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Foreword

Chairman, IFCR India



Dear fellow IFCRians,

It has been a quite summer, as always, as far as IFCR on the field activities were concerned except for successful completion of the annual (5 month long) JK Memorial T20 tournament by IFCR 3140 Mumbai during the month of May 2016. The notable off field activity has been Charter Installation of a

new IFCR district from RI 3000 during the month of March 2016 covering Trichy, Madurai and other revenue districts falling under its purview. The energetic initiatives of DG (15-16) Theenachandran resulted in ushering in the new IFCR 3000 under the ebullient leadership of Rtn. Mahesh Kumar Khanna as Charter Chairman of the latest IFCR unit in India.

This is the sixth new IFCR unit inducted into IFCR-INDIA fraternity since Nottingham festival in July 2014. The total IFCR membership in India now hovers around 800 and still counting. The passion with which cricket is loved and played by Rotarians in India has made this as one of the most happening recreational Rotary Fellowships and also made the Rotary World sit up and watch at India's growth in this area.

Meanwhile the last two months have been abuzz with registrations for the 9th World Rotary Cricket Festival at Christchurch in NZ in January 2017. It has been hectic and busy period off the field and at the time of going for print of this issue we have completed registrations/ payments of around 80 participants from nine affiliated IFCR districts in India with Mumbai topping the list with 20 registrations. I am also pleased to inform you that there are four Rotary Anns (which includes one lady umpire) in this list of participants.

Creditable strength indeed, when you are travelling to a far away country like New Zealand taking into account all the expenses and incidentals involved for each participant. The payments of first installment of festival package as offered by the organisers were completed within the due dates given and I take this opportunity in thanking all the concerned district leaders and group managers who had been co-ordinating with me round the clock to achieve this first phase of payments in time. Rest assured again that Indian contingent will be once again the largest and will form the major chunk of the total participants at the 9th festival at Christchurch.

What also will be unique this time will be that Indian teams will be "Mix and Match" combinations with the participants from different regions in India rubbing shoulders and playing together in one team. Six such teams from India will be represented at the festival as country units under country banner and names. And majority of the players' being 40 and above, I am sure they will thoroughly enjoy the fun and fellowship cricket which the rotary world festival is always about. IFCR in letter and spirit !!

Meanwhile we look forward to the six team South Zone IFCR tournament being hosted by IFCR 3182, Hassan in Oct 2016. The decision to hold zonal wise pocket tournaments (at smaller cities) was endorsed in the IFCR EC meeting held at Kochi in Feb 2016 and we heartily congratulate IFCR Hassan for taking this initiative. The emphasis will be on newly formed IFCR districts in south to take part in this tournament so that IFCR is made more popular in these areas. We are looking forward to a similar initiative from IFCR 3030 Nashik in the West Zone (as discussed in the Kochi EC meeting)

IFCR-India looks to spread the movement to far and wide in India so that more and more cricket loving rotarians join this most popular recreational fellowship to realise their passion to play and enjoy the game in true rotary spirit. The resultant bonding, friendship & comradeship amongst rotarians across the world is, after all, the ultimate goal of this fellowship movement.

With warm greetings and best wishes for the festive season ahead.

Yours in Rotary / IFCR,

KRP Sarathy,

Chairman, IFCR-INDIA

Secretary, IFCR India



Dear IFCRIANS,

Hope all of you had a great summer and of course all of you would have had many things to do and enjoy your holidays with your family and friends.

After the well conducted and witnessed Cochin IFCR tournament nothing much of cricket activity has happened at the national level due to severely hot summer months.

The NINTH IFCR WORLD FESTIVAL IS HAPPENING IN NEW ZEALAND - CHRISTCHURCH. FROM INDIA, WE HAVE 80+ REGISTRATIONS CONFIRMED AND REGISTERED TO TAKE PART IN THE WORLD IFCR FESTIVAL.

Our India IFCR Chair KRP. SARATHY has tirelessly worked to get the complete coordination with the Organizers in NEW ZEALAND to get all our INDIAN registration done within the stipulated time given by the organizers. I take this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks to IFCR INDIA Chair Sarathy on behalf of the entire INDIAN IFCRIANS. I also thank all our IFCR Region heads and their team for their cooperation extended to get the registrations done and congratulate all those who have registered.

I assure that for those who are participating in this fellowship for the first time will not only enjoy but will make more new Rotary friends from many countries beyond boundaries. Many of those who have participated in such events will vouch and share their experiences for the first timers.

I also congratulate IFCR RID 3182 for taking the initiative to conduct the first South Zone tournament. In view of the limited availability of grounds and other facilities in Hassan this tournament is conceptualized to be a pocket event restricted to six teams with a particular emphasis to encourage newly inducted and smaller IFCR districts in south. I wish the organisers all the very best in successful conduct of the event. We expect IFCR RID 3030 Nashik to conduct a similar pocket event in the West Zone.

Friends, hope to see you all in near future,

Regards

Neelakantan

IFCR INDIA - SECRETARY

International Fellowship of Cricket Loving Rotarians of RID 3000



Mahesh Kumar Khanna
Chairman IFCR 3000



V. Ananandakumar
Secretary IFCR 3000

A new chapter in the book of the International Fellowship of Cricket Loving Rotarians was added by chartering IFCR RID 3000 on Saturday the 19th of March 2016 at Trichy.

The Charter Installation Function was organized by RC of Tiruchirapalli Rockcity, the Event Chairman President Rtn.Narasimhan Siva welcomed the dignitaries and the Rotarians of RI Dist. 3000 to IFCR Dist. 3000 Charter Installation meeting.

IFCR RID 3000 Charter Installation was chaired by District Governor Rtn.R.Theenachandran (RID 3000) who welcomed the dignitaries of IFCR India and addressed the gathering, IFCR India Chair; Rtn.K.R.Parthasarathy inducted the office bearers and presented the Charter in the presence of Chief Guest IFCR World Chair, Rtn.Ravi Raman with IFCR Indian Secretary Rtn.R.Neelakantan.

IFCR India Chair; Rtn.K.R.Parthasarathy inducted Rtn. Mahesh Kumar Khanna as the Charter Chairman, along with Rtn.N.Sriram as Vice Chairman, Rtn.V.Ananda Kumar as Secretary, Rtn.John Ashok Varadharajan as Treasurer and 5 other members as office bearers.

Rtn.KRP Sarathy as he's fondly called later presented the IFCR RID 3000 Charter to the team and briefed the gathering with a power point presentation on IFCR India activities to promote fellowship and friendship among cricket loving Rotarians all around the country and the world by contributing in various ways to the cause of Rotary and Cricket.

IFCR World Chair, Rtn.Ravi Raman the Chief Guest of the function spoke about the IFCR World activities and tournaments to the audience which was very interesting for the Rotarians as it gives an opportunity to travel to various cricketing destinations and make new friends in Rotary through cricket.

The charter function was a grand and colorful affair with the presence of close to 125 Rotarians from Trichy, Madurai, Karur, Pudukottai, Dindigul, Perambalur(all revenue districts of RID 3000) and around 6 lady Rotarians.

As part of IFCR RID 3000 cricketing activities and to promote Cricketing fellowship amongst the Rotarians of RID 3000 a large LCD screen was arranged for the members to witness the India Vs Pakistan World T-20 match after the meeting which also ended on a high note with India defeating its arch rivals in a nail biting finish. The God's showered their blessings on IFCR 3000 by delaying the start of play for the Charter function to end on time.

An auspicious beginning, for IFCR RID 3000 and for the fraternity of International Fellowship of Cricket Loving Rotarians.

As said by the Legend Sachin Tendulkar "Before you lay a foundation on the cricket field, there should be a solid foundation in your heart and you start building on that."

Though the cricket field has its boundaries this Fellowship of Cricketing Rotarians is without any boundaries and its reach is limitless..

Some of the projects which we intend to do..

- 1) Cricket teams at every revenue district level 8 teams
- 2) Regular Matches between the 8 revenue districts in a league format leading to a "IFCR RID 3000" Rolling Trophy
- 3) 3 IFCR RID 3000 teams with the best of talents from the entire RI Dist.3000
- 4) A team selected from them to represent IFCR RID 3000 at Inter-District or National Level tournaments.
- 5) Rotary growth through Cricket outreach programme in Colleges
- 6) A Cricket goodwill team to neighboring countries

These are some of the broad outlines of IFCR RID 3000

Rtn.Mahesh K Khanna,
Charter Chairman, IFCR RID 3000

IFCR RID 3000 Charter Installation Function...



Rotarians of RIDist.3000 at the IFCR RID 3000 Charter Installation Meeting.



Dist Governor RID 3000 Rtn. Thenachandran welcomed by Charter Meeting Chairman Rtn. Narasimhan Siva, President RC of Tiruchirappalli Rockcity



IFCR India Chair KRP Sarathy welcomed by Rtn. Muruganantha Pandi of RC Madurai Thirunagar



Dignitaries at the IFCR 3000 Charter Meeting with office bearers
Sitting from L-R: IFCR India Secretary Neelakantan, IFCR India Chair KR ParthaSarathy, Dist Governor Rtn. Thenachandran, IFCR World Chair Ravi Raman, Charter Meeting Chairman Rtn. Narasimhan Siva and IFCR 3000 Charter Chairman Rtn. Mahesh Khanna.

Standing from L-R: IFCR 3000 Office Bearers
Rtn. P. Raviendiran, Treasurer Rtn. John Ashok Varadharajan, Secretary Rtn. V. Ananda Kumar, Vice Chairman Rtn. N. Sriram, Rtn. C. Muruganantha Pandi, Rtn. C.T. Annamalai and Rtn. R. Thirunavukarasu



IFCR India Chair KR ParthaSarathy pinning the IFCR RID 3000 Lapel on Charter Chairman Rtn. Mahesh Khanna of RC of Tiruchirappalli Rockcity



IFCR World Chair Ravi Raman pinning the IFCR RID 3000 Lapel on Charter Secretary Rtn. V. Ananda Kumar of RC of BHEL City



IFCR India Secretary Neelakantan pinning the IFCR RID 3000 Lapel on Charter Committee Member Rtn. Narasimhan Siva, President RC of Tiruchirappalli Rockcity



IFCR India Chair KR ParthaSarathy presenting the IFCR RID 3000 Charter to Chairman Rtn. Mahesh Khanna along with other IFCR RID 3000 Office Bearers in the Presence of Dist Governor Rtn. Thenachandran, IFCR World Chair Ravi Raman, IFCR India Secretary Neelakantan.



IFCR India Chair KR Partha Sarathy with presentation on IFCR India and World



Members enjoying the presentation.



Lady Rotarians of RC Trichy Shakthi of RI Dist. 3000

IFCR-INDIA REACHES ITALY AND SPAIN!!!

(KRP Sarathy)

It has been an amazing journey for me in Rotary since I joined it in the year 2003-04. After initial one year of finding my foot hold in this great organisation, sky was the limit for me to network and meet wonderful new people not only in our city, district, state and country but all over the Rotary world. After I chanced upon the existence of various fellowships and found cricket being one of them, my joy knew no bounds. I had the opportunity to charter IFCR (International Fellowship of Cricket Loving Rotarians) in our RI 3150 in the year 2006. Rest is history!!

After 10 years of thoroughly enjoyable experience of gradually expanding this wonderful recreational fellowship in most of the RI districts in India and travelling across countries like Srilanka, Australia, England, South Africa, Bangladesh, Greece etc it has been an amazing experience of making 500 more friends in Rotary across India and the world. I have been part of 4 World Rotary Cricket Festivals so far held in Srilanka, South Africa, India (Vapi) and England. and will be shortly taking part in my fifth festival to be held in Newzealand in Jan 2017. This is apart from innumerable IFCR tournaments/festivals held across our own country since 2006. It has always been a proud moment when you attend Rotary meetings of different clubs across the Rotary world as an ambassador of Rotary India and IFCR

One such opportunity to interact with Rotarians in Italy and Spain arose when I travelled to these countries with my spouse during the month of April 2016. During the trip I had the opportunity to attend two meetings of RI 2041 in Milan including a polio fund raising program / dinner of RC Milano where I was the invitee of DG of RI 2041 **Tomoso Quattarin. District Secretary Italo Ferrante of Milan was greatly helpful in liaising with Rotary clubs in Italy**

I also had the privilege of being a guest Rotarian at the luncheon meeting of RC Barcelona , which was one of the oldest clubs in Spain (started in 1922) and also a dinner meeting of RC Barcelona Millineum , which is one of the youngest clubs in Spain (with most of them recent Rotaractors). **Rotractor turned Rotarian Laia Marine of RC Barcelona, deputed by DG Sergio Aragon of RI 2202, Spain, was greatly instrumental in co-ordinating our club visits.**



RELAUNCH OF IFCR HASSAN ::::RID 3182 **(As reported by Rtn.Harish Babu, Charter Chairman IFCR RID 3182)**

Rotary International District 3180 has recently been split into two RI Districts namely RID 3181 covering Mysore, Manglore, Madakere & Chamrajpet and RID 3182 covering Hassan, Chikamanglore, Shimoga & Udapi and several others.

Consequently IFCR Hassan (earlier in RID 3180) has now been relaunched as IFCR RID 3182. In its General Body meeting held on 14th July 2016 at Hotel Ashok in Hassan, the AGM has unanimously endorsed that the existing IFCR 3180 board (led by Rtn. Harish Babu as Chairman and Rtn. D. Mohan as Secretary) along with its present office bearers will automatically take over the reins of the relaunched IFCR RID 3182 unit.

The general body also endorsed the proposal of IFCR RID 3182 board to host a South Zone IFCR tournament (as approved by IFCR-INDIA) consisting of six south teams from 14th to 16th Oct 2016.



IFCR RID 3182 MEETING AT HOTEL HASSAN ASHOK
presided over by Chairman Harish Babu along with Secretary D.Mohan

HIGHLIGHTS OF ANNUAL JK T20 TOURNAMENT CONDUCTED BY IFCR MUMBAI

(A report by Rtn.Milind Mohite Chairman IFCR 3140 Mumbai 2015-16)

IFCR Mumbai's prestigious annual Cricket fiesta - JKT20 (Late Jagdish Khanna T20)Tournament 2015-16 and one of the biggest IFCR district events held across the Rotary World ended in May 2016. 22 teams participated in this tournament spread over 35 playing days (during the week ends) encompassing almost five months. Members from 28 clubs formed those 22 Teams and more than 375 IFCR Rotarians registered for the Tournament which is one of the largest participation in an IFCR event.

The Tournament was organised by Rtn. Mayank Desai as Convenor for Inter-club Cricket Tournament with able support from Rtn. Naresh Shenoy, Rtn. Vijay Wani, Rtn. Yashwant Duduskar & the entire IFCR Committee of Dist. 3140.



IFCR and District officials (3140) on dias during the prize distribution ceremony

Following Teams were given **Winners and Runners Up trophy (in four divisions)** by Chief Guest Rtn. Gopal Mandhania DG 2016-17 & Dist. Avenue Chairman Rtn. Virendra Vijji. **Man of the Series, Best Batsman and Best Bowler** of the tournament from each division were also awarded individual trophies.

JKT20 IFCR D 3140 Tournament - Year 2015-16

	Division A	Division B	Division C	Division D
Winner	Parleshwar	Juhu/Deonar/ Chemb	Bombay Central	Dombivli (B)
Runners up	Borivli Blues	Dombivli Sun City	Bay View	Borivali Stars
Best Batsman	Raviraj Dhuri	Yogesh Borghare	Kunal Bhatia	Ketan Joshi
Best Bowler	Nandkumar Patil	Ajay Jain	Ketan Shah	Atul Apte
Man of the Series	Yogesh Patel	Sanjeev Jhaveri	Rohan Timblo	Dr Ashish Dhadas

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS.....



IFCR Mumbai Dist. 3140 also participated in All India IFCR tournament held at Bengaluru in Oct 2015 fielding above two teams.



IFCR Mumbai Dist. 3140 fielded two teams as above in the All India IFCR tournament/festival in Kochi in Feb 2016 and one of the teams being a full 45 years plus senior side who played in the festival/ fellowship games.

INDIA MASTERS FOR WAGGA WAGGA FESTIVAL::OCT 2016

A group of IFCRians from India will be participating in the IFCR Australia invitational festival to be held in Wagga, Australia during the month of Oct 2016. Veteran Pradeep Godbole from IFCR Mumbai has taken the initiative to assemble a group of 7 cricket loving Rotarians (including himself) from IFCR Mumbai namely Udayan Bhatt, Arun Acharaya, Gautam Acharya, Manish Desai, Manoj Gatti and Sidhyaee who all have registered for the festival.

The team is named "India Masters" and will also be joined by IFCR World Chair Ravi Raman and Vice Chair Vipul Patel who sent in their registrations too.

IFCR-India wishes the Team a wonderful trip and a thoroughly enjoyable fellowship cricket in Australia.

(IFCR-INDIA Board)

Editorial



It gives me great pleasure in presenting before you the 7th Issue of “IFCR NEWS”.

The only IFCR cricketing activity in the last few months was in the form of the Annual JK T20 Tournament conducted by IFCR, Mumbai as covered in this Newsletter. There have been a few off the field IFCR activities which have also been covered.

Bringing out an eight page Newsletter in a cricket offseason speaks volumes of the vibrancy of IFCR India.

Do continue to send us reports of IFCR activities that take place in your region. Till then, Happy Reading!

Chitranjan Choudhury
Vice Chairman, IFCR India & Editor, IFCR News

Famous Cricket Quotes 😊

“ Don Bradman

I saw him playing on television and was struck by his technique, so I asked my wife to come look at him. I know I never saw myself play, but I feel that this player is playing much the same as I used to play, and she looked at him on Television and said yes, there is a similarity between the two...his compactness, technique, stroke production... it all seemed to gel! in reference to **Sachin Tendulkar**. ”

“ Mike Brearley

Playing against a team with **Ian Chappell** as a captain turns cricket match into gang warfare. ”

“ Darryl Cullinan

Q: Darryl, who are your favourite actors?

Cullinan: Dustin Hoffman and some Aussie bowlers in the act of appealing. ”

“ Michael Kasprowicz

“Don’t bowl him bad balls, he hits the good ones for fours.” referring to **Sachin Tendulkar**. ”

“ Viv Richards

Viv Richards to Sunil Gavaskar in Madras 1983.

“Man, it don’t matter where you come in to bat, the score is still zero.”

Gavaskar had decided to come in at no 4 for that test. But Malcolm Marshall got Anshuman Gaekwad and Dilip Vengsarkar for ducks, Gavaskar had to walk in at 0/2. Gavaskar made 236*. ”

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