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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members & fellow Goans,

Khushal mogachi arambh! (Warm welcome to all!)

I am honored to stand before you today as the President of the Karnataka Goan Association for the year 2024-25. As we gather here today, I am reminded of the vibrant spirit of our Goan community that binds us together, despite the distance from our beloved Land of Goa.

Our association is a testament to the warmth and hospitality that Goans are known for. We take pride in our rich cultural heritage, our delicious cuisine, and our joyful music and dance.

As we celebrate our unity and diversity, let us also acknowledge the contributions of our KGA community members who have worked tirelessly to promote our language, culture, and traditions.

In the spirit of Goenkarpon (Goan-ness), let us come together to support one another, to share our stories, and to create lasting memories.

This year we have an amazing blend of youth and experience in the Managing Committee, The Young Brigade of the MC has designed the calender of events and will drive it with the help of the experienced members of the MC.

The next few months are going to be a challenge as we are creating an outreach program to rope in the Goans who are studying or working in Bangalore. Most of

them are not aware of KGA and are staying in the vicinity of their work place like Whitefield, E.City and Manyata.

Thank you for being an integral part of this association. Let us continue to strengthen our bonds and make our community proud!

Bhai-bhandan, amchem Goem, amchem kazar (Brotherhood, our Goa, our home)!"

Warm welcome,

Valerian Fernandes
President

The Managing Committee



Valerian comes from Asnora, Bardez, Goa. He now lives in Koramangala, Bangalore, since 2003. Product Technology & GTM Consultant for Indian Startups in AI, ML, IOT, Cybersecurity & Healthcare. Co-founder of Maria's Goan Kitchen & founder of Honda Beer Riding Club. Avid foodie, cyclist, motorcycle rider.

Valerian Fernandes
(President)

As an avid reader who transitioned into a climate mitigation marketer and writer, I blend my passions with purpose. Though born and raised in Bangalore, my roots trace back to Pilerne near Candolim. Music and singing run in my blood, and I enjoy playing the guitar along with a variety of other instruments.

Steven De Nazareth
(Vice President)



From the charming village of Tivim in Goa, Nikita is passionate about baking and swimming. Her baking skills delight everyone with delicious and visually appealing treats, often inspired by Goa's rich culinary heritage. She finds solace in swimming, enjoying the rhythmic strokes and the cool ocean waters, which help her stay grounded and focused. Nikita's enthusiasm for her hobbies makes her a cherished friend and a wonderful person to know.

Nikita Pereira
(Secretary)

Lawrence, from Tivim, Bardez, Goa, is a fun-loving individual with a passion for sports, music, and weekend partying.

Lawrence Pereira
(Treasurer)





KGA member for about 25 years. Goan connection via maternal grand-parents from Uccassaim and Aldona, a professional secretary and now a home-maker and volunteer at a day care. Love sharing ways of using craft, handwork as creative therapy.

Monica Robinson
(Lady Representative)

Hailing from Candolim, Craig is a dedicated real estate consultant and event management professional. He is passionate about positively contributing to his community and aims to make a meaningful difference and create lasting connections within the local Goan community.

Craig Faria
(Committee Member)



A Goan from Margao South Goa, Sheila has been a KGA member for about 31 years. She was a teacher for nearly 30 years and now enjoys cooking, baking, and social work. Passionate about music, singing, and dance, she also loves to travel, admire nature, and make friends. Sheila is very enthusiastic, dedicated, and passionate about any task she undertakes.

Sheila Marline Browne
(Committee Member)

Hailing from the beautiful village of Chinchinim in Goa. By profession, I work as the Head of the LMS Division in PurpleSynapz. In my free time, I enjoy listening to music of all genres, and playing outdoor sports like cricket and soccer."

Sherrick D'Sa
(Committee Member)





Hey Goenkars! I'm Sergio Tristen Rosario from Bogmalo, a small village in the South of Goa. During the week, I'm pursuing my degree in electronics engineering, and on the weekends, I'm usually a living example of the term 'susegad'.

Sergio Rosario
(Committee Member)

From Chinchinim, Goa. Lives in Bangalore. Worked in a Secretarial / Financial capacity in Bangalore. Love piano, music, & flower arrangement.

Grace Verdes Freitas
(Committee Member)



A resident of Britona, a small village in the heart of Goa. He describes himself as a young working professional who, in his free time, can always be found wherever there is music.

Zuriel Coutinho
(Committee Member)



I'm from Nuvem in Goa, but have lived in Bangalore my whole life. I love music, and am a voracious reader, and am looking forward to this year:)

Gia Goes
(Youth Representative)



We are excited to announce the launch of our new Konkani classes, aimed at promoting and preserving the rich cultural heritage of the Konkani language. Whether you're a beginner looking to learn the basics or someone who wants to polish their existing skills, our classes are designed to cater to all levels.



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JUST DON'T STOP KIDDING AROUND !

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"MARRIAGES ARE MADE IN HEAVEN"

WITH A LITTLE NUDGE FROM THE KGA

SO IF YOU ARE A MARRIAGEABLE GIRL OR LAD...
WHEN THE WEBSITE COMES UP YOU'RE GOING TO BE GLAD !

IF YOU'RE SINGLE, ELIGIBLE AND WILLING TO FIND YOUR HONEY...
OUR WEBSITE MIGHT LEAD YOU TO YOUR HONEY AND HOLY MATRIMONY

WE HAVE YOUR BEST INTERESTS AT HEART, SO SEND US A MESSAGE TO HELP US START
THEN THINK ABOUT RINGS, ROMANCE, ROSES AND MATTERS OF THE HEART

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