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E D I T O R I A L

Dear fellow members,

Happy New Year to you and yours. I'm sure you all had a very
nice holiday season in '83. I wish these holiday seasons come more
often in a year.

From this year onwards KHABBAR will go Bulk mail. This will
be the most economical way of reaching all the families in the
North America. Once again, KHABBAR will make every effort to reach
all the families in North America. Your cooperation is indeed
needed in this endeavor. With this issue of KHABBAR I've also
enclosed the latest Mailing List. Please, send any additions
and/or corrections to me.

Every New Year brings fresh ideas of helping fellow beings.
Especially helping our own people back in India makes one feel
great. Any assistance rendered to one's choice of charity is
really appreciated. KHABBAR will be glad to publish any appeal for
charity that will help people back in India.

The SABHA will definitely have the Annual Picnic but, the
indoor meeting is still doubtful. I hope we can gettogether for
the Ugadi function in April/May '84. I will keep you posted on the
developments.

Hoping for a warm winter.

Vasanth Bhat
Editor

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Thank you for your patience and perseverance in repeatedly sending me the KHABBAR and the mailing list. Enclosed is a list of Konkani down here in the Dixie that you may wish to add to your mailing list.

Dr. Shashidhar Pai, Mt. Pleasant, SC

Dear Editor,

Please accept my heartfelt thanks on the splendid job you are doing. I get numerous calls and letters from our members complimenting the KHABBAR. Keep up the good work.

Prof. Prabhaker Nayak, Wanaque, NJ

Dear Editor,

I received my first copy of KHABBAR (Vol VI No.3). Many thanks. I enclose herewith the dues and please add my name in the mailing list. I am also enclosing a list of addresses of all Konkani people from my address book. They are current and the telephone numbers are also correct. I think some of them may already be the members of the Sabha. But, others could increase your list of Konkani in the North America. I really hope this list will "snow ball" and you will have a complete directory of Konkani in North America.

Dr. Prem Bhatt, Randallstown, Md

Dear Editor,

Enclosed is a check for \$5.00 towards the subscription for KHABBAR. We enjoy reading this Newsletter. Keep up the good work. Please, update your records on my family. Looking forward to the next issue of KHABBAR.

Mr. Kumbha Suresh Nayak, Colorado Springs, CO

Dear Editor,

I very much thank your mailing me a copy of KHABBAR (Vol VI. No. 3). I am happy to know that even in the United States we have formed a Konkani Sabha and that our community people get together once in a while. I would be glad if you could send me a copy of the latest mailing list. Thank you and wish you all the best in your efforts in organizing the Sabha and KHABBAR magazine.

Mrs. Sumitra Rao, E. Lansing, MI

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (cont.)

Dear Sir,

I have a suggestion. I shall appreciate if you could start a Matrimonial Column in the KHABBAR. I am sure, you will have good response for taking up such a good cause in the service of our community.

Mr. C.K.Kamath, Teaneck, NJ

Dear Editor,

It is indeed a pleasure to receive KHABBAR in this far corner of Texas. From the comments made by some readers I understand that your membership has not grown. Let it not disappoint your Executive Committee. I think you are doing a fine job by building communication links between different Konkani communities across the North America through your Newsletter. I am sure in the course of time you will succeed in increasing your membership. Though we donot have a formal Konkani Samaj in Houston, we meet often on important occassion and share the news published in the KHABBAR. Wishing you all the best in popularizing the KHABBAR.

Mr. Bhamy V. Shenoy, Houston, TX

Dear Editor,

Thank you for the KHABBAR (vol VI No.3). We enjoyed reading the KHABBAR. It is so nice to get news of our community people- especially for us. We are really isolated here. Have a wonderful '84 and hoping to get regular issues of KHABBAR.

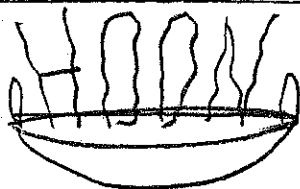
Mrs. Padmini Pai, Casper, WY

Dear Editor,

I'm complimenting you on your excellent work towards the KHABBAR. Being your wife you have my fullest cooperation making it more successful.

Mrs. Poornima Bhat, Long Valley, NJ

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● CONGRATULATIONS:

● Dr. Ramesh M. Nayak has been certified as the Diplomat of the American Board of Anesthesiologists.

● Prof. Prabhaker Nayak has purchased an office furniture supply company "DAKLEY'S" in NJ. His company can ship all types of office furniture requirements to any part of the USA through UPS. Naturally, Konkani Sabha members get not only discounts on all merchandise but also free freight.

● Mr. and Mrs. (Dr.) Vinayak Kudva and friends of Williamson, WV opened "Williamson Diagnostic Center" in their home town. The Diagnostic center has:

- * CT Scanner
- * Ultrasound unit
- * X-ray unit with fluorography and mammography.

The Kudvas have assured to offer assistance to any member of the Konkani community who want to enter into any project similar to theirs.

● Miss Sangeetha Kamath of Red Bank, NJ stood 5th in the class of 500 in her senior year at the High School South Middletown, NJ. She also won the Employee of the Year Award at the McDonald's, where she is working part time.

● RELOCATION:

● Mohan S. Bhujle with his family has recently moved to Holmdel, NJ. Their new address is:

2 Brokview Court
HOLMDEL, NJ 07733

● Ramdas and Chitra Bhandari have moved to:

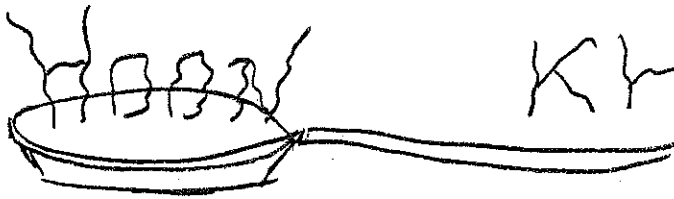
1580 Bay Drive
MIAMI BEACH, FL 33141

● The newly weds, Sunil and Sujata Bhandarkars, have relocated to:

Barnes 3A,
Escondido Village
STANFORD, CA

● Vasant and Nirmala Kantebets have moved to their new residence at:

249-56 Beechknoll Ave.,
LITTLE NECK, NY 11362
Tel: 212-428-7650



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● RELOCATIONS (cont):

● The Kamaths, Ramesh and Prathiba with kids, Vijay and Anjali have relocated to:

40314 San Sebastian Place
FREMONT, CA 94539

● The Township of Macungie, PA changed the house number and street name where Dayananda and Vidya Pai live. Their new address is:

2136 Wisteria Road
MACUNGIE, PA 18062

● NEW ARRIVAL:

o Birth of a daughter, PRAMILA, on October 22, 1983 to Rita and Vasant Kamath of Tonawanda, NY

● "KALL" to India goes Direct Dial:

● A.T.&T. recently reached an agreement with the Indian Government for direct dial service between the United States and more than 80 cities in India. The rates for three time periods are:

Standard- 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. - \$6.12 for first min. and \$3.47 for additional min.

Discount- 1 a.m. to 11 a.m. - \$4.59 for first min. and \$2.60 for additional min.

Economy- 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. - \$3.67 for first min. and \$2.08 for additional min.

Callers to India will have to dial 011, the international access code, followed by 91, the country code, followed by city code and the number in that city. Some of the city codes are:
Bangalore(812) Bombay(22) Calcutta(33) Cochin(484) Madras(44)
Mangalore(824) Mysore(821) New Delhi(11)

● OBITUARY:

● MARUTHI GANGOLI (68) recently passed away in Bombay, India. Khabbar expresses deep sympathies to his son, Naren Gangoli and family of Flanders, NJ

● RAMACHANDRA PRABHU recently died in Karhanghad, Kerala, India. Khabbar conveys heartfelt condolences to his daughter, Rekha Mallya and family of Glen Falls, PA.

COOKING FUEL, SOLAR ENERGY AND INDIA

by

Vasanth Bhat, The Editor, "Khabbar"

Cooking fuel is India's largest energy concern. Cooking saps half of India's total energy supply—more than is consumed by the industrial and agricultural sectors combined. Almost 90% of India's energy is supplied by noncommercial fuels such as firewood, cow dung, and crop wastes. Firewood use is staggering, as each year Indians burn 133 million tons. Since 1.2 kg of firewood is required to cook 1 kg of food, India's firewood production must exceed food production. Experts predict India would incur a 40% firewood shortage by the year 2000. Forests are already being stripped to a point where they will be unrestorable in the foreseeable future. Because firewood is precious, many poor families will attempt to conserve it by not cooking their food adequately. This increases parasite-related disease. By not using expensive firewood to heat water for bathing leads to a wider incidence of scabies.

Indian Govt. has introduced limited rural electrification programs, but as yet ignored development of the small hydroelectricity potential. Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) has been subsidized for qualifying urban residents, but inadequate delivery makes supplies undependable. Much attention has been directed toward biogas digestors as an energy source, but results are disappointing. India's 237 million sacred cows could yield more than 575 million tons of usable dung annually, meeting the needs of 33% of the total households. Despite government subsidies and favorable bank loans, only 100,000 biogas plants have been constructed throughout India. The major problem being economic—Indian peasants can't collect branches and twigs for free and only relatively wealthy farmers (with more than 4 cattle) qualify for government digester subsidies.

Solar long has been examined as another cooking fuel source. In fact, in 1950 the National Physical Laboratory began experiments with solar cookers. It's work was abandoned after then-Prime Minister Nehru had to wait a long time for a solar-heated cup of tea. After oil embargo inflated oil prices, interest in solar energy was revitalized. The Gujarat Energy Development Agency recently sold 7,000 simple box-type solar cookers for \$50 each. More expensive "Jay-dip" parabolic concentrator also are finding a large market. The Department of Science and Technology is promoting sales of 25,000 solar cookers and intends to grant construction licenses, establish standards and offer \$15 purchase subsidies to consumers. Solar cookers present social problems as well. Solar cooking must be done during strong sunshine hours, often requiring altering social habits (unlikely prospect) or adding heat storage facilities (expensive proposition). Moreover, even with Govt. subsidies, solar cookers are out of reach for the poor masses.

Analysts predict a large market for solar products as deforestation raises cost of firewood. An urban household using \$5 per LPG cylinder per month can recover cost of \$50 solar coker cooking 50% of afternoon meals within 3 to 4 yaers. Social, economical and environmental prospects are even more attractive for urban residents now using dwindling firewood supplies. Time only will prove.

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HOW OB(LI)VIOUS IS IT?
by
"Vasanthmam"

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Many new ideas and inventions look so obvious after the fact that frequently people wonder why they didn't think of them. The invention of flexible ice cube tray was the result of such an "obvious" situation. The idea was conceived when the inventor noticed that the water in his boots had frozen during the night and had flipped out easily when the boots were turned inside out.

This set of problems gives you an opportunity to liberate yourself from the habit of looking for complex solutions, when simple ones will suffice:

1. Somappa was languishing in a jail in Somapur. The jail has multiple locks on the door. The walls are made of concrete and extend two stories into the earth. The floor is made of packed earth. In the middle of the ceiling, eight feet above Somappa, is a skylight just wide enough for his body to squeeze through. The cell is totally bare, so there is nothing he can climb on to reach the skylight. One night Somappa dug a hole in the floor and escaped through the skylight. How did he do it?

2. Somi was waiting for her boyfriend to pick her up in his new Ambassador. He was late, the sky clouded over, and it started to rain. Somi had no umbrella or hat, and she was far from an awning or canopy. Yet, when the boyfriend arrived, she was perfectly dry. How did she keep dry?

3. How can you put your left hand completely in your right-hand pants pocket and your right hand completely in your left-hand pants pocket at the same time?

4. Two policemen stood behind a large billboard to lie in wait for speed violators. To cover the six lanes, one of them looked up the highway, and the other looked down the highway. "Ram," said one policeman without turning his head, "what the heck are you smiling at?" Explain how he could tell that Ram was smiling?

5. Raghu bought a phonograph record which has a diameter of 12 inches. The recording has an outer margin of half an inch. The diameter of the unused center of the record is three inches. There is an average of 100 grooves to the inch. How far does the stylus travel when the record is played?

6. Visualize three playing cards adjacent to one another. A four is just to the right of a three. Another four is just to the left of a four. There is a diamond just to the left of a heart, and a diamond just to the right of another diamond. Can you name the three cards?

7. There are 12 one-cent stamps in a dozen; how many two-cent stamps are there in a dozen?

1. He piled the earth in a mound until he reached the skylight.
2. She had been waiting inside a building.
3. Put the pants on backwards.
4. They were facing each other.
5. Four inches.
6. Three of diamonds, four of diamonds and four of hearts.
7. Twelve

ANSWERS

APPEAL

B.Vinayak Kudva,

1728 West 4th Avenue
Williamson, WV 25661.

October 1, 1983.

appeal

To all my friends.

Once in a while we get requests for funds from different organizations in India. But the Shree Ramakrishna Dharma Vaidyashrama Sangh is one from which I have personally gained during my childhood. This organization has been dispensing free medicine to the needy for 60 years without regard to their religion. It has also made sure that its services are not misused. Thus it has charged a moderate fees to those who can afford. But it has been run by a group of very dedicated people and with the only intention of serving humanity. Many of us who are from Mangalore are aware of this place on Vitobha Temple Road. It is such a part of Mangalore that we almost take it for granted.

But recent inflation has put a lot of burden on this institution. Need to serve more people has necessitated addition to the existing building but funds are in short. So on behalf of the organization I request you to send in your contribution and participate in this very noble deed.

Please make your checks payable to Shree Ramakrishna Dharma Vaidyashram Sangh and NOT to me. Your cancelled check and the receipt will be useful to you. To co-ordinate our drive please mail your checks to me.

Please note that we can show to our folks back home that we DO CARE about our people. Pass on this appeal to your friends also.

Before concluding I wish to appeal again for your generous support.

Thanking you,



B.V.Kudva

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