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President's Note

Dear NASA Community,

Our board wishes you and your family a **very happy Ugadi on April 9, 2024**. We invite all members to send pictures of your Ugadi celebrations to the NASA Facebook (North American Sankethi Association) and Instagram (@nasankethi) pages. If you would like to gather Sankethi families together for a celebration in your local area throughout the month of April, let us know - we will help!

The board has been actively preparing for the **NASA 40th Anniversary Celebrations, scheduled to occur July 4-7, 2024 in Westminster, MD**. The program will be packed with fun activities for all ages, including presentations, performances, a community charity activity and of course, delicious food! We are seeking a few additional participants for the **Punyakoti children's skit** (spearheaded by Vasudha and Narayan) – please read on for more information. We also invite you to submit recipes to our **commemorative cookbook** – this will be an enduring record of one of the most important aspects of our Sankethi culture – our delicious food! We know we have several creative members among us – all ages are welcome to participate in the **T-shirt design contest**. Submit your ideas related to our theme of **"Strengthening Connections"** today! Program and registration details are included in this edition of Chiguru. In honor of our 40th anniversary, the **first 40 registrants will get a FREE GIFT** so please return your forms as soon as possible! If you need any travel assistance or if you wish to share a room with someone, please do not hesitate to contact the board – we will do what we can to help.

Thank you to those families who have generously contributed to support the 40th Anniversary Celebration. We are so grateful for your support. We invite more families to provide donations and to submit for matching funds as well if possible. Every amount will help us defray costs and allocate funding to support NASA's mission. If you can not attend in person, sending a donation is a fantastic way to show your support for our organization as we celebrate 40 years.

Although we are very excited about looking forward to the new year and our NASA celebrations, it is with great sadness that I share news about the loss of two outstanding members of our Sankethi community. Our prayers go out to the families and friends of **Sandya Magge** and **Padma Shri AVSM Wing Commander K. Ramachandra Rao**. Please read on to learn more about each of these incredible individuals and the impact they have made. I personally will miss Sandya's infectious laugh and bright personality at NASA – she was definitely taken from us too soon. I know our NASA gatherings will feel empty without Wing Commander Rao Uncle's steady presence in the first row. His contributions to sciences and his passion to learn that continued well into his senior years has made an impression on all who interacted with him.

May the new year bring you all peace,

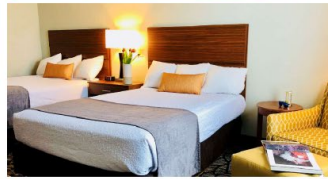
Ranjini Srikantiah, NASA President

1. NASA 40th Anniversary Celebration and Annual Get-Together 2024

We are very excited to announce that the NASA 40th Anniversary Celebration, Annual Get-Together, and General Body Meeting will take place **July 4-7, 2024**, at the **Best Western Hotel and Conference Center in Westminster, MD**. This facility will offer us accommodations in the Best Western, with a newly renovated pool, large lobby, and plenty of gathering areas, and the conference center, with a large ballroom, smaller meeting rooms and a warming kitchen. We have also secured a beautiful stage at the **Greater Baltimore-Jain Temple** for the very special productions of the children's skit and dance drama on Saturday, July 6th, both of which are bound to be performances to remember!

Check-in: July 4, 2024, 3pm

Check-out: July 7, 2024, 10am



Overall program: "Strengthening Connections"

This is just a taste of the key activities each day – there will be fun for all ages!

Program subject to change

Thursday, July 4: "Bonding"	Friday, July 5: "Learning"	Saturday, July 6: "Celebrating"	Sunday, July 7: "Returning"
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Games - Group charity activity - Field Day Activities (for the whole family!) - Dosa Dinner - Anthakshari, Karaoke 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Family Pooja - <i>Sankethi Small Business Owner</i> Interviews - Unveiling the Sankethi Commemorative Cookbook* - Professional Networking - Community Talent* - Spiritual Talk - Music Concert 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 40-year Tribute - Sankethi Jeopardy - General Body Meeting⁺ - High School and College Recognition Awards - Robotics Activity - <i>Punyakoti Children's Skit*</i> - <i>Mohini Bhasmasura Dance Drama*</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Drop off Project Linus blankets (see Charitable Activities for more info) - Receive Lunch Boxes to go - Hugs and Departures

*We need your help to make these specific activities a success – Contact a Board member and/or return your registration form **TODAY** if you are interested! Read on for more information.

+ Official notice of the General Body Meeting will be sent in due time.

Registration for this year's event is at the end of this edition of Chiguru. Send in your forms today!

2. Participate to make our 40th Anniversary Celebration Special!

Dance Drama and Children's Skit

This year, we are extremely fortunate that Sri Satyanarayana and Smt. Vasudha Narayan, both very talented artists and teachers in our community, will be producing ***Mohini Bhaskasura***, a Dance Drama Performance, and ***Punyakoti***, an Interactive Drama for our younger members at this year's celebration. We are excited to include several Sankethi families in the production of ***Mohini Bhaskasura***. We would also like to include as many Sankethi families as possible in ***Punyakoti***. Contact Sheela.Nagaraj@nasankethi.org ASAP if you would like to participate. Practices will be virtual, with one in-person practice at the NASA gathering (on Thursday or Friday).

Commemorative Cookbook

We know we can't have a proper Sankethi jeevana without great food! Help us create an enduring memento by contributing to our Commemorative Cookbook. Look for more details in **Section 4** of this Chiguru.

Ghosti Gayana

We invite adults and children of all skill levels to join the Ghosti Gayana of Purandara Dasa kritis. Vocal and instrumental talent is encouraged to join. There will be a few virtual practices before the event. Please mark your **Registration Form** accordingly and contact Sheela.Nagaraj@nasankethi.org for more details.

Talent

We invite adults and children to share their talent during our celebration. Please mark the **Registration Form** accordingly so we can allocate enough time to enjoy each other's talents!

STEM/Robotics

We are bringing a mini robot challenge to NASA! This event will be run during the weekend. We invite those with experience to help design the contest, organize supplies and act as mentors during the event. Mark your **Registration Form** accordingly!

Visual Art

We invite visual artists to display their art in a curated show during the annual event. If you are interested in displaying your work, indicate your interest in your registration and a Board member will reach out to coordinate.

Please indicate your interest in these activities on your **Registration Form** (at the end of this Chiguru) and send your form in today!

3. Call for 40th Anniversary T-shirt Design Contest!

Calling all aspiring artists! NASA is pleased to announce a T-shirt design contest for the upcoming 40th anniversary get-together. Show your NASA pride and win a prize! The winning design will represent NASA's long-standing commitment to the Sankethi community, identify the 40th anniversary, include the NASA logo and embody the theme of "Strengthening Connections." **ALL AGES** are welcome to participate! **All entries must be submitted electronically by April 15, 2024.** Contact Ganesh.Rao@nasankethi.org for more information and for the official logo to be included. See below for the 10th, 20th and 25th Anniversary T-shirt designs:



4. 40th Anniversary Commemorative Cookbook

We need your expertise! Food is so central to Sankethi culture, and there are as many versions of each dish as there are cooks. So many members of our community would love to learn how to make typical Sankethi foods, or even a different variation of dishes they already make. **Please help us out! Send us a recipe for your version of a Sankethi dish**, whether it's part of your weekly rotation or reserved for a special occasion. We have listed some sample dishes below to get your imaginations going, but this list is by no means exhaustive – feel free to send in a recipe for one of the foods below or for one we've overlooked!

- Saaru (Chaar) – any variety	- Vangibhath	- Majjige Huli (Morpuli)	<u>Sweets</u>
- Sambhar (Pulkeri)	- Bhath or rice dish	- Tambuli	- Payasa
- Gojju avalakki (Puli avalarshi)	- Bisi bele bhath	- Nuchinunde	- Halbai
- Avalakki (Avalarshi)	- Thatte idli	- Ambode	- Kopri Mithai
- Puliogre (Puli saa)	- Masala dosa	- Palya	- Sajappa
- Chitranna	- Kolkatte	- Kosumbri	- Halbai
- Mosaranna (Thair saa)	- Akki rotti (Arshi rotti)	- Gojju	- Wobattu
	- Upit	- Upinkai	- Any snacks – tencol, chakli, kodubale, etc.
	- Chomai (any variety)		
	- Oorvattalu		

Please be sure to include exact amounts of ingredients and clear, detailed instructions for the preparation. Accompanying the recipe, in addition to a photo of the final dish, we'd love to have any of the following: photos of the dish being prepared, photos of the family enjoying the dish, a description of the significance of the dish (whether from a personal, cultural, or historical perspective), memories related to dish, and/or description of your family and ancestral village. **However, please do not let any of these additional requests discourage you from sending in a recipe!** If you give us rough information, we have writers and editors who can polish it up.

Also: we would like to create a **resource list of cooks** from our community who are in North America, for anyone who is trying out a new Sankethi recipe and needs some guidance. If you are willing to be included on this list, please provide your contact information and preferred mode of communication (phone, WhatsApp, email, etc.), along with time zone, to be included in the book.

Please send all submissions to Deepa.Ramesh@nasankethi.org or Sheela.Nagaraj@sankethi.org by **May 1st**. Let's create a 40th anniversary souvenir that really showcases the culinary talent in our community!

5. Call for Sponsors!

We invite you to help us offset costs of the 40th Anniversary Celebration in any way you can. We are seeking at least 40 families to support the 40th Anniversary across the following sponsorship categories. So far we have received donations from several generous NASA families. Please help us reach our participation goal! Any amount helps:

- Supporter: Any amount up to \$250 (helps to offset awards/incidentals)
- Gold: \$250-\$499 (helps to offset awards/incidentals/meal costs)
- Silver: \$500-\$999 (helps to offset incidentals/meal costs)
- Platinum: \$1000-\$2499 (helps to offset meal costs/facility rental)
- Patron: \$2500+ (helps to offset meal costs/facility rental)
- Business Owner: \$5000 (includes advertising space in every Chiguru issue for one year (circulation to over 200 members) and a booth at the annual meeting if desired. This is a great option for those of you in Service industries, Life Insurance, Financial/Estate Planning or Tech!

Remember that NASA is a registered 501(c)(3) organization (EIN: 11-2761179) so there may be an opportunity to obtain additional funds through Matching Gift programs. Please consult your company's charitable giving site for more information.

6. Charitable Activity Update

We are excited to launch a series of charitable events with NASA members throughout North America. Please be on the lookout for regional service activities near you! At the 40th Anniversary Celebration we are excited to bring Project Linus (www.projectlinus.org) to our community. This initiative will enable us to make blankets for children throughout the US who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need of care.



As a reminder, NASA does maintain a Catastrophe Fund intended to help NASA members in time of need. If anyone is in need of assistance, please send a note to NASATreasurer@gmail.com. All requests for help will be handled with the utmost respect and confidentiality.

7. Invitation from India

We would like to inform NASA members of the Divya Brahma Rathotsava taking place April 2024 as follows:



|| Shri Lakshmi Keshava Prasanna ||



Divya chandana kumkumadi vilapana virajitham
Kousthubhangadha Moukthikaabharanasaadhi Bhushana Bhosshitham
Indru Bhaskara lochanam sukadham ramaashritra vakhasam
Koushikeshwara Keshavam mama vamsa daivatham aashraye ||

DIVYA BRAHMA RATHOTSAVA
Tuesday 23rd April 2024

Dear Devotees,

Namaskarams.

The **ANNUAL CAR FESTIVAL OF SRI LAKSHMI KESHAVA SWAMY (DIVYA BRAHMA RATHOTSAVA)** is on **TUESDAY, 23rd of APRIL 2024** (Chaitra Shuddha Poornima). All the devotees are requested to attend the celebrations with family (with Tanu Mana Dhana) & Seek the blessings of SRI LAKSHMI KESHAVA SWAMY.

Yours Sincerely, DEVOTEES OF KOWSHIKA
TASHILDAR

OFFICE BEARERS OF THE MUJARAI DEPARTMENT
OFFICE BEARERS OF SRI LAKSHMI KESHAVA SEVA ABHIVRUDHI SAMITHI®
Contact: 9901675366, 8310322538, 9448156129, 9448309323
9448056613, 9945165935, 9483338245

All are welcome

|| Shri Lakshmi Keshava Prasanna ||



Divya chandana kumkumadi vilapana virajitham
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Koushikeshwara Keshavam mama vamsa daivatham aashraye ||

Shri Lakshmi Keshava Swamy
DIVYA BRAHMA RATHOTSAVA
Tuesday 23rd April 2024
Kowshika Graama

Dear Patrons,

Namaskarams. This year's Shri Lakshmi Keshava Swamy Divya Brahma Rathotsava (Car Festival) is on Tuesday, 23rd of April 2024 at Kowshika Graama & Kalyanotsava is on 22nd of April. Please do register for Kalyanotsava by paying a reduced registration fee of Rs.5000/-, Annasantarpana Contribution Rs.5000/-. The devotees can pay any amount towards Utsava's & Sevas.

The Rathotsava celebration is from 16-04-2024 to 26-04-2024 with Annasantarpana (Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner). We are expecting Rathotsava expenses to be approximately Rs.8 Lakhs for all the eleven days. As has been the practice, the amount to meet the expenses being raised through generous contributions from all the devotees. Hence we request all the devotees to make their wholehearted generous contributions and make this Rathotsava a grand success. Please do send your contributions & collect the receipts without fail. Contributions can be directly transferred by bank transfer using the bank details given below:

Bank Name	: Karnataka Bank Ltd.
Account Name	: SRI LAKSHMIKESHAVA SEVA ABHIVRUDHI SAMITHI(R)
Account Number	: 4252500100313001
IFSC Code	: KARB0000425
Branch	: 425, Kowshika, Karnataka, India KOWSHIKA, Hassan Taluk, Hassan District
Swift transfer code	: KARBINBBBG "Add this for international transfers"

Scan to Pay



Best Regards,
SRI LAKSHMIKESHAVA SEVA ABHIVRUDHI SAMITHI(R)
Contact : 9901675366, 8310322538, 9448156129, 9448309323
9448056613, 9945165935, 9483338245

8. In Memoriam

Sandya Magge

October 14, 1977 – February 24, 2024



It is with heavy hearts that we bid farewell to Sandya Magge, of Manhattan Beach, CA, who passed away on February 24, 2024, at the age of 46 after a long battle with cancer. Sandya's life was a testament to strength, resilience, and unwavering dedication to her family, friends, and passions.

Born on October 14, 1977, to Tandav and Susheela Magge in Murrysville, PA, Sandya brought joy and warmth into the lives of all who knew her. She met her best friend and husband, Ketan Jhaveri, in 2002, whom she married on May 12, 2007. She was a beacon of light, radiating positivity wherever she went. Her infectious laughter and genuine smile lit up any room she entered, leaving an indelible mark on those fortunate enough to have crossed paths with her.

Sandya's commitment to her loved ones was unparalleled. As a devoted spouse, parent, sibling, and friend, she poured boundless energy and support into every relationship she cherished. Her compassionate nature knew no bounds, and she always went above and beyond to ensure the happiness and well-being of those around her. She brought a positive spirit to many NASA Meetings, especially in the 90's, where she participated in youth discussions, basketball competitions, and General Body Meetings.

Professionally, Sandya held a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Pennsylvania, a Master's Degree in Public Health from the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, and a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Columbia University. She built a successful career as an executive leader in marketing and sales of digital products at companies such as American Express, Samsung, and Visa. Her strategic vision, optimism, and leadership were admired by colleagues and peers alike. She approached every task with enthusiasm and determination, and was considered a team builder and mentor.

In addition to her profound impact on the lives of others, Sandya was a passionate advocate for women and girls. During her career in multiple corporate entities, she built her leadership as a strong advocate for gender equality and justice in the workplace, and pivoted her career to orient more directly on corporate diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives.

Beyond her professional endeavors, Sandya had a voracious love of life. She loved to travel with her family, and moved from Brooklyn, NY to Manhattan Beach, CA to realize her dream of living by the ocean with sunshine and palm trees with her husband and three beautiful children. Sandya embraced life with a sense of adventure and gratitude that inspired all who knew her.

Sandya is survived by her mother, Susheela Magge, siblings Seetha Chandra and Keshav Magge, husband Ketan Jhaveri, and children Lila (11 yrs), Veda (11 yrs), and Zane (6 yrs) .

Padma Shri Athi Vishisht Seva Medalist Wing Commander K. Ramachandra Rao

Feb 24, 1922 – Mar 16, 2024



<Partially adapted from <https://www.bharat-rakshak.com/IAF/Database/3797>, Accessed March 2024)

Wing Commander Keshavamurthy Ramachandra Rao was commissioned in the Technical Signals Branch of the Indian Air Force in January 1950. He attended a number of specialist and staff courses in India and abroad, in which his performance was of the highest order. He was awarded the Woods of Colchester Prize in 1962 for standing first in his course at the College of Aeronautics, Cranfield (UK), thus bringing credit to the Air Force and the nation.

After holding a wide variety of appointments at units, Repair Depots, and Air Headquarters, Wing Commander Rao joined the Indian Space Research Organization in May 1965 where he was Director of the Experimental Satellite Communication Earth Station, (ESCES), Ahmedabad. In addition to his responsibilities as ESCES Director, he was entrusted with the responsibility of setting up the Arvi Satellite Communication Earth Station for the Department of Communication. Wing Commander Rao had a flair for tackling projects involving new technology and the challenging task of setting up the Arvi Station provided him an opportunity to utilize his technical knowledge, professional skill, creative mind, and sound and thorough organizing ability. In setting up the Arvi Station, Wing Commander Rao accomplished a very important task. The most important single unit made for the first time in India, namely a large 97 ft. steerable antenna involving sophisticated engineering, was completed in record time and met and, in some particulars, exceeded, all technical performance requirements. His pioneering work put India on the space communication map and led to his receipt of the Padma Shri Award by the Government of India.

He immigrated to the United States with his wife, Lakshmi, to be closer to his daughters, Aruna and Usha, who had pursued their higher education and were living in New Jersey. At the young age of 70, he went to Idaho in pursuit of a PhD to fulfill a personal goal. Unfortunately, family obligations called him back to New Jersey, where he continued to make an impact on his community by teaching mathematics and nurturing a love of learning in his grandchildren.

K. Ramachandra Rao is survived by his brother, K. Sundaresan, daughters, Aruna Rao and Usha Rao, grandchildren Vikram and Beena Premkumar, Priya and Praveen Srinivasan, and great-grandchildren Jackson and Anika Varricchio.

NASA 40th Anniversary Celebration Registration Form

Thursday, July 4 – Sunday, July 7, 2024

Instructions

This year's registration form separates rooms and attendance into separate costs. This will allow you to identify the nights and rooms you need for your group. Please follow this guidance in filling out this year's form.

Part I: LODGING

Please mark the nights you will need accommodation.

1. If you will attend the full celebration, all three nights are already selected for you. If you will not be attending the full celebration, please select the appropriate option (2 nights/1 night) and **mark which nights** you will need a room.
2. Enter the total **# of Rooms** you will need.
3. Multiply total rooms by **Price/Room** to get the **Total Lodging** cost.
4. If you are interested in sharing a room with another NASA member (this could be a fun option for younger adults and/or single participants), please **check the box**.

We will do our best to put families close to each other. Please indicate any specific requests on your registration so we can try our best to accommodate. Maximum occupancy for a room is 4. No rollaway beds are available.

Part II: REGISTRATION

Please mark the days you will be celebrating with us.

1. If you will be attending the full celebration, all days are selected for you (Sunday is automatically included. We will have a light breakfast and boxed lunch to go.)
2. If you will not be attending the full celebration, please **mark the day(s)** you will attend.
3. Enter the total **# of Adults** (any attendee 13 yrs or older is considered an adult), **# of Kids** (5-12 yrs), and **# of Tots** (< under 5 yrs) in the appropriate boxes. Please indicate all attendees so we can plan accordingly for food and souvenir gifts.
4. Multiple # by the **cost per attendee type** and sum to get the **Total Registration** cost.

Part III: TOTAL

This part will identify the total amount due.

1. Enter the TOTAL LODGING from **Part I**.
2. Enter the TOTAL REGISTRATION from **Part II**.
3. Add up Part I and Part II to get the **Subtotal**.
4. If you are a NASA Life Member, please calculate and enter 15% of your total to identify the **member discount**.
5. Subtract the discount amount from the Subtotal to get your **TOTAL DUE**.
6. We will have NASA 40th Anniversary T-shirts available for all registrants. *(See Section 3 of Chiguru to find out how you can be the designer!)* Please specify the total **# of T-shirts needed by size** in the final table.

Please submit your Registration via one of the following ways:

1. **By Mail:** Make checks payable to NASA Inc. per the schedule above and mail along with these completed forms to: **NASA, Inc., 25010 Mineral Springs Cir, Aldie VA 20105**
2. **Electronically:** Please scan your Registration form and send to Info@nasankethi.org, and submit your payment via Zelle to NASATreasurer@gmail.com indicating NASA 40th Registration in the Notes.

REGISTER BY APRIL 15 to maximize your chance of getting a free gift as one of the first 40 registrants!

LODGING WILL NOT BE GUARANTEED for any forms received AFTER MAY 31 but we will do our best to accommodate.

FINAL REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 15, 2024

Please contact Ranjini Srikantiah at (201) 835-5081, ranjini.srikantiah@nasankethi.org or Raghunath Kanagal at (703) 483-9212, NASATreasurer@gmail.com if you need travel assistance or a registration fee waiver.

NASA 40th Anniversary Celebration Registration Form (p. 1 of 2)

Thursday, July 4 – Sunday, July 7, 2024

Name(s) of Attendees: _____

Home Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____ Telephone (cell): _____

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.

PART I: LODGING (Required for anyone staying overnight)

	Thu July 4	Fri July 5	Sat July 6	Price/ Room	# of Rooms	PART I: TOTAL	Interested in a room share?
Full Celebration	X	X	X	\$475		\$	
2 nights (please specify the dates)				\$350		\$	
1 night (please specify the dates)				\$180		\$	

*Note: Rooms with 1 King or 2 Double Beds (no cots are available). NASA will accommodate as many members as possible in the available rooms on a first-come, first-served basis. If you are an individual or couple interested in room sharing (and cost sharing) with another NASA attendee, please indicate that above. Please note any special requests:

PART II: REGISTRATION (Required for all attendees regardless of overnight stay)

	Thu July 4	Fri July 5	Sat July 6	Per Adult (13+ yrs)	# of Adult	Per Child (5 to 12 yrs)	# of Child	Per Child Under 5	# of Tots	PART II: TOTAL
Full Celebration	X	X	X	\$200		\$100		FREE		\$
2 Days (Please mark the days)				\$200		\$100		FREE		\$
1 Day (Please mark the day)				\$100		\$50		FREE		\$

PART III: TOTAL

PART I: LODGING TOTAL	\$
PART II: REGISTRATION TOTAL	\$
SUBTOTAL	\$
*NASA Life Member Discount: -15%	\$
TOTAL DUE (SUBTOTAL less 15% Discount)	\$

Please indicate # of T-shirts by size:			
Youth S		Adult S	
Youth M		Adult M	
Youth L		Adult L	
Youth XL		Adult XL	

*If you aren't sure if you are a NASA Life Member, please contact a Board Member – we will confirm for you. Consider joining our organization for \$200/family for life!

REGISTER BY APRIL 15 to maximize your chance of getting a free gift as one of the first 40 registrants! **LODGING WILL NOT BE GUARANTEED FOR ANY FORMS RECEIVED AFTER MAY 31** but we will do our best to accommodate.

NASA 40th Anniversary Celebration Registration Form (p. 2 of 2)

Thursday, July 4 – Sunday, July 7

Please indicate any food allergies for you or any members of your family here: _____

Please indicate if you plan to participate in the following activities:

☐ **Rummy Tournament** (Adults, Thursday evening 7/4/24)

Please indicate Name(s) of participant(s): _____

☐ **NASA Commemorative Cookbook** (Launch Friday, July 5)

Please indicate chosen Recipe(s): _____

(contact Deepa.Ramesh@nasankethi.org or Sheela.Nagaraj@nasankethi.org for more information)

☐ **Professional Networking** (12+ yrs, including retirees, Friday, July 5)

Please indicate Profession(s) you would like to share or learn about: _____

☐ **Punyakoti Children's Skit** (4 – 12 yrs, Performance Saturday evening, July 6)

Please indicate Name(s) of participant(s): _____ *See details in Section 2 of Chiguru

☐ **STEM/Robotics** (Saturday, July 6)

Please indicate Name(s) and Age(s) of participant(s): _____

☐ **Ghoshti Gayana** (Performance time to be confirmed)

Please indicate Name of participant(s): _____

☐ **Talent Showcase** (All Ages)

Please indicate Name of participant(s), Child or Adult, and Talent(s) to be shared/performed. Due to time constraints we ask that each person only perform once during the weekend. Thank you.

☐ **Special Programs or Presentations**, including **Visual Art Display, Medical Health Check-Up Booth**, etc.

Do you have something special you'd like to share? Please indicate name of participant(s) and provide a brief description of the program, presentation, etc.

For questions regarding participation in the events above, please contact: ranjini.srikantiah@nasankethi.org or (201) 835-5081

High School Graduation (HGA) and College Graduation Award (CGA) Candidates: (Awards will be given on Saturday, July 6)

Name: _____ Indicate HGA or CGA: _____

Person who will speak about the Candidate: _____

Name: _____ Indicate HGA or CGA: _____

Person who will speak about the Candidate: _____

NASA 40th Anniversary Celebration Sponsorship Form

We request your generous support for the NASA 2024 event at one of the sponsorship levels indicated below. Please call Raghunath Kanagal at (703) 483-9212 or email (NASATreasurer@gmail.com) with any questions.

NASA EIN: 11-2761179

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Amount of Donation*: _____

*Your kind donation/sponsorship may be provided at the following levels to help us cover the costs associated with the event. If you would like your donation to be used for a particular purpose listed here, please check the box next to the relevant items/services below.

- ☐ Supporter: Any amount of to \$250 (helps to offset awards/incidentals)
- ☐ Silver: \$250-\$499 (helps to offset awards/incidentals/meal costs)
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