



Sangama of St. Louis invites you to celebrate Nadahabba- Rajyotsava and Deepavali

Sunday, November 1st, 2015

Venue : Mahatma Gandhi Center, 717 Weidman Road, Ballwin, MO 63011

Time	Event
2:30 – 3:00 PM	Meet and Greet, Coffee and Light snacks
3:00 – 5:00 PM	Cultural programs by Sangama members
5:30 - 7:00 PM	Dinner and clean-up

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ನೀನೆಂದೂ ಕನ್ನಡವಾಗಿರು
ಪ್ರತಿ ಮನಸಲೂ, ಪ್ರತಿ ಉಸಿರಲೂ
ಕನ್ನಡಕ್ಕೊಂದು ಬಡಿತವಿರಲಿ!
ಜೈ ಕನ್ನಡಾಂಬೆ!

ಕನ್ನಡ ರಾಜ್ಯೋತ್ಸವದ ಶುಭಾಶಯಗಳು



Why is Kannada Rajyotsava celebrated?

This year marks the 59th Kannada Rajyotsava. The criteria for formation of Indian States is language. India became a Republic in the year 1950 and in same year linguistic provinces were formed. The state of Mysore is one such state in South India. The state of Mysore was created taking into fold various parts of the region, which were ruled by kings. Several districts in, now called North Karnataka and Hyderabad Karnataka were dissolved in the new state. The new state was named after Mysore, which by itself was a princely state. People of North and Hyderabad area did not accept the name Mysore. After prolonged debate the name of the state was changed to Karnataka on November 1, 1956. Late Devaraj Urs, the then Chief Minister of state took this landmark decision. Officially the new state was born on November 1st, 1973 and on this day every year, the birthday of the state is celebrated. This is popularly called as Kannada Rajyotsava or Karnataka Rajyotsava which is a government holiday. Rajyotsava means "birth of a state".

It is marked by the announcement and presentation of the honors list for Rajyotsava Awards by the Government of Karnataka, hoisting of the Karnataka flag with an address from the Chief Minister and Governor of the state along with community festivals, orchestra, Kannada book releases and concerts.

Source: issaonline.edu www.karnataka.com



Significance of Deepavali/Diwali

Celebrated as the festival of lights, in the month of Kartika, and is an autumn festival, which does not entail too many religious rituals as do some of the festivals. It is a festival celebrating good over evil. There are several stories that go along with the festival, such as Rama's victory over Ravana and his triumphant return to Ayodhya, the victory of Goddess Chamundi over the

demon, Mahishasura, and the popular story of King Bali's defeat at the hand of Lord Vishnu (as Vamana).



In Karnataka, the festival is celebrated with Naraka Chaturdashi, Lakshmi pooje and Bali Padyami. People enjoy an oil bath (*yenne neeru*), followed by donning of new clothes and lighting fire crackers. Sweets are exchanged between one and all along with greetings and good wishes for a successful year ahead. Oil lamps lit on all three nights, transform the surroundings that look like a million stars have come down to earth! Celebrated this year on November 10th.

diwalicard.blogspot.com

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: Sangama would like to recognize the long time contributions to the community by Drs. Jothika and Ananth Manepalli. They have been Sangama members all along, and have served on the committee and the board. They have been generous supporters of events not only of Sangama but of other organizations as well, and have given back to the community with their dedicated efforts of service and philanthropy. As they leave St. Louis, we wish them the very best and thank them for their dedication to Sangama and the community and look forward to our cherished and continued friendship with them! We will honor them at a future Sangama event.

Updates:

- ✦ Sangama, hosted the National award winning movie, Mythri, on Oct 11th, 2015 at the Wehrenberg Theatres, which was well attended by the membership.
- ✦ Photos of all Sangama events celebrated so far, are on the website (www.sangamastl.com)
- ✦ Next event: Ugadhi 2016- April 30th, 2016- Mahatma Gandhi Center

UPCOMING CONCERT



Sangama of Saint Louis Presents

MAHALAXMI SHENOY

Musical Prodigy * Hindustani Vocalist

Devotional/Semi Classical songs in Kannada, Konkani, Marathi, Hindi

Day/Date: Saturday, November 7th, 2015

Time: 6:00 PM To 9:00 PM

**Venue: WOODLAWN CHAPEL PRESBYTERIAN, 16520
CLAYTON RD, BALLWIN, MO 63011**

Accompanists:

Shri. Vikas Falnikar (Chicago) on harmonium and Dr. Raghu Pandurangi on tabla

FREE Concert; Supported by Sangeetha, Anurag School of Music, Soorya Music School, Konkani Association, Marathi Mandal and others

<p>YOUTH VOLUNTEERING AT SANGAMA EVENTS</p> <p>Please contact: Tejaswini Nayak (tejuhi@hotmail.com)</p>	<p>COMMUNITY OUTREACH: WATCH FOR UPDATES THROUGH EMAILS</p>	<p>*****</p> <p>NEW and IMPROVED</p> <p>Sangama website coming soon</p> <p>*****</p>
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**** Snacks & Dinner catered from Signature India, Dessert sponsored by Asian Spices, for the Nov 1st event****

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ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS -at the end of the newsletter**

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

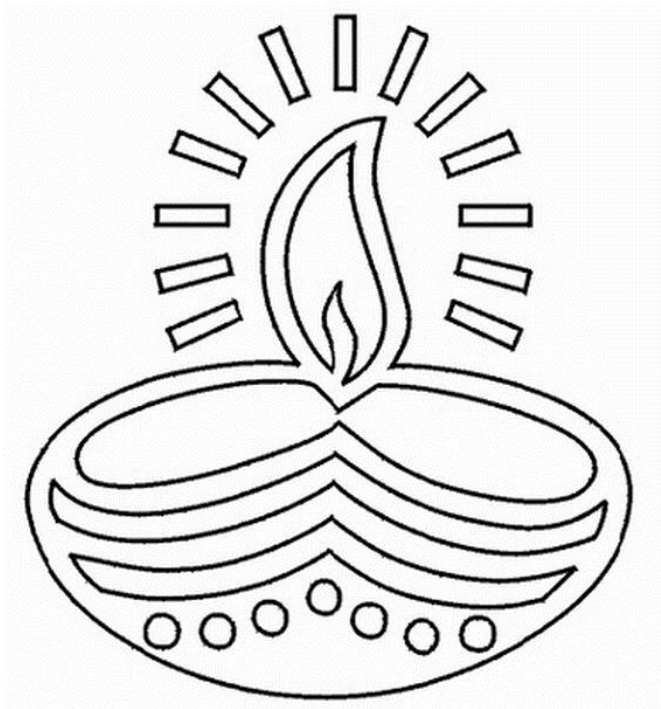
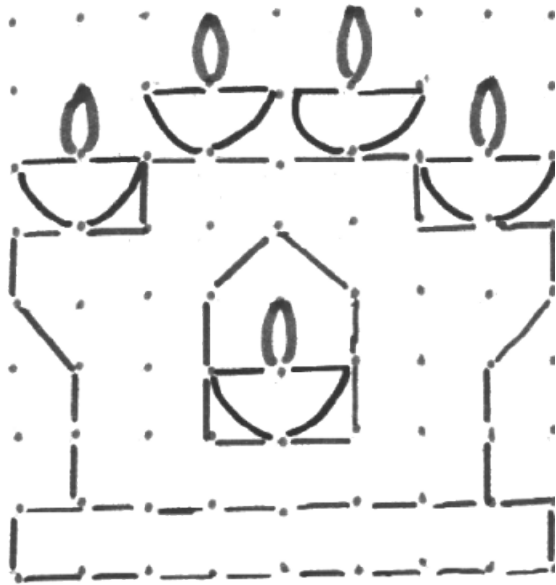
Note: - Sangama is mainly run by the contribution of Sangama Member's annual membership fee. Renewing your membership is made easy with the following options:

- 1) Please mail your membership fee for this year (checks payable to "Sangama") to: **Mr. Shashi Vasishta, 140 Cherry Hills Meadows Dr., Wildwood, MO 63040**
- 2) Please renew with cash or check or credit or debit card at the Nadahabba event on Nov 1st, 2015.
- 3) **Paypal-** On the Sangama website at www.sangamastl.com

DHANYAVADAGALU, Sangama Committee

ART CORNER:

Join the dots to make your Deepavali rangoli (9 dots x 9 dots)



Color the picture to make your Deepavali greeting card!