

# AAMI GOENKAR

For Goans, Of Goans, By Goans



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



My Dear Members,

I wish to extend warm greetings to all Aami Goenkar brothers and sisters for the new year 2024. May the new year bring success, prosperity, and moments of happiness for all of us.

The **Pran Pratishtha of Ram Lalla** in the grand temple symbolises fulfilment of faith and devotion and restoration of cultural and historical heritage. The grand temple at Ayodhya the legendary birthplace of Bhagwan Ram is expected



to promote harmony and peace among different communities, as it represents the values of tolerance, justice, and coexistence. Hon. Pradhan Mantri ji spoke eloquently about role the confluence of festivals, culture, art have played in the economic growth and development



of our beloved nation. Since centuries our communities have been celebrating festivals together and this tradition of collective observance has deepened the spirit of nationalism.

We all are very proud that our own motherland has harmonious blend of different cultures. The mission statement of Aami Goenkar speaks about Goan culture. In pursuance of this, we have decided to bring out a book which will cover important festivals by all communities of Goa. I will present an outline of this book in the next issue of our newsletter and seek your help in making it a big success.

At the Managing Committee meetings, we do a life review of Aami Goenkar and through this newsletter I present a report card of our achievements, areas of improvement and invite your suggestions to reposition our institution in changing times.

We have started a unique exercise of reaching out to Goans with an intention to enlarge our data base. We will appreciate if you approach your friends, relatives, particularly younger generation of Goans, speak to them about our institution and request them to fill in the enclosed basic information form.

I had an opportunity to speak at three forums on subjects of topical interests recently. I represented Aami Goenkar and

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## BOOK POST

delighted to say that our sanstha is remembered fondly, and the discerning audience was eager to know about our programs and complimented us for good work being done and assured complete support for our upcoming initiatives.

Invitation by Hon Governor of Maharashtra to Aami Goenkar to showcase Goa Foundation Day was the testimony of our remaining steadfast on our motto of being "for Goans, of Goans, by Goans". We followed this grand event by celebrating Teacher's Day and later Goa Liberation Day which was very well attended and appreciated. We express our gratitude to our members, patrons, well-wishers for attending Foundation Day function and for offering their suggestions, ideas for revival of our institution. We wish to reassure you that these will be implemented in a phased manner.

Recently, Managing Committee discussed in detail steps for revival of various initiatives despite various challenges including financial constraints and manpower issues. Our members and well-wishers have assured me support and have assured to play a proactive role in our celebrations like Goa Liberation Day, Teachers Day and other upcoming programs going forward.

As mentioned in earlier newsletter, we have short-listed five goals as our focus areas:

1. Mobilisation of financial resources to achieve sustainability through membership drive and outreach programs of Goans in India and overseas.
2. Creating a second line of leadership by involving generation next in our initiatives and programs.
3. Build on success of Goa Festival and nurture and support entrepreneurs
4. Re-focus on our core objectives – Education, culture, health through partnerships with like-minded institutions
5. Publications on Goa and its culture beginning with a book on – "Festivals of Goa"

I wish to reemphasise that two major challenges facing our institution are raising financial resources and team of next generation to carry the torch of mission and take the institution to next level. I am confident that good work does not get hampered for lack of funds so long as we remain focussed on our vision and build by a balanced team of good people.

I thank you, once again, for your continued support and look forward to an excellent and exciting period ahead. I extend my heartfelt wishes to you and your families and request for your continued participation in the initiatives of our institution.

*Mohangiri*

CA Mohan Sanzgiri  
President



January 30, 2024

## लायन्स क्लब ऑफ मडगावची सहेली बैठक उत्साहात



मोहन संझगिरी यांना स्मृतिचिन्ह प्रदान करताना अश्विन अय्यर,  
वीणा काकोडकर व ईतर.

लायन्स क्लब ऑफ मडगाव सहेली आयोजित क्षेत्रीय बैठक अश्विन अय्यर यांच्या अध्यक्षतेखाली शिशुविकास हायस्कूलच्या सभागृहात संपन्न झाली. लायन्स क्लब ऑफ मडगाव रावणफोंड, मडगाव साऊथ व मडगाव सहेलीचे पदाधिकारी डॉ. सतीश हळदणकर, अजय देसाई, अॅड. विधाता देसाई यांनी क्लबच्या कार्याचा अहवाल सादर केला.

अश्विन अय्यर यांनी सभासद विस्तारीकरणासाठी भर दिला. शिशुविकास स्कूलच्या मुख्याध्यापिका दीपा खोलकर यांचा मान्यवरांच्या हस्ते गौरव करण्यात आला. प्रमुख वक्ते व आमी गोयंकार (मुंबई), संस्थेचे अध्यक्ष मोहन संझगिरी यांनी बिनसरकारी सेवा संस्थांच्या कार्याविषयी माहिती दिली.

अय्यर यांनी स्मृतिचिन्ह प्रदान केले. अॅड. प्रशांत राजाध्यक्ष, विजय मोपकर, मारुती अय्यर, दिनेश महाले यांनी चर्चेत भाग घेतला. सहेली क्लबच्या अध्यक्षा वीणा काकोडकर यांनी स्वागत केले. राजेंद्र मळकर्णेकर यांनी ओळख करून दिली. अॅड. विधाता देसाई यांनी आभार मानले.



Dear Fellow Goans,

Together, we are stronger. Together, we can create a legacy of prosperity and unity for future generations of Goans.

Join **Aami Goenkar** today, and be a part of this transformative journey. Joining Aami Goenkar is a simple process, but it's a step towards making a significant impact. Visit our website [www.aamigoenkar.org](http://www.aamigoenkar.org), where you'll find more information on how to become a member. You can also reach out to us directly at **98206 23089** for any queries or assistance.

To those who have yet to join, we extend a warm invitation. Let's unite under the banner of Aami Goenkar to ensure our beloved Goa not only thrives but sets a benchmark for community-led development and cultural preservation. Your membership, your voice, and your actions can make a difference.

AN APPEAL





# GOA LIBERATION DAY - 19TH DECEMBER 2023



Goa Liberation Day was celebrated with joy and enthusiasm on 19th December, 2023 at a well-attended function at Gomantak Hall, Vile Parle.

The key note speaker was Advocate S. N. Desai (Bal) who recounted the ethos behind freedom struggle and sacrifices made by many to give our motherland its independence in 1961 from foreign rule. He added that Goa liberation movement was fought to end Portuguese colonial rule in Goa. The movement was built on the small scale revolts and uprisings of the 19th century, and grew powerful during the period 1940–1961. The movement was conducted both inside and outside Goa, and was characterised by a range of tactics including nonviolent demonstrations, revolutionary methods and diplomatic efforts. However, Portuguese control of its Indian colonies ended only when India invaded and annexed Goa in 1961, gaining worldwide acclaim.

Smt Alka Kerkar anchored the event which included musical performances by seniors including members of Aami Goenkar.

## Glimpses of the event



## Aami Goenkar Foundation Day

In 2023, we revived tradition of celebrating **FOUNDATION DAY** of our beloved Sanstha. The objective was to remember our founders, patrons, donors, advisors, supporters, well-wishers and express our gratitude for their yogdaan, for giving us this platform to connect Goan's spread across.

On October 28, 2023, we gathered at Khar Gymkhana to share joy and happiness. Members shared their views, ideas and advise for charting future course of action to make our Sanstha financially viable, to march forward on the path shown by our esteemed founders.





**Sawardekar siblings' Yash and Tulika of Goan Artisanal Feni brand secure an investment from Deepinder Goyal at Shark Tank, India**

In a recent episode of Shark Tank India Season 3, viewers were introduced to a variety of ambitious brands, among them an artisanal Feni brand that caught the attention of the sharks. Founded by siblings Yash and Tulika Sawardekar, the brand is a newcomer to the market, having launched just six months ago. The duo shared their family's authentic recipe for Feni, aiming to secure an investment to help their brand achieve legacy status and international recognition.

The Sawardekars sought Rs 1 crore for a 5% equity stake, valuing their company at Rs 20 crore. Their story began with Yash's desire to introduce distinctly Indian alcohol to the global market, inspired by a colleague's curiosity about Indian-based alcohol. This led to the revival of their ancestral Feni recipe.

The pitch sparked interest among the sharks, particularly Deepinder Goyal, who saw potential in the brand's ambition to position Feni alongside internationally recognized spirits.

Despite concerns about the brand's current market position and low gross margins compared to other alcohol brands, Goyal recognized the opportunity for growth and brand establishment.

Anupam Mittal expressed admiration for the brand's packaging and vision but hesitated to invest due to doubts about the business's profitability. However, he offered to provide guidance to the founders. In a tense negotiation, Goyal initially offered Rs 1 crore for 10% equity, followed by a second offer of Rs 2 crore for 15% equity.

After a counteroffer from Yash, Goyal made a final offer of Rs 2 crore, which was accepted, marking his first investment in the artisanal Feni brand.



**GOAN PROMOTED AS LIEUTENANT GENERAL**

**IN A SIGNIFICANT HONOUR FOR A GOAN IN THE ARMED FORCES, LT GENERAL SUMER IVAN D'CUNHA WAS PROMOTED AS LIEUTENANT GENERAL.**



Lt General Sumer Ivan D'Cunha with wife, Farah.

With his promotion to Lieutenant General, D'Cunha has now been appointed as the Director General Army Air Defence at the Army HQ in New Delhi. Incidentally, D'Cunha has been elevated from Brigadier to Major General to Lt General in just 13 months.

Lieutenant General D'Cunha is an alumnus of Indian Military Academy, Dehradun and was commissioned into the Corps of Army Air Defence in December 1988. He hails from Curtorim, and is the son of the late Major General Ivan D'Cunha and Gemma Pinto, a writer, a teacher and a personality development trainer. He is an engineer, a graduate of the Technical Staff Officers Course from Institute of Armament Technology. He attended Higher Command Course at the Army War College, Mhow and National Defence College, New Delhi.

During his illustrious service, Lt Gen D'Cunha has held varied institutional and staff appointments include command of a Missile Regiment an Air Defence Brigade in the Western Sector

and General Officer Commanding, Madhya Pradesh Sub Area, His prominent staff assignments include Assistant Quarter Master General in Jammu and Kashmir, and Deputy General Officer Commanding in Assam.

Lt Gen D'Cunha has twice received prestigious Commendation Cards in his career, and has been posted abroad, as India's Military & Air Attache with the Indian Embassy in Iran. He has continued with his academic pursuits, having done his MSc in Radars and Metallurgy, M.Phil in Defence and Strategic Studies, and his PhD in Management.

Summer is married to Farah, the daughter of Major General Eustace Fernandez who died a martyr in Kashmir, days before he could assume his promotion as Lieutenant General, and Melanie Noronha, a teacher and a entrepreneur. In a significant honour for a Goan in the armed forces, Lt General Sumer Ivan D'Cunha was promoted as Lieutenant General.

# संपूर्ण आयुष्य समाजसेवेसाठी वाहून घेतलेले भीष्माचार्य रामकृष्ण नाईक निवर्तले.

# रामकृष्ण बाब

श्री रामकृष्ण नाईक यांचे वयाच्या ९६ व्या वर्षी वृद्धापकाळामुळे रविवार, जानेवारी २६ रोजी निधन झाले. त्याच दिवशी संध्याकाळी ५.०० वाजता त्यांच्या पार्थिवावर मडगांव येथील हिंदू सभेच्या स्मशान भूमीत अंत्यसंस्कार करण्यात आले.

श्री रामकृष्ण नाईक यांचा जन्म ३ नोव्हेंबर १९२८ रोजी झाला. गोव्यातील समाज कार्यातील अध्वर्यू म्हणून ओळखले जाणारे स्वर्गीय श्री केशव नाईक ह्यांचे ते सुपुत्र होते. व्यवसायाने चार्टर्ड अकाऊंटंट असलेल्या रामकृष्ण बाब ह्यांनी समाजकार्याचा वसा त्यांच्या वडिलांकडूनच घेतला होता आणि आपलं संपूर्ण आयुष्य समाज कार्यासाठी वाहून घेतलं होतं.

गोमंत विद्या निकेतन, गोवा मराठी विज्ञान परिषद, समाजसेवा संघ, दि गोवा हिंदू असोसिएशन अशा अनेक संस्थांशी रामकृष्ण बाब संबंधित होते. 'स्नेहमंदिर' या ज्येष्ठ नागरीक व विकलांगासाठी स्थापन केलेल्या संस्थेत त्यांचा फार मोठा पुढाकार होता.

सांगण्यासारखे खूप आहे! रामकृष्ण बाब ह्यांचे व्यक्तिमत्त्व चुंबकीय होते. वयोमानामुळे सक्रिय समाज कार्यातून निवृत्ती घेतल्या नंतर रामकृष्ण बाब यांनी अलीकडच्या काळात बांदोडा, फोंडा गोवा येथील 'स्नेहमंदिरात' आश्रय घेतला होता.

रामकृष्ण बाब यांच्या निधनाने गोव्यातील सामाजिक आणि सांस्कृतिक क्षेत्रातील एक महत्वाचा हिरा हरपला असून न भरून येणारे नुकसान झाले आहे. त्यांच्या आत्म्यास शांती लाभो ही ईश्वर चरणी प्रार्थना.

~ संतोष रा. प्रभुगांवकर





*Congratulations!!!*

Goan to bag Padma Shri & Maharashtra Bhushan this year.

Mumbai-based educationist and a noted radiologist **DR ZAHIR KAZI** traces his roots to Ponda Goa where he was born and raised. On the eve of the Republic Day the Govt. of India announced his name for the fourth-highest civilian award, the **PADMA SHREE**, in the Literature and Education category. For Kazi, the award may have been unexpected, but the timing of its announcement was perfect for two reasons: it was the eve of his birthday and also marked 150 years of Anjuman-I-Islam, which runs around 97 schools, colleges, hostels, orphanages, and other educational organisations across Maharashtra, catering to over one lakh students, the majority of them Muslims.



DR ZAHIR KAZI

"He laughs when he says that his children think he is obsessed with Goa. **"I am in Mumbai, but my soul resides in Goa,"** he states. The family received the title of 'Kazi' from Adil Shah during his reign in Goa, entrusting them with the role of intermediaries in settling disputes among the people."

The institution stands as an inclusive space for people of all castes, communities, and religions. With a strong commitment to education, it has 10,000 students and 3,500 teachers, besides overseeing orphanages and homes for the destitute and catering to the underprivileged.

"We have plans to take our campuses beyond Maharashtra, and I think the first campus will be in Goa," says Kazi.

**SHRI SANJAY ANANT PATIL**, from Ponda, has been named as a recipient of the **PADMA SHREE** award this year recognising his contributions to natural farming and his work in zero-energy micro irrigation system



Having practiced and promoted natural farming in Goa for the past 35 years has finally borne fruit through this honour. Patil, often referred to as the 'one-man-army', transformed a once-barren 10-acre plot into a flourishing Kulaghar with technical guidance from scientists at ICAR-CCARI, Goa.

"My only wish for Goa is for natural farming to be adopted on a large-scale by farmers. Sustainable practices such as these will benefit the land and the agriculturists of Goa" he mentioned.

His innovative approach earned him the AIRI-Innovative Farmer Award in 2023.



SHRI SANJAY PATIL

**Maharashtra  
Bhushan Award  
2023**



Veteran actor **SHRI ASHOK SARAF** is set to receive prestigious **MAHARASHTRA BHUSHAN AWARD 2023**. It is the highest award given by state government. Shri Ashok Saraf is known for his iconic roles in marathi films, television shows and has also acted in several Hindi films. Over years, he has been decorated with several awards and honours. We at Aami Goenkar, congratulate the versatile actor and wish him good health, happiness in life ahead.

**श्री रघुवीर पै**, मूळ काणकोण पणसुले येथील व सध्या माटुंगा (मुंबई) येथील रुहिया कॉलेज जवळ राहणारे कीर्तीचे नाणे संग्राहक व व्यवसायिक रघुवीर पै (वय ८७) यांचे सोमवारी, सायंकाळी मुंबई येथे निधन झाले. त्यांच्या पश्चात मुलगा हेमंत, विवाहित कन्या द्वारका सागर म्हात्रे असा परिवार आहे. तसेच संदेश, प्रसाद, वल्लभ, सर्वेश व छाया विजय पै खोत यांचे ते काका होत. मुंबईला जाणाऱ्या काणकोण वासियांसाठी ते नेहमीच आधार ठरले. त्यांनी सुमारे ५ हजारांपेक्षा जास्त नाण्यांचा संग्रह केला होता. सारस्वत समाजातर्फेही त्यांचा त्यांचा सत्कार झाला होता. रघुवीर पै यांना आमी गोंयकार व्हडून भावपूर्ण श्रध्दांजली.

*Obituary*





## ‘जीवित् शरदः शतम्’ श्री रामकृष्ण नाईक यांच्या ९० व्या वाढदिवसानिमित्त अभिष्टचिंतन -डॉ. घनश्याम बोरकर

### ‘साधुपुरुष’

(श्री. रामकृष्ण नाईक यांच्यासाठी)

तस म्हटलं तर तू आमचा आणि आमच्यातलाच,  
एक सर्वसामान्य माणूस.

पण सातत्याने शुध्द करीत गेलास तू,  
स्वतःच्याच जीवनप्रवाहाला.

दीपदान केलेस आयुष्यभर, जीवनाच्या गंगेत,  
स्वतःच्या स्वार्थ, आशा, आकांक्षा, ममत्व आणि  
अहंकाराच्या दिव्यांचे.

आणि उजळून घेतलेस स्वतःचेच अंतरंग,  
त्रिपुरी पौर्णिमेच्या चंद्राच्या प्रकाशाने.

गंगेसारखे पावन करून घेतलेस स्वतःला,  
निर्मळ आणि निर्मम होऊन,

आणि समर्पित केलेस स्वतःचे आयुष्य  
लोककल्याणाच्या महासागरात विरून जाण्यासाठी.

उन्नयन करीत गेलास तू स्वतःच्याच जाणीवांचे.  
मार्गक्रमण करीत गेलास, एका शुभंकर ध्येयाकडे.

मी आणि माझेपणा सोडून, कलाविष्काराकडे,  
स्वार्थ सोडून समाजहिताकडे,

अंधार सोडून प्रकाशाकडे,  
आणि सामान्यत्व सोडून साधुपणाकडे.

वळविल्यास तू सहज तुझ्याच प्रवृत्ति,  
माणुसकीच्या, प्रकाशाच्या आणि आकाशाच्या दिशेला,  
आणि स्वतःच बनून गेलास, एक साधुपुरुष, एक देवमाणूस,  
आमच्यासारखाच सामान्य माणूस असूनही.

रांगोळ्या घालीत आहेत,  
शारदा, संशयकल्लोळ, मत्स्यगंधा ते महानंदा ह्या संगीत  
नाटकातील नांदीचे सूर,  
तुझ्या वाटेवर, तुझ्या पुढच्या शुभंकर प्रवासासाठी. ॥

ज्यांनी तुला दिला समाजकार्याचा वसा आणि वारसा,  
ज्यांनी तुला दाखविला, आदर्श सामाजिक कार्यकर्ता,  
स्वतःच्या जीवनातून,  
ज्यांनी तुला शिकवले, ‘श्रेय, यश, कीर्ती, मान-सन्मान,  
प्रसिद्धी नाकारण्याचे’  
खऱ्या समाजसेवकाचे व्रत,  
ते २० व्या शतकाच्या पूर्वार्धातील स्त्री-शिक्षणाचे पुरस्कर्ते,  
गोमंतकाचे ‘महर्षी धोंडो केशव कर्वे’ ठरलेले,  
तुझे वडिल ‘केशव अनंत नाईक’  
जणु कोही अभिषेक करीत आहेत, स्वर्गलोकातून,  
तुझ्या मस्तकावर  
त्यांच्या कृतकृत्यतेच्या आणि अभिमानाच्या अश्रूंनी. ॥

परिस्थितीवश एकाकी पडलेल्या,  
शेकडो वृद्धांना आणि रुग्णांना,

आसरा आणि आधार दिलास तू,  
तुझ्या ‘स्नेह मंदिरात’, गेली ३५ वर्षे.

घर असूनही अगतिकतेने अनिकेत झालेल्या,  
संध्याछायेने मन कातर झालेल्या त्या जीवांना,

तू फक्त निवारा आणि वैद्यकीय सेवाच नव्हे तर,  
दिलेस माणुसकीने आणि स्नेहाने अखंड पाझरणारे डोक्यावरती एक

छप्पर,  
एक प्रेमघन प्रकाशमय आभाळ.

आजच्या शुभ घडीला,  
तुझे मंगलमय औक्षण करीत आहेत,

त्याच हजारो डोळ्यांची कृतज्ञतेने तेवणारी निरांजने ॥

हीच कलेची आणि समाजसेवेचीही निष्ठा,  
तू रुजवलीस, जोपासलीस आणि जपलीसही

गोवा हिंदूच्या कलाविभागात आणि स्नेहमंदिरात.  
म्हणूनच नाटकाचा व्यवसाय, व्यापार, किंवा धंदा केला नाही

गोवा हिंदू असोसिएशनने.  
वाटचाल करीत राहिली ही संस्था,

अनेकदा आर्थिक नफ्यातोट्याच्या गणिताकडे दुर्लक्ष करून,  
कलेच्या सेवेसाठी आणि समाजाच्या सांस्कृतिक उन्नयनासाठी. ॥

करत राहिलास तू तुझे काम, अखंडपणे, अविरतपणे.  
जपून ठेवलेस आणि जतन केलेस तू,

तुझ्याच अंतरंगात, समाजसेवेचे सतीचे वाण.  
कधी उतला नाहीस, कधी मातला नाहीस,

आणि कधीही घेतला वसा टाकला नाहीस.  
‘आमार जीवन आमार बानी’ हेच तुझे व्याख्यान.

‘कर्मण्येवाधिकारऽस्ते’ हाच तुझा मंत्र.  
‘निस्पृहता’ आणि ‘निःस्वार्थता’ हेच तुझे कर्तव्य, प्राप्तव्य आणि

गंतव्य. ॥

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संसारच नव्हे तर जीवने ही सावरलीस तू, अनेक अगतिकांची,  
आयुष्यभर स्वतःचा संसार न करता आणि स्वतः एकटा राहून.  
उपलब्ध करून दिलीस शिक्षणाची संधी,  
दलित वर्गातल्या, मागासलेल्या, आर्थिक दुःस्थितीतल्या  
हजारो मुलांना.  
घडवलेस अनेक पदवीधर, इंजिनियर्स, डॉक्टर्स, वकील,  
चार्टर्ड अकाउन्टन्ट्स,  
दारिद्र्याच्या, अज्ञानाच्या अंधारात ठेचाळणाऱ्या मागास  
वर्गातल्या मुलांमधून.  
तुझे हे मौन, स्वतः आणि स्वतःच्या कार्याविषयी,  
तेच झाले आहे, एक माणुसकीचे प्रकाशदायी व्याख्यान,  
आम्हा सामान्य जनांसाठी ॥

आणि धापावत थकून जातो, मरून जातो, आम्हाला काही  
समजण्याच्याही अगोदर.  
पूर्ण होतील कधीतरी, आमच्या अनंत वासना आणि अंतहीन  
लालसा,  
ह्या भ्रमात जगत किंवा धडपडत राहातो आम्ही.  
आणि कधीतरी संपून जाते आमचे जीवन,  
अर्थशून्यतेच्या गटारात, एखाद्या किड्यामुंग्यासारखे. ॥  
हे साधो, तुला तर काहीच नको आहे ह्यातले.  
ना पैसा, ना सत्ता, ना प्रसिद्धी, ना मान.  
आणि तरीही किंवा म्हणूनच प्राप्त झाली आहे तुला,  
ती शांती, ते समाधान, तो आनंद,  
तू स्वतःच पावन करून घेतलेल्या तुझ्या जीवनगंगेतून.  
नमन करतो जेव्हां आपण एखाद्या व्यक्तीच्या चरणांना स्पर्श करून,  
तेव्हां सुप्त इच्छा असते खोलवर आपल्या मनात की,  
यावेत त्या व्यक्तीचे गुण काही अंशी आपल्यातही,  
व्हावे काही अंशी दर्शन आपल्यालाही त्या थोर व्यक्तीच्या  
अनुभूतिचे, ज्ञानाचे आणि धारणेचेही.

उमलावीत त्या व्यक्तीच्या सद्विचारांची आणि सत्प्रवृत्तिची  
काही कमळे,  
आपल्या मनाच्या पडीक माळरानावर.  
व्हावे थोडेतरी आपण त्यांच्यासारखे.  
घडावे थोडेतरी मंगलमय कार्य आपल्या हातून, त्यांच्यासारखे. ॥

वंदन करून तुझ्या चरणांना,  
ह्याच शुद्ध आणि समर्पित भावनेने,  
हे साधो, मागतो आहे तुझ्याकडे आम्ही की,  
'दे आम्हाला तुझ्यातला थोडातरी निस्पृहपणा  
दे आम्हाला तुझ्यातला काही अंशी तरी निस्वार्थीपणा,  
आणि दे आम्हाला तुझ्यातील थोडीतरी निरहंकारिता.  
हे साधो, घाल आमच्या रिकाम्या ओंजळीत,

जीवन उजळविणाऱ्या प्रकाशवृत्तींचा प्रसाद.  
उजळू दे आमच्याही चेहऱ्यावर,  
तुझ्या निर्व्याज, प्रसन्न हास्याची प्रभा.  
प्रकटू दे, आमच्याही जीवनातून, तुझ्या साधेपणा आणि सरळपणा.'  
प्रार्थना करतो आज मी ईश्वराकडे की,  
'होऊ दे निष्कलंक, निष्कटक आणि निरामय मार्गक्रमण तुझे,  
तुझ्या ह्या पुढील आयुष्याच्या प्रवासात.  
'शुभास्ते पंधानः सन्तु'  
आणि अखंड प्रेरणा मिळत राहो, पुढच्या अनेक पिढ्यांना,  
माणसासाठी, समाजासाठी आणि माणुसकीसाठी जगण्याची,  
तुझ्या कृतार्थ मंगलमय व्यक्तिमत्वातून आणि जीवनातून.'

– डॉ. घनश्याम बोरकर  
ध्रमणध्वनि: ९८३३४४७७२७

## Remembering Ramkrishna bab

**Ramkrishna bab** had a special place for Aami Goenkar in corner of his heart and wanted it to succeed in its mission.. His association with us was from conceptual stage, he played a formidable role in the formative phase and continued to be our guide and well wisher all through past two decades. On February 10, 2024, a prayer meeting was held to remember him and his significant contribution to society in general and especially in institution building process of Aami Goenkar. Hon President CA Mohan Sanzgiri paid his respects to the visionary and quoted few pearls of wisdom from him in poetic notes, which will continue to inspire us in coming decades. We will always feel his warmth and his blessings will encourage us to put in our best to the cause of our beloved motherland - Goa.

