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Chairman's note



Jai Shri Krishna!

Please accept my warm wishes for the New Year. May the year 2022 bring positive joy, health and prosperity to you, your families and loved ones.

2021, like 2020 has been a year of ups and downs. During the early months of March to June, we saw the covid 19 virus playing havoc forming a second wave. We all saw our family, kin and neighbours being infected of whom some hospitalized and some of us may have lost a few family members during this time. My deep condolences to their families.

Vaccinations post the second wave have risen sharply and India has administered over 1.42 billion doses overall. Our vaccination drive has been praised across the globe.

Due to Corona Related Restrictions, at GBBF, we have not been able to carry out most of the events in physical form. We are planning to revive whichever activities possible, in virtual as well as physical form.

I would like to share my views & recommendations with our readers as also the community, and indeed, society at large:

- Corona has been a huge global problem. No one has been spared. Our life was at serious threat. We all were able to, but mostly compelled to accept severe restrictions & complete change of habits, lifestyles, forego conveniences & comforts.

When there are signs of Corona receding, we all - individuals, society, government - want to talk about "going back to normal", which is another name of reviving economies, having high GDP, etc. It is a huge mistake.

- Side by side with Corona, another equally big problem not only we human race are facing but the whole planet - our only home - is facing viz. Climate change, which is affecting several vital sectors e.g. Food, severe & sudden weather events, causing unprecedented destruction.

Who is mainly responsible? We humans - our reckless use of resources, our bad habits, our greedy consumption habits, is responsible.

Who should correct them? We Ourselves.

Do we want the Govt. to be our guardian, our policeman, impose severe restrictions, punish us if we don't behave in responsible manner? or can we do it ourselves? Please introspect & note down changes needed, and start implementing them from today!

2021, also had some great achievements for us Indians. Team India gave its best-ever Olympics performance at Tokyo 2020 this year. At the centre of the historic achievement was India's star javelin thrower, Neeraj Chopra who ended the country's century-long wait of winning a Gold medal in athletics. In the field of glamour, India's Harnaaz Sandhu made the nation proud by bagging the long yearned-for Miss Universe title at the 70th edition of the beauty pageant event in December 2021.

Our own Rajjubhai Shroff (Rajnikant Devidasbhai Shroff), CMD of UPL was bestowed with one of India's highest civilian awards, the Padma Bhushan, for his contribution to trade and industry. We are all proud of this achievement and recognition, not only for business but also, for serving the society very generously.

I once again, urge business owners from our community to provide opportunities to talented youth in these testing times. If you know or come across someone who may have lost his / her job owing to the pandemic, please do give them an opportunity. Remember, if we are in it together, we will win it together!

I look forward to your feedback for this edition of The Global Bhatia newsletter and other suggestions for GBBF. You can write to me at theglobalbhatia@gmail.com Stay safe!!

Warm regards,
Ashwin Shroff
Chairman GBBF



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A proud moment for the Bhatia Community!



Shri Rajnikant Devidasbhai Shroff, the founder of UPL Ltd. a global provider of sustainable agriculture products & solutions, was conferred one of the India's highest civilian award, the Padma Bhushan, for his contribution to the field of trade and industry. Fondly called Rajjubhai Shroff, he is also known as India's "Crop Protection King". Rajjubhai Shroff is the only industrialist to receive the Padma Bhushan in 2021.

Born in Gujarat's Kutch, Shroff pioneered red phosphorus manufacturing in 1969, giving an impetus to the indigenous chemical industry. In 1980s, UPL started to launch a number of crop protection products and currently is among the leading total crop solutions providers globally. With a professional career that spans over more than 50 years,

Rajjubhai has received several other accolades and honors for his contribution to the field of agricultural technology. His dedication to his profession and the

causes he supports is unwavering and the many awards he has won are a mere testimony to his abilities.



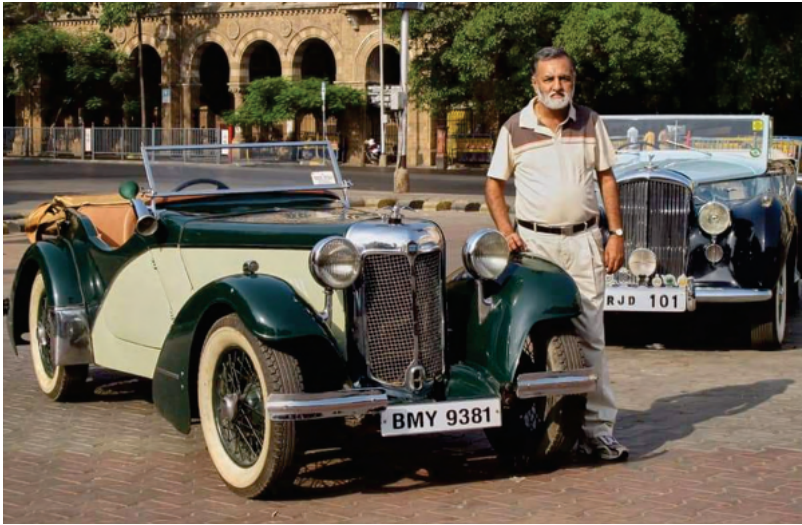
Rajjubhai has always been an ardent believer in giving back to society and helms various Human Welfare Trusts and Organizations. Under his leadership, UPL Ltd. has worked towards taking several socially beneficial steps including creating Institutions of Excellence, organizing Sustainable Livelihood Programmes for neighboring farmers, as well as instilling nature conservation practices in their processes.

The official handle of President Ram Nath Kovind shared the news on Twitter. "President Kovind presents Padma Bhushan to Shri Rajnikant Devidas Shroff for Trade and Industry. He is a renowned scientist and entrepreneur. Founder of United Phosphorus Limited, he was the first-ever Indian to start and run a chemical factory in England," President of India's official handle tweeted.



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Vice President -

FIA Rg-II 2021 - 2024 FIA world body for Automobile mobility & tourism

We are delighted to announce that **Mr. Nitin Dossa - Vice President, Global Bhatia Benevolent Foundation** has been elected the **Vice President of FIA Rg-II and member of world mobility council of FIA.**

Mr. Dossa is the 1st Indian to be elected to this post.

Mr. Dossa is honored to serve over multiple members across 20 countries in the region for the 2021 - 2024 term.

During his Presidency, Mr. Dossa will continue to champion for long-term environmental sustainability, knowledge and educational sharing between clubs and serving vulnerable road users by improving road safety.

Under his leadership in 2021, Western India Automobile Association has been awarded by National and State for Outstanding Contribution to Improving Road Safety by Award.

Congratulations!

DHOLAVIRA BECOMES UNESCO'S 40TH WORLD HERITAGE SITE



It features the well-preserved remains of the Harappan Civilization Ruins of Harappan city Dholavira in Rann of Kutch, Gujarat.

Dholavira was once a bustling city for 1200 years (3000 BCE to 1800 BCE) with access to the sea, and was inhabited by the Harappan civilization. Discovered in 1968, the archeological site in Khadir Bet is now set upon a dry arid land that displays the remains of the civilization.

It is located in Gujarat's Kutch district

Dholavira is one of the five largest Harappan sites, and its 120 acres lies between two running streams, the Mansar in the north and Manhar in the south. The city was divided into three parts, the first being the Raj Mahal of the ruler, which was surrounded by fortified walls, the second part housed officers, while the third portion housed the common people. Most structures were constructed using dressed stone, and in some cases, they used polished stone pillars.

Its water management technology was futuristic

The civilians had a unique water management system at the time, where they sourced their water from rainwater harvesting, stone-cut reservoirs and wells located around the fortifications. There were also stone drains seen across the city that were built to collect the rainwater. This, along with the defence systems, burial structures, and various artefacts and stones including copper, terracotta, gold, ivory, made this city distinct.

The harsh climate brought the settlement to its end. One of the main reasons for the downfall of this particular settlement was due to the severe climatic conditions such as droughts, dryness and water scarcity that were challenging for the inhabitants. The urban areas were eventually deserted and the site gradually started turning into rural settlements.



Festivals

GaneshUtsav

Name: Hemang Chandrasinh Damani
Location: Andheri, West
Details: 38th year of Ganesh Pooja - Shaddhu maati idol(eco-friendly)
Theme: Masks

Masks has become such an integral part of our lifestyle since last one and half year and it has been playing an important role in protecting us in the pandemic. This got us curious to read up on the history of masks and explore the advent of masks in different parts and times in the world.

Interestingly masks have been in use since over 30000- 40000 years. But because the material used then was wood, cloth, vegetative material and leather hence they did not survive. The oldest traced stone mask is from 7000 BC.

Masks have been used since antiquity for both ceremonial and practical purposes, as well as in the performing arts and for entertainment. Older civilizations and cultures in China, Oceania, North America, Africa used masks for ancestor worship and spirit rituals. Masks also protected hunters and warriors from harm..

In recent times, the use of mask has been prevalent in drama and dance across the world like Noh drama in Japan, Chinese Opera Masks, Barong Masks from Indonesia, Hanuman Mask from Ram Lila in our country, Kathakali in Kerala....

We made Masks from Paper Mache - some mask displayed were from ancient civilizations in Africa, Oceania, Egypt, North America, Aztec and some more contemporary from China, Japan, Bharat, Indonesia



Hindola

The month of Shravan is pious for all pustimargi Vaishnavas, and are busy celebrating to please Lord Krishna. Hindola is one such festival celebrated for 15 days. Shri Bhatia Stree Mandal Mandvi Kutch made an attempt to celebrate the occasion online competition of Hindola decoration



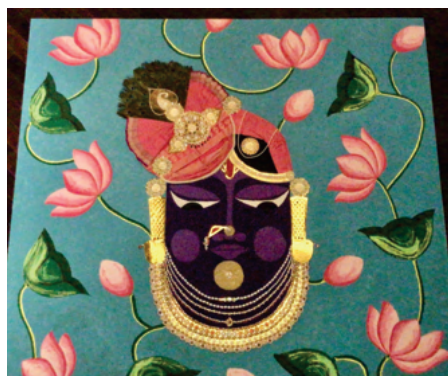
Divaso

Divaso is a unique ritual performed on the Amavasya or no moon day. The ritual is dedicated to Goddess Parvati and is performed as a sort of invitation to the Shravan month. The holy month of Shravan is dedicated to God

Shiva. On the previous evening of Divaso married women light a lamp and keep it for next 36 hours - till the Shravan month begins. In some regions, seeds are sown in a small container and the lamp is placed before it. The vrat takes its name Divaso from this ritual. Divaso - 'Deep Vaso' means residence of the lamp. Shree Anjar Bhatia Mahajan organised a Divasa Puja program for ladies at the community Hall, Around 110 Bhatia ladies participated in the puja conducted by Jitubhai Pandeyaji. Thereafter participants play a few games and falahar/mahaprasad were organised by the management and volunteers of the mahajan.

Creativity at its Best!

Masterpiece Rangolis created year after year by talented Minal Khimji from Muscat Oman.



**“If a woman can
DREAM IT,
she can
DO IT.”**

- Moushmi Kapadia

Biker, photographer, fitness enthusiast, adventurous seeker & entrepreneur-Moushmi Kapadia. Went on a solo bike ride, spanning 9 auspicious days, covering 6000kms during Navratri 2021! A mission to generate an awareness about "bringing out the best in you & live your passion" for our Indian women. She rode on the Golden Quadrilateral Highway, passing through the following cities : Mumbai, Bengaluru, Vijaywada, Visakhapatnam, Bhubaneswar, Kolkata, Varanasi, Delhi & Udaipur.



“As a child was always attracted towards racing bikes. There are a lot of misconceptions that biking requires physical strength, strong back, good height, etc. But nothing of that is true! All you need is a desire to ride & you can! Bought my 1st bike (Yamaha) in May 2013 at 35yrs! Had to convince my family a lot but finally they agreed. Got a lot of stares and head turns when on the road but that never bothered me! Apart from the freedom & thrill I felt while riding it worked like therapy for me! I live by the mantra taking care of yourself is as important as taking care of your loved ones. If you are not happy you can't keep others happy! Self care is not selfish! I've always believed - "You & your happiness matter". We women always ignore ourselves as sacrifice & adjustment is inculcated in our morals & minds! Also there is nothing you can't do! With all the responsibilities, pressure & work, make space for your dreams - "Don't wish, go do it"





Juicy Chemistry

Founder : Megha and Pritesh Asher



JUICY CHEMISTRY

FOUNDERS
MEGHA AND PRITESH ASHER

FOUNDED IN
2014

**INVESTORS /
ANGEL INVESTORS**
Verlinvest, Purplle, Akya
Ventures, Spring Marketing
Capital, Amit Nanavati (personal
capacity)

PROS
“It helps to have somebody
who you trust to execute a
certain plan of action. It
saves up on a lot of your
bandwidth and you can
focus on your part of the
business.”
– Pritesh Asher

CHALLENGES
“Sometimes we get so
engrossed with Juicy
Chemistry that we feel like
we’re missing out on
spending enough time with
our daughter.”
– Megha Asher

Megha Asher simply wanted to create products to fix her skin-related issues. Finding real “Natural” products was a difficult task as the ingredients would finally end up being chemicals. Megha, then a fashion designer, and Pritesh, who worked in his father's petrochemical business, started playing around with ingredients in their kitchen and building products. What began as a small experiment in their home ended up becoming a brand—Juicy Chemistry. In 2014, they started researching ingredients that went into every possible personal care product—from lip balms to face washes.

“Pritesh was trying to understand why every product needed these ingredients and what could be eliminated. The first ingredient that he isolated was water. The minute we removed water from the formulation, we didn't have to use preservatives,” says Megha. Soon, they started making products like sugar scrubs and face masks with ingredients like fuller's earth, oatmeal, charcoal and almond meal, which weren't popular in India then. The company has grown over the last seven years, with a presence in Australia, France, South Africa, Nepal, Singapore and Mauritius. It has total funding of ₹548 crore to date. The brand has a solid expansion plan, says Pritesh. “We're looking at going live on amazon.com in the US and amazon.ae in the UAE. We are also working on a sensitive skincare line now, and looking at organic makeup in the long run,” he says. In FY21, Juicy Chemistry clocked a turnover of ₹25 crore and is looking to close FY22 at ₹50 crore. “Juicy Chemistry has been everything in the last seven years... once we saw that the brand was gaining scale, there was no looking back,”

tribute

Kantisen C. Shroff



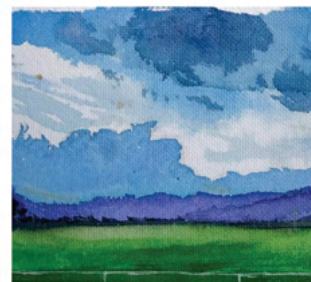
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It is very unlikely that Kantisen C. Shroff was referred to by this name all through his life's journey of 98 years. And what a journey it was.

As young man he had dreamt of becoming a professional artist – till Gandhiji gave the call to the British to Quit India. Love for country was a family value that had to be expressed not with mere slogans but by responsible action. His elder brother Champraj set up a small chemical manufacturing factory. This was the humble beginning of Excel Industries. Many of the chemicals produced were extremely hazardous and manufactured for the first time in India. But for this nation-building enterprise, Champraj needed his youngest brother to join the factory. Kantisen gave up his art; he surrendered to a vision of creating a socially responsible business enterprise in which profit was a by-product of service to the people.

Excel soon became one of India's leading manufacturers and exporters of industrial and agro-chemicals. Sometime during this period, Kantisen married Chanda with whom he raised three children. As a technocrat he looked beyond industry at the needs of the future. He worked on climate change when the world had not even heard of this concept. He studied the economics

of the cow, worked on soil enrichment and urban waste management; agriculture and horticulture enhancement; water conservation and river basin revival, and grassland development. At the same time, he was engaged in man making – nurturing all those who come in contact with him. He was beloved. He was Kaka.

Upon retirement Kaka moved permanently to Kutch where he expanded his activities in rural development to a grand scale; and with people's participation he turned the barren landscape of Kutch into a green and fruitful one.

By the time he was 90, Kaka was physically unable to participate in the many activities that were dear to him. He need not have done anything more. All his life, he has put his faith in Bhagwaan and with Him holding his hand, Kaka had been an exemplary husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather as well as a mentor, visionary, industrialist, environmentalist, philanthropist, and pioneer in the greening of Kutch. His love and respect for all beings, his positivity, his zeal to own up and contribute and his passion to be a lifelong learner had already inspired

four generations. Kaka returned to his art and a few years later, at the age of 95 came his first solo exhibition entitled There is no need for us to get old. His drawings and paintings were that of a consummate artist who held excellence and perfection as his highest values. He was at the forefront again; showing the world . . . instead of getting all tangled up in the difficulties that come with advancing years, we can work for body-mind-spirit co-ordination. That way, we can stay effective in old age, provided we want to stay effective.

At 98 years he offered one more lesson, perhaps the most significant one – the art of dying. For the last 66 days of his life, Kaka accepted only water and less and less of it in the final few days. This was Kaka at his most fearless; he had surrendered, he was ready. He let his last breath slip away as quietly and as gracefully as he had lived his life.

To live in the hearts of those you leave behind is not to die. These were Kaka's favourite words; and who can ever count the number of hearts in which Kaka now resides.

tribute

Sheikh Kanaksi Khimji

Sheikh Kanaksi Gokaldas Khimji the senior-most Director of Khimji Ramdas, was the 4th generation leader of the 150 years old, Oman based Khimji Ramdas Group.

Born in 1936, Kanaksi Khimji, fondly referred to as Kanak Bhai, was known to be an intrepid and resolute entrepreneur, who put together the blueprint for the Khimji Ramdas Group as we know it today.

The man who was responsible for setting up the very first Gujarati school in the desert terrain of Muscat way back in 1941 was his father Shri Gokaldas Khimji. And the son, who continued the legacy by helping to found the first English school in 1975, breathed his last on February 18, 2021. He was 85.

As the president of the Mahajan Community, Kanakbhai was involved in a variety of community and social welfare activities that brought him closer to the people and won him accolades and honours for the philanthropic works that he was involved in.



In recognition of his role in the social fabric and the paradigm boost to business in Oman, Kanakbhai and his family members were accorded Omani citizenship by the late Sultan Qaboos bin Said over 25 years ago.

It was an equal recognition and honour for all Indians in Oman when around the same time the late Sultan granted him the title of “Sheikh”, exclusively for the Indian community. This made him the world’s only Hindu Sheikh, officially recognised by the government.

An ardent lover of the sport of Cricket and was the founding Chairman of the Oman Cricket Club. He worked tirelessly to enhance the level of the game in the Sultanate, and was awarded the prestigious “Pepsi – ICC Lifetime Service Award 2011” by the International Cricket Council.

As a business leader, he has been a guiding light and visionary who inspired an entire generation of businessmen. His ethical approach to business stands testament to the KR Group’s reputation and growth.

Kanak Bhai’s legacy will continue to drive the Khimji Ramdas Group forward, upholding the core values of Trust, Care, Commitment and Learning, which have stood the Group in good stead for last 5 decades.





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