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SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES AND CULTURE OF INDIA

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Logo: Life's support is culture. The leaves in the picture represent life in the universe and feet symbolize the support. Culture consists of expression of ideas. The Vedic message "Sarve Bhadrani Pashyantu (Let everyone see good)", inscribed in Devanagari Script, represents the school's motto. The circle denotes that, like life, its support and ideas that sustain culture are eternal and universal. The name of the school "SHISHU BHARATI" appears in Devanagari script at the top of the logo.

The full Vedic hymn, the third line of which is included in the logo, is given below.

SARVE BHAVANTU SUKHINAH
SARVE SANTU NIRAMAYAH
SARVE BHADRANI PASHYANTU
MA KASCHIT DUHKHABHAG BHAVET
LET EVERYONE BE HAPPY
LET EVERYONE BE HEALTHY
LET EVERYONE SEE GOOD
LET NO ONE SUFFER

SHISHU BHARATI

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Shishu Bharati, a *pride* of our community and *fruitful result* of hard work and commitment of so many volunteers, has been a wonderful experience for last 31 years. Its future is even more promising and bright. It was originally founded by a small group of parents who had immigrated to the US from India and wanted to pass on the knowledge of their mother tongue and rich cultural heritage to their children. The language barrier became noticeable when the children had to communicate with relatives/friends here or in India who did not speak English. These parents formed a small study group of children and gathered every Sunday in the home of one of the parents. Volunteers taught the group about India's cultural heritage and Indian languages. As the group grew, it moved to St. Anne School in Arlington, MA, which provided a standard learning environment. By now, the school was a registered non-profit organization and was named SHISHU BHARATI School. In 1979, the school outgrew the capacity of the Arlington location and moved to Burlington, MA. It remained in Burlington until 2004 and then relocated to Lexington, which offered better facilities. To serve the southern New Hampshire community, Shishu Bharati opened a branch in Nashua in September 2001. We reached another milestone 5 years ago: opening of a branch in Norwood, Massachusetts. On Sundays for the past 32 academic years, Shishu Bharati School has taught Indian languages and culture of India to more than thousand students. The school also offers a unique cultural environment where students, parents, teachers, and volunteers gather to make new friends, exchange ideas, and help each other.

The school's objective has been to develop a sense of well-informed cultural pride in the students by creating the environment that fosters learning of Indian arts, customs, languages, religions, history, geography, and current events. We are very proud to note that with the help of many dedicated volunteers, the community's aspirations have far been exceeded. We have over 800 students, over 90 teachers, and numerous volunteers. We have an evolving program in Indian culture, which is challenging because of the diverse backgrounds of teachers and students. We have language programs in Gujarati, Hindi, Tamil, Marathi, Telugu, Kannada, and Sindhi. Programs in other Indian languages are being set up. In addition, we offer free Yoga classes for adults. To supplement language and culture classes, Shishu Bharati has an excellent library with thousands of books. We also have extra-curricular activities such as: performances by artists, field trips, and occasionally outdoor games. Our Festival of India, 26th January celebrations, Graduation Day, Holi, Kite flying have become big events to look forward to.

Our school is a bridge between the cultures of America and India, where ideas can move freely from one side to another. It has entered the phase of growth, which is stronger than ever before. To that end, we need financial help to take on major projects such as the enlargement of our library, improved supply of educational materials, field trips, bringing in major exhibits or performing artists, and providing resources/training to dedicated teachers and volunteers.

This handbook is prepared to acquaint you with our school procedures and practices. However this information can be used by anyone, who has an interest in furthering the cause of Indian Culture and Languages, by obtaining an approval from Shishu Bharati Organization.

SHISHU BHARATI'S VISION

To be a **premium organization** for the children and adults that will:

- **Promote pride** in Indian heritage
- **Promote balanced perspective** of Mother Country and Adopted Country
- **Encourage and empower the students to pursue studies** in Indian Culture and Indian Languages

SHISHU BHARATI'S MISSION

Shishu Bharati's mission is to develop and nurture a high quality and highly respected, *completely voluntary institute* that will educate and enlighten children and adults with the knowledge related to Indian Culture and Indian Languages. Shishu Bharati will accomplish this mission by:

- **Promote pride**
 1. Making the *learning process fun*
 2. *Designing a curriculum* that would promote:
 - Understanding and knowledge in Indian Languages and Culture
 - Self pride in children of Indian origin
- **Promote balanced perspective**
 1. Being the *role model* and by establishing an organization structure to continuously encourage dedicated new volunteers
 2. Providing a structured and *high quality training program to volunteer teachers*
- **Encourage and empower the students to pursue studies in Indian Culture and Indian Languages**
 1. The guidance of *regular feedback from volunteers, parents and students*
 2. Encouraging and helping *graduating students of Shishu Bharati to be part of voluntary organization*
- **Premium institute**
 1. *Not aligning* and associating with any particular religious, political or language groups.
 2. *Being financially independent* and,
 3. Not using or providing Shishu Bharati name and/or its member information to commercial entities for Shishu Bharati's financial benefit or the commercial entities' financial benefit

SHISHU BHARATI SCHOOL CALENDAR – LEXINGTON, MA

29 Aug 2010 Wk-1 CLASSES BEGIN	5 Sep 2010 Labor Day Weekend <i>No School</i>	12 Sep 2010 Wk-2	19 Sep 2010 Wk-3 Placement and Retest in Culture and Language	26 Sep 2010 Wk-4
3 Oct 2010 Wk-5 Gandhi Jayanti Observed during Morning Assembly	10 Oct 2010 Columbus Day Weekend <i>No School</i>	17 Oct 2010 Wk-6 Orientation for New Parents Yoga Class: Culture 7 & Culture 8	24 Oct 2010 Wk-7 Book Reading Program Begins. Books Distributed for 1st Report Yoga Class: Culture 6	31 Oct 2010 Wk-8
7 Nov 2010 Wk-9 Festival Celebration from 12pm to 1pm	14 Nov 2010 Wk-10 Nehru's Birthday during Morning Assembly	21 Nov 2010 Wk-11 Yoga Class: Culture 5	28 Nov 2010 Thanksgiving Holiday <i>No School</i>	
5 Dec 2010 Wk-12	12 Dec 2010 Wk-13 1st Book Report Due Yoga Class: Culture 4	19 Dec 2010 Wk-14	26 Dec 2010 Christmas Vacation <i>No School</i>	
2 Jan 2011 New Year's Weekend <i>No School</i>	9 Jan 2011 Wk-15 Midyear Mtg. Of All Parents	16 Jan 2011 M. L. King Day LHS Event <i>No School</i>	23 Jan 2011 Wk-16 Indian Republic Day Celebrations during assembly	30 Jan 2011 Wk-17 Cut-off - Book Reports
6 Feb 2011 Wk-18 Culture Midterm Examinations	13 Feb 2011 Wk-19 Language Midterm Examinations	20 Feb 2011 Winter Break Midterm Report Cards Due <i>No School</i>	27 Feb 2011 Wk-20 Writing Competition Announcement Yoga Class: Culture 3	
6 Mar 2011 Wk-21 Parent/Teacher Conferences Yoga Class: Culture 2	13 Mar 2011 Wk-22 Parent/Teacher Conferences Culture Day 1	20 Mar 2011 Wk-23 Culture Day 2	27 Mar 2011 Wk-24 Language Day 1 Yoga Class: Culture 1	
3 Apr 2011 Wk-25 Language Day 2 Culture Day 3 Culture Writing Competition Final Submissions	10 Apr 2011 LHS Event <i>No School</i>	17 Apr 2011 Spring Break <i>No School</i>	24 Apr 2011 Wk-26 Culture Day 4 Language Writing Competition	
1 May 2011 Wk-27 Language Day 3 Culture Day 5 Yoga Class: KG	8 May 2011 Wk-28 R. Tagore's Birthday Language Day 4 Culture Day 6	15 May 2011 Wk-29 Culture 7 Diorama & Culture 8 Presentations Culture Day – KG Language Day 5	22 May 2011 Wk-30 Culture Day 7 Language Day 6	29 May 2011 Field Trip Memorial Day Weekend <i>No Classes</i>
5 Jun 2011 Wk-31 Culture Final Examinations	12 Jun 2011 Wk-32 Language Final Examinations Year-end Event at Each Branch	19 Jun 2011 Wk-33 Graduation Ceremony in Lexington Grades, General Body Meeting		

SHISHU BHARATI SCHOOL CALENDAR – NASHUA, NH

5 Sep 2010 Labor Day Weekend <i>No School</i>	11 Sep 2010 OPEN HOUSE 3:00pm – 4:30pm	12 Sep 2010 Wk-1 CLASSES BEGIN	19 Sep 2010 Wk-2 Placement and Retest in Culture and Language	26 Sep 2010 Wk-3
3 Oct 2010 Wk-4 Gandhi Jayanti Observed during Morning Assembly Parent Orientation	10 Oct 2010 Columbus Day Weekend <i>No School</i>	17 Oct 2010 Wk-5	24 Oct 2010 Wk-6 Book Reading Program Begins	31 Oct 2010 Wk-7 Festival Celebrations
7 Nov 2010 Nashua High School Event <i>No School</i>	14 Nov 2010 Wk-8 Nehru's Birthday during Morning Assembly	21 Nov 2010 Wk-9	28 Nov 2010 Thanksgiving Holiday <i>No School</i>	
5 Dec 2010 Wk-10	12 Dec 2010 Wk-11 Book Report Due	19 Dec 2010 Wk-12	26 Dec 2010 Christmas Vacation <i>No School</i>	
2 Jan 2011 New Year's Weekend <i>No School</i>	9 Jan 2011 Wk-13	16 Jan 2011 Wk-14 Midyear Mtg. Of All Parents	23 Jan 2011 Wk-15 Indian Republic Day Celebrations	30 Jan 2011 Wk-16
6 Feb 2011 Wk-17 Culture Midterm Examinations	13 Feb 2011 Wk-18 Language Midterm Examinations	20 Feb 2011 Wk-19 Writing Competition Announcement	27 Feb 2011 Winter Break Midterm Report Cards Due <i>No School</i>	
6 Mar 2011 Wk-20 Parent/Teacher Conferences	13 Mar 2011 Wk-21 Parent/Teacher Conferences (DST Ends)	20 Mar 2011 Wk-22 Parent/Teacher Conferences	27 Mar 2011 Wk-23 Language Writing Competition	
3 Apr 2011 Wk-24 Culture Writing Competition Final Submissions	10 Apr 2011 Wk-25	17 Apr 2011 Wk-26	24 Apr 2011 Spring Break <i>No School</i>	
1 May 2011 Wk-27 R. Tagore's Birthday	8 May 2011 Wk-28 Culture Day Extended School Day (if needed)	15 May 2011 Wk-29 Culture 8 Presentations Extended School Day (if needed)	22 May 2011 Wk-30 Open House	29 May 2011 Field Trip Memorial Day Weekend <i>No Classes</i>
5 Jun 2011 Wk-31 Culture Final Examinations	12 Jun 2011 Wk-32 Language Final Examinations Year-end Event at Each Branch	19 Jun 2011 Wk-33 Graduation Ceremony in Lexington Grades, General Body Meeting		

SHISHU BHARATI SCHOOL CALENDAR – WALPOLE, MA

5 Sep 2010 Labor Day Weekend <i>No School</i>	12 Sep 2010 Wk-1 CLASSES BEGIN	19 Sep 2010 Wk-2 Placement and Retest in Culture and Language	26 Sep 2010 Wk-3	
3 Oct 2010 Wk-4 Gandhi Jayanti Observed during Morning Assembly	10 Oct 2010 Wk-5	17 Oct 2010 Wk-6 Orientation for New Parents	24 Oct 2010 Wk-7 Fire Drill and Book Reading Program Begins	31 Oct 2010 Wk-8 Volunteer Appreciation Lunch
7 Nov 2010 Wk-9 Festival Celebration at Each Branch (DST Begins)	14 Nov 2010 Wk-10 Nehru's Birthday during Morning Assembly	21 Nov 2010 Wk-11	28 Nov 2010 Thanksgiving Holiday <i>No School</i>	
5 Dec 2010 Wk-12 Book Report Due	12 Dec 2010 Wk-13	19 Dec 2010 Wk-14 Food Day Learn about Foods	26 Dec 2010 Christmas Vacation <i>No School</i>	
2 Jan 2011 New Year's Weekend <i>No School</i>	9 Jan 2011 Wk-15 Midyear Mtg. Of All Parents	16 Jan 2011 Wk-16	23 Jan 2011 Wk-17 Indian Republic Day Celebrations, Culture Midterm Examinations	30 Jan 2011 Wk-18 Language Midterm Examinations
6 Feb 2011 Wk-19	13 Feb 2011 Wk-20 Culture Day	20 Feb 2011 Winter Break Midterm Report Cards Due <i>No School</i>	27 Feb 2011 Wk-21 Writing Competition Announcement	
6 Mar 2011 Wk-22 Parent/Teacher Conferences	13 Mar 2011 Wk-23 Parent/Teacher Conferences (DST Ends)	20 Mar 2011 Wk-24	27 Mar 2011 Wk-25 Culture Writing Competition in School	
3 Apr 2011 Wk-26	10 Apr 2011 Wk-27 Language Writing Competition	17 Apr 2011 Spring Break <i>No School</i>	24 Apr 2011 Wk-28 Language Day	
1 May 2011 Wk-29	8 May 2011 Wk-30 R. Tagore's Birthday Extended School Day (if needed)	15 May 2011 Wk-31 Culture 7 diorama & Culture 8 Presentations Extended School Day (if needed)	22 May 2011 Wk-32 Open House Culture Final Examinations	29 May 2011 Field Trip Memorial Day Weekend <i>No Classes</i>
5 Jun 2011 <i>No School</i>	12 Jun 2011 Wk-33 Language Final Examinations Picnic	19 Jun 2011 Wk-34 Graduation Ceremony in Lexington Grades, General Body Meeting		

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I GOALS

- ◆ Recognize and develop the skills to understand Indian Culture.
- ◆ Provide opportunity to learn and appreciate Languages of India.
- ◆ Develop Indian Culture Curriculum that encourages students with different learning styles to appreciate it.
- ◆ Instill in students a sense of pride in their ancestry and kindle the interest to learn more about Indian Culture and Languages. Explain how it is in harmony with other Cultures.
- ◆ Maintain open and effective communications, especially within the schools and with the Indian community at large.
- ◆ Foster greater understanding of each other and of differing ideas.

II RULES AND REGULATIONS

School Hours

Shishu Bharati is conducted on Sundays from 10:00 AM to 12:25 PM.

10:00am - 10:20am – Assembly (including the time to go to the classrooms)

10:20am - 11:15am – First Period (Culture or Language Class)

11:15am - 11:30am– Break (including the time to go to the classrooms)

11:30am - 12:25pm – Second Period (Culture or Language Class)

12:25pm – Dismissal

All students and parents are expected to be present at the assembly. All important messages and upcoming events are announced in the assembly. After the assembly, students must return to their respective classes promptly.

Behavior

We encourage mutual respect throughout the school community. Acts of vandalism, destruction and theft of school property will not be tolerated at any time. Violation of school rules by any student shall result in a conference with student's parent(s) and the principal or school committee member.

Attendance

Students are required to be in school every scheduled Sunday. If a student is to be absent for more than two consecutive Sundays, the Principal should be informed. Students are expected to arrive at all classes on time. Students arriving late to a first period or students who wish to be dismissed early from school must bring a written note from the parents or they must inform the classroom teacher. A minimum of 70% attendance is required in both language and culture classes for promotion to the next higher level.

Classroom Visits by Parents

Parents are advised to refrain from classroom visits because such visits can disrupt classroom teaching. If there is a need to visit your child's classroom, please ask the Principal.

Grievance Procedure

Any student or parent can file a grievance regarding the education or school policy by following the guidelines described below:

Education related matters:

- Bring up your concern verbally to the teacher responsible for the subject.
- If you are not satisfied, discuss it with the Assistant Principal of Language or Culture as appropriate. The names and telephone numbers of the Assistant Principals are on the last page of this handbook.
- If the issue is still not resolved, bring it up to the Principal to resolve it.
- If you are still not satisfied, please submit it in writing to any Shishu Bharati Executive Committee member. The Executive Committee will make every effort to get back to you within two to three weeks with the school decision. The names and telephone numbers of all committee members are on the last page of this handbook.

Policy or Procedural matters:

- Bring up your concern verbally to any Shishu Bharati Executive Committee member.
- If the issue is not resolved satisfactorily, discuss it with the President or Secretary of Shishu Bharati.
- If you are still not satisfied, submit it in writing to any Shishu Bharati Executive Committee member. The Executive Committee will make every effort to get back to you within two to three weeks with the school decision. The names and the telephone numbers of the committee members are on the last page of this handbook.

III GENERAL INFORMATION

School Calendar

A copy of the school calendar of events is included in the handbook. Please refer to it for scheduled holidays and special events.

Field Trips

Field trips to museums and other cultural programs is an essential part of the learning process at Shishu Bharati. Parental permission will be secured prior to taking the student on a field trip.

Guest Speakers

Bringing guest speakers to school is also a part of cultural curriculum. Students and parents will be notified prior to the visit.

Lost & Found

Lost and found articles are occasionally announced in the assembly. Unclaimed articles are stored in the library.

Parents/Teachers Meetings

There are two time slots allocated for parent/teacher meetings on Shishu Bharati calendar. It is your chance to discuss with the teacher any specific issue or concerns you may have.

School Songs

School songs are listed in the D4 section of the Appendix at the end of this handbook.

School Emblem

School emblem and its explanation are on the front-inside page of this handbook.

Insurance

An accident insurance is recommended for all students. An accident insurance is **NOT** available through the Shishu Bharati School.

School Cancellation

Any unscheduled cancellation of school (due to such instances as inclement weather) will be announced on Shishu Bharati Website (www.shishubharati.org) immediately after the decision is made. You may also contact any Shishu Bharati Executive Committee member for the school status. The names and telephone numbers are available on the last page of this handbook.

IV STUDENT SERVICES**Guidance - Counseling**

Students are encouraged to discuss their educational needs with classroom teachers, educational directors or school principal.

Testing Information For Students

All students are required to take mid-term and final exams during the year. Students may also be required to meet other assignments by individual teachers. New students who wish to be placed in a language level higher than assigned as per the guidelines under section VIII are required to take a Placement Test in the language of choice to determine the proper language level.

Graduation Requirements

Graduation from Shishu Bharati School is based upon the completion of language and culture curricula. See section VIII for the details.

Awards

At graduating ceremonies, awards are presented to students on the recommendations of teachers, educational directors and the Principal.

Report Cards

Students are evaluated twice a year (after the midterm and the final exam). A report card is given to the student and is also available to parents through their on-line account. Students are graded on 100-point basis with passing grade of 70.

V LIBRARY

The library is available for use during school hours at branches in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. All books and audio-visual items are cataloged and computerized. Students and teachers may request special collections of books or audio/video be reserved in the library for specific assignments. Books must be returned to library after specific assignment.

Students, teachers, parents and committee members are encouraged to use the school library. In order to protect the library resources, it is requested that all users of the library follow the rules and guidelines given below.

1. No **socializing** in the Library at any time. Please maintain **strict silence** in the Library.
2. Please note that small children are not allowed in the library.
3. Everyone must check with the librarian for any of the following :
 - Books for use in the library or to take home.
 - School supplies.
 - Photocopies for school use only.
4. Three (3) books will be given out for a maximum of three (3) weeks at a time. The books are renewable, if not needed for other purposes.
5. A moderate fine on late return of books will be levied.
6. Lost book will be asked to be replaced or paid for as per book value.
7. Book borrowing time for other than teachers, is from 11:00 AM to 11:45 AM.

VI FACILITIES

Cafeteria

Cafeteria area is provided for student snacks, parent's waiting room, and for other activities. Shishu Bharati School Committee Policy requires that all food must be eaten in the cafeteria.

Telephone

There are several pay telephones available to all students and parents. Please contact your local school administrators to locate these telephones.

VII ACTIVITIES

School Activities

Shishu Bharati School committee sponsors many school activities. Some of such activities are outlined in the School Calendar. Special fund-raising activities, field trips, picnics, dinner, guest speakers are announced during the school year.

Class Activities

Each class is encouraged to sponsor various Indian cultural activities during the school year. Arrangements for those requiring school facilities are made through teachers or educational council. Other activities include dances and school songs for other voluntary organizations, refreshment sales during any Indian program, etc.

VIII ACADEMIC PROGRAM

The academic programs in Culture and Languages have evolved over several years at Shishu Bharati. During the 2003-04 year, the school administration revisited and revised various program related policies. The school committee

approved these policies and put them into effect beginning the 2004-05 academic year. The policies were revised in July 2006. A complete list and description of these policies is available at the web site (www.shishubharati.org) and is included in Section-**X**. A brief description of our program and its policies is given below.

1. **Program:** Culture and Language Programs at Shishu Bharati School consist of curriculum that can be completed in eight years of formal schooling. Each progressive year is called a “Level”. Levels 1 to 4 form the *Lower Division* and Levels 5 to 8 form the *Upper Division*.
2. **Classes:** Each Level in Culture and Language Programs meets once a week for 55 minutes during the academic year.
3. **Skills:** All language and culture levels are one-year programs. Each language level focuses on building the student's reading, writing and speaking abilities, and helps to enhance the comprehension skills. The parents are urged to be active partners in the learning process by encouraging the children to speak the language at home and elsewhere. The Culture Program provides a comprehensive view of India's culture with emphasis on independent thinking and project work. The parents are requested to participate in discussion with the children and to oversee the successful completion of the class projects.
4. **Placement:** The Shishu Bharati Culture Curriculum is designed to give the student maximum benefit of learning different aspects of Indian Culture. Although the placement in the Culture Program generally follows the grade level in the regular school, there are exceptions as shown in Table 1 to allow student to pick up all aspects of our syllabus. In the Language Program, placement of a new student in any Level up to Level 3 is possible with the satisfactory completion of a Placement Test for the desired level. The complete formulation of admission requirements is listed in Table 1 and 2 below. All placement tests must be completed during the first three weeks of the school year. Children who have completed five (5) years of age by September 30th are admitted to the Shishu Bharati KG Program of that year.
5. **Tests:** Proficiency tests for each level in the Language and Culture Programs are conducted every year according to the schedule in the curriculum listed in this handbook. The passing grade for each program test is 70%.
6. **Graduation:** A student must have studied in Shishu Bharati School for a minimum period of five (5) years in order to be eligible for graduation. The graduation policy requirements are:
 - A) *Culture Program:* Successful completion of Levels 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 including the preparation of an original project work and an essay in Level 8.
 - B) *Language Program:* Successful completion of minimum proficiency level of Language Level 6, evidenced by fluency in reading and writing in the language of choice, and skills in conversation and recitation.
 - C) Students, who have not completed Culture Level 8, but have completed Language Level 6, must continue to take the higher Level language classes till the Culture Level 8 is completed.
 - D) Students who have completed culture Level 8 and have not completed language Level 6, should continue with higher Level languages till language 6 is complete.

7. **Advanced Culture:** A two-year program in Advanced Culture is available and will be offered subject to sufficient enrollment and availability of a teacher. Certificate in Advanced Culture is awarded after the successful completion of this program.

Table 1

Culture Level	Eligibility
1	Promotion from Shishu Bharati KG Or Grade 1 in regular school
2	Promotion from Shishu Bharati Level 1 Or Grade 2 in regular school
3	Promotion from Shishu Bharati Level 2 Or Grade 3 in regular school
4	Promotion from Level 3 Or Grade 4 – 8 in regular school
5	Promotion from Shishu Bharati Level 4
6	Promotion from Shishu Bharati Level 5
7	Promotion from Shishu Bharati Level 6
8	Promotion from Shishu Bharati Level 7

Table 2

Language Level	Eligibility
1	No test. All new students are placed in Level-1 by default[§]
2	Promotion from Level-1 or Placement test for Level-2
3	Promotion from Level-2 or Placement test for Level-3
4	Promotion from Level-3
5	Promotion from Level-4
6	Promotion from Level-5
7	Promotion from Level-6
8	Promotion from Level-7

[§] Parents can request, on the first day of school, a placement test to place the new student in a higher level up to and including Level-3.

IX CURRICULUM

LANGUAGE

LANGUAGE- LEVEL 1

CURRICULUM GOAL

- **Read, Write** and **Pronounce** Vowels (Consonants in Gujarati and Marathi)
- Begin to learn Consonants (Vowels in Gujarati and Marathi)
- **Read** simple two letter words
- **Memorize** and **recite** three simple rhymes
- **Know** vocabulary of fifty words
- **Memorize** five simple sentences
- **Count** from one to twenty

PROFICIENCY TEST

- **Read, Write** and **Pronounce**
- **Vowels (Consonants in Gujarati)**
- **Read** and **Write** ten simple words
- **Oral Examination**

GRADING SYSTEM

Homework and projects.....	20
Mid-term Exam (oral and written tests).....	40
Final Exam (oral and written tests).....	40
.....	100

LANGUAGE - LEVEL 2

CURRICULUM GOAL

- **Learn** all the vowels and consonants
- **Master** the sounds
- **Learn** Matras (Vowel-Consonants)
- **Count** from one to fifty
- **Memorize** and **recite** three poems
- Know **Vocabulary** of one hundred words
- **Read, Write** and **Speak** simple two word Phrases
- **Speak** simple sentences

PROFICIENCY TEST

- **Read and write** the alphabet
- **Pronounce** clearly all the sounds
- **Read** and **write** 30 words from dictation
- **Oral examination**

GRADING SYSTEM:

Homework and projects.....	20
Mid-term Exam (oral and written tests).....	40
Final Exam (oral and written tests).....	40
	100

LANGUAGE- LEVEL 3

CURRICULUM GOAL

- **Learn** compound-letter words
- **Listen** to simple stories
- **Count** from one to hundred
- **Read, Write** and **speak** simple sentences
- **Show** and **tell** common objects
- **Know** vocabulary of one hundred and fifty words
- **Memorize** and **recite** three poems

PROFICIENCY TEST

- **Read, Write** and **Pronounce** Matras (vowel-consonants)
- **Read** and **Write** fifty words from dictation
- **Show** and **tell** objects in five sentences
- **Write** three simple sentences
- **Oral examination**

GRADING SYSTEM:

Homework and projects.....	20
Mid-term Exam (oral and written tests).....	40
Final Exam (oral and written tests).....	40
	100

LANGUAGE- LEVEL 4

CURRICULUM GOAL

- **Read** familiar, simple stories (5-10 sentences)
- **Act** out roles
- **Learn** Grammar (nouns, verbs, number, gender)
- **Memorize** and **recite** three poems
- **Know** vocabulary of two hundred words

PROFICIENCY TEST

- **Write** hundred words from dictation
- **Translate** five simple sentences from English to your Language
- **Identify** nouns, verbs, number and gender in written text
- **Oral examination**

GRADING SYSTEM:

Homework and projects.....	20
Mid-term Exam (oral and written tests).....	40
Final Exam (oral and written tests).....	40
	100

LANGUAGE - LEVEL 5

CURRICULUM GOAL

- **Read** stories
- **Translate** material from English to your language and vice versa
- **Spell** and **recognize** two hundred and fifty words
- Grammar
- Learn to **Write** complex sentences
- **Memorize** and **recite** three poems

PROFICIENCY TEST

- **Write** short paragraphs
- **Write** one hundred and fifty words from dictation
- **Speak** in front of the class
- Test Grammar
- **Read** a story and answer questions (comprehension)
- **Oral examination**

GRADING SYSTEM:

Homework and projects.....	20
Mid-term Exam (oral and written tests).....	40
Final Exam (oral and written tests).....	40
	100

LANGUAGE - LEVEL 6

CURRICULUM GOAL

- **Read** material from literature
- **Enact** plays based on familiar stories
- **Learn** grammar
- **Spell** and **recognize** 300 words
- **Converse** in class
- **Memorize** and **recite** three poems

PROFICIENCY TEST

- Test Grammar
- **Write** short essays (10 sentences)
- **Write** two hundred words from dictation
- **Speak** in front of class
- **Oral examination**

GRADING SYSTEM

Homework and projects.....	20
Mid-term Exam (oral and written tests).....	40
Final Exam (oral and written tests).....	40
	100

LANGUAGE - LEVEL 7

CURRICULUM GOAL

- **Read** magazines, newspapers in your language
- Improve grammar skills
- **Write** essays
- Do language projects
- Listen and understand songs
- **Memorize** and **recite** three poems

PROFICIENCY TEST

- **Write** an essay of 15 sentences
- **Speak** in front of the class
- **Write** two hundred and fifty words from dictation
- **Oral examination**

GRADING SYSTEM

Homework and projects.....	20
Mid-term Exam (oral and written tests).....	40
Final Exam (oral and written tests).....	40
	100

LANGUAGE - LEVEL 8

CURRICULUM GOAL

- **view** and **interpret** movie clip or play a song in your language
- **Know** vocabulary of four hundred words
- Long-term Language project
- **Write** essays
- Good grammar skills
- **Read** Magazines and newspapers in your language
- **Memorize** and **recite** three poems

PROFICIENCY TEST

- Completion of a long-term language project
- **Write** an essay of twenty sentences
- Short speech

GRADING SYSTEM

Homework and projects.....	20
Mid-term Exam (oral and written tests).....	40
Final Exam (oral and written tests).....	40
	100

SHISHU BHARATI KINDERGARTEN CURRICULUM

1. Introduction among children, knowing name of SHISHU BHARATI. Talking about family members and relatives such as Dad, Mom, grandparents on both sides, uncle, aunt, brothers, sisters, etc.
2. Introduction to family tree. Make family tree for each child. This is a big project, need lots of planning, help and cooperation from parents. Since this project requires more than a couple of weeks, you may add other activities like story telling or games.
3. Talk about respect, friendship, sharing. Different ways of greetings. Greetings to elders--namaskar, pranam. Pranams on special occasions, how elders give blessings, explain blessing--act it out. Make greeting cards for Diwali festival.
4. Ramayana story -- very briefly, picture-book activity. Ask if they have seen the movie. Ask them to tell you a particular section of the story. Choose a section specially dealing with respect or fun. Read and help them to act it out. Invite parents.
5. Names of colors in languages, show different colors, show Indian motifs. Ask about flowers; introduce Indian names of flowers, show pictures if possible of real flowers.
6. Names of objects around the house. Introduce new words in Indian languages. Find pictures from magazines. Test vocabulary skills.
7. Talk about Indian foods - names of their favorite food. Introduce food names. Cut out pictures and make individual or teamwork display. Take help from parents and cookbooks.
8. Introduce grains, teach names and art project with grains.
9. Introduce names of fruits, drinks, vegetables--have a project of coloring with real fruits/vegetables.
10. Since the food items have been introduced -- talk about food items in homes. Teach names of food items, show arrangements of food on thali (dinner plate) and have party (dal, bhat, roti, dahi, dudh, sabji, gulabjamun, seera, etc.)
11. Story telling from Panch Tantra.
12. Learning National Anthem of India. Make and color Indian flag.
13. Play Indian games.
14. Learn names of the different parts of body.

CULTURE CURRICULUM AT A GLANCE

If **Culture** is the Collective, Cumulative experiences of life lived in all its facets by people; India has a very long and wide tradition of Culture in its entire splendor. Thanks to the strong ties of people from one end of the country to another, this tradition has been kept alive in its many forms for all its history. This thread existed through all wars, peaces, and through all language barriers, and all calamities, both natural and man-made. Along the way, Indian People left a wealth of Languages, Literature, Dance, Music Philosophy and Religion using the Temple as their central point of Inspiration. The Culture Curriculum is designed to bring this rich experience to the students attending Shishu Bharati. Fortunately, our ancestors make the task easier for us! They left a repository of stories, anecdotes, epics and discourses for posterity. All that we had to do was to dip into that well and sip a drop and get the taste for it. Thus stories of Panchatantra, Ramayana, Mahabharatha and Srimad Bhagavata along with the story of Channakya and Chandragupta, or Shakuntala / Dushyantha, Buddha & Mahavira and many poets and writers who created these masterpieces are taught very early on. These stories are not only informative but should be inspirational. We also made sure that these studies are not done at the expense of the Present. Thus, by the time the student reaches the 5th and 6th Level Culture classes, the factual history is emphasized. The Success Story of India reinventing itself and reconstructing in the Post-Colonial world to become an international player is taught through facts and through the lives of heroes and visionaries who made that possible. As the Student matures in thought and understanding, they are introduced in the last two years of their stay in the school to the Fundamental Technicalities of several art forms and Philosophical thoughts of India.

At the end of this learning we hope the student leaves with knowledge not only to answer, “what is that dot on your face?” Or “ why do Indians worship Elephants and Monkeys?” but develop a Heart and Soul that cherish these highly evolved thoughts & sophisticated life styles; hope they recognize the story of “Rama and Krishna” or “Shiva & Vishnu” when they go to an old temple; hope they appreciate the music of “Meera/Kabir/Tulsi” in a concert; hope their head bows with reverence when they hear the poetry of Valmiki or Vyasa; hope these experiences stir the creative instincts in them to be the “Writer/Musician/Dancer/Singer” as they want to be or “scientist/entrepreneur/statesman” as they aspire to be – all with no fear in the Heart or no doubt in Deed. Then, we have succeeded in creating the Thread to their Ancient Soul!

CULTURE I

In culture I, this year we will learn:

- Indian custom of greeting and respect, manners
- More about our family and friends
- Stories from India
- Songs from India

	Points
➤ Class Examinations, Quizzes, Projects and Presentations	65
➤ Homework	10
➤ Book Reports	15
➤ Class Participation	10
➤ Total Points	100

	Suggested Number of Syllabus Weeks	Suggested Home Work/Tests
1	Introduction/Overview	
5	Panchatantra stories with coloring activity	HW 1
2	Our families	
4	<i>Ramayana</i> stories, songs	
2	Story telling activity	HW 2 – Write a story
2	Basic Geography, Map	
2	Names of Rivers, Cities	
2	Map project	Project 2
2	Festivals, Festival song	
2	Festival Stories, Celebration	HW 3
1	School in India – parents invited to share events when they were children	
2	Gandhiji – movie/slides Gandhiji's favorite songs	HW 4 – What did you learn
1	Final test	Test
1	Annual Day/Picnic	

CULTURE II

In culture II, this year we will learn about:

- Indian family values and our community values
- Indian food and dress, geography
- What are morals and ethics
- Heroes, heroines and confidence

	Points
➤ Class Examinations, Quizzes, Projects and Presentations	65
➤ Homework	10
➤ Book Reports	15
➤ Class Participation	10
➤ Total Points	100

Suggested Number of Weeks	Syllabus	Suggested Home Work/Tests
1	Introduction/Overview	
3	What are Family Values – Discussion with family value stories, <i>Rakhee</i> project	HW 1 – my family
2	What are Community Values – Discussion with community value stories	
5	Stories from <i>Mahabharata</i>	HW 2 – story writing
2	<i>Mahabharata</i> episodes – play, acting	Play
2	Map, Mountains, Oceans, Climate	
2	Dress – north, south, east, west	
2	Food – north, south, east. West / Regional Stories	HW 3 – what you eat, area in map
1	Discussion on Nutritional Values	
2	Conservation, Forests, Wildlife - slides	HW4
3	Heroes and Heroines, confidence	Book Report
3	Morals, ethics - video	HW 5
1	Final Test	Test
1	Annual Day/Picnic	

CULTURE III

Curriculum Focus:

1. Basic History, Time - line
2. Indian Music, Musical Instruments
3. Art, Temples, Monuments
4. Dyes, Paintings, Handicrafts

Suggested Number of Syllabus Weeks		Suggested Home Work/Tests
1	Introduction/Overview	
2	Map Activity	HW 1
4	Basic history – timeline, eras	
2	Important personalities	Personality Book Report
2	Timeline activity	
2	Temples, Monuments - slides	HW 2 - Travelogue
2	Handicrafts	Test
1	Handicraft project	Project I
1	Music - Introduction	
3	Music - Presentations	
1	Musical instruments - Pictures	HW 3 – write about music
1	Musical instruments - Project	Project II
1	Musical instruments - Show & Tell	
1	Musical Videos	
1	Indian Dances	
2	Painting, dyes – slides, show and tell	HW 4
2	Festivals Arts, <i>Rangoli</i> , <i>mehendi(hena)</i> activity / Regional Stories	
1	Final Test	Test
1	Annual Day/Picnic	

CULTURE IV

Class Emphasis on:

- Ancient Indian Concept of Time and Creation of Universe
- Incarnations, The Great Epic Stories & their impact on Indian culture
- Languages & authors of India and regional stories
- Panchatantra- Ancient Indian Secular Literature for the “Globe”
- A short comparison with Western calendar

Estimated Weeks of coverage	Topic	Suggested Home Work/Tests
1	Introduction/Expectation/Review	
1	Review India – Current Geography and States/Map Study	
3	Introduction to Ancient Indian Time Measure: Yuga/Kalpa/Creation & Dissolution <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Indian Cosmic Calendar/Creation of Universe b. Panchanga /Indian Festivals-Lesser known festivals and those that fall around the same time frame in various Indian cultures c. Change of Seasons/ Kalidasa’s Ritusamharam 	Book Reading: 1 “My favorite Author”
5	Concept of Incarnation Major Incarnations- in Puranas & their Stories <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Valmiki b. Ramayana , the Book c. Ramayana Story d. Ramayana & it’s lasting Impact on Indian culture e. Famous Writers of Ramayana in Regional Languages 	
2	Ramayana as “Historical” <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Map of India During Ramayana Period b. Tracing Locations of major events in Ramayana on Indian map 	
Mid-Term Exam		40%
11	Review and refresh the concept of “Incarnation” <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Vyasa b. Mahabharata, the Book c. Mahabharata story d. Diplomacy & Statesmanship in Mahabharata e. Nobility and Greatness of Characters in Mahabharata f. Place of Bhagavadgita in Indian Culture 	Book Reading 2: “My favorite Holiday”

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> g. Impact of Mahabharata on Indian Society h. Mahabharata as “Historical”/ “Events- location” Map i. The Book –Connection between Mahabharata & Srimad Bhagavatam j. Some Interesting Stories 	
1	Classroom activity or play on mythology	
1	<p>Languages of India</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Script, spoken, dialects b. Origin, languages with shared origin c. Impact on culture and political geography 	
3	<p>Important authors in regional languages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Authors with inspirational and challenging thoughts at different times - leading to modern writers b. Class Book reading project 	
1	Class room activity on festivals and legends	
2	<p>Jataka Stories</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Buddha’s Story b. Other Jataka tales 	
1	<p>Panchatantra</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. “Mitrabham” or “Benefits of Friendship” 	
1	Final Exam – Poster/ Project	60%

CULTURE V

Class Emphasis on:

- Indian Geography (Primary)
- Architecture
- Travelogue
- Environment

Estimated Weeks of coverage	Topic	Suggested Home Work/Tests
2	Introduction / Expectation / Review	
4	Indian Geography and World (Map) – Continental Drift, Mountains, Rivers, Deserts, Weather, Vegetation	HW1 - 5%
1	Food Crops	
2	Geography and Environment: Rain, Water, Air, Smoke, Population Density (Pictures)	Book Report – 5%
1	Review of Geography and Environment	
1	Project Presentation on Topography	15%
	Mid-Term Test and Class Participation	10% + 5%
2	People and their Diversity : Language, Religion, Arts, Food, Music, Political, Clothes, Festivals, Customs	
4	Explore India: North, West, South, and East <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By Road, Rail, Air and Water 	
2	Indian Architecture – Multiple Cultural Influences – History	
2	Examples in Architectures: Temples, Mosques, Churches, Monuments	
1	Indian Village (Discussions)	Book Report – 5%
4	Class Presentations of the Projects by Students	
1	Review of Diversity, Architecture and Tourism	
1	Project Presentation on Exploring India and Diversity	20%
1	Final Test and Class Participation	30% + 5%

CULTURE VI

Class Emphasis on:

- India's Ancient Heritage
- People & Forces that shaped Modern India
- Post-Independent India's Revival
- Cultural face of India in 21st Century

Estimated Weeks of coverage	Topic	Suggested Home Work/Tests
1	Introduction / Expectation / Review	
1	Review India – Current Geography, Languages and States / Map Study	
4	Introduction to Ancient Indian History (Hand Outs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Vedic Period / Indus Valley Civilization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hallmarks of Indus Valley Civilization / Dravidian Languages • Vedic Period <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Basics of Vedic Literature b. Ancient Medical and other Science / Technology Concepts c. Language and it's later evolution d. Recent Studies of Population Genetics & Reinterpretation of Indian Ethnic Origins e. Religion and Occupation based Social Structure f. Post Vedic- Evolution of Jain and Buddhist thoughts • Historical Importance of Mouryan Empire <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Chanakya / Chandragupta & Alexander of Macedonia b. Later Kingdoms & Evolution of Indian Sculpture & Murals c. Great Kingdoms of South India / Influence on South East Asia d. Indian Temple Architecture e. Reformers of Vedic culture / The Three Great Acharyas 	Book Reading 1: Gandhi's Autobiography <u>Project:</u> Indian National Emblem- /Model Building
5	Last 500 Years of Indian History <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Globalization of India? Arrival of Portuguese / Spice trades • Arrival of Moghals /India's Moghal Empire • British, Dutch and French in India 	
2	Colonialism : Causes and Consequences	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education & Economics in Colonial India • <i>Asiatic Society</i> & Introduction of Sanskrit to the World • Indian & Non-Indian Freedom Fighters 	
Mid-Term Exam and Project		40%
12	Rebuilding of “Free”India <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parliamentary System of Govt. • Five Year Plans - Focus on Agriculture / Education / Industry • Non-Alignment as Foreign Policy • State-Reorganization / National Languages • Indo-China War • Indo-Pak Wars / Bangladesh Formation / Kashmir Issue 	Book Reading 2: Nehru’s Autobiography
1	Great Leaders & Reformers of Modern India	
1	Current Economic Policies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Breed of Leaders – the Indian “Entrepreneurs” 	
3	Arts in “Independent” India <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Movie Industry / Great Producers, Directors / Music Directors / Actors / Actresses / Themes • Modern Indian Writers / Writers in English • Musicians / Painters / Dancers/Sculptors / Architects and Cottage Industries 	
1	Pop Culture, Indian Games and Other Entertainments	
1	Final Test and Project – Poster Presentation	60%

CULTURE VII

Curriculum Focus:

1. Identity and Personality
2. Music, Dance and Drama
3. India's Identity in the world
4. Clear Thinking and Public Presentation

Estimated Weeks of Coverage	Topic	Suggested Home Work/Tests
4	Jokes and Masks	HW1 - 15%
4	Truth, Time and Love (Sri Krishna, Mahavir, Buddha, Guru Nanak, Ramakrishna, Vivekananda, Mother Theresa, etc.)	HW2 - 15%
3	GOD: Gods and Goddesses in Mythology; Paintings and Sculptures	
4	<u>Nation of India – The Constitution</u> Concept of “Satyameva Jayate”; Unity in Diversity; the constitution unites people from different parts of India, from Manipur to Kerala, from Gujarat to Kashmir; significance of Republic Day; election process for the Prime Minister vs. the election process of the President; significant topics of the constitution.	
2	Diorama Topic Selection and Outline Writing: Diorama should be themed ‘India’s identity in the world’ – topics can include Language, Housing, Agriculture, Music, Dance, Science, Mathematics and Yoga.	
4	Music	
4	Dances of India	HW3 - 15%
2	Evolution of Drama in India	
2	Architecture in relation to Music, Dance and Drama	
2	Diorama Project Presentations Grades - Outline 15, Project 20, Presentation 5	40%
1	Final Test	15%

CULTURE VIII

Class Emphasis on:

1. Thinking Skills
2. Philosophy and Religion
3. Balancing Indian and American Values
4. Public Presentation

Estimated Week Number/s	Topic	Suggested Homework/ Tests
1	Introductions / Expectation / Overview	
2-3	Review of Cultural History of India	
4-12	History of Indian Thought Processes: Week 4-5 :- Religion & Vedas Week 6-8 :- Geeta & Hinduism Week 9-12 :- Jainism, Buddhism, Christianity, Islam and Sikhism Homework on Thought Processes of India; Grade (10)	HW-10%
13-14	Discussion of Essay Topics & Discussions of Clear Writing; Elements of Public Speaking Essay Draft Due on January 25 th Grade (40) - Contents 15, Language 10, Style 5, Peer-Review 10	40%
15-19	Philosophy – Thought Processes and Comparison of Religions Week 15 :- Western vs. Eastern; Vedanta Week 16-17 :- Indian Philosophy Week 18 :- Influence of India in the West Week 19 :- Values and Faith in the US; Summary.	
20	Essay Presentation on February 22nd; Essay Final form and Grading on March 1st	
21-23	Values – Personality, Conduct & Character These topics are focused on preparing students by bringing out what they have learned so far and the purpose of building these values in their life. Character – what is one’s character and how it helps to build the personality? This topic aids them to give a thought on how early humans might have used these basic skills to build societies and progressed to develop languages and philosophies.	
24-25	New Topics on India’s Contributions for Individual Development Week 24:- Political and Economic Systems Ashoka’s Political and Social Systems; Kautilya Artha Shastra Lessons learned and comparison with conditions of the World today. Week 25:- Human Health and Indian contributions from the past and present	
26-30	Project on New Topics; Project Presentations (May 10th); Project Report (May 31st) Grade (30) - Contents 10, Language 5, Style 5, Peer-Review 10	30%
31	Final Test – Covering both Cultural and Religious History of India. Grade (20)	20%
32	Make-up Test	

Advanced Culture

PART I

The Advanced Culture class is a two-year course on “Indian Thoughts and their Evolution”, designed for Shishu Bharati or high school graduates and parents. The first part is offered in odd year (e.g., 2005). You need not be a student in consecutive years to complete the course. You may take the parts I and II in reverse order. The complete course details are published in Shishu Bharati web page www.shishubharati.org. In part I this year we will discuss:

- India’s cultural history
- Saivic, Vedic, Jaina and Buddhist cosmologies
- Six tracks of Indian philosophy
- Indian ritualistic practices

	Total Points
➤ 2 home essays	50
➤ 1 research paper	50
➤	100

Week	Topic	Home Essay/Paper
1	Introduction/Overview	
2-3	Indus Valley Civilization	
4-5	Vedic Period and Culture	
6-7	Jaina and Buddhist period	
8-9	Hindu Culture	
10-11	Islamic influence	
12-13	Western influence and modernism	Home Essay I
14-15	Saiva cosmology	
16-17	Vedic cosmology	
18-19	Jaina cosmology	
20-21	Buddhist cosmology	Home Essay 2
22	Discussion of research paper	
23-24	<i>Nyaya. Vaisesika</i>	
25-26	<i>Sankhya, Yoga</i>	
27-28	<i>Mimamsa, Vedanta</i>	Research Paper
29-30	Indian ritualistic practices	

PART II

The Advanced Culture class is a two-year course on “Indian Thoughts and Their Evolution”, designed for Shishu Bharati or high school graduates and parents. The second part is offered in even year (e.g. 2006). You need not be a student in consecutive years to complete the course. You may take the parts I and II in reverse order. The complete course details are published in Shishu Bharati web page <http://www.shishubharati.org>. In part II this year we will discuss:

- India’s cultural history in music, arts and daily life
- Astronomy, mathematics, linguistics
- Yoga, meditation, spirituality
- Modern India

	Total Points
➤ 2 home essays	50
➤ 1 research paper	50
➤	100

Week	Topic	Home Essay/Paper
1	Introduction/Overview	
2-3	Sanskrit grammar	
4-5	Music and drama	
6-7	Indian languages	
8-9	Indian literature	
10-11	Indian astronomy	
12-13	Numerology, mathematics, algebra	Home Essay I
14-15	Indian art	
16-17	Dress, costumes, sculpture	
18-19	Indian architecture	
20-21	Food, nutrition, health	Home Essay 2
22	Discussion of research paper	
23-24	Yoga, meditation	
25-26	Indian customs, rituals	
27-28	Indian thinkers	Research Paper
29-30	Discussion on new writings	

APPENDIX A

Shishu Bharati Policies (in effect from 2010-11) Rev 6.0 06/25/2010

#	POLICY & DESCRIPTION										
1	<p>Kindergarten Admission Any one who has completed five years of age by September 30th of the current academic year is eligible for admission to KG in Shishu Bharati School. Children who do not complete 5 years of age by September 30th, but who are enrolled in a Kindergarten program outside Shishu Bharati are eligible to attend KG in Shishu Bharati. These children will be admitted the following year into 1st grade in Shishu Bharati upon furnishing proof of admittance into 1st grade in regular school. Failure to produce such proof will result in the children continuing another year in KG.</p>										
2	<p>Admission to Culture and Language Levels Culture Level: Shishu Bharati offers eight years of Culture curriculum to maximize the student's knowledge of Indian Culture. It is highly recommended that the parents and students review the curriculum at the time of registering. Shishu Bharati will place the students as follows:</p> <p>Students in 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade at regular school system will be admitted into the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Level respectively in Culture at Shishu Bharati. First time students from the regular school grades 5th and higher will be admitted into no higher than 4th Level Culture in Shishu Bharati. Students may be admitted to a lower Culture Level if so desired by the parents after consultation with the Principal and Vice Principal of Culture.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Regular School Grade</th> <th>Shishu Bharati Level</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>First Grade</td> <td>Level 1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Second Grade</td> <td>Level 2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Third Grade</td> <td>Level 3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fourth Grade and Higher</td> <td>Level 4</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Language Level: All new students will start at Level 1 in Language except when they successfully complete a placement test (see Policy# 4 below) to get into a higher level but not to exceed Level 3. Students must register for both Language and Culture classes. Returning students can take a placement test upon a recommendation from the teacher and approval by the Vice Principal to be placed in a higher Level than promoted.</p> <p>At school's discretion any student's admission may be refused or an already accepted registration may be denied with full refund.</p> <p>If the student is coming back after discontinuing for one or more academic years, he/she has to pass a placement test to the level they want to join in the language class.</p>	Regular School Grade	Shishu Bharati Level	First Grade	Level 1	Second Grade	Level 2	Third Grade	Level 3	Fourth Grade and Higher	Level 4
Regular School Grade	Shishu Bharati Level										
First Grade	Level 1										
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Third Grade	Level 3										
Fourth Grade and Higher	Level 4										
3	<p>Examination and Promotion</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Student who scores 70% average in combined mid-term and final exams in each of Culture and Language classes will be promoted to the next higher Level. 2. Student who is absent for the final exam/s with the prior approval of the Principal will be allowed to take the makeup test at a specified date or at the beginning of the next academic year. 3. All tests that are not take-home assignments will be conducted on the premises of Shishu Bharati at the time specified on a Shishu Bharati working day. Exams cannot be held outside of Shishu Bharati premises. 4. Class attendance of 70% or more is required to be promoted to the next higher Level. 										

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	<p>5. Students are expected to do all homework on time as required by teacher.</p> <p>6. Any exception to this policy may be requested by Parents in writing to the Principal of the branch. The Principal will then present it to the Shishu Bharati Executive Committee for the resolution.</p>
4	<p>Placement Test and Retest</p> <p>Placement Test: Every new student is placed in Level 1 of Language of their choice. If the student has higher proficiency in the language, he/she can request, at the time of registration, for placement test for the desired Level. The placement test will be conducted at a specified date at the beginning of the academic year.</p> <p>Retest: The students who have missed the final exams with the prior approval of the Principal, and the students who are recommended for retest by the teacher, are eligible for retest at the beginning of the next academic year. The student who is eligible for retest remains in the same Level when he/she returns the following year until he/she successfully passes the retest. The retest will be conducted at a specified date at the beginning of the academic year.</p> <p>Placement Tests & Retests that are not take-home assignments will be conducted on the premises of Shishu Bharati at the time specified on a Shishu Bharati working day. Exams cannot be held outside of Shishu Bharati premises.</p>
5	<p>Graduation Criteria</p> <p>A student must have studied in Shishu Bharati School for a minimum period of five years in order to be eligible for graduation. The graduation policy requirements are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Culture Program: Successful completion of Levels 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8. 2. Language Program: Successful completion of minimum proficiency level of Language Level 6. 3. Students, who have not completed Culture Level 8 but have completed Language Level 6, must continue to take the higher Level language classes till the Culture Level 8 is completed. 4. Students, who have completed culture Level 8 and have not completed language Level 6, should continue with higher Level languages until Language Level 6 is complete.
6	<p>Transfers from one branch to another</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Transfers of students from one branch of Shishu Bharati to another will be restricted to the first four weeks after the school opens. 2. The branch of the school, to which the student is requesting the transfer, has the discretion of final decision based on class size, teachers availability, and over all student population 3. The Principals of both branches should approve the request prior to the student's transfer.
7	<p>Drop-Out</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The notification of withdrawal of any enrolled child's current academic year registration is to be made in writing or email to the respective branch's Director of Administration. The withdrawal will be considered effective on the day of the receipt of the notification. 2. Shishu Bharati School will refund all but \$75.00 tuition fee if a child is withdrawn on or before October 31st of the academic year. 3. The school will refund fifty percent (50%) tuition fee if a child is withdrawn after October 31st and on or before December 31st of the academic year. 4. No tuition fees will be refunded after December 31st of the academic year. 5. Any refund of tuition due, based on above policy, will be mailed to the parent's

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	mailing address on file in the registration system.
8	<p>Academic Year</p> <p>Start and end of school year will generally coincide with the public school system of the town where the school is located. There will be at least 33 weeks in the SB school year. Holidays will generally coincide with the public school system where the school is located. There will be Mid-Term and Final Examinations (or projects/presentations in lieu of Mid-Term and Final examinations in the case of certain Culture classes) in an academic year, except for the KG Level.</p>
9	<p>School Cancellation</p> <p>Shishu Bharati School may be canceled for any one of the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Inclement weather 2. Host school closure on a given Sunday 3. Any other unforeseen situation <p>The Principal of the branch will initiate a request for closing the school branch to the President of Shishu Bharati. Any Shishu Bharati branch closing for the above reasons would be collectively approved by Shishu Bharati Officers, namely President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Shishu Bharati will announce the decision on it's website by 8:00am on Sunday of the affected school day.</p>
10	<p>Safety Policy</p> <p>All Shishu Bharati teachers and administrators will familiarize themselves with the Fire Exits and Evacuation Plans posted in the classrooms and other areas. Shishu Bharati will not be liable for any personal injuries or property damages. Each branch will make students, teachers, parents and volunteers aware of safety issues.</p>
11	<p>School's policy regarding Allergies and Special needs</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If a student has any food allergy, he/she may bring food from home. Ingredient labels from packets of food disbursed by Shishu Bharati are available for parents to check the contents of, and it is the parent's responsibility to assure that the child does not partake of any food or material that he/she may be allergic to. 2. Shishu Bharati is not to be held responsible for and assumes no liability for any allergic reaction a student may have due to food or other material regularly used by Shishu Bharati. 3. If a student has a pre-existing medical or other condition requiring special attention, at least one parent/guardian of the child is required to stay on school premises during the school hours to administer any special care that the child may need. Shishu Bharati is not to be held responsible for and does not assume any liability for special needs of the student.
12	<p>School's liability to any injury or sickness</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Liability Insurance should be obtained for every branch to cover the injury and property damages on the premises. 2. Single event liability insurance should be obtained for off-site activities, such as, field day, field trips, celebration of Indian festivals when held away from the primary facility. 3. It is recommended that each student enrolled in Shishu Bharati have Health/Medical Insurance coverage; otherwise, the parent/guardian of the student accepts full responsibility, financially or otherwise, for any sickness or injury incurred by the student.
13	<p>Photo and Video Policy</p> <p>Any photo or video taken by Shishu Bharati Executive Committee Member or their assignee with the permission of Shishu Bharati Executive Committee for educational</p>

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	purposes in the classroom or at Shishu Bharati functions may be displayed at Shishu Bharati Website and/or in Shishu Bharati publications.
14	<p>Student Conduct</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Shishu Bharati is conducted on Sundays from 10:00 AM to 12:25 PM. 2. All students are expected to be present at the assembly. Any important messages and upcoming events are announced in the assembly. 3. Shishu Bharati encourages mutual respect throughout the school community. 4. Acts of vandalism, destruction and theft of school property will not be tolerated at any time. 5. Acts of aggression, verbal or physical, against any school personnel or fellow students will not be tolerated at any time. 6. Violation of school rules by any student shall result in a conference with student's parent(s) and the Principal or Executive Committee Member, and appropriate action will be taken. 7. Students are restricted from using any electronic or other devices (such as cell phones, ipods etc.) that may create distraction or disruption in the classroom.
15	<p>Late arrival and early leaving</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If a student arrives late by 5 minutes or leaves 5 minutes early, it is considered tardy. A student marked tardy three times will be marked absent for one class. 2. If a student is to be taken out of class early for any reason, the parent/guardian has to sign an "Early Dismissal" log before the student can be taken out of class by the school administrator.
16	<p>Students/Parents Grievances</p> <p>Any student or parent can file a grievance regarding the education or school policy by following the guidelines described below:</p> <p>Education related matters:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bring up your concern, one-on-one, verbally to the teacher responsible for the subject. 2. If you are not satisfied with the response, discuss it with the Vice Principal of Language or Culture, one-on-one, as appropriate. The names and telephone numbers of the Vice Principals are available in this handbook. 3. If the issue is still not resolved, bring it up to the Principal, one-on-one, to resolve it. 4. If you are still not satisfied, please submit it in writing to any Shishu Bharati Executive Committee Member. The Executive Committee will make every effort to get back to you with the final decision within three weeks with the school decision. <p>Policy or Procedural matters:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bring up your concern verbally, one-on-one, to any Shishu Bharati Executive Committee Member. 2. If you are still not satisfied, submit it in writing to any Shishu Bharati Executive Committee Member. The Executive Committee will make every effort to get back to you with the final decision within two to three weeks with the school decision.
17	<p>Donations to Shishu Bharati School</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tuition fee is not considered a donation to the school. 2. Cash donations that do not seek either personal or commercial benefit, will be accepted and they are tax deductible. 3. Any non-cash donations will be accepted as needed basis at no cash value.

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	4. Any exception to this policy has to be approved by the Treasurer.
18	<p>Curriculum Matters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Principal of each Shishu Bharati branch, with the help of Vice Principals, is responsible for maintaining the integrity of the curriculum. 2. Teachers must adhere to the language and culture curriculum published in the Hand Book. 3. Vice Principals must review the Curriculum status with the Language and Culture teachers during the months of September, December, and March. 4. It is recommended that once every four weeks, teachers will communicate with their students' parents about the class progress.
19	<p>Starting a New Language Program</p> <p>Any Indian language program can be started at Shishu Bharati if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are at least 5 students who are interested in learning this language • A committed teacher is available • A classroom is available <p>The decision to begin a new language has to be approved by the Executive committee and the Education Council.</p>
20	<p>Special Programs</p> <p>Shishu Bharati celebrates several major Indian Cultural programs throughout the year, approved by the Executive Committee, as a part of the Culture Curriculum. The Special Programs team will select one or two programs from above to celebrate together by all branches, plan the content, budget, dates, and venues (facilities) and propose it to the Executive Committee for its approval months in advance of the program. The Special Programs Subcommittee is responsible for the content and execution of these celebrations, working with the Principal, Vice Principals and teachers of each branch.</p>
21	<p>Library Material Selection Process</p> <p>Principal of each Shishu Bharati branch will be responsible for the selection of Library material (books and audio visual aids). Library material selection will be guided by Shishu Bharati Vision and Mission and will support the Shishu Bharati curriculum. Any teacher, Vice Principal, and Executive Committee Member can recommend books for the library. The Principal will appoint a Library Material Selection Committee. This committee will review every piece of Library material recommended and make a final recommendation to the Principal prior to its procurement.</p>
22	<p>Administrative matters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Announcements at school Assembly, the school website and/or e-mails will be the primary tools used by school Administration at each branch to communicate important administrative and school matters to that branch's Shishu Bharati community. 2. The Shishu Bharati school community at each branch is requested to use e-mail as the primary tool for communication of important matters to the Shishu Bharati Administration. Such e-mail address will be made available.
23	<p>Shishu Bharati Database</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Shishu Bharati Database contains information about registered Students, their Parents, Teachers and Administrators (Officers, Directors and Volunteers) and is stored on a secured server controlled by the company contracted by Shishu Bharati. The database contains Names, Addresses, Telephone Numbers and Email Addresses of the above-mentioned persons. In addition, it also stores the school related

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	<p>information such as Levels, Examination Records and Teacher's and Administrator's Comments. The database is managed and controlled by the person/s designated by the President of Shishu Bharati.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The data is obtained through the registration process via parents and/or administrators entering it in the on-line system. It is used for the educational and official purposes by the Teachers and School Administrators. Any commercial use of this data is strictly prohibited. 3. Standard security methods such as Password Protection, User Level Access Control are used to make sure that the data is protected from unauthorized access and usage. The contracted company is responsible for backing up this data both on-line and off-line on a daily incremental backup and once-a-week full backup schedule.
24	<p>Shishu Bharati Ethics</p> <p>Shishu Bharati is a non-profit school that offers a broad spectrum of educational programs in the languages and cultures of India for students of all ages. The school's objective has been to develop a sense of well-informed cultural pride in the students by exposing them to the Indian arts, customs, languages, history, geography, and current events.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In keeping with the secular underpinnings of India's democratic principles, Shishu Bharati will strive at all times to maintain a secular approach in its curriculum and programming. India has multitudes of religions, creeds and cultural traditions. Teachers, Directors, Officers and Volunteers are strongly urged to design curriculum programming and special events that provide exposure to the diversity in the Indian subcontinent. 2. Teachers, Directors, Officers, and Volunteers may not solicit services, fliers, or tickets for services at Shishu Bharati without prior approval from the Executive Committee Members of Shishu Bharati. Any attempt to solicit or advertise services, programs, and/or events without prior approval from the Executive Committee Member is not acceptable. 3. Teachers, Directors, Officers or Volunteers have a responsibility to Shishu Bharati and will not derive any personal profit or gain, indirectly or directly, by reason of his or her participation with Shishu Bharati. Each individual shall disclose to Shishu Bharati any personal interest which he or she may have in any matter before Shishu Bharati. These matters include but are not limited to doing business with Shishu Bharati, any arrangement, agreement, investment, or any activity with any vendor, supplier, or other party. With regard to any matter that may result in any personal profit or gain, indirectly or directly by reason of his or her participation with Shishu Bharati, he or she shall not participate in the decision affecting Shishu Bharati and the decision must be made by the majority of the Executive Members. 4. Teachers, Executive Committee Members, Volunteers, and the Shishu Bharati Community have a responsibility to Shishu Bharati and will not accept payments or loans or gifts of any kind or any free service or discounts or other fees from or on behalf of any person or organization engaged in any transaction or program with Shishu Bharati.
25	<p>School Facilities Management</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Facilities capacity needs analysis for the next academic year should be completed by April of the current academic year. The analysis should include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projected growth • Commitment from the current rental school Management • Budget constraints • Number of class rooms, auditorium for assembly, space for cafeteria, parking, • Storage facility, room for library 2. There should be a written rental contract (preferably, multi year) with the rental

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	<p>School Management.</p> <p>3. Sufficient liability insurance should be obtained to satisfy the contract.</p> <p>4. The School facility should be maintained in accordance with the rental agreement, when the Shishu Bharati School is in session. No unauthorized solicitation during the Shishu Bharati school session is permitted on the school premises, including one hour before and after the school hours.</p> <p>5. Any organization or individual associated with political, religious, or commercial activity will not be permitted to the Shishu Bharati school premises explicitly for those purposes.</p> <p>6. Each Shishu Bharati school branch will designate a single point of contact for the management of school facility.</p> <p>7. Every school facility coordinator should keep a current list of all assets, including all the library equipment, computers, printers, sound system, cabinets, projectors, videos cameras, digital cameras, books, and any other school related items. The list should identify the cost basis of these assets. A copy of the list should be provided to the Shishu Bharati Treasurer.</p>
26	<p>Budget Planning Process</p> <p>1. Every fiscal year (Fiscal year starts on July 1st), each Shishu Bharati Branch should put together a budget by July end for the following academic year.</p> <p>2. The Director of Administration, in consultations with Education Council (Principal, Vice Principals, and Director of Administration), is responsible for preparation and delivery of the coming year's budget to the Shishu Bharati School Treasurer.</p> <p>3. Shishu Bharati branch budget includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projected Students population (income) • Estimated donation (income) • Teachers reimbursement and facilitation expenses • Facility rental and custodial expenses • Stationary, supplies, and printing expenses • Special Programs expenses • Library expenses • Refreshment expenses <p>4. The Shishu Bharati School Treasurer will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the budgets with the respective Director of Administration of the Shishu Bharati branch. • Compile and consolidate the budgets with his/her recommendations to Shishu Bharati Executive Committee. • Provide the consolidated budget to Shishu Bharati Executive Committee at least two days prior to the Executive Committee review meeting. • Get budget approved by the Executive Committee before end of August.
27	<p>Purchasing</p> <p>1. This policy applies to all non-budgeted items.</p> <p>2. For purchase of any non-budget items, the following are the approval limits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Director of Administration of a Shishu Bharati branch can approve purchase of an item or invoice up to \$250.00. • For purchase of an item or invoices in amount more than \$250.00 but less than \$1000.00, any one of the Officers of Shishu Bharati (President, Secretary, and Treasurer) is eligible to approve. • For purchase of an item or invoices in amount more than \$1000.00 but less than \$2500.00, approval of all Officers of Shishu Bharati (President, Secretary, and Treasurer) is required. • For purchase of an item or invoices in amount more than \$2500.00,

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	approval of the Executive Committee of Shishu Bharati is required.
28	<p>Fund Raising Shishu Bharati holds Fund Raisers from time to time to raise funds for the school. The funds are used for the current operations and future growth of the school. The Fundraising program must present different aspects of Indian Culture and be educational and entertaining.</p> <p>Once the Shishu Bharati Executive Committee decides to hold the Fundraising program during a specific year, it is the responsibility of the Fundraising subcommittee to propose a preliminary format, content and implementation of the Fundraising program to the Executive Committee for its approval.</p> <p>Upon approval, a Fundraising program team is assembled to come up with a detailed plan and to implement it. Shishu Bharati will follow high standards and values throughout the planning, organizing and implementing of the Fund Raiser. Shishu Bharati will strictly not raise funds through any political or religious programs. The cash donations made for the Fund Raiser are tax deductible.</p>
29	<p>Teacher Selection</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Teacher selection will be through an interview process. 2. School Principal, on the recommendation of Vice Principals, will be the final authority in selecting the teachers. 3. The Selection criteria includes, not necessarily limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capable and knowledgeable to teach the subject • Motivated to Volunteer • Makes commitment at least for an academic year • Aligned with the Shishu Bharati Vision and Mission
30	<p>Teachers/Volunteers Training Shishu Bharati Volunteers will be trained in the following areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Shishu Bharati Vision and Culture 2. Shishu Bharati Mission and goals 3. Shishu Bharati Policies/Procedures 4. Subject Matter/Curriculum 5. Teaching Techniques
31	<p>Teacher Absence In case of anticipated absence by a teacher, he/she is requested to notify the Principal or respective Vice Principal at least 1 week in advance and provide the teaching instruction for the substitute teacher.</p>
32	<p>Teacher Reimbursement Teachers and substitute teachers will be reimbursed as lead teacher or assistant teacher for teaching the classes. Reimbursements are made for voluntary time, effort, and material used in teaching at Shishu Bharati. They are not to be considered as wages. The Principals and Vice Principals at each branch are responsible for keeping track of the number of classes that teachers in the respective branches have taught during the academic year.</p>
33	<p>Teachers'/Volunteers' Expense Reimbursement All expenses are pre-approved by Principal of each branch. If prior approval cannot be obtained, then expenses, under the limit of \$25.00 per event, that are incurred in good faith, will be reimbursed. Receipts for all expenses should be submitted promptly (within 2 weeks of incurrence) to the above named individual (or their backup). Each receipt should clearly show the name of individual incurring the expense, date, and specific purpose of expense. All approved expenses will be reimbursed within 4 weeks after submission.</p>

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	sion of receipt.
34	<p>Student Volunteer Selection</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Student Volunteers must be 14 years or older by December 31st of the academic year. The selection is based on first-come first-served basis. 2. The student must complete Shishu Bharati Student Volunteer Registration Form. 3. Shishu Bharati graduates shall get preference in the selection. 4. In classrooms, student volunteers under the age of 18, can only be assistants in the presence of teachers. 5. Student Volunteer should commit to serve for at least one academic year and should have parent/guardian's approval in writing. 6. Principal working with the Vice Principals and Directors of Administration will make the appropriate placement for the student volunteers.
35	<p>Shishu Bharati Email Accounts for Shishu Bharati Teachers and Staff members</p> <p>Shishu Bharati will provide a mail-server to facilitate official electronic communication among its personnel (officers, directors, teachers, volunteers, etc), provided school finances permit such a service.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This mail-server will be controlled and maintained by the person designated by the President. 2. SB personnel are responsible for maintaining the confidentiality of their password and account, and are fully responsible for all activities that occur under their password or account. 3. The school will communicate with its personnel through this email service, i.e., all official correspondence (announcements, instructions, etc.) from the school will be sent to the Shishu Bharati email addresses. Therefore, all personnel are encouraged to use their SB email account or redirect the mail to their personal email account. 4. SB personnel are urged to use professional and civil language in all their email communications. 5. SB will not actively monitor email communication among its personnel. However, it should be remembered that all email communication is saved on the server and hence is available for review, e. g., by law-enforcement officials. 6. SB will not sell or distribute its email-address database for commercial or any other purposes. The email service will be used strictly for official purposes.
36	<p>Adherence to School Policies and Procedures</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All students, parents and school personnel are required to read and abide by the Shishu Bharati Policy Document and Procedures communicated. 2. The Executive Committee of Shishu Bharati is responsible to take appropriate action if the policies and procedures are not adhered to.
37	<p>Create a new Policy</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Only an Education Council member or an Executive Committee Member of Shishu Bharati can make a request for the creation of a new policy. This must be communicated in writing to the Policy Subcommittee. 2. The Policy Subcommittee will review the need for the new policy. If convinced that all the existing policies do not cover the aspects pointed out in the proposal, the subcommittee will approve it, reword it if necessary, get consensus from the Education Council of all branches and then pass on its recommendations to the President. 3. The President will present it to the Executive Committee. With the majority

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	approval, it will be added to the Shishu Bharati policies.
38	<p>Policy Amendment</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The need to amend a specific policy can be brought up by any Shishu Bharati member from any of the Shishu Bharati branches. The Education Council at that branch will deliberate to ascertain the need. Once convinced that the policy change is needed, the Education Council will present a draft of the policy change, in writing, to the Policy Subcommittee. <li>2. The Policy Subcommittee will review the proposed amendment, reword it if needed, get consensus from the Education Councils of all branches and then present it to the President. <li>3. The President then will seek the approval of the Executive Committee to amend the policy. With the majority approval, the amended policy goes into effect.

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A. REPUBLIC OF INDIA

BRIEF STATISTICS

GEOGRAPHY OF INDIA

- Location:** Southern Asia, bordering the Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal, between Burma and Pakistan
- Geographic coordinates:** 20 00 N, 77 00 E
- Area:** Total: 3,287,590 sq km Land: 2,973,190 sq km Water: 314,400 sq km
- Area - comparative:** slightly more than one-third the size of the US
- Land boundaries:** Total: 14,103 km
- Border Countries:** Bangladesh, Bhutan, Myanmar, China , Nepal , Pakistan
- Coastline:** 7,000 km
- Maritime claims:** Contiguous zone: 24 nm, Continental shelf: 200 nm or to the edge of the continental margin, Exclusive economic zone: 200 nm, Territorial sea: 12 nm
- Climate:** varies from tropical monsoon in south to temperate in north
- Terrain:** upland plain (Deccan Plateau) in south, flat to rolling plain along the Ganges, deserts in west, Himalayas in north
- Elevation extremes:** Lowest point: Indian Ocean 0 m, Highest point: Kanchenjunga 8,598 m
- Natural resources:** coal (fourth-largest reserves in the world), iron ore, manganese, mica, bauxite, titanium ore, chromite, natural gas, diamonds, petroleum, limestone, arable land
- Land use:** Arable land: 56%, Permanent crops: 1%, Permanent pastures: 4%, Forests and woodland: 23%, Other: 16% (1993 est.)
- Irrigated land:** 480,000 sq km (1993 est.)
- ENVIRONMENT:** droughts, flash floods, severe thunderstorms common; deforestation; soil erosion; overgrazing; air and water pollution; desertification

PEOPLE OF INDIA

- Nationality:** noun: Indian(s), adjective: Indian
- Ethnic groups:** Indo-Aryan: 72%, Dravidian: 25%, Mongoloid and other: 3%
- Religions:** Hindu: 80%, Muslim: 14%, Christian: 2.4%, Sikh: 2%, Buddhist: 0.7%, Jains: 0.5%, other: 0.4%
- Languages:** English enjoys associate status but is the most important language for national, political, and commercial communication. Hindi is the national language and primary tongue of 30% of the people. Other major languages are: Bengali, Telugu, Marathi, Tamil, Urdu, Gujarati, Malayalam, Kannada, Oriya, Punjabi, Assamese, Kashmiri, Sindhi, Sanskrit, Hindustani (a popular variant of Hindi/Urdu spoken widely throughout northern India). There are 24 languages, each spoken by a million or more persons.

Population statistics:

Population trend variables	Data
Birth Rate (annual number of births per 1,000 total population)	24
Death Rate (annual number of deaths per 1,000 total population)	8
Density (population/sq. mile)	884
Ever-Married Females Ages 15-19 (%)	34
Ever-Married Males Ages 15-19 (%)	6
Infant Mortality Rate (infant deaths per 1,000 live births)	58
Life Expectancy at Birth, Both Sexes (years)	65
Life Expectancy at Birth, Females (years)	66
Life Expectancy at Birth, Males (years)	65
Lifetime Births per Woman (TFR)	2.8
Migration (net) per 1,000 Population	0
Mortality Rate, Under 5, Poorest Fifth	141
Mortality Rate, Under 5, Middle Fifth	101
Mortality Rate, Under 5, Richest Fifth	46
Population 2025 (projected)	1,363,000,000
Population 2050 (projected)	1,628,000,000
Population Change 2006-2050 (projected %)	45
Population Mid-2008	1,149,285,000
Population Over Age 65 (%)	5
Population Under Age 15 (%)	32
Rate of Natural Incr. (birth rate minus death rate, expressed as a %)	1.7
Total Area (sq. miles)	1,269,340
Total Fertility Rate, Poorest Fifth (lifetime births per woman)	3.4
Total Fertility Rate, Middle Fifth (lifetime births per woman)	2.6
Total Fertility Rate, Richest Fifth (lifetime births per woman)	1.8
Urban Population, 2005 (%)	35
Women Ages < 15, 2005 (%)	32
Women Ages 15-49, 2005 (%)	52
Women Ages 50+, 2005 (%)	16
Women All Ages, 2005	531,900,000
Youth Ages 10-24 (% of total pop.) 2006	30
Youth Ages 10-24, 2006	331,100,000
Youth Ages 10-24, 2025	349,200,000
Youth Ages 10-24, 2025 (% of total pop.) 2006	25

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

- Country name:** Conventional long form: Republic of India, Conventional short form: India
- Data code:** IN
- Government type:** Federal Republic
- Capital:** New Delhi
- Administrative divisions:** **29 states and 6 union territories***; Andaman and Nicobar Islands*, Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chandigarh*, Chhattisgarh, Dadra and Nagar Haveli*, Daman and Diu*, Delhi, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Lakshadweep*, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Orissa, Pondicherry*, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal, West Bengal
- Independence:** 15 August 1947 (from UK)
- National holiday:** Anniversary of the Proclamation of the Republic, 26 January (1950)
- Constitution:** 26 January 1950
- Legal system:** based on English common law; limited judicial review of legislative acts; accepts compulsory ICJ jurisdiction, with reservations
- Suffrage:** 18 years of age; universal
- Executive branch:**
Chief Of State: President - Mrs. Pratibha Patil or as we say in India Srimathi Pratibha Patil
Head Of Government: Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh (since June 2004)
Cabinet: Council of Ministers appointed by the president on the recommendation of the prime minister
Elections: president elected by an electoral college consisting of elected members of both houses of Parliament and the legislatures of the states for a five-year term; prime minister elected by parliamentary members of the majority party following legislative elections.
- Legislative branch:** bicameral Parliament or Sansad consists of the Council of States or Rajya Sabha (a body consisting of not more than 250 members, up to 12 of which are appointed by the president, the remainder are chosen by the elected members of the state and territorial assemblies; members serve six-year terms) and the People's Assembly or Lok Sabha (545 seats; 543 elected by popular vote, 2 appointed by the president; members serve five-year terms)
- Judicial branch:** Supreme Court, judges are appointed by the president and remain in office until they reach the age of 65
- Diplomatic representation in the US:**
Chief Of Mission: Ambassador Shri Ronen Sen
Chancery: 2107 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20008; note - Embassy located at 2536 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20008
Telephone: [1] (202) 939-7000
FAX: [1] (202) 483-3972
Consulate(S) General: Chicago, Houston, New York, and San Francisco
- Diplomatic representation from the US:**
Chief Of Mission: Ambassador Robert D BLACKWILL
Embassy: Shanti Path, Chanakyapuri 110021, New Delhi

Telephone: [91] (11) 688-9033, 611-3033; FAX: [91] (11) 419-0017
Consulate(S) General: Calcutta, Chennai (Madras), Mumbai (Bombay)

THE NATIONAL EMBLEM OF INDIA

The National emblem of India is a replica of the Lion of Sarnath located near Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh. The Lion Capital was erected in the third century BC by Emperor Ashoka to mark the spot where Buddha first proclaimed his gospel of peace and emancipation to the four quarters of the universe. The



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national emblem is thus symbolic of contemporary India's reaffirmation of its ancient commitment to world peace and good will. The four lions (one being hidden from view) - symbolizing power, courage and confidence - rest on a circular abacus. The abacus is girded by four smaller animal guardians of the four directions: the lion of the North, the elephant of the East, the horse of the South and the bull of the West. The abacus rests on a lotus in full bloom, exemplifying the fountain-head of life and creative inspiration. The motto 'Satyameva Jayate' inscribed

below the emblem in Devanagari script means 'Truth alone triumphs'.

NATIONAL FLAG



The flag is a horizontal tricolor of deep saffron on the top, white in the middle and dark green at the bottom in equal proportions. The ratio of the width to the length of the flag is two to three. In the center of the white band, there is a wheel in navy blue to indicate the *Dharma Chakra*, a wheel of law in the Samath Lion Capital. Its diameter approximates the width of the white band and it has 24 spokes.

The saffron stands for courage, sacrifice and the spirit of renunciation; the white, for purity and truth; the green for faith and fertility on which all life depends. The Ashoka wheel in the center of the white is the wheel of law.

MAP OF INDIA





LOTUS - NATIONAL FLOWER



PEACOCK - NATIONAL BIRD



TIGER - NATIONAL ANIMAL

National Symbols

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HINDI - NATIONAL LANGUAGE

ASHOKA CHAKRA



BANYAN TREE - NATIONAL TREE

of India



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FESTIVALS AT A GLANCE

MONTH/DATE	FESTIVAL	PLACE OF CELEBRATION
January 1	New Year's Day	Mainly in cities throughout India
January 26	Republic Day	Throughout the country, especially in New Delhi and State Capitals
January	Thyagaraja Festival	In Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh
	Pongal	In Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh
	Sankranti	In Maharashtra and Karnataka
	Lohri	In Punjab and Haryana
	Bhogali Bihu	In Assam
	Gangasagar Mela	In Bengal
February/March	Vasanta Panchami	Throughout India, especially in northern & western India
	Shivaratri	Throughout India
	Holi	Throughout India, especially in northern India
	Teppam	In Tamil Nadu
	Ramakrishna Utsav	Mainly in Bengal
March/April	Mahavir Jayanti	Throughout India, especially in Gujarat
	New Year's Day	In Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kashmir & Maharashtra
	Good Friday	Throughout India
	Easter	Throughout India
	Rama Navami	Mainly in Uttar Pradesh
	Dol Purniza	In Bengal
	Gangaur	Mainly in Rajasthan
	Brahmotsavain	In Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh
	Vishu	In Kerala
	Christian Mela	At Mehrauli near Delhi
	Ratha-Yatra Festival	At Mathura in Uttar Pradesh
April	Jwalamukhi Fair	In Himachal Pradesh
	Tamil New Year's Day	In Tamil Nadu
	Ratha Yatra Festival	In Tamil Nadu
	Karaga	In Bangalore
April 14	Naba Barsha	In Bengal
April/May	Baisakhi	Mainly in Haryana and Punjab
	Buddha Jayanti	Throughout India
	Goru and Rongali Bihu	In Assam
	Madurai River Festival	In Tamil Nadu
	Pooram	In Kerala
	Shab-e-Barat	Throughout India
	Id-ul-Fitr*	Throughout India
	Id-ul-Azha*	Throughout India
May	Jaitha Ashtami	In Kashmir

MONTH/DATE	FESTIVAL	PLACE OF CELEBRATION
June/July	Mela Hemis Gompa	In Kashmir
	Ratha Yatra Festival	At Puri in Orissa
	Teej	Mainly in Rajasthan
July/August	Naga Panchami	Throughout India
	Raksha Bandhan	Mainly in northern and western India
	Sravana Festival	At Brindavan in Uttar Pradesh
August 11	The Feast of St. Philomena	At Mysore in Karnataka
August 15	Independence Day	Throughout India
August	Kaveri River Festival	In Tamil Nadu
August/September	Ganesha Chaturthi	Mainly in western and southern India
	Onam	In Kerala
	Janma Ashtami	Throughout India
	Khordad Sal	Mainly in Maharashtra
	Urs Shah Hamadan	In Kashmir
	Sair-e-Gulfaroshan	At Mehrauli near Delhi
	Ban Yatra	In Uttar Pradesh
	Muharram*	Throughout India
	Pararyushan	Jain Festival Throughout India
September/October	Dussehra	Throughout India
	Velanganni Festival	In Tamil Nadu
	Id-i-Milad*	Throughout India
October 2	Gandhi Jayanti	Throughout India
October/November	Diwali	Throughout India
	Gurparb	Throughout India
	Tikka	In Punjab and Haryana
	Kansa ka Mela	In Uttar Pradesh
	Ras Lila	In Assam and Manipur
	Pushkar ka Mela	Near Ajmer in Rajasthan
	Dev-Diwali	At Girnar in Gujarat
	Navaratri	Throughout India
November 14	Children's Day	Throughout India
November/December	Karthika Festival	In Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh
	Vaikunth Ekadashi	In Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh
December	Urs Hazrat Nizain- ud-Din*	In Delhi
	St. Thomas' Day	In Tamil Nadu
	Fire walking Festival*	In Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh
December 3	St. Francis Xavier's Feast	Goa
December 25	Christmas	Throughout India

* This can occur in any month of the solar calendar.

B.**HISTORICAL FACTS****CHRONOLOGICAL TABLE OF INDIAN HISTORY****B.C.**

- 5000:** Formation of Vedas
4000: Neolithic Culture in Mysore
2900: Culture of Mohenjo-daro
2001: Kapila and the Sankhya Philosophy
800-500: The Upanishads
600: Panini, Sanskrit grammar
599-527: Mahavira, founder of Jainism
563-483: Buddha
500: Sushruta, physician
500: The earliest Puranas
329: Greek invasion of India
325: Alexander leaves India
322-185: The Maurya Dynasty
322-298: Chandragupta Maurya
302-298: Megasthenes at Pataliputra
273-232: Ashoka's Rule

A.D.

- 120:** Kanishka, Kushan King
120: Charaka, physician
320-530: The Gupta Dynasty
320-330: Chandragupta's Rule
330-380: Samudragupta
380-413: Vikramaditya's Rule
399-414: Fa-Hien in India
100-700: Temples and Caves of Ajanta
400: Kalidasa, poet and dramatist
455-500: Hun invasion of India
499: Aryabhata, mathematician
505-587: Varahamihira, astronomer
598-660: Brahmagupta, astronomer
606-648: King Harsha-Vardhana
608-642: Pulakeshin II, Chalukyan King
629-645: Yuan Chwang in India
629-650: Srong-tsan Gampo, King of Tibet
630-800: Golden Age of Tibet
639: Srong-tsan of Gampo founds Lhasa
712: Arab conquest of Sind
750: Rise of the Pallava Kingdom
750-780: Building of Borobudur, Java
760: The Kailasha Temple
788-820: Shankara, Vedanta philosopher
800-1300: Golden Age of Cambodia
800-1400: Golden Age of Rajputana
900: Rise of the Chola Kingdom
973-1048: Alberuni, Arab scholar
993: Foundation of Delhi
977-1030: Sultan Mahmud of Ghazni
1008: Mahmud invades India
1076-1126: Vikramaditya Chalukya

- 1114:** Bhaskara, mathematician
- 1150:** Building of Angkor Wat
- 1186:** Turkish invasion of India
- 1206-1526:** The Sultanate of Delhi
- 1206-1210:** Sultan Kutbu-d Din Aibak
- 1288-1293:** Marco Polo in India
- 1296-1315:** Sultan Alau-d-din
- 1303:** Alau-d-din takes Chitor
- 1325-1351:** Sultan Muhammad bin Tughlak
- 1336:** Foundation of Vijayanagar
- 1336-1405:** Timur (Tamerlane)
- 1351-1388:** Sultan Firoz Shah's Rule
- 1398:** Timur invades India
- 1440-1518:** Kabir, poet
- 1469-1538:** Baba Nanak, founder of the Sikhs
- 1483-1530:** Babur founds the Mogul Dynasty
- 1483-1573:** Sur Das, poet
- 1498:** Vasco da Gama reaches India
- 1509-1529:** Krishna deva Raya rules Vijayanagar
- 1510:** Portuguese occupy Goa
- 1530-1542:** Humayun's Rule
- 1532-1624:** Tulsi Das, poet
- 1542-1545:** Sher Shah's Rule
- 1555-1556:** Restoration and death of Humayun
- 1560-1605:** Akbar's Rule
- 1565:** Fall of Vijayanagar at Talikota
- 1600:** Foundation of East India Co.
- 1605-1627:** Jehangir's Rule
- 1628-1658:** Shah Jahan's Rule
- 1631:** Death of Mumtaz
- 1632-1653:** Building of the Taj Mahal
- 1658-1707:** Aurangzeb
- 1674:** The French found Pondicherry
- 1630-1680:** Raja Shivaji
- 1690:** The English found Calcutta
- 1756-1763:** French-English War in India
- 1757:** Battle of Plassey
- 1828:** Ram Mohan Roy founds the Brahma-Samaj
- 1829:** Abolition of suttee
- 1836-1886:** Ramakrishna
- 1856:** Birth of Lokmanya Tilak
- 1857:** War of Independence
- 1858:** India taken over by the British Crown
- 1861:** Birth of Rabindranath Tagore
- 1863-1902:** Vivekananda (Narendranath Dutt)
- 1869:** Birth of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi
- 1875:** Dayananda founds the Arya-Samaj
- 1885:** Foundation of India National Congress
- 1947:** Independence of India
- 1950:** India adopts its own constitution

**PARALLEL EVENTS IN THE HISTORY OF INDIA AND THE US
BETWEEN 1492 AND 2000**

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Years	USA	INDIA
1492	Columbus sails from Spain and discovers islands in the 'West Indies'. Although he never sets foot in the USA of today, this journey & discovery is looked upon as the harbinger of current USA	Narasimhas head the Vijayanagar Empire, which extends from Central to South India. Lodi dynasty is ruling Delhi and North India. Various Sultanas are in power at Kashmir, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra & Bengal.
1497-1498	John Cabot of England reaches East Coast of North America (1497).	Vasco de Gama leaves Portugal (1497), and arrives in India (1498).
1509		Krishna Deva Raya defeats Bahmani king and extends the influence of Vijayanagara into Western India. Rana Sang has the power in Mewar.
1510		Portuguese capture Goa.
1526		Babar establishes Mogul rule in Delhi after defeating Ibrahim Lodi.
1542		Saint Francis Xavier arrives at Goa as Jesuit missionary.
1584	Sir Walter Raleigh discovers Virginia.	
1600		British East India Company founded.
1602		Dutch East India company founded.
1605-1607	120 people of Virginia Company of England set sail for Virginia, USA (1606) and found Jamestown, the first English settlement in the US (1607).	
1612		English defeat the Portuguese near Surat and make Surat as their headquarters.
1615		English fleet helps protect the sea traffic from the Portuguese.
1620	Pilgrim Fathers leave Plymouth, England, sail in "Mayflower" and arrive in Plymouth, Mass. and establish Plymouth Colony.	
1630	John Winthrop, English Puritan leader founds Boston.	
1633		English trading post established in Bengal.
1634	Organization of New England Confederation.	English settlement of Cochin, Malabar (now Kerala State).
1635	English High and Boston Latin School, the oldest secondary schools in North America founded.	
1636	Harvard College, the first college in North America, founded.	
1640		East India company establishes a factory in Madras on a plot leased from Vijayanagara kingdom.
1658		Aurangzeb imprisons his father, Shah Jahan, and takes over the Mughal Empire.
1664		French East India company founded.
1669		Aurangzeb bans Hindu religion.
1670	English settlement in Charleston, SC.	
1674		Shivaji is crowned at Fort Raigad, as the King. Portuguese give the Bombay island as a gift to the British king Charles II.
1690		English colonists found Calcutta.
1691	Massachusetts absorbs Plymouth colony.	New East India company formed.

Years	USA	INDIA
1696		East India company builds 'Fort William' factory in Calcutta.
1708		British & New East India companies merged.
1714		Maratha king Shahu appoints Peshwas in Pune as care-takers of the kingdom.
1717		Mughals authorize the British for trade privileges in Bengal.
1738		Marathas defeat the Moghuls and arrange for peace in Delhi.
1739		Nadir Shah of Persia ransacks Delhi and takes away the Peacock throne.
1751	Benjamin Franklin offers first proposal for union of British colonies in North America.	
1752	Franklin invents the lightning conductor.	
1756		Ahmad Shah Abdali ransacks Delhi.
1757		The British become the effective rulers of Bengal after the victory of Robert Clive.
1763		Hyder Ali establishes rule in the South.
1765	Britton passes 'Stamp Act', for taxing American colonies. Nine colonies draw up a Declaration of Rights and Liberties.	
1766		Britain takes control of Madras from Nizam.
1770	British troops massacre some Bostonians. British parliament repels duties on paper, glass and dyestuffs, but retains duty on tea.	
1772		Marathas control major parts of Indian regions. Sudden death of Madhavrao Peshwa plunges Maratha Kingdom into succession struggles.
1773	Boston Tea Party: a protest against duty on tea mobilizes public sentiments against the British rule.	"Regulating Act" makes Warren Hastings as the first Governor-General having authority over British trade and possessions in Bengal, Bombay & Madras.
1775	American Revolution begins. Paul Revere rides from Charlestown to Lexington. Battles of Concord & Lexington. George Washington becomes commander-in-chief of American forces. British win the battle at Bunker Hill.	
1776	American Congress carries Declaration of Independence from Britain.	
1777-1781	War between Britain and America continues. Cornwallis surrenders at Yorktown (1781).	British forces from Bombay defeated by Peshwas, near Pune (1781).
1782	Peace talks begin between the British and the Americans.	British and Peshwas agree on Peace treaty.
1783	Proclamation of Peace. Britain recognizes the Independence of the United States. Slavery is abolished in Massachusetts.	
1784		British sign Peace Treaty with Tipu Sultan. East India Company comes under the control of British Government
1785		Scindias control the waning Mughals in Delhi.
1786		Lord Cornwallis becomes Governor General of

Years	USA	INDIA
		India.
1787	Constitution of the US signed in Philadelphia.	
1789	George Washington inaugurated as the First President of the US.	
1794		Maratha Empire begins to decline after the death of Madhoji Scindia.
1803		British defeat Scindia of Gwalior and tighten their hold on vast regions of India.
1812	USA declares war on Britain.	
1813		British government ends trade monopoly of East India Company. Other British traders are now allowed to trade.
1814	British burn Washington DC. British forces defeated. War ends.	
1818		Holkar's Indore and Peshwa's Pune come under British rule. The British now control most of India. 'Bengal Gazette', the first Indian-owned newspaper, begins publishing.
1828		Beginning of social reforms with the formation of Brahmo Samaj by Ram Mohan Roy. Banning of Suttee by Lord Bentinck.
1835		English is made official language of India.
1848	American Association for the Advancement of Science, founded in Philadelphia.	
1857-1858		Indian States fight the British in the First War of Independence. British troops eventually win.
1860	Abraham Lincoln elected as the 16th President of the US. South Carolina secedes from the union.	
1861	Lincoln sworn in as President. Efforts to preserve the union by peaceful means fails. Civil war breaks out.	Central, Madras & Bombay Legislative councils formed. Indian Penal Code formulated.
1865	Confederate states surrender (April 9). President Lincoln assassinated (April 14). Thirteenth Amendment to US Constitution abolishes slavery.	
1876	Alexander Bell invents Telephone.	
1878		Vernacular Press Act by Lord Lytton tries to muffle Indian Language Press.
1880	Thomas Edison devises Electric Light.	
1882		Lord Ripon's resolution aims to achieve local self-government at the municipal level.
1885	Grover Cleveland inaugurated as President.	First meeting of the Indian National Congress in Bombay.
1903	Wright Brothers fly the first Airplane.	
1911		British India's capital moves from Calcutta to Delhi.
1916	Woodrow Wilson reelected as President.	Home Rule movement started by Lokmanya Tilak, with the declaration that "Freedom is my Birth-Right".
1919		General Dyer's troop fire on unarmed civilians gathered for a meeting. Over 300 die and over 1500 injured.
1920	19th Amendment gives voting rights to American Women.	Lokmanya Tilak passes away. Mohandas Gandhi emerges as the new leading figure.

Years	USA	INDIA
1921	Warren Harding sworn in as President.	Formation of First Indian Parliament, under British rule.
1935	President Roosevelt signs the Social Security Act.	Government of India Act gives autonomy to provinces, and establishes the Federation of India.
1942	World War II continues. Electronic Computer invented.	Gandhiji spearheads Quit India movement.
1945		Netaji Bose dies in Plane Crash.
1947	HARRY S. TRUMAN (US) PRESIDENT(1945-'53); J.Mauchly & J.Eckert build ENIAC the first fully electronic computer in 1946; in 1947 communists monopolize power in Poland & Transistor invented in Bell labs	15 Aug- India obtains Independence from the British; Jawaharlal Nehru becomes the first Indian Prime Minister ; Burma becomes independent.
1948	Long-playing record invented by Goldmark; Marshall Plan passes by US congress; Berlin blockade by USSR begins; Jewish state of Israel formed.	30 Jan- Assassination of Mahatma Gandhi in New Delhi
1949-1950	Sen. McCarthy begins anti-communist charges; NATO signed; North Korea attacks the Republic of South Korea; Germany separated into East and West states; Dwight D. Eisenhower appointed the First Supreme Allied Commander Europe; Mao proclaims people's republic of china; S.Africa establishes apartheid program; world population reaches 2.3 billion.	26 Jan- Constitution of India comes into force; China occupies Tibet ; Mother Theresa's Missionaries of Charity established.
1951	Color TV introduced in US; US presidential term restricted to 8 years; French-Indochina war/ Vietnam divided.	July- First Five year plan set in motion
1952	Contraceptive pill produced; 1st hydrogen bomb exploded; Elizabeth II becomes Queen of England; Greece & Turkey accede to NATO	First General Election Oct. 1951 - Feb. 1952. Atomic Energy establishment set up in Bombay.
1953	DWEIGHT D.EISENHOWER (US) PRESIDENT(1953-'61); Lung Cancer linked to smoking; Watson(US) & Crick(UK) decipher DNA structure in Cambridge U, UK; Stalin dies ; USSR announces processing hydrogen bomb	The States Reorganization Commission Hillary & Tensing conquer Everest; Airline Nationalized; Chandigarh becomes Punjab's capital.
1954-1955	Race segregation ruled unconstitutional in US; Blacks boycott segregated bus lines in Montgomery, Alabama (USA); Albert Einstein, the 1921 Nobel prize winner in Physics passes away; USSR forms Warsaw Pact with Albania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Hungary, Poland & Romania;	29 non-aligned nations meet in Bandung, Nehru championing the cause; Imperial Bank renamed as State Bank of India
1956-1957	East Germany given the status of an independent state by USSR; Egypt nationalizes Suez Canal & USSR suppresses Hungarian rebellion; 1st Soviet Sputnik launched in 1957.	Second Five year Plan
1958-1959	Aswan Dam built on Nile; 1st Microchip produced; Frank Lloyd Wright builds Guggenheim Museum; Hawaii becomes 50th State; Bhadarnaika of Ceylon assassinated; Batiste was overthrown by Fidel	TV comes to Delhi; Indo-Portuguese dispute; Dalai Lama flees from Tibet to India in March 1959

Years	USA	INDIA
	Castro in Cuba; CENTO was formed of which Pakistan opted to be a member, which was eventually dissolved in 1979	
1960	US develops Laser technology; 1st weather satellite "Tiros" launched; Kennedy-Nixon on TV debates; 16 African nations become independent.	Bombay Presidency becomes Maharashtra and Gujarat states;
1961	JOHN F. KENNEDY (US) PRESIDENT (1961-'63); Peace Corp established by Pres. Kennedy; Bay of pigs invasion in Cuba fails; Soviet Maj. Yuri Gagarin becomes the first man to orbit earth; Alan Shepard becomes the first American in space; Berlin wall was erected. Beginning of Vietnam war.	Liberation of Goa on 19 Dec. 1961; Queen Elizabeth visits India; Liberation of Goa.
1962	John Glen becomes the first American astronaut to orbit the earth; Pres. Kennedy appeals to Khrushchev for agreement on a test ban treaty; US blockade of Cuba/USSR withdraws missiles from Cuba	Indo-China war -Oct.1962
1963	LYNDON B. JOHNSON (US) PRESIDENT (1963-'69); Agreement to have a "hot line" between Washington and Moscow signed at Geneva; Soviet astronaut Valentina Tereshkova- first woman in Space; Buddhist-led coup in S.Vietnam; President Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas, Texas on 22 November 1963. Lyndon Johnson sworn in as president.	Kamaraj Plan; Gold control act.
1964	Beatlemania in US; US bombs N.Vietnam bases; Khrushchev was removed from office/ replaced by Brezhnev; China explodes its 1st atomic bomb	Jawaharlal Nehru dies on May 27, 1964. Lal Bahadur Shastri becomes Prime Minister on June 9, 1964
1965	1st commercial satellite "Early Bird" launched by the US-the first global communications system for Telephone, TV & telegraphic communications; Malcolm X was shot; USSR launches its first communications satellite; USSR's Leonov first astronaut to walk in space; Singapore becomes independent.	1 Sep. 1965 -Indo-Pak war
1966	Buzz Aldrin of US walks in space; international protest day against US war in Vietnam; President de Gaulle of France withdraws from NATO; cultural revolution in China.	Lal Bahadur Shastri dies - Jan. 11, 1966 Indira Gandhi becomes Prime Minister - 24 Jan. 1966; Rupee devalued 36%.
1967	6 day war between Israel & Arab neighbors in 1967; military power takes over in Greece; China explodes its 1st Hydrogen bomb.	4th General Election
1968	In 1968 US & USSR draft a nuclear non-proliferation treaty at Geneva; Soviet, Polish, E.German, Bulgarian & Hungarian troops invade Czechoslovakia;. Establishment of naval on-call forces in the Mediterranean; civil rights leader Martin Luth-	Har Gobind Khorana wins Nobel Prize in Physiology for his work on Synthetic DNA in 1968.

Years	USA	INDIA
	er King Jr. assassinated; Robert Kennedy wins California primaries/ assassinated after the rally; Watson's (Nobel Laureate) book "double helix" the best true science thriller tells behind the scenes story of DNA structure invention ! Pres. Johnson decides not to seek re-election following Tet offence.	
1969	RICHARD M. NIXON (US) PRESIDENT (1969-'74); US astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin become 1st men on moon; 1st Woodstock concert in New York/over 300,000 attend ; anti- Vietnam riots in Berkeley campus; Black Panthers, a radical black group targeted by FBI.	Indira Gandhi was expelled from Congress party for indiscipline in 1969.
1970-1971	Riots in Kent State Univ.(Ohio)/ 4 students killed; 1st & 2nd NATO communications satellites were launched from Cape Kennedy ; CAT- Scan(3-D imaging of brain) invented in UK; Greenpeace founded in Canada.	Privy purses abolished; Sir C.V.Raman, Indian Nobel Prize winner for Physics in 1930 Passes away in 1970; Bengali speaking E. Pakistanis rebel against W. Pakistan; India-Pakistan War; Formation of Bangladesh; 5th general Elections; General Insurance Nationalized.
1972	Pres. Nixon visits China; large scale bombing of N. Vietnam started in '71 continues; Arabs kill 11 Israeli Olympians in Munich.	Ceylon changes it's name to Sri Lanka
1973	US & USSR sign Strategic Arms Limitations Treaty (SALT-1); oil embargo from Arab countries/energy crisis in West; Arab-Israeli Yam Kippur War; military coup d'Etat in Portugal.	Coal mines nationalized
1974	GERALD R. FORD (US) PRESIDENT (1974-'77); Watergate scandal/ Nixon resignation/Pres. Ford pardons Nixon; Pres. Ford & Brezhnev meet in Vladivostok / discuss limiting nuclear arms.	Imposition of 12% Ceiling on dividends; Stock market crashes; Underground nuclear explosion at Pokhran on May 18.
1975	Khmer Rouge terrorize Cambodia; King Faisal of Saudi Arabia assassinated; war between Ethiopia/ Eritrea; end of Vietnam war; North & S. Vietnam unite in 1976; 6,000 life size pottery found in China.	Indian satellite Aryabhata launched from a Soviet cosmodrome Sikkim joins India on May16.
1977	JIMMY CARTER (US) PRESIDENT (1977-'81); Space shuttle Enterprise's first flight; Panama treaty signed; Film " star Wars" released; worst aviation disaster in Tenerife, Canary Islands-570die; Volcanoes erupt in Japan, Italy & Hawaii; military coup in Pakistan.	Sixth General Election ,16-20 March; First Non-Congress Govt., led by Morarji Desai ; major cyclone leaves millions homeless
1978	1st Test tube baby born; Camp David Accord between Egypt & Israel hosted by Pres. Jimmy Carter; Jim Jones "Peoples Temple" commit mass suicide in Guyana, closer to 1,000 die;	Currency notes in denominations of Rs. 1,000, 5,000 & 10,000 demonetized.
1979	3-mile Island nuclear accident in US; SALT-II signed by Pres. Carter and Gen. Sec. Brezhnev ; Margaret Thatcher becomes 1st woman Prime Minister in UK;	Mother Theresa wins Nobel Peace Prize; Military Seizes Power in Afghanistan;

Years	USA	INDIA
	Shah of Iran ousted by Ayatholla Khomeini in Iran; US Embassy staff in Iran taken hostage by Muslim Fundamentalists; Soviet Army fights Mujahuddein in Afghanistan.	
1980	Mt.St.Helen erupts in US; Ronald Regan becomes the US President; Tito of Yugoslavia dies.; Polish trade Union "Solidarity" recognized; war between Iran & Iraq	Sanjay Gandhi, younger son of Indira Gandhi, dies in plane crash 23 June 1980.
1981	RONALD W. REGAN (US) PRESIDENT (1981-'89); IBM launches personal computer; AIDS identified; Pres. Anwar sadat of Egypt assassinated; New arms control initiative by President Reagan; martial law in Poland;	Maruti Udyog set-up
1982	Falkland war between UK / Argentina; Israel sieges Beirut	9th Asian Games in Delhi.
1983	Compact Disc launched; Aquino assassinated in Manila; military intervention in Granada by US; South Korean airliner shot down by Soviet air craft off the coast of Sakhalin-269 die.	India wins the Cricket World Cup S.Chandrasekhar wins Nobel prize in Physics. Violence between Tamil Tigers and Sinhalese in Sri Lanka.
1984	Macintosh computer with mouse introduced ; AIDS virus discovered.	Indira Gandhi assassinated in Delhi; Rajiv Gandhi sworn in as Prime Minister - 7 Oct.1984. India's biggest Industrial disaster: Bhopal gas tragedy
1985	hole in Ozone layer discovered ; Italian cruiser "Achille Lauro" hijacked by Palestinians	Air India jet explodes in North Atlantic killing 329
1986	Space shuttle "Challenger" explodes minutes after launching killing all 7 crew; Iran-Contra scandal; US bombs Tripoli(Libya) Chernobyl nuclear plant in USSR explodes / 133,000 people evacuated/ all Europe effected by fall-out; Corazon Aquino becomes President of Philippines;	Janata dal, a new opposition party/ V. P. Singh as leader; Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) established.
1988	Internet Virus jams 6000 military computers; Trans Atlantic Optical Fiber Telephone Cable enters service; PAN AM -747 blows over Lockerbie, Scotland; Ethnic Albanians demonstrate against Serbs in Kosovo; Gen Zia El-Huq succeeds Benazir Bhutto in Pakistan	Insat-IC launched; "Satanic Verses" of Salman Rushdi attacked by Muslims
1989	GEORGE BUSH (US) PRESIDENT (1989-'93); Berlin Wall demolished; troops crush student unrest in Tiananmen Square, China/ officially 23 students & 300 soldiers die/ eye reports indicate over a 1,000 deaths; US troops invade Panama; Solidarity wins in Poland/ Czech "velvet revolution" brings Havel to Presidency/ Ceausescu assassinated in Romania; Nelson Mandela released from prison in S. Africa.	9th General Election/ V.P. Singh becomes Prime Minister; Ayatholla Khomeini issues Fatwa / death sentence against Salomon Rushdi; Last troops leave Afghanistan
1991	Iraq invades Kuwait; Operation Desert Storm of US and allied forces to free	Rajiv Gandhi assassinated by LTTE 21 May 1991; Tenth General Election 20 May-15

Years	USA	INDIA
	Kuwait/ 1000 oil wells set on fire by Iraqee troops; Civil war in Yugoslavia/death camps in Serbia/ first NATO bombing of Bosnia; Leningrad changes name to St. Petersburg; de Clerk announces abolition of apartheid in S. Africa	June'91_: Congress wins; Narasimha Rao becomes Prime Minister/ economic Liberalization initiated; Konkan Railway launched; Cyclone kills 135,000 in Bangladesh
1992	WILLIAM J. CLINTON (US) PRESIDENT (1993- 2001) ; NAFTA trade pact signed by US-Canada-Mexico; Somalia gets international food supplies under UN protection	Riots in Ayodhya; private producers allowed on TV & Radio; Afghan rebels enter Kabul
1993	New space shuttle Endeavor repairs Hubble Telescope; World Trade center in N.Y bombed; in Waco ,Texas 51 day siege ends in firestorm; Arafat & Rabin shake hands in Washington; Crisis in Soviet Georgia.	Motor cars and consumer goods delicensed.
1994	Earth Quake hits Los Angeles; US troops seize Haiti/Aristide takes control; Russian troops storm Chechnya in Southern Russia; Nelson Mandela sworn in as President of S. Africa; genocide's in Rwanda	Air India and Indian Air Lines become Companies
1995	Bank scandal leaves Bearing NBank, one of the oldest banks in England closed down;	S.Chandrasekhar (1983 Nobel prize in Physics) passes away.
1996	Clinton elected for a 2nd term;	Prithvi test-fired-27 Jan. 1996; Eleventh General Election 27 April-21 May'96_; BJP's Atal Behari Vajpayee becomes Prime Minister; BJP loses confidence vote June 1996/ Deve Gowda takes over as Prime Minister of United Front coalition government
1997	Space craft Pathfinder lands on Mars; Princess Diana of Great Britain dies in a car accident in Paris;	Congress withdraws support to UF government- I.K.Gujral appointed Prime Minister ; India celebrates 50 years of Independence Mother Teresa dies, 5 Sept. 1997 Femina Miss India Diana Hayden wins Miss World 1997 ; Gujral government falls
1998	Scandals plague Clinton administration: White Water-Paula Jones Sexual Harassment-Campaign fund raising- China spy ; US embassies in Kenya and Tanzania bombed by Muslim terrorists; US retaliates by bombing Sudan and Afghanistan	BJP-alliance leader Atal Behari Vajpayee becomes the Prime Minister of India.; 3 nuclear tests conducted at Pokhran Range in Rajasthan; 24-year old PT Usha wins bronze medal in the 400m and 200m anchored the 4x100m relay team to gold and 4x400m for silver at the Asian Track and Field Championships in Fukuoka, Japan; Mrs. Sonia Gandhi becomes Congress Party President; Amartya Sen wins Nobel Prize in Economics.
1999	Pres. Clinton impeached for lying under oath in Monika Lewensky relationship; NATO troops bomb Belgrade & destroy several bridges & communication sites; international outcry to rescue Ethnic Albanians in Kosovo; thousands of Ethnic Albanians killed/flee to neighboring	India tests medium range missile " Agni"; Indian made Super Computer PARAM-10000 will be the major attraction at the Indo-Russian Computer center in Moscow; Indian Software exports soar to 4.28 billion dollars; Soniya Gandhi (Congress) & Jayalalita (A-DMK) withdraw from Coalition; BJP leader

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	<p>states of Masadonea and Montenegro/ ; JFK JR, son of Late US Pres. John F. Kennedy dies in a plane accident near Martha's Vineyard with his wife and sister-in-law; 2nd Woodstok gathering ends in large fires in New York; world population reaches 5.9 billion</p> <p>April, 1999- Shooting at Columbine High School, Littleton, Colorado .According to the U.S. Department of Education in 1996-97 academic year, 6,093 students were expelled for bringing a firearm to school, Even more alarming, for every firearm brought to school, it's likely that as many as nine others go undetected. Violence in US schools becomes one of the top issues of our time.</p> <p>August 9, 1999 -US Govt. estimates \$6 trillion budget surplus over the next 15 years.</p> <p>August 30, 1999 - In Topeka, Kansas, the state board of education decides that Statewide tests can no longer even mention Darwin's evolution. In 1925 Tennessee substitute teacher John Scopes was convicted of teaching evolution. The Tennessee Supreme Court later overturned the conviction on a technicality and Scopes was vindicated by the Supreme Court in 1968.</p> <p>November, 1999- 2001 - Caught in the middle. The case of the six-year-old refugee from Cuba, Elian Gonzalez is being used for both political and commercial purposes. He was miraculously rescued in mid seas, while his mother and others perished in the sea.</p> <p>Immigration & Naturalization Dept. safely sent him back to his father in Cuba.</p>	<p>Bajpai resigns from PM-ship/ new elections set for Sept; Indian troops attack "Pakistani intruders" in the Jammu & Kashmir- heavy casualties on both sides/ Pakistan forced to withdraw by US</p> <p>Sept 22, 1999 - Ernst & Young has presented the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award for Services in India to B Ramalinga Raju, chairman of Satyam Computer Services. The awards program, which started in the United States in 1986, has now expanded to 19 countries, with India being the only one in the south Asian region.</p> <p>NOV 9, 1999 IBM India has unveiled its PC manufacturing plant in Pondicherry. The company hopes to increase its share of PC market to around 10% to 12%.</p> <p>Nov 22, 1999- New Ford IKON rolled off the assembly line at Ford's new state-of-the-art plant in Maraimalai Nagar, India."With nearly a billion people, India is one of the key markets in this region." "The IKON was designed, engineered and built with the Indian consumer in mind * Stiffer suspension for India's tough roads* Back seat luxuries, including added roominess and an additional vent dedicated to the back* Best-in-class headroom for turbans* Large door openings providing easy access for women in saris & most environmentally-friendly".</p> <p>Dec. 30, 1999 - Indira Gandhi, India's first female Prime Minister, has been voted Woman of the Millennium by an international women's organization. (Women.com Networks, Inc. (NASDAQ: WOMN; www.women.com),</p>
2000	<p>Much of 1999 was spent in preparing the computer systems all over the world and especially USA, for Y2K (Year 2000 Compliance). Major TV stations devoted much of The New Year Eve for covering possible computer glitches in Pentagon, terrorist attacks or Aircraft crashes around the world, along with the Celebration of the Arrival of the New Millennium</p> <p>March 7 - George W. Bush and Al Gore emerge victorious in the Republican and Democratic caucuses and primaries of the United States presidential election</p>	<p>Jan 15, 2000 WHO's director general Gro Harlem Brundtland in Delhi launches the "final push against polio", 70% of the world's remaining polio cases are found in India.</p> <p>March 2000 - Clinton visits India with daughter Chelsea and mother-in-law Mrs. Rodham. This is the first trip by an American President to the region in 22 years.</p> <p>April 13, 2000 - a telemedicine project launched at Aragonda, Andhra Pradesh. . It makes Patients in remote areas in southern India able to get access to doctors and specialists in the cities without leaving their vil-</p>

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	<p>April, 2000 indicates that Thirty-one million people in the United States experience either food insecurity or actual hunger.</p> <p>The next decennial census results won't be official until late 2001, its principal finding is "The general shift of population from the Northeast and Midwest to the South and West has continued, and congressional seats are following,"</p> <p>Hillary Clinton announces to run for US senate seat vacated by Sen. Moynihan from New York. This is the first time ever in US history a First Lady runs for an elected office independently while her Husband is still in office.</p> <p>November 7 - United States presidential election, 2000: Republican candidate Texas Governor George W. Bush defeats Democratic Vice President Al Gore in the closest election in history, but the final outcome is not known for over a month because of disputed votes in Florida.</p> <p>December 13 - Bush v. Gore: The U.S. Supreme Court stops the Florida presidential recount, effectively giving the state, and the Presidency, to George W. Bush</p>	<p>lage. Using special software and hardware, doctors at the telemedicine center can scan, convert, and send data images via satellite to teleconsultant stations several hundred kilometers away at Apollo's specialty hospitals in Chennai and Hyderabad.</p> <p>May 20, 2000 - India's population has officially crossed the 1 billion mark. The birth of the billionth child--a girl called Aastha, who was symbolically selected--was born at Delhi's Safdarjung Hospital on May 10. India's population has risen by 650 million in the past 50 years and could rise to 1.5 billion in the next century.</p> <p>July 10, 2000 - Phone.com, Inc. (Nasdaq: PHCM) today announced that India's largest mobile operator, AirTel India, has licensed Phone.com's Wireless Application Protocol (WAP) platform to bring innovative wireless Internet-based services to India. AirTel India, part of a joint venture with British Telecom (BT), is the first wireless carrier in India to license Phone.com's UP.Link software, becoming the first to provide mobile Internet access to its customers. Partnership Marks First Carrier in India to License Phone.com Software.</p> <p>November: Chhattisgarh, carved out of Madhya Pradesh, becomes India's 26th state. Uttaranchal, carved out of Uttar Pradesh, becomes India's 27th state. Jharkhand, carved out of Bihar, becomes India's 28th state.</p> <p>Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao is arrested on alleged bribery charges</p>
2001	<p>January 15 - Wikipedia, a Wiki free content encyclopedia, goes online</p> <p>January 20 - George W. Bush is sworn in as the 43rd President of the United States.</p> <p>September -Summer Olympics start in in Sidney, Australia</p> <p>September 4 - Google is awarded a patent, number 6,285,999, for the PageRank search algorithm used in the Google search engine.</p> <p>September 11 - Almost 3,000 people are killed in the September 11, 2001 attacks at the World Trade Center in New York City, The Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia, and in rural Shanksville, Pennsylvania. The term '9/11' becomes synonymous with this attack.</p> <p>September 15 - President George W. Bush says that the United States of America is at war against terror.</p>	<p>Jan 1 -Calcutta is officially changed to Kolkata</p> <p>January 26 - A massive earthquake, measuring 7.9 on the Richter scale, strikes Gujarat. Estimates of the death toll rise rapidly to 30,000, with some much higher figures being quoted. The epicenter of the quake is some 300 km west of Ahmedabad near the town of Bhuj, which bears the brunt of the destruction. Tremors are felt as far away as Pakistan, Nepal, and Bangladesh.</p> <p>July 25 - Famed Bandit Queen turned Member of Parliament, Phoolan Devi is assassinated by masked gunman at the gate of her New Delhi residence at the age of 37.</p> <p>December 13 - The Parliament of India is attacked by terrorists, killing 14 people. This brings India and Pakistan to the brink of war.</p>

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	<p>October 7 - The United States invades Afghanistan, with participation from the United Kingdom.</p> <p>October 23 - Apple Computer releases the iPod.</p> <p>October 25 - Microsoft releases Windows XP.</p> <p>October 26 - The USA PATRIOT Act becomes law.</p> <p>November 12 - Attack on Afghanistan: Taliban forces abandon Kabul, the capital of Afghanistan, ahead of advancing Afghan Northern Alliance troops, which take the city on November 14.</p> <p>November 15 - Microsoft releases the Xbox.</p> <p>November 18 - Nintendo releases the Gamecube in North America.</p> <p>December 2 - Enron files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. At the time this is the largest bankruptcy in U.S. history.</p> <p>December 3 - Officials announce that one of the Taliban prisoners captured after the prison uprising at Mazari Sharif, Afghanistan is John Walker Lindh, an American citizen.</p>	
2002	<p>January 23 - <i>Wall Street Journal</i> reporter Daniel Pearl is kidnapped in Pakistan, accused of being a CIA agent by his captors.</p> <p>February 22 - It is confirmed that kidnapped <i>Wall Street Journal</i> reporter Daniel Pearl is murdered in Karachi, Pakistan.</p> <p>February 8-February 24 - The 2002 Winter Olympics are held in Salt Lake City, Utah.</p> <p>September 12 - Iraq disarmament crisis: U.S. President George W. Bush addresses the U.N., and challenges its members to confront the "grave and gathering danger" of Iraq, or stand aside as the United States and like-minded nations act.</p> <p>November 5 - U.S. elections: the Republican Party maintains control of the House of Representatives and regains control of the United States Senate.</p>	<p>January 16 - Archaeologists announce the discovery of ancient man-made structures off the Gujarati coast which could be as many as 9,500 years old - 5,500 years older than the ancient Harappan civilization whose remains are found around the same region.</p> <p>February 28 - Violence breaks out between Hindus and Muslims after the death the previous day of 58 Hindus whose train was deliberately set on fire by Muslim militants in Godhra,</p> <p>July 15 - A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, a prominent space and missile scientist is elected President of India</p>
2003	<p>February 1 - <i>STS-107</i>: Space Shuttle Columbia disintegrates over Texas upon reentry, killing all 7 astronauts onboard. Among them is, an astronaut of Indian origin, Kalpana Chawla.</p> <p>March 20 - 2003 invasion of Iraq: Land troops from United States, United Kingdom, Australia and Poland invade Iraq.</p> <p>April 9 - U.S. forces seize control of Bagh-</p>	<p>April 18 - Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, at his first rally in Srinagar, makes a historic announcement of a peace initiative with Pakistan.</p> <p>July 14 - India refuses to send troops to Iraq.</p> <p>September 9 - Israel's prime minister, Ariel Sharon, makes the first ever visit by an Israeli PM to India</p> <p>September 24 - US President George W. Bush</p>

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	<p>dad, ending the regime of Saddam Hussein.</p> <p>April 14 - The Human Genome Project is successfully completed, with 99% of the human genome sequenced to 99.99% accuracy.</p> <p>May 3 - The Old Man of the Mountain, a pre-historic rock formation in New Hampshire, crumbles after heavy rain</p> <p>July 14 - <i>Washington Post</i> columnist Robert Novak publishes the name of Valerie Plame, blowing her cover as a CIA operative. The CIA leak scandal begins.</p> <p>December 12 - Saddam Hussein, former President of Iraq, is captured in Tikrit by the U.S. 4th Infantry Division.</p>	<p>invites Vajpayee to lunch in New York during Vajpayee's US trip. It is considered an important meet for Indo-US relations.</p>
2004	<p>February 3 - The CIA admits that there was no imminent threat from weapons of mass destruction before the 2003 invasion of Iraq.</p> <p>June 28 - The U.S.-led coalition occupying Iraq transfers sovereignty to an Iraqi Interim Government.</p> <p>July 25 - Lance Armstrong of Austin, Texas wins an unprecedented 6th consecutive Tour de France cycling title.</p> <p>August 13–August 29 - The 2004 Summer Olympics are held in Athens, Greece.</p> <p>October 27 - The Boston Red Sox win the World Series for the first time since 1918, breaking the Curse of the Bambino.</p> <p>November 2 - U.S. presidential election, 2004: U.S. President George W. Bush defeats Senator John Kerry.</p>	<p>April-May : 14th Lok Sabha elections take place in 4 phases. Congress and its allies win a majority.</p> <p>May 20 – Dr.Manmohan Singh is sworn in as the 14th Prime Minister of India.</p> <p>December 26 - The strongest earthquake in 40 years originates from the Indian Ocean off the west coast of Sumatra island in Indonesia, measuring 9.0 on the Richter Scale and creating tsunami tidal waves that sweep across much of the coastlines of South Asia. More than 15,000 reported killed in India and 250,000 across the globe</p>
2005	<p>January 30 - The first free Parliamentary elections in Iraq since 1958 take place</p> <p>February 16 - The Kyoto Protocol goes into effect, without the support of the United States and Australia</p> <p>July 26 - Mumbai and the Mumbai Conurbation area is submerged in 5-7 ft. of water due to heavy rains, making nearby dams release water causing a massive flood, which virtually stops the financial capital of India for 4-5 days</p> <p>August 29 - At least 1,836 are killed, and severe damage is caused along the U.S. Gulf Coast, as Hurricane Katrina strikes coastal areas from Louisiana to Alabama, and travels up the entire state of Mississippi (flooding coast 31 feet/10 m), affecting most of eastern North America.</p>	<p>September - A high-level U.S. defence team for the first time gives a classified detailed briefing to Indian officials on the patriot PAC-III anti-missile system, its capabilities against weapons of mass destruction and on the sensitive technologies of the F-18/A hornet and F-16 fighter jets.</p>
2006	<p>February 10 - The 2006 Winter Olympics open in Turin, Italy. The</p>	<p>March 2 -5 - President of the United States, George W. Bush visits India. USA signs</p>

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	<p>closing ceremony occurred on February 26</p> <p>June 7 - Al-Qaeda in Iraq leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi and seven of his aides are killed in a U.S. air raid just north of the town of Baqouba, Iraq.</p> <p>June 25 - Warren Buffett donates over US\$30 billion to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.</p> <p>August 24 - The International Astronomical Union defines 'planet' at its 26th General Assembly, demoting Pluto to the status of 'dwarf planet' more than 70 years after its discovery</p> <p>October 17 - The United States population reaches 300 million based on a United States Census Bureau projection</p> <p>December 10 - Prof. Mohammed Yunus and Grameen Bank (of Bangladesh) are awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for their concept of microcredit loans.</p> <p>December 30 - Saddam Hussein, former Iraq president, is executed in Baghdad.</p>	<p>landmark nuclear deal with India pending approval from the US Congress and Indian Parliament.</p> <p>July 6 - The Nathula Pass between India and China, sealed during the Sino-Indian War, re-opens for trade after 44 years</p>
2007	<p>January 4 - Nancy Pelosi becomes the first female Speaker of the United States House of Representatives.</p> <p>April 16 - The Virginia Tech massacre takes place in the premises of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg, Virginia. 32 people are shot dead by Cho Seung Hui in the deadliest single shooting incident in the history of the United States.</p> <p>July 8 - Roger Federer wins the Men's Singles, at Wimbledon for a fifth time.</p>	<p>April 1: Viswanathan Anand is ranked as the World's No.1 chess player by FIDE</p> <p>May 27- Reliance Industries Chairman Mukesh Ambani earns a rare distinction. He is India's only trillionaire. He has more than Rs 1,00,000 crore of wealth through his shareholdings.</p> <p>June 20 - India has signed the Inter-Governmental Agreement on Trans-Asian Railways along with Bangladesh to strengthen rail linkages in the region, especially with South Asian countries and boost trade between Asia and Europe. The 80,900-km railway network covers 28 countries including 22,600 km in South Asia, Iran and Turkey. The southern corridor of the network, as decided in an expert group meeting held in Dhaka in 1999, commences from Kunming in China and Bangkok in Thailand and ends in Kapikule in Bulgaria.</p> <p>July 25 : Pratibha Patil is sworn-in as the first woman President of the country at 2:35 p.m. on Wednesday.</p>

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SCHOOL SONGS

INDIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM

The Indian National Anthem consists of the first stanza of the song 'Jana - Gana - Mana', written and composed by Rabindranath Tagore and adopted as the anthem on January 24, 1950.

जनगणमन अधिनायक जय हे	JANA-GANA-MANA-ADHINAYAKA, JAYA HE
भारत भाग्यविधाता	BHARAT-BHAGYA-VIDHATA
पंजाब सिंधु गुजरात मराठा	PUNJAB-SINDH-GUJARAT-MARATHA-
द्राविड उत्कल बंगा	DRAVIDA-UTKALA-BANGA
विंध्य हिमाचल यमुना गंगा	VINDHYA-HIMACHALA-YAMUNA-GANGA
उच्छल जलधि तरंगा	UCCHHALA-JALA-DHITA-RANGA
तव शुभ नामे जागे	TAVA SHUBHA NAME JAGE
तव शुभ आशिस मागे	TAVA SHUBHA ASHISHA MAGE
गाहे तव जय गाथा	GAHE TAVA JAYA GATHA.
जनगण-मंगलदायक जय हे	JANA-GANA-MANGALA DAYAKA, JAYA HE
भारत-भाग्यविधाता	BHARAT-BHAGYA-VIDHATA,
जय हे, जय हे, जय हे,	JAYA HE, JAYA HE, JAYA HE,
जय जय जय जय हे	JAYA JAYA JAYA, JAYA HE

Its meaning is as follows:

Thou art the ruler of the minds of all people, dispenser of India's destiny. The name rouses the hearts of Punjab, Sind, Gujarat and Maratha, of the Dravid and Orissa and Bengal; it echoes in the hills of the Vindhya and Himalayas, mingles in the music of the Jamuna and Ganga and is chanted by the waves of the Indian Sea. They pray for thy blessings and sing thy praise. The salvation of all people is in thy hand, thou thy Dispenser of India's destiny.

Victory, victory, victory to thee.

The playing time of the Indian National Anthem is 52 seconds.

AMERICAN NATIONAL ANTHEM

Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light
 What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
 Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight
 O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming.
 And the rockets red glare, the bombs bursting in air
 Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
 Oh, say, does that Star Spangled Banner yet wave
 O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave

GUJARATI SONGS

જય જય ગરવી ગુજરાત

જય જય ગરવી ગુજરાત!
 જય જય ગરવી ગુજરાત!
 દિપે અરુણું પરભાત, જય જય ગરવી ગુજરાત!
 ધ્વજ પ્રકાશશે ઝળળ કસુંબી, પ્રેમશોર્ય અંકિત;
 તું ભણવ ભણવ નિજસંતતિ સહુને પ્રેમભક્તિની રીત
 ઊંચી તુજ સુંદર જાત, જય જય ગરવી ગુજરાત. ૧
 ઉત્તરમાં અંબામાત, પુરવમાં કાળીમાત
 છે દક્ષિણ દિશમાં કરંત રક્ષા, કુંતેશ્વર મહાદેવ;
 ને સોમનાથ ને દ્વારકેશ એ, પશ્ચિમ કેરા દેવ
 છે સહાયમાં સાક્ષાત, જય જય ગરવી ગુજરાત. ૨

જનની ની જોડ

મીઠા મધુને મીઠા મેહુલા રે લોલ
 એથી મીઠી તે મોરી માત રે
 જનની ની જોડ જગે નહી જડે રે લોલ

પ્રભુના એ પ્રેમતણી પુતળી રે લોલ
 જગથી જુદેરી એની જાત રે
 જનની ની જોડ જગે નહી જડે રે લોલ

અમીની ભરેલી એની આંખડી રે લોલ,
 વ્હાલનાં ભરેલાં એનાં વેણ રે,
 જનની ની જોડ જગે નહી જડે રે લોલ

જગનો આધાર એની આંગળી રે લોલ
 કાળજામાં કંઈક ભર્યા કોડ રે
 જનની ની જોડ જગે નહી જડે રે લોલ

ગંગાના નીરતો વધે ઘટે રે લોલ
 સરખો એ પ્રેમનો પ્રવાહ રે
 જનની ની જોડ જગે નહી જડે રે લોલ

Jay Jay Garavi Gujarat

jay jay garavi gujarat !
 jay jay garavi gujarat!
 dipe arunu parabhat, jay jay garavi gujar-
 at!
 dhvaj prakashashe zalal kasumbi,
 premashorya ankit
 tu bhanava bhanav nij santati sahune
 premabhaktini rit
 unchi tuj sundar jat jay jay garavi gujarat.
 uttaraman ambamat, puravaman kalimat
 chhe dakshin dishaman karant raksha,
 kunteshvar mahadev;
 ne somanath ne dwarkeshe, pashchim kera
 dev
 chhe sahayaman sakshat jay jay garavi gu-
 jarat

Janani Ni Jod

mitha madhune mitha mehula re lol
 ethi mithi te mori mat re
 janani ni jod jage nahi jade re lol

prabhuna e premtani putali re lol
 jagthi juderi eni jat re
 janani ni jod jage nahi jade re lol

amini bhareli eni ankhadi re lol
 vahaln nan bharelan ena ven re
 janani ni jod jage nahi jade re lol

jagno aadhar eni aangali re lol
 kalajaman kank bharya kod re
 janani ni jod jage nahi jade re lol

gangana nir to vadhe ghate re lol
 sarakho e premno pravaah re
 janani ni jod jage nahi jade re lol

Marathi Song

जय जय महाराष्ट्र माझा
गर्ज महाराष्ट्र माझा

रेवा वरदा कृष्ण कोयना भद्रा गोदावरी
एकमताचे भरती पाणी मातीच्या घागरी
भीमधडीच्या तट्टानाया, तट्टानाया
भीमधडीच्या तट्टानाया
यमुनेचे पाणी पाजा
जय महाराष्ट्र माझा

जय जय महाराष्ट्र माझा

भीती न आम्हा तुझी मुळीही गडगडणा या नभा
अस्मानीच्या सुलतानीला जबाब देती जिभा
संघाद्रीचा सिंह गर्जतो, सिंह गर्जतो
संघाद्रीचा सिंह गर्जता
शिवशंभू राजा, दरीदरीतुन नाद गुंजला महाराष्ट्र माझा

जय जय महाराष्ट्र माझा

काळ्या छातीवरी कोरली अभिमानाची लेणी
पोलादी मनगटे खेळती, खेळती जीवघेणी
दारिद्र्याच्या उन्हात शिजला, निढळाच्या घामाने भिजला
देशगौरवासाठी झिजला, महाराष्ट्र माझा
दिल्लीचेही तत्त राखितो महाराष्ट्र माझा

जय जय महाराष्ट्र माझा

Hindi Song

हम होंगे कामयाब

Hum Honge Kamyab

हम होंगे कामयाब, हम होंगे कामयाब,
 hum honge kamyab, hum honge kamyab,
 [we shall succeed, we shall overcome]
 हम होंगे कामयाब एक दिन
 hum honge kamyab, ek din
 [we shall succeed some day]
 ओह मन में है विश्वास, पूरा है विश्वास
 Oh, man mein hai vishvas, pura hai
 vishvas
 [Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe]
 हम होंगे कामयाब एक दिन
 hum honge kamyab, ek din
 [we shall succeed some day]

हम चलेंगे साथ साथ, डाले हाथों में हाथ
 hum challenge sath sath, dale hathon mein
 hath
 [we'll walk hand in hand, we'll walk hand
 in hand]
 हम चलेंगे साथ साथ, एक दिन
 hum challenge sath sath, ek din
 [we'll walk hand in hand, some day]
 ओह मन में है विश्वास, पूरा है विश्वास
 Oh, man mein hai vishvas, pura hai
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 [Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe]
 हम चलेंगे साथ साथ, एक दिन
 hum challenge sath sath, ek din
 [we'll walk hand in hand, some day]

नहीं डर किसी का आज, नहीं है भय किसी का आज
 nahin dar kisika aaj, nahin-hai bhay
 kisika aaj
 [we are not afraid, we are not afraid]
 नहीं डर किसी का आज, एक दिन
 nahin dar kisika aaj, ek din
 [we are not afraid, today]
 ओह मन में है विश्वास, पूरा है विश्वास
 Oh, man mein hai vishvas, pura hai
 vishvas
 [Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe]
 नहीं डर किसी का आज, एक दिन
 nahin dar kisika aaj, ek din
 [we are not afraid, today]

होगी शांति चारों ओर, होगी शांति चारों ओर
 hogi shanti charon or, hogi shanti charon
 or,
 [we shall live in peace, we shall live in
 peace]
 होगी शांति चारों ओर, एक दिन
 hogi shanti charon or, ek din
 [we shall live in peace, some day]
 ओह मन में है विश्वास, पूरा है विश्वास
 Oh, man mein hai vishvas, pura hai
 vishvas
 [Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe]
 होगी शांति चारों ओर, एक दिन
 hogi shanti charon or, ek din
 [we shall live in peace, some day]

WHERE THE MIND IS WITHOUT FEAR*By***Rabindranath Tagore**

Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high;
 Where the knowledge is free;
 Where the world has not been broken up into fragments by narrow domestic walls;
 Where words come out from depth of truth;
 Where tireless striving stretches its arms towards perfection;
 Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way into the dreary deserts sand of dead habit;
 Where the mind is led forward by Thee into ever-widening thought and action
 Into that heaven of freedom, my Father, let my Country awake.

MARCH ALONE**Bengali**

Jodi Tor Dak Soone Keu Na Asse
 Tobe Ekla Chalo re
 Ekla Chalo Ekla Chalo Ekla Chalore

Jodi Keu Katha Na Kai Ore Ore O Abhaga
 Jodi Sabai Thake Mukh Firaek Sabai Kare
 Bhay
 Tabe Paran Khule
 O Tui Mukh Fute Tor Maner Katha Ekla
 Balo re

Jodi Sabai Fire Jai Ore Ore O Abhaga
 Jodi Gahan Pathe Jabar Kale Keu Feere Na
 Chay
 Tobe Pather Kanta
 O Tui Rakta Makha Charan Tale Ekla Dalo
 re

Jodi Alo Na Dhare Ore Ore O Abhaga
 Jodi Jharr Badale Andhar Rate Duar Deay
 Ghare
 Tobe Bajranale
 Apan Buker Panjar Jaliey Nieye Ekla Jalo
 re

Gujarati

Tari Jo Hak Suni Koi Na Ave To Eklo Jane Re
 Eklo Jane Eklo Eklo Re

Jo Sauna Moho Sivay Ore Ore O Abhagi
 Sauna Moho Sivay
 Jyare Saue Bese Moho Pheravi Saue Dari
 Jay
 Tyare Haiyum Kholi Are Tu Moho Muki Tara
 Manau Ganu

Eklo Jane Re.....

Jo Saue Pacha Jai Ore Ore Abhagi Saue
 Pacha Jaay
 Jyare Ranavagade Nisarva Tane Sau Khune
 Samtay
 Tyare Kanta Rane To Tare Lohi Nigaalte
 Charne Bhai
 Eklo Jane Re.....

Jyare Dive Na Dhare Koi Ore Ore O Abhagi
 Divo Na Dhare Doi
 Jyare Ghanghori Toophani Rate Barase Tane
 Joi
 Tyare Aabhagi Vije Tu Salagi Jane Saune
 Divo
 Eklo Thane Re.....

Tari Jo.....

"பாரத சமுதாயம் வாழ்கவே"

Tamil Song

Subramania Bharathi

1. பாரத சமுதாயம் வாழ்கவே - வாழ்க வாழ்க
Bharadha Samudayam Vaazhgave – Vaazhga Vaazhga
Long live the Indian society – Long live

பாரத சமுதாயம் வாழ்கவே - ஜெய ஜெய ஜெய
Bharadha Samudayam Vaazhgave – Jeya Jeya Jeya
Long live the Indian society – Victory victory, victory

பாரத சமுதாயம் வாழ்கவே - வாழ்க வாழ்க
Bharadha Samudayam Vaazhgave – Vaazhga Vaazhga
Long live the Indian society – Long live

பாரத சமுதாயம் வாழ்கவே.
Bharadha Samudayam Vaazhgave
Long live the Indian society

2. எல்லோரும் ஓர் குலம், எல்லோரும் ஓர் இனம்
Ellorum Ohr Kulam, Ellorum Ohr Inam
We're all of one lineage, we're all of the same kind

எல்லோரும் ஓர் குலம், எல்லோரும் ஓர் இனம்
Ellorum Ohr Kulam, Ellorum Ohr Inam
We're all of one lineage, we're all of the same kind

எல்லோரும் இந்திய மக்கள்...
Ellorum Indiya Makkal
We are all Indian people

எல்லோரும் ஓர் நிறை, எல்லோரும் ஓர் நிலை
Ellorum Ohr Nirai, Ellorum Ohr Nilai
We're all equally valued, have an equal status

எல்லோரும் இந்நாட்டு மன்னர்... நாம்
Ellorum Innattu Mannar, Naam
We are all kings of this country,

எல்லோரும் இந்நாட்டு மன்னர்... நாம்
Ellorum Innattu Mannar, Naam
We are all kings of this country,

எல்லோரும் இந்நாட்டு மன்னர்.
Ellorum Innattu Mannar
All are kings of this country

(Repeat 1 – Bharadha Samudayam.)

About Subramanya Bharathi

Subramanya Bharathi popularly known as 'Bharathiar' was born in Tamil Nadu. Without a formal higher education he had a natural gift of composing songs instantaneously. Maharaja of Ettayapuram made him the Asthana Vidwan(Royal poet) and conferred on him the title of "Vara kavi" He composed more than 1000 songs. He was a nationalist and reformist. During the Indian independent movement he composed many patriotic songs and energized the people with patriotism. He was a contemporary of Mahatma Gandhi but he died before India regained Independence.

Telugu Song	“EDESA MEGINA	“by Rayaprolu Subba Rao
Edesamegina Endu kalidina, Epeethamekkina Evvaredurina, Pogadara Nee Talli Bhoomi Bharathini Nilupara Neejati Nindu Gouravamu		
1.Ledura Ituvanti Bhoodevi Endu, Lerura Manavanti Veerulinkendu		II Edesa II
2.Epoorva Punyamo, Eyoga phalamo Janiyinchinaada nee Swargalokamuna		II Edesa II
3.Yemanchi poovulanu Preminchinaavo Ninu Mocheneethalli Kanaka Garbhamuna		II Edesa II
English Free Translation		
Which ever the country you go, What ever heights you reach, Remember to praise your Mother-land- “Bharath” And, Keep the dignity of your Clan No Greater Land is there than this Any where, And No Braver People Than us Any where		II Which Ever II
Know not what good I performed in my previous birth, and Know not what Yoga I might have performed before, I have been blessed to be born in this Heavenly land		II Which Ever II
Not sure what precious flowers I worshipped with, I have been blessed to be born to This Mother Land		II Which Ever II

KANNADA SONG**BHARATHA JANANIYA THANUJAATHE****LYRICS: KUVEMPU**

ಭಾರತ ಜನನಿಯ ತನುಜಾತೆ
ಕುವೆಂಪು ರಚಿಸಿದ ಗೀತೆ

ಭಾರತ ಜನನಿಯ ತನುಜಾತೆ | ಜಯಹೇ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಮಾತೇ |
ಜಯ ಸುಂದರ ನದಿ ವನಗಳ ನಾಡೇ | ಜಯಹೇ ರಸ ರುಷಿಗಳ ಬೀಡೇ |

ಜನನಿಯ ಜೋಗುಳ ವೇದದ ಘೋಷ | ಜನನಿಗೆ ಜೀವವು ನಿನ್ನಾವೇಶ
ಹಸುರಿನ ಗಿರಿಗಳ ಸಾಲೆ | ನಿನ್ನಯ ಕೊರಳಿನ ಮಾಲೆ
ಕಪಿಲ ಪತಂಜಲ ಗೌತಮ ಜಿನಮತ ಭಾರತ ಜನನಿಯ ತನುಜಾತೆ |
ಜಯಹೇ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಮಾತೇ

ತೈಲಪ ಹೊಯ್ಸಳರಾಳಿದ ನಾಡೇ | ಡಂಕಣ ಜ ಕಣರ ನೈಜಿನ ಬೀಡೇ
ಕೃಷ್ಣ ಶರಾವತಿ ತುಂಗಾ | ಕಾವೇರಿಯ ವರ ರಂಗಾ
ಚೈತನ್ಯ ಪರಮಹಂಸ ವಿವೇಕರ ಭಾರತ ಜನನಿಯ ತನುಜಾತೆ |
ಜಯಹೇ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಮಾತೇ

ಸರ್ವಜನಾಂಗದ ಶಾಂತಿಯ ತೋಟ | ರಸಿಕರ ಕಂಗಳ ಸೆಳೆಯುವ ಮೋಟೆ
ಹಿಂದೂ ಕ್ರೈಸ್ತ ಮುಸಲ್ಮಾನ | ಪಾರಸಿಕ ಜೈನರುಡ್ಯಾನ
ಜನಕನ ಹೋಲುವ ದೊರೆಗಳ ಧಾಮ | ಗಾಯಕ ವೈಷ್ಣವರಾರಾಮ
ಕನ್ನಡ ನುಡಿ ಕುಣಿದಾಡುವ ದೇಹಾ | ಕನ್ನಡಮಾತೆಯ ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಗೇಹಾ
ಭಾರತ ಜನನಿಯ ತನುಜಾತೆ | ಜಯಹೇ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಮಾತೇ

BHARATA JANANIYA TANUJATE JAYA HE KARNATAKA MATE
JAYA SUNDARA NADI VANAGALA NADE JAYA HE RASA RUSHIGALA BEDE

JANANIYE JOGULA VEDADA GHOSHA JANANIGE JEEVAVU NINNA VESHA
HASURINA GIRIGALA SALE NINNAYA KORALINA MAALE
KAPILA PATHANJALA GOUTHAMA JINANUTHA
BHARATHA JANANIYA THANUJAATHE JAYA HE KARNATAKA MATE

TAILAPA HOYSALARALIDA NADE DANKANA JAKANARA NECHCHINA BEDE
KRISHNA SHARAVATI TUNGA KAVERIYA VARA RANGA
CHAITANYA PARAMAHAMSA VIVEKARA
BHARATHA JANANIYA THANUJAATHE JAYA HE KARNATAKA MATE

SARVAJANANGADA SHANTHIYA THOTA RASIKARA KANGALA SELEYUVA NOTA
HINDU KRAISTA MUSALMANA PARSIKA JAINARUDYANA
JANAKANA HOLUVA DOREGALA DHAMA GAYAKA VAINIKARARAMA
KANNADA NUDI KUNIDADUVA DEHA KANNADA TAYIYA MAKKALA GEHA
BHARATA JANANIYA TANUJATE JAYA HE KARNATAKA MATE

जय हिंद बोलो

आजादी के हम है सिपाही, बोलो जय जय हिंद

AAJADI KE HUM HAIN SIPAHEE, BOLO JAYA JAYA HIND

जय भारत की गूंज उठादो, बोलो जय जय हिंद

JAYA BHARAT KI GOONJA OOTHADO, BOLO JAYA JAYA HIND

जय हिंद बोलो, जय हिंद बोलो, जय हिंद बोलो,

JAYA HIND BOLO, JAYA HIND BOLO, JAYA HIND BOLO,

जय हिंद बोलो, जय हिंद बोलो

JAYA HIND BOLO, JAYA HIND BOLO.

स्वतंत्रता के हम हैं पुजारी, करते हैं बलीदान

SWATANTRATA KE HUM HAIN PUJARI, KARATE HAIN BALIDAN

बच्चा बच्चा इसी देशका

BACHHA BACHHA ISEE DESH KA

बन जाये बलवान, बन जाये बलवान

BANA JAYE BALAVAN, BANA JAYE BALAVAN

यह भूमि है नर वीरोंकी, बोलो जय जय हिंद

YAH BHUMI HAIN NARA-VEERON KI, BOLO JAYA JAYA HIND

जय हिंद बोलो, जय हिंद बोलो, जय हिंद बोलो,

JAYA HIND BOLO, JAYA HIND BOLO, JAYA HIND BOLO,

जय हिंद बोलो, जय हिंद बोलो

JAYA HIND BOLO, JAYA HIND BOLO.

सब धर्मोंकी कदर यहां है, सबकी प्रीत बनाली

SABA DHARMON KI KADAR YAHAN HAIN, SABAKI PREET BANALI

सुजला सुफला धरती है यह

SUJALA SUPHALA DHARATEE HAIN YAH

वीरोंकी रखवाली, वीरोंकी रखवाली

VEERON KI RAKHAVALI, VEERON KI RAKHAVALI

कसम तुम्हें है इन शहिदोंकी, बोलो जय जय हिंद

KASAM TUMHE HAIN IN SHAHEEDON KI, BOLO JAYA JAYA HIND

जय हिंद बोलो, जय हिंद बोलो, जय हिंद बोलो

JAYA HIND BOLO, JAYA HIND BOLO, JAYA HIND BOLO,

जय हिंद बोलो, जय हिंद बोलो

JAYA HIND BOLO, JAYA HIND BOLO.

WE ARE THE FIGHTERS FOR FREEDOM,

LET'S SAY JAI HIND.

LET THE VOICE OF INDIA ARISE,

LET'S SAY JAI HIND.

JAI HIND, JAI HIND, JAI HIND,

JAI HIND, JAI HIND.

WE WORSHIP LIBERTY,

FOR HER WE SACRIFICE OUR LIVES.

LET OUR CHILDREN STAND STRONG,

and Protect Her.

LET'S MAKE HEROES IN THE LAND,

LET US SAY JAI HIND.

JAI HIND, JAI HIND, JAI HIND,

JAI HIND, JAI HIND.

ALL RELIGIONS COEXIST HERE,

EVERYONE HAS RESPECT.

THE LAND IS FERTILE,

NOURISHES VALOR AND STRENGTH.

ALL THE MARTYRS CALL UPON YOU TO SAY,

JAI HIND, JAI HIND, JAI HIND,

JAI HIND, JAI HIND.

Translation by: Bijoy Misra

सारे जहांसे अच्छा

सारे जहांसे अच्छा हिन्दोस्तान हमारा , हम बुलबुले है इसकी, ये गुलिस्तां हमारा
SAA-RE JAHAAAN SE ACH-CHAA HIN-DO-STAAAN HA-MA-RAA
HUM BULBULE HAIN ISAKEE, YE GU-LI-STAAAN HA-MA-RAA

पर्वत वो सबसे ऊंचा, हम साया आसमां का , वो सन्तरी हमारा, वो पासवां हमारा
PARVAT VO SA-BA-SE OON-CHA HUM SAAYAA AA-SA-MAAN-KA
VO SAN-TA-REE HA-MA-RAA, VO PAA-SA-VAAN HA-MAA-RA

सारे जहांसे अच्छा हिन्दोस्तान हमारा , हम बुलबुले है इसकी, ये गुलिस्तां हमारा -१-
SAA-RE JAHAAAN SE ACH-CHAA HIN-DO-STAAAN HA-MA-RAA
HUM BULBULE HAIN ISAKEE, YE GU-LI-STAAAN HA-MA-RAA

ऐ आबूरोद गंगा, वो दिन है याद तुझको , उतरा तेरे किनारे, जब कारवां हमारा
YE-E AA-BOO ROODA GANGAA, VO DIN HAI YAAD TU-JHA-KO
00-TA-RAA TE-RE KI-NAA-RE JABA KAA-RA-VAAN HA-MAA-RA

सारे जहांसे अच्छा हिन्दोस्तान हमारा , हम बुलबुले है इसकी, ये गुलिस्तां हमारा -२-
SAA-RE JAHAAAN SE ACH-CHAA HIN-DO-STAAAN HA-MA-RAA
HUM BULBULE HAIN ISAKEE, YE GU-LI-STAAAN HA-MA-RAA

गोदीमे खेलती है जिसकी हजारो नदियां , गुलशन है जिसके दमसे रश्के जहां हमारा
GODEE MEN KHE-LA-TEE HAIN, JISAKE HAZZA-RON NAA-DI-YAAN
GU-LA-SHAAN HAIN JI-SA-KE DA-MA-SE RA-SHA-KE JAHAAAN HA-MAA-RA

सारे जहांसे अच्छा हिन्दोस्तान हमारा , हम बुलबुले है इसकी, ये गुलिस्तां हमारा -३-
SAA-RE JAHAAAN SE ACH-CHAA HIN-DO-STAAAN HA-MA-RAA
HUM BULBULE HAIN ISAKEE, YE GU-LI-STAAAN HA-MA-RAA

कुछ बात है कि हस्ती मिटती नही हमारी , सदीयो रहा है दुश्मन, दौरे जहां हमारा
KU-CHH BAAT HAI KI HA-STEE MI-TA-TEE NAHEEN HA-MAA-REE
SASA DI YON RAHAA HAI DU-SHMAN, DAURE JAHAAAN HA MA A RA

सारे जहांसे अच्छा हिन्दोस्तान हमारा , हम बुलबुले है इसकी, ये गुलिस्तां हमारा -४-
SAA-RE JAHAAAN SE ACH-CHAA HIN-DO-STAAAN HA-MA-RAA
HUM BULBULE HAIN ISAKEE, YE GU-LI-STAAAN HA-MA-RAA

मजहब नही सिखाता, आपसमे बैर रखना , हिन्दी है हम वतन है, हिन्दोस्तान हमारा
MA-JA-HAAB NAHIN SI-KHAA-TA, AAPAS MEIN BAIR RA-KHA-NAA
HINDI HAI HUM VATAN HAI HIN-DU-STAAAN HA-MAARA

सारे जहांसे अच्छा हिन्दोस्तान हमारा , हम बुलबुले है इसकी, ये गुलिस्तां हमारा -५-
SAA-RE JAHAAAN SE ACH-CHAA HIN-DO-STAAAN HA-MA-RAA
HUM BULBULE HAIN ISAKEE, YE GU-LI-STAAAN HA-MA-RAA

भजन

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 SUBKO SANMATI DE BHAGAWAN
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 JAYA JAYA RAGHUPATI RAGHAV RAJA
 RAM
 PATIT-PAVAN SITA RAM

VAI-SHNA-VA JA-NA-TO

VAI-SHNA-VA JA-NA TO TE-NE RE KA-HI-YE JE PI-DA PA-RA-I JA-NE RE
 PA-RA-DUH-KHE U-PA-KA-RA KA-RE TO-YE MA-NA A-BHI-MA-NA NA A-NE RE
 SA-KA-LA LO-KA-MAN SA-HU-NE VAN-DE NIN-DA NA KA-RE KE-NI RE
 VZ-CHA KA-CHHA MA-NA NISH-CHA-LA RA-KHE DHA-NA DHA-NA JA-NA-NI TE-NI RE
 SA-MA DRUSH-TI-NE TRUSH-NA TYA-GI PA-RA-STRI JE-NE MA-TA RE
 JIH-VA THA-KI A-SAT-YA NA BO-LE PA-RA DHA-NA NA-VA JHA-LE HA-THA RE
 MO-HA MA-YA VYA-PE NA-HIN JE-NE DRU-DHA VAI-RAG-YA JE-NA MA-NA-MAN RE
 RA-MA NA-MA SHUN TA-LI LA-GI SA-KA-LA TI-RA-THA TE-NA TA-NA-MAN RE
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