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I hope that everyone enjoyed the picnic that we had at Centennial Park. We had over one hundred fifty participants and the weather was perfect. We would like to thank our caterer Rangoli for great food.

We had arranged for a bus trip to Vraj for September 12, 2015. I want to apologize for having to cancel the bus trip at the last minute due to no show by our bus vendor. We had requested two buses and only one bus showed up. Despite trying to make last minute arrangements, we were unable to complete the trip.

We are really excited to bring you our premier program "Grand Navratri Dandiya" this year starting with Saaz Aur Sangeet October 10 followed by Swaraanjali Group on October 17 and Vipul Acharya Group from India on October 24 at Meadowbrook Athletic Complex. Please see elsewhere in the Newsletter for more information.

We are very pleased to bring you an excellent music program "Sugam Sangeet" for this year's Diwali Dinner Program. For more details, please see elsewhere in the Newsletter. Please visit our website for updates and do provide your email address so we can keep you informed. You can also go to our website <http://www.gujaratisamajbaltimore.com> and subscribe to have your name added on our mailing list. For advertisements, please contact Raj (Bunty) Patel and for event sponsorship you may contact any one of the Board members or send us an email at contact@gsbaltimore.org.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you to all who have stepped forward to help us celebrate our past events. And, we cannot express enough our gratitude and appreciation to all our volunteers, committee members, their spouses and children, our sponsors and well-wishers. We humbly request you all to please continue to provide us your support and encouragement.

Shailesh (Sly) Patel

**Grand Navratri Program – October 10, 17 and 24, 2015
Meadowbrook Athletic Complex, Ellicott City, MD
Diwali Dinner & Music Program – November 7, 2015
New Town High School, Owings Mills, MD**

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Saturday, October 10, 2015 with Live Band - Saaz Aur Sangeet Group



Saturday, October 17, 2015 with Live Band - Swaraanjali Group



Saturday, October 24, 2015 with Live Band - Vipul Acharya Group from India



Place: Meadowbrook Athletic Complex, 5001 Meadowbrook Lane, Ellicott City, MD 21403
Time: 8:00 PM to 12:00 AM – Saturday October 10th, 17th & 24th, 2015



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Saturday, October 24, 2015, Time 8:00 PM to 12:00 AM, Live Band: Vipul Acharya Group from India

**Meadowbrook Athletic Complex, 5001 Meadowbrook Lane, Ellicott City, MD 21403
(35,000 square feet of unobstructed gymnasium space)**

Driving Directions:

From I-95:

Take MD route 100 West. Proceed and take exit 1A Long Gate Parkway. At the ramp, turn left on Long Gate. At the dead end, turn right on Meadowbrook Lane and after you pass the park, the Athletic Complex is on your left.

From MD Rt.29:

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Overflow Parking at Park and Ride Lot adjacent to the Complex.

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November 7, 2015 at New Town High School, MD
Tickets: \$50(VIP), \$40 & \$30**



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**Diwali Dinner & Music Program on Saturday
November 7, 2015 at New Town High School**



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Dinner: 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Tickets: \$50(VIP), \$40 & \$30

Children under Five years free in General Seating Only

New Town High School

4931 New Town Blvd, Owings Mills, MD 21117

Please buy tickets online at www.gsbaltimore.org

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The Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore would like to congratulate Rishabh Maharaja and his team on a successful launch of the Project Hermes payload onboard a sub-orbital sounding rocket. On the 12th of August 2015, at 6:04 a.m., **Project Hermes successfully launched into space** and reached an altitude of 155.6 km! The payload rode onboard NASA's Terrier-Improved Malemute sub-orbital sounding rocket from the Mid Atlantic Regional Space Port, which is operated by NASA's Wallops Flight Facility in Chincoteague, Virginia.

Rishabh Maharaja is currently the Deputy Flight Operations Team Lead for the EO-1 mission at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, an adjunct professor at Capitol Technology University (CTU), and the Principle Investigator & Concept Developer for Project Hermes. His team consists of the following personnel: James "Aaron" Bush (CTU), Jeff Williams (CTU), Anh Ho, (CTU), Carl Hansen (CTU), Carlos Del Cid (CTU), Ben Serano (CTU), Dylan Rankin (UMBC), Daniel Bottner (Starlight Studios), Professor Angela Walters (Department Chair Astronautical Engineering (CTU)).

Rishabh and his team became the first in the world to:

1. Establish Wi-Fi network in space for system bus use
2. Pair an Android smartphone in space to an Iridium-based Wi-Fi hotspot device
3. Use & program applications (such as Iridium and various Android automation apps) available in the Google Play store to function as our Flight Software (FSW).
4. Use TCP / IP devices (smartphone & smartwatch (used by Aaron Bush)) on the ground as our Telemetry & Command System.

Note: The versatility of their system is such that their Mission Operations Center (MOC) was nothing more than a tent and a few wireless devices. This means that the operators of such a system could theoretically be anywhere on the planet and receive data directly from a payload, as well as command it, using their system.

Here are some links to videos from our YouTube channel:

1. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zGcHYIxdTc4>

(Shows the rocket launch as seen from Rishabh's cell phone)

2. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R7cdO9cPnCY>

(Video recorded by Colorado University Boulder; you can see our wonderful planet Earth, as well as parts of the rocket falling back. You can also see the antenna used for the Project Hermes Payload)

3. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G548GDgeWj4>

(Video from the MOC (a tent on the launch pad and our victory cheer) In the victory cheer video, the team was calling out their mission sequence in the tent).

The goal of the team wasn't to downlink any specific kind of data, but they had pre-programmed a load to send down the letters of the English alphabet. They were expecting data at 3min and 30seconds into flight, and that's EXACTLY when they got the data. They just wanted to prove that we can use WiFi for a system bus on a space-bound payload.

Yes, the Project Hermes team established a network on the rocket; AND WERE SUCCESSFUL! To further their work, Rishabh would very much like to develop a system bus that is different from anything that flies today, and he knows exactly what to develop. Rishabh feels that they can completely change how the Flight Operations Team (FOT), can fly a spacecraft, and how the spacecraft itself interacts with various components onboard. For more information on Project Hermes, feel free to contact Rishabh Maharaja via email at rymaharaja@captechu.edu. Rishabh would like to dedicate this achievement to his parents, who moved from India, just to give their kids a brighter future.



Picture (top left): Rishabh Maharaja

Picture (top right): Rocket Launch

Picture (bottom):

[Back Row Left to Right]: Ben Serano, Aaron Bush, Jeff Williams, Angela Walters, Daniel Bottner.

[Front Row Left to Right]: Carl Hansen, Anh Ho, Carlos Del Cid, Rishabh Maharaja



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વહાલી મમ્મી...



હવે હું સ્વર્ગમાં છું. જો કે હું તારી દીકરી સ્વરૂપે જન્મવા માંગતી હતી, પણ હજુય હું સમજી શકી હતી કે શું બન્યું હતું. જ્યારે મારું અસ્તિત્વ પીછાણવા લાગી હતી ત્યારે હું બહુ ખુશ હતી. હું અંધારામાં હોવા છતાં આરામદાયક જગ્યાએ હતી. મેં જોયું હતું કે મને નાની નાની આંગળીઓ અને પગનો પંજો પણ હતો. મારો પુર્ણ વિકાસ થવાને ઘણીવાર હોવા છતાં હું મારા આસપાસને ત્યજવા માંગતી નહતિ. હું મારો મોટા ભાગનો સમય સૂવામાં કે વિચારવામાં વિતાવતી હતી. જો કે મારા આરંભના દિવસો હોવા છતાં હું આપણી વચ્ચે એક વિશેષ બંધન અનુભવતી હતી.

ક્યારેક તારુ રૂઢન સાંભળતી અને હું પણ રડી પડતી. ક્યારેક તુ રડવાને બદલે બૂમાબૂમ કરતી. મેં પપ્પાને પ્રત્યુત્તરમાં ઘાંટાઘાંટ કરતાં સાંભળ્યા ત્યારે હું દુઃખી થતી અને આશા રાખતી કે ટૂંક સમયમાં બધું સારુ થઈ જશે. હું આશ્ચર્ય પામતી કે તું આટલું કેમ રડે છે. તે આખો દિવસ તુ રડતી રહી હતી, પણ હું તારું રડવાનું કારણ સમજી ન શકી. તે દિવસે અત્યંત ભયજનક બનાવ બન્યો. જે હુંયાળી અને આરામદાયક જગ્યાએ હું હતી ત્યારે બદઈરાદા સાથે એક રાક્ષસ આવ્યો. હું ગભરાઈને ચીસાચીસ કરવા માંડી તે ક્યારેય મને મદદ કરવાની કોશિશ કરી નહિ. કદાચ તે મારી ચીસો નહિ સાંભળી હોય. એ મારી નજીકને નજીક આવતો ગયો અને હું મમ્મી...મમ્મી... મને બચાવો..બચાવો...બૂમો પાડતી રહી. હું ભયથી ફફડી રહી હતી. હું ત્યાં સુધી ચીસો પાડતી રહી જ્યાં સુધી હું પાડી શકી. દેત્યે મારા અંગોને મારા શરીરથી છુટા પાડવા માંડ્યો. મને બહુ માઠું લાગ્યું અને અનહદ પીડા પણ અનુભવી. પણ હું એને રોકી ન શકી. ઓહ..! હું તને આમ કરવા કેવી રીતે યાચના કરું..! એણે મારો પગ છુટો પાડ્યો ત્યારે હું ભયાવહ રીતે ચીસ પાડી ઉઠી.

હું ભયાવહ પીડા ભોગવતી મરી ગઈ. હું જાણતી હતી કે હવે તારો ચેહરો ક્યારે પણ જોઈ નહિ શકું કે તુ મને કેટલો પ્રેમ કરે છે તે સાંભળી પણ નહિ શકું. હું તારા આંસુઓને વિદાય આપી તને સુખી કરવા કરવાના મનસુબા સેવી રહી હતી. પણ હવે હું કંઈ નહિ કરી શકું. મારા સ્વપ્નાઓ ભાંગીને ભુક્કો થઈ ગયા. હવે હું ઊંડા દુઃખ અને શોકની લાગણી અનુભવી રહી છું કારણ મારું દિલ ભાંગી ગયું છે. હું તારી દીકરી તરીકે જન્મવાથી વિશેષ કંઈ જ ચાહતી નહતિ. પણ હવે એનો કોઈ અર્થ નથી, કારણ હું પીડાદાયક મોતને પામી ચુકી છું. હું માત્ર કલ્પના જ કરી શકું છું કે એમણે તારી સાથે શું કર્યું હશે. મૃત્યુ પામતા પહેલા તને કહેવા માંગતી હતી કે, હું તને ચાહું છું પણ હું એ શબ્દો જાણતી નહતિ જે શબ્દો તુ સમજતી હતી. અને હવે મારી પાસે એ કહેવા માટે શ્વાસ જ નથી. હું મરી ચુકી છું. હું ઉપર ઉઠી રહી છું. દેવદૂત મને ઉચકીને વિશાળ અને સુંદર જગ્યાએ લઈ જઈ રહ્યો છે. હું હજુય રડી રહી છું પણ હવે શારીરિક પીડા થતી નથી. દેવદૂત મને અદ્ભૂત જગ્યાએ લઈ આવ્યા છે. હવે હું ખુશ છું. મેં તમને પુછ્યું એ શું હતું જેણે મને મારી નાંખી. તેમણે જવાબ આપ્યો ભૂણહત્યા.

હું જાણતી નથી કે ભૂણહત્યા એટલે શું.? પણ અનુમાન લગાવી શકું કે કોઈ દેત્યનું નામ હશે. હું કાગળ એટલે લખી રહી છું કે તને જણાવવા માંગતી હતી કે તારી દીકરી તરીકે જન્મવા મારી કેટલી ઈચ્છા હતી. મેં જીવવા ઘણો પ્રયત્ન કર્યો કારણ હું જીવવા માંગતી હતી પણ હું તેમ ન કરી શકી. તેણે મારી હાથ અને પગ ખેંચી કાઢ્યા અને અંતે મને આખેઆખી... જેથી જીવવું અશક્ય બન્યું. હું માત્ર એ જ જણાવવા માંગું છું કે હું મેં તારી સાથે રહેવાના બધા જ પ્રયત્ન કર્યા પણ હું તેમ ન કરી શકી. હું મરવા નહતિ માંગતી. મમ્મી...હવે તું ભૂણહત્યા નામના દેત્યથી સાવધાન રહેજે. મમ્મી હું તને ચાહું છું અને એ પીડાને તારા વતિ ધીક્કારીશ પણ જે પીડા મેં ભોગવી છે. તુ સાવધાન રહેજે.

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Diwali Dinner & Music Program @ New Town High School	Saturday, November 7, 2015
General Body Meeting.....	TBA