

AAMI GOENKAR

For Goans, Of Goans, By Goans



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My Dear Members,

Greetings to all Aami Goenkar brothers and sisters. It is indeed my honour to communicate with you through this wonderful medium.

Culture is recognised as an enabler of growth and sustainable development. Culture not only has a crucial role to achieve economic progress but is also the foundation of cohesive societies. India demonstrated this aspect emphatically in the just concluded G 20, which was conducted under its presidency. This was achieved by encouraging global efforts to promote culture for creating just, inclusive and sustainable society.

The theme of G 20 was the philosophy of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam - the earth is one family and, therefore, all individuals are collectively responsible towards each other and their shared future. India is one of oldest civilisation and has rich heritage, all embracing confluence of religions, traditions, customs represented by diverse style of art, architecture, paintings, music, dance, festivals celebrated across the vast continent of our beloved nation. Each festival has different character showcasing national, cultural, religious fervour showing our cultural diversity.

As Goenkar, It is our responsibility to share our legacy and introduce ourselves to the world. We can do this only when we see ourselves as torchbearers of our traditions and rich culture. Our sanstha was formed to bring to the fore importance of diversity and for creating awareness among people of Goan origin across continents. It has been our conviction that we celebrate success of each Goenkar at every step and get him involved in our initiatives and make him effective brand ambassadors of Goan culture and traditions.

Big day came when we got a call from the Office of Governor of Maharashtra to present a variety cultural program of music, dance, poetry and a short film



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depicting Goan culture, rich heritage as a part of "Ek Bharat, Shreshthra Bharat" initiative of the Central Government. In a short span, our team responded enthusiastically to the challenge and presented a rich program depicting diversity of culture before the discerning audience on May 30, 2023. The high point of the program was felicitation of eminent personalities of Goan origin by Hon Governor of Maharashtra. This event was widely covered by media and was appreciated by one and all. Hopefully, we will get an invitation this year as well.

This period has been marked by difficulties but there are several successes. Despite all odds we have survived and have remained firm on our core objectives. We will remain focused on our mission contribute to society and create positive impact with a deep sense of gratitude and work towards returning to the society more than our basic needs.

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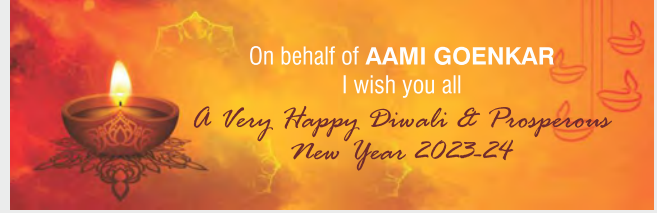
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BOOK POST

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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 focused 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 families for the upcoming festive season and request for your continued participation in the initiatives of our institution.



CA Mohan Sanzgiri
President

September 16th, 2023



Aami Goenkar

October 12, 2023

Greetings from Aami Goenkar,

On this **20TH FOUNDATION DAY OF AAMI GOENKAR** (12-10-2023), we heartily acknowledge your contribution to **AAMI GOENKAR** since its inception and our Samstha visualises the current well organised status due to your immense Yogdan.

We respectfully invite you for an informal get-together in honour of all Founders, Trustees, Advisory, Donors & Supporters on Saturday, October 28, 2023 at KHAR GYMKHANA between 4:00 - 7:00pm.

We will be happy if you be amongst us on this day to share joy and happiness with other members.

We are looking forward to your good wishes, 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.

Venue:-

**Symphony Hall, Khar Gymkhana
13th Road, Khar (W), Mumbai 400052.**

(Entry to the venue for the guests will be from 15th Road.)

Warm personal regards

For and on behalf of Managing Committee

C A Mohan Sanzgiri
President, Aami Goenkar

invitation



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GOA STATE FORMATION DAY AT RAJ BHAVAN, MUMBAI

An honour for **Aami Goenkar** to be invited by Governor of Maharashtra to celebrate Goa Foundation Day at Raj Bhavan, Mumbai

Goa Foundation Day was celebrated at Maharashtra Raj Bhawan with enthusiasm as a part of Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat initiative of the Central Government on Tuesday, May 30, 2023.

Honourable Governor Shri Ramesh Bais, in his speech emphasised importance of celebrating the day to mark diversity and fostering of cultural exchanges among different states.

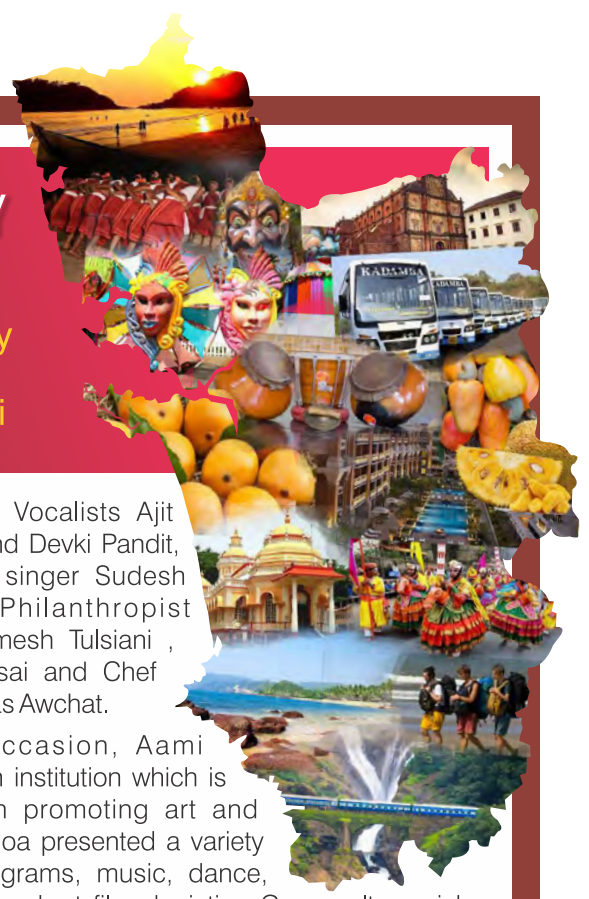
Honourable Governor greeted the citizens of the beautiful state of Goa and said that India has different cultures, traditions, languages, customs but the common thread of warmth at heart and vibrancy keeps all of us together. He eloquently spoke about rich contributions of Bharatratna Lata Mangeshkar, Asha Bhosale, Dr Raghunath Mashelkar, Remo Fernandes and past Chief Minister Shri Manohar Parrikar who all have one thing in common, Goa as their beloved motherland.

Honourable Governor felicitated eminent personalities of Goan origin including social worker Dr Armida

Fernandes, Vocalists Ajit Kadkade and Devki Pandit, Playback singer Sudesh Bhosale, Philanthropist Suman Ramesh Tulsiani, Ashank Desai and Chef Deepa Suhas Awchat.

On this occasion, Aami Goenkar, an institution which is foremost in promoting art and culture of Goa presented a variety cultural programs, music, dance, poetry and a short film depicting Goan culture, rich heritage and current state of development was screened on the occasion.

This day will be remembered by all members and well wishers of our Sanstha for long time to come. We sincerely hope that we will get a call from the office of Honourable Governor this year as well.



मुंबईतले आमी गोंयकार



रघुनाथ फडके

आज २०व्या वर्धापनदिना निमित्त
'आमी गोंयकार' संस्थेला
पुढील उज्वल कारकिर्दीसाठी
हार्दिक शुभेच्छा!

गोव्यातील लोकांनी स्थापन केलेली संस्था म्हणजे 'आमी गोंयकार'. सदर संस्थेचे उदघाटन माननीय मुख्यमंत्री श्री. मनोहरभाई पर्रीकर यांच्या हस्ते १२ ऑक्टोबर २००३ रोजी झाले. संस्थेचे पहिले अध्यक्ष श्री. बाळ देसाई यांच्या समवेत चार्टर्ड अकाउंटंट, डॉक्टर, वकील, बँकर, इंजिनियर्स, सामाजिक कार्यकर्ते, शिक्षणतज्ज्ञ, कवी, लेखक, साहित्यिक आणि अनेक कलाकार मंडळी एकत्र आली. चर्चा, बैठका झाल्या, संस्थेच्या उपक्रमाचा आराखडा तयार झाला आणि सभासद नोंदणी सुरू झाली. २००४ मध्ये गोमंत विश्व संमेलनात सहभाग घेऊन आपल्या उपक्रमांना सुरुवात केली म्हणायला हरकत नाही. त्यानंतर अनेक तज्ज्ञ डॉक्टरांनी वैद्यकीय शिबिरं घेतली. उपक्रमाचा एक भाग म्हणून संस्थेने २००७ साली बांदोडा गोवा येथील 'स्नेह मंदिर वृद्धाश्रमाला' १ लाख रुपयांची देणगी अर्पण केली. संस्थेने वधुवर सूचक मंडळाची स्थापना केली. त्यानंतर ज्येष्ठ गायिका ज्योत्स्ना भोळे यांच्या जीवनावर आधारित ज्योत्स्ना नावाचे गाणे हा संगीतमय कार्यक्रम, तसेच भांगराळे गोंय हा विविधरंगी कोंकणी कार्यक्रम. गोव्याचे माजी मुख्यमंत्री श्री. मनोहरभाई पर्रीकर यांची दादर येथील सावरकर स्मारक मध्ये गोवा राजकारणाचा बदलता चेहरा या संदर्भात झालेली मुलाखत, कविवर्य बा. भ. बोरकर जन्मशताब्दी निमित्त विविध कार्यक्रम, गोवा स्वातंत्र्यदिन सोहळा तसेच ज्येष्ठ गायक पं. रामदास कामत यांच्या स्मृतीला अभिवादन म्हणून रघुनाथ फडके आणि मिलिंद रायकर यांच्या गायन वादनाचे सादरीकरण. संस्थेच्या आणि काही महत्वपूर्ण उपक्रमाबद्दल सांगितले नाही तर ते अपुरे वाटेल. ते म्हणजे २६/७ मध्ये मुंबईत आलेल्या महाप्रलयात नुकसान झालेल्या ८ कुटुंबियांना आर्थिक मदत करून त्यांचे संसार पुन्हा उभे करण्याचे पुण्य काम संस्थेने केले, तसेच गोव्यातील गरजू विद्यार्थ्यांना शैक्षणिक कर्ज देण्याची योजना त्यांनी आखली. गोव्याहून मुंबईत उपचारासाठी येणाऱ्या रुग्णांना तज्ज्ञ डॉक्टरांचे मार्गदर्शन मिळवण्यासाठी एका समितीची स्थापना व उपचारांची व्यवस्था केली.

गेली अनेक वर्षे रसिकमान्य आणि उदंड प्रतिसाद मिळत असलेला या संस्थेचा गोवा फेस्टिवल मुंबई तसेच उपनगरातील रसिकांना एक पर्वणीच असते असे म्हणायला हरकत नाही. या महोत्सवात अनेक सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रम, विविध स्पर्धा, मान्यवरांचे सत्कार, विविध प्रकारचे गोव्यातील स्टॉल्स, गोव्याची परंपरा दाखवणारे

मनोरंजनाचे विविध कार्यक्रम असतात, शिवाय गोमंतकीय शाकाहारी व मांसाहारी खाद्यपदार्थांची रेलचेल हे या महोत्सवाचे मुख्य आकर्षण असते. अनेक मान्यवर या महोत्सवाला हजेरी लावून कौतुकाची थाप देतात. या कामी गोवा सरकारचा 'कला आणि संस्कृती विभाग' यांचे विशेष योगदान, मदत असते याचा उल्लेख करणे जरूरी आहे. मी अनेक वेळा परीक्षक म्हणून काम केले आहे, याचा एक गोमंतकीय कलाकार म्हणून मला सार्थ अभिमान आहे.

वर्ष २०१९ पर्यंत या संस्थेची अध्यक्षपदाची धुरा श्री. संजय हेगडे यांनी यशस्वीपणे सांभाळली. कामाचा प्रचंड अनुभव, मोठा जनसंपर्क यामुळे त्यांनी संस्थेच्या विकासाचे व्यवस्थित गणित मांडले आणि संस्थेला नावारूपाला आणले. फक्त सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रम न करता अनेक समाजपयोगी उपक्रमांवर भर दिला. २५ सप्टेंबर २०२० साली संस्थेचे सर्वेसर्वा असलेले श्री. संजय हेगडे यांची या जगातून झालेली शुद्धी सर्वांना दुःखद धक्का देऊन गेली. संस्थेला उत्कर्षाच्या पथावर नेणारा एक धडाडीचा, मेहनती कार्यकर्ता आणि मार्गदर्शक हरपला याचे दुःख संस्थेला सदैव आहे.

त्यानंतर झालेल्या वार्षिक सर्वसाधारण सभेत संस्थेचे नवीन अध्यक्ष म्हणून समाज कार्य तसेच सांस्कृतिक पार्श्वभूमी असलेले उ.अ. श्री. मोहन संझगिरी यांची निवड झाली. त्याआधी ते समितीवर उपाध्यक्ष म्हणून कार्यरत होते. याखेरीज सौ. उषा आमोणकर (उपाध्यक्षा), डॉ. अस्मिता हेगडे (उपाध्यक्षा) तसेच श्री. सागर सावर्डेकर (सचिव) कार्यरत आहेत.

आमी गोंयकार या संस्थेने, गोमंतक मराठा समाज या संस्थेच्या संयुक्त विद्यमाने दोन ज्येष्ठ गोमंतकीय कलाकार सर्वश्री पं. पंढरीनाथ नागेशकर (ज्येष्ठ तबला वादक व गुरू) तसेच पं. तुळशीदास बोरकर (ज्येष्ठ हार्मोनियम वादक) यांचा यथोचित सन्मान केला.

संस्थेने, दरवर्षी गोवा स्वातंत्र्यदिन सोहळा साजरा करण्याचे व्रत कायम ठेवले आहे ही गोष्ट उल्लेखनीय आहे. अशा अनेक उत्तमोत्तम उपक्रम राबविणारी आमी गोंयकार ही संस्था आज २० वर्षाची झाली. यंदा 'एक भारत श्रेष्ठ भारत' या उपक्रमाचा भाग म्हणून, महाराष्ट्रात प्रथमच गोवा घटक राज्य दिन सोहळा मुंबईत राजभवन येथे आयोजित करण्यात आला होता. त्यानिमित्ताने आमी गोंयकार संस्थेतर्फे महाराष्ट्राचे राज्यपाल श्री. रमेश बैस यांना गोव्याची पारंपरिक समई देऊन सन्मानित करण्यात आले. सदर कार्यक्रमास संस्थेचे सर्व पदाधिकारी उपस्थित होते. यापुढेही संस्थेने असेच उपक्रम चालू ठेवून उत्कर्ष साधावा.

आजच्या २० व्या वर्धापनदिनानिमित्त संस्थेला पुढील उज्वल कारकिर्दीसाठी हार्दिक शुभेच्छा देताना व संस्थापक, विश्वस्त यांना विनम्र अभिवादन करताना मनस्वी आनंद होतो व अभिमान वाटतो कारण 'आमी बी गोंयकार'.



Age may be catching up but the spirit and joy of giving, sharing and caring has not diminished.

This year **Suman Ramesh Tulsiani** chose to celebrate her Birthday on the Sophia College Campus as she stepped out to disburse the Annual Scholarships purse of Rs 10 Lakhs to 115 students of Sophia Polytechnic, Mumbai for the academic year 2023-24 at the **Suman Ramesh Tulsiani Convention Centre** in Sophia College, Mumbai.

An alumni of Sophia College from the 1956 batch, Suman Ramesh Tulsiani literally walked down the memory lane through the campus, indulging in a warm and hearty interaction with the staff and 115 students.

Despite battling health issues, her zest and enthusiasm was evident at the Birthday Celebration after the event.



Shaping Lives And Communities



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Here He Comes...
The Traditional Bread Makers
“PODER”

Goa is undergoing transformation which has brought diversity in sources of income. Fortunately, traditional business have survived for centuries and are still the bread winners for many families. Though the state is seeing a lot of modern changes there are a few people who are still involved in local traditional businesses. Goa is unique in everything whether its hospitality or business. Industry in Goa is taking different shape with development in infrastructure and business, but there are areas where traditional Goan businesses and artisans still exist.

“PODER” The traditional bread makers of Goa. The art of bread making is a legacy which is granted by the Portuguese to Goa. These businesses are usually passed down from generation to generation. Hence keeping the secret family recipes alive! The Goan Pao is a culinary masterpiece. Pao is Portuguese word for bread, and the Goan bread-maker is known locally as PODER, an adaptation of the Portuguese Padeiro.

The Goan baker or rightly known to the Goans as ‘Poder’ is someone who is awaited every day for his delicious and steaming hot bread. They come daily in the mornings, afternoons and the evenings with bread on their bicycles, honking their horns. The children run to get their ‘Paos’; having it fresh and hot is the best way to savour it!

In Goa when you ask the Poder to give you bread, he will ask, which one? Because Poders have a variety of

bread to offer. The five main varieties of Goan bread are the soft and chewy Pao, the crisp Undo, the Poie (whole wheat pockets), Kankna (the bangles) and scissored bread or Katriancho Pao.

This business is vital for Goans in the state as it is an important part of their daily life. But sadly, in the recent years the occupation is on a decline. Dropping demand for the traditional Pao, rising prices, few government incentives is making it hard for the Poders to get by. The Poders need practical support for their profession. The Poders need to be supported in their profession and they also need to be assisted economically, socially and family health welfare package. We cannot let modernization ruin a tradition that has been a part of Goa for centuries.

After all we can't forget, Poder has given us all those cherished childhood memories of eating the Pao (bread) with family.



Obituary

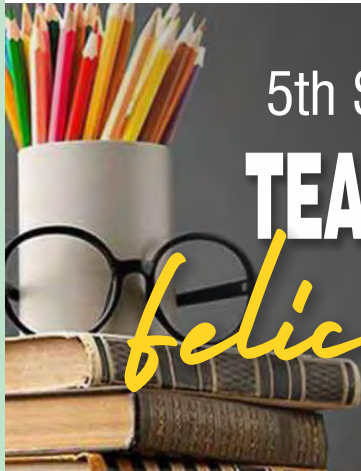


MR VALMIKI FALEIRO, renowned writer, journalist, researcher and former town mayor, passed away after suffering a heart attack. He was 67 and is survived by his wife. The sudden passing away of Valmiki Faleiro has shocked all. He did a lot of research on the history of Goa and its annexation. His articles in the newspapers were very interesting and full of historical trivia. His death is a big loss to Goa and to journalism. His writings will remain popular for generations to cherish and enjoy. The unique way in which he scripted what he had to convey using plain and pleasant vocabulary was outstanding as it could be understood by the common man.

May God grant his soul eternal peace. Deepest condolences to his wife, and all the sorrowful members of his family.

OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO THE BEREAVED FAMILY MEMBERS.

5TH SEPTEMBER 2023, ANOTHER
WONDERFUL DAY FOR US TO FELICITATE
PROF. DEVIDAS V BORKER,
RESIDING IN MARGAON GOA



5th September 2023
TEACHER'S DAY

felicitation!!!

**WE, AT
AAMI GOENKAR
STARTED
CELEBRATING
TEACHER'S DAY
ON SEPTEMBER 5TH
EACH YEAR FROM
THE INCEPTION
OF OUR
SANSTHA.**

As you all are aware, we in India started to celebrate Teacher's day from 1962 in recognition of Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan assuming office of the second President of India. The idea came from his students to celebrate his birthday on September 5th as Teacher's day.

This year, on behalf of our members, we felicitated As Prof. Devidas V Borker, who was a distinguished Professor of Commerce at the Srinivas Dhempo college of commerce, Panaji,

Earlier, he was the Head of department at R A Podar College of Commerce and Economics, Mumbai

Subsequently, he assumed charge as the Principal at Damodar college of commerce, Margao Goa. He has retired after spending his lifetime as a teacher, he is well respected by his students and peer group. Professor Borkar is now settled at Margao, Goa.

It was our honour to meet him at his residence and spend quality time with him and his family.

On behalf of our institution, President CA Mohan Sanzgiri, Vice Presidents Dr. Asmita Hegde and Advocate Usha Amonker and Mr. Santosh Prabhugaonker & Mr Pratik Hegde, Managing Committee members called on him and were benefitted by interactions with him. We, at Aami Goenkar, wish him and family good health and happiness.



SANJAY HEGDE SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTRES

Skilling and up skilling is a national need for giving momentum to nation's all round development and progress of the society. From time immemorial, is tradition of worshipping skills, crafts, tools, skilled artisans like carpenters, potters, metal workers, sanitation workers, horticulture workers, weavers to name a few on auspicious days like Dussehra, Akshya Tritiya and Vishvakarma day.

We must preserve these tradition and enrich them in coming centuries.

Formal school, college education is necessary, to get employment but on the job training is essential as it gives experiential learning of what and how to do. Skills guides us in operational implementation as it is guiding principle of Skill India Mission. In a way, skilling and up skilling is a gift one can give to self as it ensures continued earning and satisfaction of being contributor to the progress of our beloved nation. It is therefore essential learning should be continuous all through our life as only a skilled person will grow in today's world. Hon. Prime Minister repeatedly says that India providing smart and skilled man-power solutions to the world should be at the core of our strategy of skilling our youth.

It is therefore, essential to pay attention to gaps in skills to create bridge by continuously Skill, re-skill and up-skill programs using technology. This needs to be expedited as there is going to be a huge demand for re-skilling due to fast changing technology.

Sanjay Hegde, who was also founder and director of Seva Sahayog Foundation, encouraged his team to make a modest attempt in this direction and over past two years, beneficiaries have seen positive impact with increase in earnings and better life style.

In 2017, Sanjay started his dream project of 'skill development centre' in the rural area of Boisar (in Palghar district) for developing hidden talents of rural, underprivileged youth. He used to speak passionately about minimising migration to cities and always wanted to promote reverse migration by providing favourable infrastructure in the villages. This centre was named after him in 2021. Today 'Sanjay Hegde skill development centre' at Boisar runs Beautician courses, masala making, baking, tailoring courses for women and automobile repairing, mobile repairing, computer courses including Microsoft certification for men! Second similar centre was started in his memory at Nerul, Navi Mumbai in 2022. It focuses mainly on computer education.

Till date, young men and women have acquired training at these centres and have taken their first step towards being self-reliant. We do evaluation of these programs on a continuous basis and do course corrections wherever required. Further, many beneficiaries have started their start-up or laghu udyog, Significantly, girl beneficiaries have started earning from professions like beauty parlour, tailoring, cake making, dry snacks production. At these centres, foundation conducts training of poultry farming and goats rearing for women and farmers, who have benefited from it. In coming years we will ensure that this basket of skill courses will grow and more and more beneficiaries will take advantage of these facilities to enrich their livelihood and take our beloved nation to heights of glory which it enjoyed all along.

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ONE Tree can start a Forest
ONE Bird can Herald Spring
ONE Star can Guide a Ship at Sea
ONE Step must start each Journey
ONE Candle wipes out Darkness
ONE Vote can change a Nation
ONE Smile begins Friendship
ONE Song can spark a Moment
ONE Touch can show you a Care
ONE Word must start a Prayer
ONE Voice can speak with Wisdom
ONE Heart can know what's True
ONE Hope will raise the Spirit
ONE Word can frame the Goal
ONE Life can make the Difference

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YOU ARE THE ONE

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