



# IFCR NEWS

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## Foreword

### Chairman, IFCR India



Dear fellow IFCRians,

Warm greetings from IFCR ( India ) !!!

As already mentioned in our last issue, the recent summer months have not seen much of IFCR activity on field, except of course in the cricket crazy capital of India ,Mumbai.

IFCR 3140, Mumbai have successfully completed their JK T-20 Rotary tournament and their tournament report/ awards ceremony pictures have been covered in this issue. We once again compliment the IFCR 3140 management committee for organising this long tournament in 2014-15 ( comprising of 21 teams from 26 Rotary clubs in Mumbai ) and continuing it year after year successfully.

Meanwhile we are happy to inform you that the passion for Rotary cricket is no less in down south and the recently launched IFCR District 3201 has one more team formed in the city of Coimbatore, which interestingly is part of RID 3201, Kerala. The 30 odd Rotary clubs in Coimbatore led by Rtn. Arivumani, Rtn. Sumit and Rtn. Chella have come together to form an IFCR Coimbatore team, which was formally launched on 12th July 2015. They will have a Convenor who will lead and administer the team. They will report to and be a part of IFCR 3201 district body led by Rtn. Reji Chacko and other office bearers from Kochi.

Incidentally IFCR 3201 have recently had an AGM at Kochi in Jun 2015 (after completion of term of two years by their old body) and have a new board elected with Rtn. Reji Chacko as Chairman. We also have a reconstituted IFCR 3140 board (after its meeting on 19th July 2015 at Mumbai) with Rtn. Dr. Siva taking over as Chairman again due to non availability of Rtn. Lalit Katkar owing to other Rotary commitments. Rtn. Milind will continue as Secretary.

On the International front we are very happy to inform you that NZIFCR board has decided that the 9th World Rotary Cricket Festival will be held in Christchurch, New Zealand from 22nd Jan to 27th January 2017. More details of the festival will be available shortly and we shall share the same with you all for your advance plans.

We are also delighted to inform you that a new IFCR website has been launched, thanks to untiring efforts of Richard Groom, Hon.Secretary (IFCR International) with active support from all the IFCR International executive board members led by our own Ravi Raman, IFCR International Chair. You may now visit [www.rotarycricket.org](http://www.rotarycricket.org) to browse the activities of all IFCR countries including India.

We eagerly look forward to the next all India IFCR tournament in Bengaluru during the first week of Oct 2015 and wish Rtns.Rajagopal/Keshav and their entire organising team from IFCR Bengaluru all the very best to dish out another well conducted event in IFCR ( India).

Looking forward to meet you all in Bengaluru.

With best wishes,

KRP Sarathy,  
Chairman ( IFCR-India)

### Secretary, IFCR India



Greetings to all IFCRians,

Summer months during the last quarter did not see much activity in IFCR on the field except for the JK IFCR 20 tournament in Mumbai, the details of which has been covered in this issue. IFCR Coimbatore Team of Dist 3201 was launched officially on the 12th of July 2015 in Coimbatore at "The Rotary Texcity Hall". It was officially declared open by our IFCR Chair KRP Sarathy.

It was well attended function with IFCR officials like R. Ravi Raman World IFCR Chair, KRP. Sarathy IFCR INDIA Chair, R. Neelakantan IFCR India Secretary and Reji Chacko IFCR Chair Dist 3201 present. It was well planned and well executed launch headed by R. Arivumani the convenor. More importantly on the launch day they have registered 45 new IFCR members which was really a good number to start.

As mentioned in our earlier news letter there was supposed to have some activities in Namakkal District IFCR. But due to some preoccupied issues they could not have the same. As agreed and confirmed we will have our all India IFCR T20 Tournament in Bangalore during the month of Oct (1st to 4th 2015). The confirmed details will follow in another few days from Rajagopal / Keshav of Bangalore. As per our annual calendar the subsequent IFCR T20 tournament will be held during the first week of Feb 2016 in Cochin. The details are expected shortly from Cochin IFCR. As already reported Vishvanathan Krishnan has taken over as Chairman of IFCR Tamil Nadu and the following are the other office bearers

Vice Chairman - R. Neelakantan  
Secretary - R. Natarajan  
Treasurer - K. R. Shiva

With best wishes,

R. Neelakantan,  
Hon. Secretary (IFCR-INDIA)

## A REPORT CARD ON IFCR DIST. 3140, MUMBAI (2014-15) : (By Rtn. MILIND MOHITE, HON. SECRETARY)

IFCR Dist. 3140 formed on 29th July 2010 adopted the Constitutions & Bye Laws in the Annual General Meeting & registered 80 Rotarians to participate in IFCR activities.

We greet Rtn. Dr. Sivaramakrishnan as the incoming Chairman of IFCR Dist. 3140 as our outgoing Chairman Rtn. Dr. Lalit Katkar has forwarded his resignation for personal reasons. We thank Rtn. Dr. Lalit Katkar for guiding us for the election process of IFCR which was held during the start of the year & time given for the fellowship act of IFCR Dist. 3140.



IFCR 3140 Chair



IFCR 3140 Secretary

The ongoing Late Jagdish Khanna Interclub cricket tournament, then known as COPS tournament, was taken care by IFCR Dist. 3140. In the initial stages three to five teams participated in the tournament & a Rotating Trophy was donated by PDG Late Rtn. Jagdish Khanna. After the emergence of IFCR, the tournament participating team saw a rise of 9 teams in the very first year which increased to participation of 26 Rotary Clubs now, comprising 21 teams. Total 361 Rotarians registered for the year & 19 Rotarians as Life Members, a membership rise from 80 to 380 Rotarians in 5 years.

Seven teams were divided into three divisions depending on the performance, points & NRR of last year.

### Teams

Group A	Group B	Group C
A1 - RC Parleshwar	B1 - RC Sun City	C1 - RC Bay View Bashers
A2 - RC Thane	B2 - RC Dombivili West	C2 - RC Borivali
A3 - RC North West	B3 - RC Nariman Point	C3 - RC Sion
A4 - RC Juhu/Deo/Chem	B4 - RC Hanging Garden	C4 - RC Thane Suburban
A5 - RC Domb. Mid/City	B5 - RC Bay View Blasters	C5 - RC Queens Necklace
A6 - RC Borivali Blues	B6 - RC Bombay Central	C6 - RC Bombay West
A7 - RC Thane Hills	B7 - RC Airport	C7 - RC Peninsula

The strong & eligible teams of A Division played 6 round robin matches, two semi finals & a final for a rotating trophy. Whereas the teams in B & C division played 6 round robin matches. Top two teams from each division played Semi Final and two qualifying teams were to play Finals. But due to non availability of players & dates the trophy was shared between both the teams. Total 67 matches were played in 37 days & the tournament which started from 13th Nov. 2014 lasted upto 8th May 2015.

In A Division the Semi Finals was played between R. C. Borivli vs R. C. Bombay Northwest & R. C. Dombivli was given walkover by R. C. Parleshwar.

The Final Winners were R. C. Borivli & the Runners were R. C. Dombivli Midtown/City.

In B & C Division the 1st Semi Finals was played between R. C. Thane Suburban/ Salt Lake vs R. C. Bombay Hanging Gardens. R. C. Thane Suburban/Salt Lake won the match. In 2nd Semi Finals R. C. Dombivli West vs R. C. Queens Necklace was played & R. C. Dombivli West won the match.

The Finals between R. C. Thane Suburban vs R. C. Dombivli West was not played for the reasons of non availability of Rotarians who had booked their vacations dates & non availability of ground. So the trophy was shared between R. C. Thane Suburban & R. C. Dombivli West.

Rtn. Pardeep Godbole took efforts for scoring as well for tabulating Net Run Rate records. We would like to thank Amol Sonavane for the Cricket Photo, Scoresheet, NRR updated on website [www.cricketgraph.com](http://www.cricketgraph.com)

Rtn. Milind Mohite who was a coordinator for all the participating teams, grounds booking was with Rtn. Naresh Shenoy & Rtn. Vijay Wani was the treasurer.

A total of 59 Man of the Match awards were won throughout the tournament and these MOMs along with Winner/Runner Trophies were handed over by Former Test Cricketer Nilesh Kulkarni as Guest of Honour & DGE Rtn. Dr. Chandrashekhar Kolvekar (Charter Dist. Governor for newly formed Dist. 3142) as Chief Guest. The Prize Distribution Ceremony took place at R.G. Banquet Hall, Thane on 18th July 2015.

Dist. 3140 participated in the all India IFCR Cricket Tournament in Chennai & Rtn. Pradeep Godbole represented Mumbai in IFCR Cricket Festival in Australia along with other IFCRians around the country.

This year ( 2014-15) we have donated Rs. 2,00,000/ to Rotary District Welfare Fund for Nepal Relief Operations apart from Rs. 55,000/- to our regular donation proposals for sports related activities.

### OUR FUTURE PLANS FOR 2015-16

Rtn. Mayank Desai will lead as Chief Convenor for Late Jagdish Khanna Interclub T-20 tournament in accordance with the IFCR Committee of Dist. 3140. Till date total 23 teams have confirmed the participation for the year 2015-16.

A fellowship Cricket Tournament will be played for Rotarians above 45 years age & the chief Convenor will be Rtn. Naresh (Nandu) Shenoy & Rtn. Pradeep Godbole.

### OUR NEW OFFICE BEARER'S

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2. Secretary - Rtn. Milind Mohite- 9820232381 - rotarymilind@gmail.com
3. Jt. Secretary - Rtn. Mayank Desai
4. Convenor - Rtn. Naresh (Nandu) Shenoy
5. Treasurer - Rtn. Vijay Wani
6. Co-Convenor (Intl.)- Rtn. Pardeep Godbole
7. Co-Convenor (India) - Rtn. Padmanabhan (Paddy)
8. Hon. Member - Rtn. Dr. Lalit Katkar
9. Hon. Member - Rtn. Ashish Ramrakhiyani
10. Hon. Member - Rtn. Ulhas Dandekar
11. Hon. Member - Rtn. Prasad Deorukhkar
12. Hon. Member - Rtn. Juzer Jasdenwvalla
13. Hon. Member- Rtn. Subramaniam



“A” group Winner R. C. Borivli



“A” group Runners R. C. Dombivli Midtown-City



R. C. Dombivli West



RC Thane Suburban



IFCR Donation to Rotary District Welfare Fund

## AWARD CEREMONY



Capt. Rtn. Yogesh Nakhye & Rtn. Manoj Gatti Sharing  
"B" & "C" Group Trophy



R. C. Borivli Winners of "A" Group



R. C. Dombivli West with Trophy in "B" & "C" Group



R. C. Midtown -City Runnersup Trophy in "A" Group

## LAUNCH OF COIMBATORE TEAM:::::IFCR 3201

Date – 12th July, 2015

Venue – Rotary Texcity Hall, Coimbatore.

Chief Guest – Rtn. PDG. Capt. Mathews (Dist 3201 Governor Year 2009-10)

Guest of Honor – 1) Rtn. Ravi Raman (IFCR WORLD CHAIR)

2) Rtn. KRP. Sarathy (IFCR INDIA CHAIR)

Representation of all the G32 Rotary Clubs of Coimbatore-Rtn. Haji Iqbal (District Club Service Director-2015-16)

The Inauguration of the IFCR COIMBATORE TEAM, was a Gala Event with the Top Brass of IFCR, i.e IFCR WORLD CHAIR – Rtn.Ravi Raman, IFCR INDIA CHAIR - Rtn. Sarathy, IFCR INDIA SECRETARY - Rtn.Neelakantan, 3201 IFCR CHAIR - Rtn. Reji Chacko, present during the event.

The event started with a Rotary Prayer followed by welcome speech by Rtn.Arivumani , the Convener of IFCR CBE TEAM. Then we had the address delivered by our IFCR INDIA CHAIR, Rtn.Sarathy who gave us a brief about what IFCR stands for and the joy and advantages of being a part of it for cricket loving Rotarians. He also gave us his experiences on the IFCR India Tournaments and how it has helped Rotarians in building Friendship through IFCR around the world. It was a motivating speech to all the 75+ Rotarians who were seated in the hall.Then we had the Address of the IFCR WORLD CHAIR, who gave us an insight about how a IFCR World Tournament is conducted and how beneficial it is to take part in this Tournament which is conducted every two years in various Countries of the World.

Then it was the main Event, the installation of the New IFCR Members from Rotary Coimbatore to get inducted. All the members were called upon to the dias. Once all were present, we had unravelling of our IFCR COIMBATORE TEAM LOGO, followed by the IFCR India Chair Rtn. Sarathy officially launching the Logo and the Coimbatore Cricket Team.....It was a wonderful moment for all the Coimbatoreans to be now a part of the IFCR World !!! This moment will always be cherished and remembered by all.

Once the Team was Inducted, Our District 3201 Club Service Director for the Year 2015-16, Representing all our Coimbatore Clubs, thanked IFCR for all the support and guidance that they gave us and also promised to utilize this opportunity and have more of Club Service Projects through Cricket.

Then we had our Chief Guest of the Evening – Rtn. PDG. Capt. Mathews addressing the gathering, He was very happy that an event of this magnitude had taken place in Coimbatore and willingly expressed his wish to join the IFCR COIMBATORE TEAM as a cricket loving member.

Finally we had the Vote of Thanks by Rtn. Sumit Kumar Prasad, Co-Convener of IFCR CBE TEAM, who thanked all the IFCR Officials to have taken time-off from their respective busy schedules and participated with full support and guidance for the event. He also thanked the Chief Guest & all the other Rotarians without whom the event wouldn't have been possible.

The event was then followed by Fellowship/Dinner.

**(As reported by Rtn.Sumit Kumar Prasad, Co-Convenor-IFCR Coimbatore team)**



3201 IFCR CHAIR Rtn. Reji Chacko being welcomed by Rtn.Vadivel



Chief Guest of the Day Rtn. PDG. Capt. Mathews Addressing the Gathering



Chief Guest Rtn. PDG. Capt. Mathews being welcomed by Rtn.Rajan



IFCR CBE Convener Welcoming the Gathering



IFCR COIMBATORE TEAM LOGO Being Launched by the Officials on the Dias



IFCR INDIA CHAIR Rtn.Sarathy Addressing the Gathering



IFCR INDIA CHAIR Rtn.Sarathy being welcomed by Rtn.Godwin



IFCR INDIA Secretary Rtn.Neel being welcomed by Rtn.Prakash



IFCR Joint Convener Rtn.Chella with other IFCR CBE Members



IFCR WORLD CHAIR being Welcomed by Rtn.Mohanraj



IFCR WORLD CHAIR Rtn.Ravi Raman Addressing the Gathering



Rtn.Haji Iqbal Dist Club Service Director who represented the G32 Rotary Club of Coimbatore being welcomed by Rtn.Muthukumar



Rtn.Sumit Kumar Prasad Co-Convener for IFCR CBE presenting the Vote of Thanks



The Newly Inducted IFCR COIMBATORE TEAM Members enjoying the evening



The Newly Inducted IFCR COIMBATORE TEAM

## **IFCR 3201 Kochi Chapter's 2015 AGM held on June 18**

**(as reported by Rtn. Dr. Arun Babu, Hon. Secretary IFCR, 3201.)**

IFCR 3201 Kochi Chapter's 2015 AGM held on June 18, 2015 was attended by a majority of its enthusiastic members. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rtn Reji Chacko with Vice-chairman Rtn Rajeev Nair and Secretary Mathew Varghese joining him on the dais.

Rtn Mathew briefed members about various activities the Chapter had successfully organised and congratulated all members who had wholeheartedly supported the programs organised by IFCR.

Rtn Rajeev was full of appreciation for both teams from Kochi – Kochi Tuskers and Kochi Warriors who won the respective group finals of the Chennai IFCR tournament. Chairman Reji applauded the cricketing spirit of IFCR members and made particular reference to the commitment and passion of both participating teams in the Chennai tournament.

Chairman Reji also congratulated Cochin Tuskers which won the hearts and minds of all after a terrific performance in the Bendigo cricket festival. It was not so much the wins but the fellowship that was evident in Bendigo that made it a memorable cricket festival.

An executive team was elected to organise the Kochi IFCR Cricket Tournament during February 2016, and the team was mandated to organise the event with grandeur and style providing the best hospitality for the participating IFCR members.



Cochi Tuskers team along with PDG ISTHIAQUE of Bangladesh who participated in Bendigo Festival, Australia in March 2015

## Office Bearers of IFCR 3201 Kochi

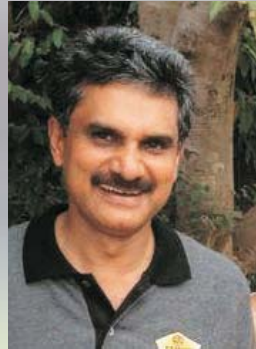
A new team of office bearers for IFCR Kochi was elected unanimously at the meeting, as shown below.

CHAIRMAN	- Reji Chacko
VICE CHAIRMAN	- C. A. Salim
SECRETARY	- Dr.Arun Babu
TREASURER	- Reji Raman

The newly elected Secretary Rtn Dr Arun thanked everyone for making the IFCR Kochi AGM a huge success and promised that every effort would be made to enrol new members into IFCR Kochi. He noted that it was amazing how much could get done if people did not worry about who got the credit. The achievements of IFCR Kochi were the result of the combined effort of all individuals. Rtn Dr Arun observed that when a team rises above individual performance and grows in confidence, excellence is achieved.



Reji Chacko



C. A. Salim



Dr. Arun Babu



Reji Raman

### Editorial



It gives me great pleasure in presenting before you the 4th Issue of "IFCR NEWS". In spite of a lean cricketing season, we have been able to compile a 8 pages Newsletter. This is a good barometer of how active & popular IFCR has been in our country. I would like to thank all who have contributed by reporting IFCR activities in their respective regions. Wishing for similar enthusiasm in the forthcoming issues of "IFCR NEWS". Till then, Happy Reading!

CHITTRANJAN CHOUDHURY

Vice Chairman, IFCR India & Editor, IFCR News

### Rotary Cricket

We welcome readers to the website of IFCR (International Fellowship of Cricket Loving Rotarians).  
View on [www.rotarycricket.org](http://www.rotarycricket.org)

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