



IFCR NEWS

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Messages

Chairman, IFCR International



I am delighted to have a message in your first edition of IFCR India Newsletter.

I send greetings to all IFCR members and participants in India. Our cricket fellowship is one of the best parts of Rotary, combining as it does all the best ideals of Rotary, cricket and our vocations. A Corner of a Foreign Field, the wonderful book by Ramachandra Guha about the history of cricket in India, tells me that cricket was first mentioned in India in about 1721, so in the context of your history it is a young game. As much as we like to think of the purist's game, our modern game is as much a reflection of the joys and tensions of all countries where it is played. I know we all enjoy the "runs, wickets and catches, epic innings and exciting matches". And as our memories turn all of these feats into even greater stories of our own participation, we can reflect on the joy of the people we have met through IFCR events all over the cricketing world.

To all those now participating in IFCR, and to all those still to discover it, I say enjoy all the opportunities IFCR offers you. Let our light shine and contribute by being part of Service Above Self and the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace.

The 9th World Rotary Cricket Festival is being held in New Zealand in February-March 2017. We look forward to seeing you in New Zealand at that time.

John Dean

Past Chairman, IFCR International



"I am indeed very happy that IFCR India is bringing out a Newsletter that would bring our members much closer and promote fellowship continuously. I congratulate Sarathy and Chittranjan for the initiative and wish them all success".

Kittu

Chairman, IFCR India



Dear fellow IFCRians,

I always believed that any communication network, established and executed with a positive intent, is an instant way to connect to every member of any group and the vibrant IFCR group in India is no different. So when Hon. Vice Chairman, Chittranjan mooted this idea of circulating a periodical IFCR news letter to all IFCRians with latest updates in India and around the world, IFCR India greatly welcomed the idea. Our profound thanks to him for volunteering to take up the editing/printing/circulating the news letter issues periodically. We greatly appreciate his initiative and contribution.

I take this opportunity to thank all the IFCR district officials who responded positively to this idea and forwarded their team pictures of Nottingham festival promptly and look forward to their continued co-operation by forwarding their local district IFCR event pictures/reports, as and when sought for future issues. We also seek similar inputs from different IFCR countries to update our members of the happenings around the world too. I also thank IFCR heads for their encouraging words thru their kind messages on the occasion of launching the inaugural issue.

A good beginning is always deemed to have the work half done. Let us all join together to strengthen IFCR in India and carry this momentum forward for better achievements in future years.

With warm greetings and best wishes to the entire IFCR fraternity for the ensuing festive season.

KRP Sarathy

Secretary, IFCR International



Dear Sarathy,

My congratulations to you on the inauguration of the IFCR New Letter which will inform Indian IFCR members of what is occurring in the wider IFCR world.

The main news from Australia now concerns our upcoming Bendigo festival from March 15 to March 20 next year. We can assure any of your members who attend our festival that both the cricket festival and the hospitality will meet all expectations. Full details about the festival are available at <http://www.rotarycricket.org/bendigo-festival-2015.html>

Richard Groom

Editorial



It gives me great pleasure in presenting before you the 1st Issue of "IFCR NEWS". It is a humble beginning & with support from all, I am sure this newsletter will get bigger & better in the times to come. I would welcome suggestions / articles on how to make the newsletter more informative, useful & interesting. Looking forward to active participation from all.

Chittranjan Choudhury

IFCR INDIA TEAMS WHO PARTICIPATED IN 8TH WRC FESTIVAL AT NOTTINGHAM,UK 13-18 JULY 2014

The 8th World Rotary Cricket Festival began with a gala opening ceremony in the University of Nottingham Convention Hall on 13th July evening. All the Indian teams and some of them with their families took part with a typical enthusiasm of a Rotary Cricket Festival in which they have been participating in abundance since Durban South Africa in March 2010. There were in excess of 100 players from IFCR India who were part of the playing teams in the festival, splitting in to seven playing teams (eventually it became eight as one set of seven players from IFCR India, Hyderabad/ Vijayawada playing under Pakistan country banner making it a unique combination of Indo/ Pak team true to the fellowship ideals of Rotary and IFCR).

When eventually the curtains came down on the festival on the evening of 18th July 2014 with an entertaining closing ceremony, the teams left Nottingham with pleasant memories of each adding a score of new IFCRians in their friendship dairy, once again proving that such fellowship meets of Rotary enhances the bonding and love with one another cutting across the global boundaries and makes you feel an integral part of the wonderful universal family of Rotary.

The following are the team pictures of IFCR India group which were part of the 8th WRCF at Nottingham,UK along with two individual recognitions for their achievements in the festival.



"India Lions" from a combined group of Mumbai and Vapi Teams (RID 3140 and RID 3060)



"India Super Kings" From RID 3230 Chennai, Tamilnadu



"Royal Indians" from Mumbai RID 3140



"India Hurricanes" from RID 3190, Bengaluru

IFCR INDIA AT NOTTINGHAM.....(CONTD.)



"India Wanderers" from Mumbai
RID 3140



"Indian Eagles" from Kolkata
RID 3291



"Southern Indians", a mixed team from
Namakaal & Mumbai in combined team
photo with IFCR Australia Team



India Team from Hyderabad/Vijayawada
RID 3150/3020 which played for Pakistan



Rtn. Kittu, Past Chairman IFCR International,
played couple of games for "India Superkings"
Chennai and was presented a memento being the
oldest player of the festival.



Rtn. Mehul A. Mehta receiving special award from
Rtn. Norman for taking the only hat-trick during the festival.



Group Photograph of all participants of 8th World Rotary Cricket Festival
at NOTTINGHAM, UK

IFCR (WORLD) AGM 2014 : NOTTINGHAM, UK

President Kittu noted the following points of interest relating to the last two years:

- Membership is up.
- A new chapter in Bangladesh had been launched.
- A new chapter in Greece (Corfu) had been established.
- The Adelaide Australian national festival had been a success.
- The Asia regional tournament staged in India had gone well.
- The Hyderabad festival had been successful.
- Three representatives from Greece had attended the Pune festival.
- The fellowship had a booth in the House of Friendship at the Sydney RI convention.
- Expansion of the fellowship to Trinidad was possible in the near future.
- A new version of the website had been released.

Office-bearers going forward two years

Chairman John Dean

(New chairman John Dean took the chair and made his opening remarks)

Secretary Richard Groom

Vice chairman Ravi Raman and Vipul Patel (joint)

Deputy Secretary Rachael Barton

Ex officio Immediate Past President Kittu

A motion of thanks to Kittu and P Sridarhan for their efforts over the last two years was approved.

The names of country representatives are to be advised to John Dean as soon as possible.

Next Festival

Wellington in New Zealand was proposed as the site of the next festival. John Dean gave a presentation about the city and his plans for the festival in late February/early March 2017. By general consensus this proposal was approved.

General Business

- Norman Brown and his committee were congratulated on presenting a successful Nottingham festival.
- Michael Jackson reported his plan to establish an E club in his D1110 during his year.
- Mention was made of the next Australian national festival at Bendigo in March 2015.
- David Benn suggested that the next festival should use a mechanism to reduce the age advantage currently available in some games.
- Kittu referred to his plan to have a festival of cricket, Dream Cricket and tennis in Chennai in February 2015.

Secretary, IFCR India



It gives me immense pleasure being a part of this exclusive IFCR group of Rotary organisation in the capacity of IFCR INDIA SECRETARY and my sincere thanks to our Chairman KRP Sarathy and all our IFCRIANS who have showed the trust in me to take up this responsible assignment. My compliments to Vice-Chairman Chittranjan for his initiative (ably supported by our Chair KRP SARATHY) to bring out this Newsletter (for the first time) with all his expertise in the printing world which will be cherished by all our IFCR members.

I would like to add the following announcements on behalf of IFCR India.

1. In response to Nottingham AGM minutes and resultant calendar approved, we have scheduled IFCR CHENNAI TOURNAMENT IN THE MONTH OF FEB 2015 and the dates would be 27th, 28th February & 1st March, 2015. The other details are being prepared and final notification will be circulated to all our member districts shortly.

2. We have IFCR AUSTRALIA BENDIGO FESTIVAL being held from 15th to 20th March 2015. And I am sure that all of you would have received the details of the festival invite from our Chairman KRP SARATHY's mail last week. I request all members to please make a note of the above schedule and ensure that the likely participants confirm their registration by 30th Sept 2014 (as requested by the organisers) which will enable them to prepare the visa invitations and despatch to all in time for applying for Visas

3. Fresh IFCR India account details will be circulated the moment we receive the finalised statement of accounts for 2012-14 (which is still awaited) from the previous committee (reference minutes of AGM held in Nottingham in July 2014).

R. Neelakantan

Minutes of IFCR (INDIA) AGM held at Nottingham on 16th July 2014

Dear All,

Vipul Patel IFCR (India) chair called the meeting to order and conducted the proceedings.

KRP Sarathy (IFCR-India) Vice Chair and Naresh Shenoy were invited to the dais.

Vipul briefed in nutshell the progress made by IFCR (India) since the new team took over in Vapi in Feb 2012. He highlighted the successful IFCR Fellowship Tournaments held in Hyderabad, Chennai and Pune, one surpassing the other by the efficient execution of the events by the respective region heads and their team and IFCR India's significant contributions thru Kittu, Sarathy and Vipul in spreading the IFCR movement by launching of IFCR 3201 Kochi during SAARC tournament at Munnar in May 2012 and also helping to launch IFCR in Bangladesh (RI 3281 /82) and Greece (RI 2484) in Jun 2013 and Sept 2013 respectively in their presence.

Vipul thanked all the IFCRians and stepped down as IFCR India Chair and KRP Sarathy (Vice Chair) was proposed and seconded unanimously to take over from him as IFCR India Chair for the next term.

KRP Sarathy took over the proceedings as the current IFCR India Chair and thanked all the members of the AGM for the responsibility bestowed on him and sought their continued support at all times. When called for proposals for Vice-Chair, Pradeep Godbole of IFCR 3140, Mumbai and Chitranjan Choudhury of IFCR 3291 Kolkata were proposed and seconded. After deliberations Pradeep Godbole offered to withdraw in favour of Chitranjan with due regard to his seniority and also to avoid any contest to maintain unanimity. All the members of AGM applauded and appreciated his gesture in true Rotary spirit.

It was also adopted that the next IFCR India Chair to be elected need not necessarily be automatic succession of Vice-chair taking over as Chairman and it could be on fresh proposal and seconding depending on performance/suitability criteria. The AGM advised KRP Sarathy to have his own nominees for Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer post. He proposed to have R. Neelakantan of IFCR 3230 Chennai as his Secretary and Keshav of IFCR 3190 Bengaluru as his Treasurer. The proposal was unanimously adopted.

On other general business there were threadbare discussions on the age restrictions to be implemented in IFCR India tournaments / festivals which included valuable inputs from senior Rotarians like J. Krishnan, Kittu, Rajagopal, Ravi, Agam and Nandu Shenoy.

The IFCR India Chair and other office bearers noted all the views of the members present in the AGM and accepted to work towards bringing out balanced guidelines for future IFCR India tournaments in broad consent with majority of IFCR India state and district heads.

When KRP Sarathy proposed to finalise the cricket fellowships calendar for next couple of years, the AGM has empowered the IFCR chair to finalise the same in discussion with the office bearers after receiving the proposals from respective IFCR districts who are volunteering to host the same. It has been requested that the IFCR districts who are proposing to host any National/international IFCR events (Festival/Tournament) must send their proposals to IFCR India for approval and to coordinate the same.

A resolution was passed unanimously that the new team under KRP Sarathy in liasion with Neelakantan (Secretary) and Keshav (Treasurer) are authorised to operate the accounts of IFCR India forthwith and Vipul and his team (Naresh Shenoy, Bharath Gajjar) have been requested to finalise the accounts and facilitate smooth transfer of the same at the earliest.

KRP Sarathy, the IFCR (India) Chair, who is also the Webmaster of IFCR (India) site briefed the AGM that he is in constant touch with John Dean (IFCR World Chair) and Richard Groom (IFCR World Secretary) who are working on the new portal created for IFCR as the old site is now defunct. He would take the help of volunteers, if required, to help him out in transferring all the material uploaded in the old site into the new one. He would also follow the guidelines of IFCR World and circulate the prescribed forms developed by the International body for joining IFCR as a member and co-ordinate with all IFCR regional heads to ensure compliance.

The AGM concluded with KRP Sarathy and Chitranjan thanking all the members for smooth conduct of the AGM and opined that future AGMs must be conducted at every available opportunity when majority of IFCR regional heads are present to update the progress made on various issues during future IFCR tournaments/festivals throughout the term.

Thanking you,

With warm greetings,

R. Neelakantan

Hon. Secretary, IFCR India

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