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As you all know the New Windsor Conference Center is closing its doors. Fear not! The NASA BOD has selected a new place for our 2012 annual gathering. It will be held on August 17, 18 and 19th at the Double Tree Hilton Conference Center in Somerset, NJ. Details of the conference center are provided elsewhere in this volume of Chiguru. The BOD is busy planning exciting programs for kids and adults. We are also going to be having a talk by the CEO of OfficeMax, Mr. Ravi Saligram. This is an opportunity you don't want to miss!

This year's theme is Sankethi language and culture. To this end we have planned Sankethi language classes, a demonstration/lecture on "what is it to be a Sankethi". We will also be doing samoohika Sandhyavandana. There will also be Youth panel discussions along with the opportunity to meet a Sankethi entrepreneur. Delicious food will be prepared on-site. Please register early as we can get more rooms if required.

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate Jyothy Industries for opening up the Technical College in Bangalore. It was recently inaugurated by Sri. Sri. Jagaduru of Shringeri. Please see details in the body of this Chiguru. I commend the Jyothy industries efforts towards improving education. One of the projects many NASA members have supported is the KSS community hall (Samudhaya Bhavana). Thank you to those that supported the KSS Samudhaya Bhavana. If you haven't sent in your tax-deductible donation towards this project please support KSS on this project. More details can be found in Volume 28 No. 2 June 2011 Chiguru.

Volunteers are the backbone of any organization. I would like to thank the BOD for doing a wonderful job for the past two years. As you all know this year is an election year and the BOD wants you. Please volunteer for various BOD positions including president. Send in your nomination and support NASA. Looking forward to seeing many of you at Double Tree in NJ, August 17-19



NASA President Keshava Kumar & BOD

1. Official Notice: The 2012 GBM will be held on Saturday, August 18, 2012

Dear NASA members,

The official General Body Meeting of the North American Sankethi Association will be held on Saturday August 18, 2012 at 9:30 am during our annual get-together at the DoubleTree Hotel and Conference Center in Somerset, NJ. Elections will be held immediately after the GBM. The order of business will be:

- 1. Roll call
- 2. Reading of the minutes of the preceding meeting
- 4. Reports of officers
 - a) President's Report
 - b) Secretary's Report
 - c) Treasurer's Report
- 5. Old and unfinished business
 - a) Voting on the By-Law Committee's proposals (See below)
- 6. New business
- 7. Good and Welfare
- 8. Adjournments
- 9. Election of President and eight Directors for the 2012-2014 term

Please note that per NASA bylaws only members in good standing as of the Record Date (August 1, 2012) may vote in any formal motion or election of office bearers. We would encourage nonmembers desirous of joining NASA to consider life membership instead of annual membership. Annual Members should also renew their memberships. Membership forms may be printed from our website www.Sankethi.org. Also note that this year we will be voting on changes to the NASA By-Laws. This vote was tabled last year and is being presented again this year. A proxy ballot appears later in this Chiguru. We are also electing a new President and Board of Directors so please consider serving the organization as a member of the BOD. The minutes of the 2012 GBM were published in the Chiguru Vol. 28, No. 3 (Nov. 2011) and are available online.

Recorded By: Ganesh Rao, NASA Secretary

2. 2012 NASA Get-Together and General Body Meeting Aug 17-19 in Somerset, NJ

The 2012 Annual NASA GBM will be held August 17-19 at the DoubleTree Hotel and Conference Center in Somerset, NJ. This year's theme is "Sankethi Language and Culture." We hope that you will be able to join us for an exciting weekend! The details of the venue are provided below and registration forms are at the end of this newsletter. As we are holding this event in a hotel, registrations assume double occupancy (two adults) per room.

When: 5pm Friday August 17 – August 19, 2012

Where: DoubleTree Hotel, 200 Atrium Drive, Somerset, New Jersey 08873

Phone: 732-469-2600

Link: http://doubletreesomerset.com/



Please take a look at this exciting new venue. The hotel offers indoor and outdoor pools, tennis, volleyball and basketball courts, exercise facility and more. We are also planning several activities around our theme including music programs, youth talent showcase, career planning and networking and more. If you are interested in participating or organizing an activity, please contact the BOD.

We are also in the process of planning activities for the weekend. We are pleased to announce that Ravi Saligram, the CEO of OfficeMax, will be speaking at NASA this year!

3. Mayank Keshaviah's play "Rangoon" played Off-Broadway

Dear NASA friends and fellow Sankethis.

I want to share with you the good news that my play RANGOON, which had a staged reading at NASA back in 2008, is receiving its world premiere Off-Broadway this spring in New York City. It's being produced by Pan Asian Repertory and will be performed at the Clurman Theatre from May 25-June 17.

For those who missed it in 2008, RANGOON revisits Arthur Miller's take on the American Dream from an Indian point of view, updating it for the new millennium and its unique challenges. On a more personal level, the play gives us insight into a Gujarati family whose patriarch, Dhiraj, manages a 7-Eleven and is desperately trying to succeed in America to offset both personal and familial shortcomings from his past.

While the challenges faced by Indian immigrants have occasionally been dealt with in the American theatre, those affecting Indians who don't fit the "model minority" stereotype—such as convenience store managers—are almost never explored. Coming to terms with raising an Indian family in America, balancing tradition with economic freedom, and preserving cultural heritage while keeping that family together are issues that most Indian immigrants deal with daily, yet they have barely been represented on stage in this nation of immigrants. My hope is that the production of RANGOON will help bring to light these issues and make visible a culture that has been recognized for its professional prowess in fields such as engineering and medicine, but whose daily lives and unique personal struggles are still mostly foreign to the general American public. — Mayank Keshaviah

Mayank was also highlighted in the May 18, 2012 issue of India Abroad. Congratulations!

4. Vivek Rudrapatna performed on Radio Station WKCR 89.9 FM in NYC

Vivek Rudrapatna performed a classical Carnatic Violin live on the air for WKCR's "24 hours of live Indian Classical Music with 24 musicians!" Vivek's performace is still available online at http://www.bit.ly/VivekWKCR. Some of the other performances are also available online at www.nycradiolive.org.

5. Community News

- NASA sends its heartiest congratulations to Dinesh and Soudamini Rao on their marriage.
- Congratulations to Suresh and Becky Magge on their marriage. NASA sends its best wishes to the happy couple.
- NASA would like to congratulate Col. Y.N. Jayaram for receiving an Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service as a
 medical evaluation board physician and flight surgeon at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany. Col Jayaram's
 consistent high standards of professionalism and dedication to duty reflect great credit upon him, Landstuhl Regional Medical
 Center, Europe Regional Medical Command and the United States Army.
- With sadness, NASA notes the passing of Prof. K.V. Arkanath in Mysore. Our condolences to the grieving family.

6. <u>Jyothy Institute of Technology Inaugurated in India</u>

Jyothy Industries recently opened a Technical College in Bangalore that was inaugurated by Sri Jagadguru of Sringeri. Please watch the video online for more details.

http://www.voutube.com/watch?v=wOsB42rveUw&feature=player_embedded

7. Proposals to Amend the By-Laws of NASA

The proposals to amend the NASA By-Laws were presented along with the report of the By-Law Committee at the 2011 GBM. At that time, it was decided by the General Body that these proposals would be re-introduced this year after the General Body had time to review the material. Following this decision, the By-Law Amendments are being brought before the General Body again this year for a vote. For details of the proposals please refer to Chiguru Vol 28 No. 2 (June 2011) which is available online at www.sankethi.org. We have not reprinted them here to save paper and postage. The Proxy Ballot presented below can be mailed in by eligible members

who will NOT be present at the meeting. Please remember to fill out the ballot fully and only select ONE of options A or B. Incomplete ballots cannot be accepted. The ballot must be received by the Secretary by July 30th 2012.

For adequate discussion and conversation about each of the proposed by-law amendments, the BoD has made arrangements to host 2 open conference calls prior to the general body meeting. These will be held at the following dates and times:

Friday, July 13, 12-1pm EDT and another date that will be announced soon. Call-in information is as follows: (712) 432-1690. Participant code: 405754#

We encourage all members to participate in the conversation. This will not be monitored or recorded, but will simply be a forum for members to discuss the merits or demerits of each proposal so each may be better informed prior to voting.

NASA Proxy Ballot for the 2012 General Body Meeting

I, (print name)_ North American Sankethi Association and that:	, hereby attest that I am a member in good standing of the
The person named below has the authority to vote for m Designated Voter (must be a member):	
My votes are to be cast as specified below:	

Proposal	Description	BOD Recommends	FOR	AGAINST
1	Clerical Changes	FOR	[]	[]
2	Definition of Sankethi	FOR	[]	[]
3	Membership Clarification	FOR	[]	[]
4	Resignation	FOR	[]	[]
5	Annual Meeting Requirements	FOR	[]	[]
6	NASA Management	FOR	[]	[]
7	Officer	FOR	[]	[]
8	Changes to By-Laws	FOR	[]	[]

Proposal	Description	By-Law Committee	FOR	AGAINST
		Recommends		
1-1	Membership and Voting	AGAINST	[]	[]
2-1	GBM attendance for election	AGAINST	[]	[]
2-2	Life Membership for BOD	AGAINST	[]	[]
2-3	Life Membership for Presidency	FOR	[]	[]

Signature:	Date:
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Please mail completed proxy ballots (must be received by 8/1/2012) to:

Ganesh Rao 124 Elder Rd. Needham, MA 02494

Please Support the Sankethi Community Hall Project

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ಸಂಕೇತಿ ಬಂಧುಗಳೆಲ್ಪರೂ ಮುಕ್ತಹಸ್ತದಿಂದ, ದಾನಮಾಡಿ ಈ ಕಾರ್ಯವು ಸೌಲಭ್ಯವಿದೆ. ಹಿರಿಯರ ಮತ್ತು ಆತ್ಮೀಯರ ಹೆಸರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಕೊಠಡಿ ಅಥವಾ ಹಾಲ್7ಗಳನ್ನು ಕಟ್ಕಿಸಲು ಇದು ಸುಸಮಯವಾಗಿದೆ. ಸಮಾಜಸೇವೆಗೆ ಯಶಸ್ಸಿಯಾಗುವಂತೆ ಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ನಮ್ಮೆಲ್ಲರ ಕಳಕಳಿಯ ಪ್ರಾರ್ಥನೆ. ಸಂಘಕ ಇದೊಂದು ಸದವಕಾಶವೆಂದು ತಿಳಿದು, ಎಂದಿನಂತೆ ಸಹಕರಿಸಬೇಕೆಂದು ತಮ್ಮೆ ಲ್ವರಲ್ಲಿ ಕೊಡುವ ದಾನಕ್ಕೆ

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ಹಾಗೂ ಶೌಚಾಲಯಗಳು, ಮೊದಲನೆ ಮಹಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಭಾಗೃಹ ಹಾಗೂ ಎರಡ<u>:</u>

ಕೆಳ ಆಂತಸ್ಕಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಭೋಜನ ಶಾಲೆ, ಆಡಿಗೆ ಮನ್ನೆ ಒಂದು ರೂಂ ಮತ್ತು ಸ್ಕಾನಗ್ಗ

ರೂಂಗಳಿಂದ ಕೂಡಿದ ಸಮುದಾಯಭವನವನ್ನು ಸಮಾಜದ ಬಾಂಧವರಿ

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಕೆಂಗೇರಿ ಉಪನಗರದಲ್ಲಿ

ನಿವೇಶನದಲ್ಲಿ ಮೂರು ಅಂತಸ್ತಿನ ಕಟ್ಟಡವನ್ನು ನಿರ್ಮಿಸಿ ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಸೀತಾಲಕ್ಷ್ಮಿ <u> ಸುತ್ತು ಡಾ ಕೆ ಮಂಜುನಾಥಯ್ಯ ಸಮುದಾಯಭವನ ಹಾಗೂ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿನಿಲಯ ಎಂದು</u> ನಿವೇಶನವನ್ನು ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಸೀತಾಲಕ್ತ್ಹಿ ಮತ್ತು ಡಾ ಕೆ.ಮಂಜುನಾಥಯ್ವ ಇವರು ಸಂಘಕ್ ಉದಾರವಾಗಿ ದಾನವಾಗಿ ಕೊಟ್ಟರುವ ವಿಷಯವು ತಮ್ಮೆ ಲ್ತರಿಗೆ ತಿಳಿದಿದೆ. ನಾಮಕರಣ ಮಾಡಲು ನಿರ್ಧರಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

9. **New Years Gathering in Phoenix**

A small group of Sankethis held and informal New Years gathering in Phoenix, AZ to celebrate the new year.



DIVINE TRADITION

In the year nineteen ninety seven, Music lovers of HR joined to listen, Started music Trinity's celebration, At Rangappa's home in Hampton.

Led by Smt. Vijaya Balakrishna, Bharati, Tara, Geeta and Vijaya, Meera, Murthy, Usha, Sudha, Indira, Balu, Kamala,Uma and Mukunda, Did Pooja and sang Pancharatna kirtana, In devotion celebrated the 1st Aradhana.

Celebrated at Rangappa's for 5 year, Music lovers came from far and near, Audience was big and space got small, Located elsewhere to accommodate all.

Let us enjoy the music of the Divine, While devotees in ones sing the line, Thanks, Vijaya, Bharati, Uma, Sudha hold tradition, Set a music example to the younger generation.

2012 is the year twenty five, Let us all join in music live, With kritis of Purandharadasa the great, Thyagaraja's kirtanas, a music ultimate. I am in Dallas with a bruised knee, Shall miss the 25 year celebration, Jai Rangappa will video all for me, Will fondly see all in my imagination.

Vinaya Rangappa Dallas,TX 25th Anniversary in HR March 10 2012

HAMPTON ROADS THYAGARAJA DAY

2012 is the year twenty five, To get together, in music jive, With Purandhara Dasa the great, And Tyagaraja,his musician mate.

Singing in praise of a Divine, All their disciples also shine, With their music without wine, In oneness we sing their line.

In the year nineteen 87 Started today's celebration In the city of Hampton, Friends joined with devotion.

Led by Smt.Vijaya Balakrishna With her disciples in Virginia, Sang the Pancha Ratna kirtana Celebrated the 1st Aradhana.

In Hampton home of Vinaya And Jai Rangappa was held For five years the Aradhana, With singers and songs lulled By Vijaya,Bharati,Usha,Indira Saraswati, Shruti, Mythri jelled Murthy's violin,Geeta & Meera.

In the fifth year in Hampton, In the spring of nineteen 91, Came Usha Char a musician, From near D.C. Washington. Led an Aradhana celebration.

In company, Kannan's mridangam And his son Krishnan's violin hum, The great celebration of the gem Of south Indian musician's realm.

Thanks to Smt. Vijaya Balakrishna, Purandhara Dasa and Tyagaraja Came to Hampton Roads Virginia, Classic Carnatic music Maharaja.

Sudha, Meera and Uma Shankar Balu, Raji, and Bharati Prabhakar Continued yearly music celebration, To the music lovers joy and elation. Thanks to all for this music devotion.

On 25th anniversary-congratulation.

Jai Rangappa 25th Anniversary March 10 2012

NASA 2012 Conference Registration Form Friday, August 17 – Sunday, August 19

Family Name:
Home Address:
(Please make any corrections in the address label if required) Number of Participants:
Adults (Ages 21+) Young Adults (Ages 13-21)
Children (Ages 5-12) Young Children (Age <5)
E-Mail Address: Telephone:
Expected Arrival Date: Time:
Expected Departure Date: Time:
Signature*:
*By registering for this event, you agree that NASA will not be held liable for injuries or damages, if any, received in connection with the July Annual Function.
Payment: Please make checks payable to NASA Inc. per the following schedule and mail along with these completed forms to NASA, Inc. 161 Natsisky Farm Road South Windsor CT, 06074
Registration with rooms assumes double occupancy (two adults). If you are registering as a single adult, please indicate if you ha a roommate preference. If you do not want to share with a roommate, please add \$75.00 for single occupancy.
Roommate Preference for Single Occupancy:
Registrations for children 18 and under are free but please add \$25 per child aged 3-12 towards activity fees and child care services. Children below 18 will be required to share room with parents. Thank you.
Full Program Registration:
(1) Any person over the age of 18 and with double occupancey:
\$250 (<u>registrations received before 8/10/12</u>), \$275 (registrations received after 8/10/12) (2) Temporary visitors and students from India: 50% of full registration rates provided above •
(2) Temporary visitors and students from fidua. 50% of full registration rates provided above (3) Single occupancy: Add \$75.00 to the above amounts.
Partial Registration (arriving anytime Saturday or attendance with no rooms):
(1) Any person over the age of 18 and with double occupancy:
\$175 (<u>registrations received before 8/10/12</u>), \$200 (registrations received after 8/10/12)
(2) Temporary visitors and students from India: 50% of partial registration rates provided above ◆(3) Single occupancy: Add \$75.00 to the above amounts.
◆ Please call Keshava Kumar (860-648-9798; email kbkumar@cox.net; or Lalitha Hanasoge (917) 848-4071; email
sah2101@gmail.com) if you need any travel assistance.

Please indicate your interest in participating in the following activities:
☐ Community Service (1-2 hours to be scheduled during the program)
☐ Rummy Tournament (adults, Friday 8/17/12) Please indicate number of participants:
☐ Children's Talent Showcase (Saturday 8/18/12) Please indicate name of participants, age, and talent(s) to be shared/performed
☐ Cultural Programs, Special Presentations, etc. (8/18/12, 8/19/12) Please indicate name of participants and provide a brief description of the program, presentation, etc.
☐ Young Children's activities Please indicate names and ages of children
For questions regarding participation in any of these events, please contact our Event Coordinators: ***********************************
Name: Indicate HGA or CGA: Person who will speak about the Candidate:

NASA 2012 Sponsorship Form

We request your generous support for the NASA 2012 event. If you would like to sponsor any of the activities occurring at the NASA 2012 conference, please complete this form, make checks payable to NASA, Inc., and mail both to Keshava Kumar, 161 Natsisky Farm Road, South Windsor, CT 06074. Please call at (860) 648-9798 (Email: kbkumar@cox.net) with any questions.

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E-Mail Address:	Telephone:
Amount of Donation*:	<u></u>
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