# Ottapalam Rotary News September 2015



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# ROTARY CLUB OF OTTAPALAMClub No : 22653E BulletinDistrict : 3201

# **President Speaks**

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

I have great pleasure in addressing you through this third edition of Ottapalam Rotary News E Bulletin. Having enjoyed the second month in Office of President of a prestigious club, Rotary Club of Ottapalam I feel proud and honored.



August being the membership month, the Membership Development Seminar organised meticulously was an important program for the month.

Apart from that two District Seminars, Grant Management Seminar and TRF Seminar were well attended by us and both were of high Standards organised in a professional style.

I am happy that the members of our club extend all support to me so as to encourage me to take up variety of tasks believed to be tough, but for these kinds of unconditional support.

Like the Badrinath Yathra of last Rotary year, Rotarians have come Forward in large numbers for the proposed Bali Trip, the idea of which once again conceived by IPP Rtn Col KCK Nair. In a short while, the entire programme will get its form shaped

Warm regards

PM Krishnadasan



# Secretary's Report

The month started with the Grant Management Seminar At Thrissur on 2<sup>nd</sup> of August Followed by District Seminar On Membership Development.

The Independence day was celebrated by us in all vigour and enthusiasm. President hoisted the flag and gave an excellent I-day message. With the Initiative and participative support of Rotary family, a sumptuous breakfast was served after the magnificent Independence Day Celebrations.

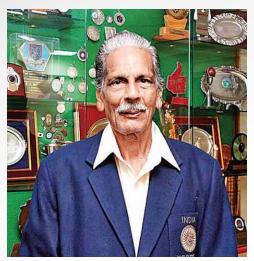
Rtn Col KCK was invited by Carmel Higher Secondary School for their Independence Day celebrations. He gave the key note address to the students focusing on the services done by the Defense Forces to our great country.

A gala Onam celebration is being planned to be held On Sep 5<sup>th</sup>. The Rotarians, Anns and Annets are on their heels to make the event an enjoyable and most memorable one.

With warm Rotary regards

Rtn Dr M Narayanan

#### The One and Only Olympian of Ottapalam



S. S. Narayanan-Double Olympian (Subramaniam Shankar Narayan)

Birth & Place: He was born in 1934 in Ottapalam, Palakkad District of Kerala. His parents moved to Matunga in Bombay when Narayanan was only one and half years of age. He studied in the South Indian Education Society School and the house was opposite to the Indian Gymkhana. The only real coaching he had in his youth was after he joined Matunga Athletic Club where K.P. Krishnan took him under his wing

Year & Place of Olympic Attendance1st time in1956 - Melbourne, Australia. Narayanan was goal keeper of Indian Foot Ball team with a brilliant performance to his credit. Team came 4th.

2nd time in 1960 - Rome Olympics also as goal keeper.

Other Events attended In 1952 when he was only 17 he played at the cooperage in Indian Gymkhana Mumbai. During schooldays he was playing Foot Ball and Basket Ball. He also used to play Tennis and Cricket games. Narayan is the current Vice-President of the Mumbai District Football Association. When he is not working, you will find him either at the Cooperage stadium during an



Rtn K Raaj Mohan

I-League match, at football events where people often call him as a chief guest or relaxing in his house after a historic career that has affected the Indian football history in so many ways. Narayan has gone down in the books as probably the best goalkeeper that India has ever produced.He is now 81 years and adjudicates the Man of the Match at Indian League



Olympian S.S.Narayanan and K.S.Madhavan (Past President Rotary Club of Ottapalam) were classmates at Khalsa College Bombay and team mates of Matunga Athletic Club Football team.

Coutersy Sri.K.S.Madhavan (President RC Ottapalam 1988-89) for the article and photo.

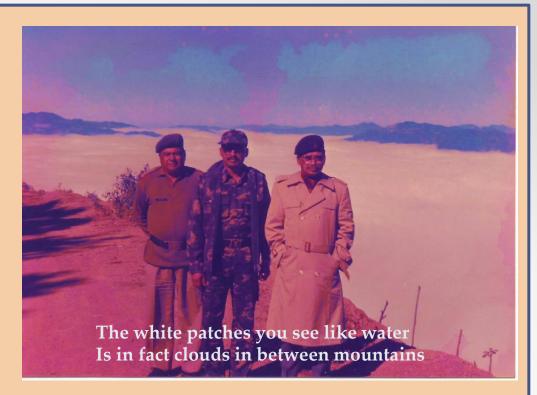
#### CONSTRUCTION OF C-NV ROAD (CHEMPHAI-NORTH VENALAIPHAI ROAD)

Construction of CNV Road ,a distance of 140 Km s from the border village of Chemphai to North Venalaiphai started in 1993 and was completed in the year 2000. This is a strategic road along the Indo- Burma Border. This was constructed for The Assam Rifle's Unit which Patrol's this stretch. It was like a virgin territory, with awesome scenic beauty.

The construction of this road was a super human task for the Border Roads Organization, with problems of Logistics, Cerebral Malaria, terrorist interference and

local tribal requirements who were seeing all these equipment's & manpower for the first time. The women folks in this state of Mizoram are the working class. The men are busy playing, hunting, gambling & drinking fermented rice liquor. You will not find any wild animals in the thick evergreen forests of the state, the MIZO'S, will not leave even snakes, Dogs &Cats.

This the only state which is devoid of birds. We once showed them the famous movie "SHOLAY", in one of the



villages. The scene of the approaching TRAIN, was frightening to them and the horses with the dacoits was un believable. In fact they had never seen a horse before. The natural beauty of this state is to be seen to be believed. We should see and enjoy As this road also touches about a dozen villages & one major Bridge, it was funded by the NEC (North Eastern Council) agency of the central Govt. the beauty of this state. Today it is one of the tourist destination of the north east.



#### **Rtn. IPP Col. KCK Nair**

3 photographs which was taken at a place called Lumpo in Tawang,Dist, Arunachal pradesh at 12000 ft, above Mean Sea level. This is one of the places along with



Neeliya, where the Indian Army was Butchered by the Chinese in 1962. You will still find small arms, LMG, Helmets etc. lying scattered. The bodies of the soldiers who laid down their life, for the Nation are buried at many places in and around that area.



This area is surrounded by high mountains of the Himalayan range and is above the tree line(You will find no trees in this area).Of course you will find plenty of grass. On the map it is shown as GG ie. Grazing Ground. During the summer months it is used by Gujjars & Bakkarwals (the locals who graze their cows, Yaks & sheep). A mountain Brigad of the Indian Army was stationed here. This is a fully Air maintained Brigade. Logistics like food(including live animals) ,fuel, ammunition ,etc, are air dropped by transport planes. Heavy equipment like dismantled Dozers, other plants and heavy explosives are brought by ME 17 Heptrs. . Men and small arms are brought to this place on man pack basis for which you have to walk with their personal Arms and clothes for 3 days from Tawang. You are stationed here for at least 18 months, after which you walk back to base camp. Then you go by Road to your HQ, somewhere in the state of Assam.

# **Ottapalam Rotary News**

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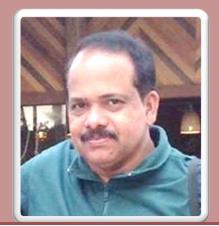
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#### Last Month's puzzle

An errand boy was collecting boxes of cakes for the Summer Fair. He collected boxes from various people in his local village and each box was labelled in Roman Numerals with the number of cakes in the box. By the time the errand boy had collected the last box, he was quite hungry, and really needed to eat at least one cake. Luckily the last box was marked with an underlined XI, meaning there were 11 cakes in it. He had the brain wave of turning the box around and underlining the number again to give the impression there were IX, that is 9 cakes. However, after eating the 2 cakes, he was still hungry. How can he change the number shown on the box again and eat more cakes?

Answer: He could add an S to the IX to give the impression there were supposed to be 6 (SIX) cakes in the box, thus eating 5 cakes in total.

Winners: NONE

#### This Month's puzzle

Fill in the missing number in the following sequence:

27, 3, 216, 6, 8, \_

### For the logophile



Rtn K Ramachandran

**Jaundiced--** affected with jaundice. affected with or exhibiting prejudice, bitterness, envy or resentment. .

## Link of the month

https://wss.kseb.in/selfservices/

----Pay all your electricity bills online..... You can pay as many bills as you wish if you register each consumer no...

### Thoughts of the month

Gift of virtues

More valuable than the things we give to each other are the gifts of virtues we pass on quietly to others through our selfless and noble actions. These gifts are truly precious because they are imperishable and they multiply the more we share them.

#### **Picture Gallery**



Membership Develoment Seminar



Paul Harris Fellow Rtn PP Radhakrishnan





Secretary in Tokyo



President and First Lady In Navodaya School



Rtn IPP Col KCK Nair at Carmel School



Paul Harris Fellow Rtn Dr Satheesh Kumar



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