

Organizers for 1St Goa Convention

Goa Committee-Shubhada Sawardekar

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Dear Members:

Thank you for helping make this year's first G.O.A. conference a success. We were very happy to see all of you who could make it, and we hope to see those of you, who could not come, at the next conference. We do, however, realize that since this is the first conference, there is still much room for improvement. This is why we need help, time, and input from each and every member. We must all work together, with each of us doing our share, to be sure that this organization and conference continue to succeed, not only for us, but also for our children. Our children must know where they come from, and we hope that our programs and just the fact that they are meeting other children who come from the same place will help them to learn about their roots. We look forward to seeing more of you and your children at the next conference, as these conferences are for the whole family, and not just adults.

In conclusion, we would like to recognize the following members for their extra effort and commitment to make this conference a success: Ravindra Amonker, Vilas Khandeparker, Sheela Laud, and Ravindra Sansgiri a special thank you for the extra time you put into this conference. i also like to thank my family, Arun, Mranali, and Amod, who supported me and helped me throughout the conference. I am thankful to my brother, Dr. Aditya Kamat, for his beautiful front cover picture and sensitive kokani poems. Special thanks to my good friend Mrs. Mina Lawerence for the article on Goa.

Once again, thank you to all who attended this conference, and we hope to see a larger turn out in the future.

Shubhada Sawardekar

GOA

By Mina Lawerence

Goa is located on tha wast coast of India just south of Bombay. Goa borders the Arabian Sea to the wast and the Western Ghats to the aast. The state has been compared to many world famous places because of its natural beauty and fascinating history. Travel experts call it "Miami of Asia;" historians consider it the "Roma of the East."

Recent history: In 1498, Vasco DaGama led the Portuguase explorars to the west coast of India and established trada batwaan Europe and India. In 1533, tha Portuguasa mada Goa thair capital becausa of its natural, shaltarad harbor. In 1961, Goa, Daman and Diu, the thrae Portuguase colonies on the west coast of India becama part of India. About ten years later, Goa achiaved statehood. The capital today is Panaji(Panjim).

Physical features: Since Goa is along tha Ghats, it has a hilly tarrain. Tha waterfalls, especially the Dudh Sagar, are breath-taking. Goa is also famous for its many beautiful beaches in Colvale, Calangute, Bagha, and Fort Aguad. The Agasain and Mandovi are the two main rivers which crisscross the stata. The main cities are Panaji, Vasco DaGama, and Mapuca. Mormugao is considered one of the finast ports in Asia. Sixty percant of the country's minerals are exported through this port. Goa is elso a naval basa, and its Dabolim airport serves both commercial and military neads.

Economy: In Portuguasa times, the natural rasourcas of Goa remained aimost untapped. Tha only industry was mining. Goa has larga daposits of iron ore which is minad aven today. Fishing and rice farming are other occupations. Cashew nuts are exported. Tha most profitabla industry is tourism. Visitors from tha United Statas, Europe and tha rest of India have been attracted by Goa's white, sandy beachas, warm weathar, spicy cuisine, and friandly peopla. Through privata antarprisa and govarnment help, Goa has constructed five-star hotels, organized guided tours, and efficient, inexpensive transportation systems. There are direct flights from some cities in Europe to Dabolim Airport. The large train terminus in Margao and axtansiva bus routes have made Goa assily accassible.

Ratigion: There are two major ratigions practiced in Goa. About half the population is Hindu, the other half is Roman Catholic. Both groups live in harmony and calebrate each other's festivals. Portuguese missionaries had magnificent cathodrals built, many of them still in excellent condition. The most famous of them is Bom Jesu. The remains of St. Francis Xavier, a Spanish missionary lie in this church. There are many historic temples in Goa, the most noteworthy being of the Maheshwari Tample, Shantadurga tample & Mangeshi templa.

Language: The state language is Konkani which has sevaral dialects. Meny of the oldar Goens still speak Portuguase. English is the medium of instruction in most schools, though tha students are also axpected to laarn Konkani and Marathi.

Education: Since Independence, Goa has saan the establishment of many schools and colleges. Panaji also has a medical college.

People: Parhaps tha most endearing faatura of Goa is its people. They are friendly, easy-going and courteous.

Congratulations to 1st Goa Convention. Good Luck for Future Conventions!!

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SATURDAY 3rd JULY 93

1pm to 5pm Registration for Conference at

Front desk

5:30pm to 7pm Manager's Complimentary drinks for inhouse guests

5:30pm to 7pm Buffet Dinner at Allegheny Hall

7:30 to 8:30pm Departing to Cruise by bus (Dress Warm)

9pm to 11pm Three River's Goodluck Lollipop

> Cruise and Fireworks on full moon night

11:30pm Returning to Best Western by bus.

Godnight.

SUNDAY 4th JULY 93

8:30 to 10am Buffet Breakfast at Crafton Hall

Discussion on Chinmyananda by Ravindra Sansguiri 10am to 11pm

at Allegheny Hall

Cultural Discussion by Renown Professor Fred Clothy Ham to noon

Temple Tour by Bus (Optional, if interested inform 12pm to 3pm

at registration desk)

Free Time 12pm to 3pm

3:30pm to 4:30pm Children Activity Program at Horizon hall

1. Fancy dress by Anisha, Neba, Natasha, and Trisha

2. Bharatnatyam by Megan Kudchadkar

Piano by Neha Sukerkar

4. Kuchpudi dance by Roma Kamatmhamai

Saxophone by Nikhil Laud

Violin by Megan Kudchadkar

7. Special by Horadker

Keyboard by Viraj Kamatmhamai

3:30pm to 4:30pm Young Adult discussion (13yrs, and above) at Mt.

> Washington hall, Second Generation pressures. Moderators: Mranali Sawardekar, Ameeta Amonker, and Amod Sawardekar

5:30 to 7pm Hors d' Oeuvres, Cash Bar, and Manager's Special

for inhouse guests in Crafton hall

7:15pm to 7:30pm Welcome Address by Sbubhada Sawardekar in Horizon hall

7:30 to 8:30pm Banquet Dinner at Horizon hall

> 10pm After dinner tea, coffee, and dessert

9pm to Midnight Chidren and Young Adults DJ and Dancing at Mt. Washington Room by Raja

Kudchadkar and Amod Sawardekar

Adult Activities

1. Poetry Reading by Savarna Nadkarni

2. Sangeet Mehfil by Chicago famous group- Vilas-Rekha.

Ravindra-Rekha

3. Drama, Ekpatri by Sheela Laud

Katara by Ravindra Amonker

Chorus- Hauv Saiba Paltdi Vaita

Dandi Ras - Participation by all Goans

Goodnight

MONDAY 5th JULY 93

8:30 to 10am Buffet breakfast at Crafton Hall 10am to Noon Open Discussion at Allegheny Hall Agenda:

- 2nd Goa Conference, site, year --- Shubhada Sawardekar and Ravindra Amonker
 Retirement plans for Goans in America --- Gajanan and Sheela Laud
 Nursing Homes in Goa, collection made by Goa Hindu Association, "Sneha Mandir," ---
- 4. Nonprofit Organization --- Mr. Kuvellkar (if available)

Noon Adjournment

Good Luck & see you at 2nd Goa Convention

THE GOAN CONFERENCE Pittsburg, PA, JULY 3-5 1993

Dear Fellow Goans:

There is great desire from many Goans across America to have a . get together in the summer of 1993. We would like all Goans, in the United States, to celebrate the Goan culture together. The intent of the Goan conference is to meet old friends, make new friends, and make our kids more knowledgeable about our people and our roots. The plan is to have this conference at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in July of 1993, and in different cities in following It will be held on the weekend of July 4 for the convenience of a long weekend. It is important to know how many of you will attend the conference. It is needed so we can arrange hotel accommodations, dining arrangements, and if possible entertainment. To make this event more successful we will need all of you to cooperate and help in this event, anyway you can. The names of volunteers in your area are given below, please feel free to contact anyone of them for your suggestion as soon as possible. Please make the effort to encourage any friend or relative we may not have included in our listings. To make this conference a success we will need your attendance and support. So mark your calendar of 1993 for the weekend of July 4. Every suggestion and help is needed and appreciated.

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