

Hoon Khabbar

Konkani Graduates:

KEDAR, s/o Pradeep & Uma Gulvady of Saugus, CA, graduated with B.S. degree in Physics from University of California, Santa Barbara.

NISHAD, s/o Pradeep & Uma Gulvady of Saugus, CA, graduated with B.S. degree in Public Health and Economics from University of California, San Diego.

NIVEDITA, d/o Indira & (Late) Prakash Keshav of Simi Valley, CA, started her medical school in University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) in their Prime program from July 2017. The UCLA Prime program is a 5-year dual degree program focusing on the development of leaders in medicine who will improve health care delivery, research, and policy in underserved communities. Masters degrees may be completed in areas that complement the mission of the program, generally an MBA, MPH or MPP.

New Arrival:

TRISHA, a baby girl to Karthik & Priya Gadiyar of Irvine, CA, on June 3rd, 2017. The proud paternal grandparents are Chandrakanth & Kavitha Gadiyar, Mangalore and the maternal grandparents are Sudhir & Suchitra Nayak, Mangalore.

GYAN, a baby boy to Jyothsna & Krishnanand Das of Sugar Land, TX on July 6, 2017 at 12:05 am. Gyan weighed in at 5 lbs 14 oz and is 19.5" tall.

Newly Weds:

Sow. MANISHA, d/o Nandan & Jyotsna Sashital of Monroe Twp., NJ, got married to **Chi. AJAY**, s/o Satish & Jyotsna Nair

of Columbia, MO on Sunday, May 28th, 2017 in Basking Ridge, NJ.

Chandrakant & Sheila Mahale of High Bridge, NJ Celebrated destination wedding of their son, **Chi. RAJIV to Sow. JESSICA**, d/o James & Jing-Shan Chang on 1st of July 2017, at 5:30 PM. Venue was at "Hacienda Sarria", Kitchner, Ontario, Canada. Reception followed the Wedding Ceremony which was in a Hindu and Budhist traditions. Mahales and Changs thank all the relatives and friends for attending the wedding and blessing the couple from their busy schedules.

Suresh & Usha Shenoy of Sugar Land, TX celebrated the marriage of their son, **Chi. KIRTHAN with Sow. KRIPA**, d/o Hemachandra & Jyoti Kamath of Panaji, Goa, by hosting a reception at Hyatt Regency Houston/Galleria on Saturday August 5, 2017. The reception preceded by Sangeet on Friday Aug 4, 2017 at their residence.

Dr. Vijaykumar & Mrs. Prema Rao of Oak Brook, IL celebrated the wedding of their daughter, **Sow. MITHA with Chi. VIRAG**, s/o Mr. Kartik & Mrs. Varsha Dandekar on Saturday August 19, 2017 at the Hindu Temple of Greater Chicago in Lemont, IL. The wedding was followed by reception at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare in Rosemont, IL. The wedding celebrations included the "Meet And Greet" Dinner at Hyatt Regency O'Hare on Friday August 18 and the Mehendi and Sangeet at Ashyana Banquets in Downers Grove, IL on Thursday August 17, 2017.

Sudhir & Ranjana Golikeri of Richmond, TX celebrated the marriage of their daughter, **Sow.**

RITA (granddaughter of Smt. Radha Golikeri of Richmond, TX) **with Chi. ERIC**, s/o Karen Wood Batcheller and late William Bruce Wood on Saturday September 2nd 2017 at the Omni Fort Worth Hotel in Fort Worth, TX.

Relocation:

The **MAVINKURVE** family, Pramod & Geeta have relocated from Princeton, NJ to 34 Sagebrush Lane, Langhorne, PA 19047. The mobile number is (908)-616-1497 and email ID: pmkurve@gmail.com

The **BALIGAS**, Ravi & Asha, have relocated from Danville, CA to 718 Long Bridge Street, #1204, San Francisco, CA 94158.

The **KAMATHS**, Burde Laxminarayan & Urmila, have relocated from New Orleans to 1312 Aris Avenue, Metairie, LA 70005. The telephone is (504)-288-9780 and the email ID: burdekamath@gmail.com

The **RAOS**, Sudha & Ashok, have relocated within Shreveport, LA to 1045 Saint Francis Way, Shreveport, LA 71106.

The **BETRABET** family, Chinmay & Sangita, together with their kids, relocated from San Diego, CA to 2989 NW Acacia Place, Corvallis, OR 97330. The phone is (541) 753-7220.

Dr. SACHIN SHENOY relocated within Brooklyn, NY to 300 8th Avenue, Apt. 40, Brooklyn, NY 11215.

The **BHAT** family, Vedamoorthy Raghuchandra & Veena, have relocated from Brookfield, WI to 2031 Mount Vernon Drive, Waukesha, WI 53186. The telephone remains the same as

(262)-717-9370 and email ID:
bhatrv@hotmail.com

The **RAO** family, Narendra & Gayathri with their kids Pranav & Sayali have relocated from Sugar Land, TX to 32-57 86th Street, East Elmhurst, NY 11369. The email ID: gayathrinr@hotmail.com

The **BHAT** family, Pramod & Shruthi, relocated to 838 Oak Glen, Irvine, CA 92618.

50th Wedding Anniversary:

Vijaykumar & Jyoti Kolpe of Simi Valley, CA (ex Saraswat Colony, Santacruz - West), had their 50th Wedding Anniversary (Golden) on May 24th, 2017. They are parents of Vivek Kolpe of Simi Valley and Vaishali Sabherwal of Dubai. Being intrepid travelers, they have travelled extensively throughout India and many countries around the world. They fulfilled a life's dream and celebrated their anniversary in Big Island, Hawaii. Over the last couple years, they have adjusted well to their new retired life in Simi Valley, enjoy bingo, pokeno and other activities; Jyoti has found new hobbies in painting and crochet.

Obituary:

Sri. GANESH NAIK (63) of Puttur, D.K., Karnataka, India expired on Thursday June 15, 2017 after a brief illness. He has left behind his wife Mrs Jayashree Naik, of Puttur, daughter Dr. Nisha Naik and son Mr. Rakshit Naik (Shannu) of Sugar Land, TX. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to the family.

LAXMINARAYAN (Babbi) KUDVA (74) passed away peacefully in Mangalore on July 23, 2017. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to his brother Balakrishna Kudva and family of Asheville, NC.

Sri DEVDAS NAYAK of Mumbai passed away on August 12th in Mumbai, India. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to his son, Anand Nayak and family of Katy, TX.

Prof. DEVDAS MIZAR PAI (56) of Greensboro, NC passed away on August 19, 2017 in Greensboro, NC, after suffering a medical emergency. Dr. Pai is an amazing human being in every way. The Hindu Society of North Carolina is indebted to Dr. Pai serving as community priest in many occasions among other contributions to the Temple's growth. He has served temple as

Priest, Vice President and multiple responsibilities.

Devdas Pai is survived by his wife (Anjana), daughter (Sarayu), son (Salil) , father (Srinivas), and a host of relatives and friends.

Devdas Pai, a 30 year resident of Greensboro, was a Professor of Mechanical Engineering at NC A&T State University. He is a nationally recognized educator and an accomplished academician, and was recently elected to the College of Fellows of the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering, for exceptional leadership in establishing the first B.S. and M.S. biomedical engineering degree programs at a historically black college/university. He was an active member of the community, a mentor for school children, and touched many lives with his unconditional love and care.

The funeral and memorial service for Devdas Pai will be held on August 23, 2017 at 3:00 pm at Forbis & Dick Funeral Service at 5926 W Friendly Ave., Greensboro, NC.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to <https://www.gofundme.com/drdevdaspai>

Khabbar sends heartfelt condolences to the family.

KONKANI HAPPENINGS

HAAS (Houston Area Amchigale Samaj):

The annual Janmashthami event was held at the Sugarland Community Center on Austin Parkway on the evening of August 12th.

With the beautiful decorations put together by **Pramod & Archana Rao and Akhila Bhat**, the backdrops were adorned with beautiful peacocks, peacock feathers and lights. A *jhula* (swing) with baby Krishna and a Krishna statue added to the serenity of the evening.

The evening started promptly at 6:00 pm with the social hour and delicious *dhokla*, *chewda* and coffee for appetizers. This was followed by the cultural program hosted by **Sheila Kini** and emceed by our youth coordinators **Samitha Bhat and Neha Bhat**. The evening started with a beautiful dance performance by **Neha Bhat** to the song "Krishna ne begane baaro". This was followed by soulful classical bhajans by our HAAS youth members - **Aditya and Chaitra Shenoy, Meera Nagarkatti, Sahana Shashital, Saisha and Sanika Bellare, Reim Rao and Samitha Bhat** and adult members - **Mrs. Sangeeta Gulvady, and Dr. Maya Prabhu**. The singers were accompanied on the

harmonium by **Smt. Shruthi Sample** and on the tabla by **Shri. Govind Shenoy (Shetty)** who also charmed us with their bhajan renditions.

To add to the variety and fun, there was a heartwarming skit about the brotherly love between Krishna and Balaram, portrayed by **Shlok Bhat and Ansh Nayak** with **Surendra Bhat's** performance of *rakshsha* perfectly complimenting the boy's performance. The cultural event was then followed with a fun and adorable costume parade of Radha and Krishna's parading and dancing to the tune of *Kaana Tu Soh Jaa Zara* from the hit movie *Baahubali 2*. Once the cultural events concluded, everyone gathered for Aarti and Bhajans at the end of which everyone enjoyed the delicious *goda poha* Prasad made by **Smt. Vasumati Bhat**.

The kids then got to do a variation of pin the tail on the donkey appropriately modified for the occasion as "Pin the peacock feather on Krishna". And in keeping with our *Janmashthami* tradition, we then concluded the cultural and kid's activities with the very popular *Dahi Handi* where the young kids got to reach up and/or jump up to the pot to get *dahi*.

Once the *dahi handi* event concluded, it was time for dinner. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful dinner consisting of rice, *roti*, *khadi*, *tawa fry*, *paneer makhani*, salad and *papad* followed by *Basundi* for dessert.

The night of festivities continued after dinner with foot stomping *Daandia* music and dancing.

As always, the participation and enthusiasm of the HAAS members and the tireless efforts of the volunteers is what helped the committee make the event flow seamlessly and the evening a success. Thank you to our youth volunteers **Shriya Bengre and Ansh Nayak** and to all the volunteers who helped setup and serve dinner, and to **Aarti and Gurudath Kamath** for staying back and helping with the cleanup after the event ended.

HAAS Management Committee
www.ourhaas.com

Konkani Association Of California (KAOCA) Update:

Hello *Khabbar* Friends,

The KAOCA (Konkani Association of CA) members would like to wish everyone a very happy Diwali. Our gala Diwali function will be held on 11/11/17 at CET in San Jose and our entertainment committee has planned for a gala event, with practices starting soon. We look forward to continuing our effort in adhering to the theme 'Strengthening Roots - Bridging Cultures', by also having a Halloween themed catwalk/ dance number for our little ones!

As mentioned in our last update, we had an amazing turnout for both our past events - sports day & picnic. With the classic California weather blessing us for the Picnic, we held a fun event - the food was the talk of the town with Konkpotle/ amchipotle (Mexican style Indian food) - it was fusion food - Indian food with a Mexican twist! Any which way you say it, it was delicious...

Kids had a blast with various games to keep them engaged, while our youth - led by **Sejal Kini** and her friends - doing an awesome job with face painting. The adults rejoiced in pleasant conversations, a zesty and competitive volleyball game and a lively Bingo event that was entertaining! A special treat was the mastery at the barbeque pit by our expert, **Praveen Kamath**, and a lively dance session led by teen sensation **Shruthi Kamath** who got all moving with beautiful dance numbers - and accompanied by **Shreya Kamath**. Topping it off were **Shilpa Padwekar & Nikhil Prabhu** who made sure we had a good workout with amazing dance moves before lunch time.

We thank these talented artists for all their hard work and planning!

As always, we finished picnic with our community favorite - bingo!

As a surprise addition to the festivities in July, we also had **Mr. K Devdas Pai**, an accomplished sitar player from M'llore, perform at our NAKA president's home, our home & at Sanatana Dharma Kendra in Milpitas. It was our pleasure to hear him play the Sitar so beautifully!

We are feverishly working towards planning a *Dandia* event, led by the KAOCA youth committee!

Wishing everyone happy *Navrathri*!

Dev bare koro,

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KASC YUGAADI 2017

Jayu Bhat, Rancho Cucamonga, CA

The New Year festival, Yugadi was celebrated with great joy by KASC members at *Tara's Himalayan cuisine*, Artesia, on April 15th from 5 to 10 pm. The evening started with warm welcome of all our members and their guests by our committee members. Everyone got an opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet some new families, while enjoying some yummy pakoras and paneer appetizer with chutney. After an hour of socializing, we began the event by offering our prayers to Lord Ganesha and seek his blessings with *aarti*, performed by all the attendees.

Now was the beginning of entertainment part of the evening. It started with **Om Shanbhag**, son of **Gautam and Reshma Shanbhag**, showcasing his talent on piano. He played some Bollywood tunes, which pleased the crowd. **Tanusha Shanbhag**, Om's younger sister did a dance on *Zingat* song (a hit Marathi song). Next performance was by **Daksh Prabhu**, son of **Bharath and Latha Prabhu**, on the famous Bollywood song, *Selfie le re*. **Atul Prabhu**, son of **Rajesh and Deepa Prabhu**, had fusion dance performance on songs, *Can't stop the feeling* and *Zingat*. **Aadhya Shenoy**, daughter of **Srinath and Nisha Shenoy** gave her performance on *Disco Deewane* song.

The evening continued with **Tilak Shenoy** mesmerizing the crowd with *Dooba Dooba Rehta Hoon* song. Next came in the ladies of KASC. **Deepa Prabhu, Divya Kamath, Jayu Bhat, Ramya Mallya and Reshma Shanbhag** did a dance performance on Bollywood mash up. The dance was choreographed by **Ramya Mallya**. Our emcee, **Priya Nayak**, also conducted few games and one of them was based on Konkani language. Finally, like icing on cake, our President **Srinivas and Gayatri Pai** performed a hilarious Konkani skit, "*Rulaav*".

Vice-President **Rahul Kamath** had a few words to say about the work done by their team in the past two years. It was also time for a new committee to be formed for the year 2017-2019. The outgoing committee handed over the responsibilities to the newly elected committee. The new committee consists of:

- ❖ **Rajesh and Deepa Prabhu**: President
- ❖ **Anand and Mohana Mahale**: Vice-President
- ❖ **Gautam and Reshma Shanbhag**: Treasurer
- ❖ **Sandesh and Ramya Mallya**: Secretary
- ❖ **Vishwanath (Vishy) and Jayu Bhat**: Cultural secretary
- ❖ **Vivek and Jyoti Ullal**: Editor
- ❖ **Nataraj and Shashikala Nayak**: Webmaster

This Yugaadi was special for KASC, as it revealed its logo. An open competition was held in search of logo befitting the community and the members were allowed to vote for the best. The proud winner of KASC logo competition was **Vishwanath (Vishy) Bhat**, our current cultural coordinator. The logo was thoughtfully designed, keeping in mind the guidelines of competition. As the night was coming to an end, all the attendees proceeded for dinner which included of Indian delicacies. The committee members also made the Konkani sweet dish, *Madgane* as their gesture to the KASC members. The event ended at around 10 pm and everybody left with good memories for a new year. A big thanks to all the committee members for their efforts in putting together a successful event. Looking forward for next KASC event to create more memories and friends for life.

KASC KARAOKE 2017

By: Jayu Bhat, Rancho Cucamonga, CA

Every year KASC organizes a summer Picnic. But this year committee decided to change things a little and gather all the music enthusiast members for a Karaoke event. The event took place at Tara's Himalayan cuisine, Artesia on 27th August from 11 am to 3 pm.

The event started with some welcome drinks and social hour. Everyone got busy with their *Panchadiks*, while enjoying some hot *Samosas and Gobi Manchuri*. KASC also had an open bar for this event. We then began the Karaoke event by introducing the new committee (2017-2019) followed by few words from President, **Rajesh and Deepa Prabhu**. KASC also recently lost one of its members **Vidya Alekal**. Our deepest condolences to the family for their loss. One minute silence was observed for the departed soul.

The floor was then open to all the singers. It was great to see so many talented singers within our community. **Sid Philar** started the event with the song *Ganeshaya Dhimahi*. It was our way of seeking blessings from *Vigna Harta*.

We also tried to introduce all singers by mentioning their home town in India and also about their other hobbies. Thanks to **Reshma Shanbhag** (Treasurer) for gathering all the information.

We had a big line up of karaoke songs. Not only Adults but kids also participated in good numbers. We had variety of songs from Bollywood, Hollywood and even a Kannada song. **Chinmayi Nayak** also sung a Konkani Rhyme, which was a beautiful touch for KASC event. We had a friendly Karaoke competition which was judged by **Vivek Kamath, Mohini Kamath and Vinata Rangnekar**. The winners are as follows, Best Male singer- **Nataraj Nayak** (*Koadagana koali nungittha*), Best Female singer-**Latha Prabhu** (*Zara behkne do*), Best Kid stars- **Archini Nayak** (Original composition by herself) and **Aadhya Shenoy** (How far from Moana), Best Duet singers-**Jayu and Vishy Bhat** (*Pyaar bina Chain kahan re*).

We also had few "Minute to Win it" games for non-singers. It was Ladies (*Kappad*) Vs Men (*Mundo*) and team men won by marginal points. Better luck, next time Ladies!

We then proceeded to have some delicious lunch. To give some authentic Konkani touch, **Deepa Prabhu** (President) prepared *Phanna Upkari* (Prawns) and **Mohana Mahale** prepared Prawns curry. We are thankful to both of them for putting this extra effort.

Finally, Kudos to all the committee members for their efforts in putting the event together. We are also thankful to all the members who attended the event and made it a success. KASC is celebrating its Silver Jubilee (25years) this year. We are hoping to make a grand next event that is Diwali. We hope to see many members and active participation by them all.

The Ontario Konkani Association (OKA) Updates:

OKA held their annual picnic on Saturday July 22, 2017 at Terra Cotta Conservation Area in Halton Hills, ONT. The annual election was held and welcoming the 2017-18 Executive Committee of:

President: **Divya and Ravi Nayak**

Treasurer : **Silna and Sanath Kamath**

Entertainment : **Laxmi and Vikram Nayak**

Food : **Nandita and Ravi Yedery**

Web/Social Media : **Neena and Vineeth Malebennur**

Youth : **Disha Nayak and Mrudvika Mallebennur**

Proposed Joint EC for the 30th year

Vice President – **Guru and Vinaya Pai**

Jt. Treasurer – **Divakar Shenoy and Jayashree Pai**

Jt. Entertainment – **Nikita and Abhijeet Pai**

Jt. Food – **Murali and Neeta Nayak**

Jt. Web/Social Media – **Rahul Kamath**

Jt. Youth – **Pranav Kamath, Pratha Bhat**

Ontario Konkans Association (OKA) held their annual cricket match, KPL 2017, at Glenashton Park, Oakville, ON on August 20 2017. A scintillating game of Cricket and women's throwball! A great family get together of fun. The KONKA LIONS won the KPL Cup 2017 with Captain: **Sanath Kamath** and players: **Abhay Shenoy, Abhishek Shinde, Dinesh Chauhan, Eshan Betrabet, Guru Pai, Kaustabh Bailur, Madhu Rao, Mangesh Bailur, Navin Shenoy, Rishab Udiaver, Vivek Nayak.**

Saraswat Foundation held the annual Father's Day and Welcome Summer - Hiking Trip on Saturday, June 17, 2017 from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM at Hacklebarney State Park in Long Valley, NJ

The Saraswat Foundation held their Annual Amchi (Bhanap) Summer Picnic on Saturday, August 05, 2017 from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM at Reichler Park in South Brunswick, NJ.

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By: - Vishwa Konkani Sardar BASTI VAMAN SHENOY

Mr. Nandan Nilekani, One of the founders of World I.T giant Infosys Bangaluru is elected its Chairman in August 2017, after he left the company 15 years back.

Chaturmasya Vrita of H.H. Swamijis:

H.H. Srimad Samyameendra Thirtha Swamiji of Shri Kashi Mutt Samsthan *Chaturmasya Vruta* commenced on 14-07-2017 at Konchady Mahalasa Narayani Temple, Mangaluru. And H.H.Swamijis *Digvijaya* will be held on 21-10-2017. *Kumbhabisheka* will be held on 9-09-2017 at Konchadi Sri Mahalasa Narayani Temple, Mangaluru.

H.H. Srimad Vidyadhiraj Thirtha Sripad Vader Swamiji of Sri Samsthan Gokarn Partagali Jeevotham Math *Chaturmasya Vruta* commenced at Sri Gokarn Partagali Math, Kanakona, Goa.

H.H. Srimad Shivananda Saraswathi Swamiji of Shri Kavale Math *Chaturmasya Vruta* commenced at Shri Laxmi Venkatraman temple, Kalyanapura Udupi Dist

H.H. Shri Sadyojatha Shankerashrama Swamiji of Sri Chitrapur Math, Shirali *Chaturmasya Vruta* commenced at Karla Math near Pune Maharashtra.

World Konkani Centre has decided to document the "Great Migration of Konkani people" from the origin place on the river bed of river Saraswathi upto Goa and further south to Kochi- Kerala. The Research document project will be undertaken in association with the Konkani Chair (Konkani Adhyana Pitha) of Mangaluru University at a cost of Rs. 25 Lakhs..

Nagar Panchami and Sutta Punnava Parab (festivals) were celebrated on 28-07-2017 and Sri *Gowri Festival (Thayee)* and Shri Ganesh Chaturthi were celebrated on 24th and 25th August 2017 throughout India.

Vishwa Konkani Student Scholarship Fund:

World Konkani Centre, Vishwa Konkani Student Scholarships were distributed to 600 Engineering and Medical students (of Konkani communities) to the tune of Rs. 3.50 crores on 20-08-2017 at TV Raman Pai Convention Centre Mangaluru. The promoter of the Scholarship fund and visionary **Mr. T.V. Mohandas Pai** was present and addressed the scholars to take interest in our mother tongue Konkani, our age-old culture and traditions etc. and should serve the community at large. The programme was presided over by Founder President **Vishwa Konkani Sardar Mr. Basti Vaman Shenoy**. He said, "I am thankful to the philanthropists who helped us in realizing the dream of providing scholarships of such a huge amount. They all are from our Konkani community and they have shown their sense of responsibility and love towards their community. Chief Guest **Mr. Harish Bhat**, (Brand custodian, Tata Sons and Chairman, Tata Global Beverages Ltd and Tata Coffee Ltd) handed over the first 50 scholarships of the year 2017 and said, "You are the future of our community. With this scholarship your responsibility towards your community has increased. You have to strive hard to bring fame for your family and for Konkani community. Nothing is impossible in life. You should put your mind to achieving your ambition. "We all know about **Manjeshwara Govinda Pai**. He put our community in world's literary map. He had learnt more than twenty-five languages of the world. Addressing the scholarship beneficiaries, Guest of Honour **Mr. Praveen Kadle** CEO, Tata Capital Pvt Ltd, said, "I am glad to note that World Konkani Centre is doing great work for the betterment of Konkani language and community. Our mother tongue unites us all together without religious or regional boundaries. **Mr. Ramdas Kamath U**, Chairman of Vishwa Konkani Student Scholarship Fund said that the scholarships were awarded to students under eight different categories, namely engineering, medical, degree, and for studies abroad. "We are also supporting the Konkani *Kharvi, Kudubi* and other socially economically backward community students by giving separate scholarships to students who are socio-economically backward. We need to make way for them to enter into the mainstream," he said. VKSSF scholarships were awarded to 592 engineering and 53 MBBS aspirants to support their professional education. Also, 31 scholarships of Rs 1 lac per student were provided to those who wish to study abroad. **Mr. Praveen P Kadle**, CEO, Tata Capital Pvt Ltd, **Mr. Ullas Kamath**,

joint MD, Jyothy Laboratories Ltd, **Mr. V Leeladhar**, former Dy. of Reserve Bank of India, **Mr. Sundeep Bambolkar**, Jt MD, Indoco Remedies, CA **G Nandagopal Shenoy**, Devagiri Tea and Products were present on the dais.

Mr. Pradeep G Pai, secretary VKSSF welcomed the gathering. World Konkani Centre Vice President **Mr. Allen C.A. Pereira**, **Mr. Kudpi Jagadish Shenoy**, Treasurer **Mr. B.R.Bhat**, Secretary **Mr. Prabhakar Prabhu**, All India Konkani Kharvi Mahajana Sabha President **Mr. K.B.Kharvi**, Dakshina Kannada District Kudubi Samajodharaka Sangha **Mr. Narayan Naik**, KSHAMATA Camp convener **Mr. Giridhar Kamath** were present, **Mr. Venkatesh N Baliga** Vice President compered the programme.

Film Show on River Saraswathi: Renowned Scholar and academician **Mr. Jagadish Gandhi** has done intensive research and documentation on the origin (place on Himalayas) flow of the river to the plain and submerge under earth. He has also taken images of the flowing of the river Saraswathi under the earth through satellites and prepared the film on River Saraswathi. **Mr. Jagadish Gandhi** visited World Konkani Centre and gave a talk on River Saraswathi and a documentary film Shown on 6-09-2017.

Hon'ble Minister **Sri Suresh P. Prabhu** has taken charge of Trade Commerce & Industry in the Central Cabinet of Hon'ble Prime Minister **Mr. Narendra Modi**.