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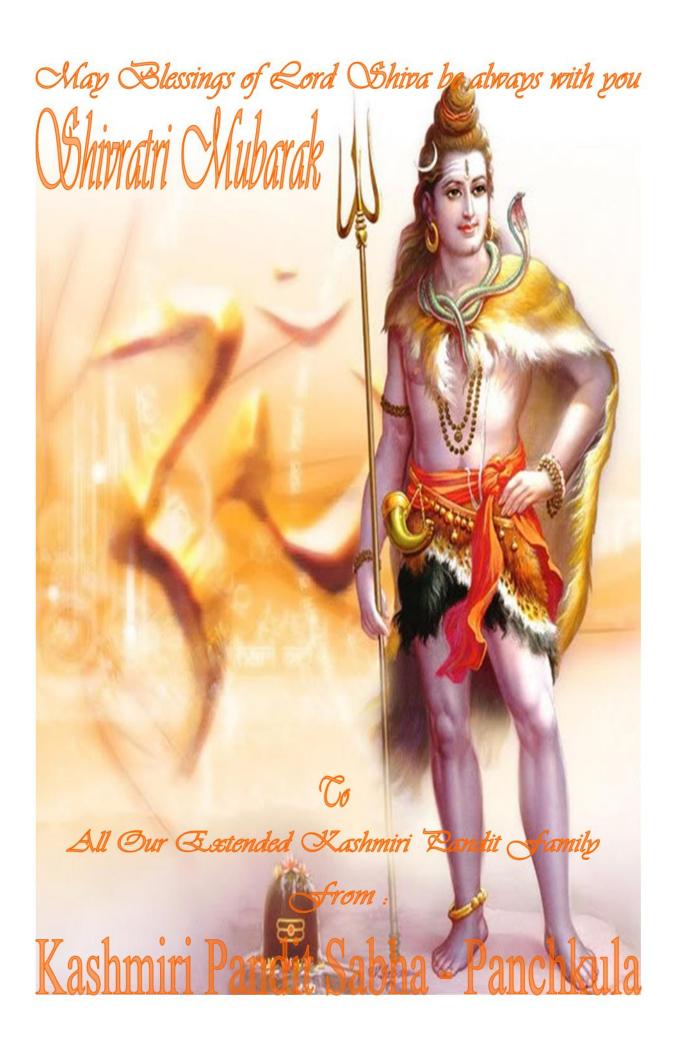
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Mahashivaratri

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The Legend of Lubdhaka

The legend of Lubdhaka is deeply related to Mahashivaratri and explains the popular custom of all-night worship of Lord Shiva on the festival. As a tradition devotees recite the legend of Lubdhaka while they observe fast in worship of Lord Shiva on Mahashivaratri. And, it is only after observing an all night fast that devotees eat the prasad offered to Shiva.

There is yet another version of this legend, which is popular as the legend of King Chitrabhanu. This legend has been narrated by Bhishma in Shanti Parva of the Mahabharata and has been discussed later in this article.

Story of Lubdhaka

Story goes that Lubdhaka - a poor tribal man and a devout Later, at the time of his death, Suswarna saw two messengers of pluck one leaf from the bheel tree and drop it while chanting sciously worshiped the Lord Shiva. the name of Shiva. By sunrise, the devout tribal realized that Concluding the story, the King said that he lived in the abode of he had dropped thousands of leaves on to a Shiva Lingam, the Lord and enjoyed divine bliss for long ages. Now, he has which he had not seen in the darkness. Lubdhaka's all night reborn as Chitrabhanu. worship pleased Lord Shiva and by his divine grace tigers and Jammu and Kashmir vived but was also rewarded with divine bliss.

Lord Shiva on Shivaratri.

Different Version of the Legend - Story of King Chitrabhanu

Bhishma while resting on the bed of arrows and discoursing on baaraat. Dharma, says that once King Chitrabhanu of the Ikshvaku dy- Shivratri puja in Jammu and Kashmir is performed in a very dispast birth he was a hunter in Varanasi and his name was when the families invite each other for dinners. Suswara. His livelihood was to kill and sell birds and animals. In Kashmir, Shivaratri is also called Hayrath, which is the corrupt served food to stranger first and then had his own.

हरिस्ते साहस्त्रम् क्मलबलिमाधाय पदयो यदिकोनेतस्मिन् निजमुदहरन्नेत्रकमलम् । गतो भक्त्युद्रेकः परिणतिमसौ चक्रवपुषा त्रयाणां रक्षाये त्रिपुरहर जागर्ति जगताम् ॥

worshipper of Lord Shiva once went into the deep forests to Lord Shiva who were sent down to conduct his soul to the abode collect firewood. As the darkness engulfed the jungle, of Lord Shiva. It was then that Suswarna learnt for the great Lubdhaka lost his way and could not find his way home. He merit he had earned by the unconscious worship of Lord Shiva became extremely terrified as deep growls of animals began to during the night of Shivaratri. The divine messengers told fill the jungle. Seeking protection till daybreak, Lubdhaka Suswarna that there was a Lingam at the bottom of the tree on climbed the nearest bel tree and sought safety and shelter in which he spent the night. The leaves he dropped therefore fell its branches. Since Lubdhaka was perched on the branch of a on the Lingam. While his tears, which he had shed out of sorrow tree he was afraid that if he dozed he might fall off from the for his family, fell on the lingam and washed it. Besides, he had tree. To keep himself awake all night, Lubdhaka decided to observed a fast all day and all night. Thus, Suswarna had uncon-

other wild animals went away. Thus, Lubdhaka not only sur- Hindus of Kashmir observe Shivaratri with utmost zeal and devotion. Here, Shivratri is celebrated for three weeks or 21 days, According to Puranas, ever since that day, the story of the beginning on the first day of the dark fortnight of Phalguna tribal Lubdhaka has been recited every year on the night of (locally known as hur ukdoh) and end on the 8th day of the Mahashivaratri. This popular legend also form the basis of the bright half of Phalguna. Kashmiri Brahmins perform Shivaratri popular custom of offering bhel (Aegle marmelos) leaves to puja on the 13th day of the dark half of Phalguna Krishna Paksha to mark Lord Shiva's wedding with Uma, the beautiful daughter of the Himalayas. In keeping with their hospitable nature, Ka-Shanti Parva of the Mahabharata, talks about the legend of shimiri Brahmins offer even non-vegetarian food in puja to en-King Chitrabhanu observing the festival. The story, as told by tertain Bhairavas who are said to form the major part of Shiva's

nasty who ruled over the whole of Jambudvipa was observing tinctive way. Two pots (called kalash), depicting Shiva and Para fast with his wife, it being the day of Maha Shivaratri. The vati are filled with walnuts soaked in water. These walnuts are sage Ashtavakra came on a visit to the court of the king and taken out only on the third day which usually falls on the no inquired the king about reasons for keeping a fast Answering moon day or amavasya. On the third day this walnut which is the sage's query, King Chitrabhanu who had the gift of remem- wet is distributed to all friends and neighbours as prasad. On the bering the incidents from his previous birth said that in the chaturdashi (14th day after full moon) there is the real feasting

One day while he was roaming through the woods in search of form of 'hairat', a Persian word meaning 'utter surprise'. The animals, he was overtaken by the darkness of the night. To term was coined during the Pathan occupation of the valley. seek shelter from wild animals, Suswarna seeked shelter in the Besides, Shivaratri puja is better known as Vatuk Puja in Kabranches of nearest tree, which happened to a bael. Suswarna shimir where Vatuk means, collection or an assemblage of difhas also shot a deer that day but had no time to take it to ferent objects. The name has been given because the main puja home. So he bundled it up and tied it to a branch on the tree. on Shivaratri day involves collection of a large number of arti-Hunger and thirst tormented Suswarna and kept him awake all cles. The name could also be traced to the term Vatuk Dev, Lord night. Feeling sad that his poor wife and children were starving Shiva's celibate form. People in Kashmir also worship Vatuk and must be anxiously waiting for his return, Suswarna began Bhairav, said to be Shiva's most trusted dwarpal (gatekeeper). to shed profuse tears. To pass away time, Suswarna engaged This is done in a bid to seek his favor for an audience with the himself in plucking bael leaves and dropping them down onto Lord. On Hayrath day the children are given money as a gift the ground. Having passed the night thus, next morning, called "herat kharch". Interestingly it is not only children who Suswarna sold the deer and bought some food for himself and receive gifts, for even husbands give gifts to their wife and the his family. But, the moment he was about to break his fast, a elder brother gives to younger brother. On the next day there is stranger came to him begging for food. Humbly, Suswarna also a tradition to play the game of "harr" which is played with the help of sea shells.

ABANDONED: Legendary Kashmiri Pandits

- Malediction, Curse, Pain, Sorrow and Agony -

By: Dr Satish Ganjoo

Continued from Dec 09, edition

Mir Muhammad Hamadani, who was a Ali Shah - the tyrant (AD 1413-1430), witness of all this vicious brutality, son of Sikandar- the Butshikan, during barbarism and vandalism, at last ad- his short rule of six years, carried on his vised him to desist from the slaughter father's 24-year tyrant reign with of Brahmans and told him to impose homicides, conversions, tyranny and jazia (religious tax) instead of death enforced jazia. The legendary Brahupon them. All the Hindu books of mans burnt themselves in the flaming learning were collected and thrown fire through fear of conversion. Some into Dal Lake or were buried beneath Brahmans killed themselves by taking stones and earth." orders that no man should wear the by drowning themselves. This caused tilak mark on his forehead and no the second miserable mass exodus of woman be allowed to perform sati. He the Kashmiri Pandits. Jonaraja calls it " also insisted on breaking and melting Chandh-Dandh" - violent, cruel, brutal of all the gold and silver idols of gods and horrible punishment; for the abanand coin the metal into money. An doned and vulnerable Saraswat Brahattempt was made to destroy the mans of Kashmir. The brutal religious caste of the Aryan Saraswat Brahmans persecution of the Kashmiri Pandits by force and those who resisted were has been borne testimony to by almost subject to heavy fines. Farishta says, " all the Muslim historians. Hassan, Fauq Many of the Brahmans, rather than and Nizam - ud - Din have condemned abandon their religion or their county, these excesses in unscathing terms. It poisoned themselves; some emigrated was the reign of terror and homicide. from their native homes, while a few The majority of the Hindus were conescaped the evil of banishment by verted forcibly and a large number of becoming Muhammedans". To strictly them left the Valley. These enlightened enforce the Nizam-i-Mustaffa, Sikan- intellectuals had to move from door to dar established the office of Shaikh-ul- door for food, like dogs. One can't Islam. According to W.R. Lawrence, the imagine a higher level of mental tor-Aryan Saraswat Brahmans of Kashmir ture! The Brahmans, even after paying were given three choices- death, con- jazia, could not openly declare themversion or exile. "Many fled, many selves as Hindus nor could they apply were converted and many were killed, tilak on their foreheads. Neither could and it is said that this thorough mon- they pray in their temples or perform arch (Sikandar) burnt seven maunds of any religious ceremony. sacred threads of the murdered Brah- The son of Sultan Sikandar and the mans". As for the statements of Hassan brother of Sultan Ali Shah, Zainul and Lawrence, six maunds of sacred Abidin (AD1420 to 1460) followed the threads of converts and seven maunds policy of tolerance, endurance, paof murdered Pandits were burnt. The tience, sympathy and broad mindednumber of people, to whom these ness. But the conservative and dogthirteen maunds of sacred threads matic Muslims reacted very sharply to belonged, might have been tremen- this policy of toleration and mutual dously colossal. A mammoth number coexistence . According to Mulla Baof the Saraswat Pandits also went into hauddin, "The Sultan reimported pracexile, causing the first disastrous mass tices of infidels which had once beexodus of the community. The unfor- come extinct". The honey-moon of the tunate Pandits caught while crossing Kashmiri Pandits proved very brief. the border were awarded severe pun- During the reign of Haider Shah (AD ishments. Even the converts were re- 1470-1472) - the prodigal son of the quired to pay jazia as they were sus- great Zainul Abidin, Kashmiri Pandits pected of secretly clinging to their old once again suffered tremendously. He religion.

Sikandar issued poison, some by the rope and others

adopted various corrupt and cruel

practices against the Saraswat Brahmans. The repression was so terrible that the tolerant Pandits lost their cool. Hassan says, "the patience of the Pandits having reached the breaking point, they rose in a body and set fire to some mosques which were built with the material of the Hindu temples once demolished by Sikandar. The rising was quelled by the sword; many more Pandits were drowned in rivers; and, loot and plunder was practiced with unbridled licence." Srivara also illustrates the cruel and inhuman treatment given to the mythical Kashmiri Saraswat Brahmans, "... many Pandits struggled and threw themselves in river Vitasta to be drowned there. The arms and noses of many people were cut off, even of those Brahmans who were king's servants." Ravage and arson of the sacred places continued during the indifferent rule of Hassan Khan (AD 1476-1487), when the real authority was with the gang of three persons- Shams Chak, Shringhar Raina and Musa Raina.

Mir Shams-ud-Din Iraqi, who visited the Saffron Valley twice in AD 1477 and 1496, was the founder of Nurbakhshiya Order (Shia sect) in Kashmir. His mission was the vigorous propagation of his faith. Not contented with peaceful preachings, he employed the violent methods. Besides the poor vulnerable Brahmans, Sunni Muslims were also violently converted to Shia sect by murderous techniques. This dogmatic fanaticism even crippled the authority of Sunni ruler of Kashmir, Fateh Shah (AD 1510-1517). About 24,000 Kashmiri Pandits were forcibly converted to Shia sect of Islam. Iraqi had even issued orders that everyday about 1500 to 2000 Brahmans be brought to his doorsteps, remove their threads, administer Kalima to them, circumcise them and make them eat beef. These decrees were ferociously and brutally carried out. The Hindu religious scriptures from 7th century AD onwards and about 18 magnificent temples were destroyed, property

not a Hindu."

conversion of many Hindus to Shia Saraswat Brahmans from Kashmir. mass conversion of the Hindus. How- mandments: ever, he could not administer his criminal designs because of the Mughal No Hindu should ride a horse, nor annexation.

Akbar was tremendously influenced by the amazing moral supremacy of the Kashmiri Pandits. Abul Fazl records in Ain-i-Akbari, " the most respectable class in this country (Kashmir) is that of the Pandits, who, notwithstanding their need for freedom from the bonds of tradition and custom, are the true worshippers of God. They do not loosen their tongue of calumny against those not of their faith, nor beg, nor importune. They employ themselves in But Ahmed Khan refused to execute tolerance. Jahangir and Shah Jahan could perform their religious ceremonies after paying some tribute. But the whole scenario changed with the ac-Khan, the Mughal governor of Kashmir mystic motherland. during the reign of Aurangzeb, brutally mained behind tyrannized over the Brahmans to horrific

confiscated and ladies molested. Thou- Guru Teg Bhahadur, the ninth Sikh sands of Brahmans killed themselves to Guru, at Anandpur in Punjab and solicevade this horrific barbarism and thou- ited his personal intervention with the sands migrated to other places, result- Emperor. This ultimately led to the ing in their third tragic mass exodus Guru's martyrdom and made Guru from the Valley. Those who stayed Gobid Singh to create the Khalsa to behind were not only forced to pay fight the oppressors . Muzaffer Khan, jazia, but their noses and ears were Nassar Khan and Ibrahim Khan were chopped off. To escape the tremen- other governors of Aurangzeb who dous pain and agony, they cried. "I am ferociously terrorized the Kashmiri Pandits. These poor scapegoats were Qazi Chak, the founder of Chak rule in once again forced to migrate from the Kashmir (AD 1553-1586), carried on land of their origin. It was the fourth ferocious religious policy and made disastrous mass exodus of the Aryan

sect of Islam. According to Suka, one During the rule of later Mughals, Kashthousand cows were used to be killed mir witnessed the outbreak of the everyday without any opposition un- worst kind of religious intolerance. In der the orders of the Chak rulers, who AD 1720, Mullah Abdul Nabi, also were Shias, just to injure the religious called Muhat Khan, a non-resident sentiments of the Kashmiri Pandits. Kashmiri Muslim, was appointed as These celebrated and highly educated Shaikh-ul Islam. In order to assert his Aryan Saraswat Brahmans were made religious authority, he asked the Depthe objects of laughter and reproach. uty Governor, Mir Ahmed Khan , to They were publically taunted, abused start a campaign of persecution of the and humiliated. The last Chak ruler, Kafirs (infidels) - as the Kashmiri Pan-Yaqub Chak, had a bigoted zeal for the dits were called. In order to satisfy his propagation of Shia sect and planned satanic ego, the Mulla issued six com-

- should a Hindu wear a shoe;
- ♦ That they should not wear Jama (Mughal costume);
- That they should move bare arms;
- ♦ That they should not visit any gar-
- ◆That they should not have tilak mark on their foreheads;
- ♦ That their children should not receive any education.

planting fruit trees and are generally a the mischievous decree. The Mullah source of inspiration for others". The then excited his followers against the greatness of Akbar lies in his magnifi- Kashmiri Pandits. He established his cent and fascinating policy of religious seat in a mosque, assumed the duties of the administrator under the title of were not so tolerant. But their religious Dindar Khan and let loose the reign of enthusiasm cannot be termed as fa- terror. The Hindus were wickedly tornatic. During this period, the Brahmans mented, their houses burnt and property looted. Hundreds of Brahmans were killed, prostrated, maimed and humiliated. They began to run away in cession of Aurangzeb to the throne. large numbers and hide themselves in With his bigoted fanatic and dogmatic mountainous terrain. This was the approach, the Kashmiri Pandits were fifth dreadful mass exodus of the once again made vulnerable. Iftkar legendary Kashmiri Pandits from their Those who relived in the most and terrible conditions such an extent that they approached generated by the Mullah and his gang.

But soon he was assassinated by his rivals and his son, Sharif-ud-Din, become the new Shaikh-ul Islam. The son improved upon the brutal methods of his father and inflicted most barbaric, cruel and inhuman tortures upon the vulnerable Brahmans. The plight of the Kashmiri Pandits during this period became tremendously miserable and tragic.

The Afghan rule in Kashmir (AD 1753-1819) was a period of cruelty, homicide and anarchy. W.R. Lawrence calls it the "reign of brutal tyranny." The barbarous Afghans employed every wild, inhuman, primitive, ferocious, cruel and brutal method to suppress the Kashmiri Brahmans. A pitcher filled with ordure was placed on the head of a Pandit and stones were pelt on it, till it broke and the unfortunate Brahman become wet with filth. Their brutality and atrocity crossed the extreme limits when Hindus were tied up in grass sacks, two and two, and drowned in the Dal Lake. The victimized Hindu were forced to flee the country or were killed or converted to Islam. This was sixth horrible mass exodus of the Kashmiri Pandits, to far away places like Delhi, Lucknow, Allahabad, etc. Many covered the long distances on foot. Hindu parents destroyed the beauty of their daughters by shaving their heads or cutting their noses and ears to save them from degradation. Any Muslim could jump on the back of a Pandit and take a ride. Mir Hazar - an Afghan governor, used leather bags instead of grass sacks for the drowning of Brahmans. Turbans and shoes were forbidden for them. The Saraswat Brahmans of Kashmir were also forced to grow beards and tilak was interdicted. The Afghans are now only remembered for their barbarity, brutality, ferocity, tyranny and cruelty. They thought no more of cutting of heads than of plucking a flower.

परोपकाराय फलन्ति वृक्ष: परोपकाराय बहन्ति नद्य:। परोपकाराय दुहन्ति गाव: परोपकारार्थ इदं शरीरम्॥

Mahadev Bisht – The thief of style

out to steal, he would do so like a cat, without making a preparations. sound. That is why he was called Mahadev bishta. Kashmiri children refer to a cat as bishti. Mahadev would First, Mahadev went out and filled a piece of reed with even makes the sound like that of cat to make people vicious red ants. Then he came home and had his body think that it was a cat. They would shout "bishti, bishti" - massaged with oil. He then put on a langot (loincloth) a sound made to scare away cats - while Mahadev took and looked at himself in the mirror with a mischievous off with the booty.

and wealth. But, in spite of that, people used to praise him. The people loved Mahadev because he would steal from the wealthy people to provide for the needy.

There is a particularly well-known story about Mahadev. One day the thieves decided that even though Mahadev way he would be tested.

thieves. One thief stood up and addressed Mahadev. which he had entered. "Hey, Mahdevju, we all consider you to be our leader. We are all admire you. But, in order to prove your supe- The next day Mahadev went to the gathering of the riority, we would like you to undergo a test. If you agree, thieves with the Maharaja's pyjama. When Mahadev it will enhance your reputation and our trust in you." arrived, the thieves were impatient to know if he had Mahadev became very serious and replied: "Yes, of been successful in obtaining the pyjama. Mahadev haltcourse, I am ready for a test." As soon as the thieves ingly opened a bundle, took out the pyjama, and showed heard this reply, they blushed. One thief slowly stood up them with a smile. On seeing this, all the thieves stood and said: "All right, Mahdevju, we want you to make our up clapping their hands and singing the praises of Ma-Maharaja take off his pyjama and the pyjama should hadev bishta. Mahadev was deeply pleased. The thieves then be presented to this gathering. The Maharaja again accepted him as their clever leader. There are should know nothing about it " Mahadev smiled and many other stories about Mahadev Bishta which entersaid: "All right, if that is what you want, so be it. It is not tain the Kashmiri children. at all a difficult job." On hearing this, the thieves were delighted and the conference of thieves came to an end.

Mothers often tell their children the stories of Mahadev After this it took Mahadev four or five days to think. He bisht the renowned thief of Kashmir. It is said that during went to Shergadi to observe several things. First, he the reign of Maharaja Partap Singh, Mahadev, was con-found out the location of the Maharaja's bedroom, and sidered the leader of thieves in Kashmir. He was never the location of the palace guards. He also found a way to caught while stealing. Mahadev had baffled both the reach the Maharaja's bedroom without causing suspipolice and the government. Whenever Mahadev went cion. After observing all these things, he started his

smile. He left for Shergadi. It was midnight and pitch dark when he arrived. Mahadev swam across the kitikol. It is indeed a fact that Mahadev was a well-known thief. Then, after reaching the royal palace, he entered the It is also true that he would rob people of their property bathroom of the Maharaja through a pipe. From there, like a cat, he entered the bedroom of the Maharaja.

Mahdev saw that the Maharaja was sound asleep. He slowly took out the reed and dropped the ants near the Maharaja's feet. These vicious ants spread all over the Maharaja's legs. They made him miserable with their was, without a doubt, their leader, he would still have to bites. The Maharaja started scratching his legs with both undergo a test. In a meeting, they also agreed upon the of his hands. He was so uncomfortable that, in his sleep, he took off his pyjama and threw them aside. Mahadev was delighted. He quietly picked up the pyjama, and, One day Mahadev was invited to a gathering of all the again like a cat, walked out through the pipe through

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VITASTA



By: Dr. Roshan Saraf

I am Vitasta – the soothing heart-throb in shine and shimmer; Flowing rhythmically with glistering ripples; Attracting mermaids to have a cool dip after a dreamy slumber...

I am as old as time immortal; Refracting sun and moon into the wavy sparkling crystal; I am fresh and attractive like a Spanish wine bottle...

I have serpent like sizzling surface with temples and shrines on my luscious banks; Making me pious and adding grace to my face...

I am a mystic mother as I nourish never to perish; I am a darling as young and old take a joy ride; And with a splash sail like a fiancé fish...

Alas! The unethical bruises and lacerations all over my luring limbs with blood stains tainting my nectar with slushy abrasions...

How come the human rubble piled upon on my back and breast Polluting my holy stairs by creating jink and jumble...

I wonder where is the man with vermillion on his forehead; The pious woman with basket of flowers Oblating every petal of their devotions with a humble bend...

Believe me! Without Pandits I feel alone and segregated; Caged in a blind frozen cell but waiting to listen to jingling holy hymns unabated...

I am Vitasta – an origin and insertion of a culture; A nectar of rituals to hundreds and thousands; An emblem, an identity and a cynosure for ever...

Celebrations:

Zanng tray will be celebrated on March 18th 2010, at Park, Sector 20 Panchkula. Ladies Folk of Kashmiri Baradari are invited to be the part of this celebration. Salt & Aathor will be presented to all ladies present on this occasion as Shagun.

Annual Hawan will be solemnised on 11th April 2010 at Mandir, inside HMT Pinjore Compound as it was happened last year. The Puran Ahuti will take place on 11th April 2010 at around 5:00 PM. All are invited to be part of this Hawan.

Donations:

Members are requested to donate generously for the haven which will be held on 11th April 2010. For donations, members are requested to contact either the office bearers or your Sector representatives.

Book Available :

A Book "Vanvun" written by Sh. Shiv Nath Hundoo with forward by Late Sh. J N kaul (papaji) of Faridabad can be made available on Hawan. The cost of the book is Rs.400/- but book shall be available at concessional rate of Rs. 250/- Person interested may please contact Sh. Vinod Razdan (Vice-President) KPS Panchkula

नव वर्ष नव वर्ष नव वर्ष एक और नया हर्ष नयी सुबह नया सूरज नया सकल्प जग गयी नयी आशा बहत दूर रह गयी निराशा नया जोश नया पथ एक नया लक्ष्य नया वर्ष तो समय का माप दण्ड है काल चक्र की एक प्रक्रिया है पर मेरे लिए एक नयी चूनोती है इसलिए एक नया उल्हास है एक नया एहसास है कि मेरी मंजिल मेरे आसपास है नव वर्ष नव वर्ष मेरे लिए एक नया हर्ष विनोद राजदान

Congratulations

- * Mrs. Anju Revoo, #344, Sector 16, Panchkula for being promoted as General Manager HAFED.
- Mr. Ramesh Raina # 687 Ph-II Saini Vihar, Baltana Zirakpur Mohali for being promoted

Condolences

* Mrs Vijay Dhar sister-in law of Mr. Pradeep Dhar ex-finance Secretary—KPS R/o # 220 Ph-I Saini Vihar Baltana left for heavenly abode on 1st January 2010 at Delhi. Sabha conveys its heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and their kith and kin. May the departed soul rest in peace.

List of Life Members Recently Joined

- i. Mr. Hira Lal Durani, Mohali
- ii. Mr. Ramesh Kumar Dhar, Chandigarh
- iii. Ms. Anita Modi, Chandigarh
- iv. Ms. Urmila Saraf (Munshi), Chandigarh
- v. Mr. Amit Durani, Mumbai
- vi. Mr. Nikhil Razdan, Panchkula

Kashmiri Pandit Sabha welcomes to new life members to this sabha.

Matrimonial

- * Alliance invited for May 1984 born Kashmiri Pandit girl Amrita Koul D/o Lt. Sh. Ramesh Koul 5'.6" in B. E. Electronics working as Software Engineer in Info Technologies Ltd, Mangalore since Oct 2006. Contact: Sh. Mohan Lal Raina Muthi Jammu., 0191-2598910, 9419212534
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- * Alliance invited from a respectable KP family for my son born on 5th July 1974 10:18 AM at Delhi, Non-Manglik, 5'.6", B.Com, Dip. In Flour Milling, Presently working as Production Manager in M/s eyberabad Foods (A Division of ITC India Ltd.), Hydrabad. Drawing handsome Salary. Contact with Tekni and Kulawali (Bio-data) Dr. P L Raina, 09889385476, email: rainaashish@gmail.com; nansiraina@yahoo.com
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This for the information of all baradari members that Vatuk Masala, Kaandh, Jantari (Nechhpater) & other Kashmiri Masala are available at Jai Mata Store, M S Enclave, Dhakoli.

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