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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK:

Dear Konkani Family,

KASC Shivaratri Bhajan was on Sat. Feb. 25th, 2017 in Los Angeles. The write-up describing this occasion is in this newsletter. Thanks to Karthik Gadiyar for writing it. Also thanks to Chetan Maskeri for forwarding the useful info. to us and I thought it is worthwhile to share it with our friends & the community. That is posted in this newsletter.

Our next get-together is **KASC Yugaadi** which will be held on **Sat. April 15th, 2017 in Artesia, California. The flyer is enclosed. Please RSVP via Evite as soon as possible and attend the function.** Hope to see you all there. Please contact any committee members, if you want to perform for the Yugaadi.

It is also the time our election for the new committee and to renew your yearly membership. **The yearly dues are \$25.00 per family and \$15.00 for singles** and checks are payable to **KASC. We welcome more members to contribute material for the newsletter.** Please send us any updates/corrections and information about new Konkanis in Southern California.

HAPPY YUGAADI TO YOU ALL!

Yours truly,



Vivek Ullal

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES:

New Addition:

Amit and Suchita Nadgar of Rancho Santa Margarita, California, are happy to announce the arrival of their daughter, **Roohi** on **Feb. 22, 2017**. A little sister to Roshni. The proud maternal grandparents are Wg. Cdr. Suresh Rao (Retd.) and Saguna Rao of Pune and the Paternal grandparents are Uday and Dr. Suniti Nadgar of Pune also.

Moved out of SoCal:

Sapan and Devika Shenoy of Monrovia, California, have moved to No. Calif. Their new address is 400 Davey Glen Road, # 4626, Belmont, CA 94002. Their tel. no. is (626) 533-7971.

KASC SHIVRATRI BHAJAN 2017

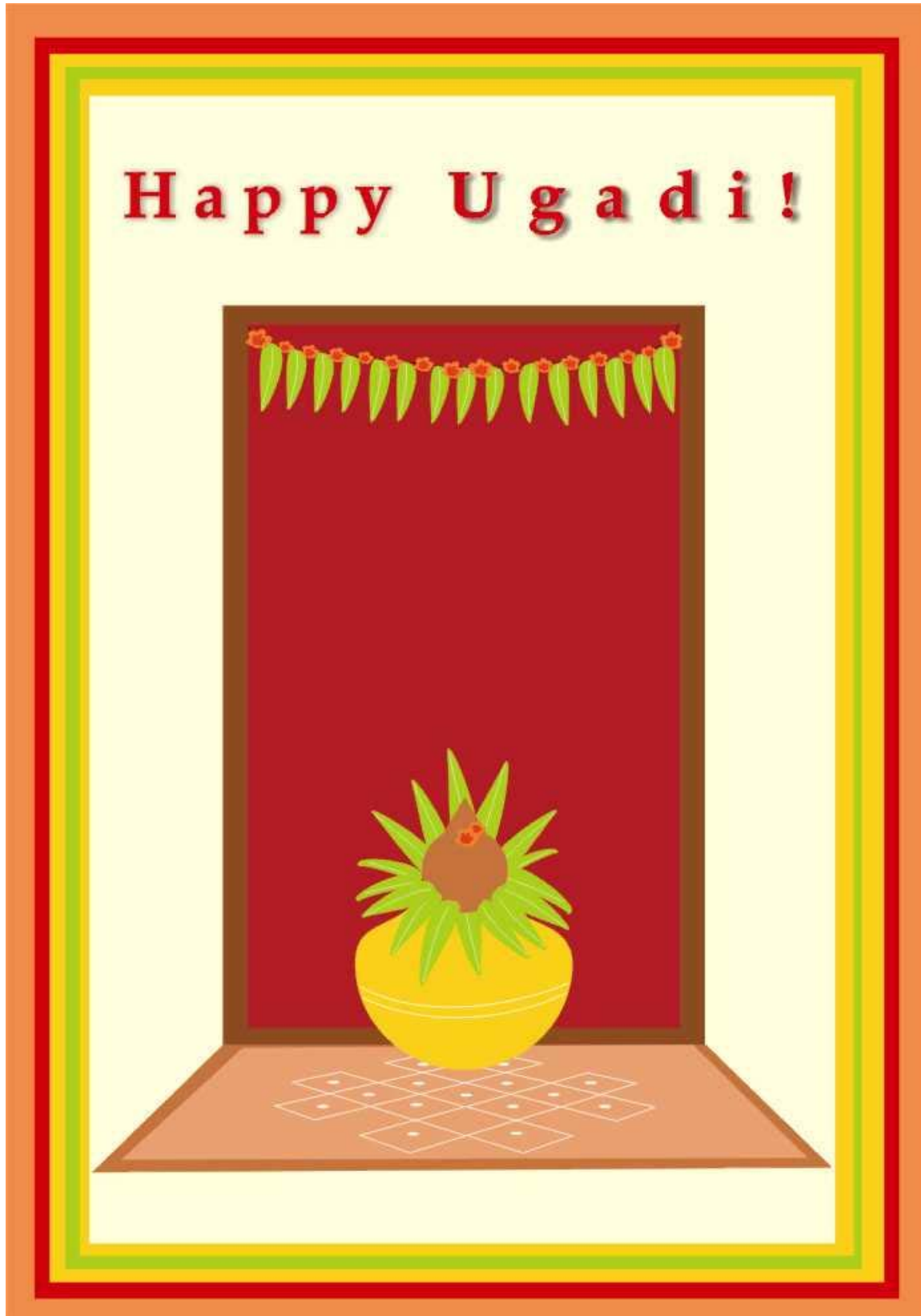
By: Karthik Gadiyar, Irvine, CA

The annual Shivaratri bhajan was held at the residence of Meena and Jaidev Rao on Feb. 25th 2017 in Los Angeles. The function was well attended by over 50 individuals. The program was preceded by snacks and drinks. The program started with recitation of Lingashtak led by Meena Rao. Jaidev Rao led everyone through a prayer for the soul of Srinivas Kuchibotla who was unfortunately and tragically gunned down in Kansas.

This was followed by individual and group bhajans. The singers were of all ages. The presence of instrumental accompaniment of harmonium and tabla and good sound system enhanced the music. The bhajan was followed by arati, and then potluck dinner. Everyone felt enlightened with the therapeutic effects of devotional music. Both adults and children had a great time.

Special thanks to Raos for letting us have their home as a venue for the bhajan, the committee members for setup and arrangements, volunteers for cooking, setup and cleaning after the function, the many talented singers, the instrumentalists, and the audience that made the function well attended and worthwhile.

This card is designed and contributed by Shantala Kaisare. Thanks to her.



This is an announcement we received regarding NRI Shibir in August 2017. Please register soon if you are interested in attending it.

Dear all,

This is to ensure better planning of the Chaturmas programs and the schedule for the shibir.

We would like to know the details of any response to our Shibir in August, and earnestly request all interested participants not to wait for the last registration date.

There has been a revision of the last date for registration for the NRI Shibir, and it now stands at 30th April 2017.

Here is the Registration Procedure:

1. Participants will register using the Google form below along with payment of a registration fee of US\$ 25 per person, which will be non-refundable in case of cancellation.

Please also state if you are a first time participant.

Google Registration form to be filled in by prospective shibirarthis:

Form Link: <https://goo.gl/forms/gxxt69a84pNPmgKt1>

2. Registration Fee Payment:

[Prospective Shibirarthis from the US, please send the registration fee to:](#)

Chitrapur Heritage Foundation

Mr. Santosh Gunavante (Treasurer)

P.O. Box 1253, Longhorne, PA 19047. USA

[Prospective Shibirarthis from Canada - have two options:](#)

Option 1: Please send the registration fee to:

Chitrapur Heritage Foundation,

Mr. Santosh Gunavante (Treasurer)

P.O. Box 1253, Longhorne, PA 19047. USA

Option 2: For payment directly to the Math, the bank details for remittance of the registration fee of US \$25/- are:

1. Name of the Account : **Shri Chitrapur Math**
2. FCRA Designated Account Number : **119501010008418**
3. Vijaya Bank, Shirali Branch SWIFT Code : **VIJBINBBAMLR**

Best regards,
Mangesh Hoskote

SOME GOOD POINTS TO PONDER IN OUR DAILY LIFE:

1. LONG - TERM PARKING:

Some people left their car in the long-term parking while away, and someone broke into the car. Using the information on the car's registration in the glove compartment, they drove the car to the people's home and robbed it. So I guess if we are going to leave the car in long-term parking, we should NOT leave the registration/insurance cards in it, nor your remote garage door opener. This gives us something to think about with all our new electronic technology.

This has happened to one of our friends.

2. GPS:

Someone had their car broken into while they were at a football game. Their car was parked on the green which was adjacent to the football stadium and specially allotted to football fans. Things stolen from the car included a garage door remote control, some money and a GPS which had been prominently mounted on the dashboard. When the victims got home, they found that their house had been ransacked and just about everything worth anything had been stolen. The thieves had used the GPS to guide them to the house. They then used the garage remote control to open the garage door and gain entry to the house. The thieves knew the owners were at the football game, they knew what time the game was scheduled to finish and so they knew how much time they had to clean out the house. It would appear that they had brought a truck to empty the house of its contents. Something to consider if you have a GPS - don't put your home address in it. Put a nearby address (like a store or gas station) so you can still find your way home if you need to, but no one else would know where you live if your GPS were stolen.

3. CELL PHONES:

This lady has now changed her habit of how she lists her names on her cell phone after her handbag was stolen. Her handbag, which contained her cell phone, credit card, wallet, etc., was stolen. Twenty minutes later when she called her hubby, from a pay phone telling him what had happened, hubby says, "I received your text asking about our Pin number and I've replied a little while ago." When they rushed down to the bank, the bank staff told them all the money was already withdrawn. The thief had actually used the stolen cell phone to text "hubby" in the contact list and got hold of the pin number. Within 20 minutes he had withdrawn all the money from their bank account.

Moral lesson:

- a. Do not disclose the relationship between you and the people in your contact list. Avoid using names like Home, Honey, Hubby, Sweetheart, Dad, Mom, etc.
- b. And very importantly, when sensitive info is being asked through texts, confirm by calling back.

c. Also, when you're being texted by friends or family to meet them somewhere, be sure to call back to confirm that the message came from them. If you don't reach them, be very careful about going places to meet "family and friends" who text you.

4. PURSE IN THE GROCERY CART SCAM:

A lady went grocery-shopping at a local mall and left her purse sitting in the children's seat of the cart while she reached something off a shelf. Wait till you read the whole story! Her wallet was stolen, and she reported it to the store personnel. After returning home, she received a phone call from the Mall Security to say that they had her wallet and that although there was no money in it, it did still hold her personal papers. She immediately went to pick up her wallet, only to be told by Mall Security that they had not called her. By the time she returned home again, her house had been broken into and burglarized. The thieves knew that by calling and saying they were Mall Security, they could lure her out of her house long enough for them to burglarize it.

Kase Yugadi Celebration

Saturday, April 15, 5 pm

Tara's Himalayan Cuisine
17221 Pioneer Blvd, Artesia

\$20 for adults, \$10 for children

Please RSVP via Evite by April 8