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HOW TO NURTURE YMI AND HELP IT GROW

In order to live in any community, wherever it is, we have to help build it. Remember this simple Social law that makes organisations like ours, relevant and successful in the communities.

Secondly, the enabling factor, that helps YMI to grow from within are three important buzzwords - Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI). These are important reminders that we, the members of YMI need to understand and embrace our differences, provide equitable opportunity for success and welcome one another exactly as we are.

In YMI, DEI shall ensure that our clubs, meetings and events are places where participants can speak openly and respectfully and where everyone feels welcomed. Increasing our membership strength is important, but giving our members experiences they value and reasons to stay are equally important.

Talk to your club leaders and fellow members about what they want from their YMI experience and work together to make it happen. Learning, what keeps members engaged is a powerful tool for strengthening our organisation.

We have to demonstrate that when we dream big - as with our Santhwana Hospice Project - we can make our dreams a reality. This year, I'm asking you to Relmagine YMI - and to imagine a world where each of us contributes to lasting positive change.

Many practices and strategies we have been following for the last 100 years were not helping YMI to grow. This is evident from the stunted growth of YMI during this period. Therefore, we must be open to change.

Every year, we announce big achievements in growth but then next year we go back to ground zero and this ritual gets repeated year after year, year after year. We are all conditioned to this ritual and thus our brain has become a slave to the comforts of conditioning and we have stopped thinking about any viable alternative to the rituals we are used to.

Bifurcation of SIR has given us the enablement to achieve our YMI objectives. So let us discard our differences and gather our collective strength to achieve our Big Dreams.

M. J. Mathews

RD, South Central India Region



ACTION POINTS TO ACHIEVE OUR YMI REGIONAL OBJECTIVES

- Show renewed interest in the affairs of our organisation through active and enthusiastic involvement

• DISTRICT UNIFIED PROJECT

Club leaders must take initiatives to motivate Club members to actively get involved in all Club activities and Projects. For this, Club leaders have to plan and execute some family activities of interest and the respective DG must finalize the DISTRICT UNIFIED PROJECT.

• **Yconnect** Y's BUSINESS NETWORK

Provide opportunities like Ys Connect to expand his/her social and business networking.

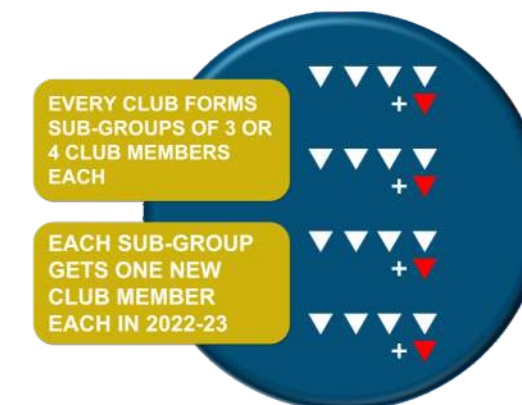
• COMMON MINIMUM PROGRAM

In order to project a good feel about our organisation, we must finalise the COMMON MINIMUM PROGRAM at the District level in consultation with all stakeholders and get it implemented.

Above initiatives will enable us to achieve the following for the growth of our organisation:-

- a. Project continuity
- b. Member retention.
- c. Membership growth
- d. Extension of our movement through establishment of new Clubs

FOR MEMBERSHIP GROWTH every Club also has to seriously look into the IP's formula in this regard. That is - grouping members in the Club into clusters of 4 members and each cluster identifying one new quality member who is willing to join YMI and after that, the same cluster hand-holding the new member till he/she becomes comfortable with the Club members and becomes inclusive.



For YMI to grow organically, we have to expand the reach of our existing Clubs through concepts like the DUP and through the formation of new Clubs (extension). In this exercise, we have to be conscious that the new Clubs are organised involving only interested quality members of the Public and by giving them proper induction into the organisation so that the new Clubs are sustainable and take deep roots.

FIRST REGIONAL CONVENTION OF SCIR

The 1st Regional Convention of the newly-formed South Central India Region was held on 16 July 2022 at Gokulam Grand Hotel, Bangalore. Over 350 delegates from various parts of India including Bangalore, Hyderabad, Madurai, Sivakasi, Gobichettipalayam, Virudhnagar, Coimbatore, Coonoor, Hosur, Kollam, Cochin, Trivandrum, Nagpur and Mumbai attended the convention.

International President Dr. K. C. Samuel inaugurated the convention and unveiled the Region's new logo. In the subsequent meeting, M. J. Mathews led the business session of the convention and took major decisions which will pave the way for a stronger Region. IP Dr. K. C. Samuel installed M. J. Mathews as the 1st Regional Director of South Central India Region along with his cabinet members: Abraham Chacko-Secretary, Jinu George-Treasurer, Daniel Thomas-Bulletin Editor, Thomas J. Biju- Regional Director-Elect, Mahanthesh Rajan-Joint Secretary, LRDEs and DGs of the Region. The Regional Convention and Installation meeting was adjourned at 8pm for cultural programmes, fellowship and dinner.

Babu Oommen
Chairman, 1st Regional Convention



Menettes Entertainment Program at the South Central Regional Conference 2022

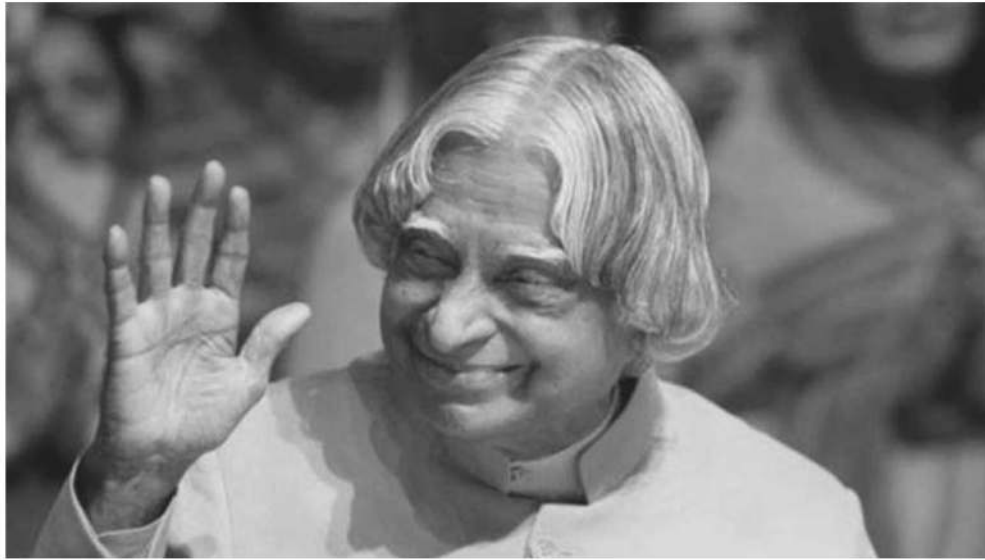


After a long afternoon of speeches and Appreciation awards distribution, the Menettes attending the first ever South Central India Regional Council were only too happy to be able to take a break and connect with each other. As they made their way to the hall designated for the Menettes program, little did they realize it would be an hour they would not forget in a hurry! As they entered the hall, a beckoning display of chocolate boxes was on display, as well as the prizes for the various games that would be held. No doubt there was a little bit of anxiety on what kind of games could be held in the hall with close to 50 Menettes in attendance!

It was surprising how the session was both entertaining and team building as one game after another game was introduced to the audience by the very lively duo of Ymt Anou Daniel of the Bangalore Club and Ymt Tessy Biju Philip from the Downtown Club of District 2. What inspired the ladies were the materials used for each of the games were just simple things like paper cups, balloons, sponge balls and chart paper. The Menettes were comfortably seated in the groups they had travelled with or were familiar with. As the games progressed, almost all the Menettes were coaxed into participating and mixing their groups. The chocolates were distributed to all the Menettes from all the districts, encouraging each one not to focus on winning but just having fun and fellowship. The program ended with a memorable photo taken of the entire group including the wives of the International President and the first Regional Director of the South Central Region, Ymt Annie Samuel and Ymt Celine Mathews respectively. A truly memorable evening on a truly significant day in Y'sdom in South Central India. Looking forward to the next Regional Council!!

Tessy Biju
Ys Menettes Coordinator

VISION FOR INDIA - DR. APJ ABDUL KALAM



When I was a boy of 10 years, I would regularly witness the meetings of three people in my house: Pakshi Lakshmana Sastrigal, the head priest of the famous Rameswaram temple and a Vedic scholar; Reverend Father Bodel, who built the first church in Rameswaram island; and my father, who was an Imam in the local mosque.

All three of them would sit together and discuss the island's problems and come up with solutions. In addition, they built religious bridges with their compassion. This memory always comes to my mind whenever I think of what kind of a world our youth need to strive to create.

India has had a culture of integration of minds for thousands of years. What I wish to say is that we need to teach our youth to transcend the divides that exist in society. That is the only way for them to solve many of the problems plaguing our nation and the world.

I have three visions for India. In 3000 years of our history, people from all over the world have come and invaded us, captured our lands, conquered our minds. From Alexander onwards, the Greeks, the Turks, the Moguls, the Portuguese, the British, the French, the Dutch, all of them came and looted us, took over what was ours. Yet we have not done this to any other nation. We have not conquered anyone. We have not grabbed their land, their culture, their history and tried to enforce our way of life on them. Why? Because we respect the freedom of others.

That is why my first vision is that of FREEDOM. I believe that India got its first vision of this in 1857, when we started the war of Independence. It is this freedom that we must protect and nurture and build on. If we are not free, no one will respect us.

My second vision is for India's DEVELOPMENT. For years we have been a developing nation. It is time we see ourselves as a developed nation. We are among the top nations of the world in terms of GDP. We have good growth rate in most areas. Our poverty levels are falling. Our achievements are being globally recognized today. Yet we lack the self-confidence to see ourselves as a developed nation, self-reliant and self-assured. Isn't this incorrect?

I have a third vision. India must stand up to the world. Because I believe that unless India stands up to the world, no one will respect us. Only strength respects strength. We must be strong not only as a military power but also as an economic power. Both must go hand-in-hand for the greater good of the country.

Excerpts from Pathways To Greatness: Coming Together For Change by A P J Abdul Kalam and his speech at the Indian Institute of Technology, Hyderabad,

I find this article very inspiring as it talks about our country as an integration of minds for thousands of years. It talks about transcending the divides that exist in our society of culture, language and religion and that together we should aim to look beyond; which should also be our aim in Y'sdom.

Daniel Thomas, Bulletin Editor

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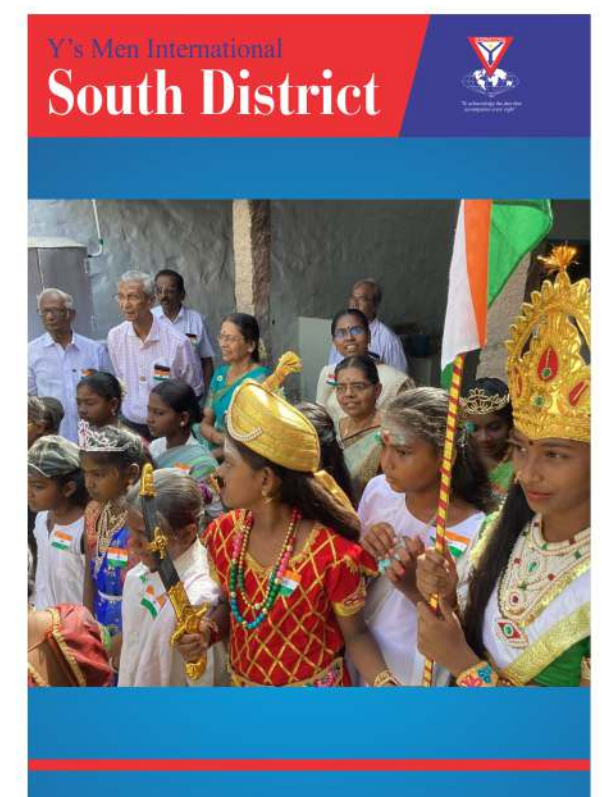
SCIR DISTRICT 1



SCIR DISTRICT 3



SCIR DISTRICT 2



SCIR DISTRICT 4

CLUB PROJECTS

SCIR District 1 - Installation and Projects



Hosur projects and installation



Peenya celebration of Independence Day, installation and old age aid project at St. Theresa's Mercy Home, Rajajinagar



Cantonment club orphanage aid project



District Installation



Honouring the Leaders



Independence Day Celebration

CLUB PROJECTS

SCIR District 2 Projects



Distribution of School bags



Blood Donation Camp



District Installation



Independence Day Celebration



Installation of Mumbai Club

CLUB PROJECTS

SCIR District 3 Projects



Weekly Project - Feeding the poor, Coonoor



On the Installation day, YMC Mettupalayam Royals distributed School Bags and Educational aids among the Children at Boys Home Mariyalaya, Mettupalayam



Tiruppur Knit City Installation and Handing over of wheelchairs



CLUB PROJECTS

SCIR District 4 Projects



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Eye Camp



Distribution of study materials



Teacher's Day Celebration





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