



Leicester Maher Community Association

To create unity, promote Education, Culture and Activity
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Charity No: 1039128

"The festivals are like a map charting our spiritual progress in God" – Author Unknown

Jai Shree Krishna  Jai Durga Mataji

26th September 2012

Ref. Cultural Celebrations

Dearest Gnati Brothers and Sisters

We hope this letter finds you in good health and spirits. The LMCA have been very busy preparing for the forthcoming celebrations. Please find details of the festivities:

Event	Date	Type
Navratri	Tuesday 16 th October – Wednesday 24 th October	Mahers only with shareholder passes or tickets
Dassera Celebration / Havan	Saturday 27 th October: 12pm onwards	Mahers only (Free)
Sharad Purnima	Saturday 27 th October: 7pm onwards	Open to all (Ticketed)
Diwali Gathering / Sneh Milan	Saturday 17 th November : 5pm onwards	Mahers only (Free)
Children's Christmas Party	Saturday 15 th December: 3pm onwards	Mahers only (Free)

On this note, without your support and encouragement, praise and criticism, it becomes difficult for volunteers to organise future events and/or have the motivation. We would like to sincerely request our community members to show your support by attending the detailed events. Further information will be available on our community website www.maheronline.org and on our centre website www.mahercentre.com

This year's music will be presented by renowned singers and musicians of Gujarat and is being led by Jeet Keshwala from Porbandar. Please note we are privileged to be able to invite the music group as they are very much in demand.

Navratri 2012 → Tuesday 16th October – Wednesday 24th October 2012

Timescales: 7pm to 11.30pm prompt – **Garba for ladies will begin at 7pm**

Agenda: Garba, Dandia-Raas, 3-Tadi, Heech, Ranjanyu, Sanedo

(During less busy periods of Navratri, should any Brothers, Sisters, Friends and Family wish to play mix Raas, with consideration to our traditions and respect to our Elders: they are most welcome to. Announcements shall be made and we request for everyone to be prompt as the music team will be limited by time.)

**** Please make sure to organise your share holder passes or tickets before Navratri****

Fancy Dress → Friday 19th October @ 8pm promptly (Entry numbers to be collected on Thursday)

Competition is open to boys and girls 14 years of age and under. Further information and entry numbers can be obtained from Tamuben Sida and Deviben Khunti. We strongly request participants to be in proper costumes. Judges will be looking for unique concepts and effort.



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Arti Design → Friday 19th October @ 8pm promptly (Entry numbers to be collected on Thursday)

Arti plate decoration competition is open to children and adults. We would like to request our Elders to especially encourage children and take part in decorating an Arti plate. Further information and entry numbers can be obtained from Bhanuben Sida and Pushpaben Odedra.

Dress Code → Saturday 20th October

We encourage everyone to wear Maher Traditional Clothes on this day during which our Gnati Baheno's can perform a customary Raasado and the Gents will have an opportunity to play Dandia-Raas to the dhol. (Optional)

Dance/Dress Competition → Saturday 20th October

Following last year's success, there will be an opportunity for everyone to take part in a healthy competition. Please note, winners will be selected providing the participants are in costume as stated above **'Maher Traditional Clothes'**.

Raffle → Wednesday 24th October

Raffle draw with 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes will be held at 10pm.

Dassera Havan → Saturday 27th October at 12pm

Our Gnati brothers and sisters are invited to attend Havan and Bhajan Celebrations during the day at 12pm. Should anyone wish to take part in the Havan, please register your name with Pratapbhai Lakhbhai Odedra or Geetaben Maheshbhai Karavadra who will be able to provide further information.

Sharad Purnima → Saturday 27th October 2012

Timescale: 7pm till late (*open to all communities*)
Agenda: Arti, Garba, Dandia-Raas, 3-Tadi, Heech, Ranjanyu, Sanedo (Mix)
Dress Code: Red/White Traditional (Optional)
Tickets: £4.00 per person

We recommend for tickets to be purchased in advance due to popularity of the music group and to avoid disappointment on the day. Tickets can be purchased from the following places:

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| 1) Harrison Pan, 107 Harrison Road, Leicester | Tel: 0774 1764264 |
| 2) Vach-Raj Pan, 15 Uppingham Road, Leicester | Tel: 0116 2760070 |
| 3) Radia's Superstore, 121-129 Melton Road, Leicester | Tel: 0116 2669409 |
| 4) The Maher Centre, 15 Ravensbridge Drive, Leicester | Tel: 0116 2425360 |
| 5) Dreamland Pan Centre, 242 Green Lane Road, Leicester | Tel: 0116 2107492 |

Diwali Gathering/Bestu-Varsh Sneh Milan

Information on the annual gathering for our community will be posted following Navratri.



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Important Information

→ Share Holder Passes / Tickets: First of all, we give you our heartfelt thanks for being supportive of our decision to introduce a system of Shareholder Passes and Tickets (for non shareholders). We ask that this support continues to ensure a smooth and enjoyable Navratri festival. To those of you who have not already applied for Shareholder Passes or 9- day family/single Tickets please do so as a matter of urgency. The cut off date for applications to be submitted in order for you to have guaranteed passes or tickets in time for Navratri is Monday 8th October 2012. You can still apply after this date, but there is no guarantee that your Shareholder Passes or Tickets will be ready in time. Furthermore, you will not be able to make these applications on the day at the door. We are sure that you would rather be celebrating Navratri than be involved in lengthy queues to gain entry! For this reason, only single night tickets (£5.00 per person) will be available for purchase at the door.

→ Donations/Shares: We would like to sincerely thank our Gnati members for generous donations last year, through which we are able to achieve such projects. There is a request to everyone who has not yet purchased the available shares to do so. Upon the purchase of the £300 membership share, discounted venue bookings will be offered as well as community events such as Navratri being free. Membership will also become restrictive in the near future. Further information and applications are available at our centre.

→ Security and Parking: For your own safety, please be advised to follow instructions carefully in the car park. Children should be supervised at all times and warned not to leave the premises while attending the events. **The security staff will not hesitate to remove anyone from the premises under the influence of alcohol or any intoxicating substances. Please be aware, these events are cultural and we should avoid generating any negative impression in front of children.**

→ Sponsorship: There are many local businesses that are supporting this year's Navratri and we will very much appreciate if you can take an interest in finding out more information about their products and services. Please find enclosed some literature and also look out for informative banners, with contact details of the sponsors in our centre. Should you wish to sponsor the event and/or include information about your business/trade then contact Vivekbhai Khistariya (Centre Manager).

→ Change of Name/Address: Please update the centre with any changes to personal information or address as soon as possible.

Please note that our community website <http://www.maheronline.org> as well as centre website <http://www.mahercentre.com> will be updated with information on the celebrations and should you require further information or have any queries, do not hesitate to contact our centre or approach any of the volunteers.

On behalf of The Leicester Maher Community Association, our sincere thanks and we look forward to seeing you very soon!

Dilipbhai Rambhai Karavadra

Geetaben Maheshbhai Karavadra