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CONSTRUCTION FRATERNITY CELEBRATING MAY DAY



First of May is celebrated as labours day all over the world since 1890. As is the custom the Builders' Association of India Mysuru Centre has been organising May Day celebrations in a grand manner to show its solidarity and concern for the construction fraternity, at Mahajana College grounds. Construction workers numbering around



430 attended the celebrations which included their family members dressed in their finest attire. The programme started with a melodious invocation by construction worker Mrs.Suma Vasu.

Chief Guest for the inaugural session was the Assistant Labour Commissioner Smt.Meena Patil. Mr.M.S.Ramprasad,Chairman BAI, Mysuru gave a hearty welcome. In his welcome address the Chairman insisted the labours and their family to participate in all the sports activities. He urged

them to make use of the **"Health on Wheels"** free health check-up camp conducted in association with Apollo Hospitals, Mysuru. Mr.M.S.Ramprasad



requested the labours to listen to the Labour Commissioner attentively to learn more about labour rights. It was a longtime dream of BAI, Mysuru to bring out a brochure about its profile and activities which was realised on May Day. Principal advisor and Past Chairman Mr.T.N.Hemanth



assisted the chief guest to release the brochure.

Spoorthi President Mrs.Madhavi Gurushanthappa gave an insight into the activities of Spoorthi. Year planner of Spoorthi was released by the Chief Guest Smt. Meena Patil. BAI Karnataka State Chairman Mr.A.R.Ravindra Bhat wished the labours on the occasion and congratulated the Chairman for conducting the Health On Wheels programme throughout the year. MBCT Managing Trustee Mr.D.Keerthikumar, Hon. Secretary BAI, Mr.J.V.R.Naidhruva, and Hon. Secretary Spoorthi, Mrs.Shwetha Dinesh were the other dignitaries on the dias.

Chief Guest Smt.Meena Patil enlightened the gathering about the various benefits provided by the Government to the labours. She urged the labours to utilise the same. She also highlighted the importance of health of a labour in everyday life.



As the adage goes "Health is Wealth", to monitor and diagnose the workers health "Health on wheels" a free health check-up camp was jointly organised by BAI, MBCT and Spoorthi in association with Apollo Hospitals, Mysuru. The camp was aptly inaugurated by the Labour Commissioner and the Doctors of Apollo Hospitals. Around 240 labourers utilized the services.



The sports events were inaugurated by the Chief Guest by releasing the balloons in the air. The workers participated in the sports events with great enthusiasm and it was a sight to behold, the older men competing with the young. The womenfolk too participated with much vigour and there were sports events for children also. Spoorthi Hon.Secretary Smt.Shwetha Dinesh rendered the Vote of Thanks.

Hon.Secretary BAI, Shri.J.V.R.Naidhruva welcomed the gathering for the valedictory function in the afternoon. Chief Guests were Smt.Sudha Belawadi and Kum. Samyuktha Belawadi, well known cine artists.



Smt.Sudha Belawadi applauded work done by BAI and Spoorthi for the benefit of construction workers. Six senior artisans who excelled in their respective fields of construction were honoured by BAI, Mysuru centre, which instilled a sense of pride in them. This also served as a source of inspiration for the young construction workers to aspire for greater achievements.



Sri.M.S.Ramprasad, Chairman, BAI, Mysuru centre thanked the members Mr. S.H.Sreenivas, Mr. D.Ashwath, Mr. K.C.Nandakumar, Mr. Jagadeesh, Mr. Ravichandra and M/s.Aryan Constructions who generously donated for the event. He also thanked the Past Chairman BAI, Spoorthi members, MBCT for actively participating in the daylong event.



Finally workers left the venue happily as they were treated royally with a sumptuous lunch and given a movie ticket which was surely an icing on the cake. The organisers were left with a sense of satisfaction and a smile on their face. The programme was well compeered by Shri.S.H.Sreenivas in the inaugural session and Mrs.Anupama Sriram in the valedictory.

- **Smt.Nandini Naidhruva**

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- 1.SSLC & PU TOPPERS FELICITATION – PRATHIBHA PURASKAR ON 19TH JULY 2015 AT MBCT BUILDING.**
- 2.WORLD ENVIRONMENT MONTH 2015**

- (a) On the spot painting competition – Co-ordinator – Mr. Venkatesh Prasad (9845329553)
- (b) Debate competition for High School Students – Co-ordinator - Mr.Gururaj K.L (9845122100)
- (c) Green product exhibition – Co-ordinator – Mr. Mahadevaswamy S (9448467758)
- (d) Short movie competition – Co-ordinator – Mr. B.S.Dinesh (9844033314)
- (e) A day with Homemaker – Co-ordinator – Mr. Gurushanthappa U.M (9448377983)
- (f) Treasure hunt – Co-ordinator – Mr. S.Prakash (9342151113)
- (g) Tree Planting – Co-ordinator – Mr.Nagaraj Bairy V (9845117878)
- (h) An evening with Icon - Co-ordinator – Mr. V.Srinath (9845317373)

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Past Chairman of BAI Mysuru and past Chairman of BAI Karnataka State, Mr. Nandakumar M.S, is a well known Builder heading M/s Nandoo Constructions in Mysuru. He is married to Mrs.Anuradha a very active member of Spoorthi and a Psychiatric Rehabilitator. They are blessed with a daughter Kum. Nimisha and a son Chi. Nishanth. An active Rotarian Mr. Nandakumar M.S is a very good writer, Philosopher, guide and a friend not only to us but to many in BAI. When we approached him for a series on the "Shilpis Of Mysuru BAI" he wholeheartedly accepted and delivered on time. These write ups give an insight on the persons who are the pillars of BAI Mysuru centre. We assure you, Nandoo sir will take you on a nostalgic journey.



Movers, Shakers and Shapers



This series is an honest attempt to write about a few illustrious members who really mattered to bring our organization BAI, Mysuru to this envious level.

The first person who came to my mind is veteran builder **M.S. Vijayashankar**, 76, a conscientious and self-

motivated individual with great enthusiasm and determination to succeed.

Mysuru is known for its art, culture and splendid eye-catching heritage buildings. In this landscape came a builder who started construction which looked different and made people give a second glance. This is none other than Vijayashankar, the prime mover along with his friend Shivaram who started our chapter in Mysuru. "BAI is a great organization, the only platform where all connected with construction can be members without any barriers," he says.

Mysuru was a small town and people in the field were not coming forward to become members so easily. I still vividly recall the number of meetings in Mysuru which was attended by the bigwigs of construction industry before the launch of Mysuru Chapter on 11th October, 1987. On that day I could see the triumphant smile on all the members particularly the prime movers. Right from day one Vijayashankar was a model to all youngsters. I remember conducting first ever GCMC meeting almost 25 years ago. During the lunch recess I saw to my surprise that a builder of high repute like Vijayashankar re-arranging water bottles, table clothes files etc. all alone. This was a great motivation which helped youngsters like us learn a lot from him.

Long before **Spoorthi** was formed, Vijayashanker used to motivate the ladies to play some group games, quiz etc., after our regular meeting which was happening once in 2-3 months. He used to tell us "Out of Sight out of mind," to encourage us to have more meetings. Again it was his brainchild to form a ladies wing of BAI which was conceptualized while he along with his fellow members and their wives were travelling by train from Calcutta to Mysuru after attending the national

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convention. This brainwave resulted in the christening of the ladies wing as SPOORTHY. He was instrumental in starting Mysuru Builders' Charitable Trust. His chairmanship in the year 2001-2003 was a great success and in this period we conducted the Dakshina Parva and Southern Regional Builders' convention in Mysuru.

Talking about the construction industry, Vijayashankar feels sad that the family artisans from the older generations have been lost to us forever. "There is no serious effort to build a bank of artisans and workers at all levels; natural resources are becoming scarce. Hence, judicious usage of men and materials are the order of the day," he says and adds, "ACTS and Taxations should be made simple and encouraging so that this will lead construction industry to greater heights."

Born at Arkalgud, Hassan district to Shamanna and Ammaya, Vijayashankar comes from a business family. He has three brothers and sisters out of whom two are doctors and one among them is popularly known in Mysore as "Kishore Kumar's voice". His wife, an arts graduate, was an epitome of an ideal partner in life. His daughter Smt. Mala is married to Shri Sharath. Both are engineers and MBAs. Yashas and Shreyas, the grandsons are big names in the international golf circuit. The other daughter who was also an engineer is no more.

An alumnus of NIE, Mysore with BE in Civil Engineering and ME Structural engineering (securing first rank), Vijayashankar is associated with Fellow of IE, IOV, ACCE, ICI, Rotary and BAI and is honoured by these organizations. He is a good photographer and is fond of travelling. He has visited USA, England, Spain, China, Singapore, Kula Lumpur and a few more countries. His favourite weekend activity include meeting classmates,

family members, watching movies, plays and visiting sick persons. His role models are his parents, teachers, Bharat Ratna Sir M Visvesvaraya, Gandhiji and a few friends.

Asked if he had any unique experience in his great career, he chose not to dwell on it and instead shared a spiritual experience. "Renounce and Enjoy," was what he learnt when he travelled to Uttara Kashi where he wanted to meet nearly 200 swamijis. Running into a lean, hungry looking person with a Kamandal, Vijayashankar asked him about the swamijis. He came forward to take him (Vijayashankar) to them. Realising that he (man with the Kamandal) himself was one of them, he started asking the swamiji questions. He realized that just having huge bank balance, cars, bungalows etc is like riding a tiger. Hence if one was to be successful and rich, one should start renouncing one by one and a stage will come when the whole world will become his.

His dream is to see a member of the BAI to become Parliamentarian and to be a part of the decision making body at the national level.

To younger generation he says, "Construction industry is a great field. We are the creators, we build structures for every purpose, and without builders no development can take place. Become specialists in all fields of construction, never stoop down to corruption and cutting corners. I am proud to be a member of the builders fraternity."

Dear friends, I have tried to profile a personality of a legend like Mr Vijayashankar which is just the tip of the iceberg. If you want to know more meet him personally.

- Nandoo

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PRODUCT PRESENTATION AND OUTSTATION MEETING

Out station EC Meeting with Visit to Sir M Vishweshwaraya's birth place and M/s.Ashirwad Pipes factory at Bengaluru

On the morning of 20th May 2015, thirty members of BAI (Past Chairmen and EC members) gathered at Premier Studio for out station EC Meeting combined with two unique visits.

We left Mysore after having nice breakfast to visit Bharata Ratna Sir MV's Birth place, which is a dream place for every Engineer. We had a wonder full High tea at Indra Dhanush with famous Maddur Vada at Maddur. We reached Yelhanka around lunch time and had lunch at Shreyas Comforts, nicely arranged by the organizer.

We reached Muddena Halli at around 3.15pm which is near famous Nandi Hills.

Dr. M Visvesvaraya. (Sir MV):

Born in a poor family in Muddenahalli of Karnataka (erstwhile Mysore State) on 15-Sep-1860, Sir MV went to Bangalore for higher education. After graduation, he went on to become one of the greatest engineers & statesman India had ever produced. His contribution was not just in engineering infrastructure projects (like dams & bridges) but he has also been instrumental in setting up several Industries & Sectors including Iron & Steel, Soaps, Silk, Sugar, Banking & Aeronautics.

We visited Sir MV's house built after he became Diwan of Mysuru. (Now Karnataka State). The house now a Museum, which has rarest collection of articles used by him. Sir MV's Awards (Bharat Rathna Medal, Knight Hood Medal etc), Certificates, Memorandums given to Sir MV, his Photos, Books, School Bag, Cot, Bed, Spectacles, Watch, Fountain Pen, the clothes used for his Upanayanam, his Horoscope, the Mysore Turban, his walking stick, SBM pass book and many such things displayed there were show casing the disciplined life and simplicity of this God of Civil Engineers., which took us to his time thinking how he lived and achieved many-miles.

It truly inspires anyone who visits his house and museum. Many a wayward youth have been brought to the correct path after visiting Sir MV's birth place.

Later we had a group photo in front of his house before we walked for a little distance where his memorial is built. At the entrance it was written "This is the place embraced for the last time by the man who had pure character, humble & satisfied life left for heavenly abode". He always thought service to mankind is service to God. This great soul will always be an inspiration for generations to come.

We left Sir MV's place around 4.30pm and started our journey towards Le-Gardenia, Bommasandra, where our stay and meeting was arranged.

After a quick freshen up, we gathered at Club House for the EC Meeting which went on meticulously. On this occasion,



the Birthdays of our members Mr.Satish Mohan & Mr.Parthasarathy were celebrated. It was also brought to the notice of the members that senior member & Past Chairman Sri M.S.Nandakumar is also celebrating his wedding anniversary. Later members enjoyed the fellowship & sumptuous dinner. Stay at Gardenia and meeting Venue was well organized by M/s.Ashirwad Pipes. Food served and spread was really nice and mouth watering.

ASHIRVAD PIPES:

21st May was the day which was scheduled for the factory visit of M/s Ashirwad Pipes. The entire day was spent visiting two Ashirwad factories situated in Attibele & Jigani Industrial Area. The Manufacturing processes of various pipes like CPVC, UPVC, SWR, Silent SWR and UGD & Column Pipes along with numerous fittings were shown at these state of art technology units. The lab which conducts stringent tests to ensure quality was truly of International standards. The Company which has pioneered in manufacturing column pipes of very high quality, exports its products to nearly 36 countries. Ashirwad recently joined its hands with another giant M/s Aliaxis and has introduced many new products such as Pan Connectors, Grease and solid interceptors, Air Admittance Valves, Fire Collars, Chambers, Manholes etc.,



After returning from factory visit, members attended the product presentation which was very interactive. Mr. Shekar Nettam, director of M/s Aliaxis interacted with the members.



After a very fruitful, purposeful & memorable trip, we returned to Mysuru. Few members in the bus played a card game called 'In Between' (Harida Kaagada) which was the most entertaining part of the trip.

A Big thanks to M/s Ashirvad Pipes Private Limited for sponsoring the entire trip, to Mr. Mahantesh, Business Development officer and our own member Mr.N.Subramanya

of State Engineering who meticulously organized the trip and to the Centre Chairman Mr. M.S.Ramprasad for taking us to this unique trip. We hope to have many such purposefull occasions in the future also.

-Mr.N.Subramanya & Mr.T.N.Parthasarathy



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On 26th of May 2015 M/s Saint Gobin India Pvt.Ltd., gave presentation of their products GYPROC BOND IT – plaster bonding agent, GYPROC ELITE 90 – one coat Gypsum plaster and GYPROC CHAMPION PUTTY in the general meeting of BAI at hotel Sandesh The Prince, Nazarbad, Mysuru. Chairman Mr. M.S.Ramprasad welcomed the gathering.



The highlight of the presentation was the Gypsum based interior plastering material developed by the company as an alternative to Sand – Cement Mortar plaster. Mr. Ajey Karamblekar, Product Manager of M/s Saint Gobin India Pvt.Ltd., explained the advantages of Gypsum plaster compared to the labour intrinsic process of conventional Sand – Cement Mortar plaster through power point presentation. The queries

were professionally answered by the team Saint Gobin.

On this occasion, State Chairman, BAI Karnataka Mr. A.R. Ravindra Bhat released brochure containing all the programmes of World Environment Month. Hon. Secretary Mr. J.V.R. Naidhrava rendered vote of thanks which was followed by fellowship and dinner.



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Chi.Nishanth, son of Mr.M.D.Chandrashekar & Mrs. R.Hemalatha for securing 85% in second PU Board Exam. He studied at Sadvidya PU College, Mysuru, with PCMB as his combination.

Kum. Sonal Pal, daughter of Mr. Kishan Chandra Pal. V & Mrs. H.J.Rathnamala for having secured 92.3% in second PU Board Exam. She studied in Sadvidya Composite PU College, Mysuru, with PCMB as her combination.



Chi. Nitin Pal, son of Mr.Praveen Pal & Mrs. Reena Pal for securing 7.8 CGPA in 10th exam. He is the student of St. Joseph Central School, Ilawala, Mysuru.



Chi.Rutwik, son of Mr. C.D.Krishna & Mrs. Prathima Krishna for having secured 65% in second PU Board Exam. He studied at Sadvidya Composite PU College, Mysuru, with PCMB as his combination.



Kum. Mandara. S, daughter of Mr.N.Subramanya & Mrs. Vani Subramanya for securing 7.4 CGPA in 10th exam. She is the student of St. Joseph Central School, Ilawala, Mysuru.

GCMC MEETING

The first GCMC meeting of 2015-16 was held at Ahmadabad on 29th and 30th of May 2015. Seven members of BAI Mysuru and two members of SAAYA participated. Mr.Ghana Shyam of SAAYA gave a presentation about SAAYA. It was well appreciated by one and all.



Editor's Bottom Line

From Chandru & Shanthi



B.S.Chandrashekar
Bharadwaj

We hope the first edition of shilpi has been received by you all. We are trying our level best to make the magazine more interesting and informative. We thank you for the suggestions and support extended to us and take this opportunity to thank members for giving us the articles on time. We look forward for many interesting write-ups from you.



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