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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.

The company that prints *Khabbar* also folds, staples, affixes stamps and labels, and mails it to the families in North America. In the process of sorting out and distributing these newsletters, the US Post Office probably damages some of them. I do get complaints about this from a handful few and last quarter I got a note from this family, who are in California temporarily, about the condition of their issue of *Khabbar*.

“This is how it travels to Calif. All wrinkled up like California Raisins!!”

There is no doubt in my mind that *Khabbar* has become the mouthpiece of our community in North America. And to maintain that status, I have “recruited” some unofficial correspondents and try to get “*hoon khabbars*” from their region on a quarterly basis. Most of these correspondents do a pretty good job in reporting. Last quarter, this correspondent from the Northeast did not have much of *hoon khabbar* to report but still went on to give an account of the following:

“I have a feeling my wife is planning to run away with someone...will send in an official report after it materializes...

Signing off for now

Your humble (and good looking) correspondent”

In urban areas where there are more Konkani families than normal, the subscription rate for *Khabbar* is less than in rural areas where there are few Konkani families. I guess, in these isolated areas, *Khabbar* kind of acts as a Konkani companion at least once every quarter.!

Last quarter, this family moved from urban area of the South to the rural isolated area of the cold North. The family had not subscribed to *Khabbar* before but gave the *hoon khabbar* of their relocation and wanted to subscribe to *Khabbar*. A complimentary copy was mailed right away to “*khabbarize*” them and in came the reply from this family:

"MAST" thanks-- we look forward to receiving it

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Dear Konkani family,
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Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email ID: _____

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Name	Boy/Girl	d.o.b.	Hobby/Interest

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 1990**. The on-line version of *Khabbar*, ekhabbar, will be on the web a **quarter** after the hard copies have been mailed. This issue has **not** been mailed to families that have specifically indicated that they will access ekhabbar. The numbers on the mailing label clearly indicate the year/s the dues for *Khabbar* has been received since 1990 and if there is any error, please, let me know.

For the dues of \$15.00 a year, you get:

- Four issues of the *Khabbar*,
- Annual Mailing List and
- Discounted advertisement rates.

The *Khabbar* Mailing List is a prized possession of our community and 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 will "khabbarize" them!

The Advisory Committee of *Khabbar* is pleased to report that there are quite a few unofficial *Khabbar* correspondents in your area who send in the *hoon khabbars* on a regular basis. Also, most of the articles and news item come voluntarily on a regularly basis. If you send them via email (khabbar@hotmail.com), it makes the editing job much easy.

The **Konkani Sammelan 2002 (KS-2002)** is behind us but the Konkani spirit is alive with all the North American Konkanis. With their logo & theme contest over and a beautiful venue, the Konkani SammeLAN 2004 will be the best event ever! And looks like the venue for the 2006 Sammelan is already set! I guess where **CAN** this be!?!

The Konkani Youth are busy preparing for their second convention in July 2003 (from 4th thru 6th) in Austin, TX and response has been good. Certainly this will unite all the North American Konkani youngsters. I encourage **ALL** Konkani youth to get involved. Also, appeal to all Konkani families to support our youngsters by giving moral and financial support.

Back in India, the Konkani spirit is also very much alive. Plans are there for a Rs. 4 crore project, "**Vishwa Konkani Kendra**" to revive the Konkani literature and culture by **Konkani Bhas Ani Sanskriti Pratistan**. I hope North American Konkanis will participate in this great undertaking by donating generously.

I want to compliment our second generation on their foresight regarding health issues concerning South Asians. I must thank **Ms. SHARMILA S. RAO THAKKAR** of Chicago, IL and **Ms. KALPANA G. BHANDARKAR** of Brooklyn, NY who are among the several authors of the Brown Paper "The Health of South Asians in the United States" by

South Asian Public Health Association (SAPHA).

On the Quiz front, *Khabbar* has remained as an undefeated champion for a long time! It is really a pity to see only a handful few got the correct solution to the last quarter's quiz!!

Helping the needy is a basic human virtue and we Konkanis have demonstrated that we are a caring community. This quarter, I want to extend heartiest congratulations to **Ms. MAYA SHENOY** of Charlotte, NC who was recently acclaimed as **The 2002 National Woman of the Year** by the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

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. It is amazing to see so many appeals come to *Khabbar* on a regular basis. *Khabbar* firmly believes in helping our people whether it is in India or here. Please, extend your help to the maximum extent.

On the sad note, I report the loss of one of the greatest Konkani gentlemen, **Sri. BALKUNJE PANDURANG SHENOY** of Charlotte, NC. He died on December 12th 2002. He was a great supporter of *Khabbar* and a champion of Konkani causes. We will certainly miss him.

Happy *Yugadi* to you all. Hope peace & tranquility prevails on earth

Devu Boren Karo.

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 Editor

Please see attached letter from Dr. Mangesh Murdeshwar with respect to a previously published article, for your consideration/comment.

Thanking you

*Dr Pradeep Kulkarni
Edmonton, Canada*

December 15, 2002

The Editor, "Khabbar"

Lake Jackson, TX

Dear Sir:

I read "Konkani Heritage: Narration" (Khabbar XXV-3) with great interest. Being a narration of a tableau, the article could not go into many aspects and left some obvious questions unanswered. I hope that in future issues there will be more detailed follow-up articles on the history of Saraswats. Chitrapur Saraswats call themselves 'bhanaps'. I have often wondered about the derivation of this strange moniker. I would like to enlist the help of your readers to throw light on this subject.

Is North America the graveyard of the long cultural heritage of the Konkans? Thru several millennia and all thru the migration to different parts of India, Konkans have steadfastly hung on to their language and culture. But the children of the immigrants to N.A. do not learn our language. Consequently they will lose the culture, since the core of any culture is its language.

I would like to see future issues of Khabbar carry articles of general interest, besides the usual news about people and events.

I would also like you to publish a news item in your next issue.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

*Mangesh Murdeshwar
Edmonton, Canada*

Namaste Dear Mr. Vasanth Bhatt, Honorary Editor KHABBAR, In 1988, when my book on Hinduism --AM I A HINDU? was first published in Bombay, India, you were one of the few people, who supported

my efforts wholeheartedly. Years later, after my book is sold in hundreds of thousands, I wanted to express to you my heart felt gratitude. People like you are the "real Hindus", the "salt" of this earth. May God bless you and your family.

After the cold, cruel massacre at New York on 9-11 as well as the recent sad events in India, I have come to the firm conclusion that India and Hinduism has a lot to offer during this trouble times and all of us should be very proud of mother culture-religion Hinduism.

At the same time, there is a lot of false propaganda against Hinduism all over the globe and as such it is our duty to eradicate false hood and educate masses about Hindu culture. Apathy on our part will only make our lives over here miserable.

We have to educate our Children all about our Hindu Culture. We also have to educate masses also. Please join me in that effort. Kindly publish this letter in your esteemed magazine.

Thanking you in advance.

*Ed Viswanathan
edvis9@hotmail.com
<http://www.amiahindu.com>*

Dear Vasanth,

I hope I have beaten your NJ cronies in compiling this year's analysis of the 2003 Khabbar Mailing List!

Thanks for the Year 2003 Khabbar Mailing List - dated 12/12/02. Here's my analysis for this year:

Of the 1,728 families in the list (it was 1,633 last year!), we have Konkans living in 44 states & DC (one more than last year!). We do not have any Konkans living in Alaska, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming.

Also, we have:

178 Shenoy, Shenai, Shanbh(o)ag(ue)
178 Kamat(h)
159 Pai
121 Nayak (Naik)
96 Prabhu
75 Rao (u)
68 Bhat(t)
36 Baliga
29 Kini

28 Mal(1)ya, Mallia, Mahale

23 Nadkarni(y)

15 Kudva

14 Bhandarkar, Bhandari(y)

12 Hegde

11 Kop(p)ikar

11 Acharya.

10 Hatt(i)angadi(y)

10 Amladi

The Shenoy, Shenai, and Shanbhag's families have tied with Kamat(h) families. Both are tied at 178 families each. California still leads with 356 families (24 more than last year!)

Keep up the great work.

*Dr. Satish Nayak
Schnecksville, PA*

Dear Vasanthmam:

Here is the info for the Konkani get-together in Fort Myers to be published in Khabbar. Please send me the addresses of the Florida Konkans so that we can try to get in touch with people.

Thanking you for your help.

With regards and best wishes

*Nimmi Prabhu,
Ft. Myers, FL*

ImpFM16@aol.com

Editor's Reply:

Glad to assist and good luck with your function

Dear Konkani family,

The GSB SABHA in UK has its own website and can be accessed at:

www.konkaniEU.com

or

www.gowdasaraswathsabha.org.uk

Please take some time to visit the site, surf, look out for the forthcoming events, the latest photo's from the Diwali function, and interesting articles from previous Newsletter Vani etc. Please convey this news to your family and friends worldwide. Suggestions are most welcome.

I also take this opportunity to thank Vinay Pai our Webmaster for his unstinted support and our Web Coordinator Mrs. Sujatha Bhat for "making it happen".

Devu barre koro

*Jayanarayan Bhat
Edgware, UK*

Hoon Khabbar

Congratulations:

B. SURESH SHENOY of Sugarland, TX sang popular *Bhajans* on the "Voice of Sanatan Hinduism" a unique radio program on Houston Radio KILE 1560 AM during their annual fund raising in December 2002.

SUNIL SHENOY of Portland, OR was one of the 13 individuals appointed by Intel Corporation, Santa Clara, CA as VP on December 18th 2002. Shenoy, 45, is VP of the Desktop Platforms Group and director of CPU Development. He manages the company's desktop microprocessor design teams in Hillsboro, OR; Folsom, CA; Austin, TX; and Penang, Malaysia. Shenoy joined Intel in 1981.

Mr. Rohit Vyas, News Director, TV Asia, the leading premium TV station in North America interviewed **Sri. K. V. KAMATH**, CEO & Managing Director of ICICI of Mumbai, in January 2003. The half an hour interview highlighted how the second largest Indian bank has emerged as the leading global financial institution.

Fortune has named Infosys' top duo, N R Narayana Murthy and **NANDAN NILEKANI**, as Asia's Businessmen of the Year 2003.

They follow the illustrious steps of the Chairmen of Sony, Singapore Airlines, Samsung and NTT DoCoMo. The two are the first Indians to receive the award, the sixth in the series, and are also the first awardees to share it, according to *Fortune*.

Dr. T. M. A. Pai Foundation of Manipal honors distinguished Konkani every year on *Sankranthi* Day and this year, on January 15th 2003 the following were honored:

1. **Sri Jayadev Hattangady**, Actor & Stage Director, Mumbai,
2. **Sri Achyut Kanvinde**, Architect, New Delhi
3. **Smt. Kalamandalam**, Dancer & Choreographer, Kochi and

4. **Sri Venkatesh Krishna Kamath**, Hotelier, Mumbai (Posthumously)

On 11th November 2002, the Foundation also honored another Outstanding Konkani, **Sri. George Fernandes**, Defence Minister of India.

In the September 2002 issue of *Silicon India*, an article "The non-tech CIO" by Karthik Sundaram featured **DIVAKAR "Dave" KAMATH** of Barrington, IL, who heads a successful IT team at IMC Global.

In the February 2003 issue of *Silicon India*, an article "Big Daddy Baliga: Power Saver" by Venkat Ramana featured **Dr. JAYANT BALIGA** of Raleigh, NC. Dr. "Jay" Baliga is a distinguished professor of Electrical Engineering and director of the Power Semiconductor Research Center at NC State University.

A Brown Paper "The Health of South Asians in the United States" by South Asian Public Health Association (SAPHA) was published in October 2002. **Ms. SHARMILA S. RAO THAKKAR** of Chicago, IL and **Ms. KALPANA G. BHANDARKAR** of Brooklyn, NY are among the several authors of this report. Readers interested can visit www.sapha.net to learn more about the health issues confronting South Asians in North America.

Khabbar will publish the executive summary of the report periodically.

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society recently acclaimed **Ms. MAYA SHENOY** of Charlotte, NC as The 2002 National Woman of the Year. As the nation's top woman fundraiser Shenoy was recognized in a full-page ad in the national edition of *USA Today* on February 5th 2003.

"*Shikoch*" is a Houston Area Amchigale Samaj (HAAS) program whose goal is to spread knowledge to all, irrespective of caste, creed or race. In the Houston area, volunteers spend

about 4 hours on Saturdays helping school children with their studies either on a regular or as available basis. For further details or to join, contact nbalsaver@laversab.com

Dr. NARASINHA KAMATH of Flushing, NY was featured live on ITV Channel 77 in New York and ITV Channel 63 in New Jersey at 6 pm. for half an hour on Thursday January 30th 2003. Dr. Kamath sang few *Shirdi Sai Baba Bhajans* as a part of Fund Raising Campaign towards constructing *Shirdi Sai Baba Temple* in Flushing, NY.

Konkani Graduates:

Ms. DEEKSHA SHENOY of Brampton, Ont., Canada graduated with a MS in Information Systems from George Mason University in December 2002.

AVANTIKA, d/o Jaidev & Meena Rao of Reseda, CA passed the California Bar exam at her first attempt, in Nov. 2002. She had obtained her J.D. earlier in May 2002.

NISHANT, s/o Sadanand & Suvarna Mankikar of Burlington, Ont. passed the 2002 Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants Uniform Final Examination (UFE) completing the exam requirements for the Chartered Accountancy (CA) program. He is currently employed with KPMG Chartered Accountants, Toronto, Ont. where he is completing his articling requirements for the CA designation.

SARITHA, d/o Banur & Ramani Dhruvkumar after graduating from Brown University with honors and thereafter working with financial consulting firm Chatham Partners in Boston area, has joined UMass Medical School in Worcester, MA.

New Arrivals:

SALIL, a baby boy to Devdas & Anjana Pai of Greensboro, NC on July 2002, a baby brother to Sarayu.

SANATH, baby boy to Ekanatha & Shanthi Pai of San Jose, CA on December 6th 2002. A brother to Kirti.

BRINDA LAXMI, baby girl to Anand & Gauri Rao of North Potomac, MD on December 30th 2002. The paternal grand parents are Shashi & Usha Rao of Dallas, TX and the maternal grand parents are Mohan & Shaila Paddidri of Andheri, Mumbai.

SHARMILA, a baby girl to Patanjali Bhatt & Jyoti Rau of Santa Clara, CA on Feb. 7th 2003. A sister to Sujay.

SHREYA, a 6 lb. 12 oz. & 20" tall baby girl to Muralidhar & Leelavathi Kamath of Santa Clara, CA on Feb. 9th 2003 at 1:00 AM. A sister to Shruthi.

ESHA, a 8 lb. 8 oz. baby girl to Rajesh & Sheetal Shenoy of Bell Boulevard, NY on Thursday Feb. 27th 2003 at Northshore Hospital in Long Island. A sister to Jay.

Brahmopadesham:

Srinivas and Asha Prabhu of Lincolnwood, IL, celebrated the *upanayanam* of their second son, **Chi. ANANTH** on December 19th 2002 at "Krishna Prakash" in Kumbala, Kerala.

Ananth & Poornima Kini of Fishers, IN celebrated the sacred thread ceremony of their son, **Chi. PRATHIK**, (grand son of late Sri & Smt. K. Damodar Kini of Karkala and Sri & Smt Umesh & Jaya Bhandary of Bangalore) on Sunday December 22nd 2002 at Mahalasa Hall, Mahalasa Narayani Saunasthan, Mardol. Goa at 10:15 am (Makara Lagna).

It has been reported that these vatus are busy doing Sandhyavanandanam.

Engagement:

Chi. GANESH, s/o Mangesh & Maya Murdeshwar of Edmonton, Canada engaged to **Kum. ARUNA**, d/o Avinash & Asha Mujoomdar of Edmonton, Canada. Wedding planned for June 2003.

Kum. KALAVATI, d/o Mangesh & Maya Murdeshwar of Edmonton, Canada engaged to **Chi. KIRAN**, s/o Shri H. S. Prabhakar & Smt. Shubha of Bangalore in San Jose, CA.

Chi. NIHAAL, s/o Mohan & Suman Rao of Northridge, CA got engaged on Nov. 30th 2002 to **Kum. DEEPA**, d/o Kirti & Bharati Shah of El Centro, CA.

Kum. Dr. SANDHYA, d/o Banur & Ramani Dhruvkumar of Sudbury, MA got engaged to **Chi. Dr. SANJAY**, s/o Dr. Ramesh and Sucharita Hegde, Chelmsford, MA on Deepavali day in Lakshmi Temple in Ashland, MA. Currently both are doing their residencies in Boston area hospitals. This June Sandhya will relocate and start her fellowship in Cardiology at Cornell Medical Center in NYC. Sanjay is planning to do his Fellowship in G.I. Specialty at UPenn in Philadelphia (Year 2004). Their engagement was also celebrated with relatives, well-wishers and friends on Jan 11th in New Shanti Sagar Hotel in Malleswaram and on Jan 12th in Atria Hotel, Bangalore.

Newly Weds:

Vasudev & Shobha Shenoy of Houston, TX celebrated the wedding of their daughter **Sow. SACHITA** of NYC, (grand daughter of Late Balkunje Nagesh & Shantheri Shenoy and Nagar Ramachandra & Nagaratna Rao) with **Chi VIVEK** of Providence, RI, s/o Vishwanath & Prema Nayak and grand son of Late Dr. Ullal Narasimha & Saraswati Nayak and late Bantwal Achutha & Lakshmi Baliga on Sunday December 22nd 2002 at the Atria Hotel in Bangalore India followed by a reception at The Taj West End in Bangalore, India.

Sow. SUNITA, d/o Late Vijay & Smt. Suman Rao of Mumbai married to **Chi. ANIRUDH** of Philadelphia, PA, s/o Damodar & Vilasini Borkar of Mumbai on Saturday December 28th 2002 at Palm Grove Ramada Hotel in Juhu Beach, Mumbai. The newly weds will reside in the outskirts of Philadelphia, PA area.

Chi. VIJAY, s/o Sadananda & Sharda Pai of Houston, TX married **Sow. KAVITA**, d/o Pramod & Pratima Kamath of Dombivli, India on December 26th 2002 in Mumbai. Wedding pictures may be viewed at

<http://www.ece.rice.edu/~vijaypai/photos/>

Chi. ABHAY, s/o Vivek & Maya Kulkarni of Mississauga, Ont. married to **Sow. SHIBANI**, d/o Kishore & Mangala Hemmadi of Agincourt, Ont. in Mumbai on December 27th 2002.

Shri Yeshavantha and Smt. Anasuya Baliga, of Villa Park, CA, held a reception on February 15th 2003, at Sequoia Center in Buena Park in honor of their newly-married son and daughter-in-law, **Chi. NARENDRA & Sow. JYOTHI**. Many family friends and relatives attended the reception. The newly weds reside in Santa Rosa, CA.

Konkani Happenings:

The New England Konkani Association (NEKA) held their annual Diwali celebrations at the Westboro, MA on November 3rd 2002. It was an evening full of activities that included entertainment, games and of course "*Amchigale Kahanna ani Jevanna*".

The evening got off to a devotional start with Bhajans performed by ladies with Mrs. Sumana Mallya on the harmonium accompanied by Mr. Sudhir Prabhu on his Tabla. It was concluded by an Aarti performed by the families singing "*Jai Jagidish Hare*". This was followed by entertainment program. Master Sameer Kini gave a small speech on the importance of Diwali to Hindus. A group dance was then performed by Miss Mithali Shenoy and Miss Shreya Pai. Little Meghna Kini entertained the audience singing nursery rhymes and ABCD's. Musical chairs rounded up the entertainment events with Master Rajiv Banavali winning in the kids group and Mrs. Kamakshi Nayak winning in the adults group.

This was followed by a gastronomical delight of "*Arnchigale Kahanna ani Jevanna*". The menu included *Idli, Sambar, Sukkhe, Valval, kolombo, vegetable rice, channa gashi*, and last but not the least *Arnchigale's kuldev "Dhalitoy"*.

Kudos to Mrs. Chitra Shenoy & Sabitha Pai for organizing the event and coordinating the logistics of this celebration.

Bhanap Diwali in Philadelphia

By Bhasker Nirody, Piscataway, NJ

(As reported to "Kanara Saraswat")

As usual, Jayawant & Gita Bantwal of Jamison, PA assisted by friends, organized the **Bhanap Diwali** celebrations. The function was held on Saturday, November 9th 2002 in the suburban Warminster, PA Library and was attended by nearly 100 people. The hall was illuminated with colored lights, as Diwali is a festival of lights. The evening started with a Happy Diwali Hour, followed by Musical Chairs and Dandia Raas for children and adults. Then there was a Jeopardy Contest at which the children scored a marginal victory over adults.

The Cultural Program started with an invocation Bhajan to Ganapathi by Jyotsna Sashital and Bina Trasi and Deepa Namaskar and Saraswathi Vandana by many participants. Almost all the youngsters gave commendable performances, which included songs, keyboard, poems, stories etc. This was followed by skit jokes and instrumental and vocal music by adults which included a Diwali song by Shanta Bijur. The quality of the cultural program was further accentuated by a flashy Bharatnatyam Dance by the guest artist Priya Swamy and an impressive rendering of classical Raags Jog and Sohani by Dipti Kaval (disciple of Pandit S.C.R. Bhat) accompanied by Jayawant Bantwal on Tabla and Ranjani Swamy on Violin. After the prize distribution, the evening concluded with a tasty dinner prepared by families of all the attendees.

The Konkani Association of Southern California (KASC) held their Annual Diwali function at the City of Arcadia Community Center in Arcadia, CA on Sunday, November 17th 2002.

The program started with invocation followed by Sonali Nayak telling us a Konkani story, *Pollo Kaani*, very expressively. Ravi Joshi sang two bhajans, accompanied on *tabla* by his son, Avinash. Following this, there was a play, Sant Nyaneshwar, written by Jaidev Chandavarkar, and directed by Chitra Chandavarkar. Radhika Hattiangadi sang the songs, and commentary was by Veena Borkar.

Participants in the play were, Kedar Gulvady, Nishaad Gulvady, Arvin Borkar, Ritwik Keshav, Nivedita Keshav, Ajay Ullal, Seema Ullal, and Shalini Kelkar. Stage managements was by Uma Gulvady, Indira Keshav, and Jyoti Ullal, and Vivek Ullal created sets/props. Shivadev Ubhayakar managed the stage lights. The next item was a group dance directed by Rekha Pai, and participated by Sujatha Pai, Rekha Pai, Anita Shenoy, Veena Vishwakarma, Sujata Dutt, Aparna Bhat, and Bindya Baliga. Vikram and Rohan Hattiangadi were the MC's of the whole program, and did an excellent job. They also conducted a Jeopardy style quiz game contest, centered on Konkani culture, cuisine, and language. The contestants were Chetan Bhat, Rohith Nayak, and Seema Ullal. Seema Ullal was the winner. The last cultural item was the dance by little girls. The participants were Sanjana Pai, Malavika Pai, Shefali Dutt, Sanjana Pai, and Neena Vishwakarma. All cultural items got a standing ovation. Finally, there was Raffle drawing, with prizes kindly donated by merchants of Little India in Artesia. The delicious catered dinner was prepared by Woodlands Restaurant in Artesia. The menu, the service, and clean up of food was ably managed by Aravind and Beena Shenoy and their team of volunteers. Mithra Nayak conducted an artistic Diwali craft for the kids and kids went home with the decorated diva (lamp), which they had made. Thanks to Mohini Kamath for delicious *godu phovu*.

The Konkani Association of Southern California (KASC) held their first function for 2003, *Shivaratri Bhajan*, at the residence of Jaidev & Chitra Chandavarkar of Thousand Oaks, CA on March 1st 2003.

The Houston Area Amchigale Samaj (HAAS) held the inaugural *Satyanarayan Pooja* on Sunday March 9th 2003 from 11AM to 2 PM at Eldridge Hall in Sugarland, TX.

Chicago Hoon Khabbar from the special Khabbar correspondent:

1. Beautiful Bride **Sow. MANINI**, d/o of DRS. Chandrakanth and

Nandana Bhakta of Burr Ridge, IL tied the wedding knot with the handsome Groom **Chi. JAYEN**, s/o DRS. Dalsukh and Ila Madia on September 1st 2002. The wedding ceremony was held in the Grand Ballroom at the Navy Pier in Chicago with a beautiful and panoramic view of Lake Michigan. Amar, the bride's brother proposed a very warm toast to his Akka. The Bhaktas thank all the friends who attended the function and express their gratitude to all the friends who volunteered their time and effort to make the day a perfect one. The newlyweds now reside in Manhattan, NY.

2. **Chi. GOVINDA** of Chicago, IL, s/o Sri Gopalakrishna & Dr. Swarnalatha Pai of Mattancherry, Cochin, got engaged to **Kum. Dr. VINAYA**, d/o Sri Dayananda & Saraswathi Naik, Cox-Town, Bangalore. The ceremony was held on December 1st 2002 at Hotel Capitol in Bangalore and was attended by over 400 people. E-Mail Good Wishes to the couple at GovindaandVinaya@Sbcglobal.net

3. **Chi. NITISH**, s/o Shrikar and Nirmala Bangalore of Chicago, IL engaged to **Kum. JEANETTE LYNN**, d/o David and Mary Shook on December 21st 2002. The wedding will take place in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on October 10th 2003. The reception is planned for Saturday, October 11th 2003, in Bartlett, IL.

4. **Kum. SEEMA**, d/o Ramanand and Gayathri Kamath of Chicago, IL turned Sweet Sixteen last Fall. A fabulous party was hosted by the proud parents. Good food, fun and delicious cake was enjoyed by all. The DJ and his great music drew all the teenagers, little kids and many a mom to the dance floor. The birthday girl is now busy with school and Tests.

5. A surprise 25th Anniversary party knocked the wind out of the handsome young couple that had just returned from a month of Honeymoon in India. **DIVAKAR & SANDHYA KAMATH** of Barrington, IL were indeed greatly surprised by their friends at the Hot Wok Indian Village on January 4th 2003. The secret partners in crime, who helped to organize the event were none other

than Sandhya's parents, Ranjan and Latha Shenai of Palatine, IL. Slide presentation of the Lotus Eyed Beauty and the tall, dark, handsome young man was enjoyed by all. Many a toast was proposed to the couple. The stormy, snowy weather had no effect on the warm surprise. Shona, d/o Divakar and Sandhya rendered a very good speech to her parents. Thanks Ranjanmam and Lathamai for your great help!

Wish the young couple many more years of happy moments and May their Silver turn to Gold!

Email ID Changes:

The email ID's of the Nayak family of Houston, TX has changed. Suresh's to kvnayak@juno.com and Anuradha's to anunayak2003@yahoo.com

Dr. Narayan Nayak of Lafayette, CA changed his email ID to: nhnayak@myrealbox.com

Relocation:

The **KAMATH** family, Sanjay & Varsha, together with their kids, Mihir & Neha, have relocated within Shrewsbury, MA to 16 Birch Brush Road, Shrewsbury, MA 01545. The new telephone is (508)-845-5344 and email ID: vsmk97@yahoo.com

The **PRABHU** family, Raghurama & Rakhee together with their daughters, Roshni & Varsha, have relocated from Baltimore, MD to 6517 Meadowfield Court, Elkridge, MD 21075-6879. Their new telephone is (410)-579-1681 and the email ID: rprabhu7@aol.com

Ms. PRITI BALIGA has relocated to 380 Rector Place, Apt. 22E, New York, NY 10280. The new telephone is (212) 566-1412 and email ID: Pritib@aol.com.

The **SHENOY** family, Deepak & Jyothi with their son, Aashish, have relocated within Edison, NJ to 62 Hana Road, Edison, NJ 08817. The new telephone is (732) -248-1331 and email ID: dees70@hotmail.com

The **SHENAI** family, Ravindranath & Vasanthi have relocated from Indian

Hill, OH to 4010 Royal Dornoch Lane, Mason, OH.

The **ANKOLA** family, Dinkar & Uma have relocated within Tampa, FL to 10460 Blackmore Dr., Tampa, FL 33647. The new telephone is (813)-991-4324 and the email ID: dankola315@aol.com

25th Wedding Anniversary:

Friends & families of **CHANDRAKANT & GEETA SHANBHAG** of Spartanburg, SC gave surprise 25th wedding anniversary party in December 2002 in SC.

30th Wedding Anniversary:

Friends & families of **DAYANANDA & VIDYA PAI** of West Chester, PA gave surprise 30th wedding anniversary party on January 4th 2003.

80th Birthday Bash:

Families and friends threw a surprise 80th Birthday Party to **Smt. AMMANI BHANDARKAR**, m/o Dilip Bhandarkar of San Ramon, CA and Pradeep Bhandarkar of Farmington Hills, MI in December 2002 at the residence of Dilip in CA.

Welcome to North America:

The **SHENOY** family, Dinesh & Deeksha have migrated to Canada from Kenya. Their new address is: 38 Kitto Court, BRAMPTON, ONT, CAN L6Y 5B1. The telephone is (905)-796-4722 and email ID: deekshashenoy@hotmail.com

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Obituary:

SHRINIWAS NARAYAN SHENOY of Udupi passed away on Nov. 18th 2002 in Udupi. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to his sons, Anilchandra Shenoy & family of Encino, CA, Aravind Shenoy & family of Granada Hills, CA, and Ashwin Shenoy & family of North Hills, CA.

BALKUNJE PANDURANG SHENOY (84) of Charlotte, NC passed away on Wednesday Dec. 12th in Charlotte, NC. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to his wife, Ramabai and son, Vittal Shenoy & family of Charlotte, NC and daughters, Nirmala Kamath & family of Essex Junction, VT and Urmila Kamath & family of New Orleans, LA.

UMANATH HEMMADY passed away on Dec. 28th 2002 in Virginia. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to his son, Bharath Hemmady & family of Bay Area, daughters Jothi Gangolli & family of Claremont, CA, and Shakuntala Dutt & family of VA.

GURUDATT GULVADY, passed away on Jan. 18th 2003 in Santa Clarita, CA. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to his son, Pradeep Gulvady & family of Saugus, CA, daughter Meena Rao & family of Reseda, CA.

GOVINDRAI KAMATH (77), of North Brunswick, NJ passed away in NJ on Feb. 27th 2003. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to his wife Padmavati, brother Venkatesh Kamath & family of Franklin, NJ, sons Radhakrishna Kamath & family of Elmhurst, NY and Ganpathi Kamath & family of North Brunswick, NJ and daughters Mukta Nayak & family of North Brunswick, NJ and Savithri Bhandarkar & family of North Brunswick, NJ.

Press Release :

San Antonio Resident To Run Boston Marathon for MDA

Amita Kamath raises funds for MDA while realizing a dream of running in the 107th Boston marathon.

San Antonio, TX. December 30, 2002. Amita Kamath is running in the 107th Boston marathon on behalf of the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Kamath, a student at the Harvard School of Public Health is a member of the CITGO/MDA Miracle Marathon Team 2003.

The Miracle Marathon team was initiated in 1993 by corporate race sponsor CITGO Petroleum Corporation, and raises funds for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The

Miracle Marathon efforts support valuable programs including special summer camps for affected children, physical therapy and support for the ongoing research to find a cure for the

nearly forty diseases which fall under its umbrella.

For more information on the team and its efforts please visit the team

website:<http://www.members.aol.com/mdamiracleteam>

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Bhagavad-Gita as a Stress Management Guide - Cont.

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Chapter Two:

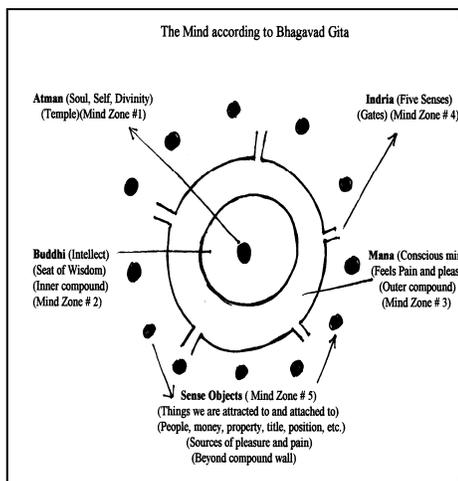
Few of us have to face in life the kind of horrible dilemma Arjuna did in Mahabharata- having to commit wholesale massacre of members of his own family and the elders he worshipped all his life, on the one hand; or walking away in a cowardly manner from his rightful inheritance, on the other. However, we all have heard of, or witnessed first hand, Minibharatas in our own families over money and property. As in Mahabharata, life is full of bad events and problems; if it is not one thing it is another. Stress is an on-going, albeit essential, part of life.

Let us review briefly the roots of stress. Stress means we are upset about something and our peace of mind and tranquility are gone. We become upset because we have actually lost or are fearful of losing someone or something we are attached to (people, money, power, position, job, and other material things). Obviously, selfish desire ("kama" or lust) for, and excessive attachment to, these things are at the root of all stress. And the more we hanker or lust for these things, the more we are likely to suffer frustration, hurt, disappointment, anger ("krodha") and many more toxic emotions. Gita 2:62, 63. Almost all the teachings of Gita are designed to strike at these roots of stress: Perform your dharma (duty) being indifferent to success or failure ("become a stithaprajnya"); indulge in action without desiring fruits ("Nishkama karma") 2: 47; when you enjoy material things dedicate them to God ("Krishnarpana"); withdraw your senses and control them. 2: 58-61; give up excessive desire for self gratification. 2: 71. So on and so forth.

While reading Gita we come across terms such as yoga, stithaprajnya, renunciation and the like. All these are mainly geared toward helping the reader to have better control over his mind. Unless we understand the structure of the Mind, it will be difficult for us to grasp concepts given in Gita. Let the reader now take out his/her Bhagavad-Gita and go to Chapter 3: verse 42:

What is the Mind like according to Bhagavad-Gita? Lord Krishna describes the Mind as follows in Gita: 3:42: The working Senses (Indriyas- seeing, hearing, touching, smelling, tasting, via which we feel or perceive the objects around us) are superior to Sense Objects (Dull matter-material things which we get attached to, such as money, people, power, position, title, gold, house, car, etc.); Conscious Mind (Mana- the mind with which we feel pain and pleasure) is higher than Senses; Intellect (Buddhi- our hidden mind where exist memories, wisdom, judgment, knowledge of right and wrong, etc.) is higher than the Conscious Mind; Soul (Atman- our divine Self) is even higher than Intellect.

So, from inferior to superior: Sense Objects (material things such as money, property) --- Five Senses (hearing, seeing, touching, smelling and tasting) --- Conscious Mind (pleasure and pain)--- Intellect (wisdom)--- Atman (divinity, soul). We can see this scheme in a picture below:



Mind Zone # 1(Atman, Soul): There is an eternal flame in a temple right in the center of a large maidan (playground of the mind). This temple with its flame represents the Soul, Atman, Self, the Divinity that represents the God in us.18:61. The Soul is eternal, indestructible, unchanging, the seat of perfect Knowledge, eternal Peace and absolute Tranquility. We have no "scientific proof "of existence of Soul. This part of the mind is in the spiritual realm. It is a matter of faith. We have to take the word of Lord Krishna and mystics like Shankaracharya and Ramakrishna Paramahansa about its existence. If you want to know more about Atman, read Gita : 2: 12, 13, 16 - 25. Even Lord Krishna admits that it is not easy for ordinary people to get in touch with the divine Self. Gita: 7: 3. Those who have succeeded have accomplished Self Realization. Siddhartha Gauthama became Buddha (the Enlightened One) through meditation (Janana yoga) and selfless service (Karma yoga).

Mind Zone # 2 (Intellect, Buddhi): The temple has a compound around it bordered by a high wall and a gate which means one does not have easy access to it. This compound houses a huge reference library which has incredible amount of knowledge accumulated

over several thousand years. Buddhi has, neatly filed in its huge library, memory for all events in our life; all the lessons we have learned from our past mistakes; all the rules we live by; all the moral laws (dharma) we obey; our deep rooted beliefs; all the principles and codes of our conduct; and all the wisdom we inherited from our ancestors by tradition, by instruction, or by genes. Our personality and general behavior are directed by this mind zone. Gita repeatedly asserts that for one to have peace of mind, he should constantly strive to be in touch with this part of the mind. The less our conscious mind (mind zone #3 below) is in touch with this part, the more it is attracted to, and lusts for, material things (mind zone # 5 below) via the 5 senses (mind zone # 4). Consequently, we suffer stress. Mahatmas and true Yogis primarily use this mind zone in their daily living. Yoga (Karma, Jnana & Bhakti) is the key to achieving access to this mind zone.

Mind Zone # 3 (Conscious Mind, Mana): This is the mind that we use on a daily basis to deal with life events and situations. It is in this mind zone that we experience good and bad events and situations, and we feel happy or upset in response to these. The more this mind zone is in touch with the Intellect, (mind zone #2) the less it is vulnerable to stress. The more this mind zone is attached to sense objects (material things, mind zone # 5), the more stressed-out it gets. Gita 2: 62, 63. When Gita tells us to become a Stithaprajnya, it is referring to this part of the mind: 2:56.

Mind Zone # 4 (Senses, Indria): These are shown in the picture above as 5 gates connecting the mind zone # 3 to mind zone # 5. This zone consists of our 5 Senses (seeing, hearing, touching, smelling and tasting) via which we are attracted to and attached to Sense Objects (material things such as people, money, property and other things, see mind zone # 5 below).The Conscious Mind and the Senses are constantly and strongly attracted to these material things. Read Gita 2:60, 67. The more one's mind is attached to these material things, the less it is attached to the Intellect (Buddhi) Gita 2: 40-44; 2: 55. Such a person becomes stupid or buddhi heena. E. g: A married man sees a gorgeous woman (Sense Object) coming toward him on a street. He can not take his eyes off of her. After she passes him, he keeps turning his head again and again to look at her shapely hips, pretty legs and sensuous gait. If his attraction for ("I want her") and attachment to ("go for it") her is stronger than his Intellect ("don't do it, it is wrong"), he would make a turnaround and follow her much against his better judgment.

Mind Zone # 5 (Sense Objects): These are the things we get attracted to and ultimately get attached to in our daily life: people, relationships, money, property, power, status, position, health, body, liberty, praise, title, etc., often at the expense of the Intellect. Our attachment to these things brings us both happiness and pain which is experienced in our Conscious Mind. Excessive attachment to Sense Objects (material things), however, invariably leads to grief, pain and stress in the long run. Gita 18: 38, 5:22. The Senses are so strong that it is easy for one to become obsessed with material things and make them the focus of everyday life 2: 60: A huge house, expensive cars, hoarding gold, showing off our wealth to others to impress them, etc. This type of obsession often leads to Money Disease. Some of the crooked CEOs we recently read about in newspapers are examples of these. Read Gita 16: 13-16.

End of Chapter 2 of my article. As usual, the reader can contact me at: pkamath001@charter.net 1/4/ '03**To Be Continued**

A brief history of Kolakere Prabhus

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Kolakere to Kadambi

This was around 350 years ago, Kolakere was ruled by Vasudeva Prabhu son of Govinda Prabhu. Vasudeva Prabhu had two younger brothers namely Narayan Prabhu and Venkatesh Prabhu (also known as Santhayya Prabhu). Vasudeva Prabhu and Narayan Prabhu used to go to Nandar in Dholi for the regular business near Panemangalore. The youngest Santhayya (Venkatesh) used to be in Kolakere House looking after agriculture, collection of rice from tenants, etc.

Our dominance from Mogarnadu 1000 seema gave lot of publicity to the neighbouring seemas(several maganes), maganes(areas-consist of some villages) and villages. We used to receive invitations from leading Houses for various programmes like Nemas, festivals in temples, marriages, Buffalo racing, etc.

Our neighbouring Vittal Dynasty consisting of 2000 seemas, was ruled by VERMAS-Kshatriya Kings. At one time, this Vittal King also borrowed money from Kolakere Prabhus at the rate of one coconut for one Varaha (silver coin) per annum.

As usual for Buffalo racing the invitation to Kolakere Prabhus was extended. We never use to mix-up in such programmes as our elders used to keep our identity remain isolated.

The employees in the house and agriculture tenants influenced Santhayya Prabhu to attend the Buffalo Racing at Vittal Palace. Without anybody's knowledge, Santhayya along with others went to Vittal along with a pair of Buffalos with accessories, Kombu (Pipe Music) etc. They reached in the after-noon at Bakimar field where the racing takes place.

The custom in any place is to introduce the first pair of Buffaloes belonging to King (Aramane). Then, the houses of Lords as per a protocol. Lastly, from invitees. Santhayya who was a young man without having any idea about the rules and protocol allowed his Buffaloes in the field. This made other people and heads of Guthu Houses angry and Kadambi Guthu (also known as Magandadi Guthu) Kunha Melanta who by force seized Kolakere Buffaloes and sent to Kadambi Buffalo shed and tied them there. He also made a sarcastic statement like, " Garlic eating Brahmins Buffaloes are to be tied (seized) ". It was a great insult to Kolakere Prabhus being called as Garlic eating Brahmins. (Konkani GSB Brahmins were eating onions, garlic and fish whereas the Tulu Brahmins do not eat these things).

Having suffered by the insult and loosing 2 buffaloes due to force, Santhayya returned home along with his men. He entered the house and fell on the feet of his eldest brother Vasudeva Prabhu's wife. Santhayya Prabhu explained to her what had happened at Vittal. He also sought further a promise to save him from the anger of Vasudeva Prabhu.

As usual in the evening 8 o'clock, the two elder brothers came to Kolakere after their business at Nandar. As they got down from the Dholi in front of Kolakere House, they felt the pin drop silence! Vasudeva Prabhu entered the house, kept his moneybag in the

Treasury room, came out for a wash, prayed for the House deity and Daivas, entered the dining room. The custom was to keep 3 plates for 3 brothers who used to have their supper together.

Vasudeva Prabhu saw the last plate is empty and his youngest brother is not seen. He angrily asked his wife what had happened in the house. The wife came and fell on the feet of Vasudeva Prabhu and sought his promise that he will safeguard Santhayya against which she will reveal the story. Vasudeva Prabhu agreed to the promise. Santhayya was hidden in a dark room where rice was stored (godown). He came out, fell on the feet of his elder brother Vasudeva Prabhu and explained what all happened in Vittal.

Vasudeva Prabhu rose from the dining place without taking the food. He communicated to all people in Kolakere surroundings to get ready to move to Vittal without waste of time. Vasudeva Prabhu goes to the pooja room where he worshipped the house deity to save the reputation of Kolakere Prabhus. He came out and prayed before the House Daiva Dhoomavathi to uphold the name of Kolakere Prabhus. It was night 1 o' clock, around 200 people started moving to Vittal. In those days, people were walking with Flame torch made out of coconut leaves known as thoote. Many people on the way found a large group of people moving with thoote and they also joined the procession out of curiosity.

The Kolakere Prabhu group reached Bakimar field in front of the palace at early 5 o' clock. Vasudeva Prabhu sent his people to wake up the King as a urgent matter had to be resolved. The King woke up and the King's men invited Vasudeva Prabhu to come inside the Palace. The royal customary protocols followed. The King asked Vasudeva Prabhu for his hurried visit to Vittal Palace that to at early morning. Vasudeva Prabhu sought the promise of the King to uphold the reputation of the Kolakere Prabhus and to do the justice. The King agrees to do so. Vasudeva Prabhu explained the incident that took place on the previous day at Buffalo racing. The King was not aware of the whole incident.

Kadambi is a large area in Padnur village, 5 kms from the Palace. Around 3500 murrachs of rice (around 40 kg\murrach) rent is received by the King. Melantas are Bunt community people who were agriculture tenants of the King. The area starts from a place named Nethara Kere upto Kodungai River. There was a Guthu House having 16 cradles and a large family. Melantas were ferocious people with a sizeable area of land under their control.

The King sent Summons to Kunha Melanta to come to the Palace at once. The message that Kolakere Vasudeva Prabhu's arrival in anger and Kings anger etc., were informed by the messenger to Melanta. Melanta entered the Palace and stood in front of the King. He pleaded guilty for his mistake of insulting Santhayya Prabhu and taking possession of Buffaloes. He also told the royal court that it was not intentional. Any mishappenings are to be reported to the King who will decide the course of action. How a tenant of the King can take such steps unilaterally? This was the basis for dispute. The King asked Vasudeva Prabhu what he wanted and how to resolve the crisis? Vasudeva Prabhu asked the entire Kadambi property for a price. Melanta pleaded with Prabhu and King not to be harsh to him. Where he should go with his large family? However, Melanta refused to be the tenant of Kolakere Prabhus as he is also a reputed man in Vittal working for Kings. Vasudeva Prabhu liked the self-respected man Melanta but never left his claim for the land for a price.

In order to dissuade Vasudeva Prabhu from buying Kadambi, a price of one Varaha (silver coin) for one step was claimed by the King. Vasudeva Prabhu without any hesitation agreed for the price. The term is, for every step from the Palace to Kodungai River one Varaha is to be paid to the King. This is done to avoid measuring land which takes several months.

The Kolakere Vasudeva Prabhu and King's people and people from Kolakere House reached Kadambi House at 2 o'clock noon. The Buffaloes tied in the shed were kept there and Melantas family was asked to leave immediately. 16 cradles, 10 rice-baking pots with cooked rice etc., were thrown out and they seized the house of Kadambi Guthu as revenge.

Melanta family immediately prepared to leave Kadambi. Having refused to be the tenants of Kolakere Prabhus and in all desperation, Kunha Melanta was all in preparation to leave Kadambi. Vasudeva Prabhu liked and appreciated Melanta and told him that he was not interested in Kadambi property and just for the reputation he had to buy Kadambi.

However, Vasudeva Prabhu requested Melanta to come over to Kolakere against his invitation where he promised to give a large sum of money to buy a land where Melanta can live peacefully with dignity. All moved to Kolakere. On the 3rd day, the House Daivas Dhoomavathi and Bunta were called on oracle (trans on men). It was suggested to take a silver pot in which cow's milk is to be offered to the House deity, then it must be kept on the cradle (cot) of Daivas, after offering to Daiva, the pot must be touched by all members of the family of Melanta and again kept on the cradle of Daivas. The Daivas making proper directions gave word to Vasudeva Prabhu to give his gift to Kunha Melanta. Vasudeva Prabhu goes to his treasury room with a large silver plate, takes silver coins in full and handover to Kunha Melanta.

Melanta came into tears as he never expected Vasudeva Prabhu to donate such a high sum of silver coins. Melanta says that he has no regrets for leaving Kadambi House. There is no curse on Prabhus for throwing out his cradles and rice pots. He was happy and prayed God to bless Kolakere Prabhus. The Daiva also blesses Melanta. Melanta can buy 1000 murrachs rice property in his own name and can become a landlord. Earlier he was a tenant to Vittal Kings. His position also improved. The King had large debts due to Kolakere Prabhus and this deal squared up his account with pending interest for several years. The youngest brother Santhayya alias Venkatesh Prabhu was asked to live in Kadambi House. The House came to us because of Santhayya Prabhu. Hence Kadambi House came under Kolakere House.

After the Prabhus occupied Kadambi House, it became a Brahmin House. Thus, in the protocol book kept in the Palace of Vittal Dynasty, the name of Kadambi was raised to position III. As Bunts, Melantas were down below after leading Houses like Kula, Kundadka, Padar, Peruvai, etc. Earlier Kadambi was a tenants House. After Prabhus occupation, it became a Guthu(owners house).

In the hierarchy of Houses, after Kings, (1) Nuji Guthu - Brahmins (2) Nedle Guthu - Brahmins (3) Kadambi - Prabhus. Subsequently, all names are Bunts. The King used to take the advice of 3 Houses for all policy matters. Again we became Samants

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Thanks to Shanthi Jayakumar and her team, the souvenir of Konkani Sammelan 2002 was probably a masterpiece. A concept of "Dalithoy for Konkani Soul" was initiated there similar to the "ChickenSoup" series. Here is first essay and Khabbar hopes this will inspire all Konkani writers to come forward with their stories...

The Village That Was

By: Radha Golikeri, Houston, TX

Memories are still vivid about Sanikatta where I grew up. This tiny village is nestled in hilly surroundings. It is a place full of scenic surprises. The steep hills, lush green paddy fields, white saltpans, tall areca nut trees (betel nut trees), banana and coconut plantations interspersed with rivulets gave a luxuriant touch to the atmosphere.

Agriculture, fishing, and working on saltpans were the main occupations. The village had developed a salt manufacturing industry. In summer, the river water was canalled to the built-in saltpans. The flow of water was controlled by sluice gates. When the water evaporated, thin layers of salt crystals were formed. It was carefully skimmed and piled up on the banks of the pans. This was a seasonal operation. The fishermen collected their catch in big nets. The sales and disposal process was interesting to watch particularly when the buyers haggled.

The first April showers exuded a refreshing earthy smell. In monsoon season, water cascades were a common sight as water came down rolling from hilltops. It was a breathtaking view. The single road was dotted with a teashop, a grocery, and a two-storied building, which housed customs-cum-excise office and a post office. The teashop was a small place. A kettle with boiling water was on the stove all the time. The owner would put a penny in the kettle. The coin whirled in the boiling water making the rhythmic sound reminding the passers by that it was time for tea. A small shelf displayed a couple of glass jars containing crackers and crunchy snacks.

The grocer religiously downed the shutters to go home for lunch and siesta, but the shop remained open till late in the evening when many folks gathered there to exchange notes. Everybody knew everybody in the village. The barber did his business under the shade of a tree. He made "home visits" to a few privileged houses. The post office opened only for parts of the day. The mailbags were delivered by road transport. Sometimes in monsoon season, it rained incessantly and the floods made the roads inaccessible, bringing everything to a stand still. Everyone waited anxiously to get the news from the outside world.

The village school master would keep us occupied by assigning some work, come out on the "verandah" (balcony), call the passing fish or vegetable vendor and wrap up his day's shopping!! The vast hill was an open-air toilet for many people. After a day's hard work, some men sneaked into a speak-easy on the hilltop for relaxation. Cockfights and bull-cart races were the favorite pastimes. To announce the arrival of spring, people donned in colorful costumes, painted their faces, and danced.

We had a beautiful garden. My parents were very fond of gardening. They had planted a variety of roses, hibiscus, dahlias, lilies, marigolds, jasmine, etc. and a number of crotons. The kitchen garden produced tomatoes, squash, string beans, okra, and some herbs. We had harvest of mangoes, guava, bananas, and sapota. The shed in the back yard housed mulch cows. There was poultry as well. A big banyan tree stood in one corner of the compound. It was a habitat for bats. Sometimes, at night, owls perched on the branches. Their eerie hoot at an unearthly hour scared us.

In summer, we erected a "pandal" in the front yard where we spent most of our time. The evenings were very pleasant when a soft breeze blew bringing with it the fragrance that pervaded the compound. As the sun went down, the cows returned homewards with the jingling of bells around their necks. It was music to our ears.

This place was our summer resort. We siblings, with our families spent out yearly vacation here. Our parents eagerly waited to receive us and welcomed us with broad smiles and hugs. The beautiful memories will be with me till the last.

Nature is a source of solace, adventure, delight, and inspiration. Nature had truly blessed our village in many respects.

The Adventures of Jenny, the Dog

By: Ian Gopal Gould, Cleveland Heights, OH

You would think that with all the security surrounding airports these days, this sort of incident would be less likely to happen. As Meetha Pai Gould began her journey to bring her mother, Shanthi Pai, her dog back to her in Florida, she had little idea of the adventures she would encounter.

Oh sure, she knew how excitable and curious Jenny (the dog) could be. She had been taking care of her for the past three weeks in Cleveland Ohio, and had experienced first hand some of Jenny's antics. Like when the puppy had decided that the best chew toys in

the house were paper towels. Or how when Jenny was left alone inside one warm evening she had jumped through the screen window and had made her way to the back yard, looking for some company. But Meetha was not prepared for the escapade that would occur on the runway at John Hopkins Airport, Cleveland.

As she took found and took her seat on the plane, a flight attendant approached her and asked if she was the one who was responsible for the black, white and brown dog on board. After cautiously answering yes, Meetha was then led outside to the tarmac where she witnessed the landing crew surrounding and trying to catch Jenny. Apparently, she had found a way to escape her cage and had decided to look for Meetha. Soon, the dog broke free of the landing crew and began to bolt across the runway. Meetha was picked up in by a landing crewmember in a jeep and was driven across the tarmac, chasing Jenny, calling all the while. Because of the wind and the noise surrounding the airport and the adjacent highway that Jenny was running toward however, the dg did not respond. Before the dog could reach the highway, it had to cross a chain link fence. As the dog stopped to dig, it heard her name and promptly returned to Meetha, enjoying the car ride back to the plane.

Returning to the plane, Meetha greeted her fellow passengers and apologized for the delay. It would be longer than she anticipated however, until the plane would take off. Until the dog was caught, planes approaching or preparing to leave John Hopkins were ordered to stop until the tarmac was clear. It would be another twenty minutes until the plane was given the go-ahead to begin departure.

Arriving in Orlando, she met the flight attendants with Jenny, whom was now on a leash. The dog had escaped her what is now assumed to be defective cage again while the plane was in the air and had scurried and barked throughout the hold she was being held in until attendants could find a proper leash to restrain her with.

In Pursuit of Rhythm and Balance

By: Vivek Shenoy, Wallingford, CT

Perhaps you've heard it in the background of luxury car commercials. "Wow, that's a cool-sounding Caribbean drum," you might have thought to yourself. While I must say I'm offended, I'll forgive you and tell you the truth. In reality, these drums come from India, the country that gave me my roots. We call this instrument the *tabla*. With subtle shifts in the position of the fingers, the hands, the wrists, and the forearms, one can strike the *tabla* and produce the whole range of sound that the instrument offers.

The *tabla* is made up of two separate drums, neither of which is taller than one foot. To master the right-hand drum, which is known for its high pitch, one must develop precision. The compact head of the right-hand drum consists of three concentric circles: the rim and the depression lie at the periphery while the center is most prominent. However, each circle, when struck, is only capable of producing one sound. While these sounds are intrinsically pleasing, they are not of much value when one is performing for an audience. Hence, after one develops precision, one must develop agility.

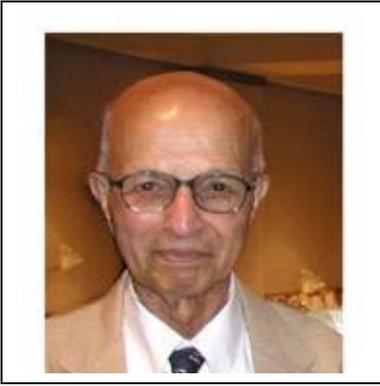
The left drum, on the other hand, is known for its low-pitched drone sound. Like the drum on the right, the left-handed drum has a rim, a depression, and a center. However, the head of this drum is as round and wide as the roving eye of a young woman. In playing with this drum, one must be gentle in the approach; it is the outside of the hand, and never the palm, that should be used. To hear the color of this drum, one must apply firm but gentle pressure at the edge of the center circle with the base of the palm. As the discriminating *tabla* connoisseur knows, it is the strength and skill of the left hand that drives the performance.

Similarly, those objects which one might see in my right hand—my grades, my classes, my report cards, and my test scores—are only for the fulfillment of taste. The actual substance—my character, my relationships with others, and that which I hold sacred—which is in my left hand, provides the ballast. Thus, when my right hand is acting below its potential, I remember the following lines from the sacred Hindu text called the Gita: "To work alone you have the right...Let not the results of actions be your motive, nor be attached to inaction. Far inferior is work prompted by desire to work done through [this] wisdom. Take refuge in wisdom: those who are impelled by results are miserable." It is this remembrance that supports me in those moments that my right hand is struggling.

Obituary - Balkunje Panduranga Shenoy

As published in the Charlotte Observer on 12/15/02.

Mr. Balkunje Panduranga Shenoy, died December 12, 2002 at Carolinas Medical Center-Pineville. Mr. Shenoy was a native of India, veteran of the British Army in World War II and a Retired Indian Railways civil engineer. He was the son of the late Balkunje Narasimha Shenoy and Leelavati Nayak Shenoy. He is survived by his spouse Ramabai Prabhu Shenoy of the home. Services were held at McEwen Funeral Service Pineville (Charlotte) Chapel on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Memorials in Mr. Shenoy's honor may be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, 5950 Fairview Road, Suite 250 Charlotte, NC 28210.



Panduranga Shenoy born January 10, 1919, died at the ripe age of 84. His schooling was in state of Madras and he earned his Bachelor of Engineering degree from the Madras Guindy College of Engineering. He married Rama Prabhu on May 6, 1943 - they celebrated nearly 60 years of marriage. He fought in the Indian Army in World War II as part of the greatest generation that ever lived. The world today would be very different if not for such men who were finally victorious in World War II. As the most senior Allied Forces army officer in Burma he took the surrender of Burma from the Japanese General in Burma. He joined the Indian Railways after World War II and served in Madras, Mysore, Trichy, Hubli, Secunderabad, Bombay and Lucknow. He came to the USA in 1967 for a year as an Eisenhower Scholar, to study US railroads as a guest of the US President. In the 1970's he represented India at the World Earthquake Conference in Switzerland and traveled on behalf of the Indian Government to Britain, Germany and Italy. He retired as Director of Railways Standards and Design Organization, Lucknow in 1977.

Panduranga Shenoy immigrated to the US in 1985 with Mrs. Shenoy and they both became US citizens in 5 years; more importantly they were citizens of the world. They have 4 children - 3 daughters Vimala Kini (Pune), Nirmala Kamath (Vermont), Urmila Kamath (New Orleans) and son Vittal Shenoy (Charlotte). Mr. and Mrs. Shenoy's daughter-in-law Maya and sons-in-law Ramesh, Prabhakar and Ramanand were always also their children. They have 6 grandchildren: Deepak Kini (New Delhi), Kartik Kini (Bombay), Karuna Jordan (Charlotte), Aparna Kamath (Dallas), Meghana Kamath (New Orleans) and Mithun Kamath (also from New Orleans). He also had three loving grand dogs in Charlotte.

Panduranga Shenoy was intimately involved in charity work over the years: Cancer Hospitals, Free Eye Clinics, Free Healthcare, Educational Scholarships and Religious Charities. Some of the most important great religious leaders and teachers he had the honor of knowing personally included all three Kanchi Kamakoti Sankaracharyas, Mother Teresa, Kashimutt Swamiji of Benares, Chinmayananda, Chidananda Swami, Shuddhananda Swami, Adityananda, Hariharananda, Mohana Bramhachari, Arjunapuri, Gokarn Mutt Swami, Amarnath Maharaj, and Sureshwara Nanda Maharaj. Many of these great religious leaders including Kanchi Kamakoti Jayendra Saraswati Sankaracharya and Chinmayananda graced their home and performed pada puja in the home and had biksha. One of the Shenoy's highest privileges was the visit of the current Kanchi Kamakoti Jayendra Saraswati when their home was the address of record as the Kanchi Kamakoti Peetham.

Mr. Balkunje Panduranga Shenoy was the mentor of the large Indian community in Charlotte, North Carolina. A respectful, beautiful and traditional Hindu funeral service was held on December 14th, 2002, prior to cremation at Sharon Memorial Park in Charlotte. The service was attended by ~ 275 people and eulogies were delivered by several members of the community. Balkunje Panduranga Shenoy will be greatly missed by all who knew this wise man who led a wonderful and fulfilled life.

KONKANI CALENDER

April 2003	May 2003	June 2003
1 st Amavasya	4 th Akshaya Thritiye	10 th Ekadashi
2 nd Yugadi	4th KAO (Canada) Satyanarayan Pooja	13 th Poornami
5th KAOCA Yugadi	12 th Ekadashi	16 th Sankashta Chaturthi
5th KAO (Canada) Yugadi	14 th Shri Narasimha Jayanti	29 th Amavasya
10 th Shri Rama Navami	15 th Vaishaki Poornami	
12 th Ekadashi	18 th Sankashta Chaturthi	
16 th Shri hanuman Jayanti	30 th Amavasya	
18th to 20th KISS Picnic		
19 th Sankashta Chaturthi		
20th KASC Yugadi		
26th HAAS Program @ Miller Theater		
30 th Amavasya		

Khabbar thanks Sri P. V. Kamath of Mumbai, India for furnishing the Panchang and My Astrologer-version 1.0 by Mr. Muralidhar Shenoy of Durham, NC

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

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The last quarter's quiz: This Konkani father gave two hourglasses-a 4-minute glass and a 7 minute glass- to his son and told him to measure 9 minutes. How did the son do it?

Start both hourglasses. When the 4-minute glass runs out, turn it over. When the 7 minute glass runs out, turn it over (7 minutes have elapsed). When the four minute glass runs out this time (8 minutes have now elapsed), the 7 minute glass has been running for 1 minute. Turn it over once again. When it stops, 9 minutes have elapsed.

The following gave the correct solution:

Govind Kamath, Austin, TX
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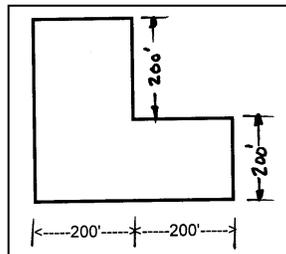
This Quarter's Quiz

By

Krishna Kudva, Alta Loma, CA

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.

A Konkani father had an agricultural property shaped as below. He has four (4) sons and wants to divide the property into identically equal part to each. How does he do?



Konkanis In Southern States (KISS) Picnic - 2003

From: KISS (Austin - - Dallas - - Houston)

Location: Cleburne State Park, 5800 Park Road 21, Cleburne, TX View Map (817)645-4215

When: Friday, April 18 2003, 5:00 PM To Sunday, April 20 2003, 12:00 Noon

Theme: "Vasant Utsav" (Spring festival). Please bring colorful attire.

Price: Early Registration ends March 22nd

Adults - \$40; Children less than 6 - FREE; Children 6 through 18 - \$25; Students - \$25; Senior citizens (65+) - \$25

Late or On-site Registration after March 21st - Irrespective of age (6 yrs and above) - \$45

Meals - All meals are included in the price above

Friday evening - Pizza Dinner

Saturday - Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Sunday - Brunch

Accommodations:

On site - Charges are included in the price. There are 2 heated barracks with 24 beds each (12 bunk beds). Beds have mattress.

Motels - Motels are about 14 miles from the park. MENTION "KISS" PICNIC.

Primary: Days Inn

101 N. Ridgeway Dr., Cleburne, TX 76031

Contact - 817-645-8836 (Mention rates provided by Nick Patel)

\$44 plus tax per day for any room,

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1707 W. Henderson St., Cleburne, TX 76031

Contact - Andy Patel - 817-556-3330

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Treasurer: Uday Khambadkone

Payment: Please make checks payable to Uday Khambadkone and mail it along with the registration form below to:

Uday Khambadkone, KISS Picnic, 125 Pennsylvania Dr. Denton, TX - 76205

Early Registration ends - March 22nd 2003

Registration Form

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Adults: (\$40) _____

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Address: _____

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Florida Konkani Get-together

Dear Friends,

The Florida Konkanis, after greatly successful meets in Tampa and Orlando, are holding the next get-together in Fort Myers, Florida.

All of us in Fort Myers invite you to a fun filled day at the park !

When : Saturday April 12th 2003

Where: Shelter D 1 Lakes Park, Fort Myers Florida

Time: 11am to 4 pm

For a map log onto (Lakes Park is number 5) <http://www.leeparks.org/regionalparksmap.htm>

Activities: our shelter is close to the volleyball court, rock wall, water fun (get your swimming gear), beach (lake) and mini train ride, so what are we waiting for?? lets have some fun!!

Please contact any of the following if you have any questions and to let us know that you will be coming.

Nimmi and Vittal Prabhu (239) 768 - 2678 impfm16@aol.com or Ira Dash (239) 495 - 8267 Udash@comcast.net . We hope that this invitation will reach Konkanis living in Florida who do not know about our organization. Please also forward our invitation to anyone who may be interested in attending.

Sincerely

All your Konkani Friends in Fort Myers

Konkani Youth Convention 2003

in austin, tx from friday, july 4th till sunday, july 6th

The convention is a great way to meet new people and reminisce with old friends. There will be interesting seminars, many ice breakers, fun trips around Austin, great food and a Boat Party on lake Travis! We have lots of surprises rolled up our sleeves, but you must come to find out!

Registration starts april 1st

look for updates at www.konkaniyouth.com

got questions?

e-mail us at youthkonkvention@hotmail.com,

Attendees will have to be at least 18 years old to attend the convention by July 4th 2003.

Konkani SammeLAn 2004 (Update)

The contest for the Logo and the Theme for the SammeLAn was decided by a panel of 3 judges on Saturday March 8, 2003. All the entries received were excellent and the judges had a hard time deciding the winner.

Entry submitted by **Mrs. Mithra Nayak** of La Mirada, California was declared the best both in respect to Logo and the theme. The Theme for the SammeLAn is:

"PRESERVING OUR HERITAGE/PROMOTING OUR YOUTH"

The logo will be on our website in the next few days.

Entries for the Logo was received from the following individuals:

- 1) Anupama Kalle, Trabuco Canyon, CA
- 2) Gurunandan & Shalini Kelkar, Camarillo, CA
- 3) Shelley Malil, Sherman Oaks, CA
- 4) Mithra Nayak, La Mirada, CA
- 5) Ramesh Nayak, North Billerica, MA
- 6) Kumud Nilekani, Sugarland, TX
- 7) VP Shenoy, Cupertino, CA
- 8) Seema Ullal, Simi Valley, CA
- 9) Vivek Ullal, Simi Valley, CA

The Executive Committee of the SammeLAn thanks all these individuals for taking the time to design the logos and send it to the selection committee.

Entries to the Theme was received from the following individuals, all from California as this contest was open for California residents only:

- 1) Vishwnath & Shalini Bhat
- 2) Avinash Joshi
- 3) Ravi Joshi
- 4) Shantala Kaisare
- 5) Gurunandan & Shalini Kelkar
- 6) Mithra Nayak
- 7) Ramakrishna Puthran
- 8) Savita Ubhayakar
- 9) Shivadev Ubhayakar
- 10) Seema Ullal
- 11) Vivek Ullal
- 12) Venkatesha Rao.

Thanks to all these individuals for sending their entries & actively participating in the SammeLAn process.

Sridhar Rao, Jaidev Chandavarkar and Malavika Gangolly acted as judges..

For up-to-date information, please, visit our website: www.konkani2004.com

Devu Bare Koro,

The Executive Committee

APPEALS



Shri Saunstan Gaudapadacharya Kavle Math Seva Samiti
Kavale - Panda Goa, Phone (0832) 312049

APPEAL

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Secretary

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Please note: The cheque may be drawn in favour of "Sri Saunstan Gaudpadacharya Kavale Math Seva Samiti"

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I am aware that I am asking for your help at a time when many of us are faced with economic uncertainty. Please understand that our instability and unpredictable political environment have been short-lived in comparison to those living in rural India.

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At the start of the program I was able to sponsor and support the race financially, yet in the past three years the participation and popularity of the race has increased significantly. While the national attention has been great for the children involved, it also increases the need for financial contributions in order to continue the benefit to the hundreds of participants.

Every year I see young people running the race without shoes and without the proper clothing, yet all are running with hopes of winning the prize endowment to help support their family or education. We would like to offer more to these children in the form of scholarships or other educational opportunities, as well as appropriate footwear or simply T-shirts for their efforts. These are all possibilities, but only with your assistance.

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Dr. Bhaskar Achar

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