

# Thank You



Namaste Members,

Now that Navratri and other events are finished, I like to dedicate this letter to all those involved in organizing these events to say "Thank You" for all your hard work and dedication in making our events successful. The Mandal also wishes to thank its members for attending these events as without your support it would have not been possible.

To give our members an idea of what it takes to organize events and how many people attended here are some facts:

- Volunteers were ready and preparing the venues between 6:30pm and 7:30pm and were still there until 2:00am. Majority of our volunteers worked full time on Friday and Saturday.
- Attendance numbers:
  - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September – 575
  - Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September – 550
  - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September – 625
  - Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September – 975
  - Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September (Havan) – 125
  - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – 135
  - Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – 675
- Tasks – our volunteers were responsible for planning and organizing the following:
  - Booking and conducting site visits for all event venues
  - Booking security, sound systems, stage and caterers
  - Designing and Printing of all event tickets
  - Obtaining sponsorships
  - Emailing and keeping our members informed of the events
  - Maintaining security and safety for our members
  - Attending numerous meetings to plan all of the above
  - Volunteers were also making sure that our members followed the rules
  - Practice sessions for our local singers
  - Volunteers were working with other communities (Soni Samaj, Vancouver and Gujarati Association, Edmonton to bring you Chetanbhai Gadhavi and group from India

Organizing these events took lot of our personal time and commitment, but our volunteers had one goal in mind and that was to make sure YOU, OUR MEMBERS had a great time. We hope that we were able to meet that goal.



## Recognition & Thank You



### Members of Executive Committee & Volunteers:

**Damyanti Lad  
Hemal Damani  
Tejal Lad  
Sunjiv Raval  
Davendra Patel  
Parth Bhatt**

**Kanta Patel  
Chandrakantbhai Lad  
Vikesh Vara  
Dakesh Parikh  
Jayshree Patel  
Vijay Thankey**

**Maheen Kapadia  
Jitendrabhai Davda  
Lataben Patel  
Vijay Joshi  
Hina Taylor**

**Other volunteers who helped in the preparation of the Prashad each day, setting up and managing the Mandir and helping when required.**

*The above group of individuals worked very hard in managing all the people attending our Navratri, Dayro, Dusherra Havan and Sharad Purnima events. Duties included managing our member database, collecting entrance fees, setting up the stage, reconciling the accounts on a daily basis, helping and serving Sharad Purnima prashad.*

*Other duties included selling tickets for various events, setting up and cleaning up before and after the event and much more.*

*Without the above individuals it would have not been possible to organize or manage the events. The above individuals worked very hard to plan the event as well helping out on the event days.*

### Singers – 25th & 26th September 2009

<b>Overall Lead / Male Lead:</b>	<b>Kamlesh Panchal</b>
<b>Female Lead:</b>	<b>Dakshaben Dholakia</b>
<b>Lead Dhol:</b>	<b>Mukeshbhai Tailor</b>
<b>Male Singer:</b>	<b>Hitendra Vasandia</b>
<b>Male Singer:</b>	<b>Surendrabhai Prajapati</b>
<b>Female Singer:</b>	<b>Rakhee Dattani</b>
<b>Tabla:</b>	<b>Shaileshbhai Dholakia</b>
<b>Dandi Dhol:</b>	<b>Kalpesh Prajapati</b>
<b>Casio Keyboard:</b>	<b>Tarul Parekh</b>
<b>Manjira &amp; Dhol:</b>	<b>Ashok Rohit</b>

Singers – 18<sup>th</sup> & 19th September 2009

For the above two days we invited, from Toronto

**Jitendra Joshi** – Male Singer

**Atif Khan** – Keyboard Player

Working with above were our members:

**Rakhee Dattani, Dakshaben Dholakia and Kamleshbhai Panchal.**

Gujarati Dayro (October 2<sup>nd</sup>), Sharad Purnima (October 3<sup>rd</sup>)

For the above two days we had invited singers from India (listed below) with kind assistance from the Soni Samaj of BC.

**Chetanbhai Gadhavi**  
**Kishorbhai Dabhi**

**Sonalben Shah**  
**Dineshbhai Gadhavi**

**Bhavesbhai Gadhavi**

**Pravinbhai Jogia & team – Soni Samaj, Vancouver**

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**Sponsorships:**

The Mandal would also like to thank the following individuals and their organizations:

**Mahendrabhai Thanki - Discover Realty**

Sponsored the entire Navratri, Dayro and Sharad Purnima events.

**Kaushalbhai Bhatt – Sheetal Finance**

Partially sponsored the Navratri, Dayro and Sharad Purnima events.

**Purnimaben Bhatt – Blossoms Beauty & Spa**

Partially sponsored the Navratri, Dayro and Sharad Purnima events.

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**Sharad Purnima Prashad:**

Mandal wishes to thank the Lad family for their kindness in donating the Prashad. It was donated in memory of Late Mr and Mrs Dahyabhai Kunvarji Lad.

**Chandrakant and Pravati Lad**

**Subhash and Gita Lad**

**Kishan and Damyanti Lad**

**Jasuben and Mangubhai Mistry**

**Ramilaben and Babubhai Narotam**

**Pannaben and Hasmukhbhai Prajapati**

**Security:**

**Victory Martial Arts**

**Sound System: House of Bounce**

Dayro – October 2nd 2009

Food was provided by **Haresh Pamnani / Jaya Pamnani** who also provides tiffin services. Food for Chetanbhai Gadhavi & Group was provided by **Punita/Pinakin Bhavsar** who also provides tiffin services.

Stage Donation:

We gratefully acknowledge the generous donation from The Calgary Foundation that has helped make the use of "**The Calgary Foundation World Stage**" possible. The stage was provided free of charge for the Mandal to use for five days.

The Mandal also wishes to thank **Pumphouse Theatre** and its staff for their kind assistance in getting all the items for the stage ready.



PUMPHOUSE THEATRE

Gym and Space Rentals:

**SAIT** – 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> September 2009

**Hindu Mandir** – October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2009

**Centennial High School** – 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> September and 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2009

Event Coverage:

**OMNI Diversity Television**

Once again, a BIG THANK YOU to you all.

Jai Shri Krishna

Hasmukh Vara  
President

Date: October 8, 2009