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“Boy Scout is not merely to give you fun and adventure but that, like the backwoodsmen, explorers, and frontiersmen whom you are following, you will be fitting yourself to help your country and to be of service to other people who may be in need of help. That is what the best men are out to do.”

*Robert Baden-Powell: Scouting for Boys, The Original*

## Highlights of the quarter

- 14<sup>th</sup> AsPac SGF Gathering – with theme “Stretching Roads - Widening Paths” was hosted by Indian SGF from 12 to 17 September 2015 in the resort Clark Exotica Bengaluru India.
  1. It was attended by 153 delegates from 12 countries Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Maldives, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Singapore, Saudi Arabia and India, including official delegations from APR WAGGGS, APR WOSM and ISGF World Body.
  2. **First day - Welcome dinner** – was hosted by Indian SGF on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2015 in Clark Exotica, guests were welcomed with warm greetings of Namaskara and presented welcome souvenirs to everyone. Some of the delegates made it more special with songs and cheers.
  3. **Second Day – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2015**
    - **Flag Ceremony** – was held as per schedule flags of India, ISGF and Bharat Scouts & Guides were hoisted by Mr. Janaprith Fernando, Ms. Mida Rodrigues and Mr. M. A. Khalid.
    - **Integration session** – continued after flag ceremony, all the members of organising committee were introduced and key leaders with their responsibility is explained, leader of delegations from 12 countries gave brief of their representatives and NSGF/ Central branch/ Guilds. Local Girl Guides entertained the delegates in Indian dances and music.
    - **Technical sessions** after a tea break with opening remarks by World Chair of ISGF Mida and AsPac SGF Chair Satish Khanna, technical sessions began by AsPac SGF Committee reports and NSGF’s presentations.
    - **Inaugural Session** – Governor of Karnataka Honourable Sri. Vajubhai Rudabhai Vala was the chief guest, presided over by Justice Kalpesh Jhaveri National President Indian SGF and special guest was Chairman of Organising Committee & Patron of Indian SGF Sri. Satyanarayan Sharma. With formal welcome Mr. Khanna presented event scarf, with National Anthem house stood and gave general salute to Governor, Mida welcomed with flower bouquets, Mr. Sharma gave welcome address and followed by Fellowship walk in which all the 12 countries with their country flags gave marching salute to Governor lead by ISGF flag and with Sare Jahaan Se Accha Song played in background. Justice Kalpesh gave his opening remarks and then Governor light up the inaugural lamp. Followed by his address and blessings Governor said Fellowship is like “Vasudevaka Kutumbum” in which Indian culture believes and coming together of such adults will surely gives a best result for India as well as the world. The event souvenir was released by Governor with assistance of State President of Karnataka State SGF Mr. T. Prabhakar.



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Followed by cote thanks proposed by Executive chairman Mr. M. A. Khalid. With national anthem house stood with due respects to Governor and delegates had official group photo with honourable Governor as last part of Inaugural session.

- **Welcome Dinner** – on evening of 13<sup>th</sup> September welcome dinner was enjoyed by one and all, before that the ramp walk went on with lot of fun and Mrs. Avanthi Janaprith Fernando did justifying role being judge and anchored by Radhkrihsna. After 5 rounds of contesting Gerada Maria from Austria won the best prize runners being Harbhajan Singh and Munira Mistry.

#### 4. **Third Day – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

- Technical presentation continued by NSGF's, as well as Nepal Relief by ISGF
- **Address by APR / WOSM representative** Mr. Janaprith Fernando Member of APR Scout Committee and coordinator with AsPac Committee addressed the gathering. He said much has been done to work smoothly between APR WOSM and AsPac ISGF, will be assured for more coordination in future.
- **Plan for 2015 – 2018** was discussed and interacted by Aamaal Ali and Greg Davies in a plenary session with approved vision.
- **Elections of AsPac Committee** – was held along with technical sessions on 3<sup>rd</sup> day 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015 for the first half of the day. Satish R Khanna was elected as chairman and Waheeda Mariam from Maldives is elected as vice chair of AsPac SGF Committee. The nominated members from every NSGF/ country was also announced.
- **Visit to Nandi Hills** – The delegates of gathering visited Nandi Hills and enjoyed evening on hill top, witnessed sun set and dinner was served in Jawahar Bhavan on the hill, membres returned to Clark Exotica.

#### 5. **Fourth Day – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

- New Aspac SGF Committee for 2015 – 2018 was introduced to house as per the meeting of newly formed committee met on previous day.
  1. Chairman – Satish R Khanna – India
  2. Vice Chair – Waheeda Mariam – Maldives
  3. Treasurer – Gunaseelan T – Malaysia
  4. Secretary General – M. A. K. Mecci – India
  5. Chief Trustee – Brian Jackson – Australia
  6. Consultant – Abdullah Rasheed - Maldives
  7. Member – Margaret Blake – Australia
  8. Member – S. K. Akbar Reza – Bangladesh
  9. Member – Munira Mistry – India
  10. Member - Marjaldi Loeis – Indonesia
  11. Member – Simon Hang-Bock Rhee - Korea
  12. Member – Shree Ram Lamchhan – Nepal
  13. Member – Mike Crane - New Zealand
  14. Member – Maqbool Reza – Pakistan



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15. Member – Sri Lanka
  16. Member Coopted – Greg Davies – B P Guild Australia
  17. Member Coopted – Normala Edon – Trifoil Guild Malaysia
- **The Bharat Scouts & Guides Day** – Indian SGF organised special 3 days camp for open units invited from various parts of India and they met on 14<sup>th</sup>, joined celebration on 15<sup>th</sup> and enjoyed city tour on 16<sup>th</sup> of September 2015. Exclusive arrangements were made for more than 650 young Scouts and Guides.
  - **The Bharat Scouts & Guides** as a one of the largest national association of WOSM as well as WAGGGS in Asia Pacific region was introduced to all the delegates in a gist and on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2015 – 4<sup>th</sup> day of gathering was celebrated as BS&G day with gratitude. It was complete field trip stopping over at 3 different venues.
  - **Girl Guiding in India** – is exhibited at oldest Guide Company in the state of Karnataka State BSG from Bishop Cotton Girls School Bangalore. The delegates had a first stop here and were received, entertained, educated and informed about the Girl Guiding in the School by the young Guides. Further different sections of Girl Guiding in India – Bunnies, Bulbuls, Guides and Rangers were introduced to open field interactive groups invited from various areas/ states. Shaila Suryavanshi Guide Captain of the company played a major role with her band of young Guides.
  - **Bengaluru Oota** – was second stop for Lunch in Malleshwarem hosted by Chamundi SGF Guild. The lunch was purely Veg meals served on Banana Leaves in traditional system with 14 rounds of servings.
  - **Community based Scouting** – 98 years old Chamunid open scout group in Karnataka BS&G was the 3<sup>rd</sup> stop. Delegates were received, shown the various skills of Scout wing including pioneering, with ceremonies of Cubs and Scouts, model camp craft and also exhibits educating about Community Based Scouting. Narsimha Murthy GLS took lead with assistance of many young key leaders.
  - The delegates were **received by veterans** of The Bharat Scouts and Guides Mr. G. Ranga Rao Bronze Wolf awardee, Mr. V. R. Ghanathey and Mrs. K. Alamelu at 4<sup>th</sup> stop in Shantigriha over evening tea.
  - **District Rally** – was organised in traditional Indian pattern by Bangalore North District Association of Karnataka State BS&G attended by 650 young Scouts and Guides along with open units arrived from other parts of India. Received by traditional Tribal Folk Music, Rally began with full of colours and young leaders leading various Local Associations represented by many schools and open units. The flag ceremony, Guard of honour, marching salute and march past along with best band suitable to occasion played young Girl Guides made the delegates to enjoy life time experience. It was successful and memorable organised by officials of the District.
  - **State cum National Get together** was organised in the Auditorium of Shanti Griha as last stretch of the special day “**Gratitude’s to BS&G**”. Along with National President of



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Indian SGF Justice kalpesh Jhaveri, Chief National Commissioner of Bharat Scouts & Guides and State Chief Commissioner of Karnataka, also key delegates. On the occasion Indian SGF released a short documentary short film “Gratitude’s” on The Bharat Scouts & Guides produced by Ginger Productions. Jeffery Asher Lyngdoh from Meghalaya gave a wonderful introductory talk on BS&G, The BSG Karnataka felicitated key leaders of delegations of Gathering and Indian SGF gave away the Lakshmi Mazumdar Award for best coordination to The Bharat Scouts & Guides Western Railway State. Ms. Grace Tan of WAGGGS gave best presentation on SANGAM – Pune which is one of the best thing to happen in India and BS&G. Address by CNC Mr. Nagarale was well received by the house with full of applauds and blessings by Mr. P. G. R Sindhia was informative. Health Minister Government of Karnataka Mr. Khader blessed the occasion. Scouts and Guides of DNH entertained the guests with Sambalpuri Dance. Justice Geeta Mittal was also present on the occasion.

- **Bharat Scouts & Guides Karnataka** State hosted grand dinner to all the delegates and it was befittingly served and every one enjoyed.
- Every stop of the day witnessed **presentation of souvenirs** by WAGGGS, Korea, Malaysia, Australia, Bangladesh, Maldives, Indonesia, Sri Lanka to young Scouts, Guides and leaders.

6. **Fifth Day – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2015 - Fellowship, Scouting & Guiding Utsav –**

- **Review of AsPac ISGF Constitution** was lead by Mr. Abdullah Rasheed and same was amended with changes.
- **AsPac SGF Foundation** formation was proposed by Mr. Gunaseelan T and got it approved by house. (Unanimously first contribution came from Australia's 400 US \$ and followed by Maldives 500, Malaysia BP Guild 600, Gerada Maria 100 and while playing Horse race game easier 100 and Total amount collected towards foundation is 1700 US \$. In Indian Rupees members contributed by sale Maldives 10,004, Bangladesh 2000, Malaysian Sabha Trifoil Guild 500, horse race 3300 total Rs.15804)
- **FELLOWSHIP MALL** – attracted every one with small display of past 3 years achievements in the region, every country displaying their artefacts, exhibits, food items and souvenirs on sale went on for one hour and many of the countries contributed the sale amount to AsPac Foundation.
- **History of AsPac Region** was well presented by Brian Jackson.
- **WAGGGS APR** gave their official presentation by Ms. Low Lih Jeng, Chair, APR Committee; WAGGGS along with Grace Tan was worth listening and very informative.
- **ISGF World Bureau** gave its official representation by Chair Mida and Mohammad Khalique. It was a routine promotion of ISGF and 23<sup>rd</sup> World Scout Jamboree Japan success stories by 2 young leaders of AsPac.
- The **28<sup>th</sup> ISGF World Conference** to be held in Bali Indonesia in 2017 was promoted by



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Hipprada representative Mr. Louis, followed by Mr. Brett Grant who shared his experience for making region more vibrant.

- **8<sup>th</sup> ATAS World Gathering** was held as per schedule in which ATAS India Chairman Justice Kalpesh Jhaveri welcomed the chief guest and ATAS World Chairman Mr. Simon Rhee and others ATAS members. Mr. Simon educated and gave clear info on Association of Top/Achievers Scouts by play way method; he took house in attention with gifts and games. Malaysian Sarawak Trefoil Guild entertained gathering with beautiful dance and followed by presentation of ATAS patches.
- The **Vision 2024** and vision was declared by Chairman and Secretary General read out priorities identified as last part of official announcement.
- The **AsPac SGF Committee honoured** selected and invited key leaders of ISGF, WOSM and WAGGGS
  - Ms. Mida Rodriques Chairperson ISGF World Committee
  - Mr. Simon Hang- Bhok Rhee – Immediate former Chairman World Scout Committee WOSM, Chairman Korean ISGF Interim Committee, International Commissioner of Korean Scouts and President ATAS World.
  - Ms. Low Lih Jeng, Chair, APR Committee, WAGGGS
  - Mr. Abdullah Rasheed Consultant APR Scout Committee / AsPac SGF Committee & National President Maldives NSGF
  - Mr. Abdullaha Bin Suleiman bin Mohammed Al Fahad Member World Scout Committee, Deputy Chairman cum Secretary General of Saudi Arabian Scouts and Vice President Pioneer Scouts of Saudi Arabia (ISGF)
  - Mr. Janaprith Fernando International Commissioner, Sri Lanka & Member, Asia Pacific Scout Committee WOSM, Colombo
  - Mr. Brian Jackson, Australian NSGF, Sydney
  - Ms. Grace Tam, Development Executive, APR/ WAGGGS
  - Mr. M. A. Khalid International Commissioner (Scouts) India and Consultant APR Scout Committee
  - Mr. Shreeram Lamchiane 1st Vice Chairman APR Scout Committee, WOSM and President Nepal NSGF proposed
- **Official Closing** Indian SGF gave away souvenirs to participating teams; Justice Kalpesh presented The Story of my experiments with truth – an autobiography of Mahatma Gandhi as parting gift to all awardees and key leaders. Gesture of thanks was proposed and Justice Geete Mittal was kind enough to join and greet all during official closing. Gathering came to end with National Anthem of India.
- **Grand Campfire** went on successfully with lot of fun, merry making, action songs, group dances and participated by each one of the delegate. Many countries gave away souvenirs to participating teams as well as hosts. Formal lighting up ceremony by Indian traditions, entertainment by Aiyappa School Guides, Fellowship song by Gerada Maria



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are the other highlights.

- Fellowship Dinner was interesting with Radha Krishnan singing and entertaining with his team including raising funds for AsPac Foundation.
  - Newly formed Aspac Committee met formally after Fellowship dinner.
7. **Farewell Day – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2015** it was bidding good bye to each other
- All faiths prayer was held as per traditions of India
  - The delegates enjoyed purchasing cum city tour and packed lunch
  - Last good bye and see off was held in Lalbaugh with evening tea/snacks and each one of the delegate was given a Tamboola, tilak and final Namashkar.

Thus came the 14th AsPac Gathering end and the success belongs to Indian SGF, its organising committee and all volunteers.

- AsPac Committee Meet – the newly formed committee met twice during the Gathering once on 14th September 2015 during lunch, in which it was informal talks and integration of the committee was held. Formally committee met on 16th October 2015 after dinner, with formal agenda. Main points discussed were Communication, Dress code for committee, Foundation and future planning, Reporting/ quarterly updates and others issues. The next 4th AsPac Committee meet will be held during May 2016 in Male hosted by Maldivian NSGF.

## OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ WOSM/ APR - On official invitation from APR WOSM, Chairmen Mr. Khanna, Treasurer Mr. Guna and Secretary General Mr. Mecci will be joining 25<sup>th</sup> APR Scout Conference from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> November 2015 in Gwangju Korea. During the 14<sup>th</sup> AsPac Gathering many key leaders of APR WOSM was present, including World Scout Committee member from Saudi Arabia Mr. Abdullaha Bin Suleiman bin Mohammed Al Fahad.
- ❖ WAGGGS APR – Ms. Low Lih Jeng, Chair, APR Committee, WAGGGS and Grace Tam, Development Executive, APR/ WAGGGS were present in the 14th AsPac Gathering, along with active participation an opportunity was initiated for them to promote their events as well to invite ISGF members to join Friends of APR WAGGGS and Friends of Sangam.

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This is the 12<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Update => key focus area was 14 AsPac Gathering in Bengaluru India. Every following NSGF/ Central Branch / Guilds participated in every activity of the Gathering including cultural presentations, ramp walk, Fellowship mall and including technical sessions during plenary sessions.

## NEWS FROM AsPac CORNERS

Australian NSGF – 11 members from NSGF attended the Gathering along with Ms. Margaret Blake, she also presented the detailed report of NSGF.

Bangladesh NSGF – Mr. Akbar Reza National Secretary lead the delegations of 9 members to join the Gathering and they also presented detailed report of NSGF.

Indian NSGF –



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Organised the Annual general assembly from 11 to 13 September 2015 in Bangalore India attended by 102 members, Greg Davies from Australia stayed and encouraged the Indian SGF to promote more Rovering. Members from Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Malaysia and Austria also joined special gathering on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

The NSGF was represented by 14 members, along with 17 day visitors and lead by Justice Kalpesh Jhaveri National President in the AsPac Gathering.

Indonesian NSGF – was represented by 4 members lead by Mr. Louis and he gave presentation of their activities as well promoted next world conference.

Korea – Chairman of Korean NSGF interim committee Mr. Simon Rhee joined the gathering and it will be positive vibe for AsPac region in future.

Malaysia – Trefoil Guilds of Sarwak and Saba joined the Gathering lead by Normala Edon, with 17 members and she presented their key activities in a presentation. Baden Powell Guild was lead by their chairman Mr. Gunaseelan T with team of 7 members and they gave their official presentation also souvenirs to every participating teams.

Maldivian NSGF – 6 members delagation joined the Gathering lead by Mr. Abdulla Rasheed and it is their official participation after getting formal recognition during 27th ISGF World Conference. The official presentation of past 2 years activities was presented.

Nepal Central Branch (proposed NSGF) – Mr. Shreeram Lamachiane lead the team of 3 members in the Gathering and he gave presentation on Nepal Relief towards Earth quake by AsPac and world bureau of ISGF.

New Zealand NSGF – Mr. Mike Crane sent their apologies for not joining the Gathering, they sent their brief report, feed back with SWOT and proxy vote.

Pakistan NSGF – Mr. Maqbool Reza sent their apologies for not joining the Gathering, they sent their greetings and proxy vote.

Sri Lanka (proposed NSGF) - Trefoil Guild was attended by 9 members, 2 members from Sri Lankan Boy Scouts (Guilds) lead by Ms. Yasmeen Raheem Chief Commissioner (Guide). They gave their official presentation showing more of community services they do. International Commissioner of Scouts Mr. Janaprith Fernando along with his joined the gathering for first 2 days.

**GUESTS IN THE GATHERING** – 21 member's delegation from Pioneer Scouts of Saudi Arabia (ISGF) joined the gathering lead by Mr. Abdulla Bin Suleiman bin Mohammed Al Fahad Member World Scout Committee, Deputy Chairman cum Secretary General of Saudi Arabian Scouts and Vice President Pioneer Scouts of Saudi Arabia (ISGF) and Austria NSGF member & former 1st vice chair of ISGF World Body Gerada Maria was also present.

M. A. K. Mecci  
Secretary General / ISGF – AsPac Committee

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- ❖ 3 – 8 November 2015 – 25 APR Scout Conference – Korea
- ❖ May 2016 – 4th AsPac Committee Meet – Male Maldives
- ❖ 2016 – APR WAGGGS Conference – Nepal