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**Thane Centre, Thane Sabha Prarthana Quarterly Report for
Nov'09-Jan'10**

Teachers: Chandrima Kalbag

Venue: Chandrima Kalbag's residence

Day and Time: Tuesdays, 6.30pm

Children registered: 4

- **Sessions covered** – Deepavali, Daily prayers, we have recently started with the Sessions on our Origin (Numbers 18-19) and the Glorious Guru Parampara.

Our Prarthana center started on January 15, 2009, Makar Sankranti day, so we completed one year. Some new students have joined us, so we shall be revising some main points already covered.

Through the regular sessions we learnt why and how we celebrate Deepavali. It is to overcome the darkness of ignorance within us. This simple lesson is quite often forgotten during the festivities otherwise.

We also learnt to pay respect to the Goddess of learning Devi Saraswati, to mark an auspicious and favorable beginning to our process of learning. This was in the ongoing series of daily prayers (Section B).

Through Vimarsha we have covered various topics which help not only children, but grown-ups too, to adjust to the complex times we live in and to adjust to the seeming polarities of our society. Topics on our attitude towards food, respect and humility, seva studies and education, focus were covered. Apart from the learning

process, it gave me, as an adult, the chance to understand how children think today, their views and ability to express the same.

- **Activities** - We were happy to participate in varied activities to improve and enhance our learning. As mentioned, through Vimarsh, we imbibed values and concepts. Deepavali Lakshmi Pujan with the children added a new dimension. Crafts like making Torans, rangoli and painted diyas made Deepavali more colourful and closer to our hearts. We try to re-use and re-cycle as much as possible, so that children learn to value things, do not waste or harm the environment.

Jai Gurudev!