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TO:

Khabbar Follies

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

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

Getting one's name published in Khabbar is a prestige if it is for a right reason! Khabbar encourages this by publishing the names of the people who give the correct answer to the quiz. And some people have a running record of having their name published just about every issue of Khabbar. And, should they give a wrong answer and do not see their name in Khabbar, they just cannot accept it!?!

Khabbar, he right away solved the current quiz and followed by this email:

“So mad I did not make the list for correct answers on the last one... I am sure it was the midnight wine I had! :-) So, for this quarter, I am sending answer immediately from the mailbox itself! Love y'all!”

Editor's Reply: Sorry, I think, you should come up with better excuse!

Case in point is this family from TX, who normally gives right answers just gave a wrong answer to the last quarter's quiz! The moment he did not see his name in the next issue of

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Dear Konkani family,

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Comments, if any: _____

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EDITORIAL

Dear Konkani family,

I hope all is well with you and your family.

This issue of *Khabbar* has been mailed to ALL families that have paid dues **at least once since 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!

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.

It is unbelievable to see the havoc created by Hurricanes Harvey & Irma in the Houston area and Florida respectively. Kudos to **HAAS**, who took the initiative to come to the rescue of Konkani families affected in Houston area. **NAKA** also extended financial support.

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!** 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 Konkanis to visit the Kendra to see in what way they can benefit from this.

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

Devu Boren Karo.

Vasanth
Honorary Editor

Letters to the Editor

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

Dear Vasanth Bhatji,

We have a You Tube Video covering a week long key events of SV Temple Jeernodhar ceremony by our swamiji on April 20, 2017. Probably you can add this link for the benefit of our devotees in US.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=share&v=IMmaPI45jSY&app=desktop>

Thanks for everything.

Regards

Muralidhar

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Dear all,

I am on a visit to Portland in US and happened to meet an old friend, a Telugu speaking lady, working here for over 20 years. She had sung a song for my CD earlier and thought of another project. She readily agreed and we produced a song just couple of days ago. It is recorded and a video clip prepared, which is uploaded in Youtube, to be watched by all Konkani lovers.

As you all were associated with Konkani Sammelan in US earlier, just felt glad to inform you of the song, which is on Konkani language.

Let us celebrate Konkani by viewing it in the following link:

<https://youtu.be/-uBQnCQysYQ>

If you liked it, please feel free to enjoy share your pride for Konkani with maximum forwards to your kith and kin. Jai Konkani !

Regards,

Ramesh Pai

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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

Konkani Graduates:

KEDAR, s/o Pradeep & Uma Gulvady of Saugus, CA, graduated with B.S. degree in Physics from University of California, Santa Barbara.

NISHAD, s/o Pradeep & Uma Gulvady of Saugus, CA, graduated with B.S. degree in Public Health and Economics from University of California, San Diego.

NIVEDITA, d/o Indira & (Late) Prakash Keshav of Simi Valley, CA, started her medical school in University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) in their Prime program from July 2017. The UCLA Prime program is a 5-year dual degree program focusing on the development of leaders in medicine who will improve health care delivery, research, and policy in underserved communities. Masters degrees may be completed in areas that complement the mission of the program, generally an MBA, MPH or MPP.

New Arrival:

TRISHA, a baby girl to Karthik & Priya Gadiyar of Irvine, CA, on June 3rd, 2017. The proud paternal grandparents are Chandrakanth & Kavitha Gadiyar, Mangalore and the maternal grandparents are Sudhir & Suchitra Nayak, Mangalore.

GYAN, a baby boy to Jyotsna & Krishnanand Das of Sugar Land, TX on July 6, 2017 at 12:05 am. Gyan weighed in at 5 lbs 14 oz and is 19.5" tall.

Newly Weds:

Sow. MANISHA, d/o Nandan & Jyotsna Sashital of Monroe Twp., NJ, got married to **Chi.**

AJAY, s/o Satish & Jyotsna Nair of Columbia, MO on Sunday, May 28th, 2017 in Basking Ridge, NJ.

Chandrakant & Sheila Mahale of High Bridge, NJ Celebrated destination wedding of their son, **Chi. RAJIV to Sow. JESSICA**, d/o James & Jing-Shan Chang on 1st of July 2017, at 5:30 PM. Venue was at "Hacienda Sarria", Kitchner, Ontario, Canada. Reception followed the Wedding Ceremony which was in a Hindu and Budhist traditions. Mahales and Changs thank all the relatives and friends for attending the wedding and blessing the couple from their busy schedules.

Suresh & Usha Shenoy of Sugar Land, TX celebrated the marriage of their son, **Chi. KIRTHAN with Sow. KRIPA**, d/o Hemachandra & Jyoti Kamath of Panaji, Goa, by hosting a reception at Hyatt Regency Houston/Galleria on Saturday August 5, 2017. The reception preceded by Sangeet on Friday Aug 4, 2017 at their residence.

Dr. Vijaykumar & Mrs. Prema Rao of Oak Brook, IL celebrated the wedding of their daughter, **Sow. MITHA with Chi. VIRAG**, s/o Mr. Kartik & Mrs. Varsha Dandekar on Saturday August 19, 2017 at the Hindu Temple of Greater Chicago in Lemont, IL. The wedding was followed by reception at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare in Rosemont, IL. The wedding celebrations included the "Meet And Greet" Dinner at Hyatt Regency O'Hare on Friday August 18 and the Mehendi and Sangeet at Ashyana Banquets in Downers Grove, IL on Thursday August 17, 2017.

Sudhir & Ranjana Golikeri of Richmond, TX celebrated the marriage of their daughter, **Sow. RITA** (granddaughter of Smt. Radha Golikeri of Richmond, TX) **with Chi. ERIC**, s/o Karen Wood Batcheller and late William Bruce Wood on Saturday September 2nd 2017 at the Omni Fort Worth Hotel in Fort Worth, TX.

Relocation:

The **MAVINKURVE** family, Pramod & Geeta have relocated from Princeton, NJ to 34 Sagebrush Lane, Langhorne, PA 19047. The mobile number is (908)-616-1497 and email ID: pmkurve@gmail.com

The **BALIGAS**, Ravi & Asha, have relocated from Danville, CA to 718 Long Bridge Street, #1204, San Francisco, CA 94158.

The **KAMATHS**, Burde Laxminarayan & Urmila, have relocated from New Orleans to 1312 Aris Avenue, Metairie, LA 70005. The telephone is (504)-288-9780 and the email ID: burdekamath@gmail.com

The **RAOS**, Sudha & Ashok, have relocated within Shreveport, LA to 1045 Saint Francis Way, Shreveport, LA 71106.

The **BETRABET** family, Chinmay & Sangita, together with their kids, relocated from San Diego, CA to 2989 NW Acacia Place, Corvallis, OR 97330. The phone is (541) 753-7220.

Dr. SACHIN SHENOY relocated within Brooklyn, NY to 300 8th Avenue, Apt. 40, Brooklyn, NY 11215.

The **BHAT** family, Vedamoorthy Raghuchandra & Veena, have

relocated from Brookfield, WI to 2031 Mount Vernon Drive, Waukesha, WI 53186. The telephone remains the same as (262)-717-9370 and email ID: bhatrv@hotmail.com

The **RAO** family, Narendra & Gayathri with their kids Pranav & Sayali have relocated from Sugar Land, TX to 32-57 86th Street, East Elmhurst, NY 11369. The email ID: gayathrinr@hotmail.com

The **BHAT** family, Pramod & Shruthi, relocated to 838 Oak Glen, Irvine, CA 92618.

50th Wedding Anniversary:

Vijaykumar & Jyoti Kolpe of Simi Valley, CA (ex Saraswat Colony, Santacruz - West), had their 50th Wedding Anniversary (Golden) on May 24th, 2017. They are parents of Vivek Kolpe of Simi Valley and Vaishali Sabherwal of Dubai. Being intrepid travelers, they have travelled extensively throughout India and many countries around the world. They fulfilled a life's dream and celebrated their anniversary in Big Island, Hawaii. Over the last couple years, they have adjusted well to their new retired life in Simi Valley, enjoy bingo, pokeno and other activities;

Jyoti has found new hobbies in painting and crochet.

Obituary:

Sri. GANESH NAIK (63) of Puttur, D.K., Karnataka, India expired on Thursday June 15, 2017 after a brief illness. He has left behind his wife Mrs Jayashree Naik, of Puttur, daughter Dr. Nisha Naik and son Mr. Rakshit Naik (Shannu) of Sugar Land, TX. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to the family.

LAXMINARAYAN (Babbi) KUDVA (74) passed away peacefully in Mangalore on July 23, 2017. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to his brother Balakrishna Kudva and family of Asheville, NC.

Sri DEVDAS NAYAK of Mumbai passed away on August 12th in Mumbai, India. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to his son, Anand Nayak and family of Katy, TX.

Prof. DEVDAS MIZAR PAI (56) of Greensboro, NC passed away on August 19, 2017 in Greensboro, NC, after suffering a medical emergency.

Dr. Pai is an amazing human being in every way. The Hindu Society of North Carolina is indebted to Dr. Pai serving as community priest in many occasions among

other contributions to the Temple's growth. He has served temple as Priest, Vice President and multiple responsibilities.

Devdas Pai is survived by his wife (Anjana), daughter (Sarayu), son (Salil), father (Srinivas), and a host of relatives and friends.

Devdas Pai, a 30 year resident of Greensboro, was a Professor of Mechanical Engineering at NC A&T State University. He is a nationally recognized educator and an accomplished academician, and was recently elected to the College of Fellows of the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering, for exceptional leadership in establishing the first B.S. and M.S. biomedical engineering degree programs at a historically black college/university. He was an active member of the community, a mentor for school children, and touched many lives with his unconditional love and care.

The funeral and memorial service for Devdas Pai will be held on August 23, 2017 at 3:00 pm at Forbis & Dick Funeral Service at 5926 W Friendly Ave., Greensboro, NC.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to <https://www.gofundme.com/drdevdaspai>

Khabbar sends heartfelt condolences to the family.

KONKANI HAPPENINGS

HAAS (Houston Area Amchigale Samaj):

The annual Janmashthami event was held at the Sugarland Community Center on Austin Parkway on the evening of August 12th.

With the beautiful decorations put together by **Pramod & Archana Rao and Akhila Bhat**, the backdrops were adorned with beautiful peacocks, peacock feathers and lights. *A jhula* (swing) with baby Krishna and a Krishna statue added to the serenity of the evening.

The evening started promptly at 6:00 pm with the social hour and delicious *dhokla*, *chewda* and coffee for appetizers. This was followed by the cultural program hosted by **Sheila Kini** and emceed by our youth coordinators **Samitha Bhat and Neha Bhat**. The evening started with a beautiful dance performance by **Neha Bhat** to the song "*Krishna ne begane baaro*". This was followed by soulful classical bhajans by our HAAS youth members - **Aditya and Chaitra Shenoy, Meera Nagarkatti, Sahana Shashital, Saisha and Sanika Bellare, Reim Rao and Samitha**

Bhat and adult members - **Mrs. Sangeeta Gulvady, and Dr. Maya Prabhu**. The singers were accompanied on the harmonium by **Smt. Shruthi Sample** and on the tabla by **Shri. Govind Shenoy (Shetty)** who also charmed us with their bhajan renditions.

To add to the variety and fun, there was a heartwarming skit about the brotherly love between Krishna and Balaram, portrayed by **Shlok Bhat and Ansh Nayak** with **Surendra Bhat's** performance of *rakshsha* perfectly complimenting the boy's performance. The cultural event was then followed with a fun and adorable costume parade of Radha and Krishna's parading and dancing to the tune of *Kaana Tu Soh Jaa Zara* from the hit movie *Baahubali 2*. Once the cultural events concluded, everyone gathered for Aarti and Bhajans at the end of which everyone enjoyed the delicious *goda poha* Prasad made by **Smt. Vasumati Bhat**.

The kids then got to do a variation of pin the tail on the donkey appropriately modified for the occasion as "Pin the peacock feather on Krishna". And in keeping with our *Janmashthami* tradition, we then concluded the cultural and kid's activities with the very popular *Dahi Handi* where the young kids got to reach up and/or jump up to the pot to get *dahi*.

Once the *dahi handi* event concluded, it was time for dinner. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful dinner consisting of rice, *roti, khadi, tawa fry, paneer makhani*, salad and *papad* followed by *Basundi* for dessert.

The night of festivities continued after dinner with foot stomping *Daandia* music and dancing.

As always, the participation and enthusiasm of the HAAS members and the tireless efforts of the volunteers is what helped the committee make the event flow seamlessly and the evening a success. Thank you to our youth volunteers **Shriya Bengre and Ansh Nayak** and to all the volunteers who helped setup and serve dinner, and to **Aarti and Gurudath Kamath** for staying back and helping with the cleanup after the event ended.

HAAS Management Committee
www.ourhaas.com

Konkani Association Of California (KAOCA) Update:

Hello *Khabbar* Friends,

The KAOCA (Konkani Association of CA) members would like to wish everyone a very happy Diwali. Our gala Diwali function will be held on 11/11/17 at CET in San Jose and our entertainment committee has planned for a gala event, with practices starting soon. We look forward to continuing our effort in adhering to the theme 'Strengthening Roots - Bridging Cultures', by also having a Halloween themed catwalk/ dance number for our little ones!

As mentioned in our last update, we had an amazing turnout for both our past events - sports day & picnic. With the classic California weather blessing us for the Picnic, we held a fun event - the food was the talk of the town with Konkpotle/ amchipotle (Mexican style Indian food) - it was fusion food - Indian food with a Mexican twist! Any which way you say it, it was delicious...

Kids had a blast with various games to keep them engaged, while our youth - led by **Sejal Kini** and her friends - doing an awesome job with face painting. The adults rejoiced in pleasant conversations, a zesty and competitive volleyball game and a lively Bingo event that was entertaining! A special treat was the mastery at the barbeque pit by our expert, **Praveen Kamath**, and a lively dance session led by teen sensation **Shruthi Kamath** who got all moving with beautiful dance numbers - and accompanied by **Shreya Kamath**. Topping it off were **Shilpa Padwekar & Nikhil Prabhu** who made sure we had a good workout with amazing dance moves before lunch time.

We thank these talented artists for all their hard work and planning!

As always, we finished picnic with our community favorite - bingo!

As a surprise addition to the festivities in July, we also had **Mr. K Devdas Pai**, an accomplished sitar player from M'llore, perform at our NAKA president's home, our home & at Sanatana Dharma Kendra in Milpitas. It was our pleasure to hear him play the Sitar so beautifully!

We are feverishly working towards planning a *Dandia* event, led by the KAOCA youth committee!

Wishing everyone happy *Navrathri*!

Dev bare koro,

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

Jayu Bhat, Rancho Cucamonga, CA

The New Year festival, Yugadi was celebrated with great joy by KASC members at *Tara's Himalayan cuisine*, Artesia, on April 15th from 5 to 10 pm. The evening started with warm welcome of all our members and their guests by our committee members. Everyone got an opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet some new families, while enjoying some yummy pakoras and paneer appetizer with chutney. After an hour of socializing, we began the event by offering our prayers to Lord Ganesha and seek his blessings with *aarti*, performed by all the attendees.

Now was the beginning of entertainment part of the evening. It started with **Om Shanbhag**, son of **Gautam and Reshma Shanbhag**, showcasing his talent on piano. He played some Bollywood tunes, which pleased the crowd. **Tanusha Shanbhag**, Om's younger sister did a dance on *Zingat* song (a hit Marathi song). Next performance was by **Daksh Prabhu**, son of **Bharath and Latha Prabhu**, on the famous Bollywood song, *Selfie le re*. **Atul Prabhu**, son of **Rajesh and Deepa Prabhu**, had fusion dance performance on songs, *Can't stop the feeling* and *Zingat*. **Aadhya Shenoy**, daughter of **Srinath and Nisha Shenoy** gave her performance on *Disco Deewane* song.

The evening continued with **Tilak Shenoy** mesmerizing the crowd with *Dooba Dooba Rehta Hoon* song. Next came in the ladies of KASC. **Deepa Prabhu, Divya Kamath, Jayu Bhat, Ramya Mallya and Reshma Shanbhag** did a dance performance on Bollywood mash up. The dance was choreographed by **Ramya Mallya**. Our emcee, **Priya Nayak**, also conducted few games and one of them was based on Konkani language. Finally, like icing on cake, our President **Srinivas and Gayatri Pai** performed a hilarious Konkani skit, "*Rulaav*".

Vice-President **Rahul Kamath** had a few words to say about the work done by their team in the past two years. It was also time for a new committee to be formed for the year 2017-2019. The outgoing committee handed over the responsibilities to the newly elected committee. The new committee consists of:

- ❖ **Rajesh and Deepa Prabhu**: President
- ❖ **Anand and Mohana Mahale**: Vice-President
- ❖ **Gautam and Reshma Shanbhag**: Treasurer
- ❖ **Sandesh and Ramya Mallya**: Secretary
- ❖ **Vishwanath (Vishy) and Jayu Bhat**: Cultural secretary
- ❖ **Vivek and Jyoti Ullal**: Editor
- ❖ **Nataraj and Shashikala Nayak**: Webmaster

This Yugaadi was special for KASC, as it revealed its logo. An open competition was held in search of logo befitting the community and the members were allowed to vote for the best. The proud winner of KASC logo competition was **Vishwanath (Vishy) Bhat**, our current cultural coordinator. The logo was thoughtfully designed, keeping in mind the guidelines of competition. As the night was coming to an end, all the attendees proceeded for dinner which included of Indian delicacies. The committee members also made the Konkani sweet dish, *Madgane* as their gesture to the KASC members. The event ended at around 10 pm and everybody left with good memories for a new year. A big thanks to all the committee members for their efforts in putting together a successful event. Looking forward for next KASC event to create more memories and friends for life.

KASC KARAOKE 2017

By: Jayu Bhat, Rancho Cucamonga, CA

Every year KASC organizes a summer Picnic. But this year committee decided to change things a little and gather all the music enthusiast members for a Karaoke event. The event took place at *Tara's Himalayan cuisine*, Artesia on 27th August from 11 am to 3 pm.

The event started with some welcome drinks and social hour. Everyone got busy with their *Panchadiks*, while enjoying some hot *Samosas and Gobi Manchuri*. KASC also had an open bar for this event. We then began the Karaoke event by introducing the new committee (2017-2019) followed by few words from President, **Rajesh and Deepa Prabhu**. KASC also recently lost one of its members **Vidya Alekal**. Our deepest condolences to the family for their loss. One minute silence was observed for the departed soul.

The floor was then open to all the singers. It was great to see so many talented singers within our community. **Sid Philar** started the event with the song *Ganeshaya Dhimahi*. It was our way of seeking blessings from *Vigna Harta*. We also tried to introduce all singers by mentioning their home town in India and also about their other hobbies. Thanks to **Reshma Shanbhag** (Treasurer) for gathering all the information.

We had a big line up of karaoke songs. Not only Adults but kids also participated in good numbers. We had variety of songs from Bollywood, Hollywood and even a Kannada song. **Chinmayi Nayak** also sung a Konkani Rhyme, which was a beautiful touch for KASC event. We had a friendly Karaoke competition which was judged by **Vivek Kamath, Mohini Kamath and Vinata Rangnekar**. The winners are as follows, Best Male singer- **Nataraj Nayak** (*Koadagana koali nungittha*), Best Female singer-**Latha Prabhu** (*Zara behkne do*), Best Kid stars- **Archini Nayak** (Original composition by herself) and **Aadhya Shenoy** (How far from Moana), Best Duet singers-**Jayu and Vishy Bhat** (*Pyaar bina Chain kahan re*).

We also had few "Minute to Win it" games for non-singers. It was Ladies (*Kappad*) Vs Men (*Mundo*) and team men won by marginal points. Better luck, next time Ladies!

We then proceeded to have some delicious lunch. To give some authentic Konkani touch, **Deepa Prabhu** (President) prepared *Phanna Upkari* (Prawns) and **Mohana Mahale** prepared Prawns curry. We are thankful to both of them for putting this extra effort.

Finally, Kudos to all the committee members for their efforts in putting the event together. We are also thankful to all the members who attended the event and made it a success. KASC is celebrating its Silver Jubilee (25years) this year. We are hoping to make a grand next event that is Diwali. We hope to see many members and active participation by them all.

The Ontario Konkani Association (OKA) Updates:

OKA held their annual picnic on Saturday July 22, 2017 at Terra Cotta Conservation Area in Halton Hills, ONT. The annual election was held and welcoming the 2017-18 Executive Committee of:

President: **Divya and Ravi Nayak**

Treasurer : **Silna and Sanath Kamath**

Entertainment : **Laxmi and Vikram Nayak**

Food : **Nandita and Ravi Yedery**

Web/Social Media : **Neena and Vineeth Malebennur**

Youth : **Disha Nayak and Mrudvika Mallebennur**

Proposed Joint EC for the 30th year

Vice President – **Guru and Vinaya Pai**

Jt. Treasurer – **Divakar Shenoy and Jayashree Pai**

Jt. Entertainment – **Nikita and Abhijeet Pai**

Jt. Food – **Murali and Neeta Nayak**

Jt. Web/Social Media – **Rahul Kamath**

Jt. Youth – **Pranav Kamath, Pratha Bhat**

Ontario Konkans Association (OKA) held their annual cricket match, KPL 2017, at Glenashton Park, Oakville, ON on August 20 2017. A scintillating game of Cricket and women's throwball! A great family get together of fun. The KONKA LIONS won the KPL Cup 2017 with Captain: **Sanath Kamath** and players: **Abhay Shenoy, Abhishek Shinde, Dinesh Chauhan, Eshan Betrabet, Guru Pai, Kaustabh Bailur, Madhu Rao, Mangesh Bailur, Navin Shenoy, Rishab Udiaver, Vivek Nayak.**

Saraswat Foundation held the annual Father's Day and Welcome Summer - Hiking Trip on Saturday, June 17, 2017 from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM at Hacklebarney State Park in Long Valley, NJ

The Saraswat Foundation held their Annual Amchi (Bhanap) Summer Picnic on Saturday, August 05, 2017 from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM at Reichler Park in South Brunswick, NJ.

KHABBAR FROM KULAR

By: - Vishwa Konkani Sardar BASTI VAMAN SHENOY

Mr. Nandan Nilekani, One of the founders of World I.T giant Infosys Bangaluru is elected its Chairman in August 2017, after he left the company 15 years back.

Chaturmasya Vrita of H.H. Swamijis:

H.H. Srimad Samyameendra Thirtha Swamiji of Shri Kashi Mutt Samsthan *Chaturmasa Vruta* commenced on 14-07-2017 at Konchady Mahalasa Narayani Temple, Mangaluru. And H.H.Swamijis *Digvijaya* will be held on 21-10-2017. *Kumbhabisheka* will be held on 9-09-2017 at Konchadi Sri Mahalasa Narayani Temple, Mangaluru.

H.H. Srimad Vidyadhiraj Thirtha Sripad Vader Swamiji of Sri Samsthan Gokarn Partagali Jeevotham Math *Chaturmasa Vruta* commenced at Sri Gokarn Partagali Math, Kanakona, Goa.

H.H. Srimad Shivananda Saraswathi Swamiji of Shri Kavale Math *Chaturmasa Vruta* commenced at Shri Laxmi Venkatraman temple, Kalyanapura Udipi Dist

H.H. Shri Sadyojatha Shankerashrama Swamiji of Sri Chitrapur Math, Shirali *Chaturmasa Vruta* commenced at Karla Math near Pune Maharashtra.

World Konkani Centre has decided to document the "Great Migration of Konkani people" from the origin place on the river bed of river Saraswathi upto Goa and further south to Kochi- Kerala. The Research document project will be undertaken in association with the Konkani Chair (Konkani Adhyana Pitha) of Mangaluru University at a cost of Rs. 25 Lakhs..

Nagar Panchami and Sutta Punnava Parab (festivals) were celebrated on 28-07-2017 and Sri *Gowri Festival (Thayee)* and Shri Ganesh Chaturthi were celebrated on 24th and 25th August 2017 throughout India.

Vishwa Konkani Student Scholarship Fund:

World Konkani Centre, Vishwa Konkani Student Scholarships were distributed to 600 Engineering and Medical students (of Konkani communities) to the tune of Rs. 3.50 crores on 20-08-2017 at TV Raman Pai Convention Centre Mangaluru. The promoter of the Scholarship fund and visionary **Mr. T.V. Mohandas Pai** was present and addressed the scholars to take interest in our mother tongue Konkani, our age-old culture and traditions etc. and should serve the community at large. The programme was presided over by Founder President **Vishwa Konkani Sardar Mr. Basti Vaman Shenoy**. He said, "I am thankful to the philanthropists who helped us in realizing the dream of providing scholarships of such a huge amount. They all are from our Konkani community and they have shown their sense of responsibility and love towards their community. Chief Guest **Mr. Harish Bhat**, (Brand custodian, Tata Sons and Chairman, Tata Global Beverages Ltd and Tata Coffee Ltd) handed over the first 50 scholarships of the year 2017 and said, "You are the future of our community. With this scholarship your responsibility towards your community has increased. You have to strive hard to bring fame for your family and for Konkani community. Nothing is impossible in life. You should put your mind to achieving your ambition. "We all know about **Manjeshwara Govinda Pai**. He put our community in world's literary map. He had learnt more than twenty-five languages of the world. Addressing the scholarship beneficiaries, Guest of Honour **Mr. Praveen Kadle** CEO, Tata Capital Pvt Ltd, said, "I am glad to note that World Konkani Centre is doing great work for the betterment of Konkani language and community. Our mother tongue unites us all together without religious or regional boundaries. **Mr. Ramdas Kamath U**, Chairman of Vishwa Konkani Student Scholarship Fund said that the scholarships were awarded to students under eight different categories, namely engineering, medical, degree, and for studies abroad. "We are also supporting the Konkani *Kharvi, Kudubi* and other socially economically backward community students by giving separate scholarships to students who are socio-economically backward. We need to make way for them to enter into the mainstream," he said. VKSSF scholarships were awarded to 592 engineering and 53 MBBS aspirants to support their professional education. Also, 31 scholarships of Rs 1 lac per student were

provided to those who wish to study abroad. **Mr. Praveen P Kadle**, CEO, Tata Capital Pvt Ltd, **Mr. Ullas Kamath**, joint MD, Jyothy Laboratories Ltd, **Mr. V Leeladhar**, former Dy. of Reserve Bank of India, **Mr. Sundeep Bambolkar**, Jt MD, Indoco Remedies, CA **G Nandagopal Shenoy**, Devagiri Tea and Products were present on the dais.

Mr. Pradeep G Pai, secretary VKSSF welcomed the gathering. World Konkani Centre Vice President **Mr. Allen C.A. Pereira**, **Mr. Kudpi Jagadish Shenoy**, Treasurer **Mr. B.R.Bhat**, Secretary **Mr. Prabhakar Prabhu**, All India Konkani Kharvi Mahajana Sabha President **Mr. K.B.Kharvi**, Dakshina Kannada District Kudubi Samajodharaka Sangha **Mr. Narayan Naik**, KSHAMATA Camp convener **Mr. Giridhar Kamath** were present, **Mr. Venkatesh N Baliga** Vice President compered the programme.

Film Show on River Saraswathi: Renowned Scholar and academician **Mr. Jagadish Gandhi** has done intensive research and documentation on the origin (place on Himalayas) flow of the river to the plain and submerge under earth. He has also taken images of the flowing of the river Saraswathi under the earth through satellites and prepared the film on River Saraswathi. **Mr. Jagadish Gandhi** visited World Konkani Centre and gave a talk on River Saraswathi and a documentary film Shown on 6-09-2017.

Hon'ble Minister **Sri Suresh P. Prabhu** has taken charge of Trade Commerce & Industry in the Central Cabinet of Hon'ble Prime Minister **Mr. Narendra Modi**.

Remembering Vaman Srinivas Kudva on his 118th birth anniversary on 6/9/2017!

Submitted By: - prabhu.kadambi@gmail.com

Remembering Vaman Srinivas Kudva Maam on his 118th birth anniversary on June 9th 2017 ! May his soul be in peace !

Vaman Srinivas Kudva Maam (June 9th 1899 – June 30th 1967), popularly called V. S. Kudva, was a founder director of the Syndicate Bank.

He was born in a conservative, and traditional GSB family (the family was known as the Mulky Kudvas) at Mulky. His father Srinivas Ramachandra Kudva owned a small hand loom unit and used to cycle to work, when cars were unknown in Mulky. Brought up in simple surroundings Kudva had his primary school education at Mulky and high school education at Udupi. He took active part in school debates and was a good writer both in English and Kannada.

His father shifted to Udupi in 1908 and started a hardware shop, where he spent his spare time. In 1918 he passed the Intermediate exam from the Government College, Mangalore and went to Bombay and joined the Mechanical Engineering Course at the Victoria Jubilee Technical Institute, Bombay (VJTI). After 3 years as a top ranking student, he gave up his studies in response to Mahatma Gandhi's non-cooperation movement and returned to Udupi. He worked as a volunteer teacher in a national school started by the Congress Party under Gandhiji's call to replace English aided schools.

From 1922 to 1926 he started an engineering workshop, and in 1926 he went to Mangalore in response to the call of V. S. Kamath Maam, the then Managing Director of The Canara Public Conveyance Co. Ltd. (CPC Co Ltd), and joined it as its Works Manager. In 1928 he married Kamath's daughter. In 1932 he became its General Manager on the death of Kamath. In 1938 he was elected Managing Director of the Company and continued in that position till 1966. During his regime The CPC Co Ltd progressed and prospered and earned a great name in the country.

He had realised that to provide employment and in keeping with the enterprising spirit of the people more and more industries must be set up. He put his conviction into practice by founding The Canara Sales Corporation Ltd. in 1938 and The Canara Motor & General Insurance Co. Ltd. in 1941.

He founded The Canara Workshops Ltd. in 1943 and started manufacture of automobile leaf springs under the brand name Canara Springs in 1950. Considering the increased demand in Northern India he opened another factory in

Nagpur. The Nagpur unit was closed in the late 60's due to various problems faced by the company. The raw material for the leaf springs, spring steel flats used to be imported into the country. In the late 60s Kudva felt the need for starting a mini steel plant to manufacture the required spring steel within the country. With this in mind a mini steel plant consisting of a 5 metric tonne electric arc furnace, a vertical continuous casting machine to cast steel billets and a rolling mill was conceptualized. This steel plant was commissioned in Mangalore in 1963, and production of steel started a year later after initial production related problems were sorted out. The continuous casting machine when commissioned was the very first in India. In 1947 he started The Canara Tyre & Rubber Works Ltd. He also started and managed several other transport concerns. Bonus, gratuity, pension benefits were given to employees in his companies even before it became mandatory by law.

He was interested in journalism during his student days. In 1922 he edited the Kannada Weekly "Sathyagrahi". From 1923 to 1934 he worked as editor of Kannada Weekly "Swadeshbhimani". He was a member of State Journalists Advisory Committee. In 1941 he started The Newspaper Publishers Pvt Ltd. which then published the Kannada daily newspaper "Navabharath". As its editor he earned the respect of Kannada Journalists, and also organised the Akhila Karnataka Journalist conference in Mangalore.

With T. M. A. Pai Maam and Upendra Ananth Pai Maam of Manipal, he was one of the founder directors of the Syndicate Bank, then called the Canara Industrial and Banking Syndicate Ltd.

In 1948 he was elected President of Kanara Chamber of Commerce and Industries, South Kanara and continued as President for the next 3 years. Along with U. Srinivas Mallya he was instrumental in bringing the all-weather port and the airport to Mangalore.

When he worked for the economic welfare of the district, he also contributed immensely in its educational progress. He started the Canara Foreign Student Loan Scholarship in 1955 now known at the Canara Foundation for giving Loan Scholarship for students going abroad for higher technical education. Once again along with U. Srinivas Mallya he was also responsible for bringing the Karnataka Regional Engineering College now called National Institute of Technology, Karnataka (NITK) at Suratkal, and he was on its Governing body for several years.

He was responsible for starting the first Rotary Club in Mangalore of which he was the Charter President. He was President of the S. K. Development and Welfare Board, Small Scale Industries Association and S. K. Village Industries Association. He traveled widely in India, and abroad. This was during the days when travelling out of India was arduous and rare. He had been to the Middle East, Europe, and the United States in 1951. In 1960 and in 1963, he traveled once again to Europe, the United States and Japan.

He passed away at the age of 68 on June 30th 1967. He is fondly known as a "Karmayogi" to those people of Mangalore and Dakshina Kannada who still remember him.

Rama Is Dharma

It is often said that Rama followed Dharma at all times. This is not the correct way of describing Him. He did not merely follow Dharma; He was Dharma. What He thought, spoke and did was Dharma, is the Dharma forever. The recitation of Ramayana verses or listening to the exposition of these verses must transform a person into an embodiment of Dharma. His every word, thought and deed must exemplify that ideal. Shradda (steady faith) in Rama, Ramayana and oneself is essential for success. And for what end? To become good and help others to unfold their goodness.

-Baba

An Appeal

A very genuine case received from a typical middle class GSB family hails from Kodial presently staying in Bengaluru city. Here follows the contents.

My name is Rajashree Pai. I am a resident of Mangalore Karnataka, currently working in a MNC in Bangalore. 2 years back my sister, Ms. Maithri Pai was diagnosed with Pulmonary Hypertension which lead to a lot of health Complications and after 2 years of treatment at KMC Hospital, Mangalore she recovered to about normal state and she was back to Bangalore this month to look for a job.

Last Saturday, 22nd July 2017, my sister had a sudden collapse as she was not able to breathe due to issue with the lungs and she was admitted to Specialist Hospital, Banaswadi, Bangalore. As there was not enough facilities and after consultation with Senior Doctors we had to shift her to Manipal Hospital (Old Airport Road, Bangalore). She is currently admitted in the ITU ward as is being treated by a team of specialty Doctors Lead by Dr. Devananda, Head of the Cardiothoracic unit. Her situation is currently very critical and her last ray of hope for revival is Surgery termed as Septoplasty."

The cause of her current ailment is that her lungs are not able to pump blood normally due to pulmonary hypertension which is creating a very high pressure on the heart. She is on ventilator with added amount of nitrous oxide which is currently maintaining her oxidation level. If the surgery is not done within the next 2 days, there may be no chances left."

Currently I am the bread winner for my family of 4. My parent is aged and we are finding it hard to make our ends meet. The Total Hospital Expenses are expected to touch somewhere between 15-20 lakhs. As of now on the 3rd day the running expense has crossed 4lakh Rupees. We are helpless and our financial situation has become critical due to the cost of treatment. Looking at the criticality of the situation and financial condition, I request you to kindly provide us any help or assistance that is possible from your side."

Following are the patient details.

Name: Maithri Pai

Fathers Name: N Ramaraya Pai

Mothers Name: Gayatri R Pai

Hospital Name: Manipal Hospital, Old Airport Road

Patient Number: I0000341575

Ward: ITU

Contact Person: Rajashree Pai (Sister) 7619254257 / 7676646641.

Our helpline trust is all set to help this family financially. Donors who contribute to the trust would get 80G income tax exemption towards the donation they make. You can WhatsApp on+91 98453 32843 for more details. Our mail ID is groupgsbhelpline@gmail.com.

Let's unite and serve the best we can.

Share this message to maximum contacts.

Anticipating a favorable and positive reply from your side.

Thanks, and Regards

Rajashree Pai And Group GSB helpline charitable trust(R)
Mangaluru 575003.

Amchigeli Cheli Prathiksha Kamath from Udupi is “South India Queen 2017”

As appeared in The Mangalorean - By: Alfie Dsouza, Team Mangalorean, August 4, 2017

Mangaluru: I bet it's the food power of *Kori-Rotti* and Chicken *Sukka* or Pork *Bafat* and Chicken *Vindaloo* or the '*Bonda Neer*' or 'Ideal's *Gadbad* Ice Cream' or other good Mangalorean cuisines, that some *Kudla* and Udupi lasses get their beautiful physique? Or is it the weather of Coastal City- Mangaluru and Temple City- Udupi produces pretty and sizzling lasses? Or is it just that these females in Mangaluru and Udupi are simply trying to make a mark in the glamour in fashion, modelling or movie industry by following in the footsteps of other role models? Whatever the reasons are, Mangaluru and Udupi has seen quite a few local young women emerging into the glamorous world of acting, fashion, music and entertainment. And in this case here, it's surely the power of *Pathrode*, *Daali Thove*, *Chaane Upkari* etc that this damsel from the Goud Saraswat Brahmins, who are popularly referred to by the acronym GSB, who primarily speak Konkani as their mother tongue.

“To tell you the truth, naturally from bottom to top of our hearts we are South Canaraites first. We are Konkani speaking GSBs from Udupi.” as proudly said by **Prakash Kamath**, the proud father of **Prathiksha Kamath**, who had recently won the “South India Queen 2017 Pageant” organized by M/s Sankey Events held in Chowdiah Memorial Hall, Bengaluru.

Prakash Kamath who did his Engineering from MIT, Manipal runs his own Business in Bengaluru for the past 30 years, as Managing Director of M/s Idltek Informatics, a System Integration company and an Authorized Distributor of Panasonic Systems Network Division. Prathiksha's mother, **Shaila Kamath**, a B.Sc graduate and Homemaker, originally hails from Mithabail Nayak family, Moodbidri. Prathiksha has brother- Master **Pradyun Kamath**, studying in 8th Standard in Bishop Cotton Boys School, Bengaluru.

For 19-years-old **Prathiksha Kamath**-winner of ‘South India Queen 2017’, there is a thin line separating dream from reality. She has always dreamt of donning the crown of a beauty queen. Only recently her dream came to pass as she beat 21 other contestants to clinch the crown at a glamorous ceremony held in Bengaluru. Other than winning the prestigious “South India Queen 2017” Crown, Prathiksha has also won the “Karnataka Queen”, “Major Sponsor Wrapme Winner” and the “Most Beautiful Smile” Titles. There were more than 200 contestants who had taken part among the 21 Finalists. This event was promoted by Pradeep Kumar, a veteran in the Fashion Circuit. This pageant had a four months grooming session for all the 21 Finalists, wherein they had complete orientation program with Orphanage, Blind school, Pets for their behavioral observation and development, followed by they were also judged on their Talent, Communication and Team work skills- and Prathiksha unleashed all her hidden talents, and emerged as the winner in the pageant among the 21 finalists.

Prathiksha Kamath, aged 19 years is doing her First year of Engineering (Information Science) in Atria College of Engineering, Bengaluru- and is very keen to pursue her career in Fashion and Modeling. She has been groomed under Fashion Guru Veena Bhat. Her other hobbies include Travelling, Dancing and Singing- and has the heart to bring value added to the society. Few days ago, the contestants of “South India Queen 2017” took an Oath that they shall be available for any Social Cause pertaining to Orphanage, Blind school, Pets and Lions projects for the next one year under the guidance and supervision of Lions Club District Governor Lion H K Giridhar, PDG Lion Sathyaprakash Upadhya P.M.C.C., Fashion Guru Dr. Pradeep Kumar, Director Sankey Events and Lion Geethashree. (see pics)

“The South India Queen” pageant a non-profit organization was formed as a result of the need to promote Fashion and to seek global advancement for the Indian Woman. With the success of previous editions of the show, the South India Queen Beauty Pageant has become one of South India's top events. These beauty pageant challengers are Successful Indian lasses who endeavor to act naturally certain, agile, exquisite, magnetic and respectable in the representation of India at home and around the globe. Many females who participate in beauty pageants contribute more to society than many would have expected in the past. By their very nature, beauty

pageants support the idea that, for women, any noteworthy success or accomplishment should ideally be presented in a pretty package – conventional feminine attractiveness being the package in question. And for that matter, Prathisha had taken a bold step in entering the contest- and she emerged out in flying colors in the final round to bag the coveted title.

This pageantry had given a chance for young women like Prathiksha to unleash their talents and expose their beauty. But what one realizes beyond that is their warm and straight forward attitude towards life – beautiful, inspiring and infectious. Prathiksha seems to be a strong young lady with engaging thoughts, and she seems incredibly sharp, intelligent, confident and poised. No doubt that she is more than just a beauty and socialite, she is a go-getter and an achiever- her recent success in the pageant is the proof. She has always understood fashion and style to be an expression of the unique and beautiful inner self of each individual person.

Nineteen is awfully young to have seen your life become worth and successful, but for Prathiksha that's just what's happened. This little girl has become a beautiful woman who will surely reach greater heights in her future years. Success for many young women isn't a set formula, but rather an artistic creation that evolves from passion. Prathiksha's passion for beauty transformed not only her own life but will also change the lives of others around her. An ambitious modelling and fashion career minded engineering student, Prathiksha is working hard towards her dream of becoming a successful top model and entrepreneur in the next few years. Team Mangalorean wishes her all success in her fashion and modelling endeavours- and may she be the next "Miss India" or "Miss World"- and we bet, she could!

Our Own Renaissance Man: SHYAM AMLADI

By: - Vivek Ullal, Simi Valley, CA

I first met Shyam, who was formerly a resident of Chicago, at the very first Konkani Sammelan in New Jersey, in 1996. He presented songs and a brief one man skit. I was very impressed with his talent and creativity. Since then, we met at every Sammelan, where he presented interesting skits, songs, etc., and my admiration for him has grown considerably with each encounter. In our own Los Angeles Sammelan in 2004, he was a part of a short skit put up by him and fellow Chicago Konkani. A few years ago, Shyam and his wife Meera moved to Southern California, to be near to his son Sanat and his family. Jyoti and myself got to know them very well, and they became our close friends. Shyam graciously invited me to accompany him (singer) and tabla player Maitreya Padukone of New York City, to present a musical presentations composed by him at the New Jersey Sammelan in 2010, and the Atlanta Sammelan, last year. The music and lyrics were composed by him, and I accompanied him on bansuri, with able and expert tabla accompaniment by Maitreya. Nina Padukone, Maitreya's wife gave the commentary. Both presentations were well appreciated by the audience. Shyam's original compositions (lyrics and music) have been presented and even recorded on CDs by professional singers, such as Ajit Kadkade and Upendra Bhat. Shyam and Meera live in a beautiful home in Malibu, California. The home is tastefully decorated by them with artifacts from all over the world, and the home has a spectacular view of the Malibu coastline. Meera is an excellent gourmet cook, and treats guests with delicious snacks and meals.

Shyam Amladi, a resident of California (Los Angeles area), is a versatile professional, accomplished in both his chosen field of finance and banking, as well as his other passion: music and writing.

His banking career includes senior and executive positions with major and smaller banks and industry giants such as Bank of America, Lloyds Banking Group (U.K.), OneWest and General Motors. Shyam has also held board positions with companies, and is currently an investor and an advisor to an IT company and part of a group of professionals which sources capital for businesses in the US and India. He has also taught a class on loan management at the Commercial Finance Association, a NY association of lenders.

His writing career includes two books on American humor ("Why Me" and "Anecdotes of a Confused American Male") and several articles on wide-ranging subjects such as finance, musicology, I.T., humor and social issues.

He has developed, frequently writes for and currently maintains a website focused on positive lifestyle (travel, cuisine, culture and health matters) called www.briskwalkers.com .

Shyam's music career includes two music CDs (one released in June, 2017), music performances at cultural and fund-raising events and hundreds of original musical pieces in 4 Indian languages. These include classical compositions, ghazals, quwalis, bhajans, abhangs, comic songs and lyrics for plays and dance drama. Shyam is a very creative artist and can write and perform in Hindi, Urdu, Marathi and Bhojpuri. He is also an accomplished composer and his works have been choreographed. He has an in-depth understanding of Hindustani and Western classical styles of music.

His son, Sanat is a senior manager at an international bank. His daughter-in-law, Priya is a Homeopathic consultant. Sanat and Priya have two children, Arjun and Anika. Sanat and his family also live in LA area.

When not writing, working or composing music, Shyam and Meera (Kalyani) spend time traveling globally. They are world travelers.

Shyam's latest work (10 songs in Hindi and Urdu, created and performed by him) is tabulated below. GULDASTA (a Hindi word meaning a bouquet of flowers) is a new Music CD featuring 10 of his select Hindi and Urdu songs which is now available online globally.

Like flowers of different color and fragrance, the songs in Guldasta represent the best in light and folk music of North India-- Ghazal, Qawali, Bhajan and Motivational Theme.

You can sample and download individual song or the album, or order the CD itself by going to any one of the following sites and entering Search Words: "guldasta treasure of hindi and urdu melodies"

<https://play.google.com/store/search?q=guldasta%20treasure%20of%20hindi>

https://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_sb_noss?url=search-alias%3Daps&field-keywords=guldasta+treasure+of+hindi

https://open.spotify.com/album/7quWQjAKVcB1XE98PTYXZ9?play=true&utm_source=open.spotify.com&utm_medium=open

We consider Shyam a renaissance man and an asset to our Konkani Community of Southern California. Well done Shyam and keep it up!!

Konkani Calendar

October 2017	November 2017	December 2017
1 st Yekadashi	1 st Uthana Dwadashi	3 rd Poornami
5 th Poornami	2 nd Vaikuntha Chaturdashi	6 th Sankashta Chaturthi
8 th Sankashta Chaturthi	3 rd Karthika Poornami	15 th Dhanu Sankranthi
14th HAAS Diwali	4th OKA Diwali	17 th Amavasya (Dark Moon)
16 th Tula Sankranthi	6 th Sankashta Chaturthi	29 th Yekadashi
18 th Naraka Chaturdashi	15 th Veishk Sankranthi	
19 th Deepawali	17 th Amavasya (Dark Moon)	
22nd Konkani Sabha Diwali	24 th Skanda Shashti	
31 st Karthika Yekadashi	29 th Vaikunta Yekadashi	
	30 th Muktoti Dwadashi	

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

My Sincere Thanks To

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

Names	Amount, \$
Bob & Vijaya Rau, Sunnyvale, CA	100.00
Praveen & Prema Prabhu, Greensboro, NC	60.00
Ashok & Suman Bhat, Tampa, FL	51.00
Nirmala Bangalore, Mequon, WI	51.00
Ravi & Asha Baliga, San Francisco, CA	51.00
Damodar & Shobha Baliga, Brooklyn, NY	50.00
Burde Laxminarayan & Urmila Kamath, Metairie, LA	51.00
Ramachandra & Prabha Malya, Houston, TX	101.00
Pandurang & Jayanthi Nayak, Katy, TX	51.00

Statement of Accounts

Description	Credit, \$	Debit, \$
Balance Carried over since <i>Khabbar</i> Vol. XL No. 2	4,020.00	
Money Received:		
Subscriptions (42) and donations	1,111.00	
Interest	4.00	
Sub Total:	1,115.00	
Money Spent (<i>Khabbar</i> Vol. XL No. 2):		
Printing- <i>Khabbar</i> (285) - 20 pages		408.70
Mailing - First Class Mail- <i>Khabbar</i> (255)		178.50
Mailing Canada <i>Khabbar</i> (7)		8.05
Overseas (20)		60.00
Mail Fines, computer paper & labels, envelopes, service fees, etc.		394.75
Sub Total:		1,050.00
Final Balance:	4,085.00	

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

Kwiz

The last quarter's quiz:

Is this equation correct? If yes, why?

$$618 + 861 + 106 = 8161$$

The following gave the right answers:

Sunil Shenoy, Spring, TX

The Answer:

Upside down it is $1918=901+198+819$

Praveen Kamath, Centreville, VA

Mukund Kamath, San Ramon, CA

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.

In this Konkani family, Shruti's daughter Arshika need to be picked from the school every other day. Shruti asks one of her colleagues to pick her from school. Shruti devised a password mechanism to confirm that Arshika goes with the correct person only.

The password on Monday was SAM16.

The password on Wednesday was RSW39.

What will be the password for Friday?

NAKA, the North American Konkani Association Quarterly Update



Namaskaru.

As you all know the Houston area was greatly affected by Hurricane Harvey. On behalf of the Konkani community in NA we pray for all the people who were affected by this hurricane and wish them a safe and speedy recovery. In times like these it is very important for all of us to show our love, sympathy and caring for the Konkani people who were displaced from their homes and additionally lost most of their beloved possessions. The Houston Area Amchigele Samaj (HAAS) has taken an active role in reaching out to the displaced Konkani families and helping them to get back on their feet. On behalf of the NAKA board I salute all the volunteers who have gone out and helped those in need. I am glad to inform the NA Konkani community that NAKA has donated \$10,000 towards the Hurricane Harvey Relief fund for Konkani families affected by this tragedy.

At this time, I am happy to inform you that our website www.mynaka.org is up and functional in its initial stages. There is still a lot of work we have planned and I am looking for Web developers who can help the small team in place today. If you can spare a 2-4 hour per week and are willing to join the team, then please send me an email so I can put you in touch with the team to see where and how you can help.

We are actively looking for a host city for organizing the Konkani Sammelan 2020. If anyone is willing to take the honors then please do let us know so we can start working together to plan a grand event in the city of choice. NAKA will provide the necessary help to get you started on this journey together.

I came across this youtube video “Celebrating Konkani Language” which is worth listening to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-uBQnCOysYQ&feature=youtu.be>. Enjoy.

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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 has been transparent and here's the statement for this quarter:

NAKA - Statement Of Accounts

Date	Description	Credit, \$	Debit, \$
5/31/17	Balance from last report	190,519.43	
8/31/17	Donations from First Giving	267.75	
8/31/17	Interest for the quarter	8.25	
	Final Balance:	190,795.41	

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

Devu Baren koro

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