

GOA KONKANI AKADEMI ANNOUNCES MAJOR PROJECTS TO DOCUMENT LANGUAGE PIONEERS

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In a significant move to preserve the glorious history of Konkani language and culture, the Goa Konkani Akademi (Government of Goa) has undertaken a major project to compile the “Konkani Bhasha Sahitya Shilpkar Kosh”. This ambitious encyclopedia aims to serve as an official record of the individuals who have shaped the Konkani landscape.

The primary objective of this project is to preserve the glorious history of Konkani language and culture by officially documenting and introducing future generations to the pioneers, activists, writers, and artists who have made invaluable contributions to the Konkani movement, literature, folk art, music, cinema, education, research, and theater.

To ensure the Kosh is comprehensive, the Akademi is inviting information across several categories:

- **Language Movement:** Freedom fighters and activists who participated directly or indirectly in the Konkani movement.
- **Literature:** Poets, novelists, short story writers, essayists, translators, children’s authors, and writers creating literature in all Konkani dialects.
- **Konkani Stage and Performing Arts:** Playwrights, directors, cinema artists, Tiatrists, musicians, dancers, and folk artists.
- **Research and Education:** Konkani linguists, lexicographers (dictionary makers), teachers, professors, and researchers.
- **Journalism and Digital Media:** Those working for Konkani dailies, periodicals, Radio/TV, as well as digital media (Social Media/Blogs).

To ensure this encyclopedia is recognized as a valuable global document, contributors should include the following details:

- **Personal Information:** Full name, residential address, date of birth, education, contact number, and email.
- **Record of Work:** Published books, plays/Tiats/films performed, social work, and specific contributions or services rendered to the Konkani language.
- **Awards:** Honors and awards received from the government or prestigious institutions.
- **Photograph:** A clear, passport-sized photograph of the concerned individual is mandatory.

The complete information must be submitted in Konkani (Devanagari script) using UNICODE – INSCRIPT typing only (Word File), within a limit of 500 words.

Individuals are encouraged to submit their own information. Furthermore, the Akademi requests the families or acquaintances of late pioneers—who dedicated their lives to Konkani but are no longer with us—to provide their details. If you know of any other deserving individuals, please bring their work to the Akademi's notice.

Please submit the information via the Google Link below: <https://forms.gle/BwSPJaHNdetkbhWX9>

The work on this encyclopedia will be overseen by a special committee of experts appointed by the Konkani Akademi. The Goa Konkani Akademi appeals to all people to cooperate and contribute to this mission of creating a monumental document of Konkani identity.

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