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**AAMI GOENKAR  
CELEBRATING  
15 YEARS**

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## From President's Desk

### THE STORY OF AAMI GOENKAR – WORTH LISTENING

#### EARLY DAYS

I often contemplate about early days in the life of our institution, lessons learnt in the journey during formative years, of what has gone right and wrong. These learning will help us in the coming years to frame policies, create networks with like-minded institutions, donors, sponsors, patrons, members and funders, whose support is crucial to make our initiatives sign posts for coming generations.



We send our good wishes in advance to all our well-wishers and members on 15th anniversary of our institution – Aami Goenkar, on October 12th, 2018.

We are what we are today is only because of our benevolent sponsors and members. They, individually and collectively, not only gave us initial funding in the form of corpus but also gave support in operation and provided with basic amenities. They encouraged us to take babysteps towards designing a start up map listing key resource requirements during the initial phase besides guiding us on administrative and other issues. They connected us to target members, donors, helped us in establishing processes, and fine tune our vision and objectives, which helped us making decisive choices in the years that followed.

I distinctly recall those early days when the members of the initial team, spent hours finding answers to the basic issue of the idea and timing of setting up an institution like Aami Goenkar in Mumbai. We consulted wise minds who advised us to think out of the box, beyond limits and make the key objectives of the institution unique and gave us a comfort that timing was right for the bold move. They told us to be honest and pursue our idea if we, as a team, had passion for making it a success. The message for us was to go ahead with all sincerity and with their blessings, we were confident do well.



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#### BOOK POST

## INITIAL THOUGHTS

It would be appropriate to give a perspective which led to formation of Aami Goenkar. Over last decades, we had seen gradual erosion in Goan family traditions and its adverse impact on our core values were visible. One of the primary reason for this was migration of Goans in search of education and livelihood initially to nearby places like Mumbai and then at the Global level.

We thought of many possible alternative futures and spent a lot of time creating vision of different futures, making them tangible, finding active participants, We imagined new possibilities and saw opportunities to set on a new direction.

Though, we as individuals and families had done well during this period, unfortunately, our links to our motherland Goa had diminished gradually. We felt that this was inevitable to an extent but then thought about possible course correction to bring about better interaction amongst Goans and engaged likeminded people in discussion on ways and means to strengthen economic, cultural, educational, emotional and intellectual bonds between their ancestral land, residents in Goa and their new adopted home states.



This urge led us to the outline of Aami Goenkar a decade ago and in the year 2003 we formalized the constitution and structure of our organization. **On 12th Oct. 2003, at a function held at Kohinoor Hospitality Center, Mumbai attended by over 750 Goans, Aami Goenkar was formally inaugurated as a not for profit entity of Goans, formed as a common platform of all Goans residing in Goa and spread across the world with an aim of promoting a two-way exchange and to implement initiatives of common good.** Many Goans joined hands in this journey of bringing about integration and contributed their valuable time, services, acumen, expertise, experience in various fields and part of their wealth.



Trust is the foundation for everything we do and we must learn to trust one another. An institution like Aami Goenkar should enjoy implicit trust of people, which, it has gained as its members and the leadership team has remained honest, authentic and its strategy has rigour in its logic.

We had found the aim and purpose and were ready to pursue it with passion. We were quite adept in communicating our passion to right people in a way to inspire them to participate with us in our plan for a better tomorrow. We knew that the task was formidable. We were asking people to support our vision with no expectation of financial returns on their investments. We were prepared to take the initiative to get things started and then take

responsibility for keeping operations running and growing. We were ready to start an institution.

The main objective of Aami Goenkar is to unite all Goans residing in and outside Goa, to create a common platform to interact and create solutions in health, education, social welfare and culture.

Starting a non-profit institution takes similar entrepreneurial spirit as starting a business, except that there is no profit motive, a financial reward to the founders. However, as institution grows, it does present opportunities to explore in "for profit" initiatives to achieve its mission, profit not for personal financial benefits but for furthering the institution's objectives. The funder clearly saw the "social return on their investment".





# Major

# E V E N T S

## SINCE INCEPTION

### EVENTS

<b>January 2004</b>	Active participation in a 3 day Gomant Vishwa Sammelan in Goa.
<b>December 15-17, 2004</b>	Medical workshop in Goa with participation from Doctors from Mumbai
<b>August 6, 2005</b>	Financial help to 8 families affected by 26/7 deluge in Mumbai
<b>March 19, 2005</b>	Donation of Rs. 1,00,000 /- to Shradanand Vidyalaya, Paingunim, Canacona Goa for School furniture.
<b>June 3-4, 2006</b>	Arranged 2 days seminar jointly with Sahitya Academy on "The contribution of Laxmanrao Sardesai towards Konkani and Marathi Literature" at Vile Parle, Mumbai.
<b>August 2006</b>	Conducted tax clinic at Andheri (W) for members – Guidance on Tax, Finance and Society Matters.
<b>August 19, 2006</b>	Interview of Dr Shirish Borkar on Heart Disease. Elocution Contest was arranged on the occasion of 150th Birth Centenary of Lokmanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak ( Inter School Event in Mumbai).
<b>September 20, 2006</b>	Participation in felicitation of Pandit Tulsidas Borkar – Harmonium Maestro and Pandit P Nageshkar – Tabla Maestro, organized by Gomantak Maratha Samaj.
<b>September 30, 2006</b>	Held networking workshop of Goan Associations – Goenkaranchi Ekvot at Catholic Gymkhana, Mumbai
<b>October 8, 2006</b>	Organized Elocution Competition at Vidyanidhi School to commemorate Lokmanya Tilak's 150th birth Anniversary.
<b>July 25, 2007</b>	Started Vadhu Var Suchak Mandal.
<b>October 10, 2007</b>	Organized Konkani Drama "Nandadeep" at Dinanath Natyagriha to celebrate 4th foundation day
<b>November 25, 2007</b>	Started educational loan scholarship to needy Goan Students .
<b>November 26, 2007</b>	Donated Rs 1,00,000 to Sneha Mandir an old age home in Goa towards Ambulance Fund.
<b>November 30, 2007</b>	Sponsored awards for the competition organized by Gujarathi Mandal, Goa for visually challenged students.
<b>December 2, 2007</b>	Conducted "Career Counseling" session organized jointly with Damodar Collage and Shri Sadanand Jambaulikar Memorial Trust, Madgaon.
<b>March 16, 2008</b>	Formed medical panel comprising of doctors from various specialities to offer medical advise to patients who come to Mumbai from Goa.
<b>March 19, 2008</b>	Shigmotsav in Goa - Article
<b>May 15, 2008</b>	Organised Medical Camp at Canacona on "Kidney Problem".
<b>May 25, 2008</b>	Held a weekend camp for youth on "Personality Development" at Bandra.
<b>June 19, 2008</b>	'Urology Camp' by Dr. Anup Ramani, organised by Aami Goenkar at Canacona Goa.
<b>October 19, 2008</b>	Mr Milind Raikar - Violinist, of Goan origin was awarded with Civitella Ranieri Fellowship, Italy for the year 2008 - 2009.
<b>December 19, 2008</b>	Organized seminar on "National Security & Backdrop of 26/11 Attack" in Mumbai – the speakers were – Major Gen. Shekatkar and Ex Police Commissioner Shri M N Singh.
<b>April 19, 2009</b>	Organized "Bhangaralen Goen" a programme with Goan folks songs and dances to promote Goan Art & Culture in Mumbai, cosponsored by Department of Art and Culture, Goa Government.
<b>May 19, 2009</b>	Women Empowerment - Success of Mrs Aditi Kare Panandikar of Indoco Remedies Ltd. Goa Marathon -2009 held in Wadi, Talauli, Goa, courtesy Dr P S Ramani.
<b>February 18, 2010</b>	Kavivarya Bakibab Borkar Birth Centenary Celebration Program at Dadar, Mumbai in association with Vivek Vyaspeeth and Sanvaad Group.

## EVENTS

<b>March 19, 2010</b>	“Jine Gangaughachi Pani” centenary Celebration of Goan poet Shri B B Borkar, in collaboration with Vivek Vyaspith & Sanvad at Dadar-Matunga Cultural Centre, Mumbai.
<b>April 2, 2010</b>	Kavivarya Bakibab Borkar Birth Centenary Celebration Program at Kala Academy, Panjim, Goa.
<b>April 3, 2010</b>	Kavivarya Bakibab Borkar Birth Centenary Celebration Program at Shree Navadurga Saasthan Goa.
<b>April 4, 2010</b>	Kavivarya Bakibab Borkar Birth Centenary Celebration Program at Ravindra NatyaGriha, Curchorim and at Vidya Niketan, Madgaon, Goa.
<b>April 8, 2010</b>	Kavivarya Bakibab Borkar Birth Centenary Celebration Program at Tilak NatyaGriha, Pune.
<b>August 17, 2010</b>	Kavivarya Bakibab Borkar Birth Centenary Celebration Program at Shivaji Bhosle Sabhagriha, Kolhapur.
<b>October 16, 2010</b>	Inauguration of Aami Goenkar website by Shri Suresh Kare, Chairman of Indoco Remedies.
<b>November 30, 2010</b>	Coffee Table Book based on poems of Poet Bakibab Borkar was released by Dr Subhash Bhende at Yashwant Natyagriha, Mumbai to mark the closing celebration program of year long birth centenary program.
<b>April 16, 2011</b>	Late Dilip Sardesai Cricket Academy started in Madgaon Goa.
<b>October 16, 2011</b>	“Shat JanmaShodhitana” a tribute to Veer Savarkar at Savarkar Sabhagriha, Dadar.
<b>November 5, 2011</b>	“Kasulo” a Konkani drama was staged at Veer Savarkar Sabhagriha.
<b>November 20, 2011</b>	“Suring” a Konkani drama was staged at Veer Savarkar Sabhagriha.
<b>January 24, 2012</b>	“Shat JanmaShodhitana” a tribute to Veer Savarkar at Kala Academy, Panjim, Goa.
<b>January 25, 2012</b>	“Shat JanmaShodhitana” a tribute to Veer Savarkar at Ravindra Natya Mandir, Dadar.
<b>February 7-8, 2012</b>	“All India Konkani Parishad” along with Goa Festival at Veer Savarkar Sabhagriha, Dadar.
<b>July 7, 2012</b>	“GenerationNext” – 3 sessions of interactive session with Shri Manohar Parrikar, CM of Goa and Governemnt officials on special topics – Health, Education at ITC Grand Maratha, Parel.
<b>July 7, 2012</b>	Public interview of Shri Manohar Parrikar on “Changing the Face of Goa Politics” at Veer Savarkar Sabhagriha, Dadar
<b>April 2013</b>	Survey with the help of students of S P Jain Management Institute students was conducted on “Schools in Rural Goa” and presentation was made to CM of Goa.
<b>March 9, 2014</b>	Awareness of Cancer – a special lecture for women on the occasion of “Jagatik Mahila Din” by Dr. Anupama Borkar, a Consultant Oncologist.
<b>April 27, 2014</b>	Felicitation of Dr Dinkar Kenkare for his PhD IN Conservation of Energy at the age of 75 followed by an entertainment program “Jyotsna Navache Gaane” by Smt. Vandana Khandekar to commemorate late Smt Jyotsna Bhole.
<b>April 12, 2015</b>	Health Awareness program “Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation” by Dr Asmita Hegde, Dr Rajani Desai followed by a lecture from Dr Ghanashyam Pai Kane on “Heart Management – Prevent a heart attack” organized jointly by Aami Goenkar and The Goa Hindu Association at Saraswati Mandir High School, Mahim.
<b>July 26, 2015</b>	Health program at Dadar Matunga Cultural Centre, Mahim – Presentation by Dr Roshani Sangani on “Diabetes Self Management” and “Aryurvedic Management” of obesity by Dr Nutan Nabar.
<b>January 2016</b>	Started Young Women’s Leadership Programs at two Goan Schools – Mahila Nutan Vidya Mandir, Margao & Holy Cross High School, Quepem, supported by Suman Ramesh Tulsiani Trust in collaboration with Avanti Foundation.
<b>August 20, 2017</b>	Gomant Sangeet Samelan at Dr M Vishveshvaraya Smarak Mandir, Mahim.
<b>September 5, every year</b>	Teachers’ Day Celebration and felicitation of a senior teachers.
<b>December 19, every year</b>	Goa Liberation Day, felicitation of senior freedom fighters and remembering their sacrifices in the freedom



Over past fifteen years, we have matured, we have increased our membership, have published books, we hold our events like Goa Liberation Day, Teachers' day besides our annual signature "Goa Festival" which has foot fall in thousands.

Institutions like Aami Goenkar provide a platform and attention to people and their ideas are worth listening to and provide an opportunity for further evolution in the journey of learning.

Meetings organized by Aami Goenkar give a platform to engage in lively debates with peers, speakers, audience to gain deeper understanding of different ideas. We continue our ongoing interactions with our members and sponsors at our events.



## DOING SERVICE WITH LOVE

Human birth is not an accidental event but has a very sublime and lofty purpose. It is our greatest fortune to be born as a human being. It is only through the human body, we realise the Truth and reach the absolute. We take our lives for granted and find ourselves running after the trivial, we enter conditional and programmed thinking that is limited to the identity we have been given, the education we attain, the work we do, and the responsibilities we discharge as individuals in different capacities. Meanwhile, the wave of time sweeps us out of this world. We forget the creator and focus on the creation.

Best tool to erode one's ego is Seva. It is seva that opens our heart by expanding our consciousness, thus integrating our individual consciousness with universal consciousness. Seva should be performed with absolute commitment, devotion, dedication and discipline. Any form of selfless service that is infused with love helps us evolve as better human being.







## GOA FESTIVAL our Flagship event is now a Movement

Eight years ago, we thought of an annual event and in a modest way, selected a group of people, took them along, gave them encouragement, incentives, helped unlock their potential and organized them which led to a movement called “Goa Festival”. There have been many learning and successes. Everyone, who associated with us had a business plan in their mind, they needed a platform and a clear path for execution. We realized this and made them believe that they can succeed, removed the “not yet ready” block in them and gave them path into the future. Everyone loves challenge, have growth mindset, we facilitated building a bridge from “not yet ready” to “start now”. They came out of their comfort zone, learned quite a few things, re-skilled themselves, differentiated and to did something smarter. They joined us in the movement called “Goa Festival”.

Over years entrepreneurs have come in to join the movement and those who came initially have stuck on with us and have done well – that is how we made this movement successful. We nurtured our first followers and encouraged them to get more to join in and now they all are so happy to take leadership of the movement and expand it new locations and increase its frequency. They talk with passion about their experiences in these years, how they created and expanded market place and for two days brought Goa to Mumbai. A few of them have transformed themselves in to full time entrepreneurs, have become our volunteers, our brand ambassadors and talk feverishly about brand equity and how Goa festival has become a way of their life and how they wish to block many dates on their calendars for Goa Festival.



Adv. S.N. Desai felicitating  
Adv. Ashish Shelar  
at Goa Fest 2011



Inauguration of Goa Fest 2011  
by Mrs. Suman R. Tulsiani



Shri Mohandas Sukhtankar  
was felicitated at Goa Fest 2013  
by Mr. Francis D'Souza  
Minister, Goa Government



Inauguration of Goa Fest 2013  
by Dr. P. S. Ramani



Felicitating of Shri Ramdas Kamat  
at Goa Fest 2014



Felicitating of  
Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar  
at Goa Fest 2014



BMC Dy. Mayor Mrs. Alka Kelkar  
inaugurating Goa Fest 2015



Felicitating of Shri Ramalrishna Naik  
at Goa Fest by Mr. G.R. Kare  
of Indoco Remedies Ltd.



Felicitating of Pt. Shri Tulsidas Borkar  
at Goa Fest 2016



President Shri Sanjay Hegde felicitating  
Chief Guest Mr. N.K. Kulkarni  
at Goa Fest 2017



Felicitating of Shri Arvind Pilgaonkar  
at Goa Fest 2018



Crowd Enjoying at  
Goa Fest 2018

## GOA FESTIVALS

No	Dates	Venue
1	January 22-26, 2011	Gomantak Seva Sangh - Vile Parle
2	February 15-17, 2012	Swatantraveer Savarkar Smarak Sabhagriha, Shivaji Park
3	March 15-17, 2013	Swatantraveer Savarkar Smarak Sabhagriha, Shivaji Park
4	January 24-26, 2014	Swatantraveer Savarkar Smarak Sabhagriha, Shivaji Park
5	February 6-8, 2015	Swatantraveer Savarkar Smarak Sabhagriha, Shivaji Park
6	March 12-13, 2016	Swatantraveer Savarkar Smarak Sabhagriha, Shivaji Park
7	February 25-26, 2017	Dr Antonio Da Silva Technical High School , Shivaji Park
8	February 3-4, 2018	Dr Antonio Da Silva Technical High School , Shivaji Park



## GOVERNANCE

At Aami Goenkar, we have a Managing Committee which meets at regular intervals with a structured agenda. We discuss strategic and administrative matters, funding, memberships, programs and many others and arrive at consensus. In addition, we have need based meetings with the Advisory Group to debate subjects of topical interest. We have created a whatsapp group of members, which we use very effectively to reach out to our members. We regularly receive visitors from other similar institutions like The Goa Hindu Association, we keep meeting peer groups and come wiser from interactions who face similar challenges.



## RESOURCES

without effective communication through right channels, we cannot reach Goans, who are globally spread out. An institution like us needs a commitment of grant from sponsors who may be corporations through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) schemes, foundations or individuals to fund the corpus in the start-up phase of the institution.

Investors in ideas who invest in Social change are fully aware that it is a long gestation game and the desired outcomes may become visible after a long time in certain cases and it is often difficult to measure impact of those projected outcomes. Founders raise money from socially

motivated investors, who love to invest in something that will do social good. They must be believers, care for social change, work to widen given community, through this approach, society wins. Investment in a socially oriented institution helps improve community development outcomes, with that the Government saves money, nation benefits, given social returns as well. It is a win-win, so smile on every one's face.

We are conscious of the fact that our institution needs adequate funding to achieve our mission and pursuing its objectives on a sustained basis. We need to augment our resources to enhance quality of our service offerings. Unfortunately, institutions like us do not find favour with the corporate donor community who prefer to limit their funding to areas covered under corporate social responsibility spectrum and prefer social welfare programmes that have a more immediate and visible impact to the detriment of institutions like us which work on issues and solutions which have long term favourable impact.



Legendary harmonium exponent **PANDIT TULSIDAS BORKAR** passed away in a private hospital on Saturday September 29, 2018 after a brief illness. He was 83.

Born in Borim, Goa, on November 18, 1934, Borkar was conferred the Padma Shri in 2016 for his contributions to Indian music.

Pandit Borkar, who first learned music from his mother, Jaishree Borkar, is renowned for designing a new model of the harmonium which involved raising the level of the keyboard that was crafted and manufactured by Dashrath Bengude. He also conducted extensive research to improve the tonal quality, tuning and other technical aspects of the instrument, which gave different visual and sound dimensions to the harmonium.

**Pandit Borkar was awarded 'Lifetime Achievement Award' by Aami Goenkar in the year 2016.** He was honoured with the prestigious Sangeet Natak Akademic Award, in 2005, among many other national and international honours, besides taking part in music concerts all over India, US, Europe, Africa, Middle-East, South Asia and recording solo for top music companies in the world.

Our heartiest condolence to his family. May his soul rest in peace.







Aami Goenkar follows membership model and has various categories of memberships based on period – patron and life, levels of engagement suiting interest of individuals. Members' issues and programs forms its core mission and members get an opportunity to participate, connect with each other, engage with other Goans and thus get benefit from group orientation.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

It is gratifying that our founders who fomed the initial team as institution builders are still associated with us in some way and our initiatives are integral with their way of thinking. We look forward to drawing on their rich experience for the collective benefit. They have broad appeal and play active role in the functioning of Aami Goenkar.

During these fifften years we have, together, travelled quite a distance but still we have a long way to go to achieve our objective to be in service of our motherland and its people. The beginning has been very encouraging, and we need your presence, support, guidance and encouragement in our journey.



We are sensitive to needs of our people and in the process have identified three focus areas for the coming decade viz. education, health and next generation. We have done some progress in these areas in making next generation participate in national building process.

I dispassionately ask myself, have we as a team failed in our mission, our members, our donors and well wishers? Admitting failure is quite hard and to do it openly and talk about it needs courage. I urge you all to think about our movement and write or speak to us about objective assessment of our performance and suggest the way forward.

We are making an appeal to all Goan brothers and sisters for membership, donations and count on their active support and co-operation in the building and nurturing this movement.

We would be grateful if you could take help by sending us a cheque in the name " Aami Goenkar" at the above address. Donations to Aami Goenkar are exempt u/s 80G of I.T. Act. You can reach us at [www.aamigoenkar.org](http://www.aamigoenkar.org)

Once again, we wish to thank our patrons, life, annual members for their contribution which has encouraged us to pursue our mission relentlessly. We wish to express our gratitude to people who have supported us during this period.

**Sanjay Hegde**  
President

September 13, 2018

*Congratulations*

**AAMI GOENKAR**  
FOR COMPLETION OF  
15 YEARS







## TEACHERS DAY FELICITATION

On behalf of members, **Prof. Satish Pai** was felicitated on the occasion of Teachers' Day, 5th September, 2018.

Prof. Satish Pai, a Civil Engineer by education, taught Mathematics in the VJTI, Mumbai for over 25 years. He is the founder of Sadgurus' Classes for Engineering students, which are spread across Mumbai.

Prof. Satish Pai, is the founder Trustee of Shree Sadguru's Educational and Welfare Trust, which was established on the auspicious day of Dassera in the year 2004. A significant portion of the earnings from teaching activities in Sadguru's class is made available to the trust for carrying out its charitable activities. Trust has built school buildings, hostels, temples in the Adivasi areas of Thane District. It has opened a blood bank at Koparkhairane Navi Mumbai. The trust assists needy people to meet their education and health needs. The trust actively contributes to institutions like Wadia Hospital for children, Prabha Hira Prathistan, Palawi at Pandharpur, Sri Sadgurunath Dada Gyanpeeth, Dengachimeth, Thane, Nana Palkar Smriti Samiti, Mumbai among others.



**“Do your duty and leave the rest to the gods.”**

Each one of us has a duty to perform depending on our age and status in life. Duty is what we owe to every other person with whom we come across in our lives. It is an obligation, a debt which can be discharged only by voluntary efforts and firm actions of our lives. Parents owe duty towards their children and children own duty towards their parents. Likewise, there are respective duties of siblings, teachers, students, spouses, masters and servants. Thus, duty covers all our life from the moment we enter it until our last breath – duty towards superiors, subordinates, equals and finally towards our creator.

Conscience guides us to do the right action or the right duty. Sense of duty is the main part of our character and is amongst five important D's – Duty, Devotion, Discipline, Discrimination and Determination. As Gandhiji said, “Infinite striving to be the best is man's duty, it is its own reward, everything else is in the God's hands”





**१५ ऑगस्ट २०१८, गोमंतक सेवा संघ संस्थेला ६२ वर्षे पूर्ण झाली. दरवर्षी १४ ऑगस्टला सत्यनारायणाची पूजा आणि १५ ऑगस्टला संस्थेच्या स्थापनादिनानिमित्त कार्यक्रम असे ठरलेलेच आहेच. यावर्षी १५ ऑगस्टच्या कार्यक्रमाचे प्रमुख पाहुणे होते श्रीयुत मोहन कृ. संझगिरी.**

कार्यक्रमाची सुरुवात सौ. अंजली देशप्रभू यांनी गणेशस्तवन व शारदास्तवन गाऊन उपस्थितांच्या स्वागताने करण्यात आली. या कार्यक्रमात माध्यमिक व उच्च माध्यमिक शैक्षणिक क्षेत्रातील, उच्च गुण मिळवून उत्तीर्ण झालेल्या गोमंतकाय विद्यार्थ्यांना पारितोषिक देऊन त्यांचे कौतुक करण्यात आले. तसेच गोमंतक सेवा संघातर्फे, सभासदांसाठी व त्यांच्या कुटुंबियांसाठी घेण्यात येणाऱ्या विविध क्रिडा स्पर्धांमधील विजेत्या स्पर्धकांनाही बक्षिसे देऊन त्यांचेही कौतुक करण्यात आले. प्रमुख पाहुण्यांचा परिचय करून देतांना, निवेदिका कु. ज्योती कुराडे यांनी श्रीयुत मोहन संझगिरी यांच्या व्यक्तीमत्वातील विविध पैलू उपस्थितांना सांगितले. संस्थेचे अध्यक्ष, डॉ. श्रीकांत लवंदे यांनी सर्व उपस्थितांचे मनःपूर्वक स्वागत करून त्यांच्या उपस्थितीबद्दल भरभरून कौतुक केले व मनापासून आभार मानले. संस्थेच्या अध्यक्षांच्या हस्ते प्रमुख पाहुण्यांना शाल, श्रीफळ, पुष्पगुच्छ आणि मानचिन्ह देऊन, त्यांना सन्मानित करण्यात आले.

प्रमुख पाहुणे श्री. मोहन कृ.संझगिरी यांचे मनोगत फारच प्रोत्साहनपूर्ण होते. आपल्या भाषणाची सुरुवात करताना त्यांनी गोमंतक सेवा संघाच्या संस्थापक सदस्य ना अभिवादन केले, कारण ६३ वर्षांपूर्वी गोमंतकीय व्यक्तींना एकत्र आणून, संस्था स्थापन करून अशा तऱ्हेने स्वतःची वास्तू निर्माण करणे हीच मुळी गौरवास्पद कामगिरी

आहे. असे त्यांनी सांगितले. अजूनही सर्वांना एकत्र येण्यासाठी अशा तऱ्हेचे कार्यक्रम केले जातात आणि गोमंतकीय एकत्र येतात याबद्दल आनंद व्यक्त केला. अशीच वाटचाल शतकाकडे चालू रहावी अशी सदिच्छा ही व्यक्त केली. यानंतर मात्र अलगद त्यांच्या भाषणाने वैचारिक विषय मांडले. ११ ऑगस्ट २०१८ या दिवशी IIT मुंबईमध्ये दीक्षान्त समारोहाच्या च्या कार्यक्रमात आपल्या देशाचे पंतप्रधान श्रीयुत नरेंद्र मोदींनी 'शिक्षण व व्यावसायिक जीवनातील क्षमता व दर्जा याबद्दल मांडलेली खंत त्यांनी सर्वासमोर मांडली, त्यावर उपाय योजून, मात करण्यासाठी विद्यार्थ्यांनी व पालकांनी कशी पाऊले उचलली पाहिजेत याबद्दल ते विस्तृत बोलले. त्यांनी "counselling, soft skills, digital technology and reading of good books" ही चतुःसूत्री उलगडून सांगितली.



मुलांची आवड व त्यांची क्षमता यांची सांगड घालूनच त्यांनी अभ्यासक्रम निवडला पाहिजे व त्यासाठी योग्य वेळी योग्य व्यक्तीकडून जर सल्ला घेतला वा मुलांचे मार्गदर्शन झाले तर त्याचा अतिशय चांगला परीणाम मुलांच्या career मध्ये दिसून येतो. प्रत्येक व्यक्तीमधील वेगवेगळ्या गुणांना प्रोत्साहन देण्यासाठी अभ्यासाव्यतिरिक्त खेळ, संगीत, नाट्यकला, वाद्यवादन, वक्तृत्वकला अशा विविध उपक्रमांमध्ये भाग घेतल्यास मुलांचे व्यक्तीमत्त्व सुंदर घडत जाते. तसेच संभाषण कौशल्य



(Communication Skills), public speaking, soft skill training घेतल्यास देशपरदेशात कुठल्याही वातावरणात मिसळून जाऊन व्यक्तीमत्त्व अधिक खुलण्यास मदत होते.

‘जुने ते सोने’ हे कितीही खरे असले तरीही “Change is the only constant thing in life” हे लक्षात ठेवून का काळानुरूप लहानथोर सर्वांनीच स्वतःमध्ये बदल घडविणे आवश्यक आहे. सध्याच्या संगणीकरण्याच्या च्या जमान्यात सर्वांनी सावधपणे, काळजीपूर्वक माहिती तंत्रज्ञान आत्मसात करायला हवे. या तंत्रज्ञानाच्या योग्य वापराने नवीन पिढीबरोबर नाते अधिक सुदृढ करता येऊ शकते याबद्दलही त्यांनी विचार मांडले.

‘वाचाल तर वाचाल’ या उक्तीप्रमाणे उत्तम पुस्तकांच्या वाचनाने आपल्या वागण्या बोलण्यात, आचार विचारांमध्ये कसा सुंदर बदल घडू शकतो याबद्दल त्यांनी पुस्तकांच्या नावाचे दाखलेही दिले. Passion for Excellence, Who Moved My Cheese, Wings of Fire and Ignited Mind, Seven Habits by Successful People, Power of +ve Thinking यासारख्या पुस्तकांच्या वाचनाने जीवनाकडे बघण्याचा दृष्टीकोन सतत सकारात्मक ठेवणे उत्कृष्टतेचा ध्यास व त्यासाठी प्रचंड मेहनत अशा गुणांची जोपासना स्वतः-मध्ये वाढीस लागते. या चतुःसूत्रीचा एकत्रित परीणाम म्हमजे फक्त पुस्तकी माहितीपुरती शिक्षण न उरता त्याचा व्यवहारात उत्तम परीणाम साधता येतो व मोर्दीनी मांडलेली खंत पुरती पुसून काढता येईल असा विश्वास त्यांनी प्रदर्शित केला.

त्यानंतर गोमंतक सेवा संघाचे कार्यवाह श्री. रमेश देशप्रभू यांनी आभारपदर्शन केले व उपस्थितांनी अल्पोपहाराचा आस्वाद घेतला. सायंकाळी “आरोह आर्टस्” आयोजित भावगीते गायनाचा कार्यक्रम होता. गायकांनी एकसे एक सरस भावगीते गायली व वादकांनी अप्रतिमरित्या वाद्यवादनाची साथ दिली. सौ. नीला रविंद्र यांचे निवेदनही मोजकेच पण अतिशय बहारदार झाले. रसिकांची १५ ऑगस्ट २०१८ ची सायंकाळ खूपच सूरमयी झाली आणि ‘जयोस्तुते श्री महन्मंगले’ या गाण्याने, कार्यक्रम रात्री ८.३० वाजता संपन्न झाला.

~ ज्योती काशिनाथ कुराडे



## २७ ऑगस्ट ते ३ सप्टेंबर २०१८ नागेशीचा सप्ताह

बांदोडे संस्थानात डोंगराच्या कुशीत नागेशी देवस्थान हिरवाई दिसे तळीत श्रावणी कृष्ण प्रतिपदा भजनीसप्ताह सुरुवात टाळ मृदंग अभंग किर्तने दुमदुमे परीसरात रात्रीस येता पार, विविध चित्ररथांचा, शिस्तीत नाचती लेझीम, मुखी घोष नागेशाचा सात दिन सप्ताहाचे उत्साह उदंड वाहतसे देवस्थानी जनांचा ओघ अखंड चालतसे उत्सवाचे पवित्र सात दिन जन्माष्टमी येता उधाण येई दहिहंडीला सप्ताह समाप्ती होता सकल जनास्तव गान्हाणे ते सुंदर घालूनी महाप्रसादा पूर लोटतसे, दाटते समाधान नयनी निमंत्रण तुम्हा अनुभवाच्या भजनी सप्ताह ६७ वर्षांपासूनी चालतसे नागेशी हा उत्साह.

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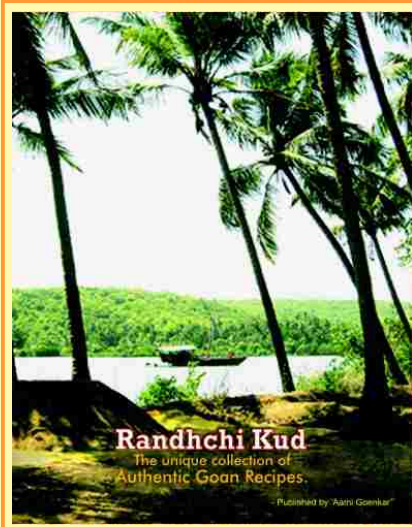
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