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As the Year Passes, the Zeal to Move On and Excel Continues

Come December and one is led to introspect the drift of one's life, the gains versus the expectations, etc. at personal, social and professional fronts. Organisations of all descriptions review the pace of performance and achievements as against the targets set with the intent to reset the goals or recast the modalities, wherever required. For, new challenges, new environment in the matrix of Time necessitate continuously examining, revising or fine tuning the modus operandi for better outcomes. As we look at the departing year, we have reasons to feel more or less satisfied with the performance.

After AHA approval of International Training Centre (ITC) at CIN&R premises in Greater Noida, by American Heart Association, a series of programmes came to be organised on Basic Life Support (BLS) and Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) from June 2018 for nominal charges. The ITC at CIN&R premises was inaugurated on 14 April 2018 in the presence of senior TNAI members and other nursing veterans.

In the evening of 12 May, the International Nurses Day, the 35 recipients of the President's National Florence Nightingale Awards were felicitated by President TNAI and her team together with senior INC officials at Eros Hotel, New Delhi in the evening.

In furtherance of TNAI objectives, the decisions taken at EC/Council meeting in Guntur like introduction of Life Time Achievement Award, and additional benefits to TNAI members and SNA Units were made effective during the year. The new TNAI/SNA Membership Card is now printed in-house.

The TNAI was represented at Commonwealth Meets in London (23rd Biennial Meeting of the Commonwealth Nurses and Midwives Federation on 9 March at Royal College of Nursing; and the 4th Commonwealth Nurses and Midwives Conference on 11-12 March at Royal College of Physicians). Secretary-General TNAI Mrs Evelyn P Kannan was elected as Member of the Asian Board, CNF.

In recognition of very senior TNAI members, we published in October issue of NJI as well as TNAI Bulletin (1 October being the Day of the Older Persons), the brief profiles with photograph of such persons aged 80 or beyond. Homage and respect were paid by TNAI to the nurse Lini Puthusseri, who saved the first Nipah virus victim Md Sadik in Kozhikode district (Kerala), but in the process herself succumbed to Nipah virus. TNAI lent its support and requested its Branches and individuals to the flood victims of Kerala that killed over 400 persons and displaced over a million people.

As per Council's decision, many State Branches were visited by senior TNAI officials visited and meeting held with senior officers and State Branch executives (including Health Ministers, Principal Secretaries, Registrars of Council). Sikkim Branch was revived after 10 years and elections were conducted. Workshops/ToTs on Neonatal Skincare Evidence-based Clinical Practice Guide were held in many States. Internal auditing of several State Branches was undertaken.

On seamy side, former TNAI President Mr AB Kulkarni breathed his last on 3 April 18; a condolence meeting, recalling his contribution mainly in growth of nursing education, was held at TNAI Hqrs on 13 April. Mr Anees Chishti, formerly editor (who served TNAI for over 30 years) passed away on 10 October.

We believe the new Executive, after Goa elections, leads the Association to new heights. Looking forward to a bright New Year for all of you.

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Chief Editor & Secretary-General, TNAI

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