

AKHIL BHARATIYA GONDWANA GOND MAHASABHA – RAIPUR
Shree Kaginele Mahasansthana Kanaka Gurupeetha, Tinthani Bridge, Deavadurga
Taluka, Raichur District
Karnataka Gond, Kuruba (Kuruba in the districts of Bidar, Kalaburagi, Yadgiri) STs
Association, Kalaburagi

Preparatory Meeting on 12th National Gond Tribes Conference
Venue: Good Luck Hotel, Court Road, Kalaburagi
30th November 2016, 2 pm



REPORT

Akhil Bharatiy Gondwana Gond Mahasabha (ABGGM) met in a Pre- Maha Adhiveshan of 12th National Gond Tribes Conference in Rourkela, Odisha on 19th, 20th November 2016. It is decided that the 12th National Gond tribes Conference will be held in between 12th-14th January 2017 in Shree Kaginele Mahasansthana Kanaka Gurupeetha (SKMKG), Tinthani Bridge, Devadurga Taluka, Raichur District Karnataka. Following the Rourkela preconference meeting, a team of ABGGM visited Kalaburagi on 30th November 2016 and discussed the same with local Gond tribes members. The delegates' team included R N Dhruv, National Secretary, ABGGM and members Krishna Netam, Diwakar Pendam, Dr Sainath Bakaram Kodape and Gopichand Kumre. Shatali Shedmake and Ramesh Kasa from the standardization of Gondi Dictionary technical team were also present. Peethadipati Shri Siddaramanada Swami ji garlanded and welcomed the team in the press conference.



A press conference was held in the morning 10.30 am of 30th November at Patrika Bhavan, old DC office, Kalaburagi to announce the Conference dates and venue to the media. R N Dhruv, National Secretary, ABGGM, Chhattisgarh, Siddaramananda Swamiji, Peethadhipati, SKMKG, Tinthani Bridge, Mahantesh S Koulgi, Coordinator of the Karnataka Gond, Kuruba (Kuruba in the districts of Bidar, Kalaburagi, Yadgiri) STs Association, Kalaburagi addressed the press conference. Siddaramananda Swamiji declared dates of the conference 12, 13, 14 January 2017 and venue to be SKMKG, Tinthani Bridge, Devadurga Taluka, Raichur district, Karnataka.



PRESS NOTE OF AKHIL BHARATIY GONDWANA GOND MAHASABHA

Akhil Bharathiy Gondwana Gond Mahasabha was founded in the year 1930, with a firm objective to unite all the Gonds spread across India and strengthen efforts for the welfare of the Gond Community. [Shishupal Sori](mailto:sp.shori@gmail.com), Retd. IAS (9425515822, sp.shori@gmail.com) officer is the National President of the Mahasabha. [R N Dhruv](mailto:gondmahasabha@gmail.com), National Secretary of the Mahasabha. (9826667518, gondmahasabha@gmail.com) Ever since the foundation of Mahasabha, it has worked hard and organized 11 National Gond Conferences across various regions till now. The 12th National Gond Conference is scheduled to take place in Tinthani Bridge, Devadurga Taluka, Raichur district in Karnataka. Under the leadership of Shishupal Sori ji this conference is organized in collaboration with Karnataka Gond, Kuruba STs Association, Kalaburagi and Shree Kaginele Mahasansthana Kanaka Gurupeetha, Tinthani Bridge. List of the Rashtriya Adhiveshans (National conferences) organized by Mahasabha is as follows:

Maha Adhiveshan	Venue	Organised Date/Year
1 st Maha Adhiveshan	Mohabatta Village, Baihar Tahsil, Balaghat district, Madhya Pradesh	1934
2 nd Maha Adhiveshan	Seoni, Madhya Pradesh	1935
3 rd - 5 th Maha Adhiveshan	Before the Independence of India in various places.	1935-1944
6 th Maha Adhiveshan	Itka-Nainpur Village, Mandla district (MP)	1945
7 th Maha Adhiveshan	Matha Angarmoti Prangan, Dhamtari (CG)	7-9 June 2009
8 th Maha Adhiveshan	Gondwana Bhavan, Raipur, Chhattisgarh	25-27 December, 2010
9 th Maha Adhiveshan	Gondwana Bhavan- Kanker, Chhattisgarh	14-16 December, 2012
10 th Maha Adhiveshan	Raje Khandkya Ballarshah Samadhi Parisar, Ballarshah, District Chandrapur (MS)	25-27 December, 2014
11 th Maha Adhiveshan	BTM Ground, Jharsuguda, Odisha	25-27 December, 2015
12 th Maha Adhiveshan	KMKG, Tinthani Bridge, Devadurga Taluka, Raichur district, Karnataka	12-14 January, 2017

Through this Preparatory meeting of 12th National Gond Conference at Kalaburagi, the Mahasabha is sharing the major concerns and objectives to work forward.

-Core cultural rituals of Life cycle (Birth to Death) of the community should be widely promoted across India.

-Koya Punem (The True Path) should be imbibed to the lifestyle of the Human Kind.

-Inter regional Marriages be promoted to exchange and develop strong relations within the Community.

-Protection of the Jal, Jangal and Jameen (Water, Forest, and Land) is one of the greatest challenges ahead for us to work on.

-Forceful allotment of Adivasi land to the Corporate Companies should be fought back and our land be protected.

-Every family should contribute a handful of Rice to form an economically self reliant community.

-Vulnerable groups of the community should be brought together, organized and provided support for their upliftment.

-90% of the Community lives in rural areas and is depended on Agriculture and allied activities. Efforts should be strengthened to promotion of better agricultural practices.

- Youth forums should organize, exchange programs and festivals to share their ideas and develop skill sets.
- Community owned Media should have active involvement of intellectuals and regularly update about the happenings.
- We all should collectively work towards having Gondi Dharm recognized as a religion by the year 2021.
- A Community Fund be founded to Standardize the practices of Gond Community for all the Gonds all over the country.

A workshop to take forward the Standardization of Gondi Dictionary work will happen in the same premises from 9th January. All the resource persons from various regions will take part in the workshop. Press reports are issued and requested media to cooperate in making the conference a success.



The team later visited Mahalingaraya temple in the premises of Gulbarga University. Prof. KM Metry explained the existence of Gotuls (Knowledge Centres) and Beeraling as the Persapen worshipped by Gonds of Karnataka. Team witnessed remains of the old shrine structure scattered around

the place. Another shrine in the same premises called as Elu Makkala Thayi (mother of seven female childrens). Team had lunch in the temple premises organised by the local Gond, Kuruba Tribe.



At 2pm team reached Good Luck hotel, Kalaburagi for the preparatory meeting of the upcoming ABGGMS 12th **Maha Adhiveshana** and SKMKG 13th **Halumatha Sanskriti Vaibhava**. The meeting was presided by Peethadipati Siddaramananda Swamiji, SKMKG, Tinthani Bridge. R N Dhruv, National Secretary of ABGGM, Krishna Netam, Editor, Shambhu Sandesh, ABGGM, Diwakar Pendam, Secretary, ABGGM Maharashtra, Aruth Rao Chimkod, President, Mahatma Bomagondeshwar Education Society, Bidar, Basavaraj Veebhutihalli, President, Yadgir District Gond- Kuruba Association, Yadgir as the chief guests, members of Karnataka Gond Kuruba Tribes Association, Bidar, Kalaburagi, Yadgiri districts were present. Delegates' team was felicitated with yellow shawls and garlands by the Karnataka Gond, Kuruba Tribes Association. Prof. K M Metry, State Secretary, ABGGM, Karnataka delivered Keynote address. ABGGM and SKGKM invited each and every community member to take part in the 12th Maha Adhiveshana and 13th Halumatha Sanskriti Vaibhava to be held at SKGKM, Tinthani Bridge, from 12th-14th January 2017. On the second day i.e. on 13th Gond conference will focus on issues related to Gond culture.



The major objective of the 12th National Gond Conference is to introduce the face of the “Akhil Gondwana Gond Mahasabha” to the Gond tribes in Karnataka and a vis-a-vis. There will be focused discussions on varied themes related to Gond community. The conference will also have paper presentations by various scholars of different regions on the following themes.

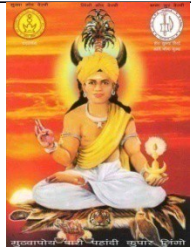

- Koya Punem (The True Path)
- Renaissance of the Gotul System
- Preservation and Promotion of Gondi language and script
- Standardization of Gond Clans and Totems
- Preservation of Gondwana Historical and Spiritual monuments
- Folk lore and Indigenous Knowledge of the Gond tribes




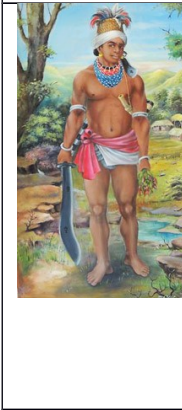

Shambhu Sandesh Smarika:




ABGGM in every Mahadhiveshan releases a Smarika entitled “Shambhu Sandesh”, which includes articles on various issues written by intellectuals from the community. For the 12th Mahadhiveshan we are inviting articles on the Objectives of the Mahadhiveshan and ABGGM stated themes as above. Typed articles (in soft copy) should reach to the Editor, [Krishna Netam \(8719802785\)](mailto:Krishna Netam (8719802785)), on or before 25th December 2016 for publication. Entries should be sent to the ABGGM email id: gondmahasabha@gmail.com

Awards presented by the Mahasabha:

Mahasabha felicitates individual and organizations for excellence and contribution in various fields at national level. Any queries on the Awards can be reached to R N Dhruv, National Secretary, [9826667518](tel:9826667518), gondmahasabha@gmail.com. The list of the awards are listed below:

Photo	Name of the Award	Awardees Field of Contribution
	Gondi Dharm ke Mahan Dharmguru Pahandi Pari Kupar Lingo Samman (His holiness Pahandi Kupar Lingo has given SAGA-Gond (Koytur) Social System, GOTUL-Gond Culture Centre, PENKHADA-Gondian Holy Place, PUNEM-Gondi Religion (The True Path), MUTHAVA-Koytur Priest these five principles to the Koyturs. Lingo advised to the people that they should adopt the universal word “JAI SEVA” for the welfare of the human being)	Protection and Preservation of Gondi language, culture and literature
	Shahid Veer Baburao Shedmake Samman (In Maharashtra Baburao Puleswar Shedmake (1833-1858) was the eldest son of Poolaisur Bapu and Jurja Kunwar. Shedmake got his initial education from Ghotul Sanskar Kendra where he learnt Hindi, Gondi and Telugu along with music and dance. In 1854 Chandrapur came under British rule. Shedmake was first to raise his voice against British rule. On 21st October, 1858 he was hanged at open ground in Chanda by British)	Excellence in inspiring people, organizing social movements and strengthening community
	Raje Khandikiya Ballal Shah Samman (Raje Khandakya Ballarshah (Ruling period 1472- 1497) Founder of the historic Ballarshah Nagar, Maharashtra, made an impressive rule for 25 years. He came to throne after the death of his father, Gond king Sher Shah)	Strengthening Social unity of the Community and Organizational skill

	<p>Rani Hirai Samman (For Women) (Rani Hirai (1704-1719 AD) was the queen of Chandargarh, the Architecture of the Chandrapur city, Maharashtra. She was devotee of the Matha Kali Kankali of Chandrapur. She built the majestic Mausoleum for her husband Beersah Atram, which is renowned to be the biggest Mausoleum of a king in Maharashtra).</p>	Women awakening and unity
	<p>Loknete Baburao Madavi Samman (Architecture of the Gadchiroli town, Maharashtra, National Political leader of the Adivasis)</p>	Political and Social service
	<p>Veerangana Maharani Durgavati: Matru Shakti Chetana Samman (Veerangana Maharani Durgavati (1524-1564) Maharani of Garh Mandla (Jabalpur), Madhya Pradesh. Fought for the protection of the Gondwana kingdom, martyred in the battle field)</p>	Women's Education, self employment and self reliance
	<p>Maharaja Shankar Shah, Raghunath Shah: Utkrisht Krishi Seva Samman (Shankar Shah and son Raghunath Shah, Kings of the Garh Mandla, Madhya Pradesh, fought against the British in 1857 mutiny. Both were brutally killed on 18 September, 1857 in Jabalpur by the British forces after they were captured)</p>	Traditional Agriculture, Animal husbandry
	<p>Maharaja Karmveer Lal Shyam Shah: Dharm, Samskriti & Sahitya Samman</p>	Propagation and Protection of Gondi Dharm, Culture, traditions and Customs Literary contributions on the Gond identity
	<p>Vir Gundadhur, Vir Dibridhur; Gondi lok Chetan, Janjagriti Samman (Gundadhur was the leader of "Bhumkal Rebellion of 1910" against British government in Bastar region of Present Chhattisgarh State of India. There were several precipitating factors for the rebellion of Bhumkal. Enforced degradation of the Bastar King, Extensive forest areas were declared reserved forests; Due to the excessive revenue demands of the colonial rule, several tribal villages were given on lease to thekedars who adopted extremely oppressive means to collect revenues from the tribals. Gundadhur is one of the early freedom fighters to fight for Jal, Jangal, Jameen.</p>	Folk lore; folk dance, folk art, folk songs, folk tales, folk theatre, folk crafts, folk literature, Protection of Jal, Jangal, Jameen (Water, Forest, Land)
	<p>Ramprasad Pottai Smriti Samman: Gondi Bhasha & Lok Shilpa samrakshan Samman (Ram Prasad Potai (1920-1962) was a Great person of Kanker, Chhattisgarh. He dedicated his each and every part of life to the region and humanity. In 1944 He passed the LLB from Nagpur University. He was famous for his leadership quality and for bringing social awareness among tribals. He participated in politics, in 1945 Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru elected him as a member of constitution preparation committee. In 1950 he became a member of parliament. In 1962 he won MLA election as an independent candidate from</p>	Fine arts and Sculpture: Kamsy Shilp, Prastar Shilp, Mruda Shilp, Kasht Shilp, Bamboo Shilp

	Bhanupratappur)	
	Vishwa Sangeet Samrat Maharaja Chakradhar Singh Porte Samman: (Maharaja Chakradhar Singh Porte (1905-1947) succeeded throne on 23 rd August 1924 after death of his brother Raja Natwar Singh in 1924. He was king of Raigarh from 1924 to 1947 and chief of Bargarh ruled by Gond dynasty. He completed his education at Rajkumar College, Raipur where he learnt literature, English, Sanskrit and Music. He himself was a great musician (Tabla) gathered devout persons from different field like Music, Literature and Dance)	Folk lore; folk dance, folk art, folk songs, folk tales, folk theatre, folk crafts, folk literature
	Krantikari Shahid Ramadhin Gond Samman (Jal, Jangal, Jameen ki Raksha)	For the protection of Jal, Jangal and Jameen (Water, Forest, Land)
	Venkatesh Atram Jyeshtha Sahityik Samman (Venkatesh Atram was a famous poet, writer, scholar and political personality from Maharashtra. He contributed in the field of literature focusing the issues of Dalit, Adivasi and suppressed communities of India. His Marathi book on Gondi Samsrutiche Sandarbha is very popular in Gond tribes. He was an Editor of a “Jangoraitad” bilingual Gondi-Marathi fortnightly magazine)	Gondi Literature: for writing Stories and Songs in Gondi.
	Mahatma Bomagondeshwara Samman (Gond Raj Bomagond was protected pastoral Gond tribes forest rights and culture in the regime of Bahamanis of Bidar, Karnataka. He helped Bahamani kings to built a fort in Bidar, Gond tribes of Bidar, Gulbarga is worshiping Bomagond as their deity)	Protection of pastoral land and culture of Gond tribes

Workshop on Standardisation of Gondi Dictionary (9 to 11 January 2017)

Gondi is one of the main Adivasi languages in India. It is spoken by more than 5 million people in 6 states of Central India (some Gondi scholars claim the number to be near to 10 million). Though Gondi is one of the oldest languages of the country (and some Gondi scholars claim that if one knows Gondi script then you can also decipher Harappan scripts which is from the same time period) but because it has not been used for education and mass communication purposes so lots of words from dominant regional and state languages have entered the language. Today instead of one Gondi we have ‘Telugu Gondi’ in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, ‘Hindi Gondi’ in Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, ‘Marathi Gondi’ in Maharashtra, ‘Odiya Gondi’ in Odisha, Kannada Gondi in Karnataka and so on. Before we can popularize a common Gondi mass communication platform for all Gondi speakers spread over 12 states, it is essential to create a standard form of Gondi language which will be accepted by all Gondi speakers. The Standardised Gondi dictionary can go to Govt of India as an application to include Gondi language in 8th schedule of Indian Constitution.

With the help of Ministry of Culture, Govt of India at Gandhi Smriti & Darshan Samiti-Delhi we have done a preliminary workshop in July 2014. Where we’ve collectively worked with Scholars from 6 states and structured the process of Standardization. The Standard Gondi Dictionary is a compilation of various dialects and forms of Gondi spoken across Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Odisha regions.

CGNet & Adivasi Swara, a mobile phone based community media platform has helped to organize and has participated in the all previous series of workshops across various Gondi regions in India. This Standard Gondi Dictionary project is voluntarily supported by Academic institutions, Central and State government bodies, voluntary organizations and members of Community as a whole. This experiment is one of its kind and unique in its form and approach. The details of previous workshops are as followed:

SI No	Host Organisations	Venue	Date of the Workshop
1	Central Gondwana Net (CG Net) with Gandhi Smiriti and Darshan Samithi, Raj Ghat, New Delhi and Ministry of Culture, Govt of India, New Delhi	Gandhi Smiriti and Darshan Samithi, Raj Ghat, New Delhi	21-25 July 2014
2	Department of Tribal Studies, Kannada University, Hampi with Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore	Chavadi, Darpana, Srisail Guest House, KUH	24-29 August 2014
3	Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak, Madhya Pradesh	IGNTU, Amarkantak	October 2014
4	Raj Gond Seva Samithi, Gondwana Panchayath Rai Centres, Adilabad, Telangana State Associated with Central Gondwana Network (CG Net), Bhopal and Integrated Tribal Development Agency (ITDA), Uttoor, Adilabad, Telangana State	Kumram Bhimu Complex, Uttoor, Adilabad, Telangana State	11-15 December 2014
5	Adivasi Sankshema Parishad, Koyator Bata, Bhadrachalam (TG), ITDA, Bhadrachalam, Khammam District, CG Net & Adivasi Swara, Bhopal	ITDA, Bhadrachalam	12-16 May 2015
6	Gondwana Tribal Education Society, Jivati, Dist: Chandrapur, Gondwana Samaj Sudharak Trust, Chandrapur, CG Net and Adivasi Swara, Chhattisgarh	Rajiv Gandhi Kamgar Bhavan, Chandrapur (MS)	21-25 November 2015

The Gondi Standardisation Dictionary committee in May 2016 met in Chintooru of East Godhavari district in Andhra Pradesh to form an Editorial board and discussed a way forward to speedy completion of the project. Prof. K M Metry, Dept of Tribal studies, Kannada University, Hampi is the Editor and Director of the “Gondwana Gondi Dictionary”. Language experts from each region are part of the Editorial committee. Compiled Dictionary manuscripts submitted to Kannada University by Prof. K M Metry have been reviewed and University concerned interest in publishing the Dictionary. It is a compilation of 2850 Gondi words which have their varied forms from each identified region. At the moment we are in search of technical assistance to have IPA for each Gondi word of the Dictionary. As soon as the IPA conversion is done, the Dictionary is further set to a final review and publishing.

The final review by the language experts will be part of the 12th National Gond conference. All the state representatives will be invited to take part in the final review sessions of the Dictionary, which will begin from the 9th of January 2017, 3 days prior the National conference.

EDITORIAL BOARD			
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Mahantesh S Koulgi, President, Karnataka Gond, Kuruba (Kuruba in the districts of Bidar, Kalaburagi, Yadgiri) STs Association, Kalaburagi welcomed all the delegates and guests and coordinated meeting. Delegates and representatives from the local community called to work hard towards the grand success of the upcoming 12th National Gond Conference.

In the evening ABGGM team travelled to Tinthani Bridge, venue of the conference for a visit. Prof. K M Metry and Siddaramananda Swamiji explained logistical arrangements to the 12th Gond Maha Adhiveshana. After the inspection of the venue site, team had dinner offered by the Kanaka Gurupeetha.

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