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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 Mailing List is probably the most important proud possession of every Konkani in North America. This list is published on an annual basis and mailed to families whose subscription is current in December of every year. To keep it up to date is a humongous task. It is amazing to know quite a few families relocate and very rarely send their new address to *Khabbar*.

But, this family from Austin, TX is different. They take all the time to go over the list and send me the corrections on a regular basis. With this family's input, I can boldly say that the *Khabbar* Mailing is really getting better. I hope more families can follow this family's lead to make the *Khabbar* Mailing List really the greatest.

SUBSCRIPTION FORM:

Dear Konkani family,

It is time to renew your subscription for 2017. The numbers on the mailing label clearly indicate the year/s the dues for *Khabbar* has been received since 2015. 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, TX 77566-0222. (Canadian Konkanis please pay cash or MO in US\$)

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EDITORIAL

Dear Konkani family,

I hope all is well with you and your family.

This issue of *Khabbar* has been mailed to ALL families that have paid dues **at least once since 2015**. In other words, families who **have not** paid since 2014 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 2015 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*, which 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!

With last year's most successful sammelan in Atlanta is over, we as a community can look forward for future activities. As KS-2016 is closing books, there is an indication of surplus. Thanks to all the donors who made this possible. *Khabbar* will publish all the financial statements of KS-2016 as they become available.

The newly elected Board has taken reins of NAKA on Jan 1, 2017 under the able leadership of **Ramesh M. Kamath**. Please, extend your support to the new Board. *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! Only three people got the right

answer!! *Khabbar* has still remained a champ. 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>

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

Happy *Yugadi* to you all.

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 Mr. Vasanth Bhatji,

Herewith I am sending the following for publishing in the "KHABBAR" issue according to availability of space in the issues.

1. A report on Vishwa Konkani Sahitya Samaroha held at last week

2. A brief on the life of Acharya Dharmananda Damodar Kosambi, a Konkani Saraswath born in Goa but later became Buddhist Monk (Bhikshu) and professor of Pali and Sanskrit Languages in Harvard University in USA and also in Russian University .

I will mail my *Khabbar* from Kular tomorrow. Please convey my regards to your dear wife and children and our NAKA friends.

Devu Baren Koro

Basti Vaman Shenoy

Editor's Reply:

Thanks for your untiring efforts to bring awareness of our great Konkani heritage and culture to all. Your timely submissions - "Khabbar from Kular" is appreciated by one and all. Keep up the great work. I have published the above two articles in this issue.

Dear Vasanth Bhat,

After a good gap of time, I am again contacting you. I forward an article on GAUD BANGAL. You are at liberty to cut to size for the convenience of printing. I used to get hard copy. I opted for soft copy and could not keep track. I will do it now.

Some time back I had sent an article on BHUVANENDRA SWAMIJI. Did you receive it? His Holiness offered Tarpan to our elder MANJAYYA PRABHU.

PROF. K. R. PRABHU
CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGIST

Editor's Reply:

Thanks for your interesting articles. I am sure the *Khabbar* readers enjoy them. I have published the above article in this issue and the other one on H. H. Bhuvanendra Swamiji was published in the last issue.

Dear Vasanth Bhat,

I do not know whether this will qualify as *Hoon Khabbar*. You may include in proper category of news or appeal for charity.

I noticed that tuition charged by my Alma mater VJTI or IIT Powai is nearly Rs 60,000 a year compared to Rs. 500 I had paid while studying! The scholarships offered by several organizations in India ranges between Rs. 2,000 to Rs. 10,000. Since such scholarship may not help any needy deserving student to full extent, the **Pai family** has initiated a process to set up one free full scholarship to cover fee, books and hostel charges (Rs. 90,000 per year) of one student of VJTI or IIT Powai or any other institution through HAAS/ GSB Scholarship League Wadala. The money will pass through HAAS to GSB Scholarship League soon so that the league could award the scholarship in MAY/June of 2017.

As one can find from <http://www.gsbscholarshipleague.org> the league awards every year nearly 52 lakhs spread over 4,051 students (2,268 girls) averaging Rs 1,300 per student. This league awards loan scholarship of nearly Rs. 100,000 to students pursuing higher education in USA. The league is prompt in responding to any communication, which is a good reason to deal with them.

Though this is a small step, it should encourage others who could afford to set up similar free full scholarship in their alma mater. There is no point in charitable organizations collecting huge amounts and keeping in their reserve. Money spent on deserving students will bring uplift of the community. I had noticed that LOHANA community had a hostel in Matunga to provide cheap hostel accommodation to students of their community.

Sadananda Pai
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Editor's Reply:

Congratulations and am really proud of your family's effort to help the needy. I hope other Konkani families will follow your lead.

Dear Vasanth,

Here is this year's analysis of the 2017 *Khabbar* Mailing List dated 12-17-2016:

Of the 2,464 families in the list (it was 2,385 last year!); we still have Konkanis living in 43 states & DC (same as last year!). We still do not have any Konkanis living in Alaska, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming!!

Also, we have:

267 Kamat(h)

243 Shenoy, Shenai, Shenvi, Shanbh (o) ag (ue)

230 Pai

167 Nayak (Naik)

114 Prabhu

106 Rao (u)

99 Bhat (t)

51 Baliga

46 Kini

41 Mal (l) ya, Mallia, Mahale

32 Nadkarni (y)

27 Bhandarkar, Bhandari (y)

22 Hegde

17 Kudva

16 Hatt (i) angadi(y)

15 Kop (p) ikar

13 Acharya.

The Kamat (h) families have still maintained their lead. California still leads with 644 families (it was 631 last year!) and San Jose, CA has the highest number of Konkani families living - 98 Same as last year! Houston, TX ties with Fremont, CA as closest second with 45!! Mississauga, Ont. and Sunnyvale tie for third place with 38!!!

Keep up the great work.

Ravindra Nayak,
Flanders, NJ

Editor's Reply:

Thank you for your timely reporting!

Dear Editor,

I have received the quarterly newsletter. Thank you very much. I have attended such sammelans in the previous years and find that our people are strongly united to maintain /celebrate the culture of the Konkani community for the last 20years. Hearty congratulations.

Prof M M KINI
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Hoon Khabbar

Congratulations:

AJIT PAI was selected as the FCC Chairman under the new administration of President Donald Trump. Pai, an Indian-American from Kansas, has been an FCC commissioner since 2012. During his roughly 15 years in government, he's been a Senate staffer and worked at the FCC and the Justice Department. He was also a lawyer for Verizon and an attorney at the law firm Jenner & Block. He is the son of Drs. Varadaraj & Radha Pai of Parsons, KS.

New Arrival:

NEVIN PRABHU, a 5 lb. 10 oz. baby boy to Sheila & Santosh Reddy of The Woodlands, TX on February 3, 2017. A brother to big sisters Priyanka & Anushka. Congratulations to the maternal grandparents Balkunje Suresh & Usha Shenoy of Sugar Land, TX and the paternal grandparents Prabhu & Kantha Reddy of Woodlands, TX.

SURINA SACHIN, a 6 lb. 6 oz. and 20.5". baby girl to Sachin & Sneha Shanbhag of Spartanburg, SC on February 7th, 2017. The proud paternal grandparents are Mr. Chandrakant & Mrs. Geeta Shanbhag of Spartanburg, SC and proud maternal grandparents are Dr. Harshad & late Mrs. Yogini Patel of New Orleans, LA.

AVI, a baby girl to Ajay & Ashita Nayak on February 14, 2017. A sister to big sister Aara. The proud paternal grandparents are Narayan & Nirmala Nayak of Lafayette, CA and the proud maternal grandparents are Ashok & Amita Bhatt of Richmond Hill, Ont.

Phone Number Changes:

Vasudev & Aparna Saraf of Lake Charles, LA changed their phone from (337)-480-0855 to (337)-842-4395.

Subraya & Shamala Shenoy of Monroe Township, NJ changed their phone number from (973)-778-8861 to (609)-649-6958.

Nirmala Bangalore of MeQuon, WI changed her phone number (414)-530-3142.

Newly Weds:

Chi. ROHAN, s/o Vinod & Radhika Hattiangadi of Tustin, CA, got married to **Sow. SUCHETA**, d/o Vinay & Geeta Desai of Maine on Friday Nov. 25th 2016 in Anaheim, CA.

Relocation:

The **KUNDAJE** family, Bharat & Kalpana of Buena Park, CA, have moved to 4415 Viejo Way, Union City, CA 94587. Their tel. no. is (714) 670-1127.

Email Changes:

Madhav Ubhayakar of Houston, TX has changed his email to ubhayakarm@gmail.com effective immediately.

50th Wedding Anniversary:

DR. NARASINHA R. KAMATH & LALITA N. KAMATH of Flushing, NY celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in Periyar Munnar in Kerala on Dec 20th 2016. The 1966 wedding still photos in the video can be seen by clicking the YouTube LINK: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4DeSV7zwBww>.

Also, a short Video taken at Periyar, Munnar when Function

was organized can be seen at the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5TL59jngu2k>

DAMODAR & SHOBHA BALIGA of Brooklyn, NY celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, 15th January. The day started with Satya Narayana Pooja at Shri Krishna Vrundavana Temple in Edison, NJ with immediate family members. Later a surprise party was given by their children Priti Baliga Rainer of Walnut, CA and Samir Baliga of Brooklyn, NY and was attended by family and friends from all over USA and India. Over one hundred people attended the function which took place at Guru Palace in North Brunswick, NJ. The fun filled gala event included celebrity roasting and sumptuous food.

60th Birthday Bash:

A surprise birthday bash was held at Pines Manor, NJ, in honor of **GANESH BALIGA** of East Brunswick, NJ, turning 60 years. Family and friends had a great night of fun, drinking and dancing to the DJ, enjoying Manor's delicious food and taking funny pictures at the Selfie booth.

Obituary:

VISHWANATH SHENOY (80) of Burlington, ONT passed away peacefully on December 23rd at 8:05 PM at Joseph Brant Hospital in Burlington surrounded by his wife, Nalini, his children Sujatha (Sharon) and Ramu, son-in-law Andy (Anup) and daughter-in-law Sheetal, and his four grandchildren Meghana, Devin, Neil and Maya. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to the family.

Shri BHAVANISHANKER TAGGARSE passed away on Thursday, December 29th 2016, in India. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to his daughter Archana Rao & family of Katy, TX.

Miss MIRABAI PRABHU (85) of Richmond Hill, Jamaica Queens NY passed away peacefully on Thursday January 5th 2017. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to her brothers Krishna Prabhu & family of East Elmhurst, NY and Ramachandra Prabhu & family of East Elmhurst, NY and sister Tara Prabhu of Richmond Hill, NY.

SUJIR RAJARAM NAYAK (73) of Mangalore passed away suddenly in Hardwar India on Jan 7, 2017. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to his daughter, Anusuya Pai and family of Alpharetta, GA, sister Shubha Kamath and family of Fairport, NY.

SRIMATHI KUSUM NARAYAN SHENOY (88) passed away unexpectedly but peacefully on Saturday, Jan 14th (*Makar Sankranti*) at 2:40 am surrounded by family. She was the daughter of Dr. & Mrs S.S.Rau and married to Sri Balkunje Narayan Shenoy. She did her

schooling in Bombay at King George school and Ruia College. She worked in Bombay and Canada while helping the family with her unconditional love.

A celebration of her life on Jan 28th was well attended by family and friends spanning 8 generations. She was much loved and will be tremendously missed. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to her daughter Vidya Kamath & family of Hamilton, Ont.

SHRIKAR ANNAJI BANGALORE (77) of Mequon, WI passed away peacefully in Grafton, WI on the morning of Wednesday, January 18th 2017 after a brief battle with respiratory illness. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to his wife, Nirmala (Nimmu), his sons, Nitish & family of Grafton, WI and Samir & family of Las Vegas, NV.

Smt. REKHA VEDAVYAS RAO (69) passed away suddenly on Monday January 23, 2017 in Mysore. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to her daughter Renuka Kamath & family of Mississauga, Ont. And son Vinay Rao & family of Los Gatos CA

Smt. NANDINI NAYAK (64) of Mumbai passed away on Wednesday Feb 1, 2017 in

Mumbai. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to her daughter, Akhila Bhat & family of Cypress, TX

Dr KUMBLE PREMANAND NAYAK (81), who belonged to the famous Nayak lineage from Kumble, and who was a renowned orthopedic surgeon settled in USA, breathed his last in that country on February 16, 2017.

He is survived by wife, Suneethi P Nayak, (d/o the late Padmashree Dr T M A Pai), and two sons, Dr. Naresh Nayak and Dr. Suresh Nayak, both of whom are doctors serving in USA, and daughter, Sangeetha Nayak.

Nayak had completed his MBBS and MS degrees through Kasturba Medical College Manipal, before securing FRCS degree from Canada. He had settled down in Cincinnati, USA, where he was respected to be one of the finest orthopedic surgeons.

Khabbar sends heartfelt condolences to the family. (As appeared in www.daijiworld.com).

Shri VITHAL BHANDARY (74) of Mangalore passed away on Thursday February 23rd, 2017 in Mangalore, India. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to his daughter Jayanthi Nayak & family of Katy, TX.

KONKANI HAPPENINGS

HAAS (Houston Area Amchigale Samaj) Satyanarayana Puja:

Hello everyone,

Thank you to all who attended the HAAS Sri Satyanarayana Puja on Saturday, February 18th at the Katy Woodland Park Community Center.

Dr. Ramakrishna Prabhu conducted the puja and did a wonderful job explaining the meaning behind each mantra and provided a deeper understanding of the importance and history of this auspicious puja.

Ashish Sonde, who will be graduating from Cinco Ranch HS this spring, performed the puja as per our HAAS tradition. Joining him were **Mamata and Maruti Bhandarkar and Deepa and Prakash Karkal**.

Upon arrival, people enjoyed tea, coffee, and *pakor*s. The menu for lunch, which was catered by *Annam*, included our Konkani delicacies such as *thendle bibbo upkari, avial, and dalitoy*.

HAAS events are successful only because of the help of all our volunteers who will assist in any way from setting up the venue, serving the food, and clean up. We want to thank everyone who helped us and would like to recognize some of them

Dr's Ramakrishna and Maya Prabhu for performing the puja and sound system set up.

Chaya and Madhav Ubhayakar for decorating the *mantap*, set up at the venue, and serving lunch.

Tom and Sujatha McFadden for helping with the sound system set up and managing the check in table respectively.

Seema Bhat for making the *sapat prasadam* and **Usha Chikepally** for picking up the *pakoras*.

Ravi and Shanti Pai for assisting with set up, serving lunch, as well as post event clean up.

Finally, thanks to **Neha Bhat**, one of our youth coordinators, for managing the children's craft area and serving the *prasadam*.

A special thanks to HEB for their donation which went towards the purchase of craft supplies and bottled water for this event.

Please be on the lookout for our email in the next few days with information about our upcoming event in April.

Lastly, we request that everyone RSVP in a timely fashion and make prompt payments for an event. This will enable us to plan accordingly, especially food and beverages.

Thanks

HAAS Management Committee

www.ourhaas.com

Konkani Association Of California (KAOCA) Update:

Namaskar from KAOCA 2017 committee!

We believe that a healthy community is a happy community.

That said we are happy to announce that we started a hiking club for our community members, meeting every second Saturday of the month at different hiking trails. Community members look forward to these fun hikes.

We also had a pleasant evening on February, 4TH 2017 celebrating Valentine's Social with Karaoke, held in Saratoga, CA. This event was well received with over 125 people attending. There were lots of accolades for food, decorations and the fun singing & dancing. The committee members came together with lots of enthusiasm, and we had a very successful event.

We are now looking forward to our Holi event on 3/18/17. We will be celebrating *Ugadi* in Woodside, CA on 3/25/17, there is super fun entertainment & food line up.

We have lot more events planned for this year. Looking forward to sharing them soon.

Dev bare koro,

By: Mangala & Venugopal Pai

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Konkani Association of Southern California (KASC) Diwali 2016

The festival of lights, Diwali was celebrated with pomp and circumstance by KASC; with young and old all joining together to have a joyful evening with good music, good food and a lot of fun! The venue was Bombay Tandoor in Torrance on Sat. November 5th 2016 from 4:30 to 8:00 pm. The event like all KASC events was packed to the hilt with dance, drama and games that rest assured would leave the guests thoroughly entertained.

The event began with the offering of prayers to God and the *aarti* ceremony where all attendees performed the *aarti* to God. Following this, our emcee for the evening, **Priya Gadiyar**, welcomed everyone and new KASC members introduced themselves one by one. Evening snacks were served which included *samosas*, *pakodas* and coffee.

Following the intros and the snacks, the evening's entertainment started. The evening's entertainment began with a Indian classical dance performance by **Aadhya Shenoy** and followed by a short speech on Diwali by **Om**

Shanbagh. The past president of KASC- **Rajesh Prabhu** surprised everyone with a magic show along with his assistant and son, **Atul Prabhu**. A lot of Diwali themed games were played such as word puzzles, quick *rangoli* competition, guess the Diwali film songs and a *Ramayan* based kids quiz which all the kids aced! . The showstopper for the evening was an all kids drama called, “**KASC job fair**” written and directed by KASC’s very own talented **Vishwanath (Vishy) Bhat** that had the audience in splits!. All the performances and games were greatly appreciated by the guests.

The KASC traditional *Mithai* competition was also held like every year and saw many yummy homemade Diwali sweets entries. The judges faced a tough decision but the prize was won by one of the guest attendees of the evening for her scrumptious *Gajar ka Halva*. Following all of this, the dance floor was thrown open to everyone and KASC members were given a chance to shake a leg to hits such as “Baby Doll”, “Laila Main Laila” among others. The dancing helped us build an appetite for the delicious dinner that followed.

By: Priya Gadiyar

KASC SHIVRATRI BHAJAN 2017

The annual Shivaratri bhajan was held at the residence of **Meena and Jaidev Rao** on Feb. 24th 2017 in Los Angeles. The function was well attended by over 50 individuals. The program was preceded by snacks and drinks. The program started with recitation of *Lingashtak* led by **Meena Rao**. **Jaidev Rao** led everyone through a prayer for the soul of **Srinivas Kuchibotla** who was unfortunately and tragically gunned down in Kansas.

This was followed by individual and group *bhajans*. The singers were of all ages. The presence of instrumental accompaniment of harmonium and *tabla* and good sound system enhanced the music. The *bhajan* was followed by *arati*, and then potluck dinner. Everyone felt enlightened with the therapeutic effects of devotional music. Both adults and children had a great time.

Special thanks to Rao’s for letting us have their home as a venue for the *bhajan*, committee members for setup and arrangements, volunteers for cooking, setup and cleaning after the function, the many talented singers, the instrumentalists, and the audience that made the function well attended and worthwhile.

By: Vivek Ullal
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KHABBAR FROM KULAR

By: - Vishwa Konkani Sardar BASTI VAMAN SHENOY

On 19-12-2016 **Late Ullal Srinivas Mallya** (Maker of Modern Mangaluru) 51st Smruthi Diwas was observed at World Konkani Centre. Chancellor of Nitte University, **Mr. Vinay Hegde** was the Chief Guest. Mr. Hegde narrated services of the great Late Sri Mallya to the people of coastal Karnataka as a Member of Parliament for 17 years. The National Highway, New Mangaluru port, Surathkal Engineering college, Mangaluru Airport, The Town Hall etc. The Hon’ble Mayor of Mangalore City Corporation **Mr. M. Harinath Bondel** distributed prizes to the High School Students of coastal Karnataka who won prizes in the Essay competitions. **Mr. Basti Vaman Shenoy** Founder & President World Konkani Centre welcomed the gathering.

On 22/1/2017 **The GSB Hitarakshana Vedike** organized mammoth gathering on “**Vishwa GSB Sammelan 2017**”. H.E. Governor of Nagaland **Mr. P.B. Acharya** Inaugurated, **Mr. Manohar Parrikar**, Minister of Defense Govt. of India was presented with a Cheque of Rs. 1.00 crore for the welfare of Defense personal. **Mr. T.V.Mohandas Pai**, **Mr. Ramdas Kamath U**, **Mr. Ulhas Kamath**, **Mr. Basti Vaman Shenoy** were present. **Mr. Subray Baliga** Mysuru had donated Rs. 50.00 lakhs to Defense fund. **Mr. Vivekananda Shenoy**, **Mr. Sanur Narasimha Kamath**, **Mr. Nanda Gopal Shenoy**, **Mr. Pradeep G.Pai**, **Mr. Venkatesh N. Baliga**, **Sri Vilas Naik** were present.

1st death Anniversary of Vrindavanastha **Sri Sri Sudheendra Thirtha Swamiji** was held at Haridwar. Thousands of Devotees of Late H.H. Swamiji were assembled coming from all parts of India to pay their Homage. **H.H. Srimad Samyameendra Thirtha Swamiji** was present during the function.

3 days Konkani *Lokotsav* was organized from 10th Feb to 12th Feb 2017 by Karnataka Konkani Sahitya Academy at Town Hall Mangaluru. Hundred Konkani artistes from all Konkani communities staged their art and Culture items. **Sri B.Ramanath Rai** Minister for Forest, Ecology & Environment Department, Karnataka, **Mr. U.T. Khader** Minister for Food and Public Distribution in Karnataka, **Mr. Basti Vaman Shenoy** Founder President World Konkani Centre, **Mr. Roy Castelino** President of Karnataka Konkani Sahitya Academy, **Dr. M.Jagannath Shenoy**, managing Partner Mangaluru Ganesh Beedi works Mysuru, **Mr. Eric Ozario**, Gurkar Mandd Sobhan was present.

H.H. Srimad Vidyadhiraj Thirtha Sripad Vader Swamiji of Sri Samsthan Gokarn Partagali Math '*Shishya Sweekar*' ceremony was held at Sri Samsthan Gokarn Mutt at Partagali, Canacona in Goa on February 9th 2017. The disciple is **Uday Bhatt**, second son of **Vedamurthy Laxminarayana Bhatt** of Belagavi. He was a student of engineering prior to this religious calling under the guidance of **Srimad Vidhyadhiraj Thirtha Swamiji**. **H.H. Srimad Vidyadhiraj Thirtha Swamiji** gave him the '*Pranav Mantropadesh*' at the auspicious *Muhurath* and named him **Sri Vidyadheesha Thirtha Shishya Swamiji**. The 360-year-old math will stand testimony to this event. Thousands of devotees of the math from Goa, Karnataka, and Maharashtra attended the function

Vishwa Konkani Sahitya Samaroh 2016

By: - Vishwa Konkani Sardar BASTI VAMAN SHENOY

Vishwa Konkani Sahitya Samaroh 2016 commenced with the inaugural function at 9.30 a.m. at World Konkani Centre auditorium. It was presided over by **Prof. K. Byrappa**, Vice-Chancellor of Mangalore University. Eminent Kannada poet and writer **Dr. Jayant Kaikini**, eminent translator and writer **Dr. Geeta Sheno**i, Founder and President of WKC **Shri Basti Vaman Sheno**i, Dean of Faculty of Languages and Literature, Goa University **Dr. Kiran Budkuley** and Secretary of World Konkani Centre **Prabhakar Prabhu** were present on the dais.

The inaugural talk was delivered by Dr. Geeta Shenoi. She spoke about the life and works of the renowned scholar **Acharya Dharmananda Kossambi** to whom the Samaroh was dedicated. Then, Dr. Budkuley put forth the aims and objectives of organizing this national seminar titled 'Presence of Mythos and Ethos in Literature'. She also took a stock of various activities carried out by Goa University in collaboration with World Konkani Centre gave the welcome address.

The key-note speaker Dr. Jayant Kaikini then addressed the gathering. In his address, Kaikini emphasized the significance of personal experiences in the lives of writers. He said, literature comes from a restless, unprotected, vulnerable and naked space. Speaking about today's situation of misusing religion, he expressed the need to use religion as a tool to transcend into spiritual liberation. According to Kaikini, art forms including literature are a window to this spiritual liberation.

On this occasion, four books published by World Konkani Centre were released at the hands of dignitaries. Among them were, Basti Vaman Shenoi's autobiography titled 'Vandu Bhikshuk Chakravartiya Atmkathe', translation of Gokuldas Prabhu's 'Prathiveye Namaha' into Kannada by **Smt. Shakuntala Kini**, Aksharpath a collection of critical essays on Goan writing edited by Dr. Kiran Budkuley and first bilingual book in Kudubi Konkani titled 'Vaag ani Shedu' by **Surya Naik**.

The book release was followed by presidential address by Prof K. Byrappa. Speaking about his admiration for Konkani language, Prof Byrappa stressed on the multi-dimensional nature of this language. President of Kannada Sahitya Akademi, **Dr. Malati Pattanshetty** expressed her admiration for Konkani community. She acknowledged the humility and hardworking nature of this community.

The next session was the interview of the Vishwa Konkani award winners for the year 2016 namely **Smt Sudha Kharangte, Shri. Melvin Rodrigues and Shri. Arvind Bhatikar**. Eminent Konkani critic **H. M. Pernal** interviewed the three awardees. The awardee of Vishwa Konkani Sahitya Puraskar for her fictional work '*Kapyaalle*, **Sudha Kharangate**, narrated her journey in writing, **Melvin Rodrigues**, the winner of the Vishwa Konkani Sahitya Puraskar for his poetry collection '*Devi Ninkasi*' described the experiences that shaped his writing. **Shri Aravind Bhatikar**, winner of *Vishwa Konkani Jeevan Siddi Puraskar*, elaborated on the movements carried out for the upliftment of Konkani language.

The literary deliberations of the Samaroh paused to make way for the Vishwa Konkani Puraskar ceremony, held at Town Hall, Mangaluru.

Day two of Vishwa Konkani Sahitya Samaroh commenced with the **J. M. Lobo Prabhu** and Louella Lobo Prabhu Memorial Annual Lecture chaired by writer **Ms. Giselle D. Mehta** and had **Ms. Sampurna Chatterji**, eminent writer and poet, as the speaker. Ms. Mehta spoke about the work carried out by her mother Louella Lobo Prabhu in the field of literature and she also introduced the speaker Ms Sampurna Chatterji. Ma'am Chatterji in her talk, titled 'Bonding of native ethos and external influence in poetry and literature' explored the theme in a very technical and scientific manner. Yet, she made her talk extremely interesting by assessing the nativity in poetry and literature by citing examples of the Benagli poets she has been studying. She also brought out her own experiences with regard to modernity and nativity by sharing some of her poems.

The lecture was followed by a panel discussion on the topic Challenges of Modernity and Urbanisation in Native Ethos. Dr. Kiran Budkuley, Professor in English at St. Agnes College, Mangaluru **Dr. Geralyn Pinto** and Sampurna Chatterji. The discussion was chaired by Dr. Jayant Kaikini. The discussion full of metaphors and imageries set a way towards exploring the theme of the seminar through the personal experiences of the panelists. They spoke about how the term 'native' is perceived in various contexts and further discussed the consequences of being in various cultural scenarios. A need of the push from the cultural baggage yet being inclusive was the focus of this discussion.

The post lunch session was a panel discussion on the topic 'Native Ethos and Indigenous Mythos in Konkani: Yesterday, Today and tomorrow'. The panel was moderated by Dr. Kiran Budkuley and the panelists included **Ms. Tanvi Bambolkar, Ms. Ambika Kamat, Ms. Palia Gaonkar, Ms. Svetlana Fernandes and Ms. Glenis Mendonca**. The discussion involved various perspectives related to Konkani ethos, identity, status of women in Konkani folklore and literature, its wide spread impact through translation and the advent audio visual media in influencing, enhancing and enriching the Konkani community.

The valedictory function was held in the presence of **Smt Kishori Naik**, Professor of English at Mangalore University, Dr. Kiran Budkuley, Basti Vaman Sheno and Prabhakar Prabhu.

On this occasion, Surya Naik, writer of first Kudubi Konkani book 'Vaag ani Shedu' was felicitated at the hands of Basti Vaman Sheno, Dr. Jaywant Naik proposed vote of thanks and Ms Palia Gaonkar compered the valedictory function.

Thus, it was an insightful, enlightening and illuminating experience for everyone who belongs to Konkani community.

Acharya Dharmanand Damodar Kosambi

By: - Vishwa Konkani Sardar BASTI VAMAN SHENOY

The Original name of this famous Buddhist scholar was Dhoba Kosambi, He was born on the 9th October, 1876 at Sankhaval near Madgaon in Goa. His family originally belonged to Lotli in Sasasthi, Goa. He had to discontinue his school education on account of health problems. He assisted his father in the cultivation of family lands. He was married in June 1891.

He was very studious by temperament. He happened to read the lives of Tukaram, the famous saint of Maharashtra and Gauthama Buddha. The latter had a profound influence on his mind and he decided to devote his life to the study of Buddhism from the original Pali books. On the 2nd December 1899, he left his home and went to Poona to Dr. R.G. Bhandarkar and had his doubts cleared, but could not regain his peace of mind. He then went to Indore, Ujain and Gwalior where he received some financial help from Dr. Dwarakanath Shankar Wagh. He went to Benares where he studied Sanskrit for a short period. He went to Buddhagaya, Nepal and Burma etc. and visited some Buddhist Viharas at those places but was very much disappointed that he could not even learn Pali. On the 21st March, 1902 he left Burma for Ceylon via Calcutta and Madras.

He obtained admission, to the Vidyodaya Vidyalaya, the head of which was the well- known Sumangalacharya and where Pali was taught in Sinhalese script. This famous Institution attracted a number of students of Pali and Buddhism from many countries. He embraced the Buddhist faith and became a bhikshu and adopted the name Dharmananda . Very soon he became proficient in Pali, he mastered Vinayapitika, studied all the material available in Sinhalese script and became an Asharya of Buddha Dharma. He left Ceylon in 1905 and went to Burma where he spent a good deal of his time in various Buddhist shrines and returned to Calcutta on the 30th of June 1906.

On the 25th of October, 1906 he was appointed a lecturer in Pali in the newly started National College, Calcutta where he came into contact with Aurobindo Ghosh, who was then Professor in that college. In July 1907 Dharmananda Kosambi was appointed Reader in Pali in the Calcutta University.

He returned to Maharashtra in 1908 on a scholarship instituted by the late Sir Sayajirao Gaekwad and worked in Bombay and Poona. He wrote "Vishudda Marga" "Buddha, Dhamma, Sangha" and translated "Bodhicharya into Marathi,

His profound scholarship attracted the notice of James H. Woods of the Sanskrit Department of the Harvard University. On the 23rd of April, 1910 he left for America and worked under Prof. Leinmann of the Harvard University.

He returned to India when, due to the efforts of Dr. R.G. Bhandarkar, Pali was recognized as a separate language by the Bombay University. From 1912 to 1918, he worked as a lecturer in Pali in the Ferguson College, Poona. He was also appointed Examiner in Pali and Ardhamagadhi in Bombay. He attracted many students to the study of Pali and Buddhism, and many of the Professors of Pali in the country were his students.

From 1918 to 1922, he was a lecturer in Philosophy at the Harvard University where he did some research in Pali and Buddhism. In 1922 he joined the Gujarat Vidyapit founded by Mahatma Gandhi

and taught Pali from 1923 to 1927 he became the Honorary Secretary of the Gujarat Vidyapith. In 1929 he was called to Russia as a lecturer in Ancient Indian History and Culture at the Leningrad University.

On his return to India, he joined the Civil Disobedience Movement and underwent imprisonment for breaking the Salt Law. From 1931 to 1936 he was again called at Harvard University. In 1936 he joined the Banaras Hindu University from 1937 onwards where he wrote “Hindu Samskriti and Ahimsa”.

And he spent his time in the “Bahujana Vihara” opened by Sri G.D. Birla and did a great deal of propaganda on Buddhism and ahimsa among the workers. In 1944, he was appointed to the Faculty of Arts of the Bombay University.

His health had suffered as a result of his strenuous activities. He undertook a self-imposed fast to death and died in the Sevashram at Wardha on the 4th of June, 1947. On the next day Mahatma Gandhi paid a tribute to him at the prayer meeting at Delhi.

At a public meeting held on the 5th of July, 1947, presided over by the late Shri B.G. Kher, a committee was formed with Shri P.M. Lad, I.C.S, as its Secretary to collect funds to perpetuate, his memory. It was decided to send students on scholarships to study Pali and Buddhism in Ceylon, to collect and print Pali books in Devanagari script and translate them into Hindi, Marathi and Gujarati and to collect all his works and publish them.

He had a daughter and a son. His daughter Manik Dharmananda Kosambi accompanied her father when he went to America to take his appointment at the Harvard University and joined the Radcliffe College, Cambridge (Massachusetts) and graduated in Philosophy and psychology with French and German as her second languages. She returned to India in the year 1921.

Kosambi's son Prof. Damodar Dharmananda Kosambi, who graduated from the Harvard University, is a distinguished mathematician whose research works in “Path Geometry and operators” etc are well-known. He is a Founder Fellow of the Indian Institute of Science, Bangaluru. He was awarded a scholarship of the United Nations Educational & Cultural Organisation and was a visiting Professor of the Princeton University.

India's famous and foremost writer, historian Ramachandra Guha has published “Democrats and Dissenters” his latest book. There is an article about The life and Death of a Gandhian Buddhist Dharmananda Damodar Kosambi.

KONKANI TONGUE TWISTER

Puttur Pandu Pai le puttale puttaana paanch pikkile Popashphala Peskatina pessunu pithle poleraanthu pathlayle....!

GAUD DESH (BENGAL)

By: - Prof. K. R. Prabhu, Cultural Anthropologist

History: The Sahyadri Khand of Maha Bharat says that Sage Parashuram had brought Gaud Saraswat Brahmins of 96 families belonging to 10 Gotras (Dasha Gothris) to his own created land of Gomantak. The object of migrating the said Gaud Saraswat Brahmins were with an intention of performing the 1. Yajna Karya 2. Pitra Karya and 3. Brahmin Bhojan on the Holy land (Punya Bhoomi) of Gomantak (Goa) to wash the sins he possessed by killing Kshatryas in revenge of his mother's death. Gaur and Gaud are the words which are interchangeable in use.

What is Gaud Desh? Gaud Saraswat Brahmins left the Saraswati River Banks to other places on account of facing draught for 12 years. The said migration of Brahmins touched places like Haryana, Utter Pradesh, North of Bihar DHARBANG – MALDA (presently a district in West Bengal). The bottom of Himalayas where a higher plateau was found suitable to perform Yajna –that place is called the Gaud Desh (means elevated place). In anthropology, the name Gaud Desh might also have come to the place because Gaud Saraswat Brahmins colony was there. The third possibility is HIGHER (GAUD) DHARMIC OR VAIDIC PERFORMANCES were conducted by these Gaud Saraswat Brahmins dwelling in that place may also have brought the name as Gaud Desh.

The Gaud Desh is also Punya Bhoomi due to the rituals performed by Gaud Saraswat Brahmins for centuries from Treta-Dwapar yugas has added the Dharma-Karma Phalam to raise it as a Centre for Knowledge and today we find the “GAUR BANGA UNIVERSITY” in that place

Local influence: When migration takes place, over a period of time the local factors influence on language – words, ascent, adoption of words, quotations from Bengali language on ne part and In terms of food (fish eating), customs, rituals (Durga Pooja and Panchayatan) etc. on the other. In this the said Gaud Desh Saraswat Brahmins learnt Fish Eating, Durga Pooja, social customs in marriages, funeral and dharmic rituals. Gaur/Gaud Brahmins are known for their Vedic excellence in practice. The Bengali ascent like “ toshen, ashen, javkka, divkka, khavchen, jevchen and so on is in Konkani Language of Goa.

“Gaud Bangali” as a title: This is a tile for “Intelligence” “shrewd” “wisdom” and for “strategist” (planner for operation to Success). Gaud Bangal Saraswats were Maha Mantries, Ministers in the erstwhile Maharajas and Dynasties for their strategic skills. Like Chanakya the name indicates “intelligence” and “strategist” (plans for success from any worst event), Gaud Saraswat Brahmins also earned the name.

Chanakya is a title today to anyone who is shrewd, intelligent and strategist. The negative use is also there. He is a Kutilya means he is a crook or most intelligent to come out from the critical situation. Similarly, Gaud Bangla Saraswat Brahmins. Someone is crook, fraud and harmful, they call him with a slang language as ,”He is a pakka (great) “Gaud Bangali” (budhimaan) Today “Gaur Banga University” stands on the same place in the Gaud Desh reminds us the strength of the soil of Gaud Desh by the result of the Yajna, Yagas, dharmic rituals held on that place for centuries by Saraswats.

To fix the Muhurtham for the Coronation (Pattabhishek) of Sri Rama at Ayodhya, there were sharp difference of opinion among sages, vidwans aasaan Purohitas like Vasisht, Sumant, other Astrologers etc. Not able to come to unity, finally they decided to invite the Gaud Saraswat Brahmins (GSB) from Gaud Desh. He prescribes the auspicious ‘ABHIJIT “muhuratham i.e. 12.00 noon. For which there is no reference to horoscope and tarabalas to examine to fix the Muhurtham. All accepted the verdict. That is what a Gaud Saraswat Brahmin is.

KONKANI TIP

If Bob Marley were a Konkani, what would be his sister's name?

Answer: Kinchi Marley !?!

This NIT-K researcher gives rural houses pedal power

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MANGALURU: A research student of NIT-K, Surathkal has developed a technology that can light houses by using a bicycle.

Named 'simple low-cost human muscle energy-based battery charging scheme for rural household lighting', this technology uses a bicycle to generate power. "By fixing a permanent magnet direct current (PMDC) generator to the rear wheel of the bicycle, energy can be generated and stored in batteries to use it for lighting the houses," explains **Basti Bharath Shenoy**, a research scholar and the man behind the project.

He undertook this research under the guidance of **U Sripati Acharya**, head of department, electronics & communication (E&C) and **Laxminidhi T**, a faculty member, NIT-K, Surathkal.

He said that the plight of the rural people who live in dark either due to no electrification or long power outages made him come out with such a technology. He took two years to complete the project.

Explaining the working of this technology, Shenoy, said one needs to put the bicycle on a specially designed platform where the rear is coupled with the PMDC generator and pedal it to generate power. "The quantum of power generation depends on the speed and duration of pedaling. The unregulated DC voltage from the PMDC generator is regulated through the power management circuit (PMC) for storing the energy in a battery for later use.

The PMC can be implemented using a linear or switching regulator to obtain the desired voltage to charge the battery," he said adding that he will apply for patent for his technology soon.



Konkani Calendar

April 2017	May 2017	June 2017
4 th Shri Ram Navami	6 th Yekadashi	4 th Ashada Yekadashi
6 th Yekadashi	8 th Shri Narasimha Jayanthi	9 th Poornami
8th OKA- Ugadi	10 th Vaisakhi Poornami	10th Konkani Sabha Picnic
10 th Shri Hanuman Jayanthi	14 th Sankashta Chathurthi	12 th Sankashta Chathurthi
13 th Mesh – Sankranthi	25 th Amavasya (Dark Moon)	14 th Mithun Sankranthi
14 th Saura Yugadi		23 rd Amavasya (Dark Moon)
15 th Sankashta Chathurthi		
22nd Yeh Shaam Mastani-Musical nite-HAAS		
26 th Amavasya (Dark Moon)		
28 th Akshaya Thritiye		

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Kwiz

The last quarter's quiz:

The king's daughter had three suitors and couldn't decide which one to marry. So the king said "I have three gold crowns and two silver ones. I will put either a gold or silver crown on each of your heads. The suitor who can tell me which crown he has will marry my daughter."

The first suitor looked around and said he could not tell. The second suitor did the same. The third suitor said, " I have a gold crown". He was correct, but the daughter was puzzled: The suitor was blind. How did he know?

The Answer:

The first suitor must not have seen two silver crowns, or he would have known his was gold. Because of his answer, that leaves with three other possibilities:

- 1) a gold crown on both the second and third suitors;
- 2) a gold crown on the second suitor and a silver one on the third;
- 3) a silver crown on the second suitor and a gold one on the third.

So the second suitor must not have seen a silver crown on the third suitor, or he would have known his own was gold (Note the three possibilities). The third suitor knew that only two possibilities remained (1 and 3), and, in both of them, his crown was gold.

The following gave the right answers:

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This Quarter's Kwiz

By "Ashokmaam"

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.

100 Konkani soldiers standing in a circle in an order 1 to 100. No.1 has a sword ✍. He kills next person (i.e. no. 2) and gives that sword to next to next (i.e. no.3). All of them do the same until only 1 survives. Which number survives in the last?

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NAKA, the North American Konkani Association Quarterly Update



Namaskaru.

On behalf of the NAKA board members I would like to wish all the Konkani members in North America and around the world a Happy New Year. The NAKA board members are enthusiastic and looking forward to serving the Konkani community in a very meaningful and sustainable way.

We have a long road ahead to accomplish the ideas we have in mind. We may succeed in some and fail in the others but we want to at least make sure to put sufficient efforts towards achieving them. Our goal is to focus on a few things, define them well to appeal to the broad section of the community and also continuously seek constructive feedback from the community along the way. I would like to request your participation in this process because that is the only way we will be able to serve the maximum number of people in our community. We request the community members to reach out to any board member and provide your constructive feedback and let us know how you can help us with your skills.

We have some modest goals in our agenda. One of the main initiative is to use mynaka.org as a platform to provide many services our community can benefit from. Many of the services will be available for free and will be crowd sourced as applicable by the Konkani community around the world. In light of this we humbly request each and every North American Konkani community member to register on mynaka.org for free. There will be a few other paid options for you to select and the tiered membership level will provide the benefits accordingly. In order to accomplish our goals I have requested each board member to own a specific initiative. The board member will then appoint a committee lead to carry out the tasks for that initiative. Moving forward the board member assignment will be as follows:

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I am very hopeful that you will come forward to lend your hand to help us go thru this journey together.

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

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

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