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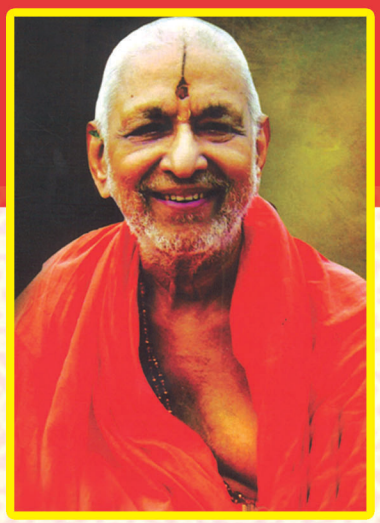
NATURE & CALAMITIES

SHRI PASHUPATINATH IN KATHMANDU, NEPAL

21st JUNE, INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY

The Longest Day on the Earth, the 21st June, this year saw a turning point in the long journey of Yoga in India making people world over to adopt Yoga as a medium for better living. The Architect of this is none other than Hon.Prime Minister of India, Hon. Narendra Modi who led the biggest group of 35,000 Yoga participants in Rajpath, New Delhi which He later called as Yoga Path. Here are three snaps: 1. The vast crowd participating like one person. 2. Hon.P.M. Shri Modi at the centre-stage 3. Yoga in progress



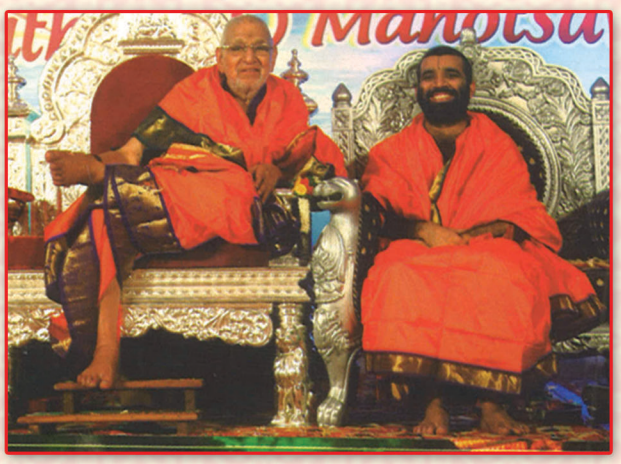
Our salutations on the occasion of NAVATI PROGRAMME (90th Birthday) OF H.H.SHRIMAT SUDHINDRA TIRTH SWAMIJI

Mathadhipati, Shri Kashi Math

"Even if the water of Seven Oceans turns to be Ink,
The Earth as Paper and the trees on it as Pens,
The Gurus Great Qualities still remain inadequately Described."
-Sant Kabir

The Memorable Navati Celebrations (90th Birthday) from 1.4.2015 to 6.4.2015 of H.H.SHRIMAT SUDHINDRA TIRTH SWAMIJI, Mathadhipati, Shri Kashi Math (20th Swamiji in the pontifical lineage) went off very well with more than 3,000 followers, seekers and devotees from all over the country gathering in Haridwar to offer their pranams and seek benedictions of one of the greatest living Saint and Sage of our times.

Shri Vyasashram at Haridwar was the venue and the celebrations were from Wednesday the 1st April, 2015 to Monday the 6th April, 2015. The Seva Samarpan was by GSB Seva Mandal, Mumbai. The Mahotsav was marked by Maha Vishnu Havan, Raksha Traya Havan and Gayatri Havan and on the 6th April, 2015 (the Birth day of Shri Swamiji accordindg to the Lunar Calendar-Swati Star) there was a Dharmik Mahasabha in which both Shrimat Sudhindra Tirth Swamiji and Patta Shishya Shrimat Samyameendra Tirth Swamiji through their benedictory address blessed the Samaj. Earlier there was a grand Digvijaya Procession, non-stop Bhajana Sankirtan and the release of a Coffee Table Book containing 800 photographs of Shri Swamiji from the childhood till now. Indian Railways ran Yatri Special Train to and fro Mangalore to Haridwar and Mumbai to Haridwar. Hon.Shri Suresh Prabhu, the Hon.Railway Minister was present during the Mahasabha.



Illuminated Gopuram of Shri Vyasashram Haridwar depicting spiritual wisdom of the great Shri Vyasa

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Mythologicallya Mother Earth is regarded as Shri Bhoodevi, one of the two consorts of Lord Vishnu, (the other one Shri Devi, Laxmi) who sustains life on this Earth by supplying everything that we need. Sometimes she gets violently angry for the reasons we don't know yet and her wrath is expressed in the form of earth-quakes, hail-storms, torrential rains and floods, volcanoes, Tsunami and landslides causing heavy damage to life and properties. In insurance there is one phrase called "Acts of God" which means "All this is the decree of God," to mean "Fate". But amidst these disasters there are/were some exceptions and we are unable to explain why they were so especially the undernoted instances:

1. The Earthquake on 25th April, 2015 of the magnitude of 7.9 in Richter Scale that took a very heavy toll in Kathmandu, Nepal did not spare any thing. But to every-body's amazement, to Shri Pashupati Nath Temple, the Temple of the presiding deity of Nepal no harm was caused. In the words of the Temple Authorities, even if someone wants to examine with a magnifying class not a single crack can be seen in the walls of the temple or the roof. According to the historical accounts the temple was constructed in the 4th Century A.D.

2. In the month of November 2013 in Kedarnath in the Himalayas there were unprecedented rains resulting in flash floods causing widespread destruction which affected hundreds of pilgrims. It was felt that the Shrine of Shri Kedarnath, was completely washed away. But the recent reports in the media have declared that the shrine is in tact as a big rock from the mountains came rolling down and stood on the way of floods giving full protection to the temple! This shrine was stated to have been built by Pandavas during the Mahabharata times and subsequently renovated by the Great Guru, Shri Adi Shankaracharya.

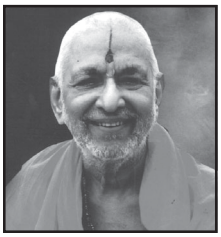
3. On 26th Jan., 2001 there was an earth-quake of severe intensity in the Bhuj Region of Gujarat and the effect of this was felt even in Ahmedabad City some 500 Kms away. Dwaraka, the pilgrimage centre of Lord Krishna, though much closer to Bhuj was spared!

4. There is one more mythological event relating to Shri Krishna's Dwaraka. At the end of the incarnation of Shri Krishna the whole island town of Dwaraka sank in
the sea but the Sea-God was careful in sparing the Palace where Lord Krishna had dwelt. It is stated that the present Temple of Dwaraka stands on the very same blessed place.

5. On 26th Dec., 2004, for the first time many of us came across a new word Tsunami to denote powerful tempest that made the seas and oceans cause very high billows to bring about damage to life and properties in the sea-shore wherever it moved. The current of the sea went everywhere but very surprisingly it left Shri Rameshwaram, the holyplace of Shri Ramayana fame, untouched!

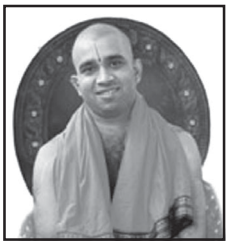
6. Years ago the River Yamuna was in spate and the entire Mathura Township, where Lord Krishna was born, was under flood water. But as reported by the Press those days, no flood water came near the temple, the exact spot where Lord Krishna was born!

CHATURMAS VRATA OF SARASWAT GURUPEETHAS

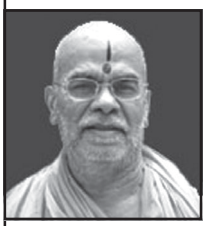


H.H.Shrimat Sudhindra Tirth Swamiji of Shri Kashi Math Chaturmas Camp 18-7-2015 to 23-11-2015 from 4th Aug., 2015 to 28th Sept., 2015 at Shri Vyasashram, Harpur Marg, Haridwar-249410 Phone No.01334-260110

H.H.Shrimat Samyameendra Tirth Swamiji, Pattashishya of H.H.Shri Kashi Math Swamiji from 4th Aug., 2015 to 28th Sept, 2015 at Shri PattabhiramachandraTemple in KOTA (Udupi Taluk) (Karnataka) Ph No. : 0824 - 262787



H.H.Shrimat Vidyadhiraj Tirth Swamiji of Shri Gokarn Math, From 4th Aug., to 28th Sept., 2015 at Shri Laxminarayan Mandir (Branch of Shri Gokarna Math) K 22/29 Pancha Ganga Ghat, VARANASI—221001 (Uttar Pradesh)



H.H.Shrimat Sadyojat Shankarashram Swamiji, Chitrapur Math from 31st July 2015 to 28th Sept., 2015 at Shri Guru Math, MALLAPUR, Via Kumta, Taluka Honavar Uttara Kannada, (Karnataka) Pin: 581323 Phone No.08387-287429

H.H.Shrimat Shivanand Saraswati Swamiji of Shri Kavle Math (Details in our next issue)

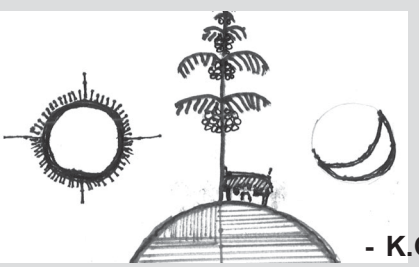
Causes of Earth Quake

Shesha Naag carrying the Earth - An old picture.

According to the belief of our forefathers this Earth is flat but circular in shape and that is why it is called the "Dharani Mandala" and is carried by Eight Great Elephants, standing in eight directions (Ashta Diggajas) and they stand on the back of a huge tortoise called, "Kamatha" which is constantly moving in endless waters. Whenever the Elephants feel tired of carrying the load, they tremble and in turn their load, this Earth.

The second version which is more popular is that Sheshanaag, the thousand-hooded serpent on which Lord Vishnu rests, is carrying this Great Earth of ours. As and when he is tired he will shake a bit to relax and that in turn makes the Earth tremble.(Please refer the picture above)

The third version is, our Earth whenever overburdened with the sins committed by human beings tries to reduce the burden by shaking itself causing an earth-quake that would result in colossal loss of life and properties. We feel the third version needs to viewed carefully and seriously by all of us-the Earthlings.



- K.G.Mallya

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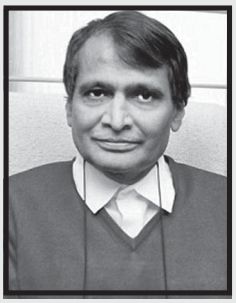

Hon.Shri Suresh Prabhu, Hon. Railway Minister who, for the first time gave the country the concept of **Customer** instead of **Passenger** of Indian Railways, has sent an E- Mail on 14TH June, 2015, reading as follows:

"After visiting almost 20 states to interact with customers, passengers, employees, media, industry and trade organisations, state govts, chief ministers,NGOs, etc and commissioning and launching new projects of thousands of crores to benefit our customers I can say with pride that we are moving in the direction of implementing our budget in the right earnest.

We also observed a Rail Yatri fortnight which was an unprecedented success.

I will be in Turkey as our Hon. Prime Minister's Sherpa for G 20 meet from tomorrow."

Hearty Congratulations to Shri K.V.Kamath,

First President of BRICS Bank (International Development Bank sponsored by India & Four other Nations)

We are happy to inform our Members and Readers that Shri K.V.Kamath (67) former Chairman of ICICI Bank and INFOSYS has been appointed as the First President of the newly formed BRICS BANK by five countries Brazil, Russia, India, China & South Africa and will be stationed in China where the Headquarters of the Bank will be located. The tenure will be for five years. This is a development bank catering to the needs of Member countries for their growth and development. We congratulate Shri Kamath, the doyen among the Development Bankers and wish him a grand success in service of developing countries.

We recall with happiness that way back in 2002 we had conferred on him our most prestigious Award of **SARASWAT RATNA** in recognition of his contribution to the arena of Banking and Finance.

*We have also received a report that Vishwa Konkani Kendra Shakti Nagar Mangalore (Founder President: Shri Basti Vaman Shenoy) has honoured him in a unique way by unveiling his portrait in their **Hall of Fame**.*

- Dr Ajit Gunjikar, President AISCO & AISF

BRAHMOPADESHAM

Chi.Mayank, eldest son of Smt.Mridula & Shri Manohar M.Nayak & Grandson of Smt.Maya and Shri Ranjal Manjunath Nayak was given the Brahmopadesha on Sunday the 29th March, 2015, in CBOO Centre Kodialbail, Mangalore-575003 in a well attended programme.

Our Blessings and Bestwishes to the Vatu, Chi Mayank for everything good in life — *Editor*

SHRI VITHOBHA BHAJANA MANDALI, HALEANGADI, D.K. Dist.
INAUGURATION OF OWN BUILDING & INSTALLATION (PRATISHTHA) CEREMONY

Although the Mandali is in existence for about eighty years they did not own any premises and were conducting periodical Bhajana Seva and other religious activities in some of the residences of Members. The need for own premises was felt a few years ago and they joined together and erected their own multi-purpose hall with a shrine dedicated to Lord Vittal and Rakhumayi whom they are worshipping for decades. The inauguration with the installation of deities took place in the forenoon on Sunday the 7th June, 2015. Before the installation there was a grand procession of the devotees with the deities to be installed and also with the offerings of flowers and fruits. There were usual 'havans' connected with the installation. The religious programmes were officiated by Vedamurti Shri Laxminarayan Bhat, one of the Senior Archaks from Mulki. In the afternoon there was a Dharmic Mahasabha presided over by Shri Mundkur Ramdas Kamath, Abu Dhabi. Writer and author, Shri Vasant Nayak Palimarkar, Darshan Patri of Shri Mulki Temple was the main speaker. The programme was well attended by the residents of Haleangadi and also the devotees from neighbouring towns.

SHRI RAMA MANDIR, KINNIGOLI CELEBRATES 'NAVATI' PROGRAMME OF H.H.SHRIMAT SUDHINDRA TIRTH SWAMIJI OF SHRI KASHI MATH

In expression of solidarity and oneness with the main programme in Haridwar, Shri Rama Mandir Kinnigoli celebrated the "Navati"Mahotsav on Monday the 6thApril, 2015 in the Mandir, by offering a special pushpalankar pooja seva to Lord Rama and other deities and also by singing bhajans containing glories of Shri Hari and Shri Guru and their greatness.

Special prayers were offered collectively for the longevity, health and happiness of Shri Swamiji to guide the Samaj for many more years. In his address, Shri S.Achyuta Mallya President of the Mandir, gratefully recalled the events leading to the blessings, guidance and inspiration from Shri Swamiji that have brought in the all round progress of Kinnigoli Township as a whole in general and Shri Rama Mandir in particular.

Summer Camp conducted by Matra Mandali of GSB Association, Kinnigoli

This Year's Summer Camp was held from Wednesday the 1st April to 8th April, 2015. There were 40 participants. Shri R.V.Shenoy, born and brought up in Kinnigoli but now an NRI in US inaugurated the Camp. For Valedictory Shri Radhakrishna Nayak, Social Worker was the Chief Guest, (Matra Mandali President: Smt.Bharati S.Shenoy and Co-ordinator for the Programme: Smt. Ranjani Rao. Dr.Sonda Bhaskar Bhat, Kateel and other speakers gave good inputs to the participants. (See page 14 also)

Participating Students

Shri R.V.Shenoy

PROF. DR. KASTURI MOHAN PAI APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF KONKANI TEXT BOOK REVISION COMMITTEE

We are happy to bring to the kind notice of our Members and Readers that the Karnataka Government Text Book Authority under the department of Education has appointed Prof. Dr. Kasturi Mohan Pai of Mangalore as the Chairman of Konkani Text Book Revision committee. The Government has permitted to teach Konkani as the third language in the three coastal districts of Karnataka since 2008. There are about 400 students studying Konkani in Devnagari script and equal number in Kannada script in various schools of these districts. Both groups have already passed the SSLC board examinations. Dr Pai has already had Meetings with the concerned authority and the Minister for Primary education Mr. Kimmane Ratnakar. The text books of 6,7,8,9 and 10th standard are now revised under Dr. Pai's chairmanship and are being submitted for printing for the next academia year.

He has also urged the Konkani speaking people in other States like Kerala and Maharashtra to appeal to their Governments to secure permission to teach Konkani in schools as their Constitutional Right

We congratulate Dr.Pai for his rich contribution to Konkani Language finding more than adequate time in his busy schedule of Teaching and Practising as the Medical Doctor.

CHATURMAS OF THE YEAR 2015 OF SHRI GOKARN MATH SWAMIJI IN VARANASI MATH ON PANCHAGANGA GHAT, VARANASI.

We have received the invitation of Chaturmas and we are greatly fascinated by the picture that takes us back 540 years in the stream of time. The introduction in the invitation reads:

"It Is an occasion of immense pleasure and pride that our revered Guru.Shrimad Vidyadhiraj Tirth Shreepad Vader Swamiji will be observing the 541st Chaturmas in the Math Parampara at the oldest and. 1st Math of the. Samsthan at Panchganga Ghat, Varanasi.

"This Math was established in 1397 Shaka i. e 1475 A.D at Varanasi by the 1st Guru Shrimad Narayan Tirth Swamiji and He observed the Chaturmas in then Manmath Nam Sanvatsar. After 540 years in 2015. It is again Manmath Nam Sanvatsar and the current presiding Guru Shrimad Vidyadhiraj Vader Swamiji is observing the Chaturmas at Varanasi to commemorate the event in a befitting way after 9 cycles of 60 Sanvatsaras.

And the picture has a superimposition that reads as "Pictorial Depiction of the Story of historic importance where H.H.Shrimad Narayan Tirth Swamiji, the 1st Guru of Shree Samsthan Gokarn Partagali Jeevottam Math won and earned the land and Math Building at Panchaganga Ghat, Varanasi."

(Note: Pic is a hazy. One continued on Page 13.)

THE GOUD SARASWAT BRAHMAN SCHOLARSHIP LEAGUE

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31st July, 2015	***for School Studies (Vth Std & Above)***
31st August, 2015	***for PUC / Junior Colleges***
30th Sept. 2015	***for B.A. / B.Com / B.Sc/ B.Pharma/B.C.A/B.B.M etc.***
31st Oct 2015	***for B.E. / M.B.B.S.***

(Applications for post graduate studies will not be entertained)

No incomplete applications will be entertained. Applications received after the last date will be rejected. Every column has to be filled up. If not, explanation in a separate note to be attached to the application form. Send only photocopy of mark list. Do not attach any other documents / certificates / salary certificate / character certificate etc. Pincode in your Postal Address is a must.

The League also grants LOAN Scholarship for studies outside India to a few students on selective basis. Full information may be obtained from the League's office by making specific request.

● **Smt Gita R. Pai**
Trustee

GSBS MEDICAL TRUST, Dadar, MUMBAI

The Medical Trust organized a Free Camp on 27th March, 15 for the benefit of the ladies living in and around their Dharavi Centre in the slum area. It had an unprecedented response and so the Camp had to be extended by 3 hours. It was heartening that the ladies have realized the importance of good health and even for the younger women it was a good awareness program. The FREE camp covered Gynecological Checkup, Cervical Cancer Test, PAP Smear, Blood Pressure Checkup, Blood Sugar Test, BMD, ECG and also Dental Checkup.

Young ladies were given the awareness on breast cancer. For many, oral health was something new. Many were enthusiastic to know in detail about diabetes and blood pressure. Dr. P.A. Prabhu and Dr. Maya Kalelkar enlightened on these topics Dr Priyadarshini Joshi, the gynecologist answered all the questions which was appreciated by all. It was like a one to one question and answer session. Dr Kumud Mehta, had sponsored the entire program. (Report & Photo by Mrs.Gita R.Pai, Trustee of the Medical Trust)

- Report by Gita R. Pai

TRAGIC STORY OF SISTER ARUNA SHANBHAG

Our Members and Readers must have already been aware that Aruna Shanbhag, a nurse in the King Edward Memorial Hospital (KEM Hospital) Mumbai, in coma for the past 42 years has finally breathed her last on Monday the 18th June, 2015. She hailed from a Saraswat Family from Honavar, Uttara Kannada District of Karnataka and got the job as a nurse in the Hospital. She was pretty, smart and duty conscious and her engaement for the marriage had taken place. Sad to say while on duty she was brutally assaulted by an attendant of the hospital as a result of which she fell down on the floor unconscious only to be bound by the attendant by a chain used for dogs. She remained in that state till she was found by others. She was rushed for emrgency treatment in the same hospital. But nothing could help her to recover from the swoon. The culprit was caught and he was behind the bars for 7 years who had admitted that he had assaulted her as she had refused to grant him leave and here in the Hospital they took great care of her. Days, months and years rolled by and the hospital people without any grouse took very good care of her till the last moment. But as the fate would have it, she was in coma for 42 long years from which she did not come out at all to narrate her part of the tragic story. Her demise shook the hearts of all citizens of Mumbai cutting across the barriers of caste, creed and community and they lined up to the hospital to have the last glimpse of her. His Execellency Shri Vidya Sagar Rao, Governor of Maharashtra and Hon.Shri Go vinda Phadnis, Chief Minister also expressed their symphathies and at the same time appreciated the Hospital authorities for taking good care of Aruna Shanbhag all these years.

Going by her tragic tale, we feel she was destined to have this perennial suffering but at the same time to receive heartfelt symphathies abundantly from all quarters.

While we pray for Sister Aruna's soul, we also wholeheatedly appreciate the selfless and sincere service by Hospital Staff, Doctors and Administration (Dean Dr.Avinash Supe) for attending her tirelessly for 24 hours a day and 365 days a year for 42 long years knowing fully well that she will never come back from the twilight zone.

WORLD KONKANI CENTRE CALLS APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIP

Vishwa Konkani Student Scholarship Fund set up by World Konkani Centre, Mangalore, Invites applications for Merit-Cum-Means Scholarships-2015 from Konkani Speaking students of any caste and religion, seeking professional education in the stream of Engineering and MBBS. Eligibility Criteria are as follows:

1. Candidates with Konkani as mother tongue can apply for this scholarship regardless of caste and religion. Mother tongue certificate needs to be provided while applying.
2. Candidates who are seeking admission to the FIRST Year of the Engineering or MBBS course in 2015.
3. Candidates who have scored above 70% in SSLC and in the core subjects in PUC and also secured a Ranking of 20,000 and below in the Common Entrance Test (CET).
4. Candidates whose total Family Income is less than Rs. 4.50 Lakhs per annum. The references from **Family Doctor** and a **Chartered Accountant** should be provided while applying.
5. Scholars should be willing to sponsor 2 students after completion of studies and after securing employment and should contribute 20 days in the year 2015-16 for community service.

Most deserving candidates will be selected on the basis of verifications by independent panelists and each one of the selected candidates will be awarded scholarships amounting Rs. 30,000 and Rs. 40,000 for the Engineering and MBBS aspirants respectively.

Those who fulfil above criteria can apply **Online** for the Scholarships 2015 through an online application module set up by world Konkani Centre on website:**www.vishwakonkani.org**. Application module will be opened from 10th June 2015. Application Module will be active only till the last date for application 10th July, 2015. Applications received on hardcopy will not be processed for the Vishwa Konkani Student Scholarships 2015. Candidates can login to the website for detailed instructions on preparation for the application process and terms and conditions of the Scholarship Scheme. *(Reproduced from the Press Note released by Shri Ramdas Kamath U. President of Vishwa Konkani Student Scholarship Fund vide Circular dated 10th June, 2015 received from the World Konkani Centre, President: Shri Basti Vaman Shenoy.)*

Book Received

Diamond Jubilee Souvenir-2015 of GSB Staff Association, Cheralai, Kochi-2 (Kerala)

We have before us the above colourful book which can be safely termed as a Collector' Item. The volume contains colourful photos and valuable information by way of articles in Konkani, Malayalam and English. The Association was started 60 years ago basically meant for Bank Staff working in Banks, and the objective is to serve the community by welfare measures and also serving their deity, Shri Venkatachalapati of Kochi and hri Kashi Math Swamijis by offering sevas—'poojas' 'samaradhan' etc. The Association has more than 500 Members. (President Shri V.Sundaresh Prabhu, Secretary Shri S.Devanand Kamath, Treasurer Shri S.N.Suresh and Chairman Souvenir Committee Shri N.U.Pai, ***Our Hearty Congratulations and Best Wishes to the Association during their Diamond Jubilee Year and also beyond!***

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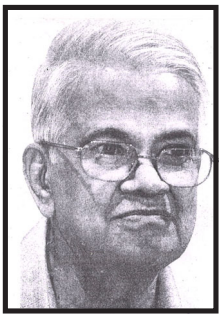

Late Shri M.V.Kamath

7.9.1921 to 9.10.2014

Journalist, Author and Broad-casting Executive Late Shri M.V.Kamath (Madhava Vittal Kamath) was born on 7.9.1921 in Udupi and had his Science Degree in Physics and Chemistry in 1941 and started his career as a Chemist and Analyst and rose to the position of a factory manager. But the flair for writing took him to Free Press Journal and thereafter to Times of India and he had worked as the Editor of Sunday Times for two years 1967-1969. Thereafter he became the Correspondent of the Times of India in Washington U.S.

Then he returned to India and became the Editor of Illustrated Weekly (of the Times of India). During his tenure as the Editor, he brought out a feature on Saraswats with the cover page photo of Leena Chandavarkar, the famous cine artiste, then. As a great admirer of the Pais of Manipal and their achievements, he settled down in Manipal (close to Udupi) holding the position of Hon. Director of Manipal Institute of Communication. His recent work is the popular biography called **Modi the Man of the Moment.**

He was the Chairman of Prasar Bharati and in 2004 he was decorated with Padma Bhushan Award.Year after year he was getting awards from various organisations. AISCO takes pride in informing our Members and Readers that in the presence of all the Saraswat Swamijis he was honoured by us during Vishwa Saraswat Sammelan in Mangalore in the year 1999.

Along with the Indian Literary World, we in AISCO & AISF will also remember Kamathmam and his achievements for a long time to come. We pray for the Soul of this great celebrity of our times. (Date of Demise: 9.10.2014)

Shri Kulyadi Venkatraya Pai
12.06.1931 to 15.05.2015

With profound grief we beg to report the sad demise of Shri Venkatraya Pai at the age of 84(He was unwell for the past some time) He was a popular General Merchant of Mulki. Hailing from the famous Kulyadi Pais family (Kulyadi is a name of a village) he was pious, soft-spoken and generous. Being an ardent devotee of Lord Shri Venkataramana and Lord Shri Narasimha of Shri Mulki Temple he was participating wholeheartedly in all the activities of the Temple. Father of five children three daughters and two sons(his wife had left for her heavenly abode a couple of years ago) he has left behind, besides the family members and relatives, a large number of friends, admirers and wellwishers. His two sons Shri Kulyadi Narasimha Pai (AISCO Member) and Shri Kulyadi Uday Pai have already become popular in social and community service having been inspired by their father. ***Our heartfelt condolences to all the Members of the Bereaved Family and Prayers for the Departed Soul.***

SHRIMAD BHAGAWATA SATSANGA SAMITI, MULUND, MUMBAI

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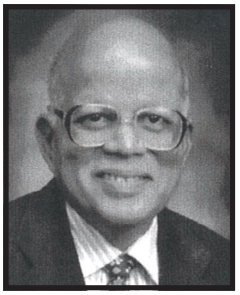
The Samiti President, Shri Vishnu Nayak, informs us that they have arranged SHREE SHRINIVASA KALYANA MAHOTSAVA from 3rd to 5th July, 2015 at Maharashtra Seva Sangha Hall, 1st Floor, J.Nehru Road, Mulund West, Mumbai-400 080 under the able guidance of Shri Vedamurti, S.Y.Sudhakar Bhat, Mangalore. They cordially invite our Members to attend.

LATE SHRI D.T.PAI: TOTAL DEDICATION TO BANKING

In Memorium



We are very sorry to bring to the kind notice of our Readers & Members that Shri D.T.Pai (Shri Dayanand Thimmappa Pai, Date of Birth 17th Jan., 1942) former Chairman and Managing Director of Syndicate Bank has left for his heavenly abode on 30th Sept., 2014. He has left behind his wife, one son and one daughter. His brother, Shri V.T.Pai (MEDC, Mumbai) is AISCO member.

Late Shri Pai's is a great success story. In 1969 he joined Syndicate Bank and made a very rapid progress in his banking career especially when the Bank expanded in the Northern India with Lead Bank responsibilities. He rose to the position of General Manager and in 1996 he became the Executive Director of Union Bank of India and in 2000 he returned to Syndicate Bank, as Chairman & Managing Director. He held the position till his retirement in 2003 and thereafter for 3 years he served as the Banking Ombudsman (of Reserve Bank of India) in Kanpur.

Later on when Financial Inclusion & Literacy Programme was introduced by Govt. of India in 2010, he became the Founder President of Jnana Jyoti Trust, jointly sponsored by Syndicate Bank & Vijaya Bank, dedicated to Financial Inclusion & Literacy and he continued in the same position till his demise. The Trust has 63 Branches so far and is rendering useful service to the financial illiterates, especially poor and downtrodden.

His best came as a Chairman of Syndicate Bank, when he introduced Core Banking Solutions facility in 2001 and the Syndicate Bank under his stewardship became the First Bank in the country, in the PSU sector to achieve this! Under CBS facility an account holder at one branch can encash his 'self' drawn cheques in any one of the branches and similarly credits can be accepted for an account in any one of the branches of the same Bank.

Late Shri Pai had also authored three books also on Banking: **1.Overview of Banking Development 1944-2007, 2.Overview of Financial Inclusion & Mircro Credit and 3.Banking Development & Challenges.** His life was a total dedication to Banking, Banking and Banking only.

We, at AISCO & AISF salute this Great Banker of our times and convey our heartfelt codolences to the bereaved family, with our prayers for the departed soul.

SHRI D.S.NAYAK

20.1.1932 -13.6.2015

Sad Demise

We beg to report to our Members & Wellwishers that we have received from his eldest daughter Mrs.Veena Parrikar, the sad tidings of the demise of Shri D.S.Nayak (Darbuja Subraya Nayak), Retired Manager of Syndicate Bank and also a Social & Community Worker of Rajapur Saraswats. Shri Nayak had settled in Mumbai after retirement. He has left behind his wife Mrs.Sumati Nayak and two daughters Mrs. Veena Parrikar and Mrs.Shantavi Kini and also a grand daughter Avantika Kini besides a vast number of admirers and wellwishers. Nayakmam's is a rare personality. Educationally he was a holder of triple M.A's: M.A. (History), M.A. (Politics) and M.A. (Ancient History & Culture) In addition, he was also a Rashtra Bhasha Visharad (Hindi). As he was Master of Ancient History and Culture, he was fond of narrating about Sarawats' Journey through different lands during different periods. Though he was a disciple of Shri Kavle Math, he was an admirer of all the Saraswat Maths and participating in their programmes in Mumbai (in the true spirit of AISCO, as a Member). His best came as the History of Saraswats in general and Rajapur Saraswats in particular which was included as the Second Part of the book, **"Rajapur Saraswats"** published on the occasion of Dombivli Convention of AISCO held in the year 2003, sponsored by Rajapur Saraswats(Chief Convenor: Shri Sadanand D.Nayak). He had written about Shri Kavle Math and more particularly about the celebrated Shri Gowdapadacharya, the Founder of Shri Kavale Math and also the great commentetor of Mandukya Upanishad. Before he joined Syndicate Bank, Nayakmam had started his career as a journalist in Times of India, Mumbai where he had opportunities to interact with his boss, late Shri M.V.Kamath on many topics.

Our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and prayers for the departed soul.

CHATURMAS OF THE YEAR 2015 OF SHRI GOKARN MATH SWAMIJI IN VARANASI MATH ON PANCHAGANGA GHAT, VARANASI.

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H.H. Shrimad Vidyadhiraj Tirth Swamiji taking holy dip in the waters of Ganga River, just adjacent to Math building.

Shree Laxmi Nayaran Mandir, Panchganga Ghat Varanasi 221001 (U.P.)

SHRI VENKATARAMANA TEMPLE, KARKALA, UDUPI DIST (KARNATAKA)
Proposed Reconstruction & Reinstallation of the Temple

Karkala, the settlement of Saraswats much earlier to their Exodus from Goa is known as Padu Tirupati (Western Tirupati) on account of the Temple dedicated to Shri Venkataramana (the Deity of Tirupati), established by them. The old temple is due for full reconstruction and so in the right earnest the Trustees and Devotees have taken up this work. As a prelude on Friday the 5th June, 2015, the deities of daily worship (Shri Venkataramana and Shri Shrinivasa) were shifted to **"Balalaya"** (to take care of the deities treating them as children) in a makeshift shrine.(Picture Left) On Sunday, the 7th June, 2015, the **"Nidhi Kalasha" (pot containing treasure)** was ceremoniously embedded by H.H.Shrimat Samyameendra Tirth Swamiji, Pattashishya of H.H.Shrimat Sudhindra Tirth Swamiji with proper rites and rituals. Hundreds of devotees were present to witness this historic event (Picture Right). ***On this occasion it was also declared that the Reinstallation Ceremony in the New Temple would be on 1st May, 2016.***

Photo courtesy : Shri Prakash Pai

Balalaya

Embedding Nidhi Kalasha

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In our garden a croton plant, of its own, has turned itself into a beautiful shape of Lord Shri Ganesh, our family deity and also the deity of daily worship. This shape was there for about a fort-night and thereafter it changed into only a plant without any shape!

K.G. Mallya