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KAYASTHA SABHA DIWALI FUNCTION

The Kayastha Sabha celebrated Diwali for all its members by organising a gala get-together at Guru Nanak Bhavan on Saturday, November 12th. Although this was shortly after the actual Diwali, the spirit of Diwali was very much in evidence. There was a great response and participation even exceeded our expectations. Also, all members, both children and parents took active part in all the games and competitions that were organised.

The evening started with a welcome address by Dr. K.M. Mathur, President of the Association. He listed the strides taken by the association in the recent months and hoped that the same would grow from strength to strength. He recounted his meetings with Kayastha Associations in Europe and America during his recent visit and, stated that all of them had expressed a desire to support the Karnataka Kayastha Association financially as well as through the exchange of visits.

This was followed by a childrens' Fancy Dress competition, compered by Mr. Mahendra Prasad. His vivacity and loquacity made this item all the more enjoyable. The competition was divided into 2 age groups. It was unfortunate that the participation by the children was very limited. However, what we lacked in quantity, was more than made up by the quality of the fancy dresses exhibited. Suhani Mathur, Neha Khare, Meghna Mathur and Gaurav Khare walked away with the prizes.

A few rounds of Tombola followed which saw active participation by all the members present. This was a popular event and generous prizes were given to winners, instead of money. All the prizes were generously donated free of cost by various members of the Sabha for which we are grateful to them. Mr. Ajit Khare and Mr. Mahendra Prasad handled the Tombola like old professionals and contributed in no small measure to the success of this event.

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Games of Roulette ensued, giving members a chance to win a bottle of beer at a remarkably low price. This caused considerable activity, specially amongst the present college students.

The last item of entertainment for the night was a Quiz competition for high school students organised by Mahesh, son of Dr. Narendranath. Mahesh was the Kayastha's answer to Siddarth Basu and Ronnie Screwalla. Of course the excitement generated and the level of knowledge exhibited by our children was impressive. Rohit Mathur and Rahul Mathur came first, Gaurav Khare and Manik Mathur came second and Ruchita Lal and Shuchi Prasad came third, after a well-fought competition. Not only was the Quiz, a surprise item for all of us, but with the Narendranath family providing the prizes for the competition as well, the community spirit was very evident and deserves high praise.

Another highlight of the evening was the Raffle which drew fabulous prizes for some lucky winners.

A lavish and scrumptious dinner, catered by Hotel Chalukya, was a grand finale to an evening of wonderful entertainment.

The efforts of the Zonal Chapters in gearing up members' response to our activities, is highly commendable. We thank all those who helped and worked hard to make this evening a huge success, and also all the members who attended, for their full participation.

We hope to see a lot more Kayastha members in attendance at our next get together, so that the Association will grow by leaps and bounds.

May we again request all members to ensure that their addresses and telephone numbers are correctly entered in our register. This would ensure that all correspondence reaches them safely. Presently, many letters sent by us are returned by the post office stating that addressee is not available at the given address. It is also suggested that our members make all possible efforts to introduce new members known to them and give us their names and address so that all Kayasthas in Karnataka could participate in our activities.

With best wishes,

Yours Sincerely,

*Suryakant Das*