

SAMYUKTA SARASWAT

Quarterly Bulletin, September 2014

SARASWATS' GREAT GANAPATI'S IN MUMBAI



**GSB Seva Mandal, Slon,
(60th Celebrations at King's Circle)
Mumbai, from 29.8.14 to 2.9.2014)**



**GSB Sarvajanic Ganeshotsava Samiti
at Wadala, Mumbai (Diamond Jubilee
Celebrations from 29.8.14 to 8.9.2014)**



**GSB SABHA(Regd) K.C.G. at Kurla, Mumbai
46th Year Utsav From 29.8.2014 to 2.9.2014**



**GSB Association Borivali at Borivali,
Mumbai 20th year Utsav from 29.8.2014 to 2.9.2014**

CHATURMAS OF SARASWAT GURUPEETHAS

During the calendar quarter Saraswat Gurupeethas observed their Chaturmas in the following places:



H.H. Shrimat Sudhindra Tirth Swamiji of Shri Kashi Math at Saraswat Sanskriti Sabha Bhavan, New Delhi from 16th July, 2014 to 9th Sept, 2014 (Pattashishya H.H. Shrimat Samya-meendra Tirth Swamiji observed the Chaturmas at Walkeshwar Shri Kashi Math, Mumbai)

H.H. Shrimat Vidyadhiraj Tirth Swamiji of Shri Gokarn Math at Shri Laxmi Venkatramana Temple, Sagar (Shimoga Dist) from 17th July, 2014 to 9th Sept., 2014



H.H. Shrimat Sadyojat Shankarashram Swamiji of Shri Chitrapur Math at Shirali, (Math Head quarters) (Uttar Kannada Dist) from 12th July, 2014 to 9th Sept., 2014

H.H. Shrimat Shivananda Saraswati Swamiji of Shri Kavle Math at Shree Mahalaxmi Saunsthan, Bandiwade, Ponda Goa from 8th July to 9th Sept., 2014



APPRECIATION FOR SAMYUKTA SARASWAT BULLETIN



During the camp of H.H. Shrimat Vidyadhiraj Tirth Swamiji of Shri Gokarn Math in the month of May 2014 in Kinnigoli Shri Rama Mandir, our Editor Shri K.G. Mallya presented a copy of our March 2014 Bulletin while seeking blessings. Shri Swamiji was pleased to go through minutely page by page and appreciated our efforts. He was also full of praise for Shri Sunil Shenoy, M.Tech Student of Canara Engineering College, Benjana Padavu (near Mangalore) who had constructed

a model of his college by making use of old invitation cards, as reported on Page 10 of the Bulletin. We are grateful to Shri Swamiji. (Seen in the pic. are Shri Swamiji at the right and Smt. & Shri K.G. Mallya seated in front with Shri Vishwanath V. Shenoy, a practicing CA of Mumbai (AISCO Member).



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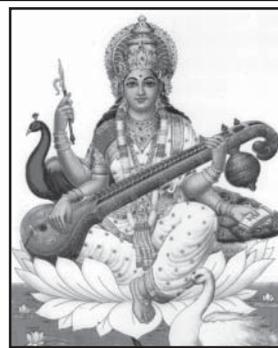
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Navaratri is the festival indicating nine nights starting from 1st Day of the bright half of the month of Ashwin of the lunar calendar and concluding on the 9th Day of the same month and the 10th day is celebrated as Vijaya Dashami. This year it is from 25th Sept, to 3rd Oct 2014 and Navami & Dashami are falling on one and the same day. During the nine days first three days are dedicated to offer poojas to Mother Goddess Durga or Goddess Parvati, next three

prevail or win over the vices or it is a victory of Good over Bad. Why She is worshipped as Goddess Parvati, Laxmi or Saraswati? The Devi Bhagawat (Puran) tells that the Mother Goddess, the Supreme Deity who is the very source of Energy and Power that sustains the entire universe, known as "Shakti"—divided Herself into three and became Goddess Parvati, Goddess Laxmi and Goddess Saraswati to become the consorts of Lord Shiva, Lord Vishnu and Lord

NAVARATRI FESTIVAL



days for the worship of Mother Goddess Laxmi and the last three days for adoring Mother Goddess Saraswati and Vijaya Dashami is the day dedicated to Mother Goddess Saraswati. As the legend goes there was a fierce battle between Mahisasura, a dreadful demon with a buffalo's head armed with many boons and the Mother Goddess Durga had to fight for nine days and nine nights and She could slay the demon on the tenth day which is celebrated even today as the Day of Victory (Vijaya Dashami). It is a day to remind all of us that ultimately the virtues will

Brahma respectively and in essence they are all rolled into one.

During this particular period of Navaratri most of the temples will have havans, homas and yajnas dedicated to Mother Goddess and among Saraswats there are quite a few Kulaswami or Kuladevata temples dedicated to Mother Goddess in Goa and other places celebrating Navaratri in a grand way.

This is not the only background of Navaratri. We are told that there is another background which states that Lord Rama conquered

the powerful ten-headed Ravana, the evil incarnate in the battle of Lanka, released his wife Sita from the imprisonment and returned to Ayodhya by the Pushpaka plane on this day. Thus in both the cases it is the triumph of virtues over the evil designs. In both the cases the events might have taken place centuries ago but we do celebrate them as festivals as though they have taken place only during the last year to remind us from time to time that atrocities can not live for ever! In the case of Ramayan, even to this day on Vijaya Dashami Day in some quarters, huge effigies of Ravana & Kumbhakarna packed with fire-work powder are set on fire by two persons with the make up of Lord Rama & Laxman shooting arrows with the

flames of fire in the presence of huge crowds that cheer the destruction of Ravana and Kumbakarna! Vijaya Dasami has one more significance. On this day Mother Goddess Saraswati is worshipped as the presiding deity of Speech, Knowledge, Literature and Education. And we the Saraswats, noted as the repositories of Vedic Knowledge hold Her in special esteem. That is why the emblem of AISCO & AISF is the Mother Goddess Saraswati.

Surprisingly this issue is coming out during Navaratri and we dedicate it at Her lotus feet and crave for Her Benedictory Blessings on behalf of All Saraswats.

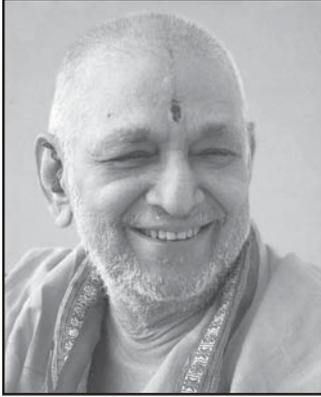
STORY OF EKALAVYA



During the camp of H.H. Shri Gokarnmath Swamiji at Kinnigoli from 8th May, 2014 to 11th May, 2014 on the concluding day Shri Swamiji narrated the story of Ekalavya the hunter's boy, noted for his devotion to Guru and dedication for learning with fullest concentration. Shri Swamiji stated that he had come across with another version of Ekalavya's story which is given here below:

“All of us know that Ekalavya took Dronacharya as his Guru and mastered archery purely out of his faith and concentration. One can do anything by these two virtues. To tell the story further all of us know that Dronacharya demanded his right hand thumb as “Guru Dakshina” so that he would not be able to shoot arrows properly throughout his life! But we have come across with another version of the story. Here Dronacharya, instead of asking for the thumb, demanded for an assurance that Ekalavya would not make use of his thumb throughout his life while shooting. He agreed and learnt shooting arrows without using his right thumb. Later he participated in the Mahabharata war taking the side of Kauravas and Yudhishtira slayed him. As to the second version of not making use of the thumb there are some hunting tribes even to this day who shoot arrows with great ease, without making use of their right thumb. They proudly claim they are the descendants of the great archer Ekalavya and that they are still continuing with the example of Ekalavya.

(Incidentally the State Government of Karnataka has instituted two annual awards in the name of Ekalavya 1) For an achiever in Sports and 2) for the veteran who has made life-time contribution for the development of sports. The pic above shows the Trophy with Ekalavya with his bow and arrow ready to shoot.)



Shri Swamiji

H.H.Shrimat Sudhindra Tirth Swamiji was initiated into Sanyas on 24th May, 1944 as the 20th Swamiji of Shri Kashi Math by the illustrious Guru Maharaj H.H.Shrimat Sukrateendra Tirth Swamiji, in Mulki in the precincts of Shri Venkataramana Temple. Seven eventful decades have since rolled by and on 31st March, 2014 Shri Swamiji has completed 89 years also. We are publishing this article (which in fact is a portion of the concluding part of the paper presented by Shri Pai at the National Seminar on Shri Kashi Math and Guruparampara on 4th & 5th Jan., 2014 at Sukrateendra Oriental Research, Ernakulam Kerala) with our pranams to Shri Swamiji on this great occasion—Editor)

“We must make a mention of the laudable efforts of H.H.Shrimat Sudhindra Tirth Swamiji over the last 70 years, in reaching out the GSB Samaj all over India both in the traditional settlements of South India & Mumbai as well as the newer settlements in the north. Swamiji deserves the gratitude of the entire GSB Samaj for drawing our attention to the present-day problem of fast changes of giving up our traditions and the need to restore them and also our religious practices. Through regular interactions with the Samaj in Kashi Math Branches and in temples both in rural and urban areas he has been able to propagate these values. He rejuvenated the tradition of Kuladevata worship among Kerala GSBs by establishing Kuladevata complex at Ambalamedu. By establishing new centres at Delhi, Haridwar, Kalpi and Badrinath, His Holiness has spearheaded the movement for Vyasopasana which incorporates all the traditional values. Through establishing training centres for vaidiks in Mangalore and Basrur, His Holiness has ensured availability of competent archaks for carrying out the religious rituals of an expanding community. By establishing Vyasa Mandir complex in Haridwar and Bala Vedavyasa Mandir at Kalpi, the birth place of Bhagavan Vedavyas, he has highlighted the contribution of Shri Vedavyas to the entire Hindu Sanathana Samaj...

GSB community, a miniscule minority community in India traces its origin to Vedic times. It is a community known for its periodic migratory tendency all over India and now established substantial presence in countries such as UK, USA and Australia. By and large the community has been able to maintain its traditions and food habits. The community has strong presence in commerce and trade and has pioneered the establishment of banking and educational institutions. GSBs are generally helpful to the society in which they live. It has a tradition of sacrificing material considerations for the upkeep of religious traditions.

In common with other Indian communities GSBs are in the midst of turmoil in traditional values and is in the danger of losing these. Maths, Temples and Samaj have worked closely with each other to maintain traditions. There is an urgent need to mobilize the youth and motivate them in reviving our Vedic traditions. If the past is any indication, there is little doubt that the community will be able to find a solution to the ills plaguing it present. The sustained efforts made in this regard by H.H.Shrimat Sudhindra Tirth Swamiji of Shri Kashi Math over the past 70 years are loudable. The community is grateful to Shri Swamiji and is looking forward to Shri Swamiji's continued guidance and blessings for the well being of the GSB Samaj.”

SHRIMAT BHAGAWAT GITA

By Mrs. Nandini Kamath, Govandi, Mumbai



Shrimat Bhagawat Gita—translated, means the eternal song—which I came to know only recently! My father had gifted me a copy of this great book just before my marriage and it has been my eternal companion since then.

The richness of the text, the variety of the topics covered, the splendour of God described by Himself, the way of life to be lived and so much more who else could have uttered it but the Lord?

The most amazing and unique part of this lovely poem is its newness and every time you read a new meaning emerges.

My father had said, if you do not find enough time to read each Chapter every day, read at least **Chapter Twelve : Bhakti Yoga** and that alone is sufficient. But I took a different view and I decided to read at least 5 pages every day. And it has been a routine for me since then. However my personal favourite is **Chapter Ten: Vibhooti Yoga**. **Here the Lord describes Himself as the best of and in everything. He says, "Listen Arjuna as I explain to you My divine manifestations that are prominent for, there is no end to the extent of My opulence...."**

I am the Self abiding in the hearts of all beings...I am the beginning, the middle and the end...

*Of lights, I am the sun
Of senses, I am the mind
Of the mountains, I am Meru
Of weapons, I am the thunderbolt
Of rivers, I am Ganga
Of seasons, the flower bearing Spring
I am victory, effort and goodness of the good
Of secret things, I am silence, and of the wise, wisdom*

Know that in all cases whatever in existence is powerful, glorious and beautiful issues from but a spark of my splendour... But what need is there for all this extensive knowledge, Arjuna? I sustain this entire universe by a mere portion of myself..."

I have reproduced only a part of the chapter...but doesn't it leave you wonderstruck in absolute awe? Words fail and I find myself grossly inadequate to describe the sheer beauty and magnificence of the work! Because I love the book so much that I have gifted copies of Gita to many of my friends and relatives and young and old to share the joy which I am experiencing in reading it every day.

P.S: A bit of advice: Do invest in this treasure.

You will never regret it—God Promise!



BOOK RELEASE

"Interest Rate Economics" a collection of research papers by our Editor, Shri K.G. Mallya was released on 30th Aug., 2014 jointly by Dr. Pramodh Kamath, Mumbai and Shri Ganesh Shivaraya Shenoy, General Manager, CMC, Mumbai. Seen in the pic. are from L to R Author, Shri Mallya and Dr. Kamath and Shri Shenoy.

NAGALAND GOVERNOR H.E. SHRI PADMANABHA BALAKRISHNA ACHARYA



(We are happy and proud to inform our Members and Readers that H.E.Acharya has been appointed as the Governor of Nagaland with the additional responsibilities of Tripura State also. This is the first time that the Saraswat Samaj has gifted a governor to the nation. Born on 8th Oct., 1931 in Udupi, Karnataka, he had his education in Udupi and he was in the first batch of M.G.M.College Udupi. From the age of 13 he has been an active member of R.S.S. and that took him to North Eastern region of the Country to serve the poor and the downtrodden in the hilly region. It is learnt that he had spent more than 10 years in that part of the country and so the locality is not at all new to him. He has also served the cause of higher education in Mumbai by

establishing Vidya Niketan Educational Institution through which an Engineering College was started. He was actively associated with ABVP in service of the students till 1977 holding the position of the President also. For about 30 years he was a Member of the Senate of Mumbai University. He was also a Member of the Academic Council of the University for sometime. A grand reception was arranged in his honour in Mangalore on 28th July, 2014 and a similar one at Udupi on 29th July, 2014. During his visit to Mangalore he was kind enough to pay a goodwill visit to Indian Overseas Bank Derebail Mangalore Branch (Manager Shri Ravindra Pai who is an AISCO Member). In the pic. the Branch Manager, Shri Pai is seen (Centre) welcoming H.E.Governor, Acharya. We wish him a grand success in his assignment as the Governor.



. Arrival of the Fourth Generation

A rare occasion came to the family of Shri Ranjal Pundalik Nayak (92) and Mrs.Rukmini Nayak (88) when their grandson Shri R.Gajanan Nayak (s/o of Late Shri R.Narasimha Nayak) with his wife Poonam Nayak ushered in their 4 months old son, Amay Nayak on 24th August, 2014 at Miyar via Karkal. Showing the child to the Great Grand Parents is permissible only after observing certain religious formalities which includes beholding the child in the glow of a wicker lamp made of gold that has to be gifted to the priest who officiates this programme.(Seen in the pic are Smt & Shri.Nayak in the left

and below them are seated the parents of the child Amay showing him to the great-grand parents. To the extreme left is the priest. Really a rare and joyous occasion.

A LIFE'S JOURNEY



Mrs. Sulochana A. Sheti

(15.9.10 to 30.5.1976)

**Founder, Little Angels' High School,
The Angels' Education Trust, Sion, Mumbai**

Sulochana Puthli was born in a large Saraswat Brahmin family in Kasargod then in Karnataka. As was the tradition at that time she was married at the tender age of nine. Due to high child mortality a tragedy very soon rendered her a widow.

She rebelled against the elder's suggestion to spend her life like other child widows.

Shunned by society and with her brother Umanath's help got admitted to school after four year break in education. After passing matriculation examination she completed her Intermediate Science from Government College Mangalore. She had stayed in an ashram called Seva Sadan which was meant mainly for destitute women. As her family could not afford the fees for boarding and lodging, she had to attend to all domestic duties in return. She came to Bombay and as she could not study medicine due to lack of finances she decided to study microbiology, joined and graduated from the St. Xavier's College, Bombay supporting herself financially by giving private tuitions and later teaching in a school.

In 1934 she met Mr. Anant Sheti a modern revolutionary actively involved in India's freedom struggle. He completed graduation in Industrial Chemistry at the Forman Christian College, Lahore and came to Bombay and met his old friend Umanath Puthli. They joined M.N. Roy's 'Radical Humanist' movement. It was socialistic and also a freedom struggle not

connected with the Congress but running a parallel with the same aim: Freedom for India as well as the freedom from exploitation of the labour class.

After a long courtship they were married in 1938 under the Special Marriages Act against familial opposition. The marriage being inter-caste a rarity in those days made news and was reported along with a photograph in the Bombay Chronicle of 6.2.1938 as an interesting inter-caste marriage.

Those were the days of protests and picketing and ladies also joined in. Anant Sheti was found leading rallies on the Chowpatty sands urging people to unite against the British Rule. His provocative speeches landed him in trouble. He was externed by the British from Bombay City. The couple had to leave the city in a hurry and travelled towards Calcutta where obliging friends offered them place to stay and helped them find jobs. The police were soon on their heels and they were compelled to move on. Till India's Independence the couple was hounded from place to place. During these hard times she conducted adult literacy classes in towns wherever they stayed, mainly for women whose education was much neglected in those days.

With the Independence of India on the anvil, life became more stable for the couple. Anant Sheti's period of four years externment came to an end. They settled in Bombay. They were blessed with a baby daughter, Mr. Sheti was offered a prestigious position of labour welfare officer on the defence services at the Dehu Road Ammunition depot near Poona. In 1948 he was sent to U.K. by the newly formed Indian Government to acquire training and a Diploma in Social Welfare.

Sulochana Sheti would collect the neighbourhood children in her home and soon had them clustering around her, coming to listen to stories, play games, sing songs and on the whole to have a good time. The mothers requested her to start regular nursery class. It was started in her own 3 room flat of 650 sq.ft. she received training in the Montessori method of education, in one of the only two courses conducted by

Madame Maria Montessori's representatives in India. Demand for schools compelled her to start her own primary school. She later took on rent a military barrack to house the growing school.

Today the new school building stands on this very same site. With rapidly growing strength of school she formed the Angel's Education Trust in November 1959 with co-operation of a few friends and well wishers to help look after the affairs of the school and procure accommodation. Her brother Mr. Umamath Puthli became founder chairman, and known for his philanthropy was kind enough to make available a plot of land on what is known today as Sulochana Sheti Marg, that now houses the Little Angel's SAPLING school for special children.

Aimed for development of knowledge culture and discipline children personalities are moulded into making them self confident, self reliant and disciplined citizens of tomorrow. The

school with about 2000 students maintains high academic standards bringing in SSC results in the high nineties.

Diabetes, cataract and hemorrhages in the retina hindered her work she retired officially as principal in 1973 but attended school from 9.00 A.M. to 4 P.M. Two years later she suffered a massive stroke and on May 30th 1976 she relinquished her hold on life. A life that she had salvaged with indomitable courage and determination from what fate had willed her, to be one that will be remembered by thousands guided by her. The venture of starting a new school building was taken up in 1997 and completed in 2000, becoming functional in 2001.

In her Birth Centenary Year Extension to the new building was made to live up to her words: ***"Leave behind on this earth such deeds that, when you are gone, people have something to remember you by"***.

SHREE VARAD SIDDHI VINAYAK SEVA MANDAL (REGD)

(Rajapur Saraswat Brahman Samaj)

SHREE MAHAGANAPATI MANDIR

Siddhi Vinayak Nagar, Bhopar Road, Near Ganapati Mandir,

DOMBIVLI EAST-421204 (THANA DISTRICT)

An Appeal for Shashwat Seva



We have received an appeal from the above Seva Mandal informing us that they have embarked on fund collection drive to offer everyday pooja to Lord Ganesh in the shrine of the Seva Mandal. They have devised a scheme of approaching 1000 donors at Rs.5000/- per person when a sum of Rs.50 lakhs could be collected and basing on the interest earned on it, they should be able to offer every day pooja on a perpetual basis. The donor has the freedom to choose a particular day and date of his choice. The appeal states that any member of the society irrespective of religion or caste and creed can offer the seva.

The Mandal states that interested persons can remit their contribution by cash/cheque/NEFT/RTGS through Shamrao Vithal Co-op.Bank, Khadakpada Kalyan West Branch, Maharashtra S.B.A/c. 10540301000001

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GOUD SARASWAT BRAHMAN SCHOLARSHIP LEAGUE ALUMNI MEET

The GSB Scholarship League Mumbai has completed 100 years of dedicated service to GSB Samaj by providing educational scholarship to lacs of needs of students till date.

Most of the beneficiaries of the League who have completed their higher education, have excelled in their careers. The Trustees and the Managing Committee of the League have noted this with great happiness and pride and decided to hold an ALUMNI MEET to bring as many of our past scholars on a common platform to interact with each other as well as with the Managing Trustees and Managing Committee Members of the league. We are hopeful that this interactive session will be helpful in getting meaningful feedbacks/inputs from the past scholars, which in turn will help the League to improve service to our community.

The first ALUMNI MEET is proposed to be held on Sunday the 4th January 2015 in Mumbai. The League extends invitation to the Past Scholars to participate in this Meet and thus build a strong network spread in India and across the globe. Update on this program shall be published on the League's website www.gsbscholarshipleague.org and on Face Book f page, 'GSB Scholarship League Mumbai'. Please get in touch with the League by E Mail. Our ID is info@gsbscholarshipleague.org

League intends to maintain a directory of our past scholars. Please let us know by E Mail your contact information, namely present address, E Mail ID and Mobile/tel number. Also please provide us with the information of your professional and personal achievements—Mrs.Gita R.Pai, Trustee, GSB Scholarship League, Mumbai

STAR PERFORMERS



As reported in our last issue **Miss Sahana Kamath**, Belman passed her SSLC with aggregate average of 97% marks. And over and above this she scored a perfect 125/125 in Kannada Language. Besides this

she also scored 99% in English Language. She stood First in Karkala Taluka and also in Udupi District with Kannada as the Medium of Instruction. So quite a few social service organisations and NGOs came forward to honour her and the honours, appreciation and accolades have exceeded 25 in number. Our appreciation and good wishes to her for climbing higher heights.



Similarly we have received a communication from Moodabidri that **Kumar Pavan Bhat**, a student of Jain High School, Moodabidri has passed his SSLC with aggregate average of 96%. Besides this he has bagged a Silver Medal in Sanskrit Upanishad State Level



Examination, conducted by Cultural India Bangalore. He has also appeared for Sanskrit Kavya Examination. His father Shri M.Harish Bhat is the Chief Priest in the local Shri Venkataramana Temple and also the famous Shri Hanuman Temple. Pavan has also indicated that he would continue with the study of Sanskrit to master the Sacred Books Vedas. We heartily congratulate him and convey our best wishes for a grand success in Academic Education along with Dharmic Education.

DISBURSEMENT OF SCHOLARSHIPS AMOUNTING TO RS. THREE CRORES TO MORE THAN 650 DESERVING KONKANI SPEAKING STUDENTS BY VISHWA KONKANI KENDRA, MANGALORE



Under the auspices of Vishwa Konkani Kendra, Shakti Nagar Mangalore, on 20th Aug., 2014 scholarships worth Rs.Three Crores were disbursed to the Konkani speaking students for their higher studies(numbering, Engineering Students 597, MBBS 36, Foreign Study Students 4 (besides Degree and P.U.Students). In a well

organised programme in T.V.Raman Pai Conventional Hall, Mangalore, Shri T.V.Mohandas Pai, President Manipal Global Education, the driving force behind the scholarship scheme, stated that within next few years this project should aim at covering one lakh scholars besides making them good leaders in their respective fields. Shri Basti Vaman Shenoy the Founder President of the World Konkani Centre was in the chair and Shri Ivan D'Souza MLC was the Guest of Honour for the

occasion. Shri Ramadas Kamath U. the President of the Vishwa Konkani Scholarship Fund welcomed the guests and the scholars. Really a great & noble cause and the Fund deserves our full-throated appreciation.(Picture depicts Shri Mohandas Pai giving away the scholarship. To is left is Shri Basti Vaman Shenoy and right is Shri Ivan D'Souza)

UNIQUE SOCIAL SERVICE



seated in the forefront and the Hon.Minister is standing (Second from right) with other dignitaries. (Photo by Pandrinath Shenoy, Haleangadi)

Shri Laxman M.Kamath, a retired Executive of Ciba Geigy, Mumbai now settled down in his native place Haleangadi, Dakshina Kannada, a rural upcoming township sponsored 1.Auto Rikshaw stand and 2. A bus-stop in Indira Nagar near the College in Haleangadi donating a sum of Rs.2.50 lakhs each, both in the name of his departed wife, Mrs.Ashalatha (Jaya) Kamath. In recognition and appreciation of his services during the inauguration of the bus-stop on 30th August, 2014 by Hon.Shri Abhaya Chandra Jain, Minister for Youth and Fisheries has honoured him on behalf of people of Haleangadi. The Photo depicts Shri Kamath

80th FOUNDATION DAY CELEBRATIONS OF G.S.B. SABHA, MUMBAI



Prize Distribution

The 80th Foundation Day of the G.S.B. Sabha, Mumbai, was celebrated on Friday, 15th August 2014 at Little Angels' School, Sion. Smt. Asha & Shri Ganesh Prabhu, Chairman & Managing Director, Prabhu Envirotec Pvt. Ltd., were the Chief Guests.

Students from our community who had excelled in academic studies from S.S.C. onwards were awarded silver medals and certificates. The

V. R. Shenoy Memorial Vidyanidhi Merit Awards were given to the toppers from Class I to IX from the beneficiaries of the Vidyanidhi Fund for 2011-2012. The Promising Talent Award, sponsored by Shri B. T. Mallya, was given to the following kids based on their drawing contributions to Voice of GSB, the quarterly newsletter of the Sabha : Gargi Pai, Aditya Pai, Rahul Padiyar, Nitya Nayak, Amyshka Shenoy and Aditi Prabhu.

In his address, the Chief Guest, Shri Ganesh Prabhu, appreciated the efforts of the Sabha in conducting several activities which addressed the needs of various sections of the Community.

In the entertainment programme that followed, there was a dance by Anvitha Kamath, and singing by Smt. Archana Hegdekar and Shri Venkatesh Pai. On-the-spot quiz was held and prizes were given to winners. The programme concluded with the singing of the National Anthem. (Report & Photo by Shri S.C. Pai, Vice - President)

SHREE VENKATARAMANADEVASTHANAJEERNODHARASAMITHI, SHREE VENKATARAMANA TEMPLE, KATAPADI-574105 (Udupi District, Karnataka State)

The Temple dedicated to Lord Venkataramana was established some four centuries ago. And after 1919 AD no major development or renovation had taken place. So the residents and devotees of the Samaj with the blessings of H.H.Shri Swamiji of Shri Kashi Math have decided to renovate with an estimated cost of Rs.10.00Crores (for two phases) and to start with the 1st phase at an estimated sum of Rs.5.00 Crores. The Committee therefore solicits munificent donations from the Members of the Samaj. Interested donors may contact the following Persons: Shri K.Baburaya Kamath: Cell: +919343360584; Shri K.Sathyendra Pai: +919448377327 and Shri K.Sudhakar Bhat: +919945348506

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Website: www.katapadyvenkataramana.org

Note: The Committee is also contemplating to bring out a colourful souvenir befitting the occasion. Advt. Tariff may be obtained by the interested parties/devotees contacting the office.



AKHANDA BHAJANA SAPTAH (3rd to 10th July) IN SHRI VENKATARAMANA TEMPLE, MULKI



Bhajana Mantap

As a part of its Decennary Celebrations and also for the welfare of the mankind as a whole, Shri Venkataramana Bhajana Mandali Mulki organised in Shri Venkataramana Temple, Mulki a memorable Bhajana Saptah with the participation of about 150 bhajana Mandalis and also with the blessings of H.H. Shrimat Shivananda Saraswati Swamiji who had inaugurated the Saptah at 6.30 A.M. on the 3rd July and also gracing the occasion by camping at the Temple up to 6th July, 2014.

During the week, everyday there was a different deity in front of the Saptah Deepa and also the temple Dhwaja Sthamba. On the 7th day there was Shri Venkataramana in the Mantap and in front of the Dwajasthambha was Mother Goddess Sharada. Enthusiastic crowds of devotees were seen throughout. Really a rare occasion which all can be proud of.

(We request our other Temples to send us their Report with Photos. - Editor)



Shri Venkataramana



Shri Sharada.

GSBS MEDICAL TRUST: Annual Healthy Baby Contest



GSBS Medical Trust is conducting every year the Healthy Baby Contest during Sarvajanic Ganeshotsav in Wadala Shri Rama Mandir and at that time the expert doctors in Child Care will give talks to build up awareness in parents. This year's Contest took place on Sunday the 7th Sept. 2014. Dr.Suhas Prabhu, Chairperson of the Trust welcomed the gathering. Dr.(Mrs) Pranjal Sathe, Dr.Suhas Prabhu, Dr.Kailash Pathra and Dr.Avinash Desai were the judges for the competition. Shri Vivek Kamath and Smt.Vijaya Vivek Kamath were the Chief Guests. The winners of the competition were 1. Under Group I Age up to 1 year: Shravani Manish Sadaphule and Group II Age 1 to 3 years: Likhita Prasanna Pai. Smt.Vijaya Kamath gave away the prizes. Mrs.Gita R.Pai, Trustee Secretary proposed a vote of thanks. (Report & Photo by Mrs.Gita R.Pai)

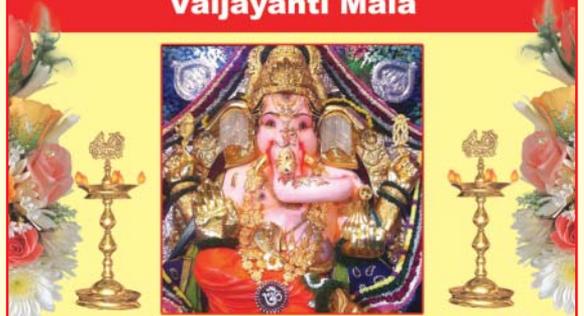
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Life Beautiful Shri Ganesh with Golden Garland, Vaijayanti Mala



A rare thing happened in Mumbai GSB Seva Mandal's 60th Ganeshotsav (this time). A donor who wanted to remain anonymous has made an offering of a Golden Garland worth Rs.96 Lacs to Lord Ganesh in celebration of his wife's 60th year. The garland called Vaijayanti Mala has 2.5 Kgs of Gold and 12 Kgs Silver. Seen in the picture is the Lord adorned with the offering. In the Lord's Kingdom nothing is scarce and any miracle can happen anytime anywhere. (Press Report)