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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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“Website and *ekhabbar* is great! I still would like the touch, feel and excitement of going through the mail and sorting out to pick my favorite quarterly “*Khabbar*” from rest of the junk mail.”

Editor’s Reply:

That’s one of the best compliments *Khabbar* got. Thanks.

SUBSCRIPTION FORM:

Dear Konkani family,

It is time to renew your subscription for 2020. The numbers on the mailing label clearly indicate the year/s the dues for *Khabbar* has been received since 2019. Please, note that you have the **FREE** access to the *ekhabbar*, the electronic version of *Khabbar*, by visiting www.ekhabbar.com. If you want hard copy, then only remit your subscription of \$15.00/yr. **Please, don't pay for future years! I will not publish Khabbar in 2021 onwards!!**

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Name: _____

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Name	Boy/Girl	d.o.b.	Hobby/Interest
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Comments, if any: _____

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EDITORIAL

Dear Konkani family,

I hope all is well with you and your family.

I have been the honorary editor of *Khabbar* for the last 40+ years and I have decided that this year will be the last year I will publish *Khabbar*. Good news is starting in April 2021, NAKA will take the responsibility to publish this quarterly newsletter.

This issue of *Khabbar* has been mailed to ALL families that have paid dues **at least once since 2019**. Families who have not paid since 2018 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 2019 and if there is any error let me know.

Please note: The next two issues will be mailed only to families who have paid their dues for 2020.

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*, which will be on the web a quarter after mailing the hard copies.

The *Khabbar* Mailing List is a prized possession of our community. Please 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@gmail.com and rest be assured that I'll "*Khabbarize*" them!

As you all may be knowing, with the Coronavirus pandemic, the scheduled 2020 sammelan has been postponed to 2021. NAKA and KS-2021 will update regularly on the status of the sammelan.

Khabbar will also publish progress made by **Konkani Charitable Fund (KCF)** on a regular basis. The team KCF needs all our support to help our folks anywhere in the world. **Dr. Gopal Bhandarkar** and his team are doing a fantastic job in making our community aware of KCF and hope you will help him to help our people.

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!** You can send the news items via email (khabbar@gmail.com).

On the Quiz front, it is the same story! Only three people got the right answer this time!! Let us see how you will do with this quarter's quiz.

The progress of the ambitious project, **Konkani Kendra, the Konkani Bhas Ani Sanskriti Pratistan** is good. Thanks to **Basti Ganapathi Shenoy** who has volunteered his services to help **Konkani Bhas Ani Sanskriti Pratistan**. Please, call him at (702)-341-6706 or email: bastishenoy@gmail.com if interested to extend your help for this worthy cause. Indeed, the Kendra has become a center of attraction and I urge all North American Konkani to visit the Kendra to see in what way they can benefit from this.

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 or thru KCF if approved by KCF. *Khabbar* firmly believes in helping our people whether it is in India or here. Here's the link to all the special appeals: <http://www.ekhabbar.com/special%20appeals/special%20appeals.htm>

Hope the global threat of Coronavirus will diminish and Peace & Tranquility will prevail.

Have a safe summer. Stay safe, stay healthy.

Devu Boren Karo.

Vasanth
Honorary Editor

Khabbar And You and Me

I have been the honorary editor of *Khabbar* for the last 40+ years and I have decided that this year will be the last year I will publish *Khabbar*. NAKA will take over publishing *Khabbar* from April 2021 onwards. More details will follow.

I had the immense pleasure of publishing this newsletter on a quarterly basis. The kindness and well wishes showered by the North American Konkani family to me and my team was the only reason why I was able to publish *Khabbar* for so long. I will always cherish this.

I've put all the older issues of *Khabbar* on the web at: <http://www.ekhabbar.com/Back%20Issues.htm> and when the final issue (4Q 2020) gets published, all issues will be on the web. Please go thru the old issues and let me know if you would like to delete any items that are sensitive to you or your family.

Thanks

Vasanth, Honorary Editor, *Khabbar*
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Here are few more responses I got based on the above. This proves that the community's well wishes were there for *Khabbar* all the time:

Dear Vasanth:

I just received our paper copy of this year's first issue of *KHABBAR* and was hit by the announcement that 2020 will be your last year as the honorary Editor. That is sad and also great. Every sustained inspired effort must end sometime and finding willing enthusiastic volunteers is difficult. I hope that you will find a good volunteer (perhaps with some arm twisting) to take over your unprecedented task. What you did for over 40 years was an essential service to the Konkani community of North America, and hope it will go on seamlessly.

Congratulations also on your retirement. The world is open to whatever you want to do! Jyotsna and I have nice memories of our meetings at KISS picnics and other occasions. We wish you and Poornima a very healthy and most enjoyable retirement,

Dinker Rao
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Dear Vasanth,

I was sad to know that 2020 will be the last year of publication of *KHABBAR* – a great link for Konkani families across North America.

You have done a great job! Being an Honorary Editor for over 40 years is not easy, and that too single-handedly. It required great passion and determination.

The main reasons for the successful longevity of *Khabbar* are the purpose and vision with which you started this mission. Other contributing factors are your continued commitment and dedication. What is true for the success of a newsletter is also true for an individual in life.

Thank you very much for your dedicated service to the Konkani community.

I wish you and Poornima a happy and healthy retired life.

Radha (Amulipachi) Golikeri
April 2, 2020

Dear Vasanth, I just learnt that this is the last year of *Khabbar*. What a wonderful job you have done over 4 decades. When you started, Carter was president. Wow! I am so glad that Gopal coaxed you into undertaking the task. I cannot imagine anyone else having the patience and tenacity to do what you did. I sincerely believe the growth of the Konkani community in the US was nurtured by *Khabbar*. Kudos to you. Both Sheila and I wish you and Poornima the very best in retirement.

Gopi and Sheila Pai
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I second Gopi's comments.

Vasanth has done a wonderful job as Editor & Publisher of *Khabbar* with help from his entire family. *Khabbar* brought Konkani from North America together. Many families waited for their copy of *Khabbar* like they waited for their paycheck. Almost all the happenings in Konkani community was detailed in *Khabbar*. We read so many graduations, Anniversaries, births & marriages of Konkani we knew but were not in close contact due to distance. The *Khabbar* mailing list was a life saver.

I think Vasanth cannot be ever replaced but some younger person should step forward to continue this very useful publication. Meanwhile hats off to Vasanth for his 4 decades of service. He will be duly recognized at the Sammelan for his distinguished service to the community.

Gopal & Pratibha Bhandarkar
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Hi Vasanth,

I would like to add my congratulations to you and Poornima on your retirement plans and thank you for your four decades of service to the Konkani community in US. You, Gopi and I arrived in the US within a year's time. For some one like me, who spent my early years of education in the US in places like, Utah, Idaho and Texas, the *Khabbar* was the most important publication that allowed me to remain connected with the Konkani community. As they say, "behind every strong man, there is a stronger woman". So please convey our thanks to Poornima for supporting you in this important work for our community.

With the widespread use of technology and social media, the impact of a paper publication is diminished considerably, but something different, like an actively maintained website can, take its place. As Gopal said, it's time for the younger generation to take the baton and run with it, if they are interested.

God bless!

Vilas & Sneha Prabhu
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Dear Vasant and Poornima,

Thank you both for your dedication and selfless service to the Konkani community through *Khabbar*. My Congratulations and Best Wishes in your retirement.

Will miss *Khabbar*!!!

Nanda Mallya
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Dear Vasanth,

We received the latest "*Khabbar*" and, as always, read with great interest. Sorry to note that this is going to be the last year of publication by you.. We are indeed grateful to you and thank you for your dedicated service for the past 40 years. Through the medium of *Khabbar* you have truly brought the North American Konkani closer and regularly nourished them with latest *Khabbar*.

We understand, you deserve a break after long service and we whole-heartedly wish you all the best in your well-earned retirement. Our special thanks to dear Poornima also for her continued help to you, patience and co-operation.

With warmest regards to you both

Shreemati and Ratnakar Bhandarkar
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Dear Vasanth,

After reading your editorial in the last issue of *Khabbar* (Vol. XLII No. 1) announcing your final year as the Editor of *Khabbar*, I was truly sad that our Konkani community will be losing a selfless, hard working, great editor. Indeed your pro bono contributions to managing *Khabbar* have been exemplary. You are the embodiment of *Khabbar*! Please accept my sincere kudos.

Nevertheless, I know there comes a time when one has to let go of such a life-long social service., and I quite understand your decision. I would like to wish you a wonderful post-Khabbar life to pursue your other dreams and goals.

Our Konkani community will truly miss you and your absence will definitely leave a huge void in our intra-community communications.

I look forward to seeing you at the Sammelan.

Best wishes and regards

Shivdev Ubhayakar,
Shivadev@verizon.net

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.

Dear Editor,

As you may be aware Kodial Khaber Konkani Fortnightly is in the 13th year of inception.

We are planning to launch an English Edition of Kodial Khaber. It would be an E-Version fortnightly.

To broad base our content portfolios, we are looking forward to contributors on the following topics related to our Community in particular and of course our Nation and the World in general.

- A. Economy
- B. Social
- C. Current affairs
- D. Art and Culture
- E. Sports
- F. Spiritual
- G. Youth
- H. Health

We request you to connect us with young writers who can contribute articles for this unique publication.

The articles not exceeding 750 words may be mailed to editorkodialkhaber@gmail.com

Looking forward to your support.

Venkatesh Baliga Mavinkurve, Editor, Kodial Khaber
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Editor's Reply:

Dear Sri Baliga,

Sorry for the delay in responding to this email. Congrats on the plan to have an English edition of Kodial Khaber. All the best with this venture. This is what I will do: Publish this email in the next issue of *Khabbar* which will hit the streets in mid June and hope the readership will respond appropriately.

Thanks for your patronage to *Khabbar*

Stay safe.

Hi Vasanth

As you may know, **Floyd Cardoz**, a Konkani, a highly respected Chef, and winner of Top Chef Masters in 2011 (with his own unique take on *upma*) recently succumbed to the corona virus. During Konkani Sammelan 2012 he generously gave his time and talent to help with the Konkani recipe contest, and even joined us for a live interview

on stage. To the entire Padukone family, Floyd was a very dear friend. We knew him as highly talented and creative chef, but also a wonderful mentor and humanitarian who did a lot of charitable work both in the US and in India. On March 25, the day Floyd passed away, all of us were in shock. But our son-in-law Rohit Mitter shared his feelings with the family and has kindly agreed to share them with the Konkani community in North America. Please reprint Rohit's touching and heartfelt personal homage to Floyd in *Khabbar*.

Thanks Vasanth.

And thanks for your years of service to the community as Editor of *Khabbar*.

Nina Padukone

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Hoon Khabbar

Congratulations:

In the TOP DOCS, an article published by Fort Worth magazine featured 583 of the city's best physicians as voted by their peers. In the Obstetrics and Gynecology category, **Dr. RITA GOLIKERI** and her associates were voted as winners.

Konkani Graduates:

SAMEER, s/o Deepak & Sheila Kini of Spring, TX, and (grandson of Suresh & Anuradha Nayak of Houston, TX and Narasimha & late Rajani Kini of Chembur)) graduated with Highest Honors from Baylor College of Medicine. He was also awarded the Ralph E. Feigen award for Excellence in Pediatrics. He also was awarded the Outstanding Achievement in Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery. Sameer will be heading to the University of Cincinnati to start his 5 year Residency in Otolaryngology (E.N.T.) this June.

Newly Weds:

Sow. NISHIKA of Germantown, MD, d/o late Sri Madhusudhan Prabhu and Pooja Prabhu of Mumbai married to **Chi. NIKHIL** of Detroit, MI on Feb 15, 2020 at Corinthians Resort and Club, Pune.

New Arrivals:

SURAJ, a baby boy to Poonum & Sagar Chokshi of Cypress, TX on Thursday, April 2nd 2020. The maternal grandparents are Dr. Devdutt & Vasudha Nagarkar of Sugar Land, TX and the paternal grandparents are Pravin & Purnima Chokshi of CA.

50th Wedding Anniversary:

NARASIMHA & SHANTHA KAMATH of Wesley Chapel, FL celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on April 20, 2020. The virtual function was filled with video congratulations from all the family and friends from all over the world.

Obituary:

Mr. VENKATESH K. SHENOY (83) of West Haverstraw, NY passed away on Wednesday March 25, 2020 at his home. He was single and never married.

RHEA KAMAT (46) of Frisco, TX died in an auto accident on March 26, 2020 in Little Elm area. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to her husband, Rajiv Kamat and their children Niharika & Aarnav Kamat of Frisco, TX (originally from Mumbai, India).

A "Rhea Kamat Memorial Fund" has been organized by Mr. Ramesh Kini and interested families can support by donating generously at: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/rhea-kamat-memorial-fund>

YELTHIMAR VENKATESH SHENOY (89) of Mangalore passed away peacefully on Wednesday May 14, 2020 after a brief illness in Mangalore. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to his son, Pundalik Shenoy and family of Houston, TX.

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Konkani Happenings

This unprecedented pandemic caused lock down of the whole world for over 4 months! During this time, North American Konkani maintained their sanity by “virtual meetings” to meet fellow Konkani and below are some of the activities that happened during those times.

Houston Area Amchigale samaj (HAAS) Virtual Event:

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the HAAS held the first virtual get-together on Saturday April 18, 2020. The Zoom meeting was arranged by Event Co-coordinator, **Sudhir Golikeri**. The HAAS Vice President, **Ms. Shobha Shenoy** welcomed the 38 on-line families. The “function” started with *bhanjans* by few of the families. The President **Dr. Ramakrishna Prabhu** gave a talk on how to remain sane during these lock down days. **Ms. Gayathri Rao** was the emcee for the event. The three graduating students gave a talk about their opinion about this lock down and how they were able to finish their senior year and graduate to go to colleges of their choice. The graduating seniors were **Mallika Nagarkatti, Rohan Bhat and Pooja Sashital**. Houston matriarch **Smt. Radha Golikeri (Amulpacchi)** gave her blessings with advice to the graduating students to work hard to achieve their goal in life.

Current college students (**Pranav Rao, Dhruv Kini and Nishant Kelkar**) gave their experience in the college and outside the academics to give the audience an idea about the opportunities to enhance their knowledge in the global arena. Youngsters (**Kirthan/Kripa Shenoy, Rohan and Anushri, Shibani Balsavar, Nikhil/Malavika Nayak, Anisha & Nishant Kelkar, Sunil Kamath, Sneha Prabhu, Atma and Anusuya Kabad, Mihir Bedre, Neha Bhat and Sneha Shenoy**) gave their experience to pursuing a dream with a passion for doing what they love the most.

Secretary **Maya Prabhu** gave vote of thanks.

A few days later, **Smt. Kumuda Nilekani** released a song on Coronavirus.

The Konkani Social Club (KSC):

The fun group, KSC of Houston, TX, held weekly Zoom meetings (thanks to **Sudhir Golikeri**) to “meet” fellow members. Every week there was something special- karaoke night, Bingo game, jokes, exchange delicious recipes, variety entertainments, etc.

Konkani Association Of California (KAOCA):

KAOCA kept their families busy during the lockdown with weekly activities which included Bingo games, karaoke singing, bhajans, graduation ceremonies, travel dairies, knitting classes, meditation, dumb charades, “Om nama shivaya” chanting, on-line Gurukul classes, Kapoor nite special, Anthakshari, yoga, zumba, and many more activities.

PledgeToDistance Innovative Campaign started by Sneha Shenoy of Spring, TX.

When **Sneha Shenoy** (d/o Sunil & Sandhya Shenoy of Spring, TX) combined her skill of arts with the passion to make a difference that literally aimed to saved lives, the results were amazing. #PledgeToDistance on Instagram was started as a concept during the stay-at-home period to address the importance of social distancing and also wearing a mask (which still holds true for the foreseeable future). More importantly, it was an innovative way to reach out to probably the most challenging age group – Teenagers. The PledgeToDistance team provides a customized art with the name of the pledge-taker in the form of a mask when one takes a pledge (and self responsibility) to do the appropriate social distancing and wear a mask where warranted. In just over a month, the Campaign had close to 2000 pledges including support from the school superintendent, school principals and teachers as well as key city and county government officials (County Judge and Mayor). It was also covered by the regional and local news papers as well as TV channels. While Sneha started the campaign by doing the artwork herself for the first couple of hundred pledges, the campaign had to quickly grow from her as a one-person founder/artist organization to a current team of more than 12 students that she quickly coached and trained on the customized artwork concept. They had to literally run it like a company considering all the logistics involved with a steady stream of pledges coming in, working around their own hectic high school schedules and now are stepping it up during the summer months. We are super proud of the founder/CEO and the true inspiring leader she has become at such a young age! Devu baro karo!

You can find additional information and all the great artwork created by Sneha’s innovative campaign team as well as take the Pledge for yourself on the following social media outlets:

Instagram: #PledgeToDistance
Website: <https://PledgeToDistance.com>
Facebook page: PledgeToDistance
Twitter: @PledgeDistance

Below is the article as it appeared in the Houston Chronicle (Houston's largest news paper and the 3rd largest circulation in the country).

Klein High School student launches 'Pledge To Distance' campaign to raise awareness through art during pandemic

As appeared in The Houston Chronicle, By Melanie Feuk, Staff writer
Updated 10:34 am CDT, Thursday, May 7, 2020

<https://www.chron.com/neighborhood/champions-klein/news/article/Klein-High-School-student-launches-Pledge-To-15253391.php>



Klein High School junior Sneha Shenoy began a campaign to promote social distancing in mid-April. Less than two weeks after launching the official "Pledge To Distance" website April 23, the campaign already had 900 supporters pledge to help slow the spread of COVID-19.

The Pledge To Distance campaign asks people to sign a pledge promising to practice social distancing and follow stay-at-home orders issued by government officials. The campaign pledge states that social distancing involves maintaining physical distance from others by avoiding public places and staying at least six feet away from people when in public.

Pledgetodistance.com

@pledgetodistance - Instagram and Twitter

(Sneha is d/o Sunil & Sandhya Shenoy of Spring, TX)

Dr. RAKESH K. PAI of E. Grand Rapids, MI was featured on WoodTV

With the number of confirmed cases and deaths in Michigan rising, Metro Health was contacted on March 19 to give explanations about the pandemic and testing for the virus. Dr. **RAKESH K. PAI** of E. Grand Rapids, MI was featured on WoodTV answering questions about testing for Coronavirus. Dr. Pai explained who's prioritized for testing, how long results take, who it's safe to have contact with, whether kids should be socializing, personal protection equipment and more.

Below is the link:

<https://www.woodtv.com/health/coronavirus/metro-health-coronavirus-questions-march-19-2020/>

Goan chefs, bakers share video courses, tips and recipes online to guide foodies through baking during lockdown

By -

Flexcia D'Souza

Created: Apr 21, 2020, 17:35 IST

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/life-style/food-news/goan-chefs-bakers-share-video-courses-tips-and-recipes-online-to-guide-foodies-through-baking-during-lockdown/articleshow/75272902.cms>



With people stuck at home and a lot of them taking up baking, bakers and chefs have started taking to Instagram to share easy baking recipes and tips! **Kripa Shenoy** of Sugar Land, TX has been sharing baking ideas on social media during lockdown! On her handle @itscakegirl, she shares videos of making cakes, cookies and sourdough breads, along with recipes to most of them! Her latest creations include a no-knead cheddar bread, chewy choco-chip cookies, lemon pound loaf cake, sourdough waffles, pita and sourdough loaves.

Sourdough baker Sujit Sumitran has shared his online course on making artisan sourdough bread for free, to those wanting to attempt making it during the lockdown. The course that includes 35 video lessons and 49 text lessons takes one through a step by step process of baking the sourdough bread, in addition to touching on various subjects related to baking a bread.

Chef Vasco Alvares shared a simple no-knead bread making recipe with tips in a video while baking with his daughter. Home baker Nadia shared a recipe of making Pao for those who miss the Goan bread on her handle @nadias_sweetooth. Goans have also been glued to social media handles of popular Indian pastry chefs like Pooja Dhingra and Rachel Goenka who have been regularly sharing recipes and tips on baking.

Several Konkani families came up with safety slogans during the pandemic on the basis of their last names. Here are some examples. If you have more, send it to me to be published in the next issue/s:

PAI family requests to

P - Please do not do panic buying

A - Always wear masks and wash hands if going out for essentials.

I - "I" can save myself and the world by staying at home.

From us Kamath Family

K ... Keep washing hands

A ... Avoid going out

M ... Make time for family

A ... Appreciate emergency workers

T ... Tidy up house

H ... Have a +ve attitude

FROM THE KARKAL JOISHYS :

- J - Jaavan karathee
- O - Ottu melnakkathee
- I - Ispeet khelathee
- S - Sukrundo khaayathee
- Y - Yo yo monakkathee

Bhat family's Message

Beware
Happily stay home
Avoid contact/gatherings
Take care

This appeal came from Mangalore to help the needy during the lock down:

As suggested by our Mentor Sri T V Mohandas Pai to YOUTH OF GSB TEAM, an initiative to support daily wage earners of GSB SAMAJ is need of the hour in these troubled times and they be supported by providing financial assistance of Rs.6,000/- per such person, aggregating to a budget of Rs.25 lakhs. YOUTH OF GSB TEAM has gathered info of over 500 such needy GSB Families requiring immediate support. Sri T V Mohandas Pai has supported to the tune of Rs.5,00,000/-, Sri Ullas Kamath JMD, Jyoti Laboratories Ltd., and Shri K V Kamath, Former Chairman of Bricks Bank have also supported Rs.2,50,000 each for this Noble Cause.

Shall we join hands in this noble cause of YOUTH OF GSB TEAM?

Pradeep G Pai
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Thanks to Dr. Gopal Bhandarkar of Bayport, NY, Vasanth Bhat of Lake Jackson, TX, Ram Acharya of Fremont, CA, Ramesh Kamath of Cupertino, CA & Vasanth Shenoy of San Ramon, CA who have already contributed Rs. 1 lakh each for this worthy cause. KCF also spearheaded this campaign in the US. Families interested in helping out can donate to KCF earmarking their contribution to go for this worthy cause.

KHABBAR FROM KULAR

By: - Vishwa Konkani Sardar BASTI VAMAN SHENOY

Since the whole nation was crumbling under COVID-19 Virus and Lock down, there were no social educational religious, Cultural activities. And Educational Institutions, business, Industrial or Temples, Churches, Mosques were Shut since 24th March 2020 as per Govt of India orders.

H.H.Swamijis of G.S.B Mutts have advised the Temple authorities to strictly close the Temples and to cancel Car festivals, Jathras, Utsava etc in the Temples and Mutts. Only simple daily puja to the deities by priests with minimum temple staff only. By the Grace of God there were no deaths by Corona effect to Konkani speaking people in whole of the nation.

World Konkani Centre distributed Essential grocery kits in collaboration with 'Akshaya Patra' foundation:-

2500 Essential grocery kits were distributed in collaboration with 'Akshaya Patra' foundation as advised by **Mr. T.V.Mohandas Pai** and under the direction from **Mr. Ramdas Kamath U** and **Mr. Pradeep G. Pai**, essential groceries kits worth Rs. 18.75 lakhs were distributed by Vishwa Konkani Kendra to daily wage workers and economically backward families belonging to Konkani speaking Kudubi, Kharvi, Vaishyavani, Chaptekar, GSB and Charody families residing in Dakshina Kannada, Udupi, Uttara Kannada and Shimoga district in collaboration with 'Akshaya Patra' foundation. Vishwa Konkani Scholars volunteered in packing and labeling the kits with labels of 'Akshaya Patra' and 'Vishwa Konkani Kendra' KSHAMATA coordinator **Mr. C.A. Giridhar Kamath**, WKC Director **Mr. Gurudath Bantwalkar**, and **Mrs. Sahana Kini** coordinated packing and distribute of essential groceries kits. These grocery Kits Packets were transported by Hangyo Ice - Cream vehicles. Konkani Community leaders and Volunteers further distributed to the last mile.

A Great Soul. Dr. Olinda Pereira Passes Away

Dr. Olinda Pereira Passed away on Sunday May 31 at the age of 95 years. Dr Olinda Pereira was born on August 15, 1925, contributed immensely in the field of education and social service, especially in helping senior citizens and elderly care. A pioneering educationist, she worked for the promotion of women's education and empowerment in various parts of the country and as a teacher in South Africa. World Konkani Centre had honoured Dr. Pereira with prestigious Smt. Vimala V. Pai Vishwa Konkani Award in the year 2016 for her meritorious services in the field of Education and services to the poor and downtrodden.

Smt. PADMA SHENOY passes away

As appeared in the Daijiworld



Mangaluru, Mar 25: **Padma Shenoy (87)**, veteran litterateur, passed away at a private hospital here on Tuesday, March 24.

Padma Shenoy was the wife of the late Mohan Shenoy, owner of Westcoast Stationaries and Publishers here, and a staunch Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh leader. She is survived by Dr R M Shenoy, orthopedic surgeon here, and Dr. Surendra Shenoy, serving as a surgeon in the St. Louis, MO.

Padma had served Syndicate Bank Udupi for a few years before her marriage. After her marriage, she settled down in the city. She authored 11 novels, four collections of short stories, three long stories, four children's literature, a biography, a travelogue, three spiritual literature, and a Konkani literary work.

She also released a CD of philosophical songs. Her first-ever novel, 'Rasa - Virasa' published in 1963, had bagged the first prize of the then Mysore government. She

bagged many awards and honours for her achievements in the field of literature.

Since some time, she was leading a contented life at the home for senior citizens near Gurpur. Her mortal remains have been donated to KMC Hospital as per her wish.

Balachandra "Balu" Kochikar Pai (May 30, 1939 – May 4, 2020)



Balu Pai, as he was affectionately known, passed away on May 4, 2020, in East Brunswick, NJ, surrounded by his loved ones.

He was born in Udupi, Karnataka on May 30, 1939 to Achuth K. and Satyabhama Pai, the sixth-born of eleven children. After finishing secondary school in Udupi, he went on to study at Banaras University, where he obtained his Bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. In 1963, he moved to Mumbai for work. There he began his lifelong friendship with roommate Damodar Baliga, who would later become his brother-in-law. Balu was looking for something more than Mumbai had to offer, and in December 1966, he left for London, England.

While Balu was starting this new chapter in England, back in India, his horoscope had been prepared by the family astrologer. The parents of Vijaya Pai were at the same astrologer looking at a potential match, who was not Balu. Somehow, Balu's horoscope fatefully fell from a book, and after looking it over, the astrologer claimed with certainty that he and Viju were a perfect match and that their wedding would take place within the year. They were married on June 30, 1968. The rest, as they

say, is history.

Balu and Viju went back to England together shortly after the wedding. Balu continued working for British Railways until 1970, when they moved to the US. After staying with Balu's brother Ramnath Pai for a

few months, they took a chance and moved to Jackson Heights, NY. They were invited to a party at the apartment of Prabhakar and Suman Nayak, where they met other members of the Konkani community. These friends would become their extended family, thousands of miles from home. During the 50-plus years they were married, Balu and Viju attended many parties and functions, where Balu was known for his sharp one-liners and his constant smile.

Balu paid forward the help of his friends by sponsoring his brothers, Raghuram, Vinayak, and Amarnath Pai, to join him in the US. Over the years, Balu worked on the east coast for Wellbuilt, Stone & Webster, and United Engineers, which eventually became Raytheon. He retired from Raytheon, and a long, successful career, in 2009.

However, Balu himself would say that he was proudest of the two sons he and Viju raised, Anil Pai (wife Shilpa) of Allentown, PA, and Ajit Pai (wife Amie) of East Brunswick, NJ. His grandchildren Ayla, Siddhi, Alia, and Ayan were a constant source of joy for him in his retirement years. Balu will be sorely missed by them all.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Konkani Charitable Fund (<https://www.konkanicf.org/>), a cause close to Balu's heart. All checks should be made out to "Konkani Charitable Fund Inc." and mailed to 43 Spray Court, Bayport, NY 11705.

Rohit's touching and heartfelt homage to Floyd

By: Rohit Mitter- March 25, 2020



While I still haven't fully processed the sad news of this morning (the kids keep us well distracted), I wanted to share some of my thoughts. Perhaps this is a form of therapy for me?

I didn't know him for as long as the Padukone's did, but his influence on me - and especially my cooking and general understanding of how ingredients work together - is something that's hard to express in words. A number of years ago, I had dreams of cooking professionally, and reached out to Floyd for advice. Not only was he generous with his time (which spanned multiple phone calls), but also, talked with me about themes beyond just cooking: he spoke of his journey to what I consider stardom, he brought up the many sacrifices he had to make along the way and, in a voice now littered with passion - and emotion - how he uses food to spread love and togetherness. His ultimate advice was that making an impression in this world should be something to strive for; the means by which you get there is irrelevant.

He was humble. He was brilliant. He was always reaching for the stars. He was a celebrity. He was a family man. He was a teacher. He was so many things, but to me, he was a mentor. I obsess over his cookbooks and recipes, and am proud to have won his acclaim at the Konkani convention. I consider

his food a one-of-a-kind, and something that no one can, or will, replicate.

When he opened Paowala, he reached out to me and offered some time in his kitchen (unpaid, of course). By then, I had already spent a week or so at another restaurant, and he was well aware that I cherished the experience, however short, of a professional kitchen. Sadly, I couldn't find the time to commit, but whenever we met or spoke, he always asked what I was cooking and what new ingredients I had come across. It was his generosity that in so many ways defined him.

I feel for his wife and two sons, who played an oversized role in his life. He always talked about cooking with his kids, and ensuring that food was always the centerpiece of any joyous occasion. I now appreciate his words, in seeing how Rami is in the kitchen and at the dining table. Floyd was a trailblazer and arguably, was a pioneer in this whole idea of "fusion" cooking. Classically trained in French techniques, he seamlessly brought the flavors of India to the U.S., and took people out of their comfort zone of tikka masala. I will forever cherish the positive impact he had on me.

I can go on, but thank you all for reading and listening. I hope you have fond memories as well.

Documenting My Mother's Life + Journey

By: Kalpana Bhandarkar

When I was a child, I used to ask my Mom so many questions -- "How did you feel leaving your family in Udupi? What did you bring with you here? Did you miss home?" She didn't have much time to sit and talk because she had three kids and a full-time working husband, so my questions often went unanswered. But my curiosity on these topics persisted.

I recently began interviewing my Mom to document her life and journey to and within the U.S. -- in her own words. I wanted to do this for a few reasons: a) to hear her stories about the early days of her childhood, getting married and moving to the U.S.; b) to document these stories and her perspective on her life; and c) so that her children and grandchildren will have her story with them, printed, forever.

I wasn't sure how my Mom would react to my inquiry to interview her and print a book with her words. Much to my surprise, she immediately said yes. Given that her kids are grown, her husband is retired, and she has more time, she welcomed this opportunity. It also meant we would spend more time together.

So, in Fall 2019, I started interviewing her. I would drive to her town, get a private room in the local public library, and we would talk. I structured my interview questions into four parts: a) her childhood; b) getting engaged, married and preparing to move; c) her early life in the U.S. and raising children; and d) her reflections on her life. In advance of each interview, I would let her know what I planned to ask her about. During the interviews, I would record her voice on my phone and take notes at the same time.

From the moment we started, my Mom was thoroughly enjoying the process. She would get to the library early and begin writing notes on the topics we were about to discuss. She was nervous at first that she wouldn't remember a lot about her childhood but once she started telling a story, it would spark a memory about another story.

We did about 8 interviews, each that lasted about 60-75 minutes. Now, I am going through the content to organize it and starting to convert it into a short book. I have asked her to find letters, jewelry, sarees, and other items she has kept from her childhood and early days in the United States. I intend to take pictures of those items to include in the book.

Even before I organize the book, I have realized that the process has brought about so much -- my Mom has enjoyed telling these stories to me and is happy that they are being captured and documented; we laughed, cried and rejoiced in many of the stories; and it gives her relief that many of her accomplishments and experiences will be available for her children and grandchildren to read. I have loved hearing these stories -- so many I hadn't heard before. And it reminds me how much strength, faith and optimism was needed to make this journey across the globe and raise a family in a new land. I will always cherish the time we spent during these interviews. And I am excited to finish the book.

For those interested in documenting a family member or friend's life, I highly encourage it. There are some national efforts to document the lives of South Asians in the U.S.:

- South Asian American Digital Archive: <https://www.saada.org/>
- 1947 Archive (interviews with those who lived during Partition): <https://www.1947partitionarchive.org/>

There are tools to help document the stories:

- Storyworth: <https://welcome.storyworth.com/>
- Tribute: www.tribute.co

I'm happy to share my questions and experience -- feel free to email me at kbhandarkar@gmail.com.

#90 Devdutt Yellurkar, General Partner, CRV is on Forbes Midas List

<https://www.forbes.com/profile/devdutt-yellurkar/#2ce6283b58a5>



An investor at CRV since 2008, Devdutt

Yellurkar debuts on the Midas List due to investments including SignalFx, the cloud monitoring service acquired by Splunk for about \$1 billion in August 2019. The onetime investor in Zendesk (an IPO too old to count toward his ranking) has a portfolio that includes Accompany, Gatsby, Kong, OneLogin, Postman, Qubole, Rethink Robotics, Standard Cognition and Wave. Yellurkar was previously cofounder of Yantra Corporation and a key executive at Infosys during its period of rapid growth in the early 1990s.

ANISH SHENOY – part of the SpaceX team



On May 30, 2020, SpaceX along with NASA sent the first manned spaceship to the ISS in 9 years from US soil on a US built rocket - Falcon 9. This was a landmark moment for the United States restarting their space program. ANISH, s/o Anil & Pratima Shenoxy of Mechanicsburg, PA worked on building this very rocket that took the spaceship (Dragon 2) to the space station. His name and signature are on the rocket with others who worked on it. A proud and humble moment for him in his career. Anish will complete his Masters in Aerospace Engineering in July from Georgia Tech and start Working with SpaceX in August as a Rocket Propulsion Engineer. Such a proud moment for the Shenoxy & Rao families, the Konkani community as well the overall Indian community!

Konkani Sammelan – 2021 in San Jose, CA – An Update



Namaskaru,

We hope you and your family are staying safe and healthy. As you may be aware, we announced recently that the new date of the Konkani Sammelan is July 2nd – 4th, 2021, and it will be held at the same venue (San Jose McEnery Convention Center, San Jose, CA). With the health, safety, and well-being of our Sammelan attendees and of the Konkani community at large being of prime importance to us in the Committee, we have arrived at this decision, and we will do our best to hold the event for the whole

community to enjoy.

Here are the updates to the registration and hotel booking policies in light of the date change:

Registration:

- Your registration for the Konkani Sannelan will automatically be carried over without any action on your part.
- The early bird prices are locked in along with those savings for those who registered on or before Jan 31st, 2020.
- Our Special Discount registration pricing will be available until Jan 31st, 2021.
- The "Modify My Registration" form is available now on our webpage (www.konkanisannelan.org). If you will not be attending the rescheduled Sannelan, you can request cancellation of your Sannelan registration using this form.

Hotel Bookings:

- We have been able to negotiate the same hotel rates with each of the hotels for 2021.
- Existing hotel bookings made for July 2020 will be cancelled and all the hotels (Hilton, Marriott, Hyatt & Westin) have already canceled or are in the process of canceling them.
- Room booking can be done via a form that will be available by the end of July 2020.

We will update our webpage (www.konkanisannelan.org) as and when we have additional information to share.

Once again, we request your support for the Konkani Sannelan 2020 to be held in July 2021. We would love to see you all there! If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call us at 408-459-8423 or email us at askammani@konkanisannelan.org

Devu Baren Koro,

Aruna & Ram Acharya
Presidents, Konkani Sannelan 2020

Konkani Calendar

July 2020	August 2020	September 2020
1 st Ashada Yekadashi	3 rd Rigu/Yajurpakarma	1 st Poornami
4 th Poornami	6 th (*Sankranthi fasting)	2 nd Begin Mahalaya
8 th Sankashti	7 th Sankashti	6 th Sankashti
15 th Kark Sankranthi	11 th Janmastami	13 th Yekadashi
16 th Yekadashi	14 th Yekadashi	16 th Amavasya
20 th Amavasya	18 th Amavasya	27 th Yekadashi
30 th Yekadashi	21 st Gowri Pooja	
	22 nd Ganesh Pooja	
	28 th Yekadashi	
	31 st Ananth Chaturthi	

Khabbar thanks My Astrologer-version 1.0 by Mr. Muralidhar Shenoy, Durham, NC and Vedamoorthy Raghuchandra Bhat of Waukesha, WI

My Sincere Thanks To

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

Names	Amount, \$
Ashok & Suman Bhat, Tampa, FL	51.00
Meenakshi Nayak, Cary, NC	50.00
Surendra & Shalini Shenoy, Olivette, MO	51.00

Statement of Accounts

Description	Credit, \$	Debit, \$
Balance Carried over since <i>Khabbar</i> Vol. XLIII No. 1	5,940.00	
Money Received:		
Subscriptions (19) and Donations	437.00	
Interest	3.00	
Sub Total:	440.00	
Money Spent (<i>Khabbar</i> Vol. XLIII No. 1):		
Printing- <i>Khabbar</i> (235) - 20 pages		354.39
Mailing - First Class Mail- <i>Khabbar</i> (211)		147.70
Mailing Canada <i>Khabbar</i> (6)		6.90
Overseas (20)		60.00
Mail Fines, computer paper & labels, envelopes, service fees, etc.		431.01
Sub Total:		1,000.00
Final Balance:	5,380.00	

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

Kwiz

The last quarter's quiz:

On a 12-hour digital clock, what is the smallest interval between two times that are palindromes (can be read forwards and backwards as the same number)?

The right answer: The interval is two minutes, between the times of 9:59 and 10:01.

The following gave the right answers:

Govind Kamath, Austin, TX

Shivdev Ubhayakar, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA

Deepak Kini, Spring, TX

This Quarter's Kwiz

By Vasanthamma

*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 if your subscription is current.*

If you were to write dates in Indian style (month/day/year) in the year 2019, can you figure out how many continuous days the dates can be palindromes (can be read forwards and backwards as the same!)? Hint: Year in 2 digits.

NAKA, the North American Konkani Association Quarterly Update



Namaskaru,

NAKA Board Wishes to place on record its sincere and heartfelt thanks and appreciation to **Mr. Vasanth Bhat**, honorary Editor of *Khabbar*, for his yeoman service to the North American Konkani Community, as he prepares to take his well earned 'retirement' after 40+ years of voluntary service. *Khabbar* started out with a modest circulation for about 250 families and it now reaches over 2160 families in NA. From its early days its motto was very simple "If it did not appear in *Khabbar*, then it did not happen in North

America", attesting to its popularity and reach. **Starting in April 2021, NAKA will take the responsibility to publish this quarterly newsletter.**

As the world moves into a digital age, we contemplate that the future of our networking and information sharing needs be aligned with changing trends.

Consequently, we must re-consider:

- the channel & medium of interaction
- delivery methods

- changing demographics, and
- what the diaspora will want, going forward

The key is to increase engagement, and ensure that any successor to *Khabbar*, in whatever shape or form, will be the Go-To outlet, and the 1st choice of North Americans for anything to do with the Konkani Community. It should also become the tool to much more closely integrate the various local Associations and Chapters into a cohesive ‘Whole’, as one Big NAKA Family. Finally, and most importantly, it must appeal to, and draw in the Young Adults and our children, so that there is both growth and renewal. We must remain relevant!

With all of the above in mind, NAKA Board is seeking volunteers to form an Editorial Committee of Volunteers to spearhead the transition, providing Thought Leadership and Strategy to execute on the stated objectives given above. Our aspiration is that we will be able to have participation from each local Konkani association, from Coast to Coast, from Canada in the North, to USA in the South.

We expect to convene the applicants by June 30,2020 (virtual Meeting) and take it from there. Please reply with your interest (and any questions) to Ajay Rao @ ajaynrao1@gmail.com .

I would also like to share with you that we have identified the next president for the NAKA board. We will share the details during the KS 2020 on July 4th 2021.

Due to the pandemic KS 2020 is postponed to July 4th 2021. I hope in the coming months the infection rates will subside substantially and there will be break thru either for a drug or an early vaccine. I pray that all our community members stay safe and healthy during this unusual time and make sure you take all the possible precautions and follow the guidelines published by CDC, your local and state governments.

I also like to provide you an update on the NAKA endowment fund. As of now, a total of 25 families in NA have donated \$5,000 or more to the fund. The total amount raised is \$144,100 including the matching donations from the employers. The current value of the fund is \$158,473 and the return to date is 10.54%. A sincere request to all the NA Konkani families to consider donating to this fund to enable NAKA to partially offset the cost of hosting the future Konkani Sammelan in NA. Any donation amount is welcome but if you make a minimum donation of \$5,000 or more then you and your significant other will get free registration for your lifetime. Please visit <https://mynaka.org/Endowment> for more details. If you have any questions please do write to me and I will answer any questions you have.

Make your check payable to: Konkani Cultural Conference Inc. and Mail your contributions to KCC Inc. 2051 Junction Ave, Suite 225, San Jose, CA 95131

We look forward to seeing all of you next year at San Jose for *hodgammath!*

Devu Baren Koro,

Ramesh Kamath, board@mynaka.org(408) 891 7689, President, NAKA, (On behalf of NAKA Board)

All the financial dealing of NAKA has been transparent and here’s the statement for this quarter:

NAKA - Statement Of Accounts

Date	Description	Credit, \$	Debit, \$
2/29/2020	Balance from last report	125,234.05	
5/31/2020	Quarterly Interest	4.39	
5/31/2020	New Balance	125,238.44	

Signed: **Damodar Baliga**, Treasurer, NAKA

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Update: June 15, 2020

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**APPEAL FOR DONATION
FOR COVID19 VICTIMS IN INDIA**

Due to COVID 19 Pandemic many Konkani Families in India who are living below poverty line are suffering from severe financial difficulties. Some well-known Konkani Philanthropist like T.V. Mohandas Pai, K.V. Kamath, Ramdas Kamath, Jaganath Shenoy, Dayanand Pai, etc. have come together & started a fund to help the Konkanis affected by the pandemic. They are working along with the World Konkani Center through a well-known Youth organization called Sevanjali Charitable trust, Mangalore. We have decided to help these Konkani families by appealing generous people like you for EMERGENCY DONATIONS. When donating us, please clearly mark your checks or PayPal, if you want your donation to go to the new fund within KCF meant for COVID 19 Victims or give to the 26 established charities approved by KCF as in the past. We greatly appreciate your help during this difficult period in the lives of poorest of the Poor. GOD BLESS YOU.

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Devu Baren Koro

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