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### **‘Shri Ratilal Chandaria Memorial Award Event’**

In the loving memories of Shri Ratilal Chandaria, Gujarati Lexicon and Chandaria family has organized ‘Shri Ratilal Chandaria Memorial Award’ event on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2015, Tuesday at Gujarat Vishwa Kosh Trust, Usmanpura, Ahmedabad.

On Dussehra, October 13th 2013, Shri Ratilal Premchand Chandaria commenced his final journey exactly 91 years after he entered into the world. Shri Ratilal, known affectionately as Ratikaka or RPC, has been an inspirational figure. He was a renowned visionary leader, industrialist and philanthropist. In his later years, driven by his passion for his mother tongue, Gujarati, he founded and was the force behind GujaratiLexicon, Digital Bhagwadgomandal and several other digital Gujarati Language initiatives.

Ratikaka dedicated the last 25 years of his life in realizing his vision of using technology to continue the living tradition of the Gujarati language. His relentless passion and missionary zeal for language inspired many across the globe at various organizations. The launch of GujaratiLexicon on January 13, 2006 resulted in a mega language portal which has grown into the largest online portal for the Gujarati language with over 25 million visitors. This resource has revived an interest in the language and led to many further initiatives includes English – Gujarati Dictionary, Gujarati – English Dictionary, Gujarati – Gujarati Dictionary, Hindi – Gujarati Dictionary, Marathi – Gujarati Dictionary, Opposites, Idioms, Proverbs, Phrases, Thesaurus, Digital Sarth Kosh, Saras Spellchecker, Lok-Kosh ([lokkosh.gujaratilexicon.com](http://lokkosh.gujaratilexicon.com)), Global Lexicon ([global.gujaratilexicon.com](http://global.gujaratilexicon.com)), Swahili Lexicon ([www.swahililexicon.com](http://www.swahililexicon.com)), Crossword, Quiz, GL Gems, Kids Games and GL Mobile Apps and a digitized online version of Gujarati’s Encyclopedia, Bhagwadgomandal ([www.bhagwadgomandal.com](http://www.bhagwadgomandal.com)). This encyclopedia is archived in the US Congress Library and British Library Catalogue as a landmark Gujarati work. This has involved working with key partners including CDAC, GV, GSP and other organizations.

Shri Ratilal Chandaria led his life by example, first as a joint family man who used his understanding of people to build a global, successful and sustainable business and his sensitivity to his roots to share his life work with others.

As a special tribute to Ratikaka, Gujarati Lexicon announced two contests in October 2014.

- Essay Competition (First Prize – 25000 INR, Second Prize – 15000 INR)
- Short Story Competition (First Prize – 25000 INR, Second Prize – 15000 INR)

Gujarati Lexicon has expressed its gratefulness towards all participants who participated in the contest. We have received total 138 entries for the competition. Bifurcation of the same is 59 essay and 79 short stories.

Please find below contest result.

#### **Essay Competition:**

- **First Winner :** Yashwantbhai Thakkar (Chalo Bhasha Nu Gaurav Vadhariye)
- **Second Winner :** Darshababen Kikani (Aapani Bhasha Aapani Sanskruti)

#### **Short Story Competition:**

- **First Winner :** Dashrathbhai Parmar (Khara Bapore No Chor)
- **Second Winner :** Neetababen Joshi (Dachuro)

Chairman of the event Shri Chandrakant Sheth expressed his views on ‘What is the importance of mother tongue in our life’, while Special Guest Shri Kulinchandra Yagnik speak occasionally and Chief Guest of the event Shri Kumarpal Desai shared his views on contribution of Ratikaka in Gujarati language.

Gujarati Lexicon team launched following website and mobile applications to pay special tribute to their beloved, Ratikaka :

- **Let’s Learn Gujarati Website ([www.letslearngujarati.com](http://www.letslearngujarati.com))** – Let’s Learn Gujarati provides unique platform to users to learn Gujarati in an easy and interactive way. It will provide step by step guide to users along with activity lessons, audio – visual learning and much more things which users would love to learn. This website provides easy method of learning Gujarati.
- **GL Community ([www.gujaratilexicon.com/glcommunity](http://www.gujaratilexicon.com/glcommunity))** – GujaratiLexicon Community provides a platform to the people around the globe to publish their own content in the form of Kavita, Gazal, Jokes, Shayari, Article etc... *Start Sharing Your Content and Be The Writer!*

- **GL Goshthi** (<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.arnion.glgoshthi>) - GL Goshthi showcases interesting interactions of famous Gujarati Celebrities every fortnight. GL Goshthi brings out the love of mother tongue of Gujarati Celebrities to their fans and Gujaratilexicon users via mobile application
- **General Knowledge Quiz** (<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.arnion.gk>) - GK Quiz app is a very interactive Gujarati game app, It helps users to increase their general knowledge
- **Jain Dictionary** (<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.arnion.jaindict>) - A unique dictionary mobile app of Jain religious. This compilation of dictionary of Jain Terminology is prepared to help an average reader, not well versed in the Indian dialects, understand the Jain literature better.

A language lover can explore more details of Gujarati Lexicon from its website and mobile applications. User can mail us on [info@gujaratilexicon.com](mailto:info@gujaratilexicon.com) for more details. Alternatively, you can Reach Us at :

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