

Hoon Khabbar

Congratulations:

AMAR RAO, s/o Jaidev & Meena Rao of Los Angeles, CA has been promoted to Associate Geothermal Engineer at the Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal resources, State of California, Sacramento, CA. He has moved to Sacramento from San Pedro, CA.

New Arrival:

SIA, a baby girl to Bharat Prabhu & Latha K. Pai of Wodland Hills, CA, on May, 10th, 2017, a little sister to Daksh. The proud paternal grandparents are Prakash & Vijayalakshmi Prabhu of Sagar and the maternal grandparents are Krishna & Radha Pai of Kundapur.

ISHAAN, a baby boy to Sachin & Kavitha Boloor of Houston, TX on September 14th 2017 at 12:09 pm. The proud paternal grandparents are Govind & Pratibha Boloor of Houston, TX and the proud maternal grandparents are Dr. Jayakumar & Uma Jayakumar of Houston, TX.

REKHA, a baby girl, weighing 7 pounds 2 ounces, to Mihir & Shuba Kamat of Providence, RI on Friday September 22nd 2017. A little sister to big sister Leela. The proud maternal grandparents are Narasimha & Shantha Kamath of Wesley Chapel, FL and the proud paternal grandparents are

Bhalachandra & Vela Kamat of Ridgefield, NJ.

The **KAMATHS**, Ashvin & Anjali have moved to Atlanta, GA from Santa Clarita, CA. Their new address is 2144 Peachtree Road NW #918, Atlanta, GA 30309. Telephone remains same at (760) 985-6647.

Newly Weds:

Chi. NITIN, s/o Deepak & Asha Ubhayakar of Upland, CA, got married to **Sow. RUSHINA**, d/o Ashok & Sudha Jain of Diamond Bar, CA on April 8th, 2017 in Hollywood, CA.

Suresh & Kusum Pai of Lilburn, GA celebrated the marriage of their daughter, **Sow. NEELAM with Chi. DANIEL**, s/o Mr. & Mrs. Lebitsamer at the La Torretta Lake Resort & Spa in Montgomery, TX on Saturday November 4th, 2017. 3:00 pm The function included the baraat at 3:00 pm, followed by the wedding at 4:00 pm and the reception.

Relocation:

The **PANDIT** family, Damodar & Meera have relocated from Sudbury, MA to 2515 Vicara Court, Royal Palm beach, FL 33411. The telephone is (617)-697-8722 and email ID: donpundit@outlook.com

The **NAYAK** family, Ramchandra & Sheela, have relocated from Pennsylvania to 2232 Wales Drive, Cardiff By The Sea, CA 92007. The telephone is (215)-530-1919 and email: nayak9@yahoo.com

The **RAINER** family, Priti Baliga & Robert with their daughter, Alesia, have relocated from Walnut, CA to 40 Joyce Road, Tenafly, NJ 07670. The new phone number is (201)-266-6895 and email: prtib@aol.com

Obituary:

Smt. NIRMALA KAMATH (wife of late Kakwa Surendra Kamath) passed away on October 11th at Dahisar, Mumbai. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to her son Ramesh Kamath & family of Katy, TX.

Smt. SUSHILA NAYAK (83), w/o late Jayawanth Nayak, of Bangalore passed away peacefully in Bangalore on October 25th 2017 *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to her daughters, Mrs. Prabha Baliga & family of West Bloomfield, MI, Dr. Geetha Bhandarkar & family of Bloomfield Hills, MI, and sister Mohini Kamath & family of Cerritos, CA.

KONKANI HAPPENINGS

HAAS (Houston Area Amchigale Samaj):

The HAAS held their annual Diwali Gala 2017 on Saturday, October 14 from 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm at Richard & Meg Weekley Community Center in Cypress, TX.

Diwali holds a special place for all us and for many, it is one of their favorite holidays. Diwali signifies many things: Hope, New Beginnings, and Victory (Good over Evil) amongst other things. How we all celebrate it, however is the same, with lots of lights, music, sweets and fireworks. This year's event tried to emulate all of that.

As you walked into the venue, you could not help but notice the vibrant reds and golds which decorated the hall and tables. On the left was a beautifully decorated backdrop where many of you chose to take photos with your

family and friends. The dinner tables, stage, and windows were sparkling with lights, candles, sparkles and lanterns reminding us all that Diwali is the festival of lights. **Manoj Suvarna and Anand Nayak**, with their patience and photography skills, were able to beautifully capture all the splendor of the evening and its participants.

The evening started promptly at 6pm with the social hour and delicious appetizers of Gobi Manchurian, Chicken 65 and Samosas served with coffee and masala tea. Following this was the cultural program which was delightfully emceed by our multi-talented **Gurudath Kamath**. He kicked off the evening with a grand entrance to the song *Bacchna Eh Hassino*, accompanied by his lovely wife **Aarti** and daughter **Charani**.

The program started with a beautiful Bharatnatyam dance by **Meera Nagarkatti**. This was followed by an explosion of cuteness with a performance by our youngest HAAS members – **Saisha Bellare, Maya Koppikar, Prakrati Shenoy, Sahana Sashital, Chaitra Shenoy, Sanika Bellare, Aditya Shenoy, Pranati Shenoy, Shreyas Kini and Sanjita Kini** who danced to the songs *Badri Ki Dulhania* and *Cutie Pie* and delighted the audience.

Next up was a skit written by **Gauri Sirur**, a perfect showcase of her artistic abilities as a writer and Director. The premise of the play was very much in tune with our world today and comically showed us how Facebook has integrated into our lives, no matter what age or generation. The comical talents of **Prateek Karkal, Deepak Kini, Apaana Shenoy and Namrata Sirur Singh** had the audience doubling over with laughter the whole time. Following this hilarious comedy, was the dance performance by **Reim Rao and Uma Kamath**. They did a beautiful fusion dance that showed us the graceful art of classical alongside the liveliness that Bollywood music is known for. The fun and laughter continued with the standup comedy and jokes of **Deepa Karkal** and an excellent mimicry performance by her very talented granddaughter **Saisha. Sneha Prabhu**, already known for her vocal talents, enthralled the audience with her mesmerizing rendition of *“Radha Kaise Na Jale”*. Just when the audience was calmed by that beautiful song, **Namrata Sirur Singh** had the entire audience dancing in their seats to the rhythm of her fast moving, toe tapping Bollywood medley which left us all breathless just watching her. And to cap off what was already a great program, **Raghavendra Rao and Ira Dominitz's** mind blowing tabla and drums musical *jugalbandy* had everyone awestruck and leaving us wanting more of the amazing beats. We could not have asked for a better finale!!

After the program, dinner and dessert was served which was catered by Annam. What better way to tell you how yummy the food was then to show you the dinner plate with all the delicious entrees.

What's a Gala without some great music and dancing?? As dinner was winding down, DJ Jas started the tempo back up to get the HAAS members on the dance floor and boy, do we have some great dancers in our community! DJ Jas definitely picked a great mix of foot stomping music that had our dancers in high spirits and dancing nonstop for hours. Having DJ Jas at this event was made possible by the generous sponsorship of Chevron for the long hours put in by Pramod designing and building the wonderful backdrop and wall décor for this event. A big thank you to **Chevron and Pramod** for this wonderful gift of music to HAAS.

I would be remiss, if I did not thank all our volunteers without whom this night would not be possible. A big thank you to **Chaya and Madhav Ubhayakar, Jyothi and Vasudev Nayak, Ravi and Shanti Pai, Manoj Suvarna, Tom McFadden, Reim Rao, Ansh Nayak and Shlok Bhat** for all their help with the setup and decorations. Also a big thank you to everyone who stayed back and helped us cleanup after the event. A special thank you to our spouses who have been a huge support though each and every event this year.

You can see the pictures using the following link. A big thank you to **Manoj** for not only taking these pictures, but also touching up and putting together this album for all of us to enjoy
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0BwHPAY8qXi2ma2pWdlVnc0hEenc>

HAAS Management Committee
www.ourhaas.com

Konkani Sabha Update:

Konkani Sabha held their annual Diwali Talent Show on Saturday, October 14th, 2017 from 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Shri Venkateswara Temple Community Center in Bridgewater, NJ.

Program started with Prayer Song by **Samanvita Kamath**. Bhajan by **Vishishta Kamath**, Tabla Recital by **Chirag Mugwe**, Classical Song by **Ankitha Shenoy**, Devotional Song by **Anoushka Kamath**, Puppet Show by **Sanketh Kamath, Sanjana Kamath**, Classical Dance by **Aarushi Gunavante & Aarnavi Gunavante**, Classical Song by **Ankitha Shenoy**, Bharatanatyam Dance by **Brinda Rao**, Folk Dance by **Arya Bhujle, Aashi kurmi, Anya Aziz & Samaya Aziz**, Bollywood Dance by **Vishishta Kamath**, Bollywood Song by **Samanvita Kamath**, Bollywood Dance by **Shreya Nayak & Pratik Nayak**, Bollywood Dance by **Sonal Shah, Aahana Bitla, Shivani Shah, Arya Bhujle & Ananya Bijur**, Bollywood Dance Medley by **Rudra Kantak, Nikita Bhat, Siri Kamath**, Bollywood Medley by **Aditi Kudva**, Bollywood Medley by **Ashwin Nayak**, Bollywood Dance by **Arnav Bitla, Amit Prabhu, Sanika Shanbhag & Rohan shanbhag**, Classical Dance by **Gayathri Rao**, Folk Dance by **Suvarchala Kamath & Rashmita Shanbhag**, Bollywood Medley by **Preethi Kamath**, Comedy Reality Show by **Harish Prabhu, Mayuri Prabhu, VivekanandShenoy, Neeta Shenoy, Sudhesh Nayak, Vivek Shenoy, Maya Shenoy, Sudhir Bhujle, Ranjana Bhujle, Vidya Kudva, Aditi Kudva & Vaibhav Shenoy**, Karaoke Song by **Krish Shenoy**, Mimicry Skit by **Sanjay Mugwe**, Comedy Skit by **Ganapathi & Suvarchala Kamath**, Karaoke Song by **Deepa Kini** and Bollywood Song by **Jyotsna Bellare**.

Followed by VOTE OF THANKS and sumptuous Konkani food. You can enjoy the program (courtesy of video by Vivek Shenoy at:

<http://meshenoy.com/KSDiwali2017.htm>

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By: - Vishwa Konkani Sardar BASTI VAMAN SHENOY

The Annual General Body Meeting of Konkani Language and Cultural Foundation was held at World Konkani Centre on 10-09-2017 Founder President Mr. Basti Vaman Shenoy presided. After passing of Accounts for the year 2016-17, following were elected unanimously:

SHRI BASTI VAMAN SHENOY (President), Vice Presidents SHRI VENKATESH N. BALIGA, SRI. ALLEN C.A. PEREIRA, SHRI KUDPI JAGADISH SHENOY, SHRI B. R. BHAT (Treasurer), SHRI PRADEEP GANAPATI PAI (secretary Vishwa Konkani Students Scholarship Fund), SHRI GIRIDHAR KAMATH (Convener KSHAMATA), DR. KASTURI MOHAN PAI (Convener Konkani Teaching in School), SMT. SHRI B. PRABHAKAR PRABHU and SHAKUNTALA RR. KINI (Secretaries World Konkani Centre),

KSHAMATA UGetin project: Mr. Ulhas Kamath Jt. Managing Director Jyothi Laboratories Pvt. Ltd and promoter of KSHAMATA UGetin project addressed the 160 members of aspirants assembled for jobs interviews at World Konkani Centre on 12-09-2017.

Konkani Language & Cultural Foundation has received permission from Home Ministry, Govt of India to receive Remittances from Foreign countries to their various Scholarship and other Community based activities as per their **FCRA (Registration Number; 094630226)**

World Konkani Centre held “Kavi Sandhi” Konkani Poetry programme under the Joint auspicious of “Sarang “Community Radio at St. Aloysius College on 23-09-2017. 10 Eminent Konkani poets recited their Konkani Kavithas.

Navarathri: (Mahanavami) was celebrated throughout India for 9 days and cultural programmes and pooja and “Savaisheni” items by ladies at Sri Mahalasa Mahamaya temples followed by Vijaya Dashami on 30-09-2017.

Deepavali Parab (Festival of Lights) was celebrated throughout India with gaiety and splendorous from 17th to 20th October 2017.

Cricket: India won the ‘5 ODI Series’ against Australia under the captaincy of Mr. Virat Kohli on 1-10-2017.

Vishwa Konkani Stree Shakti Mission: Valedictory of 2nd batch of ‘Cloth designing Training Camps’ for Konkani Ladies was held at World Konkani Centre. Sewing Machines were distributed to economically backward Konkani Ladies by **Mrs. Kudgi Sudha Sudhakar Shenoy. Mrs. Deepa Pradeep Pai**, (Hangyo Ice Creams Pvt. Ltd), presided over the

function. **Mr. Basti Vaman Shenoy** addressed the gathering. **Mrs. Geetha C. Kini** Convener of the Vishwa Konkani Stree Shakti Mission gave the report.

All India Konkani Parishad Goa The All India Konkani Convention of the Parishad -2018 will be held at Mumbai. And **Mr. Payyanur Ramesh Pai** Kochi, Kerala is the President Elect.

Daijiworld Swabhimana Awards were distributed to 10 economically and physically handicapped backward people of Dakshina Kannada and Udupi district at Town Hall, Mangaluru on 17-10-2017. "Former Vice Chancellor, MAHE University, **Padma Bhushan Dr B M Hegde** gave the keynote address. **Mr. Hemacharya**, editor-in-chief of Daijiworld Weekly welcomed. Chairman of the selection committee **Mr. Basti Vaman Shenoy** was present.

"**Anthu**" A Konkani Movie directed and produced by **Karopady Akshya Nayak**, Putturu was released in Big Cinemas in Mangaluru and other cities in Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts.

Vishwa Konkani Sahitya Samaroh-2017: The World Konkani Centre organised Two days' 'Vishwa Konkani Sahitya Samaroh' held at World Konkani Centre on 19th & 20th November 2017 in association with Department of Kannada and Cultural, Government of Karnataka, and Kendra Sahitya Academy, New Delhi under the Theme "Writing for Children Today: Revisioning the Moods, Modes, Methods and Media" at the memorial stage. The stage is named as 'Panjae Mangesh Rao' Vishwa Konkani Sahitya Samaroh. **Prof. K. Byrappa**, Vice-Chancellor of Mangalore University Inaugurated the function. Chief Guests **Prof. Varun Sahni**, Vice Chancellor, Goa University, **Dr. Tanaji Halarnkar**, Convener, Advisory Board for Konkani, Sahitya Academy and **Dr. Kiran Budkuley**, former Dean, Goa University, English department were present. **Sri N.S. Madhavan**, renowned Malayalam writer gave Keynote address. Late 'J. M. Lobo Prabhu and Louella Lobo Prabhu' memorial Lecture was given by **Dr. M.R. Thampan**, Former Director, State Language Institute, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. "Saraswathi Samman" honoured **Sri Mahabaleshwar Sail** was also felicitated during the valedictory function.

Vishwa Konkani Awards ceremony: The prestigious Vishwa Konkani Awards were conferred on five eminent achievers in various fields in a splendid ceremony held at Sri Sudheendra Hall, Canara Girls High School, Dongerkey, Mangaluru on 20th November 2017.

Dr B A Vivek Rai, Former Vice-chancellor of Hampi Kannada University presented the Vimala V Pai Konkani Sahitya Puraskar to **Sri Gajanan Jog** for his 'Khand Ani Her Katha' (Konkani short stories), Vimala V Pai Vishwa Konkani Poetry Award to **Sri Wilson Kateel** for his 'Encounter' (anthology of Konkani poems), Basti Vaman Shenoy Vishwa Konkani Seva Puraskar to **Dr G Nagendra Prabhu** for his exemplary service in the field of science and research, and **Dr Usha S Heranjal** for her outstanding service in the field of healthcare.

Dr Tanaji Halarnkar was honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award for his contribution to Konkani language and Konkani movement. Each award was presented with a purse of Rs 1.00 lakh in cash, certificate, memento and shawl etc.

Dr B A Vivek Rai Addressing the gathering, said, "I congratulate all the awardees. I have been watching the functioning of World Konkani Centre spearheaded by **Basti Vaman Shenoy**. The Vishwa Konkani Kendra is doing tremendous job in emphasising Konkani language and culture.

Sri T V Mohandas Pai, Chairman of Manipal Global Education said, "We need to emphasise and put efforts into saving our language and culture. Konkani has a vast history and our community should be united in taking our culture and language forward. Today we have awarded the prestigious awards to five achievers. We need to recognise those who contribute towards Konkani culture and language, only then can we will be a rich, accomplished society.

Founder President of World Konkani Centre **Sri Basti Vaman Shenoy** welcomed the gathering.

Sri Siddhartha M. Pai, **Sri Ramdas Kamath U**, President of Vishwa Konkani Students Scholarship Fund, **Sri Kudpi Jagadish Shenoy** and **Sri Venkatesh N Baliga**, Vice Presidents, Vishwa Konkani seva Puraskar Chairman **Sri C.D. Kamath**, Secretary **Sri B. Prabhakar Prabhu** and **Smt. Shakuntala R. Kini** and others were present.

“THE KONKANI PEOPLE OF KARNATAKA; A STUDY OF THEIR ORIGIN, MIGRATION AND SETTLEMENT PATTERNS”: A documentation proposal submitted by **Mr. Basti Vaman Shenoy** to Konkani Adhyana Pitha (Konkani Chair) under Mangaluru University is accepted. **Prof. K.Byrappa** Vice Chancellor and President of Adhyayana Pitha is taking real interest in this project from World Konkani Centre activities.

“Vachana” Konkani Translation Book released: “The Basava Samiti, Bangaluru under the Presidentship of **Sri Aravind Jatti** (Son of Late Sri B.D. Jatti, Former Chief Minister of Karnataka, and Former Vice President of India and Founder President of Basava Samiti Bangaluru) has published “Vachanagalu” in Kannada and took up a great Project of Tranlating the Volumes in 22 Indian Languages (recognized by Govt. of India under VIII th Shedule of in Constitution) and Konkani is one. **Dr. Geetha Shenoy** is the Co-ordinator for this project for translation to our Konkani language. The translated Volumes were released by our Honb’le Prime Minister of India **Sri Narendra Modiji** at ‘Vigyan Bhavan’ New Delhi sometimes back. And Hon’ble Modiji honoured **Dr. Geetha Shenoy** also in the public function.

Now the ‘Vachana’ Konkani Translation book releasing Ceremony will be held on 10.12-2017 at World Konkani Centre. **Dr. P. Dayananda Pai**, Chairman, World Konkani Centre will release the translation book.