

Hoon Khabbar

Congratulations:

Mangalorean beauty of Konkani community **NISCHITA SHENOY**, has been adjudged as the Mrs. India South 2017 at a ceremony held at the Radisson Blu City Centre, Chennai recently. She is thus qualified to participate in the Mrs. India Beauty Pageant to be held in June. This Beauty Pageant initiated by Deepali Phadnis, a former Mrs. Asia International is the only beauty pageant for married women in India.

Konkani Graduates:

MEDHA, d/o Ram & Aruna Acharya of Fremont, CA will be graduating from Irvington HS and will be attending Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta this upcoming fall, majoring in Biomedical Engineering. Medha is an avid singer, dancer, debater and athlete and she has performed at many KAOCA events in the past. Over the last two years, she raised over \$54,000 for the Konkani Charitable Fund through "Arpana", her fundraiser Bharatnatyam dance show. Medha plans to pursue drug development and to move back to the Bay Area after her studies are over.

MAYA, d/o Anil & Seema Kalbag of San Jose, CA will be graduating from Leland HS this summer and is headed to UCLA to pursue her undergraduate studies in Molecular Cell Development Biology. She is a National Merit Scholar and has a passion for arts and crafts. She loves to handcraft personalized greeting cards and has been volunteering at the Senior Care Center.

SHRUTHI, d/o Murlidhar & Leelavathi Kamath of Santa Clara, CA will be graduating from Adrian

Wilcox HS and will attend San Jose State University in the fall.

SHREYA, d/o Parimal & Jaya Kulkarni of Cupertino, CA will be graduating from Cupertino HS and pursuing undergraduate studies in Biology at UC Davis. Her activities during high school were Red Cross, Psychology Club and NHS.

Dr. AJAY ULLAL, s/o Vivek & Jyoti Ullal of Simi Valley, CA, is finishing up his residency in Internal Medicine at New York Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center in Manhattan, NY. He will be joining Cardiology Fellowship in Harbor UCLA Medical Center in Torrance, California from July 2017. His wife, **Dr. MEERA PRABHAKAR ULLAL** finished her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from Fordham University in Bronx, NY in May 2017. She will be starting her Post Doc in her field in Harbor UCLA Medical Center from Sept. 2017.

ASHUTOSH & AISHWARYA, twins of Rajesh & Tanuja Pai of Sunnyvale, CA will be graduating from Cupertino HS and embarking onto new horizons. Besides being passionate in music and having played the piano for over ten years, both were fortunate to be accepted into the College Now program that allowed them to take all their senior year courses at De Anza College. This fall, Ashutosh will be joining Marshall School of Business at the University of Southern California to major in Business Administration with a minor in music. Aishwarya will be pursuing a BS/MS degree at Santa Clara University with a major in Computer Science and Engineering and a minor in Business Administration.

SACHI, d/o Kedar & Kshama Shirali of Sunnyvale, CA will be graduating from Homestead HS, Cupertino and going to UC Santa Barbara to pursue undergraduate studies in Global Studies and Economics. She is a Kathak dancer and also actively participated in the activities of the Animal Welfare Society in high school.

New Arrival:

DIYA, a baby girl born to Sanjay & Pooja Bhatt of Bainbridge Island, WA on January 27th, 2017. A sister to big sister Anika. The proud paternal grandparents are Kasturi & Ashwin Bhatt of Houston, TX.

ROOHI, a baby girl to Amit & Suchita Nadgar of Rancho Santa Margarita, CA on Feb. 22, 2017. A little sister to Roshni. The proud maternal grandparents are Wg. Cdr. Suresh Rao (Retd.) and Saguna Rao of Pune and the Paternal grandparents are Uday and Dr. Suniti Nadgar of Pune also.

SACHI, a 7 lb. 5 oz., 21" tall, baby girl to Durgesh & Swati Bhat of Pearland, TX on Wednesday March 8, 2017. A sister to big brother Siddhant. The proud paternal grandparents are Mohanchandra & Malathi Bhat of Bangalore and the proud maternal grandparents are Aniruddh & Sujata Shukla of Bangalore, India

VEDANT, a baby boy, weighing 6lbs 4 oz. and measuring 20 inches long to Gautam & Pooja Patankar of Dallas, TX on Thursday, March 23rd at 11:11pm. The proud maternal grandparents are Dr. Devdutt & Vasudha Nagarkar of Sugar Land, TX and the proud paternal grandparents are Ranjan & Jiju Patankar of Katy, TX.

AARYA, a baby girl, born on May 12th 2017 at 12:04 PM, at NYU Longone Medical Center in New York, NY to Mihir & Rekha Mahale of New York, NY. Proud maternal grandparents are Chandrakant & Sheila Mahale, of High Bridge, NJ and proud paternal grand Parents Dr. Jaimini & Manjana Patel. Aarya's cousins Aasha and Anya Page, their parents Priya Mahale & Richard Page, Rekha's brother Rajiv Mahale & fiancé Jessica Chang, Mihir's brother Dr. Ravi Patel & sister in law Dr. Bhavana Patel were all present to welcome Aarya and celebrate.

Newly Weds:

Chi. SIDDHARTH, s/o Praveen & Prema Prabhu of Greensboro, NC married to **Sow. SUMA**, d/o Ram & Shamantha Prasad of Manchester, CT on Saturday April 15, 2017 at 3:30 pm at The Inn at Longshore, Westport, CT followed by reception at the same venue.

Relocation:

The **NAYAK** family, Vasudev & Jyoti, relocated from Houston, TX to 10335 Millcreek Manor Lane, Cypress, TX. The new telephone is (281)-746-2467 and email ID: jonayak2003@yahoo.com

GURUDAS PAI has relocated to 106 Desert Pine, Irvine, CA 92620. His email ID: gpai_007@yahoo.com

The **SHENOY** family, Sapan & Devika, together with their daughters, Leela & Kaya, relocated from Monrovia, CA to 400 Davey Glen Road, #4626, Belmont, CA 94002. The new telephone is (626)-533-7971 and email: sapanshenoy@gmail.com

50th Wedding Anniversary:

The families and friends of the **NAYALKARS, Suresh & Jyoti** of

Sugar Land, TX threw in a surprise 50th Wedding Anniversary party to them on Sunday March 26th 2017 at the Eldridge Park Club House in Katy, TX. Their daughter Supriya flew in from VA with her family to make it a real surprise to the couple. The fun filled event included good food and lots of entertainment.

Families and friends of **Dr. BOLA RAGHAVENDRA & Mrs. SUMATHI KAMATH** of Sound Beach, NY celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary at Raga Indian Restaurant in East Setauket, NY on Saturday May 6, 2017.

Dr. GOPAL & Mrs. PRATIBHA BHANDARKAR of Bayport, NY celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on March 1st, 2017. They spent time in March in Udupi and Bombay for celebrations with family. In addition, their three children hosted a small dinner celebration in May in Jersey City, NJ.

70th Birthday Bash:

VIJAYA PAI of Cherry Hill, NJ celebrated her 70th birthday with family and friends. A party was arranged by her family at Flavors of India restaurant in Mt. Laurel, NJ. The party was well attended. Party began with her four grandchildren offering flower bouquets followed by a short speech by Ayla and Siddhi. There was also ten point quiz on Vijaya which was won by Vindhya & Devdas Prabhu of Connecticut. On the whole, it was a fun-filled occasion and everyone enjoyed the party.

90th Birthday Gala:

Ninetieth birthday celebration was held on May 20th 2017 for **MANICKAM BHATT**, mother of Ashwin & Kasturi Bhatt in Cypress TX in Richard & Meg Weekley Community Center with about 160, people attending. The

program started with a bhajan song by Madhuri Bedre followed by a Konkani song dedicated to "Amma". The program consisted of many Karaoke songs interspersed by speeches by her sons & daughter-in-law's. One of the highlights was Konkani song written & sung by Kumud pachi to Manickamma. Amul Pachi also gave an interesting speech. The cake was cut by Manickam Bhatt to the singing of "Happy Birthday in English & Hindi with her whole extended family of friends & relatives. The entertainment program was conducted by Kasturi Bhatt and the M.C. was Kanchan Kabad who did an outstanding presentation.

Obituary:

PANDIT JAYAWANT BANTWAL (74) of Jamison, PA passed away on April 8, 2017 in Mumbai, India. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to his wife Gita Bantwal of Jamison, PA, and son, Vivek & family (daughter in law, Sarika, and grandson, Devan) of New York, NY, sister Gayathri Maskeri & family of Simi Valley, CA.

Pt. Bantwal was born in Kasaragod, India and migrated to the United States in 1965 upon winning the prestigious Tata scholarship to study in the US. He started learning Tabla and Vocal music at the age of five from Pt. A. K. Kumar and later became a disciple of Pandit Taranath Rao who trained him for many years. Pt. Bantwal performed in concerts with many of India's best classical musicians including Pt. Jasraj, Ustad Salamat Ali Khan, sitar legend Ustad Vilayat Khan, Grammy Award winner Ustad Sujat Khan, Grammy Award winner Pt. Vishwa Mohan Bhatt, Lakshmi Shankar, Pts. Rajan and Sajan Mishra, Ustad Sabri Khan, Pt. Vasant Rai, Malavika Kanan, Dr. Prabha Atre, Pt. Vijay Raghav Rao, Lalit Rao, Pt. CR Vyas, and

many others. Pt Bantwal founded the Tansen Haridas Music Academy in Pennsylvania and has taught music to hundreds of students going back to the 1970s. A holder of a masters in engineering as well as an MBA, Pt. Bantwal also founded an SAT academy and has helped hundreds of students prepare for the SAT as well as other standardized tests and advanced coursework. In addition to family, music, and education, Pt. Bantwal also had a passion for sports. He played cricket, hockey, and tennis and published a book on yoga. He was also an avid fan of the professional basketball, football, and baseball teams in Philadelphia and going to games was a regular family tradition.

Dr. MOHAN RAO NAYAK (80)

Retired physician, of West Orange, N.J., passed away Monday, April 17, 2017. Mohan was born on March 13, 1937, in Mangalore, India, a son of the late Bhujanga Nayak and Kamala Bai Nayak. He was raised in India and graduated from The Little Flower High School in Salem, and Kasturba Medical College in Manipal. He then moved to the U.S. and completed his residency in internal medicine. He practiced for many years as a physician in Elizabeth, N.J., most recently at Trinitas Hospital. In his spare time, Mohan enjoyed spending time with his family, playing chess, watching movies, and reading. Mohan was a loving and beloved father, grandfather, brother, and uncle. He is survived by his daughters Anita (Lex), Smita (Michael), and Deepa (Anupam); grandchildren, Kyle, Alexis, Jordyn, Sonia, and Satya; siblings, Sudha, Usha, and Suresh, and multiple nephews and a niece. Services were held on April 20 at Rosedale Cemetery in Montclair, N.J. Contributions may be made in Mohan's memory to the American Heart Association . - See more at: <http://obits.nj.com/obituaries/starle>

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Mrs. VIDYA ALEKAL, w/o Yogesh Alekal, mother of Prashanti Alekal of Irvine, Pragnya Alekal of Lakewood, and Pranava Alekal of Oregon, passed away peacefully on Apr. 28th, 2017 in Lakewood, CA. She is survived by her husband, three daughters, a son-in-law and grandchildren. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to the family.

Manipal: Renowned Educationalist and Former Vice Principal of Manipal Institute of Technology (MIT) and Director of ICAS, **Dr. U. DAYANAND KAMATH** passed away on Tuesday morning April 11, 2017.

Prof. U Dayananda Kamath was born on May 6, 1941. Professor Kamath's association with Manipal University started when he joined Manipal Engineering College, Manipal as part of the 2nd batch in 1958 to pursue a Bachelor of Engineering (BE) degree in Civil Engineering. On graduation, he pursued and completed his ME in Advanced Irrigation and Hydraulics from Maharaja Sayyaji Rao University in Baroda and returned to Manipal to teach in his alma mater and now renamed Manipal Institute of Technology (MIT) in the Department of Civil Engineering. In 1972, Professor Kamath left to pursue engineering opportunities in USA. While in USA, he completed his MS in Civil Engineering in Polytechnic Institute of New York in 1978, and consulted with various engineering firms such as Ebasco to design and build many of the Nuclear Power Plants in the New York, New Jersey, Texas and California areas. In 1986, he returned to Manipal to rejoin the department of Civil Engineering, MIT and was elevated to the Head of the

Department in 1989 and as the Vice Principal of MIT in 1995. In 2001, he took on the leadership role as Director of the International Center for Applied Sciences (ICAS) in Manipal till he retired in 2006.

In his 30 years in engineering education, he has not only motivated and helped many students, but he has also been critical to the growth of the institutions MIT and ICAS in Manipal University, with the high standards he developed in the curriculum.

After retirement, he continued his commitment to education through the U Gopalakrishna Kamath and Radha Bai Foundation he personally managed. He donated over Rs. 1,000,000 of his own funds and funds raised from close family and friends to several hundred deserving but economically challenged students of the community over a period of 10 years.

He also served his community as the managing trustee of Lakshmi Venkatesh Temple, Udupi from 2006 to 2009. During this period, he invested significantly in the future of the temple by investing in various expansion and update projects, including the construction of Shri Bhuvanendra Mantap.

Khabbar sends heartfelt condolences to his wife Shakuntala Kamath, daughters, Radhika Mallya & family of New Providence, NJ, Sarita Kamath and family of Springboro, OH, Sujata Kamath and family of Apple Valley, MN and his 5 grandchildren Rohan, Pooja, Naveen, Riya and Pranav.

Smt. RUKMINI SHRINIVAS RAO (85) of Pune, India passed away on June 2nd at 2:25am in Pune. She is survived by five kids and six grandkids. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to her son, Narendra Rao & family of Sugar Land, TX.

KONKANI HAPPENINGS

HAAS (Houston Area Amchigale Samaj) “Yeh Shaam Mastani: R. D. Burman Nite”:

A big thank you to those who attended Yeh Shaam Mastani: R. D. Burman Nite, and for making it a fun and memorable evening.

The event started at 6pm with social hour served with tea, coffee, and delicious Batata Poha and Sev. In keeping up with the theme of the evening, delicious and mouthwatering Mumbai Street food - Dahi Vada, Pav Bhaji, Veg Biryani/Raita, and Chole was served for dinner and finished off with delicious Gajar Halwa for dessert. The food for this event was catered by Sonali Kulkarni (contact info 832-202-8666).

The glitz and glamour of the evening was beautifully captured by the disco lights and the amazing backdrop created by Pramod Rao. The music composition while originally done by the great R. D. Burman, was artfully compiled and presented by Anand Nayak.

What’s a musical night without a Master of Ceremony to take us along the journey, and who better to do this than our very own Gauri Sirur. From her witty comments, funny dialogues, and the hilarious interchanges with “R. D. Burman Saab” the audience was drawn in and captured all the way.

Speaking of “R. D. Burman Saab”, the fun and dynamic portrayal of R.D. Burman by Deepak Kini added fun and mischief to the night of melodious music, glamour, tasty food, and lots of fun. Oh Wait!! His wife Asha Bhosle was there to join in the fun and who better to represent her, other than our very own Aparna Shenoy.

Special thanks to our contest participants, Chaya Ubhayakar as Suchitra Sen from Aandhi, Namita Nayak as Mumtaz, Jyoti Nayak as Asha Parekh, Pandu Nayak as Rajesh Khanna, Mallika Nagarkatti as Mumtaz, and Samhitha Bhat as Rekha. All looked the part and added to the glamour and mystery of the night. Neela Kamath graciously helped judge the contestants. Chaya and Namita were the winners for the evening.

Our Youth Committee has special events planned for this year and next and we need your help to increase the participation. Samhitha and Mallika provided an update on what’s upcoming as well as opportunities for participation. The sign up details are listed below.

We would be remiss if we did not thank all our volunteers who helped set up the venue, serve food, and cleanup. These events would not be successful without all your help. We would like to mention a few of our volunteers, Varadraj and Chethan Rao, Sunitha Kini, Narendra Rao, and our Youth Coordinators Mallika and Samhitha who helped with setup and cleanup.

The HAAS members were able to enjoy this evening at an extremely subsidized price due to the application of the unused funds of the previous event and the generous support of partners like Kroger that donated the drinks and paper products and Cici’s Pizza that provided the free pizzas, which would not be possible without Akhila Bhat's persistence and constant follow up with them. With all your support, we hope to continue to provide such fun and enjoyable events during the rest of our term.

For up to date information on HAAS, please refer to our website - <http://www.ourhaas.com/>

Regards

HAAS Management Committee

www.ourhaas.com

Konkani Association Of California (KAOCA) Update:

Wishing everyone a happy and safe summer holiday season from our KAOCA 2017 committee & community.

First off, we are happy to say that our monthly hikes are going strong - including a special moonlight hike last month to Mission Peak! We have scoped out the next couple of hikes too as this is well appreciated by our community with increasing attendance as the weather gets warmer.

Our Holi function was well received by youngsters as well. It was an event well attended with a gala time throwing colors around and dancing to great music, keeping up with the theme and kicking off the spring season.

KAOCA Ugadi had the highest attendance to date, with entertainment & food getting accolades all around. The entertainment program was led by Vivek & Gayathri Shanbhag with such flair & energy as well as a penchant for punctuality and quality. Food committee led by Veena Kamath did an awesome job, with delectable Konkani food that people continue to remember fondly.

To continue the momentum, we will be having sports day on 6/17/17 in Berryessa Community Center, Picnic on 8/12/17 at the Central Park in Santa Clara, and Diwali planned for 11/11/17 at CET in San Jose. There is lots of interest in having Navratri celebration with Dandia as well! We shall see! Our youth committee has lots of enthusiasm & are helping us with Dandia, special cookie decorations, making cupcakes, organizational skills, etc.

2017 continues to trudge along and we hope to continue bringing our community closer together and bridge cultures across generations of Konkani in the Bay area.

Dev bare koro,

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KASC SHIVRATRI BHAJAN 2017

The annual Shivaratri bhajan was held at the residence of Meena and Jaidev Rao on Feb. 25th 2017 in Los Angeles. The function was well attended by over 50 individuals. The program was preceded by snacks and drinks. The program started with recitation of Lingashtak led by Meena Rao. Jaidev Rao led everyone through a prayer for the soul of Srinivas Kuchibotla who was unfortunately and tragically gunned down in Kansas.

This was followed by individual and group bhajans. The singers were of all ages. The presence of instrumental accompaniment of harmonium and tabla and good sound system enhanced the music. The bhajan was followed by arati, and then potluck dinner. Everyone felt enlightened with the therapeutic effects of devotional music. Both adults and children had a great time.

Special thanks to Raos for letting us have their home as a venue for the bhajan, the committee members for setup and arrangements, volunteers for cooking, setup and cleaning after the function, the many talented singers, the instrumentalists, and the audience that made the function well attended and worthwhile.

KASC YUGADI CELEBRATIONS - 2017

The KASC Yugadi celebrations was held on April 15th, 2017 held at the Tara's Himalayan Cuisine in Artesia, California. As usual the celebrations began with light refreshments followed by prayers and aarti to Lord Ganesha, Laxmi and Saraswati. After this, we had an entertainment of songs and dances by our talented youngsters and a few adults. There were a few interesting mind games ably conducted by Priya Gadiyar involving Konkani vocabulary. Outgoing KASC Presidents Srinivas and Gayatri Pai presented a short but hilarious Konkani skit. The elections for the new KASC Committee were held after this. We are grateful to the hardworking members of the outgoing committee, volunteers and the members who attended for making this occasion a success. We congratulate the members of the new committee on their elections, and wish them all the encouragement for making our Association even more dynamic and strong. A delicious buffet dinner was the last item, and we thank some members for bringing delicious Madgane to share. It was followed by dancing, where all attendees danced to old and new film songs.

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The Ontario Konkani Association (OKA) Updates:

The Ontario Konkani Association (OKA) celebrated their annual Ugadi on Saturday April 08, 2017 at the Hindu Heritage Centre in Mississauga, ON. The program included socializing, entertainment and sumptuous dinner.

The Ontario Konkani Association (OKA) celebrated their annual Satya Narayan Pooja on Saturday May 13, 2017 at the Hindu Heritage Centre in Mississauga, ON.

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By: - Vishwa Konkani Sardar BASTI VAMAN SHENOY

All India Konkani Parishad : Annual 3 days literary conference was held at New Delhi, Mavalankar Hall on 10th, 11th & 12th March 2017. Konkani writers, scholars, research fellows from Goa, Mumbai, Delhi, Karnataka and Kerala States attended the various sessions. Writer and activist **Sri N. Shivdas**, Goa chaired the conference.

Saraswathi Samman :The K.K.Birla foundation has established Saraswathi Samman Award. The Award is given to the one Best book in from 22 national Languages selected by a committee consisting a team of great writers every year. The award consists of Rs. 15.00 Lakhs , idol of Saraswathi, Tamra Patra and Shawl etc.

This year **Sri Mahabaleshwar Sail** Konkani writer from Majali, Karwar, Karnataka got the prestigious Award for his Konkani Novel “*Hawthan*” a story of potters of Karwar Village. Sri Sail got the first “Vimala V. Pai Vishwa Konkani Sahitya Award in 2012 for this book.

After giving the Award Vishwa Konkani Kendra translated the novel Hawththan to English (The Kiln) Kannada (Avige) and Malayalam (Choola).

With this Konkani literature got the two highest and most prestigious Awards i.e. Jnanapitha Award to late **Ravindra Kelekar** for his Konkani Novel “*Vele Vaile Ghulo*” in 2010 and “Saraswathi Samman to **Sri Mahabaleshwar Sail** for Konkani Novel ‘*Hawthan*’.

Vishwa Konkani Kendra has translated both the books “*Vele Vaile Ghulo*” and ‘*Hawthan*’ to English.

Vishwa Konkani Loka Kala Utsav (Shigmotsav) : Vishwa Konkani Kendra (W.K.C) organized Vishwa Konkani Loka Kala Utsav “Shigmotsav” in Mumbai at “Eknath Thakur Ranga Mantap” on 18th and 19th March 2017 at Saraswathi Vidya Mandir, Mahim, Mumbai.

H.E. Governor of Nagaland **Sri P.B. Acharya** with his wife Smt. Kavita Acharya lit the lamp and inaugurated “Shigmotsav”. Vishwa Konkani Sardar, Vishwa Saraswath **Sardar Sri Basti Vaman Shenoy** president W.K.C welcomed the guests. **Sri Kishore Kulakarni**, Chairman, NKGSB Bank presided. **Madam Grace Pinto**, Mg. Director, Rayan International Group of Institutions Mumbai, **Sri Kishore Rangnekar**, Director, Saraswath Bank, Mumbai, **Shri Ullas Kamath**, Joint Managing Director, Jyothi Laboratories Ltd. Mumbai were on the dais as Guests of Honour. During the Inaugural session “UPANISHAD” book in Konkani published by World Konkani Centre was released by **Sri Kishore Kulakarni**, Chairman, NKGSB Bank, Mumbai.

On the 2nd day the programmes commenced with Vishwa Konkani Kavitha Gosti (Kavi Sammelan) in association with Sahitya Academy, New Delhi, Sri Krishna Kimbahune was the co-coordinator and 10 Award winner Konkani poets participated. After Kavi Gosti Shigmotsav commenced with folk dance by Bhatkal Kharvi folk artistes, followed by Siddi folk dance led by **Smt. Juliyana Pedru Fernandes, Haliyal. Smt. Vijeta Bhandari** and her troupe from Kumta presented ‘Sri Krishna Janma Katha’. After the lunch break the Christian Gumta Padam (songs) were rendered by **Sri Charles D’Souza** and party Mangaluru, followed by Konkani Comedy Drama “Varsak Ek Pavti” directed by **Sri Edward Sequeira** Mangaluru. Konkani Deepa Mala Naach was presented by Gomantak Kulavantha Samaj Karwar.

The Valedictory function was held under the presidentship of **Sri Albert D’Souza** Industrialist, Mumbai **Sri Kishore G. Masurkar** Member Advisory Board, Samyukta Saraswath and Managing Director Entod Pharma Ltd, Mumbai, **Sri Pradeep G.Pai**, Secretary Vishwa Konkani Student Scholarship Fund, **Sri Venkatesh N. Baliga**, Vice president, **Sri B. Prabhakar Prabhu**, Secretary Vishwa Konkani Kendra, **Dr. C.N. Shenoy** Chief coordinator (Shigmotsav Committee) Mumbai, **Smt Sudha Pai** Trustee GSB Scholarship Fund, Matunga, **Sri Kamalx J. Saraf** were on the dais. **Smt. Shakuntala R. Kini** and **Sri Ravi Nayak** compered the cultural programmes **Sri Uday Mallya** President G.S.B Mandal was Master of Ceremony. **Sri Venkatesh N. Baliga** Vice President presented Vote of Thanks.

Ugadi: (Sansar Padvo) was celebrated in India on 28th March 2017.

Austin D’Souza Prabhu: great Konkani writer and past Governor 1A Loins District USA visited World Konkani Centre on 3rd April 2017.

Mrs. Sudha G. Pai Mumbai, President of GSB Sabha, Matunga Mumbai and well known Konkani organizer visited World Konkani Centre on 4-05-2017.

Choodamani : Konkani Yakshagana Bayalata was performed by Konkani artists in Mangaluru at Canara Girls High School Sudhindra Thirtha Hall on 28-05-2017. Konkani Sanskritika Sangha organized the show and well received by 500 plus Konkani people.

H.H. Srimad Dattananda Saraswathi Swamiji of Shri Samsthan Bhaboli Math visited World Konkani Centre on Saturday 27-05-2017 at 4.30 P.M. and blessed the gathering. And H.H.Swamiji expressed appreciation about the work going on at World Konkani Centre under the “VISION TVM-2030” at World Konkani Centre.