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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.....

Khabbar quarterly quizzes are probably the toughest ones. The proof is that very few people are able to solve it. Even there, the Konkani humor prevails.

But, if I were him, after pressing 7 buttons, when the elevator comes to the 19th floor, I will get out and take the stairs to go to the 20th floor!!”

Case in point - Last quarter’s quiz. It was about an elevator and going to the 20th floor with conditions. The real answer is 19. This family from TX gave the correct answer but added this note:

Editor’s Reply:
What happens if there were no stairs!?!

“Yes Sir. The real answer is 19 times the person has to press those elevator buttons to go to the 20th floor!

SUBSCRIPTION FORM:

Dear Konkani family,

It is time to renew your subscription for 2015. The numbers on the mailing label clearly indicate the year/s the dues for *Khabbar* has been received since 2013. 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*, P. O. Box 222, Lake Jackson, TX77566-0222. (Canadian Konkanis please pay cash or MO in US\$)

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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 2013**. In other words, families who **have not** paid since 2012 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 2013 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/yr. 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. Please help me to keep it up-to-date. Send names and addresses of Konkani families that are not in the list to P. O. Box 222, Lake Jackson, TX 77566-0222, or email khabbar@hotmail.com and rest be assured that I'll "Khabbarize" them!

YES! There will be a Konkani Sammelan in 2016!! The interim **North American Konkani Association (NAKA)** worked with **Konkani Association of Georgia (KAOG)** to host the Konkani Sammelan in 2016 in Atlanta. While the

Teams KAOG & NAKA are busy preparing for KS-2016, the Team NAKA is also busy in making NAKA a viable organization in North America by holding an election for NAKA during KS-2016. Already three Volunteers (2 from US and 1 from Canada) will come up with their plan on how to conduct the election. Please, extend your support to them.

Khabbar will publish all the developments and progress made by NAKA on an on-going basis. The milestone event this quarter was NAKA honored **Padmabhushan Sri K. V. Kamath** in Houston, TX on Sunday April 12, 2015.

Khabbar will also publish progress made by **Konkani Charitable Fund (KCF)** on a regular basis. The team KCF needs all our support to help our folks anywhere in the world. **Dr. Gopal Bhandarkar** and his team are doing a fantastic job in making our community aware of KCF and hope you will help him to help our people.

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).

On the Quiz front, it is the same story! *Khabbar* has still remained a champ!! What a pity, only 6, I repeat, only 6, people were able to solve last quarter's

practical 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 volunteered his services to help **Konkani Bhas Ani Sanskriti Pratistan**. Please, call him at (702)-341-6706 or email: bastishenoy@gmail.com 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 in 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 or thru KCF if approved by KCF. *Khabbar* firmly believes in helping our people whether it is in India or here. Here's a link to all the special appeals I have gotten so far: <http://www.ekhabbar.com/special%20appeals/special%20appeals.htm>

On the sad note, I must mention the loss of a great Konkani, **Dr. Miyar Vasudev Nayak** of Somerset, NJ. He was a great mentor to *Khabbar* and we will miss him and his guidance.

I hope the struggle to rid terrorism from this world will materialize soon. Hope Peace & Tranquility will prevail.

Have a safe summer
Devu Boren Karo.

Vasanthi
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.

Dear Vasanth,

Anand Chaya is the latest non-profit venture by the Saraswat Community for the Saraswat Community. The Project Convener Shri Suresh Hemmady has asked me to give the maximum possible publicity to this project in North America. I hope you will be able to include it in the next issue of *Khabbar* and post it on your website.

Thanks much appreciated.

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Editor's Reply:

This has been posted at http://www.ekhabbar.com/special%20appeals/anand%20chaya_310314.pdf

Hope the readership will avail this service.

Dear Vasanth,

Here is this year's analysis of the 2015 *Khabbar* Mailing List dated 12-10-2014:

Of the 2,377 families in the list (it was 2,339 last year!); we have Konkanis living in 43 states & DC (one less than last year!). We do not have any Konkanis living in Alaska, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming!!

Also, we have:

243 Kamat(h)

238 Shenoy, Shenai, Shanbh(o)ag(ue)

228 Pai

165 Nayak (Naik)

111 Prabhu

104 Rao (u)

89 Bhat(t)

49 Baliga

46 Kini

40 Mal(l)ya, Mallia, Mahale

31 Nadkarni(y)

24 Bhandarkar, Bhandari(y)

19 Hegde

17 Kudva

15 Kop(p)ikar

14 Hatt(i)angadi(y)

13 Acharya.

The Kamat(h) families have maintained their lead. California still leads with 626 families (it was 622 last year!) and San Jose, CA has the highest number of Konkani families living 97! Same as last year!!

Keep up the great work.

Ravindra Nayak,
Flanders, NJ

Vasanth:

Here is something that will fascinate a whole lot of Konkanis I suppose.

UNLV is opening an ultra-modern Medical College by 2017 fall. First year the college will recruit 60 students who will get their 4 years of Medical College education completely free. YES, FREE MEDICAL COLLEGE, only for the class of 2017. They are definitely seeking the best students from all over the country. It is not necessarily restricted to Nevadans. Here is a link the Konkani students can go to and get some info or just go to www.unlv.edu

<http://news.unlv.edu/release/unlv-school-medicine-launches-scholarship-drive-its-entire-charter-class> The headlines in that article read as: "UNLV plans to admit a charter class of 60 students by Fall 2017 with expansion to 120 students within four years of the school's opening"

If we can be of any help to any Konkani, we are always here in Las Vegas.

Ganapathi Shenoy Basti

Konkani S sammelan 2016 in Atlanta GA

Dear Konkani Family,
Namaskaru!

Konkani S sammelan 2016 has become talk of the "Amchi" town, thanks to all the publicity generated through social media (Facebook & Twitter), websites (www.konkanisammelan.org & www.radioidli.net), print (Kanara Saraswat magazine) and radio (www.radioazad.us). Starting June 6th, S sammelan President & all committee chairpersons will participate in the weekly radio shows (on Radio Azad) to provide updates and to answer questions from listeners. **Georgia International Convention Center** (GICC - www.GICC.com) will be the venue for next year's Konkani S sammelan. Contracts have been signed & deposits paid. Decoration sub-committee is engaged in brainstorming, developing a list of ideas and related budget. **Hospitality committee** is working on making arrangements for child care during the event.

With "Song" & "Toi" on everyone's mind, first & foremost, **Sri Annaporneshwari Food Committee** finalized the menu and is now working on developing a detailed plan from breakfast to dinner. With new volunteers joining this committee every week, high energy & enthusiasm is palpable. Nothing motivates us Konkanis as "Song" & "Toi". During the first two months (April & May) since the **Entertainment Committee** started accepting entertainment event entries, number of entries received has been very low but the quality has been of the highest order. There have been inquiries from New Jersey & Bay Area for group programs. Discussion is in progress for at least two marquee programs. Vendor evaluation for **Audio-Visual hardware/software** is under way. Lots of great ideas have been discussed during the two meetings with vendors leading to list of requirements. Quotes from the vendors are expected soon. The **Youth Committee** will be reaching out to the youth members from other associations for suggestions and participation. Stay tuned for updates from us on the website/Facebook.

Working in close collaboration with NAKA, **Registration Committee** as well as **Budget/Finance Committee** has finalized registration fee structure. Our registration committee has been working round the clock to get the registration website (www.konkanisammelan.org) open for the event. Barring any last minute challenges, **we are getting ready to open registration starting July 4, 2015**. Please mark this important date on your calendar! We expect a sellout crowd for the 2016 S sammelan. Register early and take advantage of **Early Registration Special!** If you register **before December 31st, 2015**, you would save as much as 20% on the registration fee. By registering early, you will also get an opportunity to book a room for an extremely discounted price at the Atlanta Airport **Marriott Gateway or at the Springhill Suites** (Marriott) Atlanta Airport Gateway. Both properties are in the same complex as the venue, hence no need for transportation or rental cars. You will be provided with instructions on how to book rooms during the registration process. These rooms with discounted pricing are limited. So we encourage everyone to reserve your seats and make hotel reservations as soon as the registration opens. Talks are on with **Delta, Southwest & United** for discounted airfares. Average savings on airline fares is expected to be in 2% to 5% range. Bookings for July 2016 are available only 11 months in advance.

The KS-16 Committee is working together to make your July 2016 visit to Atlanta a very memorable S sammelan weekend. We wish all of you a wonderful summer!

Warmest wishes and regards,

KS-16 Committee

Devu Baren Karo

Hoon Khabbar

Congratulations:

Dr. PRABHAKAR BALIGA of Mt. Pleasant, SC, (s/o Suneethi Baliga & late Dr. Rathnakar Baliga and the brother of Vasanthi Shenoy of Delmar, CA and Shanthi Pai of Portland, OR) who is an outstanding and internationally renowned transplant surgeon has been made the Chairman of Surgery at the Medical University of South Carolina

Konkani Graduates:

Dr. GAYATHRI SHENOY of Sugar Land, TX, w/o Dr. Sachin Shenoy, has joined Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in Boston to complete the Advance Standing Program this April.

Dr. SACHIN SHENOY of Sugar Land, TX, husband of Dr. Gayathri Shenoy, will be joining New York Methodist Hospital in New York City to complete his residency training in Obstetrics & Gynecology this July.

VINDYA BHAT of Long Island City, NY successfully defended her Ph. D. thesis titled “Ramsey and Turan-Type Theorems for Hypergraphs” with the guidance of her research advisor, Dr. Vojtech Rodl, on Monday, April 27, 2015 at Emory University in Atlanta, GA. Dr. Bhat is currently working as a Mathematics professor at the Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences at New York University in New York, NY.

SWATHI, d/o Subhas & Prabha Kamath, Las Vegas, NV graduated from Palo Verde High School in Las Vegas on June 6, 2015. She was one of 7 valedictorians from her high school this year. Swathi was also recognized as the Best Senior Student by the faculty of Science Department at the school and awarded the 'Outstanding Achievement Award in Science'. Swathi will pursue the Biomedical engineering program at the Henry Samueli School of Engineering and Applied Science, HSSEAS, at University of California,

Los Angeles (UCLA) beginning Fall, 2015.

MAHIMA, d/o Pankaj & Asha Dhume of Sugar Land, TX graduated with a Masters degree from Columbia University in May 2015. She starts her internship at the United Nations in Rome.

CHETAN, s/o Girijanand & Jyothi Bhat of Loma Linda, CA graduated from UCLA with a Major in Psychobiology in June 2015. He starts medical school at Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH in July.

SAMAR, s/o Sanjay & Smita Bhat of Irvine, CA, graduated from high school and will join University of California, Berkeley (UC Berkeley) this fall.

SIDDHARTH, s/o Srinivas & Gayatri Pai of Torrance, CA, graduated from West High School, Torrance. He will be starting El Camino Community College this Fall

NITA, d/o Vasanth & Vidya Baliga of Rancho Palos Verdes, CA, graduated from University of California, Riverside (UC Riverside) with a major in Biochemistry.

RITWIK, s/o Indira and (late) Prakash Keshav of Simi Valley, CA, graduated with B.S. degree in Biochemistry from Cornell University.

SRIJAY, s/o Amar & Anita Rajan of Camarillo, CA, graduated with B.S. degrees in Chemical Engineering and Chemistry from University of Minnesota, Twin Cities.

SEEMA, d/o Vivek & Jyoti Ullal of Simi Valley, CA, graduated with M.S. degree in Computer Science from New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) in Newark, NJ.

GITANJALI, d/o Gurudatt & Veena Borkar of Moorpark, CA, graduated with M.S. degree in Public Policy from Georgetown University in Wash.

D.C. She works for Dept. of Transportation in D.C.

NITIN, s/o Deepak & Asha Ubhayakar of Upland, CA, completed his three-year residency in Emergency Medicine at Jacksonville, FL. He will start his one-year Palliative Care fellowship at Cedar Sinai hospital in Los Angeles starting July 1st.

ASEEM, s/o Pradeep & Kanchan Padukone of San Jose, CA commenced his legal practice as a litigation associate at Covington & Burling, LLP in San Francisco after passing the bar exam of the State of



California. He completed his undergraduate studies at University of California, Berkeley in 2009, where he was a Regents Scholar

and graduated with distinction.

He graduated from Harvard Law School in 2014, where he was Senior Editor of the Harvard Negotiations Law Review and won the Best Overall Contract in the Williston Negotiations Competition.

New Arrival:

GAUTAM, a baby boy to Anshul & Nalini Kundaje of Bay area, on May 12th, 2015. The proud paternal grandparents are Bharat & Kalpana Kundaje of Buena Park, CA.

Relocation:

The PAI family, Narayan & Shanthi have relocated from Edmonton, OK to 16922 NW Hazel Grove Ct., Beaverton, OR 97006. The email is mshanthipai@gmail.com and the telephone remains the same at (405)-844-4913.

Newlyweds:

Sow. PRATIBHA, d/o Jay & Shanthi Jayakumar of Austin, TX married **Chi. GLEN FORD** on 12.13.14. After a

trip to India to visit extended family and to tour popular tourist sites, the couple has settled in their home in Austin, TX.

Mr. Chandrakant & Mrs. Geeta Shanbhag of Spartanburg, SC celebrated the marriage of their son, **Chi. SACHIN with Sow. SNEHA** d/o Dr. Harshad & late Mrs. Yogini Patel of New Orleans, LA on Saturday April 4, 2015 at Hyatt Regency, Empire Ballroom in New Orleans, LA followed by reception at the same venue in the evening. *Sangeet* was held on Friday April 3, 2015 at Arbor Room, New Orleans City Park in New Orleans, LA.

Mr. Govind & Mrs. Pratibha Bolor of Clearlake, TX celebrated the marriage of their son, **Chi. SACHIN with Sow. KAVITHA** d/o Dr. Arumugam & Mrs Umamaheswari Jayakumar on Saturday April 25, 2015 at Marriot Grand Ballroom in Houston, TX.

Dr. Manjeshwar Ganesha & Lakshmi Kamath of Marietta, GA celebrated the marriage of their son **Dr. VIVEK with Ms. GINA ROACH** of Morristown, TN on Saturday, May 9th 2015 at Crescent Bend House and Gardens in Knoxville, TN. The wedding was a very traditional Konkani style and a Christian style, followed by a reception dinner at the same venue. The newlyweds reside in Arlington, VA.

Brahmopadesham:

Kottachery Dinesh & Deeksha Shenoy of Markham, Ont. Celebrated the sacred thread ceremony of their son, **Chi. SIDHARTH** (grandson of Smt. Jayalakshmi Jagadeesh Shenoy of Bangalore and Smt. Gita Ranga Pai of Mumbai) on Sunday June 7th 2015 at 10:20 AM (*Karkataka Lagna*) at Sringeri Vidya Bharati Foundation in Etobicoke, Ont.

Per reliable sources, the vatu is very busy doing Sandyavandams!

Obituary:

Smt. PADMAVATHI K. SHENOY (84) of Elmhurst, NY, passed away on February 20, 2015 at Mt. Sinai hospital in New York, NY. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to her husband, Sri Keshava Shenoy of Elmhurst, NY, sons, Ananth Shenoy & family of NY, Ramchandra Shenoy & family of Princeton Junction, NJ, Ambarish Shenoy & family of Princeton, NJ and daughters Arundathi Kamath & family of Elmhurst, NY and Annapoorna Kini & family of India.

SAGUNA SALETORE (95), wife of late Anand Saletore, passed away peacefully on Mar. 15, 2015 in Seattle, WA. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to her daughter, Sudha Saletore & family of Seattle, WA, son, Dilip Saletore & family of Henderson, NV (formerly of Saugus, CA) and son, Vikram Saletore & family of Oregon.

Sri. M. RAMACHANDRA KAMATH (52) of Mangalore, passed away on March 17, 2015 in Mangalore, India. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to his sister, Mrs. Usha S. Shenoy & family of Sugar Land, TX.

Dr. MIYAR VASUDEV NAYAK (84) of Somerset, NJ passed away peacefully in the very early hours of May 6th 2015 after suffering a brain hemorrhage on May 3rd. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to his wife, Shaila Nayak, daughters, Veena Aribindi & family of Willow Brook, IL, Sangeeta Dedutta & family of Palo Alto, CA and son Harish Nayak & family of Fairport, NY and brother Dr. Narayan Nayak and family of Lafayette, CA, sister-in-law Vidya Nayak & family of Cupertino, CA. *Khabbar*, as a North American Konkani Newsletter, was the brain child of Vasudev that helped keep the Konkani community as a well-knit group in North America.

SHALINI BHAT, of Chino Hills, CA passed away on Monday May 11, 2015. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to her husband Vishwanath Bhat of Chino Hills, CA, daughter Sheela Prabhu & family of Northville, MI and son, Shailesh Bhat & family of Simi Valley, CA.

KONKANI HAPPENINGS

Konkanis In Southern States (KISS) Picnic – 2015:

Konkanis converged at the Bastrop State Park, Bastrop, TX to participate in the Konkanis in Southern States (KISS) picnic from Friday, April 3rd to Noon on Sunday, April 5th 2015. The weather was beautiful throughout the weekend and everyone enjoyed the festivities. This year event was led by the Houston area Konkanis.

There was cricket, volleyball, and other games for adults. Everyone enjoyed the children's games and entertainment program. The entertainment on Saturday night was top class with skits, dances and singing by different groups from Dallas, Houston and Austin. True to Konkani tradition there was delicious food and snacks throughout specially catered by Udipi Café from Houston.

By: Special KISS Correspondent

Houston Area Amchigale Samaj (HAAS) Picnic on May 2, 2015:

Dear HAAS Family,

We were lucky to have some great weather yesterday at the Annual Spring Picnic. We started off with a breakfast of poha-chutney, donuts, muffins and fruit.

This was followed by fun activities for the kids like Sack Race, Lemon-and-spoon race and a fancy version of musical chairs for men and women. Many enjoyed a good game of cricket, while kids played in the nearby playground and rode their scooters.

Lunch was everyone's favorite- street food: *bhelpuri*, *vada-pav* and *pav bhaaji*, made by most of the HAAS members who attended the picnic. Having a potluck, and engaging the community members to contribute to the lunch, helped in building better community engagement. We are extremely grateful to the volunteers at the picnic who helped in putting this all together. A few of them include: **Jyoti Nayalkar, Arundhati Nagarkatti, Mahesh and Madhuri Bedre, Naren Rao, Neela Kamath, Sue McFadden, Sunitha Kini, Pushpa Desai** and many others who helped make this a successful event.

We look forward to seeing you all at the next event.

Thanks

HAAS Management Committee

www.ourhaas.com

HAAS Walkathon:

A good number of members from the HAAS community gathered at Arthur Storey Park early morning on May 16th and walked almost 2 miles to raise funds for the **Central Society for the Education of the Deaf (CSED)**, a Mumbai based group which helps the deaf. 43 families from our HAAS community contributed towards this great cause- even though not all of them were able to attend the walkathon. We were able to raise a whopping \$2,768!

We hope to encourage more events like this in our HAAS community.

Thanks

HAAS Management Committee

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Konkani Association Of CALifornina(KAOCA) Update:

We started KAOCA activities early this year with a fun evening of Karaoke. The venue was a quaint, historic auditorium in Campbell, CA which created a great atmosphere for the singers and the audience. We sang Bollywood, classical folk, and some Western oldies. Can't forget about the food which delighted the attendees with *Ragda pattice*, brownies, and *gulab jamun*. Shortly after Karaoke, we celebrated *Ugadi* at the CET Auditorium in San Jose, CA. The theme for *Ugadi* was Parenthood which was scripted into a mixture of narrative skits, music, dancing, and some very funny comedy. More than 125 participants, many of which were first time participants, put on a great show which built up to a happy ending finale getting everyone to their feet. While a lot of hard work went into the production from committee members and the community, it all came together nicely and more than 500 attendees enjoyed the event. We rounded out the evening with a pure Konkani, home cooked dinner prepared by our own KAOCA community and danced to our favorite Bollywood songs. The annual Sport's Day competition was recently held at end of May. Highlight of this event was the addition of a volleyball tournament which seeded 6 teams who played for the championship. We of course had our standard fun games such as chess, carom, and cards. Next up for the summer is our annual picnic which will be held on Aug 22 at Central Park Pavilion, Santa Clara, CA.

By: Bharat Shenoy
President, KAOCA

Konkani Association of Southern California (KASC) YUGADI 2015:

By: Priya Gadiyar, Irvine, CA

The coming of the Hindu New year- Yugadi was celebrated with a twist this time around; with more emphasis on having a joyful evening with good music, good food and an open bar! The venue was Tandoor Cuisine of India Banquet Hall in Orange on March 29, 2015 from 4:00 to 10:00 pm. The burden of entertaining the crowd was left to the professionals with live music being performed by Sur Mandir and dances by the team from Sangam Dance Academy.

Our beloved vice president **Rajesh Prabhu** kicked off the evening with a welcome speech. The first time the guests and the members of KASC were called upon to introduce themselves to the crowd. Guests enjoyed the evening snacks which included *Samosas*, *Aloo Chaat*, *Malai Paneer tikki* and *Chicken tikka* while being serenaded by melodious songs belted out by the talented members of **Sur Mandir**. These songs included classics like "*Lag Jaa Gale*" & "*Yeh Haseen Wadiyan*", a tribute to the Late Jagjit Singh with the song "*Woh Kaagaz Ki Kasti*" and many others. One little star from KASC, 7 year old **Veda Baliga**, daughter of **Vani and Venu Baliga** charmed us all with her "*Rangeelo Mharo Dholna*" dance number. While the singing troupe treated us to beautiful melodies, the dance troupe came forth with power packed performances starting with the classical "*Shree Ganeshaya Dheemahi*". The dances were performed by both adults and young ones to songs like "*Zoobi Doobi*", "*Chikni Chameli*" and "*Saree Ke Fall Sa*" and made the audience itch to get on the floor.

Turned out that we did not have to wait long as the dance floor was thrown open to everyone and KASC members were given a chance to shake a leg to yesteryear hits such as "*Oh haseena zulfon wali*", "*Aaj kal tere mere pyar ke charche*" and "*Hare Krishna hare ram*". The dancing did help to digest our snacks and make us hungry for the scrumptious dinner that followed. Tandoor cuisine of India outdid themselves by bringing forth mouth-watering dishes like Tandoori vegetables, *Paneer korma*, *Peas Pulav*, *Naan* and *Chicken curry with Ras Malai* and *Carrot Halva* to finish.

Once the merriment was concluded, **Sridhar Rao** conducted the KASC Committee elections. The outgoing committee handed over the responsibilities to the newly elected committee. The new committee consists of:

- **Srinivas and Gayatri Pai:** President
- **Rahul and Divya Kamath:** Vice-President

- **Sharath and Shruthi Shenoy:** Treasurer
- **Ramakant and Sangeetha Prabhu:** Secretary
- **Karthik and Priya Gadiyar:** Cultural secretary

The new committee pledged to do their best to carry on the good work of the outgoing committee and take KASC to bigger and better heights. The party wound down at 10:00 pm and everybody left with memories of time well spent. A Big Thanks to all the committee Members for their efforts to ensure that we all had a memorable get-together. It was a wonderful beginning to a hopefully fantastic new year.

Ontario Konkani Association (OKA) Update:

The OKA office Bearers for the coming year are:

Sujeet & Vanita Kini – President

Kashinath and Kasturi Nayak - Vice Presidents

Narendra and Niveditha Kamath – Joint Entertainment Coordinators

Vinayak and Deepali Shanbhag – Joint Food Coordinators

Prasad and Shilpa Ganguli– Joint Secretary/Treasurers

Sachin and Sadhana Rao – Joint Webmasters

Neha Kamath , Aparna Udiaver, Diya Kamath, Deeksha Nayak – Joint Youth Coordinators

First Konkani Radio Show in North America

Tune in to the first Konkani Radio Show in North America. Thanks to Radio Azad from Dallas-Fort Worth and **RJ Swati Halady** (<http://radioazad.us/your-hosts/swati/>). You will be able to listen a Konkani radio show that is broadcast live every Saturday afternoon for an hour from 2:00pm CST (3:00pm EST, 12:00pm PST & 1:00 am IST). During the show you can call studio phone. Phone: (972) 501-9390, talk to Swati and request your favorite songs.

You can also listen to the re-runs of Swati's Radio show offline by clicking on <https://www.mixcloud.com/swatihalady/> and selecting any of the past shows. Do tune in, call in & share this news with your family and friends.

NBCUniversal names Anand Kini to Chief Financial Officer

NEW YORK – May 28, 2015 – NBCUniversal announced today that **Anand Kini** has been named Chief Financial Officer. Most recently, Kini served as Executive Vice President, Strategy and Business Insights and since February 2015 as interim CFO. Kini helped shape NBCUniversal's long term strategic direction, led the data-driven consumer and business insights division and the Information Technology group. In addition to his role as CFO, he will maintain responsibility for these other areas. He remains a member of the Executive Committee and reports to Steve Burke, CEO, NBCUniversal.

"Anand is an extremely important member of our executive team and his contributions have played a key role in our company's success," said Burke. "His business sense combined with his strategic vision have been invaluable. I know that he will bring that same focus and commitment to this new position."

Prior to joining NBCUniversal in July 2011, Kini was Senior Vice President, Financial Planning and Analysis for Comcast Cable Communications, LLC. In that role he managed Comcast Cable's forecasting, annual budget, and three-year planning process, and served as a key analytical resource to help the cable businesses identify emerging market trends, evaluate competitive positioning and determine attractive growth strategies to drive strong financial returns.

He joined Comcast in 2007 from Activision Blizzard, a video game publisher in Southern Calif., where he was Vice President of Financial Planning. Prior to that, he was Director of Financial Planning for Disney's Parks and Resorts division, where he split his time between California and Florida.

Kini is a graduate of Wesleyan University in Connecticut with a bachelor of arts in Economics, and received his MBA from Harvard Business School.

Asha Dhume, featured speaker at IACCGH

The Indo-American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Houston organized a successful event titled "Women Mean Business" at the Hess Club on 29th April. "Every woman has a story to share", with these words, Joya Shukla, President Elect of IACCGH, welcomed all the women attending the event to hear two inspiring women speak about their lives and journeys. Y. Ping Sun, Rice University Representative and **Asha Dhume**, President of Club 24 Plus were the featured speakers. Past speakers include Malisha Patel, COO of Memorial Hermann, world renowned author Chitra Divakaruni and Dean Latha Ramchand.

Nandita Harish, wife of India's Consul General of Houston was also present and "proud to represent India" in Houston.

President Elect Joya Shukla introduced the first speaker of the evening, Asha Dhume, as a great community leader. After finishing her MBA, Asha joined the financial services industry but put her career on hold to pursue "motherhood" – a decision she never regretted. Once the children left for college, she introspected on her choices to do something positive. Reflecting on lessons learned from her parents on giving back to the community, she decided to help others. She chose to focus on "education" because it provides an individual the best opportunity for economic self-reliance. For the last 3 years, Asha has been helping raise funds for Pratham, the world's largest non-profit focused on educating the underprivileged in India

For the past two years she is the President of Club 24 Plus, a social club that is building bridges between the Indo-American & mainstream community in Houston. It has held immersive events at the Lighthouse of Houston where members had a three course meal blindfolded allowing them to experience one the challenge faced by a blind person. Members of the Club also cooked a hot meal for homeless senior people at Turning Point. The Club also encourages its members to contribute to philanthropic causes and matches funds. According to her, there are intangible benefits when you do charitable work – you work for something you truly believe in, meet like-minded people and learn new skills. She also feels blessed to have "met selfless individuals with a big heart" and this motivates her to do more.

Asha is married to **Pankaj Dhume** who she credits to being her biggest motivation & support system and who has always encouraged her to do her best in everything that she takes up. They have 2 children **Mahima & Gaurav**, both of whom are in college.

KHABBAR FROM KULAR

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

Vishwa Konkani Stree Divas: Konkani Bhasha Mandal and World Konkani Centre celebrated World Women's' Day by organizing Vishwa Konkani Stree Diwas on 8th March 2015 at WKC. Karnataka Konkani Sahitya Academy also joined. **Mrs. Deepa Pradeep Pai** presided and veteran Konkani social activist **Mrs. Shalini Pandit** inaugurated the function. **Mr. Roy Castelino**, President, Konkani Academy spoke on Konkani women's role in promoting Konkani Education in schools as Government of Karnataka has passed orders to teach Konkani in schools as 3rd language. **Mr. Basti Vaman Shenoy**, President, WKC spoke on new programme 'Vishwa Konkani Stree Shakti Mission', empowerment of Konkani women from poor and downtrodden families and to serve the Konkani women folk in the field of self-employment. More than 500 women participated in the day long programmes. There were Konkani folk dances and songs by 10 different Konkani community ladies. World Konkani Centre decided to organize Vishwa Konkani Stree Shakti mission to serve the Konkani women folk.

Veteran Konkani activist and social leader of Belgaum **Shri V.V. Shenoy** died on 09.03.2015. He had organized two All India Konkani Adhiveshans in Belgaum in 2001 and 2015. He was 75.

Konkani Chair in Mangalore University: Government of Karnataka announced establishing Konkani Adhyayana Pita (Konkani Chair) with a Rs. 2 crores Grant to promote Konkani research and literature at Mangalore University. **Mr. Roy Castelino**, President, Karnataka Konkani Sahitya Academy has taken the lead in this matter. Honourable Chief Minister of Karnataka **Siddaramaiah**, Minister for tourism **R. V. Deshpande** and **Dr. P. Dayananda Pai** have supported the move.

Manmatha samvatsara (Ugadi) was observed throughout India on 21st March 2015 with people going to temples, wearing new clothes and distributing Bevu-Bella.

Konkani book 'Avige' and 'Paynjana' Konkani musical CD released: 'Avige' Kannada translation of 'Hawthan' Konkani novel of Mahabaleshwar Sail (which won Vishwa Konkani Smt. Vimala V. Pai Best Konkani Book of 2010 with Rs.1 lakh purse) and 'Paynjana' Konkani songs written by great veteran Konkani poet Bakibab Borkar sung by Puttur Narasimha Nayak and Puttur Panduranga Nayak both produced by Vishwa Konkani Kendra were released at Kashi Mutt Bangalore. **Dr.P. Dayananda Pai**, Chairman, Kashi Mutt Committee, noted Kannada and Konkani writer and cine music director **Mr. Jayanth Kaikini**, **Basti Vaman Shenoy**, **S.M. Krishna Rao** were present. And **Shri G.G Shenoy**, President G.S.B. Sangha, Bangalore presided.

Mr. Raghunath Shet passed away: **Mr. M. Raghunath Shet**, Vice President, Vishwa Konkani Kendra and noted Jeweller (S.L. Shet Jewellers) died on 07.04.2015. He was 68 yrs. old and had worked for establishing Vishwa Konkani Kendra. Condolence meeting, attended by his friends, was held at Vishwa Konkani Kendra and a colour portrait was unveiled. Konkani Bhasha Mandal Karnataka (R.), Konkani Samskrutika Sangha and Karnataka Konkani Sahitya Academy participated.

Dr. Veerandra Heggade, Shri Kshetra Dharmasthala, who got Padma Vibhushana Award from Honorable President of India, Dr. Pranab Mukherjee, was honoured and felicitated at Mudabidri. Nearly 1 lakh people from all parts of Karnataka state assembled.

Vishwa Konkani Sahitya Academy meeting was held at World Konkani Centre, Mangalore on 19.04.2015. Eminent writers from Karnataka, Kerala, Goa, and Maharashtra attended. A discussion was held to translate Rig Veda to Konkani and promote Khanda Kavya translation work.

Mr. T.V. Mohandas Pai received Padmashree award from the Honourable President of India, **Mr. Pranab Mukherjee** in Rashtrapathi Bhavan, New Delhi.

Honourable Padmanabha B. Acharya, Governor of Nagaland, Manipur paid a visit to World Konkani Centre on 02.05.2015, was well received by heads of various Konkani educational associates, Industrialists and writers. He is the first Konkani personality (born in Udupi) to occupy the seat. He appreciated the vision and activities of Vishwa Konkani Kendra.

Yakshagana Kala Ranga, Udupi conducted a student's camp for 6 days at World Konkani Centre from 11th to 16th May 2015 to give training in Yakshagana and soft skills.

Konkani conference was held at Madhav Manjunath Mantap, Sion was held for 3 days. Honourable **Mr. R.V. Deshpande**, **Basti Vaman Shenoy**, **Roy Castelino**, **Jayanth Kaikini** and a host of Konkani writers, cultural troupes and people attended.

'Intensive Konkani translation' workshop was held at Goa University for students for three days, i.e., from 25th to 27th May 2015. **Vice Chancellor Prof Satish Shetye**, **Basti Vaman Shenoy**, **Advocate Uday L. Bhembre** (Chairman Vishwa Konkani Sahitya Academy), **Dr. Tanaji Halarnker** and **Dr. Kiran Budkuley** attended.

Mulky Konkani GSB students, KSHAMATA workshop was held at World Konkani Centre for 3 days by GSB association Mulky. **Mr.J.P Nayak**, former Director inaugurated the workshop. **Basti Vaman Shenoy** presided. **Mr. Atul Kudva**, CA **Mulky Shivaram Kamath**, Trustees of Mulky SVS Temple attended.

Mangaluru businessman's mega gift for employees: Nano Cars

As appeared in Times Of India March 2015 issue



MANGALURU: Surat diamond exporter Savji Dholakia's lavish Diwali bonus options of a car, flat or jewellery were a pleasant surprise for his employees. Closer home, in Mangaluru, septuagenarian businessman **Varadaraj Kamalaksh Nayak** has done a Dholakia.

Nayak, managing director of a Pune-based company, has gifted new Tata Nano cars to 12 employees of his Mangaluru factory and Pune office.

The annual turnover of Nayak's company is Rs 2 crore, not comparable to Dholakia's Rs 6,000 crore. But the sentiment behind their largesse is similar. Describing his employees at CNC Ballscrews and Bearing as "wealth creators", Nayak said: "I must share my wealth with those who have created it for me."

Having given hands-on training to his employees, Nayak told TOI, "They have the keys to my factory and are in charge of a captain-less ship, which is sailing strongly." "Every bit of recognition I have got in the past 25 years - NEFF Germany Automation award, a slew of awards from the central excise department for prompt tax payment, and from Canara Bank for being the best customer - is because of their dedication. They deserve to be rewarded," he said.

Nayak recalled that in the aftermath of the 1974 Pokhran nuclear explosions, the West had slapped a ban on exporting precision ball screws to India. Reason? This was one of the many components that go into missile making. Then director general (technical development) B Garudachar suggested to Nayak that he manufacture them and put him on to this trade.

Nayak established the company 28 years ago, and hasn't looked back. His products are in great demand in Germany. The company is planning to start an unit in Boston, US, besides expanding its India operations to Nagpur, Indore and Hardwar where Nayak wants to "replicate the Mangaluru plant success". His task: leave behind a legacy that workers will take forward as their own.

Recent update: CNC exported a batch of their products to U.S.A from their Mangalore factory and shortly will set up factory in Boston.

NAKA Honors Padmabhusan Sri K. V. Kamath



North American Konkani Association (NAKA) honored **Padmabhusan Sri K. V. Kamath** at Madras Pavilion on Sunday April 12, 2015. Here's the excerpts of the speech given by NAKA Treasurer, **Suresh Shenoy**.

Kundapur Vaman Kamath, commonly referred to as K.V. Kamath, is the chairman of Infosys Limited, where he succeeded N R Narayana Murthy to the position., and as the Chairman of ICICI Bank, India's largest private bank. Kamath served as ICICI Bank's managing director and CEO from 1 May 1996

NAKA Secretary **Vasanth Bhat** and NAKA Treasurer **Suresh Shenoy** w/ K. V. Kamath (Photo: **Gayathri Rao**) until his retirement from executive responsibilities on 30 April 2009.

Kamath also serves as an independent director on the board of the Houston-based oil services major Schlumberger. He is also a member of the Board of Governors of the Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University and Chairman of the board of Governors of IIM Indore.

Mr. Kamath was conferred with the Padma Bhushan in 2008

Early life

Kamath was born on 2 December 1947 in Mangalore Karnataka, where he spent most of his early years. After completing Higher Secondary and Pre-University from St. Aloysius College, he joined National Institute of Technology Karnataka, Surathkal (formerly known as Karnataka Regional Engineering College) for a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering. After graduating from NIT Surathkal in 1969, he joined the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad (IIM-A) for a Master's Degree in Business Administration.

Career

After graduating from IIM-A in 1971, Kamath started his career with ICICI (Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India) in the Project Finance division and moved on to different departments to gather experience, including establishing new business lines such as leasing, venture capital, and credit ratings as well as handling general management responsibilities. As part of his general management responsibilities, he initiated and implemented ICICI's computerisation program. Substantial investments in technology from those early years have resulted in systems that are today a competitive advantage for ICICI. Kamath has generally been credited with expanding ICICI's businesses to evolve it into a technology-enabled financial organisation catering to the financial needs of corporate and retail customers.

In 1988, Kamath joined the Asian Development Bank, Manila in their Private Sector department. His principal work experience at ADB was in various projects in China, India, Indonesia, Philippines, Bangladesh, and Vietnam. He was the ADB representative on the boards of several companies.

In May 1996, Kamath returned to ICICI as its managing director and chief executive officer. Kamath was instrumental in expanding the Group's services to the retail customers. He initiated a process of a series of acquisitions of non-banking finance companies in 1996–98 and led the way to the formation of ICICI Bank.

Awards

Mr Kamath has been recognized as the Most e-savvy CEO amongst Asian Banks by The Asian Banker Journal of Singapore

Best CEO for Innovative HR Practices by World HRD Congress

Asian Business Leader of the Year by Asian Business Leader Award 2001 (CNBC Asia)

Outstanding Business Leader of the Year by CNBC-TV18, 2006

Businessman of the Year by Business India, 2005

Business Leader Award of the Year by The Economic Times, 2007 and

Businessman of the Year by Forbes Asia

He has also been recognized as amongst the top 15 most influential Indian business icons.

Mr. Kamath is married to Rajalakshmi and has two children Ajay and Ajnya. His daughter Ajnya Pai lives in Portland with her husband, Dr. Rakesh Pai, and three children.

Note: In May Sri. K. V. Kamath was appointed to head the BRICS Bank. More details in the next issue of *Khabbar*

SALE OF PLOT OF LAND IN BANGALORE -:

Available for sale approximately 10,085 square feet of levelled land in Ananth Nagar, Electronic city, Bangalore. The plot is an open plot with a compounded wall. Interested parties may please contact : Sujeet Kini at skini160@gmail.com or 647-2731744 .

330 Million Gods of Hinduism

By: Mohandas Bhat, Rockville, MD; Manthra108@gmail.com

(This article was first published in Samarpan (Newsletter of Hindu Samaj Temple of Minnesota), March-April 2015.)

Introduction:

There is a well-known legend in India about a Hindu man who spent his entire life traveling throughout India as a kind of theistic census taker. He went from village to village, house to house, occupation to occupation, caste to caste inquiring at every location in which gods were worshiped. In India, in addition to the great national deities worshiped throughout the country like Vishnu or Shiva, every clan, every occupation, every caste sub-grouping (jati), all have their own particular gods who are worshiped and feared. So this man traveled throughout India and recorded the names of all the deities who were worshiped. Eventually, he compiled a list in a great book; the number is generally believed to have been 330 million. When the weary traveler finally returned to his own home village, exhausted and in his 93rd year, he was asked to count how many gods were in his book. He spent 7 years counting the gods and at the end of the book he wrote the grand total: One. There is "One God worshiped in India" (Ref 1)

This story underscores the classic problem in Hindu Theology. On one hand, the major philosophical traditions clearly posit that there is one ultimate reality, the Supreme Being, Brahman. On the other hand, on the ground, popular Hinduism seems to have no end to the number of gods who are worshiped and adored.

The number 33 crore or 330 million gods and goddesses may have another explanation. Rig Veda states that Hinduism has "33 Koti Devas" which has been variously interpreted as 330 million or 33 crore (1 koti = 1 crore = 10 million) gods or 33 categories of gods since "koti" in Sanskrit also means "category". The 33 Devas mentioned in the Rig Veda are – eight Vasus, eleven Rudras, and twelve Adityas, plus Indra and Prajapati.(Ref 2 & 3)

In Hinduism, the impersonal Absolute is called "Brahman". According to this pantheistic belief, everything in existence, living or non-living comes from it. Therefore, Hindus regard all things as sacred. We cannot equate Brahman with God, because if God is describable, this takes away from the concept of the Absolute. Brahman is formless or "nirakara", and beyond anything that we can conceive of. However, it can manifest itself in myriad forms, including Gods and Goddesses, the "sakara" form of the Brahman. (Ref 4)

The relationship between the many manifest deities and the un-manifest Brahman is rather like that between the sun and its rays. We cannot experience the sun itself but we can experience its rays and the qualities, which those rays have. And, although the sun's rays are many, ultimately, there is only one source, one sun. So the Gods and Goddesses of Hinduism amount to thousands, all representing the many aspects of Brahman. (Ref 5)

God Vs Devas

Hindus call the deities they worship as Deva (male) or Devi (female) or collectively as Devathas, rather than Gods. Western scholars have misinterpreted the word 'Deva' as meaning 'God', which is obviously erroneous. The term derives from the Sanskrit root div to shine or emit light. Hence, the most accurate translation of Deva would be 'Shining One'.

Rig Veda has described Devas as celestial beings that control forces of nature such as fire, air, wind, etc. They are not to be confused with the One and the Supreme God or His personal form, Saguna Brahman who can be visualized in various forms. The Supreme Brahman (the Supreme Spirit) is the ultimate controller. In Hinduism, it is often said that Brahman is the only Ultimate Reality, and all Devas are simply mundane manifestations of Him.

It is believed that there are several astral planes (Deva lokas), which are inner planes, parallel to our earthly plane of existence, where Devas live. Devas are said to constitute the ranks or orders of celestial beings who compose the hierarchy that rules the universe under the supreme deity. Their numbers are vast and their functions are not all known

to mankind, though generally these functions may be said to be connected with the evolution of systems and of life. Thus, some authors suggest that each of the 330 million Devas function as controllers of some aspect of nature. There are various levels of control like in a government hierarchy. Thus, Devas have specific functions and powers. (Ref 6, 7 & 10)

The editors of "Hinduism Today" have similar elegant explanations for the many Devas in Hinduism: "Hindus believe in many gods who perform various functions like executives in a large corporation. These should not be confused with the Supreme God. These divinities are highly advanced beings that have specific duties and powers - not unlike the heavenly spirits, overlords or archangels revered in other faiths. Each Hindu denomination worships one supreme God and its own pantheon of divine beings". (Ref 8).

Discussion:

One may ask: "why an omniscient, omnipresent and omnipotent supreme God needs helpers". This question may be valid, but impossible to answer, as we cannot read God's mind. A more relevant question to ask is: does such a supreme God have helpers? The answer is a resounding yes, based on Vedic literature cited here and on empirical evidence based on deities worshiped by Hindus. To give just one example, consider Lord Ganesh, also known as Vigneswar or "Remover of obstacles in a devotee's path". Lord Ganesh is a minor, albeit powerful Deva, who is worshiped for this reason. In fact, no religious ceremony, such as weddings, major pujas, or starting of major ventures such as building of temples, factories and schools in India is done without first invoking Lord Ganesh. He may very well be the most widely worshiped Deva by Hindus of all sects. Some Buddhists and Jains also worship Lord Ganesh. Even skeptics, who question the need for God's helpers, are likely to worship Lord Ganesh, on specific occasions, if they are devout Hindus. Thus, philosophical doubts, generally, evaporate when rubber meets the road. (Ref 9)

"Truth is one but the wise speak of it in many ways", Rig Veda

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Konkani Calendar

July 2015	August 2015	September 2015
1 st Poornami	1st Bhanap Picnic	1 st Angaraka Chaturthi
4 th Sankashta Chaturthi	2 nd Sankashta Chaturthi	4 th Shri Krishna Janmashtami
12th OKA Picnic	14 th Amarvasya (Dark Moon)	5th HAAS Janmashtami
15 th Amavasya (Dark Moon)	16 th Simh- Sankranthi	12 th Amavasya (Dark Moon)
16 th Kark Sankranthi	19 th Naga Panchami	16 th Kanya Sankranthi
27 th Ashada Yekadashi	22nd KAOCA Picnic	16 th Gowri Thrithiye
30 th Poornami	25 th Yekadashi	17 th Ganesh Chaturthi
	29 th Poornami	24 th Yekadashi
		26 th Anantha Chaturdashi
		27 th Poornami
		28 th Mahalaya
		30 th Sankashta Chaturthi

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

Names	Amount, \$
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Description	Credit, \$	Debit, \$
Balance Carried over since Khabbar Vol. XXXVIII No. 1	3,930.00	
Money Received:		
Subscriptions (54) and donations	1,229.00	
Advertisement	50.00	
Interest	2.00	
Sub Total:	1,281.00	
Money Spent (Khabbar Vol. XXXVIII No. 1):		
Printing- Khabbar (310) - 20 pages		435.58
Mailing - First Class Mail-Khabbar (271)		189.70
Mailing Canada Khabbar (7)		8.05
Overseas (20)		60.00
Mail Fines, computer paper& labels, envelopes, service fees, etc.		406.67
Sub Total:		1,100.00
Final Balance:	4,111.00	

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

Kwiz

The last quarter's quiz:

A Konkani family buys a 20-story building. The elevator has only two buttons, one to take you up 8 floors and the other to take you down 11 floors! Can you figure how many times they have to press the buttons to get all the way up to 20th floor? Building starts out on the 1st floor.

Answer : 19 times!

$$1+(8+8-11+8-11+8+8-11+8-11+8-11+8-11+8+8-11+8-11+8+8)=20$$

The following gave the right answers:

Dr. Sachin B. Shenoy, Sugar Land, TX

Naren Bhat, Orange, CT

Shivdev Ubhayakar, Rancho Palo Verdes, CA

Sridharan Raman, Long Island City, NY

Vindya Bhat, Long Island City, NY

Mukund Kamath, San Ramon, CA

This Kwarter's Kwiz

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 if your subscription is current.

What is the smallest number that is equally divisible by all the digits from 2 to 10?

NAKA, the North American Konkani Association Update



Dear Fellow Konkanis,

Here's the quarterly update on NAKA for this quarter:

First, the good news. There will be a Konkani Sannelan in 2016! It will be in Atlanta, GA. The Konkani Association of Georgia (KAOG) will be the hosts. See more details about KS-2016 in this issue of Khabbar.

The Interim NAKA team meets regularly to discuss how to make NAKA a viable organization in North America. The team now consists of:

President: **Sheila Shenoy Reddy**,
Vice President: **Sadanand Mankikar**,
Secretary: **Vasanth Bhat**,
Treasurer: **Suresh Shenoy**
Executive Board Member: **Ranjit Shiralkar**.

The much anticipated NAKA website (www.myNAKA.org) is up and running. Please visit the website and send your constructive comments about the website or any other activity about NAKA. Again, thanks for all your support!

In April, NAKA honored **Padmabhushan Sri K. V. Kamath** in Houston at Madras Pavilion in Sugar Land, TX. The whole event was sponsored by Suresh Shenoy & friends.

Path forward:

The interim NAKA Board is striving hard to make NAKA a viable organization in North America and has set following two main goals:

1. Hold the Konkani Sannelan in 2016 (KS-2016) with KAOG as hosts
2. Hold an election for NAKA so that NAKA truly represents the North American Konkani community. In this regard, NAKA selected three volunteers to help organize the elections. They are:
 - a. Dr. Gopal Bhandarkar gabhandarkar@gmail.com
 - b. Dr. Rajarama Shenoy rajarama.shenoy@gmail.com and
 - c. Vivek Kulkarni asn1558@gmail.com

Please contact them if you have any concrete suggestions

All the financial dealing of NAKA will be transparent and here's the statement for this quarter:

NAKA - Statement Of Accounts

Date	Description	Credit, \$	Debit, \$
2/28/2015	Balance from last report	124,845.50	
5/31/2015	Interest for the quarter	19.88	
5/31/2015	Sale of video (KS-2012)	20.00	
5/31/2015	Deposit for KS-2016		12,829.00
5/31/2015	Wire Transfer Fee		30.00
5/31/2015	Final Balance:	112,026.38	

Signed: **Damodar Baliga/Suresh Shenoy**, Treasurer, NAKA

Dev Baren Karo.

Sheila Shenoy Reddy
President, North American Konkani Association northamericakonkaniassociation@gmail.com

Editor's Note:

Congrats to Sheila. She had worked very hard to make the Konkani Sammelan – 2016 a reality! The Team KAOG consists of great people. The blue print that NAKA and KAOG jointly developed can be used for future sammelans. Please, extend your cooperation to make KS-2016 a success. Also, help make NAKA a viable organization in North America.

Konkani Sabha Events for 2015

Following are the highlights of the KONKANI SABHA activities for the year 2015.

Picnic: Rain or Shine: Date: Saturday, June 27, 2015; Time: 10 AM to sunset

Location: Mercer Park East Picnic Area, 1347 Edinburg Dutch Neck Rd Princeton Junction, NJ 08550 For Directions:

<http://www.konkanisabha.org/directions-to-mercercounty-park.html>

Phone: 609-448-1947

Cost: \$5 (18 years and older) and \$3 (ages 3 to 17) payable at the registration desk at the venue - To cover the cost of rent of the park, beverages, watermelon and supplies.

Activities: Children's activities, Cricket, Badminton, and Volleyball

Note: Please bring food items (entre only) enough for 2 families. Dessert will be provided by Konkani Sabha. For details including directions, visit our website at <http://www.konkanisabha.org>

Diwali Talent Show: Date: Saturday, November 7th, 2015; Time: 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Location: Shri Venkateswara Temple Community Center, Bridgewater, NJ 1075 Route 202/206, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

For Directions: <http://www.konkanisabha.org/directions-to-bridgewater-temple.html>

Phone: (908) 725-4477

Cost:

- Registration (RSVP) and payment by September 30, 2015 - \$18 (12 years and older) and \$10 (ages 6 to 12)
 - Registration and payment after September 30 and at the door - \$20 (12 years and older) and \$12 (ages 6 to 12)
- Payment by Check: Please make the check payable to "Konkani Sabha" and mail to:

Aravind Nayak, 4104 Emerson Ln, Allentown, PA - 18104

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Email: KonkaniSabha@gmail.com

If you need further assistance, please contact:

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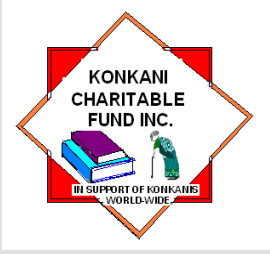
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