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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 *Khabbar* dues have been \$15/yr for a long time that I can remember. Families do send their dues on a regular basis. Some families send check (mostly in multiples of \$15) for their present and past arrears because they "forgot" to send the dues for the previous year/s. Recently though, I got a check for \$31.71 from this family in TX! There was no explanation for this amount. I know this family had not paid their dues for the previous year. I am not sure whether they were paying for the

past year's arrears plus the interest or pay one of their personal bills but mailed it to *Khabbar* in error!?!

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It is a well known fact that the "unofficial" *Khabbar* correspondents do a fantastic job in collecting news items from their region to be published in *Khabbar*. They always make it a point to add some more "spice" to the news item they had sent and the case in point is an email I got from this special correspondent from NC. After submitting the news item from his region, this correspondent adds, " I was busy attending town hall meetings as part of the "mob" so much so I could not cover more "hoon khabbar" for the esteemed *Khabbar*! I hope you understand!!"

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## SUBSCRIPTION FORM:

Dear Konkani family,

It is time to renew your subscription for 2009, if you've not done so. The numbers on the mailing label clearly indicate the year/s the dues for *Khabbar* has been received since 2006. Please, note that you have the FREE access to the e*Khabbar*, the electronic version of *Khabbar*, by logging on to e*Khabbar*.com. If you want hard copy, then only remit your subscription at \$15.00/yr. **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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Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Comments, if any: \_\_\_\_\_  
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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 2007**. In other words, families who **have not** paid since 2005 will not be receiving this issue. The numbers on the mailing label clearly indicate the year/s the dues for *Khabbar* has been received since 2007 and if there is any error let me know.

Even in these tough economic times, the Advisory Committee of *Khabbar* has decided 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.

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.

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!

The Konkani event of the year, the **Konkani Youth Convention - 2009** in Washington DC, was been a success. Visit their website (<http://www.kyc2009.com> )

to find out all the details of this great event. Thanks for all of you for supporting our youngsters who are doing such a great job in maintaining our culture here in North America.

*Khabbar* will publish all the developments and progress made by **NAKA** on an on-going basis. Send your constructive suggestions to any of the Directors of the NAKA Board. Also, the much anticipated Konkani Charitable Fund (KCF) was incorporated. More details will be published in due course of time.

The response to the **Konkani Cruise 2010** was overwhelming. Majority felt that we as a community should maintain our biennial meetings and hence the Konkani Cruise in 2010. Please, extend all your support to this venture.

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

On the Quiz front, *Khabbar* has still remained as a champ. We had only six correct responses to the last quarter's quiz! Congrats to **Govind Kamath**, of Austin, TX, who won a year's subscription to *Khabbar* for being the first one to solve the quiz. Let us see how you will do with this quarter's quiz!?!)

The progress of the ambitious project, **Konkani Kendra**, the **Konkani Bhas Ani Sanskriti Pratistan** is good. 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. Indeed, the Kendra has become a center of attraction and I urge all North American Konkanis to visit the Kendra to see what way they can benefit from this. Also, see in what way we can help our brethren who are doing an outstanding job in preserving our culture.

*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. Join ***Khabbar Kares Email List*** if interested in helping the needy.

I hope the struggle to rid terrorism from this world will materialize soon. Hope Peace & Tranquility will prevail.  
Happy Diwali to you all  
*Devu Boren Karo.*

*Vasanth*  
Honorary Editor

# 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.

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Dear Vasanth Bhat,

Let me introduce myself. I am M Jayavanth Kamath-from Swastik family in Mangalore doing wholesale edible oil business- Governing body member of Canara High School Association and co ordinator Canara Institutions Alumni Association (newly formed) to bring us closer. I am nephew of Bal Pai Kochikar in Cherry Hill, NJ. Right now I am in US at Palo Alto at My daughters place.

Reason for writing this mail is: We have launched a new website- [www.canaraalumni.in](http://www.canaraalumni.in) only for getting all our alumnus on one platform. All registrations are free. I want you to circulate this to your khabbar members. All registered members will receive news updates about what is happening in our institutions and will also receive our greeting on special days and any accomplishment of the alumni will be put on the website. Any suggestions is also welcome.

Please help me OK this gigantic task. We want to have a global convention next year if everything goes well. Please also visit our websites:

[www.chsassociation.in](http://www.chsassociation.in) and [www.chsassociation.in/new/](http://www.chsassociation.in/new/) for more details.

Please reply and help me.

With regards

Jayavanth

[kamathswastik@yahoo.co.in](mailto:kamathswastik@yahoo.co.in)

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Dear friends,

One more Konkani bhajan song has been uploaded in my following web folder:

[www.esnips.com/web/konkanibhajankaraokes](http://www.esnips.com/web/konkanibhajankaraokes)

I cordially invite you all to listen the song. This will be incorporated in my next devotional album "Preeti Deere". Sangeeta Prabhu from Ernakulam has soulfully rendered this devotional song composed on the lines of the Malayalam song "Kalabham Taraam". How does this sound ? Anyone who can visualize (Even in one's dreams) the Divinity will get dumbfounded and wonderstruck with the lustre and

splendour. It was so with me too...and thus came out the lyrics of this song.

Added (Aug 10, 2009)

It is hardly two weeks more ... and once again Vinayak Chaturthi is here...let us pray to Lord Ganesh as 'Chowti Devu' through some songs in Konkani.

A Bhajan Karaoke sung by Sri.Dileep Kumar (Ernakulam) is uploaded to my web folder, and can be heard in the following link :

<http://www.esnips.com/doc/32d62c71-bc94-426d-9cd0-43dbf0c136d4/OM-JAI-GANESH>

It is composed on the lines of a famous Hindi melody rendered by the late Kishore Kumar.

However, the latest in the series is a duet sung by Sri.Mohan Kamath (Dubai) and Kum.Sai Archana (Ernakulam). This can be listened by clicking on the below link :

<http://www.esnips.com/doc/2e23b331-8e93-4d74-bea0-4fbf43f010c1/VAKRATUNDAA-SREEGANESHAA>

In this case not a Hindi song, but a Marathi bhavageete was chosen to suite my lyrics.

Perhaps you already heard this one, presented with devotion by Sri.Mohan Kamath (Dubai). It is from my Konkani bhajan audio CD "Darshan Dee" released in Abu Dhabi, UAE. To listen the song, you need to click on the following link:

<http://www.esnips.com/doc/1cc0e2aa-1961-4c25-8c9b-dfb2af153037/CHOWTI-DEVU-CHANDU-HO>

Indeed it reminds of the great singer Mohamed Rafi who presented a good number of eternal melodies for music lovers.

Enjoy...and sing along...

Jai Konkani, Jaai Konkani !

Jai Samaaj, Jaai Samaj !!

Best regards,

Payyanur Ramesh Pai

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Hi every one, please read this article on my brother Konkani Sardar **Basti Vaman Shenoy** in

[www.daijiworld.com](http://www.daijiworld.com) by clicking this link (or as published in this issue).

This is a wonderful article about Basti Vaman Shenoy through whom today the Konkani World speaks. He is, no doubt my brother but, I respect him for what he has done for MY LANGUAGE and to put it on the world map. But for his efforts, there would have been no World Konkani Center. Today, all Konkani who take pride in saying I am a Konkani can proudly say that our headquarters are in Mangalore.

I remember, every time I went to Mangalore, he had so little time to spare for me in the middle of his busy schedule of meetings about Konkani matters. No doubt he had a wonderful team of people who followed him and did everything to make this colossal project a success. In 1995 when he started talking about a project of Rs. 4 Crores, everybody, except probably myself, thought he is out of his mind. But, I knew him better that he just doesn't know how to give up on his dreams. And there it is to our utter amazement a 4.5 Crore Rupees building standing on a hill proclaiming to the world that Konkani will not die. Please do read the article and then if there is anything you can do to help that institute, pl. let me know. I know a whole lot of you want to do more for the cause of preserving Konkani but found no time to do anything about it. I think it is time to put your feelings to action by taking out the check book.

Basti Ganapathi Shenoy

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Hi Vasanth & Poornima,

Nice talking to you. Do not forget to take Shingles vaccination. People above 60 and who had Chicken Pox should ask their family doctor whether they should take Shingles vaccine as a precautionary measure. Even after taking the vaccine, you may get Shingles but the pain associated with it will be less.

Thanks

Venkatesh Kamath

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# Hoon Khabbar

## Congratulations:

**Ms. ANURADHA RAO**, d/o Vrinda Rao of Dundas, Ont., who is a Conservation Biologist had the electronic version of her book about her research on marine mammals of Newfoundland launched on Monday, June 8th, 2009 at the annual general body meeting of The Canada Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS). The title of the book is "Special Marine Areas In Newfoundland & Labrador"

The electronics version of the book is available at the web address:

[http://cpawsnl.org/about/educational\\_resources/SpecialmarineguideNL.pdf](http://cpawsnl.org/about/educational_resources/SpecialmarineguideNL.pdf)

The printed version will be launched on July 23rd 2009 from the Lt.Governor's (Nfld) place.

Anuradha has a Masters Degree in Conservation Biology from Memorial University of Newfoundland and has worked extensively in Newfoundland and Labrador. She has also worked in many areas of Africa and has traveled to South America, Africa, India and Indonesia observing the conservation work being done in those countries and working there on many projects.

**Sanjay Bhatt** of Seattle, WA participated in the 200-mile Group Health Seattle to Portland Bicycle Classic on Saturday and Sunday (July 11th & 12th 2009). This is the first challenge ride he has ever done, and an incredibly memorable event, with 10,000 cyclists all pedaling toward the finish line. The experiences can be seen at his cycling blog:

<http://80rpm.blogspot.com>

The book "On Media, Politics, & Literature" by Padma Bhushan **Dr. M. V. KAMATH**, published by Prabal Publishing, was released on Saturday July 25th 2009 at 4:30 PM at Dr. T. M. A. Pai Planetarium in Manipal.

**VASANTH BHAT** of Lake Jackson, TX was elected as the President of Brazosport Evening Lions Club. Since 1917, Lions clubs have offered people the opportunity to give something back to their communities. From involving members in projects as local as

cleaning up an area park or as far-reaching as bringing sight to the world's blind, Lions clubs have always embraced those committed to building a brighter future for their community. Today with more than 46,000 clubs in 193 countries and geographical areas, Lions have expanded their focus to help meet the ever-increasing needs of our global community. Lions programs are continually changing to meet new needs and greater demands, but the mission has never wavered: "**We Serve.**"

**RAMESH & PRATIBHA KAMATH** of San Carlos, CA were honored in August 2009 at a Konkani gathering in Mysore for their work in promoting Konkani awareness in North America. There were approximately 600 people in attendance. Honorees handed out awards on behalf of GSB Sabha to the top students in High School and college. The event included a Satya Narayan Pooja followed by a feast of tasty Konkani meal. The photo of the couple with Ramesh wearing *Mysore Peta* was a hit.

## Konkani Graduates:

**PREETI**, d/o Pundalik & Premal Shenoy of Parsippany, NJ graduated from Drexel University, with a B.S in Psychology with *Cum Laude*. She is now admitted to medicine at Drexel University.

**POOJA**, d/o Pundalik & Premal Shenoy of Parsippany, NJ graduated from Parsippany High School and has joined Drexel University for Physician Assistant Program under Health Profession this Fall.

**ASHWIN**, s/o Ashok & Ameeta Adur of Westlake, OH, graduated with a BS in Biological Sciences with *Cum Laude* with Honors Distinction in Research in Biology from The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH and is applying for medical school. His Honors Thesis was: "DNA Copy Number Variation in Autism".

**SHASHANK**, s/o Shivdas & Sheetal Pai of Scarborough, Ont. has successfully graduated in Bio Engineering & Chemical Engineering from McMaster University, Hamilton. SNC Lavalin, one of the leading Engineering & Construction group in the world, with whom Shashank had worked during his co-op term in 2007-08, offered him a full time job as an Engineering Asst. He is planning to pursue MBA at a later date.

**RAHUL**, s/o Nagesh & Bina Kamath of Scarborough, Ont. has successfully graduated from Wilfred Laurier C.I. and will be pursuing his Honours Bachelor of Computer Science at the University of Waterloo this fall.

**RAVI**, s/o Ashok & Poornima Goundalkar of Scarborough, Ont. successfully graduated from Sir Oliver Mowat C.I. and is going to join this fall Mathematics Honors Program majoring in Actuarial Science at University of Waterloo.

**VIJAY**, s/o Vinod & Radhika Hattiangadi of Tustin, CA, graduated from Tustin High School and will be joining University of California, Irvine (UCI) in September 2009. He plans to study Mechanical Engineering.

**ROHITH**, s/o Sudhakar & Mithra Nayak of La Mirada, CA, and grand son of Mohan & Mohini Kamath of Cerritos, CA, graduated from Fairmont Preparatory Academy in Anaheim and will be attending Pomona College in Claremont, California in the fall of 2009.

**ROHAN**, s/o Vinod & Radhika Hattiangadi of Tustin, CA, graduated from University of California, Irvine (UCI), with Major in Biology and Minor in Information and Computer Science. He will be joining Microsoft Inc. in Seattle at the end of June.

**KAVITA**, d/o Narayanadas & Pamela of Cerritos, CA, graduated from Harvard University with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics with Honors. She will be working for Morgan Stanley in

New York City as an Equity Research Junior Associate.

**AJAY**, s/o Vivek & Jyoti Ullal, of Simi Valley, CA, graduated from University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) in Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology with Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa.

**ANITA**, d/o Rajeev & Veena Vishwakarma of Cerritos, CA, graduated from University of California, San Diego (UCSD) in Molecular Biology.

**Manjeshwar Ganesha Kamath** of Gastonia, NC graduated from University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN in July 2009 with Ph.D. in Polymer Engineering. His thesis is in Flame Retardant Fiber Products. He is employed at Celanese Ticona Polymers, Shelby, NC.

**Dr. Ajit B Pai**, of Richmond, VA began a fellowship in Spinal Cord Injury Medicine at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) in Richmond, VA after completing a four year residency in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (PM&R). He was Chief Resident of the PM&R residency program and was awarded the Herman J. Flax Resident Education and Leadership Award, the PM&R Research Excellence Award and the Gerry Bertier SCI Research Award during his final year in residency.

**Dr. Amie Y Pai**, of Richmond, VA completed a four year residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, VA. She will join a private practice in Petersburg, VA for the next year.

**RAHUL**, s/o Ajay & Aruna Gupta of Etobicoke, Ont., will be pursuing his MD program at the Medical School, State University of New York (SUNY) in Syracuse, after graduating from University of Toronto, BSc (Life Science).

#### **New Arrivals:**

**NINARIKA**, a baby girl to Rohan & Deepa (Kudva) Samsi of Redondo Beach, CA on Mar. 19, 2009. The

proud paternal grandparents are Gurunandan & Suman Samsi of Bangalore and maternal grandparents are Pundalik & Laxmi Kudva of Bangalore.

**RAHUL**, a baby boy to Gautham & Maya Kamath of NJ on April 25th, 2009. Congratulations to the proud parents and grandparents, Narasimha & Aruna Shenoy of Frazer, PA and Smt. Shubhalakshmi Kamath of Hejmadi, India.

**ASHWIN**, a baby boy born to Chaitanya & Sangeetha Nayak of Toronto, ON on June 11th, 2009. The proud grandparents are Ratnakar & Sudha Bhandarkar of Mississauga, ON and Suchita Nayak of Montreal, QC.

**ATUL**, baby boy to Ganapathi & Amratha Bhat of Cupertino, CA on Mar 13<sup>th</sup> 2009.

**PRANAV**, a baby boy to Srinath & Swathi Nayak of San Jose, CA on Aug 25<sup>th</sup> 2009.

**SUMEDH**, a baby boy to Madhusudhan & Chandrika Pai of Sunnyvale, CA on Jun 16<sup>th</sup> 2009.

**ROSHEN SHENOY THARANI**, a baby boy to Amita Shenoy & Ravi Tharani on June 18th, 2009. Proud maternal grandparents are Anil & Maya Shenoy of Encino, CA.

**ANANYA**, a baby girl to Gurunath & Vinaya Pai of Scarborough, Ont. on July 5, 2009. A little sister to Aditya. Pai. The proud grandparents are Ramdas & Shaila Nayak.

**ISABELLA YAELI**, a baby girl to Amar & Pai, born in San Francisco, CA on July 29, at 7:54 AM. The proud grand parents are Pundalik & Padmini Pai of Las Vegas, NV.

**MAYA**, a baby girl to Anil & Satty Prabhu on August 31<sup>st</sup> 2009 in Queens Village, NY. The proud grand parents are Krishna & Tara Prabhu of Jackson Heights, NY.

#### **Newly Weds:**

Dr. Karkal Suresh & Mrs Mukta Joishy of Clovis, CA celebrated the marriage of their son, **Chi. MAHANATH with Sow. NAINA**, d/o Naren & Suman Mallya of Goa on Friday June 26, 2009 at 6:30 PM Muhurtham (Godhuli Lagna) at Royal Orchid Resort – Galaxy, Uttorda Beach, Salcette, Goa.

#### **Relocation:**

The **PAI** family, Kernir Vasanth & Mala, have relocated from Lake Wales, FL to 3711 7th Ave., Naples, FL34120. The email ID: [monypro@yahoo.com](mailto:monypro@yahoo.com)

The **PAI** family, Shantaram & Anita together with their son, Anant, have relocated from Loma Linda, CA to 1533 Serpentine Dr., Redlands, CA 92373. The new telephone is (909)-798-1070 and email ID: [shanpai@aol.com](mailto:shanpai@aol.com)

**The MacPhees**, Rashmi Bhandarkar & Ed together with their little boy, Callum, have relocated within Ottawa to 28 Hackett Street, Ottawa, ON, K1V 0P7. The home phone remains the same at (613)-736-1849 and so does email: [sunray\\_23@hotmail.com](mailto:sunray_23@hotmail.com)

**Ms VINDYA BHAT** relocated from NYC to 222 12th Street NE #1408, Atlanta, GA 30309. The new telephone is (404)-254-5813 and email ID: [vindya.bhat@gmail.com](mailto:vindya.bhat@gmail.com)

#### **Change of Address:**

The **PAI** family, Vinayak & Shantheri have changed their mailing address to P. O. Box 4566, Albuquerque, NM 87196. The new telephone is (505)-508-0139 and email ID: [vinayakpai@yahoo.com](mailto:vinayakpai@yahoo.com)

#### **Change of Email ID's:**

Rajarama & Aneetha Shenoy of Huntington, CT have changed their email ID to: [rajarama.shenoy@gmail.com](mailto:rajarama.shenoy@gmail.com)

#### **60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash:**

**RAJARAMA SHENOY** of Shelton, CT was given a surprise 60th birthday party at his residence by his wife Aneetha and children Ambika, Rajani and Vikram. It was a total surprise to

Rajarama. Family and friends from Connecticut and surrounding NY, NJ, VA, and PA attended the party to wish Rajarama a happy birthday. Food was great with variety of snacks and catered Moghlai dishes. Desserts included Rasmalai and Ubbatti specially prepared for the occasion. After dinner and little bit of roasting, we played games. Everyone enjoyed the event and wished Rajarama continued health and long life.

By:

East Coast Reporter (Self-appointed)

### Obituary:

**Smt. NALINI RAGADE** passed away due to heart attack on Tuesday, June 30th 2009 in Mumbai, India. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to her son, Jayant Ragade & family of Sunnyvale, CA.

**Smt. SHANTA VASUDEV KAMATH (93)** passed away after a short illness on July 11th 2009 in Mumbai. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt

condolences to her daughters, Sudha Kini of Bloomfield Hills MI, Pratibha Kamath of San Carlos, Ca, and grandchildren who reside in US-Rekha Kamath, Sudhir Rao, Renuka Rao, Rekha Abichandani, Chetan Pahlajani, Sarita K Pai, Sunita Kini Tandon, Anjali K Rao, and Vijay Kamath; Also, 8 great grand kids in the US.

**Sri SADANAND MUNDKUR (80)** passed away on July 13th 2009 in Mumbai. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to his sons, Sanjay Mundkur & family of Roswell, GA and Shantanu Mundkur & family of Fremont, CA.

**Sri KOTACHERRY JAGADISH SHENOY (66)** passed away on July 28<sup>th</sup> 2009 in Kanhangad, Kerala, India. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to his son Dinesh Shenoy and family of Markham, Ont. and daughter Shalini Shenoy Byker and family of East Lansing, MI.

**Shri MOHAN R. SHENOY (68)** of West Coast Paper Co. and husband of renowned Kannada writer Smt. Padma M. Shenoy, passed away on Aug 6, 2009 in Mangalore. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to his son, Dr. Surendra Shenoy and family of Olivette, MO

**Smt. LAXMI RAO (74)** passed away in Tellicherry, Kerala, India on August 11, 2009. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to her daughter, Prema Prabhu and family of Greensboro, NC.

**Smt. VIJAYABAI GULVADY**, w/o Late Gurudattrao Gulvady, passed away on Sept. 2, 2009 in Pune, India. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to her daughter Meena Rao and family of Los Angeles, CA, son, Pradeep Gulvady & family of Saugus, CA and Niranjan Gulvady of Pune, India.

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## KONKANI HAPPENINGS

**Konkani Sabha** held their annual picnic on Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup> 2009 at Reichler Park, South Brunswick, NJ

**Konkani Kids Club of Konkani Association of Ontario (KAO)** held a 3 day, 2 nights fun-filled outdoor camp from June 26 to June 28, 2009.

**The Michigan Konkani Association (MKA)** held their annual picnic on Saturday July 18<sup>th</sup> 2009 at Freedom Park in Canton Twsp., MI. Their annual gala event of **Ganesh Chaturthi/Asthmi** followed by Dhandia was also held on Saturday August 29<sup>th</sup> 2009 at Methodist Church on Square Lake.

**The Konkani Association of Ontario (KAO)** held their annual summer picnic on Saturday July 25<sup>th</sup> at Richards Memorial Park in Mississauga, Ont.

**The Konkani Association of Southern California (KASC)** held their annual picnic on Saturday July 25<sup>th</sup> 2009 at William R. Mason Regional Park in Irvine, CA.

**The American Midwest Konkani Association (AMKA)** held their annual summer picnic on Saturday August 8<sup>th</sup> 2009 at Phillips Park in Aurora, IL.

**2009 Bhanap Picnic** was held with lots of fun and enjoyment on Aug 8<sup>th</sup> in New Jersey.

**Houston Area Amchigale Samaj (HAAS)** celebrated the Janmasthanmi event on Saturday August 15<sup>th</sup> at the Sugarland Community Center in Sugar land, TX. The event was graciously sponsored by Ashwin & Kasturi Bhatt of Houston, TX. The evening was filled with a variety of entertaining programs like bhajans, fancy dress, interactive Lord Krishna story-telling and quiz, dance performances, Dahi Handi and then the finale with Dhandiya. The following persons helped make the function a success:

Parents and their kids who participated, Bhajan singers, Vinay Pai, Pushpa Desai, Ramkrishna/ Maya Prabhu, Sharda Pai, Jayant Kabad, Anushri, Anshul Haldipur and Anasuya Kabad and all eager volunteers.

DVD copies for \$15 are available from Shanti Bhatt (shantibhatt\_2005@yahoo.com) and/or Chetan Bhat [chetan.bhat@yahoo.com](mailto:chetan.bhat@yahoo.com)

**The Konkani Association of California (KAOCA)** had their 25th Annual Picnic on Sat. August 15<sup>th</sup> 2009 at the Christmas Hill Park in Gilroy. It was attended by 150 members. We started off the picnic with an exciting cricket match between Mumbaikars and the Rest of India. The Food committee outdid themselves with yummy fare which included chips and homemade salsa for starters, barbecued

chicken, farm fresh veggies, corn and Subway sandwiches for lunch followed by delicious 'harshaLe' and 'goLi bajjo'. Games like 20 questions, 8 corners and Bingo were enjoyed by all. A big 'Thank You' to committee members, volunteers and to all those who attended the picnic for helping make it a fun day.

Submitted by Mohan Pai, [mpai111@yahoo.com](mailto:mpai111@yahoo.com)

**Konkani Association of Georgia (KAOG)** held their annual picnic on August 29th at West Bank Park. The location of the shelter overlooking Lake Sidney Lanier with Georgia Blue Ridge in the background was truly pleasing to the heart and mind. The weather stayed good all day with a high of 85 degrees with no rains.

## KHABBAR FROM KULAR

By: - Vishwa Konkani Sardar **BASTI VAMAN SHENOY**

Basti Vaman Shenoy Amrithotsav Committee is formed to celebrate Platinum Jubilee of **Vishwa Konkani Sardar and Vishwa Saraswat Sardar Basti Vaman Shenoy** under the Chairmanship of Dr. P. Dayananda Pai, Bangalore. The Celebrations will be held in Mangalore in 3rd week of December 2009. Hon. Shri Digambar Kamat, Chief Minister of Goa, Hon. Shri Gurudas Kamat, Union Minister, Government of India will participate. Committees are formed in Mumbai, Goa, Uttara Kannada districts to organise interlanguage Seminars and Konkani cultural programmes.

A 3 days' workshop on **Konkani Bala Geetha** (Konkani Lullabies) was held on 25, 26 and 27 June 2009 at Shri Kashi Mutt, Malleshwaram, Bangalore under the auspices of Konkani Bhas Ani Samskriti Pratistan and sponsored by Shri P. Dayananda Pai & P. Satish Pai Trust. Shri Chetan Kumar S. Naik, Director, All India Radio, Bangalore inaugurated the workshop, Directed by Dr. Jyotsna Kamat, Bangalore. Smt. Chitra Shirali was the Resource person, about 40 women from Sirsi, Karwar, Kumta, Honavar, Davanagere, Shimoga, Mangalore and Bangalore participated.

**H.H. Shri Sudheendra Thirtha Swamiji of Shri Samsthan Kashi Mutt, H.H. Srimad Vidyadhiraja Wader Swamiji of Shri Gokarn Parthagali Jeevotham Mutt, Shri Shivananda Saraswathi Swamiji, Shri Kavale Mutt, Sri Sadyojatha Shankerashram Swamiji, Chitrapur Shirali Mutt** are performing Chaturmasya of Virodhinama Samvatsara at Haridwar, Ammembal, Mudipu(Mangalore), Belgaum and at Shirali Mutts, respectively from 12th July 2009.

Sri **Vaman R. Kamath** a great Social leader and Vice President, Reliance Industries Ltd. was conferred with 'Yekalavya' Award by H.H. Srimad Vidyadhiraja Thirtha Wader Swamiji at Ammembal, Mudipu, Shri Gopalakrishna Temple on 12.7.2009 for his meritorious services in the fields of Social – Religious activities.

Navaratna Award : 9 internationally known Konkani personalities, viz., **1) Shri Bhadrageeri Achuthdasji, 2) Shri M.V. Kamath, 3) Shri R.V. Deshpande, 4) Shri P. Dayananda Pai, 5) Shri K.V.Kamath, 6) Dr. Ramdas M. Pai, 7) Shri J.P.Nayak, 8) Shri Srinivas V.Dempo, 9) Dr. K.A.Ashok Pai** were honoured and conferred with 'Navaratna Awards' by **H.H. Sri Vidyadhiraja Thirtha Wader Swamiji of Shri Gokarn Parthagali Mutt** on 2.8.2009 at Ammembal Shri Gopalakrishna Temple for their meritorious services in various fields. Shri Digambar Kamat Hon. Chief Minister of Goa felicitated the awardees.

A 'Konkani Lunch' was hosted to the above Konkani Navaratnas at **World Konkani Centre**, Mangalore. Hon. **Shri Digambar Kamat**, Hon. Chief Minister of Goa released the 3rd issue of Vishwa Konkani Vartha Patr(World Konkani Bulletin) on the occasion and announced 15.00 lakhs from Govt. of Goa to World Konkani Centre project.

Well known R.S.S. and social leader **Shri Mohan R. Shenoy** (West Coast Paper) and husband of great Kannada writer **Smt. Padma M. Shenoy** expired on 7.8.2009 at Mangalore.

**Hon. Sri Krishna Palemar, Minister for Fisheries & Ports and newly elected Member of Parliament Shri Nalina Kumar Kateel and Shri N. Yogish Bhat, M.L.A., Mangalore** visited World Konkani Centre on 14.8.2009 and praised the efforts of visionaries. They have offered all help from Government of Karnataka.

A Think Tank Committee meeting was held to formulate future plans and projects for **World Konkani Centre** on 18.8.2009 at World Konkani Centre. Renowned Scholars, writer and Konkani artistes from Mumbai, Goa, Mangalore and Kerala attended the meeting. Short term and Long term strategies were discussed for the development of Konkani language, literature, art and culture and folklore.

**Ganesh Chaturti** was celebrated throughout the Country with pomp and pleasure on 22.8.2009.

'**Konkani Manyathay Divas**' was observed in many places in Mumbai, Goa, Karnataka and Kerala with participation of Konkani writers, leaders and school and college students on 20th August 2009 as earlier years to mark the inclusion of Konkani language in the 8th Schedule of the Constitution in 1992 and as a National language (by Konkani Bhasha Mandals, All India Konkani Parishad, Goa). **Inter State and Pradeshik Konkani Vocabulary workshop** was held at Konkani Department of St. Aloysius College, Mangalore in association with Sahitya Akademi.



## **Konkani Youth Convention-2009 Sustaining Ourselves, Our Community, and Our Earth**

**By: - Sheila Shenoy Reddy, Savannah, GA**

**The Konkani Youth Convention** was held in Washington D.C. this past August. With change in the air, the Konkani Youth Committee of D.C. transformed traditional themes of previous conventions by incorporating modern ideals of the preservation of our earth, which caused participants to look inward in understanding the potential everyone has to positively affect the future of our community, our earth, and ourselves.

The convention commenced with the theme of sustainability. The D.C. Committee initiated dialogue amongst participants about incorporating the concept of sustainability and accountability throughout our actions thus making our community stronger each day. The programming created through out the weekend aimed to “reduce our collective environmental [carbon] footprint, while significantly increasing our collective mind print.”

Saturday morning, fellow attendees presented the seminar: Dii: The Art of Giving. The seminar focused on initiatives fellow Youth have taken in giving back to the community, locally and globally. The seminar provided information for those interested in how they can give back. A future philanthropic effort that resulted from the seminar was to volunteer at an Ashram in India this December 2009 – for more information please visit KonkaniChatter.com.

With such great history visible around every corner in D.C., participants were taken on a guided tour Saturday afternoon. Some sites visited were the Lincoln Memorial, the Jefferson Memorial, and the White House. In the midst of the tour, attendees were able to bask in the sun of the Main Mall with some delicious empanadas.

After viewing the breath-taking sites of D.C., attendees participated in two seminars: The District: Engaging in Politics and Shakti: Fueling our Health & Wellness. The politics seminar engaged various speakers with different political views and allowed attendees to question today’s political climate and its affects on ourselves and our community. The Shakti seminar presented medical, nutritional, mental and spiritual awareness in further strengthening our lives. Both seminars challenged attendees to think outside of the box and experience differing viewpoints of everyday things.

On the last day, the convention presented NAKYA, the North American Konkani Youth Association. NAKYA was created with the aim to foster and cultivate the Konkani community by educating Konkani youth about our ancestral past while creating a community consciousness that supports professional and social development. The mission of NAKYA is to instill shared Konkani values and culture while recognizing the unique experiences of Konkani youth in North America. For more information, please visit [nakya.org](http://nakya.org). Unlike conventions past, the D.C. Konkani youth committee provided ample opportunities for people to mingle and meet others from all over the country with various backgrounds. Many attendees expressed that this convention assisted them in creating bonds and a personal sense of community that they hadn’t felt yet. Though the convention had approximately 120 participants, each person felt as though it was a cozy and inviting environment to meet others.

All in all, the hard work of the Konkani Youth Committee of D.C. transpired into a truly amazing convention for all participants. Unanimously, each participant expressed that this would not be their last convention and that they all walked away with a positive experience from that weekend.

Good Job D.C.!

## **KASC’s Diana Pinto is crowned Miss India America 2009!**

**By: - Vivek Ullal, Simi Valley, CA**

About two years ago, Diana Pinto, a Physical Therapist from India, joined University of Southern California’s Masters Program in Biokinesiology, and found about KASC from the web. She wrote to us to inquire whether she was eligible to join as a student member, as she was a Konkani, originally from Mangalore, and brought up in Mumbai. We assured that she was, as we firmly believe that KASC is a forum for all Konkani speaking people and their non Konkani speaking spouses and other close relatives, irrespective of caste, creed, color or religion. Unfortunately she couldn’t attend any KASC events as she was busy as a student. Diana graduated from USC and briefly moved to New York City. Meanwhile she entered the beauty pageant competition for Miss India America 2009, and was crowned Miss India America 2009 and Miss Photogenic! Obviously beauty and brains come bundled together. Diana is moving back to L.A. We assured her that she can still continue being a KASC member. Congratulations, Diana and we hope you will be free to attend KASC events in future, now that you are no longer a student!

Jinnder’s 18th Annual Miss India America Beauty Pageant is organized by Sahara 1 TV, South Asia Magazine, along with Dr. Darshan Shah of Beautilogie Malibu and JINmodels.com. The Pageant was on August 7, 2009 at the Long Beach Hilton. Proceeds went to the Jagruti Charity.

You may see write-up and pictures of Diana in the beauty pageant by going to the following web sites:

[www.indiajournal.com/pages/event.php?id=8011](http://www.indiajournal.com/pages/event.php?id=8011)

[www.mangalorean.com/news.php?newstype=broadcast&broadcastid=141705](http://www.mangalorean.com/news.php?newstype=broadcast&broadcastid=141705)

## Person of the Week: Dr. GANESH BHAT

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Dr Bhat promotes medical education as shortage of doctors looms over USA

Addressing the graduating class of 2009, Dr. J. Ganesh Bhat, MD, Chancellor of Xavier University School of Medicine in Aruba, (XUSOM) encouraged the graduates to be compassionate while delivering excellent care to their patients.

In a ceremony held in the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta earlier this month, he also exhorted them to assume a larger role in shaping the current debate in health care delivery in the country. Dr Bhat, a member of the Board of Directors of XUSOM was named the Chancellor in 2009 by President Ravi Shankar Bhooplapur. In appointing Dr. Bhat to the position, Chairman of the XUSOM Board, Edwin Casey, cited his vast experience in the field of medical education and felt that the institution will benefit tremendously from his leadership.

He told SATimes that he got associated with XUSOM because of the looming shortage of doctors in the US. He said that the existing medical schools in the country are not producing enough doctors required to take care of the current need.

With expanding population, especially of the elderly, it is estimated that there will be a shortage of 200,000 doctors by 2020 in USA. Dr. Bhat felt that the country will also have tremendous need for more doctors especially in view of the current administration's desire to provide health insurance for over 45 million uninsured individuals in the country. Dr. Bhat is considered an expert in health care economics especially in the field of chronic kidney disease.

Students of XUSOM, which was founded in 2004, complete their basic medical courses in Aruba and their clinical training is completed in teaching hospitals in the USA. The assimilation of the graduates in the mainstream of US medical establishment is excellent as shown by the graduating class of 2009, many of whom have been successful in obtaining residency positions in good institutions in the country, Dr. Bhat informed.

A kidney specialist, Dr. Bhat holds medical and postgraduate degrees from Mysore Medical College and Kasturba Medical College in India. He completed his fellowship in nephrology at New York University as well as New York State Kidney Disease Institute. He has been principal investigator and co-investigator on numerous research projects related to kidney diseases and is well published in several peer reviewed medical journals. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine and the American Board of Internal Medicine in Nephrology.

Dr. Bhat has held numerous teaching, administrative and leadership positions in health care sector in New York area including faculty positions at New York University School of Medicine, Stony Brook University School of Medicine and Albert Einstein School of Medicine. He has held the position of Director of Nephrology at several area hospitals including Queens Hospital Center, Flushing Hospital Medical Center and Medical Director and interim Chairman of Medicine at North Shore University Hospital at Forest Hills, New York.

Dr. Bhat co-founded Atlantic Dialysis Management Services (ADMS) with Dr. Nirmal Mattoo in 1997. ADMS is the third largest independent physician owned Dialysis Company in New York State with over 1500 patients, 400 employees and 45 nephrologists. ADMS owns and manages 10 dialysis centers in downstate New York. ADMS is considered one of the largest employers in Queens County, New York. Dr. Bhat was recently elected to the Board of Directors of Kidney Care Council for his clinical expertise and the understanding of health care economics in general and End Stage Renal Disease program in particular.

Dr Bhat is involved in a few charities, more prominently the Association of Indians in America, of which he was Parliamentarian and Secretary and also served as the Chairman of the Medical Council for several years. He is a Life Member of the esteemed organization.

Dr. Bhat and his wife Seema live in Malba, New York. His daughter is also a nephrologist and a son who is studying medicine.

## Gov. Paterson appoints Shenoy on tourism board New York

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Prominent South Asian businessman and political activist **Andy Shenoy** has been appointed by New York Governor David Paterson to serve on the Tourism Advisory Board of the Empire State Development Corporation.

Shenoy, the only Indian-American to serve on the advisory board, has earned a good reputation throughout the New York State and in the U.S. for his tireless work promoting economic ties between New York State and several Indian states.

“It is indeed an honor to serve on the advisory board at such a critical time,” said Shenoy, president of Trivision group Inc. “New York State is one of the top travel destinations for tourists from around the world. We must do all we can to enhance the image of our state. The world, especially India loves New York,” he said and added that he was “excited to serve the people of New York in his new position.” “I want to thank Governor Paterson for this wonderful opportunity,” Shenoy said. “We must continue to strengthen our ties with India and the South Asian community. This is a relationship that provides a mutual benefit for everybody,” he said of his appointment.

Shenoy is no stranger to the job having served during the past decade as an informal ambassador between local government officials and the Indian and South Asian communities and high level government officials in India. He has also served as President of Indo-American Promotion - a nonprofit organization promoting greater understanding and economic development locally between India and with the South Asian communities. Shenoy has assisted former U.S., Senator Alfonse D'Amato, Mayor Michael Bloomberg and former Governors George E. Pataki and Eliot Spitzer to promote New York State aboard.

In Pataki administration, he served as special advisor for South-Asian Affairs. In 2006, Shenoy lead the New York state delegation and accompanied Frank Levin, the then Federal under secretary of Commerce for International Trade on a mission to India. Shenoy received the Governor's Award of Excellence for his significant contribution to the social, economic and cultural development of the state and the nation in

2005.

In 2003, Shenoy was instrumental in coordinating the September visit of the India Prime Minister with state officials to discuss bilateral trade agreements. Shenoy also serves on the board of the Battery Park Authority.

## Basti Vaman Shenoy: Spreading Bonhomie Through Language

*By: Florine Roche – Mangalore (As appeared on Jun 24, 2009 edition of Daijiworld.com)*

The title of “Vishwa Konkani Sardar” sits comfortably on his shoulders, an apt one considering his humungous contribution to make Konkani a movement, thus giving an impetus to its growth and revitalization. **Basti Vaman Shenoy, 75**, is an epitome of what an unflinching devotion can achieve for any cause. He is a man obsessed with the devotion of promoting Konkani language, literature, art, music and folklore. For the last 15 years since he retired from his banking career, ‘Vaman maam’ as he is popularly known to his close friends, has worked tirelessly devoting his valuable time, energy and experience in making Konkani movement a grand success. Credit goes to him for being that vital link between the Konkani speaking Christians and Konkani speaking Gowd Saraswat Brahmins (GSBs) in attaining that common goal of enriching Konkani and preserving its identity.

As if a testimony to his devotion for the cause of Konkani, the World Konkani Centre, an abode of Konkani heritage stands in all its majesty and splendor in a 3 acre plot in Shaktinagar, Mangalore. The centre is his brainchild. This Konkani centre is the outcome of the resolution which he mooted and succeeded in passing it unanimously during the First World Konkani Convention held in Mangalore in 1995. “Just like Christians have Rome, Muslims have Mecca and Hindus have Kashi etc., I felt Konkani speaking people irrespective of race, creed and caste should have our own institution that could be identified with Konkani”, he says. His long cherished dream became a reality when the foundation stone was laid for this dream project in 2001 and World Konkani Centre was inaugurated in January 2009.

### MAN OF TEAM SPIRIT

A modest person that he is Basti maam doesn't take credit for what he has achieved. “It was a collective effort” is his typical response giving credit where it is due. “I would not have been able to achieve anything unless I was supported by Konkani well-wishers and fellow activists in my endeavor. By god's grace I have been successful at whatever I have put my heart and soul in”, he states.

Born in Bantwal Taluk Basti Vaman Shenoy has been very vocal on the impact the rustic charm of Bantwal had in his life and career. Talk to him for a few minutes and the name of Bantwal crops up in the conversation at least a few times, which shows his affinity to his native place. It was his father Basti Madhav Shenoy and mother Gowri who had profound influence on him, thus shaping his personality. Madhav Shenoy was a messenger of peace and was the link that ensured peace between the two major communities whenever there was a conflict. “It was his secular and impartial credentials that brought people of all communities to him. He was the first man to take harijans into the temple in Bantwal”, he reveals. Another personality which he immensely drew inspiration from is

T.A.Pai. One can see Mr. Pai's photo in his drawing room at Basti Gardens at Thumbe village, with "I saw god in him" written below it.

Needless to say Vaman Shenoy was greatly influenced by the benign personality of his father that became the guiding spirit for him in his endeavor to contribute his might for the cause of Konkani. Reading was a hobby he cherished since his childhood. He was a great fan of Jawaharlal Nehru and read his books during his youth. During his career as a banker he also cultivated the habit of writing in Konkani to the Panchkadai and other periodicals of GSB community. By this time he was a familiar name in Konkani speaking community and was a known name for his organizing capabilities.

## THE KONKANI STRUGGLE

In the early 1990s the need of setting up a Konkani Academy in Mangalore had slowly come to gain momentum. One can call it destiny or pure co-incidence. Just a day before Vaman Shenoy was due to retire in April 30, 1992, the then President of Konkani Bhasha Mandal Paul Moras and others came to him seeking his support for the Konkani movement to fight for a Konkani Academy. He willingly extended his whole-hearted support and became the organizing secretary of the jatha that went to Bangalore with a delegation to impress upon the government to sanction an academy. Soon after, Paul Moras resigned and Vaman Shenoy became the President of Konkani Bhasha Mandal, through which the Konkani movement was spearheaded.

"Efforts were going on in a piecemeal basis for the cause of Konkani but it became a movement from 1992 onwards which culminated in the then Veerappa Moily government sanctioning the Konkani Sahitya Academy in Mangalore in 1994. A staunch Congressman, Vaman Shenoy used his rapport with Moily and the Konkani Sahitya Academy was formally announced. Late VJP Saldanha became the first president of Konkani Sahitya Academy.

Having started the movement there was no stopping Vaman Shenoy. Prof B M Hegde, known for his hold over many languages including Konkani, was the chief guest for one of the Konkani functions when he put the idea of organizing World Konkani Convention. Konkani Diaspora is spread all over the globe and Hegde suggested that the time was ripe for uniting the Konkani speaking people scattered all over the world. Vaman Shenoy took the hint and began to work earnestly to make the convention a reality. He put his organizational skills to full use, brought together people for the cause, set up committees and core committee and the Vishwa Konkani Sammelan was held in Mangalore in 1995 with great fanfare. He traveled a great deal meeting and organizing people from all walks of life. "Wherever I went people came together on the basis of Konkani. For the first time Konkani speaking people were longing to come together under one platform. This spurred me to work with more vigor and promptitude", he reveals.

About 5000 delegates from 75 centers of India and abroad participated in the 7-day extravaganza held at the Mangala Stadium with the slogan "Integration through language". The convention was a success as for the first time it created a feeling of bonhomie between the various Konkani speaking people. The success of this convention fetched the title of "Vishwa Konkani Sardar" to Basti Vaman Shenoy who was instrumental in making it a success beyond expectations. Never to rest on his laurels he has been working steadfastly to give a final shape to that resolution adopted at the convention resulting in the setting up of World Konkani Centre.

## GUIDED BY THE VISION

At his age he has the grit and determination to fulfill the uphill task of realizing his vision, the vision to revitalize Konkani Language in its fullest glory. He feels setting up a brick and mortar building will inspire people to come near the cause. Many philanthropists have extended their support having realized the determination of this man. Intellectuals from different fields have come forward to contribute to the revitalization of the language and culture with detailed scientific road maps. The Kendra has initiated studies in various departments and a broad frame work has been put to work based on these studies which may result in Revitalization of Konkani language and culture.

The World Konkani Centre gives priority for research and documentation with regards to Konkani art, language, music, folklore etc. It houses a Vishwa Konkani Library, Konkani heritage museum, heritage home, conference hall, open air theatre, studio and hostels to promote research activity. With the work on the main block being completed other works will be completed in phases.

Basti Vaman Shenoy has embarked on a mass movement called "Vishwa Konkani Abhiyan" from October 2008. 35 places have been identified between Cochin and New Delhi to visit and organize Konkani people for awakening and providing impetus for the future growth of Konkani language. Age has not come in the way of his travel schedules. "I can't live in isolation. I love being surrounded by people, meeting them and interacting with him", he confides.

As President of Konkani Language and Cultural Foundation set up at World Konkani Centre, Vaman Shenoy is instrumental in preserving the rich cultural variety of Konkani and as a first step he has been publishing books to help promote Konkani. He travels all the way from Bantwal to the Konkani centre everyday to oversee the work associated with his responsibilities.

Commenting on the rumored differences of opinion he had with other Konkani activists, regarding usage of a common script to Konkani, Vaman Shenoy minces no words to say that efforts were made by some elements to give religious colour to the whole issue. "Its only because of non-usage of common script, the Konkani Literature has been unexposed to its own masses spread across four language areas. Konkani needs to be taught to revitalize itself. It needs to be taught in one common script which has the cross platform compatibility and a robust familial match. As Konkani is of Indo-Aryan Language family, Devnagari is its natural script.", he contends. He welcomes the usage of Kannada script too. As President of Konkani language and Cultural Foundation he has published many Konkani Books in Kannada Script. But he says when we are taking the Konkani Language to schools we should not miss this opportunity to align with a standard platform which will create a large readership base in the future.

#### NO RESTING ON LAURELS

With age Vaman Shenoy's enthusiasm has increased. He travels a lot, eats meagerly and suffers no major ailments. During his younger days he used to go to the gym in Bantwal where they used to teach traditional Indian form of exercises. He owes his good health and fitness to what he learnt in his younger days. He recently lost his wife and lives with his elder son in Bantwal. His three children are settled well. He does not have to worry much about home affairs due to his frugal needs and devotes his full time for the cause of Konkani.

His devotion and unbridled enthusiasm is an eye opener for all those who are willing to serve the cause dear to him. He is a workaholic, sure about his destination and does not give up till he succeeds in achieving his cherished goals. We need more people like him to continue the Konkani movement for the future growth of Konkani.

### An electronic portable Tanpura that fits into your pocket

By Vivek Ullal, Simi Valley, CA.

**Prasad Upasani** wears many hats. He is a full-fledged classical Hindustani vocalist, trained by eminent maestros, Late Pandit S.C.R. Bhat and Late Pandit K.G. Ginde of Agra Gharana. Earlier, he trained under his father, a vocalist and consulting engineer, Pandit Sharachandra Upasani (also from the Agra Gharana). Prasad hails from a highly musical family, and is a grand-nephew of the renowned vocalist and composer, Late Pandit Chidanand Nagarkar. Prasad also has a Master's degree in Computer Engineering from University of Southern California, and has been working as a computer programmer and Information Technology consultant. Prasad has now combined his two talents to create a unique computer program that can use an Apple iTouch iPod or iPhone as a fully digital portable pocket tanpura. Do not be fooled by its small size: the sound quality of the tanpura is excellent, as it has used recorded samples from an actual Hemraj tanpura. However, one can change the pitch of each of the four string sounds and the tempo, and even add the effect of simulating two tanpuras played simultaneously. Many professional musicians have been extremely impressed with the sound quality, the ease of operation and portability of this program. One eminent performer is even contemplating purchasing an iPhone so he can use it during performances. While the sound output of the iTouch iPod or iPhone is quite good by itself, and lasts more than 20 hours on a fully charged battery, the sound can be enhanced by playing it on external amplifier and speakers.

Anybody interested in this device can get more details at the following links:

[www.upasani.org/iTanpura](http://www.upasani.org/iTanpura)

Good work, Prasad! Keep it up.

### Key Note Address by Nevin Kamath

NEVIN KAMATH, a 1999 graduate of Keystone HS San Antonio, TX was invited to return as the honored special guest to give the Keynote address to the graduating class of 2009 on May 31. Here's the (unedited) keynote address given by Nevin

#### Introduction

- Thank you and congratulations, Class of 2009. It's an honor coming to speak to you today.
- I was standing in your shoes here ten years ago, trust me I never have thought I'd have this honor. I suspect that most of my teachers who are in the audience today would probably agree. Hey I see some head-nodding.
- This is a big moment not just for all of you who are graduating, but for many more people who are in this room. I'd like to take a moment to acknowledge some of those people right now.
- Want to ask the audience for a small favor. After my speech, the graduates will all assemble on stage for everyone to see. I want to give them a chance right now to see everyone else, without lights, just faces. So I'm going to ask them to stand and turn around, and see the people who have come today. If you could do your best to resist the urge to take pictures right now, I would appreciate it.
- First of all, if you have ever been a teacher or administrator for any of these young men and women, would you please stand up. Class of 2009, how about giving these folks a hand? Teachers and administrators of Keystone, I imagine you must be feeling a mix of joy, sadness, and relief right now. I know for my class, I think you felt mostly relief. □ Thank you all, you may sit down.
- Next, if you are the mom or dad of any of these fine young people, please stand up. How about it for mom and dad. Please savor this moment and commend yourself on the wonderful job you all have done. Thank you all, you may sit down.

- Finally, if we could give a moment to acknowledge the elders among us. If you are a grandpa or grandma of these fine young people, please stand up. Let's give them a hand. You all must feel so incredibly proud right now, and rightly so. Thank you all, you may sit down.
- Anyway, most commencement speeches are about all the important things to get you through life. As you know I'll be graduating from graduate school in a couple of days, which makes me one of the least qualified people in this room to give a speech like that.
- But I did finish college, which gives me a certain amount of expertise about, well graduating from college. So that's what my speech is going to be about. A few stories to help you get through college.
- I still remember what August after senior year felt like. I had spent weeks, I mean weeks, trying to figure out what to take with me to college, which music, which novels represented a little piece of me, what giant posters I felt expressed me best, you get it. Loaded my car to the brim with all this junk, and headed off to UT-Austin. Get a call from my mother when I'm right about in San Marcos, 30 minutes north of town. She said, "Hey Genius, you forgot all of your toilet paper rolls." Sometimes, when you forget the basics, things can get real messy. □ That was cheesy, sorry.
- Anyway, once I got to college I moved into a dorm room with 3 other young men who were complete strangers, and also freshman like me. I'd like to tell you what happened to each of them. The first guy, we'll call him Sean, joined a social organization that required him to drink heavily on a nightly basis for a year. He was a party animal. You know that song, "I Love College" by Asher Roth? He was that guy.
- Sean dropped out of school by the end of his second year, because he GPA had fallen below a 2.0. The remaining three of us who did graduate, but one, who we'll call Josh, picked up some habits in college which I'm convinced have led him to be addicted to a serious drug to this day. It really saddens me. So if you're counting that leaves two out of four of us who graduated and are leading relatively healthy lives. 50%. Mom and Dad, I know what you're thinking right now: "Man, am I glad my kid isn't going to UT-Austin!"
- But to be honest, I think this is true to an extent about all colleges – they are without a doubt an exciting, transformative, and potentially dangerous time in your life. Whenever you leave the comfortable surroundings of a small and safe community, it's easy to become totally disoriented. The people in your lives you just saluted, provide a kind of GPS for you here, but over there they aren't going to be there anymore. Despite a world of cell phones, text messages, and airplanes to help us bridge the distance, the fact persists – on most days and nights you will be alone, strangers in a strange world. However, you'll be surrounded by an entirely different social and personal paradigm. That's the beauty, the promise, and the great risk, of the journey you'll take in about 2 months.
- I have a theory that I'd like to share about why myself and my other roommate made it through college. It's not rocket science, I think it was because we stuck to the basics. And that's what I want to talk to you about today – The Basics. I won't take up too much of your time. I know you're anxious to graduate. And I hear there is an alumni happy hour after this -- I'm looking forward to as well. So let's get started.

### **Oprah**

- The first story has to do with someone we see on TV almost every day – Oprah Winfrey. First if I could ask, are there any Oprah Winfrey fans in the room? Anyone read a book from her book club?
- Lots of people know Oprah from her show and her fame, but less is known about her background. Oprah came from a tough background. She was born in rural Mississippi to a poor teenage single mother. She was raised in inner-city Milwaukee and had a several traumatic experiences in her youth.
- Today, many years and many shows later, this woman is worth nearly \$3 billion. Her influence extends to the political process, as some estimate she influenced nearly 1 million votes after she endorsed Barack Obama. And Class of 2009, if those numbers don't persuade you, then you should know that she's ranked 11th on Twitter, just a few spots behind Ashton Kutcher. And if you guys out there don't know what Twitter is, then ask them later.
- How does someone go from this difficult, traumatic background, and overcome these odds to becoming basically such a confident and successful woman? Obviously, luck plays a big role. But another big factor is the people she met along her journey through life.
- Mentors, it turns out, played a large role in Oprah's life. In an interview, Oprah said that, "A mentor is someone who allows you to see the hope inside yourself. One of the defining moments of my life came in the fourth grade, the year I was Mrs. Duncan's student. What Mrs. Duncan did for me was to help me to not be afraid of being smart. She encouraged me to read, and she often stayed after school to work with me. For many years after that, I had one goal that I would one day become...the best teacher anyone had ever seen!" I suspect you like, Oprah, have already had several important mentors in your lives, who are in the audience right now.
- When I was in college I met a mentor who had a tremendous effect on me. I was very shy and introverted, hating being in front of audiences, and during my freshman year I did a project with a really bright and dynamic professor which brought me out of my shell. During this project we worked together in a small team and gave presentations to many different audiences at the university – alumni, students, and companies. When the project was over at the final wrap-up meeting, this professor turned to me and singled me out praising me for how I'd grown and what I had contributed. To this day, I think about that moment, and how confident it made me feel. It made me see the hope inside myself.
- Class of 2009, the great thing about college is that it's so full of potential mentors for you, who will be like your coaches and teachers here. Go out and find them. First rule of toilet paper #1: Just remember Oprah, and go out and find those people who will help you see the hope inside yourself. While you're at it, be a mentor for someone else. I'm sure there are many children in the communities where you are moving who could use a little more hope in their lives.

## **Facebook**

- Let's change gears for a second now. Let's talk about facebook. Can I take a quick poll. I just want to see you nod your head if you used facebook in the last two weeks. How about since yesterday. How about today? ☐
- I love facebook. I'm probably on the thing for an hour a day. In class, on my phone, in the airport, whatever. My low point was a few days ago when I said goodnight love you to my wife, and then turned over and checked facebook... must..check..facebook.
- Anyway, to anyone who's ever used facebook the most awkward part of facebook is when you get a friend request from someone you only kind of know. Do I accept? Do I want this guy or girl to see all of my pictures, or my wall? Then you click through their pictures and you're like click, click, click, whoa! Ewww....
- So anyway, there's because of this craze around facebook and the buzz term social networks, a lot of scientists are getting recognition for their research about real life social networks. Does anyone hear read the New York Times? There was an article recently about how friend networks promote longer lives. Another one I read highlighted how social networks have the tendency to reinforce habits, like smoking.
- Unfortunately, I have to confess that I smoke cigarettes. It's a habit I picked it up in college and have tried to quit for years. In college I lived with several roommates who smoked, we would feed off each other's habits. Guys, short of hypnosis and electrotherapy, I've tried everything to quit – took a smoking cessation class, bought books on it, you name it.
- And when I read that I thought of that article in the New York Times, and how I've cut down my own smoking tremendously since I've been married. Now, I live with my wife who just thinks it's gross and it's gone down 95% from where it was before. It turns out that the person in my immediate social network didn't do it, and that made the biggest difference for me.
- Our friends affect so many things. Even my decision to go to law school. You know, I could tell you that I went to law school to fight injustice and make the world a better place, but that would be only partially true. The fact is, most of my buddies during my last year of college didn't know what we wanted to do with our lives. So a few of us started taking practice LSAT exams in the afternoons, and after a while, we had a little group going where we'd practice the exam and then go play basketball. That's it.
- Why does this matter to you, Class of 2009? I hear great things about the character of your class from Mrs. Elizondo. That means to me that you already know who you are, which is an amazing asset. In college, you're going to be inundated with friend requests in facebook and in real life. When you hit the accept button, these people will have a huge impact on what you do – what you study, what you dream, and how you spend your free time. So toilet paper rule #2, surround yourself with friends who inspire you, and you yourself will find yourself doing inspiring things.

## **France**

- Ok so we've covered Oprah and Facebook. Now I want to talk about the country of France, or France, as in "Vive la France." How's my French, guys? ☐ To me the country of France has everything to do with taking risks.
- I'm probably not the best person to stand up here and talk about risks. After all, I'm in law school, a place where we're supposed to be learning how to minimize other people's risks. And I'm sure many of you out there will agree that most lawyers aren't even that good at that. But I do want to take about the biggest risk I've taken up to this point, outside of getting married. ☐
- Before I went to college, I always wanted to study abroad. My older sister Amita, did it in college and said that the experience changed her life. So in the fall of my junior year, I had made all kinds of preparations to study in France. Why Paris? I had taken French with Madame Mira, so I had a basic familiarity with the language.
- More than that, I wanted to go to a country where speaking English would be borderline unacceptable, where I would have to stretch myself out of my comfort zone. This was when I was a junior. I just had to get through the fall semester, which had just started, get my visa in place, make sure my scholarship would apply to foreign study, and off I would go.
- Then 9/11 happened. I had no idea what to do. I wasn't even sure what world I lived in anymore. I had three weeks to turn in the paperwork and I was numb from the images on perpetual replay on CNN. Was it even safe to leave? I decided to go ahead and go, thinking at the time that the value of this unique experience would far outweigh any fear I had then.
- Guys, that was by far one of the best decisions I had ever made, and if anyone here has lived in a foreign culture or country, or are immigrants to this country, I imagine that they would agree with me. It opened my mind to a new culture and new experiences, and helping me realize how much French I still had to learn! ☐
- Here is why I'm telling you this. I'm sure at Keystone you took plenty of risks already. Trying out for the theatre production. Running to the net on a key point in a major tennis match. Signing up the AP Calculus test even if you couldn't tell the difference between a derivative and an integral. I still can't. ☐ Keep it up. Your college experience is going to be full of opportunities you that might seem scary. But as long as they're risks that can stretch you, I would say you to you, why not? I spent some time reading about the amazing schools you will be attending.
  - o University of Dallas has a Sophomore Rome Program?
  - o St. Edwards University has a theatre arts program integrated in the local Austin theatre scene?
  - o Portland State has a major in Community Development?
- Anyway, I mention these because these are quite likely the things that would have intrigued and potentially frightened me. Of course, different things might intrigue you.
- So on your first week of school, you'll get that degree plan, all neatly laid out. But scour the websites of your schools and write down all the things that the schools offer that scare you. Then promise yourself to pick one to do next year. I promise it will pay off.

## Conclusion

- So guys, if there's one thing I want you remember from today, it's this. Don't forget your toilet paper. When you forget the basics, things can get real messy. Oprah, Facebook, and Vive La France.
- You know the special thing for me about talking to you all is that I'm going on the same journey in a few months too. I'm graduating from my school on Thursday. My wife and I will be moving cross country from Boston, our nice comfortable community, to Los Angeles, where we too will be strangers in a strange land. Talk about strange, everyone there cheers for the Lakers!! Yikes. We'll have to pack lots of spurs jerseys along with our toilet paper.

## Full speed ahead for the 2010 Konkani Cruise

SAVE THE DATES: JULY 5-9, 2010

Thank you to all in the Konkani community who took the time to respond to the online survey, allowing the Southern California Konkani Cruise Committee to gauge the tremendous amount of interest in a 2010 Konkani cruise. Over 85 responses were received from all around North America, representing a minimum of 205 potential cruisers (and approximately 106 potential staterooms). As a result of this overwhelmingly positive response, and knowing there are a lot more Konkanis who plan to attend but who did not respond to the survey, the Southern California Konkani Cruise Committee is moving ahead with plans for a **cruise from Los Angeles/Long Beach, CA to Ensenada, Mexico (via Catalina Island), July 5-9, 2010.**

Details are being finalized with Carnival so keep an eye out for an email or other communication with information on how to register for the cruise (registration will be directly through Carnival). As additional information is received, it will also be posted on the official website for the Konkani cruise at the following address:

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Bookmark the site and visit frequently to stay on top of the most up-to-date news!

Best Regards, Ramadas Kamath and the Southern California Konkani Cruise Committee.

## Konkani Calendar

October 2009	November 2009	December 2009
3 <sup>rd</sup> Poornami	1 <sup>st</sup> Vaikuntha Chaturdashi	1 <sup>st</sup> Poornami
7 <sup>th</sup> Sankashta Chaturthi	2 <sup>nd</sup> Karthika Poornami	4 <sup>th</sup> Sankashta Chaturthi
10 <sup>th</sup> Konkani Sabha Diwali	5 <sup>th</sup> Sankashta Chaturthi	5 <sup>th</sup> KAOG Fund Raiser
10 <sup>th</sup> HAAS Diwali	15 <sup>th</sup> Vrishk-Sankranthi	15 <sup>th</sup> Amavasya(Dark moon)
16 <sup>th</sup> Naraka Chaturdashi	16 <sup>th</sup> Amavasya(Dark moon)	15 <sup>th</sup> Dhanu-Sankranthi
16 <sup>th</sup> Tula-Sankranthi	22 <sup>nd</sup> Skanda Shashti	27 <sup>th</sup> Yekadashi
17 <sup>th</sup> Deepawali	28 <sup>th</sup> Vaikuntha Yekadashi	31 <sup>st</sup> Poornami
17 <sup>th</sup> KAOG Diwali	29 <sup>th</sup> Mukkoti Dwadashi	
24 <sup>th</sup> KAO Diwali		
24 <sup>th</sup> KSC Diwali Party		
29 <sup>th</sup> Karthika Yekadashi		
30 <sup>th</sup> Uthana Dwadashi		

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Description	Credit, \$	Debit, \$
<b>Balance Carried over since <i>Khabbar</i> Vol. XXXII No. 2</b>	<b>2,295.00</b>	
<b>Money Received:</b>		
Subscriptions (38) and donations	1,130.71	
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<b>Final Balance:</b>	<b>2,070.00</b>	

*Money spent on this issue was not available during press time.*

## Kwiz

**The last quarter's quiz:** What will be the next number in this series:

1, 4, 3, 11, 15, 28, 37, 55, \_\_\_\_

**The Answer: 69**

The following gave the correct answer:

**Govind Kamath, Austin, TX (\*)**

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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*

**What is the longest word that has each of its letters occurring twice?**

## Upcoming Konkani Events

### Konkani Sabha

Following is the highlight of the KONKANI SABHA activity for the year 2009

**Diwali:**

Date: Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> 2009

Time: 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Location: Shri Venkateswara Temple Community Center, Bridgewater, NJ

780 Old Farm Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08807. Tel: (908) 725-4477

Cost: Registration and Payment by October 1st - \$16 (12 years and older) and \$9 (ages 6 to 12)

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We once again thank you all for your support. We hope to have continued support and involvement from all of you in the coming years. We also ask each of you to spread the word to any Konkani you know and have them send their contact information and email addresses. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact any of us. Our email address is [konkanisabha@gmail.com](mailto:konkanisabha@gmail.com) Also visit our website at <http://www.konkanisabha.org/> for details and updates.

## NAKA, the North American Konkani Association

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, Ravi Baliga. Seema Kamath, Ranjit Shiralkar & Sheila Shenoy Reddy (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: [nakal@indiatimes.com](mailto:nakal@indiatimes.com)

This quarter, after the successful Konkani Youth Convention – 2009, the NAKA Board has been busy in finding ways to accommodate the newly formed youth organization (NAKYA) into the community fold.

### NAKA - Statement Of Accounts

Date	Description	Credit, \$	Debit, \$
4/30/2009	Balance from last report	118,542.57	
8/31/2009	Interest	52.31	
	<b>Final Balance:</b>	<b>118,594.88</b>	

Signed: **Damodar Baliga,**  
Treasurer, NAKA

### Update: Konkani Charitable Fund (KCF)

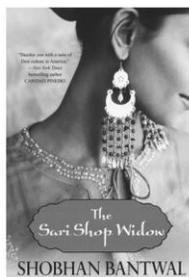
We engaged an attorney to formally incorporate and file papers for non profit status. A title search resulted in naming the corporation as "Konkani Charitable Fund Inc. ". We received State of California approval for this corporation on April 10th 2009. Following this we received an IRS identification number on 18th of May. With this approval we have now finalized our By Laws and are ready to file form 1023 for non profit stats by 15th of June. Approval could take up to six months if there are no issues that IRS can object to.

To date we have received \$8000 in donations and have awarded \$4000 to Anandashram. Once we get formal approval from IRS we will seek donations from Konkani Community. The implementation team has already developed a list of eligible Konkani organizations in India . The Board of Directors of Konkani Charitable fund are eager and anxious to move forward this worthy effort in an expeditious manner. I will keep you informed as we make progress.

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Recently, the response from Konkani families in North America for an appeal was overwhelming. The appeal was from the Gokarn Mutt Swamiji to get water samples from North America. It was accomplished even before I could publish it in Khabbar!

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