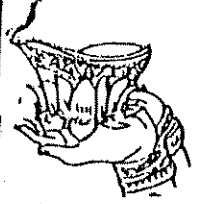
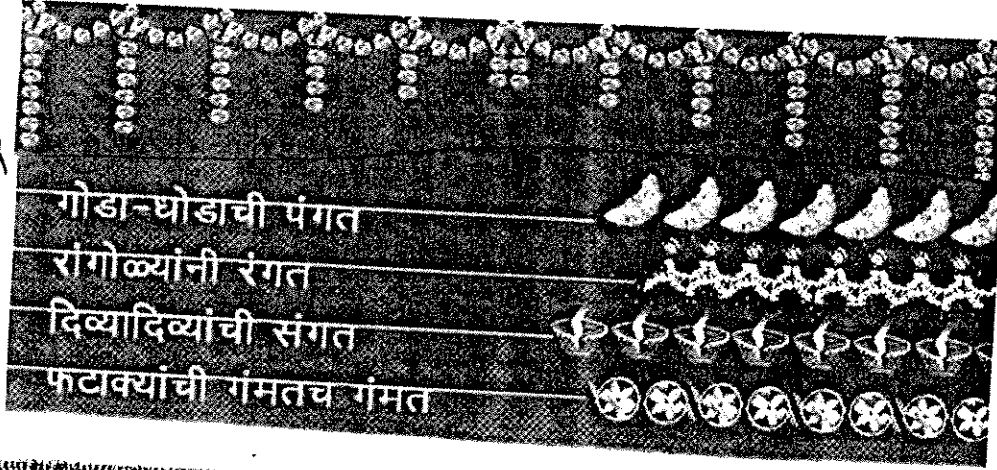
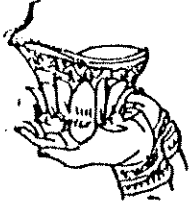


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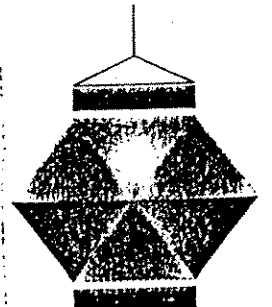
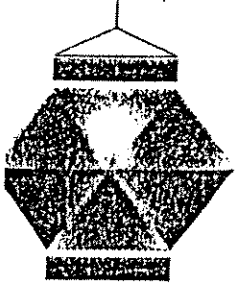
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आपल्या कुटुंबांसाठी... कुटुंबातील प्रत्येकासाठी

आनंदाचा मंगलमय प्रकाश

आपल्या जीवनात

सुख आणि समाधानाची समृद्धी घेवून येवो



## Editorial.....

It is indeed a pleasure to meet you all once again through the medium of this newsletter. The festive season is around the corner and your entire Board – Mohan Bhide (President), Deepa Akolkar (Vice President), Reshma Chaskar (Treasurer), Mahesh Sathe and Vinay Bhatwadekar (Joint Secretaries) and other directors namely, Shubhada Kulkarni, Kirti Tanna, Sushama Shrikhande and Vinay Chaskar, send you Best Wishes for the Diwali 2005. **May this festival of lights bring all the Happiness, Best Health and Enduring prosperity to every member of the Marathi community and their friends and families.**

I (have tried and) continue to emphasise an important point that the SUMPARK is for all Marathi-loving families and as such everyone is encouraged to contribute in its making, one way or other.

- Feel free to suggest what can be included (or excluded).
- Write on any topic of your choice -prose or poetry.
- Tell us what you did in summer or what you plan to do in Christmas holidays.
- Inform us of your (children's) achievements and awards in school/university.
- Send us news or a piece of information worth sharing with others such as an interesting article again on any topic.
- Let us know the name of good book read by you or any member of your family or your impression of a movie/video/DVD enjoyed/disliked by you.

Perhaps there are many other things, which I may have missed out in the above list. However, do appreciate and remember one thing that the **SUMPARK** is for you, by you and of you (in theory, like the definition of democracy - government of the people, by the people and for the people).

This newsletter, like yahoo groups (started and maintained by our hard working secretary Mahesh Sathe), is a forum and an opportunity for anyone to stay in touch with your fellow friends or friend's friend and with Marathi-loving community, in general. It is a medium, which all of us could and should make use of.

Support your society one-way or the other.

- By becoming a member (this year a record 75 individuals/families have paid membership dues),
- Participating in the events and then suggesting where the Board members can make improvements (constructive criticism),
- Commenting if you have enjoyed any particular segment of the program (encouragement),
- Sponsoring an event by way of donation (and yes, any amount will be welcome and you need not sponsor the whole event but any fraction of the same),
- Volunteering your time to make a program successful (try it. You will love it),
- Assisting the Board members prior to, during and after the events (it definitely is a fun).

Enjoy reading and do keep in touch. I know, I will.

*Vinay Chaskar*

## Community News

- A BIG Thank You to 75 families for paying their 2005 dues. Names of the families/individuals who have paid this year's dues are provided in the Newsletter. IF YOUR NAME DOES NOT APPEAR IN THE LIST it means that you have forgotten to pay your dues (or I may have excluded your name by mistake. Do let me know if this is so). We urge you to consider paying your dues on the auspicious occasion of DIWALI and perhaps pay multi year membership to avoid similar oversight in the future. Please note that the annual membership fees are: \$25 for Family and \$12 Individual (in this day and age the membership charge is very reasonable!! almost peanuts....some would say....)
  - A warm welcome to Shekhar and Sandhya Khandekar and family (a daughter and a son both studying in USA). They have moved here from CANADA's BIGGEST TRADING PARTNER, USA. Shekhar is a Vice President in the high Tech company- PMC Sierra based in Burnaby.
  - Society welcomes with open arms a few more Marathi families- Deepak Wakhale and his wife (they are from New Delhi and Deepak is on deputation from Tata Consultancy), Minal chiplunkar (has returned after a short stay abroad in US, Germany and India), Phadkar Pradeep, Meena and their sons Sameer and sachin who have moved here from Dubai.
  - Congratulations to Sunil Gokhale for securing admission to Law school (Both the sons of Atul and Veena Gokhale will be LAWYERS in few years from now)
  - Congratulations to Indrani Mathure (elder daughter of Sunil and Medha) for securing admission to Law school in Edmonton, Alberta.
  - Medini Vaze (elder daughter of Anant and Mukta) got married to Sachin Pendharkar (from Toronto) on August 27th. The DOCTOR couple plans to settle in beautiful British Columbia in times to come and our society welcomes their decision. Medini has served on the Board in the past and actively participated in many society events.
  - Hearty Congratulations to Reshma Chaskar. She has found her Life partner - Hemanshu Mehta, batch-mate and a fellow Business Degree holder from SFU. The wedding is planned, next year
  - Congratulations to Neelesh Parab on securing a job in IT field.
  - Society congratulates Ashish and Neeraja Dange on their wise and bold decision to spend "life savings" to own a property. We wish them a Happy stay in the Metrotown area and further wish that they will prosper in their New abode.
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Please feel free to inform any of the Board members a news to be included in this section of "our newsletter". Do encourage young members to participate in the Society functions and contribute to the SUMPARK as well. Please remember and appreciate the fact that the smaller group and the Society like ours can only survive with the participation, co-operation and support from its enthusiastic members.

Vinay Chaskar

माय मराठी विभाग

सॉफ्टवेअरचे श्लोक

॥जय जय सॉफ्टवेअर समर्थ ॥

मना सज्जना फक्त पैसा दिसावा ।

पैश्यावरी सदा लोभ असावा ॥

पैसा असो हा काळा कि गोरा ।

वर्णमैदास या देऊं नको तू थारा ॥१॥

जावा - कोरबाचा एक कोर्स करावा ।

खोट्या अनुभवाने रिसूमी सजवावा ॥

डाटाक्वेस्ट आणि अॅसेंट हा पेपर वाचूनि ।

खलिता हा आपुला सादर करावा ॥२॥

बॉडीशॉपर्स इकडे कोट्यान् कोटी ।

कामात असते त्यांच्या सदैव खोटी ॥

निर्मल परी बॉडीशॉपर्स निवडावा ।

H1 व्हिसा तत्पर फाईल करावा ॥३॥

होंडा टोयोटा मधुन तिकडे फिरावे ।

लोकल आणि बसचे दिवस विसरावे ॥

मौज तिकडे भरपूर करावी ।

बायको परि इकडची करावी ॥४॥

ग्राँड कॅनल आणि वेगासला यावे फिरुनी ।

नायगरा पहावा डोळे भरुनी ॥

गोल्डन ब्रिज तिकडचा आहे महान ।

लकडी पुल पुण्याचा किती लहान ॥५॥

भरपूर डॉलर तिकडे कमवावे ।

योग्य वेळी ते बदलून घ्यावे ॥

पैसा मिळेल मग कोट्यान् कोटी ।

उतारवयात मिळेल व्याजाची काठी ॥६॥

॥जय जय सॉफ्टवेअर समर्थ ॥

मराठी विभाग, खास दिवशी निमित्त...

मोडी करमणूक

## 'कारणे दाखवा'

बायका लग्न कां करतात ?



- एका तरी पुरुषाला 'जन्माची' अटल घडवण्यासाठी.
- गुलाम ठेवण वेळाने शीर आहे म्हणून.
- जीवनाचे अर्थ पूर्ण वनवण्यासाठी एक फायदेशीर गुंतवणूक म्हणून.
- पुरुष किती वाईट असतात याचा प्रत्यक्ष अनुभव घेऊन राहण्यासाठी.
- आई बापावर दया म्हणून.
- मैत्रीणीन केलं मग मी कां नको ?
- नव्या नव्या डिझाईन्सची मंगळसूत्र घालायला मिळायची म्हणून.
- नवऱ्याच्या जिवावर मुलाची हौस भागवता येते. फ्रिज बेनिफीट.
- मुक्त होण्यासाठी लग्नच वेळ नाही तर मुक्ती कशी आणि कुणापासून मिळवणार ?
- आपल्या पाकवृत्तीचे भन्नाट प्रयोग ज्याच्यावर बिनबो भाट करता यावेत असा हक्काचा 'बकरा' मिळतो म्हणून.
- लग्नानंतर मुला उजळतात म्हणे. फेअरनेस क्रीम्स फासून फासून धकल्यावर एक शेवटचा 'जातीम' उपाय म्हणून.

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वरील मते संपादकाची नाही आहेत. तेज दिवाळीच्या दिवसांत कोणाच्याही 'गोड' गैरसमज होऊ नये म्हणून हा अंतर्मुख करणं भाग पडत आहे.

श्री श्री शिकवणूक

## “जन्मवून वध”

जन्माला आला आहेस  
थोडं जगून वध,  
जीवनात दुःख रूप आहे,  
थोडं सोसून वध !  
चिमूटभर दुःखाने कोसळू जकोस,  
दुःखाचे पहाड वडून वध !  
यशाची चव चाखून वध,  
अपवरा वेतं, निरखून वध,  
डाव मांडणं, सोपं असतं,  
थोडं सोळून वध !  
जरटं बांधणं सोपं असतं,  
थोडी मेहनत करून वध !  
जगणं कठीण असतं, जरणं सोपं असतं,  
कोन्हीतल्या वेदना सोळून वध !  
जीणं - जरणं एक कोडं असतं,  
जाता - जाता एवढं सोडवून वध !

## आयुष्य असचं जगायचं असतं....

जे घडेल ते सहन करायचं असतं, बदलत्या जगाबरोबर बदलायचं असतं,  
आयुष्य असचं जगायचं असतं.

कुठून सुरु झालं हे माहित नसलं, तरी कुठे थांबायचं हे ठरवायचं असतं,  
आयुष्य असचं जगायचं असतं.

कुणासाठी काहीतरी निस्वार्थपणे करायचं असतं, स्वतःच्या सुखापेक्षा इतरांना सुखायचं असतं,  
आयुष्य असचं जगायचं असतं.

दुःख आणि अश्रूंना मनात कोडून ठेवायचं असतं, हसता नाही आलं तरी हसवायचं असतं,  
आयुष्य असचं जगायचं असतं.

पंश्यामध्ये बळ आल्यावर घरटं सोडायचं असतं, आकाशात झेपावूनही धरतीला विसरायचं नसतं,  
आयुष्य असचं जगायचं असतं.

मरणानं समोर येऊन जीव जरी मागितला तरी, मागून मागून काय मागितलसं असचं म्हणायचं असतं,  
आयुष्य असचं जगायचं असतं.

इच्छा असो वा नसो जन्मभर वाकायचं असतं, पण जग सोडताना मात्र समाधानानं जायचं असतं,  
आयुष्य असचं जगायचं असतं.

## Youth Section:

Some quizzes to entertain you and test your skills

- (1) Who invented PIANO?
- (2) Who invented printing machine?
- (3) How much oil is there in the world?
- (4) What are OPEC countries?
- (5) How many countries are there in the World?

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Answers are provided on page 10

*Did you know this...*

- Plants watered with warm water grow larger and more quickly than plants watered with cold water.
- Wearing headphones for just an hour will increase the bacteria in your ear by 700 times.
- Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing.
- Onions help reduce cholesterol if eaten after a fatty meal.
- The sound you hear when you crack your knuckles is actually the sound of nitrogen gas bubbles bursting.
- Dolphins sleep with one eye open.
- Mosquitoes have 47 teeth.
- The smartest dogs are the Jack Russell Terrier and Scottish Border collie. Dumbest: Afgan hound.

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The whole world's friend [except cats]!

By Shriya Deshmukh

His beautiful coat of brown and white, warm always to my hand,  
His graceful walk, [mind you he does wobble at times],  
Swishing his hips like a lion,  
Who sniffs the ground and walks at the same time,  
His eyes that are black or brown in light,  
Little triangular worry corners shaded by whiskers or eyebrows,  
His cute little ears flop all the time,  
His tail can sweep a coffee table of its contents in two swipes,  
But his mouth is the best "cause" it expresses all,  
A curve in his mouth, a mischievous look,  
A rise to his mouth "I'm going to snap",  
Those teeth that hurt yet seldom draw blood,  
Meant in playful play, what can you say?  
Knowing there lies inside, a golden if not a strong metal heart,  
Yes, of course, your patience snaps,  
A thin cord severed almost in half,  
But, is not forgiveness the key, for I guarantee,  
That you shall not stay angry for more than a minute or so,  
His subdued expression, his wagging tail,  
His happiness on the stake,  
Making you guilty of a crime you unintentionally committed,  
Of loving and caring for a creature who can aptly be described as,  
THE MASTER OF MAHEM !!  
A new chapter, for I remember, the day he got loose,  
Oh, king of calamities, death by cars,  
He saw a doggie-friend and managed, oh headache's of terror,  
To loosen the annoying leash which is a necessity,  
He ran across the road, I ran too,  
Thankful that there were no cars, I caught him!  
I dragged him; I shouted, I screamed, all unfortunately to no avail,  
He bit me, scratched me, kicked me, until I started crying,  
And guess what, he stopped and seemed to understand,  
Walking almost as if he had surrendered, but "please stop crying!"  
Now I forgive him, knowing quite well that he would do it again,  
And yet I would love him, for is he not man's best friend?  
And don't we all get into trouble now and then?



List of 75 families/individuals that have paid 2005 membership dues

Abhyankar Sanjeevani and Narayan and Ashish (son), Aklujkar, Ashok, Vidyullekha and Rasika, Akolkar, Raj, Deepa and Suraj (son), Akre, Sunil, Anupama and sagar, Avachit, Nitin and family, Bhatwadekar, Vinay, Ragini and Neehar (son), Bhide, Ghanashyam and Vaishali and Ridhi and Reema, Bhide, Mohan, Swati and family, Dr. Bhui and family, Chaskar Vinay, Manik and Reshma (daughter), Chaskar, Seema and Lal, Satesh, Chaudhary, Subodh and family, Chhatre Vinay, Rekha and Neha (daughter), Chiplunkar, Minal, Dange, Ashish and Neeraja, Daniel Michael and Shobha, Date Mahesh, Shruti and Aditya, Deshmukh, Udayan, sanjyot and Shriya (daughter), Deshpande, Sandeep and family, Gokhale, Atul, Veena and family, Gopinath Rupa and family, Dr. Gurjal Anagha and Bhirud Prakash, Inamdar, Manik, Indulkar Seema and family, Joshi, Narahari, Kuniko and family, Joshi, Subhash and family, Joshi, Prashant and Deepali, Jumani, Ashok, Geeta and family, Kakpure Jai and Dr. Veena and family, Katey, Ashok and Lynn, Khandekar, Shekhar and family, Kharkar, Prabhatai, Kulkarni, Arun and family, Kulkarni, Rajeev, Meena and family, Kulkarni, Suresh, Sushma and Sameer, Labhe, Vikram and family, Lakhe, Jayant, Sushma and family, Drs. Malhotra, Samir, Sangita and Rahul, Mangudkar, Sujal, Sharad and family, Mathure, Sunil, Medha and family, Mistry, Neeta, Piyush and family, Moro, Vasant, Mulve, Sameer, Sudnya and Urvi, Muzumdar, Girish and Jaya, Dr. Pande, Suniti, Parab, Nilesh and family, Paradkar, Pratima, Tatyia, Deepak and Nilima, Paralkar, Atul and family, Paranjpe, Meena and Anand, Pathak Ravi, Sally and family, Pendse, Sunil, Swati and Suhrud, Dr. Pole, Chakrawarti, Rahalkar, Ashutosh, Raina, Inderjeet, Priya and Simran, Rane, Maithili, Nitin and family, Ranganekar, Sadanand and Shakuntala, Rao, Sudhakar, Jyoti and Gargi, Ravo, Chandumaushi and family, Reebye, Suresh and Pratibha, Rozario, Ignatious and family, Saklikar, Banuben, Salvi, Raj, Rashmita and family, Sant, Ashish, Kavita and family, Sathe, Mahesh and Pallavi, Sawant, Ameet, Shah, Atul, Pradnya, Abhik and Aditi, Shrikhande Sushma and family, Sugwekar, Shrikant and Swati, Tamhane Ajoy, Pradnya and Sidharth, Tanna, Kirti, Tole, Shree, Sushma and family, Upadhye, Yashwant and Rani, Vamburkar, Milind, Bageshri and family, Vaze, Anant, Mukta and Reva, Vipat Shyam and Vijaya

Society offers special thanks to the these families for paying the year 2006 membership in advance: Tole, Sushma and Shree, Sant, Ashish and Kavita, Gokhale, Atul and Veena, Jumani, Ashok and Geeta, Khandekar, Shekhar and Sandhya and the two families - Shah, Atul and Pragnya and Dr. Chakravarti Pole for paying multi-year membership fees up to years 2007 and 2008 respectively.

**Monthly Food for Thought.....**

**June 2005:** "A good head and good heart are always a formidable combination. But when you add to that a literate tongue or pen, then you have something very special".  
Nelson Mandela

**July 2005:** "People take different roads seeking fulfillment and happiness. Just because they're not on your road doesn't mean they've gotten lost." H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

**August 2005:** "The best way to cheer yourself up is to try to cheer somebody else up."  
Mark Twain

**September 2005:** "The world is a dangerous place to live; not because of the people who are evil, but because of the people who don't do anything about it. Albert Einstein

**October 2005:** "Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goal." Henry Ford

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**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Diwali Program:** When: Sunday, November 6 2005  
Where: Lochdale Hall, 490 Sperling Avenue, Burnaby,  
Time: 3:30 to 4:15 Faral, 4:30 to 7 PM Variety Entertainment and 7:30 to 9 PM Dinner  
Hall location: Corner of Sperling street and Hastings, Burnaby

**Christmas Party:** Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> from 6 PM to 8 PM.  
Venue: Cross Reach Hall, 3348 West Broadway, Vancouver  
Admission: Free to Members. Non members: \$10 /person

**Bhajan Sammelan:** When: SATURDAY, January 21<sup>st</sup> 2006  
Where: VHP Temple, 3885 albert Street, BURNABY  
Time: 5 PM to 7 PM, followed by Preeti Bhojan

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Answers to quiz: (1) In 1710, the Italian Bartolomeo Cristofori invented the piano and gave the music one of the most melodious instrument; (2) In 1395, Johannes Gutenberg an inventor of the printing machine was born in Germany. In the year 1450 he invented the printing machine. The first book printed on the new printing press was the Bible and two hundred copies were printed by August 15, 1456. (3) In 1996 there were 1,047,200 million barrels of proven crude oil reserves, of which 76.6 per cent was in OPEC Member Countries. (4) Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) members include Algeria, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Libya, Nigeria, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and Venezuela. (5) There are 193 counties in the World.

*On the lighter side....*

21st CENTURY LIFE...

- Our communication - Wireless
- Our business - Cashless
- Our telephone - Cordless
- Our cooking - Fireless
- Our food - Fatless
- Our labour - Effortless
- Our relation - Loveless
- Our attitude - Careless
- Our politics - Shameless
- Our education - Valueless
- Our Follies - Countless
- Our arguments - Baseless
- Our poor - Voiceless
- Our faith - Godless

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A while ago, a world-wide survey was conducted by the United Nations. The only question asked was

"Would you please give your honest opinion about solutions to the food shortage in the rest of the world?"  
The survey was a huge failure...

- In Africa most didn't know what "food" meant.
- In Eastern Europe most didn't know what "honest" meant.
- In Western Europe most didn't know what "shortage" meant.
- In China most didn't know what "opinion" meant.
- In the Middle East most didn't know what "solution" meant.
- In South America most didn't know what "please" meant.
- And in the USA most didn't know what "the rest of the world" meant.

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Question: Please define What is a "kiss"? The answers provided by University professors were

- Prof. of Algebra: a "KISS" is infinity, because it is two divided by nothing (not zero).
- Prof. of Geometry: a "KISS" is the shortest distance between two lips.
- Prof. of Physics: a "KISS" is the contraction of two mouths, due to the expansion of the heart.
- Prof. of Chemistry: a "KISS" is the reaction of an interaction between two hearts.
- Prof. of Zoology: a "KISS" is the interchange of friendly salivary bacteria.
- Prof. of Physiology: a "KISS" is the juxtaposition of two orbicularis oris muscles in the state of contraction.
- Prof. of Dentistry: a "KISS" is both infectious & antiseptic.
- Prof. of Accounting: a "KISS" is a credit because it is profitable when returned.
- Prof. of Economics: a "KISS" is that thing for which the demand is always higher than the supply.
- Prof. of Statistics: a "KISS" is an event whose probability depends on the vital statistics of two minds and hearts.
- Prof. of Philosophy: a "KISS" is persecution for the child, ecstasy for youth, and homage for the old.
- Prof. of English: a "KISS" is a noun that is used as a conjunction; it is more common than proper; it is spoken in the plural and it is applicable to all.
- Prof. of Computer Science: What is a "KISS"? It looks to be an undefined variable, whose possible value can equal love.
- Prof. of Architecture: a "KISS" is a process which builds a solid bond between two dynamic objects.

