

RULES OF BOMBAY HIGH COURT ON FAMILY COURTS ACT



448 HRPTER VII RULES FOR MAHA SHTRA, HIGH COURT RULES) The Family Courts (Court) Rules, 1988:- In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 21 of the Family Courts Act 1984 No. 66 of 1984), and all enabling provisions in that behalf, the Honourable the Chief Justice and Judges hereby make and" prescribe following rules for the Family Courts in the State of Maharashtra THE FAMILY COURTS (COURT) RULES 1988 In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 21 of the Family Act, 1984 (66 of 1984), the High Court of Bombay is pleased to prescribe the following Rules for Family Courts in the State of Maharashtra. Short title, commencement and application.- (1) These rules may be called the Family Courts (Court) Rules, 1988. (2) (3) (4) (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (5) These Rules shall come into force on These Rules shall apply to the Family Courts established in the State of Maharashtra under Section 3 of the Family Courts Act, 1984. Definitions.- In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires, "Act" means the Family Courts Act, 1984; "Centre" means a Counselling Centre; "Court" means the Family court established under Section 3 of the Act; "Petition" shall include an application under Chapter IX of the Criminal Procedure Code unless the subject matter or context requires otherwise; "Principal Counsellor" means the Principal counsellor appointed by the High Court. Where principal counsellor is not appointed, it shall include counsellor or counsellors as the case may be; "Family Court Rules" means Rules framed by the Government of Maharashtra in consultation with the High Court under Section 23 read with Sections 5 and 6 of the Family Courts Act, 1984. Institution of Proceedings and Service of Institution of Proceedings.- All proceedings instituted before Family Court shall be by way of application. In respect of applications under Chapter IX of the Criminal Procedure Code, however, the provisions of that Code shall apply; Filing of Petition in duplicate... A petition or any other application (6) shall be filed in duplicate. One copy of such petition or application shall be filed by the Registrar of the Family Court or the Principal Counsellor forthwith. Summons to respondent.- In all matters other than (7) Chapter IX of the Criminal Procedure Code the Writ of Summons to appear and: shall be in

form No. I as set out in the appendix with Such variation# ,circumstances of the case may require. an . ha
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 ani," o. every process.- nae name and address of a parn- or of the advocate appearing for a party shall be
 stated in every Writ Sunnuons, Summons. Interitn application, Notice. Warrantv,and every the court at the
 Of such part', or Advocate. Summonses, etc. •how tested and signed.- All Writ Of Summons, (9) Rules,
 Orders, Warfants and other manda ry processes shall be sealed with the seal Of the •court and shall be
 signed by thé Regis adding thereto, the date of.signing. (IO) Segling of Summons, ru e, decree.. The seal
 of Lhe court shali not be affixed to any Writ of SummonS, Rule, rder, Warrant, or Other mandatory
 progress, unless the sanhé iS signed by the Officer the Court to be called the sealer and unless the name of
 the party or his Ädvocate 04 record is fubscribed thereto. The date of the sealing shall be inserted below
 the signatu e of the sealer. Re;turnable date of Sunu ons.- Unless otherwise ordered. the Writ Of (11)
 Summons shall be made returhable thre weeks after the date of Lhe filing of the petition, if the respondent
 resides •within local lhnits of the Court. and five weeks after the date of the filing of the petitio , if the
 respondent resides outside the •said limits. The returnable date shall be fixe on the day of the week fixed
 for giving directions aspro'vided in Rules 23 and 24. Made QfService, QfSunv ons.- A Writ of Summons
 shall be \éFved in (12). the manner' prescribed in •the Code' 0B Civil Procedure save-and except in
 proceedings under Chapter IX of the Criminal Procedure Code where the provisions of that Code will
 apply. (13) Writ (If Sunnnons and proecess noj IO be Scnundu.vs€ Sundays and Holidays.- No Writ Of Su
 mons or other. process. shall 'be, served on• Saturdays, Sundays or on Holidays notifie •by the Court,
 •except by leave of the Court: (14) 'Service •s o to be-Étnecied after 6 p.nt'. on Il'eek days and 1.30 p.m. on
 Salurdays.-.No rit of Summons or other process shall be served at • the office of an Advocate afté 6 p.m.
 on week days and 1.30 p.m. on Saturdays. (1 5) Undertaking uâvocne 10 accept service.- A Writ of
 Summons need not be served on a respondent person lly, if his advocate undertakes in writing ea. accept
 service and to file a Vakalatna a. An Advocate filing hiS Vakâlatnâma, however, shall not be entitled to
 appear in court and/or plead his client's case in Court without obtaining the leave of the Court as rescribed
 under Rule 37. (16) Only one writ may hews rved. ',then advocate appears for sen'era/ respondents.-
 Where an Advocate underg es in writing to accept service and to file a Vakalatnama on behalf of
 moresesponderfi than one,: itshall be-sufficient to serve only one Writ of Summons on the said advocate
 on behalf ofhis clients. (17) . •copy of-petition• or his Advocate ltht? petitioner.'0T.hisvAdvocate record for
 copy of the petition and ex:hibits annexed theretoshall be furnished with the same but .where.severaY of
 the respondents are.represented by •the séme- advocate, Lit shall be sufficient to supply' one copy ofthe
 petition •and exhibits to sue Advocate, Provided that if, the• application e made after the passing of a •in a
 petition, such' copies need only bé furni hed to the-respondgnt or: his adyocate on payment of copying
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 fresh Writ of Sutmnons should be substituted, he sl all direct it to be done and such fresh Writ of
 Summons Shal] be prepared by the P titioner or. his Advocate on •record and be exqmined, signed and
 sealed by the prop r officer, (19) Proqfofservice QI sum zons.- Unless the Court shall otherwise 01 der, the
 service of a summons to appear an answer shall' be proved 'by the vakalatnama • having been filed or
 when no vakalatna na has been filed, by evidence showing that the sununons was serVed in the manner p
 vided by .the Code of Civil Procedure. Such proof shall ordinarily be by the affidavi of the bailiff and (as
 to such matters as the bailiff cannot speak to of his. knowledge) of the person who attended the bailiff for
 the purpose of identification at the tijne of service, or of such other person or persons as -can speak to the
 identity of the person se ved.pr to other matters necessafy to be proved in respect of the service. When
 service through ourt•.- When the summons has been served (20) through another court, the Service may be
 proved *by an affidavit of process served sv,'orn before an officer of the court throu h which the service
 effected. (2 1) Substituted service.- pplication for substituted service of the Writ of summons shall bé
 Inade to the Regis ar. The application shall be supported by an affidavit, and in the case of service th ough
 another Court, by, the affidavit of the Officer who attempted to make the servi e, and of sich other person
 or persons as may have accompanied him for the purpose f pointing out the party to be 'served stating
 When. •where and how-such service was at empted to be made. (22) • . Disnlissal of petition if unnil.ons
 not served within six nmnthS.- If the Writ of Summons is not served within ix months from the date of the

filing of the petition. the Registrar shall unless good use is shown, place the petition on board for dismissal. The Registrar shall notify such petitions on his notice board one week before they are placed on the board for dismissal. Proceeding in Court (23) Directions on the returnable date. - On the returnable date of the summons, the petition shall be placed before a judge of the Family Court. • to whom this work may be assigned by the Principal Judge of the Family Court. (24). Date of giving directions. - One day in a week shall be designated by the Principal Judge for the giving of such directions. Presence of Counselor in Court. - On the date fixed for giving (25) directions, the Principal Counselor or such other counselor designated by him shall attend - the court of the judge giving directions (26) Direction to attend counselor. - When giving directions, the Judge shall, in consultation with the Principal Counselor or such other counselor who may be present in court, direct the parties to a designated counselor for the purpose of counseling. Selection of counselor. Such counselor shall be chosen bearing in (27) mind the convenience of the parties, their special requirements and the area in which the unit of which that counselor is attached is located. (28) The procedure before the Counselor, • the powers, functions and duties of counselors and the protection granted to them in the discharge of their duties. • set • me •

shall be fixed as • for • par • such • by • first • of • the • after • • adj • hear • the • the • any • Pen • the • repr • the • date • it • at • he • ed • ed • the • the • the • for • ore • the • our • by • Cing •, • hall • I • dge • may • of • g • in • 'hich • uties • 11 • shall • be • as • prescribed • in • the • Family • Court • Rules, 1987. The reports to be submitted by the counselors to the Family • (dug shall also be as prescribed in the said Rules. Hearing of Petitions in Court. - On the proceedings before the Filing Memorandum (29) counselor coming to an end and on the counselor filing a memorandum in • the petition setting out the outcome of proceedings before the Registrar • Shall • : meeting of the parties to fix a date of hearing. of the petition. Intimation of such meeting shall be given to the parties by registered post or personally. • the meeting so fixed the Registrar shall (30) Meeting before Registrar. - fix a date of hearing after consulting the parties. (31) Ascertaining time to (taken in hearing. - Registrar shall also ascertain from the parties the • appropriate time to be taken by each party before the court for the hearing of the • matter. On the date of hearing the time so ascertained shall be kept free for the disposal of the matter. • such time shall be kept available on • the • following consecutive • working days also if the matter is likely to take more than a day. Consequence of absence before Registrar. - In the event of any (32) party remaining absent at the meeting called by the Registrar. the Registrar shall fix • such date of hearing as he may deem fit, Registrar shall fix a date at least four weeks after the date of the • meeting. Placing the petition on the board of the Court. - On the date so fixed (33) by the Registrar • the petition shall • be placed • on the board of the court for hearing and • final disposal. The • time allotted to the Parties shall also be indicated on the board. (34) Adjournment of hearing. Any party filing the date fixed by. the Registrar unsuitable for any reason may get it altered by the Registrar after notice • to • the side not less than two weeks before the scheduled date of hearing. Registrar may alter date. - The Registrar shall not ordinarily alter (35) the date when the date has been fixed in the presence of both the sides. Adjournment by the Court. The petition so fixed shall not. be (36) adjourned by the Court unless there are exceptional circumstances justifying such adjournment and unless they are such as could not have been foreseen when the date of • hearing was fixed before the Registrar • The court shall record its reasons for adjourning • a matter. Permission for representation by a lawyer. - • The Court may permit (37) the parties to be represented by a lawyer in Court. Such permission may be granted if case involves complicated questions of • law. of fact, if the court is of the view that the • party in person will not be in a position to conduct his or her case adequately or for other reason • The reason for granting permission shall be recorded in the order. Permission so granted may be revoked by the COURT at any stage of the proceedings; if • the Court considers it just and necessary. (38)

Time for making application • on. - An application by a party for being represented by a lawyer in court shall be made by such party to the court after notice to the other side. Such an application shall be made not less than two weeks prior to the date fixed for hearing of the petition. The disclaimer of the revocable application. Crim Cou bfn sepa inter subn inter by than Fam by a acco his • h 452 Application not to be entertained at the hearing. - Such an application (39) shall not be entertained after the petition is placed for hearing on the daily board of the Court unless there are exceptional circumstances justifying such late application. Independent legal representation of a minor. - The Court may appoint (40) a lawyer to represent independently any minor affected by litigation before the Court. The Court may give suitable directions regarding fees to be paid to such lawyer. The Court may appoint a lawyer, or amicus curiae • to assist the court in the discharge of its duties. Tape-recording of evidence. - Evidence given before the court shall be (41) tape

institution shall file an affidavit setting out the circumstances under which the child was abandoned. • The affidavit shall also set out whether the institution is agreeable to the child being given in guardianship to the petitioner. (58) Attention: for place} " in India} .- The Court, in its discretion may not entertain a petition for guardianship by a foreigner unless the court is satisfied that adequate attempts for at least three months of such other period as court deem fit have first been made to place the child in {h, Indian Home. For this purpose the Court • may ask the petitioner to obtain a no objection letter • from a Voluntary Co-ordinating Agency or any other similar organization working for the placement of children in Indian Homes. (59)

Application by a related person.- When the proposed guardian is related to the child, the court may dispense with any of the above provisions. (60) Form QI order.- a guardianship order shall be in the form No.2 prescribed in the appendix with such modifications as may be required in each case. A photograph of the child signed by an Authorised officer of the court shall be attached to the order. (61) to d 10 Ministry of

Social Welfare,- A copy of every guardianship order appointing a foreigner as a guardian shall be forwarded to the Ministry of Social Welfare, Government of India and Social Welfare and Cultural Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Bombay 400 032. Affairs Department, Government of The Court shall have the power to waive the requirements of any of the above rules relating to petitions for guardianship in a suitable case. In case of a child placed in guardianship the court may, at any time direct a counsellor attached to the court to supervise the placement of the child and submit a Report or Reports thereon to the court in such manner as the Court may deem fit

3. IN THE FAMILY OF 19 Petition No: To, APPENDIX FORM NO; 1 Y COURT AT, BOMBAY

.Petitioner, versus Z..... (Respondent) AVhereas the abovenamed petitioner has instituted a petition against you, as set out in the petition (annexed the petition) You are hereby required to file in this Court an appearance in person or a Vakalatnama with the permission of the 3 weeks from the service of this summons upon you. •And whereas, the suit will be placed for directions on the board of the Judge on . Day of the . 55 You are hereby summoned to appear before the Judge to answer the petitioner's claim the said Day of , at 11 0' Clock in the forenoon, and Take notice that. on the day before mentioned after hearing parties who appear. directions will be given by the Judge as to the date of hearing before a counsellor of the Family Court and other matters concerning the petition, and Take further notice that if you fail to file your appearance in person or a vakalatnama as directed above, or if you fail to appear before the Judge on the day before mentioned the petition may be ordered to be set down on Board on the same day or any subsequent day as "undefended" and you will be liable to have a decree or order . passed against you. Witness Registrar. Sealer . Principal Judge at Mumbai, at the said this . day of ., 19. e 11 a. out this 41 The day of. 19 Petitioner/Advocate for the Petitioner Address- FORM NO. 2 IN THE FAMILY COURT AT Petition No. In the matter of the Guardians and Wards. Act, 1890; And of 19 In the matter of the appointment of guardian of the person of a male/female and inmate of petitioner of .. petitioner. UPON READING the petition of the petitioner therein, dated For the appointment' of the petitioner as the legal guardian of male/female minor . and to adopt the said minor as his son, daughter according to the Laws of born on ... and upon hearing . . . in support of the said petition and upon . agreeing to comply with guidelines contained in the Judgment of the Supreme Court of India in Writ Petition (CRL) No. 1 171 of 1982 Laxmi Kant Pandey v. Union of India) AIR 1984 Supreme Court, P. 469 and upon hearing the affidavit of consenting to the appointment of the petitioner as the legal guardian of the said minor and upon considering the representation made by and upon hearing . . . the representative of the said and upon the petitioner . hereby-giving an undertaking to this Honourable Court to produce the said minor whenever required and further undertaking to communicate the address of the said minor to the authorities Of ...L by of every year and further undertaking to take proper care, look after, educate and to bring up the said minor as if she/he was a child of the petitioner and further undertaking to treat the said minor on an equal footing with his natural and/or adopted children. if any, in all matters of maintenance, education and succession and before taking the said minor out of India the petitioner further undertaking to execute a Bond either personally or through his duly constituted attorney in India in favour of the Registrar of this to repatriate the said minor to India by air Honourable Court in the sum of Rs. should it become necessary for any reason to do so and further undertaking to adopt the said minor within: a period of 6 years after the arrival of the said minor to his home as the father . representative before the court do he Hot that take heed (del Nary Nan- Add PAR 3, 4. para. of the order a day day order . ed iOS Of :ing to in i) AIR to the upon native to this 'taking of bring <ino• to if any, the said sonally of this by air iopt the s home 456 Undertaking to submit

to the Honourable Court according to the laws of . and further and ever six' months for' the nekt•three years every üree •months for the first two yea pi-ögi•ess report of the said Child (along ith his/he recent photograph)made or verified ade•the ome Study Repo't herein •regarding as corrected by the organisation which said minor-s moral and material pr gress and 'her adjustment in the petitioner's arriVal •of the' said minor from' India to the family with information -of the date o he adoption ocder M'ith the copies of the said petitioner's Honne and the true copy of and further . . the.agency who has submitted the same study . reports to the said report of the petitioner in case of disruption of the petitioner's tinnily before adoßtion the said agency shall take' care •of the minor and find a suitable alternative placement for it with the app val of the institution whose inmate the minor is and report such alternative placement the, Honourabl Court and also to the . do order that the notice under Setion I I f the Guardians and Wards Act, 1890 be and the is hereby dispensed with and I o hlrther order that the petitioner . be and he •is hereby appointed guardian without security and YOithoÜt renhuneration of the said born on . .. whose last photograph duly certified as such . ntinor . and countersigned by an officer of this Hon Exhibit • JAC and now in the custody and do further order that after e.xecuting the he •is hereby granted leave to remove Honourable court and to take him/her aw that purpose maKe an application to the take away the said -Illinor out of the ju hereby lastly order that the petitioner h towards their costs of the petitio Dated this day of (delete '*Oateve? is not applicable) Advocate for the Petitioner rable Coutt is attached hereto and marked as are, of the authorities of the said . . and I ond as aforesaid the petitioner be and he said minor from the jurisdiction Of this or wherever he .rmay desire and ror assport authorities or any other authorities to isdiction of this Honourable Court and I do reinvdo pay a sum of Rs. to the said Judge IBI.T 'A' Certified latest photograph of male/f male minor born on . CHILD Information on the Child is to be pla Name of the Child . Passport Size Ph Naine of the Institutions Address

PART 1 Registrar, Family Court STUDY FORM ed ii Guardianship to of the child. gister of the Institution 2 3

4. Name of the Child Reference No.as per General R Preseni A2e Sex .. 2- 6. -PART 11 45 Religion (If known) . Date Q? Birth (If available) Place of Birth (If available) . 2

3. Vetition No.Name of the petitioner Complete Address of the petitioner PART 111 (Legal Data) (To be filled for Coun Committed Children• ly) o. 4. 5

6. Name of the committing hurt Ageofthe child at the time of comm itment Date of order of commitment Period Qf commitment Final date of release Section ot-the Bombay Cl}ildfen A Date of admission to your institut on. Please enclose a copy of the Court Commitment yarrant. Please •enclose a copy of the report f the Probation Officer which he/she has submitted to the juvenile Court at the timeo commitment of the child PART IV (Social Data) How ghe child camp to your institution admitted directly' (a) Vacancy was reserved and en got committed. (b) Transfer from any other ins itution and if so which one. (c) 2. 4. 5

8. Any other source.(d) Circumstances under which the chil Reasons for seeking protection in th Information about Ille relatives * In case if they, are alive, have adoption/guardianship and if.s•o, wh Whether the relatives have establis admission to your institution." Ifthe child is purely destitute, give. Any other information onwwhich yo PART V (Behaviours, Observations) How long the child is with you in y Attitude towards other inmates. Relationship towards relatives, staff came to the original institufion. institution. they agreed to give away the child in ther written consent has been obtained. d by contacts with the child after hi&her ctors which will show that : would like to add. r institution ? nd other adults. a p e. se oi 3. 4. 6. 7

9. Intelligence (if and where'possible,h.Q. report should be enclosed) General personality and &scription' Of the child. Play activity and any specific talent. Observfr's impressions a>out the Ch. ld. Please indicate how the parent plan f rehabilitation will be useful to the child taking ints cpsnsideration the child'S. eeds and temperament: If the child is school-going give. detailed report. about his/her standard, attendgnce. general interest ih studie , progress, defects, if any.

10. Any other införrnation

PART VJ Physical and Medical repon PART onn enclosed. Have you reviewed the Home Study Report of the adoptive parents/ Guardians and do you feel that the placement of this Sild with this family. is suitable ? Häve the adoptive parents seen the details of child wh01fi they wish to bring up and have they approved

of the child after knowing the general conditions physical or mental defect, etc. If so, please give a copy of the certificate wherein the adoptive • parent/guardians have given their consent in writing that they have examined the Child Study Report and accept the proposed child. Note.- Date of Departure of the child from the country, should be conveyed to the Director Of Child Welfare and consulting agency for the purpose of follow up

PART VIII • Superintendent Shri/Smt. . information given in this form about the child is correct. . hereby certify that the "I enclose herewith the certified/attested copies of the following documents : 2

4. Place : Date Copy of the Court Warrant. Copy of the report of the Proctor; Officer. Consent of the parents to give away the child. 4. Consent of the adoptive parents to accept the child. Signature Name Designation . (Mati. Govt. Gazette d . 1.9.1988, Part 4-C, pp.425/438). MAHRASHTRAS AFFILIATE GOVERNMENT RULES Maharashtra Family Courts Rules, 1987.- No. IIMA, In exercise of the powers conferred by clauses (b), (g) and (e) of sub-section (2) and sub-section (1) of Section 23 read with Sections 5 and 6 of the Family Courts Act, 1984 (1984), the Government of Maharashtra, after consultation with the High Court hereby makes the following rules, namely Short title, commencement and application.- (i) These rules may be called the Maharashtra Family Courts Rules, 1987. (ii) These rules shall come into force on the day of May, 1987. (iii) These rules shall apply to the Family Courts established in the State of Maharashtra, under Section 3 of the Family Courts Act, 1984. (a) Definitions.- In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires, - "Act" means the Family Courts Act, 1984; "Centre" means a Counseling Centre; except as otherwise provided. THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY IN APPELLATE SIDE - as the '6 of the month of May 1987. The Honourable direct that the following rules framed by the High Court under section 21 PART Substitute the following Rule 5(1) of the Family Courts (Court) Rules, 1988:- 5. In the proceedings before the Chief Justice and Judges are pleased to in the Family Courts under the Family Court Act, 1984 :- (2) for the existing Rule 5 of Family (I) All proceedings instituted before a Family Court shall be by way of a Petition. In respect of applications under Chapter 1 of the Criminal Procedure Code, however the provisions of that Code will apply. (2) In all the petitions and applications under Chapter IX of the Criminal Procedure Code, "Where one of the parties claims to be married to the other, the cause title may contain the maiden name as well as the name post marriage of the parties thereto, if there is a change in name after marriage. Provided that where the change in name of a party post marriage, is notified in the Official Gazette; such party shall be arrayed with the name as notified in the Official Gazette, in addition to the maiden name: Provided further that where a wife has not changed her name after marriage by publishing notice in the Official Gazette, she may continue to mention her maiden name. Provided further that where a wife has not changed her name after marriage by publishing notice in the Official Gazette, she may continue to mention her maiden name PART 1 Substitute the following Rule 19. (1) and (2) for the existing Rule 19 of the Family Courts (Court) Rules, 1938. Proof of service of summons:- (1) Save in cases provided for in Sub-Rule (2) 19. and unless the Court shall otherwise order, the Service of a Summons to appear and answer shall be proved by the Vakalatnam having been filed or when no Vakalatnama has been filed, by evidence showing that the Summons was served in the manner provided by the Code of Civil Procedure. Such proof shall ordinarily be by the affidavit of the bailiff and (as to such matters as the bailiff cannot speak to of his knowledge) of the person who attended the bailiff for the purpose of identification at the time of appearance before the Court. (2) In case where the petitioner and respondent reside at one and the same address, in addition to the proof of service as provided by Sub-Rule (1) the party, desiring to establish proof of service of Writ of Summons, to file an affidavit, precisely indicating the date, time and mode of service of Writ of Summons upon the opponent and the service of Summons shall not be deemed to have been proved unless such affidavit is filed in accordance with Sub-Rule (A) of Rule 44 of the Family Courts (Court) Rules, 1988. Pronouncement of Judgement Final Order (B) (I) In all proceedings, on the conclusion of hearing, the Court shall inform the parties, the date of pronouncement of judgement and final order. (2) The Court shall endeavor to pass the judgement/final order, on the date fixed under Sub-Rule (I), in the presence of the parties. (3) The parties to such proceedings, shall remain present in the Court on the date fixed under Sub-Rule (I) to hear the pronouncement of judgement/final order: Provided that, this rule shall not apply to the parties who ordinarily reside beyond

the territorial limits of India: Provided further that the Court may in appropriate case, for sufficient cause, exempt any party from appearance in the Court, to hear the pronouncement of judgement/final order, and shall record reasons for granting such exemption

44. Copy of divorce decree to be sent upon the parties:- (C) In all cases in which, the marriage is dissolved by a decree of divorce, ex-parte or otherwise, the Court shall" • serve a •certified copy of the decree u n the parties to the proceedings, by registered post acknowledgment due, within 15 d YS from the date of passing Of the decree. Government of Maharashtra Gazette, Part IV-C Thursday to Wednesday October 2, 2011/Kartik • -11, Shaka 1933 th a f . ur se. pet aft' lim din the unc wil Sun Salt day. serv Satu necc acce how, • with, respe Vāka .one or hi petiti of.the one c. petitio paym(

