

“Unite
Goans
to help
each other”

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For Goans, Of Goans, By Goans

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Loss of Commander

- Sandesh Prabhudesai

He was no more. All hopes lost... everybody was feeling completely lost. Even chief minister Manohar Parrikar. Controlling his own emotions, Dr Oscar Rebello told Mr Parrikar: "you go home and rest for some time." Mr Parrikar, who was at the city hospital throughout, instantly said: "He was with me, standing like a rock, for the last 12 years. How can I leave him now?"

Tears flowed down everybody's cheeks. Even Dr. Oscar could not control himself...

I remembered an incident, way back in 2000, after Mr Parrikar had taken over as the chief minister. I was waiting at his Altinho bungalow for his interview. He was sitting with Matanhy Saldhana inside, perhaps discussing some issue of the downtrodden Goan society. Matanhy was not an MLA that time. Mr Parrikar came to me and commented: "He is not like what I had heard about him. He is a nice man. Sincere. Committed." I laughed: "Of course. He is more than that. A true Goan. You politicians have always misunderstood him," I said. He nodded.



The political class had misunderstood him throughout his career of social activism. All politicians considered him a negative person. Because he opposed any project or any issue that was hampering Goa's socio-cultural fabric. He fought for the downtrodden, may it be Renter, Ramponkar, Farmer, Worker or anybody. But there always lied a strong positivism in him. For healthy Goa, prospering Goa, for a just society. He fought against any kind of injustice; tirelessly, committedly, till the end.

Goans cheered when the recent election demolished the corrupt, arrogant and indifferent business-minded, self-centered Congress. But they were more happy for two persons – Manohar Parrikar and Matanhy Saldanha. He was the second hope of Goans' aspirations. In fact they were doubly cheerful when he was allotted Forest and Environment.

His statement on Mhadei sanctuary was like hitting the nail in a right place. "I want to study the issue

properly. I want to know whether the sanctuary needs to be denotified for the benefit of the locals or the mining industry." He had said emphatically that he would not allow any kind of mining in the smallest part of Goa's forest. That was the hope. We have lost it....

I recall the days of mid-70. The young and fearless Matanhy had waged a struggle against the pollution of Zuari Agro Chemicals that had created havoc in Sancoale and also along the coast of Velsao and Cansaulim. That was the first struggle our country witnessed against industrial pollution. The then MGP government had to bend to the demands and close down the Zuari factory. It opened only after the pollution control measures were implemented.

He was just not a normal teacher who delivered mere lectures at Don Bosco High School, Panaji. He taught – to the students, to the illiterates, to the uneducated and also to those who were pretending to be educated. Whole Goa was a classroom for him.

His personal demonstration through his own actions was just not a lesson, but an inspiration for all of us.

He truly believed in studying any issue before he took it up. His research on how Dabolim air port did not belong to the Navy but Goans was mind boggling. His vision-oriented study on realignment of Konkani railway led to a fierce struggle. His opposition to the Special Economic Zones had a substance in saving Goa from disaster. His love for Konkani was not limited to language or the divisive language controversy. It was beyond language, for the Konkani people, for the Konkani society.

He fought relentlessly and fearlessly for the rights of fishermen. A journalist friend of mine Vasudev Pagi told me his experience when he went to Nagapattanam in Tamil Nadu recently. A coastal villager asked him: "Are you from Goa? Do you know Matanhy Saldanha?" He was surprised. After Tsunami devastated their lives, Matanhy was in Tamil Nadu, working day and night to restore their homes.

Just a true Goan, a true Indian or a true human being?

He was much different from any other social activist. He was a real political activist. Believed equally in Parliamentary democracy. That's why his struggling life was not limited to fighting on the streets. He, along with Erasmo Sequeira, Amrut Kansar, Christopher Fonseca, Sergio Carvalho, Anton Francis Xavier, Martin Menino Fernandes, Raju Mangeshkar and many more, formed the All Goa Trade Unions and Traditional Workers' Co-ordination Committee, went all around Goa collecting money for Goa's first Konkani daily – Novem Goem, published an English weekly – The Goan Weekly and formed a political party – Gomant Lok Pokx.

The experiment failed. Or the selfish Goans failed them? But he did not give up. Joined another experiment – the United Goans Democratic Party. Did not bow down before any pressures when he was elected the MLA from Cortalim in 2002. He had assured Mr Parrikar he would be there with him, not to allow the corrupt Congress to come to power when

the UGDP men defected. He was in Australia. The flight landed at Dabolim. One of his close confident literally ran up the staircase to get him on the side of the Congress. But he flatly refused, even at the cost of losing his membership of the House.

His statement at that time was a proud moment for all of us: "I am not a weathercock to change side with the wind."

He joined the BJP, not to uphold its communal agenda, but to finish the corrupt Congress. He represented the true spirit of Goa and Goans, who also voted for the BJP, to defeat the corrupt Congress. It was the need of the hour. He was also the hope for the Hindutwa agenda not to raise its head, unlike in the past. He truly believed that yet another 'experiment' could help in saving Goa.

But, alas, we could not save him. We have lost him. Forever. I am sure his soul (spirit) will never rest in peace until we stand by his principles and work unitedly to save our Bhangarachem Goem! We salute you Comrade!!!

एक यशस्वी उद्योजिका!

श्रीमती सुनिता गावणेकर - गोव्यातील केटरिंग व्यवसायातील एक प्रसिद्ध नाव. लग्न, मुंज, वाढदिवस, बढती, कारण काहीही असो, गावणेकरांचे जेवण असले की पाहुणे तृप्त होऊन परतणार याची खात्री! घरात केटरिंगची कोणतीही पार्श्वभूमी नसताना किंवा त्या विषयातील प्रशिक्षण न घेता या व्यवसायात उडी घेऊन एकटीच्या हिमतीवर त्यात यशस्वी झाल्या. सुनिताताईंचे कौतुक करावे तेवढे थोडे! त्यांची कीर्ती थेट दिल्लीपर्यंत पोहोचली आहे. दिल्लीत होणाऱ्या गोवा महोत्सवात सतत तीन वर्षे केटरिंगचे काम त्यांना मिळाले. २००७ साली गोमंत विद्यानिकेतनने 'स्वयंसिद्धा' पुरस्काराने त्यांना सन्मानित केले. गोव्यातील सारस्वत अन्न महोत्सवात सतत तीन वर्षे त्यांना बक्षिसे मिळाली. लायन्स क्लब, रोटी क्लबतर्फेही त्यांचे सत्कार झाले. २०११ मध्ये 'मिटकॉन'तर्फे 'महाराष्ट्र उद्योगिनी' हा मानाचा पुरस्कार त्यांना देण्यात आला.

सुनिताबाईंचा जन्म काणकोण तालुक्यातील लोलये गावी झाला. त्यांचे वडील कै. गोविंद प्रभुदेसाई स्वातंत्र्यसैनिक होते. परिस्थितीमुळे एस्.एस्.सी.नंतर लगेच त्यांनी शिक्षिकेची नोकरी पत्करली. त्यानंतर डी.एड. व हिंदी भाषेत 'पंडिता' उपाधी प्राप्त करून एकूण ३७ वर्षे त्यांनी शिक्षिकेची नोकरी केली. एक मेहनती व विद्यार्थिप्रिय शिक्षिका म्हणून त्यांची ख्याती होती. विद्यार्थ्यांना नृत्य, नाट्य शिकवताना त्यांनी स्वतःही त्यात भाग घेतला आणि अनेक नाटकांतून बक्षिसे मिळवली. १९७० साली त्यांचा विवाह झाला. पण वैवाहिक जीवनात सुखाने त्यांच्याशी कायम लपंडाव



खेळला. मातृत्वाची आस भागविण्यासाठी त्यांनी ६ दिवसांच्या अनाथ बालकाला दत्तक घेऊन स्वतःच्या मुलासारखे वाढविले. जरा सुखाची चाहूल लागत होती तेवढ्यात १९८६ साली पतीच्या निधनाचा धक्का त्यांना सहन करावा लागला. तेव्हा त्यांचे वय अवघे ३७ वर्षे होते. पण मुलासाठी त्या खंबीरपणे उभ्या राहिल्या. वाढते खर्च भागविण्यासाठी १९८८ साली त्यांनी छोट्या प्रमाणात फराळाच्या ऑर्डर्स घ्यायला सुरुवात केली. शाळेतील, नाटकातील सहकाऱ्यांना हौसेखातर त्या नवनवीन पदार्थ खाऊ घालत. त्यातूनच त्यांना ऑर्डर्स मिळायला सुरुवात झाली. हळूहळू त्यांचा जम बसत गेला आणि त्यांना मोठ्या ऑर्डर्स मिळू लागल्या. तेव्हा शाळा आणि केटरिंग अशी तारेवरची कसरत करत त्यांनी व्यवसाय वाढवला. सगळं छान चाललं आहे असं वाटत असताना पुन्हा एकदा नशिबाने त्यांना दगा दिला. १९९८ साली त्यांचा जीवनाचा आधार, त्यांचा मुलगा कर्करोगाने दगावला. जगायची इच्छाच संपली. पण दुःखत, झुरत बसण्यापेक्षा त्यांनी सर्व लक्ष व्यवसायावर केंद्रित केले.

वेळोवेळी येणाऱ्या संकटांतून वाट काढत सुनिताबाईंनी यशाचे शिखर गाठले आहे. व्यवसायाची गरज म्हणून त्या ड्रायव्हिंग शिकल्या. सुरुवातीला २०-२५ जणांच्या ऑर्डर्स घेत सुरू केलेला व्यवसाय त्यांनी बराच वाढवला आहे. आज त्या २०००-२५०० जणांच्या ऑर्डर्स सहजपणे घेतात. तरीही दर्जाशी कुठेही तडजोड नसते. 'चंदनमाथी कुठार' हे त्यांनी आत्मचरित्र लिहिले आहे. मेघना कुरुंदवाडकर यांनी त्यांच्या जीवनावर 'रोलरकोस्टर' हे पुस्तक प्रसिद्ध केले आहे.

IMPORTANT TAX PROPOSALS IN BRIEF FINANCE BILL 2012

Courtsey - CA Mohan Sanzgiri

Sr. No.	Particulars	With effect from
1.	Basic exemption limit for individuals and HUF increased from Rs. 1.8 lakhs to Rs. 2 lakhs and also slab of income of 10% rate of tax is increased at Rs. 5 lakhs to Rs. 10 lakhs from existing slab of Rs. 5 lakhs to Rs. 8 lakhs.	Asst. Yr. 2013-14
2.	Saving Bank Interest upto Rs. 10,000/- in case individuals and HUF is not liable to tax.	Asst. Yr. 2013-14
3.	Tax Audit Limit U/s. 44AB is increased from Rs. 60 Lakh to Rs. 1 Crore for businessmen and Rs. 15 Lakh to Rs. 25 Lakh for professionals.	Asst. Yr. 2013-14
4.	Alternate Minimum Tax (AMT) @ 18.5% introduced for all persons other than companies. (except for individuals / HUF having adjusted total income less than 20 lakhs).	Asst. Yr. 2013-14
5.	TDS at the rate of 1% on transfer of immovable properties above Rs. 50 lakhs in specified urban area and Rs. 20 lakhs in other area is introduced.	Asst. Yr. 2013-14
6.	TCS provisions is now applicable on sale of bullion and jewellery purchased in cash above Rs. 2 lakhs and on sale of certain minerals.	Asst. Yr. 2013-14
7.	In case of closely held company, consideration received for issue of Shares liable to tax if it exceeds the fair market value of the shares.	Asst. Yr. 2013-14
8.	Benefit of initial depreciation on (in addition to normal depreciation) at the rate of 20% extended to the Power sector.	Asst. Yr. 2013-14
9.	Weighted deduction for expenditure on scientific research and development is extended upto 31-03-2017	Asst. Yr. 2013-14
10.	Senior Citizen exempted from payment of advance tax if income does not include income from Business / Profession.	Asst. Yr. 2013-14
11.	Relief from Long Term Capital Gain Tax on transfer from residential property if the amount is invested in manufacturing small or medium enterprise [for individuals and HUF]	Asst. Yr. 2013-14
12.	Security Transaction Tax (STT) reduced to 0.1% from 0.125% on delivery transactions	Asst. Yr. 2013-14
13.	Preventive health checkup expenses up to Rs. 5000/- included in overall limit of deduction U/s. 80D	Asst. Yr. 2013-14
14.	Late fee of Rs. 200/- per day prescribed for delay in furnishing TDS/ TCS statement in addition to levy of penalty Rs. 10,000/- is also proposed.	Asst. Yr. 2013-14
15.	TDS on Remuneration to a Director which is not in the nature of Salary @ 10%	Asst. Yr. 2013-14
16.	Weighted deduction for expenditure incurred on agricultural extension project @ 150%	Asst. Yr. 2013-14
17.	Presumptive taxation not to apply to professions, income in the nature of Commission & Brokerage and any agency business	Asst. Yr. 2013-14

18. Compulsory filing of Income Tax Return in relation to assets located outside India irrespective of the fact whether the resident taxpayer has taxable income or not.	Asst. Yr. 2013-14
19. Weighted deduction for expenditure for skill Development in manufacturing Sector @ 150% of expenses (other than land & Building)	2013-14 x 2013-14
20. Requirement of Tax Residence Certificate (TRC) to claim relief under DTAA	Asst. Yr. 2013-14

Insertion of Sub Section (5D) IN Section 80 G – Donation to Charitable Trust by Cheque

Proposed Amendment

It is proposed to insert a new sub-section (5D) in Section 80G to provide that no deduction shall be allowed under section 80 G in respect of donation of any sum exceeding Rs. 10,000/- unless such sum is paid by any mode other than cash.

Reason for amendment

Currently, there is no provision in either of the aforesaid sections specifying the mode of payment of money. Therefore, it is proposed to amend sections 80G.

Effective Date :

The amendment is proposed to take effect from 1st April 2013 i.e. Assessment Year 2013-14.

Section 44 AB: INCREASE IN THE MONETARY LIMIT OF AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS (TAX AUDIT) OF CERTAIN PERSON CARRYING ON BUSINESS OR PROFESSION

Proposed Amendment : It is proposed to enhance the monetary limit to get the accounts audited by an accountant from existing limit Rs. 60 lakhs to Rs. 1 Crore in case of a person carrying on business and in case of a person carrying on a profession the limit is enhanced from Rs. 15 lakhs to Rs. 25 lakhs.

Effective date : The amendment will take effect from 1st April, 2013 and shall apply in relation to A.Y. 2013-14 and subsequent years.

It is proposed to amend the age for defining a senior citizen from 65 years to 60 years.

Effective date:

The amendment is proposed to take effect from 1st April, 2013 i.e. Assessment Year 2013-14.

Insertion of Section 80TTA – Deduction in respect of Interest on Savings Account

Proposed Amendment

It is proposed that a deduction up to an extent of Rs. 10,000/- in aggregate shall be allowed to an individual or a HUF, in respect of interest on savings account with a bank, Co-operative Bank or Post Office.

However this deduction will not be allowed in respect of time deposit.

Deduction would also not be allowed in respect of deposit in savings account by or on behalf of a firm, AOP or BOI.

Effective date

The amendment is proposed to take effect from 1st April, 2013 i.e. Assessment Year 2013-14.

Tax Deduction at Source (TDS) on transfer of certain immovable properties:

New Provision: A new section 194LAA is proposed to be inserted whereby every transferee at the time of making payment or crediting of consideration to resident transferor, for transfer of immovable property (other than agriculture land), shall deduct tax @ 1% on such consideration, if the consideration paid or payable is equal to or exceeds (a) Rs 50 lacs (if property is in specified urban agglomeration); or (b) Rs 20 lacs if property is in any other area. TDS is deductible at the time of payment or credit of sum to the account of transferor, whichever is earlier.

Effective date:

1st October, 2012

SERVICE TAX

As per notification w.e.f. 1st July, 2012 : Service by an unincorporated body or an entity registered as a society to own members by way of reimbursement of charges or share of contribution –up to an amount of five thousand rupees per month per member (earlier rupees three thousand) is not taxable.

GOAN JEWELS



Shri Anil Desai was elected as a member of parliament (Rajya Sabha) in the month of March 2012. He represents Shiv Sena and is associated with the party for last 3+ decades. He has demonstrated his

leadership skills to motivate his other party workers and the youth.

'Sthaniya Lokadhikar Samiti is a Shiv Sena affiliated organisation for the preservation of rights of employment for maharashtrians. Shri Anil Desai is actively involved since 1980 in resolving the issues relating to the employment of local residents and currently 'General Secretary' for the samiti. He is committed to the functioning of Samiti and making sure local maharashtrians gets their appropriate rights.

Shri Anil Desai, holds the position of Shivsena Secretary & All India General Secretary, Bharatiya Vima Karmachari Sena Mahasangh.

Shri Desai is B.Com; LLB and has keen interest in listening to classical music.

He is married to Preeti Desai, house wife and has 2 daughters. He currently resides in Mumbai.



Smt Alka Subhash Kerkar, Hon treasurer of 'Aami Goenkar' has been successfully elected as the BMC corporator from ward no. 93, Santacruz west.

To the best of our knowledge, she is the first lady corporator of Goan origin.

She has attained this po-

sition through sheer hard work and winning confidence of her constituency fellowmen. On behalf of all Goans, we wish her success and greater heights in her chosen field.

A Stream Come True



Saatchi Kuwelker, daughter of Dr Sadhana Kuwelker (Paediatrician) and Dr Mahesh Kuwelker (Orthopaedic Surgeon) has always been a bubbly, talented child who loved and has always toiled hard to excel in whatever she aspired to do.

She schooled at Arya Vidya Mandir and Dhirubhai Ambani International School clearing her ICSE securing 95% scores. Despite her preoccupation with academics she devoted a lot of time and effort in developing an affable personality and pursued her hobbies relentlessly. Her penchant for being "different" saw her achieve a certain provise in Kathak, Drama, Elocution, Piano, Martial arts. In all these she managed to achieve a certain degree of proficiency along with a number of awards and scholarships from school. During her schooling she represented both schools in a number of activities notably at The Model United Nations Conferences both In India and Abroad.

Subsequently being influenced by her parents careers and driven by "passion" she decided in investing her time to shadow the medical profession. With unstinted dedication and sincerity she chased her dream. There were times of remorse, times of stress, times of rethink, times of grief interspersed with few times of joy which lasted for 2 yrs. With all this she managed to achieve laurels at the H.S.C. exams scroing a 91% which was in the top 1% of all students taking on the exams for which she is awarded the Maharashtra State Scholarship for the next 5 yrs .

She also took on the Common Entrance Exam for Medical School in Maharashtra (MHTCET-PCB) in which she scored a creditable-193 on 200 ranking 21st amongst 3 lakh students who appeared. Due to this she would be able to access her college of her choice to pursue her dream.

Yes her journey has been hard, long, relentless and at times very lonely but perseverance, faith in ones ability, untiring support from her diligent teachers, close friends and family viz. Surbhi (her sister studying law at National Law School, Bangalore) and her grandparents Kumud and Mohan Kuwelker and Sunanda and Mangesh Rajadhyaksha helped her pull through. Yes for her it truely is a medical 'Stream Come True'

O B I T U A R Y



Shri Ashok Kare a renowned pharmacist, an eminent industrialist, President of the Gomant Vidya Niketan, known for his noteworthy contribution in the social and cultural sphere, passed away on 22.3.2012.



Dr. Kasturi Nara-yan Desai, associate professor of botany at Farmagudi's PES College, a popular teacher, a noted writer, researcher and environmentalist passed away on 23.3.2012. Dr Kasturi Desai, a daughter of Bengal, took deep interest in plant diversity of Goa. she preferred to work



Smt. Sulekhabai Yeshwantrao Chowgule, wife of eminent industrialist late Shri Yeshwantrao Dattaji Chowgule, passed away on 23.3.2012. She was the trustee of Smt. Parvatibai Chowgule Cultural Foundation Trust and President of Mata Secondary School at Baina.



श्री. प्रभाकर संझगिरी (७६) यांचे २० मे २०१२ रोजी माहिम येथे निधन झाले. आम्ही गोंयकारचे ते सदस्य तसेच आधारस्तंभही होते.

on poisonous, toxic and hallucinogenic plants of Goa. Her PhD thesis is useful in pharmacognosy and medicinal chemistry. She dedicated herself to conservation of the eco-fragilae sand dunes of Goa and came out, under the guidance of noted NIO biologist, Dr Untawale, with a useful monograph on 'Sand Dune Vegetation of Goa'. She was a Sahitya Academy awardee. She has the distinction of translating Mahashweta Devi's novel in Konkani- 'Adhikar Aranyache'



Smt. Radhabai Kamat Chand-gadkar, a renowned first lady Kirtankar and recipient of the prestigious Yashodamini Puraskar, passed away on 25.3.2012.

Pioneer tiatrist **Remy Colaco** passed away on 22nd March in a private hospital in Margao. He died after respiratory failure. He died at the age of 87. He was a writer, director and singer. He has contributed a lot to the Kokani tiatr. He is survived by his wife and 3 daughters. Goans have lost a legendary tiatrist.



'तुच आहेस तुझ्या जीवनाचा शिल्पकार!' असा जीवनमंत्र हजारो अनुयायांना देऊन 'कसं जगावं' याची शिकवण देणारे **सद्गुरू वामनराव पै** (९०) यांचे निधन झाले. सेवा निवृत्तीनंतर 'जीवनविद्या मिशन'ची त्यांनी स्थापना केली. त्यातून आपल्या अनुयायांना आदर्श जीवनविद्येचा गुरुमंत्र दिला. नागसंप्रदाय मंडळ आणि जीवनविद्या मिशनच्या माध्यमातून त्यांनी समाजप्रबोधनाचा वसा अखेरपर्यंत जपला होता. त्यांच्या निधनामुळे विश्वपार्थना आणि जीवनविद्येचा मार्गदर्शक काळाच्या पडद्याआड गेल्याची शोकसभा त्यांच्या संप्रदायातून व्यक्त होत आहे.

अस्तित्व

फांत्या पासार सकाळ फुडें
 न्हिदे साय देंवोवन दोळ्या वेली
 मनाचीं दारां उक्तीं करतनाच
 याद जाता तुजी पयली
 कूड जरी जाली नदरे आड
 तुजी याद कशी विसरावं?
 म्हज्या जल्माच्या खिणा पसून
 आयज मेरेन घुस्पला तुज्यांत हांव
 आयजूय खरें दिसना
 तूं ना म्हणून आमचे मदीं
 पूण जिणेच्या सताक
 आपणावचें पडटाच केन्ना तरी
 सत जरी आपणालें
 तरी काळजाक ना थार
 तुजें अस्तित्व अजून जाणवता
 तुजे यादीक आयला हुंवार
 लोकां फुडें पांगुरचें पडटा
 धैर्य आनी समजिकायेचें रुपडें
 एकटें एकसुरें जातकच
 स्वताची व्यथा स्वताच कडेन
 हांशें जरी आसलें तोंडार
 तरी काळजार पडल्यात असंख्य घाव
 त्या घाव्यांक ना वखद
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 तुजे विचार, तुजे उमाळे
 म्हज्या हातान पोसवतले
 तुवें दाखयिल्ल्यो वाटो
 म्हजी जीण घडयतले
 तुका ना अंत ना मरण
 जो मेरेन म्हज्यांत उरतलो त्राण
 म्हजे बराबरुच सोंपतलें
 तुज्या जिणेचें अस्तित्व
 बाबा, तुज्या पावलार दिवन पावल
 चलतली तुजी धूव हांव
 तुवें सांगात सोडूंक ना म्हजो
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