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Khabbar Follies

In this section, Khabbar looks into the Konkani community and anything and everything that is Konkani from a Konkani point of view. The names will never be published but geographic location will be identified in general terms.

There is no doubt in my mind that *Khabbar* is a part & parcel of life of Konkanis in North America. In fact, *Khabbar* has developed a special relation with most of the Konkani families and here are some examples of those close encounters of a different kind.....

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I never realized how much our community is attached to *Khabbar* till I got this note from this family in NY after they received their *Khabbar* in March of this year:

“Dear Vasanthmaam,
Thank you for all your “Hoon Khabbar”. Receipt of “*Khabbar*” signifies change of seasons, every time. This time, we move from winter to spring, probably the best time of the year!”

Thanks to the US Post, this family in AZ just received the cover page of last issue of *Khabbar only!* Even then, the family took time to read the cover page & the “Khabbar Follies” and here came the following note:

Dear Konkani family,
It is time to renew your subscription for 2005! Please, note that you have the FREE access to the eKhabbar, the electronic version of Khabbar, by logging on to ekhabbar.com. If you want hard copy, then only remit your subscription for 2005 at \$15.00 a year. **Please, don't pay for future years!** Fill the form below and send your subscription with a check payable to Khabbar to P. O. Box 222, Lake Jackson, TX 77566-0222. (Canadian Konkanis please pay cash or MO in US\$)

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EDITORIAL

Dear Konkani family,
I hope all is well with you and your family.

This issue of *Khabbar* has been mailed to **ALL** families that have paid dues **at least once since 2000**. In other words, families who **have not** paid since 1999 will not be receiving this issue and for families that have paid only in 2000, this will be the **last time** they will receive the hard copy of *Khabbar*. The numbers on the mailing label clearly indicate the year/s the dues for *Khabbar* has been received since 2000 and if there is any error let me know.

The Advisory Committee of *Khabbar* is glad that the annual dues will remain the same at \$15.00 a year and for that you get:

- Four issues of the *Khabbar*,
- Annual Mailing List and
- Discounted advertisement rates.

The on-line version of *Khabbar*, *ekhabbar*, will be on the web a **quarter** after the hard copies have been mailed. This issue has **not** been mailed to families that have specifically indicated that they will access *ekhabbar*.

The *Khabbar* Mailing List is a prized possession of our community and help me to keep it up-to-date. Send names and addresses of Konkani families that are not in the list to P. O. Box 222, Lake Jackson, TX 77566-0222, or email khabbar@hotmail.com and rest be assured that I'll "*khabbarize*" them!

Khabbar will publish all the developments and progress made by **The North American Konkani Association (NAKA)** on an on-going basis. Send your constructive suggestions to any of the Directors of the NAKA Board.

The credit for success of the **AmCHIGale Youth Convention - 2005** in Chicago goes to our youngsters. Everyone who participated this gala event liked it. Already there are plans to hold the next youth convention in North California area in 2007. NAKA will certainly support our youth in this endeavor.

The preparations for the event of 2006 are taking shape on a grand scale. **The KonCANi Sammelan - 2006** in Hamilton will be an event no Konkani in North America or in the world should miss! The various committees and their volunteers are already at work to prove that this will be worth your time and money. Visit their website (www.konkani2006.com) to find out more about this great event of 2006.

September 2005 will go in Konkani history with the landmark event of Foundation Stone Laying ceremony for the ambitious project, **Konkani Kendra**. The NAKA Board unanimously agreed to donate \$5,000 for this project. Also, **Basti Ganapathi Shenoy** has devised a method wherein families wanting to help **Konkani Bhas Ani Sanskriti Pratistan** can do so with relative ease! Call him at (702)-341-6706 or email: bshenoy@cox.net if interested to extend your help for this worthy cause.

With this issue concludes the series of articles on "Bhagavad-Gita as a Stress Management Guide" by Dr. K. P. S. Kamath of Cape Girardeau, MO. Simply put, this was one of the best *Khabbar* ever published. Congrats to you, Dr. Kamath, and *Khabbar* hopes to see more of your articles of interest.

The unofficial *Khabbar* correspondents in your area who send in the *hoon khabbars* on a regular basis are doing an outstanding job. **Remember, if it did not appear in *Khabbar*, then it did not happen in North America!** If your area is not represented wholly, let me know and I'll recruit more volunteers. You send the news items via email (khabbar@hotmail.com).

On the Quiz front, *Khabbar* has still remained as an undefeated champion! **Remember, anyone getting correct solutions to 4 consecutive issues will get free subscription to *Khabbar* for a year.**

Khabbar will always publish appeals for charity free of charge but cannot collect money on behalf of any charity. Families are encouraged to send the money directly to the concerned charities. It is heartening to note that various Konkani families and organizations showed support to the victims of Hurricane Katrina. All the Konkani families in the affected areas are safe.

Happy Diwali to you all.

Devu Boren Karo.

Letters to the Editor

Letters to the Editor will be considered for publication unless the writer requests otherwise. Letters may be edited for publication. Editor reserves the right not to publish anonymous letters. Initials only on request if the writer includes his or her name.

Dear Vasanth Mam,
Thank you again for publishing my letter about my readings of CELESTIAL MOTIONS in Los Angeles and Chicago in the last issue of *Khabbar* (Vol. XXVIII No.2). The Chicago event in particular, was well attended. Next month there will be a full performance of CELESTIAL MOTIONS in NJ, as a benefit for the Indo-American Civic Forum (IACF) and South Asian Mental Health Awareness in Jersey (SAMHAJ). If you could publish the following information in your upcoming letter, I would greatly appreciate it.

Mrinalini Kamath
mk@mkwriter.com

Dear Sri Vasant Bhat,
I am trustee of GSB scholarship league for the last more than two decades. Many of our scholars, whom the league has helped are in USA. I feel *Khabbar* is the only source through which we can reach them. I am sending two attachments with this. One, the profile of the organisation and the other an appeal to the beneficiaries to repay their debt to the society. We are in the 93rd year of our organisation. This is an appeal to the community to help the education of economically backwards in the society. You know '*Vidya Dana* is *Devakarya*'.

With regards

Gita R.Pai
gitarpai@hotmail.com

Editor's Reply:

I hope the readership will support your efforts in helping our community.

Dear Sir or Madam:

My name is Bhavita Patel and I attend the University of California, Los Angeles. I am also a member of the non-profit organization Project RISHI (Rural India Social and Health Improvement), a new project that UCLA medical students and

undergraduates are working on under the guidance of Dr. Eri Srivatsan. The goal of our project is to improve the quality of life in rural Indian villages by raising money to increase access to basic healthcare and teach the people about proper sanitation and healthy living.

The main reason I am contacting you is because we need to spread the word about our organization and one of the most effective ways to do that is through newspaper advertising. If there is any way that you may be able to offer us advertising space as a donation or even discounted rate, we would be much obliged and forever grateful. And as a thanks, we will gladly add you as a sponsor on our website. I would like to invite you to browse through our website (www.projectrishio.org) and see for yourself the amazing efforts that are being put forth to make a change in rural India. I apologize for the length of this message, but the members of Project RISHI really need your help. Let's make this OUR organization. Thank you very much for your time.

Bhavita Patel
bpatel84@ucla.edu

Editor's Reply:

I hope the readership will support your efforts in helping the needy.

Vasanth Uncle,

I've attached an item about the recently held AmCHIGale Youth Convention 2005 for "*Hoon Khabbar*" as well as an ad thanking our donors.

Thank you again for all your help,

Deepa Kamath
Deepa.Kamath@mwumail.midwestern.edu

Dear Vasanth Bhat,

We are happy to learn about your activities and we would like to write to you that we are also actively engaged in the Gowda Saraswat Sevak Samaj that is doing some good work for our community. We have also

brought out a newsletter by name "Sudharma". The inaugural issue was released in May this year. We will be glad to post a copy of it to you and your members. For this purpose I would like you to send us a list of all your members' email ids through mail. Alternatively, we will send you the newsletter through email, which you can resend to them through email. Further we would like you to register us as an Association Member and put us in the email list of your newsletter. You may please mail us initially the last newsletter and any other document to know your activities and scope. In the meanwhile we thank you and hope to have your goodwill in this respect.

With Regards,

Ramakrishna Shenoy.
Executive Member,
Gowda Saraswath Sevak Samaj,
Bangalore
gssevaksamaj@yahoo.co.in

Editor's Reply:

Khabbar readers are encouraged to contact Sri. Shenoy directly if interested in receiving a copy of "Sudharma".

Dear Mr. Vasanth Bhat,

SevA conducted a workshop on Insurance on 24th July in Fremont, California. The Mayor of Fremont and Indian Consultant were present in the event. As a follow up, I'm sending this write up (attached) and some pictures for press release for the event. I'd appreciate if you could make a press release. Please feel free to contact me should you need any clarifications. You can reach me on 408 4216911.

Thank you and appreciate your cooperation.

Shyam Rao
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Hoon Khabbar

Congratulations:

ARCHANA, 11 year old d/o Vasanth & Maya Bhat, Sugar Land, TX (formerly from Ballwin, MO), a 6th grader at Crestview Middle School was awarded the Amphora Award of Excellence for maintaining a GPA of 4.0 consistently throughout 6th grade. She is also a school ambassador and the school magazine editor.

PANKAJ DHUME of Pune, India (formerly from Houston, TX) has joined HSBC Software India Pvt. Ltd (a subsidiary of HSBC Bank) as the Head of Process and Technology Group. HSBC has assets exceeding US\$1,000B and revenues exceeding US\$70B. HSBC Software is located in Pune with an employee strength of 1500 people and expected to grow to 3000 people by end of 2006.

SADANAND MANKIKAR of Burlington, Ont., was appointed to the Quality Assurance Committee of the Board of Governors of the Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital in Burlington, Ont. In March 2005, he was the successful candidate for the position of Executive Director, Quality Assurance at the Canadian Blood Services (CBS). His QA department is responsible for developing, implementing, monitoring and improving the Quality Assurance Program at CBS to ensure safety, security and adequacy of the blood and blood components issued over 900 hospitals across Canada except the province of Quebec.

Dr. SHAMMI of Pickering, Ont., was awarded the Robin Hunter Award for Excellency in Postgraduate teaching at University of Toronto for 2004-2005. He is an Assistant Professor with the faculty of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry. After over 20 years of clinical experience he has decided to focus on research and is returning to graduate school. He has been accepted for PhD at Institute of Medical Science, University of Toronto.

Congratulations to **Dr. Vanita Braver** Warren, NJ on the release of her

second children's book, "Party Princess" (April 2005) in the nine book, "Teach Your Children Well" series (Child & Family Press). Her first book, "Pinky Promise" was released in November 2004. For further information, please visit www.drvanitabraver.com.

Dharma Summit Conference "Shaping Future of Dharma in North America" was held in Aug. 2005 at Rutgers University in NJ. It was a grand success with the participation of 400 delegates including some 80 representatives of the temples and organizations in the US. The major discussions were evolved around the future of over 700 temples built in North America at the cost of over \$1.5B. For detailed news reports are posted at: <http://www.vivekajyoti.blogspot.com/>

SANDEEP, s/o Raj & Preetha Acharya of Ocean, NJ has completed his first CD album called "Switch it up". He wrote all of his songs in the CD album, composed the music, sang most of the songs and produced the CD himself. Please check out the website: www.sandeepmusic.com. The CD is now available and people can order the CD through this website.

The June 3, 2005 issue of *India Abroad* featured one of the cover story article by **Shobhan Bantwal** on "The Road Less taken" featuring the second generation Indian Americans who followed their hearts. Among the few successful youngsters were **Mrinalini Kamath** and **Chinmayee Kamat**.

June 17, 2005 issue of *India Abroad* featured an article on **Andy Shenoy** getting NY Governors Award of Excellence. Parents of Andy Shenoy, **Sri Keshav & Smt. Padmavati Shenoy** were present with the governor and Andy Shenoy during the award ceremony.

On May 26, 2005, Shenoy was awarded the 2005 Governor's Award of Excellence for his contribution to New York State and for helping the better relations between Empire state

and his home country. **NY Governor George E. Pataki** presented Shenoy with a plaque and a certificate as part of the state's official observation of Asian American Heritage Month.

July 26, 2005 issue of *Mercury News*, featured an article "Cable TV goes Bollywood-COMCAST SCORES A HIT PLUGGING IN TO IMMIGRANTS' VIEWING TASTES" By Glenn Lovell. **Mrs. VEENA KAMATH**, an elementary school teacher who lives in Los Altos, was featured as a fan of the new service. She stumbled upon the Bollywood movies three months ago and saved herself a trip to her favorite video store. "It's great to be able to watch a Hindi film when you want, and share it with your children, who may be losing touch with their culture," said the mother of two who emigrated from Bombay 24 years ago. "It was a nice surprise: I had no idea these movies were available."

In response to Dish Network's and DirecTV's success with multicultural programming, Comcast of Northern California this year launched "Bollywood & Beyond," its latest ethnic video-on-demand (VOD) service that's becoming a hit with the Bay Area's growing Indo-American community. "It's no longer only about general market programming, such as ESPN and CNN," said **Vinodh V. Bhat**, who, with **Neal Shenoy** and Joseph Schramm, runs B&B out of a New York office. "Now to make it, you have to also focus on special interests and ethnic niches."

DIVAKAR SHENOY of W. Simsbury, CT stood for Connecticut Valley Hindu Temple Society's yearly election for Executive Committee's Membership (Body that runs Temple activities) and won. He was one of the three elected. He is the Maintenance Chair this year and brought in lots of Volunteers to do clean up of the premises, painting of the temple, fix temple tool shed, fix the kitchen and many more items which needed lot of tender care and not done for several years.

SURESH PAI, has been awarded "The Executive of the Year" for his contribution to patient care by the Florida Association of Health Care for the Aged. He also was the recipient of the Governor's Shield for best-managed health care facility in Florida, two years in a row.

(Note: the award is given every 2 years. He is one of two who won the award twice out of about 70 who were qualified to run under the guidelines)

Konkani Sabha started a monthly newsletter "*PHANN*". The electronic newsletter of the Sabha covers social and cultural happenings of the tristate area. If interested in receiving a copy of the newsletter, please, contact wewakepie@gmail.com

Mr. RAVI SHENOY of Montville, NJ, Principal of Shenoy Engineering PC, of NYC & Fairfield, NJ was elected as Director of the Association of Indian Engineers & Architects.

Konkani Graduates:

ASEEM, 17, s/o Pradeep & Kanchan Padukone of San Jose, CA, has secured scholastic athlete distinction in his high school course work and extra curricular activities. He will join University of California, Berkeley on Regent's & Chancellor's Scholarship in August 2005 to pursue a degree in Bachelor's of Arts (Economics).

Aseem is an all rounder, having represented his high school at Speech & Debate at the national level and at the Central Coast Section Varsity badminton championships. He has been among the top 4% of his class in education. He headed a commission in the associated student body of Leland High School, was one of the Editors-in-Chief of his high school newspaper and was recognized by the National Honor Society for community service and volunteering at Kaiser Hospital. Aseem is also an Advance Placement scholar with high score distinction.

Aseem is the grandson of Ahalya & late Ramesh Padukone of Malleshwaram, Bangalore and Sumathi & late Madhav Amladi of Talmakiwadi, Bombay.

KARTIK, s/o Deepak & Pramila Nettar of San Jose, CA graduated

from Mount Sinai School of Medicine, NY with M.D in May, 2005. He will join Washington University in St. Louis to start a 5-year residency in ENT – Head and Neck Surgery. Three of his papers have been accepted for publication in medical journals.

During schooling, Kartik was prolific in baseball, tennis, speech and debate and actively participated in Konkani association and shibir programs. He is a graduate of UC in Los Angeles.

Dr. RAKESH KOCHIKAR PAI, MD FACC, has started his cardiac electro physiology super fellowship with University of Utah after finishing one year of research fellowship at UCLA. Rakesh passed his cardiology boards with high grades in Jan. 2005.

Dr. RISH KOCHIKAR PAI has started his residency in Pathology at University of Chicago, leading to specialization in Hematopathology. He has PhD in Immunology from Case Western University, Cleveland, OH and has graduated with MD from Case Western University in May 2005.

Dr. REETESH KOCHIKAR PAI MD, has accepted fellowship in surgical pathology from Stanford University, Palo Alto effective July 1, 2005. His wife **Katherine** is doing her fourth year residency in pathology at Stanford University.

RAHUL, s/o Rabindra & Minaxi Kamath of West Hills, CA, graduated *Magna Cum Laude* with Bachelor of Science in Applied Math-Economics from Brown University in May, 2005. He was also elected to *Phi Beta Kappa* as a Junior, and spent last summer in Nigeria, working for a non-governmental organization to design HIV/AIDS prevention programs. In July 2005, Rahul began working for Morgan Stanley's Fixed Income Division in NYC. He still plans on returning to graduate school to get a Ph.D. in Economics.

ASHITA, d/o Ashok & Amitha Bhatt of London, Ont. Graduated with distinction from the Honours Biology & Pharmacology co-op program at the McMaster University in Hamilton, Ont. Her senior thesis research was

pursued at the Northwestern University of Chicago.

AMITA, d/o Ashok & Amitha Bhatt of London, Ont. graduated with her Masters in Business Administration at the ceremony in Athabasca, Alb.

RAUL, s/o Ashok & Sunila Kuchinad of London, Ont., graduated from Queen's University on May 27th 2005 with a Doctor of Medicine degree. He and his wife proceed to Calgary for a residency in Orthopedic Surgery.

KRISHNA, s/o Ajit & Asha Rao of Camarillo, CA graduated from Harvard with a BA in Economics in June 2005. Krishna graduated *Suma Cum Laude* and *Phi Beta Kappa* and was placed in the top 3% of Harvard Class of 2005.

At Harvard, Krishna was the Captain of the Harvard mock trial team in 2004 and led his team to the National championship for the first time in many years where the team placed 7th in the nation. He was also one of the photo editors and a reporter for the Harvard Crimson Review. Krishna also participated in several Asian cultural events at Harvard and was involved in several volunteer works.

Krishna is currently working as a summer intern in the office of William Rehnquist, Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court. After his internship is over, he is planning to work for Bain & Co, a leading international consulting company, in San Francisco. He will work for Bain & Co for 2 years. Krishna's goal is to attend law school. He has decided to go to Yale Law School starting the fall of 2007. Yale has extended him a special deferment to do so.

NIKHIL, s/o Ravindra & Vidya Nayak of Flanders, NJ started the MD program at the Yale University School of Medicine in August 2005 after a year working in healthcare consulting.

DIVYA, d/o Divakar & Geetha Shenoy of W. Simsbury, CT started her 3-year Law study at Loyola University at Los Angeles this fall.

VIKRAM, s/o Vasudeva & Sujatha Kamath, of Unionville, CT graduated among the top five in the class at

Farmington High School, Farmington, CT and has joined Cornell University, Ithaca, with Biology as major. Vikram scored 1540/1600 in his SAT, was a National Merit Scholar, and played at regional chess and inter-school lacrosse tournaments. Earlier he was a state finalist for National Geography's Geography Bee Contest two years in a row, and participated twice at Talented Youth Camps organized by the Johns Hopkins University. During his junior year summer vacation, he volunteered at the Regional Neonatal Intensive Care Unit of the University of Connecticut, collecting and analyzing data on the premature babies born there since inception (28 years ago).

(Late) SAGARIKA SAVUR, d/o Anand & Sheila Savur of West Hills, CA, was honored posthumously with a Bachelor of Arts degree by University of California, Irvine (UCI). Sheila, Anand, and several members of Sagarika's family and friends attended the graduation ceremony at Aldrich Park at UCI on June 18, 2005. Sagarika passed away in Nov. 2004. Her parents, Sheila and Anand "took the walk" and received Sagarika's diploma on her behalf.

Baby Shower:

Friends and family of **Dayal & Meeta (Patel) Gaitonde** were in attendance for celebration of the expected arrival of their first baby (Baby Shower for Meeta) on June 19th 2005 in Menlo Park, CA. The first grandchild of Shantaram & Tara Gaitonde of Glen Ellyn, IL is expected to arrive around August 17th 2005.

New Arrivals:

RIAN, 6 lb. 6 oz. baby boy to Ravindra & Radhika Pai of Sammamish, WA on December 24th 2004. The paternal grand parents are M. P. & Sumathi Pai of Bangalore and the maternal grand parents are B. P. & Vranda Baliga of Pune.

ADITI, a baby girl to Vinay & Shilpa Nayak of Carpenteria, CA on Feb. 5th 2005. Visiting Aditi are the maternal grandparents Mohandas & Vasanti Kamath of Mumbai.

TEAGAN SANDHYA, a 20" tall, 7 lb 3 oz, baby girl to Chetan & Kelli Nayak of Laurel, MD on Thursday May 26th 2005. The paternal grand parents are Satish & Suman Nayak of Pittsburgh, PA and Jim & Peggy McDermott of Worcester, MA.

ISHA, a baby daughter, to Sanjay & Ruta (nee Divgi) of Chicago, IL. A sister to Shivani. Maternal grandparents are Ajit & Sujata Divgi of Brookfield, WI and paternal grandparents are N. Sudarshan & Vijayalaxmi Rao of Oakbrook, IL. Niece to Avani and Tim Locke, Ruhee Divgi, and Sunil Rao.

WRENNA KOCHIKAR FISHER-PAI, a baby girl to Rish & Elizabeth Fisher-Pai on July 15th 2005 at 6.33, a sister to Dashram. The paternal grand parents are Kochikar Ramnath & Rajashree Pai of Carlsbad, NM and maternal grand parents are Ann Hilton & William Fisher.

SAMEER, a 7 3/4 pounds baby boy to Subhash & Annapoorna Kini of Scarsdale, NY on Monday, July 25th 2005 at 4:30PM. A brother to Akshay. Visiting Sameer is his maternal grand mother, Smt. Pushpalatha Prabhu of Puttur. The paternal grand parents are Ullal Venkatesh & Padmini Kini of Mysore.

NAYAN, a baby boy, 6 lbs 12 oz, 20 inches, on August 26th 2005 to Nishad & Lisa Pai of Issaquah, WA. A baby brother to Avantika. Grand parents are Mohan & Vishaya Pai of Somerdale, NJ and Rick & Nancy Cameron of Scottsdale, AZ. Great grandmother is Smt. Vasanti Nayak of Edison, NJ.

Srinivas & Padma Shenoy of Cromwell, CT celebrated the *Namakaran (Palle galche)* ceremony of their newborn son **SATYA NARAYAN** on Saturday August 27th at their residence. They named their son after the main deity at the Middletown temple in Connecticut.

Brahmopadesham:

Sudhaker & Mithra Nayak of La Mirada, CA celebrated the sacred thread ceremony of their second son, **Chi. RUSHEEL**, (grandson of Smt. Tara Nayak of India and Mohan &

Mohini Kamath of Cerritos, CA) on Thursday July 14th 2005 (Muhurtham 11:35 AM) at Sri T. V. Raman Pai Convention Centre in Mangalore.

Dr. Basti Surendra & Shoba Shenoy, of Willowbrook, IL, celebrated the moonji of their son, **Chi. VINAY**, on Friday, July 8th 2005 at Sri T.V. Raman Pai Convention Center, Kodialbail, Mangalore.

The latest *hoon khabbar* is that the *Vatus are extremely* busy doing "*SandyaVandan*".

Engagements:

Chi. SANAT of Brentwood, CA, s/o Shyam & Kalyani Amladi of Chicago, IL got engaged to **Kum. PRIYAMVADA**, d/o Kishore & Sudha Adur of Santa Cruz, Mumbai on June 1, 2005 in Mumbai, India.

Chi. VINODH of New York, NY, s/o Vasanth & Poornima Bhat of Lake Jackson, TX got engaged to **Kum. KALPANA**, d/o Gopal & Pratibha Bhandarkar of Bayport, NY on September 4, 2005.

Newly Weds:

Sow. MAYA, d/o Bola Narasimha & Aruna Shenoy of Frazer, PA married to **Chi. GAUTHAM**, s/o Smt. Shubhalakshmi & late Girish Kamath of Hejamady, India at Saint Sophia's in Jeffersonville, PA on June 18th 2005.

Sow. VEENA, d/o Ramanath & Vidya Kamath of Hamilton, Ont. married **Chi. CHETAN**, s/o Ballenahalli and Gayathri Bettegowda on Saturday, June 18, 2005 at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto, Ont. Canada. Veena has started a pharmacy practice residency at Union Memorial Hospital and Chetan a residency in Neurosurgery in Johns Hopkins Hospital. The newlyweds will live in Baltimore, MD.

Chi. MADHAV, s/o Dr. Vijay Kumar & Prema Rao of Oak Brook, IL, got married to **Sow. SHEETAL**, d/o Prakash & Shaila Khedkar of Carol Stream, IL, on July 2nd 2005, at the Hindu Temple of Greater Chicago, in Lemont, IL. A Mehendi evening and a Sangeet night preceded the wedding

day. A grand reception was held at the Sheraton Hotel and Towers in Chicago, on July 2nd evening. All functions were well attended by family and friends.

Sow. RITU, d/o Krishna & Padmini Nayak of Grosse Pointe Farm, MI married **Chi. SIBIN**, s/o Johnson & Rosamma Zacharias, with 400 of their close family and friends in attendance. A *mehendi* and *sangeet* ceremony was held at Roostertail party hall on Detroit River on July 8, followed by a church wedding and lunch at Hyatt Regency hotel, Detroit, at noon on July 9, with a Hindu wedding and reception at night. The newlyweds will continue with their studies at Wayne State University Medical School.

Chi. NEERAJ, s/o Dayananda & Vidya Pai of West Chester, PA married to **Sow. ALLISON BENTZ** in Hershey, PA on Saturday July 30th 2005.

Wedding Reception:

Ramesh & Roopa Nayak of Indiana, PA celebrated the wedding of their son, **Chi. VIJAY to Sow. AMRITHA**, d/o Kamalaksha & Poornima Shenoy of Mangalore with a reception on Saturday June 11th 2005 at 6:00 PM at the Radisson Penn Harris Hotel & Convention Center in Camp Hill, PA.

Relocation:

The **RAO** family, Shashi & Usha, have moved within Dallas, TX to 3917 Inwood Road, Unit No. 1011, Dallas, TX 75209. The email ID: shashi_rao@sbcglobal.net

Dr. AJIT B. PAI has moved to 1517 Leicester Road, Richmond, VA 23225. The telephone is (804)-231-3763

The **SHENOY** family, Shantharam & Bhagini, have relocated from Lake Mary, FL to 4701 Preston Park Blvd., Apt. 1433, Plano, TX 75093.

The **PAI** family, Rish & Elizabeth Fisher, with their son, Dashram, have relocated in April 2005 from Cleveland Heights, OH to 429 A West

Grant, Chicago, IL 60614. Their new telephone is (773)-935-0438.

The **PAI** family, Reetesh & Katherine Doeden have relocated from Albuquerque, NM to 525 Kenwood drive, Menlo Park, CA 94025. Their new telephone is (650)-330-0905.

The **PAI** family, Rakesh & Ajnya, with their son, Nandan, have relocated from Los Angeles, CA to 89 N Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84103-3859. Their new telephone is (801)-359-4027.

Ms VINDYA BHAT has relocated within Manhattan to 60 West 23rd Street, Apt 848, New York NY 10010. Her email ID: vindya_bhat@yahoo.com.

The **NAYAK** family, Satish & Suman, have relocated within Pittsburgh, PA to 101 North Dithridge St., # 1101, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. The new telephone is (412)-904-2031 and email ID: obguynayak@aol.com

The **BHAT** family, Vasanth & Maya, with their daughter, Archana, have moved from Ballwin, MO to 1207 Celeste Ct., Sugar Land TX 77479. Their telephone is (281)-494-9645 and email: bhat_maya@yahoo.com.

As of 1st August, **Dr. Prem Bhatt** has moved within Sugarland, TX to 3723 Bayou Bend Court, Sugar Land, TX 77479 -3246. His email ID: prembhat@msn.com

Konkani Happenings:

Konkani Sabha held their annual picnic on Saturday, June 11th 2005 from 10 AM to sunset at Mercer County Park East, NJ.

The **American Midwest Konkani Association (AMKA)** annual picnic was held on July 17th 2005 at the Busse Woods in Illinois. Lots of food, tons of fun and games was the agenda. A Bingo game was the highlight of the day. Also, at this time, the new committee was elected for the forthcoming year. The new President and First lady of AMKA are **Mr. Sanjay and Mrs. Sucheta Savkur**. There is no doubt that AMKA will see a lot of exciting

things happening under their leadership.

Houston Area Amchegale Samaj (HAAS) conducted the Entertainment Masala, a variety entertainment program, on July 24th 2005 at the Sugar Land Community Center in Sugar Land, TX. The Devotional Song by **Meera Lotlikar** was followed by the Graduation Ceremony for the high school graduates. Chief guest, **Vasanth Bhat** delivered an inspirational commencement speech to the new graduates. Other highlights of the program were the children's Fancy Dress Competition, a Bharat Natyam recital by **Anuradha Malya**, and "Dream Team" – a short musical skit performed by the young adults. There was a Konkani play titled: "*Nimbuva Lonche Jirvaneka Bare.*" Following this, some of the young adults entertained the audience with popular Hindi film numbers sung Karaoke. The program ended with an energetic *Bhangra*.

Konkani Association of Southern California (KASC) held their annual summer picnic on Saturday August 13th 2005 at Heritage Park in Cerritos, CA from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Over 80 Konkans from Southern California attended the event. Members came with family and friends and enjoyed the beautiful park so graciously reserved by **Mohan & Mohini Kamath**. The new KASC Committee Members introduced themselves, followed by self-introductions by the newcomers to the Southern California area.

A delicious lunch was catered by Jay Bharat Restaurant and comprised of *idli sambhar* and *chutney*, *batata bondas*, *chole-chappati*, followed by *jilebis* and watermelon for dessert.

Mohini Kamath did a tremendous job with the entertainment- a word scramble game and a rousing session of passing-the-parcel. **Avinash Joshi** deftly conducted a guess-how-many-chocolates-in-the-jar game, and expertly kept the kids and youth busy with volleyball and soccer. The little ones had a great time feeding the ducks at the lake nearby.

Konkani Association Of California (KAOCA) held their annual Picnic on

Saturday, August 20th 2005 at Pavilion, Central Park, Santa Clara, CA from 11.00 am. to evening.

Houston Area Amchegale Samaj (HAAS) celebrated Janmashtami, the birthday of Lord Krishna, on August 27th 2005 at the Sugar Land Community Center in Sugar Land, TX. The program highlighted the story of Krishna's birth. It began with an invocational bhajan by **Meera Lotlikar**. This was followed by a shloka recital by **Amrit Lotlikar** and recital of the Ashtothara (108 names of Lord Krishna) by **Gaurav Rao**. **Sreesh Shenoy** and **Ria Rao** then performed an entertaining Krishna-Radha dance. The hilarious Makhn Chor segment had the kids, dressed as Radha or Krishna, scrambling to snatch yogurt cups from the matka to the tune of "Govinda Aala..." **Prashant Lotlikar** gave a melodious rendition of the classic, "Ae Malik Tere Bunde Hum." The function concluded with bhajans by the HAAS Bhajan group.

Arangetram:

Devdutt & Vasudha Nagarkar of Sugarland, TX celebrated the *Bharathnatayam Arangetram* of their daughter, **Kum. POOJA**, disciple of Padmini Chari, Director, Nritya School of Dance, Houston, TX on Saturday August 13th 2005 at 5:00 PM at the Stafford Civic Center in Stafford, TX.

Kum. SHOBA, d/o Bipin & Vrinda Pai, of Munster, IN, performed her *Bharatanatyam Arangetram* on August 14th 2005, at Munster High School auditorium in Indiana. The performance was well attended by family and friends. Shoba's paternal grandmother Mrs. Heera Pai of Hampton, VA, attended the function and blessed the young dancer.

50th Birthday Party:

Most of the Tabla students' parents of **MURALIDHAR PAI** of Germantown, MD threw a surprise 50th Birthday party to him on Jun 10th 2005 at his residence. Most of the closest family and friends came and wished him. Tabla students entertained with their talents and so much food was brought by their parents. Murli was overwhelmed with love and affection from friends and family because he was completely unaware of this plan and arrangement. What a Birthday Bash it was!!!

Husband Dr. Jaydev Sarma & Children of Walpole, MA, gave a surprise 50th Birthday party to **Dr. USHA SARMA** (the eldest daughter of Ramadas & Meenakshi Rao of Gaithersburg, MD) on Apr 10th in a restaurant in Boston inviting all family friends and office friends. Then, in her visit to Maryland her Parents & siblings celebrated again.

60th Birthday Party:

Family & friends gave a surprise 60th Birthday Party to **ARVIND S. KAMATH** of Houston, TX on Friday August 12th 2005.

50th Wedding Anniversary:

The **NAIMPALLY's, Somashekar & Sudha** of Napean, Ont. celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with family and friends on May 27th 2005.

Welcome to America:

DURGESH BHAT KALYA has moved from Bangalore to Houston, TX at 300 Cyberonics Blvd., #2086, Houston, TX 77058. He is doing his Masters in Computer Engg at University of Houston at Clearlake, TX. The new telephone is (281)-280-

0195 and email ID: durgesh.bhat@gmail.com

Obituary:

BOLOOR GOKULDAS NAGWEKAR (60) passed in Mangalore, India on Thursday July 21st 2005. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to his brother, Govind Boloor & family of Houston, TX.

Smt. RUKMABAI TALLUR (100), popularly known as Rukmakka, passed away recently in Mumbai. She was respected for the number of fruitful years she lived serving the nation and the needy.

Sri. KASTURI MANGESH PAI (79), popular Konkani businessman and philanthropist passed away on August 21st 2005 in Mangalore. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to his grandson, Srinath Pai & family of Dallas, TX.

KUNDAJE VATSALA RAO (Vatsalapacchi), w/o Kundaje Rajaram Rao of Pune, passed away peacefully in Pune, after a brief illness, on August 18th 2005. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to her son Bharat Kundaje & family of Buena Park, CA.

INDUMATI UBHAYAKAR (Indupacchi), wife of Late Shankar Ubhayakar of Mumbai, passed away peacefully in Mumbai, after a brief illness, on August 26th 2005, Gokulashtami Day. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to her son Deepak Ubhayakar & family of Upland, CA.

Bhagavad-Gita as a Stress Management Guide - Cont.

By: K. P. S. Kamath, M. D.

Psychiatrist in private practice in Cape Girardeau, MO

Chapter Eleven (Final):

The Final Test!

I realized that the gatekeeper wanted to make sure I had learned something before I left the area of the gate at the high wall surrounding the temple of Atman. I said, "Let me enumerate the basic differences between modern psychiatry and Gita as far as stress management is concerned:

1. The Gita teaches us that stress comes to us due to our excessive desire for and attachment to sense objects (people, power, money, etc.) By gradually disconnecting from sense objects through *yoga* we can prevent stress. When we lose these sense objects, we do not feel the pain of loss. The Gita says that a truly enlightened person who knows the true nature of *Atman* does not grieve. Modern psychiatry encourages people to form close bonds with people and sense objects. It encourages people grieve when they experience loss. Grieving over a loss gets rid of the inner tension brought on by the loss. Grieving has to do with coping with stress.

2. The Gita teaches us to get in touch with *Buddhi*, Intellect, Super-conscious mind where true Knowledge resides. Modern psychiatry teaches us to get in touch with our inner, hidden, Unconscious or Subconscious mind where our painful emotions lurk. The Gita teaches us to get in touch with our inner tranquility. Modern psychiatry encourages us to get in touch with our inner pain.

3. The Gita teaches us to indulge in pure actions in everything we do including resolving conflicts or problems: Actions without hankering for fruit; actions without anger or hate. The Gita says that our business should be with the deed, not the result thereof. Modern psychiatry urges us to develop result-oriented skills and resort to result-oriented actions in solving life-problems.

4. The Gita encourages spiritual awakening as a tool for Self-realization. Modern psychiatry has no use for spiritualism.

5. The Gita teaches us how our nature-born personality traits (the *Gunas: Tamasic-- Rajasic-- Sattvic*) delude us and influence all our actions. The Gita recommends *yoga* as a way of neutralizing the effects of *Gunas*. *Yoga* helps us to make our thoughts and actions untainted by the *Gunas*. Modern psychiatry recognizes several "personality traits" in us (histrionic, paranoid, obsessive-compulsive, etc.) but has no answers as to how to overcome them.

6. The Gita urges us to merge the Mind, the Intellect (*Buddhi*) and Self (*Atman*) as a way to get in touch with the inner peace and tranquility. This unity achieves higher level of awareness and tranquility. This is basically a process of intuitive synthesis. Modern psychiatry attempts to explore the Unconscious Mind (our past, the main motivator of our thought and behavior) to make sense of our stress symptoms. This is basically as process of deductive analysis.

7. The Gita teaches us to live a life of simplicity, detachment (even when surrounded by wealth), contentment and godliness. There is no "entanglement" with daily hassles of life. Modern psychiatry approves living a "full life" which means just the opposite of what the Gita preaches: Get involved into things up to your eyebrows, go after pleasure and power, get entangled till you go crazy. Then you can always depend upon psychiatrists and drugs to rescue and bail you out.

8. The Gita warns us about *dwandwa* (wild swings) that arise out of pursuit of pleasure, money and power: hankering and hate; pain and pleasure; success and failure; honor and dishonor; victory and defeat. These ups and downs of life destroy tranquility and peace of mind. Gita's recommendation is to counter *dwandwa* with a mental state called *Sthithaprajnya*, a state of mind in which one's mind is absolutely steady in the face of ups and downs of life. In this state of mind one's mind has evenness, equanimity and equilibrium. This can be achieved only by means of disconnecting the mind from money, power, title, people, etc. Modern psychiatry's answer to these ups and downs is to diagnose a case of bipolar disorder and prescribe a mood-stabilizing drug! The American economy, American politics and American people are in a constant state of *dwandwa*, it seems! The term "bipolar disorder" is now on everyone's tongue. No wonder drug companies have come to play a major role in all of our lives.

9. The Gita highlights the importance of Absolute Faith in the highest power as a way of coping with life's stresses. Modern psychiatry ridicules the role of Faith in coping and stress management.

10. The Gita recommends us to focus of the Self (*Atman*) as a way of attaining peace and tranquility. Modern psychiatry basically encourages us to focus on the self (Mind, our personality) in order to achieve whatever one is after."

"These," I said to the gatekeeper, "are the main differences. I am sure there are other ones that do not come to my mind at this time. However, I do believe that these different approaches are really complementary rather than adversarial in coping with and managing stress."

The Voice said, "Good! I am glad that you have a better idea of the Gita now. I give you C+. Your bus is waiting to take you to your hotel. You may go now. Maybe someday not too distant from now I will see you here knocking on my door once again!"

'C + is better than F minus' I solaced myself. Just as I got ready to thank the gatekeeper for his kindness, a thought occurred to me, 'who might this gatekeeper be?' I looked up at the intercom and asked, "Just a minute, Mr. Gatekeeper, may I know who YOU really are?"

The gentle-voiced Gatekeeper replied, " Sure! Read the Bhagavad Gita: 10:20-42!"

THE END

NOTE:Readers interested in getting the whole 10 chapters can contact khabbar@hotmail.com or see it on www.ekhabbar.com

Petroleum Reserves and the Price We Pay

By: Dr. Krishna I. Kamath, Scottsdale, AZ

A "Colonel" Edwin Drake drilled the world's first oil well on August 27, 1859, in Titusville, Pennsylvania. The first university discipline in petroleum engineering was developed at Penn State, and as such is, as American "as apple pie and motherhood". I hold a PhD in that subject, and have devoted the major part of my life to research pursuant to our national goal of energy sufficiency and crude oil independence. I am laying down here the facts that are not generally known to the public. And I have nothing to hide.

Based on early figures developed by the US Department of Energy in 1973, the total original crude oil resource in all our domestic oilfields was around 400 billion barrels (bbls). Of this original resource, we have already produced 100 billion barrels of "live", "virgin", free flowing, or gushing oil, by the pressure energy of the oil "reservoir". We still have in our pressure-depleted and abandoned oilfields roughly three times or 300 billion barrels of crude oil of known quality, in known locations in this country. This third crop or "tertiary oil", valued at ~\$1.5 trillion cannot be recovered economically at this time. Our abandoned oil fields have been abandoned by our oil industry, as well, in favor of the highly preclusive and profitable marketing of the Middle East's cheap oil at considerable profit, off the breaking back of the US customer, an oil addict and a compellingly captive consumer. In this discussion, relating to oil reserves, live oil and dead oil, I have used the so-called rule of thumb that, the ratio of the "live" and the dead oil is 1: 3. This is as good an assumption as any, given the flexibility, especially in the area of petroleum statistics. Talking in general, the relevance of statistics is defined by the answer posed by a Stanford University professor to a shopping mall crowd: "Statistically", said the professor, "one in four in the world is a Chinese. Now, tell me how many among you here are Chinese?" He did not wait for an answer So much for statistics.

A good comparison of an oil field to something we can all visualize, is to a young woman, who inherited a fortune of \$400 billion of which she spent \$100 billion during her youth in "fun life" and stashed away the remaining \$300 billion in investments, with the hope that a rising market will raise its value or at worst she could reclaim her "nest egg" at par value. Most of all her hope and optimism for the future had rested primarily on her good faith and confidence in the growth and innovative development of American technology.

We may compare the American maidens with those of other oil producing nations in the world, who are still producing "live" oil, and may continue to do so, for a few decades more to come, assuming that there will still be a need for oil - a fossil fuel, doomed on account of our growing critical environmental concerns, that threaten the tranquility of our shrinking planet.

The \$1.5 trillion crude oil resource, I am talking about is not on the Moon or Mars, but right under your feet, 10,000 feet below. And this liquid stuff is most abundant on the planet except for its only sister, water. Oh, NASA, thou art the greatest of our Greatest, where is the glory of thy past, we have seen in thy face? Can't we venture into the subsurface, a little, to bring in this liquid, which is the "stuff of life" for all of us who live in this land, please?

Based on the "rule of thumb" arithmetic, I have come up with the fun life and after death state of most of the world's oil Nabobs and Nababzadas in Table I. The figure tells the story of the "gravitational pull" exercised by oil on our leaders from the President down, how we are clueless and powerless in averting crisis, when there is "oil, oil, everywhere, but not a drop for us."

Nearly 40 years ago, and a whole 5 years before the man-made energy crisis following the Arab embargo on oil exports to the US, I was fortunate enough to identify, serendipitously, I might add, the basic elements of the technology of tertiary oil recovery. This was in an oil company laboratory, where I worked 14hrs/day, 7 days a week. When the payout, finally arrived, there were no takers. Then, I remembered a quote from the Holy Bible: -"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven ".

Table I: "Live" & Tertiary "Dead" Crude Oil Reserves by Country, (Billions of Barrels)

Country	"Live" Oil "	Dead" Oil
1. Saudi Arabia	262	786
2. Iraq	113	339
3. United Arab Emirates	98	294
4. Kuwait	91	273
5. Iran	90	270
6. Venezuela	77	231
7. Russia	49	147
8. Libya	30	90
9. Mexico	28	84
10. China	24	72
11. Nigeria	23	69
World	1,028	3,084

Note: Column 2 figures should include oil already produced, i.e. "cumulative production" to date Column 3 figures are thrice those in column 2, ("Rule of thumb") Regardless of the lack of precision in column 2, the oil profile is essentially unchanged.

KONKANI CALENDER

October 2005	November 2005	December 2005
2 nd Mahalaya Amavasye	1 st Deepavali	1 st Amavasya (Dark Moon)
3 rd Navarathri Beginning	11 th Karthika Yekadashi	6 th Skanda Shashti
7 th Lalitha Panchami	12 th Uthana Dwadashi	11 th Vaikuntha Yekadashi
8 th Sharadha Pooja	14 th Vaikuntha Chaturdashi	12 th Mukkoti Dwadashi
10 th Durgashtami	15 th Karthika Poornami	15 th Poornami
11 th Ayudha Pooja	15 th Vrishk Sankranthi	15 th Dhanu Sankranthi
12 th Vijaya Dashami	18 th Sankashta Chaturthi	18 th Sankashta Chaturthi
13 th Yekadashi		30 th Amavasya (Dark Moon)
16 th Poornami		
16 th Tula Sankranthi		
20 th Sankashta Chaturthi		
29th Konkani Sabha Diwali		
30th KASC Diwali		

Khabbar thanks Sri P. V. Kamath of Mumbai for furnishing the Panchang and My Astrologer-version 1.0 by Mr. Muralidhar Shenoy, Durham, N C.

My Sincere Thanks to

Some readers go out of their way to help Khabbar. Monetary means is one of them. The Advisory Committee of Khabbar has decided on publishing the names of the families that has contributed \$50.00 or more to Khabbar. This quarter, the following have extended their help and thanks to you

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Printing- Khabbar (650) - 20 pages		585.00
First Class Mail-Khabbar (591)		354.60
Canada Khabbar (19)		16.15
Overseas (20)		60.00
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Sub Total:		1,500.00
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The last quarter's quiz: If February is the shortest month of the year, what is the second shortest month of the year in the US?

The Answer:

April, when the US springs ahead 1 hour for day Light saving!

The following gave the correct answers:

Chandrika Pai, Germantown, MD
Shivadev Ubhayakar, Rancho Palo Verdes, CA

Cliff Ourso, Sun City West, AZ

This Quarter's Quiz

By

“Vasanthmaam”

Continuing with the Konkani tradition of quizzing, here's the brainteaser for this quarter. If you can solve this correctly, send it to Khabbar address to have your name published in the next issue.

Q: It weighs as much as 1,500 midsize cars, stands 100 feet taller than Niagara Falls, and was already 2000 years old when Columbus set sail. It is still alive and growing. What is it?

NAKA, The North American Konkani Association

The progress made this quarter:

NAKA unanimously agreed to donate \$5,000 to the ambitious project of “Konkani Gaon” by Konkani Bhas And Sanskriti Pratistan. Also, three perpetual Awards of Excellence will be sponsored by NAKA for all future Sammelans. For the KS-2006, the cost will be \$1,500. Ramesh Kamath *et al* are busy putting the much anticipated Konklish lessons. The Board is still busy in revising the Constitution.

The NAKA Board now consists of:

Vasanth Bhat, Damodar Baliga and Nina Padukone (Founding members), Ramesh Kamath & Bharat Shiralkar, Vasant Acharya & Sandhya Kamath, Suren Kamath, Sudhir Golikeri & Suresh Shenoy, Ramadas Kamath, Ashok Bhatt & Sadanand Mankikar.

Seema Kamath, Ranjit Shiralkar & Sheila Shenoy (Youth).

If any North American Konkani have any constructive suggestions, please, contact any of the NAKA Board Members or send them to NAKA, 2465 Bergen Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11234. Phone: (718)-251-4795 and Email: naka1@indiatimes.com

NAKA - Statement Of Accounts

Date	Description	Credit, \$	Debit, \$
5/30/2005	Balance from last report	65,105.66	
8/20/2005	Youth Website domain fee		34.00
8/20/2005	Donation to Konkani Kendra		5,000.00
8/30/2005	Final Balance:	60,071.66	

Signed: Damodar Baliga
Treasurer, NAKA

**OM NAMO BHAGAVATHE NITYANANDAYA
BHAGAWAN SHRI NITYANANDA NAMO JAPA YAJNA SAMITHI**

It has been decided to conduct Bhagawan Shri Nityananda Nama Japa Yajna with the noble intention of providing universal welfare and world peace. This Japa Yajna was started on the auspicious day of Vijayadashami on 23-10-2004 for 205 days upto 10-5-2005. We have targeted to reach 100 Crores of this Nama Japa Yajna (reciting, writing and memorising) during this period with the active participation and involvement of thousands of Nityananda Devotees - men, women and children all over the centres in India as well as outside countries.

The said Japa Yajna is first of its kind in the history. Many people around India and abroad are actively involved in this Yajna. The Samapana Maha Yaga of the Yajna was conducted during 21 to 23rd May 2005 in our UDUPI mandir in Karnataka.

We recently have launched a website covering the history of Bhagwan Nityananda, Nityananda Kendra details, Details regarding the JAPA YAJNA, Appeals, Bhajana Palilies addresses etc.

We request your kindness to publish our website (www.nityanandgurudev-udupi.org) in your site and help us to fulfill our goal, thereby enabling every devotee of Nityananda to participate in this historical event to be.

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Upcoming Konkani Activities:

2005 Konkani Sabha Diwali Function

Konkani Sabha, 134 Sagamore Drive, Murray Hill, NJ 07974

KONKANI SABHA cordially invites you and your family to the annual Diwali Function on Saturday, October 29th 2005.

Location: Sri Venkateshwara Temple Community Center (Bridgewater Temple)
780 Old Farm Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08807 Tel: (908) 725-4477

Time: **Registration counters open at 3 PM sharp**

Note: We have strict time constraints with the hall, and need to vacate by 8 PM.

We will be starting entertainment events at 3 PM sharp to meet this time constraint

Entrance Fee: Registration and Payment by September 30th - \$13 (12 years and older) and \$6 (ages 6 to 11)
Registration after Sep 30th and at the door - \$15 (12 years and older) and \$8 (ages 6 to 11)

For advance registration & payment, please mail the check to the above address, or, contact Rajesh Mallya, at (908) 790-9274.

Entertainment: Those interested on performing in the variety entertainment, please contact Vivek Pai at (201) 776-7466 with details of performance including type and timing.

Volunteers: We need volunteers to help us with the following tasks: Food coordination, photographers, setting up and removing chairs, clean up, event coordination etc. Please contact Rajesh Mallya at (908) 790-9274 if you can help with any of the above tasks.

Program details are as below:

3:00 pm to 3:45 pm: Light refreshments
3:45 pm to 4:00 pm: Pooja
4:00 pm to 6:30 pm: Variety Entertainment
6:30 pm Dinner (We encourage you to bring sweets to share with family & friends)

Diwali flyers will be emailed to all members of the Konkani community in the NJ, NY, PA, CT and DE areas whose contact information is on record with the Konkani Sabha. **The flyers WILL NOT be mailed by post anymore.** Anyone interested in receiving the Konkani Sabha flyers, please contact the office bearers, or, email your contact information including email addresses to KonkaniSabha@gmail.com. Visit our website at www.KonkaniSabha.org for further details and updates on our activities.

DOCTORJI'S TOUR of U. S. A. – 2005

For the last 35 years Swami Vivekananda has been inspiring and delivering spiritual messages to **Dr. Chandrashekhara Udupa**, a practising physician and great saint. He is called '**Doctorji**' by devotees with reverence. Dr. Chandrashekhara Udupa was a medical student when he got the inspiration from Srimath Jagadatmanandaji of Sri Ramakrishna Math to pray to and plead with Swami Vivekananda and delve deep into Sadhana. Doctorji submitted himself at Swami Vivekananda's feet and yearned intensely to make himself His instrument in the service of humanity. Swami Vivekananda readily responded to the call of dedication and devotion by granting His vivid visions and enlightening messages - the modern Shrutis. Rigorous Sadhana of Doctorji won the grace of Swami Vivekananda and the Swamiji directed Doctorji to construct an Universal Temple, called as 'Divine Park' to foster the ideals of universal religion, service of God in man, recognition of potential divinity of human beings and God-realization. Divine Park is committed to cultivate the awareness of the innate divinity in every individual and aims at upliftment of humanity to divine consciousness. Through the spiritual rejuvenation, it is inculcating in everybody the universally accepted virtues such as love, patience, forgiveness, dutifulness and selflessness.

Doctorji is visiting U.S. in October 2005. A number of spiritual programs are arranged in different cities. Do not miss this golden opportunity to listen to a person with direct God realization.

Doctorji's U.S.A Programs – October 2005 (from Oct. 20 thru 30, 2005)

For Details Contact: Uday Aladangady, Phone: 214-477-4133, e-mail: ganges@ieee.org

KONKANI APPEALS:

Sri Tirumala Venkataramana Swamy Prasanna
Bhagavathe Preranahi Jayathe

Kalyanadbhutha Gaatraya Kamitartha Pradayine
Srimadvenkatanathaya Sreenivasaya thenamahaa

SRI SAHASRA KUMBHABHISHEKA COMMITTEE,
S.V.S. Temple, Bantwal.

An invitation for the ensuing Sahasra Kumbhabhisheka to Lord Sri Tirumala Venkataramana Swamy. Bantwal. from 2-12-2005 to 6-12-2005 by His Holiness Srimad Sudhindra Teertha Swamiji of Sri Kashi Mutt Samsthan. Banaras.

Sevas

Seva Kanika

1. Shankabisekha (without Silver)

Rs. 1,005

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Rs. 5,555

'Vatapura Kshetra', presently known as "Bantwal" is situated on the banks of river Netravathi on the National Highway No. 48 at 25 K.M. east of the city of Mangalore. Sri Tirumala Venkataramana Swamy Temple is one of the oldest temples of G.S.B's, in the district of South Canara, Karnataka State.

The idol of Lord Sreenivasa was consecrated in the Temple some 400 years ago. The Legend says that Lord Venkataramana Swamy, the present Presiding Diety, had ordained the then head Archaka of the temple in his divine dream that He would shortly be coming down to Bantwal on an oxen and that He be consecrated in this place.

Shortly afterwards, on one auspicious day, came a piper with an oxen to the town. Mounted on the oxen, was the Lord Venkataramana. Immensely overcome with emotion. the Bhajakas of the entire town have put forth their request with the piper to part with the idol. The piper has readily agreed. Thus, Lord Venkataramana was consecrated at the place with all the religious fervor in the year 1918. That place was called 'Vatapura Kshetra', the present "Bantwal".

The Temple underwent renovation from time - to -time and religious Homas etc., have been conducted since then, in accordance with the norms laid in the religious scriptures and Agama Shastras to invoke the Blessings of the Lord. In the recent past, the Sahasra Kumbhabhisheka was held in the Temple in the year 1974 after the disastrous flood, which had engulfed and marooned the entire town. Although the religious ceremonies have been conducted ever since, in the Ashtamangala Prashna (The Divine Oracle), it was professed to perform several rituals and rites in the Temple in accordance with the strict norms laid in the Agama Shastras and to culminate it with a Sahasra Kumbhabhisheka to the Lord so as to rekindle the divinity in the idol of Lord Venkataramana.

Accordingly, the Temple has performed all the Yajnas, Rituals like Gayathri Havana, Vishnu Havana, Naga Pratishtapana, Chandika Havana, Sudarshana Havana, Trirakshopa Havana, etc., following rigidly the Holy Scriptures with the co-operation of all the devotees of the Lord and with the active co-operation of the priests. As for the Sahasra Kumbhabhisheka, when the Temple authorities have reverently sought the guidance of Srimad Sudhindra Teertha Swamiji, His Holiness has directed us to perform the Kumbhabhisheka from 2-12-2005 to 6-12-2005.

Each one of us are Blessed as His Holiness has agreed to perform the Abhisheka to Lord Venkataramana personally on 6-12-2005. In fact, all the Rituals in the Sahasra Kumbhabhisheka will be performed under the benevolent guidance and supervision of His Holiness Srimad Sudhindra Teertha Swamiji.

The Sahasra Kumbhabhisheka will be performed as per the norms and rites enshrined in Sri Padmasamhita. In other words, the Sahasra Kumbhisheka is of Padmasamhita style of Agama Shastras.

In this auspicious occasion, we earnestly request all the devotees of Lord Venkataramana to participate actively so as to invoke the Blessings of the Lord. This rare opportunity of partaking in this religious activity has come as a boon to all of us presently. This is rarest of the rare opportunity of one's lifetime. Therefore, we believe that this is an opportunity bestowed on us by the Lord Himself.

On this occasion, therefore, we urge you to be with us so as to make this occasion a memorable event. We do request for your co-operation and generous donation. We have got innate confidence in you and together all of us seek the Blessings of the Lord, not only for us, but also for our children and coming generation.

M. Jagannath Shenoy

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All the members of Sahasra Kumbhabhisheka Committee and all the Bhajakas of Bantwal.

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The 3rd Konkani Youth Convention in Chicago, IL on August 5-7 was a great success. Sixty-five youth from all over the U.S. and Canada came to Chicago for a fun-filled weekend. Among the many activities in which they participated were trips to famous local restaurants Gino's East and Portillo's, as well as a boat cruise on the Chicago River where attendees enjoyed the fireworks over Navy Pier. The first Konkani Olympics were also held, and youth competed in contests of brains and brawn. Plans are underway for another Youth Convention in 2007, possibly in the Bay Area.

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KONKANI ROOTS – A CHANCE FOR DNA STUDY

Dear Vasanth,

As we discussed on the telephone last Sunday, on a short visit to New Delhi last month, I met Dr. T. D. Dogra, Professor and Chairman of Forensic Medical Sciences at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, where I did my MD and also served for nearly 8 years before immigrating to the US.

Dr. Dogra, has been doing DNA studies in different populations of India, such as Chitpavan Brahmins in various locations in India. He could provide all the other communities' names upon request. I simply forgot them. What excited me was when he mentioned his interest in doing similar studies for Konkani. Armed with a PhD scholar and funds he wants to perform such studies with the principal aim of finding out our roots.

This will certainly mean that he will have to study Konkani from various cities, perhaps those that have immigrated to the US! Most of us are a "pure species", by which I mean we have been marrying among ourselves, including the "first generation" Konkani who have emigrated to other parts of the world with spouse and children. This would render the study easier to perform, and if there are common genes, they could be linked. At this juncture, I would point out that the recent studies among Ethiopian populations showed commonalities of genes with the Jews in Israel, proving their (the Ethiopians') origin in Israel. That it did not allow the Ethiopian Jews to seek and obtain immigrant visas to settle in Israel is a different topic.

How he would link us all up, and how he would trace our roots will probably be his hypothesis, i.e. a verifiable piece of information, and I leave it to him to answer the question. The next question, then is, what kind of specimen would he require? There was a time when chromosome studies were done using a smear from the mouth, called a buccal smear. I am not sure this is still done. If not, a few milliliters of blood may be the alternative. Lastly, I guess how and where to reach the study Konkani people? I leave that to the community leaders. Decades ago, there was major debate in South Kanara about our origins, namely Kashmir to Bengal to Parashuram Territory, especially Goa, and then after 1510A.D., to the north and south of Goa, along Konkani coast. Volumes have been written and debated about on this topic, so if we get an answer from these studies, well, we could all congratulate ourselves for that. The study could be performed in South Kanara, Bombay and even New Delhi where there are Konkani Organizations, which meet periodically for religious festivals.

Please be kind enough to forward this letter to all the community leaders you think should be in the know.

Thank you. Sincerely yours,

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KonCANi2006

KonCANi2006 will be held in Hamilton, Ont. on July 1st, July 2nd, and July 3rd 2006.



REGISTRATIONS: KonCANi S sammelan 2006 is pleased to announce that registration of delegates for the S sammelan to be held in Hamilton, Ont. has commenced. The registration can be done conventionally on-line at www.konkani2006.com. Delegates from USA, Canada and the UAE have already registered! The Registration Committee appeals to all Konkani to register as early as possible to avoid disappointment later, as the number of delegates is to be capped at 2,000 for this S sammelan due to space constraints. The S sammelan is going to be great fun, grab this opportunity and register **NOW!**

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