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ನಿಮ್ಮೆಲ್ಲರಿಗೂ ಉಗಾದಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಹೊಸವರ್ಷದ ಹಾಧಿಕಕ ಶುಭಾಶಯಗಳು. ಈ ಉಗಾದಿಯ ಶುಭ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ಚಂದನ ಕನ್ನಡ ಸಂಘದ ವತಿಯಿಂದ ಇದೇ ಮೊದಲ ಬಾರಿಗೆ ಈ ವಾರ್ತಾ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಯನ್ನು ಬಹಳ ಹಮ್ಮೆಯಿಂದ ಹೊರತರುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇವೆ. ಇದರ ಉದ್ದೇಶ ಕ್ಯಾನ್ಸಸ್ನಲ್ಲಿನ ಕನ್ನಡಿಗರನ್ನು ಕೂಡಿಸಿ ಅವರ ದನಿಯಾಗಿ ಸ್ಪಂಥಿಸುವುದು. ಇದು ಹೆಮ್ಮೆಯ ಕ್ಯಾನ್ಸಸ್ ಕನ್ನಡಿಗನಿಗೆ ಚಂದನ ಕನ್ನಡ ಸಂಘ ನೀಡುತ್ತಿರುವ ಉಗಾದಿಯ ಪುಟ್ಟ ಕೊಡುಗೆ.

ಎಲ್ಲೇ ಇರು ಹೇಗೇ ಇರು ಎಂದೆಂದು ಕನ್ನಡವಾಗಿರು ಎಂಬ ಸಾಣ್ಣುಡಿ ನಮ್ಮ ಸಾಡು, ನುಡಿ, ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಇಷ್ಟು ದೂರ ಬಂದರೂ ಉಳಿಸಿ, ಬೆಳೆಸಿ, ಜೀವಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ ಪ್ರತಿಯೊಬ್ಬ ಕನ್ನಡಿಗನಿಗೂ ಬಹಳ ಪ್ರಸ್ತುತ. ಸಂಘದ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾಣಸಿಗುವ ಕಲೆ, ಆಸಕ್ತಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಪ್ರೋತ್ಸಾಹ ಇದಕ್ಕೆ ಎತ್ತಿ ಹಿಡಿದ ಕನ್ನಡಿ. ನಿಮ್ಮೆಲ್ಲರ ಶ್ರಮ ಹಾಗು ಪ್ರೋತ್ಸಾಹದ ಧದ್ರ ಬುಸಾಡಿಯ ಮೇಲೇಳುತ್ತಿರುವ ಸಂಘದ ಕರೀಟಕ್ಕೆ ಈ ವಾರ್ತಾ ಸಂಚಿಕೆ ಮತ್ತೊಂದು ಗರಿ. ಇದು ಇರುವುದು ನಿಮಗಾಗಿ, ಅದರಿಂದ ಕನ್ನಡ ನಾಡು ಹಾಗು ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂದಿಸಿದ ಯಾವುದೇ ಬರಹವನ್ನು ನೀವು ಇದಕ್ಕೆ ಕಳುಹಿಸಬಹುದು.

ಕ್ಕಾನ್ಸಸ್ನನಂತಹ ಅತಿ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಕನ್ನಡಿಗರಿಲ್ಲದ ಸ್ಥಳದಲ್ಲೂ ಇಂತಹ ಒಂದು ಒಳ್ಳೆಯ ಸಂಘವನ್ನು ನಡೆಸುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಕಾರಣ, ಇಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಪ್ರತಿಯೊಟ್ಟ ಕನ್ನಡಿಗನ ಕನ್ನಡಾಭಿಮಾನ. ಸಂಘದ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸುವುದು ಮತ್ತು ಆಸಕ್ತಿವಹಿಸುವುದು ಪ್ರತಿಯೊಟ್ಟರಿಗೂ ವೈಯುಕ್ತಿಕ ವಿಚಾರವಾದಾಗ ಮಾತ್ರ ಸಂಘವನ್ನು ಇನ್ನೂ ಎತ್ತರಕ್ಕೆ ಬೆಳಸಲು ಸಾಧ್ಯ. ಇಲ್ಲಿನ ಪ್ರತಿಯೊಟ್ಟ ಕನ್ನಡಿಗನ ಆಸಕ್ತಿಯೇ ಸಂಘದ ಸ್ವಯಂಸೇವಕರಿಗೆ ಶಕ್ತಿ. ಆದುದರಿಂದ, ಸಂಘದ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಇನ್ನೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸುವಂತೆ ಮನವಿಮಾಡುತ್ತೇನೆ.

ಆನೇಕ ವರ್ಣರಂಜಿಕ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳನ್ನು ಬಹಳ ಚೆನ್ನಾಗಿ ಆಯೋಜಿಸಿದ ಕಳೆದ ವರ್ಷದ ಸಮಿತಿ ಮತ್ತು ಸ್ವಯಂ ಸೇವಕರಿಗೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಉತ್ಸಾಹಭರಿತರಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾಲ್ಗೊಂಡ ಸದಸ್ಮರಿಗೆ ಈ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ಧನ್ಯವಾದಗಳನ್ನು ಕೋರುತ್ತಾ, ಹೊಸ ವರ್ಷದಲ್ಲಿ ಆದನ್ನೂ ಮೀರಿಸುವಂತೆ ಹೊಸ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳು ಬರಲಿ ಎಂದು ಹಾರೈಸುತ್ತೇನೆ.

ಸಂಘ ಇನ್ನೂ ಎತ್ತರಕ್ಕೆ ಬೆಳೆಯಲು ಹಾಗೂ ಇನ್ನೂ ಮಹತ್ವದ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳನ್ನು ನಿಮ್ಮಲ್ಲಿಗೆ ತರಲು ನಿಮ್ಮ ಸಲಹೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಪ್ರೋತ್ಸಾಹ ಆತ್ಮಗತ್ಯ. ಅದರಿಂದ, ನಿಮ್ಮ ಅನಿಸಿಕೆಗಳನ್ನು ತಪ್ಪದೆ ತಿಳಿಸಿರಿ.

- ಬನ್ನಿ ಎಲ್ಲರೂ ಸೇರಿ ಕ್ಯಾನ್ಸಸ್ ಕನ್ನಡ ಬಳಗವನ್ನು ಇನ್ನೂ ಎತ್ತರಕ್ಕೆ ಬೆಳೆಸೋಣ.

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For some time now, the Executive Committee of Chandana Kannada Sangha has been thinking of bringing out a newsletter for Kannada Community. Though this idea has been there for quite some time, due to various reasons, we could not make it happen. After the huge success of the Deepavali function last year, we met and decided that by Ugadi this year we should have our newsletter and we all worked hard to get this newsletter in print. This is a very humble beginning and we know we have a long way to go.

We plan to bring this out every quarter (March, June, September and December) and mail it to all paid members for free. We invite articles from our members for the newsletter. You can send in jokes to fit in our humor timer, new recipes which will find place in our kitchen corner or articles on sports as we will have a sports time section. If we have fitness gurus out there, please feel free to send in your tips so that many of us can keep ourselves in good shape. Apart from this, if anybody finds any interesting piece of news from India in general and Karnataka in particular, then send it and we will include it. Please note that we have no place for any political news in our newsletter.

Hey kids!, No, we have not forgotten you. You will always be in our minds (how can you not!!!). From time to time we will have a kids special, that will feature articles sent by kids and also any art work that you have produced. We will also be mentioning your notable achievements. We request the parents to keep us informed about your kids achievements.

Last but not the least, we request the kind cooperation and support of all our members in making this newsletter a continuous process. Please feel free to send in your suggestions/comments to any of the members of the Editorial Team.

CHANDANA KANNADA SANGHA'S VISION, AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

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Vision

Chandana Kannada Sangha shall be the foremost non-profit socio-cultural organization to foster the culture of the people of Karnataka, India, in the states of Kansas and Missouri.

Aims and Objectives

- Foster the culture of Karnataka and that of Kannadigas in the Kansas and Missouri states.
- Promote the spirit of friendship and co-operation among the people interested in the culture of Karnataka
- Collaborate with other associations in North America or elsewhere in matters of common interest
- Present performing artists, movies, sports activities, other cultural programs, cultural and business delegations, and visiting dignitaries, with a view to promote and propagate the culture of Karnataka
- Keep members informed by effective means of communication
- Encourage youth of Karnataka origin to develop, preserve and propagate cultural identity
- Assist newcomers to integrate into the Kannada society in the Kansas and Missouri area.
- Encourage the social, cultural, educational, recreational and welfare interests of members of the Organization and act as a primary forum to showcase the talents of the same
- Identify and showcase talent in the Kannada Community in Kansas and Missouri.

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LITERARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Snowflakes

Snowflakes
I like them
Ask me why
Because they're soft
Because you can eat them
Because you can lick them
Because there are different kinds
That's why I like
SNOWFLAKES!
- Pradyumna Rao

ನಡೆಯುತಿರುವೆನುನಾ ಜೀವನಾ ಹಾದಿಯಲಿ, ಎಲ್ಲೆಲ್ಲು ದಾರಿ ಕಾಣದೆ ದೃಷ್ಟಿಹೀನಾಗಿ, ತಿಳಿಯಲು ಜೀವನದ ಅರ್ಥವಾ

ಕಾಣುತಿರುವೆನಾಅ ಅಸಾದ್ಯವಾದ ಕನಸನು, ಯಾರಾದರೊಬ್ಬರು ತುಮ್ಬಲು ಶೌರ್ಯವಾ ನನ್ನೊಳು, ಎದುರಿಸಲು ನನ್ನಯ ಜೀವನದ ಅಸ್ತಿತ್ಯವಾ

ಕಾಯುತಿರುವೆನುನಾ ನಿರೀಕ್ಮೆಯಲಿ, ಬದಲಿಸಲು ನನ್ನಯ ಕಲ್ಪನೆಯ, ವರ್ಣಿಸಲು ಪ್ರೆಮದೊಡನೆ ನನ್ನಯ ಜೀವನದ ವಿವರ್ಣವಾ

ಬರೆಯುತಿರುವೆನುನಾ ಇದನು ಮೂರ್ಖನನ್ನೆ, ಊಹಿಸಲಾಗದ ಊಹೆ ಮಾಡುತ, ಆ ಊಹೆಯೊಳು ದೀದಿಲ್ಲದ ನಾನು.

ಮಂಚೇಶ್ (ದಿಯಿಂಗ)

Beautiful India

India is so beautiful
People are still dutiful
With a pleasant blowing air
And sweet flowers to care.

The rivers flowing down the mountains

The parks are full of fountains.
Thanks to God's creations
We are all friends in relations.

The sun, moon and the star For man to reach is very high But still he makes it possible For science to be admirable

The Himalayas in the north
Is snow white.
For enemies to cross is very
tight

But who knows still there is a fight

-Divya Chandrasekhara

Prevent Tension

The moment you are in tension You will loose your attention Then you are in total confusion And you will feel irritation Then you will spoil personal rela-

Ultimately you wont get coopera-

Then things will lead to complication

Then your BP might rise caution And you may have to take medi-

Instead understand the situation And try to think about the solution

Many problems will be solved by discussion

Which will work out better in your profession

Dont think it is a free suggestion It is only for your prevention If you understand my intention You will never come again to tension!!!!!

- Nymisha Rao

THE STORY OF FOUR PEOPLE

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Contributed by Namana Rao

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ABOUT UGADI

Ugadi is a festival which is very significant and important to the people of India. It marks the starting of the Hindu New Year and the beginning of the Spring season (Vasantha Ruthu). It brings lots of happiness and contentment with the onset of this festival. It is the most important festival for Hindus, which falls on Chaitra Shuddha Prathipada(Padya). Ugadi name has been changed from Yuga Adi (Yuga + Adi means beginning of New Age). It is believed that the creator of the Hindu pantheon Lord Brahma started creation on this day .Ugadi is celebrated all across India. In different parts of India, it is called by different names. In Maharashtra it is called "Gudipadava". No matter where you are, the reason to celebrate this festival is the same.

This festival, comes close on the heels of Holi. While the strong colors of Holi start fading away, the freshness of spring lingers on with brightness all around. The flame of the forest (trees with bright red flowers that blossom during holi) are in full bloom signifying an affluent season. The great Indian Mathematician Bhaskaracharya's calculations proclaimed the Ugadi day from the sunrise on as the beginning of the New Year, new month and new day. The onset of spring also marks a beginning of new life with plants (barren until now) acquiring new life, shoots and leaves. Spring is considered the first season of the year hence also creating a new year and a new beginning. The vibrancy of life and lush fields, meadows full of colorful blossoms signifies growth, prosperity and well-being.

With the coming of Ugadi, the naturally perfumed jasmines spread a sweet fragrance which is perhaps unmatched by any other in nature's own creation! While large garlands of jasmine are offered to Gods in homes and temples, jasmine flowers woven in clusters enhance the beauty of women. Preparations for the festival begin a week ahead. Houses are given a thorough, good wash. All the shopping for new clothes and buying lots of other items related to the festival is all done with a lot of excitement. People wake up before the break of dawn, apply coconut oil on their skin and take a head bath after which they decorate the entrance of their houses with fresh mango leaves and amazing rangoli designs. All these traditional decorations attract positive vibes into the house. Wearing new clothes, people offer prayers for the God and chant manthras, invoking his blessings before they start off with the New Year. They pray for their health, wealth and prosperity and success in business too. The youngsters kneel down to the elders' feet to seek for their blessings. Ugadi is the most auspicious time to start new ventures.

People consume Bevu (neem) and Bella (jaggery). The neem, though tastes bitter for the tongue, it is good for health. The inner significance of this is to indicate that life is a mixture of good and bad, joy and sorrow, success and disappointment, and all of them have to be treated alike. In other words, even when life gives us bitter experiences, the bitterness reduces with the inducement of the sweetness of life. All experiences have to be treated with same due respect. Everyone should resolve to face calmly whatever happens in this year or many more years to come, accepting it with good grace. Consider everything is for one's own good. Men or women should rise above sorrow and happiness, success and failure. Auspicious days like Ugadi should be used for making resolutions to change our way of life and to purify our behavior by giving up all bad qualities. The resolutions can be small or big. When something bad happens in life, it's only a temporary phase, good days will be seen ahead. Ugadi is a festival that teaches lessons in selfless service. It is strongly believed that what is experienced on this day will be reflected throughout the year.

People listen to Panchanga (Panchanga Shravana-listening to the yearly calendar) on Ugadi. Experts will open the new Panchanga on the day and explain the forecast of rain, crop, storms, crop prices and other relevant things. Hence, people are well-prepared for the whole year. Predictions of the whole year make people prepared to face any situation.

There is no need to wait for a new year to bring new tidings. Every moment is new. If our actions are good, the results will be good. Bad actions lead to bad consequences. People think that good and bad are related to bad time. Their thoughts are the cause. Hence, they should develop good thoughts and do good deeds. They should cherish good feelings and associate with good people. We should have belief in our life and celebrate Ugadi everyday by discarding all the bad qualities and look forward to do good things. Thereby, we are achieving our positive goals.

- Nymisha Rao

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TODAY'S ACHIEVERS, TOMORROW'S CHALLENGERS

Nayana Subramanya (Kindergarten)

Nayana has won a bracelet for good reading in her class.

Akshay Prabhushankar (1st grade)

Akshay won the Citizenship award from Blackbob Elementary School for "Accountability". Akshay's book was chosen to represent the Blackbob Elementary School at the Olathe Young Authors' celebration. Brad Sneed, a nationally recognized author and illustrator gave an autobiographed book to Akshay. He was also given a certificate appreciating his accomplishment.

Rathi Narayan (1st grade)

Advanced Honor roll in Nationwide Kumon Math Program

First place in drawing and coloring competition conducted by HTCC.

Pradyumna Rao (1st Grade)

Pradyumna has been selected for the QUEST(Questioning, Understanding, Expanding, Synthesizing, Thinking) program conducted by Olathe School district, QUEST is Olathe School District's special services for gifted and talented students

Saurabh Harohalli (2nd grade)

One of his writings was very much appreciated by his teachers in the school and the 6th grade teachers were very impressed and wanted a copy of his writing to be shown to the students in their class.

Saurabh won a prize in the art contest conducted by Hindu Temple Cultural Center.

Navya Prabhushankar (3rd grade)

Navya won the Citizenship award from the Blackbob Elementary School for "Trustworthiness".

Navya won first place in the coloring contest held by Metcalf Bank.

Navya was one of the regional winners in the Junior Spelling Bee competition conducted by North South Foundation. She also represented Kansas in the National level Spelling Bee competition held in Phoenix, AZ

Namana Rao (3rd grade)

Namana has participated and won medal in chess tournaments run by US chess federation.

Anish Kumar (3rd grade)

Anish is on the Kumon honor roll.

Aishwarya Pastapur (4th grade)

Aishwarya Pastapur recently represented Morse Elemen-

tary school in the County Spelling Bee and was placed third. She was the only 4th grader to get into the final round with 15 other students. This is the 1st time in the 25-year history of her school that someone had gone that far in the spelling bee competition.

Aishwarya was one of the regional winners in the Junior Spelling Bee competition conducted by North South Foundation. She also represented Kansas in the National level Spelling Bee competition held in Phoenix, AZ

Kavya Shivashankar (4th grade)

Kavya recently represented her school in the County Spelling Bee.

Kavya was one of the regional winners in the Junior Spelling Bee competition conducted by North South Foundation. She also won the Junior Spelling bee National Championship held in Phoenix, AZ representing Kansas State.

Deepa Kote (4th grade)

Deepa has won the first place for School Geography Bee in Leawood Elementary school.

Sanjana Balachandra (4th grade)

Sanjana's team won gold medal at the school math marathon

Anoop Kote (6th grade)

Anoop's Science Olympiad team has been selected to compete for state in Wichita State University.

Bhavana Kodira (6th grade)

Bhavana Kodira got second place at the Blue Valley Mathletics.

Nymisha Rao (6th grade)

Nymisha has got 5th place in KCATM regionals.

She also got 5th place in Science Olympiad regionals representing her school.

Nymisha has participated and won medal in chess tournaments run by US chess federation.

Akash Jayram (6th grade)

Basket ball runners up, blue valley park district.

🕏 Able to read and write in Kannada

Ashwini Sreedhara(7th Grade)

Highest scorer in Kansas State Math Assessment in her school

- Compiled By Sunitha Prabhushankar

CHANDANA KANNADA SANGHA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Annual Membership Fees: \$25; Life Time Membership Fees: \$200

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2005 Events Calendar*

June 11 - Sports Day

July 16 - Charity Tennis

September 17 - Annual Outing

November 5 - Deepavali/Rajyotsava

*Note: The schedules are tentative and subject to change.

Important Festivals/Events in 2005

April 18 - Rama Navami

April 22 - Mahavir Jayanthi

May 8 - Mother's Day

May 23 - Budha Purnima

May 30—Memorial Day

June 19—Father's Day

July 4 - US Independence Day

August 15 - India Independence Day

August 19 - Raksha Bandan

August 26 - Janmashtami

September 5—Labor Day

September 7 - Ganesha Chathurthi

October 2 - Gandhi Jayanthi

October 12 - Dasara

Octoner 31 - Halloween

November 1 - Deepavali

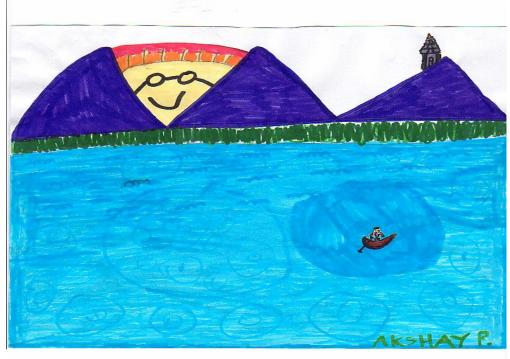
November 24 - Thanksgiving Day

December 25 - Christmas

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2 p.m. - 5 p.m. Parent Unentation Hourty

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