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ಕನ್ನಡ ರಾಜ್ಯೋತ್ಸವದ
ಶುಭಾಶಯಗಳು**

ಎಲ್ಲಾದರೂ ಇರು,
ಎಂತಾದರೂ ಇರು,
ಎಂದೆಂದಿಗೂ
ನೀ ಕನ್ನಡವಾಗಿರು
ಕನ್ನಡವೇ ಸವ್ಯ,
ಕನ್ನಡವೇ ನಿತ್ಯ..

Event Details:

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

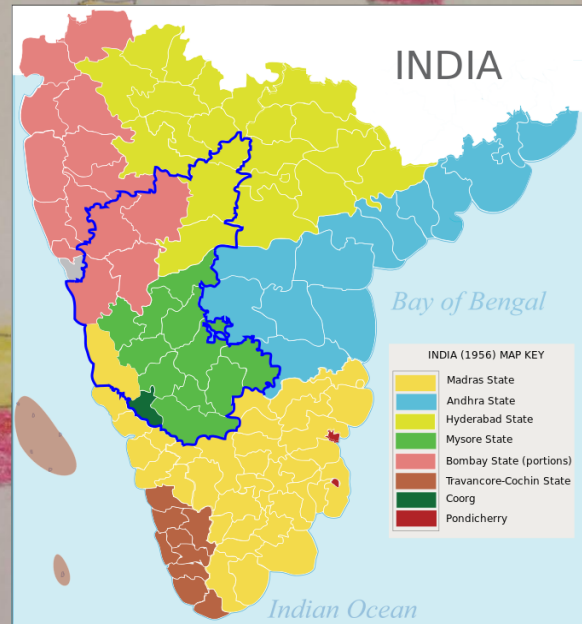
Date: November 5th 2016
Time: 5:30 pm to 10:00pm

Karnataka Rajyotsava / Nada Habba

Karnataka Rajyotsava is a day to commemorate the formation of the state of Karnataka in post-Independence India. Rajyotsava means “state celebrations” and Nada Habba means “state festival”.

A brief history of Karnataka formation

In post-independence India large areas were still ruled by regional kings and princes. A majority of Kannada-speaking people was in the Princely state of Mysore ruled by the Wodeyars. Aluru Venkata Rayaru led the Ekikarana (Unification) movement to fight for the unification of Kannada speaking people of the princely state of Mysore, Coorg, Bombay presidency, Madras presidency and the princely state of Hyderabad. He was supported by many stalwarts of Kannada literature such as K. Shivaram Karanth, Kumvempu, Masti Venkatesh Iyengar, A.N.KrishnaRao and BM Srikantaiah. Upon unification on November 1, 1956 the new state was still called “Mysore”. On November 1, 1973, Devaraj Urs, the then chief minister of Karnataka, renamed the state “Karnataka”.



Celebrations in Karnataka state

Rajyotsava involves the rendition of the Kannada anthem (Jaya Bharatha jananiya tanujathe). Rajyotsava awards are awarded to individuals for great contributions towards development of Karnataka. This is followed by performances of folk art and culture including bayalata, dollu kunita, kamsale, veeragase, kolata and yakshagana. The people of Karnataka have unofficially used a yellow and red flag during Rajyotsava to signify positivity and courage. This flag was originally adopted from a pro-Kannada movement in 1960s. However, this is not the official flag of the state of Karnataka because the Indian constitution does not allow states to honor any flag other than the tri-color Indian national flag.



On this 60th anniversary of Karnataka formation in 2016, we at Sangama Kannada Sangha bring together people belonging to Karnataka state in India but currently living in St Louis and surrounding areas. We celebrate by showcasing arts and culture from Karnataka including dance, drama, art, music and food.

Rajyotsava @ Sangama

Sangama Executive and Advisory Committee members are looking forward to celebrating Sangama's 31st Nada Habba with you all. In keeping with the tradition we have lined up a cultural program that is rendered by our own member families with a couple of new items for your entertainment and participation -

1. Family portrait with a beautiful festive backdrop - Please come dressed in your festive or favorite attire for a photo shoot that will be shared digitally with you and on Sangma website with your permission. You will get to see your Sangama fellow members on the website as well.
2. Vote for what you think is the best and appropriate name for the new and to-be designated "food and cooking corner" on Sangama's website. You should have received an email from Sangama requesting you to submit up to 2 names by Nov 1st, to be considered for the competition and voting at the Nada habba event. We even have a prize for the person whose name will be chosen.

Membership Renewals

We look forward to have your continued involvement with Sangama and it is really appreciated by the whole Kannada community in St. Louis. Sangama is mainly run by the contribution of Sangama Member's annual membership fee. For those who have not renewed their membership for this year, you have three options -

- 1) Pay at the next Sangama event to treasurer or
- 2) You can even make your payments online at <http://www.sangamastl.org/membership/membership-levels/> or
- 3) Mail checks payable to "Sangama", c/o Sri Parag Hukeri, 16851 Babler View Dr. St. Louis, MO 63011.

Past Events

Gowri / Ganesha Habba

Sangama celebrated Gowri & Ganesha habba with so much of devotion. It was a joy for our eyes and minds as that day venue wore a festive look, like we see back home in India. So many member families witnessed the event this time. Kids participated in bhajane songs between the Gowri pooje and Ganesha pooje. Thanks to Anjali Kumar for teaching bhajane songs to kids. Padmini and Sunil contributed their time to co-ordinate bhajane practice. Dr Shankar Sastry helped all of us with conducting pooje on the day. Many Sangama members contributed their time in preparing Karigadabu and Ambode for the event. After pooje, members enjoyed the delicious food. Sangama thanks all the members for volunteering to help with all the Sangama events keeping with the tradition of helping each other which has made Sangama a community with strong bonds.

Other Events

- Promoted within the Sangama community a Kannada sugama sangeetha concert by Dr Hema Prasad's on Sept 18, 2016. Thanks to Raghu and Sandhya Pandurangi's for hosting the concert.
- On Sept 24th, as part of Kali Nali's Chintana Manthana series, we had some thought-proving presentation and discussion on the topic of "Sweet Calories" led by Dr. Chaya Gopalan. We had some great turn out both adults and young children who were highly engaged and asking many questions.
- Promoted and supported Kala Navarathri 2016 between Sep 30 - Oct 2, 2016 by Soorya Performing Arts which included dances by Nadam and Venkateshwara Nrithyalaya which are top dance companies recognized by Karnataka Government.
- Partnered with Sangeetha to support the concert on Oct 15, 2106 of the renowned Karnataka artist, Dr. Pandit Nagaraj Havaldar's which was very well received by the attendees. We thanks our members who voluntarily donated in support of this event. (attached pic to share)
- Fun tennis on Oct 15, 2016 - The first Sangama fun tennis tournament was a grand success with 25 people in the tournament. We had great weather and help from tennis coach Mark Platt and his youth volunteers (Alex and Max). Thanks to everyone who came to play and to those who came to cheer the players. Please [click here](#) for the pictures of the event or visit us online.

Next Events

Ugaadi Habba

The last event for this committee will be Ugadi being planned for April 1, 2017.

Other Events

Evaluating other indoor sports events such as Carrrom. We would like to gauge the interest level for such activities from our Sangama members. Please share your thoughts and ideas by emailing to Sangama mailbox asap.

We are also looking for our youth members who can volunteer and help at the event. They will get credit for their time in terms of service hours. Please contact Surekha Raju or send an email to Sangama mailbox.

We sincerely appreciate the participation and support from our members and committees to make every Sangama's event a success.

Kid's Corner

Clues for the puzzle

(Some hints are in red)

Across

4. One of the top draws for people to Karnataka is its relatively advanced _____ industry.
9. A type of classical Indian folk play.¹
12. The season which southern India experiences from June to September.
13. The capital of Karnataka
14. Name of festival in Karnataka that celebrates woman power. Also called Navaratri.
15. Hindu name for the Goddess of Learning.² V_____

Down

1. Located along the banks of River Kabini, Kabini is the most sought after place to see W_____.
2. The city in which this palace is located.³
3. A sweet traditional favorite named after a city in Karnataka.⁴
5. The state flower of Karnataka. L_____
6. A famous tech company headquartered in Karnataka.
7. Official and most widely-spoken language in Karnataka.
8. State name of this flag.⁵
10. Known as “the Cradle of Indian Architecture.”
11. The name of this sea to the west of Karnataka. A_____

The crossword puzzle grid is composed of white cells for letters and black cells for empty space. The numbered starting points are as follows:

- Across:**
 - 4: 10 cells
 - 9: 5 cells
 - 12: 10 cells
 - 13: 10 cells
 - 14: 10 cells
 - 15: 10 cells
- Down:**
 - 1: 10 cells
 - 2: 5 cells
 - 3: 5 cells
 - 5: 5 cells
 - 6: 5 cells
 - 7: 5 cells
 - 8: 5 cells
 - 10: 5 cells
 - 11: 5 cells

Hobbies of our Members

Tanuja Prashant's Crafts – ಕುಳಿತಿದ್ದೆ



Prashant Prabhu's Paintings:-



From Prasanna Kasturi's Collection:-

ಮುಂಜಾನೆಯ ತಂಪಿನ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ,
ಕುಳಿತಿದ್ದೆ ನನ್ನಯ ಮನೆಯ ಹಿಂದೋಟದಲ್ಲಿ,
ನರೆದಿತ್ತು ಹಕ್ಕಿಗಳಾ ಸುಂದರ ಕಲರವ,
ಮೆಲ್ಲನೆ ಎದ್ದನು ಪ್ರಭಾಪೂರ್ಣ ಆದಿತ್ಯನು,

ತುಡಿಯುತು ಬಯಕೆಯು ಎಂದಿನ ಬೆಳಗಿನಂತೆ,

ಬೇಕು ಬಿಸಿ ಕಾಫಿಯ ರುಚಿಸಬೇಕೆಂದು,
ಹಿಡಿದು ಕೈಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬಿಸಿ ಬಿಸಿ ಕಾಫಿ,

ಕುಳಿತೆ ನಾ ಪ್ರಕೃತಿಯ ಚೆಲ್ಲಾಟವ ನೋಡುತ್ತ,

ಗೋಚರಿಸಿತು ಎದ್ದಂತಹ ಹರಿಣಗಳ ಹಿಂಡು,
ಹಾರಿತ್ತು ಸುಂದರ ಹಕ್ಕಿಗಳ ದಂಡು,
ಮೊಲಗಳೆರಡೂ ಜಿಗಿದು ಓಡಿದವು ಭರದಿ,
ಸರಿಸ್ಪೃಶಗಳು ಹರಿದಾಡಿ ಹೊರಟವು ತವಧಿ,
ಗಾಳಿಯಲಿ ತೇಲಿದವು ಬಣ್ಣದ ಚಿಟ್ಟೆಗಳು

ಭೂ ಮಾತೆ ಮೆಲ್ಲನೆ ಉಸಿರಿದಳೋ ಏನೋ,
ಝಂಮೆಂದು ತಂಗಾಳಿ ಮೆಲ್ಲನೆ ಸುಳಿಯಿತು,
ಈ ಗಾಳಿಗೆ ಬಳುಕಿ ನರ್ತಿಸಲು ಮರವು,
ಉದುರಿತು ಎಲೆಗಳು ಸೊಂಪಾದ ಲಯದಿ,

ಆ ಕ್ಷಣಾದಿ ತಟ್ಟನೆ ಮೊಳಗಿತ್ತು ಪೋನಿನ ಘಂಟೆ,
ಎಚ್ಚರಿಸಿ ನಾ ಮಾಡಬೇಕಿದ್ದೆ ಇಡೀ ದಿನದಾ ಕಂತೆ,

ಜಿಗಿಯಬಾರದೇ ನಾನು ಆ ಮೊಲದಂತೆ,
ಹಾರಬಾರದಿತ್ತೇ ನಾನು ಆ ಹಕ್ಕಿಯಂತೆ,
ನಿರ್ಭಯದಿ ಹರಿಯಲಿಲ್ಲವೇಕೆ ಆ ಸರ್ಪದಂತೆ,
ಇಚ್ಛಾಮಾತ್ರದಿ ಸಂಚರಿಸಲಾಗದೆ ಆ ತಂಗಾಳಿಯಂತೆ,

ಮನುಜನಾಗಿ ಹುಟ್ಟಿ,
ನಾನೇ ಬಂಧವ ಕಟ್ಟಿ,
ಅದನ್ನೇ ಸುಖವೆಂದುಕೊಂಡ ನಾನು, ನಿಜಕ್ಕೂ

ಝಂಮೆಂದು

ಅವನಿ

ನಿರ್ಭೀತನೇ ...?
ನಿರ್ಬಂಧನೇ ... ?

ಅರಿಯದೆ ಹೊರಟೆ ನನ್ನ ದಿನಗಲಸಕ್ಕೆ

From Kaushik Bhave's Collection:-

ನಿನಗಂದೇ ಗೀಚಿರುವೆ ಪದಗಳ ಸಂಕಲನ..
ಸಂಕಲನದ ಪ್ರತಿ ಪುಟದಲ್ಲಿ ಇರುವುದು
ಸಣ್ಣ ಪುಟ್ಟ ಕವನ.. ಕವನದಲ್ಲಿ ಇರುವುದು
ನೆನಪುಗಳ ಆವರಣ..

ಆವರಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಇರುವುದು ಬಣ್ಣ..
ಬಣ್ಣಗಳಿಂದ ಕೂಡಿರುವುದು ಜೀವನ..
ಜೀವನದ ಬಿಂಬಕೆ ಹಾರಿದೆ ಮನ..
ಮನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಮನೆ ಮಾಡಿವೆ ತಾರಾಗಣಗಳ ಕಣ..
ಆ ಕಣಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ವಿವರಿಸಿರುವೆ ನಿನ್ನ.

ಮೊದಲ ಭೇಟಿಯ ಮನದಂಗಳಕೆ ಕಾದು ಕೂತ ಮನ..
ನಾಚಿಕೆಯಿಂದ ಗೆದ್ದ ಮನಕೆ ನಗುವೆ ಒಂದು ಕ್ಷಣ..
ಕ್ಷಣಗಳಲ್ಲೇ ಕಳೆದು ಹೋದ ಮೊದಲ ರಿಂಗಣ..
ಏನು ಮಾಡಲಿ ರಿಂಗಣದ ಪ್ರತಿ ಕ್ಷಣವನ್ನು ಕಾದು ಕುಳಿತನಾ...
ಆದರೆ ಕ್ಷಣ ಕ್ಷಣಗಳಲ್ಲೇ ಮದುವೆಗೆ ಬಂತು ಒಂದು ಒಳ್ಳೆಯ ದಿನ...

ಹೀಗೊಂದು ಸವಿ ನೆನಪು - ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ವಸಂತ ಮೂರ್ತಿ

ತಾರೆಯೊಂದು ಧರೆಗಳಿಯಿತೋ
ಚಂದಿರನ ಬೆಳ್ಳೋರೆ ಸುತ್ತೆಲ್ಲ ಹರಡಿತೋ
ಪ್ರಥಮ ಸೂರ್ಯನ ಹೊಂಗಿರಣ ಧರೆಯ ಬೆಳಗಿತೋ
ಎಂಬತೆ, ನೀ ಜಾರಿ ಬದೆ ಸಮನ್ವಿತ !

ನಿನ್ನ ಬಾಲ್ಯದ ಆಟೋಟದ ಲಹರಿ
ಪುಟ ಪುಟವೂ ಸುಮಧುರ ಕಾವ್ಯ ಕಲಾ ಕುಸುರಿ
ಹದಿ ಹರೆಯದ ಹೊಸ್ತಿಲಲಿ ನಿಂತಿಹ ನೀ ಪೋರಿ
ಆದರೂ ನೀ ನಮಗೆಂದಿಗೂ ಪುಟ್ಟ ಚಕೋರಿ

ನರ್ತಿಸಲು ನೀ ನಿಂತರೆ ನಾಚುವುದಾ ನವಿಲೇ !
ಹಾಡಲು ನೀ ಜೇನೊರಳೊಳು, ಮೌನವೆ ಆ ಕೋಗಿಲೆ
ಎಲ್ಲವು ಮಗು ನಿನಗೆ ದೇವನ ಬಳುವಳಿಯು
ತಾಯ್, ತಂದೆಯ ಒಡಲೊಲವಿನ ಪ್ರಿಯ ಕಾಣಿಕೆಯು

ಕಲಾದೇವಿಯು ಕೈಹಿಡಿದಿಹಳು; ಬಿಡದಿರು ಆ ಕೈಯ್ಯ
ಅದರಡಿಯಲಿ ಬೆಳಿ ನೀನು, ಮರೆಯದೆ ಸಹ್ಯದತೆಯ
ಬೆಳೆದಂತೆಯೂ ಮಗುವಾಗಿರು; ಹೂ ಮನಸಿರಲಿ
ಆ ದೈವದ ಹಾರೈಕೆಯು ನಿನಗೆಂದೂ ಇರಲಿ

ಹೀಗೊಂದು ಸವಿ ನೆನಪು - ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ವಸಂತ ಮೂರ್ತಿ

ತಾರೆಯೊಂದು ಧರಗಿಳಿಯಿತೋ
ಚಂದಿರನ ಬೆಳ್ಳೋರೆ ಸುತ್ತೆಲ್ಲ ಹರಡಿತೋ
ಪ್ರಥಮ ಸೂರ್ಯನ ಹೊಂಗಿರಣ ಧರೆಯ ಬೆಳಗಿತೋ
ಎಂಬತೆ, ನೀ ಜಾರಿ ಬದೆ ಸಮನ್ವಿತ !

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ಆದರೂ ನೀ ನಮಗೆಂದಿಗೂ ಪುಟ್ಟ ಚಕೋರಿ

ನರ್ತಿಸಲು ನೀ ನಿಂತರೆ ನಾಚುವುದಾ ನವಿಲೇ !
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