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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.....

Khabbar gets published on a regular basis without missing the quarterly deadlines. And, it is a fact that lots of Konkani families anxiously await for the arrival of the quarterly issue of *Khabbar*. With this year being the last year I'll be publishing *Khabbar*, some families have doubts whether the next two issues will be published or not!?!

and he asked whether the next two issues will be published or not!

I said, "I normally deposit checks at the end of every quarter to minimize my trips to the Bank and I'll certainly publish the two more issues of *Khabbar* for the remainder of this year"

The case in point is that I got a phone call from NY. The gentleman had paid his dues for 2020 and I had not deposited that check. That really concerned him

Having assured, the gentleman says, "Now I can sleep well. My wife has been bothered about this since a month and kept on pestering me. I hope she'll also sleep comfortably and leave me alone!"

SUBSCRIPTION FORM:

Dear Konkani family,

Please, note that you have the **FREE** access to the *ekhabbar*, the electronic version of *Khabbar*, by visiting www.ekhabbar.com. **I will not be publishing Khabbar from 2021 onwards!!** Just to make sure your information is accurate, please, fill the form below and send to *Khabbar*, P. O. Box 222, Lake Jackson, TX 77566-0222.

Name: _____

Spouse Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email ID: _____

Children.....

Name	Boy/Girl	d.o.b.	Hobby/Interest

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 for 2020 only. Families who **have not** paid their 2020 dues will not be receiving this issue.

Please note: The next issues will also 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. That mini virtual sammelan was very refreshing and gave a glimpse of what to expect next year. NAKA and KS-2020 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 Happy Diwali. 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

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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:

Hello Vasanth,

All good things, we are told, must come to an end. And so it is that we read with some sadness that you want to take a well deserved permanent break from the editorship of our beloved *Khabbar* Newsletter, which like clockwork, all Konkani families looked forward to opening and reading at their leisure every four months.

Kudos to you for keeping it going for the past many years. We can well understand the many hours you labored over each issue to mail it before the deadline to so many eager Konkani families. As often turns out, the things in life most worth valuing are those we take for granted, season after season, year after year, until they are taken away.

It is our earnest hope that the baton will be taken over by some young and enthusiastic Konkani, and *Khabbar* will live on. We all collectively owe you many sincere Thanks, and we wish you and Poornima many years of happy retired life.

With kind regards,

Padmini and Krishna Nayak
nayakp01@yahoo.com

Dear Friend and Honorary Editor of *Khabbar*, Mr. Vasant Bhat and Poornima,
Thank you for serving Konkani community for over 40 years, spending countless hours to keep community informed. Through *Khabbar* you kept us informed of Konkani achievements, births, graduations, weddings, good news, charity, happenings present and future and latest addresses and telephones. Me and Sheila credit you and Poornima for your sacrifice and time put in for so long. We wish you a long happy and healthy retirement. We are very happy that you laid solid foundation and continuation through NAKA for future *Khabbar* quarterly issues. We love you and Poornima, God bless you and your family.

Chandrakant And Sheila Mahale
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Dear Vasanthmam,

Thank you very much for voluntarily taking care of Khabbar for 4 decades with great passion and determination. For the past 10+ years I waited for Khabbar mainly to solve the next Kwiz. I have to mention about my long term Kwiz tracker, dear Radha (Amulipachi) Golikeri from Houston.

Thanks for uploading ALL Khabbar issues at: <http://ekhabbar.com/Back%20Issues.htm>

Thanks again for your sincere services and best wishes for the new NAKA "khabbar" teams.

Regards,

Govind Kamath
Govind_kamath@yahoo.com

Editor's Reply:

I must congratulate you. You did solve ALL the quizzes in Khabbar without fail!

My Dear Vasanth

We were so fortunate to have you as the Editor, Publisher (along with all other associated responsibilities) for Publishing Khabbar for the last 40 years or so. I want to congratulate you and thank you for your service to our community. The Khabbar in the earlier years (70's thru 90's) was the premier source for us Konkanis to know the community activities across USA and specially to learn all of our children's accomplishments in various fields in the Hoon Khabbar segment. The yearly mailing list was so essential not only to obtain the addresses but also to see the " who and whereabouts "of new comers to this country. In all, we always were looking forward to the arrival in mail of the Khabbar to know the "hoon khabbar" . Happy retirement and thanks again and a sincere "Dev Barre Koro"

Narasimha and Shantha
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FREE App "Vardik"

By the grace of God & Swamijis and blessings of elders we have launched a FREE App " Vardik " exclusively for _GSB matrimonial services_. Currently it is available on Android platform only.

You can see profiles of eligible boys and girls after logging in with your Google account. Contact details, Professional details & address can be accessed ONLY after creating profiles. Saving photo or taking screenshot are disabled to ensure the safety of data. Share the App with all your *Amchigele contacts only* .

If you find any suitable boy/ girl, approach them for photos and Horoscopes directly. Later you can share the same with your family members. Please avoid creating multiple profiles of the same person. The App will detect & delete all the profiles automatically if multiple profiles of one person is created.

We are not the match makers. This is a small attempt to bring eligible boys & girls on single platform. Verification of information available in the App to be done by respective families as we are only facilitating. We cannot guarantee the authenticity of the information provided by the users.

Please let us know when a boy/girl in the database gets engaged or married and also delete the profile.

Contact the developer with any feedback or suggestions: gsbvardik@gmail.com

We have also created a Facebook page and an Instagram page. We will be promoting profiles in those pages subject to terms and conditions. Please follow the same. Links are given below:

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/gsbvardik>

Facebook: <https://m.facebook.com/groups/340988646923319/>

To promote your profiles in those pages please contact developer on: gsbvardik@gmail.com

WhatsApp: 9321539340

Hoon Khabbar

Konkani Graduates:

SIDDHARTH, s/o Srinivas & Gayatri Pai of Torrance, CA earned his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from USC, Los Angeles.

Relocation:

PAI family, **Sadanand & Sharda**, have relocated from Cypress, TX to 36276 Birkshire Place, Newark, CA 94560. The phone numbers are (832)-506-8045 and (650)-391-9911 and email: snpai@yahoo.com.

New Arrivals:

ESHANA, a baby girl to Chandan & Pavithra Pai of Woodland Hills, CA on April 16 2020. The proud paternal grandparents are Madan Pai of Bangalore, India and maternal grandparents are Pandurang Mahale & Jaya Mahale of Goa, India.

VIKAS, a baby boy to Siddharth & Suma Prabhu of Seattle, WA, on Monday, June 29 2020, baby brother to big sister Mira. Paternal grandparents are Praveen & Prema Prabhu of Greensboro, NC and the maternal grandparents are Ram & Shammi Prasad of S Windsor, CT.

SHAAN, a baby boy to Nitin & Rushina Ubhayakar of Glendale, CA on July 29th, 2020. The proud paternal grandparents are Deepak & Asha Ubhayakar of Upland, CA and maternal grandparents are Ashok & Sudha Jain of Walnut, CA.

70th Birthday Celebrations:

Families and friends of the "Houston son", **SURESH SHENOY** of Sugar Land, TX celebrated a surprise 70th Birthday Party to him on June 23, 2020. Due to the pandemic situation, all his friends lined up in their cars and drove by his

home and "met" him and his family to wish him their best wishes and regards.

Obituary:

Smt. RADHA RAO, wife of the late Dr. U. B. Rao, passed away peacefully in her home in Mumbai on August 10, 2020. Beloved mother of Rekha (Satish) Kamath of Bloomfield Hills, MI, Sudhir (Sushila) Rao of Big Rapids, MI, Nandita (Uday) Hegdekar of Mumbai, India and Renuka Bijoor (Sanjay Bhakta) of New York, NY. Cherished grandmother of Deepa and Smita Kamath, Nivedita and Namita Hegdekar, Vinay Bijoor and Arya Rao.

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Konkani Happenings

This unprecedented pandemic caused lock down of the whole world for over 7 months! During this time, North American Konkans maintained their sanity by "virtual meetings" to meet fellow Konkans and below are some of the activities that happened during those times.

Houston Area Amchigale samaj (HAAS) Virtual Event (Shri Krishna Janmashtami):

HAAS celebrated Krishna Janmashtami on August 8th 2020. 34 families gathered together via Zoom at 4 pm sharp. **Dr. Ramakrishna Prabhu** started the program with a prayer for our brothers and sisters in India affected by the torrential rains and also for the people around the world facing various calamities. **Neela Kamath** welcomed everyone and **Shobha Shenoy** as emcee introduced all the performers. **Saisha and SanikaBellare, Chaitra and Aditya Shenoy, Uma Kamath and SamhitaBhat** delighted the audience by singing beautiful Krishna bhajans. **Bhageshri Karkal** sang "yore pora" to son **Samvit** who was dressed up as adorable Krishna. **Priya Shashital** portrayed the "makhan chor" Krishna. Then came the highlight of the program "Divine Miracles". **Ira Domnitz** came up with the idea and his wife **Rupa** wrote and narrated the play beautifully. Their son **Rivan** worked round the clock choosing the background scenes, sound effects and editing. **Rivan and Natanya Domnitz, Chaitra and Aditya Shenoy, Sahana and Priya Shashital** played multiple roles throughout the play. **Shantakka** sang a beautiful Konkani bhajan followed by **Pushpa Desai** singing a popular kannada bhajan. **Ramakrishna Prabhu and Ravindra Pai** recited the *Ashtottara* as *tulsi* leaves were offered. In conclusion Mangalarti was performed by **Ramakrishna, Maya and Nina Prabhu and Ravindra and Shanti Pai**.

By: Shobha Shenoy, shobhavshenoy@yahoo.com

The Konkani Social Club (KSC):

The fun group, KSC of Houston, TX, continued holding weekly Zoom meetings (thanks to **Sudhir Golikeri/Mrudula Rao & Suren Kamath**) 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):

This quarter also 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.

HOSA Bowl, Anatomy and Occupational Health Competition winner – Sneha Shenoy

SNEHA (d/o Sunil & Sandhya Shenoy of Spring, TX) and team won the Global competition last year at the HOSA (Health Occupations Student Association) International Leadership Conference (ILC) event in HOSA bowl which is the toughest event as it is a quick fire test of medical knowledge.

This year the team made it to the Globals level again after winning the district and state level competitions (held back in February). However, because of the current situation, the Global competition was virtual.

This year, she also participated in additional events AND won all three International competitions that she entered (HOSA Bowl, Anatomy and Occupational Health). Such a great honor. Her hard work and dedication really paid off. To boot, she was also one of a select few handful students out of 100s of thousands in the country to receive the highest level Gold Medal for the Prestigious Barbara James Service award which acknowledges students for serving the community from a health care perspective. (She served more than 250 hours of volunteering).

Earlier this month, She was elected by students and faculty to be the President of her School HOSA Chapter, a honor in itself. She lead her team by example in these intense competitions.

Global Pandemic through the Eyes of KASC Kids

Varsha Baliga (8 Years):

This is how I feel about Coronavirus. I have to wear a mask wherever I go and it is not the most comfy of clothing for your face. I also can't talk to my friends in person without wearing a mask or I have to talk to them virtually. Also I don't get to see my friends when I go to school and I have to talk to my teacher virtually. Even though people say its new normal but I don't like it!!!

Tanusha Shanbhag (9 Yrs):

What I think about the global pandemic. From the point of how we are living now it is not very bad it's just not normal for us...but if we stick together we will be able to get through this as a team. We should not criticize anyone for the cause of this virus. Please wear a mask to prevent the spread.

Anand Pai (10yrs):

Quarantine has been very long. I miss all my school friends and my soccer team. I really liked our league games, but there haven't been any. School is easier online so I like that. But, because of corona, I made a lot of online friends and became better friends with my neighbors. I still wish we could go out more, I want to eat outside again!

Mayank Shenoy (11 years):

COVID 19 forces everyone to stay home and use the Internet at the same time, making the WiFi very slow. It makes it hard to communicate with friends.

Atul Prabhu (11 Years):

This pandemic has brought many good things for us. With social media apps like Facetime, Twitter, Instagram, Zoom, and Whatsapp, people are able socialize more with each other. These apps have developed so much that I can talk to my

cousins and family members all the way from India. Even though I miss going to school in person, these apps have helped me talk to my friends and learn a new way of schooling. Now that we have to wash our hands and sanitize a lot, we are more hygienic and clean. It looks like this pandemic has brought a lot of good things after all.

Veda Baliga (11 Years):

The global pandemic has changed my life in so many ways. From wearing a face mask, to staying away from my friends. Also missing out on my first year of middle school! Not only that, but not going to some of my favorite shops and restaurants. I am being optimistic and hopefully we will get through it with joyful ending.

Om Shanbhag (12 yrs):

The Global Coronavirus Pandemic is simply a big problem that needs a solution. In a time like this, I feel that it is important to not wait for someone in higher authority to tell us to do something, but do what is necessary on our own regardless of what anyone says (washing hands, wearing masks, social distancing, etc.). We need to put our needs and those of others before our comforts. I feel that any discrimination caused by Covid is WRONG. We shouldn't differentiate ourselves in any way from each other because in the end, no matter what your nationality, ethnicity and social standing are, we are all equally affected and vulnerable. In the end if we work together, do what we should do rather than what we want to do, stand together as equals and most importantly persevere, then I strongly believe that we will find a way out of this.

Daksh Prabhu (12 Years):

During late December of 2019, some news popped up of a virus that was found in Wuhan, China. They called it Coronavirus or Covid-19. Did anybody take that seriously? I didn't even care. I thought that it was like small flu that would not even reach us, living in California. A few months later, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared a pandemic! Still, it didn't provoke my safeguard to the virus. A few days later, there was a case popping up everywhere in the world! At that time, the leaders with the virus were Italy and China. The virus kept growing, and we were given stay at home orders. My school was closed, and they said we will be back in two weeks. I was really happy that I would have a mini-vacation. Many people got laid from jobs. And most importantly, people were dying. That is by the minute. Yeah, my school didn't open. But, I still had hope that we would go back by the end of the year. I also had hope that a vaccine would come by August. America came first on the list with the most cases. Who knew that this unnoticed virus would come to such an extent? Going out, I was required to wear a mask. Now, wearing a mask feels normal, and when you see people not wearing one, you say, "Oh my god, Haka kalna kasalleke!" But, let's spread some positivity. Working from home, you could see your family the whole time. People who had to travel a lot from work got to stay at home. August 30, 2020: Here I am. At home. Still I have online school because there is still no vaccine. I am still wearing masks when going outside, and my oh my. Cases are still rapidly increasing. But it is important for you to always have hope. I think the pandemic has ruined many lives but helped many others. I know, things are not fair. But, you should always know that everything will be normal. Or not. Just kidding! For now, be safe, be happy.

Aditya Shenoy(17 Years):

During this Global Pandemic it is helpful to be informed of the current events, as it is easy to overlook its effects on our economy, lives, and jobs. Here is some news:

Contrary to health specialists the CDC has Changed their Testing Protocol, they said that those without symptoms don't need to be tested even if exposed, which essentially means that even if you think you might have been exposed you don't get tested which is dangerous as people unknowingly might keep spreading the virus.

Also, because of the virus air travel has been down 70% which has resulted in the temporary shutdown of most airlines and around 19,000 workers have been laid off.

As the a market and economy is trying to recover from the last couple months of uncertainty and job layoffs, some shops and businesses have opened and helped reduce the unemployment rate from 14.7% in April to 10.2% in July.

Mihir Shenoy (18 Years):

Love is incredibly important during pandemics. When people love others, they sacrifice their desires for the safety of others. They do what is right for humanity regardless of what the government does.

Tribute to Chandragiri Dinaker Rao (1938 – 2020)



There are some people who bring a light so bright to this world, that even after they are gone the glow remains. **CHANDRAGIRI DINAHER RAO** of Austin, Texas was one of them! Dinaker left for his heavenly abode on September 5, 2020. He was truly a Konkani icon of Austin. He led an exemplary life full of love, compassion, tolerance and service. His passing marks the end of an important chapter for a large circle of friends, family and a host of folks to whom he was a mentor.

Dinaker was born on October 30, 1938, and brought up in South Kanara. He earned his bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Indian Institute of Science in Bangalore. He worked for DCM in Kotah and later with Engineers India, Ltd in Delhi. He came to the University of Texas in Austin in 1972 to pursue his doctoral studies in chemical engineering. Upon completing Ph.D., he worked as a post-doctoral fellow prior to joining the State of Texas in their Radiation Control group. He had a stellar academic and professional career. Dinaker enjoyed teaching and mentoring. He taught for several years at the University of Texas (Austin), chemical engineering department (1994-2008) as well as at Austin Community college in his retirement years.

Austin being a university town, lots of new students and young couples arrive there every year just like Dinaker and Jyotsna(D&J) did nearly 5 decades ago. With their helpful nature and gracious hospitality, D&J were always there to host and guide many new arrivals to this city. Many of these contacts blossomed into lifelong friendships.

For almost 25 years, Dinaker would book the Bastrop or Fort State Parker state park, the first day the reservations were open, for the Good Friday weekend get-together of Konkans in Southern States (aka KISS). D&J were among the founding members and the anchors of KISS community by working tirelessly to make these get-togethers successful and enjoyable.

Dinaker was also one of the founding members of ICMCA (Indian Classical Music Circle of Austin) in 1991. Over the years, Dinaker and Jyotsna had hosted several musicians from India. They were always on hand to support the community functions and celebrations in Austin. These involved planning and execution of events, rides for guests to and from the airport, help with cooking for large groups etc.

Taking care of the needy was D&J's credo. They often helped by picking medicines, delivering food and sometimes bringing the sick to their home and taking care of them. Jyotsna worked for the blind school where the children developed a special bond for her. In his later years, although afflicted with severe respiratory issues, Dinaker never complained about the illness, and maintained a cheerful composure.

Dinaker has left a beautiful legacy for the future generations.

He leaves behind his wife, Jyotsna, of 54 years, daughters, Ashlesha and Ashwini, and their families including six loving grandchildren, and his loving nephew, Sameer Chandragiri, who was like a son to him, and his family.

May Dinaker's soul attain Sadgati!

By: Radha Golikeri
September 7, 2020

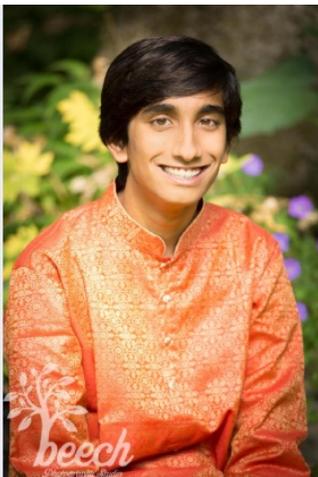
Amay Kamath & Tanvi Mallya raise funds for KCF

“No one has ever become poor by giving.”- Anne Frank

During the COVID-19 pandemic, I wanted to do something meaningful with my free time. With all the volunteering services being closed, I didn't have a lot of options. One day, my mom mentioned an email from Gopal-mam, president of Konkani Charitable Fund. My family was familiar with this organization because my aunt, Shalini Pai (a KCF hero), has been involved with them for quite some time. The email stated that our brethren needed help back in India as a result of the pandemic. I thought, why not appeal to our local Konkani association, Michkon, for donations. I shared this idea with my friend, Tanvi Mallya, and we both agreed to start a GoFundMe. We started off with a modest goal of \$500 and little did we know that we would exceed this amount within a few days. And so we raised our goal to \$1,000 and soon, even that was exceeded. We were ecstatic that our family and friends were so generous with their contributions. As we hit \$1,500, Tanvi and I began to contact other Konkani associations across the country and around the world. The money kept increasing and our friends kept donating. \$2,447 has been raised on the GoFundMe, alone, and \$500 was sent directly to KCF in our names. In total, we have collected \$2,997.

Donations will be used for any number of necessities, including medical care, especially for Konkanis living in rural areas of India. These are the places that need the most attention as economic inequality is the greatest here. The need is even greater now as India has the third largest number of COVID-19 cases in the world. If after reading this, you would like to contribute, please donate to KCF and help Gopal-mam further his cause. We are extremely proud of the money we raised and we can't wait to hear the help it'll bring to Konkanis.

Here is the link for the Go Fund Me: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/konkani-relief-efforts-in-india>



Amay Kamath

Amay Kamath is a high school senior living in the suburbs of Detroit, Michigan with high hopes for the future. His favorite things to do are to watch Bollywood movies with his family, hang out with friends, read a good book, and travel to other countries around the world. At school, Amay is a part of the STEM Biomedical academy. He is also the captain of his high school's swim team as well as a varsity athlete. Amay is the secretary and co-founder of the PCEP American Red Cross club, a member of his school's Congress (student government), and a volunteer at his local hospital. Amay works at Kumon as tutor and enjoys helping kids. He's also helping his mom raise her second Future Leader Dog for the Blind. In college, Amay would like to major in pre-med or biology and go on to medical school to become a doctor.

Tanvi Mallya

Tanvi Mallya is a current high school senior attending Salem High school in Canton, MI. She is part of the biomedical STEM program at her school and has hopes of pursuing a career in the biomedical field. Throughout the years, Tanvi has consistently volunteered at the humane society, food ministry, and blood drives. To continue her passion for volunteering and spread the opportunity to others, Tanvi co-founded an American Red Cross club at her school in which she organized various fundraisers, raising money for Australian wildfires, measles & rubella vaccinations, and more. In addition, Tanvi is part of the varsity pom team at her school and has been a part of the team for 4 years. When she is not practicing or working, Tanvi enjoys cooking, spending time with friends, and listening to music.

Here's the response from Dr. Gopal Bhandarkar, President, KCF:

Hi Amay, Tanvi,

Thank you very much for your Bio & the portrait. Both the Bio & The portrait are very impressive. You, both are destined to have a bright future. I am so glad that you both did



something wonderful for your fellow Konkani Brothers & Sisters, affected by COVID 19 pandemic, back home in India. I am so impressed by both of you that I have decided to Match the amount you have raised. Today I will send an additional donation of \$ 3003 to Go Fund me Thus your total raised will be \$ 6000.

I sincerely hope that your hard work of raising funds for poor & needy will be emulated by other young students not only in your area but all over USA.

You have made your parents proud of you. Thank you very much for your work on behalf of Konkani Charitable fund. This will be on our website within a few days. It will also be published in Konkani newsletter Khabbar. Please share my reply with your parents.

Gopal Mam

KAOCA Sangam

Namaskaru,

KAOCA (Konkani Association Of California) is proud to announce a new alliance program: "KAOCA Sangam" – to bring eligible Konkanis together and ensure our Konkani heritage and language is intact for eternity!

Konkanis are already a small community worldwide and shrinking because of inter-community marriages. Konkani, as a language, as a cultural community and our Konkani Saraswat identity needs to be preserved for future generations.

"KAOCA Sangam" is a small effort to ensure the continuity of our Konkani Saraswat language and culture - developed for eligible Konkanis of marriageable age and intention to get to know each other and hopefully find their suitable match.



Looking for a Konkani match will be a 3-step process:

1. Registration: Register your details here (Only if you are a Konkani or have a Konkani background/roots.)
2. Verification: An appointed KAOCA committee member will contact you personally and will verify the information that you provided, including checking if you are a Konkani or have a Konkani background.
3. Access to prospects: Once you are verified by the appointed KAOCA committee member, then you will be able to access suitable prospects who have registered and have been verified.

Note:

KAOCA is not liable for:

1. Whether the person you are interacting with is a Konkani or has a Konkani background.
2. The outcome of the interaction you have with prospects, in terms of any emotional, social or financial implications.
3. The success of the subsequent alliance.

For any questions about "KAOCA Sangam", please email kaocasangam@gmail.com

Ulhas Kamath & Pradeep Pai - part of the "Vision Group"

In July 2020, the Government of Karnataka has constituted a *VISION GROUP* for establishment of *"FMCG MANUFACTURING CLUSTER"* in Dharwad district, Karnataka, under *COMPETE WITH CHINA SCHEME* as per the announcement in the budget 2018-19 under the chairmanship of **Sri Ullas Kamath**, JMD ,Jyothy laboratories Ltd. and includes **Sri Pradeep G. Pai** ,MD , Hangyo icecreams Private Ltd. as one of the members.

Gharanthu Ek Saan Milan – Analysis with a Reply to a couple issues

By: Damodar Baliga, Treasurer, NAKA baliga789@gmail.com

My hats off to the Sammelan organizing Committee for hosting this virtual mini-sammelan. It was a great idea, a welcome relief to all of us stuck at home because of the Covid-19 virus. The performing artists were all really good.

I have to admit I was taken aback by the criticism for use of English by some participants during the event. You have to remember, language is only a tool for communication. You use whichever tool you have that you think is best suited for the job. If you are more comfortable using English and you know all listeners can speak and understand English, I see nothing wrong with speaking in English. Let's be honest – when you talk to your own kids or other Konkani friends, don't English words creep in? Oh, yes, this is Konkani Sammelan – meant to foster our language and culture. But let us not forget the other purpose of the Sammelan : meeting and having a good time with our friends from back home. Do you all make it a point not to use any English words when you talk amongst yourselves?

Some other comments on the side referred to “colorful rainbow”. One lady is saddened by Konkani youth marrying non-konkanis. That's bound to happen no matter how hard we try. That is why this country is called the melting pot of the world. But we want to slow down the process and that's why we started Konkani Sabha and subsequently, NAKA, to give a chance for our kids to get together and get to know more Konkani youths. The good news is that there seem to be a number of youngsters ready to organize and carry on the Youth Sammelan every year. Let us give them our full support. If you can spare some time, please volunteer to help carry on NAKA's mission. With our Hon. Editor of Khabbar Vasanth Bhat retiring, we desperately need some hands to continue Khabbar and try to reach even more Konkanis.

On behalf of NAKA and myself, I thank Vasanth Bhat for his years of service to the Konkani community as Editor of Khabbar and also for being a founding member of NAKA. It has been such a great honor and pleasure for me to work with Vasanth & Nina Padukone to get NAKA going. We wish him and Poornima (behind every great man there is a great woman) a long, happy and healthy retired life. May God bless us all.

Pai family endowment in memory of Luke Lakshman Gould

By: Shanthi Pai, shanthig.pai@gmail.com

September 5th is the first year anniversary of our greatest loss. Yes, we lost Luke, my grandson, to brain cancer, a month short of his wedding anniversary. The only way I see to keep him close to me and his memories alive, is to support his passions, women's equality and social justice.

An Endowment, "**Pai family endowment in memory of Luke Lakshman Gould** " is established in the Konkani Charitable Fund. We are privileged to have Dr. Gopal Bhandarkar managing it to produce best returns.

The fund will in perpetuity support Mahila Dakshata Samiti, the core principles of which are “Health, Education, Empowerment and Equality of women” , based in Bangalore, India. The website to explore this organization is, <http://mahiladakshatasamiti.org/> This establishment has won best NGO awards several times, No wonder, as I had seen the whole board's hands on struggles and their accomplishments.

Every year, on Luke's birthday, earned revenues will be granted to them. These distributed funds are earmarked for rehabilitation. Where the abused and neglected women are empowered , educated and supported to be on their own following their dreams or passions. The support will include psychiatric care and vocational training.

Another Endowment to support social justice is in the works, especially now.

No words can express my gratitude for the love, all of my treasured extended family had poured on us during these awful times. God bless you all and all of my Konkani Community.

Response from the Dr. Gopal Bhandarkar, President of KCF:

I will start the donation drive with my personal donation of \$ 1000.00. Donations to "Pai family endowment in memory of Luke Lakshman Gould" should be sent to Konkani Charitable Fund, 43 Spray Court, Bayport, N.Y. 11705 or you may donate via Paypal at our website: <https://www.konkanicf.org>

Please write on the check or email that your donation is meant for the "Pai Family Endowment Fund in memory of Luke Lakshman Gould". Any questions please call me @ (631)- 472-1418 or email: gabhandarkar@gmail.com. Thanks.

Khabbar Response:

I pledge my personal donation of \$ 500.00.

Konkani Sammelan – 2020 in San Jose, CA – An Update



Namaskaru,

The year 2020 has been filled with unfortunate and tragic events worldwide, perhaps the most overwhelming being the COVID-19 pandemic. Our daily lives have been changed significantly, and we have been forced to forgo activities we used to take for granted, especially those of the social nature. One of the most highly anticipated events for the Konkani community in North America this year was Konkani Sammelan 2020, the tenth Sammelan to be held since 1996. Since early May, when we the organizers officially postponed the event, we have wanted to find a way to provide safe and enjoyable entertainment to the Konkani community. On July 18th, with the "GharanthuEkSaan Milan" virtual program, we were delighted to reach many Konkani families and give them the opportunity to relax and be entertained in the safety of their homes.

Part of our goal was to have meaningful conversations about how the Konkani community can become stronger during difficult times, especially in a pandemic. We invited prominent Konkanis to interview them about their experiences and perspectives on supporting one another during these tough times. Padmashree T.V. Mohandas Pai, chairman of Manipal Global Education encouraged viewers to consider the need for a stronger global Konkani community that connects the various Konkani Diasporas due to the relatively small size of our population. Pradeep Pai, managing director of Hangyo Ice Creams, spoke about organizations that support poorer Konkans during the pandemic, naming the Sevanjali Trust and World Konkani Center as excellent places for us to support. Kedar and Preeti Kodikal, current presidents of the Konkani Association of California, talked about their experiences in bringing local Konkani communities together by hosting regular and varied virtual events (i.e. talent shows, travel photo presentations, and workout classes) and developing a support network for families who have higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19. Sharmila Thakkar and Kalpana Bhandarkar discussed the need for civic engagement from Konkans in their countries of residence, specifically drawing from their experiences with community building and philanthropy in the United States. Sadanand Mankikar, who settled in Canada many decades ago, talked about supporting senior Konkans in North America by providing interactive forums about navigating the aging process, including resources for health awareness, ethnic-friendly assisted living, and technological support. Finally, Dr. Gopal Bhandarkar, president of the Konkani Charitable Fund, which supports grassroots charities/organizations in India, urged viewers to donate to the KCF COVID-19 Relief Drive. The Konkani community responded generously, with KCF receiving over \$40,000 in donations since our program.

Besides these discussions, the program also included musical and dance performances from talented Konkani artistes of multiple disciplines. Well-known Hindustani classical singer Balachandra Prabhu enchanted us with renditions of popular

bhajans, one of which was his own composition “Akaara Ukaara Makaara.” Brothers Sanjeet (flute) and Gautam (tabla) Nayak mesmerized us with a melodious bandish in Raag Yaman as well as a piece in praise of Lord Rama. Saxophonist Anjali Shanbhogue and her band played both devotional and film music, to the delight of the audience. Singer Bharat Kundaje, who is part of late Pt. Bhimsen Joshi’s lineage of Hindustani music, performed beautiful bhajans in different languages praising Lord Krishna. Besides our guest musicians, we had opening and closing Bharatanatyam dance performances by local Bay Area dancers, along with a few other energetic dances sprinkled throughout the program.

We are very proud to have not only provided meaningful speeches about the future of the global Konkani community but also have showcased the incredible talent our community possesses. During the live streaming of “Gharanthu Ek Saan Milan,” almost a thousand families were watching the show, from multiple countries across the world. We left the show up to allow more people to enjoy, and the view count is now close to ten thousand! The Sammelan 2020 committee began “Gharanthu Ek Saan Milan” as a project to fulfill our goal of supporting Konkani entertainment, culture, and philanthropy and to hopefully brighten a day for everyone stuck at home and unable to interact with one another during the pandemic. Our desire is to make such programs a more regular practice within this community and to inspire Konkanis to host interactive events. What better way to strengthen our small, spread-out community and help our culture last and flourish for many more years to come!

If you missed watching this show live, here are the links to the recorded version:

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mqD6cJwuw1c>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/2020gammath/videos/2718444191770940>

Gurukul Classes:

Based on the explanation about this program during “Gharanthu Ek Saan Milan”, we have received several requests to open the “GURUKUL” program, organized by the Konkani Association of California, to Konkani families across North America. KAOCA team has graciously agreed. The free classes are online and take place once every three weeks between 11 am to 2 PM PDT. Led by enthusiastic volunteers, this program teaches Konkani language and culture to Konkani-American children. We welcome everyone to join! Several families from New Jersey, New York, Southern California, Seattle, Arizona, and Ontario have joined this program through the respective Konkani organizations.



To join, please contact:

kaoca2020rocks@gmail.com or 408-334-6178

Our best wishes to the Konkani Community to stay safe and healthy during these challenging times.

Please note that our in-person Konkani Sammelan event will be held at San Jose McEnery Convention Center in California from July 2-4th, 2021. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call us at 408-459-8423 or email us at askammani@konkanisammelan.org

Devu Baren Koro,
Aruna & Ram Acharya
Presidents, Konkani Sammelan 2020

Konkani Calendar

October 2020	November 2020	December 2020
1 st Poornami	3 rd Sankashti Fasting	3 rd Sankashti Fasting
5 th Sankashti	4 th Sankashti	4 th Sankashti
12 th Yekadashi	11 th Yekadashi	10 th Yekadashi
16 th Tula Sankranthi	13 th Naraka Chaturdashi	14 th Amavasya
17 th Begin Navarathri	14 th Deepavali	19 th Skanda Sashti
20 th Lalitha Panchami	15 th Vrishika Sankranthi	25 th Vaikunta Yekadashi
21 st Sharada Pooja	25 th Kartika Yekadashi	26 th Mukkoti Dwadashi
23 rd Durga Ashtami	26 th Tulasi Pooja	29 th Poornami
24 th Ayudha Pooja	28 th Vaikunta Chaturdashi	
25 th Vijaya Dashami	29 th Kartika Poornami	
26 th Yekadashi		
31 st Poornami		

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, \$
Praveen & Prema Prabhu, Greensboro, NC	60.00
Ganesh & Sharada Pai, Lexington, SC	51.00
Ravi & Asha Baliga, San Francisco, CA	51.00

Statement of Accounts

Description	Credit, \$	Debit, \$
Balance Carried over since <i>Khabbar</i> Vol. XLIII No. 1	5,380.00	
Money Received:		
Subscriptions (23) and Donations	507.00	
Interest	3.00	
Sub Total:	510.00	
Money Spent (<i>Khabbar</i> Vol. XLIII No. II):		
Printing- <i>Khabbar</i> (210) - 20 pages		327.33
Mailing - First Class Mail- <i>Khabbar</i> (186)		130.20
Mailing Canada <i>Khabbar</i> (5)		5.75
Overseas (20)		60.00
Mail Fines, computer paper & labels, envelopes, service fees, etc.		426.72
Sub Total:		950.00
Final Balance:	4,940.00	

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

Kwiz

The last quarter's quiz:

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.

The right answer:

9.10.19
9.11.19
9.12.19
9.13.19
9.14.19
9.15.19
9.16.19
9.17.19
9.18.19
9.19.19

The following gave the right answers:

Govind Kamath, Austin, TX

Jyoti Nayak, Cypress, TX

Shivdev Ubhayakar, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA(*)

(*) Dear Vasanth,

The quiz states that the dates in Indian style to be month/day/year. I believe this is the USA style, and the Indian style is day/month/year. Regardless, Using the month/day/year convention, the answer is: 10 consecutive days: September 10, 2019 through September 19, 2019 (9/10/19 through 9/19/19).

Using the day/month/year convention, the answer is: One day only: October 9, 2019 (9/10/19)

Thank you,

Shivadev Ubhayakar

shivadev@verizon.net

Editor's Reply:

Ooops! Thanks for correcting. I am considering all who gave answers in either style are winners! Even with that flexibility, only three got the correct answer!!

This Kwarter's Kwiz

By Vindyakka

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.

During Navarathri, 100 unlit diyas numbered 1 to 100 are placed in a row along a river at night. 100 Konkanis wait at the riverside to welcome Ram home. The first Konkani lights all of the diyas. The next Konkani blows the flame out of every second diya (unlighting diyas 2, 4, 6, . . .). A third Konkani lights every third diya (changing the state on diyas 3, 6, 9, . . .). This continues until all 100 Konkanis have passed the diyas. After the 100th Konkani has passed, which of the diyas are lit?

NAKA, the North American Konkani Association Quarterly Update

Namaskaru,



Glad to inform the entire North American Konkani community that we are making steady progress towards our desire to provide some services thru our website <https://www.mynaka.org>.

Our goal is still the same. We want to draw in the Young Adults to participate and contribute to our community at large. Pass this message if and when possible to your children so we can all benefit.

When the New Year roles in my hope is that we should be able to make the service available to you all. The North American Konkani Association has no source of income. We do not have a yearly donation drive or a membership drive. In order for us to sustain as a large North American Konkani community and go beyond our local association we have to think outside of the box. We have been sending appeals to the entire community thru Khabbar for contributing to the NAKA endowment fund. You will/may have many questions about how this endowment fund is setup and used. Please do not hesitate to send email with your questions to: board@mynaka.org. To make it reasonable for many we have set the donation amount to \$5,000. If you make that minimum contribution then you and your significant other will get free registration for all Konkani Sammelan for your lifetime. So please consider this onetime donation to the NAKA endowment fund as a mortgage for a vacation home.

I also like to provide you an update on the NAKA endowment fund. As of September 6th, 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 \$177,800 and the return to date is 20.77%. 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 and you can also pay it two installments. Your donation to the NAKA endowment fund is tax deductible. Please visit <https://mynaka.org/Endowment> for more details. If you have any questions please do send email to: board@mynaka.org and we will answer any questions you have.

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

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.

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, \$
5/31/2020	Balance from last report	125,238.44	
8/31/2020	IRS Annual Filing Fee		200.00
8/31/2020	Quarterly Interest	2.39	
8/31/2020	New Balance	125,040.83	

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

What is Rudraksha

Internet source and several whatsapp sources

A Rudraksha is the seed of the Elaeocarpus ganitrus tree and plays an important role in a spiritual seeker's life. Sadhguru looks at the various types of these beads and their benefits, including the panchmukhi and ek Mukhi.

Sadhguru: Rudraksha is the seed of a particular tree species which usually grows at a certain altitude in the mountains – mainly in the Himalayan region. Unfortunately, most of these trees were used to make railway sleepers, so there are very few of them remaining in India. Today, they are mostly found in Nepal, Burma, Thailand, or Indonesia. They are there in some parts of the Western Ghats in South India, but the best quality ones come from a certain altitude in the Himalayas because somehow the soil, atmosphere, and everything influences it. These seeds have a very unique vibration.

Which Rudraksha Should You Wear? Ek Mukhi, Panchmukhi Rudrakshas & More...

The number of faces a bead can have varies from a single face up to 21 faces. They are used for different purposes, so it would be improper to just buy something in the shop and put it on the body. Wearing the wrong type could disturb one's life. A lot of people want to wear Ek Mukhi, which has only one face because it is very powerful. You yourself have many faces. When you have many faces, if you wear an Ek Mukhi, you are asking for trouble.

People say if you wear an ek Mukhi, you will leave your family within twelve days. Whether you leave the family or not is not the issue, it is just that it will make your energies in such a way that you will want to be alone. It doesn't make you compatible to be with other people. If you have to wear other kinds of special beads, it is best that it is received from someone who knows these things, not just buying from the shop and putting it on your system.

Five-faced beads or panchmukhi is safe and good for everyone – man, woman and child. It is for general wellbeing, health and freedom. It lowers your blood pressure, calms your nerves and brings a certain calmness and alertness in your nervous system. Children below 14 years of age can wear six-faced beads. It will help them calm down and be more focused. Above all they will receive the right type of attention from the adult.

The Gauri-Shankar is a certain kind which brings balance between your Ida and Pingala. Generally, people believe it will bring them prosperity. Prosperity need not necessarily mean just money. It can come in so many ways. You may not own anything but still you can be prosperous in your life. If you are a balanced person and you function sensibly in your life, prosperity may come. It happens when energies function well. A Gauri-Shankar balances and activates your Ida and Pingala.

If you have chosen to purify your life, a rudraksha is a good tool and aid, a little support on the way. When someone is walking the spiritual path, he wants to use every little support on the way to enhance himself, and it is definitely a very good support. A guru usually energizes a rudraksha in different ways for different kinds of people. For people in family situations, it is energized in one way. If you want to be a brahmachari or a sanyasi, it is energized in a completely different way. People in family situations should not wear something energized in a certain way.

Significance of Dharemani and Mangalasutra

Internet source and several whatsapp sources



The two gold octagonal bodies are supposed to be equivalent to any symbols of married status if they are separated by another bead like an oblong coral among the Gawd Saraswat Brahmin(GSB) women. The GSB women wear the Mangalasutra when they appear in temples, festivals, GSB meetings or when visiting GSB homes for any ceremonial activity. Karimani or Dharemani is worn always particularly below the Vindhya range such as in Maharashtra and other southern states in India. Outside India also Karimani has more significance. These comprise the Dhare Mani a necklace tied around the bride by the bridegroom once the marriage is performed in front of well-wishers, friends and relatives. It is a symbol declaring that the bride is given to the bridegroom as his wife and to live together free of any interferences or objections by anyone in the community.

The Mangal Sutra and Karimani are symbols of married status. All Hindu women in the past wished to be protected from lewd men by various means. The suttungal silver or other metal rings around the second toe on each foot make sound and announce that a married woman is approaching. An ankle chain may also do the same thing. The Mangal Sutra and Karimani have changed shapes and forms over the years. If a married woman lives in India or visits India then it is enough if there are small round black beads all along the necklace (about 60 of them) and any kind of pendant.

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Update: September 1, 2020

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APPEAL FOR DONATION FOR COVID19 VICTIMS IN INDIA

Due to COVID 19 Pandemic many Konkani Families in India are suffering from severe financial difficulties. Several Charities in India have approached us for emergency financial help. We have already sent emergency grants to World Konkani center in Mangalore, Konkani Education Trust in Kumta, Tamahar in Bangalore, GSSS Charitable Trust in Bangalore, G S B Sabha , Mumbai, etc. Many more charities are anxiously waiting for emergency help. We have decided to help these Konkani Charities & families by appealing to generous people like you for EMERGENCY DONATIONS. When donating, please clearly mark your checks or at PayPal, if you want your donation to go to the new fund within KCF created for COVID 19 Victims or give it to the general fund helping 26 approved charities. We greatly appreciate your help during this difficult period in the lives of thousands of poorest of the Poor, in India

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Devu Baren Koro

KCF Board of Directors.