી છે. અમારા જેવા લેખકોને તમે વિશ્વભરમાં વંચાતા કર્યાં. તમારું એ યોગદાન અમે મૃત્યુપર્યંત ભૂલી ના શકીએ. ગુણવંત શાહનું તો સમજ્યા ...તેઓ સ્વયં આંતરરાષ્ટ્રીય પ્રતિભા છે; પણ દિનેશ પાંચાલ જેવા ગામડિયા અને અલ્પવિકસિત લેખકને તમે વિશ્વભરના સાહિત્યપ્રેમી સમક્ષ રજૂ કર્યાં તે માટે ખાસ તો હું અંગત રીતે (અને ગુજરાત મિત્ર વતી પણ) તમારો આભાર માનું છું.

કુદરત તમને અને મધુબહેનને તંદુરસ્તીની સાથોસાથ ગુજરાતી સાહિત્ય અને ઉંઝાજોડણી માટે કશુંક નવું સોપાન સર કરવાનું બળ અને પ્રેરણા પૂરી પાડે એવી હું પ્રભુને પ્રાર્થના કરું છું. નવરા બેસવાનું તમને પરવડશે નહીં. તમારી આથમતી અવસ્થાનો ખાલીપો ગુજરાતી સાહિત્યની સેવા માટે વ્યસ્ત બની રહે તેમાં જ તમારી અને ગુજરાતી સાહિત્યની ભલાઈ છે.

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73. Kanak Raval wrote:

મિત્રો:

કિશોરે "કેસુડા"ને ગળેટુંપો કરી પહેલો હુમલો કર્યો.તેમાં તમે મોંકાણના સમાચાર વધાર્યાં.
"'Sunday eMahefil' બંધ" તે કડવો ઘુંટડો ગળે ઉતારતા' તો લાંબો સમય થશે.

ખમ્મા કરો બાપલા.

પણ, જુના બધા લખાણોને "આરકાઈવ્ઝ"માં આશરો આપ્યા

પછી જ અલવિદા કરવાની દયા કરજો.

-કનક રાવળ -USA

74. Jabeen wrote :

Dear Triputi- Uttambhai, Ratibhai, Balwantbhai.....
Accept my warm greetings!!!!
It makes me unhappy to read....Mostly I save all sunday
mehfil and read it when ever I get "Quality" time...This
time I open it, as I came accross a very good poet and I
was talking with him about Sunday Mehfil...and.....I read
that.....It is too much...yaar....
Anyways..Thats life.."Jeno aarambh chhe teno ant nakki
chhe....."
Love you ..
regards,
Jabeen
(Jabir A. Mansuri)

75. bharat gala wrote:

Dear Shri Uttambhai Gajjar

Thank u very much.

It's sad but we have to accept the reality.

May god fulfill all your dreams and keep you in good health.

Once again thank you from bottom of my heart for serving Gujrati's for 155 weeks.

Bharat K. Gala

76. Paresh VAIDYA wrote:

Shri Uttambhai , Ratilalbhai vagere,

I am sorry that I can not send mail in Gujarati font. Pl bear with me.
Closing of SeM is sad. I started seeing it only since a year when a friend sent me that. It was meant for Diaspora, but the quality was so good that many like me in INDIA also started seeing it. It looked like 'illegal action' still I did it.

If the reason is the shortage of time, let it come as a **fortnightly** till you find some more volunteers, who can convert it to Weekly. May be I may be the one after a year, when I retire from service and learn what to do from you people.

Vipoolbhai Kalyani wrote a nice article in Janmabhoomi Pravasi a week ago. I hope you noticed it.

Pl reconsider your decision and keep it running as a "Pakshik" . Even if you can not, pl accept our thanks for providing such rich reading material. **You are all Mahendrabhai Meghani in triplet!!**

Bye and Best luck

Dr Paresh R Vaidya.

Bhabha Atomic Research Centre

Bombay 400 085

INDIA

77. KAUSHIK DALAL wrote:

UTTAMBHAI NAMASHKAR

VERY VERY SHOCKING NEWS BY SUNDAY MAHEFIL

I WILL BE MISSING N SUNDAY MORNNING WILL NOT BE AS IT IS THAT WAS

I WILL BE HUNGRY ON SUNDAY WITHOUT SUNDAY MAHEFIL

WHAT U ALL HAVE DONE CAN NOT BE COMPENSET BY ANY MEANS BUT IT HAS NO VALUE TEG IT BEYOND ALL

U R EFORT AND PRESENTATION N LOVE FOR GUJRATI

WILL UNFOREGETABLE

I WILL BE MISSING U ALL ALOT

I PRAY U ALL O AT LIST RETHINK ABOUT THIS AND AT LIST BY MONTHLY

OR MONTHLY U ALL CAN PRESENT U R THINGS

WHAT EALSE I CAN WRITE I DONT HAVE WORDS TO EXPRESS MY

FEELINGS FOR ALL OF YOUR

KOTI KOTI VANDAN

MAY GOD GIVE U BEST OF THE HEALTH N THOUGHT TO RESTART OR TO BE

IN TOUCH WITH ANY OF THE THINGS TO UP LIFT GUJRATI IN RIGHT SPIRIT

THANX THANX THANX ONCE AGAIN

BE IN TOUCH

KAUSHIK DALAL

78. Mahendra Shah wrote:

ઉત્તમભાઈ,

કુશળ હશે. પત્ર લખવાની ઈચ્છા હતી નહીં, પણ રોકી શક્યો નહીં. ગઈ કાલે

મીત્રની દીકરીના લગ્ન- રીસેપ્શનમાં મીત્રો સાથે થયેલો વાર્તાલાપ. તમો ને લખી

રહ્યો છું.. હા, તો મુદ્દાની વાત.., ગઈ કાલે પાર્ટીમાં "SEM" જાણે કે મીત્રોમાં " Talk

of the Town" જેવો વીષય થઈ પડેલ. સ્વાભાવીક રીતેજ SEM સાથે મારાં

કાર્ટુન્સની સંલગ્નતાને લીધે મને જ સૌ SEM ના વીરામના પ્રશ્નો ખેદ સાથે પુછતા

હતા. અને મારી પાસે તમે જે કારણો બતાવ્યાં હતાં એ સીવાય કોઈ જવાબ હતો

નહીં ! પણ વાતચીત પરથી એટલું તારણ કાઢી શક્યો (અને તમો પણ ઢગલાબંધ ઈ-મેઈલો પરથી જાણી શક્યા હશે) કે, SEM **વીરામ**, મીત્રોમાં આવકાર્ય નથી. હા, એમણે એ કબુલ પણ કર્યું કે અમે ઓકેઝનલી SEMને અભીનંદન આપવાનો શીષ્ટાચાર કે સભ્યતા ચુકીએ છીએ. છતાં દર અઠવાડીએ SEM ની આતુરતાપુર્વક રાહ પણ એટલી જ જોઈએ છીએ. SEMનાં વીરામનાં અંતરંગ કારણો જાણવામાં હું મારી ઈંતેજારી બતાવતો નથી; પણ પાછી શરૂ કરવામાં મારા તરફથી નીઃસ્વાર્થ યોગદાન જોઈતું હોય તો મારી તૈયારી છે જ. એનાથી આગળ બીજા લોકોનાં પ્રપોઝલ્સ પણ છે જ; પણ એની હું અત્યારે ચર્ચા કરવા માગતો નથી. મને ખાત્રી છે કે ઘણા લોકો એ આ વીષયમાં તમારો સંપર્ક કર્યો હશે. મારા SEM સાથેના ઘનીષ્ઠ સંબંધને નાતે વાચકોના અભીપ્રાય અને લાગણી તમારા સુધી પહોંચતા કરવાની મારી ફરજ સમજું છું. ઈન્ટરનેટીજગતમાં, ત્રણ વરસના ગાળામાં આ SEM ની સોડમ, ઉપયોગીતા ને પ્રતીષ્ઠા કઈક જુદી જ તરેહની બંધાઈ ચુકી છે. વાચકો પ્રતીભાવનો શીષ્ટાચાર નહીં પ્રદર્શીત કરતા હોય; છતાં એનો વીરામ એમને પરવડશે નહીં. મને ખાત્રી છે કે આને ચાલુ રાખવાના ઘણા રસ્તા નીકળી શકશે અને એ પર તમ ત્રણેની વીચારણા કદાચ ચાલું પણ હશે જ. સૌ વાચકોની તેમાં શુભેચ્છા ભળો.

મહેન્દ્ર શાહના પ્રણામ. -USA

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79. Harnish Jani wrote :

અતી ઉત્તમ ઉત્તમભાઈ,

તમે મહેફીલને છોડી મુકી. એ જાણીને મને દુઃખ નથી થયું. બીજી વ્યક્તી મધુબહેન છે કે , જેમને પણ દુઃખ નહીં થયું હોય. મેં જોયું છે કે તમે રાતદીવસ પોતાની પત્નીને અવગણીને, 'મહેફીલ' સાથે પુષ્કળ સમય ગાળતા હતા. 'મહેફીલ'ને લૉપટૉપમાં છુપાવીને નફ્ફટની જેમ મધુબહેનની હાજરીમાં તેને 'લૉપ'માં બેસાડીને રમત રમતા હતા. તે હવે બંધ થશે. હવે સજ્જન બની અને મધુબહેનને તે જગ્યા આપશો. બંનેને આનંદ મળશે. અને તમારા

બન્નેની માત્ર સન્ડે નહીં, 'એવરીડ્-મહેફીલ' જામશે. અસ્તુ. જમાવો નવી મહેફીલ મોજથી...

હરનીશ જાની

80. Bharat Kapadia wrote:-

Respected R,B,U

Just cant believe this. On one hand, you make us addict of good, nutritional reading. On the other you say Good bye. Not fair, just not fair. Unless you cleared it yo yourself, we could have never thought you all are old aged. And what the age has to do with such good activity. Nothing.

Agreed, that your bodies might have become old or DOSA as you have repeatedly described in the farewell letter, not your souls or heart as you claim. No way, ypur souls are old. Your contents and selection every Sunday have evidenced that your hearts are full of CHIR YAUVAN. You have filled hearts with varied articles/writings contained of all NAV RAS.

THough I can not digest your decision of discontinuing the SeM, have to accept it with sad heart with a salutation.

With warmest regards

Yours

bharat

81. VD Jadav wrote:

Sir,

It is not the right step to discontinue the Sem after 155 glorious episodes published without any interruption.

However, the reasons shown by the Team is ultimately and somewhat justified.

Pl.create a new option for SeM if possible in future.

Thank you very much for giving pleasures for a long period of three years regarding the precious Gujarati literature.

Regads,

VDJadav-Vadodara.

82. Harit Kothari wrote:

Respected Uttamdada, Balwantdada and Ratidada,

It was so usual and kind of routine to receive Sunday eMahefil before weekend. However, mostly I do not read the message part of the email, when I receive Sunday eMahefil eMails. I just download PDF and store issues to a specific location.

Whenever I feel to read something else, something in my mother tongue, I just go to the directory, and select last received issues and read till I reach to end of last issue.

This time (today), as you expected, I was shocked when I read last issue. I usually do not miss Gujarati since I am having enough interactions and have few new books. However the kind of novelties, that you were serving are no more there! ☹ Of course, I understand the reasons, the way it was expanded. It seems like you wanted to build a house but the required preparation was for a township! I sometimes also have marked increase in number of persons associated with this work.

I strongly feel 'thanks' is a very cheap 7 C very small 6 characters word for what you have done so far! No one can forget this long journey! ; ; !

You will most probably be aware about ReadGujarati.com. If some synchronization can be possible, I feel Sunday eMahefil can be restarted with the motto 7 C the same intentions and with that kind of quality too! Please consider this, just as a suggestion. It is always true that to suggest is easier than to implement!

My best regards to each of you, personally! Thank you all, once again!

Regards,
Harit Kothari

તા. ૭ જુન ૨૦૦૮ના દીને 'સ.મ.'ના વાચકોને 'ઓપીનીયન'નો અંક મોકલ્યા પછી:-

83. Jay Gajjar wrote:

પિય સ્નેહીશ્રી રતિભાઈ, ઉત્તમભાઈ, બળવંતભાઈ અને સૌ સાથીદારો,
નમસ્તે. 'સન્ડે મહેફિલ'ની વિદાય હવે મોટી ખોટ અનુભવાય છે. કોઈ આત્મીય સ્વજન
ગુમાવતાં હૈયે જે ચોટ લાગે એવો અનુભવ થાય છે. 'ઓપિનિયન'માં પ્રતિભાવો વાંચ્યા
પછી વિહ્વળતા વધી ગઈ. ડોસાઓ સશક્ત છે તો પછી આ પગલું કેમ ભર્યું એવો સવાલ
સ્વાભાવિક થાય જ. પણ ઉમરની અસર થાય છે જ. આ કાર્યમાં તમારો કેટલો બધો સમય
વહી જતો હશે એ તો જે આવું કાર્ય કરે એને જ ખબર પડે! સાચે જ તમને સૌને ખૂબ માણ્યા,
ઘણું બધું મેળવ્યું એનો આનંદ અનહદ છે.

જે કારણથી તમે સ્વપ્રેમથી સ્વીકારેલ ક્ષેત્રમાંથી વિદાય લીધી હોય તે તો તમે જ જાણો!
પણ આજ 'ઓપિનિયન' મોકલ્યું તેમ તમારી જાણમાં આવતા મનનીય લેખોનો અમને
અવારનવાર પરિચય કરાવવા પ્રભુ આપને સૌને ખૂબ લાંબું સુખી, તંદુરસ્તીભર્યું અને
તનમનથી સમૃદ્ધિભર્યું જીવન બક્ષે એ જ પ્રાર્થના.

જય ગજજજરનાં સ્નેહવંદન -કેનેડા

84. Janakdave wrote:

Thanks ! Uttamji,
I really am very happy and await you to meet
every Saturday. Guajrati a language with depth
in it. You do best work for it...
GOD BLESS & BE WITH YOU ALL
Loving wishes
Janak

85. S. K. DESAI wrote:

Dear Uttambhai, While I can't do any thing about the decision i want to tell you how
badly we will miss your weekly emails and the attachments. For us NRIs living in North
America and other foreign countries, SUNDAY eMAHEFIL was a blessing. Vatan ni
yaad aave to eMahefil kholi ne vanchi levaani aadat padi gai chhe. Juda Juna lekhak ane
kavi vese temni kruti vise jaanvaanu maltu hatu. eMahefil na darek ank vaanchi ne dil ne
santi and thandak malti hati.

eMaheil dwara tame je Gujaratio ni savaa karichhe ne temna ma rahela Matrubhumi na prem, Lekahk ane Kavio pratye na prem ne je protsaahan aapyu chhe te kharekhar prasashyaniya chhe. Tame and eMahefil hame kadaach kadaapi na bhuli sakisu. Aapne khub khub aabhaar. Avaar navaar koi ne koi bahaana hethal aapne email dwara malta rahisu evi ashaa. Aapno phari phari ne khub khub aabhaar.

Radhe...Radhe... Surendra Desai. Toronto, Canada.

86. Harikrishna Patel wrote:

Thanks Gajjarbhai,

You and your team are doing an excellent service to Gujaratis all over the world.

Specially for ones like me who is a retired person who can cherish Gujarati language. My best wishes and blessings.

Harikrishna Patel (London)

87. Govind Maru wrote

Respected Uttambhai,

Namaskar.

I am glad to say that my visite of www.gujaratilexcon.com is excellent. I am proud of your e-mail. I read sunday eMahafil issue No.148 to 152. Opinion Magazine: December 2007, January to April, 2008. Matrubhasha Magizine Ank 37 to 41.I usw Dictionary, Oposite words, Idoms, Thesauris its helpful for me. Thank you very much.

I recommand my more than 50 friends to visit www.gujaratilexcon.com and 'Sunday eMahefil'. It is for your information.

with regars.

Govind Maru

88. Ashok Karania wrote:-

ઇન્ટરનેટી વાચનસામગ્રીનું એક ઉમદા સાધન

લોકોને દોરવા માટે, સર્જનાત્મક ક્રાંતિ જગવવા સારુ તેમ જ વિવિધ સભ્યતાઓ સંગાથે તંતુ જોડવા શબ્દોમાં અજબગજબી શક્તિ છે ! ચૂંટી ચૂંટીને લેવાયેલી, ઉચિત શબ્દોથી સર્જાયેલી, સુંદર અભિવ્યક્તિ પામેલી કૃતિ દ્વારા આત્માને સારુ ઉત્તમ ખોરાક મળી રહે છે. આવો જ એક આનંદ આ 'સન્ડે મહેફિલ' વાટે મળ્યા કર્યો છે. નિમકહલાલ ટપાલીની પેઠે, શુક્રવારે સાંજે અથવા શનિવારે સવારે, હસતે મોંએ આપણું કમાડ ખખડાવ્યા કરતું જાણે કે તે સ્વાગત કરવાને સારુ ઊભું જ હોય. છતાં, આપણું ધ્યાન ખેંચવા તેના કોઈ બૂમબરાડા

સાંભળવા મળે જ નહીં. પરંતુ સિપાઈ પત્નીની જેમ, અઠવાડિયે અઠવાડિયે, સેંકડો વાચકોને તેની તડપ રહ્યા કરી છે.

પસંદ કરેલી રોચક ગુજરાતી સાહિત્યની વાનગીને, 'પી.ડી.એફ.' સ્વરૂપમાં રજૂ કરવામાં આવતું આ ઇન્ટરનેટી વાચનસામગ્રીનું ભાથું, એક ઉમદા સાધન બની ગયું. માતૃભાષાની ખિદમત કરતાં કરતાં સાહિત્યનાં જરજવાહિરને ખોળી ખોળીને વાચક સમક્ષ મૂકવાનો તેનો નિષ્ઠાવાન પ્રયાસ રહેતો. જગત ભરમાં ઠેર ઠેર વિસ્તરેલી ગુજરાતી જમાતને મૈત્રીની ગાંઠે બાંધવાનોય તેનો નક્કર આશય રહેલો. પોતાના આ પાયાના ધ્યેયને આ સામયિકી વાટે ચરિતાર્થ જ કરાયા નથી; બલકે, તેણે ચાહકોની એક મસમોટી સેના ઊભી કરેલી છે. માનો કે, બહુ જ જૂજ સમયગાળામાં, તેની ચાહના ક્યાંય વધી ગયેલી અને આઠ હજાર ઉપરાંત લોકોના સતત સંસર્ગમાં આવવાનું તેને નસીબ મળ્યું. અને ટૂંકા સમયગાળામાં અનેકોએ વળી સંપર્કના, સંસર્ગના, સંબંધના મજબૂત સેતુ બાંધી દઈ એક નવો ઉન્મેષ પેદા કર્યો છે.

આ 'સન્ડે મહેફિલ'ની પાછળ રતિલાલ ચંદરયા, ઉત્તમ ગજ્જર તથા બળવંત પટેલની દૃષ્ટિ રહેલી છે. ગુજરાતી લિપિનું રોમન લિપ્યંતર કરવાની ચર્ચામાંથી રતિભાઈ અને ઉત્તમભાઈને આ સામયિકનો પ્રયોગ કરવાનો વિચાર સૂઝેલો. તે બંનેએ બળવંતભાઈ સમેતના મિત્રોમાં વિચારને વહેતો મૂક્યો અને પછી ત્રિપુટી તેને ચરિતાર્થ કરવામાં લાગી પડેલી. તેમણે ચોમેરથી ઇ-મેઈલી સરનામાં એકઠાં કરવા માંડ્યાં. અને આમ સામયિકીનો વિચાર અમલમાં મૂકેલો. લેખનની પસંદગીની જવાબદારી ઉત્તમભાઈએ લીધી. બળવંતભાઈ અને રતિભાઈની સહાયથી કર્તાની પરવાનગી મેળવવાની ક્રિયા, પી.ડી.એફ. ફાઈલ માટે અક્ષરાંકન સુધીની સઘળી જવાબદારીઓ, લોકો સુધી પછી તેને મોકલી આપવાની વિતરણ વ્યવસ્થા ઉપરાંત વાચકોના સવાલોના જવાબ આપવા બાબતની બધી સવલતનો પણ તેમાં સમાવેશ થતો.

આરંભના દિવસોમાં તે બે કોલમનું ગુજરાતી તથા 'ઇ.ભારતી' (રોમનાઈઝ્ડ ગુજરાતીમાં) લખાણ રહેતું. આ સામૂકી પ્રક્રિયા કંટાળાજનક નીવડવાને કારણે તેને છાંડવામાં આવી. અને પછી અંત સુધી ગુજરાતી લિપિમાં જ આ સામયિક પ્રગટતું રહેલું. ગુજરાતી ભાષાનાં લખાણની ઝંખના સેવનારા અનેક ડાયસ્પોરિક ગુજરાતી વાચકોને પણ તેમાં સમાવી લેવામાં આવ્યાં. આવી તક દર સપ્તાહે મળ્યા જ કરતી. ભારતના અને ખાસ કરીને ગુજરાતના પરિસરમાં પણ આ સાપ્તાહિકીની લોકચાહના પણ વિશેષ રહેલી જોવા અનુભવવા મળી છે.

મુખોન્મુખ પ્રચાર-પ્રસાર દ્વારા જ તેની કલ્પનાતીત ચાહના બંધાઈ રહી. આ સાપ્તાહિકી દરેકને ઇ.મેઈલ વાટે મોકલવામાં આવતી અને તમારા ‘બોક્સ’માં તે તમારી રાહ જોતી બેઠી જ હોય. આવી સફળતા બીજે ક્યાં જોવા મળે ? કેમ કે, આ સાપ્તાહિકીનો બીજો કોઈ ચંચુપ્રવેશ હતો જ નહીં. તે વળી વેબસાઈટ પણ હતી જ નહીં અને તમારે તેના ઉંબરા દર અઠવાડિયે ઠોકવાનાય આવતા નહીં. કમ્પ્યુટરની કરામત વાટે એક નવું વિધેયક વાતાવરણ પેદા થયું. વળી, ઇ.મેઈલની સગવડથી ઘડીના છઠ્ઠા ભાગમાં જ સંપર્ક-સંસર્ગ થઈને રહેતો. દર અઠવાડિયે વિસ્તરતા રહેલા વાચકને સારુ, વળી, તેની ૧૫૫ સપ્તાહની સમૂળી ફાઈલ આજે પણ ઇન્ટરનેટની કૃપાથી ગુજરાતી લેક્સિકોનની સાઈટ <http://www.gujaratilexicon.com/index.php?action=downloadSEM> પર જોવા, વાંચવા, ડાઉનોડ કરવા સારુ મળી શકે છે. આ પણ એક અદ્વિતીય કામગીરી સાબિત થઈ છે. ૨૦૦૮ની સાલમાં ત્રણેની ‘ટીમ’ ફરી સેવાર્થે સક્રિય બને તેવી પ્રાર્થના..

- અશોક કરણિયા-મેઝેટ ટેકનોલોજી, અમદાવાદ

છેલ્લાં ૧૪ વરસથી લંડનથી પ્રકાશિત થતા ગુજરાતી માસિક ‘ઓપીનીયન’(તંત્રી-શ્રી વિપુલ કલ્યાણી)ના જુન, ૨૦૦૮ના અંકમાં છપાયેલો ભાઈ અશોક કરણિયાનો આ પ્રતિભાવ, ઓપીનીયનના સૌજન્યથી..

89. P V Datta wrote:

Dear Uttambhai,

I am really thankful that you have registerd my E-mail ID and I have been receiving your mails regularly. They are fantastic thought-worthy. Please keep mailing the same.

I am living in Rajkot (Gujarat) and working with State Bank of Saurashtra.

My kudos to you and your team for such a wonderful task.

Thanking you.

PARAG DATTA.

90. MOINUDDIN MANIAR wrote:

Dear Uttambhai and faily and friends.
Saadar Salam namaste.

I have been reading your e-mail regarding e-mahefil. Through you e-magazine we enjoyed . . . enjoyed . . . ENJOYED . . . Thanks. BUT VERY VERY SORRY to miss you. Any Thanks for hard laborious task, you done it well.

CONGRATULATIO for surpass the many many Millions. What you are doing in life please keep it up good work. God Bless you with health & wealth.

Moinuddin Maniar
Noorbanu Maniar (Mrs)

91. Dr.Bharatkumar Shah wrote

Hon. Uttambhai,

I was saddened to read the final note from you about closing of the Sunday E Mehfil. Three very young "old men" have done a great service to Gujarat. I am not quite there yet, but am 66, and have been working on teaching Gujarati, Hindi, Sanskrit, English, Jainism, etc. in the U.S.A. for about 25 years by publishing books under the name Setubandh Publications.

Last January, I launched an e-magazine "SETUBANDH" for the second generation Gujaratis, and others. In a way, it can be the next torch bearer of the Mehfil. It is only a newborn now, looking for blessings from the elders. I would request you to see it for yourself, and if you like it, please forward the attachment to the Mehfils readership. Regards.

Bharat S. Shah, M.D.

92. Prabhulal Bharadia wrote

ખીસકોલીનો સાઈબ પૃથતન

માનનીય ઉતમભાઈ,

તમારી 'સનડે ઈ મેહફીલ' ની સમાપતિના સમાચાર જાણયા, ખેદ તો થયો, તમે ઘણી વિગતથી તમારાં કારણો બતાવેલાં છે, તમારી મેહનત, ખંત, સલુકાઈ ને સાદાઈ તમારા લખાણમાં જ પરગટ થાય છે, જે સંનિશટા ને ઉદારભાવે તમે ગુજરાતી ભાષા અને અમે સરવે ગુજરાતીઓની સેવા કહો કે મદદ કરી છે તે અમારા જેવા તો હરહંમેશ યાદ કરતા રહેશે,

વિપુલભાઈ એ યથારથ શબ્દોમાં તમારી ઝણેયની ભારોભાર કદર કરીને બે શબ્દો લખયા છે.

તમારી અંગત કદરદાની પણ એટલીજ કડું છું. તમારી સારથકતાનો યશ સજીવ રહેશે.

મારી લખેલ આ અણઘણ ભાશા માનવ રાખશો.

આ પતરની સાથે મોકલેલ એટેચમેન્ટ 'ખીસકોલીના પરચતનો' તમારી મેઈનતની છબી ઉપસાવે છે.

મિતર પરભૂલાલ ભારદીઆ..લંડન..

93. Suchi Vyas wrote:

'sunday e-mehfil bandh thaay chhe'... pan uttambhai haju tame judi judi rite niyamt malo chho... aam uttambhai bandh nathi thataa ..

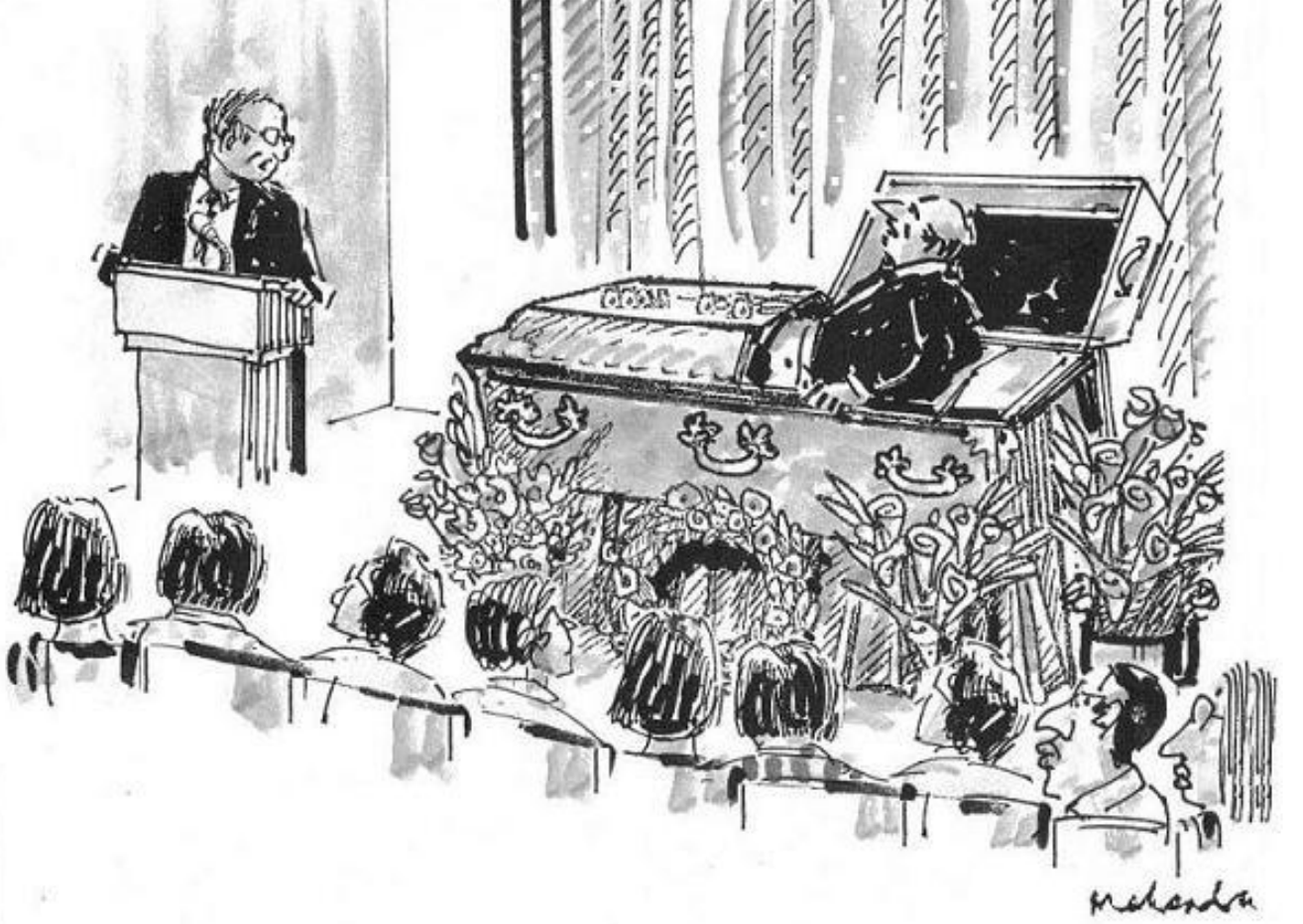
mane bahu game chhe. do keep in touch with us.

suchi -NJ-USA

ફરી મળીએ ૨૦૦૯માં... ઈન્શાલ્લાહ..

● મધુરેણ સમાપયેત્ ●

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જીવતે જીવત તો મેં મારાં આટલાં વખાણ ક્યારેય સાંભળ્યાં નથી!

પીટ્સબર્ગ-પેન્સિલવેનીયા, અમેરિકાસ્થિત કાર્ટુનીસ્ટ શ્રી. મહેન્દ્રભાઈ શાહ દર સપ્તાહે ઘણા મીત્રોને એમનું તાજું કાર્ટુન મોકલે છે.. તમે પણ તે મેળવવા ઈચ્છો તો, તમારું નામ અને અટક તથા તમારા શહેર-ગામનું નામ લખી, તમે તેમને જ તેમની mahendraaruna1@gmail.com આઈડી પર વીનંતી-મેઈલ મોકલશો તો તેઓ તમને પણ તે મોકલશે..

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