Dear friends,

## Visit to Dakshina Kannada and Udupi Districts of Karnataka

I had undertaken the tour of our Dakshina Kannada and Udupi Districts on 15th and 16th of August 2023, the most active and vibrant regions of our CBROA. Our Vice President Sri. C B Prabhakar had accompanied me during my visit.

What better way is there to celebrate 77th Independence Day than to spend time with the wonderful school kids of Ramashrama school. The Kannada Primary school was started more than 100 years back in 1916 and later in 2015-16, they started English medium school upto 8th standard. On the auspicious occasion, our Mangalore unit donated 20 bench cum desks and also three doors costing about Rs. 1.50 lakhs, to the nursery section of the school. They distributed sweet packets to over 500 students and teachers of the school.

Later in the day, I visited our Founders' monument along with office bearers of Mangalore unit and sought the blessings of the noble soul of our founder Sri Ammembal Subbarao Pai. In the evening, meeting of our members was held in the auditorium of Canara high school. Over 110 members including many super senior members attended the meeting. CBOA, JGS Sri Ramesh Naik participated in the function. Our Mangalore unit has donated Rs.50000/- to the Exservicemen association of the district on the occasion of the Independence Day which was much appreciated. It was one of the most gratifying days in my life after becoming GS of CBROA on 11th April 2023.

I place on record my sincere appreciation for this wonderful, well-knit and very active unit of Mangaluru led by Vice President Sri B V Pai, JGS Lakshmikanth Nayak, DGS Sri M U Kulkarni, AGS Sri M R Bhat, Regional Secretaries Sri V S Venkatakrishna and Dinesh Kamath, Sri Vittal Pai, B R Kamath and other activists.

On 16th August 2023, before proceeding to Udupi, we had a courtesy call on GM of Mangalore Circle and interacted with many of our friends in the circle office. In Manipal, we met our GM Sri Pandith of Udupi C.O and had a fruitful discussion. He was eager to meet all our retirees to get feedback and also offered to hold exclusive retired officers meeting in Udupi. In the evening, the meeting was attended by over 75 members. Many Octogenarians attended the meeting. It was a wonderful meeting where in we could interact fruitfully with the elders. I also place on record my appreciation for our Udupi unit which is also one of the most vibrant regions of CBROA led by president of the Region Sri P R Bhaktha, AGS Sri Yogesh Bhat, CC member Sri K M Nayak, RS Sudheendra Bhandary, Maruti Prabhu and other activists. Large number of retirees of our Bank, numbering about 1200 are residing in Udupi district and our office bearers have assured me to bring many non-members to our fold.

The two day tour of Dakshina Kannada and Udupi was the most satisfying and wonderful experience for me and was overwhelmed by the warmth, love, affection and blessings showered by the elders of the Region.

With warm regards,

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