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Khabbar Follies

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

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

Konkani humor is unique. Here is an example:
During the recent stock market plunge, following is an email correspondence between two (big time) Konkani investors:

Investor from NJ to investor from NY: Are you wearing diapers? If not, start wearing them.
Here comes the reply from the investor from NY: I am toilet trained long time ago!

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 *eKhabbar*, the electronic version of *Khabbar*, by logging on to *eKhabbar.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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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 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. 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!**

The progress made by **Konkani Sammelan - 2016** is really great. Please extend all your help to make KS-2016 the best ever. There are many ways you can help- register, participate, write an article

of interest, donate, etc. 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) have come up with their plan on how to conduct the election and will publish them soon. Please, extend your support to them.

Khabbar will publish all the developments and progress made by NAKA on an on-going basis.

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 8, I repeat, only 8, 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 Konkani 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 a personal note, I must mention the loss of uncle (*Bappa*) **Sri Keshava Bhat (91)** of Mangalore in July 2015. He was my hero and an inspiration. I will miss him.

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

Have a great and safe Fall. Happy *Diwali* to you all.

Devu Boren Karo.

Vasanti
Honorary Editor



KONKANI SAMMELAN 2016

Atlanta, Georgia ♦ July 1-3

Namaskaru,

The activities for 2016 Konkani Sammelan to be held in Atlanta, Georgia on July 1st – 3rd 2016 is steaming up. Please help us in spreading the word to ensure that your near and dear ones are also attending the Sammelan. You do not want them to complain later, "Makka ityaka ek uttar sangani go/re?" Our exuberant KS-16 team and volunteers are working continually to make sure your visit to Atlanta will be a memorable experience.

Registration - The website (konkanisammelan.org) for registration for the Konkani Sammelan 2016 has been open for just under two months. The response has been tremendous so far, with almost 400 people registered for the Sammelan. Hotel rooms at the Marriott and Spring Hill Suites are being booked at an alarmingly faster rate than we had anticipated. **Please hurry and register before December 31, 2015, to take advantage of early registration discount and at the same time book a hotel room at a deeply discounted rate, while they last!** Please remember that you do not have to rent vehicles at the airport. The venue and both hotels are on the same premise, very conveniently located only 5 minutes away by SkyTrain ride from Hartsfield – Jackson Atlanta International Airport.

Hotel – Due to an overwhelming response for the registration and hotel booking, we have now doubled the number of rooms available for the Sammelan! If you previously had difficulty in getting a room on certain dates or a room with a particular bed configuration, please call the reservation number for the hotel and request them to update your reservation. Please note that the rooms at the discounted rate (\$96/night plus tax) are **ONLY** available for those who have already registered for the Sammelan. Group code and reservation numbers for the hotels were provided to you in the email you received after the registration. All other bookings will be charged at the regular rate at the time of check-in. Please take advantage of the discounted rate, as they will not last for long, and make sure that you have already registered for the Sammelan.

Food – The Food Committee has added a few more mouthwatering items to the menu such as "*Puli Koddel*" and "*Alambe Bhutti*". We are working on the logistics of every minute detail to make this a very pleasant and memorable experience; such as serving hot and delicious food without waiting in long lines. We are also going to try our best in accommodating items that will be suitable for kids and all age groups.

Entertainment - There has been a huge response to our request to submit entries to showcase your talent during the Sammelan. We are aware that summer time was a busy time for everyone with travels and other family activities. So, to give everyone additional time to submit your entries; we have extended the deadline to October 31, 2015. Please visit the Entertainment tab of our website for the information and guidelines on sending your entries. We look forward to hear from you very soon! To accommodate as much talent as possible during the limited time frame present during the Sammelan, **group entries are highly encouraged.**

We want to make sure our little attendees at the Sannelan have a great time too. For families with young children, we are planning to have **day-care facilities within the venue** while parents immerse in enjoying the events and catch up with some of their favorite panchaytika!

We will start soliciting **nominations for 'Significant Achievement' in various categories**. Look out for this announcement in subsequent issues of *Khabbar* and in social media. Please nominate amchis for their achievement in arts, music, community service, academics, business etc. The finalists will be honored at the Sannelan.

We are also working on hosting a **Continuing Medical Education (CME) event** on Friday morning (July 1st). If you are a Physician, we will have all the logistics to get your CME credits covered for you. You will receive more information on the CME event from our CME Committee in the next few weeks.

Youth Committee – Youth adults ages 18 to 35 years, may look forward to exciting events at the Marriott. There will be ice breaking activities, group games, seminars with various topics, along with many fun and interesting events. We are currently exploring the possibility of booking rooms at the hotel where the youth group can be on the same floor. If you are interested in staying on the same floor as the youth group, please contact the youth committee at ks16_youth@konkanisammelan.org. **Just be sure to indicate if you are a youth while registering**. Please also remember to include your contact/email information. This will help us to get in touch with you, with any latest updates in a timely manner. Also email us if you would like to help out by participating on the youth committee. We would be delighted to hear from you!

Souvenir Committee - The Souvenir Committee is making good progress on the 2016 Konkani Sannelan Souvenir. Guidelines to submit articles, art, poems, original essays, short stories, recipes, kids' corner, youth musings, senior advice and reflection, health information and yoga, culture and heritage, financial and legal advice etc., have been finalized and details about the submissions are published on the Sannelan website (konkanisammelan.org) under the Souvenir tab.

All literary contributions must be **submitted no later than December 31, 2015**. Early submissions are encouraged. Please email us if you have any questions and you may submit your entries to the following email address: souvenir@konkanisammelan.org

Details for placing advertisements have also been finalized. If you are interested in placing either personal ads or business ads or both, and would like to know the details about the rates and payment information, please visit the Souvenir tab of our website.

Lastly, we are inviting entries for a **contest to suggest the name of the souvenir and to design the cover page**. **Entries are expected by October 31, 2015**. Please send any questions and entries to souvenir@konkanisammelan.org. We look forward to your participation in making the KS - 16 Souvenir a special keepsake, for many years to come.

All of us at **the KAOG (Konkani Association of Georgia)** are looking forward to meeting you and your families in July. We are confident that you are going to enjoy the warm Southern hospitality here in Georgia. *"Tummi Yeyachi. Gammat Korya!"*

Devu Baren Karo

Konkani Sannelan 2016 President, Raj Kini & Committee Chairs
Celebrating Konkani Heritage - Song and Toi on my mind

Hoon Khabbar

Congratulations:

ALEX, s/o Arvind & Anastasia Pai of Rockaway, NJ and his team mates from Morris Hills High School, took 6th place at Nationals in the 4x800 outdoor relay this past summer. This (<http://www.dailyrecord.com/story/sports/high-school/track/2015/06/21/new-balance-outdoor-nationals/29082417/>) accomplishment made them all American Athletes for year 2015.

Konkani Graduates:

GAURAV, s/o Naren & Seema Bhat of Orange, CT, graduated in May 2015 from Duke University with a BSE in Biomedical Engineering.

RITA, d/o Sudhir & Ranjana Golikeri and granddaughter of Radha Golikeri of Richmond, TX graduated with a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine from the University of North Texas Health Science Center in Fort Worth, TX in May 2015. She has begun her residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth, TX.

PRADEEP GULVADY of Saugus, CA completed his course of nursing and passed the qualifying RN and licensure exams. A chartered accountant trained in India and then a Certified Public Accountant and entrepreneur in US, Pradeep changed his career to nursing.

AYESHA, d/o Dilip & Patricia Saletore of Henderson, NV, graduated with Masters Degree in Education from Claremont Graduate University. She had been teaching mathematics for the past two years in the Pomona/Claremont area. Although her teaching year is coming to a close, she will continue time in Claremont as a researcher for the University during the summer months. She will be teaching mathematics in high school in Nevada where she will be relocating in Summer.

AMIKA (Saletore) SILVA, eldest d/o Dilip & Patricia Saletore of Henderson, NV, and her husband Dustin have continued to work at their

respective colleges. Ambika just finished her third year at El Camino College in Torrance, CA. and Dustin has completed three years at the College of the Canyons, Valencia, CA. They have been working on acceleration in the field as well as focusing on the growth of Statistics courses. Dustin is leading a team from COC to attend three CAP (California Acceleration Project) in 2015. Both Dustin and Ambika had the opportunity to travel to Penn State for a week in May 2015 to attend USCOTS and be a part of the TANGO Stat Ed. grant. This gave them the chance to learn and interact with leaders in the field of Statistics Education.

New Arrival:

ANUSHKA, a baby girl, Sheila & Santosh Reddy of Las Vegas, NV on July 5, 2015 at 3:24 PM. A sister to big sister Priyanka. Congratulations to the maternal grandparents Balkunje Suresh & Usha Shenoy of Sugar Land, TX and the paternal grandparents Prabhu & Kantha Reddy of Woodlands, TX.

ARIA, a baby girl to Rakshith & Shruthi Naik of Sugar Land, TX on July 9, 2015. Visiting Aria are the proud paternal grandparents Ganesh & Jayashree Naik of Puttur, India. The proud maternal grandparents are Manjunath & Shaila Rao of Mandagadde, India.

JASMINE, a baby girl to Vivek & Suma Kamath of New York, NY. The proud paternal grandparents are Narasimha & Shantha Kamath of Edison, NJ and maternal grandparents are Drs Kesavan & Prabha Sudheendran of Memphis, TN.

First Birthday:

NEEL and ARTHI, twins to Meghana & Timothy Hemphill of New Orleans, LA born one year ago on September 7, 2014 celebrated the 1st birthday on September 7, 2015. The proud maternal grandparents are Burde Laxminarayan & Urmila Kamath of New Orleans, LA.

Relocation:

The **BALIGAS**, Yeshavantha & Anasuya have moved from Richmond, CA to San Jose, CA. Their new address is: 6735 Altiplano Way, San Jose, CA 95119. The phone number remains the same at (510)-275-4550 and email ID: kalyanpurb@yahoo.com

The **PAI** family, Sadananda & Sharda have relocated from Houston, TX to 20706 Bristol Meadow Lane, Cypress, TX 77433. Their new Phone: (281)-815-7421 and email ID: snpai@yahoo.com

The **KALLE** family, Hemu & Mamata, relocated within Camarillo, CA to 22112, Village 22, Camarillo, CA 93012.

PRITI BALIGA RAINER along with her husband Robert and daughter Alesia has relocated from Diamond Bar, CA to 22120 Pommel Ct., Walnut, CA 91789. The telephone remains the same at (909)-468-3714.

New Phone & Email:

Shanthi Pai of Ovideo, FL changed her phone number from 407-542-5135 to 321 277 5135. She does not have land line anymore and email ID: shanthig.pai@gmail.com

Newlyweds:

Sow. AYESHA, d/o Dilip & Patricia Saletore of Henderson, NV, married to **Chi. MATHEW YACUBIC** in Tahoe, NV on Aug. 2nd, 2015. Mathew (Matt) finished his Ph.D. in Archeology last year and is working for the Federal Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Winnemucca, NV. Ayesha has relocated to Winnemucca and will be teaching mathematics in high school there. Ayesha and Matt are planning to visit India this December for their honeymoon.

Drs. Ramakrishna & Maya Prabhu of Houston, TX celebrated the marriage of their son, Chi. **Dr. ASHWIN with Sow. SNEHA**, d/o Avinash &

Madhuri Gaitonde of Brampton, Ont. Canada on Sunday September 6th 2015 at Pearson Convention Center in Brampton, Ont. At 11:00 AM. The function followed by reception at the same venue in the evening.

Brahmopadesham:

Dr. Anil & Sunitha Kini of Sugarland, TX conducted the sacred thread ceremony of their son, **Chi. DHURV** on Thursday July 30, 2015 at Sree Kashi Math in Bangalore. Dhruv is the grandson of Dr. Dayanand & Dr. Shashikala Kini of Bangalore, India.

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

40th Wedding Anniversary:

Vivek & Sarika Bantwal celebrated the Ruby wedding anniversary (40th) of his parents, **JAYAWANT & GITA BANTWAL** of Jamison, PA on August 1, 2015 at St Cyril Church in Jamison, PA. The fun filled event was attended by family and friends

from all over who came to the function and shared their memories of the couple.

Obituary:

Smt. SUMITRA KINI of New Delhi, wife of late Mr. Mohan Kini, passed away on January 20th, 2015. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to her daughters, Dr. Sujata Pai & family of Lewistown, PA, Dr. Surekha Kini-Agarwal & family of Kanpur, and Mrs. Supriya Mansharamani & family of Noida, and her son Mr. Suhas Kini & family of New Delhi.

Dr. SHARAD KULKARNI (84) of The Woodlands, TX passed away on June 8, 2015. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to his wife Beth, daughter Shanti and son David.

JANNI PAI (86) passed away peacefully on Thursday July 16th in Secunderabad. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to her daughter Kalavathi Shenoy and family of

Naperville, IL and son Dr. Vosudesh Pai & family of Duluth, GA.

Smt. SUMAN PAI (nee Ramani Kamath) of Vashi, India, w/o Mohan Pai passed away on August 1, 2015 after a brief illness. She is survived by daughters Aparna Bhandary of San Jose, CA, Akshaya Kamath of London, England and a son Ashwin Pai of Vashi. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to her sister-in-laws, Shobha Baliga & family of Brooklyn, NY and Vijaya Pai & family of Cherry Hill, NJ and nephew, Arvind Pai & family of Rockaway, NJ.

Smt. MATHURA KAMATH (93) passed away peacefully in Mysuru, India on Sep 5, 2015. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to her sons, Ramesh Kamath & family of San Carlos, CA and Dr. Satish Kamath & family of Bloomfield Hills, MI.

KONKANI HAPPENINGS

Konkani Sabha (KS) Picnic 2015

The annual was held on Saturday June 27, 2015 at Mercer Park East Picnic area in Princeton Junction, NJ. All braved the rainy weather and managed to have lots of fun with food, games and other entertainment.

Ontario Konkani Association (OKA) Picnic 2015

The OKA held their annual picnic on Sunday July 12, 2015 at Island Lake Conservation Area in Orangeville, Ont. The event was filled with lots of games and food.

The Annual Father's Day Nature Hike 2015

The annual Bhanap Father's day Nature Hike was held on Saturday July 18, 2015 at Hacklebarney State Park in Chester, NJ.

The Annual Amchi (Bhanap) Picnic 2015

The annual Bhanap picnic was held on Saturday August 1, 2015 at Reichler Park, Monmouth Junction, NJ.

KASC SUMMER PICNIC 2015

Priya Gadiyar, Irvine, CA

Every sunny California summer brings with it the second event in the KASC calendar- the KASC summer picnic on June 13, 2015. The theme of the picnic this time was Hawaiian (Luau) and the tropical shirts, skirts and decorations were out in force at the Bill Barber Park in Irvine. There were games played, conversations had and a variety of food indulged in that ensured that everyone had a good time.

The evening was kicked off by our president Srinivas Pai who welcomed everyone. The snacks included trays of cooling watermelon slices, chicken sliders, chips and soda. Once the mood was in full sway, there were games played which involved young and (the slightly more) old. The kids competed against each other in a game of picking grapes suspended off a rope using just their mouths and another one where they had to move cotton balls from one tray to the other using their Vaseline coated noses. The adults also had some fun of their own. Some true talents were discovered while playing the men's wheelbarrow race and the cookie face game. The highlight of the evening was when Rajesh Prabhu showed us how to eat a cookie placed on your forehead without using your hands - the entire video of his heroic effort is on the KASC Facebook page.

The games were followed by a hearty dinner of Chole samosas, Veg and Chicken Biryani, Raita and Gulab Jamun. As the evening stretched on, the men and kids started impromptu games of cricket and football, while the women indulged in their favorite pastime of chatting. The picnic wended down once darkness set in and everybody said their good byes, promising to meet up at the next KASC function of Diwali.

KAOG's Peachy-Beachy Picnic

The Konkani Association of Georgia (KAOG) held its annual picnic on Saturday, August 22nd 2015, under the large pavilion at Fowler Park in Cumming, Georgia. The Youth Committee had set up a "beach theme" with beach décor and lively music. The day's activities, organized by the Youth Committee, began with face painting and bubbles, along with various sports and family games. At lunch time, the Food Committee had set up a typical Chowpatty style, chaat food corner with an array of mouth-watering delicacies: pani –puri, bhel, pav –bhaji, dhokla, pulao, chilled "Kala Khutta" and rasgullas. In the meantime, the Konkani Sarmelan Chair Committee had set up an eagerly awaited post lunch event, "Dunking the Chair Person". The game was an instant hit with everyone in attendance, becoming the highlight of the day. The afternoon was capped off with snow cones of various flavors, served courtesy of the Youth Committee, which was a welcome treat.

In the late afternoon, a surprise event "Cookout" was secretly planned by the KAOG committee to create an "Iron Chef" style competition among the kids and teens. Four groups were formed and each created a dish, in a limited time, with a common set of ingredients given to them. Appointed Judges chose winners in 3 categories – Presentation, Taste and Overall Best Dish.

After 'Taanek' of 'hoonu cha', mixture and cookies, the finale of the evening was a group photo of KAOG members under 'Konkani Sarmelan 2016' And 'KAOG' Banners, to indicate that KAOG Community looks forward to see all of you at the KS -16 in July!

Konkani Association Of CALifornina(KAOCA) Update:

KAOCA had two major events since the last update. Sport's Day was held May 30th at Warm Springs Community Center near Milpitas CA. Members enjoyed playing chess, cards, and carrom. This was also the very first time the committee organized a volleyball tournament. There were six teams of men and woman and everyone enjoyed it thoroughly. Afterwards, we had a lavish dinner of 21 items of which a few were prepared by the committee as well as folks in the community. We ended the evening with everyone's favorite game of bingo. Our annual picnic was held at Central Park in Santa Clara, CA on August 22nd. We catered a nice lunch followed by BBQ corn, juicy watermelon, mango and pistachio ice-cream, harshale and our world most famous charburia upkari. Once again, we played an exciting volleyball tournament and had a mixture of kids and adults sports games.

By: Muralidhar Kamath
Special Correspondent

Houston Area Amchigele Samaj (HAAS):

The HAAS held their annual Shri Krishna Janmastami function on Saturday September 12, 2015 at Sugarland Community Hall in Sugar Land, TX. The event included variety entertainment program by HAAS kids, delicious Konkani food (catered), Dahi Handi and *dandia raas*.

SHARAD KULKARNI (1931 – 2015)

By: - Beth Kulkarni

Sharad Ramchandra Kulkarni was born June 1, 1931, to Ramchandra V. and Sundrabhai Adarkar Kulkarni, the fourth of seven children, in Vengula, Ratnagiri District of what was then Bombay State. He spend his first years in Vengula until his family moved to Bombay where his father was a spinning master. Although Sharad loved to play cricket with the boys in his neighborhood, he soon realized that he needed to concentrate on his studies. He was a good student, continuing his education at Ria College of the University of Bombay, receiving his B.Sc. and M.Sc. in Chemistry.

Soon afterward, he came to the US by a Norwegian cargo ship. After a brief visit with his maternal uncle and family in Washington, DC, he traveled to Texas to continue his studies. He received a M.S. In Chemistry from Texas A & M and followed his professor to California where he completed his Ph.D. in Chemistry at the University of the Pacific, Stockton, California. It was there that he met his wife-to-be, Beth Beckwith, who was then an undergraduate student majoring in Physics. They were married soon after he completed his doctorate.

Sharad and Beth then moved to Durham, NC, where he did post-doctoral work in the Biochemistry Department of Duke Medical School. Their daughter Shanti was born while they were in Durham. The young family then moved to Pennsylvania where Sharad taught at a Penn State campus and son David was born.

Sharad taught a total of 13 years in Pennsylvania before the family moved to Houston in 1979. Sharad worked as a chemist for the City of Houston for nearly two decades before retiring in 1999.

Sharad and Beth have lived in The Woodlands since 2004, choosing to live near Beth's sister Janet Stewart and her husband Don Stewart. Janet and Don's help as well as that of Beth's and Sharad's friends in The Woodlands and the Greater Houston Area has been much appreciated.

Sharad will be remembered as a kind man and loving father, grandfather, and husband. His smile was joyful and contagious. He enjoyed doing volunteer work which was always done in the background with no expectation of recognition or reward. But he took pleasure in seeing the volunteer work done in the community by his wife and was always supportive of her. He was also very proud of his children and grandchildren.

Sharad will be greatly missed by wife Beth, daughter Shanti, son David and his wife Melissa, grandchildren Meera, Matthew, and Sofia, and other relatives and friends. He felt strong connections to his family who remained in India including, his two living sisters Shailaja Prabu and Meena Pandit and their families, his brothers' (Waman and Shyam Kulkarni) children and grandchildren, and his cousins.

The family is grateful for the support of the many friends who visited him during his illness. We are also eternally gratefully for the care and love provided by Autumn Leaves and the LifePointe Hospice.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests you make memorial contributions to the Alzheimer's Association or a charity of your choice. Condolences may be sent to the family at 87 S Warbler Bend Circle, The Woodlands, TX 77382.

KHABBAR FROM KULAR

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

Konkani Cultural Festival was held at Mysuru on 7-06-2015 under the leadership of philanthropist **Mr. Jagannath Sheno** and **Mrs. Kusuma Sheno** at JaganMohan Palace Hall. Karnataka Konkani Sahitya Academy, Mangaluru G.S.B Mahila Mandali Mysuru and Konkani Association of Mysuru had taken interest in organizing the event various leaders of Konkani Women movement gave lectures and actively participated in the whole day programme and Konkani Cultural events were also performed. **Sri Roy Castelino** President Konkani Sahitya Academy and **Basti Vaman Sheno** Founder President World Konkani Centre were also present.

Konkani Language Chair (Konkani Adhyayana Pitha) under the auspices of Mangaluru University was inaugurated on 12-06-2015 at Raveendra Kala Mantap University College (Govt College) Hampankatta Mangaluru. Minister for Higher Education **Hon. Sri R.V.Deshpande**. By lighting the lamp by **Prof. Bhyrappa** Vice Chancellor Presided. Lord Bishop of Mangalore Diocese **Dr. Aloysius Paul D'Souza**, **Sri Roy Castelino** President of Karnataka Konkani Academy and **Sri Basti Vaman Sheno** President of World Konkani centre were Present. **Dr. Jayawanth Nayak** is Registrar for the Adhyayana Pitha. Govt of Karnataka has allocated Rs 2.00 Crores (Rupees two Crores only) in the state Financial Budget for 2015-16 year, for the Adhyana Pitha. The Adhyayana Pitha will help promote Research in Konkani Language, History of Konkani people and Communities and Cultural matters.

("KSHAMATA" - (Konkani Students Higher Achievement Motivation and Training Academy) 7 weeks long KSHAMATA Camps were inaugurated on 16-06-2015 at World Konkani Centre by **Sri G.V.Prabhu** Dy. Gen. Manager Canara Bank 9 Camps of 3 days duration were held for the beneficiaries of Vishwa Konkani Students Scholarship Scholars. Lectures on Soft Skills, Social Service, leadership, Public Speaking, Konkani Cultural were held by eminent speakers from Mangaluru, Udupi and Manipal. The 3 days Camps are a must for Scholars who are beneficiaries of Vishwa Konkani Students Scholarships. **C.A. Giridhar Kamath**, **C.A. M.N.Pai**, **C.A. Shivaram Kamath Mulky** are organizing these Camps.

H.H. Sri Shivananda Saraswathi Swamiji of Sri Kaivalya Mutt visited World Konkani Centre in 27.6.2015. **Sri Basti Vaman Sheno** President World Konkani Centre, **Sri Allen C. A. Pereira** and **Sri Venkatesh N. Baliga** Vice Presidents, **Sri B. Prabhakar Prabhu** and **Shri Naresh R. Kini** Secretaries, **Kudpi Jagadish Sheno** Treasurer World Konkani Centre, **Mr. Roy Castelino** President Karnataka Konkani Sahitya Academy, **Mrs. Geetha C. Kini** President and **Shri Dinesh Shet** Treasurer Konkani Bhasha Mandal were all present. H.H.Swamiji appreciated, the various activities of World Konkani Centre, Research work, Vishwa Konkani Students Scholarship Fund and KSHAMATA Programmes and blessed World Konkani Centre.

Canara High School Association Celebrated Post Centenary Silver Jubilee Celebrations on 30-06-2015 at T.V.Raman Pai Hall Mangaluru.

One Month long Bhajana Programmes were held during Adhika Ashada Masa (Month) at Sri Venkataramana Temple Bantwal. 40 Bhajana Mandalis from all G.S.B. temples of South Kanara, Udupi Districts participated to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of Sri Ramanjaneya Bhajana Mandali Bantwal.

A Famous 'Gallery Orchid' Art Gallery of **Mr. William Pais** opened their new Show Room at Mischief Mall Hampankatta Mangaluru to promote Art work, Paintings and Exhibitions. The gallery was inaugurated on Sunday February 8 2015 by the Bishop of

Mangalore **Dr Aloysius Paul D'Souza** by lighting the lamp along with other dignitaries. **Mr. William Pais** proprietor of the gallery welcomed the gathering and explained that the changing art scenario of Mangalore has necessitated a bigger space for the works of our artists.

Manmathanana Samvasara Chaturmasa Vrutha :-

1. H.H.SRIMAD SUDHINDRA THIRTHA SWAMIJI, SHRI KASHI MUTT SAMSTHAN (AT: SHRI VYASASHRAMA, KASHI MUTT SAMSTHAN, VARANASI, HARIPURA MARG, POST SADHU BELA, HARIDWAR)
2. H.H.SRIMAD SAMYAMEENDRA THIRTHA SWAMIJI, SHRI KASHI MUTT SAMSTHAN (AT: - SHRI PATTABHI RAMACHANDRA TEMPLE, KOTESHWARA)
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4. H.H. SRIMAD SHIVANANDA SARASWATI SWAMIJI, SHRI KAIVALYA MUTT SAMSTHAN, (AT: RAJAPURA SARASWATH BHAVAN, MANIPAL).
5. H.H. SRI SADYOJATHA SHANKERASHRAMA SWAMIJI, SHRI CHITRAPUR MUTT, SHIRALI, (AT : SHRI GURU MUTT, MALLAPURA North Kanara)

7th the Foundation Day of All India Konkani Parishad was celebrated at World Konkani Centre on 8th July 2015. Well Known writer and President of Konkani **Mr. Payyanur Ramesh Pai** Kochi, **Mr. Gokuldas Prabhu** President of All India Konkani Parishad, **Mr. Basti Vaman Shenoy**, **Mr. Paul Moras** Past Presidents, **Mr. Venkatesh N. Baliga** Vice President of World Konkani Centre were Present.

98 Years old N.K.G.S.B Bank has opened its Mangaluru Branch on 11-07-2015. **H.H.Swamiji of Kaivalya Mutt** inaugurated the Branch. Chairman **Mr. Kishore Kulakarni** Managing Director, Chief Gen. Manager **Mr. P.G.Kamath**, **Mr. Pradeep G.Pai** Managing Director Hangyo Ice Creams Pvt. Ltd, **Sri Basti Vaman Shenoy** President World Konkani Centre were present. They also visited World Konkani Centre on 12-07-2015 and appreciated World Konkani Centre and Vishwa Konkani Students Scholarship Fund, KSHAMATA programmes.

“VANAMAHOTSAVA” was held at World Konkani Centre on 24-07-2015 . Governor of Lion district **Mrs. Kavitha S. Shashtri** planted saplings of “Kadamba Trees” and past Lion Dist. Governor **Mr. Len K.C.Prabhu** and other Lion members were present during the function.

A three days residential work shop namely “KEY DI”, i.e. KONKANI ENTERPRISING YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE. was organised at WKC, on 12th to 14th of August 2015. 47 Konkani students (boys/girls) from eleven colleges from Puttur, Bantwal, Moodabidre, Manipal, Udupi, Mulki and Mangalore participated. The sessions included various aspects of Entrepreneurship, Clarity on business concepts, Funding, Taxation and regulatory compliance, Business plan and presentation, Case studies and Face to Face with Successful Entrepreneurs. The content was developed by **Mr. Allen Pereira** and **C A Giridhar Kamath** and actively supported by **Mr. Gokulnath Prabhu** Dubai, **Basti Vaman Shenoy** and **Mr. Satish Bhat** Retd Principal Canara College. The camp was inaugurated by **Mr. Ramdas Kamath** Senior executive Vice President Infosys and **Mr. Basti Vaman Shenoy** presided over the valedictory.

Mr. Manjinath Pai Proprietor of Hotel ‘GIRIMANJA’ expired on 14-08-2015 by heart attack. Hotel Gijimanja is a household name for traditional G.S.B fish cuisines in Mangaluru and in the district.

19-08-2015 ‘VidYouth’ - Vishwa Konkani Yuva Mahotsava ‘Vid youth’ was conducted by VKSSF Alumni Association (VAA). 195 VKSSF scholars participated in the event. 50 Existing as well as Aluminise were in core organising team as volunteers.

On 19-08-2015 Inauguration of Vishwa Konkani Library- in the name of “Sri Laxminarayana Kamath Vishwa Konkani Library” was inaugurated By **Mr. T . V. Mohandas Pai**. **Mr. Ramdas Kamath U** Senior Vice President Infosys, **Mr. Basti Vaman Shenoy**, **Mr. Pradeep G Pai** Managing Director Hangyo Ice Creams Pvt. Ltd, **Mr. Venkatesh N Baliga** Editor Kodial Khabar, **Mr. Sandeep Shenoy** Mumbai, **Mr. Vilas Nayak** CEO of Hanuman Groups Pvt. Ltd. Udupi were present on the Occasion.

On 19-08-2015 'Temples of Goa' coffee table book release- A Coffee Table Book of 362 pages, titled ‘Temples of Goa’, which is a well-researched book providing details on 50 temples of Goa was released by **Mr. T V Mohandas Pai** Chairman Manipal Global Education Services. The book release ceremony was held at Shree Venkataramana Temple, Car Street, Mangaluru.

On 20-08-2015 Vishwa Konkani Students Scholarship distribution Award Ceremony-2015 held at T.V.Raman Pai Convention Hall Kodialbail, Mangaluru. Dignitaries of the day: **T V Mohandas Pai** Chairman Manipal Global Education Services, **Mr. Ramdas**

Kamath U Chairman of Vishwa Konkani Students Scholarship Fund, **Mr. Sundeep V. Bambolkar** joint Managing Director Indico Remedies Mumbai, Dubai **Mr. S.M. Syed Khaleelur Rahman** mentor Anjuman Group of Institutions Bhatkal, **Mr. Jayanarayan Bhat** CEO Raycam Ltd United Kingdom, **Mr. Rohan Monteiro** Mangaluru, **Mr. Ullas Kamath** joint Managing Director Jyothy Laboratories Mumbai and **Mr. Prakash Pai** Managing director, Puzzolana Group Hyderabad distributed the Scholarships. Founder President of World Konkani Centre **Mr. Basti Vaman Shenoy** welcomed the Guests, Scholars and parents.

Navathi Samrambha of Great Rishi

As appeared in “Anugraha Sandesh Vol. 13, Issue 2, Aug 2015

Navathi Samrambha, the 90th Year Celebrations of the great seer, **Sreemad Sudheendra Theertha Swamiji**, the 20th Mathadipathi of Shree Kashimath Samsthan was held with great pomp and gaiety from 1st – 6th April 2015 at Shree Vyasasram on the banks of sacred river Ganga in the holy city of Haridwar, “Gateway to Lord Vishnu & Shiva”.

The celebrations attained a high degree of spiritual ambiance when the devotees had the Darshan of Swamiji's heir designate, **Patta Shishya, Sreemad Samyamindra Theertha Swamiji** conducting the Pada Pooja of the great Rishi. “Our Guru has attained the highest spiritual pedestal through sincere and dedicated service to God” said the Shishya. Sudheendra Theertha Swamiji while blessing the devotees, exhorted them to continue the tradition of love to all and communion to the Gurupeeth, which has ensured happiness and prosperity for the community at all times. He emphasized the importance of preserving and developing Konkani language and the age-old unique customs and traditions of the community for preserving its social and cultural identity.

Devotees who turned up from all corners of GSB habitat, took a grand procession through the streets of Haridwar. Indian Railways provided special train from Mangalore and special bogies from Kerala which facilitated in taking more than 1800 devotees to Haridwar.

Suresh Prabhu, Union Minister for Railways made a special mark on the occasion by his presence.

Cultural extravaganza was led with devotional bhajan sangeeth by community artistes **Pandit Upendra Bhat, Puttur Narasimha Nayak, Puttur Panduranga Nayak and Karkala Mahalakshmi Shenoy**.

The pictorial narration of the life history of Sudheendra Theertha Swamiji, 'Sri Guru Darshanam', a coffee table book was released during the occasion. An exhibition on the life history of Swamiji was also held at the venue.

Dedicated volunteering by 1400 devotees got special appreciation from the 7000 strong crowd which drank the spiritual nectar on this great occasion. Thousands who could not reach Haridwar participated in various celebrations conducted in various temples throughout India. Truly this turned out to be the biggest celebration in the history of Shree Kashi Math Samsthan.

K. V. Kamath: An Old Hand in Indian Banking will head the new BRICS Bank

“Tiles To BRICS” - As appeared in the May 11, 2015 edition of **Quartz India**



Kundapur Vaman Kamath is no stranger to high-profile assignments. The 67-year-old is the non-executive chairman of **India's second largest bank** by asset size, ICICI Bank, and India's **third largest IT firm**, Infosys. Now, Kamath will have another position to tend to: The **first head** of the BRICS bank.

Announced in July 2014, the BRICS bank is a partnership between Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa (BRICS). The \$100 billion development bank will be based in Shanghai, **according to its founding agreement**, and will be headed by an Indian for the first five years, followed by a Brazilian and then a Russian.

Cometh the hour, Kamath the man

Born into a family that was engaged in the **roof tiling business**, Kamath studied engineering at the National Institute of Technology (NIT) in Surathkal, before graduating from the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, in 1971.

He started his career just after graduation, at age 24, with the Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India Limited (ICICI), then a joint venture between the government of India and the World Bank, then **moved to work** at the Asian Development Bank in 1988. In 1996, he returned to ICICI Bank, **a subsidiary of ICICI Limited** that was set up in 1994, as its CEO and managing director.

Over a decade later, when he finally retired in 2009, ICICI Bank had become a darling among investors and India's second-largest bank by asset size and market capitalisation.

In 2011, he was appointed the chairman of Infosys, after the company's founder NR Narayana Murthy left office. Kamath is also known to have deep ties in corporate India and at one point [was the official mediator](#) in a fight between brothers Mukesh and Anil Ambani of the Reliance group.

What is the BRICS bank?

In July 2014, the heads of the BRICS countries [agreed to set up](#) a new development bank. The bank's \$100 billion capital—with an initial subscribed capital of \$50 billion that will be equally shared by all BRICS members—will be used for infrastructure financing and sustainable development project funding within the BRICS nations. Other low- and middle-income countries will be able to access loans.

In February this year, India's cabinet, headed by prime minister Narendra Modi, approved the establishment of the bank, after founding members sorted out several [contentious issues](#). "The New Development Bank will mobilise resources for infrastructure and sustainable development projects in BRICS and other emerging economies and developing countries, to supplement existing efforts of multilateral and regional financial institutions for global growth and development," the Indian government [said in a statement](#).

The bank, [according to the Russian finance ministry](#), is expected to be fully functional by the end of 2015.

Mangaluru Origin Scientist, Dr. Jayant Baliga gets Russia's Highest Tech Award

Mangalore Today News Network

St Petersburg, June 19: B. Jayant Baliga, a US-based Mangaluru-origin scientist, is being awarded Russia's top technology award in recognition of his work as a major development in energy management which brought about huge increase in efficiency and major savings.

The award will presented to Professor Baliga and Shuji Nakamura on Friday by Russian President Vladimir Putin at a ceremony here.

Nakamura, a Nobel Laureate, is being recognised for his work on blue light emitting diodes (LEDs). In Russia, the Global Energy Prize is known as the electronics equivalent of the Nobel Prize.



Professor Baliga invented the digital switch or the insulated gate bipolar transistor (IGBT) while working at General Electrical research & development centre in New York State in the US in 1983. The IGBT switches energy hundreds of thousands of times a second, raising the efficiency of any equipment manifold.

"Every equipment from your refrigerator to lights to motor vehicles has the need to use energy efficiently. If you take away the IGBT today, almost everything will come to a standstill," Baliga told a visiting IANS correspondent on the eve of receiving the award.

B. Jayant Baliga is an Indian electrical engineer best known for his work in power semiconductor devices, and particularly invention of the insulated gate bipolar transistor. Scientific American magazine included him among the 'Eight Heroes of the Semiconductor Revolution' when commemorating the

50th anniversary of the invention of the transistor. Baliga grew up in a small village called Jalahalli near Bangalore, India. His father is a former head of Bharat Electronics Limited. He received his B.Tech in Electrical Engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras, in 1969, and his MS (1971) and PhD (1974) in Electrical Engineering from the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Scientific American magazine called him among the ‘eight heroes of the semiconductor revolution’, and President Barack Obama awarded him the highest American technology prize last year and he is the 2014 recipient of the IEEE Medal of Honour, a rare distinction.

Professor Baliga, who now teaches to the North Carolina university as ‘distinguished university professor’, said that the IGBT that his invention combines two streams of electronics and electrical engineering and has possibly saved the world around \$24 trillion dollars by raising efficiency, according to one detailed calculation.

“I got zero out of it. But then I did it all for humanity.”

Of course, says Prof Baliga, that he did make some money when he started three companies, but these were financed by venture capitalists who exited with enormous profits at the right time.

He says every motor today is at least 40 percent more efficient, the light bulb like the CFL better by almost 75 percent and a motor vehicle saves over 10 percent fuel because of his invention. He has written 19 books and over 500 papers in peer-reviewed journals.

Baliga passed out of IIT Madras before going to the US for his MS and PhD after electrical engineering after which he joined GE where he spent over 15 years.

After his ‘switch’ was invented, several of his colleagues told him that it would not work, and many scientists said he would fall “flat on his face”. But he said it stood the test of time.

The chairman of GE at that time, Jack Welch flew down especially to meet him when he heard what it could do. GE used the switch in the several of the equipments it sold, including medical devices.

A US citizen since 2000, he now has very little connection with India and does not travel to his home country much, especially after his parents and parents of his wife passed away. But, says Prof Baliga, an invention like his is unlikely in India, because it needs huge research infrastructure to be in place from universities to industries.

He feels, that India has a potential which has not been fully used, although in software “it has made great strides”.

Could a Nobel be on its way in the future? “I used to say no way,” but with so many recognitions and this “global prize where I am being feted with a Nobel Laureate, who knows”, he says. His regret though is that India does not know much about him.

“Top scientists that I meet always ask me, why has India not recognised your achievement?” And with characteristic modesty, Baliga told IANS, “I tell them that perhaps my country does not know about what I did.”

Courtesy: NRI Plus

Konkani Calendar

October 2015	November 2015	December 2015
3 rd NAKA/HAAS Fund raiser for KS-2016	7 th Konkani Sabha Diwali	10 th Amavasya
10 th Mahalaxmi Shenoy Concert-HAAS	7 th AMKA Diwali	15 th Dhanu Sankranthi
12 th Mahalaya Amavasye	10 th Naraka Chaturdashi	16 th Skanda Shashti
13 th Nabarathri-Beginning	16 th Deepawali	21 st Vaikuntha Yekadashi
17 th Lalitha PanjamsSharada Pooja	21 st HAAS Diwali	22 nd Mukkoti Dwadashi
17 th Tula-Sankranthi	22 nd Uthana Dwadashi	24 th Poornami
20 th Durgastami	24 th Vaikuntha Chaturdashi	28 th Sankashta Chathuthi
21 st Ayudha Pooja	25 th Karthika Poornami	
22 nd Vijaya Dashami	28 th Sankasta Chathurthi	

23 rd Ekadashi		
26 th Poornami		
30 th Sankashta Chathurthi		

Khabbar thanks My Astrologer-version 1.0 by Mr. Muralidhar Shenoy, Durham, NC and Vedamoorthy Raghuchandra Bhat of Brookfield, WI

My Sincere Thanks To

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

Names	Amount, \$
Praveen & Prema Prabhu, Greensboro, NC	60.00
Vasudev & Shobha Shenoy, Houston, TX	101.00
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Mohan & Vasumathi Pai, Fresh Meadows, NY	216.00

Statement of Accounts

Description	Credit, \$	Debit, \$
Balance Carried over since Khabbar Vol. XXXVIII No. 2	4,111.00	
Money Received:		
Subscriptions (44) and donations	1,144.00	
Advertisement (1)	45.00	
Interest	1.00	
Sub Total:	1,190.00	
Money Spent (Khabbar Vol. XXXVIII No. 2):		
Printing- Khabbar (310) - 20 pages		435.58
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Mailing Canada Khabbar (7)		8.40
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Mail Fines, computer paper& labels, envelopes, service fees, etc.		403.61
Sub Total:		1,100.00
Special Khabbar ad for KS-2016 souvenir		1,000.00
Final Balance:	3,201.00	

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

Kwiz

The last quarter's quiz:

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

Answer : 2,520

The following gave the right answers:

Govind Kamath, Austin, TX

Vindya Bhat, Long Island City, NY

Krishna Kudva, Alta Loma, CA

Praveen Kamath, Centreville, VA

Naren Bhat, Orange, CT

Krishna Kudva, Loma Linda, CA

Shivdev Ubhayakar, Rancho Palo Verdes, CA

Sridharan Raman, Long Island City, NY

This Quarter'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.

A Konkani woman walked very slowly down the down-moving escalator at the Houston airport and reached the bottom after taking 50 steps. As an experiment she ran up the same escalator one step at a time reaching the top after taking 125 steps. Assuming she went up 5 times as fast as she went down, how many steps would be visible if the escalator stopped running?

NAKA, the North American Konkani Association Update



Dear Fellow Konkanis,

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

Interim NAKA is working closely with the Executive Committee of Konkani Sannelan – 2016 to make this the best sannelan ever. 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!

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. The progress made so far is great
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

The trio have come up with a plan and will soon reach out to all the Konkanis in North America. 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, \$
5/31/2015	Balance from last report	112,026.38	
	Deposit for KS-2016 Atlanta Convention Center		25,000.00
	Accounting Fee (Form 990PF Preparation & Filing)		600.00
	Wire Transfer Fee		30.00
	KS-2012 Sannelan Expense		75.00
	Interest for the quarter	12.31	
8/31/2015	Final Balance:	86,333.69	

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 Sannelan – 2016 a reality! The Team KAOG consists of great people. The blue print that NAKA and KAOG jointly developed can be used for future sannelans. 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 remainder of the year 2015.

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

Activities: Variety Entertainment, Network, Socialize, Appetizers and Dinner

Performers: If you are interested in performing this year's Diwali event, please send an email to the following email ID as soon as possible (latest by September 30) with details about your performance:

Email: KonkaniSabha@gmail.com

If you need further assistance, please contact:

Name: Rajesh Nayak Email: rajesh_nayak@yahoo.com Cell: 201-931-5614

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Konkani Sannelan – 2016 Souvenir Request

Khabbar Klassified Ad:

Looking for a fun, descriptive, and enticing title for my cover page. Something that grabs attention but not overtly so. I'm extremely well written, quite the art collector and a literary catch. All I need is a title to complete me.

- The 2016 Konkani Sannelan Souvenir

P.S. An equally beautiful cover page to complete the title would make my day!

The Souvenir Committee is interested in receiving title and cover page submissions for the coveted 2016 Konkani Sannelan Souvenir. Inclusion of aspects of the host city, Atlanta, our culture, and/or the Sannelan theme, "Song & Toi on My Mind!" would be preferred. Please send all suggestions, questions, ideas and comments to souvenir@konkanisammen.org by November 1, 2015! Also, don't forget we are taking written and artistic entries for the Souvenir till December 31, 2015, please check out konkanisannelan.org for all criteria in regards to your submission.

Please note that the winning title and cover page will be selected by the Sannelan Souvenir Committee.



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Now in existence for over seven years, Konkani Charitable Fund (KCF) continues to strive to expand its programs and offerings to the Konkanis with limited access to the means and resources, in India. It is our mission to fund and assist orphanages, old age homes in India, provide educational scholarships, for needy and deserving Konkani brethren. To fulfill this endeavor we need continued support and backing by generous patrons like you. We hope that you will be able to contribute to one or more of the many charitable causes and experience firsthand the pride and pleasure derived from supporting these noble causes.

During 2013, donations to KCF amounted to \$151,000. During 2014 donations to KCF amounted to \$192,000. With your help we hope to collect even more donations this year.

Here are two innovative ways KCF supporters used for fund raising.

1. Aruna & Ram Acharya's daughter Medha had a Dance Performance to raise funds for Konkani charitable fund in the Bay area. With help from Veena Kamath & several volunteers, they staged Arpana - Indian Classical & Contemporary Dance Extravaganza in Palo Alto on Sat ,29th August 2015. It was a sold out performance . They raised an incredible amount of \$ 22,000 for Konkani Charitable fund. Our special thanks to the star of the show Medha Acharya. Hope we can have similar fund raising events in other part of the country on behalf of KCF.
2. Recently, Gopal Bhandarkar had a party at his house. Approximately 30 families attended. The guests were requested not to bring any gifts. Instead they were requested to write a check for KCF of the amount equivalent of cost of gift the guest intended to give. Konkanis showed their generosity when it came to helping poor & needy Konkanis in India. A total of \$ 4400 were collected that day.

We request you to use such ideas for fund raising for KCF.

Some Great reasons to contribute to Konkani Charitable Fund:

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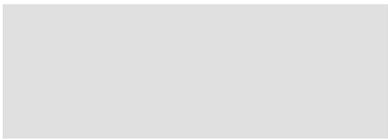
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Konkani Appeal: ANAND CHAYA

**Submitted by Sadanand Mankikar, Burlington, ONT
(A NOT –FOR- PROFIT -Senior Citizen’s Retreat)
Where life begins at 55**

You are all aware that we have announced in the KSA Magazine of May 2014 that KSA is undertaking a venture specifically and exclusively meant for the Senior Citizens of the Saraswat community. We aim to address a crying need in our community to provide company, care and medical attention (in case of need) for our older members in their advancing years. We have named the Senior Citizen’s Retreat as Anand Chhaya and in future will always refer to it by this name. Since receiving the blessing from His Holiness Shrimat Sadyojat Shankarashram Swamiji on April 23, 2014, when I met Him in Shirali, the Committee has done a lot of ground work.

The first step the Committee had to undertake was to scout for a location appropriate for Senior Citizens where social, cultural, medical and other facilities are made available within a gated community and those were our most desired criteria. We visited various locations starting from Khandala to Sinhgad on old Mumbai-Pune road and in Karjat / Neral area. In the last several months, the Committee has worked with tremendous speed and zeal to identify an appropriate spot for Anand Chhaya and must have seen nothing less than 50 -75 locations and spots. We have shortlisted a location which is a 6 acres plot near Kamshet 6.8 kms from our Karla Math. Locationwise, it’s a beautiful spot costing Rs.4.52 Cr. excluding stamp duty and registration. There are 2 good hospital just 5 kms from the spot. However, Anand Chhaya will have its own infirmary on the site with 24 x7 Resident Nurse available. The surroundings are very serene and scenic. In order to ensure safe environment for Senior Citizens’ health and well-being, the Committee will test air samples, soil samples and availability of drinking water at the site.

The plot at present is an agricultural plot which needs to be converted into non-agricultural and the time taken for conversion is estimated at 3 months. The Committee unanimously felt that Kamshet being close to Karla Math, and easily approachable from Pune and Mumbai, will be most appropriate location for Anand Chhaya. We have already appointed Architects, Studio 360 run by Nikita Nirody and her husband Chetan Bendre who have drawn several designs and shown us at least 3-4 presentations and a final presentation was given on June 20, 2014. The Architect’s impression, layout plan of Anand Chhaya and the floor plans of the bungalows are shown in the next 3 pages for your information. It appears from the design which the architects have presented, we are getting 10 no of 1.5 BHK bungalows and 42 no of 2 BHK bungalows all having independent garden of their own on all three sides and a provision for car parking space. The location will also have all facilities as listed down with plenty of open spaces and lush green lawns overlooking from all the bungalows. On request, we will also consider some single occupancy studio apartments. The area of 1.5 BHK bungalows would be approx. 746 sq.ft. built-up area, on a plot size of 1868 sq ft. The area for 2 BHK bungalows would be approx. 890 sq.ft. built-up area, on a plot area of 2110 sq ft. At this point of time, an Architects estimate for 1.5 bedroom bungalows would be approx Rs.39 lakh + taxes and for 2 bedroom bungalows would be Rs.48 lakh + taxes. The bungalows would be completely furnished with a kitchen, living room, bedroom(s), attached toilet and veranda.

The prospective Senior Citizens will need to just walk-in only with their personal belongings. The complete maintenance of the units will be the responsibility of Anand Chhaya and will be run by a Resident Estate Manager who will have enough experience in hospitality Management. He will be assisted by adequate and qualified staff members who will take care of the complete handling of housekeeping, up-keep and maintenance of each unit etc. In short, Senior Citizens will not feel that any of their requirements have been missed out and they will be happily nestled in its warm comfort and surroundings. Once they have entered Anand Chhaya, the responsibility of taking care of Senior Citizens till the end will vest with Anand Chhaya. Senior Citizens’ would mean individuals above 55 years of age and in case of couples, at least one partner is above 55 years of age. Also, in a couple, at least one member should be a Saraswat. At this point in time it is ‘guesstimated’ that the cost of living will be approximately Rs. 20, 000 per couple per month. For further details please visit KSA’s website www.kanarasaraswat.in We have already started the bookings of the bungalows. Those who are interested, may please send their confirmation with Rs.1.00 lakh cheque payable to Chairman, Kanara Saraswat Association – A/c. Anand Chhaya and their choice of 1.5 bedrooms or 2 bedrooms bungalows. Any queries may also be addressed to the Chairman. The availability of bungalows will be strictly on ‘first come first serve’ basis. Amenities that will be provided at Anand Chhaya

Those who are interested may please contact at the following address:-

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Konkani Appeal- Appeal For Medical Aid – GSBS Medical Trust

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Gita R.Pai

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