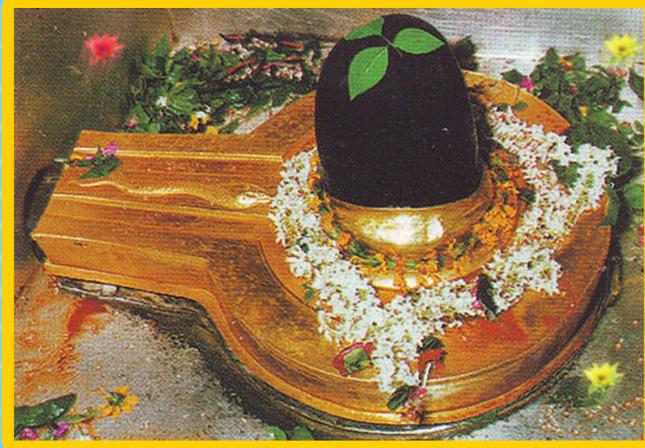


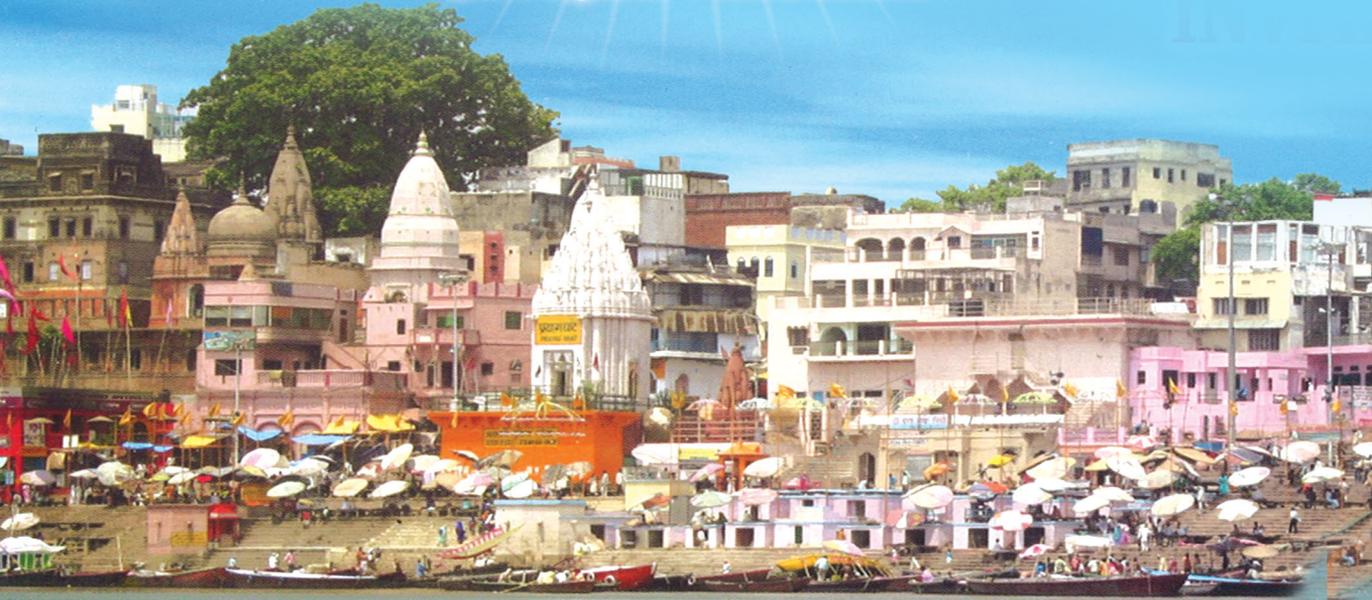
# SAMYUKTA SARASWAT

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## Kashi on the Centre-Stage



*Shri Kashi Vishwanath*



*A view of Kashi on the Bank of River Ganga*

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Shri Swamiji at the Cradling Ceremony (2<sup>nd</sup> from right: standing) Shri Sachhidanada Bhat (seated right) rocking the cradle with his wife Smt.Jyothi S.Bhat (seated left) of the cradle.



Shri Rama's Wedding Procession (Baarat) (Photo left). Kanyaadan By Smt. Jyothi Bhat and Shri Sachhidananda Bhat Priest: Shri Girish Bhat (standing at right ) (Bride's party), (Bridegroom's party): Smt. Shalini M. Kini and Shri Manjunath Kini (Brother-in-law of Shri Sachhidanand Bhat): Priest: Shri Suresh Joshi In the centre are the idols of Shri Rama (left) and Mother Sita (right) (Photo Right).



Coronation of Shri Rama: Shri Swamiji waving 'aarti' (Photo Left) Shri Swamiji with the devotees (Sevadars) after offering prayers to the Lord of the Universe Shri Rama with His consort, Mother Sita (Photo Right)

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## REMEMBERING RAJA HARISCHANDRA

**W**e must congratulate Prime Minister Narendra Modi not only for winning the recent elections with a thumping majority for himself and his party but also for the swift action in taking appropriate steps to give Kashi (otherwise known as Varanasi) a grand face-lift to become the spiritual capital of the world and also a project for cleansing waters of the Sacred River Ganga, which he had assured on the day of filing his nomination as a candidate from Varanasi constituency.

The very word "Kashi" reminds us of:

1. Lord Shiva known as Shri Kashi Vishwanath who had made this place as His permanent abode making it stand on the tip of His trident and so remaining indestructible even during the deluge.
2. Mother Goddess Parvati known here as Annapurna who had fed Lord Shiva and quenched His insatiable hunger and now symbolizing food for everyone in the entire universe.
3. Mother Ganga, the River Goddess who washes away all the sins of all the souls who touch even a single drop of her water. And
4. Raja Harischandra the well known ruler of Ayodhya who sacrificed every thing for the sake of honesty and devotion to duties cast on him. Now to tell more about Raja Harischandra, he was a great ruler of Ayodhya known for honesty and integrity and also for keeping his promises. As the mythological story goes, the rivalry between Sage Vasishtha (preceptor of Harischandra) and Vishwamitra resulted in Vasishtha declaring that nobody would be able to influence Harischandra to tell lies even under

great trying circumstances. And Vishwamitra took it as a challenge. During a hunting expedition, Harischandra reached the hermitage of Vishwamitra where under certain circumstances, Vishwamitra compelled the king to donate his kingdom to him. After the donation, the sage claimed a fabulous "dakshina" which the king could not pay as the royal treasury had already gone to the sage while donating the kingdom. But the king took it as his duty to pay and with his young son, Rohitashva and wife Taramati reached Kashi, the very flourishing pilgrimage centre those days. There he sold his wife and son as slaves and he himself as a slave of the chief of the crematorium. He was given the duty of collecting fees on every corpse brought for cremation. It so happened that the young Rohitashva died of a snake bite and Taramati brought the dead body for cremation. She could not recognise Harischandra but he recognised her. He demanded a gold coin as fees for cremation. She expressed her inability as she was only a slave without any income! But his duty demanded the collection of the fees. In such a situation Taramati could not control her grief and fortunately Lord Vishwanath appeared on the scene and declared, "Harischandra, you have suffered enough! I admire your qualities of honesty and devotion to duties even under the most trying circumstances. I do not wish innocent people to suffer unnecessarily in my place. You are freed from all your trials and tribulations. You will get back everything you have lost including your son. Go back to your kingdom and rule it as before!" At that time flowers came from heaven in a grand shower to mark the happy-ending. ●

# SHRI RAMOTSAV IN KINNIGOLI



***Shri Rama Sita, deities worshipped at Shri Ramotsav***

**A** rare programme took place in Shri Rama Mandir, Kinnigoli, Mangalore Taluk, Dakshina Kannada District on Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2014 during the camp of H.H. Shrimat Vidyadhiraja Tirth Swamiji Gurumaharaj of Shri Gokarn Partagali Jeevotham Math from 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2014 to 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2014 in the Mandir. Although all the four days witnessed religious programmes with Shri Swamiji at the centre-stage 9<sup>th</sup> was the very memorable day. We give here below the schedule as follows:

**Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2014 Evening:** Arrival of Shri Swamiji with a grand welcoming ceremony.

**Friday, the 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2014:** 1. Starting from 8.00 A.M. commencement of Cradling Ceremony of Lord Rama and at 10.50 A.M formal rocking of the cradle.

**2. Evening 5.00 P.M. on the same day:** Wedding procession of the Bridegroom, Lord Rama passing through the Main Road of Kinnigoli and at 7.07 P.M. Godhooli Lagnam of the wedding: Sita Swayamvara at the duly decorated Sabhagraha.

**3. Night at 8.00P.M. on the same day:** Shri Rama Pattabhisheka (coronation of Lord Rama)

**Saturday, the 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2014:** Tapta Mudradharana in the forenoon and cultural programme in the evening by Matra Mandali Kinnigoli (President Smt. Bharati S. Shenoy).

**Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2014:** 8.30 A.M. onwards: RakshaThrayee Havans: Shri Dhanvantari, Shri Narasimha and Shri Sudarshan Havan 11.30 A.M. conclusion of the havans. 3.00 P.M. Benedictory blessings from Shri Swamiji and 4.00 P.M. Shri Swamiji's departure to the next camp.

On all the four days Shri Swamiji was present and guided the deliberations and gave benedictory messages befitting the occasions. The four days programme was sponsored by Smt. & Shri Sachhidanand Vishnu Bhat in celebration of their Silver Wedding and also by GSB Association, Kinnigoli who own and manage Shri Rama Mandir Kinnigoli (President : Shri S. Achyut Mallya & Secretary : Shri K. Surendra V. Shenoy). Shri Sachhidanand Bhat is the son of Late Shri Vishnu Bhat who was the Archak in the Mandir for a fairly long time.

Shri Swamiji said

**Temples:** Our temples are the greatest gift passed on to us by our forefathers as the Centre of God, Religion and our Culture. We the Saraswats well known for their intelligence and devotion must see that the temples should always remain vibrant and true to the spirit of Devotion and Service to God and His Devotees. They should lead others by examples.

**Utsavs & Festivals:** By the word "utsav" we mean multiplication of happiness and joy in Service of God and His Devotees. They bring happiness and joy and bliss to all who attend and participate.

**Safety Time Limit:** These are not good days in the strictest terms. Therefore while exhibiting and displaying costly ornaments especially to adorn the deities, we must take good care. According to us it is advisable to not have the temple "utsavas" beyond 10.00 o'clock at night. It is good not only from safety point of view of our temples and deities but also of the devotees, our women, returning home wearing expensive ornaments. We have directed all our temples in North Kanara to follow this directive strictly.

# THE LOST SARASWATI RIVER OF VEDIC FAME

By Shri JAGDISH GANDHI

The lost Saraswati river was the sheet-anchor of the Indian Civilisation and the mother of our Cultural ethos that we have inherited through the many millenia. Saraswati is invoked and eulogised many times as being the principal River, Devi and Mother of all civilised behaviour, besides being the embodiment of Speech (Vaak) and Knowledge (Vidya). The Rig Ved is replete with numerous evocative references which describe the Saraswati River as the best of rivers, endowed with purest of waters and as the essence of speech.

The Saraswati River system, encompassing the Sapta Sindhu Kshetra, was not only the cradle of the earliest civilisation known to mankind, but was also the seat of eco-socio-political administration and egalitarian governance. It hosted on its banks great institutions of knowledge and learning, besides being the germinator of noble and creative human impulses, so much so that the genesis of modern India's creative genius can be traced back to the portals of Saraswati-civilisation. Saraswati was the nucleus of various disciplines of Science, viz, Physics, Chemistry, Metallurgy, Town-planning, Dock-building etc. It also hosted the ancient world's largest and earliest organised maritime trade and shipping industry. The Vedas, the mankind's oldest spiritual document extant, originated on the banks of Saraswati River. The Sanskrit language, with an elevating musical pitch built into it, emanated from the banks of Saraswati and taught the entire mankind lessons in civilised behaviour. Saraswati River was thus truly the Presiding Deity of learning, knowledge and noble scholastic impulses.

This river originated in the Himalayas rushed past the Shivalik mountains, entered the plains of what was the Sapta Sindhu Kshetra in the Vedic times, flowed through what is today Haryana, Rajasthan, Pakistan and discharged its contents in the Great Rann of Kachh and into the Arabian Sea. An eastern arm thereof entered the Rann at the trijunction of Pakistan, North Gujarat and Rajasthan, proceeded southward along the coast

of North Gujarat and entered Saurashtra some 15 Kms South west of Patdi and finally discharged into gulf of Khambhat via Nal Sarovar and Lothal. The course was appr. 2000 Kms long.

However, in contemporary context, the question is whether any such river did exist at all or whether it was only a poet's flight of fancy? And, if such a river did exist in reality as described by the Vedas, whether the river can be resurrected through the application of various modes of science and technology? The satellite pictures clearly show the abandoned course of River Saraswati as described in the Vedas. Archaeological research and excavations show the existence of big urban centres on the paleo channels of the now lost Saraswati River.

The Saraswati resurrection will take much more than a mere ordinary vision. With the application of modern techno-oriented methodology, it is perfectly possible to revive the flow of the Saraswati. It would however need a trend-setting evolution of approach involving a great deal of political will.

The great extent of territory in the sub-continent comprising Saurashtra, Kachh, Rajasthan, western Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab and the whole of what is Pakistan today, once collectively hosted the world's most expansive centres of political administration, learning, republican polity (Jana Padas) trade, commerce and agriculture through well-evolved systems of self-governance. If we can revive the Saraswati, which has fallen silent only in the stretch downstream of the lower Shivaliks but is still functional in the upper stretch of the Himalayas, then we can very well recreate the grandeur of ancient India and also regenerate the world's largest single surviving and functional Heritage of Mankind.

*(Shri Gandhi is introduced to us by Shri Girish Joshi, our Vice-President*

*—Editor)*

# Centenary Celebrations of The Punyatithi of H.H.SHRIMAT VARADENDRA TIRTHA SWAMIJI of Shri Kashi Math Samsthan

By Shri N.U.Pai



A rare and great occasion is before the followers of Shri Kashi Math in particular and Saraswat Samaj in general as, on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2014 the concluding ceremony of the centenary celebrations of Punya Tithi of Shri Varadendra Tirtha Swamiji will be held on a

grand scale in Walkeshwar Math Mumbai where Shri Swamiji, the 18<sup>th</sup> Pontiff of the Math (the present Swamiji is 20<sup>th</sup> in the lineage) had attained "mukti" on this particular "tithi" one hundred years ago and here stands the sacred "Vrindavan" of Shri Swamiji close to the "Jeevant Samadhi" of the 7<sup>th</sup> Pontiff, H.H.Shrimat Madhavendra Tirth Swamiji in the same Math premises. The celebrations have already begun in Gosripuram, Kochi (Kerala) and a chariot carrying the portrait of Shri Swamiji has started from there on 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2014 to travel across Kerala, Karnataka, Goa and finally Maharashtra visiting Saraswat Settlements where



125 years old rare photo of H. H. Shrimat Varadendra Tirtha Swamiji at the feet of his Guru H. H. Shrimat Bhuvanendra Tirtha Swamiji.

the disciples of Shri Kashi Math live. The chariot while going from place to place distributes leaflets giving a brief biographical sketch with the rare qualities of head and heart of Shri Swamiji and also his rare contribution to Samaj. During the concluding ceremony H.H.Shrimat Samyameendra Tirtha Swamiji, Pattashishya of Shrimat Sudhindra Tirtha Swamiji will be present.

Shri Swamiji was given 'deeksha' on 6.6.1886 barely at the age of 10 by his illustrious preceptor



The Decorated Rath (Right) that has started from Kochi to Walkeshwar Mumbai with Shri Swamiji's photo (left). Photos by Shri K.G. Mallya when the Rath reached Kinnigoli on the 8th April 2014 Shri Rama Navami Day.

H.H. Shrimat Bhuvandra Tirtha Swamiji and soon after the 'deeksha' he was sent to Varanasi to learn the scriptures. It is told that he remained there for a decade and mastered the scriptures besides becoming a scholar in Sanskrit language. He was a great linguist who had also learnt 16 languages. Though he did not receive formal education in science and technology of the day, he could repair gadgets like clocks and telegraph transmitting machines. He also could print and publish books. More than that Shri Swamiji could compose intricate poetical metres and also prayer songs.

H.H. Swamiji was very fond of children. They were free to move everywhere in the math and Swamiji provided them with fruits and sweets everyday after the poojas. Swamiji brought fire crackers for the children during Deepavali and till now it is continued in the Math. When children were unable to go to the city to see the circus, Swamiji arranged the circus in the Math premises for the children.

Shri Swamiji also learnt Ayurveda, Mantra and Tantra from his preceptor Shrimat Bhuvanendra Tirtha Swamiji who was well versed in the ancient art of healing.

Unfortunately for the Samaj, Shri Swamiji was not keeping sound health and so decided to accept a Brahmachari Shri Shrinivas Prabhu from Cochin as "patta sishya" and "deeksha" was given on 31-8-1912. Within a short period of time, at the age

of 48, H. H. Shrimat Varadendra Tirtha Swamiji attained mukti, on 24<sup>th</sup> June, 1914 thus passing on all the responsibilities of Shri Kashi Math to H. H. Sukratindra Tirtha Swamiji who had not even attained the age of majority at that time.

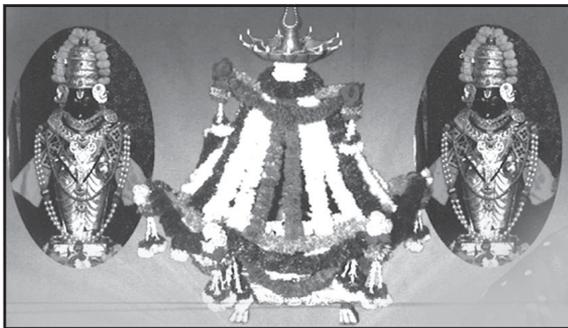
H. H. Shrimat Varadendra Tirtha Swamiji took over the reins of Shri Kashi Math Samsthan and faced all challenges of the difficult period. He held Digvigayas at all Samaj Kendras, undertook pilgrimages to religious centres and propagated Dharmic Values of life among the devotees across the country. Swamiji spent lot of time at Walkeshwar Shri Kashi Math.

Today Shri Walkeshwar Kashi Math has become a pilgrimage centre not only for Mumbaikars but also for all. Thousands of disciples visit Shri Walkeshwar Kashimath, every year during the camp of H.H. Shrimat Sudhindra Tirtha Swamiji and priya sishya H.H. Srimat Samyamendra Tirtha Swamiji. They also seek the blessings of H. H. Srimat Madhavendra Tirtha Swamiji and H. H. Shrimat Varadendra Tirtha Swamiji at the 'Samadhithal' (Vrindavans).

On this great occasion of the centenary, I pray and seek the blessings of all Swamijis of our Guru parampara for peace and prosperity of the entire mankind.

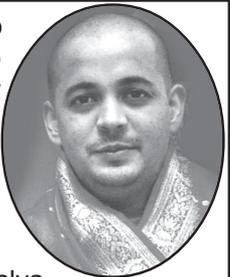
*(The writer was one of the trustees of Cochin Thirumala Devaswom, Gosripuram)*

## FORTHCOMING EVENT: "BHAJANA SAPTAHA" AT SHRI MULKI TEMPLE



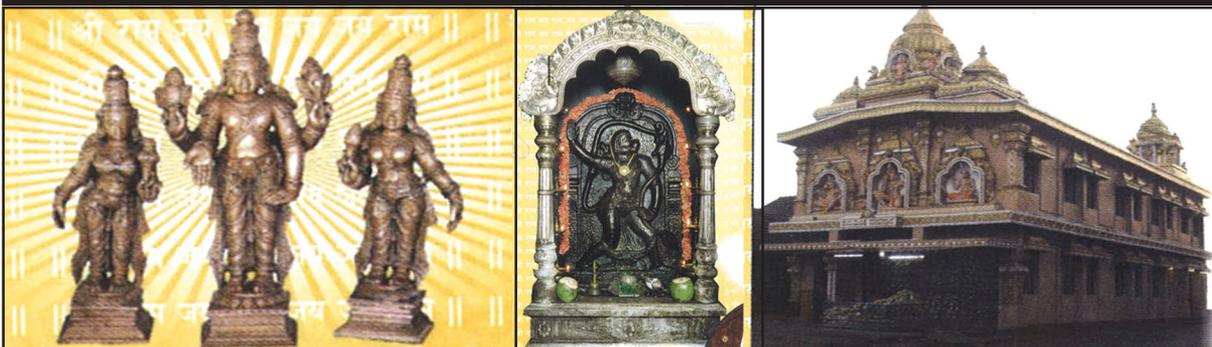
To mark its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and also for the welfare of the mankind as a whole, Shri Venkataramana Bhajana Mandali, Mulki (President: Shri M. Jayarama Prabhu, Secretary:

Shri Vivek Shenoy) is going to have a week long non-stop Bhajana Saptaha from 3<sup>rd</sup> July to 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2014 (both days inclusive) at Shri Venkataramana Temple, Volalanka Mulki. At 6.30 A.M. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July, H.H. Shrimat Sivananda Saraswat Swamiji of Shri Kaivalya Math will inaugurate the Saptah by lighting the holy lamp. Shri Swamiji will camp in the Temple from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2014.



(Saptaha Contact Numbers: cell: 9535435097, 8105242172, 9972295466 & 9880645829).

## Reinstallation Ceremony in Shri Hanuman Temple, Moodabidri, D.K.Dist



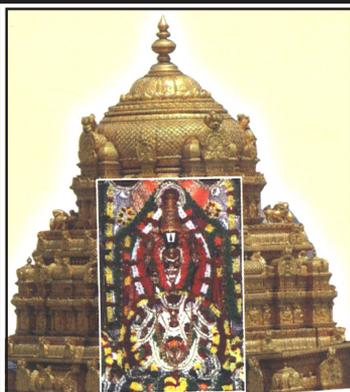
**M**oodabidri, renowned as Jai Kashi has Shri Venkataramana Temple and also Shri Hanuman Temple close to each other both belonging to Gowd Saraswat Brahmins. (It is stated that Hanuman is the faithful servant of Lord Venkataramana) Surprisingly Shri Hanuman here is attracting devotees without any barrier of caste, creed or community and receives the “abhishekam” of tender coconuts in hundreds everyday. The temple has gone on records that in the whole of world nowhere such a large quantity of tender coconuts are received from the devotees.

Well, as the history goes the idol here came as a gift from one of the rulers of Vijaya Nagara empire some nine centuries ago. It was installed in a small shrine of one cent area with a thatched roof on the road-side. The temple was

renovated in 1932 and again in 1991 and this year the sanctum sanctorum has been rebuilt completely with granite stones with artistic carvings on the “gopuram”. This majestic structure with a cost of around Rs.1 crore stands proudly like an ornament to the entire township. The reinstallation ceremony of Shri Hanumanji in the new sanctum took place on Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2014 at the sacred hands of H.H.Shrimat Samyameendra Tirtha Swamiji, Pattashishya of H.H.Shrimat Sudhindra Tirth Swamiji of Shri Kashi Math Samsthan. There were good crowds to attend the programme dedicated to their dear Hanuman.

*(Photos (L to R) Lord Venkataramana with His consorts, Shri Hanuman & the Temple)*

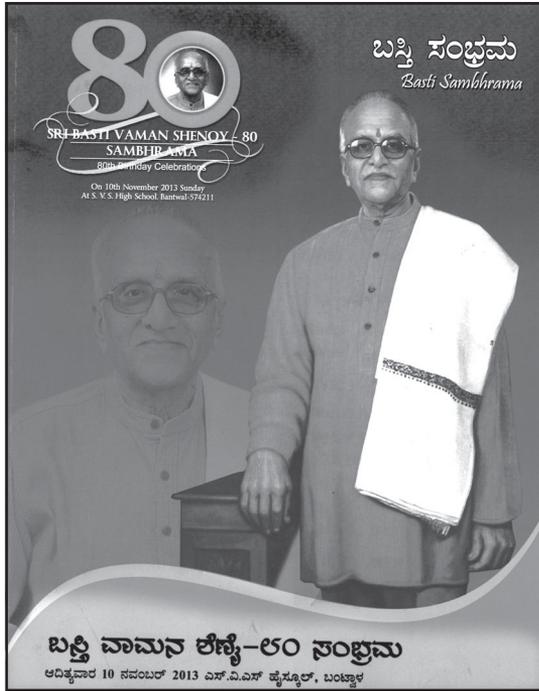
## SHRI VARADARAJA VENKATARAMANA TEMPLE, KASARAGOD (Kerala)



**T**he temple organised Sahasra Kumbhabhishekam on Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2014 in the holy presence and guidance of H.H.Shrimat Samyameendra Tirth Swamiji, Patta Shishya of H.H.Shrimat Sudhindra Tirth Swamiji of Shri Kashi Math. The “abhishekam” was offered to the deity for the welfare of devotees in particular and the mankind as a whole in general. Shri Swamiji also observed Vasant Mas, the spring time camp in the temple from 27<sup>th</sup> March 2014 to 13<sup>th</sup> May 2014. The temple attracted huge crowds during Shri Swamiji’s camp.



# LIFE BEAUTIFUL



**K**onkani Sardar & Saraswat Sardar as well, Shri Basti Vaman Shenoy's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations took place in Bantwal on 10<sup>th</sup> Nov., 2013 organised by the Celebrations Committee specially constituted for this purpose. Through our pages we have been reporting from time to time his achievements as a veteran Konkani activist. On the occasion of his 80<sup>th</sup> Birth Day, a colourful Commemoration volume called, "Basti Sambhrama" was brought out by the Celebration Committee. The volume contains messages, tributes and articles in Konkani, Kannada and English from Konkani speaking people from India and abroad who are his admirers and also Konkani Language. Very colourful photographs of his achievements all through the years are also included in the book, acting as a fitting tribute to a very successful person. The volume is edited by our Editor, Shri K.G.Mallya & Published by Celebrations Committee, Basti 80<sup>th</sup> Sambhrama, Bantwal (D.K.Dist) Surely this is going to be a very good addition to the Konkani Literary World—AISCO & AISF

## G.S.B.S.MEDICAL TRUST, DADAR(E) MUMBAI - 400014 Annual Doctors' Meet

**T**he Trust organised its Annual Doctor's Meet on Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2014. Shri Arvind Inamdar, former Director General of Police was the Chief Guest. The Programme started with an invocation by Dr. Girish Lad. Dr. Suhas Prabhu, President of the Trust welcomed. In his address, Shri Inamdar spoke on "Professional Ethics". He said that medical profession can give a lot of professional satisfaction when humanity is given importance. He appreciated the services rendered by the doctors in general to the society. However, he cautioned that if the profession is pursued with the sole intention of making money, it can destroy the basic purpose of the service.

Befitting the occasion a DVD highlighting the working and the services rendered by the GSBS Medical Trust at affordable

rates to the general public irrespective of caste, creed and community, was released by Shri Inamdar as depicted in the photo. Dr. Maya Kalekar proposed the vote of thanks (Photo and report by Mrs. Gita Pai, Trustee Secretary)



## Glittering Award Presentation Programme of SARASWAT CHAITANYA MARATHI QUARTERLY, MUMBAI

Saraswat Chaitanya, the Marathi quarterly magazine has the tradition of honouring distinguished Saraswat Achievers in different fields for the last 28 years and this year's Award Presentation Ceremony took place in the evening of Saturday the 10th May 2014. The venue was Saraswat Bank Bhavan, Prabhadevi, Mumbai. Shri Kishore Rangnekar, the Working President of the Chaitanya was in the chair. And the veteran thinker and the cartoonist Shri Mangesh Tendulkar was the Chief Guest. Pointedly declared, "We come across with a lot of people who advise 'to make

3. Saraswat Prakashan Trust Award to: the famous Actor Shri Ashok Saraf
4. Samaj Sevak K.Ravindra Patkar Award to: Social Worker Mrs. Netra Tendulkar (who is connected with the education of mentally retarded children).
5. Famous Journalist & Economist Late G.M.Lad Award to: Senior Journalist Shri Rohit Chandavarkar.
6. V.G.Padgaonkar Award to: Bardeshkar Gowd Saraswat Brahmin Nidhi, Dadar Mumbai.
7. N.V.Gunjikar Memorial Saraswat Chaitanya



**Photo (L to R) Mr Pramod Tendulkar, Mr Gautam Thakur, Mr Kishor Ranganekar, Mr Mangesh Tendulkar, Padmashri Madhu Mangesh Karnik, Mr Sushil Sanzgiri, Mr Sudhakar Lotlikar**

sacrifice and sacrifice' but rarely do we come across with people who really make sacrifices in their life, unless we recognise and honour them publicly as we do it to-day. That is why the programmes like this one are required and in this respect, Saraswat Chaitanya deserves our full appreciation..."

The following personalities were honoured in recognition of their meritorious service to the society:

1. Late Sow Pramodini & Late Dr.P.V.Rege Award to: Shri Sushil Sanzgiri, Vice-Chairman of Saraswat Bank
2. M.N.Desai Award to: Shri Manohar Lotlikar of Indian Education Society

Award to: Kum.Nikhita Gulgule as a student of merit.

On this occasion, Shri Dinakar Mantri, Trustee of Saraswat Prakashan was also honoured on completion of his 75 years of age.

All the recipients of the Awards expressed their happiness and gratefulness for recognizing them. Shri Sushil Sanzgiri declared, "Today I feel I am great when I am honoured by the award in the name of a towering personality of the stature of late Dr. Rege. But I am still a commoner. Saraswat Bank, in those days, had a scheme called, "Earn and Learn". Taking advantage of that scheme I could complete my education and to-day I am happy that

I have become the Vice-Chairman of that Bank and have received the rare honour. I am grateful to all."

Smt. Netra Tendulkar said, "Saraswat Samaj is one where people help one another sincerely to come up in life. I am associated with the organisation of improving the life of the mentally retarded children. We assess their needs and teach them to stand on their own legs. I invite everyone here to pay a visit to our organisation, meet the children and see for themselves our working."

Shri Rohit Chandavar said that being a journalist his duties involve meeting the great industrialist Shri Ratan Tata one day, and on the very next day he may have to meet the hutment dwellers. And

this provides different types of experience every day. "As a journalist I have understood that one should talk less but write more. My thanks to Saraswat Chaitanya Quarterly."

Shri Manohar Lotlikar stated that he was happy that Saraswat Chaitanya has recognised his services in the arena of education. "If I could be of any service, I shall definitely render..."

Shri Ashok Saraf expressed that he would remember this moment for ever. "I have received several awards but nothing to compare with this, as this one is coming from 'my home and my people' in acknowledgement of my service."

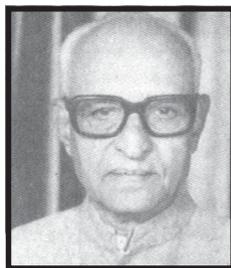
Really the programme was a memorable one. ●

## OBITUARY

Noted Social Worker in the Community, Shri Sadanand Ramchandra Sukthankar (age 95) passed away on 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2014 at his residence in Dadar, Mumbai. Various organizations like Rao Bahadur S. V. Rajadhyaksha G. S. B. Foreign Education Society and Saraswat Vidyarthi Sahayak Mandali in their meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2014 and Chikitska Samuha and Deccan Merchants' Co-op Bank on 9<sup>th</sup> June held condolence meetings to mourn the death and pay homage to the departed soul.

Born on 8<sup>th</sup> October 1919 at Malwan, Shri Sukhtankar had his education in Union High School and later Sydenham College, Mumbai where he obtained his B.Com degree. He then joined the Dahanukar Group of Industries as an Accountant and purely out of his ability and hard work he was later appointed as a Director in many Companies. He served the Dahanukar Group for more than 50 years. He was also Trustee on their Trusts. Even after his retirement the Group was seeking his advice from time to time.

Other than his professional achievements he has been known for his social and community service as he was actively associated himself with the Rao Bahadur S. V. Rajadhyaksha G. S. B. Foreign Education Society in 1966 when the enrolled



**SHRI S.R. SUKTHANKAR**  
(8<sup>th</sup> Oct., 1919 to 26<sup>th</sup> May 2014)

himself as a Associate Life member and was co-opted in the Managing Committee and took charge in 1966 as a Treasurer till 1990. In 1974 he was elected as a Trustee and he remained as a Trustee till his demise. He was elected Chairman of the Managing Committee in the 1990 and was Chairman up to 2000. Thus he was associated with the Society for the last 49 years. After Nanasahab Suktankar he has been the real pillar of

strength to the Society and Source of inspiration to the colleagues on the Managing Committee. A much respected person known for sincerity and integrity he was closely involved in the activities of Saraswat Vidyarthi Sahayak Mandali and Chikitsak Samuha in the capacities of Trustee Chairman. He was also Ex-Vice Chairman of Deccan Merchants' Co-op Bank Ltd. He was designated Justice of Peace (J.P.) and Special Executive Magistrate (S.E.M.) by Maharashtra Government. *(We, at AISCO & AISF mourn his death and pray for his soul besides remembering gratefully for his moral support to our Saraswat Organisations. He was the Chief Guest at our Dombivli Convention way back in 2003—Dr. Ajit Gunjekar, President, AISCO & AISF)*

# SHRI SHASHIKANT EKNATH TENDULKAR,

## President, Saraswat Hitavardhak Mandal,

### Entering His Amritmahotsava Year

On 18<sup>th</sup> April 2014 Shri Shashikant Eknath Tendulkar President, Saraswat Hitavardhak Mandal, has entered his 75<sup>th</sup> year. Befitting the occasion on 18<sup>th</sup> April itself a grand felicitation programme was organised by the Amrit Mahotsava Samiti specially to honour him. Dr.Ashok Modak was the Chief Guest and Dr.Pandurang Rajaram Kinare was in the chair. At the beginning of the programme, Secretary, Shri Ashok Sinkar in his welcome address stated that the programme was organised not only for his entering the Amrit Mahotsava Year but also in recognition of his self-less social service for the last fifty years. From 1964 he was in the public life having associated himself with Jana Sangh, B.J.P. and also Labour Unions. He was also serving in the field of dramas and social service through Saraswat Hitavardhaka Mandal which he is serving now as the President of the Mandal.

Chief Guest, Ashok Modak declared that Shri Tendulkar's life serves as a lesson as to how life can be led successfully. Then he gave a beautiful account of Shri Tendulkar's wonderful journey from Politics to Social Service. Samiti President Dr.Pandurang Kinare gave a grand picture of his personal friendship with Shri Tendulkar, spanning over 50 years.

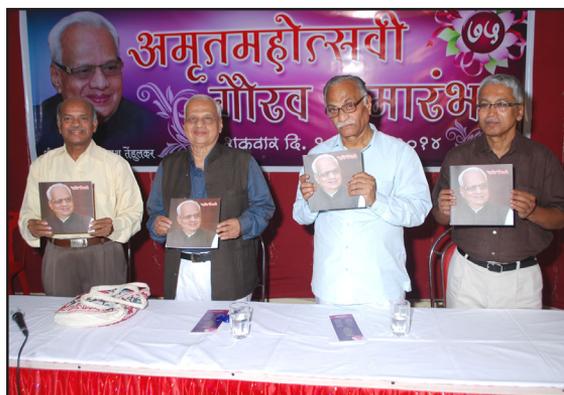
In reply, Shri Tendulkar modestly stated that he is not a great person in any way as he has always tried to remain as a common worker. "Wherever I have served I have received the fullest co-operation and abundant love and therefore I have been able to participate in the social and community service. I hope and pray that I will be able to get the same co-operation and love here afterwards also," he added.

Later on behalf of the Samiti he was honoured. Shawl, garland, flowers and coconut were presented to him. Shri Shashikant Keshav Sakhalkar, Trustee of the Mandal presented a memento to him. On this occasion a commemoration volume, "Shashi Kirane" (Edited by Shri Pramod Yashwant Tendulkar) containing tributes and write-ups on Shri Tendulkar, by his friends and well-wishers was released by Dr.Ashok Modak and Dr.Pandurang Kinare. The programme was really a fitting tribute to a self-less social worker.

*(On this happy occasion, we at AISCO & AIFS convey our hearty best wishes to Shri Tendulkar with our prayers for his health, happiness and longevity in service of the society and the country—  
Dr.Ajit Gunjekar, President AISCO & AIFS, Mumbai)*

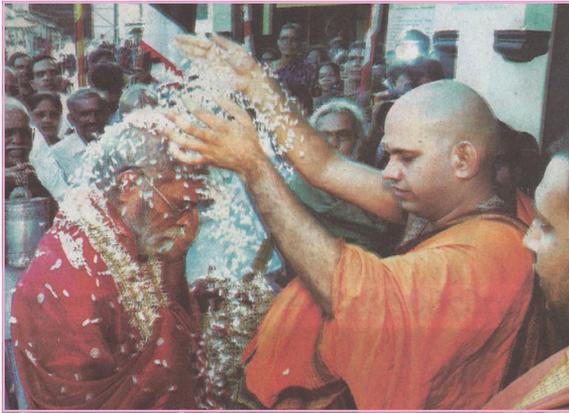


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## VISIT OF H. H. SHRI GOKARN MATH SWAMIJI TO UDUPI SHRI KRISHNA TEMPLE



On Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2014, Shrimat Vidyahiraja Tirth Swamiji paid a visit to Udupi Temple to have the "darshan" of Lord Shri Krishna. The temple authorities took Shri Swamiji in a procession and the present "paryaya" Swamiji Kaniyoor H.H. Shrimat Vidya Vallabha Swamiji welcomed. In a rare gesture, while welcoming petals of flowers were showered on Shri Gokarn Math Swamiji. Shri Swamiji had the darshan of Lord Krishna and also Shri Mukhyaprana (Hanuman). It was really a very rare occasion indeed. (Photo: Shri Gokarn Math Swamiji being welcomed)

### Cultural Activities by GSB Matra Mandali Kinnigoli

During the Camp of Shri Gokarn Math Swamiji for Ramotsav, the Mandali presented a Dance Drama by ladies and children depicting "Dashavatara" of Lord Vishnu. The following are the two scenes:



**Shri Narasimha Avatar:**  
**Prahlad (Rahul Shenoy) &  
Hiranya Kashipu (Akasha Kini)**



**Shri Vaman Avatar**  
**Bali (Mrs. Bharati Shenoy)  
& Vaman (Vaibhav Prabhu)**

### Brahmopadesham

#### **Chi.Sathyaprasad Nayak**

S/o Smt. Mahalaxmi &  
Shri Raghav R. Nayak,  
(Grand son of Smt. &  
Shri Radhakrishna  
Nayak, Moorukaveri,  
Kinnigoli)  
on 19<sup>th</sup> Feb., 2014 at  
Kinnigoli.



**Chi.Aayush**  
S/o Smt. Sanjana &  
Shri Sudhir Pai  
  
(Grandson of  
Smt. Jayalaxmi &  
Shri R.S. Pai)  
on 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2014  
in Mulund  
Mumbai.

**Hearty Congratulations to our Brilliant Scholars who have scored very good marks in their career deciding examinations. We wish them all very, very bright future in all aspects of life.**



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**NOTICE**

The Annual General Meeting of All India Saraswat Cultural Organisation (AISCO) & All India Saraswat Foundation (AISF) will be held at 10 A.M. on Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2014 in Ashwamedh, Botawala Building, Sitaladevi, Mahim, Mumbai-40016.

**AGENDA**

1. To read and confirm the minutes of the last AGM held during the year 2013
2. To receive the Annual Report & Audited Statement of Accounts for the period from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2013 to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2014
3. To appoint the Auditors for the ensuing year.
4. Any other business properly placed before the Managing Committee.

**NOTES:**

1. Should there be no quorum at 10.A.M. the meeting shall be adjourned to 10.30 A.M and shall be held on the same day at the same venue irrespective of the quorum.
2. Members intending to bring up any points for discussions under S.No.6 above are notified to submit such items to the undersigned seven days before the date of the meeting.

/By the Order of the Managing Committee/  
Mahim, Mumbai 400016

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General Secretary

14<sup>th</sup> June, 2014