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- ಶರಣೆ ಮಹಾದೇವಿ ಅಕ್ಕ

Let what should come, come today!

Let what should come today, come this very moment!

Don't say "Now and then", Chennamallikarjuna.

- *Sharane Mahadevi Akka*

More Vachanas can be found in the below link

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Vachanas/181093755261308?sk=wall>

President's message

Fellow Sharanas,

The year seems to be moving very fast at least for us on the VSNA committee. We have achieved a lot too this year. This edition of newsletter is delayed a little bit since we were all very busy with several activities including camping. Since the last newsletter we had a successful Sports day and Picnic event, participated in Sevathon and held a public meeting with Janardhana Swamy (MP from Chitradurga) and just recently camping. We have also started VSNA Business forum which has gained a lot of momentum and popularity. We had 2 successful meetings with very interesting presentations and group discussions. If you are interested in joining please send an email to Rajesh Goudar (rajeshgoudar@yahoo.com).

There were a lot of ideas discussed during the group discussions. While all of those are great ideas it is impossible for the small VSNA committee to execute them. The committee is here to facilitate the execution of great programs and events. However it's the duty of every member to step up and take leadership in executing those great ideas. So my dear fellow sharanas if you have a great idea and want lead the implementation of it, please reach out to the committee and we will help you in every possible way to ensure you succeed in your endeavor.


Well the year is not over yet. We still have several events and programs lined up.

Stay tuned...

VSNA camping was a huge success. Some of you got the chance of experiencing it first hand some others experienced it by watching videos, pictures or by word of mouth. Aside from delicious food, there were a lot of activities such as Yoga, group discussion, entertainment and games. An executive report will be released on our website soon.

Om Shri Ganeshaya Namaha!

-*Chandra Shirashyad.*

 Article by Rajesh Goudar

Vachana on corruption

Sinner's money is fit for paying fines and never for good work,
A dog's milk is fit for another dog; it can never become holy,
Material that is not generated for the benefit of
Koodalasangha's Sharanas (or in general people who do good
deeds for the society) is a waste.

- **Vishwaguru Basaveshwara**

Kannada:

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Commentary: If you read Vachanas they suggest that everybody should work hard (no exceptions!) truthfully on a meaningful activity, keeping in mind the interest of the society (not only self!) -- this is called 'kayaka'. Also people should share the gains with others (not just accumulate for themselves), with the community -- this is called as 'dasoha'. People should strive to earn money only through legal means, using fair methods, an ethical conduct, and by staying away from immoral activities. By doing so they said heaven can be created right here on earth!



Birth of the universe

-by **Vishwanand Pattanashetty**

How did this universe come into existence? People have pondered this question for a long time. There have been many theories put forward and many discredited. Science is forging forward with more and more answers to questions that were once enigmatic.

I want to talk about my favorite vachanakara from the 12th century Allama prabhu's perspective on how the universe began

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Allama is explaining the origin of universe from different angles.

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Anna Hazare and Anna Basavanna

- Ashwini Surpur, Cupertino

“Just as a large number of small waves create a big wave, the effects of karma accumulate to form tendencies, an aggregation of which in a personality, we call character” - says Swami Vivekananda. Anna Hazare is such an aggregation. But even bigger aggregation is the set of the corrupt government and corrupt people of India - from a clerk to the prime minister. Can Anna's aggregation of good karma win against such a massive bad karma aggregation in India over decades? Except a handful of really committed honest people, aren't we all, already a part of corruption, be it out of inevitability or out of choice? Many of the doctors with their self-practices and in government hospitals, merchants and entrepreneurs, real estate brokers, people buying or selling properties, all have their hands dirty. Almost everyone that can possibly evade taxes, do evade it without feeling a pinch of guilt. Politicians are just a small part of this system. Evading taxes at a smaller proportion is as much of a corruption as evading big ones. Perhaps one got small kickbacks because that is all the opportunity one had, not because one decided to stop there.

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ಮಧುರಭಾವದ ಭಕ್ತಿಯಿಂದ ಯೋಗ ಸಾಧನೆಗೈದ ಇಬ್ಬರು ಸಂತ ಕವಿಗಳು

(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದ ಅಕ್ಕಮಹಾದೇವಿ ಮತ್ತು ಪಶ್ಚಿಮದ ಸೇಂಟ್ ಜಾನ್ ಅಫ್ ದಿ ಕ್ರಾಸ್)

ಶಶಿಕಲಾ ನಿಂಬಾಳ (ಸಾಂಟಾ ಕ್ಲಾರಾ ಕ್ಯಾಲಿಫೋರ್ನಿಯಾ)

ಬಯಲಲ್ಲಿ ಬೆಳೆದ ಕಸ್ತೂರಿಯ ಪರಿಮಳವು ತಾನೇ ತಾನಾಗಿ ಪಸರಿಸುವಂತೆ, ಸಂತರು ಶರಣರು ಎಲೆಯ ಮರೆಯ ಕಾಯಿಯಂತೆ ಅಡಗಿ ಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದರೂ ಅವರು ಮಾಡಿದ ಸಾಧನೆ ಸ್ವಲ್ಪ ತಡವಾಗಿಯಾದರೂ ಬೆಳಕಿಗೆ ಬಂದೇ ಬರುವುದು. 'ಉಡಿಜಿಣ ಟಿಪ್ಪಣಿ'ಯ ಚಿಟುಣಾಚ ಎಂಬ ಗಾದೆ ಹೇಳಿರುವಂತೆ, ದೇಶ ಭಾಷೆ, ಪರಿಸರ ಮತ್ತು ಕಾಲ ಬೇರೆ ಬೇರೆ ಆಗಿದ್ದರೂ ಸಂತರ ಆಂತರಿಕ ಅನುಭವ ಮಾತ್ರ ಒಂದೇ ಆಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ರಾಜಸ್ಥಾನದ ಮೀರಾಬಾಯಿ, ಕಾಶ್ಮೀರದ ಲಲ್ಲೀಶ್ವರಿ, ತಮಿಳುನಾಡಿನ ಅಂಡಾಳ್, ಸೂಪಿ ಸಂತಳಾದ ರಾಬಿಯಾ ಮುಂತಾದವರು ಪರಮಾತ್ಮನನ್ನು ಪತಿಯೆಂದು ತಿಳಿದು ಸಾಧನೆ ಮಾಡಿದ ಉದಾಹರಣೆಗಳು ಇತಿಹಾಸದಲ್ಲಿ ಕಂಡುಬಂದಿವೆ. ಹನ್ನೆರಡನೆಯ ಶತಮಾನದ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದ ಶಿವಶರಣರು “ಶರಣ ಸತಿ, ಲಿಂಗ ಪತಿ” ಎಂಬ ತತ್ತ್ವ ಸಿದ್ಧಾಂತವನ್ನು ತಮ್ಮ ಜೀವನದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಳವಡಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಸಾಧನೆಯ ಪಥದಲ್ಲಿ ಬಹು ಎತ್ತರದ ಹಂತಕ್ಕೆ ಏರಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅತ್ಯುತ್ತಮ ವಚನಗಳನ್ನು ಬರೆದಿರುವ ಅಕ್ಕಮಹಾದೇವಿ ಐಕ್ಯಸ್ಥಲದ ಎತ್ತರವನ್ನು ತಲುಪಿದ್ದ ಶಿವಶರಣರೆಯರಲ್ಲಿ ಒಬ್ಬಳು. ಅವಳು ಶಿವನನ್ನು (ಚೆನ್ನಮಲ್ಲಿಕಾರ್ಜುನನನ್ನು) ತನ್ನ ಪತಿಯೆಂದು ತಿಳಿದು ಅಪೂರ್ವ ಸಾಧನೆ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಳು.

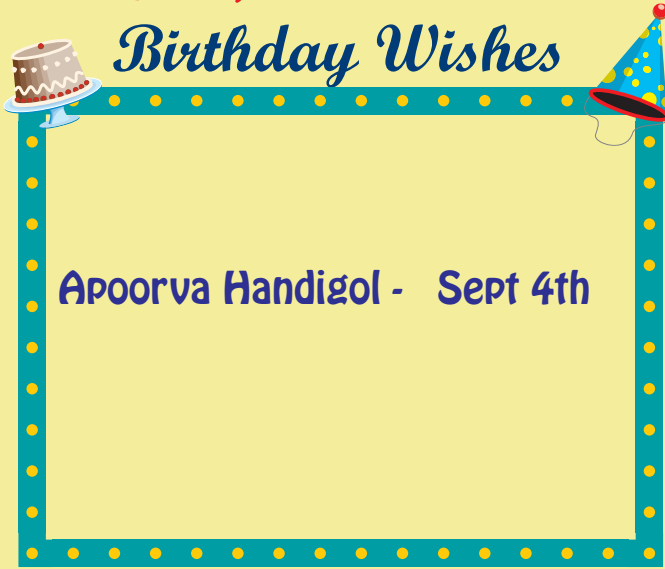
ಅಕ್ಕಮಹಾದೇವಿ, ಮೀರಾ ಮತ್ತು ರಾಬಿಯಾಳ ಹಾಗೇ ಮಧುರ ಭಾವದಿಂದ ದೇವರ ಶೋಧನೆಗೆ ತೊಡಗಿದವರಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ಟೇನ್ ದೇಶದ ಶ್ರೇಷ್ಠ ಸಂತ ಕವಿ ಸೇಂಟ್ ಜಾನ್ ಆಫ್ ದಿ ಕ್ರಾಸ್ ಒಬ್ಬನು. ಈತನು ಇಸ್ರಿ ೧೫೪೨ ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ಟೇನ್ ದೇಶದ ಫೋಂಟಿವೆರಸ್ ಎಂಬ ಊರಲ್ಲಿ ಜನಿಸಿದನು, ಎಳೆಯ ವಯಸ್ಸಿನಲ್ಲಿ ತಂದೆಯನ್ನು ಕಳೆದುಕೊಂಡು, ಅತೀ ಬಡತನದಲ್ಲಿ ತಾಯಿಯ ಪೋಷಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬಹಳ ಕಷ್ಟಗಳಿಂದ ಬೆಳೆದನು. ಬಾಲಕ ಜಾನ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಅಡಗಿದ್ದ ಅಶಕ್ತರ, ನಿರ್ಗತಿಕರ, ರೋಗಿಗಳ ದಯಾಗುಣ, ಸೇವಾಭಾವನೆ ಮತ್ತು ನಿಸ್ವಾರ್ಥ ದುಡಿಮೆಯನ್ನು ಕಂಡು ಡಾನ್ ಅಲೊನ್ನು ಅವನನ್ನು ಪೋಷಿಸಿ, ಕಾಲೇಜಿಗೆ ಕಳಿಸುವ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆ ಮಾಡುವನು. ಪದವೀಧರನಾದ ನಂತರ, ದೇವರನ್ನು ಕಾಣಬಯಸುವ ತೀರ್ಪು ಹಂಬಲದಿಂದಾಗಿ ಸನ್ಯಾಸ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸಿ ಚರ್ಚ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರೀಪ್ಸೆ ಆಗಿ ಬಹಳ ಪ್ರಭಾವಿತ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿಯಾದನು. ಸೇಂಟ್ ಥೇರೆಸಾ ಅಫ್ ಅವಿಲಾಳ ನಿಕಟ ಅನುವರ್ತಿಯೂ ಆಗಿದ್ದನು. ಅಲ್ಲಿನ ಸಮಾಜಿಕ, ರಾಜಕೀಯ ವಿಪರೀತದ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಗಳಿಂದಾಗಿ ಸೆರೆಮನೆಯ ವಾಸವನ್ನು ಆತ ಅನುಭವಿಸಬೇಕಾಯಿತು.

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KIDS CORNER

Birthday Wishes



Apoorva Handigol - Sept 4th

Career Center



Career Development Article by Basu Ullagaddi,
Unish Corp

Do you know what to avoid in your resume?

In a competitive job market, creating a clear and concise résumé is extremely important if you want to land that first interview. Many job postings elicit hundreds of applications for a single opening, so even making it to the first step of the interview process can be a significant feat. Unfortunately, in the midst of searching for the perfect opening, creating a customized cover letter, updating their résumé and filling out an application, some job seekers lose sight of the task at hand and forget that clarity and simplicity are key when trying to catch a recruiter or hiring manager's eye. The survey shows that job seekers don't have a lot of time to make a positive impression on employers. In fact, 45 percent of human resource managers say they spend, on average, less than one minute reviewing an application. Here are some of the most unusual tactics candidates have presented in their resumes to qualify for a job.

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Job openings with Unish Corp.

Unish Job # 110825:

Position: Build & Release Engineer, Location:
San Jose, Long term Contract Position

Unish Job # 110827

Position: Senior Java Programmer, Location:
Cisco San Jose, Long Term Contract

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BREAD BHEL PURI by Suma Anand



A bhel puri with a difference - the main ingredient here is bread croutons - just delicious!

Preparation Time : 10-15 minutes

Cooking Time : 15 minutes

Servings : 4

Ingredients:

Bread croutons -- choose healthy ones like whole grain bread, multigrain or even whole wheat bread.

Onion , finely chopped --1 large

Tomato, finely chopped--1 large

Pomegranate seeds--2 tablespoons

Lemon juice--1 teaspoon

Fresh coriander leaves, finely chopped--1 cup

Salt--to taste

Green chutney--2 tablespoons

Tamarind chutney--1/4 cup

Sev--1/2 cup

Method:

Place the bread croutons in a bowl. Add onion, tomato, pomegranate seeds, lemon juice, half the coriander leaves and mix. Add salt, green chutney and tamarind chutney and mix well. Put sev on top, garnish with the remaining coriander leaves and serve immediately.

Enjoy this delicious healthy snack with a hot cup of masala chai!

ನಿಮ್ಮ ಜೋಕ ಕೇಳೋಕೆ ಇವತ್ತು ಟೈಮಿಲ್ಲ ಮಾರಾಯ್ತೆ.
ನಾನು ಕೂಗ ನನ್ನೀನಿ, ನೀವು ಜೋಕ ನಾಳೆ ಹೇಳ!



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