

Monti Fest 2016 @KCA

Sunday, 25th September, 2016

AGM! Sounds boring Yeah? We feel from attendance in the past AGMs most Members of KCA may feel as you do, especially if a Sunday morning or evening is to be spent travelling long distances, just to listen to some statistics and speeches!

So what can be done to make it rewarding. While we will definitely like your views at the meeting on how to make our Association more active socially and culturally, while we meet the obligations laid down in the objects of the Association, we want to also make it a fun cultural day for you and your family



Hence, it was decided, (as far as we are aware for the first time in the history of our Association), to bring to you the **MONTHI SAIBINISHI FEST** on the same day as the AGM. We had to postpone it by a couple of weeks to avoid clashing with the Bandra Feast during which there is heavy traffic near Yuvakalaya. The function is strictly for members and their families only. If you prefer, next time we will have it on the Sunday before the feast day.

The Programme:

9.30 AM: Members received with flowers at the entrance

10.00 AM: Konkani Mass begins promptly at the ground floor hall, celebrated by **Bishop Percival Fernandez**, with Konkani hymns, during which new paddy will be blessed for distribution to members later

10.45 AM: Adoration & Procession of Mother Mary including offering of flowers ('Aboli' and 'Shivnti') by children and then the adults

11.15 AM: Light refreshments will be served

11.30 AM: The voting Members will remain in the ground floor Hall for the AGM. The rest of the family will proceed to the first floor Hall for games & a Cultural programme both in English and Konkani. The cultural group '**Konkani Melodies**' will regale you with songs from Amchi Gaon!

1.00 PM: Enjoy a specially prepared Buffet lunch with 9 different Mangalorean vegetable dishes, a fish coconut curry for those who want some variety, the traditional sweet dish 'vorn' and other savouries (see overleaf for Menu), for just a nominal amount of Rs. 100/-

We will do our best to give you a true feeling of being in Kodial on a feast day!!

Cultural & Recreation team

Monti Fest Menu

Will be served on banana leaf on plate

Vegetable Dishes

Channa Sukke

Bhindi Thale Pio Suke

Green Banana Suke

Tendli and cashew Suke

Pathrade Gassi

Turiya Mung Gassi

Walche Bajee with Dhal curry

Aloo Dhento curry.

Non Veg

Mangalore Kane coconut fish
curry

Starter

Milk with Noveo

Rice Dishes

Boiled Rice & Sannas

Salad

Cucumber Karamb

Pickles

Sweet lime pickle

Minced Mango pickle



Sweet

Worne

Coupons for the Buffet Lunch will be available @ Rs 100 per person from September 10th -20th at the KCA office during office hours. Children below 6 years are free

Drinks will be served and will be available at cost at the venue

Please note that purchase of coupons for the Buffet lunch is optional. Members attending only the AGM, need not purchase coupons.

About Monti Fest *(background for some of us born & bred in Mumbai!!)*

Monti Fest is one of the biggest Mangalorean Catholic festivals held on 8th September every year. This festival celebrates the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and involves blessing of Novem (new crops). It is celebrated with much fervour & gaiety by Kanarites & Kanarite associations all over India & even abroad!



The festival derives its name from the Monte Mariano Church at Farangipet in South Kanara, and was initiated by Fr Joachim Miranda, a Goan Catholic priest at Farangipet in 1763. Though Tippu Sultan destroyed the churches of Kanara, he spared Monte Mariano Church in deference to the friendship of his father Hyder Ali with Father Miranda