

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.....

Here is a question for *Khabbar* readers that I received via email from mdpai79@gmail.com:

Why is the *mangal sutra* so named? When you put the words together it means holy thread/string. But separately Mangal (or Mangala) is the name of Mars in Sanskrit, otherwise known as the god of war.

It is strange that Hindus later used the word to mean auspicious, rather than war. Or were early Hindus being sarcastic about the what marriage truly is?

Perhaps another way of looking at this is that wives are in charge of the mangal sutra so only they truly determine the outcome of marital arguments.

Perhaps you or a *Khabbar* subscriber can answer this question for me.

Editor's Reply:

Ha!

Here is an opportunity for readership to shed light on this. You can send your response directly to mdpai79@gmail.com and/or to *Khabbar* at khabbar@gmail.com