Good evening friends,

It gives me great honour and happiness to be addressing you all on the joyfull occassion of the Tenth Anniversary celebrations of Prime Terrace. It is also a humble feeling that I have been bestowed this privilege several times over to be the President of this wonderful association over the past ten years.

There are several friends **here** who have journeyed with me for all these ten years. There are several of you who have moved into Prime Terrace subsequently. I am sure that you, who have moved in subsequently, would be feeling as much happiness as those who had the privilege to be present from the beginning.

For the benefit of those who joined us later, I would like to give a brief account of how and when we started.

At the beginning after the initial euphoria of moving into “Our own homes”, we started facing several challenges; mostly from the builders – some from the service providers (cable TV, milk, newspaper, water supplies... ).

The decision to form an interim association was finalized on a Sunday afternoon. At an early date, we were overwhelmed by the enthusiasm of all present.

The interim committee started liaising with the builders to ensure that the handing over formalities are done in a timely manner. Handing over the common areas was a sticky area. Originally, Appaswamy had envisaged giving the Prime Hall to an outside agency to run performing arts classes and allow outsiders to attend the classes. Foreseeing serious security issues and disruptions, we impressed upon Appaswamy to allow the association run the Prime Hall.

The drafting of the byelaws, was an experience by itself. The arguments for and against were many. Those who stood to benefit from a particular inclusion fought for its exclusion; and those who were affected by the inclusion fought against it. A display of complete non-partisanship was plain there to be seen. The unity and bonhomie that we witness today is not a wonder; after all we had been brought up on a healthy diet of camarederie and selflessness.

The succeeding committees have built upon the initial successes. Obtaining the parent documents from Appaswamy is an unheard of deal. Other associations can only dream of it. We have achieved it.

Our own in-house engineering talents in the form of Mr. Ganesh of E1, Mr. Marutha of G4, Mr. Sreenivasa Rao of N3 – the management and subject matter expertise of Mr. Sundar C2, Mr. Kalyanasundaram G9, Mr. Parthasarathy (F5) have worked hard to solve many tricky situations without sweat. I am sure I have missed out a lot more names of the contributors. But paucity of time and my own frail memory fails me.

Our association has been a pioneer in efforts towards going green. Mrs. Santhanalakshmi (P6), Mr. Shankar (A4) and a whole bunch of members and children have been enthusiastically involved in going green. Today we have a very robust and matured Waste Segregation system.

The other major achievement of this association is the way that we have brought people together by way of festivals, celebrations. Our own musical troupe – Sargam has grown from strength to strength. Not a single program happens at Prime Terrace without the meliluous contribution from Sargam team. To imagine that the main pillar of this group was and is a tenant – who no longer resides at Prime Terrace physically but still part of us in more ways than we can count. Mr. Shyam is the honorary PT member. Thanks to Mr. Gopal and his team for making this happen.

The cultural committee is another minor miracle. Under each team this committee has grown from strength to strength. Such is the contribution and strength of this team that we are number 1 apartment in and around this area (of course no official surveys have been done but you do it and you will discover that it is Prime terrace).

We may lack a swimming pool but we have a common area that is the swimming pool for young bright minds and talents. You would be seeing the youth mind and passion in action later this evening. I, as much as you, will be forever in awe of this talent that is in display amongst our children – the future of Prime Terrace.

Common to these cultural committees has been Mr. Kumar of M2 – the perpetual man-to-go when you need something to be done. I am really doing injustice to Mr. Kumar by plugging him to the cultural committee for he is the man-friday of Prime Terrace.

Last but not the least, just like an evening program that is incomplete without the Tambolo from Mr. Malolan, this address will be incomplete without my referring and thanking each and every team of this Executive Committee and Office bearer team that have faithfully served us. Without these teams, we would not have made much of this progress.

I conclude my address with the same sense of humbleness that I started out with. We have succeeded as a team and a community. I pray to the almighty that we understand and cherish this oneness and unity.

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 For the information of those residents who had moved into PT during the last 3 to 4 yrs.and for those residents who have moved in recently. I have to advise that  how we 120 families in PT live as one big  family. Even before completion of PT, we joined together to form a Interim committee with the aim to follow up with the builder to complete the construction of the flats and handing over the same to the owners as per time schedule. After handing over the flats, we the interim committee follwed up with the builder for rectification of the diffects in most of the flats. But for our collective efforts this could not have been completed in time by the builder.

This shows the unity among the members to collectively work together for welfare of all the residents. TheBye-Laws was drafted, and you won't believe that the same was circulated among all the 120 owners for their approval.

The same was registered with the Registrar Of Co-Operative Sicieties, Saidapet with some changes proposed by the residents. This further shows our unity. It is not all, even naming the Society, the suggestions were called for and the best one was totally accepted by all - it was OPTRA ( Owners of Prime Terrace Residents Association) suggested by Mr Venkat D 8 and Vasantha Gopal H 4.

During the last 10 years, the unity and working together as a Team grown from strength to strength. This was possible due to the efforts put in by various committees headed by the past Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and Executive Committee members with the co-operation of all the members and also by the Cultural Committees, Music troupe i.e Sargam headed by Mr Gopal, Green Committee and the

waste Segragation Committee.

I take this opportunity to request all the newly joined residents and as well as the members to extend their fullest co- operation and support to the Executive Committee to carry out the various activities being undertaken by them.

I will be failing on my part if I don't mention the

name of a person irrespective of whether he is in the committee or not undertakes the responsibility of all the work connected with OPTRA. I appreciate his involvement in the society which shows his concern about the welfare of all the members. That person is Mr Kumar.Everyone of the residents of this complex knows this person.

For every success of a Man, there is a women behind. In this case it is Parvathy his wife.

I congratulate both of them for their involvement in the activities of the Society.

I conclude with is and wish you all an wonderful get together and enjoy the various entertainment and food organised by the cultural committee."

Thank you all.