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**FIRST CLASS**

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 North America. In fact, *Khabbar* has developed a special relation with most of the Konkani families and here are some examples of those close encounters of a different kind.....

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The Konkani Sarmmelan-2008 theme is "Awakening the Konkani in You" and I did not know how appropriate it was till these two recent incidents:

I was involved with NAKA to raise funds for KS-2008 by hosting a fund raising dinner in Houston. The turnout was less than expected and I was a bit worried. But, to my surprise, the money raised was much more than I had anticipated! That too, younger generation Konkanis came forward with substantial amount!! Asked why she gave a \$1,000 check, this young single working woman, replied, "Vasanthmaam, these Sarmmelans are unique events that have helped us to keep our

identity alive here. I wish I had given more. We look forward for this and we want to support all the efforts for these Sarmmelans".

During KS-2006 in Canada, the *Kalash* Transfer could not be done. After Bay area of CA Konkanis decided on hosting KS-2008, a proper *Kalash* Transfer function was held during the KISS picnic in TX in April 2008. To participate to this hallmark event, **five key people** involved with KS-2006 & KS-2008 (from CA & Canada) came to the picnic **spending their own money!** Asked what motivated them to do that, replied all of them, "These Sarmmelans are our & our kid's future and we should do anything and everything to support this".

Don't these incidents clearly prove that the Konkani spirit in us has been awakened by these Sarmmelans!?!  
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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 2006**. In other words, families who **have not** paid since 2005 will not be receiving this issue. The numbers on the mailing label clearly indicate the year/s the dues for *Khabbar* has been received since 2006 and if there is any error let me know.

This issue has **not** been mailed to families that have specifically indicated that they will access *ekhabbar*. The on-line version of *Khabbar*, *ekhabbar*, will be on the web a **quarter** after the hard copies have been mailed.

The Advisory Committee of *Khabbar* is glad that the annual dues will remain the same at \$15.00 a year and for that 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 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](mailto:khabbar@hotmail.com) and rest be assured that I'll "Khabbarize" them!

*Khabbar* will publish all the developments and progress made by **The North American Konkani Association (NAKA)** on an on-going basis. Send your

constructive suggestions to any of the Directors of the NAKA Board.

This quarter, NAKA Board has been busy with fund raising efforts for KS-2008 and also in selecting the site for the next *Sammelan*.

The NAKA sponsored **Konkani Sammelan - 2008 (KS-2008)** in Santa Clara, CA will be an experience no Konkani in North America should miss! Visit their website

(<http://www.konkanisammelan.org/2008/default.asp>) to find out all the details of this great event. **Truly, this Sammelan will awaken the Konkani in all of us.** Be there. It will be worth all your time, money and efforts.

The unofficial *Khabbar* correspondents in your area who send in the *hoon Khabbars* on a regular basis are doing an outstanding job. **Remember, if it did not appear in *Khabbar*, then it did not happen in North America!** If your area is not represented wholly, let me know and I'll recruit more volunteers. You send the news items via email ([khabbar@hotmail.com](mailto:khabbar@hotmail.com)). It is a pure joy seeing outstanding academic excellence of our kids. Keep it up kids and may God bless you all.

On the Quiz front, *Khabbar* has still remained as a champ. I do not think, anyone of the *Khabbar* readers are close to getting right answers to the quizzes! Come on, give it a try and let's see how many of you will get right answers this time!!

With the Foundation Stone laid for the ambitious project, **Konkani Kendra**, the **Konkani Bhas Ani Sanskriti Pratistan** is looking for more financial support. Thanks to **Basti Ganapathi Shenoy** who has devised a method wherein families wanting to help **Konkani Bhas Ani Sanskriti Pratistan** can do so with relative ease! Call him at (702)-341-6706 or email: [bshenoy@cox.net](mailto:bshenoy@cox.net) if interested to extend your help for this worthy cause.

On the political front, congrats to **Shanthi Jayakumar** who was elected as Alderman for the city of Rollingwood, TX by a landslide margin. Hope, fellow Konkani will take her lead and get involved in the political spectrum of our adopted land. Also, congrats to **Sri Yogish N. Bhat** who won his Legislative seat in Mangalore, Karnataka, India.

*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.

Hope peace & tranquility prevails on earth. Hope to see you all the *Sammelan* in Santa Clara, CA.

*Devu Boren Karo.*

*Vasanth*  
Honorary 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 Mr. Bhat,

Here with sending my subscription along with Klassified fee of \$45. Please publish the enclosed Klassified that should fit in half a page. Thanks you for your donation last year and we look forward for your continued support. Keep up the good work, and may God bless you and your family  
Yours sincerely,

Pilar Divakar Prabhu  
Jersey City, NJ

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Dear Vasanth Bhat and Mrs. Poornimaji,  
Namasthe and Greetings of Yugadi.  
Best Wishes for the new Hindu year.

I am writing to you after a five years gap and hope you by the grace and blessings of God are all well. I have a request to you. We are conducting in Bangalore a Harikatha Jnana Yajna for 108 days continuously from May 2008. If you help me by publishing the appeal, it will reach a large number of Konkanis and I may get a helping hand.

Yours in the service of Lord

Sarvothamadas Pai  
[sarvothamadas@hotmail.com](mailto:sarvothamadas@hotmail.com)

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Dear Sir,

I herewith enclose Project Milan paper for publication in Khabbar to generate ideas among our community members in North America to take further the discussion I had with you.

Vidyadhar Kamat

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## Announcing Shobhan Bantwal's Second Novel

### *The Forbidden Daughter*

Coming to bookstores on August 26, 2008

**When a young widow refuses to comply with her in-laws' dictate to abort her unborn daughter, will her rebellion turn out to be the greatest challenge of her life, or a blessing in disguise? This is the story of one mother's valiant fight to protect her daughters at any cost . . .**

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Book Trailer video can be viewed on [YouTube.com](http://YouTube.com)

For information on Author Events, Contests, Short Stories, Recipes, and Photos, visit Shobhan's website

[www.shobhanbantwal.com](http://www.shobhanbantwal.com)

### **HEAL Inc., Help for Education And Livelihood- Annual Charity Dinner Fundraiser**

**HEAL** is a 501(C) (3) non-profit charity striving to eradicate poverty through education of the underprivileged children of India. An education puts people in a position to help themselves rather than rely on others. However, the first step can only be achieved with your kind contribution.

Come join us at our annual charity fundraiser which will feature traditional Indian Bharatanatyam dancing, modern break-dancing, and DJ music with appetizers and dinner.

November 29, 2008 from 5 to 9 PM at Shree Swaminarayan Temple Auditorium in Secaucus, NJ

Address: 200 Penhorn Avenue, Secaucus, NJ 07094

Minimum donation for entrance - \$50 per person. Children under age 5 have free admission. Donations are tax-deductible. Larger donations are greatly appreciated.

If you cannot attend the event but would still like to contribute to the cause, please send your donations to the address below. Receipts will be mailed back to you.

**HEAL Inc., c/o Pilar D. Prabhu, 103 Saint Pauls Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07306; [www.healincorporated.com](http://www.healincorporated.com)**

# Hoon Khabbar

## Congratulations:

Berkery Noyes, a leading investment bank providing mergers & acquisitions services to the global information, media and technology industries, today announced the promotion of two veteran Vice Presidents to the newly created position of Director.

The appointment of **John Guzzo and VIVEK KAMATH** as Directors is effective immediately. Vivek holds a BS degree from the Stern School of Business at New York University. As they transition from their roles in transaction management, Guzzo and Kamath will be charged with securing and developing new client relationships for the firm. John Guzzo will concentrate on the Financial Services sector, while Vivek Kamath will continue his emphasis on the Education, Knowledge Management and Training markets. Berkery Noyes is among the leading investment banks providing strategic and financial advisory services to publicly traded, privately held and investor-backed companies in the U.S. and internationally. Founded in 1988, the firm specializes in mergers and acquisitions, divestitures, restructurings and valuations in six key segments of the information industry: education; healthcare; B2B and consumer media and marketing services; information technology, software and services; business, legal and regulatory information; and financial services.

**ANUSHRI**, d/o Gaurang & Anita Haldipur of Sugar Land, TX joined thousands of cyclists for the BP MS 150 from Houston to Austin on April 12-13, 2008. This two-day bike ride isn't a race, but it does raise money in the race to find the cure for multiple sclerosis, a degenerative disease of the central nervous system. She's helping the National Multiple Sclerosis Society fund research to find the cause, cure and treatment of MS. Her participation also helps support services for people affected by MS.

The Seattle Times published a package presentation developed by **SANJAY**

**BHATT** of Seattle, WA on a neighborhood in transition, including a video of 3.5 minute short produced by him. Go to

[http://seattletimes.nwsources.com/html/localnews/2004306604\\_georgetown26.m.html](http://seattletimes.nwsources.com/html/localnews/2004306604_georgetown26.m.html)

Please click on the video icon that's labeled, "The changing look of Georgetown."

Please, forward this link to your friends and families. The more hits it gets, the more likely the editors will give Sanjay more leeway to do more videos for their website!

**RAJIV**, s/o Suresh & Neena Shenoy of Great Falls, VA won the most coveted honor, "2008 Johns Hopkins University Dean of Student Life Achievement Award". The award was announced at the 2008 Johns Hopkins University Student Award and Recognition reception on Tuesday April 15, 2008 at 5:00pm. in the Great Hall of Levering Hall. The Dean of Student Life Achievement Award was established in 2003 and recognizes Johns Hopkins University Senior undergraduates who have made significant contributions to the Homewood community during their tenure as a student. The award recipients have taken great strides to make a difference through perseverance and effort.

He was also selected as the recipient of the Mechanical Engineering Student Involvement Award for the year 2007 - 2008 of Johns Hopkins University, which was presented at the Whiting School of Engineering Convocation Awards Ceremony on Monday, May 5, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. in the Hodson Hall Auditorium. This is a very high honor, especially considering the excellence of the department and the quality of the peers.

**Drs. RAMADAS & UDAYA KAMATH** of Kamath Medical Group, Apple Valley, CA inaugurated their new medical clinic, located at their newly constructed medical office building at 19015 Town Center Drive, Apple Valley, CA 92308 on Wednesday, April 30th 2008, between

4:00 PM & 7:00 PM. The program included Proclamation by Town of Apple Valley Mayor/Council members and a reception following the Ribbon-cutting ceremony.

**DIVAKAR SHENOY** of W. Simsbury, CT was elected for the second 3-year term to Connecticut Valley Hindu Temple Society's Executive Committee membership in a General Body Election held on April 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday at Middletown, CT. Executive Committee is the working body of the temple.

**N YOGISH BHAT (BJP)** won by 8,760 votes against Ivan D'souza (Congress) at the Mangalore South constituency during the May 2008 elections for the Karnataka State assembly. He has won for the 4<sup>th</sup> time from the region. Previously also he won against Congress in 1994, 99 and 2004.

**SHANTHI JAYAKUMR**, of Rollingwood, TX

(prasidh@yahoo.com) was elected in May 2008 to be an Alderman on the City Council. Rollingwood is a one-square mile city with 500 homes and about 1100 registered voters. It is an Incorporated City (details at [www.cityofrollingwood.com](http://www.cityofrollingwood.com)) with it's governing body of a Mayor and five Aldermen. The term of office is for two years and terms are staggered with the Mayor and two Aldermen being elected in even numbered years and the other three Aldermen elected in odd numbered years.

The election in May 2008 was contested by two incumbents and political newcomer Shanthi. The incumbents who had won overwhelming support in 2006 ended in second and third place with 195 and 190 votes. Shanthi led with a total of 329. Shanthi recalls that the democratic process was fascinating to participate in and proved the power of what can happen when a large number of citizens comes together to effect change.

Shanthi's inspiration for seeking elected office was drawn from

Mahatma Gandhi's quotation "Be the change that you wish to see in the world" and her desire to give back to the community that she has called home for the last 25 years. Her husband Jay and daughters Pratibha and Sidhya and son-in-law Maneesh were fully supportive of her decision to stand for election and are proud of her accomplishments. Shanthi hopes that other Konkani across North America will be inspired to seek public office and contribute their time and talent to their respective communities.

### **Konkani Graduates:**

**DIVYA**, d/o Divakar & Geetha Shenoy of W. Simsbury, CT received her Doctor of Jurisprudence degree after graduating from Loyola Marymount Law School on May 18<sup>th</sup> 2008 in Los Angeles, CA. Her fiancée **SUNIL GUPTA** received his Medical degree from Western University on Friday May 16<sup>th</sup> 2008 in Pasadena, CA. Both of them have moved to Philadelphia for furthering their careers. Sunil will be doing his residency at Frankford hospital and Divya will be taking her Bar examination.

**RUKMINI**, d/o Manjunath & Vindhya Prabhu of Trumbull, CT graduated from George Washington University in Washington, DC, on May 18<sup>th</sup> 2008. Rukmini graduated *Summa Cum Laude*, with a Major in International Business and Finance. Rukmini also spent her Junior year studying on a coveted Presidential scholarship at the prestigious London School of Economics in England. Rukmini's immediate and extended family are extremely proud of her achievements.

**ASHWIN PRABHU, MD**, second s/o Dr. Vasudev & Sunita Prabhu (Palimar) of Mission Viejo, CA, graduated in Radiology residency program at University of Southern California, Los Angeles. Proud parents and brother Vinay with wife Tanya wish him good future medical practice.

**SMITA**, d/o Dr. Vilas & Sneha Prabhu, of Millersville, PA graduated from Millersville University of

Pennsylvania on May 10, 2008 with a double major in International Studies and Spanish. **Smita received her diploma from her dad, Dr. Vilas Prabhu, who is the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Millersville University.** Smita is planning to spend a year in Spain working for the Spanish Government.

**NARENDRA NAYAK** of Santa Clarita, CA, graduating with MBA from the UCLA, Anderson School of Management in June 2008.

**ALLYSON**, d/o Prakash & Lynne Mallya of Sierra Madre, CA, celebrated her high school graduation on June 5, 2008, from Polytechnic School in Pasadena, CA. She will attend Washington University in St. Louis in the fall of 2008 and will be majoring in biomedical engineering.

**VIKRAM**, s/o Ajit & Asha Rao of Camarillo, CA has graduated (with high honors) from University of California, San Francisco with M.D. / Ph.D. degrees in May 08. Vikram published his Ph.D. dissertation paper in Nature Neuroscience, a very prestigious publication. Vikram's great accomplishments at UCSF enabled him to get offers for Residency from all Hospitals he applied to. Vikram has decided to do his residency at Harvard /Mass General Hospital, starting Jun 08 in Neurology. Vikram, his wife Geeta and their 15 month old son, Rajan are in the process of relocating to Boston, MA.

**KRISHNA**, s/o Ajit & Asha Rao of Camarillo, CA has completed 3 years of Consulting work for Bain and Co., in their San Francisco office. He spent the last 6 months in Gurgaon, India as a team leader with Bain & Co. Krishna graduated from Harvard in 2005 with a BA degree in Economics and took a 3 year deferment from Yale Law School in order to get some experience in the business world. He enjoyed his experience in India and he feels it has enriched his life greatly. He is planning to go back next year for an extended visit. Krishna will be starting his JD program at Yale in Sept 08. He is also planning to do his MBA at Harvard, simultaneously.

**SUCHITA NAYAK**, a dedicated mother & a wife tenaciously pursued over ten years with frequent interruptions and received the Masters Degree in Special Education from Univ. of Delaware. Cal Ripken Jr., baseball's hall famer & "ironman" gave the commencement address on May 31, 2008 who said that : "Once you believe goals can be achieved, then that belief will fuel the perseverance it takes to do your job right." The new graduate is married to Dr. Dinesh Nayak and they live in Hockessin, DE

**SRIJAY RAJAN**, s/o Anita & Amar Rajan of Moorpark, CA, graduated in June 2008 from Chaminade College Prep School. He will be joining University of So. California (USC) College of Engineering, with a major in Chemical Engineering this fall.

**AVINASH**, s/o Ravi & Vidya Joshi of Mission Viejo, CC, graduated from Capistrano Valley High school, Mission Viejo as Valedictorian and gave the Graduation speech for the class of 2008. Avinash is an Eagle scout - the highest rank in Boy Scouts of America. He built instrument storage cabinets for the high school music room as his leadership project . He played violin in the Symphony Orchestra , was a member of National Honor Society and Key club and won several awards. He played in the Tennis team and was the general secretary of Model United Nations and won "Outstanding" awards at various conferences. He is an AP scholar with distinction and was voted as "Most Scholarly" by his peers and voted to the Homecoming court. He received various scholarships including Harvard Faculty , NHS and PTSA . He will be attending Harvard University in Fall 2008.

**SIDHYA JAYAKUMAR**, d/o Jay and Shanthi Jayakumar of Austin, TX received her MBA degree from Rice University. Graduating at the top of her class, Sidhya was named a Jones Scholar for her academic achievements and was also awarded a full-tuition scholarship. Sidhya also received the prestigious Jones Citizenship Award for her contributions to the school's

community. Post-MBA, Sidhya joined the Innovation and New Products group at Reliant Energy and currently lives in Houston, TX with her husband, Maneesh Amancharla.

**PRAVEEN**, s/o Raghuchandra & Veena Bhat of Brookfield, WI graduated from Pewaukee High School and will be joining this Fall University of Florida at Gainesville, FL majoring in Aeronautical Engineering. He was the Wrestling Champion of his school and his credentials were: 2008 State Qualifier, 2007 Regional Champion, Two-time Sectional Semi-finalist, 2008 Regional Finalist, 2007 Conference Finalist, Three-time Conference Medalist, 2007 Bay Port "Battle on the Bay" Finalist, First PHS Wrestler to win Team state match, 2008 Mid-states 8th Place, 2008 Most Dedicated Wrestler, 2008 Captain (31 victories), 4-year Letterwinner, Captain of First-ever Pewaukee Team to qualify for Team State, Captain of First Team to place Top Two at Bay Port, Captain of First Team to Place in Top Sixth at Mid-states, Captain of Second Team to Place in Top Three at West Allis Invite, Member of First Three Teams to Teach Sectional Finals, Member of Four Regional Championship Teams, Member of Third and Fourth Teams to win Pirate Invitational (06 & 08), Member of First Two Teams to Reach Hartford Finals, Member of First Team to Place Third at Whitnall Duals, Member of First two Woodland Conference Teams.

**AMAR**, s/o Jaidev & Meena Rao of Los Angeles, CA has obtained an admission for MS in Geological Sciences at University of California, Riverside with Full Graduate Division Fellowship.

ECE Alumnus **SAMEER DILEEP HEMMADY** (Ph.D., 2006) of Thousand Oaks, CA, and his advisor Dr. Steven M. Anlage (PHY/ECE) recently secured the runner-up position in the Physical Sciences category at the 21st Annual University of Maryland Invention of the Year Awards Reception on Thursday, April 17, 2008, for their invention entitled "Wave fingerprinting of complicated enclosures." The reception is hosted

annually by the Office of Technology Commercialization (OTC).

OTC received 118 invention disclosures with 245 different inventors in 2007. An independent panel of judges consisting of representatives from on and off campus voted for the Invention of the Year in each of three categories (Information, Life, and Physical Sciences). Dr. Hemmady and Dr. Anlage have invented a system that exploits the extreme sensitivity of small wavelength waves inside complicated enclosures to create a method that distinguishes between nominally identical objects through their unique "wave fingerprints."

**ARVINRAJ**, s/o Gurudutt & Veena Borkar of Moorpark, CA, graduated from Moorpark High School and will go on to the University of Kentucky, Lexington for further studies this Fall.

#### New Arrivals:

**NATASHA**, a baby girl to Roshan & Bhoomi Kamat of Baldwin Park, CA, on Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> 2007. The proud grandparents are Janardan & Maya Nayak from Mumbai and Manohar & Jayashree Kamat from Mumbai.

**DIYA**, a baby girl to Manoj & Vidya Shenoy of Burlington, MA. on Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> 2008. A sister to Amit and cousin to Kavya, niece to Ajay Shenoy and Manisha Kamath from SC and to Vinayak Shenoy from Mangalore. The proud Grand Parents are Manohar & Ajita Shenoy of Suffield, CT. Visiting Diya are her maternal grand parents Nityanand & Jayanti Shenoy from Mangalore.

**ADITYA**, a baby boy to Prashant & Deepa Shenoy of Mississauga, Ont. on Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup> 2008 at Credit Valley Hospital in Mississauga, ON.

**AHAAN & ANSH**, twin baby boys to Nandan & Reina Kalyanpur of Whitby, ON on April 14<sup>th</sup> 2008. Twin brothers to Aryan.

**ARNAV & PRANAV**, twin baby boys to Kaustubh & Smruti Bailoor of Mississauga, ON on April 19<sup>th</sup> 2008.

**ZACKARY KOCHIKAR PAI**, a 7lb baby boy to Sanjay & Bethany Pai of Columbus, NE born on April 28<sup>th</sup> 2008. A brother to Nikhil Pai. The proud grand parents are Gopi & Sheila Pai of Germantown, TN

#### Brahmopadesha

Arvind & Renuka Kamath of Mississauga, ON performed the auspicious Brahmopadesha ceremony for their son, **Chi. VISHAL**, on March 29<sup>th</sup> 2008 at the Vishnu Mandir in Richmond Hill (North York). The ceremony was officiated by Pandit Dinkar Bhat, Purohit and Astrologer.

#### Newly Weds:

Subraya & Shamala Shenoy of NJ celebrated the wedding of their son, **Chi. VINOD with Sow. NISHA**, d/o Gokuldas & Shoba Kini of Bangalore on Thursday May 29<sup>th</sup> 2008 at 12:27 noon (Abhijin Muhurtham) at Sri Dwarakanath Bhavan in Bangalore.

Suresh & Usha Shenoy of Sugar Land, TX celebrated the marriage of their daughter, **Sow. SHEILA with Chi. SANTOSH**, s/o Prabhu & Kantha Reddy of the Woodlands, TX on Saturday May 31<sup>st</sup> 2008 at the Hilton Americas Houston Hotel in downtown Houston, TX. The *Mehandi* celebration was held at the Techniplex Center in Sattford, TX on Thursday May 29<sup>th</sup> and the *Sangeet* celebrations were held at the Hilton Houston Post Oak Hotel in Houston, TX on Friday May 30<sup>th</sup>. The three day wedding event was recorded to be televised for the "Platinum Wedding" show for "We" channel.

Srinivas & Prabha Baliga of Bloomfield, MI celebrated the marriage of their daughter, **Sow. RADHIKA** of Austin, TX, with **Chi. AVINASH** of Austin, TX, s/o Jayant & Pratima Baliga of Raleigh, NC on Sunday June 1<sup>st</sup> 2008 at The Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn, MI followed by the reception that evening.

#### Relocation:

The **PAGES**, Richard & Priya Mahale, with their little daughters, Aasha & Anya, have relocated from New York City to 95 Albert Drive, Clinton, NJ 08809. The telephone is

(908)-238-1972 and email ID:  
[pmahalepage@yahoo.com](mailto:pmahalepage@yahoo.com)

The **KAMATH** family, Anantha & Sucheta, together with their sons, Kunal & Rahil, have relocated within Atlanta, GA to 4594 East Conway drive, Atlanta, GA 30327. Their email ID: [spine101@mac.com](mailto:spine101@mac.com)

The **BANGALORES**, Shrikar & Nirmala, relocated from Oak Creek, WI to 718 Delaware Avenue, Apt. A, Arrowhead Apartments, Grafton, WI 53024-9483. Their cell phones are Shrikar (414) 520-9504 and Nirmala (414) 530-3142 and email ID: [s\\_nbangalore@yahoo.com](mailto:s_nbangalore@yahoo.com)

The **KAMATH** family, Manjeshwar Ganesh & Lakshmi, have relocated from Morristown, TN to 2704 Firethorn Court, Gastonia, NC 28056. The new telephone is (704)-867-8104 and email ID:

[glvkamath@hotmail.com](mailto:glvkamath@hotmail.com)

#### **Change of email & Phone:**

The **BALIGAS**, Ganesh & Nandini, of East Brunswick, NJ changed their email ID to [gmbaliga@comcast.net](mailto:gmbaliga@comcast.net) and the telephone to (732)-698-7799.

**50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary:**  
**DAMODAR & KANAKA PRABHU** of Pittsburgh PA celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary with their families and friends at the Kashi Mutt, Bangalore on April 28<sup>th</sup> 2008. The program started with Satyanarayan Pooja & Bhajans and ended with the meeting with H. H. Kashi Mutt Swamiji.

#### **Obituary:**

**SHEELA BASRUR (52)** died of hemangiopericytoma, a rare vascular cancer, in Kitchener, Ont. on June 2, 2008. She is survived by her daughter Simone Koves, and her parents, Vasanth and Parvathi Basrur.

*Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to the Basrur family.

Dr. Basrur was Ontario's former Chief Medical Officer of Health, and the recipient of the Order of Ontario. She was the Chief Guest at KAO's 15th Anniversary celebration function in 2004 and the Keynote Speaker during Konkani Sammelan 2006 held in Hamilton, Canada.

**Dr. KRISHNAKANT DESAI (83)** of Missouri City, TX passed away on June 4th, 2008. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to his wife Pushpa Desai & family of Missouri City, TX.

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## **KONKANI HAPPENINGS**

**SANJAY RAO**, of Sugar Land, TX was the featured speaker at the event organized by Young-TiE on March 13 at the Hilton on the main campus of the University of Houston. The following is a write up that appeared in the local paper:

#### **Sanjay Rao - A New Route to Success** **By Haider Kazim**

HOUSTON - The Indo-American community is replete with success stories of people who have excelled in their chosen fields by dint of hard work, training, knowledge, and resourcefulness. But it may take much more than those qualities to engage in an unfamiliar field and turn what could have been a sure recipe for disaster into a spectacular example of success.

Sanjay Rao, CEO and partner of Southwest Shipyard L.P., told such an amazing story to eager listeners at an event organized by Young-TiE on March 13 at the Hilton on the main campus of the University of Houston. Young-TiE is part of TiE-Houston, an organization devoted to promote talent, ideas, and enterprise as well as inspire the young and upcoming to emulate success stories in the community. Rao, a chemical engineer by education, said he did not know what he was doing when he barged into the shipping industry after his management training at Rice University. He said he knew nothing at that time about the barge industry and did not share any of the lifestyle traits of industry pros. "People in the industry chew tobacco, like to hunt, and go fishing," he said amid laughter. "And I did not do any of these." But the initial lack of knowledge did not hamper him for long to get on top of the business. He was made the CEO and a partner of Southwest Shipyard within a few years of his joining the company, the positions he has been holding for the past six years. Within ten years of his joining, Southwest Shipyard revenues grew from \$20 million to \$150 million. He hopes to reach \$500 million target within the next two to three years. The company provides maintenance and major overhaul services for the inland barge industry, push boats, offshore supply vessels and Galveston ferries. It has also begun manufacturing new vessels at its Galveston and Houston facilities.

Rao offered valuable tips to young and aspiring businessmen and professionals. Rao's PowerPoint presentation gave details of the various stages of growth at Southwest Shipyard and summarized the reasons for success of business strategies. For example, all textbooks offer the advice that a company has to take care of its clients. But at Southwest Shipyard, Rao was able to do this by offering its clients lower prices and shorter turnaround times for repair works. As a result, the clients stayed with them and shifted more of their work to Southwest Shipyard.

TiE is a worldwide professional development organization aimed at cultivating talent, ideas, and enterprise within the global South Asian community. Since being founded in the Silicon Valley in 1992, TiE has rapidly grown into an international organization with over 40 chapters spanning the globe.

**Konkani Social Club (KSC) of South Texas** and other Houstonite Konkans under the auspices of NAKA hosted a fundraiser for the Konkani Sammelan (KS) 2008 on Saturday, March 22, 2008 at the Madras Pavilion in Sugar Land, Texas. A small group of ardent supporters attended the event. The emcee for the evening was Sheila Shenoy who set the tone for the evening with her charming introductions and persuasive appeals. The entertainment included a maiden Bharathanatyam solo performance by Subhiksha Shenoy.

Subhiksha, an accomplished dancer from Coimbatore, India who recently came to US after her marriage to Vinod Shenoy of Houston, enthralled the audience with her impressive debut. Prashant Mavinkurve of Dallas kept the audience spellbound with his melodious Kishore Kumar songs and his signature stand-up comedy acts. Also, Ramesh Kamath, Suresh and Usha Shenoy and Govind Shetty entertained everyone with some classic hits. As always, the food was scrumptious, and the attendees were ever so generous with their donations with the total for the evening surpassing \$20,000. Vasanth Bhat thanked everyone for their support for KS-2008. The evening concluded with dancing to popular Bollywood & Bhangra tunes.

### **Bees Saal Baad .....Still KISSing!**

About 175 enthusiastic attendees converged to the Fort State Parker State Park to participate in the **Konkanis in Southern States (KISS)** picnic from April 4 to 6, 2008. The weather was beautiful throughout the weekend and everyone reveled in the festivities. This year marked the 20th anniversary of this annual event and it was led by the Dallas area Konkanis.

As always, the food was delectable with pizza and *bhajias* on Friday, delicious meals on Saturday specially catered by Madras Pavilion and some exquisite specialties such as *madgane*, *panak*, *pachdi* and *nonche* - thanks to our own ladies. There were variety of sports, many activities during the day on Saturday and first-class entertainment both Friday and Saturday evenings. This year's theme was "Punjabi" for Saturday evening; Most ladies were decked out in traditional colorful attire of salwar-kameez-dupatta and the gents in salwar-kurta and turban. The entertainment included performances from all age groups with popular songs, classical and Bollywood dances, instrumental pieces and comedy routines. There was plenty of time for socializing and for panchaadika.

This year we had special invitees, Ashok and Amita Bhat from Canada and Ravi and Asha Baliga and Pratibha Kamath from California. Since the *Kalash* transfer could not take place during KS-2006 in Canada, it was held here. Also, the collection from a recent fundraiser in Houston amounting to over \$20,000 was presented to KS-2008 organizers.

Overall, this was another memorable picnic. Kudos to our organizers and the attendees!!

**Konkani Association Of California (KAOCA)** celebrated their annual *Yugadi Mela/Anand Bazaar* on Saturday April 12<sup>th</sup> 2008 from 3:30 PM to 9:00 PM at the Hindu Community and Cultural Center at Sunnyvale Hindu Temple in Sunnyvale, CA.

**Michigan Konkani Association** celebrated their annual *Yugadi* function on Saturday April 12<sup>th</sup> 2008 at the Southfield Civic Center in Southfield, MI

**The Konkani Association of Ontario (KAO)** held their *Ugadi* function on Saturday April 12<sup>th</sup> 2008 at Earl Bales Community Banquet Hall in Toronto from 5:00 PM to 9:30 PM.

**The Konkani Association of Ontario (KAO)** held their Satyanarayan puja was on May 10<sup>th</sup> 2008 at Vaishno Devi Mandir, Oakville, ON

Ganesh & Shaila Prabhu of Cary, NC arranged the **Spring 2008 MAKKA picnic** at Seaforth Picnic Shelter, Jordan Lake Park, Cary, NC on Saturday, May 10, 11:00AM to 4 pm.

**Houston Area Amchigale Association (HAAS)** had a cruise to celebrate the Mother's day on May 11th, we. It turned out to be a picture perfect day and the entire group had tons of fun. Visit [www.OURHAAS.com](http://www.OURHAAS.com) to check out the photos from this event.

**Konkani Association of Southern California (KASC)** celebrated Yugaadi 2008 on Saturday, March 22, 2008 at the Laguna Woods Club House in Laguna Woods, CA from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. It was a fun filled evening of entertainment and food.

**Houston Area Amchigale Association (HAAS)** announced their new website, [www.OURHAAS.com](http://www.OURHAAS.com). Congrats to Chetan Bhatt for the time and effort he has put into creating the website.

## **KONKANI OLDER THAN SANSKRIT !?!**

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After reviewing ancient history of the world I have come to a conclusion that Konkani is older than Sanskrit and was the Primary language of the Dwarake or people of Dwaraka. It is common Knowledge that the spoken languages are older than the written languages. There are several word usages in the bhagwad gita which are used as in Konkani. speech. Konkani words are found in several Indo European languages and several Countries.

I have also found several Konkani words in other countries.

Oui -yes in French and Konkani.

Nai,nein no in German and Konkani.

Noveau is new in French and Konkani.

Cullo means buttock in Konkani, Italian and Spanish plural Cullae.

Cullae also means sit in Tulu which means park your Cullae on the Chair.

One of our Sainiks of the Mahabharata war were the Chinese who left to start their own country with a great wall to replicate the wall of Dwaraka. Chinese have last names like Pai, Chang (good) etc.

They respect their elders, have ancestor worship and there is a temple of Yama in China located near a river.

They are referred as Sino as in Sino Indian.

The British Culture was started with a group of Dravidians or druids along with Indo European tribes. The Dravidian's Called Themselves Engle or yenkle or bundes or bunts and they came from Alps (alpa) and hence the name of the country was England. The kshatriyas among them called themselves shettra since they carried a Katti or Scythe they were also called Scythians or Scotts.

The kings were called Rai and (the empire Reich in German) also the Konkani word Raayu and English Royal.

The British Throne is seated on 4 lions and a Blackstone (Shivaling) under it from the hill of Tara (Taranath). This is by definition a Simhasana and is present only in the Mysore throne and the Burmese throne. The British cities ending with ton, burgh and bury are after sthan, pura and puri respectively. The forts are called Cote. When a young man goes to study he is an unmarried Bramachri hence the degree he gets on Graduation is called Bachelors (Batcha?)

Once he is married and is a master of the household he gets a degree called Masters.

All the English cathedrals are based on a Vedic astronomical pattern because they were built on top of druid temples. Britain was named after the Goddess Cali so it was called Caledonia.

According to Swami Shyamendra until 1752 AD the English New Year began on March 25 exactly as the beginning of the Vikram calendar started 2061 years ago which begins the same as the Kali Yuga calendar started 5000 years ago. The word Allemande used by the French and the Spanish for Germany implies home of almighty or Ishwar as Alexander or Ishkander was a slave of Shiva. The other name for slave of Shiva is Rudra alpa or Rudolph.

Hari Cula Hercules.

Pitha graha Pyhtogras.

There was a town in France called Ambiani which is now shortened to Amiens. Ambi stands for Kali and ani for Mother. Ambiani was a tribe of Gaul or Khali. The Capital of the Country is Para eesh or Patee or Paris. Many Indian and Italian names end with ani or anni showing a connection to this mother. Many of the Spanish names have Indian origins. Cali Amba –Columbus. Ram Raj –Ramirez. Vasudev-Vasquez. Rudra-Rudriguez. Manu-Manuel. Venugopal -Venezuela, Venice. Selvadurai-Salvatore San Salvador. Elam, Illam-Villa-Home. The Bread Puri is identical to Burrito, Vasia Harigovinda Bosnia Herzegovina. Servey-Serbia-One of the former President was Radhovan Karadich. Yuga- Yugoslavia. Slovakya-Czechoslovakia. Keshava –Kosovo, Balakrishna-Balkan. Agastha Muni- Augustus-Augustus Ceaser, Kali - Hulia or Julia - Julius Ceaser. Lastly Amerigo Vaspucci came from the Konkani/Sanskrit word AMER or AMAR-immortal. America is named after him.

Hence the name America means that without death. I have a whole article on the Indian origins of Rome which was derived from the brothers Romalux (Romulus) or Ram and Laxman.

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## **Is It Riverfront vacation or Kashi Mutt ?**

**By: - Dr. Vasudev Prabhu, Mission Viejo, CA**

Have you ever thought that you plan for Kashi Yatra and it turns out to be Five Star Riverfront vacation? Now there is something you can do about it, also. Here is my story.

Being Hindu and also GSB, we are supposed to visit Kashi and take a dip in a Triveni Sangam at Prayaag at least once in a life time. Every time I plan to visit , I kept on postponing that once in a life time Holy visit. Early this year I was determined to plan that trip and longing to visit Kashi Vishwanath Temple and get Blessing from that Lord Shiva who is standing there on the Banks of Ganga for last several centuries and protected by Hindu devotees from invasion of Muslim invaders and rulers several times (last one being Aurangzeb). Since flying time of twenty four hours from LA to Mumbai is exhaustive, I wanted to enjoy round trip train journey both ways. Because of off-season in late March, we, three, including my Elder Brother and Vanhi(Bhabhi, sister-in-Law) had no problem getting A/C two tier sleeping coach from Bori Bunder(now it is called Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus) to Allahabad and return from Varanasi(Kashi, Banaras) to Mumbai Kurla station (now called Lokmanya Tilak Station). Accounting about 24 hours train journey each way, we were left with six days of vacation in between to plan in that area of U.P.

Our next question arose about where to stay. Coming from US, folks in India always look to us as status symbol and will hesitate to suggest anything other than staying in five star hotels. But I have not changed my outlook towards those Holy places which I had before coming to America. I had always heard great things about Kashi Mutt from my mother during childhood that it had over 100 rooms and one can get lost looking for your own assigned room. Plus the Mutt is over six hundred years old, and I love staying in old monuments built rock solid with black stone. If people flock to some old ruins and monument in Rome for just a visit, I thought, why not stay in our own lodging at the Mutt built by our own community centuries ago. After some inquiries and contacts, my brother made reservation for a room old fashion way (writing a hand written postal letter to the resident Manager) and followed by a phone call after about a week for confirmation. The friendly manager even offered that he will more than welcome and offered someone to receive all three of us not only at Varanasi but also at the Allahabad station so that our stay at both these Mutts will be comfortable.

On Sunday March 25, we hopped into our A/C compartment around midnight and just went to bed after Kalyan station as there was dark everywhere outside the window. Our cozy little four bed section even had 110v American type connection so that we can hook up our video camera charger and laptop connection. Indian Railways is progressing so fast that my next journey might have facility for internet connection for a nominal charge. Perhaps all can suggest to Laalu Prasad. Since the A/C compartment is served by the attached pantry car catering staff, we were frequently treated with snacks, tea/coffee, cold drinks, etc. our train passed through Madhya Pradesh after crossing some of the cities in Maharashtra. I always used to enjoy frequent stops at several stations and junctions and noise created by those food vendors, plus you can stretch your legs at the station for five minutes. We saw miles and miles of fields of wheat growing plantations as Khandwa was known for wheat trading center. There was no boredom and after about 27 hours of journey (as usual the trail was late about 3-4 hours), we reached Allahabad junction at about 2 am Tuesday morning. To our surprise, driver of the Mutt at Allahabad spotted us immediately and with a hired coolie for our luggage headed towards his Tempo (three wheeler). Our ride in the diesel engine Tempo was rushing thru those quiet and sleeping neighborhood town. We were greeted by house lady with typical Cochhi Amchigele (Konkani) who had made bed for us in a room so that we can take rest immediately after washing.

After early morning shower, Aarti and breakfast we headed towards Sangam where Ganga, Jamuna and underground Saraswati meeting place in the Tempo. Luckily we escaped the time earlier month when Kumbh Mela had taken place; but the dirt and trash left behind by those devotees were still not cleaned up by the city. It was a beautiful sunny day, picture perfect. We boarded a small boat and our guide took us to the knee high bathing place at the tri-point of the rivers. Also, returning on the boat our guide told us to fill the Ganga water before this water merges with the grey water of Jamuna. This water is supposed to most holy and later in Kashi vendors seal this water by soldering the top in small copper jugs. According to legend, This sealed Ganga jal(water) is supposed to be in every Hindu family. When an elderly person in the family is just about counting his/her last breadth, spoonful of Ganga jal from this copper is offered to the dying person in his/her mouth by each family member present. After the sumptuous and delicious lunch Konkani style prepared by Bhatini Maai, we proceeded towards Kashi(Varanasi) by bus. It was a quite a bumpy ride with lots of potholes but fewer than in LA county area, and we reached Varanasi bus station, about half a mile from the Varanasi Railway station. As per instructions, we hired an autorikshaw, and reached Goal Ghar (round house) area beyond which motor vehicles have no access to reach Kashi Mutt; one has to walk to the Mutt about a mile long. Our BhatMam had come to escort us even though directions to the Kashi Mutt with arrows are clearly painted on the building of every corner. After reaching Mutt, the Mutt manager (BhatMam) assigned a room with three twin size beds combined together. Beds were made with very clean sheets and blankets and pillows, etc. It was late in the evening after the Aarti when we reached there, so we ate our delicious supper and after some Panchadiki, we rested for the night.

Since worshipping service staff gets up early in the morning at 5 am for preparation, guests usually sleep until late say until 6:30 or 7 am. Hot water from electric geysers is cut-off at about 8:30 after Aarti at 8 am and breakfast is served at 8:30 am. One can also walk down to those stone stair steps leading to the Ghats for bathing. This was our first early morning. The Mutt is almost like 7-8 story high equivalent of modern building. The Narasimha Deity Mandir is at the highest level and facing east. From the balcony, one can enjoy sunrise in the horizon with magnificent scenery. Down below in the crescent shape Ganga, hundreds of tourist boats rowed by owners. Some tourist take pictures, movies and enjoy and greet the rising sun.

Next day morning, we hired a rental boat, arranged by our Mutt manager, and we were on the row before the sunrise so that we can capture the scenery and magnificent view on our video camera. For 2-3 miles ride, we glimpsed many of the Ghats where thousands of devotees gather to pay homage to Usha Kiran (early morning sun rays). Some locals and western tourists we saw them meditating, Yoga exercise and various other activities. After our one and one half of round along the river, we anchored our boat near the Ghat where Kashi Vishwanath temple is accessible. It is about ¼ mile walk inside from the river bank. Because of terrorist threat, security is very tight. Any metal objects such as cameras, cell phone, watch, even pens are not allowed inside the compound. Due to extreme popularity, always there is a big line and rush. This ShivaLing supposed to most holy among the twelve lings. This Ling has been reference in Puranas and supposed to be quoted in many religious books. Because of its popularity, it is also vulnerable to many attacks by Muslim foreign looters and mughal rulers; last being Aurangzeb destroyed original temple and built mosque on existing pillars of temples. Luckily the original ling was hidden in water by some brave Hindus where present temple was built by Rani Ahilyabai of Holkar family about 250 years back.

We did several activities around the city in next couple of days, such as visit to Sarnath where Bhagwaan Buddha gave first sermon, visit to Banaras Hindu University and new Birla Vishwanath temple, Tulsidaas Ram Charit Manas Exhibit, Sankat Mochan Temple(Hanuman Temple where Abhishek/Aiswaraya Rai visited), Museum of sculpture, etc. Of course we drank lots of Lassi, ate chats, ice-cream, pure milk sweets such as peda, barfi and Banarasi Paan, etc. and purchased Banarasi sarees and Kurta kamiz. This is the best vacation I have ever enjoyed right on the river front. Most of the five star hotels are away from most of the Ghats. From American standard, this type of riverfront view vacations are beyond the reach of average people. Even when we were on vacation during Cairo visit ten years ago, we had paid \$200-300 per night at Sheraton Hotel just to have a small view of Nile River. For a fraction in a local currency, we GSB and SB are lucky to have many Mutts in Kashi, Hardwar, Prayag and Kalpi at prime locations. I will be uploading some of the pictures at my BlogSpot <http://konkaniboy.blogspot.com/>

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# The Secret Revolution of Lord Krishna

## The Historical Context of the Bhagavad Gita

### Chapter: The Great Nastik Revolt

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#### The revolt against Brahmanism brews

By 600 B. C. a great intellectual ferment was brewing across the Indo-Gangetic plain the like of which India has not seen since. Countless different Kshatriya-inspired philosophies sprang up from the agitated intellect of Indo-Gangetic civilization. Disgusted and disenchanted by the decadence of Brahmanism a number of reactionary groups opposed to it arose over the centuries following the Vedic period. These people who lost faith in the Vedas or Vedic sacrifices came to be known as Nastik –unbelievers or naysayers. Most of these groups were led by Kshatriya nobles. Thousands of wandering sophist known as *Parivrajaka* crisscrossed the country questioning anything and everything, including the Vedas and Vedic sacrificial rites. They engaged each other in robust public debate on every topic on earth. They challenged their adversaries to win them over or to follow them. The public halls all over the country were packed with curious people eager to learn and experiment with new ideas to cope with life and its vicissitudes. New Age Philosophies thrived everywhere.

#### People of all Varnas abandon Brahmanism en masse

Disgusted and aggrieved by the decadence of Brahmanism, a large number dissenting Brahmins and Kshatriyas began to abandon it en masse. Lord Buddha (c.563-483 B. C.) and Lord Mahaveera (c.599-527 B. C.), both Kshatriya princes, were the products of this revolt. Over the next few centuries, heterodox religious orders, Buddhism and Jainism, both ascetic and Nastik in nature, began ascendancy under the sponsorship of disillusioned ruling clans and support of even lower social classes. Emperor Chandrgupta Maurya (ruled 321-297 B. C.), the first great emperor of India and protégé of Chanakya, the quintessential Brahmin genius, abandoned Brahmanism, embraced Jainism, became an ascetic and starved himself to death in the manner of Jain monks in South India. His son Bindusara became a supporter of Ajivikas. Bindusara's son emperor Ashoka the Great (r. 269-232 B. C.), gave up violence as well as Brahmanism, and promoted Buddhism, then known simply as Dhamma. He even sent emissaries abroad to spread Buddhism. The Indo-Greek king Menander (Milinda) (r. 155-130 B. C.) and Kushana emperor Kanishka (r. 78-114 B. C.) also embraced Buddhism. Royal patronage of Buddhism made it the dominant religion of India till the rise of Hinduism around 4<sup>th</sup> century A. D. under the patronage of Gupta emperors.

#### Two types of Nastik reactionaries emerge

**1. The first of these two groups resorted to Sanyasa**— literally, “throwing down”— and renounced not only all material comforts but also all socially obligated duties. In other words, not only did they abandon Brahmanism, but also Varnashrama Dharma. Sanyasa became synonymous with the word inaction (*Akarma* 2:47). They were all known as Sramanas. Within this group, three distinct subgroups emerged:

**A.** The first subgroup, following the teachings of Gautama Buddha, later developed into Buddhism. This was essentially a rational religion that emphasized right thinking and conduct. Buddhists rejected all aspects of Brahmanism. Character, not birth class, should decide one's greatness, they said. The Buddhist monks were known as Bhikkus as they made their living by begging. The Buddha became a demigod. Beggars became holy and begging became fashionable in India.

**B.** The second subgroup, following the philosophy of Vardhamana Mahaveera, later on formed Jainism. The hallmark of this religion was absolute nonviolence toward all living things. This religion was clearly reacting to the horror of animal sacrifices rampant with Vedic sacrifices. Some of these monks walked around naked as an expression of their complete renunciation of material things and violence. Mahaveera became a demigod.

**C.** The third subgroup consisted of individual Ascetics, who renounced everything and wandered in search of the Ultimate Reality. They practiced severe austerities (*Tapas*) in the form of self-denial and self-torture (17:5-6) as means of mastering their senses to achieve personal liberation from Samsara. Half-naked Sadhus and Sanyasins who wander all over India even now belong to this subgroup.

**2. The second major Nastik reactionary group, known as Materialists** or Lokayatas, went in the opposite direction. The leading subgroup in this category was Charvakas, who, declaring Vedic teachings as humbug, taught that pursuit of happiness should be the only goal in life. This was a largely rational philosophy which the priests of Brahmanism hated with passion (16:7-11). As we read above, all of their revolutionary literature was destroyed by the Brahmanism fanatics.

#### Brahmanism faces grave danger

The net result of this trend was that by 3<sup>rd</sup> century B. C. a large number of people of all classes, especially Kshatriyas, were

abandoning the *elitist* Brahmanism and embracing *egalitarian* heterodox Dharmas of Buddhism and Jainism. This was no different than disgusted people of “lower castes” and “outcastes” abandoning Hinduism and embracing Christianity, Islam and Buddhism in modern India. Becoming a monk or ascetic not only meant giving up material comforts but also abandoning Brahmanism and socially designated duty ordained by Varnashrama Dharma. To Brahmanism, dissolution of Varnashrama Dharma or class system meant class admixture (*Varnasankara* 1:41), class confusion (3:24) and its consequences, namely birth of unwanted progeny and decimation of elite class.

### The age of invasions

This also happened to be the period when north India experienced waves of fresh invasion from northwest frontier. Alexander the Great invaded India in 327 B. C. From then onwards India was threatened continually from northwest by various border kingdoms: Bactrian, Scythian or Shakas and Kushanas. Abandonment of their Dharma by Kshatriyas could not have come at a worse time. If all aggrieved Kshatriyas gave up their duty, embraced nonviolence and became monks who would protect the country against the invaders?

### Brahmanism pleads: Do not abandon your own Dharma!

By third century B. C. the great epic Mahabharata was very popular with the masses. It is very likely that the episode in which Arjuna wishes to abandon his bounden duty in the face of having to kill his own people; and in which prince Krishna gives him a refresher course on the principles of Varnashrama Dharma, was introduced into the great epic specifically for the purposes of invoking sense of duty in the renegade Kshatriyas. Prince Krishna’s advice for him to perform his duty as per the Brahmanism *doctrines of the Gunas and Karma* (2:2-3; 31-37; 3:5, 27, 33; 18:40-45; 59-60) became the body of the *Original Gita*. At a somewhat later date Brahmanism scholars inserted additional shlokas into the Original Gita that warned people of dangers of abandoning Brahmanism. First they deplored the dangers of Varnasankara (admixture of upper class women with lower class men) and warned that whoever is responsible for it went straight to hell (1:38-44). They added shloka 2:4-5, in which Arjuna threatens to abandon his Dharma, to set the stage to interpolate the following shloka addressed to Kshatriyas:

3:35: *One’s own Dharma, though imperfectly performed, is better than the Dharma of another well discharged. Better death in one’s own Dharma (so one can attain heaven); the Dharma of another is full of fear (of earning bad Karmaphala and going to hell).*

The argument here was that not performing one’s own Dharma was a sin (2:33) and also that would bring one dishonor in the society (2:2-3; 34-36). Addressing other classes who were abandoning Varnashrama, the Brahmanism scholars added the following two shlokas:

18:47-48: *Better is one’s own Dharma, though imperfectly performed, than the Dharma of another well performed. He who does the duty ordained by his own nature (Guna) incurs no sin (bad Karmaphala). One should not abandon, O Kaunteya, the duty (Karma) to which (Varna/Guna) one is born, though it is attended with evil; for all undertakings are enveloped by evil, as fire by smoke.*

In these added shlokas, Brahmins seem to accept the reality that the practice of Brahmanism, as exemplified by *Kamya Karma*, was less than perfect. “But,” they argued rather perversely, “Other Dharmas are even worse. All Dharmas have something unpleasant about them. As long as you perform your job as per the doctrines of the Gunas and Karma, you will not earn bad Karmaphala.”

### The Upanishadic Revolution

Even though this argument had some merit to it from the standpoint of Brahmanism, it was too little and too late in coming. Abandonment of Brahmanism continued to decline steadily. Something was needed to be done urgently *from within* to either reform Brahmanism or replace it with a New Dharma based a whole new paradigm. To achieve this end, some great Upanishadic scholars decided to rise to the occasion. They decided to eliminate the doctrines of the Gunas and Karma, the very foundation of Brahmanism (4:13), and replace them with the doctrines of the Knowledge of Atman and Buddhiyoga (2:39). This is how the Upanishadic revolution was set in motion in the modified Original Gita. [Pkamath001@gmail.com](mailto:Pkamath001@gmail.com) 5/16/ 2008

## KONKANI CALENDER

July 2008	August 2008	September 2008
2 <sup>nd</sup> Amavasya (Dark Moon)	5 <sup>th</sup> Naga Panchami	2 <sup>nd</sup> Gowri Thrithiya
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Konkani Sammelan - 2008</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> Yekadashi	3 <sup>rd</sup> Ganesh Chaturthi
13 <sup>th</sup> Ashada Yekadashi	15 <sup>th</sup> Simh Sankranthi	10 <sup>th</sup> Yekadashi
15 <sup>th</sup> Kark Sankranthi	16 <sup>th</sup> Poornima Yajurpakarma	13 <sup>th</sup> Anantha Chaturdashi
17 <sup>th</sup> Poornami	19 <sup>th</sup> Angaraka Chaturthi	14 <sup>th</sup> Poornami
21 <sup>st</sup> Sankashta Chaturthi	23 <sup>rd</sup> Shri Krishna Janmashtami	15 <sup>th</sup> Mahalaya
<b>26<sup>th</sup> KAO Picnic</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> Amavasya (Dark Moon)	15 <sup>th</sup> Kanya Sankranthi
31 <sup>st</sup> Amavasya (Dark Moon)		18 <sup>th</sup> Sankashta Chaturthi
		28 <sup>th</sup> Mahalaya Amavasye
		29 <sup>th</sup> Navarathri Beginning

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

## 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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Description	Credit, \$	Debit, \$
<b>Balance Carried over since Khabbar Vol. XXXI No. 1</b>	<b>3,525.00</b>	
<b>Money Received:</b>		
Subscriptions (61) and donations	1,499.00	
Advertisements (2 )	90.00	
Interest	6.00	
<b>Sub Total:</b>	<b>1,595.00</b>	
<b>Money Spent (Khabbar Vol. XXXI No. 1):</b>		
Printing- Khabbar (400) - 20 pages		365.51
First Class Mail-Khabbar (363)		210.54
Canada Khabbar (13)		13.00
Overseas (20)		60.00
Mail Fines, computer paper & labels, envelopes, service fees, etc.		450.95
<b>Sub Total:</b>		<b>1,100.00</b>
<b>Final Balance:</b>	<b>4,020.00</b>	

*Money spent on this issue was not available during press time.*



**The last quarter's quiz:** From "Ask Marilyn" What three numbers complete this series?

4 0 3 1 0 1 1 1 4 0 2 1 8 8 3 1 0 1 2 2 1 2 4 x x x

**The Answer:**

0 0 0. The series represents the number of (US) State names that begin with each letter of the alphabet, in order. Four states begin with A, but, none begins with X, Y or Z.

Only one gave the correct answer and that was **Praveen Kamath, Centreville, VA**

## This Quarter's Quiz

*By*

*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 5-letter word, if you take out 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and last letters, still sounds the same?**

## Upcoming Konkani Events



# Konkani S sammelan 2008

July 3rd- July 5th Santa Clara, California

### Namaskaru!

On behalf of the 200 plus volunteers from the San Francisco Bay Area, we want to welcome you to the Konkani S sammelan. We are ready to deliver on our mission – Host the best Konkani S sammelan at great value and provide all attendees with uncompromising hospitality, social networking, scrumptious Konkani food and outstanding entertainment. Close to 1200 have already registered. If you are still thinking, we urge you to register immediately. The following are some highlights of the event:

#### Entertainment:

- Open microphone karaoke – bring your own CD and show off your singing talent
- Standup comedy by **Dr. Purandar Mallya** – Konkani jokes and stories
- Opening / closing ceremony – cultural themes with original Konkani songs and music woven together with a theme to awaken the Konkani in each one of us
- Two plays – including “*Premkani*” a romantic musical
- Bharata Natyam, Odissi, Kathakali, folk dances and Konkani Bangra
- Short skits, mimicry and spoofs highlighting lighter side of being a Konkani
- **Mahesh Kale** a disciple of Jitendra Abhishekhi will captivate you with Ragas, Bhakti Geet, Natya Sanjeet and “Konkani Padha”
- Prasanna, an accomplished musician will present classical carnatic, jazz, rock and pop form of music presented in a way that you have never heard before

#### Chief Guest and Keynote Speakers:

Chief Guest – **Prakash Padukone** – World Badminton Champion

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#### Medical Symposium:

Subjects covered include – Depression /mental health, Growing old gracefully, Prostrate health for men, Osteoporosis, Preventing/decreasing obesity, Finding meaning in everyday living, Humor in medicine – **Dr. Hegde** will be presenting the last two.

#### Breakout Sessions:

There will be multi track seminars. In addition, there will be a talk by **Dr. Sobel** – Don't miss this.

#### Youth Events:

Will include Ice Breakers, Social events, Konkani Idol, Key note speech by **Dr. Sumeeth Bhat** and break out sessions

**Dining:**

Enjoy authentic Konkani food at two dinners, two lunches, two breakfast, two snack breaks and a banquet dinner. The dining hall can accommodate all attendees at one sitting.

This is a unique event and should not be missed by any Konkani in North America. For those already registered thanks. We want to thank the donors for their generous contributions. We look forward to meeting you all. For more details and to register log on to [www.konkanisammelan.org](http://www.konkanisammelan.org)

Devu Baren Koro

*Pratibha and Ramesh Kamath*  
Presidents, 2008 S sammelan

**Konkani Sabha**

Following are the highlights of the KONKANI SABHA activities for the year 2008

**Diwali:**

Date: Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> 2008

Time: 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Location: Shri Venkateswara Temple Community Center, Bridgewater, NJ

780 Old Farm Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08807. Tel: (908) 725-4477

Cost: Registration and Payment by October 1st - \$16 (12 years and older) and \$9 (ages 6 to 12)

Registration after Oct 1st and at the door - \$18 (12 years and older) and \$11 (ages 6 to 12)

Activities: Variety Entertainment, Socialization, Appetizer and Dinner

Anyone interested in receiving the Konkani Sabha flyers, please contact the office bearers, or, email your contact information including email addresses to [KonkaniSabha@gmail.com](mailto:KonkaniSabha@gmail.com)

Visit our website at [WWW.KonkaniSabha.org](http://WWW.KonkaniSabha.org) for further details, directions and updates on our activities. Anyone interested in volunteering to organize the events and activities, and/or in performing at the Diwali function please contact the office bearers.

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The NAKA Board now consists of:

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The Board has been busy developing fund raising strategy for **KS-2008** and other ways to help preserve our culture here in North America.

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If any North American Konkani have any constructive suggestions, please, contact any of the NAKA Board Members or send them to NAKA, 2465 Bergen Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11234. Phone: (718)-251-4795 and Email: [naka1@indiatimes.com](mailto:naka1@indiatimes.com)

**NAKA - Statement Of Accounts**

Date	Description	Credit, \$	Debit, \$
02/28/2008	Balance from last report	<b>45,222.95</b>	
4/1/2008	Ad in Souvenir KS-2008		500.00
5/31/2008	Interest	47.43	
	<b>Final Balance:</b>	<b>44,770.38</b>	

Signed: Damodar Baliga  
Treasurer, NAKA

## KONKANI APPEALS

### AKHILA KARNATAKA KIRTHANA KALA PARISHAT (Regd)

It is proposed by AKHILA KARNATAKA KIRTHANA KALA PARISHAT( Regd.,) to organize 108 Katha Kirthan from veterans in the art of Story Telling at Sri Kannika Parameshwari Temple 8th cr. Malleswaram Bangalore 560003 from May 5th onwards 2008. It is a Jnana Yajna and at the same time to support the Kirthana Artistes who basically living from the income generated from Harikatha.

Revival of the Art of Harikatha is the prime cause of conducting such Jnana Yajnas and people will be benefitted especially the senior citizens and ladies who actually preserve our great cultural heritage.

This project will be completed with helping hands and philanthropists. The expenditure will come around Rs. Five lakhs and we will request to donate USD 250/-each so that our target meets for the smooth conduct of the program.

I request you to kindly extend your helping hand for this noble Jnana Prasara Yajna and be Blessed by Lord. Cheques may be drawn in the name of the Parishat A/c payee and sent to my address given below.

Yours in the service of Lord

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### SHATA KOTI TARAKA MANTRA (LIKHITA) JAPA MAHA YAJNA

I got a letter from India that they are performing VISHWA SHANTI MAHA YAAGA (10 days: 28 November, 2008 to 7 December, 2008) for World Peace & Universal Brotherhood, National Integration & Prosperity. Please participate in SHATA KOTI TARAKA MANTRA (LIKHITA) JAPA MAHA YAJNA by writing TARAKA MANTRA - "Sri Ram Jaya Ram Jai Jai Ram", which purifies human heart, mind and soul, in any script, in a notebook. Collectively, one billion, i.e. One Hundred Crores of this soul-purifying "Mantra" needs to be written before performing the great Maha -Yajna planned for the auspicious 10 days. Please spread this message to your relatives, friends, their children & prevail upon them to associate with this rare event, which will strengthen Hindu unity, amity and fraternity and promote all the noble goals for which society has been striving for centuries. Please send your note books to one of these 2 addresses -Sri RamVithal Mandir, Shantikunj Sevashram, New Panvel-Morba Road, Harigram , Panvel 410206 India Ram Mandir Complex, Wadala, Mumbai 400031 India By the gracious presence of reverential Swamijis of the most venerated Guru Peethas at the Maha Yajna will create a conducive spiritual environment. After the Yajna, they will perform Sahasra Kumbhabhisheka with the sacred waters of major holy rivers of India. Expenses for this solemn event is estimated at over Rs. One Crore. Devotees and well-wishers are request to remit their contributions for this great cause. Please start writing - Sri Ram Jaya Ram Jai Jai Ram and get the blessings of Lord Rama and all the Saints. For more information see [oldagehome.net](http://oldagehome.net); email to [vct.worldpeace@gmail.com](mailto:vct.worldpeace@gmail.com) With love and regards, Ramabai B. Shenoy,Charlotte, N.C.

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04. Each Indian community is contributing to nation's wealth why not Konkani; we need Industries, IT/ BPO Units, B-Schools, Hospitals and Tran's national projects to participate in Indian growth story.

We are floating this idea for the exclusive benefit of *KHABBAR* readers and their families. We will work out modalities and packages based on your response to this discussion paper.

What we want to achieve is a create network by which cross-cultural benefits will accrue to third generation of both side of divide.

Kindly mail me your ideas and thoughts, suggestions on [Kkveed@msn.com](mailto:Kkveed@msn.com)

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- Kid-playing area around premises
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## Book Review

## Khil Khilo

The book "Khil Khilo" is written by Smt. Indira Jodumutt, retired Headmistress of Srinivasa Patashala in Mangalore.

This 104 page book is a compilation of 60 Konkani songs written in both Devanagari & Kannada script. The songs include typical Konkani Nursery rhymes and other popular songs. The book takes the reader to the nostalgic era of Konkani life where these songs were in use. These short songs make it easy to read also.

This is Smt. Jodumutt's third book in Konkani and all copies of the book have been sold out. Khabbar is working with NAKA and other sponsors to reprint this book for sale in North America. Also, there is a move to prepare the audio CD of the book which will make it easy to listen to these songs rather than read.

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