

**The South Indian Cultural Association (Regd.)**



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## **THE SOUTH INDIAN CULTURAL ASSOCIATION (Regd.), Indore**

### **55<sup>th</sup> Annual Report of the Secretary**

(For the period 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2010 - 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2011)

Dear Members,

My Greetings to all of you.

With immense pleasure I submit the 55th Annual Report to this August Body. Incidentally, it is my maiden report also. On behalf of the Managing Committee, I take this opportunity to thank you all for the responsibilities reposed on me and extending your co-operation in discharging my duties and responsibilities.

The General Body elected the new Committee with some new members who can contribute to our society. I hope that the committee has come up to your expectations. If not, I shall be glad to know from the August Body for enabling me to do my best in the future.

Now, in the following lines, I submit the programmes and other activities of the Association pertaining to the period under report;

SICA Day was celebrated on 25.04.2010 with Carnatic Music rendered by Nagpur Child Artists Kumari Dikshita Iyer and Kumari R. Diyashree. The programme was well attended and appreciated. On this day, SICA honoured Mr. P.Babuji with his wife Mrs. Savithiri for the services rendered by them to the society through SICA & the Trust.

Due to summer vacation we couldn't organize any programme during the month of May 2010.

Fulfilling the directions of the General Body, we have opened the branch of our Library at Vijay Nagar on 13.06.2010 and the same was inaugurated by the noted Story Writer & Social Worker Mrs. Mangala Ramachandran. I have dealt in detail about library somewhere else in this report.

Similarly, we have also started Tamil class for the benefit of our desirous members. We are thankful to SICA Trust for providing the space and to Mr. V.R.Subramanian for devoting his time for teaching Tamil. More particulars are provided later in this report.

On 20th June 2010 Medical Checkup was organized and many of our members were benefited. I am thankful to Dr. Shivram & Dr. (Mrs.) Geetha Shivram for organizing & extending their help in successfully conducting this check up. We propose to organize such check up more frequently as demanded by many members.

SICA CRICKET CLUB was formed and was registered with the Indore Divisional Cricket Association. There are 13 members in the club presently. Due to the registration of our Club

with IDCA, Mr. Shrikant son of Shri V.Ravi Subramanian represented his college to Nepal. Our congratulation to Mr. Shrikant. Our club also marked its presence by playing Inaugural match with CA XI.

We are thankful to SICA Trust for allowing us to Net Practice at their Cricket Pitch. Our wish is that many members & their children should make use of our club and SICA should produce many Rajans & Venkatesh who are bringing Laurels to Indore by playing Ranji Trophy, IPL & Under 19 respectively.

Annual General Meeting was held on 20th August 2010 and New Office Bearers were elected for the term 2010-12. Outcome of the election & proceedings of the General Body is submitted through its minutes to this Body separately.

On 03.10.2010 Utkarsh Musical Programme was conducted and the same enthralled the audience for full three hours. Our thanks & appreciation are due to Mr. K.Naryanan Iyer for organizing as well as singing in this programme.

To Celebrate Navratri festival Golu was displayed at Murugan Temple and it attracted large crowd all through the 9 days and Manjal Kumkumam was distributed on 10.10.2010 to the lady members. School students were taken to show the Golu and our tradition and purpose of arranging the Golu was explained to them. It was a great fun and entertainment to the young children to see the Golu.

Laxmi Pooja was celebrated on 05.11.2010 at our 14, Sanghi Colony followed by distributions of Sweets, bursting of fire cracker and exchanging of Greetings.

E.G.M. was held on 14.11.2010 and the following resolutions were passed.

1. Discontinuance of running of Pre-Primary Schools.
  2. Increase of Annual Subscription from Rs.250/- to Rs.500/- covering the spouse also as a member for paying subscription and to increase the life membership fee to Rs.5000/-.
  3. Also the tenure of the life membership to be only for 15 years with retrospective effect.
- The following 2 resolutions not considered favourably.
- (A) To increase the tenure of Managing Committee from 2 years to 3 Years.
  - (B) To collect member's annual subscription one time like life membership.

Further details of the E.G.M. and its proceedings are submitted to this August Body separately.

On 29th December 2010 SICA arranged a Patrimandram on the Topic "Bharthiyar Desiya Kaviya Allathu Dheiveeka Kaviya". Pulaver Dr. Guru Gyanambika from Bhopal was the Naduvar. Our 6 members were divided in two groups under the leadership of learned Dr. V.Ganesan & Mr. V.R.Subramanian as Munaivars. Arguments put forth by the participant members were appreciated and applauded by the members. Our members enjoyed the

programme very much. This is the first time in the history of SICA a Pattimandram was organized in a professional way. I place on records the efforts taken by Mr. V.R.Subramanian in preparing the participants of both the groups so successfully. We also place on records the effort exerted by the participant members to present their arguments so effectively.

Competition of various Indoor games was conducted on 14.01.2011 & 15.01.2011. Members participated in large numbers in games like 1. Table Tennis, 2. Carrom, and 3. Chess etc. under various age groups. Prizes were given to all the participants on Sports Day.

Cricket Matches were organized on 23.01.2011. While the Cricket Match was organized among the male members as usual under President XI and Secretary XI, where President XI won the match, Cricket Match for Female Members was also played for the first time in the history of SICA; we congratulate the lady members for their sporting gestures.

Sports Day was organized on 26.01.2011 in grand manner. Introduction of Badminton Tournament was attraction of the year. Playing Badminton by Young Boy Master Avitesher Iyer grand son of Mr. Mahadevan Iyer with grown up player was worth witnessing and his play was appreciated by one and all.

All other Traditional Sports events were conducted with large participation of members. Prizes were distributed for all the participants and for all the events. The entire events conducted without any hassle was appreciated by all.

We appreciate and congratulate all those who were involved directly & indirectly, in conducting the sports event and expect the same in future too.

We had an opportunity of receiving and hosting "His Holiness Shankaracharya of Kanchi" at our Sanghi Colony premise on 3rd & 4th February 2011. A large number of members of our Association as well as many other person of the society visited to have Darshan & Blessings of His Holiness.

On 05.02.2011 a Tamil Comedy Drama namely "Plastic Kadavul" was staged by the famous TV. Vardharajen & Troupe of Chennai. The Auditorium was flooded with members. The programme was a fantastic one as expressed by many members. We are pleased to receive such appreciation which encourage us to provide to the members more of such programmes. We expect the same level of participation, if not more to all of our programmes.

#### **LOCAL PICNIC :**

Local Picnic arranged to "Atal Bihari Vajpayee Park" on 27.03.2011 and the trip was enjoyed by everyone.

Since many members and their wards were busy in preparing / participating in their School & College Examinations, no programme was arranged during the month of March 2011.

#### **MEMBERSHIP :**

So as to enable us to update the membership and subscription collection, we have formed a Sub-committee namely Membership Committee, consisting of Mr. N.K.Hariham, Mr. Ramesh, Mr. Gopalakrishnan & Mr. G.Srinivasan.

I give below the details of membership as on 31.03.2011.

Total Members as on 31.03.2011	247
A. Members on roll but stationed outside.	09
B. Life Members	03
C. New Members enrolled (01.04.2010-31.03.2011)	15
D. Number of Members left SICA	15

Our SICA Website has been updated in March 2011 with the help of Mr. N.Ravichandran (R-028), to make the people all over the world to know about our programmes and for immediate and effective communication. However, the work on our Website was not updated promptly. We are trying our best to improve on this score so as to derive maximum benefit of the same.

#### **LIBRARY :**

Fulfilling the directions of the General Body we have opened the branch of our Library at Vijay Nagar on 13.06.2010 and the same was inaugurated by the Noted Story Writer & Social Worker Mrs. Mangala Ramachandran. Since many of our members are residing in and around Vijay Nagar this branch was opened. However, the readership of this library is not encouraging. At both the branches of our library only few members are making use of it. Our library has a collection of good number of Books apart from Magazines & Periodicals. It is our earnest request that many more members should make use of the library. We also sought for the opinion of our members to equip the library with more books of their choice so that readership can be increased. However, I regret to say that we have not received any feedback.

As on date our library has 35 members and out of which only 20 members are regular in using the library.

To increase the readership, I suggest that we may think of introducing mobile library service through our Peon. I request the members to deliberate on this and come to a decision.

We are thankful to the SICA Trust for extending the help in running the library and providing the infrastructure facility in Vijay Nagar. Our thanks are also due to Mrs. Geetha Sridharan and Mrs. Chandrasekaran for rendering services by them. After Mrs. Chandrasekaran leaving Indore; we could not get a suitable volunteer to look after the library at Vijay Nagar. Our President is looking after the same at present. I request that some of our members should come forward to render service.

### **TAMIL CLASSES :**

As per your direction we have started Tamil Classes for the benefit of our member at Vijay Nagar. It is our effort on right earnest to serve the society and the Tamil language. It was started in June 2010. Mr. V.R.Subramanian is rendering yeoman service in teaching Tamil. In the beginning there were 17 person (Children as well as elders) learning Tamil. One batch of initial learning was over. Next batch as well as New class was to be started but unfortunately the services of Mr. Ramsubramanian was not available and hence Tamil Class is discontinued temporarily. We hope to revive the same soon with the help of Mr. V.R.Subramanian. We are thankful to Mrs. Vimala Venkatesh for her services rendered in the beginning. We are immensely thankful to Mr.V.R.Subramanian without whose services we could not have started Tamil Classes. We are thankful to SICA Educational Trust for providing the infrastructure facility. We are also thankful to our members for extending their support and evincing overwhelming enthusiasm. Many persons are very eager to join the Tamil Class. We shall try our best to restart the Tamil Class and run the same effectively as this is noble one.

### **MEETINGS & BULLETINS :**

During the year under report the executive committee met 17 times and all the business were transacted in a most congenial atmosphere.

To make the member aware of the function & activities we have circulated 10 bulletins. Also efforts were made to inform the members through SMS and over Telephone. This was appreciated and welcomed by most of the members. We will continue the same for better, effective & timely communication with members.

### **FINANCE :**

The Audited Financial Statement along with the Auditors Report for the year under report is being submitted separately by the Treasurer for discussion, deliberation and adoption by the August Body.

### **TASK NOT ACCOMPLISHED :**

In the past we have assured the members to open a "Gym" and also to increase the activity of Indoor games. To fulfill the work of starting a "Gym" we have allocated a sum of Rs.2 lacs for investing in equipments for Gym. However, before implementing the same we wanted to ascertain as to how many persons are interested in availing this facility and hence we sought the information from the members on this ground vide our monthly bulletin followed by reminder. To our regret, I have to submit to you that we have not received any feedback and not a single member evinced interest. Therefore, no progress was made and the proposal of starting the "Gym" will have to be cancelled. Similarly, no response was received for playing Indoor games. Table Tennis (Purchased New) is also not used excepting during the annual Sports Day.

Unless members come forward and show interest in participating, I fear, we may not venture in starting any new event. I earnestly request the members to come forward in fulfilling the aims and objects of our great Association. It is all the more essential in view of the discontinuation of Pre-Primary School activities.

### **TASK AHEAD :**

To enhance the activities of SICA, particularly after closure of Pre-Primary School by the Association, we have plan to start Montessori Teachers Training School (MTTS). In this direction my previous committee has already initiated certain steps. In pursuance of the same we, wanted to start the MTTS duly recognized by government and followed up with agencies who are in this field. However, to our astonishment, rules and regulations laid down by the government in recognizing MTTS in so cumbersome that we cannot fulfill the same and hence have given it up. However, we can start the same which will not be recognized but acknowledged by all the schools which recruit Montessori Trained Teachers.

### **PRE-PRIMARY SCHOOL :**

Since we have discontinued the running of Pre-primary School w.e.f. 01.12.2010 I am not submitting any report of School. Yet, the financial position for the period of running the school by the Association is incorporated in our Audited Financial Statements. Nevertheless, a brief about the school up to December is given separately.

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS :**

We take this opportunity to express our thanks to -

M/s. T N Unni & Company, Our Auditors for not only completing their statutory requirements but also for rendering the legal guidance from time to time.

M/s.V R Subramaniam & Company our Internal Auditors for their guidance and co-operation.

M/s. Thirumrugan Credit Co-operative Ltd, for providing Dinner & eatables.

We also thank all those members who utilized our auditorium/Kitchen/Hall facility to perform their functions.

Thanks to Media persons and as well as Government Agencies for giving their services.

### **SERVICE PROVIDERS :**

We thank Security M/s, Bombay Intelligence Security Services for providing able security services. M/s Harishankar Sound System who rendered their services during this year.

### **OBITUARY :**

With profound regret I have to inform you that during the year under report we have lost some of our members' relatives I, on your behalf, express my deep sorrow over their demise. I also

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