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## Leadership's Harmony

As we look ahead in 2025, the executive committee is deeply inspired by the dedication of our team and the impact we will have collectively. We firmly believe that by strengthening our collaborative efforts with partners and the wider community, while remaining transparent in our operations and maintaining fiscal responsibility, we can reach new heights in fulfilling our mission. With the BOT and our steadfast community by our side, we are confident in the triumphs we'll share as we move forward together.



## **BOT's Mission and Vision - 2025**

As the Board of Directors of Namma Chandana Kannada Sangha – Kansas City, it is a privilege to serve this vibrant and growing community. Our role is to offer strategic direction, ensure good governance, and support our Executive Committee in executing programs that reflect the spirit of Kannadambe — our beloved Kannada language and culture.

Our vision is to foster a strong, united, and culturally rich community that honors our roots while embracing the future. We believe in celebrating samskruti (culture), nurturing sambandhagalu (relationships), and inspiring the next generation to stay connected to Namma Kannada naadu — our homeland through language, art, tradition, and togetherness.

With everyone's support, we aim to create a welcoming space where every Kannada-speaking family feels at home, and every child finds pride in their identity.

Let us continue to walk this path together — with unity, pride, and the essence of Kannada in our hearts.



# Q3 & Q4 EVENTS

**Blood Drive**

**Camping**



**Halloween Party**

**Deepavali & Rajyotsava**



**Chess Tournament**

Please visit for latest upcoming events  
<https://www.ckskc.org/upcoming-events>

## Blood drive

An initiative to give back to society through blood drives. Life is fragile and unpredictable. Donating a few drops of blood can help save a life. Many are waiting to receive blood to treat their conditions. A tiny bit of help from each one of us can be a blessing for those struggling with difficult health challenges.

Started two years ago, CKS is striving to support this cause and save lives. Every drop is invaluable. The blood drive adds immense value to the people who are fighting to live.

In 2025, the blood drive camp was held on August 9th. CKS members donated liters of blood.



## Harvesters

The youth committee of CKS is doing a fabulous service every year, helping farmers pack food that is sent to various communities. This year, on September 20th, the youth committee's precious young adults together packed the harvests. The service they provided was efficacious. Serving hundreds with great enthusiasm every year with a growing team stands out as the best benevolence. The team leaving an energizing imprint on the world is just amazing. A little help is a mighty nutrient for many. The CKS community appreciates and encourages the youth committee's extended empathy and compassion.

Youth committee packed kilos of sweet potatoes, the highest number of packed bags for this year's harvest.



# Halloween party

Halloween indicates the beautiful fall has arrived. Pumpkin patches, pumpkin carving, and adorable Halloween costumes excite the aura aesthetically. The youth committee's exuberant arrangement of the haunted house was the most impressive and memorable event for the kids. The pumpkin carving competition and coloring and drawing their favorite Halloween characters were desirable activities for the young chaps of the community.

The youth committee this year has presented delightful events that made the CKS community and parents proud.

Kudos to the youth committee!



## A fun filled outing - Camping

2025 was a year of joy with fresh concepts. The CKS team and members were excellent enthusiasts who organized and executed the new notions into reality. One such idea was camping. It was a very exciting and entertaining program, and everyone who attended was extremely happy to collect myriad memories in two nights and one day.

On September 12-14, thirty-five families started toward the Clinton Lake Campground to have a whale of a time. They meticulously arranged the tents around 5:00 p.m., and the party began as a gala celebration. The campfire was lit, and every family was greeted near it. The aroma of the party food spread through the chitchats. Kids' favorite snack, s'mores, around the flames created cheerful and lively sounds blended with music and happy kids' laughter.

The campground was filled with food, chatting, dancing, laughter, love, and excitement. Every heart present in the aura was as happy as if they had consumed ambrosia. It was the first time camping for many families, which allowed everyone to exuberantly enjoy the experience and beauty of nature. Memorable camping is the best reminiscence that cheered the essence of unity and helped the community feel like a family.

The arrangements were awe-inspiring. The team, under the leadership of the President, provided a flawless atmosphere and hospitality. Each person was valued and respected. Camping was strategically planned to be executed successfully and efficiently. Cooking amidst nature by campers on the spot was an excellent concept with the intention of creating a pleasing environment for food lovers. Cool boxes, stoves, water, juices, utensils—all the provisions brought in—made the camping extremely organized and enjoyable. Togetherness is treasure, and that's the spirit we as a CKS family carried throughout.

As day broke, we enjoyed the South Indian Karnataka special breakfast to the fullest. Campers received royal treatment with beverages like tea and coffee available at almost any point of time. Snacks were readily available to enchant kids and adults. Setting up the barbecue for over a hundred people gave everyone the choice to enjoy their favorite delicacies. Camper ladies sat in a straight row to prepare the prerequisites, while the camper men exceptionally set up the grills. Hot smoky food on piping-hot grills invited campers to relish the grilled cheese, meat, and corn.

Any occasion cannot miss sports and entertainment, right? Exactly! After the flavorsome breakfast, sporty ladies hit the ground playing throwball and koco, rejuvenating their innermost hearts. Fun moments were relived many times, stimulating their youthful spirit from their teens and young adulthood. Playing their favorite games was one of the best moments of the camping. The men enthusiasts played kabaddi with equal zest. Every adult felt their early adulthood while the 90's music played in the background. Applause for the DJ of the day!

Happiness was the motto, and bringing joy was the mission—both were accomplished with the kind cooperation of everyone, from the First Lady of CKS to every single member present at the camp. We thank millions to all who cooperated, volunteered, took ownership, and brought our community together with a special and exceptional event like camping.

It was a beautiful event, organized by CKS, which successfully and happily ended as a never-before experience that remained as a special memory in the campers' hearts.



## Sewa Diwali

Collaborating with HSS of Kansas City, CKS collected food donations of about two sacks and donated them to charity. It's a great ascent of humanity to be compassionate and consistent in helping needy people. Community members selflessly supported and contributed toward the successful collection of packed food. Let's take a moment to cherish this kind gesture that exemplifies service to humankind.

CKS is amicably committed to its mission: "Be a cord that connects to humanity."

Sewa Diwali lit the lamps through offerings and spread the message: "Giving creates peace."



# Deepavali and Rajyotsava

On November 15th, 2025, CKS celebrated two great and significant events at the Hindu Temple in Kansas City. The event included a photo booth, cultural activities, delicious food, and the Sourabha Award ceremony.

The grand celebration began with an auspicious diya lighting by visiting parents on the delightfully decorated stage. CKS holds high regard for visiting parents. As an honorary code of ethics, the national anthems of the bread-feeding country, the home country, and the state were played and recited while everyone stood up to pay respects to this significant practice. With the blessings of our beloved Kannadambe, Mother Bhuvaneshwari, the program prospered exuberantly. Vibrant culture is exemplified to the children through these celebrations. Cultural programs enriched the evening to an exciting level.



The CKS family enjoyed a delightful and delicious Deepavali and Rajyotsava celebration. Beloved members of the CKS family evinced their unbeatable spirit and enthusiasm. The coordination, strong strategies, and concordant execution made the event memorable. The decorations, compering, food, and performances were radiant. The ramp walk was another highlight of the evening, stealing everyone's heart. A million thanks to the members of CKS who made a glowing impression on the unity of the CKS family. ❤️



## Chess Tournament – An Exemplary Sport

The CKS Sports Team, in collaboration with the Kerala Association, hosted the second annual chess tournament for enthusiasts.

Twenty-eight competitors from the divisions K-4 yrs, 5-8 yrs, 9-12 yrs and adults participated in this disciplined game, which enhances patience and memory. Each participant played four matches within their respective groups. The top three players were awarded prizes. It was an exciting day filled with competitive matches and a strong spirit of cognitive sportsmanship.

Tanu (BOT member of CKS 2025) and Ravi Sheshappa sponsored the trophies for the winners, and the CKS team is grateful for their generous gesture.

The CKS team thanks all the volunteers who tirelessly supported and assisted in making this sports event a success.



Some of the CKS members are followers of Basavanna & Sharana principles and we have a small group which is known as Basava Group of Kansas City. Recently we led an effort with the Mayor of Overland Park and he has approved the following proclamation in honor of Basava Jayanthi on April 20th 2026.

### Proclamation:

**Whereas** Basava Day honors the birth & teachings of Basava (aka Jagadguru Basavanna), a 12<sup>th</sup> century Indian philosopher and a social reformer who was said to have been a mystic by temperament, an idealist by choice, a statesman by profession, a man of letters by taste, a humanist by sympathy, and a social reformer by conviction and whose message continues to inspire people around the world; and,

**Whereas** Basava's vision remains highly relevant today - of a just society, free from all discrimination; and,

**Whereas** Basava's initiative from 12<sup>th</sup> century is highly applicable today - a parliamentarian discussion forum (referred to as the world's first democratic parliament by some) to address social ills and other issues; and,

**Whereas,** on this day, the City of Overland Park recognizes the contributions of people from Indian origin and honors the diverse cultural traditions that enrich our community.

Therefore, I, Kurt Skoog, Mayor of Overland Park, KS do hereby proclaim Apr 20, 2026, as:

## “Basava Day”

in Overland Park, Kansas, and I urge all citizens to take cognizance of this event and enrich yourself with the diverse culture this event brings to the community.

- *Curt Skoog, Mayor | City of Overland Park*



# Republic Day 2026 – Karnataka Proud Moment!

ಈ ವರ್ಷದ Padma Awards 2026 ನಲ್ಲಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದಿಂದ 8 ಜನರಿಗೆ ಗೌರವ ಲಭಿಸಿದೆ

## Padma Bhushan

**Shatavadhani R. Ganesh** – For his distinguished contribution to classical literature and the ancient art of Avadhana.

## Padma Shri Awardees

**Anke Gowda M.** – Recognised for his social service through free libraries and literacy empowerment.

**Dr. Prabhakar Basavaprabhu Kore** – For significant contributions in literature and education.

**S G Susheelamma** – Honoured for decades of grassroots social work helping women and children.

**Shashi Shekhar Vempati** – Awarded for contributions to literature and education.

**Shubha Venkatesha Iyengar** – Recognised for her work in science and engineering.

**Dr. Suresh Hangavadi** – For outstanding service in healthcare.

**T T Jagannathan (Posthumous)** – Honoured for his contribution to trade and industry.

ನಮ್ಮ ರಾಜ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ಕೀರ್ತಿ ತಂದ ಈ ಮಹನೀಯರಿಗೆ ಹೃತ್ಪೂರ್ವಕ ಅಭಿನಂದನೆಗಳು!

Jai Hind | Jai Karnataka!

# Food! Best way to touch the hearts

2025 has been an incredible year with exceptional initiations. One of them was the best authentic food.

## **What's special this year?**

CKS events have served their members amazingly blessed food, but the Ugadi event's food stands out because of the volunteers.

## **How does the Ugadi food stand out?**

The affection, unity, and bonding were served in the form of food. Our culture says what you eat is what you are! CKS, with great pride, illustrates the power of unity through affection, leading the way to bond well with each other as a family. Many volunteers prepared delicious delicacies selflessly to celebrate the Ugadi event in a traditional style. The food served on a banana leaf was one of the motives. Each district of Karnataka has its own special dishes that invite members to relish and rejoice. The food team made an extraordinary move to bring unity and bonding through the viands.

## **How satisfied were the diners?**

Thousands of miles away from home, after a very long time, diners felt at home. They enjoyed every grain that was served. Authenticity was the most appreciated ingredient, and dedication was the best chunk included in the recipes. The food eaten will stay in our hearts forever. The 2025 Ugadi remains an epitome of palatables lingering on tastebuds.

## **What did the food teach the next generations?**

Fun, food, and friendship together under the same roof with concordance inspired beautiful realizations in the next generations. Food has always played an integral role in passing culture to Gen Next. They are exposed to learning more about many native delicacies while fancy fast foods are prevailing. Each of our recipes has the power to enrich our bodies substantially. CKS not only unveils culture's uniqueness but also unrolls the health benefits of eating and following traditional dietary practices.

## How did the vehemence of volunteering influence the community?

Volunteering is a pure joy of selflessness. The team members who dedicate their time and energy amidst their busy schedules take on a responsibility that is not easy. It takes a good heart and mindfulness to be part of a team and contribute toward building and nurturing the community. CKS has been a profound platform where one can witness the best volunteers who consistently offer services to invigorate the community's steadfastness. The encouraging and engulfing attitude of volunteers inspires new members to join the team each year vehemently. This is a sign of successful leadership and collaboration that has been progressing well for years now.



## CKS Gratifications — a small token of love!

The CKS team sincerely thanks all members and volunteers for their selfless service, which continues to support the community's success and uphold its excellent vision.

Join hands to think big, make big, and achieve big. Unity is the power that empowers the community for a better future.



## Accolades from the team

Authenticating strategies and amazing experiences... The whole team has been an aesthetic inspiration to me. President Arjun Nanje Gowda, an adept; Vice President Sunil Reddy, a supporting champion; the BOT, a splendid spirit; the cultural team, a seamless creative sanctuary; and the food team, deliciously devoted—have all been remarkable in encouraging the team and elevating the skills of the members.

The events stood out as CKS's pride, with the impressive cooperation of a team carrying responsible ownership. It has been a glorious year. Not only has CKS been a gateway to great teamwork, but it has also provided enormous learning opportunities.

Thank you, Arjun and his team, for giving the best and most memorable experiences. We cannot forget the unbeatable support from the CKS team's family members. Infinite appreciation would still be less for the amount of hard work that was put in this year for accomplishing every event into memorable treasures.

Under Arjun and Sunils' leadership, and with the excellent harmony of the CKS family, the year 2025 went by with flying colors. Togetherness is the most beautiful and valuable gift for anyone and everyone. Thank you all for your kind support and encouragement throughout the year 2025.

- Roopa Rani Bussa (Secretary of CKS 2025)

ಮೈಸೂರು—ನನ್ನ ಊರು; ನನ್ನ ತಂದೆ ಹುಟ್ಟಿದ ನೆಲೆ; ನನ್ನ ತಾತ ಮತ್ತು ಅಜ್ಜಿ ವಾಸಿಸುವ ಸ್ಥಳ; ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದ ಸಾಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಕ ಹೃದಯಭೂಮಿ; ಅರಮನೆಗಳ ನಗರ.

ಮೈಸೂರು ತನ್ನ ಮಹತ್ವವನ್ನು ಮೌನವಾಗಿ ಆದರೆ ಗಾಢವಾಗಿ ಹೊತ್ತುಕೊಂಡಿರುವ ನಗರ. ನಮ್ಮಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಲವರು ದೂರದ ದೇಶಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಬೆಳೆದಿದ್ದರೂ, ಮೈಸೂರಿನ ಅಸ್ತಿತ್ವ ನಮ್ಮ ಮನಸ್ಸಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಸದಾ ಜೀವಂತವಾಗಿದೆ. ಕುಟುಂಬದವರ ಮಾತುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ, ಪ್ರತೀ ಬೇಸಿಗೆಯ

ಭೇಟಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ, ಮತ್ತು ತಲೆಮಾರುಗಳಿಂದ ಸಾಗುವ ಸಂಪ್ರದಾಯಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಮೈಸೂರು ನಮ್ಮೊಳಗೆ ಬದುಕುತ್ತದೆ. ಮೈಸೂರು ಕಾಗದ ಸಾಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಕ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಮಾತ್ರವಲ್ಲ; ಇತಿಹಾಸ ಮತ್ತು ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಗಳು ಸೇರಿ ರೂಪಿಸಿದ ಗುರುತು, ದೂರದಲ್ಲಿದ್ದರೂ ಶಕ್ತಿಯುತವಾಗಿಯೇ

ಉಳಿಯುವ ಸ್ಮೃತಿಗಳ ಸ್ಥಳವಾಗಿದೆ. ಮೈಸೂರಿನ ಗುರುತಿನ ಕೇಂದ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಚಾಮುಂಡಿ ಬೆಟ್ಟ, ಮೈಸೂರು ಅರಮನೆ, ಮತ್ತು ದಸರಾ ಮೆರವಣಿಗೆ ಇವೆ.

ನಗರದ ಮೇಲೆ ಎತ್ತರವಾಗಿ ಏರಿರುವ ಚಾಮುಂಡಿ ಬೆಟ್ಟದಲ್ಲಿ ಚಾಮುಂಡೇಶ್ವರಿ ದೇವಾಲಯ ಇದೆ. ಅನೇಕ ಕುಟುಂಬಗಳಿಗೆ, ವಿಶೇಷವಾಗಿ ವಿದೇಶಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ವಾಸಿಸುವವರಿಗೆ, ಈ ಬೆಟ್ಟವು ರಕ್ಷಣೆ ಮತ್ತು ನಿರಂತರತೆಯ ಸಂಕೇತವಾಗಿದೆ. ಚಾಮುಂಡೇಶ್ವರಿ ದೇವಿ ಮೈಸೂರನ್ನು ಕಾಪಾಡುತ್ತಾಳೆ ಎಂಬ ನಂಬಿಕೆ ಇದೆ; ಭಾರತಕ್ಕೆ ಮರಳುವ ಪ್ರತೀ ಪ್ರಯಾಣದಲ್ಲೂ ದೇವಾಲಯದ ದರ್ಶನವು ನನ್ನಂತೆಯೇ ಅನೇಕ ಕುಟುಂಬಗಳಿಗೆ ಅರ್ಥಪೂರ್ಣ ವಿಧಿವಿಧಾನವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಬೆಟ್ಟದ ಮೇಲಿಂದ ನೋಡಿದಾಗ

ನಗರವು ಶಾಂತವಾಗಿಯೂ ವಿಶಾಲವಾಗಿಯೂ ಕಾಣುತ್ತದೆ—ಬೇರೆಡೆಗಳ ವೇಗದ ಜೀವನಕ್ಕೆ ವಿರುದ್ಧವಾಗಿ ಮನಸ್ಸಿಗೆ ನೆಮ್ಮದಿಯನ್ನು ನೀಡುತ್ತದೆ. ಪ್ರವಾಸಿಗರಿಗೂ ಸಹ ಚಾಮುಂಡಿ ಬೆಟ್ಟವು ಆಳವಾದ ಸಂಪರ್ಕದ ಭಾವನೆಯನ್ನು ಮೂಡಿಸುತ್ತದೆ; ಅದರಿಂದಲೇ ಇದು ಪ್ರವಾಸ ಮತ್ತು ಸಾಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಕ ಭಕ್ತಿಯ ಕೇಂದ್ರವಾಗಿದೆ.

ನಗರದ ಹೃದಯದಲ್ಲಿ ನಿಂತಿರುವ ಐಕಾನಿಕ್ ಮೈಸೂರು ಅರಮನೆ, ಮೈಸೂರಿನ ರಾಜಸ ಪರಂಪರೆ ಮತ್ತು ಸಾಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಕ ಹೆಮ್ಮೆಯ ಪ್ರತೀಕವಾಗಿದೆ. ಒಡೆಯರ್ ವಂಶದಿಂದ ನಿರ್ಮಿತವಾದ ಈ ಅರಮನೆ, ಕಲಾ, ವಿದ್ಯೆ, ಮತ್ತು ನಾಯಕತ್ವಗಳು ಒಂದಾಗಿ ಬೆಸೆದ ಕಾಲವನ್ನು ಪ್ರತಿಬಿಂಬಿಸುತ್ತದೆ. ಅದರ ಸೂಕ್ಷ್ಮ ಅಲಂಕಾರಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಭವ್ಯ ವಿನ್ಯಾಸವು ನಗರವನ್ನು ರೂಪಿಸಿದ ದೃಷ್ಟಿ ಮತ್ತು ಕಾಳಜಿಯನ್ನು ಹೇಳುತ್ತದೆ. ಮೈಸೂರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಬೆಳೆದಿಲ್ಲದವರಿಗೂ— ವಿಶೇಷವಾಗಿ ಬೆಳಗಿಸಿದಾಗ—ಅರಮನೆ ನೋಡುವುದು ಇತಿಹಾಸದೊಳಗೆ ಕಾಲಿಟ್ಟಂತೆ ಭಾಸವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ; ಭೂತಕಾಲವನ್ನು ಜೀವಂತವಾಗಿಸುತ್ತದೆ.

ಈ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಸ್ಮಾರಕಗಳು ಮೈಸೂರು ದಸರಾ ಹಬ್ಬದಲ್ಲಿ ಅತ್ಯಂತ ಶಕ್ತಿಯಾಗಿ ಒಂದಾಗುತ್ತವೆ. ಒಳ್ಳೆಯದು ಕೆಟ್ಟದ ಮೇಲೆ ಜಯ ಸಾಧಿಸುವುದನ್ನು ಆಚರಿಸುವ ದಸರಾ, ಶತಮಾನಗಳಿಂದ ರಾಜಸ ಪರಂಪರೆ ಮತ್ತು ಭಕ್ತಿಯಿಂದ ಮೈಸೂರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಆಚರಿಸಲಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಹಬ್ಬದ ಪ್ರಮುಖ ಆಕರ್ಷಣೆ ದಸರಾ ಮೆರವಣಿಗೆ—ಅಲಂಕರಿಸಲಾದ ಆನೆಯ ಮೇಲಿರುವ ಚಿನ್ನದ ಅಂಬಾರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಚಾಮುಂಡೇಶ್ವರಿ ದೇವಿಯ ಮೂರ್ತಿಯನ್ನು ಅರಮನೆಯಿಂದ ನಗರದ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಾಗಿಸುವ ಭವ್ಯ ದೃಶ್ಯ.

ಸಂಗೀತ, ಬೆಳಕುಗಳು, ಮತ್ತು ಜನರಿಂದ ತುಂಬಿದ ಬೀದಿಗಳು—even ದೂರದಿಂದ ನೋಡುವವರಲ್ಲಿಯೂ—ಹೆಮ್ಮೆ ಮತ್ತು ಏಕತೆಯ ಭಾವನೆಯನ್ನು ಮೂಡಿಸುತ್ತವೆ.

ಒಟ್ಟಾಗಿ, ಚಾಮುಂಡಿ ಬೆಟ್ಟ, ಮೈಸೂರು ಅರಮನೆ, ಮತ್ತು ದಸರಾ ಮೆರವಣಿಗೆ ಮೈಸೂರಿನ ಆತ್ಮವನ್ನು ನಿರ್ವಚಿಸುತ್ತವೆ. ಅವು ನಂಬಿಕೆ, ಇತಿಹಾಸ, ಮತ್ತು ಹಬ್ಬಗಳ ಮೌಲ್ಯಗಳನ್ನು ಪ್ರತಿನಿಧಿಸುತ್ತವೆ—ಜಗತ್ತಿನ ಯಾವ ಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿದ್ದರೂ ಜನರನ್ನು ಮೈಸೂರಿಗೆ ಕೊಂಡೊಯ್ಯುವ ಮೌಲ್ಯಗಳು. ವಿದೇಶಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಬೆಳೆದ ನಮ್ಮಂತಹವರಿಗೆ, ಮೈಸೂರು ನಮ್ಮ ಪರಂಪರೆಯೊಂದಿಗೆ ಇರುವ ಶಕ್ತಿಯುತ ಸೇತುವೆ; ಮನೆ ಎಂದರೆ ನಾವು ಬೆಳೆದ ಸ್ಥಳ ಮಾತ್ರವಲ್ಲ, ನಮ್ಮ ಬೀರುಗಳು ಆರಂಭವಾದ ನೆಲವೂ ಹೌದು ಎಂಬ ನೆನಪು.



ಚಿತ್ರದುರ್ಗದ ಕೋಟೆಯು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದ ಒಂದು ಐತಿಹಾಸಿಕ ಕೋಟೆ. ಇದು ಏಳು ಸುತ್ತಿನ ಗೋಡೆಗಳು, ೧೯ ಮುಖ್ಯ ದ್ವಾರಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ೨೮ ಸಣ್ಣದ್ವಾರಗಳನ್ನು ಹೊಂದಿದೆ.

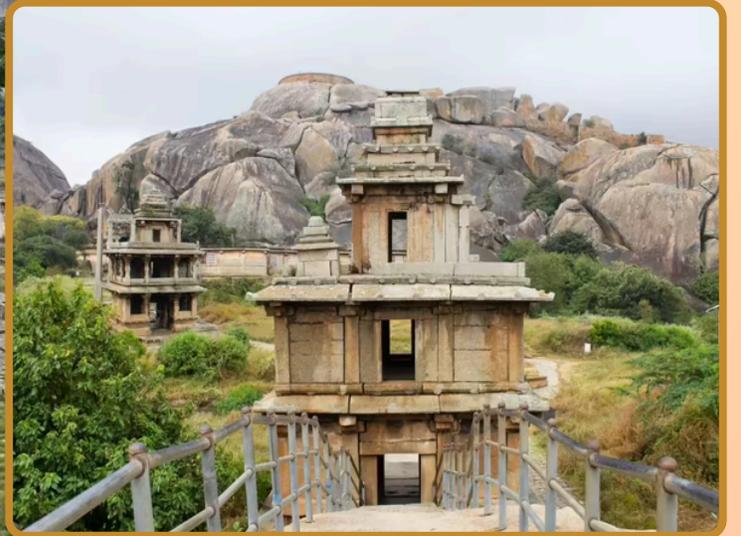
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ವೀರ ವನಿತೆ ಓಬವ್ವ: ಕೋಟೆಯ 'ಕಿಂಡಿ' ಯು ವೀರ ವನಿತೆ ಓಬವ್ವಳ ಕಥೆಯನ್ನು ನೆನಪಿಸುತ್ತದೆ. ಆಕೆ ಹೈದರ್ ಅಲಿಯ ಸೈನಿಕರನ್ನು ಕಿಂಡಿಯ ಮೂಲಕ ಬರದಂತೆ ತಡೆದಿದ್ದಳು.

ವಾಸ್ತುಶಿಲ್ಪ: ಕೋಟೆಯ ಒಳಗೆ ಸಂಪಗೆ ಸಿದ್ಧೇಶ್ವರ ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ದೇವಾಲಯ, ಏಕನಾಥೇಶ್ವರಿ ದೇವಾಲಯ ಮತ್ತು ಅಕ್ಕ-ತಂಗಿಯರ ಹೊಂಡಗಳಿವೆ

ಚಿತ್ರದುರ್ಗದ ಕೋಟೆಯು ಕೌಟಿಲ್ಯನ ಅರ್ಥಶಾಸ್ತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ವಿವರಿಸಿರುವಂತೆ 'ಗಿರಿದುರ್ಗ', 'ಜಲದುರ್ಗ' ಮತ್ತು 'ವನದುರ್ಗ' ದ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಲಕ್ಷಣಗಳನ್ನು ಒಳಗೊಂಡಿರುವ ವಿಸ್ಮಯಕಾರಿ ಸ್ಮಾರಕ.

ಚಿತ್ರದುರ್ಗದ ಕೋಟೆಯು ಕೇವಲ ಕಲ್ಲುಗಳ ಗುಡ್ಡೆಯಲ್ಲ. ಅದು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದ ವೀರ ಪರಂಪರೆ, ಕಲೆ ಮತ್ತು ಸಾಹಸದ ಸಂಕೇತವಾಗಿದೆ.

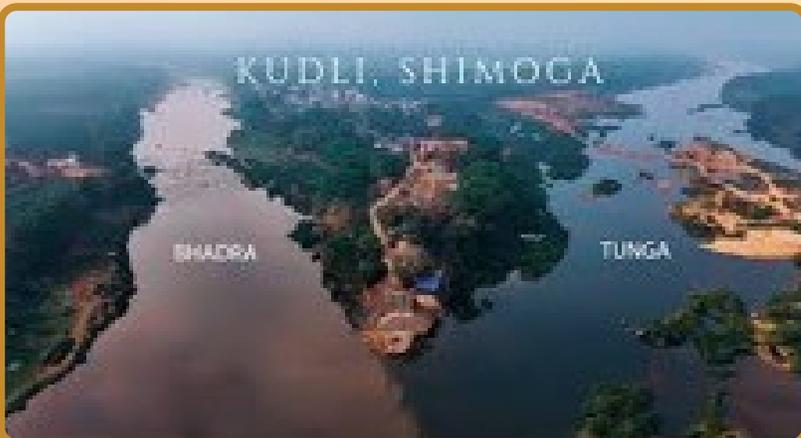


# Tunga River

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The Tunga River, also called ತುಂಗಾ ನದಿ (Tunga Nadi) in Kannada, is important in Karnataka. It starts in the Western Ghats, near a place called Gangamoola in the Chikkamagaluru district. The water is clean and fresh, and many people use it for drinking and farming. The river flows through towns like Sringeri and Thirthahalli, where it is also a holy river for many Hindus. There are green forests and hills along its banks, which make the area very beautiful. Later, the Tunga River joins the Bhadra River to form the Tungabhadra River. Dams on the river help provide water and electricity to nearby places. Because of all this, the Tunga River is very important for the ಜನರು (People), ಪ್ರಾಣಿಗಳು (Animals), and ಗಿಡಗಳು (Plants) living near it.

Near the Tunga River in Karnataka, there are many important places and structures. One of the most famous is the Gajanur Dam, built across the Tunga River near the city of Shivamogga, which stores water for drinking, farming, and making electricity. Along the river, there are also well-known temples such as the Sri Sharadamba Temple and the Sri Vidyashankara Temple in Sringeri, where people come to pray, study, and celebrate festivals. Additionally, small factories and mills located near the river process rice, sugarcane, and other crops grown by local farmers. Together, the dam, temples, and factories show how the Tunga River supports both the daily life and the culture of the people living nearby.



Makar Sankranti is a vibrant and joyful festival celebrated across India. It marks the sun's entry into the Capricorn zodiac sign, the end of the winter solstice, and the beginning of longer, brighter days. The festival brings together mythology, astronomy, and agriculture, making it meaningful in many ways.

In Hindu tradition, this period is called Uttarayana and is considered very auspicious. In the Mahabharata, the warrior Bhishma chose to leave his mortal body that was trapped in a bed of arrows during Uttarayana, believing it would lead to liberation (moksha). Because of this history, many people believe that good deeds, prayers, and rituals performed during this time are especially blessed.

Makar Sankranti is celebrated differently across India, with each region adding its own special touch. In Karnataka, for example, people exchange "Ellu-Bella," a mix of sesame seeds, jaggery, coconut, peanuts, and fried gram that symbolizes harmony and goodwill. Sharing Ellu-Bella is a warm gesture that strengthens relationships and community bonds.

The festival is closely linked to the harvest season. As a person in a proud farming background, we farmers, such as my father and grandfather, thank nature, the sun, and the earth for good crops and lifestyle. In many villages, cattle are decorated with flowers and painted horns and are honored for their role in farming.

Many use this festival to reflect on their lives, let go of past grievances, and make a fresh start. Acts of charity, such as giving food, clothes, or money to those in need, are common and reflect the Hindu ideal of living a compassionate and meaningful life.

In conclusion, Makar Sankranti is more than just a festival; it is a celebration of life, nature, and community. It encourages gratitude, sharing, and looking to the future with hope and positivity.



ಒಬ್ಬ ಅವ್ವ ಬಿಡದಿಯ ಹತ್ತಿರದ ಚಿಕ್ಕ ಹಳ್ಳಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇದ್ದಾರೆ, ಇನ್ನೊಬ್ಬ ಅವ್ವ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರುದಲ್ಲಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ನನಗೆ ನನ್ನ ಇಬ್ಬರು ಅವ್ವಂದಿರು ತುಂಬಾ ಇಷ್ಟ.

ಹಳ್ಳಿಗೆ ಹೋದಾಗ ತಾತನ ಜೊತೆ ಆಡುಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಎಮ್ಮೆಗಳನ್ನು ಹೊಲಕ್ಕೆ ಕರೆದುಕೊಂಡು ಹೋಗುವುದು ಹಾಗೂ ಅವುಗಳಿಗೆ ಹುಲ್ಲು ಹಾಕುವುದು ನನಗೆ ತುಂಬಾ ಇಷ್ಟ.

ಹಳ್ಳಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆಯುವಾಗ ಎಲ್ಲರೂ “ಯಾರ ಮಗ ನೀನು?” “ಯಾರ ಮೊಮ್ಮಗ ನೀನು?” ಎಂದು ಕೇಳುತ್ತಾರೆ; ನಾನು ನನ್ನ ತಾತ ಮತ್ತು ಅಪ್ಪನ ಹೆಸರು ಹೇಳಿದಾಗ ನನಗೆ ತುಂಬಾ ಖುಷಿಯಾಗುತ್ತದೆ.

ಮಾಳಿಗೆ ಮೇಲೆ ನಿಂತು ದೊಡ್ಡ ದೊಡ್ಡ ಮರಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ನಮ್ಮ ಹಳ್ಳಿಯನ್ನು ನೋಡುವುದು ನನಗೆ ತುಂಬಾ ಇಷ್ಟ.

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಅವ್ವ ನನ್ನನ್ನು ದೇವಸ್ಥಾನಕ್ಕೆ ಕರೆದುಕೊಂಡು ಹೋಗಿ ಶ್ಲೋಕ ಕಲಿಸುತ್ತಾರೆ; ತಾತ ಚಿಕ್ಕ ಅಂಗಡಿಗೆ ಕರೆದುಕೊಂಡು ಹೋಗಿ ಕ್ಯಾಂಡಿ ಕೊಡಿಸುತ್ತಾರೆ ಮತ್ತು “ಓಡಬೇಡ, ವಾಹನಗಳು ಬೇಗ ಬರುತ್ತವೆ” ಎಂದು ಹೇಳುತ್ತಾರೆ.

ನಾನು ನನ್ನ ಕುಟುಂಬದ ಜೊತೆ ಮತ್ತೆ ನನ್ನ ಇಬ್ಬರೂ ಅವ್ವಂದಿರ ಮನೆಗೆ ಹೋಗಲು ಕಾಯುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇನೆ.

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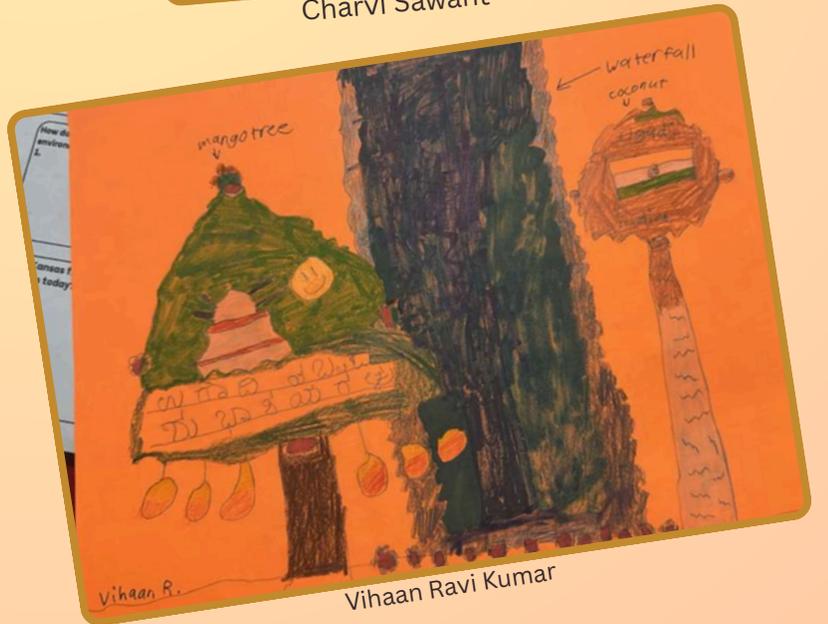
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