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### KSS activities:

[Kannada Rajyotsava 2008 - Painting, Essay Writing, and Quiz competition on Oct 5<sup>th</sup>:](#)

KSS is conducting Painting, Quiz and Essay writing competitions.

Venue: Intel BUM Room, Folsom (conference room in Intel's FM7 building).

Address: 1900 Prairie City Road, Folsom, CA 95630

Date/Time: Sunday, Oct. 5th 1pm to 6pm (Please arrive by 12:30pm for registration)

Admission: \$2/event/person or \$5/family/for all event

### Details:

## 1. Chitrakala spardhe (Painting Competition)

Painting competition is for kids in the age group of 4 and 16.

**Materials:** Pencils, sheets and crayons/color pencils will be provided by KSS. Contestants to bring their own clipboard, sharpeners and erasers. Contestants to bring in colors, paintbrush, paint etc., of their choice. Only crayons will be provided by KSS. Most kids prefer their own brush, paintsets, however, they could use crayons provided by KSS.

TOPICS WILL BE PROVIDED few DAYS BEFORE THE PROGRAM

### Categories:

- 4-6yrs old (Muddumari)
- 7-10 yrs old (Aralu moggu)
- 11-16yrs old (kalaashilpi)

## 2. Nenapina shakthi (Memory test)

Memory test is for kids in the age group of 4 and 10. Few items will be displayed for the kids to see and memorize. They will be given time to write down what they see. Additional details will be made available during registration.

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- 7-10 yrs old (Aralu moggu)

## 3. Rasaprashne spardhe (Quiz competition)

Quiz competition is for kids between the ages of 11 to 16. This will be a multiple choice quiz in English. The topic will be about India.

## 4. Prabhandha spardhe (Essay Writing Competition)

Essay writing competition is for **adults**. KSS will provide 5 topics 2 days before the competition to help you prepare. One of the five topics will be picked by the judges as the final topic for essay. Essays must be written in Kannada. KSS will provide material (paper and pen) for essay writing.

## 5. Rasaprashne spardhe (Quiz competition)

The quiz competition is also for **adults**. Topics will be based on Karnataka & Kannada only.

**PS: Coffee and light snacks will be served during competition.**

**Please mark your calendar and start preparing for these competitions. Coach your kids, assist your spouse and do your own research. Come prepared to win ATTRACTIVE prizes.**

Send in your entries to KSS cultural team @ [culturalteam@sackannadasangha.org](mailto:culturalteam@sackannadasangha.org)

For more info please visit [www.sackannadasangha.org](http://www.sackannadasangha.org) or contact

### [Kannada Rajyothsava Celebrations 2008:](#)

Kannada Sangha of Sacramento cordially invites you and your family to **52nd Kannada Rajyothsava & Fifth Anniversary Celebrations**. More details will follow soon with more details on the event.

Visit [www.sackannadasangha.org](http://www.sackannadasangha.org) for more details

### [KSS Charity of the year "Mathruchaya" anathashrama - soliciting donations:](#)

KSS requests its members to contribute towards the charity of the year "Mathruchaya".

"Mathruchaya" is a registered organization which takes care of children from economically and socially backward families. Ashram provides shelter, food, clothing, healthcare and education (all at free of cost) to children who have lost their parents. Presently it is a "HOME" for 30 orphaned girls. Mathruchaya is located in 'Shimoga' (or Shivamogga) city in Karnataka.

KSS requests all Kannadigas in greater Sacramento and surrounding areas to support this cause and help to achieve our goal of supporting financially as much we can. The goal is to collect minimum \$1000 and no limit on maximum amount. This amount will be used by Mathruchaya to construct their own building instead of renting a place.

You can send your contributions to the following address payable to "Kannada Sangha of Sacramento" or "KSS". In all the KSS events you will see a donation box which is used for collecting funds. You can donate either by cash or personal check. Since KSS is 501(3) (c) non profit organization, this donation is tax deductible. KSS will provide a receipt for your donation.

Visit <http://www.mathruchaya.com/index.htm> for more info on the charity

**Address for mailing your contribution: 9615 Harvest View Way, Sacramento CA 95827**

### [Community Messages:](#)

#### [Navarathri Garba -2008 by Gujarati Samaj, Sacramento](#)

Gujarati Samaj of Sacramento is celebrating Navarathri Garbha dance program in Carmichael. Everybody is invited to participate and have fun.

#### **Dates and Venue:**

Oct 3. Fri 8- 11.30 PM La Sierra Community center

Oct 4. Sat 8- 11.30 PM Roseville Sports Center

Oct 5. Sun 8- 11.30 PM La Sierra Community center

Oct 7. Tue 8- 11.30 PM La Sierra Community center

Oct 10. Fri. 8- 11.30 PM La Sierra Community center

Oct 11. Sat. 8- 11.30 PM Ben Ali Shrine

La Sierra Community Center, 5325 Engle Rd, Carmichael CA 95608

Roseville Sports center 1545 Pleasant Grove Blvd, Roseville 95747

Ben Ali Shrine, 3262 Marysville Blvd, Sacramento CA 95815

Admission: Members free, Non members \$10 for age 12 and older

Visit <http://www.gujsac.org/default.asp> for more details.

**[Usha Uthup concert at ARC auditorium:](#)**

Usha Uthup, popular Indian pop singer is coming to town. She was well known for popular hits in the late 60s, 70s and 80s. Usha Uthup has sung in 14 Indian languages and can sing in several foreign languages too.

Date: October 12, Sunday 3:30PM

Venue: American River College, 4700 College Oak Dr. Sacramento CA 95841

Tickets purchase on or before Oct 11<sup>th</sup> -- \$15/person

Tickets at the door \$20/person children 5 and under are free

For tickets call or visit:

Anita Ghoshal • 916-660-0866 \* Tinni Thompson • 916-671-5658 Dipankar Chattopadhyay • 925-300-5898

Desi Bazar • 525-3499 / 863-0390 \* India Bazar • 631-9950 / 983-5599

Malabar • 789-7783 / 916-984-4845

**["Ekal Vidyalaya" is hosting Dandia Night at Sri Laxmi Narayan Mandir](#)**

Ekal Vidyalaya, is hosting a fun dandiya and garba night at the Laxmi Narayan Hindu temple, Sacramento on Sunday, October 19th, 2008 from 6-11PM.

Organizers would really love to see you there with any and all of your friends who enjoy dancing and for a really noble cause; educating thousands of children in remote villages and tribal areas of India .

Tickets are \$10 (includes Food), **under 10 children - FREE**. Dandiya sticks will be available at a nominal charge. There will also be some fun prizes for the best dancer in 'male/female/ kid categories' So put on your dancing shoes, your glittering lehengas, grab your friends, and come join us.

If you are already committed elsewhere and cannot make it, please think about donating some funds to Ekal schools as that is always our primary focus.

If any of you have time to volunteer for EKAL at the event, please call @916-399-1969 for the details. Please take a little time from your busy schedules and find out more about this organization.

Venue: Sri Laxmi Narayan Mandir, Elder creek Rd, Sacramento CA

Date: Oct 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Time: 6.00PM - 11 PM

Donation: \$10/person Children ages 10 or under are free (includes the food).

If you have any questions regarding the organization, feel free to checkout the amazing social and educational work done by EKAL by going to our website [www.Ekal.org](http://www.Ekal.org)

#### [Sanskrutty presents talent showcase-2008:](#)

Sanskrukty team proudly presents talent showcase-2008 in Folsom on Oct 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The event includes children's fancy dress competition (5 yrs and under), dances, karaoke and much more. Everyone is invited.

#### Program details:

Venue: Russell Ranch Elem. School Multipurpose Hall, 375 Dry Creek Rd, Folsom CA 95630

Date: Oct 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008 (Sunday)

Time: 2.00PM - 5.00 PM

Admission is free

For more info please call 916-365-3481 or 916-817-6737 or email at [sanskrutty.ca@gmail.com](mailto:sanskrutty.ca@gmail.com)

## [Thyagaraja Nilayam presents Grand Violin concert by Mysore Brothers - Oct 24<sup>th</sup> , 2008](#)

Thyagaraja Nilayam, Sacramento is organizing grand Violin Concert by Mysore Nagaraj & Dr. Manjunath (Mysore Brothers) *accompanied by* Sri. Srimushnam V. Raja Rao on Mridangam.

Violin Maestros Mysore Nagaraj & Dr. Manjunath, the sons and disciples of renowned violinist Sangeetha Vidhya Nidhi Prof. S. Mahadevappa, were amazingly gifted child prodigies who matured quickly to emerge as one of the top ranking violinists in India today. Their exceptional musical talents were first revealed at the tender age of 9 when they stormed into the music world and swept the music lovers & critics off their feet by their extraordinary musical acumen and technical virtuosity. Acclaimed as child prodigies with astonishing musicianship, Nagaraj and Manjunath blossomed into some of the leading instrumentalists in the contemporary musical scene. Their marvelous imagination and technical versatility made them brilliant Violinists in the annals of Carnatic Classical Music.

### Program details:

Venue: Capistrano Hall, CSUS, Sacramento

Date: Oct 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Friday

Time: 8.00PM

Tickets: \$15/person \$8/student

For more info please visit <http://www.thyagara.janilayam.org/>

## [UTSAV \( Bengali Association\) , Sacramento celebrates Durga Puja 2008:](#)

Venue: Michelle Middle School, 2100, Zinfandel Dr, Rancho Cordova CA, 95670

Dates: October 17, 18, and 19<sup>th</sup>

For more info please visit <http://www.utsavsac.org/index.html>

## [New Indian vegetarian restaurant in Folsom - "Myalapore Restaurant"](#)

A new vegetarian restaurant is opening in Folsom ---Myalapore Restaurant on Friday, October 10, 2008. (Tentative opening date).

It is a pure vegetarian restaurant open for lunch and dinner during weekdays and breakfast, lunch and dinner during weekends. They will serve a mixture of North and South Indian cuisine. Strictly no buffets, They serve Thali food for lunch with garam Tawe Ki Chapathi. Dinner menu features Chat

varieties, Aloo Tikki, Pav Bhaji, Chole Bhature, Assortment of Parathas, Dosas, Idlis and more. Our emphasis is on fresh food that would be pretty close to homestyle cooking.

For more info please contact Sudha or Jay Venkitu at [jayismyagent@yahoo.com](mailto:jayismyagent@yahoo.com)

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### [Kumar Kalagara is running for Folsom Cordova School board:](#)

It is exciting news to let you all know that Kumar Kalagara is running to become a board member of Folsom-Cordova school district. He is a very motivated public servant, a strong communicator and believes in doing things with a high quality.

School district board functions just like the board of any large private company. It makes policy decisions, and hires right candidates at top level to ensure those policies are implemented effectively. It is very exciting to see one of our Indo-Americans is running for an important public office because it's right time for us to be participating in the mainstream American social and political activities.

You can support him by involving in one or more of the following activities

1. Your vote
2. Volunteering in campaign
3. Attending fund-raisers
4. Contributing financially

### **What is a school board?**

School board members make up the largest body of elected officials in the United States. We entrust them to set the policies of our most treasured institutions: our public elementary, middle and high schools. Every district has a board of education, and boards generally meet every month in meetings that are open to the public.

School boards are nonpartisan. In most districts, members serve four-year terms, and terms are staggered so seats don't become open all at once. School districts are complex corporations; they're often the largest employers in a community and the decisions they make reach far, affecting jobs, resources and most importantly, the education of all children.

### **What do they do?**

Somewhere in between the agendas, public comment sessions and resolutions, school boards make a number of important decisions. School boards establish a vision for the community's schools. They have to set up and maintain an effective, efficient organizational structure for the district that lets the superintendent and administrators manage the schools, teachers teach and students learn.

They are responsible for hiring and evaluating a superintendent, evaluating and adopting policies that affect all schools in the district, serving as a judicial and appeals body when conflicts go unresolved, monitoring and adjusting district finances, and managing the collective bargaining process in the district. A school board has a heavy influence on the spirit that characterizes a community's impression of its school system.

If you are a US citizen and not a registered voter please follow the link to register. You have to register to vote in November elections.

[http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections\\_vr.htm](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections_vr.htm)

Visit Kumar's blog at <http://kumar4fcusd.wordpress.com/>

### 'Annapoorna' Food Donation to homeless by Hindu organizations on the occasion of Diwali:

Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh (HSS- Balagokulam) in association with other Hindu organizations of greater Sacramento area are coming together on the occasion of Diwali (Deepavali-Festival of Lights) festival and providing food for about 500-550 homeless people.

Like last year, as part of the Diwali festival and reaching out to the community, this year the food will be distributed through 'Loaves and Fishes' in Sacramento. Founded in 1983, in a spirit of love and hospitality, 'Loaves & Fishes' feeds the hungry and shelters the homeless (<http://sacramentoloavesandfishes.org/>).

*Delicious Indian vegetarian food (6-8 items) will be prepared on the spot and served to about 550 needy people as Prasadam.*

The participating organizations are Art of Living, Brahma Kumaries Spiritual University, Sacramento chapter, Divya Jyoti Jagrati Sansthan, Gayatri Parivar, Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh(balagokulam) , Hindu American Foundation, SEWA International, Siddhi Vinayaka Temple, Sri Laxmi Narayan Mandir, Vedanta Society of Sacramento

Venue: Loaves and Fishes, 1321 North C Street Sacramento , CA 95814

Date: November 8<sup>th</sup> , 2008 Saturday

For more information contact:

Venugopal Acharya (916)719 6527; Balaji Sundaram (916)303 0332

If you would like to volunteer your time or donate money please contact anyone of the contacts.

Please visit KSS website at [www.sackannadasangha.org](http://www.sackannadasangha.org) for more info on KSS activities.

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