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From the Editor's desk



Dear Reader,

A lot can happen in a day. And considering that it has been 40 days since the 6th issue of SEVA, the current issue has turned out mega given the extent of ground it covers. The next issue of SEVA will feature the Governor's Official visit.

A group of 31 Rotarians and family members had a successful Odisha sojourn in mid-December 2019. A vivid essay on that trip commences on page 02.

One community service project that figures constantly in RBI's discourse is our heart surgeries project. PDG Ravi Bhooplapur - trustee of **Gift of Life** that regularly contributes to this project, visited RBI on 9th December 2019 and addressed us just before he felicitated eminent cardiac surgeon Dr. C.N. Manjunath with the **Gift of Life Award**. We cover that event on page 05.

On 23rd December 2019, a group of 15 bikers was welcomed at RHOS. They were led by an IFMRer from Rotary Thane ACES on a Bharat-Ke-Veer mission. Read about them at RHOS on Page 05.

Our Anganwadi Restoration project surges on. RBI's score passed the 100 mark and 150 looks well within sight. It required little persuasion for project chair, RBI President Nominee Rtn Fazal-Ur-Rahman, to pen a detailed article on the project. Read about this epochal project and more from page 07.

On pages 10 and 11 we chronicle a first of a kind lake revival project that turned the weed encrusted Lake Manae into an oasis for animals in summer. 5 students of Grade 8 at Vidyashilp Academy who raised funds for the project through crowdfunding will be showcasing this WFUNA (World Federation of UN Associations) project at UN HQ in NY in February 2020. Our best wishes for their continued success.

The fantastic effort of Dist 3190 in RI year 2019-20 under IPDG Rtn. Suresh Hari got recognized at Rotary Zone Institute at Indore. The awards list is on Page 11.

RBI's stupendous International Night on 6th Jan 2020 at Bangalore International Centre is detailed on Page 12.

RIPN Rtn. Shekhar Mehta was felicitated by RI Dist 3190 at its ICGF on 21st Dec, 2019. As always, RBI played a vital role. A brief account ensues on page 14.

RBI's annual sub-junior non-medallist swimming competition was held on 25th Dec. A poolside view unfolds on page 15.

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Happy Reading.

Vidyut Shenoy

Bulletin Editor, 2019-20



ODISHA – INDIA’S BEST KEPT SECRET (12th Dec 2019 to 16th Dec 2019)

Orissa had always been on my bucket list, and thanks to RBI, it got ticked off.



33 excited travellers were at the airport even before the Sun lord was up!! Thus began RBI's 'Odisha Sojourn'. We started by wishing Rtn Savita Kaura on her birthday as also Ann Sushma & Rtn Rajendra Karnawat on their anniversary. Upon arriving at Bhubaneshwar, we were warmly welcomed by members of **Rotary Club of Bhubaneshwar Friends**.



After checking-in to the hotel and tucking in a sumptuous breakfast, the group headed to the neatly maintained, **Khandagiri** and **Udayagiri** Caves. The partly natural and partly artificial caves near Bhubaneshwar have archaeological, historical and religious significance. The caves are situated on two hills, Udayagiri and Khandagiri, mentioned as Kumari Parvata in the Hathigumpha inscription. The innumerable finely and ornately carved caves were built in 2nd-century BCE. Most of these caves are believed to have been carved out as residential blocks for Jain monks during King Kharavela's reign. Udayagiri means "Sunrise Hill" and has 18 caves while Khandagiri has 15 caves.

Next, we headed to Bhubaneshwar's largest temple - **Lingaraja temple**. Its central tower stands 180 ft (55 m) tall. The temple represents quintessential Kalinga architecture around the end of the local architectural tradition's medieval stage.

Our lunch at Bhubaneshwar Club was very well organized by RCB Friends. With so many ladies around, the discussion topic at lunch was whether to go shopping right after lunch or after resting a bit. The majority (read ladies') view prevailed, and it was shopping time at 'Priyadarshini'. The ladies went gaga over the saris and turned out an unexpected bonanza for the shopkeeper. They were a happy lot that evening, though not yet satiated!!

Rtn. Asha Vaswani had thoughtfully picked up a cake from Bangalore. In the evening, we celebrated Rtn. Savita Kaura's birthday in the hotel foyer as also the Karnawat's anniversary.

Then it was time for the Rotary meeting **BANDHUTWA**, organized by Rotary Club of Bhubaneshwar Friends (Club 84183 - District 3262). The stage was occupied by DG Rtn Debasis De (Dist 3262), Club President Rtn Ranjan Misra, Secretary Rtn Prajakta Debroy, Chairman Rtn Vijay Agarwal and our own Agarwal, RBI President Manoj.



The meeting started by welcoming us. President Manoj Agarwal then briefly covered RBI's marque achievements and projects. DG Rtn De gave the highlights of activities in District 3262. RCB Friends felicitated each of us individually with a personalized plaque.

The cocktails and sumptuous dinner was made livelier, by dance & music. Members of both clubs joined in the fun, with Mamtha Padhi (RCB), Sowmya and Vidyut rendering some soulful numbers.

Cake cutting for the birthday girl and anniversary couple followed. The BANDHUTWA of RCB Friends was overwhelming and their hospitality amazing. It brought the curtains down on a long, yet fulfilling Day 1.



Kalijai Temple (Kali) located on an island on Chilika Lake.

Day 2 was our day out at Asia's biggest Salt water lake, **Chilika Lake**. The noisy bus ride was enlivened with Antakshari by our very own music enthusiasts. It was a lovely day for the two hour round trip boat ride, with a brief stopover at the colourful Goddess



Post lunch, we headed back to the hotel. But, the ladies refused to be held back!! Some went silver shopping, while others shopped for saris. By chance there was an exhibition by weavers at the hotel. Another terrific day done, we looked forward to the next day's interesting schedule.



Early on Day 3, we set off to **Dhauli**, an area where the Kalinga War was fought. Presumably, King Ashoka after seeing the bloodshed, embraced Buddhism right there. The Shanti Stupa at Dhauli is also known as the Peace Pagoda. It was indeed a peaceful and calming place.

We then headed to **Pipli**, and you guessed it, for more shopping, this time for Applique handicrafts made by local artisans. It was a beautiful and colourful feast for the eyes.

Then it was time for one of the high points of our trip – The **Konark Sun Temple**, where we had a guided tour. Its symbolic architecture is a chariot whose twelve pairs of wheels that represent 12 months of the Hindu calendar, with each month paired into two cycles (Shukla and Krishna). Our Guide explained the significance of each of these wheels. It would be a gross understatement to state how beautiful the monument is. The creativity and skill of the 13th century artisans was simply incredible.



Post lunch, we headed to Puri, the holy land. All of us were blessed with a wonderful Darshan of the Lord at Jagannath temple that evening. And thanks to President Manoj we had the Prasad delivered to our hotel by night.



a few accompanied President Manoj and first lady

Sunday was a lazy day at the beach for some. A few went to the Satpada side of Lake Chilika to watch rollicking dolphins while others shopped. A little birdie, who made some fast bucks, spoke of a card session too! A



Manju on a nostalgic trip to his childhood home and school, as also the



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Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose museum.



The day's highlight though, was the Mahaprasad, known as 'Abadha', arranged by our President. Kudos to him for his untiring effort to ensure the trip succeeded!! The Mahaprasad brought to the hotel as a head load, was served as per tradition on banana leaves. Cooked in pure ghee, it was divinely satisfying and filling. All at the table were barefooted as per tradition. We were truly blessed. The relaxed evening had lots of 'gupshup', followed by dinner.



Some early birds, got a second Darshan of the Lord early on Monday (Day 5) morning. After breakfast, we headed to Bhubhaneshwar for our return flight. Enroute, we gleefully learnt that

our flight had got delayed and (yippee!!) our holiday was extended by a few more hours. We got an opportunity to see the beautiful **Raja-Rani** temple. Odisha Crafts Museum - **Kalabhoomi** became an added attraction for us and made for yet another shopping event. A



group member calculated that the RBI group will have contributed significantly to Odisha's economy given the quantum of artefacts, jewellery, cloths, cashew nuts and local goodies that we all purchased.

Our joyous trip went off flawlessly thanks to the wonderful planning, execution and personal involvement of President Manoj, perfect hostess First Lady Manju, Rtn. Supriya Kandhari & Chrysalis Holidays and the unflappable camaraderie of Rotarians and Anns on the trip.

President Manoj's untiring efforts in taking care of the smallest of details during the entire trip, was commendable. 'Rotary Club of Bhubaneshwar Friends' was omnipresent, ever ready to guide and help us at all times from Arrival to Departure. Kudos to their **Bandhutwa** spirit !!

We will cherish fond memories of this Odisha trip and cannot wait to be on the next trip that RBI arranges.

Contributed by Ann Radha Kumar

The Gift of Life

RBI's 21st weekly meeting on 9th December 2019 at RHOS, was held jointly with Rotary Bangalore West. The guests of honour were Dr. C N Manjunath Director Jayadeva Institute of Cardio Vascular Science and Research, PDG Ravishankar 'Ravi' Bhooplapur (RI District 7255), DG Dr. Sameer Hariani and former Solicitor General of India Justice Santosh Hegde.

The meeting focussed on Gift of Life, a humanitarian organization that funds heart surgeries in India. It has helped many children get a lease of life. PDG Ravi Bhooplapur, who conceived of GoL, was noticeably excited at the event.

RHOS was overflowing with Rotarians from RBI and Rotary West. Dr. Manjunath was conferred the 'Gift of life' Award by PDG Ravi Bhooplapur for his yeoman efforts in Cardiac Care. Dr. Manjunath, after gratefully accepting the award shared his experiences with cardiac care in India, especially among the needy of our society. He then spoke of the thousands of cases that he has personally dealt with, and how RBI and Gift of Life have both helped to provide a new lease of life for young children with a bad heart condition. He shared his vision for the future of the Jayadeva Institute of Cardio Vascular Science and Research, and how RBI remains an integral part thereof.



In his keynote address, Justice Hegde recounted some of his first hand experiences, in helping the poor secure quality health services. He felt that organizations like JICSR, Gift of Life and

Rotary were doing a lot to help the poor, but a lot more needs to be done. He believes that health care professionals need to show their human face to poor patients, like Dr. Manjunath does.



Rtn. Ghanshyam Agarwal was presented his Arch Klumph Society plaque that had recently arrived, making him the 3rd RBI member to be an AKS member.

The evening ended with fellowship and dinner.

Bharat Ke Veer

The 23rd weekly meeting of Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar was held at RHOS on Monday 23rd Dec 2019. 15 Bikers led by IFMR member Rtn. Dr. Sudarshan L Singh of Rotary Club of Thane Aces, RI District 3142 were felicitated. The riders rode their Harley's through the Golden Quadrilateral imploring people to donate to Bharat-ke-Veer. Having started from Thane they were on the last quarter of their journey as they entered Bangalore.

In keeping with the day's theme, 3 RBI Rotarians all former defence services officers representing the three arms of our armed forces, spoke about their respective service wings. Lt Col (Retd) Lester Herbert spoke about the Army covering its vast range of activities. He spoke about the NSG, amphibian personnel carriers and air wings. Rear Admiral (Retd.) Ravindra Gaikwad, detailed the Navy's unceasing role around the peninsula and beyond to keep India's maritime interests secure by patrolling the vast seas. In particular he highlighted the speed with which the Navy neutralizes external threats thru the submarine force and the role of aircraft carriers therein. Wing Cdr (Retd.) Ashok Saraf's ex-tempore talk was incisive and humorous as well. He focussed on the variety of planes in IAF and described their support to other arms of defence service.

Bharat-Ke-Veer bike expedition leader Rtn. Dr. Sudarshan L Singh explained the complexities of a long expedition that covers many different terrains. He spoke of various challenges and their quick resolution. Through a crisp talk he exhorted RBlans to contribute to the cause that is close to their hearts. He ended his speech (as a physiotherapist) with tips for all of us. The expedition hopes to garner Rs. 1 Crore for Bharat Ke Veer. *In a follow up to the request, RBlans pledged over Rs. 1.5 Lakhs to the cause.* Some others have contributed directly.

Rtn. Kavita Kekre was presented the Dazzling Rotarian of September 2019 for her extraordinary effort in making RBI's Musical fundraiser Maestros 2 a resounding success.

The meeting was followed by a special musical fellowship featuring patriotic songs by RBlans and IFRM members. Fellowship and simple dinner topped an intense day at the office for the visiting biking team. Here are some images from that awesome evening.



Club Assembly

The 24th weekly meeting of Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar was the monthly club Assembly held at RHOS on Monday 30th Dec 2019. The primary objective was to take stock of the progress of projects in all 5 avenues.

In a small deviation, the projects discussions were preceded by a short pictorial presentation on the recent 33-person RBI visit to Odisha. Rtn. Manju Verma and Ann Sharada Shenoy covered the tour well in about 15 minutes.



ANGANWADI RESTORATION PROJECT

An Anganwadi is a mother and child care centre in India. It was started by the Indian government in 1975 as part of the Integrated Child Development Services program to combat child hunger and malnutrition.

The objectives of the Integrated Child Development Services Program are:

- To improve nutritional and health status of children in the ages 0 to 6 years
- To reduce incidence of mortality, morbidity, malnutrition and school drop-out
- To achieve effective coordination of policy and implementation among various departments to promote child development
- To enhance the capability of a mother to look after the normal health and nutritional needs of her child, through proper health and nutrition education



Anganwadis in Karnataka provide the following facilities to a mother and child:

1. Children between the ages of 3 to 6 years spend Monday to Saturday between 9-30 am and 4 pm at the anganwadis. They are provided a nutritional snack and a hot lunch, the provisions for which are supplied by the government. They participate in pre-school activities such as singing nursery rhymes, learning the alphabet and numbers, and playing with educational toys. They also enjoy their afternoon siesta.
2. Monthly provisions for children between the ages of 6 months and 3 years are provided to their mothers by the anganwadis. The mothers thus have the ingredients to cook meals at home for their young children.
3. The growth & health of children is monitored. Their weight and height is recorded at regular intervals and doctors visit periodically. Growth charts are maintained for every child.
4. All pregnant women and nursing mothers are also provided a hot lunch.

Project genesis, early success and calibration

Sonahallipura is a village in Hoskote Taluk of Karnataka at which Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar has, over the years, carried out numerous projects like dental camps, general health camps, weekly clinics, animal health camps, gifting cows to needy women, installation of solar streetlights, renovation of government school and construction of bus shelter, under its 'Rural Development Project'.

Sonahallipura also had a poorly maintained anganwadi located in the government school campus at which smart and eager young children in the age group of 3 to 6 years spent the entire day in dull, dark and dreary conditions. The toilet in the anganwadi was in disuse as there was no plumbing and no water connection. With the idea of giving these children a clean, bright and cheerful environment and a hygienic toilet, renovation of the first anganwadi was undertaken at Sonahallipura as part of our Rural Development project during 2016-17. The renovated anganwadi at Sonahallipura was much appreciated by children, their parents and other inhabitants of the village.

During 2017-18, two more anganwadis were renovated as a pilot initiative under the newly christened "Anganwadi Restoration Project" at Kammasandra and Lakhondhalli villages in Hoskote Taluk. It was very apparent to all who visited the three renovated anganwadis, that

the improved conditions had significantly bettered lives of anganwadi going children. The 'Anganwadi Restoration Project' had thus proved its worthiness and was here to stay.

Our focused specifics

What did we do while renovating the anganwadis to warrant so much appreciation?

- We redid the entire anganwadi flooring using high quality vitrified tiles
- Provided a working platform and washing sink in the kitchen
- Provided storage shelves in the storeroom
- Provided a ground level water tank and an overhead water tank with the necessary water pump
- Redid the toilet with ceramic floor tiles and glazed wall tiles
- Provided necessary plumbing in the kitchen and toilet to ensure running water
- Redid waterproofing on the roof
- Fixed a steel mesh on windows to solve the monkey problem
- Redid electrical wiring and provided a light point in every room and a power socket in the kitchen
- Did external & internal painting of the Anganwadi building including doors & windows



After deliberations within Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar's 'Strategic Planning Committee', it was decided to give greater thrust and attention to the "Anganwadi Restoration Project" from 2018-19 onwards. To motivate Rotarians of the Club, a target of renovating at least 100 anganwadis between 2018-19 and 2021-22 was set and the task of raising funds for this project commenced in right earnest.

The project caught the imagination of our Rotarians as well as corporate sponsors who came forward without much persuasion to sponsor renovation of anganwadis.

As on 6th December 2019, a total of 100 anganwadis have already been renovated and dedicated to children of the respective villages and localities under our "Anganwadi Restoration Project" (57 of them in Hoskote Taluk, 28 in Anekal Taluk, 5 in Bangalore South Taluk & 10 in Bangalore North Taluk). Renovation work on many other anganwadis has commenced and is presently in progress. We believe that a good Anganwadi gives young children a strong start to a healthy life. It also relieves young mothers the onerous task of procuring healthy food for their little ones.

Given extensive media coverage that it receives, the project has ensured a very positive image for Rotary in general and Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar in particular.

Rotarians who have made this possible through their personal sponsorships or through sponsorships from their family members, well-wishers or companies are PP Rtn. Peeyush Jain, Rtn. Narssimhan Kannan (Commit Technologies Pvt. Ltd.), Rtn. V. Venkata Reddy, IPP Rtn. M. Jagadeesh (Ms. K.M. Thirumala & Mr. Chempi Madhava Pai & family), Rtn. Ghanshyam Agrawal (Nagel Special Machines Pvt. Ltd.), PP Rtn. O.P. Khanna, Rtn. Lokesh N. Vemulkar, PP Rtn. Amarnath Tandon, Rtn. Sanjay K. Srivatsava, PP Rtn. Ajith Kumar Rai, Rtn. G.J. Raja, Rtn. Kamalavadani Udayakumar, Rtn. A.K. Sugunan (Forum for Former LRDEians), Rtn. Sanjay Koppikar, Rtn. Ashok Maheshwari (Garcicon India Pvt. Ltd.), PP Rtn. Suresh D. Patel, Rtn. Joseph Abraham (Ms. Divya Gulati) and Rtn. Fazal Ur Rahaman.

Corporates who have partnered with us, under CSR or otherwise, are M/s. Mistral Solutions Pvt. Ltd., M/s. Rarewala Steels & Alloys Pvt. Ltd., M/s. Citrix R&D India Pvt. Ltd., M/s. Tommy Hilfiger and M/s. Can Fin Homes Limited. The Bothra Foundation has also associated with us in this project. IPP Rtn. M. Jagadeesh, Rtn. Guna Thantry, PP Rtn. Prabhakar Bothireddy, Rtn. R. Kesavadas & Rtn. Fazal Ur Rahaman have been instrumental in sourcing the funds from the aforementioned corporates under CSR.

IPDG Rtn. Suresh Hari S. also extended great support to this project under District Grants.

We sincerely thank all our sponsors and partners for having joined hands with Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar in this project.

With further support from members of our Rotary family and our many corporate partners in service, we hope to reach our second milestone of 150 anganwadis before the end of Rotary year 2019-20.

Contributed by Rtn. Fazal-Ur-Rahaman

RBI's 98th renovated Anganwadi inaugurated at Devasandra

When Rtns. Fazal and Narssi drove a bunch of RBlans to Devasandra, we looked forward to meeting new folks. The day turned out superb for an outing in pristine Hoskote rural, and we enjoyed every bit. With Hoskote's terrain and geography mapped firmly in his mind, Fazal's drove us unhesitatingly through a maze of good rural roads to an anganwadi full of people. Narssi followed in his car. The Koppikar family which funded the renovation was in full force.

Fazal knew just about everyone there, a result of his perseverance in getting Anganwadis turned out anew. It was evident that he had visited the place more often than he let out, a wonderful testimony to his single-minded pursuit of driving the anganwadi renovation project. RBI could not have had a better project ambassador.

He explained the etiquette as we approached the renewed structure. The clean ground covered with a fresh, clean and dry coat of cowdung gave off a great earthy smell. A rice flour rangoli but not a speck of unwanted stuff adorned it. It felt sacred, perhaps expressing the villagers' thoughts.

After the ribbon-cutting we were taken on a proud tour of the spotlessly clean interiors by grateful village adults accompanied by a well turned out bunch of curious, enthusiastic and happy young kids. A simple dedication ceremony kick-started the activities.



The Koppikars were ready too. Sanjay with his quick wit and Kannada expertise and Varsha with her homemade laddoos that she distributed to the children. An RO water purifier cum storage device was also gifted on behalf of employees of Quadwave by Rtn. Sanjay Koppikar.

Devasandra showered us with simple village hospitality - traditional hot coffee in steel cups, with Marie biscuits. Us city dwellers got chairs to sit on, while the locals, (Varsha, Sanjay and Narssi too) sat on the floor.



Once the coffee had settled, the children regaled us with the Kannada Nadu song and their pledge to India. They eagerly looked forward to their new anganwadi.

Villagers had requests such as concretizing the school ground to make it easier for children during rains. We explained that doing so will deprive the village of precious groundwater, and that alternatives will need to be worked out.

We walked away satisfied but wished we could have stayed longer at the village.

A big thank you to Fazal and the Koppikars.

3 more Anganwadi's in Bangalore North Taluk

Three renovated Anganwadis were dedicated to children at Sudhamanagar (Centre 1), Papareddy Palya & Mallathahalli in Bangalore North Taluk. They were sponsored by Chempi Madhava Pai & Family, Rtn. Joseph Abraham & Family (in memory of his father Mr. Vattakuzhy L. Abraham) and PP Rtn. Suresh D. Patel & Family (in memory of his parents) respectively. The Anganwadis were ready but could not be dedicated earlier.

Here are a couple of pictures from these events held on 6th January 2020.



LAKE REVIVAL

Quietly and without much fuss, one of our newest Rotarians, Rtn. Saravanan Kasthuri, worked hard to ensure that Lake Manae near Banerghatta in Bengaluru South got revived. As on 5th December 2019, 70% of the lake was filled with weeds. RBI, in association with Bengaluru's Lake man **Anand Malligavad**, and the Rs. 8.27 Lakhs raised by **5 students of Vidyashilp Academy** through crowd funding, revived the lake in 22 days. The project was declared complete on 31st December 2019. The revived wildlife lake which is in the elephant corridor of Banerghatta, is expected to provide drinking water to cattle, sheep & wild animals during the summer. The funds were used to cover the costs of hiring multiple earth movers, diesel, bunding and stone pitching on site. Hopefully many such moribund lakes in Bengaluru will get a new lease of life through RBI's lake revival project. It is probably the first such project in India. The 5 students visited the site every weekend and learned salient aspects of reviving lakes from the Lake Man himself. It is with pride that they will showcase this project next month at the United Nations Headquarters in New York as part of WFUNA (World Federation of UN Associations).

It was a wonderful new year gift to Bengaluru in Rotary's centennial year in India.

Kudos to the 5 students of Vidyashilp Academy who raised the money, Anand Malligavad for planning and executing the project and Rtn. Saravanan for his continuous support.

We trace the progress through a series of images during various stages of the project.

A weedful of lake at the beginning



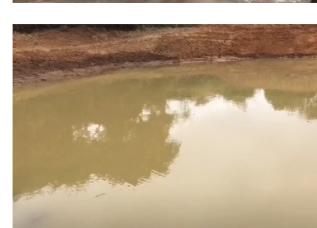
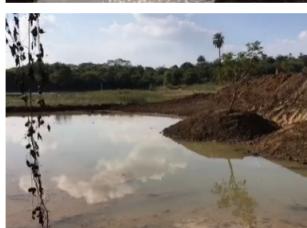
Clearing of the lake underway



Bunds being built.



The lake brimming with water



Stages captured from Lake revival video

Awards for District 3190 under IPDG PP Rtn. Suresh Hari

At a recently held recognition event at the Rotary Zone Institute at Indore, our PP IPDG Rtn. Suresh Hari was conferred the following awards:

1. World Rank - 1 Highest Total Contribution to TRF
2. Rank 1 Highest Contribution to Annual Fund
3. World Rank - 1 Highest Total Endowment Fund
4. Rank - 1 Highest per capita APF Contribution to TRF
5. Nitish Laharry Trophy for All India Highest Contribution to TRF
6. Binota and Kalyan Banerjee Trophy for All India Highest contribution under his able leadership
7. Second highest Rotaract club formation
8. Public image exemplary work



In the picture above he is seen flanked by various dignitaries including DG Dr. Sameer Hariani



Where can you meet Sheikhs and their bevy of Burqa clad ladies, cowboys and cowgirls, a Pharaoh, Cleopatra, Sherlock Holmes, Watson, a Japanese spiritual judoka, Bhutanese men and women, Hawaiian Leis, shirts and shorts, Mexican senors and señoritas, Chinese couples and the Dalai Lama - all in one place? Just connect the dots and you discover



Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar and Rotary Bangalore RMV held the audience spellbound at Bangalore International Centre when in-house talent (members and spouses) put forth a ramp walk of/for the world by showcasing themselves in international attire at the International Night. Add to that a bunch of NYOTHS in their element with guitars, a keyboard, drums and good ole singing, and Salsa and Contemporary dances, a stand-up comedian, and cocktails. What you got was a fun filled potboiler. The event on 6th Jan 2020 celebrated International Night. DG Dr. Sameer Harijan and Dist Director International Service Avenue Rtn. Rajesh Hiremath were very pleased with the outcome. Rtn. Hiremath felt that the concept ought to be reproduced across all clubs in the district to foster an International spirit.

President Manoj Agarwal, Director International Service Avenue Rtn. Narssimhan Kannan and Rtn. Shridhar Pishay led all of RBI and Rotary RMV to an unassailable level that evening.

What or who are NYOTHS ... individuals who are not yet over the hill aka PP Rtn. Pradeep Viswanathan and team. They treated us to some wonderfully foot tapping retro western music. It was closely followed by Aastha and Pushyank performing contemporary dance. Kim and Faith then regaled us with a Salsa performance. Rupen Paul had us in splits as he put forth utterly common happenings with a deliciously funny twist.

All good things must come to an end they say ... and it did, but only to another great element. Cocktails and dinner. The dinner was continental and delicious. Added to that was soulful lounge music by Fabian.

Enjoy these memories of the event ..







ICGF - Public Image

At the recent ICGF - Public Image UTSAV held at TAJ BIAL on 21st Dec 2019, **RIPN Rtn. Shekhar Mehta** was accorded a rousing welcome by RI District 3190. DG Sameer Hariani was accompanied by a host of District dignitaries, Rotarians and family members.

RBI's Choir as always dazzled, with Christmas Carols and Rotary songs.

In the picture alongside, **Rtn. Ghanshyam Agarwal** is felicitated by RIPN Rtn. **Shekhar Mehta** on the AKS status he recently acquired. Also seen are Ann Saroj Agarwal, DG Dr. Sameer Hariani and President Manoj Agarwal.





YOUTH SERVICE

Non-medallist swimming competition for sub-juniors

It was thrilling to see youngsters jump into the Basavanagudi Aquatic Centre pool's cold morning waters, encouraged by their enthusiastic parents. Their joy in the pool was amazingly evident. And this at 07:00 when most of the city was still in bed on a cold Christmas morning. The dedication of children and parents alike needs to be commended.

The non-medallist stature of participants ensured that 178 participants from across the state competed in 28 events in 3 age groups. The 3 groupings were Group III (participants born in 2007,2008), GROUP IV (born in 2009,2010) and GROUP V (2011 born). Each group had 4 individual events (Freestyle, Backstroke, Butterfly Stroke and Breast stroke) for boys and girls. Making it 8 events per age group. Groups III and IV also had medleys for each gender.

From the poolside, enthusiastic "swimming parents" encouraged their young wards to give off their best. And their children obliged. Every child in the pool was a winner, and those who came first, second and third in their specific event were given recognition certificates. Every child who competed received a participation certificate. In due course, some of these children will emerge hopefully as international swimmers and bring glory to our nation.

PP Harpreet Singh Rana treated all Rotarians present that morning to Idlis and Coffee at the nearby Brahmin's Cafe.

Here are a few memories of that wintry cold day made warm by enthusiastic young kids and their parents.

With inputs from PP Rtn. Harpreet Rana



Editor's note: PP Rtn. Harpreet Singh Rana, a "swimming parent" earlier, has voluntarily associated himself with this event for the past few years. His younger son *Angad Singh Rana* has been a state level swimmer.



JAN-FEB BIRTHDAYS

Anne Namrata Jain	13
Anne Mona Lal	13
Anne Dena Rejin	14
Rtn. Bhupinder Singh Lamba	15
Rtn. Dilip Surana	18
Rtn. Sanjay K Srivastava	20
Anne Prema Aiyer	20
Rtn. Balakrishnan Narayanan	22
Anne. Ranjana Anand	22
Anne Asha Shyam Aggarwal	23
Anne Mala Bhandary	29
Rtn. Jaiprakash Hinduja D	31

FEBRUARY

Rtn. Lata Amashi	01
Rtn. Kailash Advani	04
Anne Sri Shaila Raja	04
Anne Deeksha Agrawal	07
Anne Promilla Mathur	10



KEY DATES IN JAN-FEB

- 13 Weekly meeting
PDG U B Bhat will share his experience of being in a hijacked plane.
- 19 Rang Rotary Ke Sang, painting competition for children at Bal Bhavan
- FEBRUARY
- 01-02 District Conference NEXUS at Ebisu Convention Center, Hegdenagar Main Road



ANNIVERSARIES IN Jan-Feb

Latha & Abraham Joseph	10
Archana & Dilip Surana	17
Vidhya & Pradeep Visvanathan	17
Seema & Rakesh Nayyar	18
Gayathri & Chandrashekhar Viswanath	20
Subhashini & Suraj Chalam	21
Srividya & Chandra Mouli T K	24
Padmaja & Brindavan Balaji	25
Indira & Lt. Col. (Retd) Lester Herbert	26
Savita & Raja Kaura	26
Lata & Bhaskar N L	26
Kumud & Shirish Mathur	28
Veena & Vinod Sawhney	28
Rama & V K Baheti	29
Devi & Devaraj	31

FEBRUARY

Guna Thantry & Rajeev	01
Kamala & Dr. P.M. Bhansali	05
Namrata & Peeyush Jain	07
Preeti & Sanjay Dugar	08



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