Dear friends in the fellowship,

Greetings from G.S.O. India,

Annual National conference of AA was held during November 7-10, 2016 followed by the meeting of General Service Board of AA India on November 11, 2016 at Sarvodaya Capacity Centre for Training, St Pius Complex, Goregaon East, Mumbai.

Delegates and trustees from all over the country participated in five-day affair of discussing, deliberating and brainstorming and finalising fundamental recommendations for the operations of Alcoholics Anonymous India. This is done by the elected members of the service structure and also with the help of Non-Alcoholic Class A trustees (prominent figures from Psychiatry, rehabilitation, doctors, people from press and non-alcoholics from other different strata of professions).

49 delegates attended this annual event, 12 Class “B” trustees and 3 Class “A” non-alcoholic trustees from around the country were also present.

Dr. Rajiv Jerajani, Shri Srirang Umrami and Shri Rohan Colaco are the new Class A Trustees introduced to the fellowship. Prakash M from Mumbai was ratified as Class B Trustee.

Conference decided to raise limit for individual contributions from Rs 40,000/annum to Rs 60,000/annum.

It was decided to support AOSM/WSM delegates with registration fees.

It was decided to select Class A Trustees from all over the country and not from region for a two year term extendable by two terms. Class A Trustees will be ratified automatically.

It was decided to remove State Committee from the Service Structure Chart.

Conference recommended to hold International Women Convention at Bangalore.

It was decided to keep Pune as separate region till further realignment.

It was confirmed that all working trustees were open to class B trustees while Chairman’s position will be open for Class A Trustee also.

It was decided not to sale literature an tokens to Rehabs and individuals.

Conference recommended to have sharing session between Trustees and Delegates for information purpose and discard Joint Committees from GSC 2017.

It was recommended not to offer any gifts to media or press during press conferences.

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**CONVENTIONS**

**Nagpur** - Nagpur Area has organized its bi-annual National level convention at Ramtek, from 30th December 2016 to 1st January 2017.


**Mangalore, Karnataka** - 25-27/01/2018 Diamond Jubilee Anniversary of AA Mangalore (Dakshin)

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**INTERNATIONAL EVENTS**

Kannada IG): Multiple Language Convention. 1st Circular: aaiigmangalore@gmail.com

Fellowship in Delhi had series of awareness meetings with Delhi Police personnel. The last awareness meeting in series was scheduled at Pritampura on 3rd Sept 2016.

53rd International AA Women Conference—Ohio Feb 2017—The international women conference is the bridge to better understanding of the AA philosophy and way of life because of our special needs in sobriety as women. For more information click on http://www.internationalwomensconference.org
GREAT FUN IN TAMIL NADU

Our AA Groups here in South India recently celebrated their third anniversary. The town of Tiruvannamali (pop. 150,000) has about two dozen AA members, yet more than 700 people (members, friends, family) attended. Some members came from Kanchipuram and Pondicherry (three hours away), Salem (four hours), Bangalore, Erode and Kumbakonam (six hours) and elsewhere. Most people cannot afford car, so they came by bus or train.

Saturday evening, AAs from various areas spoke, including five members celebrating their own anniversaries. Al-Anons shared as well. A diner and more AA meetings followed midnight.

Sunday morning, we had back-to-back AA meetings and Chai was served. As part of public outreach, a non-AA psychiatrist attended, and she addressed the gathering for 20 minutes. I got to help serve a lunch of rice, sambar, rasam, buttermilk, wada, appalam and payasam—eaten on a banana leaf. After lunch, we had our ‘meeting after the meeting’ in the gigantic marriage hall (left) owned by the father of a local AA member. What great fun.

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