



### Monthly Activities – December 2021

#### **A. Sad news**

This month also I have to begin the monthly letter with a sad news.

Sri M. Gurunatha Rao, Permanent Member, Visakhapatnam, expired on 14-12-21 while taking treatment at a Corporate Hospital.

Sri Gurunatha Rao, aged 71 years, retired as Driver, Indian Railways. While in service he served as one of the Branch Chairmen of South Eastern Railways Men's Congress, Waltair Division.

His spouse Ms. Saraswati is also our Permanent Member.

Sri Gurunatha Rao leaves behind his wife, 2 daughters and 2 grandsons.

May his Soul rest in peace and may God grant his family the strength to bear the loss.

#### **B. New Members**

B.1 Sri K. Jaganmohan Rao, Headmaster (Retd.), Tatiparthi Tribal Welfare High School, residing at Visakhapatnam, joined as an Ordinary Member on 1-12-21, courtesy, Sri P. Raghuramaih, Permanent Member, Visakhapatnam.

Sri Jaganmohan Rao is our 385th Member.

B.2 Sri K. Jayant, a businessman from Visakhapatnam, joined as a Permanent Member on 26-12-21, courtesy, Ms. K. Malathi, his mother and our Permanent Member.

Sri Jayant is our 386th Member and 76th Permanent Member.

#### **C. Financial assistance for educational purposes**

C.1 Cheque number 144490, dated 13-12-21 for Rs. 8,000/-, issued in favour of Om Sree Siva Sankar Educational Society, Visakhapatnam-530013, towards part tuition fee of Ms. Y. Jagadeeswari, daughter of Ms. Rajakumari, studying 10th Class at Sree Siva Sankar Vidya Mandir, was handed over to her and her mother on 15-12-21 by Sri K. Jaganmohan Rao, Member, Visakhapatnam.

Ms. Jagadeeswari, works as an Office Maid in a private firm on a monthly wages of Rs.5,000/-.

We supported the education of Ms. Jagadeeswari in the previous academic years also.



C.2 Cheque number 144488, dated 13-12-21 for Rs. 10,000/-, issued in favour of Siddhartha Institute of Technology and Sciences, Narapalli, Ghatakesar Mandal, Pin 500082, towards part tuition fees of Mr. B. Anand, son of Sri Sudhakar, studying Diploma 1st year, was handed over to him on 22-12-21 by Sri P. Ramakrishna Rao, Permanent Member, Hyderabad.

Sri Anand is a Cab Driver with an annual income of Rs.1,15,000/-.



C.3 Cheque number 144489, dated 13-12-21 for Rs. 12,000/-, issued in favour of Vasundara Degree College, H. B. Colony, Hyderabad towards part tuition fees of Ms. B. Shireesha, daughter of Sri Bhaskara Rao, studying B.Sc., 1st year, was handed over to her on 22-12-21 by Ms. P. Rajani Rao, Life Member, Hyderabad.

Sri Bhaskara Rao is a Cab Driver with an annual income of Rs.70,000/-.

We supported the education of Ms. Shireesha in the previous academic years also.



#### **D. Financial assistance to meet medical expenses**

Check number 144493 dated 14-12-21 for Rs.50,000 issued in favour of Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital and Research Centre, (a Grants-in-aid Institution, Department of Atomic Energy, Govt. of India), Aganampudi, Visakhapatnam, towards the medical treatment of Shri Santosh Kumar Behra, suffering from Non Hodgkin Lymphoma-Diffuse large B Cell type, was handed over to him by Shri G Suryanarayana, Member, Governing Body at the hospital on 29-12-21.

Shri K. V. Babjee, Member, Governing Body and V. N. Avinash Bonda, Medical Oncologist were also present on the occasion.

Sri Santosh Kumar Behra, is a daily wage labourer with a monthly income of Rs.5,000/- and lives at Balajipenthasahi, Berhampur, Odisha.



**E. Regular health check-up**

With the Varun Health Centre finding it difficult to continue monthly health checkup, Dr. P. Gayatri, our Well Wisher and daughter-in-law of Sri G. Suryanarayana, Member Governing Body offered her services till alternative arrangements are made by us.

Accordingly, Doctor Gayatri, along with Sri G Suryanarayana, visited our Vruddhasrayam on 5-12-21 and conducted health check-up of the inmates.



Varun Health Centre, however, assured to continue free supply of medicines.

**F. Visitors to Vruddhaasrayam**

F.1 Shri J.L.R.K. Varma, Member, Governing Body, visited our Vruddhaasrayam on 5-12-21 after his return to Visakhapatnam after some months.

F.2 Ms. Balakarunasri, Sri M. Mallikarjuna Rao, Chy. Sai Tejesh, daughter, son-in-law and grandson, respectively, of our Care Giver Sri N. K. Mohana Rao, visited our Vruddhaasrayam on 23-12-21, along with Ms. K. Padmavati and Chy. Prasanna, sister and nephew of Sri Mallikarjuna Rao.

The family spent that night at our Aasrayam and hosted a dinner for our inmates.



**G. Donations to Vruddhaasrayam**

Sri P. Raju, owner of Sri Gayathri Wholesale Kirana & Rice Shop, Murali Nagar, Visakhapatnam, our Well Wisher, donated 4 new blankets and 4 towels to the inmates of our Aasrayam on 12-12-21, courtesy, Sri N.K. Mohana Rao, Care Giver of our Vruddhaasrayam.





**H. A onetime declaration-cum-undertaking by FCRA account holders**

H.A onetime declaration-cum- undertaking, on a stamped paper, is to be furnished by FCRA account holders, who are regularly receiving contributions in foreign currency, in their FCRA account, under Section 10(5) of the Foreign Exchange Act.

We sent the required declaration and the same was duly accepted by the SBI, as informed by e-mail dated 10-12-21.

**I. New norms for grant of financial assistance**

Our Governing Body at its meeting held on 12-12-21 resolved to increase the financial ceiling to meet medical expenses from the present Rs. 15,000/- to Rs.30,000/- and to grant additional financial assistance of 10% of the total estimated cost of treatment, subject to a maximum total amount of Rs. 50,000/- and to associate Dr. P. Gayatri, our Well Wisher, Visakhapatnam, with the scrutiny of estimated expenditure for medical treatment to segregate expenses other than those essential for medical treatment.

2. We are receiving very few applications for grant of financial assistance for educational purpose due to the "Ammavadi" and "Jagananna Vidya Deevena" Schemes of the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

Hence, it was also resolved to consider grant of financial assistance up to 2 students from the same family, unlike the present norm of sanctioning assistance to only 1 student from a family.

The above decisions shall be reviewed in the meeting of our Governing Body to be held in April, 2022.

I request all our Members to note the above.

I also request Members from States other than Andhra Pradesh, to recommend applications for grant of financial assistance for educational purposes, in deserving cases, as we seldom receive such applications from States other than Andhra Pradesh

**J. Emergency General Body Meeting**

I am glad to inform that our Emergency General Body Meeting on 26-12-21 went well. 34 Members attended the meeting and it was unanimously resolved to proceed further with the purchase of about 20 cents of agricultural land at Gorapalli Village.

Prior to the meeting, 13 more Members visited the site, in addition to the 7 Members of the Governing Body who visited the site earlier.

