

Letters to the Editor

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Dear Mr. Bhat,

A public health message ("Eat Like a Horse for Breakfast, a puppy for lunch and a bird for dinner") for the readers of *Khabbar*.

<http://myfox28columbus.com/good-day-columbus/new-study-eat-breakfast-every-day>

<https://wexnermedical.osu.edu/blog/resolve-to-have-breakfast-every-day-this-year>

<https://www.healthline.com/health-news/why-you-should-eat-like-a-horse-at-breakfast>

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Dear Vasanth,

Many friends encouraged me to come up with a checklist for use when a person dies. It can also be used for preplanning. Our community is a relatively new immigrant group, so we don't have a lot to consult re. end of life as it applies to us. Indeed one never really tackles it until we have to. Having lost my husband a year ago, I have experienced the trauma first hand. Esp. hard for a widow. In Jan. 2017, it would have helped me a lot if I had the kind of info. in one place like I put together now. It can be adapted to individual situations.

I did some research and came up with a 3 page article. I ran it by my son and DIL (both born in the Midwest in the 1970s) Their generation usually has a different take, so it was useful. I have also shared it with Mrs. Ravibala Shenoy (a prizewinning author) who lost her hubby, Dr. Gopal Shenoy recently. She also gave me some pointers. Our Raghuchandra Bhatmaam is mentioned and I cite his website with his permission. He did the last rites for Shrikar.

The checklist is divided into steps to be dealt with right away, in the weeks following death and disposal of possessions of the deceased (clothes etc.) I stress that people should consult their own medical, legal and financial advisors. Perhaps this will be of use to many Konkans. Please let me if this is acceptable. "*Khabbar*" seems like the most logical to put this information in.

THANKS in advance

Sincerely,

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To the members of the KONKANI associations in U.S.

I am a linguist teaching at Bayburt University, Bayburt, Turkey. I am about to launch a global project titled "Multilingual Dictionary of Phonetics and Phonetics" also involving related terminology from KONKANI. In search of literature I encountered a most valuable source titled

"T.S.K.K. linguistic glossary: English-Konkani and Konkani-English by Matthew Almeida, Pratāpa Nāyaka, Tōmāsa Sṭīvansa Koṅkaṇī Kendra" (1994) which is not available in my part of the world. I will appreciate so much if you would intervene in securing a copy of this material for our project. I also need scholarly assistance in KONKANI for including relevant terminology in the project as in the sample attached. The glossary is rich in several subcontinent languages such as Hindi, Urdu, Bengali, Tamil and others and my colleagues in Konkani could find it convenient to consult them. The editors/advisors will be named in the acknowledgements section and a modest incentive will be presented to them. I am sure you will consider this opportunity as a service to the studies and promotion of the KONKANI language which it deserves.

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