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MESSAGE

I am glad to know that AVANTIKA, is going to celebrate their Golden Jubilee and to mark the occasion a seminar and cultural function will be held at Kalamandir on 22nd April, 2012.

I extend my felicitations and best wishes to all Chartered Accountants, Lawyers, Tax Practitioners, associated with the organisation and congratulate them on this auspicious occasion.

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सम्पादकीय

अवन्तिका के गौरवपूर्ण पचास वर्षों के पूर्ण होने के उपलक्ष में स्वर्णजयंती समारोह के अवसर पर यह विशेष स्मारिका आपके कर - कमलों में प्रेषित करने का सौभाग्य पाकर हमें असीम प्रसन्नता हो रही है।

इस स्मारिका को विभिन्न स्तंभों में बाँटकर हमने इसे न केवल तात्कालिक उपयोगी बनाया है, बल्कि इसे एक संग्रहणीय एवं दैनिक आवश्यकता भी बनाने का प्रयास किया है।

इस स्मारिका को हमने संजोया है - सदस्यों एवं उनके जीवन साथी के चित्रों से व उनकी जानकारियों से, सजाया है - सदस्यों व परिवार जनों द्वारा संकलित व रचित काव्य व लेखन से एवं चित्रित किया है अवन्तिका के स्मरणीय क्षणों के कुछ चित्रों से। आशा है, आप सभी को यह पसन्द आयेगी।

हम आभारी हैं - स्वर्णजयन्ती समारोह की समिति, उपसमिति, कार्यकारिणी समिति एवं अवन्तिका के सभी सदस्यों के।
हम विशेष आभारी हैं - हमारी स्मारिका उपसमिति के सदस्यों के।

हम धन्यवाद ज्ञापन करते हैं - स्मारिका में विज्ञापन दाताओं के एवं उन सभी लोगों के जिनके विशेष सहयोग से बहुत ही सीमित समय में यह प्रकाशन संभव हो पाया है।

इस स्मारिका को प्रकाशित करने में हमने इसे त्रुटिरहित बनाने का पूर्ण प्रयास किया है। किन्तु अनजाने में हुई किसी अशुद्धि के लिये मैं आपसे क्षमा प्रार्थी हूँ।

अवन्तिका के उज्वल भविष्य की कामना के साथ -

आपका
राजेश कांकरिया
सभापति - स्मारिका उप समिति





President's Message

Dear Avantikans and Friends,

Life is a journey. The path we take, what we look back on, and what we look forward to is up to us. We determine our destination. It has indeed been a long and enriching journey of 50 years. We are gathered here today to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of AVANTIKA. Your presence is a source of inspiration and encouragement for us and I extend a hearty welcome to you all. On this momentous occasion, as I take you down memory lane, I am reminded of what Winston Churchill once said. I quote "You know you will never get to the end of the journey. But this, so far from discouraging, only adds to the joy and glory of the climb". I begin this glorious journey with a historical perspective.

The establishment of AVANTIKA on 22nd September, 1962 was the outcome of the vision of certain Income Tax practitioners, who considered the need of such an organisation as essential for facilitating regular interaction between the fellow members for their development and developing fellowship among the members and for furtherance of cultural and literary activities. The role played by the Association and the results achieved in the last 50 years are indeed gratifying. But for the vision of the founder members of the Association, this would not have been possible. We would like to pay our tribute to their farsightedness. In fact, we are grateful to each and every one who has contributed to the growth and success of AVANTIKA.

In this present age, when joint family system has more or less been abolished, it is a unique achievement to travel 50 years with abundant grace. All our members are renowned professionals in their respective fields and so I would like to appreciate the spirit of togetherness shown by them and despite having such a large family we have never had any unpleasant situation or difference of opinions.

Initially, the membership of our club was restricted to 50 till its silver jubilee year which was raised to 100 keeping in view the increasing interest shown by the professional. At present, we have strength of 110 members out of which 10 members are senior members. We are always having pending applications for new members.

You will feel proud to know that most of the eminent advocates and chartered accountants of Kolkata are our members. The age group of our members is between 35 years to 85 years.

We organise cultural programmes and seminars from time to time for our members. The informal get-togethers is organised by us throughout the year which help the members to relax and rejuvenate. The Avantikan ladies also play active role in organising the functions.

I pay tribute to all the senior members and past presidents with my special gratitude to Sri M. L. Saraf, Sri I. C. Sancheti, Sri O. P. Ghiya, Sri J. K. Taparia, Sri K. V. Singh, Sri R. L. Tekriwal and Late G. L. Saraf for their whole hearted support and continuous guidance in furthering the objectives of AVANTIKA. I am also thankful to Sri G. L. Jalan, Sri Nirmal Bothra, Sri Sanjay Jhaharia and other past presidents who have put their heart and soul in extending their support for making this Golden Jubilee year a grand success.

Now, I take this opportunity to thank our Secretary Sri Subash Agarwal, Treasurer Sri Lalit Saraf, other office bearers and members of Executive Committee, Golden Jubilee Committee and other Sub-Committees.

I am also thankful to Golden Jubilee Committee Chairman Sri M. L. Satnaliwala and Convenor Sri G. L. Jalan and all the three Committee Chairmen Sri Santosh Jain, Sri Rajesh Kankaria and Sri Subodh Agrawal, without whose support and guidance, this celebration could not be a success. Above all, the credit goes to all the Avantikans whose support and presence has given more colours to this auspicious celebration year.

I feel very sad in informing that this year we have lost our two beloved members Avantikan G. D. Mawandia and Avantikan Rakesh Salarpuria. May God give peace to their departed soul.

I am sure you will extend your wholehearted support and co-operation to the AVANTIKA family in the years to come as we march ahead into a new dawn with renewed vigour and hope. I would like to conclude with these lines:

*We cannot know what will occur,
Just make our journey worth the taking,
And pray we're wiser than we were
In the beginning.
It's the beginning.
Now we begin.*

Jai Hind

PARAS KOCHAR
President





Welcome Address

Hon'ble Justice Sri Sen, Sri Dasgupta, Ladies, Gentlemen & Friends.

It will be incredible if I do not say that this is a proud moment for me to welcome you all on this august occasion of completion of five decades of successful companionship and brotherhood of Avantika.

The advent of our fellowship started in a very informal and uncharacterized manner when certain Income Tax Practitioners, who regularly met in the department, felt the need of an organization which can provide a platform for not only professional discussions but also on Indian culture, literature. In addition, the need was felt to convene meetings at regular intervals along with family members to create an environment of a large joint family, rich in professional ethics, social, cultural, literary and service to the society. The result of that thinking is in front of you as "AVANTIKA".

The main object of Avantika is to promote cultural and mental development of members by organizing literary, cultural and social functions. I am proud to say that during this fifty years span of time we have endeavored to and have achieved the goal envisaged by our seniors then.

We are a group of a shade more than 100 tax practitioners who are serving more or less the entire business community of Eastern India and many large business houses across India. I can't refrain myself from stating that some of our members have achieved excellence in their pursuit of professional heights. To name a few, Sri Thakurdasji Sugla, one of our founder members, was an honorable judge of Bombay High Court. Sri Madanlalji Saraf, also one of the founder members had presided over the Bar Council. Sri Ramkrishna Agarwal is a partner and overall in-charge of the Eastern Region of M/s Ernst & Young, one of the most renowned international firms of accountancy and legal matters. Sri Subodh Agrawal has been elected the Vice President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. Apart from these a lot other Avantikans have significantly achieved distinctions in different fields.

My dear friends, it is our pleasure that today's function is being inaugurated by a most eminent personality of judiciary retired Honorable Justice Sri Shyamal Kumar Sen, Calcutta High Court. Honorable Sri Shyamal Kumar Sen was also a chairman of Consumer Court of India.

I would also like to offer a very warm welcome to Sri D. Dasgupta, Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, Kolkata who has very kindly agreed to join us in our celebration. Sri Dasgupta has all along pursued a policy of transparency and friendly attitude with assesseees.

It is my privilege to welcome all my Avantikan friends, their families and guests who have glorified this function with their gracious presence. I would also like to welcome the Press.

Before concluding, I will fail in my duties, if I don't express my gratitude to our President Shri Paras Kochar, Secretary Sri Subash Agarwal along with all the members of the Executive Committee, members of the Golden Jubilee Sub Committee, Programme Sub Committee, Finance Sub Committee and Souvenir Sub Committee. My special thanks goes to The Convener Sri Girdhari Jalan of Golden Jubilee Sub Committee, Sri Santosh Jain Chairman and Sri Nirmal Bothra Convenor of Finance Sub Committee, Sri Subodh Agrawal Chairman and Sri Subhas Saraf Convenor of Programme Sub Committee. Friends without the active and full fledged support of all my fellow members it would not have been possible for me to organize this Golden Jubilee year long celebration.

I once again thank Sri Girdhari Lal Jalan convener of Golden Jubilee Sub Committee for his untiring support towards organizing all functions.

M. L. SATNALIWALA

Chairman, Golden Jubilee Committee





As I come up to thank you all, the words of the psalmist sounds very true in my life.

"If I count the goodness of God, they would be more than the grains of sand on the sea shore."

I express my heartfelt gratitude to God who has blessed me with the gift of life. It is his love, strength and support that enables me to see this day, to spell out my humble gratitude, for having sustained me for the Golden Jubilee Annual Function

My heart melts with gratitude to all of you.

Hon'ble Justice Sri Shyamal Kumar Sen, Hon'ble Chief Commission of Income Tax-Shri D. Dasgupta, Shri M.L. Satnaliwala, Chairman-Golden Jubilee Committee, Sri Paras Kochar, President, Sri G.L. Jalan, Convenor, Shri Ehsaan Qureshi, Members of Bollywood Dreams, worthy members of both electronic and print media, my fellow Avantikans and ladies and gentlemen- A very Good Afternoon .

Thank you to all of you for joining this Golden Jubilee Celebration of AVANTIKA. AVANTIKA is extremely obliged to Hon'ble Justice Sri Shyamal Kumar Sen for accepting our request to inaugurate our Golden Jubilee function. We are extremely grateful to Shri D. Dasgupta, Hon'ble Chief Commissioner of Income-tax for sparing his valuable time for Avantika. We feel confident, motivated and enlightened by the kind words with which My Lord Justice Sri Shyamal Kumar Sen has blessed us and the words of Hon'ble Sri D. Dasgupta will act as a beacon of light and guidance for us.

The Golden Jubilee year has been the most eventful year in the history of Avantika. During this year the Avantikan family has enforced life's such enduring values which can take care of nation's cultural and ethnic diversity. April 22nd, 2012 will be remembered as a very very special day in the history of Avantika.

I take this opportunity to thank all those who have contributed in the form of articles, messages and blessings, or editing and giving a completion to our Family Souvenir. My special thanks go to my treasured brothers and sisters for making this dream come true.

I am thankful to Shri Ehsaan Qureshi who has come all the way from Mumbai, who, with his extremely superb comedy talent will make the event memorable for all Avantikans.

Special Thanks to the members of Bollywood Dreams, who, with their superb performance will make this day, memorable one for us in all the days to come.

I am also thankful to all our distinguished guests and invitees present here to attend our Golden Jubilee Function.

I am also thankful to Shri Sanjay Agarwal, Our Event Manager with whose superb coordination and efforts, the programme saw the light of the day.

Last but not the least, I also thank the management and staff of Kala Mandir for their cooperation in making the programme a success.

As I move further, we have so many loyal and phenomenally selfless family members. I do not want to call them colleagues, friends & co-workers but just "family members".

Inspite of all the efforts, there may have been some lacunae on my part or by my colleagues for which, I as the secretary of the "AVANTIKAN FAMILY" render my due apologies.

And lastly let me share my inner feeling with you and that is that to have you with us today on this occasion has, indeed, been a great honour, a special privilege and a thrill beyond compare!

Thank you once again,

Subash Agarwal,

Secretary



Executive Committee



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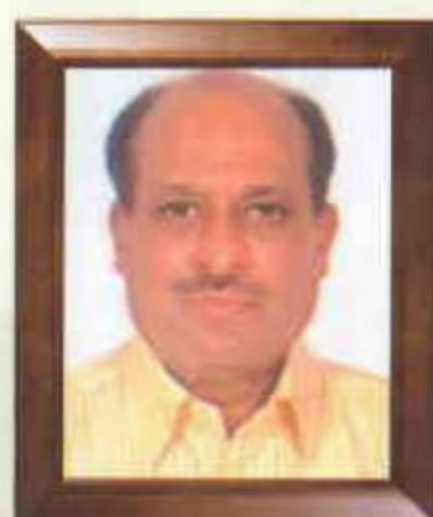
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