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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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It is a proud fact that *Khabbar* dues have remained the same (\$15.00/yr) for a long time that I can remember. Irrespective of the economic conditions, the Advisory Committee of *Khabbar* has run a tight ship and strived hard to keep the subscription rate unchanged. Also some families give more than their fair share. *Khabbar* considers them as premium subscribers. These subscribers get their name published in *Khabbar* and also get the *Khabbar* Mailing List sorted by States.

Recently, a check for a good amount was received from this family in TX. I called in to thank the family for their generous contribution to *Khabbar*. When asked why they contributed more than their fair share, the family said, "Well, you can consider this as a stimulus package to *Khabbar*! Well, like the stimulus packages given to keep the economy going!!"

With these kinds of stimulus package, there is no doubt in my mind that *Khabbar* will be healthier than ever!

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## SUBSCRIPTION FORM:

Dear Konkani family,

It is time to renew your subscription for 2009, if you've not done so. The numbers on the mailing label clearly indicate the year/s the dues for *Khabbar* has been received since 2006. Please, note that you have the FREE access to the e*Khabbar*, the electronic version of *Khabbar*, by logging on to e*Khabbar*.com. If you want hard copy, then only remit your subscription at \$15.00/yr. **Please, don't pay for future years!** 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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## 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 2007**. In other words, families who **have not** paid since 2006 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 2007 and if there is any error let me know.

Even in these tough economic times, the Advisory Committee of *Khabbar* has decided 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.

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 mailing the hard copies.

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!

The Konkani Youth will be hosting the Konkani Youth Convention in 2009 in Washington DC area. Visit their website (<http://www.kyc2009.com>) to find out all

the details of this great event. Extend your support to our youngsters who are doing such a great job in maintaining our culture here in North America.

*Khabbar* will publish all the developments and progress made by **NAKA** on an on-going basis. Send your constructive suggestions to any of the Directors of the NAKA Board. This quarter, the NAKA Board is busy in helping the Youth Convention in raising much needed funding for their event of the year. Please, extend your help to our youngsters. Also, the much anticipated Konkani Charitable Fund (KCF) was incorporated. More details will be published in due course of time.

When and where to hold the next Konkani Sammelan is an issue facing the community right now. Due to unavoidable circumstances, the Chicago group can not hold the Sammelan in 2010. Meanwhile, enthusiastic group from Southern California under the able leadership of **Dr. Ramadas Kamath** has a plan to hold the Sammelan on a cruise. In this issue, there is a reference to a questionnaire regarding this and readers are encouraged to fill out the questionnaire to make your opinion count.

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 can

send the news items via email ([khabbar@hotmail.com](mailto:khabbar@hotmail.com)).

On the Quiz front, *Khabbar* has still remained as a champ. Only a few got the right answer to the last quarter's quiz! This quarter's quiz is so tough, that the Advisory Committee of *Khabbar* has decided to award the first person giving the correct solution a free subscription to *Khabbar* for one year!!

The progress of the ambitious project, **Konkani Kendra**, the **Konkani Bhas Ani Sanskriti Pratistan** is good. 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.

*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. Join **Khabbar Kares Email List** if interested in helping the needy.

Hope Peace & Tranquility will prevail.

*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.

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Vasanth:

A little story about how *Khabbar* helps preserve community traditions and ties.

Since Aliza, our daughter-in-law will be entering her 7th month of pregnancy at the end of April, and since my *Akka* is visiting, I thought it would be nice to do a *gurbini kappad* for Aliza, here in Las Vegas. Except I had no idea what it entails.

So, first I "googled" it. Then called my relatives in India, then Basti Sunanda Shenoy here and cobbled together some ideas. BUT, more importantly, a few days after I thought about it, the new issue of *Khabbar* showed up in my mailbox. Lo and behold - there was an article by Dr. Vasudev Prabhu of Mission Viejo, CA, on the tradition of *Gurbini Kappad*. In it he mentioned the names of Deepa, the honoree and her husband Rajesh Prabhu, and that Rajesh had played a CD of traditional songs sung by Deepa's grandmother, during the celebration.

So.... I consulted the *Khabbar* mailing list, found their phone # and left Rajesh and Deepa a message. Rajesh called me back, and soon, very graciously mailed to me a copy of that CD and a related audio DVD, along with an explanation - the what and how-to of the traditional ceremony. I am now all set to do it, thanks to *Khabbar*.

Rajesh and Deepa Prabhu of Monterey Park, CA are an immensely gracious and generous young couple, and interested in maintaining our traditions. Such young people give me much hope for the future. I called as a total stranger, a little presumptuous, but I counted, correctly as it turns out, on the bond we share as *amchis* and the helpful nature of people in our community.

My thanks to everybody - Dr. Vasudev Prabhu, Deepa's grandmother, Rajesh and Deepa, and even Atul, their brand

new baby son, without whom there would not have been this *gurbini kappad* celebration. Most of all to *Khabbar*.

Padmini Pai  
Las Vegas, NV

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Hi Vasanth,

Thank you for publishing my bragging about Lukie (*Khabbar* Vol. XXXII-1). It should have been signed by me edited by Niki. In a haste to leave for Barcelona for 3 weeks, making sure I met your dead line, I asked to Niki to edit and email what I had written on what I had witnessed and felt. And she, our super writer/editor, emailed as she had promised. And on the publication it came across as if Niki sharing her experience. I chuckled just imagining Niki taking *drishti*.

Would you please note that in your next publication?

Also, I would like to reserve a corner in *Khabbar* to share and brag about our simple pleasures in life not heeding to the gloom and doom we hear day in and day out these days.

Shanthi pai

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Date: Thu, Apr 23, 2009

## **Editor's Reply:**

*Khabbar* regrets the error. Also, I like the idea of Grand parents bragging section and hope more grand parents will follow this lead.

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Dear Vasanthmam,

Santha (Vasanthi) Rama Rau was a mainstream English writer and author, and daughter of Sir Benegal Rama Rau, a prominent Chitrapur Saraswat. She passed away recently, and her

obituary came in today's New York Times. I am sending this to you, as I feel her achievement and passing away is worthy of mentioning in *Khabbar*. Her father was also Governor of Reserve Bank of India, and his signatures used to appear on Indian currency notes.

Regards,

Vivek

[vivekullal@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vivekullal@sbcglobal.net)

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Dear Vasanth,

I am very happy to advise that Konkani Association of Ontario's (KAO) 20th Anniversary celebration on the cruise was a great success! It was well-attended by KAO's members, their friends and relatives. The highlight of the event was honouring the Chief Guests (Ashok & Amita Bhatt) and the KAO's past presidents for the last 20 years.

Please accept our sincere thanks for *Khabbar's* advertisement in the 20th Anniversary celebrations souvenir. I have mailed a copy of the souvenir to you which you will receive soon.

We also received NAKA's ad for the souvenir. Thanks again.

Shivdas Pai

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# Hoon Khabbar

## Congratulations:

**PRIYANKA**, age 12, d/o Rajeev & Shobha Kamath of Cary, NC won 3rd place in her age division, Level 8, at the State level gymnastics meet in Winston-Salem, NC. She also qualified to compete in the regional competition in Atlanta during the last weekend of April. There she will be competing against girls from 8 states - NC, SC, GA, FL, TN, AL, MS, LA. Way to go, Priya, and good luck in Atlanta!

Canadian postal stamp to commemorate Tercentenary of Shri Chitrapur Math Guru-Parampara:

On February 14, 2009, **Shri Param Poojya Sadyojat Shankarashram Swamiji** released a Canadian stamp in India to commemorate the Tercentenary of Shri Chitrapur Guruparampara. At the same time the stamp was released at a Burlington postal outlet by hand cancelling First Day covers. The stamp depicts inside view of the newly inaugurated Shri PP Parijnanashram Vastusangrahalaya (museum) in Shirali. It is a legal stamp in Canada, however, many may wish to purchase it as a collector's item. The stamps in the following format may be purchased by contacting Sadanand Mankikar at (905) 319-1073 or sending him an email at [sadanand.mankikar@gmail.com](mailto:sadanand.mankikar@gmail.com)

Press-Release- Society of Indo-American Engineers and Architects

**Newly elected committee of SIAEA sworn in.**

**Mr. Ravi V. Shenoy**, Founder and President of Shenoy Engineering, P.C., a consulting engineering firm, took the oath of office as the new president of the Society of Indo American Engineers and Architects at a well attended function organized at Mirage Banquet Hall in Edison, NJ on Saturday, March 21. Mr. Prabhu Dayal, Consul-General of India in New York administered the oath of office.

Mr. Shenoy, in his presidential address, vowed to launch a membership drive of the organization in order to widen the reach of his

organization. He said that he will make all efforts to attract more engineers and architects of Indian origin in society's activities. He said that the organization is well equipped to provide opportunities for professional development to its members as well as prospective engineers and architects of Indian origin. Among major programs that Mr. Shenoy promised to implement included the opening up of minority business program for Asian Indians where they are currently excluded. "We will continue to remain in the forefront of helping engineers and architects in employment search and other challenges in helping them reach new heights in their career", he said. Attending the presidential inauguration function were Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr., NJ Assemblyman Upendra Chivukula, Honorable John Mc Cormac, Mayor of Woodbridge, and NJ Senator Joseph Vitale, a Democrat from Woodbridge.

**Dr. REETESH K. PAI** of Menlo Park, CA has accepted a position as assistant professor in the department of pathology at Stanford University, CA effective June, 2009. His wife **Dr. KATHRYN DOEDEN** has accepted a position as pathology staff with Calpath in San Jose, effective July, 2009.

**RAKSHITH NAIK (Shannu)** of Houston, TX participated in the BP MS 150, a two-day fundraising bike ride from Houston to Austin organized by the National MS Society, Lone Star Chapter in April 2009. It's the largest non-profit event of its kind in North America with 13,000 registered cyclists, 3,000 volunteers and countless supporters and spectators. The BP MS 150 raised more than \$15 million for MS research and services for persons living with multiple sclerosis. Shannu, on his part, raised more donation than his goal.

**NEVIN KAMATH**, a 1999 graduate of Keystone HS San Antonio, TX was invited to return as the honored special guest to give the Keynote address to

the graduating class of 2009 on May 31.

Keeping a large audience of family and faculty participating, he advised that things can get messy for the college bound seniors, if they forget the basics. Giving real life examples, he advised graduating seniors to go out and find mentors who will help them see the hope inside themselves. To do inspiring things by surrounding themselves with friends who inspire them and also to take risks by getting out of their comfort zone he said, emphasizing the basics for their college journey.

**NISHANT MANKIKAR, CA, CPA (Illinois)** has been promoted to Director, Internal Audit at Tim Hortons, reporting to the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors and to the CFO. Nishant joined Tim Hortons in February, 2004 and progressed from Manager, Internal Controls to Senior Manager, Internal Audit in 2007. In his role as Director of Internal Audit, he will oversee a team of professionals responsible for certain compliance, risk and governance activities as well as internal audit projects across the organization both at the corporate and store level. Nishant is s/o Sadanand & Suvarna Mankikar of Burlington, Ont.

**U. DAMODAR PRABHU** of Pittsburgh, PA presented a talk on "Vedic Rishis & Scientists of India" during the Konkani Sannelan 2008 in July of 2008. He also gave this talk in S. V. temple on March 22, 2009. On Jan 12, 2009, on Swami Vivekananda's birthday celebrations in S. V. temple, he gave a talk on Swamiji's successful trip to the "Parliament of World Religions" on Sep 11, 1893. His wife, Smt. **KANAKA PRABHU**, also gave a talk on what Swami Vivekananda said about "Hindu women".

Sri Prabhu, an engineer by profession, has been involved with Sri Venkateswara Temple project in Pittsburgh. He became the Chairman of the Board and later a trustee of the temple. When youngsters asked him

questions about various aspects of Hinduism with special reference to temple rituals, he undertook self-study of these topics. He subsequently received many opportunities to give presentations to local colleges, churches, synagogues, youth camps, interfaith conferences/seminars, etc.

### **Konkani Graduates:**

**ELIZABETH FISHER-PAI ( Betsy)** graduated from Northwestern University on June 8<sup>th</sup> 2009 with MA in Human Development and Social Policy. Her thesis for the masters is in teacher recruitment policy in Chicago public schools. She will enroll herself in PhD program at Washington University this fall.

**APOORVA**, d/o Ganapathi & Gayathri Shenoy of Las Vegas, NV graduated from Babson College in Boston, MA in May 2009 with Entrepreneurship as her major.

**AJAY**, s/o Manohar & Ajita Shenoy of Suffield, CT, is pursuing a PhD in economics with a certification in complex systems at the University of Michigan with funding from the Rackham Merit Fellowship Program.

**SUNIL**, s/o Arvind & Neela Kamath of Houston, TX graduated from Vanderbilt University with B S in Biomedical Engineering Major on May 08, 2009 with a GPA of 3.56/4.00 in *Cum Laude* Group of his engineering class.

**ANSHUL**, s/o Gaurang & Anita Haldipur of Sugar Land, TX, graduated in May 2009 with an M.D. degree from Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. He will be moving to Pittsburgh to begin his Radiology residency training at University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

**AARTI MALLYA** graduated with a Ph.D. on May 20, 2009, from Columbia University, NY within the Mathematics, Science and Technology Department. Her Ph.D. is in Science Education and her course of study was, Extending Science Beyond the Classroom Door: Learning From Students' Experiences with the Choice,

Control and Change (C3) Curriculum. She starts her new job on July 1, 2009, as District supervisor of Science and Technology at Pascack Valley Regional High School District.

**Dr. AMITA KAMATH**, passed the specialty Board Examination after completing a four year residency program in Diagnostic Radiology from UC San Francisco. She plans to pursue further training as a fellow in Cardiac & Body MRI at NYU starting in July.

**NEVIN KAMATH** graduated from Harvard Law School with a Juris Doctor degree on June 4, 2009. He will be taking the California Bar Examination soon and plans to move to LA.

**RAHUL**, s/o Sudhakar & Meera Kamath of Sugar Land, TX graduated as valedictorian from Hightower high school. He will be join Rice University in Houston, TX this Fall.

**RITA**, d/o Sudhir & Ranjana Golikeri of Clearlake, TX graduated from Tulane University with a B.S. in Public Health. She was a recipient of the Tulane 34 award for her exemplary leadership, service, and academic excellence. This award is presented to 34 graduates who have distinguished themselves throughout their collegiate life at Tulane University. Named for the year in which the university was founded, 1834, Tulane 34 is among the most coveted university-wide honors bestowed upon students. Rita will pursue a master's degree in cell and molecular biology at Tulane in fall 2009.

**MEENA**, d/o Mohan & Vasumathi Pai of Fresh Meadows, NY graduated from Downstate Medical college of New York. She has been accepted by New York Hospital of Queens for her Residency Program in Emergency Medicine.

**SANDEEP**, s/o Raj & Bina Acharya of Ocean, NJ graduated from Harvard Business School with MBA degree in June'09 with high distinction. He was awarded a special certificate as a George F. Baker scholar for scoring top 5% of the graduating class. There were 44 students out of 896 awarded

at a special reception and dinner on June 3rd. Sandeep will be working as an summer Mayoral fellow for the Mayor of the City of Sacramento, CA this summer. In September, he will be joining Bain Capital private equity management for a full time job.

**VINDYA** of New York, NY, d/o Vasanth & Poornima Bhat of Lake Jackson, TX will join Emory University in Atlanta, GA this Fall to pursue a doctorate in Mathematics.

### **New Arrivals:**

**ATUL**, a baby boy to Rajesh & Deepa Prabhu of Monterey Park, CA on March 14<sup>th</sup> 2009. The proud paternal grandparents are Balakrishna & Prema Prabhu of Mumbai and maternal grandparents are Sadashiva & Sujata Pai of Udyavara, Karnataka.

**KIRAN**, a baby boy to Rashmi Chikarmane & Andrew Swan of Windsor, Ont. on March 15, 2009 at Windsor Regional Hospital. The proud maternal grand parents are Gurudutt & Shanta Chikarmane of Toronto, Ont.

**SHORIYA**, a 6 lb 19-3/4" tall baby girl to Vinodh & Kalpana Bhat of New York, NY on Sunday March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2009 at 9:49 AM in New York, NY. The paternal grand parents are Vasanth & Poornima Bhat of Lake Jackson, TX and the maternal grand parents are Gopal & Pratibha Bhandarkar of Bayport, NY.

**ALESIA SOPHIA**, a 7.1 lb baby girl to Priti Baliga & Robert Rainer of New York, NY on April 28th 2009. The proud maternal grand parents are Damodar & Shobha Baliga of Brooklyn, NY.

**SUCHI**, a baby girl to Prasad & Deepa Upasani of Placentia, CA, on May 5<sup>th</sup> 2009. The proud grandparents are Raja & Sita Upasani of Mumbai and Dilip & Geeta Soude of Mumbai.

**AVANI**, a 5 lb 9 oz baby girl to Nilesh & Varsha Shanbhag of Norcross, GA on May 16, 2009; a sister to Tanvi.

**ANJALI KIM**, a 5 lbs, 15 Oz baby girl to Sandeep & Christina Kamath of Dallas, TX on Wednesday May 20, 2005 on 10.14 a.m. in Dallas, TX. Proud paternal grand parents are Arvind & Neela Kamath of Houston, TX.

### **Brahmopadesha:**

Divakar & Roopa Shenoy of Markham, Ont celebrated the *Bramopadesham* of their son, **Chi. VIGNESH** at Vishnu Mandir, Richmond Hill, Ont. on April 11th 2009.

### **Engagement:**

**Kum. VINDYA**, of New York, NY, d/o Vasanth & Poornima Bhat of Lake Jackson, TX engaged to **Chi. SRIDHARAN**, of Jersey City, NJ, s/o P. S. & Parimala Raman of Atlanta, GA on March 17<sup>th</sup> 2009.

### **Newly Weds:**

Subramanya & Vasanthi Baliga of Monroe, NJ celebrated the marriage of their daughter, **Sow. SUNANDA with Chi. CHETAN**, s/o Nagendra & Geeta Shenoy on Wednesday April 8th 2009 at 12:20 in the noon (Abhijin Muhurth) at the Atria Hotel in Bangalore. The *Mehendi* and the *Phool Muddhi* functions were also held at the Atria on Monday April 6th & Tuesday April 7th. A reception to the newlyweds was held at Chutney Manor in Manmouth Junction, NJ on Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2009.

Muralidhar & Chandrika Pai of Gaithersburg, MD celebrated the marriage of their son, **Chi PRATYAKSH with Sow. VIDYA**, d/o Prathima Kudva & Late. Dayanand Kudva on May 10th, 2009 in Gaithersburg Hilton, MD. All of the close relatives, family and friends from both the sides came from all over and enjoyed their wedding & reception. Each and every one showered their blessings & wishes to the newly weds. Pratyaksh and Vidya have decided to start their married life in a cozy & luxury apartment in Gaithersburg, MD.

Narasimha & Shanta Kamath of Edison, NJ celebrated the marriage of their daughter, **Sow. SHUBA with**

**Chi. ACHYUT (MIHIR)** s/o Mr. & Mrs. Bhalachandra Kamat on Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup> 2009 at 2:30 PM at Sheraton Parsippany hotel in Parsippany, NJ followed by reception at the same venue.

### **Relocation:**

The **BALIGA** family, Sunil & Rekha, together with their kids, Mira & Vijay, relocated from San Jose, CA to 22216 Cupertino Rd., Cupertino, CA 95014. The phone remains the same at (408)-446-2081 and the email IDs are: [ssb23@georgetown.edu](mailto:ssb23@georgetown.edu) and [baliga\\_r@yahoo.com](mailto:baliga_r@yahoo.com).

Family of **Dr. Rish K. Pai, Elizabeth Pai & Dashram Pai (5) and Wrenna Pai (4)** are moving to 7611 Westmoreland, Clayton (St. Louis) MO 63105 on June 15<sup>th</sup> 2009. Dr. Pai will be working as assistant professor in the pathology department, at Washington University. Elizabeth Fisher-Pai will continue her education in educational policy PhD at Washington University also.

The **PAI** family, Rakesh & Ajnya, along with their sons, Nandan (4) and Lakshan (3) have relocated with in Boise, ID to 2109 North 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Boise, ID 83702. The new telephone is (208)-286-2685.

Dr. Rakesh is a Cardiologist and director of Cardiac Electrophysiology with Saint Alphonsus Medical Center in Boise. Ajnya is busy as home maker and with her summer gardening.

The **BALIGAS**, B. Subramanya & Chitra, relocated within Gaithersburg, MD to 728 Quince Orchard Blvd. # 101, Gaithersburg, MD 20878. The telephone remains the same at (240)-683-0816 and the email: [subrabaliga@hotmail.com](mailto:subrabaliga@hotmail.com)

**Vinay & Tanya Prabhu**, VP-JP Morgan Inc., son and DIL of Vasudev & Sunita Prabhu of Mission Viejo, CA moved to their newly purchased home at 3410 Camino de la Cumbre, Los Angeles, CA 91423.

The **BHATS**, the newlyweds, Durgesh & Swati have relocated within Houston to 2000 Bay Area Blvd Apt 107, Houston, TX 77058. The

telephone remains the same at (832)-816-5302 and the email ID is [durgesh.bhat@gmail.com](mailto:durgesh.bhat@gmail.com)

### **Change of Email ID's:**

The **RAO** family of Friendswood, TX, Anil & Mridula, have an email ID for "them" and it is [anilandmridula@gmail.com](mailto:anilandmridula@gmail.com)

**Vimala P Bhatt**, MD of Yorktown Heights, NY has changed her email ID to [vimalabhatter@yahoo.com](mailto:vimalabhatter@yahoo.com)

### **Change of Phone Numbers:**

The telephone numbers for the **NAYAK** family of Flanders, NJ has changed to (862)-219-5930 (Home), (973)-219-1500 (Ravi Cell) and (973)-214-8026 (Vidya Cell).

### **70<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash:**

**KOCHIKAR BALACHANDRA PAI** of Cherry Hill, NJ celebrated his 70th Birthday at his residence in Cherry Hill, NJ on Saturday May 30<sup>th</sup>. The weather cooperated and it was a wonderful spring day for back-yard wiffleball. Family and friends from NJ and surrounding NY, CT, DE, and VA gathered to roast Balu. The best roast came from his wife, Mrs. Vijaya Pai and of course, from Balu himself! Food was fantastic with a variety of non-stop snacks, Konkani dishes as well as catered Moghlai dishes. Everyone enjoyed the event and wished for Balu's continued good health and 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration.

### **Obituary:**

**SUKUMAR ULLAL**, husband of Suhasini Ullal of El Centro, CA, passed away on Jan 8th 2009 in Phoenix, AZ. Khabbar sends heartfelt condolences to his wife and sons, Shyam Ullal & family of El Centro, CA, Satish Ullal & family of San Jose, CA and Raj Ullal & family of Phoenix, AZ.

**Dr. NILESHWAR SETHURAJ RAO, 80**, (popularly known as Rajmam) passed away on Thursday, April 2nd in Tyler, Texas after a prolonged illness patiently borne. Khabbar sends heartfelt condolences to his wife, Vasanthipacchi, his son, Ram Nileshwar & family of Lake

Charles, LA and daughter, Anjani Upponi & family of Tyler, TX. Rajmam was a very successful dentist in India and he came to his country with Vasanthipachi in 1984. He was a great role model for young and old alike.

**Sri KOCHIKAR PREMANAND PAI (72)** of Mangalore passed away on Saturday May 23rd 2009 in Mangalore. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to his daughter, Poornima Kamath & family of Monmouth Junction, NJ, sister Ms. Shanthi Pai & family of Sun City West, AZ and

brother Nithyanand Pai & family of Stamford, CT and his nieces, Meetha Pai Gould of Cleveland, OH, Nandi Baliga of New Brunswick, NJ, Nicki Pai Cooksy of San Francisco, CA and Jaimi Pai Bohnen of Plymouth, MN.

## KONKANI HAPPENINGS

**Konkani Association of California (KAOCA)** held their annual Yugadi festival on Saturday, April 4th, 2009 at Sunnyvale Temple in Sunnyvale, CA. The highlight of the function was a fantastic performance by Master Mind-Reader Deepak Rao from Mumbai with his amazing ESP (Extra Sensory Perception) powers. The show totally baffled and spellbound the audience. His stunning demonstrations of telepathy, tele-kinesis, bending keys without touching, scanning your mind, shattering glass and many more acts thrilled the people.

**Michigan Konkani Association (MKA)** celebrated their annual Ugadi function on April 4, 2009 at Southfield CivicCenter in Southfield, MI.

**American Midwest Konkani Association (AMKA)** celebrated their annual yugadi function on April 11, 2009 at SVS Balaji Temple in Aurora, IL.

About 125 enthusiastic attendees converged at the Bastrop State Park to participate in the **Konkanis in Southern States (KISS)** picnic from April 10 to 12, 2009. The weather was beautiful throughout the weekend and everyone reveled in the festivities. This year event was led by the Houston area Konkanis.

As always, the food was delectable with pizza and bhajias on Friday, delicious meals on Saturday specially catered by Udipi Café and some exquisite specialties such as dood pak, phova chutney, ambade, and nonche - thanks to our own men and ladies. There were variety of sports, many activities during the day on Saturday and first-class entertainment both Friday and Saturday evenings. The entertainment included performances from all age groups with popular songs, classical and Bollywood dances, instrumental pieces and comedy routines. Houstonians hosted a hilarious drama "What Women really want..." . There was plenty of time for socializing and for panchaadika.

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

### **The Konkani Association of Southern California (KASC) Yugaadi Celebrations and Elections**

The *Yugaadi* was celebrated in a big way by KASC on Saturday, April 11, 2009 at the beautiful hall of Laguna Woods, CA. After an hour of reception during which delicious snacks were served, the program started with an invocation sung by **Mohini Kamath, Sudha Pai and Ramabai Pai**. The able master of ceremonies was the current Youth rep, **Kedar Gulvady**. First cultural item was a beautifully performed Bharatnayam by **Nivedita Keshav**, who rendered a dance set to a fast rhythmic composition called *tillana*, composed by Pandit Ravi Shankar. **Sridhar Rao** presented a slide show on his journey to Nepal. **Vekatesh Rao** proposed a vote of thanks to **Ramdas and Sudha Pai**, for sponsoring the rent of the hall for the Yugadi function, and **Aravind and Beena Shenoy**, for sponsoring the rent of the hall for the forthcoming Diwali function. **Ramdas Pai** gave an excellent presentation on "The risk of Coronary Heart Disease in Konkanis". **Ashish Pradhan** melodiously sang a solo "*Duba Duba*" supplying his own accompaniment on the guitar. **Jyoti Pradhan** joined him for an equally entertaining duet "*Dum maro Dum*", with Ashish also playing guitar along. Jyoti's sister **Deepa Pai** followed them with a well performed and energetic Bollywood dance. The whole KASC gathering congratulated **Raghuram and Ramabai Pai** on their Golden wedding anniversary.

**Sridhar Rao** conducted the election of KASC Office bearers for 2009-2011 (see below). We thank **Venkatesh Rao** for obtaining this beautiful hall in such a picturesque location, **Mohini Kamath** for bringing delicious *Madgane* and **Ramabai Pai** for delicious *Kheer*, the outgoing committee members for working hard and arranging wonderful programs during the last two years, the stage performers for entertaining us at a short notice, and all members for attending and volunteering in different ways. We congratulate the newly elected Committee, and we are confident that the new Committee will continue the good work.

### **KASC Committee for 2009-2011**

President: **Prakash and Lynne Mallya**  
Vice-President: **Ashish and Jyoti Pradhan**  
Secretary & Treasurer: **Vivek and Rashmi Pai**  
Cultural Secretary: **Prasan and Sabitha Pai**  
Youth Rep: **Ajit Pai and Roshan Pai**  
Editor: **Vivek and Jyoti Ullal**  
Web-master: **Prasad and Deepa Upasani**

Submitted by: Vivek Ullal

**Houston Area Amchigale Samaj (HAAS)** conducted a Sandwich Seva on April 25th 2009. Several families that participated in the previous Sandwich Seva, found it to be an enriching and fun filled morning. Check out the video of the first event at <http://ourhaas.com/events.html> and the photos at <http://ourhaas.com/24.html>. At this event, the families and kids come together to prepare sandwiches from scratch and then prepare lunch bags consisting of sandwiches, fruits, chips, and water.

**Houston Area Amchigale Samaj (HAAS)** held a picnic at Cullen Park on 2nd May 2009. It was a fun event throughout the day for people of all ages. The picnic started at 9:30 am and ended around 6:30 pm.

On May 04, 2009, **Nandan Nilekani, Co-Chair, Infosys** was a Special Guest at the University of Toronto's Rotman Alumni Network. A few Konkansis formed a part of the audience. Prof. Roger Martin, Dean, Rotman School of Management hosted the event and led Nandan in a discussion about his ideas in his book "Imagining India: The Ideas of a Renewed India" and his way of thinking which has helped him grow Infosys into a global leader in information technology.

In answering a number of questions from the host Prof. Martin as well the audience, Nandan noted that India's future depends not only on economic growth but also on reform and innovation. He noted that things are changing in India quite rapidly. India's current infrastructure revolution, quest for universal literacy, urbanization and unification bodes well for the country. On being asked "Why he is so optimistic about India?" Nandan noted that things are quite different... at the time of India's independence, the politicians were well ahead of the mass and just led the way and charted the course. It took a little while for the masses to catch up with the politicians. Now masses are well ahead of politician and well informed. Moreover, the young entrepreneurs are hungry and aggressive.

In comparing the old India with the new, he pointed out that in the past the Gandhian belief was that future of India was in the villages as a result cities did not get much needed attention. Happily, things are changing for better. India is in the middle of a huge transformational process; globalization, genuinely inclusive democracy, social security, public health, sustainable energy and renewed attention to literacy transcend political agenda and safeguard country's future.

Noting how Indians are in the forefront of business sector in numerous Asian, European and American countries, he mentioned that India has already started living global foot print. Nandan prophesized that the current "demographics" are poised either to make India the leader of next century or lead to disaster in case the challenges are not met.

*By Sadanand Mankikar*

**Houston Area Amchigale Samaj (HAAS)** summer bash was held May 23, 2009 at Sugar Land Community Hall in Sugar Land, TX. **Anushri Haldipur, Nikhil Baliga, and Ashwin Prabhu** did a great job emceeing the entire evening. The evening was kicked off with a Bhajan by **Mrs. Meera Lotlikar**. After which we had our youngest star **Uma Kamath** dancing with her brother **Rohit. Varun Nayak** did a good job of singing a Marathi song. This was followed by a splendid dance performance by **Neha Bhat and Ketaki Joshi. Archana Bhat** did a marvellous Carnatic song. **Rohit Kamath** did a unique presentation of chanting shlokas and playing them on his violin. This was followed by the drama *Vailoo Kaloo* (Time & Place) performed by **Hema Kamath, Deepa Karkal, Chetan Bhat** and a budding star - **Rohan Bhat**. We had a splendid dance performance by sisters **Monika and Meghan Rao**. This was followed up with a professional stand-up comedy act by **Sundy Srinivasan**. A youthful and energetic dance program by **Nikhil Pai, Rita Golikeri, Ashwin Prabhu, Malan Shiralkar, Nikhil Baliga, and Anushri Haldipur** was a hit.

To keep the audience continuously and musically engaged, there were a mix of songs and karaoke performed by **Drs. Ramkrishna and Maya Prabhu, Shanti Bhatt, Madhav and Chaya Ubhayakar, Gaurang and Anita Haldipur, Dr. Prashant Lotlikar, Suresh and Kusum Pai, Gautam and Usha Shiralkar, and Vasant Bhat**, peppered with mini-skits by **Hema Kamath, Deepa Karkal and Chetan Bhat**. Accompaniment as needed was provided by **Gaurang Haldipur and Maya Prabhu** on the keyboards, **Ira Domnitz** on the drums, and **Umesh Baliga** on the electric guitar.

Finally, many thanks to **Dr. Prashant Lotlikar** for helping set up the HAAS PA system and monitoring the whole program, considering that he was 'on call' the whole evening!

All-in-all it was a very nice and enjoyable evening. The dinner was catered by Udipi Cafe.

*Submitted: HAAS Executive Committee*

**The Konkani Association of Ontario (KAO)** 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cruise event aboard the "Northern Spirit" on Saturday, May 23, 2009 was a big success! We are sure, that the people who attended this event will remember this event for years to come! The Chief Guests were **Ashok and Amita Bhatt** of London, Ont.

Well attended by KAO members, their friends and relatives totaling to almost 390 persons, it was a superb evening, and unique KAO event as promised earlier. Good weather, delicious food, superb arrangements and well-managed schedule resulted in great success! The attendees enjoyed the dance too at the scintillating music played by the DJ, Bill. Applying Henna was another added attraction to the ladies and the girls who experienced the art of Punita, the Henna artist. A slide show presentation, well-organized by Prahlad Pai, was also held capturing history of KAO through a photo collection. We are glad to mention that we managed to accommodate even the "last minute requests for tickets" from our KAO members!

Our heartfelt thanks to all the KAO members, their friends and relatives who attended this event and to those members of KAO who helped us in selling the cruise tickets so quickly and efficiently. Thanks to the present Executive committee for their support, the souvenir committee for bringing out such an exclusive souvenir and all the volunteers who showed great initiative in helping us in various areas at the cruise. Thanks to Narayan Nayak of California and Kartik Kulkarni for photography and Gautam Ullal for the video-shooting and we will await superb photos and a lovely video very soon! Thanks to some of the relatives of our KAO members who came from the US and also to some of our members' parents who came from India adjusting their visit to attend the cruise event.

Finally, our sincere thanks to the “Anonymous Donor” whose generous donation towards this event gave us extra courage to go further in organizing this event.

We are also extremely happy to mention that we had the pleasure of honouring the Chief Guests of the event and the Past Presidents of KAO. The raffle draw went very well with prizes from Mariposa cruise and the cash prizes.

Overall, it was a grand success and yes, as promised it was a “never before” KAO event!

*Submitted by KAO Executive Committee*

## **Shanthi Mamama Bragging.....**

Waiting at the commencement ceremony of Luke’s high school graduation to start, I opened the program looking for Luke’s name and amazingly found him on Diploma with Honors, Award of Merit and the most prestigious, President’s Award. He was practically on every page! With all the awards and plaque, I was most excited to see president’s award certificate with President’s Obama’s signature—what a treasure! Yeah.. my grandson **Luke Lakshman Gould** graduated from Cleveland Heights High School on June 1, 2009.

With Ashirvads, we are sending him off to Case Western University just five miles away.

As if that wasn’t excitement enough, the following day was Lily’s graduation. Yes, our beautiful baby, is off to Cleveland Heights High school also with a handful awards from her Roxoboro Junior High School following legacy of her two elder brothers.

Sadly, both the high school and the middle school announcers failed miserably at pronouncing **Luke Lakshman and Lilavathi Marie**. I guess some things never change, even with a black President.

I am proud of **Meetha and Kyle** for doing such a wonderful job as parents...

Best surprise I received this morning to fill me with so much happiness and pride. It’s from **Kevin Baliga**, son of **Ganesh and Nandi Baliga**. Got an email from Nandi, as follows:

"Kevin who is in 7th grade was invited by John Hopkins University (Center for Talented Youth) to take High School SAT test 6 weeks ago. Upon my insistence, Kevin took the test without any training or preparation. Surprisingly, he passed the test with high honor scores and was invited for awards ceremony last Saturday. I have attached pictures that I took at the awards ceremony. I am so happy and proud of him".

And, I am so proud of Nandi and Ganesh and thank God for blessing me with such pleasures.

Now, what I need to do is my usual, *dhrashti kadche* after all my praises and send my virtual hugs and *ashirvads* to Kevin..

## **Ramesh Benegal’s War Memoir**

Air Commodore RAMESH BENEGAL's 's war memoir has finally been released. (Ramesh Benegal is Arvind Benegals’ uncle). It has been a long time coming, especially since he wrote the first draft circa 1980. Although one wishes that he were alive and well to witness this happening, the book will nonetheless be a treat for generations of Konkans in particular and humanity in general, to comprehend what it took to survive those incredibly challenging times ...

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### **Synopsis:**

“It all started on 7 December 1941, when Japan unleashed its surprise attack on a place called Pearl Harbor. To think that something that was happening a thousand miles away would affect the lives of so many people, including me, was unimaginable then. But it did touch my life. In fact it dictated my whole future.”

Ramesh Benegal, recipient of the Maha Vir Chakra, was born in Burma and was seventeen when the Japanese captured British-occupied Burma. He tells this extraordinary, first-person story of his career with the Indian National Army in Burma and Japan in the years from 1941 to 1945.

A series of chances lead the young Ramesh to enroll for the selection of cadets to be sent to Japan for military training at the initiative of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. We follow his journeys on land, sea and air as the young voice narrates in sharp and often visceral detail the experience of travelling from Burma to Thailand, Singapore and Japan. The years are long and hard and alternate between deprivation and plenty and between disaster and hope—before the turning point of the War changes everything. What opens before us is not only a war memoir but the transformation of a boy as he steepes himself in the cultures of food, behaviour, customs and the ethnic aspirations of the countries he finds himself in.

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## Santha Rama Rau, Wrote of India's Landscape and Psyche, Dies at 86

By Bruce Weber, As it appeared in NY Times Dated April 24, 2009

**Santha Rama Rau**, an Indian-born, Western-educated journalist whose work helped demystify the Indian subcontinent for American readers in the decades after World War II and India's independence, died Tuesday in Amenia, N.Y. She was 86 and lived in Amenia, in Dutchess County, and in Manhattan. The cause was cardiopulmonary failure, said her son, Jai Bowers.

Ms. Rama Rau wrote novels and adapted the E. M. Forster novel "A Passage to India" for the stage, but she was largely a travel writer, a chronicler of journeys in Asia, Africa and the former Soviet Union for publications like *The New Yorker*, *Harper's*, *Holiday* and *The New York Times Magazine*. Many of her stories, written with stylish simplicity in the first person, were collected as books that read almost as autobiography. The titles included "East of Home" (1950), "View to the Southeast" (1957) and "My Russian Journey" (1959). She also wrote an autobiography, "Gifts of Passage" (1961), that reads like almost like a travelogue.

"It is a short but extraordinarily dramatic flight," she wrote in that book, of a trip from Tashkent, Uzbekistan, to Kabul, Afghanistan. "The Hindu Kush is the wildest and most forbidding part of the Himalayas, so high that the plane flies between, not over, the mountains, and from the cabin you look up to see the snow-capped, treacherous peaks. Below you is a harsh and bony map of precipitous valleys and rocky ravines — a landscape utterly without comfort, and on too immense a scale to be anything but daunting."

Her best known works were about her home country, including "This Is India" (1953), a tour through the Indian landscape and the Indian psyche, and a Time-Life cookbook, "The Cooking of India" (1970).

"Our job — those of us lucky to have lived in these two countries — is to interpret them to one another," she said in an interview with *The Wichita Beacon* in Kansas after the publication of "This Is India." "If we can make ourselves — the Indians — real people to the Americans, we shall have done more than our politicians are able to do."

Vasanthi Rama Rau was born in Madras, India, on Jan 24, 1923. Her father, Sir Benegal Rama Rau, was a high-ranking civil servant in India's finance department who later became ambassador to Japan and to the United States. Her mother, Dhanvanthi Rama Rau, was a crusader for women's reproductive rights and a founder of the International Planned Parenthood Federation.

When Santha was a girl, her father was stationed in England. It was a trip back to India at 16, with her mother and her sister, Premila, that inspired her first book, "Home to India," published in 1945, shortly after she graduated from Wellesley College in Massachusetts. Though a youthful book, it immediately established the voice of an educated discoverer — observant, amused, self-deprecating, and instructive without being pedantic — that would characterize her work even when she matured:

"The first words my grandmother said to me when I returned to Bombay after 10 years' absence were, 'My dear child, where in India will we find a husband tall enough for you?'"

"'I don't think I need to worry about that for some time,' I suggested. 'I'm only 16.'"

"'That's nearly twice as old as I was on my wedding day.'"

After her 1977 marriage to Gurdon Wattles, a legal officer at the United Nations, she was known in her private life as Santha Rama Rau Wattles. He died in 1995. A previous marriage, to Faubion Bowers, a linguist and writer who was an expert on Kabuki, the stylized classical theater of Japan, ended in divorce. Both marriages afforded her the opportunity to travel widely.

"They had a vagabond type of existence," her son, Mr. Bowers, said of his parents, though he acknowledged they were affluent vagabonds.

In addition to her son, who lives in Scottsdale, Ariz., she is survived by four stepchildren: Stuart Scadron-Wattles of Seattle, Joshua Wattles of Los Angeles, Arabella Wattles Teal of Washington and Katherine Wattles of Athens; a granddaughter; and four step grandchildren.

Ms. Rama Rau's adaptation of "A Passage to India," Forster's 1924 novel about the impact of colonialism on both the British and the Indians, was endorsed by Forster himself. It played successfully on the West End in London, ran for 109 performances on Broadway in 1962 and was used by the director David Lean as source material his 1984 film. Her work on it was central to what she understood to be her responsibility, her family said — namely to explain herself and India to a world that was curious about both.

"She was such an unusual person," said her stepdaughter Ms. Teal, "that there was almost no occasion on which she didn't attract attention, just by being herself."

## Car Street Bids Farewell to Taj Mahal Cafe

Submitted to *Khabbar* by [vasudha60@yahoo.com](mailto:vasudha60@yahoo.com)

Mangalore March 9, 2009: In a sentimental moment, Car Street New Taj Mahal Cafe, the legendary Restaurant that has been serving addicting Coffee and delectable delicacies, closed office this evening, to facilitate better service in a cozy and comfortable air conditioned ambience in their newly set up restaurant at Kodialbail.

A surprise but informal felicitation ceremony was arranged this evening at the Car Street Café by the regular admirers of the Cafe, headed by **K. Jairaj Pai**, President of Karnataka Small Scale Industries Association sponsored by the Car Street friends.

Organisers paid their respect to the founder Late Kudpi Srinivas Shenoy, by adorning his photo with garland.

The partners of Taj Mahal Cafe Pvt. Ltd., **Kudpi Jagadish Shenoy, Kudpi Ganesh Shenoy and Kudpi Badrinath Shenoy** were honored by Mr. Pai and his team with garlands, fruits and framed pictures of Lord Venkataramana, as a gesture of respect and gratitude for the long standing service to the people of Mangalore by the Cafe since 1951. A banner displayed outside the premises displayed the sentiments and gratitude of the people around Car Street, who have been successful in achieving their goal in life with the stimulation of Taj Mahal 'Kaapi'.

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## KHABBAR FROM KULAR

By: - **Vishwa Konkani Sardar BASTI VAMAN SHENOY**

General elections were held in India for 543 seats of Parliament and the 15th Lok Sabha (Parliament) was formed. Congress Party won the highest seats(266) out of total 543 and the United Political Alliance. Dr. Manmohan Singh, who was elected as Prime Minister, formed the Union Government on 26th May 2009. **Moodabidri Veerappa Moily of Karkala and Mr. Gurudas Kamath** from Mumbai became the Ministers in the Union Government.

**Vishwa Konkani Abhiyan** programme was held at Dr. M. Vishweswarayya Hall at Matunga, Mumbai on 1.5.2009. **Sri Ramdas Bhatkal**, prominent Book Publisher of India was the Chief Guest. **Sri N.D. Sonde**, senior Konkani Scholar and writer, released the Konkani book on the life and works of **Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya**, a great Women Liberation Activist, freedom fighter, disciple of Mahatma Gandhi who is also known as 'Mother of Handicrafts' in India. The book written by famous Konkani and Kannada writer **Dr. Jyotsna Krishnananda Kamath** was published by **Vishwa Konkani Sahitya Akademi** formed under the auspices **World Konkani Centre**. **Dr. Ramdas Bhatkal, J.B. Sequeira, K.V. Kamath (ICICI), and Mr. N.S. Rao, (Sippy Rao)** were honoured. Literary Seminar on the theme "Literature Today" was held. Writers and poets in Konkani, Marathi, Gujarathi and Siddhi was held under the chairmanship of **Pundalik Naik**, prominent Konkani writer from Goa. The programme was concluded with **Konkani Kala Utsav**. Yakshagana Bayalata 'Abhimanyu Kalaga' by Konkani ladies of Shimoga, 'Simha Nritya'(Lion Dance) by **Shri Mohan Dhareshwar**, Kumta, North Kanara and Konkani Mimicry by **Shri Vasant Bandekara**, Karwar. The programme was attended by large number of Konkani people of Mumbai.

**Vishwa Konkani Abhiyan** was also held at Dahisar on 2nd May and at Vashi Sai Mandir on 3rd May 2009. Konkani Books Exhibitions and Video show on World Konkani Centre were also held as part of Abhiyan.

Idol of Sri Venkataramana Swamy was installed at the Theertha Halli Temple by **H.H. Sudheendra Thirtha Swamiji** of Sri Kashi Mutt. The stone idol is a gift by Tirumala Tirupathi Temple, Tirupathi, Andhra Pradesh.

**Mr. Dayananda Pai** was conferred with Hon. Doctorate by Mangalore University.

The new CSBC (English Medium) School was opened at Mangalore by Canara High School Association (founded by Late Ammembal Subbarao Pai in 1892) in June 2009.

**Vishwa Konkani Sardar Basti Vaman Shenoy** was honoured on 23.05.2009 by **Karnataka Konkani Sahitya Academy** at a Gala function at Karwar for his organising and leadership given to Konkani Movement in India and abroad.

Pratistapana and Brahmakalashotsava of new, Sri Mangesh Mahalaxmi Shantha Durga Temple was performed on 27th May 2009, Bangra Manjeshwar (Near Manjeshwar) by **H.H. Sri Sri Sadyojatha Shankarashram Swamiji** of Shri Chitrapur Mutt, Shirali. The new temple was constructed by Manjeshwar Mangeshayya family under the stewardship of Mr. Vinaya Manjeshwar and his brothers.

A workshop on 'Konkani Lallubys' will be conducted by **Konkani Pratistan** at Bangalore for 3 days from 25th – 27th June 2009. **Smt. Chitra Shirali**, Akashavani Artiste, Dharwad has agreed to conduct and teach the Konkani Balageetham from 'Ta Ta Tingana', collection of **Shri Santhosh Kumar Gulvadi**, with traditional ragas under the direction of **Dr. Jyotsna Krishnanda Kamath**, Bangalore.

## **RAVI V. SHENOY - A Pleasant mix of tradition and modernity**

By: - Amarjit Singh Anand, as published in July 2008 edition of *Indian Panaroma*

Engineer Ravi Shenoy believes in “contributing to the growth of the community” whether here or back home, with special emphasis on spreading “the light of knowledge through education” as he puts it.

Ravi shuns the tag of a “leader” and feels contented being a perpetual inquisitive “learner”, trying to serve the community.

Retrospectively, Mr. Shenoy reminisces that even though he did not fully comprehend, during his formative years, the intrinsic significance attached to education, religion, selfless-service, responsibility and commitment, he now holds that all the values, ethics and morals he imbibed from his parents have immensely proven to serve him in good stead, by always being the “guiding-light” in his professional and social life.

Mr. Shenoy is one of the founding members of the Society of Indo American Engineers and Architects (SIAEA) and the President-Elect of this body. Some of his goals are to see that membership drive to take the number to 1000 during his term. He remains ever desirous of prodding the youth on to equip themselves for eventually assuming leadership roles in various spheres of endeavor. He also wishes to provide exposure to young talent in many fields, offering them opportunities by way of instituting scholarships, both here and in India. The SIAEA was formed 28 years ago. For the last six years, he has served on the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors. For the four years he chaired the Committee for Technical Seminars and was an active member of various committees. Presently, he has been serving as President-Elect, and his two-year tenure as President commences in March of 2009. The Society has been rapidly growing, gaining popularity and being noticed not only in the Indian community but also in the mainstream. Ravi wants to see it as a national level organization.

Having migrated to the US in 1969, Shenoy is the Founder and President of Shenoy Engineering, P.C., a consulting engineering firm. He has over 35 years of experience in the discipline of Mechanical Engineering. He maintains direct involvement in all phases of major projects assigned to his firm, from the conceptual design to the completion of construction.

Ravi was born on January 30th 1946 in a village 20 miles from Mangalore, Karnataka, India. Mr. Shenoy belongs to a Konkani speaking Saraswat family. His ancestors originally hailed from Goa, and migrated hundreds of years ago to India’s Western Coast, south of Goa, after the Portuguese occupied Goa in the 16th century. Konkani speaking Saraswats still have temples in various parts of Goa. Since the Portuguese left India in the early 1960’s and Goa once again became part of the Indian union, many of these temples were refurbished and have now become pilgrimage sites for his community.

Of his parents, Ravi says, “My father Venkatraya Shenoy and mother Padmavathi Shenoy were very God fearing and compassionate. They raised eight kids: three girls and five boys. My father was a businessman and a natural community, who took the lead and organized the Konkani community in building a temple in their town, and he liked helping anyone he could. Neither of my parents attended secondary school, yet both understood the value of education, and encouraged all their kids to go for college education. My father, without any formal training in architecture, designed and built modern house in his hometown”.

The fact that Ravi is a consultant in the construction industry may be something that was ingrained in him in his childhood. He says, “My parents led by example, emphasizing upon the importance of community service, education and religion. They encouraged our participation in religious and community events, and social service. These values were deeply inculcated in me and all my siblings, and we find bliss in always practicing them. My father was a very disciplined and well organized person. Many a time our father didn’t have to teach us; we simply watched him and followed him”.

Ravi married Sharda Kamath, daughter of M. A. Kamath of Bombay. His father-in-law was an industrialist, philanthropist and a pillar of the Konkani community in India. Sharda Shenoy owns a successful Wedding decoration business, “Elegant Affairs”, serving Indian community for fifteen years now. Sharda and Ravi have two kids: Neal Shenoy owns 212 Media, a media and entertainment venture in New York City; and daughter, Shilpa Shenoy works for SAKS Fifth Avenue as a Marketing manager.

Ravi says, “My childhood was spent in the village I was born in near Mangalore. I had my primary education there. Our village had a large population of Catholics and all the schools were managed by the Catholic Church. The schools had good discipline. The village had a population of all denominations. Everybody got along very well. This is something that stayed with me all my life. I did relatively well during my high school days and participated in several extra-curricular activities. The turning point of my life came when Nehru, then P. M. of India, was visiting a neighboring town. We all went to see Nehru, a strong proponent of education and industrial development. He gave a memorable speech exhorting youngsters to get into engineering, to help India in its development. There was a new regional engineering college near Mangalore that had been established. That day, I made up my mind to get into engineering, and soon got enrolled in Karnataka Regional Engineering College, Surathkal, near Mangalore, now known as National

Institute of Technology”. After his graduation, Ravi was accepted at Cooper Union School for Advancement of Arts and Science in New York City for a Masters Program in Engineering.

Subsequently, Ravi founded a consulting engineering firm, Shenoy Engineering, P.C. The firm specializes in the design of HVAC, Electrical Plumbing and Fire protection systems for commercial buildings. Before starting his own firm, he was a Partner for twenty four years with a large consulting firm and was in charge of numerous large, complex and challenging projects including Yankee stadium, 1998 Goodwill Games Swimming and Diving Complex, 1992 Democratic National Convention at Madison Square Garden and Times Square Subway Station. However, the projects he takes more pride in are the design of schools where the future of the country is being developed and the design of civic projects such as libraries, senior citizen centers and cultural facilities.

Ravi’s achievements include various projects as a Professional Engineer in the states of New York and New Jersey. He also held a Professorship at New York University of Continuing Education. He is a member of the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) and member, US Green Building Council. Other organizations he has served include Konkani Sabha (as Secretary for three years) and as a member of the Global Organization of People of Indian Origin (GOPIO) and national Federation of Indian Associations (NFIA).

He says education is the key to one’s own success and growth, and that of the society. He adds, “Nobody can take away from you what you have learned”. Shenoy taught for several years at the New York University School of Continuing Education, including a course that helped architects prepare for their professional registration. He says “it is heartening to see the second generation Indians in this country excelling in the field of education”.

Ravi says, “The only way our voices can be heard in our adopted country is to get actively involved in this country’s politics. It is then that we can fight for issues that impact us. It is good to see that awareness is growing among Indians in this country. It is important for us to become an integral part of the American main stream society. At the same time we must not forget our rich Indian heritage”. He opines that integration should be encouraged, not assimilation. He adds “as ambassadors of the rich heritage of India, we should share our culture and heritage with our neighbors. We need to become part of the social fabric”.

He maintains “at work place, hard work, honesty and quality are the golden keys to success. One should not go for short cuts, because then the success would also be short-lived”. Recently, NJ Assemblyman Chivkula presented Shenoy the 2008 Professional of the Year award during an event held in Fords, NJ. Numerous awards presented to him include Times Square Subway Station Design NY Construction News; Goodwill games Swimming and Diving Complex, East Meadows, NY; Historic 41st Precinct Design; Historic 83rd Precinct Design.

Despite several accolades bestowed upon him, he remains a simple and humble man; firmly rooted in tradition; yet, a visionary with a modernistic, progressive approach.

## Konkani Calendar

July 2009	August 2009	September 2009
2 <sup>nd</sup> Ashada Yekadashi	1 <sup>st</sup> Yekadashi	3 <sup>rd</sup> Anantha Chaturdashi
6 <sup>th</sup> Poornami	5 <sup>th</sup> Poornami - Yajurpakarma	4 <sup>th</sup> Poornami
10 <sup>th</sup> Sankashta Chaturthi	<b>8<sup>th</sup> AMKA Picnic</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> Mahalaya
15 <sup>th</sup> Kark-Sankranthi	9 <sup>th</sup> Sankashta Chaturthi	7 <sup>th</sup> Sankashta Chaturthi
<b>18<sup>th</sup> MichKon Summer Picnic</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> Shri Krishna Janmashtami	16 <sup>th</sup> Kanya-Sankranthi
21 <sup>st</sup> Amavasya(Dark moon)	16 <sup>th</sup> Simh-Sankranthi	18 <sup>th</sup> Mahalaya Amavasya
<b>25<sup>th</sup> KAO Picnic</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> Amavasya(Dark moon)	19 <sup>th</sup> Navarathri - Begining
26 <sup>th</sup> Naga Panchami	22 <sup>nd</sup> Gowri Thrithiye	23 <sup>rd</sup> Lalitha Panchami
	23 <sup>rd</sup> Ganesh Chaturthi	25 <sup>th</sup> Sharadha Pooja
	<b>29<sup>th</sup> MichKon Chathithi/Ashtami</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> DurgashtamiSharadha Pooja
	30 <sup>th</sup> Yekadashi	27 <sup>th</sup> Ayudha Pooja

*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.*

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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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Description	Credit, \$	Debit, \$
<b>Balance Carried over since Khabbar Vol. XXXII No. 1</b>	<b>1,095.00</b>	
<b>Money Received:</b>		
Subscriptions ( 99 ) and donations	2669.00	
Ad (1)	25.00	
Interest	6.00	
<b>Sub Total:</b>	<b>2,700.00</b>	
<b>Money Spent (Khabbar Vol. XXXII No. 1):</b>		
Printing- Khabbar (430) - 20 pages		647.28
First Class Mail-Khabbar (386)		228.92
Canada Khabbar (15)		14.40
Overseas (20)		60.00
Mail Fines, computer paper & labels, envelopes, service fees, etc.		549.4
<b>Sub Total:</b>		<b>1,500.00</b>
<b>Final Balance:</b>	<b>2,295.00</b>	

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

## Kwiz

**The last quarter's quiz:** Using only three 9's along with elementary math symbols, see if you can arrange them to represent the number 20?

**The Answer:**  $(9 + 9)/.9 = 20$

The following gave the correct answer:

**Shivdev Ubhayakar, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA**

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## This Quarter's Quiz

*By Vasanthmaam*

*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. As an extra incentive, the first one to get this correct, will get a year's subscription to Khabbar FREE!*

What will be the next number in this series:

1, 4, 3, 11, 15, 28, 37, 55, \_\_\_\_

## Upcoming Konkani Events



We are proud to announce that the 2009 Konkani Youth Convention will be held in our nation's capital- Washington, D.C. from August 7-9. The purpose of this convention is to promote the interaction of Konkani youth among one another through various activities such as seminars, ice-breakers, entertainment and sight-seeing. The committee has worked tirelessly to plan a wonderful weekend for all the Konkani youth. There are currently 72 registrants and we anticipate more as details are revealed.

For our culture to remain intact for future generations in North America, we must continue the tradition of carrying out youth conventions. We hope that through these conventions, the present and future generations of Konkani youth will be brought together with a sense of cohesiveness, companionship, and a true feeling of community. We have greatly appreciated contributions from families like yours to help us continue to keep the tradition going strong among youth. We strongly encourage those who can, to make a donation to help us fund this convention. Please visit [www.kyc2009.com](http://www.kyc2009.com) for more information. Help us keep the Konkani spirit alive!

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## Konkani S sammelan – 2010 Update from Chicago

Due to the downturn in the economy, the Chicago Konkanis looked at alternatives to having a costly conventional S sammelan next year and were working on a cruise idea instead. However, after several quotes were obtained for cruises from Florida, it seemed like a better idea to have the cruise organized by a Konkani group in a port city. Fortunately such a group was found! Under the tried and tested leadership (S sammelan 2004) of **Dr. Ramadas Kamath**, the Southern California Konkanis have, very enthusiastically, offered to organize this first-ever Konkani Cruise. The Chicago Konkanis will still host the next S sammelan but instead of July 2010 it will be in July 2012. With so much time to plan, we assure you, it will be one S sammelan worth waiting for!

## Save the Dates – Konkani Cruise – 2010 - July 5 to 9, 2010

In lieu of the 2010 S sammelan (which will be postponed to 2012 in Chicago), the Southern California Konkani Cruise Committee is arranging an exciting four-day cruise from Los Angeles, California to Ensenada, Mexico (with a stop at Catalina Island) on July 5-9, 2010.

Plan to relax with your fellow Konkanis on this unique four-day excursion! An ideal opportunity for first-time cruisers to "test the waters" with friends and family and for experienced cruisers to experience Konkani group travel! The itinerary provides for plenty of time to visit various attractions in Southern California either prior to boarding or after the ship returns to Long Beach (Disneyland, Universal Studios, Hollywood, etc.)

Arrangements also are being made to have Indian food available in the dining room for all cruise participants if desired. On board ship activities typically include a Casino, Bingo, Art Show and Auction, Pool, Fitness Center, Ping Pong, Comedy Shows, Music and Variety Shows, Youth Activities (Carnival's Kids Club), Shopping, Spa Treatments, 24/7 Food, and Shore Excursions (to Catalina Island and Ensenada, Mexico), etc. We are also trying to arrange some CME credit programs for medical professionals who attend the cruise.

Negotiations are underway with Carnival cruise line, and the current estimated cost is around \$325 per person for an inside stateroom, \$375 for an ocean view stateroom. Third and fourth persons in a stateroom are approximately \$200 each. The price includes all meals (including Indian food).

In order to negotiate an even better deal from Carnival, we would like to have a sense of how many people might be interested in joining us. Please complete the survey on our website by July 31, 2009, so that we have a sense of how many staterooms to reserve.

<http://www.eteamz.com/KonkaniCruise2010>

Best Regards, Ramadas Kamath and the Konkani Cruise Committee.

## Konkani Sabha

Following are the highlights of the KONKANI SABHA activities for the year 2009

### Picnic:

Date: Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> 2009

Time: 10 AM to sunset

Location: Reichler Park, South Brunswick Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey (This Location is same as last year)

Located behind the Municipal Building/Police Headquarters at the junction of Rt. 522-Ridge Rd and Kingston Lane, 540 Ridge Road, Monmouth Junction, NJ 08852 Phone: 732-329-4000 x7682 (weekdays 8:30 - 4:30).

Cost: \$5 (18 years and older) and \$3 (ages 3 to 17)

Activities: Children's activities, Cricket, Badminton and Volleyball

For details including directions, visit our website at <http://www.konkanisabha.org/>

### Diwali:

Date: Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> 2009

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)

Advance Registration and payments will also be accepted at the picnic

Activities: Variety Entertainment, Socialization, Appetizer and Dinner

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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We once again thank you all for your support. We hope to have continued support and involvement from all of you in the coming years. We also ask each of you to spread the word to any Konkani you know and have them send their contact information and email addresses. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact any of us. Our email address is [konkanisabha@gmail.com](mailto:konkanisabha@gmail.com) Also visit our website at <http://www.konkanisabha.org/> for details and updates.

## NAKA, the North American Konkani Association

The NAKA Board now consists of:

**Vasanth Bhat, Damodar Baliga and Nina Padukone (Founding members), Ramesh Kamath & Bharat Shiralkar, Vasant Acharya & Sandhya Kamath, Suren Kamath, Sudhir Golikeri & Suresh Shenoy, Ramadas Kamath, Ashok Bhatt & Sadanand Mankikar, Ravi Baliga. Seema Kamath, Ranjit Shiralkar & Sheila Shenoy Reddy (Youth).**

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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)

**This quarter, the NAKA Board has been busy in finding ways to help the Konkani Youth succeed in raising funds for their Event of the year, the Konkani Youth Convention. Also, working on ways to hold the 2010 Sammelan (on a cruise!?!)**

### NAKA - Statement Of Accounts

Date	Description	Credit, \$	Debit, \$
2/28/2009	Balance from last report	<b>118,576.22</b>	
4/1/2009	Ad for KAO Souvenir		60.00
4/30/2009	Interest	26.35	
	<b>Final Balance:</b>	<b>118,542.57</b>	

Signed: Damodar Baliga  
Treasurer, NAKA

## **Update: Konkani Charitable Fund (KCF)**

We engaged an attorney to formally incorporate and file papers for non profit status. A title search resulted in naming the corporation as "Konkani Charitable Fund Inc. ". We received State of California approval for this corporation on April 10th 2009. Following this we received an IRS identification number on 18th of May. With this approval we have now finalized our By Laws and are ready to file form 1023 for non profit stats by 15th of June. Approval could take up to six months if there are no issues that IRS can object to.

To date we have received \$8000 in donations and have awarded \$4000 to Anandashram. Once we get formal approval from IRS we will seek donations from Konkani Community. The implementation team has already developed a list of eligible Konkani organizations in India . The Board of Directors of Konkani Charitable fund are eager and anxious to move forward this worthy effort in an expeditious manner. I will keep you informed as we make progress.

Devu Baren Koro

**Ramesh Kamath**

On behalf of the Konkani Charitable Fund

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Recently, the response from Konkani families in North America for an appeal was overwhelming. The appeal was from the Gokarn Mutt Swamiji to get water samples from North America. It was accomplished even before I could publish it in Khabbar!

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