

Konkani Sarmmelan – 2020 in San Jose, CA – An Update



Namaskaru,

We are excited to present some new updates for Konkani Sarmmelan 2020. As we announced earlier, the Sarmmelan will be held in San Jose McEnergy Convention Center from July 2nd - 4th, 2020. Our theme is "San Jose- Hod Gammath" and we want to see all of you there to celebrate our culture together in this monumental 10th North American Konkani Sarmmelan!

Registration:

Thank you to everyone that has already registered for the Konkani Sarmmelan 2020, we are happy to share that we have had close to 900 confirmed registration entries within the first 4 months! Early bird registrations

will be available until Dec 31st, 2019, so please register by then to avail early bird discount. You can register online at www.konkanisarmmelan.org, where you can also find information about the venue, program schedule, hospitality arrangements and more.

Highlights of the Sarmmelan:

- Variety of entertainment, that includes music, dance, drama, stand-up comedy, and other art forms.
- Keynote speeches from celebrities from different fields including Technology/Innovation, Culture, Social Service, Movies, and Religion.
- Entire set of events just for young Konkanis to meet and connect with one another.
- Sumptuous, authentic and finger licking Konkani food throughout the Sarmmelan.

Call for Awards of Excellence:

The Konkani Sarmmelan 2020 Awards Committee is continuing to request nominations for Konkani Sarmmelan 2020 Awards for Excellence in the following fields. Please submit names of Konkanis in North America who have made significant contributions and achievements in the fields:

- **Technology:** Achievements in engineering, computer sciences, or other technology-related fields
- **Outstanding Contribution by a Youth:** Outstanding achievements in academic or extracurricular activities

The nominees must be Konkanis or spouses of Konkanis residing in North America.

The Awards Committee will be in touch with the Nominee(s) and/or nominator(s) for additional information required to make an equitable selection. Please submit your nominations using the Award Nomination Form on the konkanisarmmelan.org website.

Attending Sarmmelan from India:

During our short visit to India last month, we met several leaders of Konkani organizations in Karnataka to discuss about our Sarmmelan. We have invited these leaders and the members of their organizations to attend our Sarmmelan. We met very enthusiastic people there and hope to see a large participation in 2020 Sarmmelan from India.

We are happy to announce that Chariot World Tours is providing travel services for our Sarmmelan attendees from India. They have arranged East Coast and West Coast tour packages including Konkani Sarmmelan 2020 as a part of their itineraries. Chariot will be providing discounted air fares, visa services and tour packages. They will also help our visitors from India in registering for the Sarmmelan, and in the booking of hotels for it, thus serving as a one-stop-shop.

Please visit this page: <https://www.chariotworldtours.com/location/konkani-sarmmelan-with-usa> for more details on the comprehensive tour packages and services provided by Chariot World Tours.

Media Partner from India:

We are happy to announce that "Youth of GSB", a popular TV and YouTube Konkani channel based in Mangalore has agreed to be the official media partner for Konkani Sarmmelan 2020 from India. They will cover the entire Sarmmelan from San Jose Convention Center through their TV, YouTube, and Facebook channels.

Donor & Sponsorship Packages:

A huge part of the success of the Sarmelan depends on your donations and sponsorships with every Sarmelan showing an outpouring of support from within the Konkani community as well as from well-wishers outside the community. We have attractive donor & corporate sponsorship packages available. To avail these package offers, please contact:

Milind Gokarn, Fundraising Chair, (milind.gokarn@mynaka.org / 408-425-9717)

Once again, we eagerly invite you to register and come to the Konkani Sarmelan 2020 to make Sarmelan 2020 a big success. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call us at 408-459-8423 or email us at

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Presidents, Konkani Sarmelan 2020