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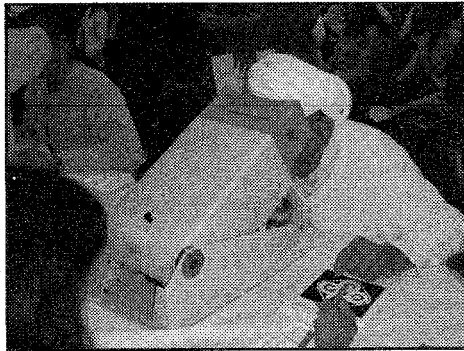
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## **KPSNA held its first Senior Citizen's convention**



KPSNA held its first Senior Citizen's convention this year at Surfside Inn & Suites in Virginia Beach, Virginia from January 16-19, 2009. This beautiful oceanfront facility was provided to the seniors by the families of Mrs. Anjana & Mr. Ashwin Javia of Virginia Beach. The Convention Chairs were Mrs. Anjana & Mr. Ashwin Javia of Virginia Beach, Virginia. The purpose of this convention is to have senior citizens get together, socialize with other seniors, gain knowledge about various issues relevant to them, hold medical screenings, eye screening, and to discuss the challenges and problems facing them in USA.

Kadwa Patel Samaj of North America (KPSNA) is a non-profit organization of Kadwa Patel families from Saurashtra region living in USA and Canada which was formed in 1997 and represents about 2000 families. KPSNA provides all community members with the chance to preserve our values and heritage in our adopted land and also provides a platform for all members

to interact socially, professionally, and casually. KPSNA also provides a strong link between families living here and in India. Their website is [www.kpsna.org](http://www.kpsna.org) and their executive staff includes Bhanji Kundaria, MD, President, Arroyo Grande, CA; Parag Bhilani, Vice President, Columbia, MD; Kiran Ghodasara, Secretary, Marlboro, NJ; and Manu Dadhania, MD Treasurer, Voorhees, NJ.

KPSNA is involved in many charitable activities mainly promoting Education, Clean Water, Sanitation, various Health initiatives. In its 3rd year of its Scholarship project, KPSNA is supporting poor students from small villages to get high school education there by preventing child labor and giving them basic education to empower their families to get out of poverty.

This year KPSNA has supported 1,256 students studying in more than 31 different educational institutes and has also provided funds for building new and rebuilding old educational institutes.

Our new project to provide clean and safe drinking water just got off the ground and first pilot project has been successful and two more Reverse Osmosis plants will be operational soon. So far more than 20 villages has been adopted by donors from USA for water project. The ultimate goal is to provide drinkable water to everyone.

