



Inspire to Reach Higher: Konkani Proverbs

**Words of Wisdom that I.N.S.P.I.R.E.
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Empowering Quotes that I.N.S.P.I.R.E.

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Konkani

Konkani (कोंकणी) language is spoken on the western coast of India. It is one of the 22 scheduled languages mentioned in the Indian Constitution, the official language of the state of Goa, and a minority language in Karnataka and northern Kerala (Kasaragod district).

Konkani is written in the following scripts:

- i) Devanagari
- ii) Roman
- iii) Kannada
- iv) Malayalam
- v) Persian

Introduction

As an inspirational speaker I am often amazed by the power that lies in a single proverb to transform someone's life. Good proverbs, though short, can be profound and have the power to transform one's life and one's thoughts. Empowering proverbs "**I.N.S.P.I.R.E.**" us to reach higher. They:

- I** nfuse positive energy and zest for life
- N** uture new ideas and visions
- S** ummarize complex concepts and ideologies
- P** rovide us with a new perspective of seeing things
- I** nspire us to have dreams
- R** eveal the mindsets of successful people
- E** ncourage us in times of despair

This book contains handpicked Konkani quotations thoughtfully arranged in alphabetically ordered sections to remind us of timeless truths. I do hope the proverbs in this book will inspire you to reach higher...

-Amey Hegde

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Action & Hard Work

Chakri kelear bhakri asa.

चाकरी केल्यार भाकरी आसा.

Serve and you will get bread.

Hard work produces results.



Action & Hard Work

**Kaxtti bhizleabogor nustem dhorum
nozo.**

काशटी भिजल्याबगर नुस्तें धरूं नज.

**You cannot catch fish without getting
your loincloth wet.**

**Nothing is gained without effort.
No pain, no gain.**



Action & Hard Work

Lojek ani pejek poddona.

लजेक आनी पेजेक पडना.

Shyness and rice-gruel don't go together.

When you want to succeed, you must push on, even immodestly.



Commitment: Do what you say

Monx'ak utor, gôrvak danvem.

मनशाक उत्तर गोरवाक दांवे.

**A man is bound by his word, a cow
by its harness.**

**A man must honour his word
voluntarily, without being
compelled by force.**



Encouragement: Don't discourage sincere efforts

Choddtti val katorchi nhoi.

चडटी वाल कातरची न्हय.

One should not cut a climbing vine.

Sincere efforts should not be discouraged.



Forgiveness:

Tit for tat isn't the best policy

Eklean gay marlear,
dusrean padduk marchem nhoi.

एकल्यान गाय मारल्यार
दुसायन्न पाडूक मारचें न्हय.

If one has killed a cow, the
other should not kill a calf.

Two wrongs do not make a
right.



Forgiveness: Tit for tat isn't the best policy

**Sunnean chablem mhunn,
sunneak ghans marop?**

**सुण्यान चाबलें म्हूण सुण्याक
घांस मारप?**

**Can you bite a dog because it
has bitten you?**

**Retaliation for an offense has
to be appropriate.**



Gratitude: Reduce complaining

*Dukor posunk vhelear roddtta,
ani marunkui vhelear roddtta.*

दुकर पोसुंक व्हेल्यार रडटा आनी
मारुंकुय व्हेल्यार रडटा.

A pig keeps squealing whether
you take it for feeding or for
slaughter.

Some people are never content,
they constantly complain.

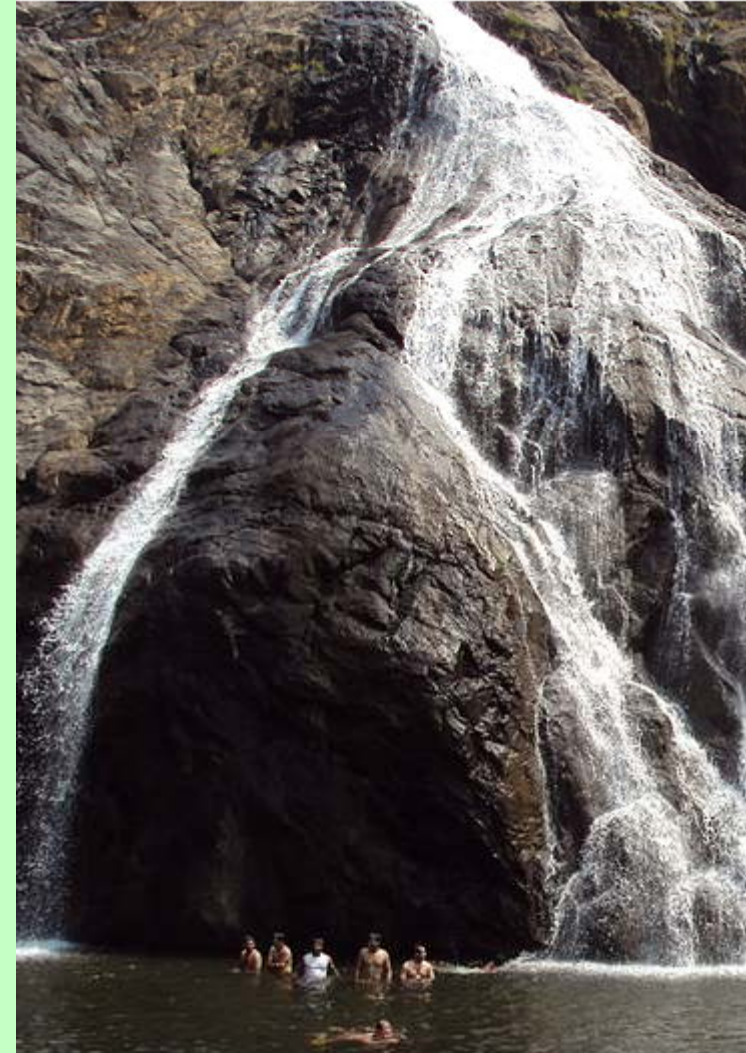


Honesty: The best policy

*A*ng udkan nitoll mon
sotan nitoll.

आंग उदकान नितळ, मन
सतान नितळ.

As the body is cleansed
by water, so is the mind
purified by truth.



Honesty: The best policy

*An*valle vikun ail'le duddu
khorzukhainant.

आंवाळे विकून आयिल्ले दुडू
खोरजूखायनांत.

Money gained by selling
anvalle (amla) does not
irritate the throat.

Any honest work should not
be considered as below one's
dignity.



Perseverance: Never give up

**Ordhea maddar choddun hat
soddche nhoi.**

अर्धा माडार चडून हात सोडचे न्हय.

**One should not let go after
climbing halfway up a coconut
tree.**

**Abandoning work midway can be
disastrous.**



Perseverance: Never give up

*R*azvan fator legit zhorta.

राजवान फातर लेगीत झरता.

A rope can wear out even a stone.

Refers to an old Goan custom of drawing water from a well by pulling a rope against a huge stone.

Perseverance prevails.



Personal Responsibility: Stop the blame game

*A*plo koito hatar boslear,
nal'lak kiteak galli?

आपलो कोयतो हातार बसल्यार
नाल्लाक कित्याक गाळी?

If the chopper cuts your hand,
why curse the coconut.

Do not blame someone else
for your own mistake.



Personal Responsibility: Stop the blame game

*N*achunk kollona, angonn
vankddem.

नाचूंक कळना, आंगण वांकडें.

If you can't dance, the floor is
crooked.

Those who fail blame their
circumstances.



Think before you speak: Rumours spread like wild fire

**Dolleanchem tem khorem,
kananchem tem fottkirem.**

दोळ्याचें तें खरें, कानाचें तें फटकिरें.

**What is seen is true, what is
heard may be untrue.**

**Truth is what you witness in
person. One cannot believe in the
hearsay version.**



Think before you speak: Rumours spread like wild fire

**Varear unvall'llolo kapus,
mutthint dhorunk zaina.**

**वाज्यार हुवाळल्लो कापूस मुटेंत
धरुंक जायना.**

**Cotton once blown by the wind
cannot be caught in the fist.**

**Once a rumour is spread, it
cannot be easily contained.**



Think Positive

**Faleam mortolo mhunn aizuch
fondhatt poddchem re?**

**फाल्यां मरतलो म्हूण आयजूच
फोंडांत पडचें रे?**

**Just because one will die
tomorrow, should you fall into the
grave today itself?**

**Do not anticipate bad things too
much. Meet danger when it comes.**



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