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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.....

It is a fact that *Khabbar* reigns supreme when it comes to publishing the best of best quizzes and very few people can solve them! I mean it. Hardly 10 or so families can solve them!! This “Kwiz” section of *Khabbar* is probably the most enticing section to these folks. But, I did not know much they loved it.

The case in point is that last month I get an email from this family, who regularly solves the quizzes correctly and has an unbroken record of having not been wrong, with the correct answer. But the family ends up saying “**I am your biggest fan**”.

That compliment is one of the best that *Khabbar* has ever gotten.
Thank You.

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Dear Konkani family,

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EDITORIAL

Dear Konkani family,

I hope all is well with you and your family.

This issue of *Khabbar* has been mailed to ALL families that have paid dues **at least once since 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 of over \$66k! Thanks to all the donors who made this possible.

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 five 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.

Have a safe summer.

Devu Boren Karo.

Letters to the Editor

Letters to the Editor will be considered for publication unless the writer requests otherwise. Letters may be edited for publication. Editor reserves the right not to publish anonymous letters. Initials only on request if the writer includes his or her name.

Dear Vasanth Bhatji,

As you know our Temple puner-pratishta ceremonies went very well starting from April 16th Hore kanike. This continued until May 10th (Vaishakh puunav) as we needed to perform all major ceremonies past due in 2016. Although I did send some glimpses of our temple inaugural ceremonies through Whats app a complete live cast is available through temple Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/svtkaup> or gsbkaup. Please look at whenever you got some time. Several local artists performed during a week-long ceremony and it was an excellent show put up by Katpady Sathya Vijaya Bhat and team sponsored by local members including myself. Probably you would see this on our Facebook page as well.

I take this opportunity to thank you for your contribution and support through *Khabbar* news let for the benefit of US amchigele community. A number of US devotees of our temple made contributions. As a mark of respect and honor will carry mementos with Lords blessings on behalf of our Jeernodhar samithi that will be mailed to different devotees from US.

Thanks and Regards

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Konkani Charities and Appeals



Aspiring Entrepreneurs, Inspiring Outcomes

Upaya Social Ventures builds businesses that create dignified jobs for the poorest of the poor in India. Upaya is a non-profit organization that believes in providing a "hand up" and not a "hand-out" to alleviate extreme poverty. To date, the organization has supported the development of five businesses that have created over 1,100 jobs. Please visit www.upayasv.org to learn more, or please feel free to contact Executive Director and Co-Founder Sachi Shenoy at sshenoy@upayasv.org

Hoon Khabbar

Congratulations:

Mangalorean beauty of Konkani community **NISCHITA SHENOY**, has been adjudged as the Mrs. India South 2017 at a ceremony held at the Radisson Blu City Centre, Chennai recently. She is thus qualified to participate in the Mrs. India Beauty Pageant to be held in June. This Beauty Pageant initiated by Deepali Phadnis, a former Mrs. Asia International is the only beauty pageant for married women in India.

Konkani Graduates:

MEDHA, d/o Ram & Aruna Acharya of Fremont, CA will be graduating from Irvington HS and will be attending Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta this upcoming fall, majoring in Biomedical Engineering. Medha is an avid singer, dancer, debater and athlete and she has performed at many KAOCA events in the past. Over the last two years, she raised over \$54,000 for the Konkani Charitable Fund through "Arpana", her fundraiser Bharatnatyam dance show. Medha plans to pursue drug development and to move back to the Bay Area after her studies are over.

MAYA, d/o Anil & Seema Kalbag of San Jose, CA will be graduating from Leland HS this summer and is headed to UCLA to pursue her undergraduate studies in Molecular Cell Development Biology. She is a National Merit Scholar and has a passion for arts and crafts. She loves to handcraft personalized greeting cards and has been volunteering at the Senior Care Center.

SHRUTHI, d/o Murlidhar & Leelavathi Kamath of Santa Clara, CA will be graduating from Adrian

Wilcox HS and will attend San Jose State University in the fall.

SHREYA, d/o Parimal & Jaya Kulkarni of Cupertino, CA will be graduating from Cupertino HS and pursuing undergraduate studies in Biology at UC Davis. Her activities during high school were Red Cross, Psychology Club and NHS.

Dr. AJAY ULLAL, s/o Vivek & Jyoti Ullal of Simi Valley, CA, is finishing up his residency in Internal Medicine at New York Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center in Manhattan, NY. He will be joining Cardiology Fellowship in Harbor UCLA Medical Center in Torrance, California from July 2017. His wife, **Dr. MEERA PRABHAKAR ULLAL** finished her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from Fordham University in Bronx, NY in May 2017. She will be starting her Post Doc in her field in Harbor UCLA Medical Center from Sept. 2017.

ASHUTOSH & AISHWARYA, twins of Rajesh & Tanuja Pai of Sunnyvale, CA will be graduating from Cupertino HS and embarking onto new horizons. Besides being passionate in music and having played the piano for over ten years, both were fortunate to be accepted into the College Now program that allowed them to take all their senior year courses at De Anza College. This fall, Ashutosh will be joining Marshall School of Business at the University of Southern California to major in Business Administration with a minor in music. Aishwarya will be pursuing a BS/MS degree at Santa Clara University with a major in Computer Science and

Engineering and a minor in Business Administration.

SACHI, d/o Kedar & Kshama Shirali of Sunnyvale, CA will be graduating from Homestead HS, Cupertino and going to UC Santa Barbara to pursue undergraduate studies in Global Studies and Economics. She is a Kathak dancer and also actively participated in the activities of the Animal Welfare Society in high school.

New Arrival:

DIYA, a baby girl born to Sanjay & Pooja Bhatt of Bainbridge Island, WA on January 27th, 2017. A sister to big sister Anika. The proud paternal grandparents are Kasturi & Ashwin Bhatt of Houston, TX.

ROOHI, a baby girl to Amit & Suchita Nadgar of Rancho Santa Margarita, CA on Feb. 22, 2017. A little sister to Roshni. The proud maternal grandparents are Wg. Cdr. Suresh Rao (Retd.) and Saguna Rao of Pune and the Paternal grandparents are Uday and Dr. Suniti Nadgar of Pune also.

SACHI, a 7 lb. 5 oz., 21" tall, baby girl to Durgesh & Swati Bhat of Pearland, TX on Wednesday March 8, 2017. A sister to big brother Siddhant. The proud paternal grandparents are Mohanchandra & Malathi Bhat of Bangalore and the proud maternal grandparents are Aniruddh & Sujata Shukla of Bangalore, India

VEDANT, a baby boy, weighing 6lbs 4 oz. and measuring 20 inches long to Gautam & Pooja Patankar of Dallas, TX on Thursday, March 23rd at 11:11pm. The proud maternal grandparents are Dr. Devdutt & Vasudha Nagarkar of Sugar Land, TX and the proud

paternal grandparents are Ranjan & Jiju Patankar of Katy, TX.

AARYA, a baby girl, born on May 12th 2017 at 12:04 PM, at NYU Longone Medical Center in New York, NY to Mihir & Rekha Mahale of New York, NY. Proud maternal grandparents are Chandrakant & Sheila Mahale, of High Bridge, NJ and proud paternal grand Parents Dr. Jaimini & Manjana Patel. Aarya's cousins Aasha and Anya Page, their parents Priya Mahale & Richard Page, Rekha's brother Rajiv Mahale & fiancé Jessica Chang, Mihir's brother Dr. Ravi Patel & sister in law Dr. Bhavana Patel were all present to welcome Aarya and celebrate.

Newly Weds:

Chi. SIDDHARTH, s/o Praveen & Prema Prabhu of Greensboro, NC married to **Sow. SUMA**, d/o Ram & Shamantha Prasad of Manchester, CT on Saturday April 15, 2017 at 3:30 pm at The Inn at Longshore, Westport, CT followed by reception at the same venue.

Relocation:

The **NAYAK** family, Vasudev & Jyoti, relocated from Houston, TX to 10335 Millcreek Manor Lane, Cypress, TX. The new telephone is (281)-746-2467 and email ID: jonayak2003@yahoo.com

GURUDAS PAI has relocated to 106 Desert Pine, Irvine, CA 92620. His email ID: gpai_007@yahoo.com

The **SHENOY** family, Sapan & Devika, together with their daughters, Leela & Kaya, relocated from Monrovia, CA to 400 Davey Glen Road, #4626, Belmont, CA 94002. The new telephone is (626)-533-7971 and email: sapanshenoy@gmail.com

50th Wedding Anniversary:

The families and friends of the **NAYALKARS, Suresh & Jyoti** of Sugar Land, TX threw in a surprise 50th Wedding Anniversary party to them on Sunday March 26th 2017 at the Eldridge Park Club House in Katy, TX. Their daughter Supriya flew in from VA with her family to make it a real surprise to the couple. The fun filled event included good food and lots of entertainment.

Families and friends of **Dr. BOLA RAGHAVENDRA & Mrs. SUMATHI KAMATH** of Sound Beach, NY celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary at Raga Indian Restaurant in East Setauket, NY on Saturday May 6, 2017.

Dr. GOPAL & Mrs. PRATIBHA BHANDARKAR of Bayport, NY celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on March 1st, 2017. They spent time in March in Udupi and Bombay for celebrations with family. In addition, their three children hosted a small dinner celebration in May in Jersey City, NJ.

70th Birthday Bash:

VIJAYA PAI of Cherry Hill, NJ celebrated her 70th birthday with family and friends. A party was arranged by her family at Flavors of India restaurant in Mt. Laurel, NJ. The party was well attended. Party began with her four grandchildren offering flower bouquets followed by a short speech by Ayla and Siddhi. There was also ten point quiz on Vijaya which was won by Vindhya & Devdas Prabhu of Connecticut. On the whole, it was a fun-filled occasion and everyone enjoyed the party.

90th Birthday Gala:

Ninetieth birthday celebration was held on May 20th 2017 for **MANICKAM BHATT**, mother of Ashwin & Kasturi Bhatt in Cypress TX in Richard & Meg Weekley Community Center with about 160, people attending. The program started with a bhajan song by Madhuri Bedre followed by a Konkani song dedicated o "Amma". The program consisted of many Karaoke songs interspersed by speeches by her sons & daughter-in-law's. One of the highlights was Konkani song written & sung by Kumud pachi to Manickamma. Amul Pachi also gave an interesting speech. The cake was cut by Manickam Bhatt to the singing of "Happy Birthday in English & Hindi with her whole extended family of friends & relatives. The entertainment program was conducted by Kasturi Bhatt and the M.C. was Kanchan Kabad who did an outstanding presentation.

Obituary:

PANDIT JAYAWANT BANTWAL (74) of Jamison, PA passed away on April 8, 2017 in Mumbai, India. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to his wife Gita Bantwal of Jamison, PA, and son, Vivek & family (daughter in law, Sarika, and grandson, Devan) of New York, NY, sister Gayathri Maskeri & family of Simi Valley, CA.

Pt. Bantwal was born in Kasaragod, India and migrated to the United States in 1965 upon winning the prestigious Tata scholarship to study in the US. He started learning Tabla and Vocal music at the age of five from Pt. A. K Kumar and later became a disciple of Pandit Taranath Rao who trained him for many years. Pt. Bantwal performed in concerts with many of India's best classical musicians including Pt. Jasraj, Ustad Salamat Ali Khan, sitar legend Ustad Vilayat Khan,

Grammy Award winner Ustad Sujat Khan, Grammy Award winner Pt. Vishwa Mohan Bhatt, Lakshmi Shankar, Pts. Rajan and Sajan Mishra, Ustad Sabri Khan, Pt. Vasant Rai, Malavika Kanan, Dr. Prabha Atre, Pt Vijay Raghav Rao, Lalit Rao, Pt CR Vyas, and many others. Pt Bantwal founded the Tansen Haridas Music Academy in Pennsylvania and has taught music to hundreds of students going back to the 1970s. A holder of a masters in engineering as well as an MBA, Pt. Bantwal also founded an SAT academy and has helped hundreds of students prepare for the SAT as well as other standardized tests and advanced coursework. In addition to family, music, and education, Pt. Bantwal also had a passion for sports. He played cricket, hockey, and tennis and published a book on yoga. He was also an avid fan of the professional basketball, football, and baseball teams in Philadelphia and going to games was a regular family tradition.

Dr. MOHAN RAO NAYAK (80)

Retired physician, of West Orange, N.J., passed away Monday, April 17, 2017. Mohan was born on March 13, 1937, in Mangalore, India, a son of the late Bhujanga Nayak and Kamala Bai Nayak. He was raised in India and graduated from The Little Flower High School in Salem, and Kasturba Medical College in Manipal. He then moved to the U.S. and completed his residency in internal medicine. He practiced for many years as a physician in Elizabeth, N.J., most recently at Trinitas Hospital. In his spare time, Mohan enjoyed spending time with his family, playing chess, watching movies, and reading. Mohan was a loving and beloved father, grandfather, brother, and uncle. He is survived by his daughters Anita (Lex), Smita (Michael), and Deepa (Anupam); grandchildren, Kyle, Alexis, Jordyn, Sonia, and Satya;

siblings, Sudha, Usha, and Suresh, and multiple nephews and a niece. Services were held on April 20 at Rosedale Cemetery in Montclair, N.J. Contributions may be made in Mohan's memory to the American Heart Association. - See more at: <http://obits.nj.com/obituaries/starledger/obituary.aspx?n=mohan-rao-nayak&pid=185221171#sthash.JmPlQMuo.dpuf>

Mrs. VIDYA ALEKAL, w/o Yogesh Alekal, mother of Prashanti Alekal of Irvine, Pragnya Alekal of Lakewood, and Pranava Alekal of Oregon, passed away peacefully on Apr. 28th, 2017 in Lakewood, CA. She is survived by her husband, three daughters, a son-in-law and grandchildren. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to the family.

Manipal: Renowned Educationalist and Former Vice Principal of Manipal Institute of Technology (MIT) and Director of ICAS, **Dr. U. DAYANAND KAMATH** passed away on Tuesday morning April 11, 2017.

Prof. U Dayananda Kamath was born on May 6, 1941.

Professor Kamath's association with Manipal University started when he joined Manipal Engineering College, Manipal as part of the 2nd batch in 1958 to pursue a Bachelor of Engineering (BE) degree in Civil Engineering. On graduation, he pursued and completed his ME in Advanced Irrigation and Hydraulics from Maharaja Sayyaji Rao University in Baroda and returned to Manipal to teach in his alma mater and now renamed Manipal Institute of Technology (MIT) in the Department of Civil Engineering.

In 1972, Professor Kamath left to pursue engineering opportunities in USA. While in USA, he completed his MS in Civil Engineering in Polytechnic Institute of New York in 1978, and consulted with various engineering

firms such as Ebasco to design and build many of the Nuclear Power Plants in the New York, New Jersey, Texas and California areas.

In 1986, he returned to Manipal to rejoin the department of Civil Engineering, MIT and was elevated to the Head of the Department in 1989 and as the Vice Principal of MIT in 1995. In 2001, he took on the leadership role as Director of the International Center for Applied Sciences (ICAS) in Manipal till he retired in 2006.

In his 30 years in engineering education, he has not only motivated and helped many students, but he has also been critical to the growth of the institutions MIT and ICAS in Manipal University, with the high standards he developed in the curriculum.

After retirement, he continued his commitment to education through the U Gopalakrishna Kamath and Radha Bai Foundation he personally managed. He donated over Rs. 1,000,000 of his own funds and funds raised from close family and friends to several hundred deserving but economically challenged students of the community over a period of 10 years.

He also served his community as the managing trustee of Lakshmi Venkatesh Temple, Udupi from 2006 to 2009. During this period, he invested significantly in the future of the temple by investing in various expansion and update projects, including the construction of Shri Bhuvanendra Mantap.

Khabbar sends heartfelt condolences to his wife Shakuntala Kamath, daughters, Radhika Mallya & family of New Providence, NJ, Sarita Kamath and family of Springboro, OH, Sujata Kamath and family of Apple Valley, MN and his 5 grandchildren Rohan, Pooja, Naveen, Riya and Pranav.

Smt. RUKMINI SHRINIVAS RAO (85) of Pune, India passed away on June 2nd at 2:25am in

Pune. She is survived by five kids and six grandkids. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to her son,

Narendra Rao & family of Sugar Land, TX.

KONKANI HAPPENINGS

HAAS (Houston Area Amchigale Samaj) “Yeh Shaam Mastani: R. D. Burman Nite”:

A big thank you to those who attended Yeh Shaam Mastani: R. D. Burman Nite, and for making it a fun and memorable evening.

The event started at 6pm with social hour served with tea, coffee, and delicious Batata Poha and Sev. In keeping up with the theme of the evening, delicious and mouthwatering Mumbai Street food - Dahi Vada, Pav Bhaji, Veg Biryani/Raita, and Chole was served for dinner and finished off with delicious Gajar Halwa for dessert. The food for this event was catered by Sonali Kulkarni (contact info 832-202-8666).

The glitz and glamour of the evening was beautifully captured by the disco lights and the amazing backdrop created by Pramod Rao. The music composition while originally done by the great R. D. Burman, was artfully compiled and presented by Anand Nayak.

What’s a musical night without a Master of Ceremony to take us along the journey, and who better to do this than our very own Gauri Sirur. From her witty comments, funny dialogues, and the hilarious interchanges with “R. D. Burman Saab” the audience was drawn in and captured all the way.

Speaking of “R. D. Burman Saab”, the fun and dynamic portrayal of R.D. Burman by Deepak Kini added fun and mischief to the night of melodious music, glamour, tasty food, and lots of fun. Oh Wait!! His wife Asha Bhosle was there to join in the fun and who better to represent her, other than our very own Aparna Shenoy.

Special thanks to our contest participants, Chaya Ubhayakar as Suchitra Sen from Aandhi, Namita Nayak as Mumtaz, Jyoti Nayak as Asha Parekh, Pandu Nayak as Rajesh Khanna, Mallika Nagarkatti as Mumtaz, and Samhitha Bhat as Rekha. All looked the part and added to the glamour and mystery of the night. Neela Kamath graciously helped judge the contestants. Chaya and Namita were the winners for the evening.

Our Youth Committee has special events planned for this year and next and we need your help to increase the participation. Samhitha and Mallika provided an update on what’s upcoming as well as opportunities for participation. The sign up details are listed below.

We would be remiss if we did not thank all our volunteers who helped set up the venue, serve food, and cleanup. These events would not be successful without all your help. We would like to mention a few of our volunteers, Varadraj and Chethan Rao, Sunitha Kini, Narendra Rao, and our Youth Coordinators Mallika and Samhitha who helped with setup and cleanup.

The HAAS members were able to enjoy this evening at an extremely subsidized price due to the application of the unused funds of the previous event and the generous support of partners like Kroger that donated the drinks and paper products and Cici’s Pizza that provided the free pizzas, which would not be possible without Akhila Bhat's persistence and constant follow up with them. With all your support, we hope to continue to provide such fun and enjoyable events during the rest of our term.

For up to date information on HAAS, please refer to our website - <http://www.ourhaas.com/>

Regards

HAAS Management Committee

www.ourhaas.com

Konkani Association Of California (KAOCA) Update:

Wishing everyone a happy and safe summer holiday season from our KAOCA 2017 committee & community.

First off, we are happy to say that our monthly hikes are going strong - including a special moonlight hike last month to Mission Peak! We have scoped out the next couple of hikes too as this is well appreciated by our community with increasing attendance as the weather gets warmer.

Our Holi function was well received by youngsters as well. It was an event well attended with a gala time throwing colors around and dancing to great music, keeping up with the theme and kicking off the spring season.

KAOCA Ugadi had the highest attendance to date, with entertainment & food getting accolades all around. The entertainment program was led by Vivek & Gayathri Shanbhag with such flair & energy as well as a penchant for punctuality and quality. Food committee led by Veena Kamath did an awesome job, with delectable Konkani food that people continue to remember fondly.

To continue the momentum, we will be having sports day on 6/17/17 in Berryessa Community Center, Picnic on 8/12/17 at the Central Park in Santa Clara, and Diwali planned for 11/11/17 at CET in San Jose. There is lots of interest in having Navratri celebration with Dandia as well! We shall see! Our youth committee has lots of enthusiasm & are helping us with Dandia, special cookie decorations, making cupcakes, organizational skills, etc.

2017 continues to trudge along and we hope to continue bringing our community closer together and bridge cultures across generations of Konkani in the Bay area.

Dev bare koro,

By: Mangala & Venugopal Pai, Co-Presidents for KAOCA 2017
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KASC SHIVRATRI BHAJAN 2017

The annual Shivaratri bhajan was held at the residence of Meena and Jaidev Rao on Feb. 25th 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 Raos for letting us have their home as a venue for the bhajan, the 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.

KASC YUGADI CELEBRATIONS - 2017

The KASC Yugadi celebrations was held on April 15th, 2017 held at the Tara's Himalayan Cuisine in Artesia, California. As usual the celebrations began with light refreshments followed by prayers and aarti to Lord Ganesha, Laxmi and Saraswati. After this, we had an entertainment of songs and dances by our talented youngsters and a few adults. There were a few interesting mind games ably conducted by Priya Gadiyar involving Konkani vocabulary. Outgoing KASC Presidents Srinivas and Gayatri Pai presented a short but hilarious Konkani skit. The elections for the new KASC Committee were held after this. We are grateful to the hardworking members of the outgoing committee, volunteers and the members who attended for making this occasion a success. We congratulate the members of the new committee on their elections, and wish them all the encouragement for making our Association even more dynamic and strong. A delicious buffet dinner was the last item, and we thank some members for bringing delicious Madgane to share. It was followed by dancing, where all attendees danced to old and new film songs.

By: Vivek Ullal
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The Ontario Konkani Association (OKA) Updates:

The Ontario Konkani Association (OKA) celebrated their annual Ugadi on Saturday April 08, 2017 at the Hindu Heritage Centre in Mississauga, ON. The program included socializing, entertainment and sumptuous dinner.

The Ontario Konkani Association (OKA) celebrated their annual Satya Narayan Pooja on Saturday May 13, 2017 at the Hindu Heritage Centre in Mississauga, ON.

KHABBAR FROM KULAR

By: - Vishwa Konkani Sardar BASTI VAMAN SHENOY

All India Konkani Parishad : Annual 3 days literary conference was held at New Delhi, Mavalankar Hall on 10th, 11th & 12th March 2017. Konkani writers, scholars, research fellows from Goa, Mumbai, Delhi, Karnataka and Kerala States attended the various sessions. Writer and activist **Sri N. Shivdas**, Goa chaired the conference.

Saraswathi Samman :The K.K.Birla foundation has established Saraswathi Samman Award. The Award is given to the one Best book in from 22 national Languages selected by a committee consisting a team of great writers every year. The award consists of Rs. 15.00 Lakhs , idol of Saraswathi, Tamra Patra and Shawl etc.

This year **Sri Mahabaleshwar Sail** Konkani writer from Majali, Karwar, Karnataka got the prestigious Award for his Konkani Novel “*Hawthan*” a story of potters of Karwar Village. Sri Sail got the first “Vimala V. Pai Vishwa Konkani Sahitya Award in 2012 for this book.

After giving the Award Vishwa Konkani Kendra translated the novel Hawththan to English (The Kiln) Kannada (Avige) and Malayalam (Choola).

With this Konkani literature got the two highest and most prestigious Awards i.e. Jnanapitha Award to late **Ravindra Kelekar** for his Konkani Novel “Vele Vaile Ghulo” in 2010 and “Saraswathi Samman to **Sri Mahabaleshwar Sail** for Konkani Novel ‘Hawthan’.

Vishwa Konkani Kendra has translated both the books “Vele Vaile Ghulo” and ‘Hawthan’ to English.

Vishwa Konkani Loka Kala Utsav (Shigmotsav) : Vishwa Konkani Kendra (W.K.C) organized Vishwa Konkani Loka Kala Utsav “Shigmotsav” in Mumbai at “Eknath Thakur Ranga Mantap” on 18th and 19th March 2017 at Saraswathi Vidya Mandir, Mahim, Mumbai.

H.E. Governor of Nagaland **Sri P.B. Acharya** with his wife Smt. Kavita Acharya lit the lamp and inaugurated “Shigmotsav”. Vishwa Konkani Sardar, Vishwa Saraswath **Sardar Sri Basti Vaman Sheno**y president W.K.C welcomed the guests. **Sri Kishore Kulakarni**, Chairman, NKGSB Bank presided. **Madam Grace Pinto**, Mg. Director, Rayan International Group of Institutions Mumbai, **Sri Kishore Rangnekar**, Director, Saraswath Bank, Mumbai, **Sri Ullas Kamath**, Joint Managing Director, Jyothi Laboratories Ltd. Mumbai were on the dais as Guests of Honour. During the Inaugural session “UPANISHAD” book in Konkani published by World Konkani Centre was released by **Sri Kishore Kulakarni**, Chairman, NKGSB Bank, Mumbai.

On the 2nd day the programmes commenced with Vishwa Konkani Kavitha Gosti (Kavi Sammelan) in association with Sahitya Academy, New Delhi, Sri Krishna Kimbahune was the co-coordinator and 10 Award winner Konkani poets participated. After Kavi Gosti Shigmotsav commenced with folk dance by Bhatkal Kharvi folk artistes, followed by Siddi folk dance led by **Smt. Juliyana Pedru Fernandes, Haliyal. Smt. Vijeta Bhandari** and her troupe from Kumta presented ‘Sri Krishna Janma Katha’. After the lunch break the Christian Gumta Padam (songs) were rendered by **Sri Charles D’Souza** and party Mangaluru, followed by Konkani Comedy Drama “Varsak Ek Pavti” directed by **Sri Edward Sequeira** Mangaluru. Konkani Deepa Mala Naach was presented by Gomantak Kulavantha Samaj Karwar.

The Valedictory function was held under the presidentship of **Sri Albert D’Souza** Industrialist, Mumbai **Sri Kishore G. Masurkar** Member Advisory Board, Samyukta Saraswath and Managing Director Entod Pharma Ltd, Mumbai, **Sri Pradeep G.Pai**, Secretary Vishwa Konkani Student Scholarship Fund, **Sri Venkatesh N. Baliga**, Vice president, **Sri B. Prabhakar Prabhu**, Secretary Vishwa Konkani Kendra, **Dr. C.N. Sheno**y Chief coordinator (Shigmotsav Committee) Mumbai, **Smt Sudha Pai** Trustee GSB Scholarship Fund, Matunga, **Sri Kamalx J. Saraf** were on the dais. **Smt. Shakuntala R. Kini** and **Sri Ravi Nayak** compered the cultural programmes **Sri Uday Mallya** President G.S.B Mandal was Master of Ceremony. **Sri Venkatesh N. Baliga** Vice President presented Vote of Thanks.

Ugadi: (Sansar Padvo) was celebrated in India on 28th March 2017.

Austin D’Souza Prabhu: great Konkani writer and past Governor 1A Loins District USA visited World Konkani Centre on 3rd April 2017.

Mrs. Sudha G. Pai Mumbai, President of GSB Sabha, Matunga Mumbai and well known Konkani organizer visited World Konkani Centre on 4-05-2017.

Choodamani : Konkani Yakshagana Bayalata was performed by Konkani artists in Mangaluru at Canara Girls High School Sudhindra Thirtha Hall on 28-05-2017. Konkani Sanskritika Sangha organized the show and well received by 500 plus Konkani people.

H.H. Srimad Dattananda Saraswathi Swamiji of Shri Samsthan Bhaboli Math visited World Konkani Centre on Saturday 27-05-2017 at 4.30 P.M. and blessed the gathering. And H.H.Swamiji expressed appreciation about the work going on at World Konkani Centre under the "VISION TVM-2030" at World Konkani Centre.

CHILDREN

Submitted By: - ravi.nayak@gmail.com

Q1 Can you tell a legend with a moral for parents to make their children independent at appropriate time, giving minimum needs to them?

A1 In two independent houses, separated by a compound two people were living, in one a retired person and in the other a techie. They had planted identical saplings on either sides of the compound. The techie used to give lot of water and manure to the plants. The retired , just small quantity of water and little manure.

The techie's plant grew into lush green, leafy robust plant. The retired person's plant was a near normal but much luxuriant than his neighbour's.

One night there was a heavy rain with gusty wind. Next morning both came out to see the fate of the plants. To techie's surprise his plant had got uprooted where as his neighbour's was unharmed. Techie asks the retired as why his plant was uprooted despite such a good care where as the neighbour had hardly cared. The retired person's answer should be a lesson for all of us.

Look young man, you had supplied everything a plant would need, in abundance and the plant did not have to go in search of it. Your roots did not have go down. I was supplying just enough to keep it alive. For the rest roots had to go down into the ground to fulfil it's needs. Since your roots were superficial the rain and wind could easily fell it. Since my roots were pretty deeply grounded they could withstand the onslaught of the nature. The same applies to your children too.

Install God in your Heart

It is because man does not think of God with devotion and sincerity that fear and restlessness have become the order of the day. Chanting of the Divine Name alone can make one fearless. God is referred to as "Hiranyagarba". "Hiranya" means gold. Only when you place this "gold" in your heart can you get the jewels of Sathya, Dharma, Shanthi and Prema. Once gold is installed in your heart, only divine feelings will originate from it. When sweet pudding is poured into a vessel with a number of holes, what comes out of the holes will also be sweet pudding. Likewise, when you fill your heart with divinity, all your actions will become divine.

Newton Bhavaji's 4th Law:

"There is at least One Amani akka or Amani pacchi in every Konkani family"

Kudla Lass Nischita Shenoy is “Mrs. India South 2017”

As appeared in the Mangalorean Apr 29, 2017:

<https://www.mangalorean.com/kudla-lass-nischitha-shenoy-is-mrs-india-south-2017-winner/>



Mangaluru: “Mrs. Beauty India Pageant”, the only contest in the country which provides a gateway to international platforms like ‘Mrs. Asia International’, ‘Mrs. World and Mrs. Planet’ at a momentous event held on 23rd April 2017 at Radisson Blu City Centre Chennai announced the winners of “Mrs. India South 2017” and the semi-finalists of ‘Mrs. India Beauty Pageant’. Founded by Ms. Deepali Phadnis, Founder of Mrs. India and former Mrs. Asia international, Mrs. India is the only beauty pageant for married women in the country allowing them to come together in a celebration of not only their beauty but their personality, talent, glamour and culture too.

Out of the 20 contestants that competed in the beauty pageant, Nischitha Shenoy was announced the winner of Mrs. India South 2017. She will enter the National round of Mrs. India 2017 to be hosted in June. Nischitha Shenoy also won the subtitle of “Mrs. India Bollywood Queen – South Edition 2017”.

Born to V Ananth Shenoy and Reshma a Shenoy, Nischitha Shenoy has always been an achiever, a dreamer and believes that there is nothing hard work can’t help you achieve. She is a technology consulting professional, a licensed Zumba fitness instructor and a mother to a 16-month-old baby girl.

As a Zumba instructor, she has helped raise funds for causes such as Women Empowerment. She is a trained Bharatanatyam dancer and has practiced it for 10 years. Being a fitness enthusiast, she currently loves doing Zumba, Cross Fit, Weight training, Muay Thai and Kick Boxing. Nischitha believes in restoring mother nature to all her glory and is a supporter and active volunteer with the NGO Saytrees.org. She is a volunteer with “Save Whitefield” a public initiative to tackle civic and environmental woes of Whitefield, Bengaluru.

Nischitha says “As women through our growing years we are told different things by people around us. Some good and some bad. We need to shun bad things, defy expectations of people who have little or no faith in our abilities, prove them wrong and stand tall and proud like Queens”.

Team Mangalorean extends heartfelt congratulations to our Mangalorean Pride Nischitha Shenoy for her greatest achievement in the Beauty and Fashion World.

Kannadiga To Receive Top US Civilian Honor

As appeared in the Apr 3, 2017 - Bangalore Mirror Bureau (By: -Deepthi Sanjiv)

Dakshina Kannada has another reason to celebrate. Dr. Annapoorna S Kini, an American cardiologist and Professor of Cardiology at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York City, has been selected for the 2017 Ellis Island Medal of Honour that will be presented on May 13 on Ellis Island during a ceremony that will include other distinguished Americans who have also made exceptional contributions. She is among six Indian-Americans to win this medal which is considered one of the nation's most prestigious awards and the highest civilian award in US.

Speaking to Bangalore Mirror, Radesha Vittappa Prabhu, her brother who stays at Bolwar in Puttur taluk, said, "The family feels proud of her achievements. She has always worked hard. She comes home every year. Her work hours in the US begin as early as 6am and go on till 10pm."

Dr Annapoorna is married to Dr U Subhash Kini and the couple is blessed with two sons Akshay Kini and Sameer Kini. She is the daughter of Late Namdev Prabhu and Late Pushpalatha Namdev and her elder brother, Dr K Ashok Prabhu, works at KMC, Mangaluru, while Radesha looks after the family's agriculture property.

Radesha said, "My mother has supported her in a big way. She used to travel every year to New York and be with my sister and support the family. Her work being recognized in the US is a big achievement and it is purely on merit and hardwork," he said.

Dr. Annapoorna Kini is an endowed Zena and Michael A Wiener Professor of Medicine and the Director of Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory at The Mount Sinai Medical Center. Dr. Kini is an international leader in the field of percutaneous coronary intervention and heart valve therapy.

After receiving her medical degree from India, Dr. Kini completed her training in England, followed by a fellowship in general cardiology and interventional cardiology at The Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York. She also serves as the Director of Interventional Cardiology Fellowship Program and the Director of Structural heart Intervention at The Mount Sinai Medical Center.

Dr. Kini is internationally acclaimed for her special expertise in performing complex coronary interventions especially in chronic total occlusion for patients with advanced coronary artery disease, high-risk interventional cases, and septal (alcohol) ablation for the treatment of obstructive hypertrophic cardiomyopathy. She has an extensive experience with the techniques of mitral and aortic balloon valvuloplasty, and has been among the first interventional cardiologists in the country to use transcatheter aortic valve implantation procedure in the treatment of patients with aortic stenosis.

Dr. Kini performs over 1,000 coronary interventions annually, the highest number by a female interventionist in the United States, with an extremely low complication rate of less than 0.3 percent; an official report from The Department of Health Recognized Dr. Kini as the safest operator among 350 other physicians in the state of New York numerous times (2004-2006; 2005-2007; 2009-2011; 2010-2013). She is the recipient of 2011 Dean's Award for Excellence in Clinical Medicine at The Mount Sinai Medical Center.

She also received the Physician of the year award in 2014 by the Mount Sinai Hospital nurses. Dr. Kini is a keen researcher, particularly recognized for her studies pertaining to intra-coronary imaging studies including IVUS, NIRS and OCT, and trials such as YELLOW, CANARY and ORBID have made major headlines. She has published more than 100 peer reviewed scientific publications, and book chapters in major cardiology textbooks. Dr. Kini has been the principal or co-investigator in numerous randomized clinical trials. She has been on the

editorial boards and reviews for prestigious journals in the field of cardiovascular interventions. Dr. Kini is the recipient of the “Rock Star of Science” award from the American Heart Association. She is member of the Royal College of Physician of London and Fellow of the American College of Cardiology.

Dr. Kini is an excellent teacher, and is dedicated to the teaching of both cardiology and interventional fellows. In fact, the 2012 batch of Sinai interventional fellows created a teaching award in her name “The Annapoorna S. Kini Fellows’ Choice Award” for excellence in teaching. Dr. Kini is the Director of the Annual Live Symposium of Complex Coronary & Vascular Cases at The Mount Sinai Medical Center, one of the most attended and respected meetings in the field of interventional cardiology in the country. She is the Director of monthly live web cast and plays a key role in educating internationalists globally in the technical aspects of complex coronary interventions via monthly webcast on www.ccclivecases.org and www.structuralheartlivecases.org with a worldwide audience of several thousand physicians over 132 countries.

Recollecting her school days, her classmate (from class two to eight) Prathima Hegde said, “We have known each other from our days at St Victors English primary School and St Philomena’s boys High school. She was an all-rounder at school. Though blessed with everything, she was very simple, talkative and loved her books. She was part of several of our pranks and I can still recollect her giggles. She was very good in sports too,” she said.

Dr Kini completed her PU from Vivekananda College in 1984. She received her MBBS from Kasturba Medical College, Mangaluru, Manipal University in 1991 with three honors and gold medals.

Dr. ANNAPOORNA KINI walked the red carpet in our traditional Indian dress Yesterday to get the prestigious award conferred upon by US Government.

Six Indian Americans have been chosen for this year's Ellis Island Medals of Honour. The awards, considered to be the highest honour in USA, founded by National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations, are given to individuals whose accomplishments in different fields to the country are cause for celebration. Indra Nooyi, chairperson and chief executive officer of PepsiCo, is one of the recipients of this award this year.

Dr Annapoorna S Kini ((51), an illustrious cardiologist and professor of cardiology at New York working in USA since the last two decades, has been picked for this award. The achievers are listed and referred to American Congress, which finalizes the names of awardees. Kini Received the prestigious award Yesterday.

Awards are not new to Dr Annapoorna, who has bagged several awards so far including the highest honour of the government of New York. She has been identified as one of the safest intervention cardiologists in New York, also has got credit to have been the only lady doctor to conduct over a thousand intervention coronary surgeries in a year.

Annapoorna, second of the three children of Namadeva Prabhu and Pushpalata couple, hails from Bolwar in the town. Her elder brother, Dr K Ashok Prabhu, has been serving as doctor in KMC Mangaluru, while younger brother, Radhesh V Prabhu, is into agriculture. Annapoorna, who married Dr U Subhash Kini, has two children, Akshay and Sameer. She visits her hometown once every year. She had studied in St Victor's girls school here and completed PU education through Vivekananda College. She completed MBBS degree with gold medal through KMC Mangaluru before going to London where she completed MRCP. Then she went to New York where she joined Mt Sinai School of Medicine New York as cardiologist, where she continues to serve even now.

Congrats Dr. ANNAPOORNA JI. You made us all Konkanis Proud.



Konkani Calendar

July 2017	August 2017	September 2017
4 th Ashada Yekadashi	2 nd Yekadashi	1 st Yekadashi
8 th Poornami	7 th Poornami-Yajurpakarma	4 th Anantha Chaturdashi
12 th Sankashta Chaturthi	10 th Sankashta Chaturthi	5th Poornami
15 th Kark-Sankranthi	12th HAAS Janmashtami	6 th Mahalaya
22 nd Amavasya (Dark Moon)	12th KAOCA Picnic	9 th Sankashta Chaturthi
27 th Naga Panchami	14 th Shri Krishna Janmashtami	16 th Kanya – Sankranthi
	16 th Simh- Sankranthi	19 th Mahalaya – Amavasya
	21 st Amavasya (Dark Moon)	20 th Navaratri beginning
	24 th Gowri Thrithiye – Ganesh Chaturthi	24 th Lalitha Panchami
		26 th Sharadha Pooja
		28 th Durgashtami
		29 th Ayudha Pooja
		30 th Vijaya Dashami

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

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

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Balance Carried over since Khabbar Vol. XL No. 1	3,525.00	
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Subscriptions (53) and donations	1569.00	
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Printing- Khabbar (295) - 20 pages		470.00
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Sub Total:		1,100.00

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4,020.00

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

Kwiz

The last quarter's quiz:

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?

The Answer:

73

The following gave the right answers:

Govind Kamath, Austin, TX
Kiran Pelley, San Diego, CA
Arkal Mohan Shenoy, Del Mar, CA
Vindya Bhat, New York, NY
Praveen Kamath, Centreville, VA

This Kwarter's Kwiz

By "Shivadevmaam"

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.

Is this equation correct? If yes, why?

$$\mathbf{618 + 861 + 106 = 8161}$$

Mangaluru ranks first best city in India in terms of quality of life; 48th in the World!

<https://www.seeandsay.in/51947/mangaluru-ranks-first-best-city-india-terms-quality-life-48th-world>

Mar 26, 2017 at 3:07pm, Kamal Shenoy

Mangaluru has been ranked as 48th best city in the world in terms of quality of life. It is the only Indian city in Top 50. The next Indian city on the list is Pune at 102.

This news has met with cheers from Mangaloreans. The news has not only made locals of Mangaluru happy, but also people of Mangaluru, who are settled in other places around the world happy.

Mangaluru ranks first in best city in India in terms of quality of life Mangaluru ranks first in best city in India in terms of quality of life Mangaluru ranks first in best city in India in terms of quality of life

Mangaluru is also the second ranked best city in Asia after Bursa in Turkey. The city, which is known for it's culture and tradition is the best place to live. Speaking about this, Sanath, a student says, "It's a great news to know. Mangaluru is easily one of the best city to stay. The people here are very friendly. They are very polite. The standard of living of people is also very high. There are no slums here. All these factors must have made Mangaluru the number one city in India in terms of quality of life."

Mangaluru is business paradise. People of Mangaluru are known for their intelligence and it is also educational hub. People of Mangaluru are settled all over the world and are doing well for themselves. The education hub tag has worked well for Mangaluru. People here are very well cultured. The language spoken by people in Mangaluru is soft, if compared to other parts of Karnataka or India as well.

The people have a better standard of living in Mangaluru. Due to good literacy rates, people earn more here. Therefore, they lead a better life style. We see many people not ready to shift to other places, even if they get more salary, as they do not want to leave the place.

The culture and traditions of Mangaluru is the binding factor. People never forget their roots. It is a great news for all Mangaloreans worldwide. Let us strive to make Mangaluru to make it a better city.

NAKA, the North American Konkani Association Quarterly Update



Namaskaru.

There is not a whole lot to show our community about our progress to date. We are actively working on revamping our mynaka.org web site. The main goal here is to provide a platform for our community to interact and provide the services our community members (young, middle aged and seniors) can interact with and generate some real value for our future generations.

In the mean time I had called a few Konkani Association presidents to check if they are willing to host our next Konkani Sammelan 2020. So far it has not resulted in a positive answer from any particular Konkani presidents. I would like to make a request to all the local Konkani association presidents to consider this as a personal request on behalf of the NAKA board and let us know if you are willing to be a host for the next KS.

Here is another request I would like to make to the entire Konkani community living in North America and beyond. Mr. Murali Shenoy has created a web portal <http://www.amchigeli.com> for the benefit of the Konkani community. On the website he is providing a free Soirika service so I would request all interested and eligible members of our community to register your profile at <http://amchigeli.com/sample-page/soirika/register-your-profile>.

On the positive side here is something the NAKA board would like to present to the Konkani associations around North America. NAKA will sponsor a movie (pay for the cost to rent the movie: Newton) directed by Amit Masurkar to be screened in your area if the local Konkani Association is able to find and pay for a location to screen the movie and invite all the Konkani living in the area. The details for the movie can be found at: <http://www.pascalaramonda.com/newton/#more-1472>. Some additional details to consider. The source of the movie is a DCP (digital cinema package) and not a DVD. We will be needing a valid server through which the movie can be played. We do not have the Blu-ray or DVD of the movie yet. If any Konkani Association is interested please send an email to ramesh@mynaka.org.

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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:

NAKA - Statement Of Accounts

Date	Description	Credit, \$	Debit, \$
2/28/17	Balance from last report	82,755.93	
5/31/17	Interest for the quarter	7.57	
5/31/17	Donations from Manohar & Mitra Kini, W. Palm Beach, FL	2,000.00	
5/31/17	Refund of seed money KS-2016	39,364.00	
5/31/17	KS-2016 SURPLUS	66,391.91	
5/31/17	Final Balance:		190,519.41

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

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