

# NEWSLETTER



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## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK:

Dear Konkani Family,

Thanks to all the KASC members who joined the May, 22nd 2021 annual Yugadi function virtually via Zoom. It was great to see the members on zoom and exchange information. The event was filled with various fun items like recorded videos and also live performances from the members. All in all it turned out to be a wonderful evening with great appreciation and encouragement from all the members who joined the event.

Due to the ongoing pandemic we had to hold the events virtually for the last one year. Hopefully we can all meet in person in our next event. We will keep you posted.

\* For membership dues, please contact our Treasurers Latha and Bhrath Prabhu.

Yours truly,

*Vani Baliga*  
*Priya Gadiyar*

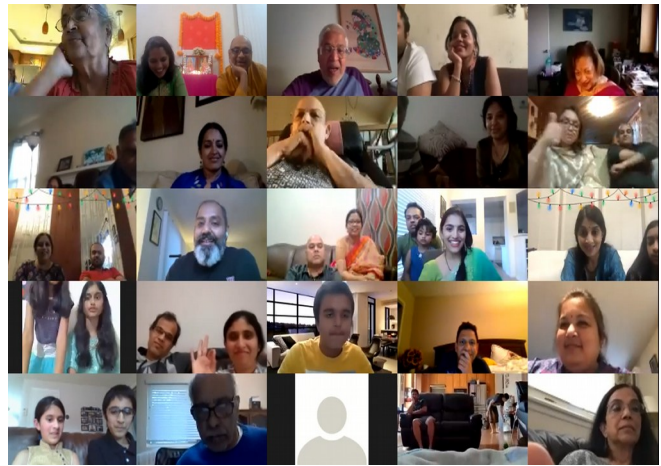
## **KASC Yugadi Function 2021**

Article By: *Priya Gadiyar*



Ugadi marks the first of the yearly gatherings that we have at KASC. Even though we are inching our way out of the pandemic situation, we decided to play cautious and hosted this beloved new year festival virtually. Given the tremendous response we had at our Virtual Diwali, we were sure that the virtual Ugadi would be a success too, which turned out to be true!

The evening commenced at 5 PM sharp on the sunny evening of May 22<sup>nd</sup>. The KASC zoom portal filled up with the lively chatter of the SO CAL Konkani community members exchanging pleasantries.



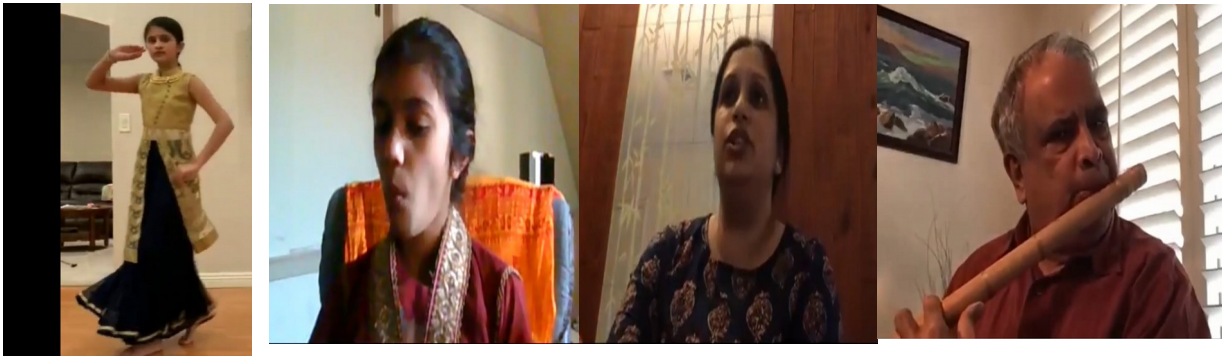
Like every KASC program, the event took off with an invocation to the almighty. KASC veterans Meena and Jaydev Rao performed a Puja at their home which was followed by a lovely Ganesh bhajan sung by all the participating kids.





The junior KASC committee members- Veda, Varsha and Daksh alerted us to important events and news relating to KASC in true journalistic fashion.

Baby Sia Prabhu kicked off the entertainment section of the evening with a creative sequel to the beloved Konkani story of the clever and brave Gurbanji akka. We hope Sia's stories become a staple at all upcoming events!



Tanusha Shanbagh delighted us with her graceful Kathak performance. We have no dearth of talent at KASC, and one such unusual talent was showcased by Chinmayee Nayak who amused us with her ability to whistle entire songs both classical and otherwise.

We were also enthralled by a dance medley of Bollywood through the ages performed, choreographed, and impeccably styled by the Baliga sisters- Veda and Varsha.



In true virtual programming style, all the kids and the men of KASC entertained us with "group" dance performances recorded individually at home. The evening's program also included a variety of comedy acts.

Rajesh Prabhu had us roaring in laughter with his pandemic themed jokes and Venu Baliga reminded us how our own mother tongue has its funny witticisms. Not to be forgotten were the musical performances of the evening- Vivek Ullal on the flute and Karaoke by Jayu Bhat and Veda Baliga.





The big event of the evening was the Konkani drama ‘Kalche Ayche Vardik’ written and directed by Venu Baliga. The skit, enacted by the talented members of KASC showcased the Soirika aspect of our Konkani weddings and how it has changed with the times. The drama was well received and applauded by the audience.

The evening winded down with a beautiful Bharathnatyam performance by Diya Agrahar.



We bid farewell to all the attendees with promises of meeting in person for the next event, maybe over the summer!

**Editor's Note:**

Thanks to all KASC Committee members for organizing the Yugadi 2021 event on zoom and KASC members for participating in the event. Special thanks goes to all the members who performed by sending their recorded videos or performed live at the event.

You may watch the recorded program on Youtube using this link:  
[KASC Yugadi 2021 \( https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XuE8L4gLwTg \)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XuE8L4gLwTg)

**Konkani Sammelan :**

Konkani Sammelan will now be held in 2022 in San Jose, California. It will be at the San Jose McEnergy Convention Center in San Jose, CA from July 2<sup>nd</sup> to July 4<sup>th</sup>. Further details are awaited.

For more information please follow this link: [konkanisammelan.org](http://konkanisammelan.org)

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