# **NEWSLETTER**

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#### FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK:

Dear Konkani Family,

KASC Diwali was on Sat. Nov. 5th, 2016 in Torrance. The write-up describing this occasion is in this newsletter. Thanks to Priya Gadiyar for writing it.

Our first get-together for this year is **KASC Shivaratri Bhajan** which will be held on **Saturday**, **Feb. 25th, 2017** in Los Angeles. Jaidev and Meena Rao have graciously offered their home to host the bhajan. Please RSVP via Evite by Sat. Feb. 18, 2017. It will be a potluck event. **Please come and enjoy the celebrations.** Hope to see you all there. Please contact any committee members, if you want to perform for the Yugaadi.

HAPPY, HEALTHY, AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR !

Yours truly,

Vivek Ullal

#### **CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES:**

#### Wedding Bells:

*Rohan*, son of Vinod and Radhika Hattiangadi of Tustin, California, got married to **Sucheta**, daughter of Vinay and Geeta Desai of Maine on **Fri. Nov. 25th 2016** in Anaheim. We congratulate the young couple and wish them a long and happy wedded life.

#### New Konkanis:

Siddarth and Kranti Shevgoor, 204 Cozumel, Laguna Beach, CA 92651 Tel. No. is (803) 413-8774

*P*ramod and Shruthi Bhat, 703 Oak Glen, Irvine, CA 92618 Tel. No. is (469) 449-8402

*G*autam R. Shenoy, 7010 Lanewood Ave., # 201, Los Angeles, CA 90028 Tel. No. is (310) 403-5417

*D*ileep and Akshata Arur, 11476 Creekstone Lane, San Diego, CA 92128 Tel No is (858) 668-7036

#### Moved out of SoCal:

**B**harat and Kalpana Kundaje of Buena Park, California, have moved to No. Calif. Their new address is 4415 Viejo Way, Union City, CA 94587. Their tel. no. is (714) 670-1127.

#### **Obituary:**

**Chandrakanta Kala** (Geeta Haldipur) of Trabuco Canyon, California (earlier of LagunaWoods), passed away peacefully on Oct. 31st, 2016. Our condolences to her two sons, Sanjay and Ketan Kala and a daughter, Raksha Dudhekar & their families. We extend our condolences to her family and friends, and pray to the Almighty to bless her soul with everlasting and blissful peace, and give strength to her family members to overcome this colossal loss.

# KASC DIWALI 2016

#### Priya Gadiyar, Irvine, CA

*T*he festival of lights, Diwali was celebrated with pomp and circumstance by KASC; with young and old all joining together to have a joyful evening with good music, good food and a lot of fun! The venue was Bombay Tandoor in Torrance on Sat. November 5th 2016 from 4:30 to 8:00 pm. The event like all KASC events was packed to the hilt with dance, drama and games that rest assured would leave the guests thoroughly entertained.

The event began with the offering of prayers to God and the aarti ceremony where all attendees performed the aarti to God. Following this, our emcee for the evening, Priya Gadiyar, welcomed everyone and new KASC members introduced themselves one by one. Evening snacks were served which included samosas, pakodas and coffee.

Following the intros and the snacks, the evening's entertainment started. The evening's entertainment began with a Indian classical dance performance by Aadhya Shenoy and followed by a short speech on Diwali by Om Shanbagh. The past president of KASC-Rajesh Prabhu surprised everyone everyone with a magic show along with his assistant and son, Atul Prabhu. A lot of Diwali themed games were played such as word puzzles, quick rangoli competition, guess the Diwali film songs and a Ramayan based kids quiz which all the kids aced! . The showstopper for the evening was an all kids drama called, "*KASC job fair*" written and directed by KASC's very own talented Vishwanath (Vishy) Bhat that had the audience in splits!. All the performances and games were greatly appreciated by the guests.

The KASC traditional Mithai competition was also held like every year and saw many yummy homemade Diwali sweets entries. The judges faced a tough decision but the prize was won by one of the guest attendees of the evening for her scrumptious Gajar ka Halva. Following all of this, the dance floor was thrown open to everyone and KASC members were given a chance to shake a leg to hits such as "*Baby Doll*", "*Laila Main Laila*" among others. The dancing helped us build an appetite for the delicious dinner that followed.

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# HAPPY SHIVARATRI!



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We came across this interesting information and thought of sharing with you all. It is written in Hindi. How our currency evolved through the generations.

### HISTORY OF OUR INDIAN CURRENCY

रूपये का इतिहास जरूर पढे. प्राचीन भारतीय मुद्रा प्रणाली अपने बचचौ को जरुर पढायै.

फूटी कौड़ी (Phootie Cowrie) से कौड़ी, कौड़ी से दमड़ी (Damri), दमड़ी से धेला (Dhela), धेला से पाई (Pie), पाई से पैसा (Paisa), पैसा से आना (Aana), आना से रुपया (Rupya) बना। 256 दमड़ी = 192 पाई = 128 धेला = 64 पैसा (old) = 16 आना = 1 रुपया 1) 3 फूटी कौड़ी - 1 कौड़ी

2) 10 कौड़ी - 1 दमड़ी
3) 2 दमड़ी - 1 धेला
4) 1.5 पाई - 1 धेला
5) 3 पाई - 1 पैसा (पुराना)
6) 4 पैसा - 1 आना
7) 16 आना - 1 रुपया

प्राचीन मुद्रा की इन्हीं इकाइयों ने हमारी बोल-चाल की भाषा को कई कहावतें दी हैं, जो पहले की तरह अब भी प्रचलित हैं। देखिए :

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●एक 'फूटी कौड़ी' भी नहीं दूंगा।
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- •'धेले' का काम नहीं करती हमारी बहू !
- ●चमड़ी जाये पर 'दमड़ी' न जाये।
- •'पाई-पाई' का हिसाब रखना।
- •सोलह 'आने' सच

Our children andf grand children must know the old history of small coins. Our one Rupee was consisting of 256 parts called DAMRI.



Coinage in India/Pakistan since Mughal times till soon after independence

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Damri

Pie





# Saturday February 25, 2017 5:30 PM

7301 West 87th Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90045

**RSVP on Evite by February 18**