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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.

There is no doubt in my mind that *Khabbar* is a part & parcel of life of Konkanis in the US and being the honorary editor, I do get some credit. But, sometimes that credit goes too far and case in point is a news item I got from one of the *Khabbar* correspondents from the Northeast.

This correspondent was giving the news about a wedding where I was in attendance with my family. The news coverage was about the wedding and the attendees. For the latter, the correspondent writes, "Friends and family from across the country and the oceans attended. Media magnate, editor of prestigious *Khabbar*, also attended with family".

Prestigious *Khabbar* **YES** but, media magnate...!?! Come On...

The *Khabbar* gets numerous compliments but some are really worth publishing. Here's one from MI:

"Vasanthmaam,

Thanks for taking time and efforts to produce this excellent newsletter. It is like an invisible silk web which keeps us all together".

Khabbar with the "Kwiz" section has a quite an unique relation with few of the North American Konkanis who solve it on a regular basis. **ONLY FOUR** out of the thousands of people, who got the last issue of *Khabbar* (Vol. XXVI No. 2), were able to solve it! And, one of them was a 9-year-old girl from VA who writes,

"Dear Vasanth maam,

My name is Sapna and I am in 3rd grade. This quarter's *Khabbar* puzzle was a piece of cake! I learnt how to do these puzzles in 2nd grade!! I really like *Khabbar* puzzles and am looking forward to trying the next puzzle"

SUBSCRIPTION FORM:

Dear Konkani family,
Please, note that you have the FREE access to the eKhabbar, the electronic version of *Khabbar*, by logging on to ekhabbar.com. If you want hard copy, then only renew your subscription for 2003 at \$15.00 a year. **Please, don't pay for future years!** Please, fill the form below and send your subscription with a check payable to *Khabbar* to P. O. Box 222, Lake Jackson, TX 77566-0222. (Canadian Konkanis please pay cash or MO in US\$)

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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 1992**. 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 1992 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. This quarter these correspondents have done a great job. If your area is not represented wholly, let me know and I'll recruit more volunteers. 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.

With a resounding success of the **second Konkani Youth Convention** in July 2003 (from 4th thru 6th) in Austin, TX, we all can focus our attention to the next major event in our lives - The **Konkani Sammelan 2004**. This will be the best event ever! Please visit their completely revised website: www.konkani2004.com to get all the information and updates of this event. And the venue for the 2006 Sammelan is already set as **CANADA**. More details to follow.

I must thank **Vishwa Konkani Sardar Basti Vaman Shenoy** for all his support in keeping North American Konkanis abreast about what's happening back in our home. His "*Khabbar from Kular*" should give us a feeling of accomplishment by his volunteer army. More needs to be done. 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 rise up to the occasion and participate in this great undertaking by donating generously.

Thanks to **Kadambi Krishna Prabhu**, Jackson Heights, NY the three part series on "**A brief history of Kolakere Prabhus**" will conclude with this issue.

Thanks to Dr. K. P. S. Kamath, the on going series on **Bhagavad-Gita as a**

Stress Management Guide has been getting great reviews from Konkanis all over the world! People from UK & India have been requesting copies of these articles!!

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!! And for the last quarter's quiz, only **four** were able to solve it correctly!!!

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.

The past quarter saw quite a few great Konkani people pass away. On the sad note, I report the loss of one of the best men in my life, my dear brother **NARENDRA BHAT**. He was a noble man and my family loved him dearly. His support to *Khabbar* was remarkable.

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

Devu Boren Karo.

Vasanth
Editor

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,

We are pleased to inform you that we have hosted our new corporate website

at <http://www.sathyasaihospital.com>
We would request you to kindly visit the above website and pass on your comments pertaining to the same.

We would also like to bring to your consideration that, starting from 23rd November 2003, which is the birthday of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba, Sathya Sai Multi Specialty Eye Hospital a unit of Sathya Sai Charitable Trust would function on a total free basis to all sections of the society.

In this connection we all on behalf of Sathya Sai Charitable Trust Request you to kindly uphold the intend of the trust after going through our website, threadbare.

Thanking You,
Respectfully Yours,
Om Sai Seva,

Dr. Rajendra Kodgi,
Managing Trustee,

Sathya Sai Charitable Trust (Regd.)
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Dear Vasanth-mam,

As you are well aware, Gowda Saraswat Samaj in the UK covers England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland (and for lack of any alternative also encourage Konkani Europe-wide to participate). We aim to promote togetherness amongst members, teach culture and history of the Konkani community and the Konkani language, and raise funds for charitable causes in both England and India. We too have a quarterly newsletter called *Saraswath Vani*. We also have a very active Konkani Youth Association in the UK.

We have recently launched Release 1.0 of our very own GSB UK Website. The sites www.konkaniEU.com or www.gowdasaraswathsabha.org.uk

which are basically the same), are now accessible to one and all on the net. Do bookmark the same.

Could you have a small feature in 'hoon khabbar' or wherever else it is appropriate and also please add a link to our homepage with perhaps a small Britain flag, which I can provide.

This is only release one of our site and we hope to add content as well as keep it updated fairly regularly

Please take some time to visit the site, surf, look out for the forthcoming Events, the latest photo's from the Diwali function, interesting articles from previous *Vani* etc. Please convey this news to your family and friends worldwide. Suggestions are most welcome. We would also like to hear of any good amchigelle randap (any good recipes you know of that I can try - yum yum - that's what a lot of konkani like to talk about anyways)

We also have a very active Konkani Youth Association in the UK, which is mentioned on the site as well

We look forward to your cooperation and proactive support for our fledgling web initiative
Devu barre koro

Sunil Prabhu

sunilprabhu@sdiworld.com

Dear Sir,

We are glad to inform you that we have formed much awaited organization "Vishwa Saraswath Federation (VSF)" with the blessings of our Dharma Gurus of Shri Kavale Math, Kashi Math, Parthagali Gokarn Math and Chithrapur Math. We are enclosing the update of the Federation for your publication in your periodical. Enclosed also find a news item on award of **Saraswath Prathibha Puraskar**.

We are also giving the details of other Saraswath publications on this letter for your information. We also would like to take your approval to use your publications articles and other relevant information for the general information of our Saraswath community.

In case you are aware of any other Saraswath Organization all over the world, so that all Saraswath's can hear the VSF update. We feel that the time has come to unite the Saraswaths across the globe for betterment of the entire community.

Lt. Col. Ashok Kini H.

Convener, VSF,

Saraswath Sankriti Bhawan,

Plot No. 1 & 2 Geeta Mandir Marg,
Double Storey, New Rajinder Nagar,

New Delhi - 110 060

Namaskar,

Sahasra Kumbhabhisheka is to be performed at Manjeshwar Temple from *Magha Bahula Padya* to *Magha Bahula Panchami* of the present *Subhaanu Nama Samvatsara* corresponding to 07.02.2004 to 11.02.2004 to be performed by Sri Sri Sudheendra Teertha Swamiji, Mathadipathi, Shri Kashi Math Samsthan, to commemorate the Bicentenary of *Punarprathishta* of the Lord in the year 1804.

We request you to publish this in both print and Internet editions of "Khabbar".

You can access the invitation at

<http://manjeshwar.org/SK%20Invitati.on.htm>

Our website: <http://manjeshwar.org>

In the meantime if possible, can you please provide us with the postal and email addresses of Konkani in the United States who are from Manjeshwar?

With Regards,

Manjeshwar Naveen Bhakta

bhagathnaveen@sancharnet.in

Dear Vasanthmam:

Details and Invitation for *Sahasra Kumbhabhishek* at Manjeshwar Srimath Anantheshwar Temple on Feb 7 - 11, 2004 are available online:

<http://www.manjeshwar.org>

Devu boren koro,

Manjeshwar Ganesha Kamath,

Morristown TN

mgkamath@msn.com

Hoon Khabbar

Congratulations:

Sri. PANCHMAL DINANATH SHENOY received the “**Shree Vidyadhiraj Award**” for 2002 from Shree Samsthan Gokarn Partagali Jeevottam Mutt. This annual award is given to an eminent member of the community who has rendered outstanding services to the society in any field.

The award presentation ceremony is normally held in the precincts of the Partagali Mutt on Chaitra Shukla 2, which, apart from being the Foundation Day of the Mutt, is also the ‘*Gurupeetharohan*’ Day of H. H. Shreemad Vidyadhiraj Teerth Shreepad Vader Swamiji. The Award carries a citation, a momento in the form of the ancient ‘*Vatavriksha*’ (banyan tree) at Partagali and Rs. 15,000 in cash.

Dr. NARAYAN H. NAYAK of Lafayette, CA authored a book entitled “Guidelines to Practice of Emergency Medicine” for physicians in training as well as for Emergency physicians in India. Churchill Livingston (currently Elsevier Scientific Publications) in New Delhi published the book in October 2002. It has been available in Indian Medical bookstores in major cities.

Any ER physician in our community interested in contributing relevant topics to the second edition of the book may contact the author soon at nhnayak@myrealbox.com

RUPAL, d/o Vivek and Ratna Nayak of Schaumburg, IL celebrated her *Bharata Natya Arangetram* on July 13th 2003 at the Vernon Hills High School Auditorium in Vernon Hills, IL. Rupal is the disciple of Smt. Toral Choudhary of Nrutyakalashree Dance Academy.

MITHA, d/o Vijay Kumar and Prema Rao of Oak Brook, IL performed her *Bharata Natya Arangetram* on August 9th 2003 at the Performing Arts Theater of Triton College, in River Grove IL. Mitha's Guru is Smt. Hema Rajagopalan of the Natya Dance Theater. Mitha has given numerous

dance performances all over the country and in many Chicago venues.

The band “ALLUVIA” made their second ever appearance at the artwallah festival in end of June 2003 playing Indo-flavored melodies on a bed of Hip Hop & Electronic Beats. **VINAY**, s/o Vasudev & Sunita Prabhu of Mission Viejo, CA played sax in the band (newly formed with 5-6 performers) and he is the one who designed the website www.artwallah.org which attracts many second-generation artists and performers. It was a grand success last year in Santa Monica, CA and getting momentum. It is a non-profit so your support and donations always help them.

RAVI SHENOY of Montville, NJ started his own consulting engineering firm called, SHENOY Engineers, LLC. Located in Fairfield, NJ, SHENOY Engineers offers complete integrated mechanical, electrical, plumbing and fire protection design and construction administration services for commercial and industrial buildings. For over 24 years, Ravi Shenoy was a partner with a consulting firm in New York City responsible for some of the prestigious construction projects in tri-state area.

SUREN KAMATH from San Antonio, TX recently unveiled plans for a new medical office building. Planned 32,000-square-foot building - is the latest addition to the office community known as Briggs Medical Office Park. Construction on the building is slated to begin in October. Looking at the future growth of this sector, Suren points to an entity that has become San Antonio's latest buzz word: TOYOTA, which is scheduled to open a manufacturing plant in the area in 2006. Konkani physicians interested in start up or relocating their medical practice to this area may contact him at kamath77@hotmail.com or (210)-325-4477

SATISH ACHARYA and PRABODH KAMATH both originally from Mumbai have teamed up to manage motels in the San Antonio, TX airport vicinity. Satish who may be contacted at (210)-669-9019, also owns and operates a successful wholesale Tire & Wheel outlet in San Antonio to cover large trade area of south Texas region including parts of Mexico.

Konkani Graduates:

RAJIV, s/o Rajendra & Pramila Shenoy of Hampton, VA graduated as the Salutatorian from Bethel High School, Hampton, VA and will join Georgia Tech this Fall.

VIJAY, s/o Dr. Manohar and Meera Udyavar Rao of Hillsborouh, NJ completed his Ph.D. in June 2003 as part of the MD - Ph.D. program from the Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC.

DIVYA, d/o Sudhakara & Nalini Rao of Canton, MI has graduated from Downers Grove High School and joined University of Illinois at Chicago this Fall.

SONALI, d/o Shivadev & Lata Ubhayakar of Rancho Palos Verdes, CA, graduated from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA, on June 20th 003 with an M.S. in Computer Science.

AMBIKA, d/o Dilip & Patricia Saletore of Saugus, CA, graduated from UCLA with her bachelors in Pure Mathematics.

ANSHUL, s/o Bharat & Kalpana Kundaje of Irvine, CA, graduated in December 2002, with a Masters in Electrical Engineering from Columbia University in NYC. He is currently working at the IBM T. J. Watson Research Center with the Functional Genomics & Systems Biology Group. He will be starting his PhD program in Computer Science at Columbia University this Fall & will be majoring in Computational Biology.

KUNAL, s/o Bharat & Kalpana Kundaje of Irvine, CA, graduated from University High School, Irvine and is joining the Henry Samueli School of Engineering & Applied Sciences, at UCLA and plans to major in Computer Science.

ASHIMA, d/o Aravind & Beena Shenoy of Granada Hills, CA, graduated from Granada Hills High School and will be going to University of California, Riverside.

PRIYA, d/o Drs. Jagdish & Jothi Gangolly of Claremont, CA, graduated June 12th 2003 from Claremont High School, and will attend the University of California, San Diego in the fall. Priya was News Editor of the 10th-ranked high school newspaper in the nation-the Wolfpacket, captain of the Speech and Debate team, and President of the Indian Association. She was also a member of the National Honor Society, a lifetime member of the California Scholarship Federation, volunteered at Pomona Valley Hospital, taught at the National Forensics Institute for three summers, and will graduate with a Golden State Diploma and Governor's Scholarship under the Faculty and Principal's Honor Roll. Priya will major in Psychology and Cognitive Neuropsychology at UCSD and plans to become a pediatric oncologist.

SANGEETA, d/o Gautam & Aruna Ullal of Canada graduated from High School and has been accepted in the Bachelors of Science Program at McMaster University in Hamilton.

CHINAB, d/o Girish & Padmaja Shanbhag of Canada graduated from Glenforest High School and will be attending the Biochemistry (Honours) Program at Carleton University in Ottawa.

PRATIK, s/o Kishore & Lalita Kulkarni of Canada graduated from High School and will be attending Automation and Robotics in Aerospace at the Centennial College in September 2003.

SHRADDHA, d/o Shivdas & Sheetal Pai of Toronto, ON has been accepted

into Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory (Long Island, NY) Undergraduate Research Program for the Summer of 2003. Her research on olfactory receptor complexes in nematodes will be done under the mentorship of Dr. Lincoln Stein, a world-class bioinformatician. Shraddha was one of 25 accepted out of 476 applicants from around the world, and is the only representative from Canada.

SANGEETA, d/o Ratnakar & Sudha Bhandarkar of London, ON, added another university degree to her credit. She graduated in June 2003, from Dalhousie University, Nova Scotia, with Masters Degree in Social Work (MSW) specializing in Community Development. Her earlier achievements - B.A from University of Waterloo, . Honours BSW from Lakehead University, Thunder Bay.

REKHA, d/o Chandrakant & Sheela Mahale of Highbridge, NJ, graduated *Phi Beta Kappa* with thesis and high honors from Lehigh University and will be attending Drexel University College of Medicine in Philadelphia, PA this August 2003.

SHUBA KAMATH, MD, d/o Narasimha and Shantha Kamath, of Edison, NJ completed her residency in Pediatrics at the Mt. Sinai Medical Center, in New York. She is currently pursuing a three year Fellowship in General Academic Pediatrics with a focus on public health, also at Mt. Sinai.

AMITA, d/o Suren & Vidya Kamath of San Antonio, TX received her Master's degree in Public Health from Harvard University in June 2003.

AMAR, s/o Chandrakant and Nandana Bhakta of Burr Ridge, IL graduated from the Chicago Lab School and has started under graduate studies at Colgate University in New York state.

RUPAL, d/o Vivek and Ratna Nayak of Schaumburg, IL graduated from high school and has started under graduate studies at University of Illinois in Champaign, IL.

MITHA, d/o Vijay Kumar and Prema Rao of Oak Brook, IL has graduated from Hinsdale Central high school and started under graduate studies at Duke University in North Carolina. Mitha has won many awards both individual and for the school. She received First place in State for Public speaking and was the National Recipient for Foreign Language. As a reporter for her school newspaper, her article on Teenage Smoking won a monetary award for the school. Mitha was the captain of her Mock Trial team and won the best witness and the best attorney at state. She received the National Merit Scholarship Award, and the League of Women voters of Oak Brook gave her a scholarship for her outstanding performance in the US Government Class. Apart from her Academic achievements Mitha is a great dancer.

RAHUL, s/o Vivek and Ratna Nayak of Schaumburg IL graduated from University of Illinois at Champaign. During his under grad years Rahul took active part in the India Night programs.

MANOJ, s/o Vijay Kumar and Prema Rao of Oak Brook, IL graduated from St. Louis University. Manoj was a Presidential Scholar and a GPPA candidate. He was first the Secretary and later the President of the Sigma Chi Fraternity. Manoj won the Balfour Award for his outstanding scholastic achievement and distinguished service to Sigma Chi. During his term as president he helped raise \$10,000. for the Children's Miracle Network. Manoj is now a student at the St. Louis University School of Medicine, in St. Louis, MO.

MADHAV, s/o Vijay Kumar and Prema Rao of Oak Brook, IL graduated from the University of Illinois at Chicago School of Medicine. He has started his residency in Internal Medicine at the Emory University Hospitals in Atlanta, GA.

RAJ DEDATTA of Palo Alto, CA (formerly from Cambridge, MA) graduated from Harvard Business School and has joined CISCO in the bay area of California in July 2003.

DIVYA, d/o of Divakar & Geetha Shenoy of W. Simsbury, CT graduated from Wesleyan University in May 2003 with Government as major. She made the Dean's List. Divya has moved to Brooklyn & has joined of the Attorneys' firm Paul Weiss & Rifkand in Manhattan.

New Arrivals:

ANUBHAV, 7 lb 1oz and 20" tall baby boy to Praveen & Vaishali Kamath of Centreville, VA on Friday June 6th 2003 at 4:31 PM. A baby brother to Aditya.

VALLIKA, a baby girl to Vinith & Divya Nayak of Edison, NJ on June 11th 2003. A sister to Vallab. Her paternal grand parents are Sri Vasudeo & Smt. Vasanthi Nayak of Edison, NJ and maternal grand parents are Subrao & Vijayalaxmi Kasarkod of Sirsi, U.K., India.

DHRUV, a 7 lb 12 oz, 21" tall baby boy to Vivek and Sujaya Pai of Princeton, NJ on July 25th 2003. The paternal grand parents are Sadananda and Sharda Pai of Houston, TX. Currently visiting are maternal grandparents P. Jayavanth and Vijaya Kamath of Dombivali.

RHEA KASTURI, a baby girl to Pravin & Anjana Pai of Canada on December 30th 2002, a sister to Nikhil.

RISHAB, a baby boy to Pramod & Maithili Udiaver of Canada on March 21st 2003, a sister to Aparna.

KIRAN, a 7 lbs 8 oz baby boy, to Jon and Radhika Berger of Yorktown Hts., NY, on June 18th 2003. Kiran's maternal grand parents are Suresh and Anu Nayak of Houston, TX and paternal grand parents are Ralph and Meryl Berger of Boston, MA.

THANH-NGA (Tara), a baby girl, to Krishna and Bach-Nga Shenoy of Palo Alto, CA on June 11th 2003. The paternal grand parents are Pandu and Louise Shenoy of Orange, CA.

LEELA NEHA, a baby girl to Satyanarayan & Reshma Prabhu on May 27th 2003. The paternal grand parents are Vidhyadhar & Pratima Prabhu of Matteson, IL

Brahmopadesham:

Dilip & Bina Pai of Canada performed the sacred thread ceremony (*Brahmopadesham*) of their sons **VINAYAK & AMIT** on Sunday July 6th 2003 in Mangalore.

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

Engagement:

Chandrakant & Sheela Mahale of High Bridge, NJ announced the engagement of their eldest daughter, **Kum. PRIYA**, to **Chi. RICHARD**, s/o Dr. and Mrs. Michael Page of Winnetka, IL on June 20th 2003.

Chi. BRYAN, s/o Gopal & Carol Pai of Pittsburgh, PA engaged to **Kum. NATALIE**, d/o Roy & Laurie Benevides of Odessa, TX and DiAnn Sites, VA. Bryan's paternal grand parents are Dr. & Mrs. K. Vittaldas Pai of Pittsburgh, PA. A Fall 2004 wedding is planned.

Newly Weds:

Sow. RASHMI, d/o Gurudutt & Shanta Chikarmane of Canada married **Chi. Dr. ANDREW**, s/o David & Barbara Swan of Edmonton, in Toronto on May 23rd 2003.

Chi. VIJAY, s/o Suresh & Anuradha Nayak of Houston, TX, married **Sow. SHIKHA**, d/o Brij & Kamal Anand of Franklin Lakes, NJ, on Friday, June 6th 2003 at the Wadesworth Mansion in Middletown, CT. The marriage ceremony was officiated by the head priest of the Sri Satyanarayana Temple of Connecticut. Couple performed *Satyanarayana pooja* next day at the temple.

The couple received medical degrees from Albany Medical College, where they met. Vijay completed the third year of five-year residency in Otolaryngology (ENT) at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary in Boston, and Shikha completed Pediatrics residency at Yale-New Haven Hospital and will start a fellowship at Boston University Medical School in July. After

honeymooning in Spain they have settled in the Boston area.

Chi. VIVEK, of Danville, CA, s/o Venkatrao & Vaishali Pai of Houston, TX married to **Sow. KAVITHA**, d/o Mr. & Mrs. V. P. Radhakrishna Pai of Mumbai on Sunday June 15th 2003 at 12:37 PM (*Abhijin Muhurtham*) at Indraprasta Hall in Mulund, Mumbai.

Chi. ANAND s/o of Venkatesh & Vasanthi Rao of Walnut, CA married to **Sow. JENNIFER** d/o of Thomas & Diane McGlenn of Huntington Beach, CA on Saturday June 21st 2003 at 5 O'Clock at Hyatt Regency Irvine in Irvine, CA.

Chi. SUDHIR, of Austin, TX, s/o Kasturi Suresh & Radhika Pai, Mangalore (grandson of Late Smt & Sri Kasturi Laxman Pai, Mangalore and Late Smt. & Dr. M. Balakrishna Kini, Hubli) married to **Sow. VAISHALI**, of New York, NY, d/o Kalsank Ashok & Shobha Pai of Manipal (granddaughter of Mrs. Nirupoma Pai & Late Kalsank Prabhakar Pai, Udupi and Mrs. Gowri Baliga and late Bantwal Sadashiv Baliga, Mangalore) on Friday July 4th 2003 at 11:43 AM *muhurtham* (*Kanya lagnam*) at Smt. Ammanni Ramanna Shetty Memorial Hall, Udupi.

Chi. HARISH, s/o Vasudev & Shaila Nayak of Cranbury, NJ married to **Sow. JENNIFER**, d/o Jeffert J. & Mary Nowobilski of Orchard Park, NY on Saturday July 26th 2003 in University of Rochester Interfaith Chapel by the Rev. Gary H. Gossel of Ebenezer United Church of Christ at noon and by Swami Vijay Haran at a Hindu ceremony at 3:30 p.m.

A reception for the bride and bridegroom was given in Sheraton Four Points Clarion Riverside, Roches ter, NY.

After a trip to Costa Rica, the couple will be at home in Tonawanda, NY.

The newly married couple are attending University at Buffalo, the bride as a third-year student in the School of Medicine and he as a candidate for a MBA degree. They are graduates of University of Rochester, the bride *summa cum laude*.

Sow. SHARMILA, d/o Raj & Preetha Acharya of Ocean, NJ married to **Chi.**

NAVIN, s/o Anand & Rama Mallavaram of Denver, CO at *Muhurtham* 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM on Sunday September 7th 2003 at Royal Albert's Palace (Maharaja Hall) in Fords, NJ.

Sow. Dr. SANDHYA, d/o of Banur Dhruvakumar & Ramani Nayak of Sudbury, MA married to **Chi. Dr. SANJAY**, s/o of Dr. Ramesh & Sucharita Hegde on August 31st 2003 in Sheraton Colonial Hotel and Golf Club, Wakefield, Massachusetts. Sangeetnite was celebrated on August 30th. After the marriage, couple left for their honeymoon to Carrabian Islands on a cruise. Dr. Sandhya will be doing her fellowship in Cardiology at Cornell Medical Center in Newyork City and Dr. Sanjay is planning to do his fellowship in Gastro Intestinology at UPenn in Philadelphia after completing his residency in primary medicine at New England Medical Center, Boston.

Konkani Happenings:

The Michigan Konkani Association (MKA) held their annual *Yugadi* function on April 5th 2003.

The American Midwest Konkani Association (AMKA) held their annual *Yugadi* function on April 12th 2003 at the Aurora Temple in Aurora, IL.

The Konkani Association of Georgia (KAOGA) held their *Yugadi* function on Sunday May 4th 2003 at Roswell Community Centre in Roswell, GA.

KONKANI SABHA held their annual picnic on June 8th 2003 at the Mercer County Park, Manmouth, NJ. Many Konkani enjoyed a day of *panchadik*, cricket, volleyball, dodge ball, bingo, music and delicious food.

The Connecticut Organization Of Konkanis (COOK) held a grand picnic in Trumbull Unity Park on June 21st 2003. Special thanks to **Mrs. Bharathi Shenoy** of Trumbull, **Mrs. Seema Bhat** of Orange, **Mrs. Aneetha Shenoy** of Shelton and **Mrs. Rajashree Honayya** of Monroe who organized the picnic. People from across Connecticut attended and

enjoyed fantastic Konkani cooking, games and other fun activities. This *Khabbar* reporter had many helpings of the good "*Jevana aani Khana*"

From: Exclusive Connecticut *Khabbar* Reporter.

The Michigan Konkani Association (MKA) held their annual picnic on June 22nd 2003 at the Marshbank Bank in West Bloomfield, MI.

The Konkani Association of Ontario (KAO) celebrated their annual picnic on Saturday July 26th 2003 at Richard's Memorial Park in Mississauga, ON. From 10:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

The Saraswat Foundation held their annual **Bhanap Picnic** on Saturday August 2nd 2003 at Reichler Park in South Brunswick, NJ.

The Konkani Association of Georgia (KAOGA) held their annual picnic on Saturday August 2nd 2003 at Fort Yargo, GA.

The American Midwest Konkani Association (AMKA) held their annual summer picnic on August 10th 2003 at the Pottawatomie Park in St. Charles, IL.

The Chicago Konkani participated in the India Independence Day Parade held on August 16th at the famous Devon Avenue also known as Gandhi Marg. The Konkani Float was very well decorated and the **AMKA** members, senior citizens, youth and kids enjoyed participating in the parade. Rod Blagoiavich, the Governor of Illinois was the Royal Grand Marshall for the Parade. And **AMKA member Raghu Nayak** was one of the Grand Marshalls.

The Houston Area Amchigale Samaj (HAAS) held their *Krishna Janamashtami* on Friday August 22nd 2003 in Sugarland, TX.

The Konkani Association of California (KAOCA) held their annual picnic at Vasona Park, Los Gatos, CA on Saturday August 23rd 2003. About 200 Konkani's had wonderful time with the outstanding weather, and friendly company. As

usual Food was the main attraction followed by competitive athletic events for all ages. Cricket and Volleyball was popular amongst men. **Veena Kamath, Meena Nayak** and other members of the committee put in lot of efforts to assure customer satisfaction at the highest level.

The Konkani Association of Southern California (KASC), hosts of the Konkani SammeLAn 2004, held their annual summer picnic on Sunday August 24th 2003 at Cerritos Park East in Cerritos, CA.

The Michigan Konkani Association (MKA) held their Ganesh Chaturthi/Krishna Janamashtami on September 6th 2003 at the Bharatiya Temple in Trot, MI.

Relocation:

The **KOPPIKAR** family, Dinkar & Vimala have relocated from Omaha, NE to 2363 Tour Eiffel Drive, Lafayette Oaks, Tallahassee, FL 32308-5931. Their emails are: vimala@msn.com and dinkar_vimala@hotmail.com.

The **PAI** family, Balachandra & Sudha have moved from Indianapolis, IN to Woodbridge, NJ to 509 Fox Hill Run Dr., Woodbridge NJ 07095. Their new telephone is (732)-404-9631 and email ID: bssmpai@yahoo.com

The **RAO** family, Sudhakara & Nalini with their daughter, Divya, have relocated from Woodridge, IL to 4104 Pond Run, Canton, MI 48188. The new telephone is (248)-347-0795.

The **SHENOY** family, Dinesh & Deeksha, have relocated from Brampton, Ont. to 27 Quantum Street, Markham, Ont. L3S 4J5. Their new telephone is (905)-201-9947 and email ID: deekshashenoy@hotmail.com

The **SHANBHOGUE** family, Vasant & Chitra with their daughters, Esha & Ahana, have relocated from Sugarland, TX to 52 Hendrie Avenue, Riverside, CT 06878. Their new telephone is (203)-637-4631 and email ID: busybeecs@yahoo.com

SANJAY BHATT, s/o Ashwin and Kasturi Bhatt of Houston, TX has relocated from West Palm Beach, FL to 3451 24th Ave W, Apt 324, Seattle, WA 98199 after a lovely nine-day cross-country drive. He joined The Seattle Times on Aug. 11, 2003 and he writes about education. His email ID: sanjay_bhatt@comcast.net.

The **BHAT** family, Prashanth & Seema, together with their sons, Samarth & Sarthak, have relocated from West Virginia to Kentucky and their new address is 901 Spruce Court Campbellsville, KY 42718. The new telephone is (270) 469-4374 & email ID: Prashant65@wmconnect.com

The **PAI** family, Ratnakar & Vidya have relocated from North Attleboro, MA to 15 Stoneridge Road, Franklin, MA 02038. The new telephone is (508)-553-9854 and e-mails: rnp15@aol.com & vidyapai@aol.com. The **BHAT** family, Narsim Buntval & Pratima, with their sons Rohan & Karan, have relocated from Warren, NJ to 5801 E. Shirley Lane, Apt#112, Montgomery, AL 36117.

The **KAMAT** family, Ganesh & Amrita with their children Rohit & Rhea relocated within Texas from Coppell to San Antonio. Their new address is 210 Sontera Blvd., # 611, San Antonio, TX 78258 Telephone (210) 404-1869 and email ID: kamat@hotmail.com

The **BALIGA** family, Subramanya & Vasanthi have relocated from 36 Oakland Street, Princeton, NJ 08540 to 60 Macfarlane Circle, Monroe, NJ 08831. New telephone number is (732)-605-1786 and email ID: sursunus@yahoo.com

The **BALIGA** family, Yeshavantha & Anusuya, have relocated within California to 3914 Selmi Grove, Richmond, CA 94806. The new telephone is (510)-222-3927 and email ID: kalyanpurb@yahoo.com

25th Wedding Anniversary:

BASTI GANAPATHI & GAYATHRI SHENOY of Las Vegas, NV celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary on August 13th

2003 by performing a *Satyanarayan Pooja* at the Las Vegas Hindu Temple in Las Vegas, NV.

90th Birthday Bash:

Smt. SHARADA KAMATH celebrated her 90th birthday at the Sunnyvale Temple on Aug. 24th 2003. Sharada Mayi's daughter Asha and Son in Law Ravi Baliga were joined by daughter Kavita and about 100 well wishers. Grandson Aditya gave a touching talk on how much he loves her and how his life is better because of his grandma's company. The *Pooja* was followed by a grand dinner.

Welcome to North America:

The **KAMATH** family, Subhaschandra & Prabha, with their daughters Shuba & Swathi, have migrated to America and have settled at 1613 Queen Victoria Street, #104, Las Vegas, NV 89144. Their new telephone is (702)-243-4839 and email ID: ksckamath@yahoo.com

Obituary:

BOLA SANTHAPPA RAO (77) of Mulki, passed away on Friday June 6th 2003 in Mangalore. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to his sons, Narasimha Shenoy & family of Frazer, PA, Vishnudas Shenoy & family of Harrisburg, PA, and Vijendra Shenoy & family of Bensalem, PA.

CHETAN UMESH SHIRALI passed away in San Jose, CA on June 28th 2003 after a long illness. Chetan had retired from the Indian Army Signal Corps as Lieutenant Colonel in 1990 after a distinguishing career. He saw action during the Bangladesh war in 1971. He had moved to the US after his retirement and was working in the field of Communications Engineering.

MANGALORE RANGAPPA PAI (popularly known as M. R. Pai of Forum of Free Enterprise) passed away on Thursday July 3rd 2003 in Mumbai. He was 72. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to his daughter Mrs. Deeksha Shenoy and family of Markham, Ont. Canada.

Sri. T. SRINIVAS PAI (93) passed away in Thottam, Udipi District,

Karnataka, India on Saturday July 26th 2003. He taught Chemistry at St. Aloysius College in Mangalore and retired in the 70's as the Chairman of the department.

Khabbar sends heartfelt condolences to his son Mohan Pai & family of Somerdale, NJ.

KALYANPUR GANESH BALIGA (93), passed away peacefully on August 9th 2003 in Mumbai. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to his son Subramanya Baliga & family of Monroe, NJ.

Sri VASUDEO NAYAK (84), of Edison, NJ passed away early morning at 2:30 AM on Thursday August 14th 2003. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to his wife, Smt. Vasanthi Nayak of Edison, NJ, sons, Vivek Nayak & family of Schaumburg, IL, and Vinith Nayak & family of Edison, NJ and daughters, Vishaya Pai & family of Somerdale, NJ and Vindhya Prabhu & family of Trumbull, CT.

Smt. SUNITHA (nee Kudva) MALLAYA (79), beloved wife of Kasaragod Vasudeva Mallaya passed away peacefully on August 11th 2003. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to her son Prakash Mallya & family of Sierra Madre, CA.

Sri NARENDRA BHAT (63) of Quilon, Kerala passed away in Mangalore on Monday September 1st 2003. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to his brother Vasanth Bhat & family of Lake Jackson, TX and sister Vidya Nayak & family of Flanders, NJ.

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34 years old boy (divorced), 5'-10" tall, fair, good looking, MBA, working, will be citizen of USA in 1 year, wants to marry a Konkani girl. Contact: vivanku@yahoo.com

Khabbar Exclusive

Konkanis & Northeast Blackout.....

The Konkanis of Northeast survived the major blackout with their usual ingenuity and courage. **Samir Baliga** walked from midtown Manhattan across the Williamsburg into Brooklyn for four hours to get home while his sister **Priti** went from Brooklyn across the Brooklyn Bridge into Manhattan to her 22nd Floor apartment just in case Samir decided to come to her place. Majority of the cell phones were not working and Samir wasn't taking a chance of climbing up 22 floors to find her not home! **Dr. Sheila Shenoy**, who works in uptown Manhattan walked to the ferry station and after waiting three hours managed to get on a ferry to Weehawken, NJ., only to find there were no transportation from there to Edison, NJ. A taxi driver offered to take her to Edison for \$150.00; she thought he will drop her at her house for that price, but he said he cannot get any further than the Edison Metro train station. A kind hearted gentleman later gave her a ride to her house. Electricity, which went off about 4.00PM Thursday, began to be restored in a few places early morning on Friday and almost all other places by Friday night.

The scenes of people sleeping at train station and airports was unimaginable; everyone seems to take it in their stride. No doubt the events of 9/11 changed everyone's perspectives and make them realize what is important in life.

Bhagavad-Gita as a Stress Management Guide - Cont.

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Chapter Four:

Bhagavad Gita is like a 700 piece jigsaw puzzle without its original box. You don't know what the puzzle is supposed to look like. Many pieces look alike and many appear very complex. You don't know where to begin. There is one jigsaw piece, however, that is the key to understanding *Gita*: And that is *Gita*: 3:42). Once you understand this piece thoroughly, the whole of *Gita* becomes a piece of *Mithai woondo*. In our chapter two, we saw the model of the mind as three concentric rings: *Atman*, *Buddhi* and *Mana*. Five gates (Senses) connect the outermost ring (Mind) to several little circles (Sense Objects). The model I am presenting below is the same model except that you are now looking at it from the front, like looking at a Christmas tree.

Conflict with others is a major source of stress in our daily life. Every conflict between two people has to do with one side wanting to possess what the other side has, or to control it. This results in one side wanting to impose its will, view, opinion or belief on the other. We see this in every conflict in the world: between husband and wife; between parents and children; between in-laws; between friends; between boss and employee; between business partners; between communities, and even between nations. Evil behavior from one side or both follows. So Arjuna asks Lord Krishna: *Gita* 3:36: "What is it that drives a man to commit evil, Varshneya, however reluctantly, as though propelled by force?"

Lord Krishna reply is powerful: *Gita*: 3: 37-39: "It is selfish Desire (*kama*), it is anger (*krodha*), which springs from the force of passion (*Rajas guNa*, one of three *guNas* which we will study later) the great devourer, the great evil; know that this is the enemy here. Just as the fire is covered by smoke and mirror is obscured by dust, just as embryo is covered by amniotic membrane, Knowledge (Intellect) becomes covered by this selfish Desire- hidden, Arjuna, by this unquenchable fire for self gratification, the inveterate enemy of the wise." Wow!

Gita: 3: 40, 41: "The Senses, the Mind and Intellect (Zones 4, 3 and 2) are the sitting places of this selfish Desire, which clouds the real knowledge (*Dharmajnana*) of individuals and bewilders them. Therefore, Arjuna, in the very beginning itself curb selfish Desire, the great symbol of sin, by controlling your Senses, and then kill off that evil which destroys insight and Knowledge."

Gita: 2: 62, 63: "While contemplating the objects of senses (People, money, power, etc.) a person develops (excessive) attachment for them, and from such attachment selfish desire develops, and from it arises anger (perhaps out of frustration). From anger arises delusion (grandiosity, paranoia), and from delusion bewilderment of memory (cognitive functions deteriorate). When memory is bewildered, intelligence (wisdom) is lost (we begin to make stupid mistakes). When this happens, one falls into degradation (one becomes totally stressed-out)."

Here Lord Krishna is not referring to our plain human desire to live, love, be loved, eat, sleep, clothe and have fun. The kind of selfish Desire he is referring to is like the blind ambition Duryodhana had. Let us see if we can relate these to examples of excessive attachment to sense objects in our daily lives:

1. Excessive attachment to people: A mother (who reads *Gita* every day) excessively attached to, and possessive of, her son creates tension between her son and daughter-in-law. She does her best to prevent her son from spending any time with his wife. Her controlling behavior drives a wedge between him and his wife. The son (who knows *Gita* by heart) being excessively attached to his mother is gutless in standing up to his mother for fear of losing her affection. His *dharmajnana* (what is right and what is wrong) becomes clouded by his possessive love for his mother. He silently watches his wife being mercilessly tortured by his mother. Likewise, a person possessively attached to a friend becomes jealous and angry when his/her friend associates with another person.

The tragic consequences of excessive attachment can be seen everywhere in Mahabharata: Bheeshma's excessive attachment to his father, Shantanu; Shanthanu's amorous attachment to Satyawati; Dhritrashtra's sick attachment to Duryodhana, etc. Cultivating an attitude of "Let go and let God" changes everything for the better.

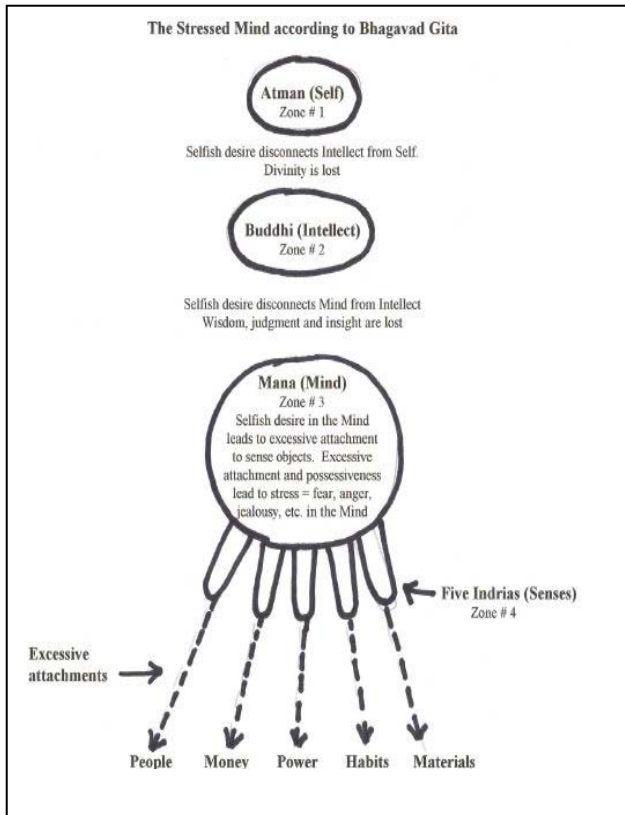
2. Excessive attachment to money leads to Money Disease. In this malady, a person is obsessed with making and accumulating money even when he does not spend it usefully. It is as useless or dangerous as excess fat in the body. His every thought, every utterance, every behavior, every action, every human contact, every friendship, membership of every "service organization" is geared toward the ulterior motive of making money by hook or by crook. He misses no opportunity to use people to profit from them. Every one of these people lives a miserable life as he never knows the pleasure of giving, of contentment, or of peace of mind. His obsession with money kills his *dharmajnana*, humanity or divinity. You must read *Gita*: 16: 12-18 at this point: The corrupt bureaucrats and politicians and some businessmen you meet in India are classic examples of these people. Inevitably, greed leads to fraud, and fraud leads to financial, legal and family problems. Unfortunately, their children and grandchildren end up suffering from their *karmaphala*. Unlimited availability of illicit money leads to bad habits and self-destructive behavior. Cultivating an attitude of "contentment, fairness, generosity, charity" etc. (*Gita*: 16: 1-3) will liberate this person from the bondage of money disease.

3. Excessive attachment to power, position, title, etc. leads to dirty politics and power struggle we see in every organization, be it a political party, temple committee or a cultural association. People with this affliction simply keep hankering for power, position, title, status, etc (*Thaggele pashi hodu jana haanva*). They hang on to it until they get kicked out unceremoniously by someone more powerful than he. Apparently they have never heard Kenny Roger's song "You've got to know when to hold it, know when to fold it, know when to walk away and know when to run.....! An attitude of "selfless service" (*Nishkama karma*) liberates one from this whirlpool of misery. *Gita*: 2: 47-51. 5: 10.

4. Excessive attachment to food, sex, drugs, alcohol, sex, gambling: Stressed-out people use these as a way to calming themselves down. Overeating leads to obesity, heart disease, diabetes, arthritis. Drinking excessively leads to alcoholism, liver, stomach and heart disease. Likewise, gambling, taking drugs, illicit sex, etc. have serious long term consequences. Financial, legal health and family problems follow as day follows night. Cultivating an attitude of "moderation in everything" and regulating one's daily habits (*Gita*: 6: 16, 17). (Remember the saying?: *Khellale aash chadi, nahllaleka chikkol chadu!*)

5. Excessive attachment to material things (*Gita*: 5: 22) such as house, cars, gold, jewelry, gadgets, etc. could lead to severe stress for fear of one day not having these, or for fear of others having more of these. Pathological jealousy is common. More often than not people use these things as a way of promoting their image in others' eyes ("prestige issue") rather than for any true self-enjoyment. These people begin to define their lives by what others think of them, not what they think of themselves. The affliction of "comparing and competing" (C & C disease) is a major source of stress among some Indians in America. One can cultivate an attitude of enjoying material comforts in a detached manner (*Gita*: 5: 8,9). Cultivating a simple attitude such as "I am happy for him that he has all these things and that these things make him happy!" would liberate one from the misery of jealousy. Another liberating attitude is "What anybody thinks about me or my financial situation makes no difference to me."

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To Be Continued



KHABBAR FROM KULAR

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02.04.2003 : **H.H. Sri Sadyojath Shankarashram Swamiji of Shri Chitrapur Mutt** attended the 100 years' Celebrations of Sri Rama Navami and Sri Hanumantha Jayanthi at Sri Ram Mandir at Mangalore, celebrated by Gulvady family. The Celebrations were started in 1904 by late Shri Gulvady Shivananda Bhatji.

06.04.2003 : **H.H. Sri Sudhindra Thirtha Swamiji of Sri Kashi Mutt Samsthan** commenced His Dakshina Kannada and Kerala Sojourn from Haridwar and visited many places, attended religious functions at various Temples, Mandirs of the Samaj and blessed *Shishyavarga*.

22.05.2003 : **H.H. Sri Sudhindra Thirtha Swamiji of Sri Kashi Mutt Samsthan** inaugurated Dahisar Kashi Mutt at Mumbai built at the cost of Rs.5.00 Crores and conducted *Pratishtapana* of Sri Panduranga (deity).

25.04.2003 : “*Bala Geetham*” Konkani programme by **Smt. Malathi Kamath** and Pangad, Mangalore was telecasted on National Net work from Bangalore *Doordarshan Kendra*.

30.04.2003 : “Founder’s Day” was celebrated at Manipal to commemorate the death anniversary of **late Dr. T.M.A. Pai**, Founder of International Education City of Manipal.

04.05.2003 : **Smt. T.Vasanthi A. Pai**, wife of late Shri T.A. Pai passed away at Manipal. She was connected with Women’s Organisations at All-India level and was honoured on 15.01.2003 at 4th “*Vishwa Saraswat Divas*” at Mangalore.

10th and 11th May 2003 : 16th All-India Konkani Sahitya Sammelan was held at Vasco-Da-Gama, Goa. Eminent Senior most Konkani Writer **Shri P.G. Kamath** of Kerala was the President of the Sammelan. Parisamvads on Konkani Literature. Drama and Theatre were held. Konkani Yakshagana Bayalata “*Angada Sandhana*” was played by Kokkarne Bala Yakshagana Mandali, Hiriadka, Udupi.

26.05.2003 : Noted Konkani Writer, Grammarian, **Rev. Fr. Leo Cutinho** died at the age of 89 years. He was honoured by Dr. T.M.A. Pai Foundation, Manipal for his Konkani Novel “*Igarjenth Khoon*”.

31.05.2003 : “**Gomant Bharati Sammelan**” was held at Ponda Goa under the auspices NRI Facility Centre sponsored by Govt. of Goa. **Shri Manohar Parrikar**, Hon. Chief Minister of Goa was the Chief Patron. Representatives of the Goans whose ancestors had fled to other States due to centuries of oppression on their religion, culture and Konkani Language and now living in other parts of the Country, were invited to Goa to revive, preserve and strengthen the cultural and emotional attachment of the fragmented Goan Community. It is for the first time such Sammelan was held in India to gather the Diaspora. Among the 6 Non-Resident Goans, **Shri Madhusudan D.Kushe**, Chairman & Managing Director, P.V.S. Beedies Pvt. Ltd., Mangalore was one who was felicitated by Hon. Shri Parrikar.

Gomant-Bharathi Sammelan 2003 was held under the auspices of Govt. of Goa on 31st May 2003 at Ponda where Govt. of Goa had invited people of Goan Origin who fled Goa due to Portuguest invasion and Inquisition and now residing in Kochi, Karnataka, Ratnagiri, Mumbai, etc. It was the first of such receptions to us in ‘*Konkani Kular*’, **Shri Basti Vaman Shenoy and Shri Gokuldas Prabhu** attended.

Shri Gokuldas Prabhu, noted Konkani Poet and President of 16th All-India Konkani Sahitya Sammelan was awarded Best Translation work in Konkani Award 2002 by **Kendra Sahitya Academy**.

Karnataka Konkani Sahitya Academy has decided to publish “*Grinthusuchi*” of Konkani Books and writers of Karnataka State.

Supreme Court Advocate and Income-tax Consultant and Founder of All-India Saraswat Cultural organisation **Shri S.V. Pikale** was felicitated on his 75th year. **Shri K.K. Pai**, Manipal, **Shri Basti Vaman Shenoy**, **Shri Kudpi Jagadish Shenoy** and **Shri M. Raghunath Shet** were present on 20.06.2003.

Shri Gurudas Kamath, Member of Parliament from Mumbai was honoured on his election to the post, President of Mumbai Pradesh Congress Committee on 21.06.2003.

Shri Bolwar Madhav Nayak of Bolwar, Puttur expired on 27.06.2003 at Puttur (73 yrs.) He was a close associate of Dr. Shivaram Karanth, he was connoisseur of Hindustani Music, a close friend of Pt. Bhimsen Joshi and promoter of Harikatha, Kannada Literature, etc.

Shri K.K. Pai, Manipal released “Konkani Grammer Book” written by **Shri B. Mohandas Baliga** on 28.08.2003 at Shri Srinivas Pathashala(Srikosam).

Shenoi Goem Bab 125th year Celebrations were held at Kumta (North Kanara) on 12/7 and 19/7 at Dharwad and at Hubli on 18/8/2003, organised by **Konkani Bhas Ani Samskriti Pratistan**, Mangalore in collaboration of **Dr. T.M.A. Pai Foundation**, Manipal and Local Konkani organisations. Hundreds of School and College students participated in Essay Writing and Elocution Competitions on the Life and Works of Father of Konkani Movement- “Shenoi Vaman Raghunath Rao Varde Valaulikar”.

24th All-India Konkani Adhiveshan will be held at Calicut in January 2004 under the auspices of **All-India Konkani Parishad, Goa and Konkani Bhasha Pratistan, Calicut**.

“*Ritu*” Konkani Bi-Monthly (Editor: Shri Gokuldas Prabhu) was re-released at Mangalore on 16.08.2003 by **Dr. Msgr. Alexander F.D’Souza**, President, **Karnataka Konkani Sahitya Academy**. **Shri K. K. Pai** Manipal presided, **Shri Basti Vaman Shenoy** and

Fr. Eric Crasta (Editor:"*Raknno*") were Chief Guests. The Magazine publishes Konkani Poetry, Small stories, reviews of Konkani Literature exclusively. President of "*Konkani Kullagar*" and noted Konkani writer **Shri Chandrakant Keni** Goa was present.

Karnataka Konkani Sahitya Academy felicitated **Shri K.K. Pai** Manipal with Hon. Fellowship at a gala Ceremony held at Ravindra Kalakshetra, Bangalore. **Hon. Minister Mrs. Rani Sathish and Mr. Oscar Fernandes, M.P.** were present. Ten Konkanis were also honoured on the occasion for their meritorious work in Konkani Literature, Music, Drama, Folklore and Konkani Journalism.

Konkani Cultural Ambassador, **Vishwa Konkani Kala Ratn Eric Ozario** was invited by **Barbara Roeber Foundation** to visit Germany to address on the subject "**Globalisation and its effects on Regional Cultures-with special reference to Konkani**". He visited the following places from 11.08.2003 to 26.08.2003 : 1. Berlin 2. Dresden 3. Reinsberg

A brief history of Kolakere Prabhus

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Thanks to Kadambi Krishna Prabhu, Jackson Heights, NY

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Bolanthur house of Prabhus

Bolanthur is a village adjacent to kolakere House. It belongs to the Mogranadu 1000 seemas. Bunts (a community of non brahmins occupying first place in Tulu Nadu) were land lords in this area. They were connected with other Bunt Guthu Houses. Ira is a place adjacent to Manjeshwara where the Royal Daivas (spirits) Kuriadhaya belonging to a major Guthu House. Every year the Kiruvala (belongings like sword, face plate, bell etc.,) of Daiva Kuruiadhaya is coming in procession to Bolanthur and annual festivals are taking place.

These Guthu Houses of Bunts community once faced some conflicts. All the festivals and programs were compulsorily to be attended by the deputies of these group of Bunt families/houses . Due to conflict, some of them were not attending and subsequently confrontation or feud developed. Every year, during the Nema of Daivas, fights used to take place. In one of the Nemas, the Daiva Kuriadhaya gave a ruling that Kolakere Prabhus are popular for their honesty, justice and truth. Whatever judgment given by Kolakere Prabhus must be accepted by all. The Nema was abruptly wound up and postponed to some other day. All parties came to Kolakere House and requested Govinda Prabhu-II who was the Head of Kolakere House. He heard all the parties and gave his judgment. The revise date for the Nema was fixed and Kolakere Govinda Prabhu-II attended as per the wishes of Daiva Kuriadhaya. In the Nema all the parties of dispute agreed to abide by the judgment of Govinda Prabhu-II. For solving the problem and to unite the Guthu Houses, Daiva Kuriadhaya gifted some lands to Govinda Prabhu-II. All the families agreed with the Daiva's decision. The Daiva also directed that they are pleased to have Kolakere Prabhus to be amidst them. These gifted field is called as *inamastil*. Kadambi santhaya Prabhu (Venkatesh Prabhu) who was responsible for Kadambi Guthu had two sons. The elder Govinda Prabhu-III was asked to come over to Bolanthur and a Guthu House was started. His younger brother Narayan Prabhu-II remained in Kadambi.

Subsequently, Bolanthur House was given a status of House of Adoption i.e. whenever there are no male children in Kolakere and Kadambi, the adoption is from Bolanthur House.

Every year the Kiruvala of Daiva Kuriadhaya is arriving from Ira and 3 days Nema festival takes place in Bolanthur. One Nema is to be attended by Bolanthur Prabhus compulsorily.

Kadabikars gifts

Kadabikars gifts to Kashi Mutt:

Our elder Dharmanista Pradhan Kadambi Manjajya Prabhu has created an un-parallel history among the Gowda Saraswat Bhramins which can be seen from an unusual incident popularly known as *Manjajya Prabhu's Daana Shasana Deed*.

Kadambi Prabhus are popularly known as a *Dharmista* Family. Many kinds of offerings, charity flew from this house of Gowda Saraswat Bhramins of this area. So also from our Kolakere House.

Sri Kashi Mutt head office in the Dakshina Kannada District was in Bantwal to look after the landed properties, revenues, viniyogas etc. This Mutt's day to day affairs were vested on a small group of landlords who were nominated by the Guru to discharge their duties on a honorary basis. It was a privilege in those days to become the Trustee of the Kashi Mutt Trust. The trustees were responsible for collecting the revenue from the lands belonging to the Mutt. Kadambi House Prabhus were responsible for Vittal, Adynadks, Perla etc., areas near the Kerala border.

It so happened that there were successive calamitical problems like drought, epidemic diseases like small pox, measles etc. as a result the farmers/tenents were unable to deliver the rents in the form of rice. These aggrieved farmers fell on the feet of Manjajya Prabhu

who had waived their rentals. Kadambi House was holding nearly 2000 murras of rice earning property. Hence, Manjappa Prabhu thought it is not difficult for him to reimburse the unpaid revenue.

Over the years, once in a meeting the committee of trustees of Kashi Mutt found that nearly 600 murras of rice was due from Kadambi House account. Hence, Manjappa Prabhu himself advised the committee to give him legal notice as they do it for defaulting tenants.

The case continues. Manjappa Prabhu admits that 600 murras of rice is due to Kashi Mutt and obtains a decree to that effect.

It was the time in 1885. His Holiness Srimad Bhuvanendra Thirth swamiji was the Pontiff, who arrived to Bantwal in his usual visits. Kadambi Manjappa Prabhu reaches Bantwal and met the Guru. Next day he conducted the "Bhiksha and Padapooja" to the swamiji. It is during this time, a devotee gets darshan with Guru and could communicate his wishes to the Guru. Manjappa Prabhu asks for a favour and Guru agrees unconditionally. Manjappa Prabhu offers a document packed in a silk cloth and presents it to the Guru along with the fruit offerings. In the night, Manjappa Prabhu asks the Guru to permit him to leave early in the morning to Kadambi.

In the night, the manager of the Mutt gives a daily report to Guru as a custom. In that there was a document called as "Daana Shasana- Gift Deed" dated 6-6-1885. It offers a large property which fetches 600 murras of rice to the Mutt every year. The Guru was shocked to hear the same and tears rolled down in his eyes for the devotion of *Dharma Veera* like Manjappa Prabhu. Guru calls other trustees and the entire story of initiating a legal proceedings against Manjappa Prabhu was inferred. Guru was annoyed and chided them for challenging a man like Manjappa Prabhu. A message was sent to Manjappa Prabhu not to leave for Kadambi unless meeting the Guru.

Next day morning after the prayers/pooja, Manjappa Prabhu meets the Guru without aides. Guru tells Manjappa Prabhu to take back the document and that the Mutt does not require property but very honest and god-loving devotees. Manjappa Prabhu pleads the Guru with folded hands and tears carried in eyes to accept the property as per the word given by the Guru on the previous day. Manjappa Prabhu says that his family members should not be blamed by anyone that they have cheated the Mutt by not giving the rents. Actually, it was a honorary duty to the Mutt. We should not carry the debts of the Guru Mutt. The Guru was immensely pleased for the courage and unshaken faith of Manjappa Prabhu whose ethical/moral levels no one has ever touched.

There was a special relation of Bhakti of Manjappa Prabhu to the Guru and special love from Guru to Manjappa Prabhu. It was there for a long time even before the Kadambi Property was gifted.

Guru tells in one occasion to Manjappa Prabhu that Kadambi House is like a large banyan tree under the shadow of which many people, animals, birds live happily. Such a house need a large property to conduct the charity for many. Manjappa Prabhu says that the Guru is like a *Kamadhenu* which gives a everything that is demanded under the sun. So, Manjappa Prabhu says that it is worth to give Kalpavriksha and get the Kamadhenu whose blessing is like the flowing milk. Guru was invited to Kadambi to stay for 3 days. A special function was organised to gift the property and to take blessings from Guru. But the mystery took it's own course. The day the Guru left the house of Kadambi, the fall of the house begun. The Goddess Laxmi left the house. Difficulties started in the family both financial and social relations.

One day when the Guru was in Varanasi (Banaras) or Kashi, as usual after the noon pooja, devotees are given Thirth-Prasad. A man from Bantwal came there to receive the blessings of the Guru. Guru had the habit of asking the questions like from where he comes from, to which family he belongs etc. The Guru was eager to ask about Manjappa Prabhu's welfare. That man has told in low voice that Manjappa Prabhu has departed. The swamiji was so much sad, His Holiness rose from the seat and went straight to the river Ganga. Dipped in water, looking at Sun, carrying water in hand, he said, " Oh! Vyasa Raghupathi Deva, give Sadgati (liberation of soul) to the Dharmista Manjappa Prabhu.

In the very next year on the same day (thithi) and on the same month Guru Bhuvanendra swamiji attains Bhramaikya (Moksha). This even indicates the Shishya and Guru reaching a common axis of love and honour to each other.

The lesson for every Kadambikar is that don't expect anybody else's favour. Give more and don't expect to get anything from others. Don't be in the debts of God and Guru. For the pending of 600 murras of rice which he could had given with least pain, he donated a vast property which gives to the Mutt every year 600 murras of rice.

Gift to Gokarna Mutt:

Kolakere House faced unfortunate events almost from 1900. The last head of the House was one Narasayya Prabhu. Within few years of his departure, his only son Kolkere Vaikunta Prabhu (popularly known as Bale Prabhu i.e. Child Prabhu) met with a fatal death in the hands of his maternal uncle. The story goes as follows.

Kolakere House was owning vast landed property right from Panemangalore bridge upto Maani in Puttur road and upto Veer Kambha on Vittla road commanding 6000 murras of rice property as revenue/rent. Vaikunta Prabhu's maternal uncle was in Kolakere House

as Accounts manager to look-after the property and to maintain accounts. Vaikunta Prabhu was a minor and his widow mother Kolakere Bhagirathamma had no major role to play, the maternal uncle Kolakere Vittappa Shanbogue administered poison to Vaikunta Prabhu. He died on Gowri Puja day (previous day to Ganesh Chaturthi) and since then the Gowri Puja stopped in Kolakere House as a mark of sadness. Vaikunta Prabhu was a handsome boy, well built, fair in colour and above all, very kind and humane in his deeds. The Management fell in the hands of Smt. Bhagirathi Narasayya Prabhu and her brother Vittappa Shanbogue. There were two fatal blows of sorrow on Bhagirathi-amma due to the successive deaths of her husband and lonely darling son. She went into Vairagya (dissillusion) as a result, the Management became the absolute asset of Vittappa Shanbogue.

The Gokarna Parthgali Jeevotham Swamiji Srimad Indirakanth Thirth arrived in Mangalore where they have a Mutt in Car street. Vittappa Shanbogue was having his house near Car Street met the Guru along with Bhagirathamma who explained her frustration. The Guru was kind enough to hear the entire affair and gave "Mantra Akshatha" to Bhagirathamma to get her released from "Putra Shoka" (sorrow of a departed son). After an year or so, Bhagirathamma felt much relief.

In the next visit of the Guru to Mangalore, Vittappa Shanbogue and Bhagirathamma met the Guru. In gratitude of which Bhagirathamma donated 100 soverigns of Gold coins on a silver plate and presented the same. With that money, the frontage of the Mangalore mutt of Gokarn mutt was built.

In 1913, Kolakere Bhagirathamma passed away in Mangalore. Her death was another mystery. Her brother who was titled as Kolakere Vittappa Shanbogue prepared a document of "Adoption" of his son Narayana Shanbogue as a successor to Kolakere House. The rule to adoption is to take either from Bolanthur or Kadambi and not outsider. The end of Bhagirathamma was the end of Kolakere Prabhu family. During the period of vacuum of Management, the Kadambi Prabhu family senior members Upendra Prabhu and Ramakrishna Prabhu came to Kolakere and took over the Management.

The "Adoption Deed" was set aside by the district court and Vittappa Shanbogue had to leave Kolkere House. Later he sued the Kolakere House for the debts raised by Bhagirathamma which was a false case. Since no much evidence was given to defeat the case, 3000 murrachs of rice land was sold and money was paid among Gowda Saraswat Bhramin families, she had gold coins stored in a large copper vessel known as "Kopparige" having 7 rings tied with chain to the ceiling (Sat Kana Kopparige). Was there a need for her to borrow from her brother who was a manager?. There were some forged promisory notes having thumb marks of Kolakere Bhagirathamma, the debt remained valid.

Thus, the present Kolakerekars are no other than Kadambikars. Kolakerekars is a fundamental name for Kadambikars because our moolapursh (founding father) is Kolakere Govinda Prabhu.

Gift to Canara High School:

In the year 1908, the management of Canara High School Mangalore under it's founder President Ammembal Subraya Pai decided to construct a Hostel for out-station GSB students. In those days the contributions collected were routed through the local temples like Manjeshwar Anantheshwara Temple, Mangalore Venkataramana Temple, Moolky Narasimha Temple etc. Individual donors granting higher sums were few.

Kolakere Bhagirathy Narasiah Prabhu granted 100 soverigns of Gold coins. She was the highest donor among individual donors. Her intention was to perform always right things. She also granted 42 murrachs rice property (one Korji) to Manjeshwara Temple for a permanent pooja on Palgun Panchami. Also she made arrangement for permanent Nanda Deep in the Manjeshwara Temple. Besides, she had made innumerable contributions to various temples and institutions. In those days, people used to remember her as " KOLAKERE PARBUNI " who was an emblem for Charity.

Qualities of a Kolakerekar/ Kadambikar:

Devoted to Kashi Mutt and Gokarna Mutt,

Devoted to Kuladevatha and Manedevuru Kolakere Narasimha Devaru...

Liberal in donations for Satkarma.

High respect for his family and traditions.

Commands respect from the society and GSB circles.

Remembers Satya, Nyaya, Dharma and Paropakara.

Possesses an attitude to help individual and to bring him up even at his own cost.

"Word of Honour" maintained at any cost.

Sympathetical to those who seeks his help. Prepared to do anything for those who seek asylum.

" Welfare Thinking " of others. He gives less importance to self and his own family- "Paropakari".

.....**The End**

KONKANI CALENDER

October 2003	November 2003	December 2003
1 st Sharadha Pooja	4 th Karthik Ekadashi	3 rd Vaikuntha Ekadashi
2 nd Durgashtami	5 th Uthana Dwadashi	4 th Mukkoti Dwadashi
3 rd Ayudha Pooja	7 th Vaikuntha Chathurdashi	8 th Poornami
4 th Vijaya Dashami	8 th Karthika Poornami	12 th Sankashta Chaturthi
5 th Ekadashi	12 th Sankashta Chaturthi	15 th Dhanu Sankranthi
9 th Poornami	15 th Konkani Sabha Diwali	22 nd Amavasya
13 th Sankashta Chaturthi	15 th KASC Diwali	25 th Christmas
17 th Tula Sankranthi	16 th Vrishk Sankranthi	
24 th Naraka Chathurdashi	23 rd Amavasya	
25 th Deepawali	27 th Thanksgiving	

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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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KWIZ

The last quarter's quiz: Fill in the numbers 1 thru 49 in a 7 by 7 square that adds upto 175 - on all horizontal rows, all vertical columns and diagonal box lines.

The following gave the correct solution:

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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.

What do these words have in common:

BELL, BUG, LAST, PICK, POT

KONKANI SAMMELAN 2004 – UPDATE

Contributed by Sridhar Rao for the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee and the 17 Sub-Committees are working tirelessly to showcase a memorable event for the July 4 weekend in 2004.

We have made a lot of progress in working out the logistics of this event, where we expect the attendance to surpass all of the previous sammelans. But there is still a long way to go, and the committees are getting into the nitty-gritty part of their tasks. For instance, the Food Committee is working on choosing the right caterer, polishing the menu to satisfy the palate of the young and the old, and the most important task of orderly serving of the food. The Entertainment Committee, having the responsibility in keeping all of us engaged with lively, colorful and attractive dances, dramas, skits and the like is trying to recruit the best talents not only from Southern California, but from around the country. The Decoration, the Heritage Promotion, Host and Hospitality, Promotion and Publicity, Registration, Seminars and Workshops, Senior Volunteer, Souvenirs and Publications, Stage Production, Volunteer and Website Committees are all working in full steam firing on all cylinders to make our SammeLAN, an affair to remember!

The SammeLAN has now been approved by the IRS as a tax-deductible entity. We reported in our last quarterly update that the California Franchise Tax Board had already approved the SammeLAN for a tax deductible status. So we are now approved for both the Federal and California income taxes as a tax-deductible entity. We are appealing to all Konkani in the country to donate generously to our event and take a tax deduction, with California residents getting an additional state tax deduction. **Tax-Exempt Organization Federal Tax ID# 58-2387065. CA State ID# 2452392.**

We are inviting each and every Konkani in the country to attend our SammeLAN 2004 from July 2 through July 4 to socialize with all your past contacts, create new contacts, enjoy our spectacular shows and delicious Konkani food! For more information please surf our website at www.konkani2004.com

AN OPEN INVITATION FROM THE ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE:

The Entertainment Committee would like to call forth ALL KONKANI TALENT!!!. If any of you are interested in performing during the SammeLAN, please contact Shivadev & Lata Ubhayakar at shivadev@earthlink.net

AN INVITATION FROM THE SOUVENIR COMMITTEE – ESSAY COMPETITION:

The Souvenir Committee is inviting participants to submit original essays. The topic is “ What Does Konkani Heritage Means To Me”. The essay should not exceed 500 words. Participants should belong to a North American (US or Canada) Konkani family. Please submit the essay in Microsoft Word 97 or 2000 by e-mail(as attached file) or by floppy diskette or CD-R disk. Deadline for submitting essays is April 15, 2004. Send entries to Vivek Ullal, Editor, Souvenir for the SammeLAN. Email: vivekullal@sbcglobal.net. The mailing address is: 5604 Indian Hills Drive, Simi Valley, CA 93063. Winning essays and a few best ones of those received for each category will be published in the Souvenir. The SammeLAN Committee will present prizes to the winning essays in each category. The Age categories will be: 1) Below

11 years. 2) 11-14 years and 3) 14 years and above. Judges will judge according to criteria set by the Editorial Committee. Judges will not know the names of the authors to ensure impartiality.

Devu Bare Koro

APPEALS

Om Sai Ram

A warm welcome to you from Sathya Sai Charitable Trust. Today 4.5 Crore people in the world are blind of which 90 Lakhs are from India alone. And 80% of Blindness is caused due to Cataract. Karnataka state of South India needs over 2.5 Lakhs surgery per year to clear the backlog by 2005. In Udupi district where the population is around 10 lakhs, 20% of the population are blind due to lack of financial support to undergo surgery. And those are generally people hailing from economically backward section of society.

Considering the above facts, the Sathya Sai Charitable Trust (Regd.) has decided that starting from the 23rd November 2003, the birthday of Bhagwan Sri Sathya Sai Baba, the hospital shall function on a totally free basis for the patients hailing from all sections of the society.

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For any further details, queries etc. please do feel free to contact the undersigned at trustee@sathyasaihospital.com

Thanking You,
Yours Faithfully,

SD/- Managing Trustee, Sathya Sai Charitable Trust (Regd)

2003 Konkani Sabha Diwali Function

KONKANI SABHA cordially invites you and your family to the annual Diwali Function on Saturday, November 15th 2003.

Details of the Diwali Function are as below:

Location: Sri Venkateshwara Temple Community Center (Bridgewater Temple), Bridgewater, NJ. Tel: (908) 725-4477
Time: 3:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Entrance Fee: \$15/- per person (12 years and above) and \$8 for children ages 6-12 (Fees payable at the door)

Program details are as below:

3:30 pm to 5:00 pm: Light refreshments and Raas Garba (Dandiya sticks will be provided)
5:00 pm to 5:30 pm: Pooja
5:30 pm to 7:30 pm: Variety Entertainment
7:30 pm: Dinner

Please RSVP by October 15th 2003 to any of the following office bearers listed below

NOTES:

1. Those interested in performing for the variety entertainment program should respond to the office bearers in advance.

2. Those wishing to volunteer in setting up can come to the hall at 3 PM

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