



SRWA Newsletter

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From the President

CHANGE OF GUARD –

December 5th 2021, was a day when SRWA decided to conduct elections very differently in the sylvan surroundings of the Low Level Park. The committee was geared to organise this. However, the members returned the candidates unopposed and the new MC was announced, with some old hands and some very refreshing new faces.

This energetic young team combines the enthusiasm to rev up energy among the residents, both young and old and work with slick efficiency and the careful wisdom of the seniors who have handed over charge to them.

These have been trying times, especially given the fact that Sadashivanagar is undergoing an overhaul with every government department trying to improve the quality of facilities provided. We do understand the angst amongst the residents but constant interaction with the government agencies are slowly yielding results. Most of the work has been completed and we hope the roads will be laid soon after the monsoons.

A major thrust was made to improve and provide better facilities in the parks. The Reflexology path, kindly donated by the Goenka family, in memory of their parents has become very popular. We greatly appreciate this contribution to the community. Repair and maintenance work is continuously taken up in the children's play area in the park to ensure that the play equipment is safe for children. In addition, the BBMP has built toilets for the park users and the Pourakarmikas serving this area. We thank the BBMP for having provided this service.

I would like to mention here that Razorpay, a new payment mode, has been set up, for the convenience of our members, so that they receive a confirmation receipt as soon as they make the payment. We request members to utilise this facility for future payments.

We have been organising many other events about which you will read in the following pages. We look forward to engaging with the community in many ways and we do hope you will all come forward to do the same.

Indu Sridhar
President-SRWA



REFLEXOLOGY PATH

Good health, healthy diet, exercise, physical fitness, yoga for mental peace, are today's buzzwords that have gripped the minds of young and old. In this jigsaw, green spaces have an important part to play. And which other area can boast of as many green spaces than Sadashivanagar.

A long cherished dream of many residents in the area had been to revive the beauty of the Low Level Park. An opportunity arrived when the Goenkas came forward with the suggestion of creating a Reflexology Pathway in memory of Shri Shyamsunder Goenka & Smt. Shehlata Goenka, which resulted in a very attractive landmark in the park.

A gala event was held on May 15, 2022, presided over by our chief guest, the Honourable Minister Dr. C.N.Ashwathnarayan, who kindly accepted our invitation to inaugurate the pathway. Always a votary for health projects, Shri. Ashwathnarayan highlighted the long term benefits of the Reflexology Path. The BBMP also inaugurated the new toilets in the park, a much needed requirement. Good weather, beautiful ambience and crisp masala dosas with hot coffee, added to the general cheer of the day.

The SRWA thanks the Kamala Goenka Foundation for having donated this beautiful and unique addition to the park. Please walk the path for the true experience.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

MEETING WITH THE MLA



On March 13th 2022, the residents of Sadashivanagar got an opportunity to interact with the MLA of Aramane Nagar, Dr. Ashwathnarayan C. N. The forum facilitated by the SRWA gave the residents a chance to air their issues and concerns regarding their locality. The foremost concerns voiced by the residents were related to the incessant and uncoordinated road works carried out by the various departments such as the BBMP, BESCO and BWSSB that was causing a lot of inconvenience and threatening their safety. After giving a patient hearing, our MLA explained that since these works were long term solutions there was a delay in their execution.

However, he assured the residents that they would be completed before the monsoons. One of the residents proposed starting a Day Care centre for the children of the construction workers and domestic help working in the locality. This suggestion was heartily welcomed and its feasibility will be worked out by the BBMP with the SRWA acting as a facilitator. Some of the other issues relating to security, commercialisation etc., were also discussed. It was reassuring to have our leader address every issue patiently and instructing the concerned authorities to do the needful.

TREE PRUNING

The SRWA took up the tree pruning of the dead branches of trees in the area with the help of the Forest dept of the BBMP, Govt. of Karnataka. This exercise was carried out in a scientific manner after surveying the green cover in Sadashivanagar. A crane was hired for pruning fifteen trees and utmost precautions were taken to ensure the safety of the workers. Three rounds of pruning have been done and the next round will be carried out after the monsoons.

We thank Mr. Govindappa, DFO, BBMP and Mr. Shivaram, RFO, BBMP for giving us permission to prune the dead wood.



MEET YOUR NEIGHBOURS

Footprints on My Soul...

What draws you to your friends?

What excites you to be able to reach out to friends of decades?

It's the magic of the air we had inhaled together that never fades

It's the memory of having shared with them your joys and tears

It's the spell of having walked together, hand in hand, on the same track.

It's the pure nostalgia of reliving those golden times spent as peers.



This was the spirit in which we organised a Meet your Neighbour morning over a cup of steaming hot coffee. Surprisingly, the turnout was very good and the general air of bonhomie and quiet leisure was so infectious. Though games had been planned, all the residents were happy just to meet and chat with each other. A sapling of Neem was planted to add to the greenery in the park by Shri DSS Rao our senior most member and members continued renewing their old acquaintances and making new ones. We do hope to have many more such small quiet gatherings which will help our community bond.



SUMMER SPREE AT SADASHIVANAGAR

**Summer, Summer,
I'm so glad you're here !**

**Summer, Summer,
Let's give a cheer !**

**Summer, Summer
I'll meet you at the park**

**Summer, Summer
Let's stay up till dark !**

After being holed up at home for almost 2 years, thanks to the pandemic, the Summer Spree @ Sadashivanagar organised by the SRWA at various locations, such as the Low Level Park, Tamarind Tree Children's Park and the Dog park, came as a welcome respite to both the children and parents of Sadashivanagar. From a story and poetry morning to sessions teaching the young ones block printing, non-brush art and canine behaviour, these fun-filled Saturday mornings spread out from mid April to the beginning of May 2022, proved to be both informative and entertaining.



Conducted by some of our very own residents and supported by parent volunteers, the children made the best of the Summer Spree, arming themselves with new skills while enjoying snacks and refreshing juices. Conducted for the first time ever by the SRWA, we hope to make this a regular affair every year.



KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOURS

DHRUV JATTI

Dhruv is a young leader who has portrayed his skills of public engagement by helping society actively. He holds a bachelor's degree in Global Affairs from Jindal School of International Affairs and has a sound knowledge of foreign affairs and international polity.

He started his journey while helping over 71,500 migrants in the year 2020. In 2021, he slowly became a popular face nationally when he began voicing the opinions of students during the COVID19 Crisis. He spoke at length on the digital divide for rural students who were struggling to get any education amidst the pandemic. He runs two NGOs – Bangalore Student Community & Jatti Foundation. They donated beds to the CCC, vaccinated 2000+ people for free in his constituency – Bagalkot in North Karnataka and provided relief kits for victims of the 2021 floods in North Karnataka.

Following the footsteps of his great grandfather, Shri BD Jatti, he believes in three things: The teachings of Guru Basaveshwara, Social Service, and Development oriented work for the people. In years to come he aims to work on following the blueprint of the United Nations Sustainable Development goals in order to improve the quality of life for the people of Bagalkot District. His philanthropic activities since 2020 have aided over Two Lakh beneficiaries.

Dhruv as a student leader is working on helping students and assisting government schools and colleges in North Karnataka. Considering his lineage and his capabilities of connecting with the public at such a young age his goal is to work towards a sustainable future for generations to come.

Dr. GAITI HASAN

Dr. Gaiti Hasan, a Ph.D from Cambridge University, joined the National Centre for Biological Sciences in 1993, on the invitation of the Founder Director Obaid Siddiqui as a founder member of the organisation.

Her group in the National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS) Bengaluru was established in 1993,. Using cutting-edge methods, her group assayed how regulation of calcium ion levels affect brain function in a fruit fly, a model organism. This group is now taking forward this pioneering work to the field of human health and their studies have opened up new avenues of therapeutic intervention in the currently untreatable neurodegenerative conditions of Parkinson's syndrome and Spino- cerebellar Ataxias.

She is presently the Vice-President and Fellow of Indian National Science Academy, Indian Academy of Sciences, and the World Academy of Sciences.



In recognition of her work Dr.Gaiti was honoured with the M.Visvesvaraya Senior Scientist State Award 2019 for lifetime achievement in science done in Karnataka. She was felicitated by the Chief Minister of Karnataka in the Vidhana Soudha which was indeed a proud moment.

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