



RECCA THIES

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FORTHOSEWHO MISSED THE SHOW

RECCA EVENING

15th AUGUST 1996

Yes! This time too we celebrated it with all the gaiety it stands for. We met at the Udyogamandal Club, FACT, Floor, a beautiful club house away from the madding crowds. With the settings perfect we hit it off with the RECCA Anthem. Prof. Jussay welcomed the gathering with his customary warmth. This time we had a couple of new faces and a few long lost ones, which included Dr. Panicker (of the 71 batch) who is heading the Model Engineering College, Thrikkakara. A brief sum up of the activities of the Chapter by Prof. Sankaran Nair and the Centre by Sri. Avarachan, followed. And once the kind of mike-wrestling we usually have on such occasions was over, we moved to the more leisurely part of it. Old buddies strengthened their fellowships and tongues wagged eloquently. The less fortunate were punished with a game and quiz session by Regil Das and Syamash. The participants enjoyed it as much as the promoters who had catered them with attractive prizes. By now a terrific appetite had been worked up but there was chicken-biryani et al waiting at the flanks. Members did justice to it and Charles & Siby, our men for all occasions, had taken great pains to make it a great success. Another Recca Evening had lived up to its sense of togetherness and fun, and we parted with promises to meet again on 26th January, for the Recca Day.

WIFE IS A WIFE WHO LOVES YOU EVEN WHEN SHE NAGS YOU

So is Recca Cochin. We want to keep nagging you. So please keep us informed when you change your job or change your address. Out of sight is out of mind. We don't want that situation. So keep us informed of your address whenever you change it even if it is for dodging the police or your latest love.

INVITATION FOR RECCA DAY 1997

Recca Dear,

As usual, we celebrate our new year on 26th January. For Recca Cochin, it is another Recca day. A whole day of fun and frolic far away from the crowded head quarters. You are invited with the whole family.

VENUE, PERIYAR CLUB, DESOM, ALUVA (Details, on this page below)

DATE : 26th January 1997

Time : 9.30 A.M to 5 P.M.

We promise sumptuous food (vegetarians will be taken care of). Entertainment and party games as usual. Special items for ladies and children. Attractive prizes to be won (look below for further details). Cruise in a speed boat or a bath in the periyar for those who are interested. Special items:

1. **MAGIC SHOW. 2. VENTRILOQUISM - By Dr. Rajkumar**

3. **"BOMB THE MOSQUITO"** - A talk by Er. E.M. George, VSSC, Trivandrum on how to invite mosquitoes to their death, happily!

Come in strength with your families. Call/contact/collect your Recca colleagues also. Make it a day to remember. And for once, there is no contribution.

Prof. P.M. Jussay, Chairman, Cochin Recca.

BOMB THE MOSQUITO!

From time immemorial Cochin has been the mosquito capital of Kerala. (In India there are plenty of other such capitals too!). Mr. E.M. George, VSSC, Engineer turned mosquito specialist, has the answer to this long rendering problem. He has a novel scheme to escape from this menace, an easy way. No nets to be got into, no mats to be purchased, no chemicals to be inhaled, in short, no pollution at all. It is totally eco-friendly. Recca Cochin will have an exposure on this topic on Recca Day - 97, presented by Sri. George himself. Cochinites, consider yourself lucky!

R.D. 97 - PERIYAR CLUB

A beautiful Club, on the banks of the famous Periyar river, half a kilometer from Alwaye, towards the east on the side road after the 2nd bridge, over Periyar (Mangalapuzha) when you go from Alwaye to Trichur. Reccaites please reach there at 9.30 A.M. Folks, for once, get up early and make it in time, without your usual late coming habit. (See route map attached).

LADIES CORNER

Eves provide a feminine touch to this year's Recca Day celebrations. You have full 2 hours set apart for your show. There will be a sales corner, you may sell your items. Interesting party games, and competitions in flower carpet, vegetable carving and flower arrangement (in case there is sufficient response). Painting competitions for children below 10 years. Please inform Recca office (Tel No. 392814), your name and the item you wish to participate before the 15th of January. Attractive prizes awaiting you! Children and ladies, please make it a grant success, so that in future very many better programmes can be planned.

RECCA IN RECCA AND TWO BUSES FULL!

Reccaites of 1977 batch and that too two buses full had a wonderful day together at Munnar, the best place on earth as the Swiss say. A 2-tire star hotel rented out. Had a merry go around of Devikulam, Pallivasal, Suryanelli, Rajamalai, Eravikulam National Park, Anamudi - (the highest peak in South India (9000 ft.)) Top Station, Malakkal Caves, (MGR fame) etc. Recca Cochinites congratulates them with their hearts.

From the Editor's Desk.....

LONG LIVE THE REPUBLIC!

AND LONG LIVE RECCA!

As we enter 1997, the nation will celebrate the golden jubilee of our freedom. On this occasion our thoughts go out to the legion of selfless, patriotic freedom fighters who sacrificed their everything to get us the freedom we are enjoying today. It also makes you sad when we see the corruption, the greed and selfishness of our new generation of leaders and the general erosion of values all around us. Yet it is a matter of gratification that in spite of occasional differences and dissensions, we not only remain as one nation but also display a readiness to sink our differences and rise above them whenever the national interest demands it. We also feel proud that democracy has sunk its roots deep into our soil.

And at this hour of stock taking, it gives us great satisfaction that Reccaa Cochin which is in her teens has also done pretty well during the short span of her existence. We had two unique and meticulously organised, All India exhibitions and two very successful housing projects from which over 200 of our members were immensely benefited. On the avil is the 3rd stage where we are embarking upon construction work for the first time. With an organisation consisting of the best brains in the country to back us we do not see any reason why it should not succeed. And then, we have more ambitious schemes ahead like a first class club with all the amenities it can provide, the first stage of which is expected to cost us over rupees half a crore. Since we have the required assets though in the form of land, it will also take shape sooner rather than later. More than all that, we have kept the Reccaa spirit alive and the Reccaa flag flying. That we rate, as our biggest success. While looking back with a certain amount of justifiable pride of our activities during the last 12 years, we look forward to bigger and greater things in the coming year. Reccaa Cochin wishes all its members and their families a very happy and prosperous year.

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SOSNASH

Zacharia Varghese of 1969 batch, who is Executive Engineer, Electrical Division, Chengannur, of the Kerala State Electricity Board, has been elected Vice President of the K.S.E.B. Engineers' Association, which is the biggest body of Engineers in Kerala.

MAY YOUR TRIBE INCREASE

Congratulations, Anil, for becoming a proud father. (Mrs. Devi Priya, born on 30-9-96)



R E C C A A ' S

SRIJOHN MATHAI, I.A.S.

PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIES, GOVT. OF KERALA

For quite some time, Reccaa Cochin has been toying with the idea of giving a brief write up about eminent Reccaaites so that our youngsters may be benefited from their academic and career achievements. We have no better person than Sri John Mathai, of the 1969 batch to begin with, who is at present the Principal Secretary, Dept. of Industries, Govt. of Kerala. Sri John Mathai had a distinguished academic career at R.E.C. Calicut. He was the chairman of the college union when the college was going through difficult times with serious differences cropping up at the top. But it goes to Sri John's credit that he displayed a wisdom much above his age and kept a dignified aloofness and did not allow the students union to be caught up in the crossfire. The teachers who had the privilege of knowing him closely and had the opportunity of teaching him had no doubt in their minds that he was grooming up for much higher things. Sri John Mathai qualified in the I.A.S. examinations held in 1971, was Asst. Collector at Calicut and Tellicherry and Dist. Collector, Kottayam from 1978-81. Thereafter he held a series of prestigious posts like Director of Civil Supplies and Director Public Instruction, Govt. of Kerala and The Director, Dept. of Petroleum, Govt. of India. On his return to the Kerala cadre, he became Secretary, Special Secretary and Principal Secretary of the Industries Dept., Secretary Forests and Secretary Power Dept. and member Board of Revenue. On the academic side, apart from passing the B.Tech. degree of Calicut University, he has undergone a one year course at Cambridge, one of the most prestigious universities in the world. He has extensively toured the U.S.A, Brazil, Canada, U.K., Europe, Middle East, Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia. Sri John Mathai has two children, a son studying in I.I.T. Madras and a daughter doing her M.A. (literature) in Mar Evarios College, TVM. Reccaa Cochin is proud of his achievements and hope that his academic and career achievements will certainly inspire young and upcoming Reccaaites. We wish Sri John Mathai bigger and greater things in life. For Reccaa Cochin, he has always been a patron, all these years.



B E E S T

W I S H E S

DR. M.P. CHANDRASEKHARAN
PRINCIPAL R.E.C. CALICUT

Reccaa Cochin learns with pleasure that Dr. M.P. Chandrasekharan, Professor of Mechanical Engg. Dept. has been appointed by the Board of Governors, Calicut R.E. College Society, as the Principal of the college in the place of Dr. S. Unnikrishna Pillai who has retired. Born in 1944, Sri M.P.C., as he is popularly called, was educated at the TVM Engg. college from where he got his B.Tech. degree, I.I.T. Kanpur from where he secured his M.Tech. degree and at I.I.T. Madras which awarded him Ph.D. He is with R.E.C. Calicut for over 30 years, of which he was the Professor of Mechanical Engg. Dept. during the last 10 years. Dr. Chandrasekharan has several publications to his credit which are widely quoted and taught for P.G. courses in both U.K. and U.S.A. He is referee to at least six prestigious international journals published from U.K. and U.S.A. He is the recipient of the national award for the best India, for the year 1995-96.

Sri Chandrasekharan was for sometime working in Iraq on deputation from R.E.C. His family consists of his wife Nirmala, daughter Meera, who is an electrical engg. graduate and son Kiran who is doing his P.D.C. Though not known to many persons outside his circle of activity, he is a person gifted with artistic talents, particularly acting and writing poems, which he has perhaps not taken seriously. Reccaa Cochin is very happy that he is taking up this prestigious post all the more so because he has been in R.E.C. for a long time and knows its problems and its employees only too well. We convey our congratulations to him for a very well deserved appointment and wish him all the best in his new assignment.

CONGRATULATIONS

Dr. Chandramohan on his appointment as Project Manager of the Gosree Island Development Authority.

Dr. Sashikumar on his appointment as Professor, Institute of Management in Government.

Sri Jayaprakash on his elevation to the post of General Manager (Projects) KEL.

ALL THOSE HAPPY/HAPPY BIRTHDAYS... FROM AUG. 1996 TO JAN. 26, 1997

Prof : P.M.Jussay	June 19
Prof: (Dr.) Babu.T.Jose	Oct 12
Mrs.Leela Babu Jose	Dec 7
Siby Joseph A.	Aug 29
Mrs.Marina Siby	Sept 1
K.S. Damodaran Nampoothiri	Nov 15
Mrs. K.P.Prasanna Damodan	Jan 18
M.Sree Kumar	Sept 15
V. Venugopal	June 11
P.A. Xavier	Nov 9
Mrs.Nandini Regil Das	Dec 8
M.K.Krishnan	Jan 5
N.Haridasan	Jan 7
Jose Thomas Christ	Aug 28
Asok Kumar	Sept 3
Mrs.Patricia Janet	Sept 9
C.P.Johny	Oct 12
K.Vijayaraj	Sept 30
Mrs.Dr.K.Susheela Raj	Sept 24
Mrs.Dr.Moniben Mohan	June 21
K.P.Sunil Kumar	Sept 17
Mrs. Usha Sunil	Dec 9
Pradeep Nettur	Oct 26

Reccaa wishes them all happiness

WE SHARE YOUR JOY

HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Prof.P.M.Jussay & Mary Jussay	May 3
Prof: Sankaran Nair & Indira	Jul 10
Prof:(Dr.)Babu.T.Jose&Leela	Sep 9
Asok Kumar & Jayasree	Nov 5
Devadas and Usha	Nov 9
Sreekumar and Sobha	Nov 18
Chandra Mohan&Moniben	Jan 20
Sadanathan & Shylaja	Sep 30
Christo & Janet	Dec 27
Vijayaraj & Susheela	Nov 4

DON'T FEEL SHY, YAR

We had asked you only your bio-data and not your vital statistics-and that too for our harmless and ever missing records. At last we have brought out a directory, thanks to the excellent work done by Siby, Sreekumar and Sudhakaran. If your name does not find a place in it, only you are to be blamed. So give your bio-data to us on the proforma given herewith.

WE SHARE THEIR GRIEF

Prof. (Dr.)Babu T. Jose, on the sad demise of his father Sri.T.J. Varkey.

Satish Babu, on the sad demise of his mother Mrs. Bhargavi Vasudevan.

Jayaprakash, on the passing away of his mother Smt. K. Saradamma.

Joseph Martin, on the passing away of his father Sri.C.V. Francis.

Sasidharan, on the unfortunate demise of his father Sri.V.Kesavan.

Reccaa Club

The General Body of the Cochin Reccaa Centre which met on 14.10.96 has decided to start the construction of the Club building as early as possible. The executive committee of the club has been formed with the following members:-

President : Prof (Dr.) Babu T.Jose
Vice President: Joseph Philip
Secretary: Charles C.George
Joint Secretary & Treasurer
K.K.Sudhakaran

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Prof.K.Sankaran Nair
P.V.Satheesh Babu
Dr.P.V.Chandra Mohan
K.J.Paulose
Francis K.Paul
M.R.Devadas
P.G.Chilprakash
V.M.Fazil Ali

It was decided to draw up a project with an outlay of 30 to 35 lakhs. The funds will be raised by the sale of Reccaa Centre land near Civil Station, Kakkanad, and contribution from members of Cochin Reccaa Centre. A proposal to incorporate facilities of a marriage hall, along with the multistoried club building is under the active consideration of the committee. The project is to be completed before December 1998. Prof.K.Sankaran Nair, President, Cochin Reccaa Chapter, was authorised to formulate the rules and regulations of the club so that it can be registered by January 1997. (Report- Charles C.George, Secretary)

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF RECCAA? OFFICIAL OR UNOFFICIAL?

Unofficially everybody is a member of RECCAA. Won't you like to make it official by paying a Registration Fee of Rs.100/-, and an annual contribution of Rs.300/-. You may even become a life member by making a one time payment of Rs.5000/-.

LATEST ARRIVALS

- 1) M. Anil arrives at Barnhapuram Diesel Power Project, as Asst Engineer, KSEB Board.
- 2) Col. Gopinathan lands in M.E.S. Willington Island, Cochin.

Do You know?

✈ That Prof.Jussay was once a Pilot Officer in the Royal Air Force.

👮 That Prof.Sankaran Nair was a Sub-Inspector of Police;

🏊 That Dr. Chandramohan was once a champion wrestler;

👤 That Suma Joseph is manning (or is it womaning?!) a gas agency called "Rashmi Gas" at Thruppunithura.

👩 That Usha, wife of Devadas (her only disqualification!) is running a garment manufacturing unit & tailoring shop. Sells all kinds of ready made dresses and stiches pants, shirts and blouses. Her kiddo dresses and fatty blouses are famous.

👤 That so many others of Reccaa Cochin are doing things which we are not aware of ??!

JOB WATCH

Wanted a Mechanical Engineer or Diploma holder. A Physics Graduate or even any body with the sales bug in him will also do. Real requirement is a flare for selling industrial pumpsets and related items. Contact Ashok Kumar of MEC-HYD Engineers, Panampilly Nagar .Ph : 314535, with your bio-data.

REAL ESTATE REAL RECCAA LAND SALE

Reccaa Centre has decided to sell one to two acres of its land near Collectorate, Kakkanad, Ernakulam as a single lot to members of Reccaa Chapter. A Committee with Prof.K.Sankaran Nair (Ph: 310750) as President, and Sri.A.G.Avarachan (Ph : 341400), as Secretary has been authorised by CRC to take necessary steps for the sale. Interested parties may contact any one of the above for more information.

IMMENSE BENEFIT-MAKE HASTY

Anyone who is interested in House Plots please note that we have a few more plots at Reccaa Valley, Kakkanad. Perhaps this may be your last chance. Those who utilised it cleverly before, have been amply rewarded. So please don't miss this golden opportunity. Contact Reccaa office in person or over phone at the earliest. (address given on last page).

Reccaa Tour

LACADIVES, SHOLAYAR, ATHIRAPPILLY,
PATHIRAPPILLY, PORINGALKUTHU, PARAMBIKULAM,
PEERMEDU, MOOZHAYAR, THATTEKKADU, KAKKAD,
KODANAD, KUMARAKAM, COORG, ETC.

We don't remember all those places where we have been. A tour has become a habit with us. Once in six months Reccaa Cochin must have gone on a tour. We are planning another of these wonderful get-togethers soon after Christmas this year or early in 1997. May be Munnar, may be Silent Valley, but go we must, and all those who are interested, be in touch with Sri. Devadas, our Organising Secretary.

WE MEET EVERY MONDAY!

Are you a member of the executive committee of Cochin Reccaa? No? It does not matter. Are you an ordinary member of Cochin Reccaa? No? It also does not matter. Have you been a student or a member of the staff of R.E.C Calicut? We don't even care whether you passed or failed in your B.Tech too! You are welcome to the Reccaa Family. We meet every Monday at 7 P.M., in our own office on the 2nd floor of Mather Square, just opposite to Ernakulam North (Town) Railway Station. There is no protocol no agenda. You can drop in any time. You will certainly feel at home in our midst. Our doors are also wide open to those prodigal sons of Reccaa who have, may be for no particular reason, not been coming to us recently. You are most welcome! Reccaa has never been an organisation that stands on ceremonies. We are a FAMILY, and that includes you! (Address below)

NEWS FROM THE COLLEGE

- ☀ Dr. M.P. Chandrasekharan, Professor in Mechanical Engg., appointed Principal in the place of Dr. S. Umikrishnan Pillai (retired).
- ☀ College linked to "Internet", the world wide web of "Information Super Highway"
- ☀ Swimming Pool at the 12th mile, and now a full fledged Gymnasium in the old bank building near the canteen.
- ☀ The new administrative block is under construction.
- ☀ "SoftWIZ 97", an All India Exhibition on a grand scale to be held at Marcus Hall, Calicut, under the auspicious of the Computer Society of India, from 8th February 1997.

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And Reccaa Cochin thanks for their excellent hospitality and for hosting the committee meetings to:

☞ Dr. P.V. Chandra Mohan, for July 1996.

☞ Sri. K.K. Sudhakaran (Shipyard), for August 1996.

☞ Sri. D. Regil Das, for October 1996

☞ Sri. Francis. K. Paul, for November 1996

☞ Sri. V.M. Fazal Ali, for December 1996

And Thanks again to Sri. John Mathai for making our Parambikulam forest trip such a grand success!

And special thanks to Sri P.V. Sathish Babu for arranging our longest land tour to Coorg (Mercara, Karnataka) and footing its entire expenditure!

Thanks a lot, folks!

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