

Letters to the Editor

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Hello Ramesh Uncle and Vasanthmaam,

We all wanted to thank you for the support towards the 2019 Konkani Young Adult Convention. The event ran very successfully, and everyone had a great time. Aspects of Konkani culture were discussed in a focus group; **Sadanand Mam** from Toronto had helped come up with the topics for that discussion. We also actively encouraged attendees to come to the 2020 Sammelan with their families. Attached is a write-up for *Khabbar*.

As discussed earlier, we worked to raise our own funds to supplement the amount NAKA gave to support us. This was done through our independent fundraiser as well as a registration fee per attendee. Our goal was to ultimately donate some money back to NAKA as a token of appreciation for your support and for sustainability for future conventions. We currently have \$1809.00 that we plan to send back. Additionally, a donor to our independent fundraiser, **Dr. Ajanta Vinekar**, donated directly to NAKA. The attendees truly enjoyed getting together and celebrating Konkani culture and heritage. I hope this tradition can be continued in the years to come. I'd also be happy to help Shloka with the planning of the 2020 Youth Convention!

Thanks again for the help and support.

Regards,

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Dear Vasanth,

Here is the yearly analysis of the 2019 *Khabbar* Mailing List dated 12-12-2018:- Of the 2,555 families in the list (it was 2,543 last year!); we have Konkanis living in 43 states & DC (same as last year!). We do not have any Konkanis living in Alaska, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming!! Also, we have:

268 Kamat(h)

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

244 Pai

180 Nayak (Naik)

125 Prabhu

111 Rao (u)

99 Bhat (t)

51 Baliga

49 Kini

46 Mal (l) ya, Mallia, Mahale

34 Nadkarni (y)

28 Bhandarkar, Bhandari (y)

23 Hegde(kar)

19 Kulkarni(y)

18 Kudva

16 Koppika(e)r

15 Hatt (i) angadi(y)

13 Acharya

13 Kal(yan)lianpur

The Kamat (h) families have maintained their lead. California leads with 652 families (it was 650 last year!) and San Jose, CA has the highest number of Konkani families living - 100 (it was the same last year!) Houston, TX and Fremont, CA tied as the second with 44 (Houston led last year with 44)!! and Mississauga, Ont. with 38 for the third place!!!

Keep up the great work.

Ravindra Nayak,
Flanders, NJ

Editor's Reply:

Thank you for your report and continued support!
