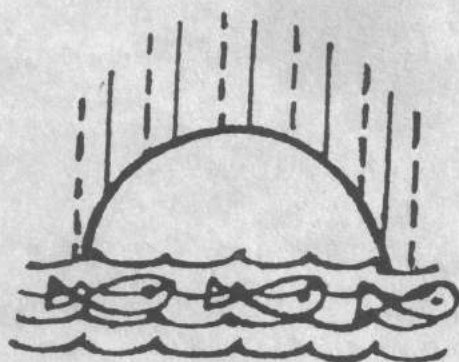




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Dear Members:

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 Lawrence 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 Lawrence

Goa is located on the west coast of India just south of Bombay. Goa borders the Arabian Sea to the west and the Western Ghats to the east. 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 "Rome of the East."

**Recent history:** In 1498, Vasco DaGama led the Portuguese explorers to the west coast of India and established trade between Europe and India. In 1533, the Portuguese made Goa their capital because of its natural, sheltered harbor. In 1961, Goa, Daman and Diu, the three Portuguese colonies on the west coast of India became part of India. About ten years later, Goa achieved statehood. The capital today is Panaji(Panjim).

**Physical features:** Since Goa is along the Ghats, it has a hilly terrain. The 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 state. The main cities are Panaji, Vasco DaGama, and Mapuca. Mormugao is considered one of the finest ports in Asia. Sixty percent of the country's minerals are exported through this port. Goa is also a naval base, and its Dabolim airport serves both commercial and military needs.

**Economy:** In Portuguese times, the natural resources of Goa remained almost untapped. The only industry was mining. Goa has large deposits of iron ore which is mined even today. Fishing and rice farming are other occupations. Cashew nuts are exported. The most profitable industry is tourism. Visitors from the United States, Europe and the rest of India have been attracted by Goa's white, sandy beaches, warm weather, spicy cuisine, and friendly people. Through private enterprise and government 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 extensive bus routes have made Goa easily accessible.

**Religion:** There are two major religions practiced in Goa. About half the population is Hindu, the other half is Roman Catholic. Both groups live in harmony and celebrate each other's festivals. Portuguese missionaries had magnificent cathedrals 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 Temple, Shantadurga temple & Mangeshi temple.

**Language:** The state language is Konkani which has several dialects. Many of the older Goans still speak Portuguese. English is the medium of instruction in most schools, though the students are also expected to learn Konkani and Marathi.

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

**People:** Perhaps the most endearing feature of Goa is its people. They are friendly, easy-going and courteous.

**Congratulations to 1st Goa Convention. Good Luck  
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आसा एक म्हान कलाकार शिल्पकार  
गोंयचे भुंयेर जन्मलो  
निर्मूक शिल्पचित्र शुन्यांतल्यान

निर्जिवांतल्यान जिवसाण हाडपी  
हात ताजे देवी  
छिनेर तुतयो मारुन  
फातराक दिता नवें रुप  
कुंचल्याच्या फटकाऱ्यान  
निर्मिता दुसरें प्रतिविश्व

नेण्टो अगसलो तेन्ना लेगीत  
खेळ तो मातये रंगान  
रंगय धडय सजीव रुप  
घरच्या जमनीवणटीर नित्यनेमान  
पिराप्ते वांगडा कलाय फुलूंक लागली  
उदेच्या सुर्या उजवाडागत

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कला आसली ताजी व्हड  
पळबोन ताजी कलाश्रेष्ठ  
नामनेच्या कलाश्रेष्ठीन घाल्यो मानो सकल  
पिरायेन लहान आसून लेगीत  
गावली ताका विश्वकिर्ती

आयच्या जगाक विदून कंटाळून  
ब्रम्हरूपी हात ताजो कला निर्मिना  
कित्याक तर आयज  
खऱ्या कलेक मोल दिवपी आसा कोण ?  
कलेक विकत घेतात घेवपी आसात  
सबायान सबाय जी आयज

फाटल्या काळाची याद काडीत  
रावतात दुखां ताज्या दोळयादेगेर  
गोंयचे भुंयेर आयज कला ताजी साकारना  
आसा ताका रातदिस खंत  
संद पळयत आसा त्या दिसाची  
गोंयचे भुंयेर निमित्तलें कलाविश्व ताज्या हातान

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5	Ambe	Prashant, Ameeta, Trisha	Pittsburgh, PA
6	Amonkar	Ravindra, Alka, Bhairavi, Amita	Springfield, MO
7	Angle	Balaji, Chhaya	Freemont, CA
8	Araujo	Alexander, Maria	Foriesthill, NY
9	Bale	Ashok, Nirupa	Hillcrest, NY
10	Bhame	Deepak	Pomma, CA
11	Bharne	Anil, Vijaya	Redlands, CA
12	Bharne	Arvind, Sunita	Edison, NJ
13	Bharne	Dilip, Surekha	Bayside, NY
14	Bharne	Raj	King of Prussia, PA
15	Bhende	Kishore, Rekha	Stockton, CA
16	Bhobe	Shailesh, Rita, Rohan	Lisle, IL
17	Borkar	Chandranth, Kawita, Neil, Anita, Raj	Stafford, TX
18	Borkar	D	Toronto, ON
19	Borkar	Deepak, Roopa, Rahul, Shilpa	Louisville, KY
20	Borkar	Gurudatia, Veena, Geetanjali, Arvin, Raj	Moorepark, CA
21	Borkar	Vasant, Preeti	Pamona, NY
22	Colaco	Rudy, Barbara	Cranford, NJ
23	Corson	Brian, Marriot	Newtown, CT
24	Dabholkar	Rajendra, Deepti	San Diego, CA
25	Dalvi	Fondba, Prabha, Amika, Anina	Edison, NJ
26	Demelo	Francis	East Burnswick,NJ
27	Deo	Eknath, Anuradha, Meena, Meera	Long Beach, CA
28	Desai	Ajit, Asha, Shoma, Reena	La Fayette, CA
29	Desai	Ganpat, Mita	South Plainfield, NJ
30	Dhaimade	Mangesh, Kusum	Yucca Valley, CA
31	Dhume	Bhola, Prabha, Pooja, Deepa	New Orleans, LA
32	Dhungat	Ratnagar, Ulka	Novataa, CA
33	Gaitonde	Dr & Mrs	Uvalde, TX
34	Gaitonde	Mangirish, Smita, Mansi	Springvalley, NY
35	Gracias	Francisco, Maria	New York, NY
36	Gude	Ateesh, Shilpa	Chicago,IL
37	Harmalkar	Subhash, Suneeti	Somerset,NY
38	Hede	Mohan, Milan	Englishtown, NJ
39	Hodarkar	Jagdish, Rekha, Nikki	Grosseile, MI
40	Hodarkar	Sanjay, Bharti, Rhea, Pooja	Garnerville, NY
41	Irani	Kashmiria	Syosset,NY
42	Kabadi	Jayprakash, Jyoti, Chandon, Suraj	Palm Beach Garden, Fl
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46	Kamat	Ravi, Meena	Concord, CA
47	Kamatmhamai	Vasant, Hema, Viraj, Roma	Brookfield, CT
48	Kamatsambari	Sagar,Varsha	Kearney, NY
49	Kane	A.N., Aarti	Montreal, QC
50	Karapurkar	Jayant, Rekha, Geeta, Gautam	Kearney, NY
51	Karapurkar	Kisan, Prabhat, Tanya, Rita	Rehoboth Beach, DE
52	Karmali	Narendra, Asha, Preeti, Kunal	Oak Brook, IL
53	Kelekar	Dilip	Apple Valley, CA
54	Keni	Pradeep, Sadhana, Sarita, Sanjay	Oak Brook, IL
55	Kenkre	Mr, Mrs	Willobrook, IL
56	Kenkre	Nitant, Shaila	Albuquerque, NM
57	Kenkre	Shrikrishna, Anasuya, Tonya, Neil	Churchill, PA
58	Keny	Vasant, Sharad, Hemant, Shilpa, Shveta, Ameet	LaPlama, CA
59	Khalap	Pradeep	Stanton, CA
60	Khandeparker	Vilas, Rekha, Nimish, Akshay	Burr Ridge, IL
61	Kudchadkar	Anil, Shubha, Durgesh	Winnsboro, SC
62	Kudchadkar	Bhalchandra, Sarita, Sheelpa, Sagar	Denton, TX
63	Kudchadkar	Somnath, Uma, Vilasini, Suddesh, Ragini	Columbus, GA
64	Kudchadkar	Vinoda, Radha, Janardan, Meagan	Bayport, NY
65	Kuvelkar	Mr, Mrs	Columbia, MD
66	Laud	Gajanan, Sheela, Ketan, Nikhil, Geeta	Roslyn, NY
67	Laud	P. W., Kaye	DeKalb, IL
68	Laud	Ulhas, Mrudula, Rinita	Houston, TX
69	Lawande	Raju, Rekha	Manassas, VA
70	Lawerence	Gilbert, Philamena, Melanie	Transfer, PA
71	Lotlikar	Ulhas, Snehaprabha	Woodmere, NY
72	Mahambery	Sharad, Asha	Centerville, OH
73	Malkernekar	Dilip, Usha, Deepa, Mickey	Westmont, IL
74	Mauze	Ganapati, Smita	Sunneyvale, CA
75	Mondkar	Mr, Mrs	Mandeville, LA
76	Mondkar	Prashant, Sushma	Wheeling, IL
77	Nadkarni	Shyam, Suwarna, Akshay, Anisha	Manchester, MO
78	Nagarsekar	Brahmanda, Panna	Beaver Creek, OH
79	Naik	Dattakumar, Lata	Neptune, NJ
80	Naik	Surendra, Usha	Cupertino, CA
81	Naik	Ulhas, Meghana	Staten Island, NY
82	Narvekar	Sharad	Queens Village, NY
83	Nevrekar	Vassant	Jackson Heights, NY
84	Nevrekar	Venkatesh, Lila, Dipti, Priya	Shawnee, OK
85	Pai	Santosh, Bharti, Shekhar, Sejal	Anaheim, CA
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89	Palekar	Neil, Maryann	Niantic, CT
90	Palekar	Sanjay, Indira, Rakhi	Grafton, OH
91	Palekar	Sheel, Milita, Aneech, Leena	Downey, CA
92	Palekar	Shekhar, Bina, Shriya	Harrison, NY
93	Pandit	Kisan, Anjali, Siddhesh, Kapil	N. Potomac, MD
94	Prabhu	Subhash, Rekha, Amey, Reshma	Toronto, ON
95	Prabhudesai	Prashant, Tanuja	Eddison, NJ
96	Priolker	Shekhar, Teja	Westmont, IL
97	Raikar	Krishnakant, Smita	Norwalk, CT
98	Raikar	Prakash, Surekha	San Jose, CA
99	Raikar	Ramesh, Shakuntala, Priti, Sonia	Edison, NJ
100	Rajadhyaksha	Mangesh, Smita	Danbury, CT
101	Rajadhyaksha	Prakash, Amita, Jay, Geeti	Yarba, CA
102	Rao	U. V., Kranti	Irvine, CA
103	Rege	Ratnakar, Rekha, Alka, Anjali, Leena	Irvine, CA
104	Salkar	Dattaram, Asha, Teja, Ameet	Murrysville, PA
105	Sangodkar	Chandu, Ila, Sanjyot, Ameet	Irvine, CA
106	Sangodkar	Naren	Irvine, CA
107	Sansguiri	Ravindre, Rekha, Vivek, Anjali	Burr Ridge, IL
108	Sansguiri	Suresh	San Jose, CA
109	Sanvordekar	Dilip, Meenal, Shilpa, Priya, Anupa	Irvine, CA
110	Sanwardekar	Milind, Veena, Smita, Rupa	North Canton, OH
111	Sardessai	Abhay	Akron, OH
112	Sardessai	Balu, Bhanu, Vandana, Archana	Maruista, CA
113	Sardessai	Guirish, Asha, Maya, Natasha, Megan	Burlington, ON
114	Sardessai	Meera, Raj	Nashville, TN
115	Sardessai	Rajendra, Smeeta, Neil, Nolan	San Gabriel, CA
116	Sardessai	Ranjan	Missouri City, TX
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118	Sardessai	Suhas, Tanuja, Mayura, Mital	Cherry Hill, NJ
119	Sardessai	Vishwantah, Sudha, Amey, Gauri	Southfield, MI
120	Sawant	Naneshwar, Pushpa, Vaishali, Ashwini	Edison, NJ
121	Sawardekar	Arun, Shubhada, Mranali, Amod	Grove City, PA
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124	Shenoi	Vasudeva, Promodini, Sheela, Hema, Sunil	Torrington, CT
125	Silimcan	Sri	Union, NJ
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132	Vaidya	Abhay, Bharti, Sagar, Samar	Yucca Valley, CA
133	Vaingankar	Mukul	Temecula, CA
134	Varde	Keshav, Lata, Neil	Plymouth, MI
135	Velingker	Dipti	King of Prussia, PA
136	Vernekar	Krishnakant, Meera, Vithal, Prasanna	New Canaan, CT
137	Virginkar	Arun, Swati, Rohan, Poorva, Rayua	Diamond Bar, CA
138	Warty	Vijay, Aarti, Sachin, Aashish	Pittsburgh, PA

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# PROGRAM

## SATURDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. Goodnight.

## SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JULY 93

8:30 to 10am	Buffet Breakfast at Crafton Hall
10am to 11pm	Discussion on Chinmyananda by Ravindra Sansguiri at Allegheny Hall
11am to noon	Cultural Discussion by Renown Professor Fred Cloth
12pm to 3pm	Temple Tour by Bus (Optional, if interested inform at registration desk)
12pm to 3pm	Free Time
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 3. Piano by Neha Sukerker 4. Kuchpudi dance by Roma Kamatmhamai 5. Saxophone by Nikhil Laud 6. Violin by Megan Kudchadkar 7. Special by Horadker 8. 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 Shubhada Sawardekar in Horizon hall
7:30 to 8:30pm	Banquet Dinner at Horizon hall
10pm	After dinner tea, coffee, and dessert
9pm to Midnight	Children 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, Ekpatni by Sheela Laud
  4. Katara by Ravindra Amonker
  5. Chorus- Hauv Saiba Paltdi Vaita
  6. 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:

1. 2nd Goa Conference, site, year --- Shubhada Sawardekar and Ravindra Amonker
2. Retirement plans for Goans in America --- Gajanan and Sheela Laud
3. Nursing Homes in Goa, collection made by Goa Hindu Association, "Sneha Mandir," --- Arun Sawardekar
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 years. 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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