

## Programmes

### Christmas Celebration

*"Vinoda and I express our sincere gratitude's to all the Rotarians, Spouse, & Children for making the Christmas Celebration a grand family event." as expressed by President Ashok.*

Family Night, organised on 19th December at Eskay Club to celebrate Christmas. Black dressed gentlemen with their gracious partners and smart children, enjoyed lots of fun with games, DJ and well selected menu of lovely food. It was great to meet and see huge no of rotarians with their family member.

Kudos to Project chairman Rtn Sushil and Khyati, for superb arrangements at ESKAY resorts.

- **Mudrak Lalaji**



### TOUR to KUTCH (RANN) FESTIVAL with ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Month-long Rann Utsav begun on 19 December, 2010 at Bhuj with Chief Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurating colorful Kutch carnival.

Entire site at Hamirsar lake wore a magnificent look reflecting Kutch's rich cultural heritage and ethos. Some 42 art-groups with 1500-odd artists dressed in traditional Kutchy attire, demonstrating their folk-skills kept the tourists from within and outside of the country spellbound. The event also saw a presence of 11 envoys and senior officials of the state with invited dignitaries.

The slogan 'Kutch nahi dekha to kuchh nahi dekha' has captured entire world in its magic', CM of Gujarat, Shri Narendra Modi said.

From Bhuj, we began our journey at 9:15am for Kala Dungar (Black Hill) on the morning of 20th December. It is situated 80 km North of Bhuj and there is Lord Dattatreya's temple on its peak. In the Northern side of the hill is Great White Rann (Desert) of Kutch district. It is very beautiful, flat deserted region made of salt. The salty land is mixed with the water of the sea.

The main event of Kutch Rann Utsav was held at Dhordo village. The beautiful white desert is some 6 km away from Dhordo village. Gujarat Tourism organizes the main event in Dhordo village which is some 90km from Bhuj city by road. We reached there at about 5:00pm. The white salty ground mixed with water was squashy that our boots pierced in the ground.

As one approaches the White Rann, named so due to the huge salt content in the desert making it look like ice, the whiteness is suddenly interrupted with bright lights and people in colourful dresses performing in an open-air theatre on the second day of the festival. The moon, at white desert was already in the east sky adding more beauty to the scene.

A special tent city with about 450 tents including 150 air-conditioned ones had come up at Dhordo village in the midst of the white desert land of Rann to accommodate the tourists.



Kutch has the most ecologically and ethnically diverse areas in the state of Gujarat. The people and geography of Kutch can be described by the hospitality, warmth and diversity of culture and communities found here.

The spirit of Kutch people comes alive in this Festive environment of Kutch Rann Utsav. There is a perfect blend of enthusiasm, hospitality and spirit of celebration that glorifies the magnanimous aura of Rann Utsav. The three days of Utsav are packed with cultural Dances, Music, Craftsmanship, Carnival processions, Pageantry and in all an encapsulation of the true spirit and zeal of the inhabitants out here. For every visitor to the Festival there is a warm hug of natural scenic beauty and traditional Cultural flux.

Thoroughly, it was awesome experience for all of us! The beauty of the great white desert of Kutch district cannot be described in words! One has to enjoy. Everyone should visit this place once in their lifetime!

- **PP Chetan Desai.**





Rotary Service Week

# Nach Baliaye

**Saturday, 4th December, 2010. Prabodhankar Thackeray Mini Theatre, Borivli (W)**

'NachBaliye', a never before kind of concept with 13 solo & couple performances, participation of neighbouring clubs & an audience of 125+ to applaud, proved to be the family night with a difference. Kudos to Joint Secretary Rtn. Narendra Shah for this wonderful concept & relentless efforts to make it a memorable event.



## Star Rotarian



Congratulations Rtn Narendra Shah for the wonderful family event, Nach Baliye.



Congratulations Rtn Sushil Mistry for wonderful family night - Christmas celebration.

## जन्म दिवस मुबारक

JANUARY

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|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 Mangesh More             | 16 Dikshant s/o Prakaash Desai       |
| 3 Vipula w/o Mahesh Mistry | 19 Parth s/o Ramesh Purohit          |
| 3 Nishant s/o Lalit Jadav  | 20 Parth s/o Chirag Shah             |
| 4 Chetan Desai             | 21 Jignesh Naik                      |
| 5 Vidhi d/o Anil Raika     | 23 Mukesh Shah                       |
| 7 Jignesh Shah             | 24 Manas s/o Akshay Vani             |
| 7 Bindu w/o Sunil Nandu    | 25 Dimple d/o Umesh Soni             |
| 9 Aditya s/o Vishnu Patel  | 25 Aaryan s/o Dhiraj Shah            |
| 10 Aditi d/o Paresh Shah   | 26 Mahak d/o Shiv Johari             |
| 10 Maulik s/o Vinod Popat  | 27 Sunil Punamiya                    |
| 11 Mahesh Mistry           | 27 Deep s/o Nitin Majithia           |
| 11 Jay s/o Jayesh Vyas     | 28 Dr. Madhavi w/o Dr. Bharat Pandya |
| 13 Amee d/o Chetan Joshi   | 28 Suchita w/o Ganpati Jambekar      |
| 13 Aditi d/o Chetan Joshi  | 29 Hemant Mehta                      |
| 13 Hiral w/o Jitendra Vora | 30 Ayush s/o Viren Jethwa            |
| 14 Mona w/o Manish Gyani   |                                      |

## January ki Diary

- 7th, Friday Regular Meeting-Social Networking, Speaker - Sampat Iyenga, at Hotel Grandville, 8.00 pm
- 14th, Friday Public Holiday on account of "Makar Sankranti"
- 20th, Thur. DAUD-VI at Raheja Sports Club, Borivli (E).
- 21st, Friday Regular Meeting Prepond For 'DAUD-VI'
- 28th, Friday Regular meeting Shifted for 'DISCON-2011'
- 29th & 30th DISCON-2011' At Renaissance Hotel & Convention Centre, Powai

## शादी की सालगिरह मुबारक

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2 Jigna Sanjay Mistry     | 22 Mita Hemant Asher     |
| 17 Rupa Viresh Vora       | 24 Hema Akshay Vani      |
| 20 Ketan Ashish Tapiawala | 24 Sulochana Lalit Jadav |
| 20 Bina Devesh Pandya     | 25 Kamini Bakul Shah     |
| 21 Namrata Vinay Vyas     | 30 Mamta Narindra Shah   |
| 21 Trupti Chirag Shah     |                          |

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