

## Navnat Vanik Association

## **Paryushan 2011 Celebrations Testimonial**

"Thank you for all the updates - I think Thank you would be a very small word or even insult to the magnificent - excellent job you all are doing. Congratulations to the hard dedicated work - which is even greater than "TAP" - it is selfless service a kind of TAPSAYA knowing people only fault people who do work.

The amazing service of notifying death - like a lightning.

The excellent service of feeding all not only during the "Paryushan" but all year round - which I do not think any other body does it.

The car parking facilities and attendants - come rain - come shine.

The Mela, Diwali, Christmas. The dedication list is endless.

We would sincerely like to thank the NVA and all who devotes them selves- Tan - Man and Dhan thee and ask for forgiveness - Michammi Dukkadam for knowingly or unknowingly hurting anybody".

"I thank you for doing this (Web reports, Ed.)-even though I am not Jain nor particularly very religious (in the traditional sense) I find this daily update very useful and enjoyable".

"Dear Paryushan team, Good work, keep it up."

"Thank you so much for such good feedback and notes from lectures by Acharyaji. I have enjoyed reading such inspirational teachings by Guru although I was unable to attend the lectures.

Thank you and keep up the good communication via the website and emails".

"My compliments to you and your team.

I appreciate the e-mails you send to members giving summary of each day's Pravachans. I have missed the Pravachans; this way I get a little of what was given in those lectures".

"I must say you are doing a tremendous job and can continue doing it. I pray for that, as the work you are doing is some form of meditation and self enlightenment".

"Congratulations to you and to all exec. Committee members to organise such a successful Paryushan celebration. We enjoyed every minute of it. Once again congratulations."

"Michhami Dukkadam to all. We all really enjoyed the Paryushan celebration. All the events were well organised, good time keeping. Hats off to you all and all the volunteers, please keep it up. For me the music was a bit loud, I guess the ears cannot tolerate it after the Pratikraman. We were lucky to have Acharyaji Dr. Lokesh muni's lectures. We all have to put his wise words into practice. Once again hearty congratulations. The paryushan reports were really good".

"Once again the Paryushan Committee has proved to be worth their weight in gold. It was also very pleasing to see not just the subcommittee members of the EC doing all the hard work and running around, but other community members also taking a very active part to keep the event enjoyable.

As the community members are enjoying these celebrations, more and more people are beginning to attend these occasions. To that end, as Bhupendrabhai said, people are asking when will the building be extended to accommodate the larger crowd?

What can I say about the musicians/singers? I think last year's committee took one of the best decisions – that is to source musicians/singers from local talent.

Acharya Shree Dr Lokesh Muni's lectures were excellent. He used simple language to deliver very powerful messages very effectively.

The web-committee has once again proved very effective with their web-blasts. They have kept the members up to date with all the programmes. We have one of the best example of photo-journalism on our website. And this year we have the added benefit of the video clips. Those who could not attend the lectures were informed of the content by the summary of each lecture online – you just cannot ask for anything more.

Finally, of course, Paryushan Parva cannot be the same without the dedication and hard work of the Kitchen Committee. I have not come across anyone who has a single word of criticism as far as the lunches and dinners are concerned. Everybody has been full of appreciation.

Well done and thank you to all those who gave their time for the benefit of all".

"This short E-mail is to extend our Micchami Dukkadam to you and appreciate your wonderful messages on all auspicious occasions. Your services have been most invaluable and makes us feel great about our young and talented volunteers. Hope we have more and more young exemplary volunteers to rejuvenate and further our community's goals and achievements".

"This year during Paryushan Parva we were Blessed and enlightend by Acharya Dr. Lokesh Muni Ji from New Delhi with his religious discourses. Very learned person to have met and I am so grateful to almighty Lord to get the chance to sit next to Muni Ji after the evening lectures for 8 days though briefly and have exchanged various thoughts. I would like to thank all of you to have organised various programmes very efficiently and without any hitch. The Committee is doing excellent and look forward to more interesting programmes for the future. Thanks once again for the hard work surely behind the door. Keep it up".

"My congrats goes to you for this wonderful web which otherwise I wouldn't have seen the photo gallery nor the Acharyaji's lectures translated into English. Please convey our best wishes to Bhupendrabhai and our congrats for this wonderful Paryushan Celebrations".

"Well Done!!! It was wonderfully organised and well executed. It must have been very hard work and lots of thoughts to put it together. Many thanks and congratulations to all committee members and all the volunteers".

"We all enjoyed SUPER EXCELLENT PARYUSHANS for which we are very thankful to you all Navnat organisers. Indeed! was real good team and hard work, excellent delicious hot fresh food served eagerly with such love. We really appreciate it and Hats Off to everyone involved. Please do not misunderstand, I am a great fan of Shakuben, Ushaben, Bhartiben, Sarojben, Rupalben & team and the entire Navnat committee members for their selfless service and dedication to the community.

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My MAIN POINT HERE is also to thus ENCOURAGE YOUNGSTER & SHOW PROVE TO THEM TO VISIT SUCH EVENTS OFTEN AS THEY ARE OUR NAVNAT FUTURE. Otherwise they get put off which is not good news for future and we can easily change this now as we have a beautiful venue and attitude to improve/excel every year.

The rest was fine and very well organised with great enthusiasm and effort put in".

"We highly appreciate your (NVA EC) hard work done by you all, particularly all volunteers & Bens in the kitchen".

"What a wonderful week for Paryushan celebrations! It was almost like a retreat holidays. I was fortunate to attend few of the Lectures by Acharya Dr. Lokesh Muni. He made us aware and answered all our questions within ourselves in a most simple way. We were updated daily by emails in case we missed any lectures. I also truly enjoyed the Stavans sang by Arpanbhai and his group each evening for Bhavna. A very big credit goes to Kitchen committee who made it possible for our elders to stay there who have transport difficulties. The lunch, teatime and dinner arrangement with smiling ladies serving was in itself a big tapasya. This not only enabled the elders to enjoy the paryushan days but also was able to do ekasna and pratikraman regularly. We have come a long way regarding the building etc. but even longer way when it comes to modern day practicality. The timing for each day's programmes was really very impressive. All ages were enjoying themselves with their own company. Younger ones also had their own classes in English. Of course the British summer weather and holidays did also help. Again big congratulation abhinandan to all of you".