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**FIRST CLASS**

TO:

# 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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The unofficial "Official" *Khabbar* correspondents all across North America are doing a superb job in providing all the news that is fit to print. They believe "**If it did not appear in *Khabbar*, then it did not happen in North America!**"

As a rule, almost all the news is about graduation, new birth, engagement, marriage, relocation, anniversaries, obituary, etc. I really thought these news items were benign till I met this Konkani gentleman from NJ.

It so happened this ever-young looking guy turned 50 recently! His 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash was a grand event of 2006 and his wife even sent the news to *Khabbar*!! And, *Khabbar* printed the news!!!

I congratulated this gentleman on his 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday and, casually asked how things are with him nowadays. Right away came his reply, "You know, I was doing fine till my 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday news appeared in *Khabbar*! Now the whole Konkani community knows I am 50!! Young chicks no longer flirt with me!!! I mean, they all know that I am old....".

Now, that's a dilemma *Khabbar* can do without !?!

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Dear Konkani family,

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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 2004**. In other words, families who **have not** paid since 2003 will not be receiving this issue and for families that have paid only in 2004, 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 2004 and if there is any error let me know.

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

**It is time to renew your subscription for 2007. Send your subscription with a check payable to Khabbar to P. O. Box 222, Lake Jackson, TX 77566-0222.**

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 2007 *Khabbar* Mailing List will be mailed **only** to families that have paid their subscriptions for 2006. 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](mailto: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. I am happy to report the NAKA sponsored **KonCANi Sammelan – 2006 (KS-2006)** had a surplus. This Hamilton function was an experience no Konkani in North America will forget! Few copies of DVD's of this event are still available for purchase. Visit their website ([www.konkani2006.com](http://www.konkani2006.com)) to purchase them, if interested.

Now we all can focus our attention to the next major events: **The Konkani Youth Convention (2007) & the Konkani Sammelan (2008)**. Volunteers are working hard to make these events a memorable to one and all. Please, extend all your help.

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. Send the news items via email ([khabbar@hotmail.com](mailto:khabbar@hotmail.com)).

On the Quiz front, congratulations to **Mr. Govind Kamath** of Austin, TX who is the first to solve 4 consecutive *Khabbar* quizzes correctly. He has won a free subscription to *Khabbar* for 1 year. Let us see whether we will have any more winners!

With the Foundation Stone laid for the ambitious project, **Konkani Kendra**, the **Konkani Bhas Ani Sanskriti Pratistan** is looking for more financial support. Thanks to **Basti Ganapathi Shenoy** who 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](mailto:bshenoy@cox.net) if interested to extend your help for this worthy cause.

*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 amazing to see so many appeals come to *Khabbar* on a regular basis. *Khabbar* firmly believes in helping our people whether it is in India or here.

With the year 2007 fast approaching, I hope the struggle to rid terrorism from this world will materialize soon. Hope Peace & Tranquility will prevail.

Happy Holidays & Happy New Year 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.

Hi Vasantha Bhat,  
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Dear Vasanth,  
Enjoyed talking with you today. Since one year I have been involved as a Chief Editor of a magazine called *Catalyst for Human Development*. You can browse the magazine at [www.afhd.org](http://www.afhd.org) Please see a write up below which you may consider publishing in *Khabbar*. In the last issue of catalyst we have an interesting, controversial and thought provoking article by Narendra Nayak on superstition and super natural

power of some of our swamis. He is now the President of Rationalist Association of India and taking up this on a full time basis after resigning his professorship at KMC. There is his bio in the magazine.

Find below a small write up on Catalyst and I have attached it as a word file also.

Regards

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## CATALYST, a new magazine for promoting NGO movement.

Association for Human Development, a non-profit organization based in New York has launched a new magazine CATALYST For Human Development to create a platform for NGO movement. The first issue was launched during the Pravasi Bharathiya Divas in Hyderabad in January, 2006. Since then two more issues have been published. Electronic version can be seen at [www.afhd.org](http://www.afhd.org).

The first issue dealt with subjects such as Water security (Ram Krishnan and Raj Rajaram), Energy security (Bhamy Shenoy), protein security (Dr. Prakash of CFTRI), education (Rkumini Banerjee of Pratham, Dr. Tariyal of Ekal Vidyalaya, Dr. Prakash of Asha), Health (, Dr. Ajai Kumar, Dr. Nirupama Bajpai and Dr. Jeffrey Sachs of Columbia University), Rural development (Dr. Abraham George), Governance (Dr. Jayaprakash Narayana of Lok Satta) etc.

The main theme for the second issue was setting national agenda. The lead article was by Dr. Pushpa Bhargava, member of Knowledge Commission and Chandana Chakravarthy. It also had other articles on subjects such as Unfinished Task (Interview of PM by Rajat Gupta), Unfinished Agenda (Nirupama Bajpai and Jeffrey Sachs of Columbia University), NRI contribution (Thomas Abraham of GOPIO), Child Labour (Shantha Sinha), Agenda For NRIs (Dr. Thomas Abraham), Child Citizen (Ingrid Srinath), Agenda For Consumer Movement (Bhamy Shenoy) etc.

Ashoka Innovators For The Public is the theme of the third issue, which is published in October. It has articles by several Ashoka Fellows discussing their projects in India. The founder of Ashoka, Bill Drayton has an article on how every one can be a change maker. Articles by Ashoka Fellows show how a true social entrepreneur is a visionary who does not just build a new school or clinic but instead innovates an approach that transforms an entire education system or medical system. He or she does not leave societal needs to government or business sectors but solves the problem through systemic change, spreading the solution and persuading entire society to take the plunge.

One of the objectives of Catalyst is to share the best practices and lessons of different NGOs, which will promote a strong NGO movement in India. Catalyst wants to encourage articles, which will deal with development of analytical tools to hold NGO accountable. There are matrices available for the measurement of performance of for profit organization. But NGO movement or non-profit organization does not have any such matrices. Catalyst will actively promote research dealing with these subjects and publish articles.

There is really no other magazine like the Catalyst in the market today. This might surprise many, but it is true! There are theoretical journals published by academic institutions and international agencies, such as the World Bank and the United Nations. However, practical experiences at the grass-root level are not covered by any of them. Catalyst offers a neutral viewpoint, often the views of NGOs and others in the developmental arena who are carrying out their work in the field. Many of our readers call the Catalyst "the practical guide to development."

The fourth issue will have the theme of NRI contribution. It will be released during the next PBD in Delhi. Please let us know of contributions of NRIs through their involvement in NGO movement. We specially want to publish articles on those NRIs whose contributions have still not been recognized. There must be hundreds of such unsung heroes from we can learn. The fifth issue will deal with India's water crisis.

Those who are interested to submit article or get involved in promoting Catalyst as an NGO platform are invited to contact Dr. Bhamy V. Shenoy, ([Chiefeditor@Afhd.org](mailto:Chiefeditor@Afhd.org)) or Dr. Srinivasa Rao, ([editor@afhd.org](mailto:editor@afhd.org)).

# Hoon Khabbar

## **Congratulations:**

**Dr. ASHWIN BHATT** of Houston, TX received the Chartered Financial Analyst® designation from CFA Institute, Charlottesville, VA.

**Dr. NARAYAN NAYAK** of Lafayette, CA was elected as President of American Physicians' Art Association for 2007 at the Annual Scientific Assembly of Southern Medical Association. Dr. Nayak has been a life member of the association for over 20 years and has exhibited his paintings in oil and watercolor and photographs annually at the meetings. Curators of local museums in cities where meetings are held officiate as judges each year and a number of Dr. Nayak's paintings have won awards over the years in different categories of paintings and photography.

**SURESH SHENOY** of Sugar Land, TX along with other artists performed at the Indian Seniors Citizens Association of Houston, TX during their annual Diwali & Vikram Samvat 2063 function at Bayland Park Community Center on October 21<sup>st</sup> 2006. As usual, **Kirti Jewelers** co sponsored the lunch to the seniors.

## **Konkani Graduates:**

**PRASAD**, s/o Jawahar & Prabha Sawardeker of St. Louis, MO, graduated with distinction from Tulane University School of Medicine in May 2006. He has been accepted to the prestigious Orthopedic Surgery Residency at the University of Miami. At graduation, Prasad was awarded the Gold Humanism in Medicine Honor Society Award by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation for demonstrated excellence in clinical care, leadership, Compassion and dedication to service. He was also awarded the Tulane-Caldwell Society Award for outstanding performance in clinical orthopedics, and the Paracelsus Award in Toxicology, for the most outstanding performance and excellence in toxicology during 4 years at medical school. Prasad served as President and founder of the Tulane

Orthopedic Surgical Society, Rudolph Matas Surgical Society President, Class Vice-President, was selected for the American Heart Association Medical Student Fellowship, established an Orthopedics elective for 1st-year medical students, served on the Medical School Curriculum Committee and the Admissions Interview Committee for prospective medical students. In his free time, he volunteered for the homeless and Operation Smile, and was selected to represent his class at the Annual Medical School Basketball Championship at the New Orleans Arena. Prasad also graduated first in his class w/a 4.00 GPA with an MS in Pharmacology and BS in Biology/Chemistry from Duke University.

**SATYAN**, s/o Mukund & Surekha Pai of Solon, OH was selected by the Andrew Carnegie Society (ACS) as a 2007 Andrew Carnegie Society Scholar. This honor is based upon the recommendations of the dean and department heads of his college, Carnegie Mellon. The ACS Scholar's Program gave \$1,500 gift in recognition of his accomplishments to be used to help further an academic endeavor of his choice.

The ACS Scholar's Program was developed to recognize undergraduate students at Carnegie Mellon who have achieved outstanding academic merit combined with strong extracurricular involvement, both on and off campus. The program is specifically designed to herald those students who demonstrate leadership abilities.

The Andrew Carnegie Society is an organization founded in 1972 by 21 Carnegie Mellon alumni who wanted to perpetuate the philanthropic spirit of Andrew Carnegie by providing leadership gifts to the university. From these humble beginnings, the ACS now has over 1,800 members including not only alumni, but also friends, parents, and university faculty and staff.

**RAJANI**, d/o Dr. Rajaram & Aneetha Shenoy of Shelton, CT graduated in

August 2006 from Georgia Tech with M.S. in Industrial and Systems Engineering. She is now employed at a well-known not-for profit Corporation in McLean, VA.

**Dr. SUNIL BHANDARKAR** of Santa Monica, CA is now a Board Certified Diplomate of the American Academy of Ophthalmology. He has completed fellowship in Cataract and Lasik surgery. He practices at the Assil-Sinsky Eye Institute in Santa Monica, CA.

## **New Arrivals:**

**RAHUL**, a baby boy to Mohan U. & Shilpa Shenoy of Aliso Viejo, CA, on November 11<sup>th</sup> 2005 in Irvine, CA. A brother to Ruthie. The proud maternal grandparents are Ramesh & Rekha Prabhu of Mumbai and his paternal grandparents are Umesh & Uthama Shenoy also of Mumbai.

**KABIR**, a baby boy to Yatin & Jyotsna Gokarn of Thousand Oaks, CA on July 13<sup>th</sup> 2006. The proud grandparents are Raghunath & Kumudini Gokarn of Mumbai and Padmanabh Rao of Bangalore.

**DHRITI**, a baby girl to Govinda & Vinaya Pai of Naperville, IL on Sep 18, 2006. The proud grandparent are Gopalakrishna & Swarnalatha Pai of Cochin and Dayanand & Saraswathi (Kesari) Naik of Bangalore.

**KIRAN ROSE**, a daughter to Harish & Jennifer Nayak of Rochester, NY on October 1, 2006.

The proud paternal grandparents are Vasudev & Shaila Nayak of Mays Landing, NJ.

**KATHAN (KETAN)**, a 7 lb. 14 oz. baby boy to Mandar & Sima Mallya of Redondo Beach, CA on Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> 2006 in St. John's Hospital in Santa Monica, CA. The paternal grandparents are Purandar & Anuradha Mallya of Whittier, CA and the maternal grandparents are Ashok & Lata Surkund of Toronto, Canada.

**ROHAN JONAH**, a 21.5" & 7 lb 13 oz baby boy, to Erik & Shalini Byker of Washington, DC on November 22, 2006 @ 1:15 pm. The proud paternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. John Byker and the maternal grandparents are Jagadish & Jayalaxmi Shenoy of Kanhangad, Kerala, India.

### Newly Weds:

**Sow. SHILPA**, d/o Vasant & Surekha Keny of La Palma, CA, got married to **Chi. SUJAI**, s/o Gopal & Bhagya Chari of NJ, on Sunday, Sept. 3, 2006 in Huntington Beach, CA.

**Sow. DEEPA**, d/o Dr. Bharathi & Dr. Mohan Rao Nayak of NJ married to **Chi. ANUPAM KUMAR**, s/o Arun & Nandira Palit on Saturday September 23<sup>rd</sup> 2006 at 4:30 PM at Hyatt Regency Jersey City on the Hudson, Jersey City, NJ.

**Chi. AJIT** of Richmond, VA, s/o Balachandra & Vijaya Pai of Cherry Hill, NJ married to **Sow. AMIE** of Richmond, VA, on Sunday October 8<sup>th</sup> 2006 at 1:30 PM at Renaissance Room in Turnersville, NJ.

Sudhakar & Nandini Mallya of Wanaque, NJ celebrated the marriage of their daughter, **Sow. AARTI** with **Chi. DANIEL** on Thursday November 17<sup>th</sup> 2006 at the Iberostar Tucan Resort, Playacar, Playa del Carmen, Mexico.

### Relocation:

The **NAYAK** family, Devdas & Vimala, have relocated within Calgary, ALB to 46 Evergreen Bay SW, Calgary, ALB T2Y 3E9, Canada. The email ID: [dnayak@shaw.ca](mailto:dnayak@shaw.ca)

The **NAYAK** family, Satish & Suman, have relocated from Pittsburgh, PA to 229 Guckert Lane, Wexford, PA 15090. The phone is (724)-799-2424.

The **KAMATH** family, Vasudeva & Sujatha, with their sons, Vivek & Vijay, have relocated from Unionville, CT to 991 North Red Cedar Circle, The Woodlands, TX 77380. The new phone is (281)-681-9811 and the email ID: [MARKADVASU@msn.com](mailto:MARKADVASU@msn.com)

The **PAI** family, Rajendra & Nandana, with their children Raghav & Ria have relocated within Florida to 2255, Alligator Creek Rd, Clearwater, FL 33765. The new telephone number is (727)-797-5916 and e-mail address is [rajpai@excite.com](mailto:rajpai@excite.com)

The **BALIGA** family, Ganesh & Nandini, together with their sons, Kevin & Brian, relocated from Brentwood, NY to 1 Ellwood Road, East Brunswick, NJ. Their new telephone (732)-993-3092 and email ID: [gnbaliga@verizon.net](mailto:gnbaliga@verizon.net)

The **KAMATH** family, Praveen & Shanthi, with their toddler, Neil, have relocated within San Jose to 3297 Woodmere Dr., San Jose, CA 95136.

The **PAI** family, Kochikar Bhasker & Tara, have relocated from Jersey City, NJ to 5045 Pioneer Place, Pueblo, CO 81008. The telephone is (719)-545-3292 & email ID: [paimd9@gmail.com](mailto:paimd9@gmail.com)

The **MANELKAR** family, Nitin & Sona, with their daughter Natasha, have moved from MI to Phoenix, AZ. Their new address is 125 N. 22nd Place, Unit 3, Mesa, AZ 85213. The new telephone (480)-993-0994

The **SHENOY** family, Vivekanand & Neeta, with their son Vinith, have moved within Avenel, NJ to 3009 Village Dr, Avenel, NJ 07001. The telephone is same at (732)-388-2599.

The **SHENOY** family, newlyweds Amit & Neeta, have moved within Phoenix to 2516 W Saint Kateri Dr., Phoenix, AZ 85041. The new telephone (602)-374-5992.

The **NAYAK** family, Vivek & Anita, have relocated to 5869 River Grove Avenue, Mississauga, Ont. L5M 4W2. The new telephone is (905)-822-2735.

**Ms. SHUBHRA SAWARDEKER** has relocated to 1500 Bay Road #724, Miami Beach, FL 33139. Her email ID: [xpctsuccess@earthlink.net](mailto:xpctsuccess@earthlink.net)

### Mailing Address Change:

The mailing address of **SHENOI** family, Belle Anantha & Suman, has

changed to 3017 Colonial Ridge Dr., Brandon, FL 33511-7647.

### 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party:

**VASANTH BHAT** of Lake Jackson, TX celebrated his 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday with family and friends in October 2006.

### 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash:

Dr. Suresh Kamath of Slingerlands, NY and Mr. Shivnath Kamath of Utica, NY gave a surprise party to their father, **Dr. GOPALAKRISHNA KAMATH** of Utica, NY to celebrate his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday. It was a gala event, well attended by family and friends of Gopal with singing and dancing and good food at Roselawn Banquet Hall, New York Mills, NY.

Shivnath presented a memorable slide show with pictures chronicling important and memorable moments in his father's life; photos dating back to Gopalakrishna's youth up to the present day. Grand children JulieAnne

Kamath and Alexander Jordan Kamath with Suresh's wife Linda, led the birthday song to their grand father. Close friends in the area, Dr Maneck Kotwal, Dr Vithalbai Patel, Dr Mudigonda and Dr Deepak Buch spoke on the occasion about their work with Gopal and also paid him tributes on his contributions to the Indian community life. Suresh, Shivnath and their mother Parimala Kamath spoke lovingly about Gopal. Gopalakrishna was thoroughly surprised and heartily enjoyed the party and the company of his family and friends and thanked everyone for their love and friendship; and gave a few glimpses of his personal life.

### Obituary:

**Smt. RAMABAI PANDURANGA SHENOY** passed away at the age of 95 in Kasaragod on Oct 7, 2006. She lived a very full and healthy life. Her Vaikunth Samaradhana had been conducted in Venkata Ramana Temple and most of her family members, relatives and known people in India have attended to give their due respects. In her memory, her daughter Meenakshi R Rao and entire immediate family rendered bhajans & prayers on Oct 15th in Gaithersburg,

MD. She will be greatly missed by all of the survivors of her family.

## KONKANI HAPPENINGS

**Konkani Sabha** celebrated their annual Diwali function at October 28<sup>th</sup> 2006 at the Balaji Mandir of Shri Venkateshwara Temple Community Center in Bridgewater, NJ

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The **NEW ENGLAND KONKANI GROUP** held their annual DIWALI Celebrations at the Westborough Church, MA on October 21st, 2006. This auspicious event was attended by about 140 Konkani's who gathered and wished each other HAPPY DIWALI.

The Celebration was a great success with bhajans, cultural programs, games, and not to forget a sumptuous potluck AMCHIGALE Dinner that had everyone licking their fingers and coming for seconds.

The event began with Bhajan recitals sung by **Chitra Shenoy, Sumana Mallya, Sabita Pai and group**, accompanied by tabla by **Manjunath Kamath**. Families lined to show Aarti to Goddess Laxmi during the JAI JAGDEESH HARE bhajan sung by the entire audience.

The cultural program began with a bang with dances of INDIA, Bollywood style from the movie " Lagan ". The dancers **Shreya Pai, the Shenoy sisters Mithali and Rupali, Megna Kini, Anya Hegde and Vedha Burdekar** performed with great gusto and were greeted from the audience with loud cheers and applause.

The young **Kamath sisters Aparna and Kirthi, the Pecchia sisters Dahliya, Sureena and Gemma** wowed the audience with their songs. The cultural program ended with a musical rendition of " *Kabi Alvidha Na Kehna* " by **Shreya Pai, Mithali Shenoy and Rupali Shenoy**.

Families participated in the games "Colors of India " and "Bollywood Trivia". **Arvind and Vandana Kamath, Vidya and Ratnakar Pai**, were awarded BEST BUY Gift Certificates for being the winners and working up their brain cells by getting most of the correct answers.

Then came the main event of POT LUCK DINNER that included AMCHIGALE delicacies like *Kadge Chakko, Dali Toy, Devstana Sar*, several kinds of *Phodi*, 3 different styles of *bhaji's, chappati*, rice and featured desserts like *burfi, baklava*, cookies, brownies etc.

The Vote of thanks was given by the well-respected pathologist of Rhode Island **Dr Ram Nayak**.

Kudos to the hard work put behind the scenes by **Chitra and Thrivikram Shenoy, Sabitha and Prakash Pai, and Sheila Kini** to make this celebration an event to remember for and young and old alike.

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**The Konkani Association of Southern California (KASC)** Diwali Function was held on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at the City of Arcadia, Recreational Center Hall and attended by about 100 members and their guests. The program began as ladies in colorful Indian costumes representing the various states of India, walked up the aisle holding *pontis* (dijas) and wishing guests Happy Diwali. This was followed by aarti and invocation. The stage was beautifully decorated with lights, streamers, akash ghodus and colorful wallpaper. The cultural program started with a Halloween Costume competition for the kids, followed by an elegant Odissi dance by Makana Krulce. Ramadas Kamath presented a hilarious monologue about his experiences with a walking club in Bangalore. This was followed by a lecture on the importance of Gayatri Mantra by a guest, Dr. Krishna Bhat from Mangalore. Shefali Dutt and Galen Krulce beautifully played classical music on the piano. Jyothi Pradhan gracefully presented a Bharatnatyam dance, while Radhika Hattiangadi entertained the gathering with Hindi songs accompanied by Karaoke music. Suraj Pai, the Youth Representative, did a wonderful job as master of ceremonies. He also conducted the raffle. The prizes were donated by many Indian businesses of Artesia and Cerritos, (Little India), CA.

The program ended with a delicious dinner provided by Woodlands Restaurant of Artesia. The dining tables were festively decorated with *pontis* surrounded by colorful petal rangolis. Thanks to all participants, committee members, volunteers, guests and performers for a successful evening. Special thanks to the volunteer cooks who prepared the delicious snacks served during the social hour, and to Mohini Kamath for collecting the raffle prizes from the businesses, for organizing the aarti and invocation, and, as always, for the delicious *godu phovu*.

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**AMKA (American Midwest Konkani Association)** celebrated Diwali on a grand scale on the evening of October 29<sup>th</sup> 2006. The function was held at the Balaji temple in Aurora IL. The evening began with snacks of "Hunu hunu rulav and shev", chips and donuts for the kids. The program began with the Aarti and was followed by a beautiful entertainment program provided by the wonderful children of AMKA. The children, with contribution of several hours by their parents, had worked very hard and succeeded in providing a wonderful show. All the children were given prizes for participation. The evening ended with a delicious Konkani feast cooked by several AMKA members. The program concluded by an after dinner Dandiya.

The 2006 Diwali Program of **Konkani Association Of California (KAOCA)** was held at the beautiful CET Auditorium in San Jose. Over 400 people attended the function – by far the largest gathering of Konkani's residing in and around the Bay Area. The invitees were first treated to *thanni* comprising of *rulav*, *shevo*, *batata ambado*, *kaju barfi*, hot tea and coffee chips and cookies for the kids. A Portrait photographer was present so people could get a family portrait while dressed in their finest Diwali garbs.

The entertainment program began at 5:15 PM in the auditorium which had a state of the art control room fully equipped with the latest a/v and lighting equipment. After the president's welcome address, the program began with a *Ganesh Vandana* sung by **Manali Souda** (Age 12). The variety program included children's bollywood dance, adult dances, a konkani skit and karaoke songs sung by our very own Konkani artists, a fashion show and a slide show that captured all the events held by KAOCA this year. The entire program was enjoyed by young and old. Here are a few quotes from some of the attendees. "The program was very entertaining because it catered to audiences of all ages and background". "The participants and organizers had obviously worked very hard to practice their event and deliver a quality performance". "Everything went off like clockwork as though managed by professionals".

The snack and dinner was sumptuous and adequate even though there were over 400 people attending this functions. The extra arrangements such as Portrait photography, DJ music, and special Diwali booths met the needs of most people who attended.

By the time the entertainment program came to a close around 8:00 PM, the food committee had cleared the dining hall of the snacks and prepared each table for dinner with a center piece and lighted candle in the middle. As people walked in for dinner they were handed a goodie-bag that contained several tasty snacks like mixture, *Nelkadle Bajo*, *ribbon pakoda*, date and nut roll, *pista burfi* and *mysore paak* all prepared by our own food committee members together and the KAOCA directory for the following year. This idea of handing out Diwali sweets and snacks along with the directory in a beautiful velvet bag made in India was liked by one and all as a novel idea and the first of its kind. The menu for dinner was *sambar*, *puliogare*, *rice*, *saagu*, *chapati*, *channa & kadgi sukke*, *pickle*, *papad* and *batate song*. Dessert was soft and not too sweet *gulab jamun* which were again made by the committee members. We ended the celebration with dancing to DJ music.

With this event the KAOCA 2006 committee completed their term managing all the activities for the current year and handed over the reins to next year's president – **Pradip and Lina Rao** of San Jose, CA.

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**Houston Area Amchigale samaj (HAAS)** held its annual Diwali celebration at the Sugarland Community Center, in Houston, Texas on 18th November, 2006. Participation in the entertainment ranged from seniors (Kumud Nilekani and Mira Lotlikar) all the way to the junior most members. The entertainment opened with invocation prayers. These were followed by two skits, a Bridal Couples of India fashion show, and classical, semi-classical and film dances. The grand finale consisted of a music segment that traced film music from the 50s to the 2000s. The singers performed to the live accompaniment of guitar and keyboard. It was a lively and colorful program and provided variety as well as entertainment.

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**Konkani friends from Southern Connecticut** gathered at the residence of Vasant and Chitra Shanbhogue of Greenwich, CT for Diwali celebrations in November.

## Khabbar from Kular

By: - Vishwa Konkani Sardar BASTI VAMAN SHENOY

### VISHWA KONKANI SAHITYA AKADEMI –Inaugurated

Konkani Bhas Ani Samskriti Pratistan which is constructing World Konkani Centre at Konkani Gaon Shakti Nagar has already initiated measures to develop Konkani language, Literature, art and culture, Folklore to National and International levels through various Akademis.

On 18.11.2006, VISHWA KONKANI SAHITYA AKADEMI was inaugurated at Panaji, Goa by Hon. Luizinho Faleiro (Minister for Education, Government of Goa). Mr. Basti Vaman Shenoy, President of the Konkani Pratistan welcomed Konkani artistes gathered on the occasion. Mr. Pundalika N. Naik, noted Konkani litterateur and President, Goa Konkani Akademi presided and extended full support to Vishwa Konkani Sahitya Akademi.

Shri K. Gokuldas Prabhu, member of the Akademi briefed about resolutions passed in the meetings of the Akademi members held on 17th and 18th November 2006. "Works of

3 eminent writers from Karnataka will be transliterated into Devanagari, and will be published in books as well as internet editions", he said. Other projects like works of Vishwa Konkani Sahitya Ratn Shri Ravindra Kelekar, translating into English and Hindi, translation of biographics of Rashtra Kavi Manjeshwar Govinda Pai to Konkani and Hindi, publishing of biographics of Dr. T.M.A. Pai, Smt. Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya, translating Konkani poems of Dinakar Desai to Konkani and Kannada - Konkani Shabda Kosh, Konkani Parichay Kosh ( Encyclopaedia of Konkani Samaj), workshops for young Konkani writers to write in Devanagari.

Dr. Udaya Narayan Singh, the Director, C.I.I.L., (Central Institute of Indian Languages) released Vishwa Konkani Vartha Patra. He advised to make use of the available internet and other facilities to spread the Konkani flavour among the International Community.

Vice President of Goa Konkani Akademi Dr. Tanaji Halarnkar was honoured at the function. Shri Venkatesh N. Baliga, Secretary of the Pratistan proposed Vote of Thanks.

Members of VISHWA KONKANI SAHITYA AKADEMI

GOA : 1. Shri Uday Bhembre; 2. Shri Pundalika Nayak; 3. Dr. Tanaji Halarnkar; 4. Ms. Madhavi Sardesai; 5. Shri Prakash Vazarikar

MAHARASHTRA: 6. Shri J.B. Moraes; 7. Shri J.B. Sequeira; 8. Shri N.D. Sonde

KARNATAKA: 9. Fr. Mark Waldar ; 10. Shri Edwin J.F. D'Souza; 11. Fr. Eric Crasta; 12. Dr. Jayashri Shanbhag

KERALA:13. Shri Gokuldas Prabhu; 14. Shri R.S. Bhaskar; 15. Dr. Sunitha Bai

### **KONKANI GET TOGETHERS HELD**

On 02.09.2006, Konkani Foundation and Committee of hosts from Mumbai organized 'A call to Konkani Mumbaikars' at Hotel Kohinoor International with a Video show. Chairman Shri K.K. Pai presided, Shri Basti Vaman Shenoy(President), Shri Kudpi Jagadish Shenoy(Treasurer), Shri Venkatesh N. Baliga(Secretary) were present.

Mr. John D'Silva, N.N.Pal(General Manager, Corporation Bank), G.V. Masurkar, S.V. Pikale, Vincent Mathias(President, Christian Chamber of Commerce) were the Chief Guests.

On 08.09.2006, a 'UAE Konkani Meet' was organized at Lotus Hotel, Dubai. Chairman Shri K.K.Pai was honoured by the UAE Konkani on his 85th year. Hon. R.V. Deshpande, who was present as Chief Guest called upon the Konkani of UAE to donate liberally to the World Konkani Centre project. UAE Konkani leaders Shri S.M. Rao, Industrialist, Abu Dhabi, Mr. S.M. Khaleel(Financial Advisor) and Dr. B.R. Shetty were the Chief Guests. Ambassador of India in Bahrain Shri Balakrishna Shetty, Ambassador of India in UAE Shri C.M. Bhandary and the Consulate General Shri Yeshavanth Sinha were present.

Dr. B.R. Shetty had arranged the 'Get Together' at his Hotel Lotus as Chief Host of the visit.

Shri Ullas D'Souza, Chief Co-ordinator at UAE and Shri Gokulnath Prabhu organized the event successfully.

## **Hindu Dharma, the Samskara of Marriage**

Presentation of a paper by **Smt. Kanaka Prabhu** of Pittsburgh, PA at the "Hindu Mandir's Executive Conference (HMEC) held on June 25<sup>th</sup> 2006.

Namaste. My name is Kanaka Prabhu and I am one of the Board officers at Sri Venkateswara Temple, Pittsburgh, PA.

Ladies and gentlemen, brothers and sisters I would like to start with a prayer:

*Suklambaradharam vishnum sasi-varnam chatur-bhujam  
Prasanna-vadanam dhyayet sarva-vighn(a) o (u)pasantaye*

Today, I will talk to you about one aspect of Hindu Dharma namely the Samskara of marriage. Before doing that, let me say a few words about Hinduism.

Hinduism is a vast and profound religion. It believes in one supreme reality Paramatman (called by many names) and teaches that this cycle of births and deaths is for one purpose only - to realize this supreme reality and become one with it. It believes in no hell or guilt. Each soul (Jeevatman) is on its own path of evolution and is free to find its own way by devotion, austerity, meditation or selfless service. Love for all nature, resulting in non-violence and good conduct and a staunch belief in Dharma and Karma define the Hindu path.

Hinduism believes each soul (Jeevatman) has to personally experience the reality within, finally reaching one-ness with this reality (Paramatman). All the Upanishads can be summed up by saying 'TAT TVAMASI'.

Hinduism is also known as "Sanatana Dharma" or the Eternal Religion. It is also called Manava Dharma, as it is applicable to all mankind. It views all humanity as belonging to one family - (Vasudeva Kutumbakam) and encompasses all forms of life, not just mankind. The Sanatana Dharma is essentially a religion of principles and has been compared to a tree, the roots symbolizing the Vedas and Upanishads, the trunk being the spiritual experiences of countless sages and saints, the branches are the various theological and religious traditions and the fruits are the various sects and sub-sects of Hinduism. The word Dharma comes from the root "Dhr", which means to hold. That which upholds all the beings in the world is called Dharma. It creates harmony between man and nature. In the broadest sense we have "Universal Dharma"/or Rita being the cosmic order holding the cosmos in balance. Then this concept of Dharma is applied in a narrower sense to all the duties of a human being. These duties should uphold the universal laws, as Adharma

can lead to the fall of the universe into chaos and eventually dissolution. Therefore, to enhance cosmic harmony, proper observance of Dharma is essential.

Our ancestors have defined four (4) stages of life for every human being. They are:

- (1) Brahmacharya (student life.)
- (2) Grahasta (house holders life)
- (3) Vanaprastha (retired life) and
- (4) Sanyasa (Life of Renunciation).

These are the four stages in a series of spiritual progression, culminating in the attainment of MOKSHA. One of the important samskaras in that life is marriage. Each stage has different ideals and standards. As a Brahmachari (or Brahamacharini) strict discipline, complete celibacy, study of the Vedas, etc. is the prescribed conduct or Dharma. As a Grahastha the Dharma is different. There, the duties owed to society are paramount. Rigid austerity gives way to the acquiring and enjoying of Artha and Kama within the parameters of Dharma.

In the 3rd or 4th stages, (retirement and renunciation) the emphasis is on the attainment of Moksha and living a life conducive to the same.

Today I will talk about one aspect of the Grahastha life. One of the most important samskaras in that life is marriage. The Hindu marriage is not only the uniting of a man and a woman it also recognizes the strength of a marriage in contributing to the welfare of the two (2) families involved and then the ripple effect going on to encompass the whole society (the larger family group of uncles, aunts, cousins, etc.) to bring up the next generation. Today, most countries recognize the fact that it takes a whole village to bring up a child. In a Hindu marriage the wife is called the "Dharma Patni" sharing the husband's duty of propagating Dharma. There is no force equal to the strength of a loving marriage based in harmony established in Dharma. This strength not only nourishes the children but also spills out to the larger family (society). I am therefore speaking to both the parents and their youngsters to think long and hard about this marriage samskara.

The parents have to live in harmony and peace between themselves, the elders in the family and the society they are a part of. If you as parents do not believe in the Hindu values, you will not be able to pass on these values to your children. Parents, it is not enough to believe in these values, you have to actively live them. Respect, love, compassion, worship, meditation, self-control these should not be just words. They should be the cornerstones of your life. You cannot tell a child, 'do as I say, don't do as I do'. Unless you live the principles you preach, you cannot propagate them. The best teacher is one who teaches by example. Your actions towards your spouse are the best lessons you can give on the sanctity of marriage, treating your elders with respect and teaching your children to do the same. An ounce of practice is worth a ton of theory.

Children are very good psychologists. They will watch parent's actions and follow them. No amount of words is adequate examples to imitate. After all, no kid will be impressed if the parents are indirectly saying 'Don't do as I say, don't do as I do'. Also, make sure the children participate in your daily worship; talk to them about the Hindu values; take them to the Temple at least once a week; encourage them to read Hindu literature. If they question you about some values or customs, which they do not like, do not get angry. Be honest with them and tell them you have to research it and then do. Make sure you get back with an honest reply.

It may be there was a reason long time ago. No matter what, base all you say on honesty and truth. Be happy your children trust you enough to bring their doubts to you. And if there are meaningless customs or traditions, then we should not be following them blindly.

The youngsters who are now in the last part of student life need to think long and hard what it is they are seeking in a spouse? Make sure the spouse you seek has the same values you have, both spiritual and worldly. The one person having the greatest influence on you will be your spouse. Remember that "no man is free in whom a thousand ancestors' ride". (H.G. Wells). You are what you are today because of all your forefathers. Children are our claims to immortality. When I read about gene mapping, etc. I am impressed that our ancestors knew nothing we did or said was lost - it is retained in the genes! Children, just being born and raised in a family obligates you to carry out certain duties. Cherish that heritage, nurture it and pass it on to the next generation. The word "Putra" (and 'Putri') means "puth narkat tray a te eti putraha". It is not easy in today's world of stress and selfishness and insecurity to hang on to some austere principles, but it can be done. Your forefathers did it; your parents have done it, now it is up to you to carry on the tradition for the generations to come. When you do right action, nature will support you. In each of you there is the power of God. Look at all the great men who have lived by their principles. Gandhiji is the most recent example. Today I read his autobiography and wonder that a man like him walked the earth. We can all strive to attain that kind of moral and spiritual stature. "Lives of great men all remind us we can make our lives sublime". (H.W. Longfellow)

I end this speech thanking Lord Venkateswara for his grace in giving me this opportunity to address you all, my guru for giving me the words to convey that grace and my husband for working even harder than myself in producing this speech. Actually he had a greater part in this than me.

May Lord Venkateswara's grace be on all of us.

## **PANDIT H. HARIHAR RAO**

*By Vivek Ullal, Simi Valley, CA*

We are proud to know that Pandit Hattangady Harihar Rao, was awarded the prestigious *Distinguished Award of Excellence* in Arts, at the Sixth North American Konkani Convention (KonCANi Sannelan 2006) in Toronto, Canada. I had heard about *Hariharji* from liner notes and photographs on Pandit Ravi Shankar's and some fusion jazz music LP's. I first met him, when a friend took us to his beautiful home in Pasadena on New Year's Day 1981, where he and Paula warmly welcomed us. After parking our car in his driveway, we walked to the nearby Colorado Boulevard to watch the fabulous *Rose Parade*. After the parade, we were treated to a delicious breakfast, while chit-chatting about our common interest – Indian Classical Music. Since that day, we met him several times each year at *Music Circle* Concerts of Indian classical music and dance. Occasionally, we would see him on New Year's Days, when we re-visited him to watch the *Rose Parade*. Naturally, I was tempted to call him Hariharmam. However, he discouraged me. So I refer him as *Hariharji*.

He was born in a musical and arts-oriented family, in the town of Mangalore in the South Kanara District of Karnataka. His father, Hattangady Rama Rao was a *Yakshagana* performer and *mridangam* player. His elder brother, Hattangady Taranath Rao was an eminent *tabla* and *pakhawaj* player, teacher and composer. His uncle, A. K. Rao was a *Carnatic* violinist. His twin nephews (almost as old as him) Ravi and Shashi Bellare are reknowned *tabla* players, teachers and composers (Ravi Bellare passed away on April 16, 2005). Hariharji came to Bombay in early 1940's to live with brother Pandit Taranath Rao, and learnt *tabla* from him. At Taramaam's place, he met many famous musicians who used to visit their home, and made it their Bombay headquarters. One of those many musicians was Pandit Ravi Shankar. Hariharji became a *sitar* student of Pandit Ravi Shankar in 1946, and studied with the *sitar* Maestro first in Bombay, and then in New Delhi, where Panditji was appointed the Conductor of the first All India Radio Indian Orchestra, "*Aakaashvaani Vaadyavrind*". He became the organizer of Panditji's concerts in Bombay, and New Delhi. Hariharji was appointed the Director of *Triveni Kala Sangam*, in New Delhi, in 1950's. He still considers himself, Panditji's student today. Hariharji has been prominently featured in the Konkani Sammelan 2006 souvenir. In a very informative article, Ashok Chandavarkar, has given some interesting personal insights about him.

Hariharji came to University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) in 1961, as a Fulbright scholar, and taught in the Department of Ethno-Musicology, specializing in comparative rhythms, and developed a unique system to teach complex Indian rhythmic cycles (*talas*) to many Jazz musicians, including Don Ellis and Emil Richards. These two eminent musicians have used Harihar's system in their books on rhythm and percussion. Hariharji also published a book on the technique of *sitar* playing, in 1966. It was in UCLA, that Hariharji first met Paula. After marrying, the couple settled in a very picturesque and historic section of Pasadena in a gorgeous old home, which they have tastefully decorated with many traditional Indian and international artifacts. It is here that he has archived his precious collection of books and music. He also teaches *sitar* and *tabla* to many students at his home, and hosts many famous musicians. And there is a silent worker behind Hariharji: his wife, Paula. Paula is a special education school teacher, and also volunteers full-time with *Music Circle* activities. She has been instrumental for the *Music Circle* to obtain many prestigious and generous grants from National Endowment for Arts and other organizations, and has published and illustrated many *Music Circle* books, pamphlets, CD and cassette covers, etc. She is also an amateur musician.

Hariharji has participated in many traditional Indian classical, jazz and fusion recording on long playing records (LP's) and CD's, along with stalwarts such as Pandit Ravi Shankar, Don Ellis, George Harrison and Yehudi Menuhin. Hariharji teaches music at many of the renowned Southern California academic institutions, including UCLA, California Institute of Arts (Cal Arts), California State Universities (Los Angeles and Long Beach), California Institute of Technology (Caltech), California Polytechnic, Pomona and Immaculate Heart College. He regularly broadcasted a program on Hindustani classical music on a Los Angeles public radio, *KPFK (90.7FM)* for many years.

Hariharji co-founded with Ravi Shankar, the *Music Circle*, in 1973. This is a premier and the first music club that arranges several concerts of eminent and new and upcoming Indian classical musicians and dancers in the greater Los Angeles area. *Music Circle* has an active outreach program for inner-city kids in greater Los Angeles area.

Hariharji is in great demand as a master of ceremonies at Indian classical music concerts, arranged by *Music Circle* and other organizations. He has the knack of explaining the intricacies of classical Indian melody and rhythmic structure in very simple terms to novices, especially the American audience. In 1998, it was Harihar's idea to have *Music Circle* sponsor a concert based on the epic "*Ramayana*" in form of a dance ballet, performed by traditional dance groups from North India (*Kathak*), South India (*Bharatnatyam*), Thailand, Kampuchea (Cambodia), Indonesia, and Bali. The series got excellent accolades and reviews by eminent arts and dance critics, in many local Southern California publications.

He is well known for his immense knowledge about Indian Classical music, dance, musical instruments, and history. He is also well known for a very dry sense of humor, and delivering quick witty remarks with a straight face, that sometimes throws listeners off guard! We are lucky to have to him and Paula in Los Angeles as a part of our Konkani community.

Congratulations, Hariharji and we are proud of you for your many achievements.

## Authentic Thai Cuisine

By: Radha Golikeri, Houston, TX

My job with the Marketing Research Department of Hindustan Lever Limited entailed extensive traveling in five states (Maharashtra, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Goa and Karnataka) of India. In the 50s when I joined the company, not many ladies ventured to take up jobs involving touring which made it necessary to be away from home for long stretches of time. Also, the outings were of an adventurous nature. The company took great care and made excellent arrangements for our stays at comfortable and safe places.

It was in the late 50s that my two colleagues and I were in Gwalior (Madhya Pradesh) to conduct a rural survey in surrounding areas. We stayed at Gwalior Hotel. In 1947, due to Sardar Vallabhai Patel's efforts, all the princely states except two joined the Indian Dominion. Close on the heels of the unification, Gwalior Palace of Scindias was converted into Gwalior Hotel. It was a magnificent building with the best comforts a hotel could afford in all respects.

Every day we covered several miles by car in the scorching heat of summer. The roads were dusty and rough. One day after the hard work, we returned to the hotel in the evening. We were relaxing on the beautiful green lawns when the bearer of the hotel brought 'masala tea' for us. We asked him whether he could get onion 'pakoras' to go with the tea. Within a short time, he returned on his bicycle with packets of onion and potato 'pakoras' that were crisp and tasty. He told us that he got them from a well-known, popular place in the 'Camp' area where a variety of sweets and snacks were available. He rattled out all the items on the menu card with descriptive adjectives. Our mouths watered. The next evening we planned to visit the Camp area and sample some of the fresh items. The bearer sent a word in advance to the shop owner that we would be dropping in.

We booked a 'tonga', a horse-drawn carriage, to go to the place. Autorikshas were not in existence then. As we approached the place, the first thing that caught our attention was the open gutters with multicolored flies hovering and making buzzing sounds. The shop was situated on one of such places. A variety of sweets like 'rasgulla', 'jalebi', 'kala jamun', 'gulab jamun', 'laddu', 'pedha', etc. were displayed in a big glass case. Flies had entered in the case from some side apertures and had comfortably settled down on the goodies, relishing the sugary fare. We were disgusted with the sight and were about to return to the hotel rooms when the owner, Mr. Sharma, came out hurriedly and modestly extended us an invitation to come inside and taste some of their specialties. We did not have the heart to refuse his sincere request and hurt his feelings. Mr. Sharma was particularly proud that ladies from Bombay, that too from a prestigious company, were visiting his shop. We got out of the tonga and climbed the flight of steps over the gutter and entered the shop. It was a small crowded place. A fair-complexioned cook was making 'puries'. He was wearing a dhoti that was rolled up to his groins, ala Fruit of the Loom briefs. He was sweating and did not have a shirt or vest on. He was sitting on the floor with his legs stretched out and the board for rolling puries held between his legs. He took out small portions of dough rolled out in round disks of two and a half inch diameter and neatly arranged them on his thighs, ready to fry. Nearby on the stove was a big frying pan with pure ghee, which emanated buttery flavor. He carefully dropped each rolled-out puri in the frying pan till they were lightly golden brown. While we were watching, Mr. Sharma was waxing eloquent with his running commentary. He took pride in mentioning that they use pure ghee and not 'Vanaspatti' –hydrogenated oil – and how they catered to VIPs including Maharajas of the erstwhile state. We were in an extremely awkward position. It was difficult to comply with his request having seen the unhygienic surroundings. We thanked Mr. Sharma for his invitation and excused ourselves by saying that it was our day of fasting and added that we would visit him on another occasion.

After the incident we were in Gwalior for a few more days. We cautiously avoided the Camp area lest we might fall "victims" to Mr. Sharma's rain check.

What an anticlimax from State Guest House to Sharmaji's Sweetmeat Shop!

## Konkani to be introduced in 52 schools

(As appeared in *Udayavani* 6/29/06)

Mangalore , June 29: Konkani will be introduced as a language in 52 schools in the State from the current academic year, on experimental basis. As a part of this plan, State Konkani Sahitya Academy has organised a workshop in the city on June 28, informed Academy President Eric Ozario.

Addressing a press meet in the city on Monday, he said that academicians and experts in Konkani language and culture would take part in the workshop. Modalities of introducing Konkani as language of studies in schools will be discussed.

"Syllabus for the course has been prepared with the assistance of State Directorate of Text Books. State government has constituted a nine member expert panel and academy has furnished Kannada translation of the syllabus to the panel. After the panel submits its report government will give nod for our proposal," he stated.

Konkani teachers from 52 schools will take part in the workshop. Issues related to syllabus, teaching techniques and methods of conducting exams and evaluation will be deliberated.

Secretary of Konkani Catholic Education Trust Rev Fr Wilson D'Souza will inaugurate the workshop. Bishop Dr Aloysius Paul D'Souza, Ronald Colaco, Ramesh Pandith will take part in the valedictory, he said. Academy Registrar Dr Duggappa Kajekar and others were present in the press meet.

## **A Short Trip To The Big House On A Rainy Day**

Savitri K. Kamath PhD, Scottsdale, AZ

Long, long ago, when I went to work at St. Agnes College in Mangalore, my father had just retired from government service, and settled down in our ancestral home, then known as the "Big House" (Ohde Ghar) in Kotecheri, Kanhangad, South Kanara District, now a part of Kerala State. Kerala and the Malabar Coast lying on the lee side of the Western Ghats is blest with heavy rains during the Monsoons. I used to visit my parents whenever I had a chance - 3 to 4 pleasant days - off from work. My father, usually met me at the Kanhangad railway station; and we used to walk home together. When he could not, my father sent the servant, Kutia. The preferred transportation from Mangalore to Kanhangad, in those days, was the railway train starting from Mangalore, and taking about two hours for the run to Kanhangad.

It was on one of those rainy days, that I decided to go home. With a suit case, an umbrella, and my handbag, I got into a taxi from St. Agnes College to catch the morning train at 9 AM. On entering the taxi, I encountered a heavy down pour; and water was everywhere. Most of the streets and roads were partly or fully submerged under an inch or two of water. It was warm and humid. The water on the streets and the tires of the taxi appeared to have conspired to have the red muddy water to splash all over, and up to the railway station. I could not even open the window to get some little fresh air. On arrival at the Mangalore Railway Station, I bought my ticket and repaired to the waiting room for half an hour, as the train was just a tad behind, that day. At 9.30 AM, I got into the train, that started promptly on its run. I got a window seat. It was warm and humid and I opened the window just a bit, for air. Well, the running train and the poring rain seemed to have hatched another conspiracy to drench everything it could reach. It was a matter of getting soaked or staying put, in the wet humid, compartment. I chose the latter as the only desirable alternative and closed the window behind me.

The train came to a short halt at each of the seven stations between Mangalore and Kanhangad (Ullal, Manjeshwar, Mangalpadi, Kumbla, Kasargod, Kudlu and Bekal) and then moved on until its regular stop at my destination, Kanhangad. A peep through the window of my compartment showed that it was still raining heavily, outside. As expected, the redoubtable Kutia was there, looking for me. As usual he came to my compartment, took my suitcase, before I got down with the handbag and opened umbrella. Now, there were two routes we could take to our home: one was the long 3 or 4 (it seemed like that) miles of round about stretch, by taxi. And then, there was a short cut, about a mile and a half. Taxis come to the station usually after half an hour of being ordered; but an hour perhaps, on a rainy day. Again, the taxi cannot go near the house, leaving about half a furlong (1/16th mile) of water-drenched, red, rocky, unfinished roadways, to be negotiated by foot.

We took the short cut. This route goes over and past the railway tracks. I started walking with Kutia close behind me. We crossed the railway track, along side many people walking to town by the same route. A crowd of passengers with open umbrellas were crossing the track and walking the narrow field, leading to town through a paved street. The street is about half a mile, lined with grocery stores, small hotels (restaurants) and some homes in between. We knew most of the people and as I walked in the rain, I could see some faces under the umbrella and said hello. This street goes up to the elementary school - Balla school which consisted of one large room and plenty of front yard for children to play. The children were bunched in five grades in this one hall and there were a couple of teachers. But the students did learn; and today, some of the alumni of this school are doctors, engineers and some of them are in the US, UK, and other foreign countries!

Now there are three to four types of regions(?) We have to cross to reach home. First of all, the 3 - 4 red rocky narrow lanes, 2-3 inches of muddy water, gushing from this end to the other! So, in order to save the slippers, I took the slippers and the handbag in one hand and the saree (a bit above the ankles) and the open umbrella in the other hand and walked through these lanes - felt like a three ring circus! I do not believe the present generation can even imagine this rope trick!. The lanes were just a few yards each, but looked like a mile. Then you have to cross a couple of paddy fields flooded and buried in muddy water, with tips of green grass peeping through - you walk on a plain strip of land between two such large rice fields. Crossing the fields is an adventure by itself.

The third type of travel is through backyards/front yards of houses, mostly belonging to uncles and cousins. These yards were well maintained, but the monsoons cared less. Some of the yards were filled with an inch or half of water! A narrow path was paved across the yard. And as was the custom, each yard had a small gate which one has to climb (jump over) and cross over to the next yard. No human beings could be seen outside that day for obvious reason. The last but our house belonged to one of our uncles and was called "upper house (Vaile ghar)." It is so, because the ground was above all the other grounds around. Remember, Thank you was unheard of, I guess. We never thanked any one, but took it for granted and went through all these yards and lanes so casually that one would feel that it all belonged to one family. Rightly so. A number of cousins, uncles, and nephews lived with their families around this area. At the end of this path there was another gate which needed to be jumped over and go down a few steps - now you know why the house was called so. And behold, there was our home. Here also was a gate to be jumped over to enter our front yard. My parents were worried and waiting for me because Kutia had reached home much before I arrived. I am a slow walker. A cup of

hot coffee and some snacks were awaiting. It was so good seeing my parents although I see them at least once in three or four weeks. I started talking to my mother as she was getting busy with lunch preparation. This was a big house indeed, at least when it was built at the end of the 19th century. Today, when I muse over it, I wonder how my grand father thought of this house - a two storey, brick house with 10 rooms and a large and centrally located, God's (prayer) room. In addition, there was a long hall and one above that. A large kitchen and a large dining room, and a bath room of sizable area and a well with clear water both away from the house and not far from the kitchen!. There

was a nice masonry wall between the front yard and the bathroom, with an arched entrance. I am amazed at the construction of this custom built house, in consideration of all conveniences and comforts of a joint family. Of course, the latrine was unheard of in those days and was built later!

Now this big house belongs to my grand father's and his brothers' numerous grand-, great, grand -, great, great, grand - and great, great, great grand - children who are located in various parts of India and abroad. But those who are there visit and take care of the house, particularly the prayer room on a regular basis. God bless us all. Good Old days indeed(?).

### KONKANI CALENDER

January 2007	February 2007	March 2007
3 <sup>rd</sup> Poornami	1 <sup>st</sup> Poornami	3 <sup>rd</sup> Holi-Poornami
6 <sup>th</sup> Sankasta Chaturthi	5 <sup>th</sup> Sankasta Chaturthi	7 <sup>th</sup> Sankashta Chathuthi
13 <sup>th</sup> Makara sanbkranthi	12 <sup>th</sup> Kumbha Sankranthi	14 <sup>th</sup> Meena Sankranthi
18 <sup>th</sup> Amavasya (Dark Moon)	15 <sup>th</sup> Maha Shivarathri	18 <sup>th</sup> Amavasya (Dark Moon)
28 <sup>th</sup> Yekadashi	17 <sup>th</sup> Amavasya (Dark Moon)	19 <sup>th</sup> Ugadi- New Year day
	27 <sup>th</sup> Yekadashi	26 <sup>th</sup> Sri Rama Navami
		28 <sup>th</sup> Yekadashi

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The last quarter's quiz:

The Answer:

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T	I	K	A	Y	U	N	O	P
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### 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 Moreover, if you get correct solution for 4 consecutive quizzes, you will get FREE subscription to *Khabbar* Newsletter for a year!

To the best of the knowledge of MENSA, only one word can be made from all the letters below. What is it?

B D E E F I I L N N S Y

### NAKA – North American Konkani Association

The NAKA Board now consists of:

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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](mailto:naka1@indiatimes.com)

### NAKA Statement of Accounts

Date	Description	Credit, \$	Debit, \$
8/28/2006	Balance from previous report	<b>34,171.66</b>	
11/30/2006	Interest income	<b>182.20</b>	
12/04/06	Balance	<b>34,353.86</b>	

Signed: Damodar Baliga  
Treasurer, NAKA



The 2007 Konkani Youth Convention will be held in San Francisco, California. Youth conventions have served an important role in the Konkani community since the first one was held in Boston. They allow the Konkani Youth the opportunity to gather in an open and honest forum to get to know one another, explore a new city, and most importantly, learn more about Konkani Culture.

The Youth from the San Francisco Bay Area have planned an exciting weekend for the attendees.

- Amazing meals, including two dinners with some of the best food and views that the Bay Area has to offer.
- A tour of the city that highlights some of the most famous aspects of the Bay Area as well as some of the lesser-known historical landmarks.
- Seminars on topics such as Konkani Language, Religion, Relationships, and Career Opportunities.
- Ice Breakers and Social events to ensure that you meet new people and leave the Convention with a newfound love of Konkani Culture.

**Where: San Francisco Omni Hotel**

**When: August 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>**

**How Much: \$70 if you register prior to January 1<sup>st</sup>, \$90 after that.**

The youth are the future leaders of our local associations. The youth are the future men and women that will plan Sammelans. We want to cultivate the youth now so we can be ready for that challenge when it comes. To keep registration costs low, and to ensure that we can offer the Youth everything the best experience possible, we are asking for donations towards the 2007 Youth Convention. All donations are tax deductible. All donors will be thanked in our official program.

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## KS-2008 Update

Excitement is back in the air. Mark your calendars. The venue of our next biennial Konkani sammelan is confirmed. The 7th biennial Konkani sammelan is scheduled to be hosted at Santa Clara Convention Center, Santa Clara, CA during July 3rd - 5th 2008.

Santa Clara is at the heart of Silicon Valley & approx 40 miles south of San Francisco and is serviced by three major airports. A large local Konkani community & fabulous weather will make it an ideal setting. Theme for our sammelan is to "Awaken the Konkani in You".

This is an ideal opportunity to renew your social contacts, mingle with fellow Konkanis, partake in authentic Konkani cuisine, sharpen those dusty Konkani phrases and have an extended vacation in Northern California region & enjoy one of the most beautiful cities.

Over the last couple of months, a dream team has been identified & is entrusted the responsibility to organize this mega event. Teams vision is to host the best Konkani Sammelan at great value & provide all attendees with uncompromising hospitality, social networking, scrumptious Konkani food and outstanding entertainment.

Finding a suitable venue to host the event turned out to be a challenge in itself. The committee was faced with constraints for dining capacity, auditorium requirements & restrictions on cooking facilities. Various places in northern California ranging from Santa Clara , San Jose , Fresno , Sacramento and Burlingame were considered. After many deliberations, the committee decided on the modern Santa Clara Convention Center

Hyatt Regency, Santa Clara is the preferred hotel for your stay during Konkani sammelan 2008. It adjoins the sammelan venue and is across from Paramount 's Great America Theme Park . For your convenience, a limited number of rooms at discounted rates are blocked at this hotel. Details on room rates & how to make hotel reservations will soon be published on our website.

Please bookmark & check our website regularly ([www.konkanisammelan.org](http://www.konkanisammelan.org)) for sammelan updates. Currently, the website is under construction & planned to be operational before the end of year 2006. In the meantime, you may reach us at [help@konkanisammelan.org](mailto:help@konkanisammelan.org) with questions, concerns & suggestions regarding Konkani Sammelan 2008.

We request you to be our ambassadors to inform nearest & dearest from North America & around the world about this event. We look forward to welcoming you here & for your continued participation & support.

Devu Baren Karo

Konkani Sammelan 2008 - Publicity Committee

## AN APPEAL

The name ULLAL has been immortalized by the queen Abbakka by her valiant resistance to the annexation of her land by the mighty Portuguese. In the post-independence era, the members of the Gowd Saraswath Brahmin Community spread all over India and abroad are familiar with this name through the services of visionary like late Ullal Srinivas Mallya. Ullal is located at the confluence of Netravathi river with Arabian Ocean, on the National Highway 17, at a distance of about 12 Km from Mangalore towards south. Lord Vishnu took the avatar of Narasimha (half-man and half-lion) to protect Prahlad. At Ullal, the omnipotent avatar remains all - peaceful along with His consort Lakshmi and ardent devotee Prahlad, which is a rare occurrence. Beseech Lord Lakshminarasimha to remove all your graha-doshas.

According to the legend, nearly 5 centuries ago Sri Subba Bhat, a vedic scholar from konkan built a small temple at Ullal consecrating the idols of deities Laxminarasimha along with that of Shantha Durga and VijayaDurga. With the passage of time, Sri Subbha Bhat at his old age handed over the temple to the pious members of Ullal Nayak/Kini, Mallya families of the GSB community to carry on the religious activities at the temple with reverence for deity and devotion to divine worship. Records show that nearly one hundred years ago, the renovation of the temple and punarprathishta of the deities were held under the benevolent guidance of H. H. Srimad Sukratheendra Theertha Swamiji of Kashi Mutt Samsthan. Under the able guidance of trustees and the devoted service rendered by the priests, the dally poojas are being performed with reverence and devotion along with usual religious functions.

As a result, the temple has become a religious centre of repute attracting devotees from all over the country and abroad. For the last 60 years, the Abhayastha of Sri Kalabhairav darshan encouraged the devotees to proceed in all good works and prophecy uttered in the sanctum sanctorum is happening, so much so, the devotees consider Sahasra Kumbhabhisheka the deity in the sanctum sanctorum as the "Kottu Padakolluva Devaru" (the Lord who showers his blessings bountifully to extract devotion from the devotee.)

With the divine blessings and guidance by H. H. Srimad Sudheendra Theertha Swamiji of Kashi Mutt and with the active participation of the devotees of the temple, the trustees of the temple have decided to organise a Sahasra Kumbhabhisheka at the temple premises. A committee has been formed under the banner of "Sahasra Kumbhabhisheka Samithi" whose members have brought out this appeal to request the devotees to make use of this wonderful opportunity to participate in this rare event and be blessed by Sri Hari Guru.

### President & Members

S. K. Samithi

### Managing Committee

S.L.N. Temple and GSB

Community members from Ullal.

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# Sahasra Poorna Chandra Darshan Shanti from Jan 28<sup>th</sup> to Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> 2007

**His Holiness Shrimad Sudhindra Tirtha Swamiji,**  
*Mathadhipathi of Sri Kashi Math Samsthan, Varanasi.*

It is with great pleasure, we inform you that our **Paramapoojya Dharmaguru H. H. Shrimad Sudhindra Tirtha Swamiji** shall be completing Sahasra Poorna Chandra Darshan shortly. This is truly an event par magnitude and should be celebrated in a befitting manner with gaiety and devotion.

**G. S. B. Seva Mandal** requested H. H. Swamiji to bless us with the opportunity to celebrate this unique and divine event and we have pleasure to inform you that H. H. Swamiji has blessed this request and we have been bestowed with the responsibility of organizing the various festivities for this event. However, we are of the firm opinion that the event can only be celebrated with the wholehearted co-ordination of all Shishya Varga of the Samsthan. In order to represent all sections of the Samaj and to foster a sense of togetherness, a Special Committee called "**Sahasra Poorna Chandra Darshan Shanti Celebration Samiti**" has been constituted.

## PROGRAMS:

Jan 27 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 PM onwards	Ritvijavarana, Rakshogna Havana
	5:00 PM onwards	ULPO-Hore Kanike
Jan 28 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 AM onwards	Adya Ganayaga
	6:00 PM onwards	Vastu Navagraha Mahamrityunjaya Havana
Jan 29 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 AM onwards	Mahasabha – at Mangala Stadium, Mangalore
	7:00 AM onwards	Gayatriyadi Japadeeksha Samapana
	6:30 PM onwards	Vishnu Sahasra Nama Havana
Jan 30 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 AM onwards	“Bharata Varsha Matru Swaroop” Discourse by Shri Vidyananda Shenoy
	7:30 AM onwards	Vishnu Sahasra Nama Archana
	6:00 PM onwards	Rakshatraya Havana
Jan 31 <sup>st</sup>	7:00 AM onwards	Satsang followed by Ashirvachan by His Holiness
	7:30 AM onwards	Saptachiranjivi Vyasa Havana
	6:00 PM onwards	Seeta Kalyan, Shree Ramachandra Pattabhisheka
Feb 1 <sup>st</sup>	6:00 AM onwards	Satsang followed by Ashirvachan by His Holiness
	7:30 PM onwards	Saptarishi Poojan Sahasra Poorna Chandra Darshan Shanti
	5:30 PM onwards	Guru Pada Padma Archana – Swarna Pushpa Arohana
		Shree Lakshmi Narasimha havana
		Swarna Kanika and Prasadam

Other Program:

10:00 AM to 12:30 PM and 2:30 PM to 6:00 PM: Sri Kashi Math Parichaya Exhibition

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### APPEAL

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