

SOUTH ZONE MEET -CONFETTI –Malligai

Hosted by District 323 on October 30th and 31st ,2021 venue -ITC GRAND CHOLA CHENNAI .

District chairman -Kamala Selvam

Association president -Saroj Katiyar

Convener -PIIWP -Kamala Ramakrishnan









Districts participated in south zone

Dst ,298,316,318,319,320,321 and Host Dst 323 District 323 chairman -kamala Selvam District 298 chairman -Thatsayini Panneerselvam District 316 chairman -Jyothi Laxman District 318 chairman -Pushpa Gururaj District 319 chairman -veena Niranjana District 320 chairman -Dhanya Alamelu District 321 chairman -cinda joyy There was excitement in the air. A hush of anticipation. A beautifully decorated entrance welcomed us, while enticing stalls beckoned us. Rajendra Halls in ITC Grand Chola, bore a festive air about them. In keeping with the theme, garlands of 'Malligai' decorated the chandeliers, while streamers or thorans made out of coconut leaves lined the hall. We were all celebrating the much-awaited South Zone Meet after an interval of seven years, but responsibly following all rules laid down for the pandemic! And Convenor PIIWP Kamala Ramakrishnan and District Chairman Kamala Selvam had spared no detail in ensuring that Confetti was a memory to go down in history!

The 'aha' moment was when we entered the Hall. A mega LED screen with dynamic images of waves gushing down the screen into the hall, left us with a surreal feeling of dabbling our feet in the water.

This two-day bonanza on the last two days of October '21, with the active and enthusiastic participation from South Zone Districts 298, 316, 318, 319, 320 and 321 and of course 323, was a genuine show of bonding and friendship in the true spirit of Inner Wheel!

The warm Welcome Address by the Convenor PIIWP Kamala Ramakrishnan set the tone to the evening, followed by the introduction and address of the Association President Mrs. Saroj Katiyar. We were privileged to have two very eminent ladies amongst us to inaugurate the sessions. The Chief Guest of the first session was none other than Dr. Tamilsai Soundararajan, Hon'ble Governor of Telangana and Lt. Governor of Puducherry who gave a rousing start to the proceedings with her very inspiring words. The Project of the Day was inaugurated by her. Forty push carts termed Hope On Wheels had been donated to needy and under-privileged women and transgenders by our very generous clubs, to the tune of over Six lakhs.

The second session was inaugurated by Mrs. Suneeta Reddy of Apollo Hospitals who was specially honoured a SHEROES awardee for her unstinting work for the community. The scintillating fashion show of diamond jewellery by the title sponsors Maganlal Mehta & Sons, had the audience spell-bound. The fitting grand finale culminated with the very interesting and varied performances by members from all the seven districts, all of whom had taken so much effort to showcase the tradition and culture of their districts.

Day 2 -reverberated with friendship and laughter as the members assembled district-wise for pictures. The District Chairman Kamala Selvam's opening address was followed by blissfully divine music from the Violin sisters Kalaimamanis Dr. Lalitha and Dr. Nandini. Association President Mrs. Saroj Katiyar was effusive in her praise and comments about the manner in which the whole programme was being conducted.

The Signature Projects of the Districts took pride of place. The nature and magnanimity of the projects was truly amazing. One could learn from the other! Keynote speaker Hon'ble Justice Anita Sumanth had everything good to say about the activities of Inner Wheel and left us all with the thought that like Rotary for Polio eradication, we should also focus on any one area of concern consistently and see it through to the end.

An Entrepreneurial Journey- a panel discussion with ladies from all seven districts and moderated by Mrs. Hemu Ramaiah, Founder of the yesteryears iconic bookstore Landmark, turned out to be a very touching experience for all of us. The troubles and tribulations the ladies had to face all along the way with a never-say-die attitude, showed us the grit, determination and perseverance women have when they set out to achieve their dreams. They were Sheroes in every sense of the word.

Genuine in her appreciation of the two days, the closing remarks by VP Mrs.Surjit Kaur was another highlight of the day.

We breezed through the two days seamlessly with impeccable emceeing by PDCs Seema Bhargava and Nallini Olivannan and again by PDCs Sushi Natraj and Shama Prasanna. It felt like a family wedding had come to an end, such was the involvement of all our PDCs and all the members of our District. Interspersed with a cultural bonanza from our District 323 showcasing dances from the South, contests, results and lucky draws sponsored by PDC Nallammai Ramanathan, ethnic photo corners, a lavish and a well-chosen buffet, have all contributed to Confetti-the Malligai of the South Zone Meet ending on an all-time high for everyone. District Chairman Kamala Selvam has set a very high benchmark !