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## President's Note

Dear NASA Members,

Happy Deepavali wishes to everyone! We hope that in this pandemic each one of you is safe and healthy. The NASA BOD has been working hard over the past few months and we have some exciting updates!

We received several requests to help fellow Sankethis in India through NASA. Ganesh Rao took the lead in doing a considerable amount of research on this topic; we have decided to sign an agreement with KSS. We are creating two funds to which NASA members can donate money. We will work with KSS to achieve our shared charitable goals. Thank you to all that helped us in making this happen. Please consider donating to the NASA funds! We are also in the process of updating our website.

The BOD truly missed seeing everyone this past July. Since we do not know when we will be able to safely meet in person, we have decided to have our NASA annual event through Zoom this year with some cultural activities and the GBM. This event will be taking place from 10AM – 3PM (with an hour lunch break) each day on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020. We have a lineup of excellent programs including Children's and Youth Talent Show and discussion on the impact of COVID-19 on their academic and social life, an interesting talk by a well-known public speaker Dr. Gururaja Karajagi, stand-up comedy by Sudha Baragur, Karnatic Classical concerts by two young Sankethi artistes based in India, Akshatha Rudrapatna and Dhanya Dinesh. In addition to these programs we are planning to support the video recording of a Karnatik vocal concert by Shanthala Subramanyam.

We will update you with more details as we get closer to the program. We kindly ask those who would like to sponsor any of the programs to send a check payable to NASA to NASA Treasurer Raghunath or me, or using PayPal through the NASA website.

NASA is fueled by the work of our Board of Directors (BOD) and would not be possible without these volunteer efforts. I encourage anyone who is interested in joining the BOD to please step forward so we can continue to have great programs!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 860-648-9798.

Once again, please keep these dates free to enjoy this year's NASA programs and stay safe and healthy!

Sincerely,

Prema Keshava Kumar  
NASA President

## **1. NASA Annual Event 2020**

This year's annual gathering will be a virtual event because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. We all miss meeting in person as we have done for decades; however, given the circumstances, we are happy that we can still get together and have a good time in one another's company, albeit virtually. We will send you the final schedule and log in details soon, but please mark your calendars for Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 3 PM. We are planning an exciting program for you and so we hope that we get a large participation, especially since you will be joining us from the comfort and safety of your own homes.

Here is a tentative program schedule:

### **Saturday December 12, 2020**

- 10:00 AM – 10:15 AM** Welcome and Program Introduction
- 10:15 AM – 11:15 AM** Stand-up Comedy by Sudha Baragur
- 11:15 AM – 12:15 PM** Karnatik Concert #1
- 12:15 PM – 12:45 PM** Introductions / Sankethi Heritage
- 12:45 PM – 1:30 PM** Lunch Break
- 1:30 PM – 2:25 PM** Children/Youth Talent Show
- 2:25 PM – 2:55 PM** Coping with school and home life during the pandemic – A “roundtable discussion”
- 2:55 PM – 3:00 PM** Wrap-up of Day 1

### **Sunday December 13, 2020**

- 10:00 AM – 10:15 AM** Welcome Back
- 10:15 AM – 11:15 AM** Thematic Talk by Dr. Gururaja Karajagi
- 11:15 AM – 11:30 AM** Kowshika Sankethi Sangha Platinum Jubilee
- 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM** Karnatik Concert #2
- 12:30 PM – 1:15 PM** Lunch Break
- 1:15 PM – 2:45 PM** General Body Meeting / Election of New Board Members
- 2:45 PM – 3:00 PM** Wrap-up of Event

## **2. Notification Of The General Body Meeting (GBM) To Be Held On December 13, 2020**

Dear Members:

The 2020 Annual GBM will convene on Sunday, December 13, 2020 at 1:15 PM EST via virtual video conferencing. The order of business will be as follows:

1. Roll call
2. Reading/Confirmation of minutes of the preceding meeting
3. President's address
4. Secretary's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Old and unfinished business
7. New business
8. Good and Welfare
9. Adjournment

Any member in good standing may introduce a motion from the floor with the permission of the Chair. Such permission shall not be denied if the member has given written notice of such motion to the corporation at least ten days but not more than fifty days prior to the scheduled date of the meeting provided, however, that the advance notice requirement may be waived if the estimated additional financial exposure to the corporation from the proposed motion is less than US\$500 in the relevant fiscal year(s).

The BOD would also like to propose the following new business:

Proposal: The Board of Directors proposes to postpone the 2020 NASA elections until the next GBM in 2021. This is to avoid the difficulty of conducting an election during a virtual conference and to maintain continuity during the pandemic. There is no financial impact of this motion. The BOD has already discussed and unanimously agreed to this motion and we are now presenting it to the members.

Please note that per NASA bylaws only members in good standing as of the Record Date may vote in any formal motion or election of office bearers. We would encourage non-members desirous of joining NASA to consider life membership instead of annual membership. Membership form may be printed from our website [www.Sankethi.org](http://www.Sankethi.org) .

Submitted by: Ganesh Rao Secretary

### **3. Invitation To Join The NASA Board**

The NASA BOD has several openings and we need your help! Please consider volunteering to help us in planning and conducting activities and events, and in managing the NASA organization. We need you! Please email any member of the BOD to volunteer or for more information.

### **4. Invitation To Participate In The NASA Annual Event Talent Show**

We invite NASA children and youth to share their talent with the community during our annual event. Please contact Amrutha Viswanatha ([Amrutha.viswa@gmail.com](mailto:Amrutha.viswa@gmail.com) / 908-331-2596) or Prema Kumar ([keshavprema@gmail.com](mailto:keshavprema@gmail.com) / 860-648-9798) to indicate your interest. Please indicate the name, age, talent (vocal singing, instrument, dance, etc.) and time needed. Depending on the number of participants, we may need to limit your performance to 5 minutes.

### **5. Invitation To Participate In A Children/Youth Discussion On Coping With The Pandemic**

The pandemic has changed our lives dramatically over the past 9 months. Most of our school-going children and college students have faced significant challenges managing with online classes, lack of face-to-face interaction with teachers, classmates and friends. We thought it would be interesting to have a “roundtable discussion” amongst our young members on the challenges they have faced and how they are coping with those. We encourage young members (middle school, high school or college students) to join this virtual, moderated discussion. Please contact Sudarshan ([sudi\\_sudarshan@yahoo.com](mailto:sudi_sudarshan@yahoo.com) / 248-921-2673) if you would like to participate, indicating your age, grade/year and where you go to school. Depending on the number of participants by age/class and duration of other programs, we might divide the group into two.

## **6. NASA Charity Funds Established**

The NASA BOD is proud to announce the institution of two charitable funds to provide assistance to needy Sankethis in India through our partner organization, the Kowshika Sankethi Sangha (KSS). NASA encourages everyone to donate generously to support these worthy causes. If you are eligible for employer-matching programs, please use those to increase your impact. It only takes a little to have a large impact. **And since NASA is a registered 501(c)(3) charitable organization, you may be eligible for tax benefits for your donations to these funds.**

To make donations, please send your check or electronic payments to the address below. Please indicate the fund you would like to receive your donation. NASA will provide a receipt acknowledging your generous donation.

**NASA, Inc.  
161 Natsisky Farm Rd.  
South Windsor, CT 06074**

### **Sankethi Scholarship Fund**

In order to provide support for those Sankethi students in India who need lodging and other financial assistance, the North American Sankethi Association is creating a Sankethi Scholarship Fund. Donations to this fund will be used to provide boarding, lodging and educational assistance to needy Sankethi students in India. The funds will be managed according to IRS guidelines and disbursed at NASA's discretion to eligible organizations in India. About 95% of the funds collected will be used for charitable purposes and the remainder will be used to cover administrative expenses.

Boarding and lodging for one Sankethi student in a hostel	\$300/year (\$25/month)
Degree student scholarship (Medical, Engineering, PG, etc)	\$120/year (\$10/month)
Pre-degree students	\$90/year (\$7.50/month)
Other students (10-12 grade)	\$60/year (\$5/month)
Partial college fee reimbursement	\$480/year (\$40/month)
General support	Any amount

### **Sankethi Senior Citizen Fund**

Many Sankethi senior citizens in India are left without money or family to support them in their old age. The Sankethi Old-Age Home provides these needy seniors with lodging, food and medical care. Donations to this fund will be used to support the needs of these elderly Sankethis in Bengaluru. The funds will be managed according to IRS guidelines and disbursed at NASA's discretion to eligible organizations in India. About 95% of the funds collected will be used for charitable purposes and the remainder will be used to cover administrative expenses.

Senior Citizen/widow/disability pension. **This is an urgent need**	\$180/year (\$15/month)
Boarding and lodging in the Sankethi Old Age Home	\$720/year (\$60/month)
Emergency Medical Support	\$180/year (\$15/month)
General support	Any amount

## 7. It's All About The Food!

In this issue of Chiguru, we have two recipes from none other than our President Prema Keshav Kumar. Happy cooking and eating!

### Recipe for Bread Upittu by Prema Keshav Kumar

#### Ingredients:

This recipe serves about 8 people. The recipe takes about an hour and is best to eat when hot!

One loaf of bread (suggested: tomato basil bread or sourdough bread)

1 onion

1 green pepper

1 red pepper

1 yellow pepper

1 orange pepper

2 carrots

1 potato

1 small head of broccoli

1 tomato

4-5 green chilis (or 2 jalapeños)

2 tablespoons of chopped cilantro

½ cup oil

¼ teaspoon of mustard seeds

¼ teaspoon of cumin seeds

½ teaspoon of urad dal

½ teaspoon of chana dal

Pinch of turmeric

Pinch of ingu (asafoetida)



#### Directions:

1. Chop the vegetables into cubes.
2. Cut bread into 2-inch squares.
3. Create the seasoning by adding mustard seeds, cumin seeds, chopped chilis, Ingu, turmeric, and curry leaves, urad dal, chana dal to hot oil.
4. Add onions to the seasoning and sauté for 3-5 minutes, then add in potatoes. Stir occasionally.
5. After 3-5 minutes add in all the peppers and carrots. Stir occasionally.
6. After about 7 minutes, add in the tomato and broccoli.
7. Add salt and cilantro and then add the bread and gently mix together.

Note: If you would like, you can use less vegetables or use the vegetable palya for sandwiches too!

## Special Chutneypudi Recipe by Prema Keshav Kumar

### Ingredients

This recipe makes about 5 cups.

- 2 cups of chia seeds
- 1 cup of roasted flax seeds
- 1 cup of sesame seeds
- 1 cup of curry leaves
- 10 to 15 red chilies (depending on your spice level)
- 1 cup of dry coconut flakes
- 2 teaspoons of oil
- 2 teaspoons of salt
- Pinch of ingu (asafoetida)
- Pinch of turmeric powder
- 2 teaspoons of Tamarind
- 4 tablespoons of jaggery powder (or brown sugar powder)



### Instructions:

1. Lightly roast the chia seeds and sesame seeds, and mix in roasted flax seeds.
2. Then, separately roast curry leaves, red chilies, tamarind pieces, Ingu, and salt with 2 teaspoons of oil for 6 minutes.
3. Wait for everything to cool down.
4. Put everything including the turmeric powder and jaggery powder in a blender and blend into dry coarse powder.
5. Enjoy with olive oil as a side for thindi or with yogurt rice!

## 8. Poetry By Dr. M.S. Nataraja

We are pleased to bring once again two poems penned by Dr. M.S. Nataraja. Irrespective of your political inclinations, we hope you will enjoy these poems about COVID and Trump's encounter with it! Dr. Nataraja shows again his uncanny ability to write about current affairs in his inimitable style, laced with a generous "Sankethi" helping of humor.

# ತುರುಫನು ಬಂದನು ಶ್ವೇತಭವನಕೆ

ಮೈ.ಶ್ರೀ. ನಟರಾಜ (ಕೆ ಎಸ್ ನ ಅವರ ಕ್ಷಮೆ ಕೋರ)

ತುರುಫನು ಬಂದನು ಶ್ವೇತಭವನಕೆ  
ಸಂಜೆಯಾಗಿತ್ತು  
ಕಣ್ಣಿಗೆ ಮಣ್ಣನ್ನು ಎರಚಿದ ತೆರದಿ  
ಚಾಪರ್ ಇಳಿದಿತ್ತು -- ಗಿರ್ಫನೆ  
ಚಾಪರ್ ತಿರುಗಿತ್ತು

ಪೌರರ ಮನೆಯಲಿ ಬಣ್ಣದ ಬಾವುಟ  
ಪಟಪಟ ಹಾರಿತ್ತು  
ತುರುಫನು ಮುಖದಲಿ ಹಚ್ಚಿದ ಮೇಕಪ್  
ಎದ್ದು ಕಾಣುತ್ತಿತ್ತು -- ಕೋವಿಡ್  
ಕದ್ದು ನೋಡುತ್ತಿತ್ತು

ರೆಮ್ನಿಜಿವೀರ್ ಹೈಡ್ರಾಕ್ಸಿಕ್ಲೋರೋಕ್ವಿನ್  
ತುರುಫನ ಕಾದಿತ್ತು  
ರೀಜಿನೆರಾನ್ ಮಾನೋಕ್ಲೋನಲ್  
ಕಾಕ್ವೇಲ್ ಕರೆದಿತ್ತು -- ತುರುಫಗೆ  
ಅಮೃತವೇ ದೊರಕಿತ್ತು

ತಿಪ್ಪರುಗಾಲಿನ ಮಂಚದ ಮೇಗಡೆ  
ಮೆತ್ತನೆ ಹಾಸಿತ್ತು  
ಸ್ವೀರಾಯ್ ಸೇರಿದ ರಕ್ತದ ಪ್ರಭಾವ  
ಕುತಕುತ ಕುದಿದಿತ್ತು -- ತುರುಫನ  
ನಿದ್ರೆಯ ಕಸಿದಿತ್ತು

ಚಿನ್ನದ ಕೂದಲ ಕೆಲ್ಲಿಯು ತಂದಳು  
ಸುಳ್ಳಿನ ಸುದ್ದಿಯನು  
ಜೈ ಜೈ ಎನ್ನುವ ತುರುಫರ ಭಕ್ತರ  
ವಿಡಿಯೋ ತುಣುಕನ್ನು -- ಆದರೆ  
ಮೆಲೀನಿಯಾ ಗಾಯಬ್ಬು

ತೆಳ್ಳನೆ ಕೆಲ್ಲಿಯ ಕರೆದಿಂತೆಂದನು  
'ಮಡದಿಯ ಕರೆಯಮ್ಮ'  
ಮೆಲುದನಿಯಲಿ ಕೆಲ್ಲಿಯು ಅಂದಳು  
'ಆಕೆಗೆ ಏಕಾಂತ' -- ನಕ್ಕಳು  
ತುರುಫನು ನಗಲಿಲ್ಲ

ಮೆಟ್ಟಲನೇರುತ ಬಂದನು ತುರುಫನು  
ಕೋವಿಡ್ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆಯಿಂದ  
ಕಣ್ಣನ್ನು ಕಡಿದರು ನಿದ್ರೆಯು ಬಾರದುದನ್ನು  
ಕಮಲಳ ಕನಸಿಂದ -- ನಡುಗಿಪ  
ಸೋಲಿನ ಭಯದಿಂದ

ಬೆಳಗಾಯಿತು 'ಸರಿ ಹೊರಡುವೆ'ನೆಂದನು  
ಕ್ಯಾಂಪೇನ್ ನೆಪದಲ್ಲಿ  
ಸೂಜಿಯ ಚುಚ್ಚುತ ಕಾಕ್ವೇಲ್ ಕೊಟ್ಟನು  
ಡಾಕ್ಟರ್ ಗುಡುಗುತಲಿ -- ತೆಪ್ಪನೆ  
ಮಲಗೋ ಎನ್ನುತಲಿ

ಕೋಪದಿ ಕುದಿಯುತ ಪುಂಡ ತುರುಫನು  
ತೆಗೆದನು ಮುಸುಕನ್ನು  
ಭುಸುಭುಸುಗುಟ್ಟುತ ಉಸಿರನು ಬಿಟ್ಟನು  
ಹರಡುತ ವೈರಾಣು -- ಎಲ್ಲರಿಗು  
ಕೋವಿಡ್ ವೈರಾಣು!

ದೇಶವ ವಿಭಜಿಸಿ ಸುಡಲು ಹೊರಟಿಹನು  
ಸುಳ್ಳುಕೋರನವನು  
ಮತ್ತೊಮ್ಮೆ ಗೆದ್ದರೆ ಹಿಡಿಯುವರಾರು  
ಸುಳ್ಳುಕೋರನವನು -- ಐನಾತಿ  
ತೆರಿಗೆ ವಂಚಕನು!

# 'ಆಹಾ ಅಮೇರಿಕ' 'ಅಯ್ಯೋ ಅಮೇರಿಕ'

ಡಾ. ಮೈ.ಶ್ರೀ. ನಟರಾಜ

ಅಂದು, ಅಮೇರಿಕದ ನೆಲದಲ್ಲಿ  
ನಾನು ಕಾಲಿಟ್ಟು ವರುಷ  
ತಂದಿತ್ತು ಎಲ್ಲಿಲ್ಲದ ಹರುಷ  
ಈ ಮಹಾನ್ ದೇಶದ ಪ್ರಜೆಯೊಬ್ಬ  
ಚಂದ್ರನಮೇಲೆ ಹೆಜ್ಜೆ ಊರಿದ್ದ  
ಎಲ್ಲರೂ ನೋಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಂತೆಯೇ!

ಇಂದು, ಈ ವರುಷ, ತರಲಿಲ್ಲ ಹರುಷ  
ಪೋಲೀಸನೊಬ್ಬ ಅಸಹಾಯಕನ  
ಕುತ್ತಿಗೆಯ ಮೇಲೆ ಮಂಡಿ ಊರಿದ್ದ  
ಉಸಿರುಕಟ್ಟಿ ದಮ್ಮಯ್ಯ ಎಂದರೂ ಬಿಡದೆ  
ಉರುಳಿಸಿ ಕೊರಳ ತಿವಿದಿದ್ದ, ಹತ್ಯೆಗೈದಿದ್ದ  
ಎಲ್ಲರೂ ನೋಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಂತೆಯೇ!

ಅಂದು, ಒಂದೂವರೆ ಶತಮಾನದ ಹಿಂದೆ  
ಆ ಮಹಾಶಯನೊಬ್ಬ ಹೇಳಿದ್ದ  
"ಪ್ರಜೆಗಳದೇ ಸರ್ಕಾರ, ಪ್ರಜೆಗಳಿಂದಲೇ ಸರ್ಕಾರ,  
ಪ್ರಜೆಗಳಿಗಾಗಿಯೇ ಸರ್ಕಾರ"  
"ನಾನೆಂತು ಗುಲಾಮನಾಗಲಾರೆನೋ  
ಅಂತೆಯೇ, ನಾನೆಂದಿಗೂ ಆಗಲಾರೆ ಒಡೆಯ"

ಇಂದು, ಈ ಮಹಾಶಯನೊಬ್ಬ ಹೇಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾನೆ  
ಕಿಂಚಿತ್ತೂ ಸಂಕೋಚವಿಲ್ಲದೇ  
"ನನ್ನದೇ ಸರ್ಕಾರ, ನನ್ನಿಂದಲೇ ಸರ್ಕಾರ,  
ನನಗಾಗಿಯೇ ಸರ್ಕಾರ"  
"ವಿಜ್ಞಾನಿಗಳಿಗೇನು ಮಹಾ ಗೊತ್ತು? ಗೊಟ್ಟೆ  
ಎತೆಂಥವರನ್ನೇ ನಾನು ಫೈರ್ ಮಾಡಿ ಬಿಟ್ಟೆ!"

ಅಂದು, ಚುನಾವಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸೋತವರು  
ಗೆದ್ದವರಿಗೆ ಸಲಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದರು ಅಭಿನಂದನೆ  
ಕೋರುತ್ತಿದ್ದರು ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರದ ಹಿತವನ್ನು  
ನೆಮ್ಮದಿಯಲಿ ಹಿನ್ನೆಲೆಗೆ ಸರಿದು  
ಬರೆಯುತ್ತಿದ್ದರು ಆತ್ಮಚರಿತ್ರೆಗಳನ್ನು  
ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದರು ದೀನದಲಿತರ ಸೇವೆಯನ್ನು

ಇಂದು, ಸೋತವ ತಾನೇ ಗೆದ್ದೆನ್ನುತ್ತಾನೆ  
ಗೆದ್ದವಗೆ ಸಲಿಸುತ್ತಾನೆ ಅಭಿನಂದನೆ  
'ಗೆದ್ದರೆ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಸರಿ, ಸೋತರೆ ಎಣಿಕೆಯಂತ್ರ  
ಕುತಂತ್ರ'  
'ಬಿಡಲಾರೆ ಕುರ್ಚಿ' ಎಂದು ಪಟ್ಟುಹಿಡಿದು  
ಕೋರ್ಟು ಕಛೇರಿ ಮೆಟ್ಟಲೇರುತ್ತಾನೆ  
ಜೂಲಿಯಾನಿಯಂಥಾ ಜೂಲನಾಯನ್ನು ಛೂ  
ಬಿಡುತ್ತಾನೆ

ಅಂದು, ಈ ದೇಶದಲಿ ಮೊದಲು ಕಾಲಿಟ್ಟಾಗ  
ಕನಸುಗಳ ಕಂಡು ಸಂಭ್ರಮಪಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೆವು  
ಹಾಲು-ಜೇನಿನ ದೇಶವೆಂದು ಕುಣಿದಾಡಿದ್ದೆವು  
ಅವಕಾಶಗಳ ಕೋಶವೆಂದು ಹಾಡಿದ್ದೆವು  
ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿ-ವಾಕ್-ಸ್ವಾತಂತ್ರ್ಯಗಳ ನಾಡೆಂದು  
ಮೆರೆದಿದ್ದೆವು  
ಇನ್ನೆಲ್ಲಿಯ ಸ್ವರ್ಗ ಎಂದು ಭ್ರಮಿಸಿದ್ದೆವು

ಇಂದು, ಮೊಮ್ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಕಾಲಕ್ಕೆ ಕಾಲಿಟ್ಟು  
ಅಮೇರಿಕಾ 'ಮಹಾನ್' ಆದುದನು ಕಂಡೆವು  
ಸ್ವಾತಂತ್ರ್ಯದೇವಿಯ ಕಣ್ಣೀರ ಕುಡಿದೆವು  
ಕೆಂಪು-ನೀಲಿಗಳ ವಿಭಜನೆಗೆ ಸಾಕ್ಷಿಗಳಾದೆವು  
ಪ್ರಜೆಗಳ ಮಿತಿಯನು ಪ್ರಭುಗಳ ಅತಿಯನು  
ಭಂಡ ಮುಖಂಡರ ನಿಜರೂಪಗಳನರಿತೆವು

ಅಂದು ನಾವಿಬ್ಬರೇ, ಪುಟ್ಟಗೂಡಿನಂಥ  
ಮನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ರೆಕ್ಕೆ ಹರಡಿ ಹಾರಾಡುತ್ತಾ  
'ಆಹಾ ಅಮೇರಿಕಾ' ಎನ್ನುತ್ತ ಮಧುಚಂದ್ರ  
ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೆವು

ಇಂದೂ ನಾವಿಬ್ಬರೇ, ಮಹಲಿನಂಥ  
ಬಂಗಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ  
ಬಂದಿಗಳಾಗಿ ಕೋವಿಡ್ ಸಾವಿನ ಲೆಕ್ಕವ ಕೇಳುತ್ತ  
'ಅಯ್ಯೋ ಅಮೇರಿಕ' ಎನ್ನುತ್ತ ಕುಳಿತಿಹೆವು!

## 9. Community News



**Rajath Sathyaprakash**, son of Dr. Uma and Dr. Bangalore Sathyaprakash of State College, PA, completed his PhD at Durham University in the United Kingdom in the field of X-Ray Astronomy. His thesis was focused on the observations of extragalactic compact sources such as neutron stars and black holes that are tidally shredding their neighboring star, thus emitting intense radiation at X-ray and optical wavelengths. These observations are used for testing various aspects of Einstein's gravitational theories, learn about the exotic structural properties of neutron stars and how such objects are formed.

Rajath is currently a postdoctoral fellow at the Institute of Space Sciences in Barcelona, Spain where he is building on his prior research work by using artificial intelligence algorithms to automate the analysis of data from astronomical telescopes.



**Chaitra Sathyaprakash**, daughter of Dr Uma and Dr Bangalore Sathyaprakash of State College, PA, completed her DPhil at the University of Oxford, United Kingdom, in the Nuffield Department of Clinical Neurosciences. She worked in a group specializing in understanding amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease, a neuro-degenerative disease in which neurons which control all voluntary movement are progressively lost.

Chaitra is currently working as a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom to further the understanding of the pathology of synapses in the brain in patients with dementia towards identifying defects associated with Alzheimer's Disease, the most common form of dementia.

## 10. Condolences

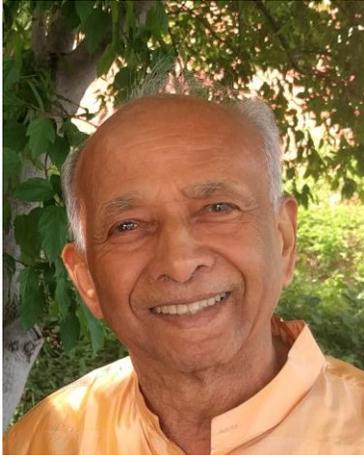
Several members of the Sankethi Community in North America including two Past Presidents of NASA are no longer with us. The NASA Board expresses deep condolences to the bereaved family and friends. Many of you participated in the Memorial Services we held in June through Zoom to remember those who departed earlier this year.

### **Sri S.N. Jagannath**



Saligram Narayan Rao Jagannath, 83, of Tampa, Florida, passed away on Thursday, February 20, 2020, having lost his wife, Smt. Leela Jagannath, only a few months earlier. Jagannath was born on July 13th 1936 in Bangalore, India - the oldest of five children. After graduating from University College of Engineering in Bangalore in 1956, he married Leelavathi in 1962. Jagannath immigrated to the U.S. in 1970, initially living in Flushing, New York City. Jagannath was NASA President during 1992-94. Jagannath's greatest attribute was a relentless work ethic and devotion to his family. Jagannath was also passionate about sports and the arts. Jagannath is survived by his sons, Diwakar and Ram, sister Mani, daughters-in-law Karen and Courtney, and granddaughters Luna and Mila.

## Sri K.V. Srikantiah



Kuppahally Venkataramiah Srikantiah, known for sharing his big warm heart throughout his life succumbed to heart complications on June 1, 2020 at the age of 85. Srikantiah, also known as Raju, was born in 1935 in Bangalore, India, the second of ten children. He married Shilaja in 1963 and came to the U.S. in 1968 to pursue graduate studies at Indiana State University. After a few years in Milwaukee where he pursued further studies, the family moved to Canada in 1975. Over the next several years, Srikantiah worked in the area of telecommunications R&D at Bell Canada, BNR, Bell Labs, and Verizon. The work that he did laid the groundwork for modern day communications including Video on Demand and Voice Over Internet Protocol.

In 1985, the Srikantiah family returned to the U.S. and became very active members of NASA. Srikantiah was passionate about ensuring that future generations would not forget their roots. He travelled to numerous Sankethi communities in India and created a documentary that captured stories from village elders. He was a fixture at NASA gatherings year after year, and served as NASA President from 2004-2006. Srikantiah is perhaps best known for the warmth and good humor he brought to NASA. He savored every moment with friends and family, just as he savored every sip of coffee and every bite of food. Although his zest for life and charismatic presence will be missed, his curiosity, ambition, and bottomless optimism will be remembered and embodied by his family and friends for years to come. Srikantiah is survived by his wife Shilaja, daughters Nandini, Ranjini, and Ashwini, sons-in-law Srikanth and Dale, and grandchildren Kiran, Akhila, Tejan and Reyva.

## In Memoriam

**Dr. Manohar R. Jagalur**, 58, of Albany, NY passed away on January 17, 2020. He leaves behind his wife Jyoti, son Zev Mahan, his parents-in-law Mattur Balakrishna and Jaya, and other relatives.

**Dr. Nagbhushan Rao**, 82, of Columbia, MD passed away on May 9, 2020. He is bereaved by his wife Revati, children Rukmini, Madhav and Meenakshi, grandchildren Sophie, Benjamin, Josiah, Micah, Mercy, Isiah, Jonah, Charis, Judah, and Cordelia, and other relatives.

**Sri BSD (Basavapatna Subbarao Dattatri) Swamy** passed away on Monday, July 22nd 2020 at the age of 89. He was the son of B.S. Dattatri, one of the stalwarts of Kowshika Sankethi Sangha, and is survived by his wife Indu, children Deepak, Jayant and Naina, their significant others, siblings and grandchildren.

**Sri Tandaveswara (Tandav) Magge** of Murrysville, PA and patriarch of the Magge family in the U.S. passed away on July 24, 2020 at the age of 88. He leaves behind his wife Susheela, his children Lakshmi, Keshav and Sandhya, their spouses Ramesh Chandra, Monica and Ketan respectively, grandchildren Anita, Ashwin, Lia, Veda, Zane and Rohan, and great grandson Niam, along with the members of the large Magge clan.

**Sri B.K. Lakshminarayana**, father of NASA Past President Dr. Keshava Kumar and father-in-law of present NASA President Prema Kumar passed away in Bangalore on July 27, 2020 at the age of 82.

**Smt. Parvathy Rangappa**, mother of Dr. Jaikumar Rangappa, and someone familiar to many in the NASA community, passed away on July 30, 2020. She is survived by her son, two daughters, six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.



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Sharvari, Maargashira, Shukla Sapthami

20 December 2020

Canada, USA 11am EST, India 9.30pm

### Inaugurators

Smt Gangamma Keshavamurthy - President Gamaka Parishat

Shri Seetharama Rao Hosabale - Senior Gamaki

Shri Hosahalli Keshavamurthy - Senior Gamaki

December

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