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‘Aami Goenkar’ held its 10th AGM on 28th September, 2014  
at Park Club, Dadar.

## Programme of Thane chapter of Aami Goenkar



To conclude the birth centenary of eminent Goan singer Ms Jyotsna Bhole, a musical program by her daughter Ms. Vandana Khandekar was organized by Thane chapter of ‘Aami Goenkar’ at Mangala Hindi School, Thane on 27th April, 2014.

Goans from Thane and surrounding areas attended the programme in large number. The musical program was preceded by ‘Cancer awareness programme’ by Dr. Anupama Borkar.



## शिक्षक दिनानिमित्त सत्कार

दर वर्षीप्रमाणे 'आमी गोंयकार'ने या वर्षी शिक्षक दिनानिमित्त 'आदर्श शिक्षिका' म्हणून श्रीमती मंगला वागळे यांचा सत्कार केला.

रस्त्यावर फिरणाऱ्या मुलांसाठी 'हमारा स्कूल'ची स्थापना करून त्या मुलांना ममतेने बांधून ठेवत शिक्षणाचे धडे देणाऱ्या मंगलाताई म्हणजे चालता बोलता उत्साहाचा झरा आहेत. २००९ साली वयाच्या सत्तराव्या वर्षी पणजीमधील मासळी बाजाराच्या एका कोपऱ्यात १० मुलांना घेऊन सुरु



मंगलाताई वागळे (मध्यभागी बसलेल्या) त्यांच्या विद्यार्थी व कर्मचाऱ्यांसोबत. 'आमी गोंयकार' तर्फे श्री. राजेंद्र भोबे व श्री. सागर सावर्डेकर

केलेल्या त्यांच्या 'हमारा स्कूल' मध्ये आज ८० मुलं शिकत आहेत... एका चांगल्या जीवनाचं स्वप्न पाहत आहेत. त्यातील ५० मुलं तिथेच राहतात तर ३० मुलं जागेअभावी फक्त झोपण्यापुरती घरी जातात. गेल्या १४ वर्षातील मंगलाताईची वाटचाल थक्क करणारी आहे.

मूळ काणकोणच्या मंगलाताईचं लग्न वयाच्या १७व्या वर्षी झालं आणि यजमानांबरोबर त्या मुंबईत शिवाजी पार्क येथे स्थायिक झाल्या. वयाच्या पंचेचाळीशीपर्यंत चारचौघीप्रमाणे त्या केवळ गृहिणी होत्या. यजमानांनी नोकरी सोडून मासेमारीची बोट घेतली. पण तिथे अपयश आल्यावर मंगलाताईंनी स्वतः मोठ्या उपहारगृहांना व पंचतारांकित हॉटेल्सना मासे पुरविण्यास सुरुवात केली. १९८३ मध्ये यजमानाना देवाज्ञा झाली तेव्हा हेच त्यांच्या उपजीविकेचे साधन होते. हा धंदा गोव्यात जास्त चांगला होईल या हेतूने १९८८ साली त्या पुन्हा गोव्यात परतल्या. धंध्याचा जम चांगला बसला. पुढे दोन्ही मुलींची लग्नं झाल्यावर फारशी जबाबदारी उरली नाही. तेव्हा त्यांनी 'ऑल इंडिया वुमेन्स कॉन्फरन्स'चं काम करायला सुरुवात केली. त्याच सुमारास शोभनाताई रानडे या थोर समाजसेविकेने 'कस्तुरबा गांधी नॅशनल मेमोरीअल ट्रस्ट'ची गोव्यातील जबाबदारी त्यांच्यावर सोपविली. ती त्यांनी मनापासून पार पाडली. दरम्यान त्यांना एकुलत्या एका मुलाच्या निधनाचा धक्का बसला. पण ट्रस्टच्या कामात त्यांनी स्वतःला गुंतवून घेतलं.

२००९ साली त्यांच्या आयुष्याला वेगळंच वळण लागलं. एकदा मासळी बाजारात काही कोळणी ७-८ छोट्या मुलांना मारताना त्यांना दिसल्या. ती मुलं मासे चोरून परस्पर विकत असत. त्या मुलांच्या भवितव्याच्या विचाराने मंगलाताई अस्वस्थ झाल्या. त्यांना शिक्षण देऊन स्वावलंबी केल्याशिवाय दुसरा पर्याय नाही या निर्णयाप्रत त्या आल्या. या कामासाठी इतरांवर अवलंबून राहण्यापेक्षा स्वतःच हे शिवधनुष्य पेलण्याचा निर्णय त्यांनी वयाच्या सत्तराव्या वर्षी घेतला. त्या मुलांच्या आया अशिक्षित असल्यामुळे 'शिक्षणाची

गरज काय' असा त्यांचा प्रश्न होता. पण मंगलाताईंनी धीर सोडला नाही. हळूहळू त्यांना शिक्षणाचं महत्व कळेल असा त्यांचा विश्वास होता. सुरुवातीला १० मुलं तयार झाली. ती कन्नड भाषिक असल्यामुळे दोन कन्नड मैत्रीणींना सोबत घेऊन त्यांनी शाळा सुरु केली. जागेचा प्रश्न होता. म्हणून मासळी बाजारातच एक सुका कोपरा पाहून तिथे मुलांनी मुळाक्षरं गिरवायला सुरुवात केली. काही महिन्यांत नगरपालिकेने जवळच्या बागेत वर्ग घ्यायला परवानगी दिली. सकाळी मुलं मासळीबाजारात पिशव्या विकत आणि दुपारी ३ ते ५ या वेळेत बागेत एबीसीडी शिकत. वर्षभरात अशोक कुमार या आय.ए.एस. अधिकाऱ्याच्या ओळखीने एक २-३ खोल्यांचं घर मिळालं आणि बागेतली शाळा छपराखाली आली. वापरात नसलेल्या त्या घराला, वापरात आणण्यासाठी खूप मेहनत घ्यावी लागली. या घराला मुलांनीच नाव सुचवलं 'हमारा स्कूल' आणि मंगलाताईंना 'बडी टीचर'! मुलं आली की मंगलाताईंचं पहिलं काम असायचं ते म्हणजे त्यांना नळावर नेऊन खसाखसा आंघोळ घालणे. मनाला व शरीराला शिस्त लागावी या हेतूने त्यांनी मुलांसाठी युनिफॉर्म शिवून घेतले. आतापर्यंत स्वच्छंद, मनोजोगतं जीवन जगणाऱ्या त्या मुलांना एका जागी बसवणं, शिक्षणाची गोडी लावणं म्हणजे मंगलाताईंसाठी आव्हान होतं. मुलांचा आहार सुधारण्यासाठी डॉ. धुमेंनी त्यांना मदत केली. गहू, तांदूळ, मुगडाळ, तूरडाळ व अख्खे मूग भाजून, दळून त्यात तूप व गूळ घालून बनवलेले लाडू त्यांनी मुलांना घायला सुरुवात केली. त्यासोबत एक केळं व एक कप दूध यामुळे मुलांना पौष्टिक आहार मिळू लागला. या सर्वांसाठी निधीची गरज होती. गोव्यातील सुप्रसिद्ध फॅशन डिझाईनर वेन्डेल रॉड्रीगज याने स्वतःच्या शोज मधून 'हमारा स्कूल'साठी निधी उभारायला सुरुवात केली. आणखीही काही मदतीचे हात पुढे आले. हळूहळू मुलांची संख्या २५ झाली. त्यांना पोटभर जेवण मिळावं म्हणून मंगलाताई स्वतः तांदूळ, डाळ व भाज्या घालून खिचडी बनवून आणत. लवकरच त्यांच्या एका मैत्रीणीने ही स्वयंपाकाची जबाबदारी स्वीकारली. त्यांचे काम पाहून काही संस्था व व्यक्तींनी आर्थिक मदतीचा हात पुढे केला. गोवा सरकारनेही २५ लाख रुपये व एक फ्लॅट त्यांना दिला. त्यांचं काम वाढलं तसा दुसराही फ्लॅट दिला. आता २५ मुलगे व २५ मुलींची राहण्याची व्यवस्था झाली.

पुढची पायरी म्हणजे या मुलांना नियमित शाळेत घालणं आवश्यक होतं. चांगल्या शिक्षणाच्या दृष्टीने त्यांना खासगी शाळेत घालायचं ठरवलं. पैशाचा प्रश्न तर होताच, पण त्याहीपेक्षा मोठा प्रश्न होता तो जन्माच्या दाखल्याचा! ज्या मुलांची जन्मतारीख आई-वडिलांनाही आठवत नव्हती, वये अंदाजाने ठरवली होती त्या मुलांकडे जन्म दाखले कुठून असणार? पण हाही प्रश्न मंगलाताईंनी जिद्दीने सोडवला. न्यायालयात जाऊन अॅफिडेव्हीट करून प्रत्येक मुलाची जन्मतारीख निश्चित केली आणि मुलाच्या कुवतीनुसार योग्य इयत्तेत दाखल केले. अशा तऱ्हेने सर्व अडथळ्यांना पार करत मंगलाताई शाळा पुढे नेत आहेत. गोव्यातील काही शिक्षिकाही या विद्यादानाच्या कार्यात त्यांना हातभार लावत आहेत. संगीत, खेळ अशा इतर क्षेत्रातील तज्ञही मुलांना मार्गदर्शन करायला येतात. या सर्वांच्या प्रयत्नांना आता फळे येऊ लागली आहेत. ज्या चिमुरड्यांना घेऊन शाळा सुरु केली, ती मुलं आता पदवीधर होण्याच्या मार्गावर आहेत. गोवा क्रिकेट असोसिएशन तर्फे एका मुलाची निवड झाली आहे तर काही मुलांनी संगीतात प्रगती केली आहे. रस्त्यावरच्या उपेक्षित मुलांचं भवितव्य घडविण्यासाठी वयाच्या ८४व्या वर्षी धडपडणाऱ्या मंगलाताईंनी हे सिद्ध केलं आहे की ईच्छा असेल तर चांगलं काम करण्यासाठी वयाचा, भाषेचा, पैशाचा वा कोणताही अडथळा पार करता येतो.

## GOAN GANESH CHATURTHI CELEBRATION AT WODLE GHAR (joint family home)

Goa is believed to be traditionally a settlement of Goud Saraswat Brahmins after Lord Parashuram created this land and brought this Saraswat Community, which was initially in West Bengal on the banks of River Saraswati, a Vedic river. However during inquisition by Christian Clergy during Portuguese rule there was an exodus of large number of Saraswats who fled to Southern India up to Kerala to protect themselves and their religion. However few families continued their inhabitation in Goa despite the onslaught by Portuguese treachery and one such family survived for centuries is that of Nadkarni Sawardekars. This family in its present habitation has the History of over two hundred years in the existing house (Sawardekar Vado) at sanvordem in Sanguem Taluka.

A characteristic feature of the Saraswat Hindu houses is the square rajangan (the courtyard) around which these houses are centered. The beautifully carved wooden columns that flank the four sides of the Ranjangan are another characteristic feature of these houses, one such heritage house is the Sawardekar vado located very close to the Kushawati river. This is main house of the Nadkarni Sawardekar popularly known as the vhadlem ghar in sanvarde.

Despite the present trend of breaking joint families into smaller and smaller nuclear families due to urbanization and spread of vertical educational competition, the family of Nadkarni Sawardekar has continued to be united in this twenty first century in joining together for various festivals and family get together functions. Today there are over 100 nuclear families under the umbrella of Nadkarni Sawardekar joint family which has continued its strong bonds and fortified further. This bond continues till date for two reasons namely continuance of regular age old rituals in the family house of Sardar Vithoji, the Kula Purusha(ancestry) and celebrations of Ganesh Chaturthi, popularly known as Chavath in the same ancestral house. These functions continue for generations due to Vision of forefathers of the family to keep some of their properties jointly for such joint function. The different nuclear families get their turns for such celebration as early as once in eight years while some others get their turn once in sixty four years depending upon their share holding in the joint family property.

Celebration of Chavath (Lord Ganesh Festival) is a special function for the family to get together for three days making the gathering for over hundred and fifty members under one roof, living and dining together. In fact it is a unique experience for the younger family members who get to know each other through the elderly members sharing the nostalgic memories of earlier generations .It is in fact a rare experience of

unspeakable joy that gets translated through the emotions, feelings, gestures etc. During these three days of community living different age group make themselves into clusters as per their choice and interest for fun and frolic. Some of the elderly members go back to their memory lanes sharing with each other their priceless moments in their earlier life. Some younger children keep on longing for these three days during Chavat and wanting the time to be still. In fact parting with these near and dear ones though temporary after these three days is unbearable as could be clearly seen from their sulking faces and tears.



The first day of Chavath is Gauri Pooja, when the married ladies observe their fast, making offering to the deities and the family priest in the form of coconuts and money. On this day of Chavath the members of the family offer various types of fruits and the sweets to Lord Ganesh. These items are hung before Lord Ganesh on a rectangular wooden frame fixed to the ceiling. This is popularly called Matoli and the same items are auctioned after the immersion rituals of Lord Ganesh. This Pavani is a very interesting event. The bidding for the items takes a competitive turn between two financial strong members of the family and this ultimately results into good revenue for Ganesh festival. This auctioning process almost lasts for over two hours generally from 11.00p.m to 1.00am between the intervening night of third and fourth day of the festival. This auctioning is invariably flavored with humorous exchange between the bidders and the auctioneer. The jovial environment brings a lot of mirth and joy particularly for the younger generation. It is also to be added that during this Chavat festival some of the family members put up their shows of entertainment, music, devotional songs, speeches, prize distribution, felicitations etc. and regale the family members as a whole to its brim of joy.

The immersion of the idol of Lord Ganesh is also a special event in the family. It starts after the Pavani(auction ceremony) which is after midnight The Aartis (flashing of lights)of Lord Ganesh, Lord Shankara, Devi Durga and Lord Vitthal are sung in the traditional fashion using Shemel and Ghumat (two types of leather drums) This is followed by immersion rituals by the family priest and this further is followed by

ceremonial procession of the image of Devi Gauri and The idol of Lord Ganesh on all the four chowkies (rectangular open space in the main house). The idol of Lord Ganesh is carried ceremoniously in a half cylindrical copper vessel known as satel being used for several generations in the family. This vessel has two rings on the outer side of the vessel for tying a big loin cloth and then hung on the shoulders of the person who carries it. The whole family members then ceremoniously sing and dance around the idol moving around the inner space of the house for over 30 minutes. Further the idol is ceremoniously carried through procession on the bank of the river Zuari which is just about 100 meters away from this

ancestral house. The chorus singing and dancing of..” Ganapati Bappa Morya ..Pudhcha varshi Loukar yaa “meaning oh Lord Ganesh, now that you are going to your original abode but we shall wait for your arrival next year at the earliest. These are really touching moments for the family members and are difficult to express but to be experienced...

- Sanjeev Sawardekar

***New members added or existing members upgraded to higher status since last bulletin published in April, 2014***

**Patron Members:-**

1. Mr. Anil Yeshwant Desai, Mumbai.

**Life Membership to Patron Membership:-**

1. Mr. Satish K. Kamat

**Ordinary Members:-**

1. Mr. Waman J. Naik Danait, Mumbai

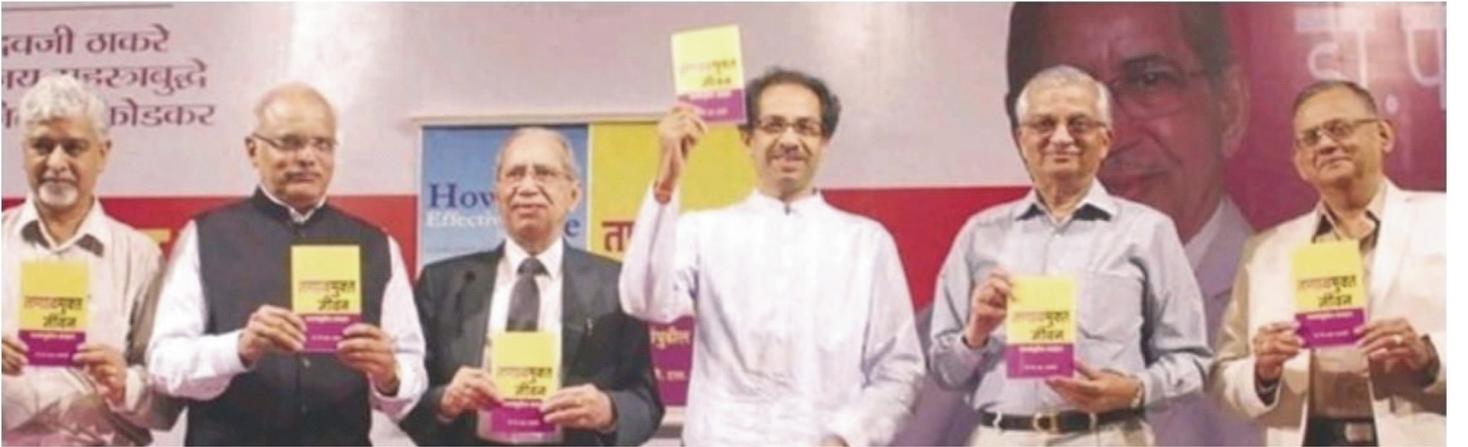
2. Mr. Anil Shridhar Naik

**GOA FESTIVAL- 2015**

5th Goa Festival will be held at Savarkar Smarak, Dadar from 6th to 8th Feb, 2015. Please book your dates and come in large numbers. Booking of stalls has already started. Those interested in booking the stall please contact 'Aami Goenkar' office / 9821167456

***Aami Goenkar will organise the following competitions in Margao Goa in Dec. 14 / Jan. 15***

1. Singing Competition- Instrumental music, Bhajans and Solo singing.
2. Folk Dance competition.
3. Elocution/ Katha Kathan competition.
4. Recipe competition. This will have 3 categories- Non-veg ( sea food only), Vegetarian and Dessert.



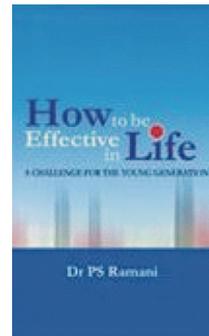
स्वा. सावरकर स्मारक येथे डॉ. पी. एस. रामाणीलिखित 'तणावमुक्त जीवन' या पुस्तकाचे प्रकाशन करताना शिवसेना पक्षप्रमुख उद्धव ठाकरे, डॉ. पी. एस. रामाणी, डॉ. अनिल काकोडकर, विनय सहस्रबुद्धे, सुरेश हिंगलसपूरकर, आनंद लिमये आदी.

**Tanaav Mukta Jeevan**

Dr. Ramani authored two books dealing with various stressful activities (useful or not so useful) that today's young youth is going through while trying to reach the pinnacle of the life. Dr Ramani is convinced that today's youth is intelligent, educated, dedicated but not necessarily wise enough to adjust to their professional urgencies to the personal friendly and social needs in life. As a re-



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sult of this, he works in very stressful condition. The situations have been outlined. A set of personal qualities have been explained which one has to master to reach the tip of the mountain and achieve success without creating unnecessary stress. Indian cultural values necessary for day to day living in our culturally and emotionally biased society in India have been described and its importance has been stressed. A final note states that it is never too late to start again in life.

# Company secretary course - an insight

## COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

The ICSI conducts the Company Secretaryship examination in three stages as under :

**Foundation Programme:** Candidates who have passed Senior Secondary examination (10+2) are eligible for admission Foundation Programme.

**Executive Programmes:** Graduates in any stream excluding Fine Arts or candidates who have passed Foundation Examination are eligible to join Executive Programme.

**Professional Programme:** A registered student is admitted to the Professional Programme on passing the Executive Programme.

### QUALIFYING MARKS

A candidate is declared to have passed the Foundation /Executive/ Professional examination ,if he/she secures at one sitting a minimum of **40 % marks in each paper and 50% marks in the aggregate of all subjects.**

### Role of Company Secretary

- Acts as a vital link between the company and its Board of Directors, shareholders and other stakeholders and regulatory authorities;
- Plays a key role in ensuring that the Board procedures are followed and regularly reviewed ;
- Provides the Board with guidance as to its duties, responsibilities and powers under various laws, rules and regulations;
- Acts as a compliance officer as well as an in-house legal counsel to advise the Board and the functional departments of the company on various corporate, business, economic and tax laws;
- Is an important members of the corporate management team and acts as conscience seeker of the company.

### EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS

A qualified Company Secretary has openings in Employment and as Practising Independent Professional.

### Company Secretary in Employment

Companies with a paid up capital of Rs.5crore or more are compulsorily required to appoint a whole-time Company Secretary under section 203 of companies Act,2013.

### SELF EMPLOYMENT (PRACTICE)

After obtaining a 'Certificate of Practice' from the Institute, Members of the Institute can go for Independent Practices.

1. Practicing Company Secretary have also been recognized to appear before various Tribunals such as Company Law Board , Securities Appellate Tribunal, Competition Commission, Telecom Dispute Settlement and Appellate Tribunal, Consumer Forums, Tax tribunals etc.
2. Recently the Reserve Bank of India has recognized

the Practising Company Secretaries to undertake the Diligence Report for Banks.

### Company Secretary as an independent professional

A Company Secretary in practice is recognised to issue certificates and attest documents inter alia under:

- Companies Act,1956
- SEBI Act, SCRA and regulations made there under Depositories Act,1996
- Exim Policy etc.

### Company Secretaries in practice also render services in the following areas:

1. Legal, Secretarial and Corporate Governance
2. Corporate Restructuring.
3. Foreign Collaboration and Joint Ventures
4. Arbitration and Conciliation
5. Financial Management
6. Project Planning
7. Capital Market and Investor Relations
8. Due Diligence
9. Corporate Advisory Services

### SERVICES RENDERED BY COMPANY SECRETARIES

A Company Secretary renders services in the following areas:

#### Corporate Governance and Secretarial Services

- Corporate Governance Services
- Corporate Secretarial Services
- Secretarial/ Compliance Audit and certification Services

#### Corporate Laws Advisory and Representation Services

- Corporate Laws Advisory Services
- Representation Services
- Arbitration and Conciliation Services

#### Financial Market Services

- Public Issue, listing and Securities Management
- Takeover Code, Insider trading, Mergers & Amalgamation
- Securities Compliance and Certification Services
- Finance & Accounting Services
- Taxation Services
- International Trade & WTO Services

#### Management Services

1. General/ Strategic Management
2. Corporate Communication and Public Relations
3. Human Resource Management
4. Information Technology

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## UNION BUDGET 2014-2015

The new government's maiden budget has been presented by Hon'ble Finance Minister Shri Arun Jaitley on 10th July 2014. It is quite evident that budget has announced far reaching reforms especially on the tax administration front.

### **GREAT VISION & CLEAR MISSION**

Union budget is directional & Practical that sets developmental agenda, Industrial growth, focused expenditure on Infrastructure & social sectors.

As widely anticipated Union Budget 2014-15, focuses on fiscal consolidation and outlines a fiscal deficit target of 4.1% for 2014-15, 3.6% for 2015-16 and 3% for 2016-17. There had been promotion of FDIs in select sectors. Additionally, the funds have been infused for Bank Capitalization, PSU Capital Expenditure, Smart Cities, Irrigation etc. Funds and schemes for Senior Citizens and Women & Child Development have been designed. Education sector has also been given a boost by increasing the counts of IITs, IIMs, and AIIMS etc. A major reform is the virtuous news of approval of legislative scheme for introduction of much awaited Goods and Services Tax (GST) in future which reflects the intention of the government towards rationalisation and simplification of tax regime.

Direct Taxes have remained unfazed with a recalibration of tax slabs and increase in deduction and allowing higher amounts of investments. Indirect Taxes side also has seen some important changes. Advance rulings have been made available for resident private limited companies. Basic rate of excise remains same with minor changes in rates of duty in case of capital goods, consumer durables and automobile sectors.

The budget attempts to pull back the growth to higher levels. A number of significant initiatives have been taken. Composite cap of 49% FDI in Defence manufacturing & Insurance has been allowed. Agriculture sector has been allotted funds and various Agriculture Credit schemes are initiated to protect farmer's interest.

### **FEW PROGRESSIVE STEPS**

- The Adoption of The New Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS) by the Indian Companies from the financial year 2015-16 voluntarily and from the financial year 2016-17 on a mandatory basis.

Agricultural growth of 4% targeted with focus towards building irrigation infrastructure. Further, technology-driven growth targeted with an aim of higher productivity, by setting up Agricultural Research Institute of excellence and Agritech Infrastructure Fund. To provide all households in the country with banking services, a time bound programme would be launched as Financial inclusion Mission on 15th August 2014 is step in the right direction.

**Significant Direct Tax Proposals in the Union Budget 2014-15**

### **Personal Taxation**

- **Basic exemption limit** to be increased from **Rs. 2 lakhs**

**to Rs. 2.5 lakhs** for an individual below the age of 60 years and from **Rs. 2.5 lakhs to Rs. 3 lakhs**, in case of an individual who is of age of 60 years or above, but below the age of 80 years.

- The existing limit of **deduction under section 80C** to be increased from **Rs.1 lakh to Rs. 1.5 lakhs**. The annual ceiling limit for investment in Public Provident Fund to be increased from Rs. 1 lakh to Rs. 1.5 lakh.

- The deduction in respect of **interest on housing loan** borrowed for acquisition or construction of self occupied house property to be enhanced from **Rs. 1.5 lakhs to Rs. 2 lakhs**.

- No change proposed in the income tax rate, surcharge and education cess. **Capital Gains**

- **Units of debt oriented mutual funds and unlisted securities** to remain as a **short-term capital asset, if held for not more than 36 months**. Resultantly, the period for qualifying as a long-term capital asset to be increased from "more than 12 months" to "more than 36 months".

- Long-term capital gains on units of debt-oriented mutual funds not eligible for benefit of concessional rate of tax @ 10% without indexation.

- Any transfer of capital asset, being Government Security carrying periodic payment of interest, made outside India, through an intermediary dealing in settlement of securities, by a non-resident to another non-resident, not to be considered as "transfer" for the purpose of capital gains.

- **Exemption under section 54EC** for investment in long-term specified asset, out of capital gains arising from transfer of one or more original assets in a financial year, to be **restricted to Rs. 50 lacs**, whether such investment is made in the same financial year or in the next financial year or partly in the same financial year and partly in the next financial year.

### **Tax Deduction at Source**

- Tax to be deducted @ **2% on the sum paid under life insurance policies, including the sum allocated by way of bonus, which are not exempted under section 10(10D)**. However, no tax to be deducted where the aggregate sum paid to an assessee in a financial year is less than Rs. 1 lakh.

The Budget has given a clear signal that it will attempt moving towards a more efficient expenditure management system and a rationalised tax framework. The resolve to get back on the path of fiscal consolidation seems strong. It shall enhance our economy to pick up higher **Economic Growth** in future.

**May God Bless "MODI GOVT." for the promises of Good Governance and focus on administrative reforms.**

**Finally effective EXECUTION is the key to tame the economy.**

## TRIBUTES

*Sr. Counsel Adhik Shirodker - a versatile personality*

(JULY 15, 1931 - APRIL 20, 2014)

It is 1 AM, I am in Goa and the phone rings at that odd hour. From the other side I hear the words - "Deodatt, Adhikji is no more." Adhikji - Adhik Shirodkar, My Sir, My Guru has left this world on a journey to another world. In the feeling of numbness, I recall that just a week ago Sir had appeared before a Bombay High Court Judge and he was asked to come back after putting his case before the lower court. Sir had then said that he would not be coming back in that matter, as suggested by the judge, because he would not be there to come back. Intuition or gut feeling, what was it? But today it seems, as if Sir had seen the end approaching.



The long span of 40 plus years of my career and what Adhik Shirodkar the person, the advocate, the Guru was, once again past before my eyes like a slideshow. While a man of Mr Adhik Shirodkar's stature needs no introduction, presenting some facts might be of some value in the present context. Even at the age of 83, he continued to appear before the Supreme Court, the Bombay High Court and its branches all over Maharashtra, in addition to the numerous criminal courts all over India. Having been a practitioner of criminal law all his life, murder cases were always his speciality.

Along the course of an illustrious career, he had more than a few prestigious cases to his name; Balasaheb Thackeray defamation case, Shrikrishna Commission, the Best Bakery case transferred to Mumbai by the orders of the Supreme Court from Gujarat, and the Forjett Street murder case to name a few. By principle, he avoided rape cases and cases with moral turpitude.

It would be quite unfair to not give equal importance to other interests that he actively sought and nurtured all through his life. He was an avid photographer. Where most other professionals would be happy to pursue their dreams as mere hobbies, his work in photography have been featured at the Jehangir Art Gallery six times. To call Mr Shirodkar a lawyer or a photographer, being appropriate as may be, would still be a travesty. He was a follower of the arts all along and fancied his skills as an actor as well. Having acted in movies "Bhabhi Ki Choodiyaan" and "Vaijayanta", he revived the play "Zopi Gelela Jaaga Zhaala".

I met Shirodkar for the first time in June 1973. I had accompanied Narayanrao Karwarkar to his residence. The purpose behind this meeting was to introduce me to Shirodkar in a bid to try and ensure that he took me in as a junior. My first encounter with him had me in doubt; I had expected a senior advocate, some-

one more serious, graver, someone with a less of a smile and more of a fear factor, quite unlike him, who was dressed more like a filmstar in comfortable, yet fashionable attire and with a full welcoming smile.

Hence, when he informed me that he might not be able to accommodate me because he already had three juniors, I had a feeling it was perhaps for the best. He, however, did give me the permission to sit in, which I accepted. My own doubts over being with him were completely and permanently reversed the day I stepped into the court with him for the very first time. I soon realised there was more

to learn than just law from being in his presence. Here was a man who was absolutely punctual; the working day would begin at 8.30 AM and end at 7.30 PM. In my 11 years with him, I never saw him late even once, neither for office nor for court. While at the courthouse, he would remain within its confines till his matter would be called out, and read the TIME magazine in the meantime.

Here was also a man who was in total control when he addressed the court, and was respected by the judge and the entire courtroom likewise. I knew right then that I have to be with him. I was naturally thrilled when he called me into his office within a week of meeting with me for the first time to tell me that he would like me to continue as a permanent associate. I would like to identify a few of the things that I have noted over time, some of which set him apart from the rest. He was always a master in the art of cross-examination. He had tremendous command over English. These, in combination, enabled him to argue to a level that eludes most. Because the same thing can be said in multiple ways and criminal trials are won on cross-examinations, his professional success has been only evident all along.

It was never really just talent. His preparation in gathering judgements was always stellar and it is preparedness and lack thereof, which sets champions apart from the crowd. Criminal trials, unlike in movies, could be quite boring; but not Mr Shirodkar's trials. His intellectual commentary along the length of the trial would keep the atmosphere in the courtroom healthy. Moreover, his knowledge in the field was nothing short of brilliant. I was a non-entity when I came to Mumbai in 1970 and I would likely believe that I made something out of my life just by being with the great man!

*(The writer is a practicing criminal lawyer at the Bombay High Court and was a junior with late Adhik Shirodkar for over 11 years)*

*By Adv. Deodatt Jambaulikar*



**Shri Ekanath K. Thakur** (15 February 1941 – 7 August 2014) was a politician from the Shiv Sena party, born in Mhapan, Sindhudurg. He was a Member of the Parliament of India representing Maharashtra in the Rajya Sabha, the upper house of the Parliament during 2002-2008.

Shri Thakur was the founder of National School of Banking, a successful training institute that prepares test takers for bank officers' exams. He was also Chairman of the Board of Directors of Saraswat Bank, a leading Urban Co-operative Bank in India.

Shri Thakur was a well-wisher of 'Aami Goenkar' and had supported us in many initiatives.

## GOAN JEWELS



मुंबई मराठी साहित्य संघातर्फे दिला जाणारा मानाचा 'नाट्या गौरव' पुरस्कार यंदा पं. अजित कडकडे यांना देण्यात आला. 'आमी गोंयकार' तर्फे त्यांचे हार्दिक अभिनंदन!



**Charvi Raghunandan Sankholkar**  
D/o Mrs. Radhika and Raghunandan Sankholkar Scored 95.80% in SSC Board exam through Convent Girls' High School, Prabhadevi

### Sumedh Rahul Deshprabhu

S.o Mrs. Anjali and Rahul Deshprabhu has Passed SSC Exam in March 2014 with 92.80%.



Smt. Alka Kerkar has been elected as 'Deputy Mayor' of Mumbai, perhaps the first Goan to reach this post. Alka, who joined BJP as a booth level party worker and was known as ALM activist has risen in her political career on her own merits

without the support of any godfather. She is the founder patron member and first treasurer of 'Aami Goenkar'. 'Aami Goenkar' is very proud of her achievements and wishes her success in her new responsibility.

### INDOCO RECEIVES THE US-FDA NOD FOR GOA'S STERILE AND SOLID DOSAGE FACILITIES

Indoco received the Establishment Inspection Report (EIR) from US-FDA, approving its Sterile facility (Plant II) and Solid Dosages facility (Plant III) located in Verna, Goa. Both these facilities were inspected by the US-FDA between August 22-30, 2013. With this approval, Indoco now has six of its facilities approved by US-FDA. The six facilities include three for Finished Dosages, two for APIs and one for Analytical.

The US regulatory authorities follow a stringent approval process and in recent times, many pharma companies have gone through tough times to comply with the regulatory observations of the US-FDA. On this background, the approval received by Indoco speaks volumes about Indoco's manufacturing capabilities and technical excellence.

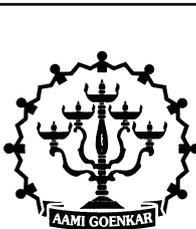
This approval was long awaited and with this approval, Indoco expects the product/ ANDA approvals to come in. This will help the Company to launch more products in the US market, thereby placing Indoco in the higher league.

### Bougainvilla-Hermitage wins National Award

The Bougainvilla-Hermitage Retirement Village, Nachinola, was awarded the runners-up title at the 'Mission Energy Challenge 2014' award function held on World Environment Day in New Delhi.

The award was presented to Michael & Tomoko Lobo, directors of Bougainvilla-Hermitage, in the 60-day challenge, the concept was to reduce the use of electricity that too, in the worst summer months Bougainvilla-Hermitage, which hinges on the slogan 'Independent but not alone' was conceptualized as a green project. This was articulated in a brief to architect S Deshpande, of Environmental Planning & Design Consultants. Solar panels, a sewage treatment plant, water treatment plant, bio-gas plant, CFL lighting, plantation on arid rock, garbage segregation and recycling, water harvesting, and other green measures were already in place, surpassing the international eco-norms, said Michael.

(ML Michael Lobo, Mapusa, Goa, is a Life Member of Aami Goenkad.



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