



Lions International - District 317F

Akash A. Suvarna pmjf - District Governor

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Editor's Desk....



Dear Lions & Leos in the cause of service
Warm Greetings to you.

"Love isn't just for couples; it's for celebrating every special person in life. Whether near or far, relations are to be appreciated. Spread love, laughter, and happiness to everyone". "Black Day for India. Pulwama Attack. 14.02.2019"."

Women are the largest untapped reservoir of talent in the world".

February saw two emotional experiences. One was love and joy. The other was grief on the attack of our soldiers in Pulwama. Lions celebrated Valentine's Day in its expanded form as the above quote indicates. Every special person was remembered and efforts made to connect to each other. Senior couples too tried to rekindle the spark that brings in near magical experiences. Valentine messages in the Social Media of our District indicated close bonds among the members. Love transcends age and every relationship needs to be nurtured if it is to be sustained.

The Black Day brought in grief. Our defence forces lay down lives for the country. Country always comes first. May all be united in respecting our defence forces.

The ladies of the District plunged into a performance mode to bring together a pool of talent to be showcased on women's day. The energy snow-balled till all the ladies became a part of the team. Coordinated by Lion Devatha and her team members of FWC and the energetic participation we can look forward to an awesome day on March 10th.

Kind regards and best wishes.

Yours in Lionism.

Dr. Malathi V Gopal, pmjf

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District Governor's Desk....



My Dear Lions and Leos in the cause of Service

Greetings and Good Wishes

We are into the 8th month, February 2026 of this Lionistic year. We have another 4 months available with us to full fill our administrative duties and Service Activity Programs so that we end the Lionistic Year with all the success.

Our District is doing extremely well as far as the Service activities are concerned, so far We have done fairly well in Membership growth but we need to continue the same spirit and concentrate on retentions so that we end the year with impressive figures. Retentions need to be given priority.

We celebrated the Past District Governor's Day on 24th February where we celebrated the services and the contributions of our esteemed past leaders of our district. All the Lions of our District had the privilege of honouring our distinguished galaxy of Past District Governors.

The official call for the 13th District Convention to be held on Sunday the 26th April 2026 at the Nimhans Convention Center was released in the presence of our esteemed Past District Governors and I request all the Lions to attend our Annual Event in large numbers and ensure the function is a grand success.

The Lions of our District were witness to the Region Meet on 1st February 2026 conducted by Region Chairperson Lion Pradeep Kumar LN which was conducted in a Grand manner, the theme being VISION CARE. Compliments to Region Chairperson Lion Pradeep Kumar LN and the organising committee.

Let's all SERVE & BE HAPPY,

Best Wishes & Regards

AKASH A. SUVARNA pmjf

District Governor

RELEASED

OFFICIAL CALL

**THIRTEENTH ANNUAL
DISTRICT CONVENTION**

Sunday, 26th April 2026

**NIHMANS CONVENTION CENTRE
Lakkasandra, Hosur Road, Bangalore-560029**



Lions International - District 317F



**THIRTEENTH ANNUAL
DISTRICT CONVENTION
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SERVE & BE HAPPY



First Vice District Governor's Message



Corporate Social Responsibility in India Respected Lions Leaders,

As you are aware, Lions is not only the world's largest and best service organization; it's a way of life. As a Lion, we grow as an individual while discovering how your unique talents and passion can make a real difference in someone's life.

Remember friends, every one of you is important and valued to the organization. You as a Lion need member satisfaction. I look forward to seeing how each one of you continue to grow on your Lions journey.

When we were a child, our father / mother's stories had a rhythm of their own. Their pauses built suspense, their voice painted landscapes and their expression did half the talking. As small kids, we didn't need elaborate visuals or dramatic background scores; the story itself carried us to far-off places.

Similarly, Lions all over the world have been serving the community in many ways. It is here that you need to show the world how great it is to be a Lion. Each one of you need to open up. Talk to your neighbors, friends, relatives, business associates about "why are you a Lion."

You need to take new Lions to our district permanent projects. Show them our commitment to service. Tell them we are responsible for the needs of communities and the world we share. We as Lions bring positive change to the people we serve. We are passionate about what we do and the difference we are making together. We strengthen the communities, we impact every life we touch. We believe that diversity is our strength and it starts with fostering understanding, appreciating our differences, and valuing our collective talents.

The District 317F initiatives like the construction of an entire 2nd floor block at Kidwai Hospital, "Lions Block", at a cost of Rs 1.9 crores. Support for Shankara Cancer Hospital Foundation towards purchase of equipment's to treat cancer patients to the tune of Rs 2 crores is by no means a small achievement. Though this project is supported by LCIF matching grant, the District 317F under the leadership of Ln. Akash A Surana has vowed to contribute Rs 50 lakhs from the district. Amazing! It will only grow further .

We at District 317F work and learn to solve problems, meet challenges and bring our service to life. We thrive by collaborating with communities, local and global partners and everyone with a heart for service. Our member-focused mission is a dedicated effort. We have committed to reaching the historic Lions membership goal of 1.5 million membership by July 1 , 2027.

Lastly, my dear fellow Lions, in teamwork every one of you have a role to play. Together we can grow to extraordinary new heights, serving and unfolding miracles for people in need.

Your's in the Cause of Service,
Raju Chandrashekar, pmjf
First Vice District Governor .

Second Vice District Governor's Message



Dear Lions,
Season's Greetings to you!!

As we step into the final month of the third quarter of this Lionistic year, I take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt appreciation to all our dedicated leaders. My sincere compliments to all the Region Chairpersons for successfully conducting the Region Meetings and to all the Zone Chairpersons for efficiently completing

the District Governor's Advisory Meetings (DGAMs) in your respective zones.

As Helen Keller beautifully reminded us, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." This spirit of togetherness defines the strength of Lionism.

I am delighted to share that LCIF has approved the Cancer Grant applied by our District Governor for supplying essential medical equipment to Shankara Cancer Hospital. This is truly a proud and meaningful service project for our district. While we have already raised a substantial amount for the matching grant, we are still short by a few lakhs. I feel blessed to have contributed Rs. 1,00,000 towards this noble cause. I humbly appeal to all fellow Lions to come forward and donate generously so that together we can bridge this gap and bring hope and healing to many lives.

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." — Mahatma Gandhi

The Official Call for the 13th Annual District Convention, scheduled on 16th April 2026, has been released by our District Governor. Let us all register in large numbers, participate enthusiastically, and make our convention a grand celebration of service, fellowship, and leadership.

This official call also serves as a gentle reminder for all clubs to constitute their Nominating Committees and initiate the process of selecting and electing capable club officers for the upcoming Lionistic year.

Membership remains the backbone of our organization. I urge clubs with less than 20 members to actively focus on adding new members and strengthening their clubs. A stronger membership means a stronger capacity to serve.

I also request all clubs to kindly ensure that District and International statutory dues are cleared within the stipulated time, so that your club remains in good standing and eligible to participate in the elections during the District Convention.

My sincere appreciation to all the GAT Coordinators for their dedication in achieving most of the District and Lions International targets. Your leadership truly reflects the spirit of Lionism.

Very soon, our District will be launching the HPV Vaccine Program, a significant initiative towards protecting young lives. I request all clubs to coordinate with schools, interact with parents and school authorities, and obtain the necessary consent so that this important vaccination drive can be implemented successfully.

I am happy to see many clubs conducting remarkable service activities across the district. Let us continue this momentum and finish the remaining months of this Lionistic year with even greater enthusiasm and commitment.

"Service is not just what we do; it is who we are as Lions."

Let us move forward united, inspired, and determined to make the remaining months of this Lionistic year truly impactful and memorable.

With warm regards and best wishes,

Vijaya Kumar pmjf
Second Vice District Governor



From the Desk of District Cabinet Secretary



Dear Lions and Leos of District 317F,
Warm Greetings!

The month of February 2026 has been both dynamic and purposeful, reflecting our District's unwavering commitment to service, leadership development, and meaningful engagement.

The month commenced with the concluding **Region Meets**, highlighted by the **Region 5 Meet** held on 01.02.2026

under the able leadership of **Region Chairperson Lion L. N. Pradeep Kumar**. These meets served as valuable platforms for collaboration, exchange of best practices, and strengthening the bonds among clubs across regions.

A key highlight of the month was the **CERTIFIED GUIDING LION PROGRAM** conducted on 07.02.2026 at Hotel Citrine by GLT Coordinator Priya Ajit and her team. Led by the experienced faculty, PDG Lion B. S. Nagaraj, the program saw participation from 20 committed Lions. This initiative played a vital role in nurturing capable leaders who will mentor and guide clubs towards sustained growth and excellence, thereby reinforcing the foundation of effective leadership within our District.

On 14.02.2026, a **DISASTER MANAGEMENT AWARENESS SEMINAR** was organized by District Chairperson Ganesh Raghavachari in association with Jeeva Raksha Trust. Inaugurated by District Governor Lion Akash A. Suvarna, the seminar emphasized the importance of preparedness and community resilience. Such initiatives empower our members to respond effectively in times of need, truly embodying the spirit of service.

Marking **INTERNATIONAL CHILDHOOD CANCER DAY**, an **Awareness Walkathon** was organized on 15.02.2026 under the leadership of District Chairperson Shobha Srinivas. The event was inaugurated by District Governor Lion Akash A. Suvarna and First Lady Lion Ashwini Suvarna, along with Sri Nagaraj, Trustee of Sri Shankara Cancer Foundation. The walkathon witnessed enthusiastic participation from Lions across the District and the dedicated medical team, spreading awareness and reinforcing our commitment to one of the important global causes.

Adding a unique dimension to our service initiatives was the **KABADDI TOURNAMENT FOR THE BLIND**, held on 21.02.2026 in association with Sadhanaa Trust. Organized for the first time in Karnataka, the tournament featured participation from five teams across the state. This remarkable event celebrated inclusivity, determination, and empowerment, promoting confidence and sportsmanship among the visually impaired.

Under the leadership of District Coordinator Ajit Babu, the organizing team made comprehensive arrangements including accommodation, meals, sports kits, transportation, and prizes, supported by generous contributions from Lions and well-wishers. The event was inaugurated by District Governor Lion Akash A. Suvarna, in the presence of Chief Guest PID K. Vamsidhar Babu (LCIF Area Leader) and Guest of Honour PDG Deepak Suman (Multiple 317 Sports Coordinator), along with Sri Anjinappa of Sadhanaa Trust.

The winners and participants were honoured with trophies, mementoes, certificates, white canes, Braille watches, and cash prizes. Kudos to the entire organizing team and numerous volunteers whose dedication made this event a grand success.

A proud and memorable occasion of the month was the **HONOURING OF PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS** held on 24.02.2026. This event celebrated the visionary leaders whose dedication and commitment have shaped the proud legacy of District 317F. District Governor Lion Akash A. Suvarna and First

Lady Lion Ashwini Suvarna, along with the Secretariat Team, made meticulous efforts to organize this grand function.

The presence of our esteemed Past District Governors along with their spouses was truly inspiring, and the gathering of over 250 Lions reflected the deep respect and gratitude of the District. The evening stood as a tribute to leadership, legacy, and the enduring spirit of Lionism.

On the same occasion, the **OFFICIAL CALL FOR THE 13TH ANNUAL DISTRICT CONVENTION** was released by the District Governor in the presence of the Past District Governors. This significant milestone heralds the vision and promises that lie ahead. The Convention is scheduled to be held on Sunday, 26th April 2026 at the NIMHANS Convention Centre.

On 25.02.2026 the Induction and Installation Ceremony of the new **LIONS CLUB OF BANGALORE SARVODAYA** marked a significant milestone in expanding our service footprint and welcoming new members into Lionism. Sponsored by the Lions Club of Bangalore Vijayanagar, the club was inaugurated by PMCC & PDG Lion C. M. Narayanaswamy. Multiple GMT Coordinator Lion B. S. Rajashekaraiah inducted the members, and PDG Lion B. Mohan installed the office bearers. District Governor Lion Akash A. Suvarna presented the Charter to the Charter President, Lion Maruthi K. T.

This achievement was made possible through the dedicated efforts of GET Coordinator Lion D. N. Venkatanarasimhulu, his team, and the leadership of Region Chairperson Lion W. D. Vijaykumar and Zone Chairperson Lion V. Gopal.

I take this opportunity to sincerely appreciate all Club Secretaries for their timely reporting, meticulous documentation, and continuous coordination with the District Cabinet. Your efforts ensure that every activity is recorded, recognized, and aligned with our larger mission.

As we move closer to the culmination of this Lionistic year, let us continue striving for excellence in both service and administration, while strengthening fellowship and teamwork at every level.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication. Serve & Be Happy!!!

Lion VIJAYA R. mjj

District Cabinet Secretary

From the Desk of District Cabinet Treasurer



Dear Fellow Lions and Leos,
Greeting and good wishes.

All the clubs has already received second half International Dues and District Dues bill.

Please make arrangements to pay the dues.

Please note that last date to receive International dues and District Dues is 6th April 2026. If not paid, then the club will not be in Good Standing to be a voting delegate /alternative delegate during our 13th Annual District Convention 2026.

The dollar Exchange for March is Rs. 86/-.

For any clarifications please contact me.

Wishing you all the best With Regards

Pradeep Kumar

Cabinet Treasurer District 317 F,

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REGION MEET - REGION 5



The Region V Region Meet was held on February 1, 2026, at New Town Club, Yelahanka, bringing together Lions and Leos from Region V and District 317F for a gathering centred on service, fellowship, and the Lions Global Cause of Vision.

The meet commenced with Banner Presentation by all Clubs, followed by the Karnataka State Flag, State Anthem – Jaya Bharata Jananiya Tanujate, and the National Anthem. Region Chairperson Lion L. N. Pradeep Kumar, pmjf, led the event. The Host Committee, led by Lion Ramanathan Narayanan, pmjf, ensured meticulous planning and smooth execution. Nearly 300 Lions, Leos, and guests participated.

A graceful Bharatanatyam recital by Lion Akshata Narayan Herlekar, Treasurer, Lions Club of Bangalore NRI Layout, added a cultural touch. The theme was “Vision – ದೃಷ್ಟಿಹೀನರಿಗಾಗಿ ದೃಷ್ಟಿ ಸೇವೆ,” reflecting Lions' commitment to serve the visually impaired.

Distinguished speakers Dr. B. R. Usha (R. L. Jalappa Hospital) and Dr. Chethan Murthy (Sri Madhusudan Sai Institute) inspired participants with insights on eye care and vision service.

Service activities worth approximately ₹5.00 lakhs were carried out, including distribution of Braille watches, solemnisation of marriages for two visually impaired couples, and school bags for children. Service partners – Sri Madhusudan Sai Institute, R. L. Jalappa Hospital, Shraddha Eye Care Trust, and Aloka Foundation – along with dedicated ground-level volunteers, were felicitated for their support to Vision initiatives.

District Governor Lion Akash A. Suvarna commended the Region for its impactful initiatives and congratulated the leadership and organising team. The meet concluded on a high note, reaffirming Lions' commitment to serve humanity and strengthen Lionism in the community.

PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S HONORING



The District Governor and his team celebrated the yeoman services that our Past District Governors have been rendering for the fair name of District 317F. All members of the District appreciate the services and encouraging attitude of the Governors. To honour them an event was held on 24.02.26 at the RG Royals, Yeshwantpur. It was attended by many club members with all clubs participating.



DONATION TO LCIF

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Anthony Gnana Prakash - LCB NSC Bose
Arul Dass Yesudass - LCB NSC Bose
Sagayaraj B - LCB NSC Bose

Deepa Shesadri Iyengar - LCB Birds Paradise
N R Chayadevi - LCB Birds Paradise
Somashekar N - LCB Kalyan Nagar

Dr. Shriya Ananth Raj - Non Lion (LCB RT Nagar)

CERTIFIED GUIDING LIONS PROGRAMME



The Certified Guiding Lions Program was conducted on 07.02.2026 at Citrine Hotel, with PDG BS Nagaraj on a lead faculty role. 25 lions were trained. The program organisers were GLT Coordinator Priya Ajith and GLT members

International Childhood Cancer Day. 15th February 2026



DC for Childhood Cancer, Shobha Srinivas with the active support and participation of Sri Nagaraj, Trustee of Sri Shankara Cancer Foundation; Deputy Commissioner of Police Sri Manjunath Babu; the representatives of India Posts and Cankids, Ln Radhakrishna Hegde; Ln Yudhisthira; Ln A V Nagaraj and Ln Richard organised an awareness walkathon. The purpose of the walkathon was to demonstrate an impact- FROM CHALLENGE to CHANGE. Lions from Dist. 317F walked together from Cubbon Park Metro Station to transform concern into action. The event was made vibrant with the energetic & fun Zumba workout. Lunch boxes were distributed to ASHA workers. Previously nutritional kits were distributed to the children who were bravely fighting cancer. A contribution of Rs 5000/- was made towards medical expenses of 4 year old Pravika.

OUTREACH PROGRAM WITH CANCER SURVIVORS



Outreach Program at Kidwai Memorial Hospital on 11-02-2026. Lions interacted with cancer survivors. Dr Arun Kumar initiated the interaction. Medicine worth Rs 28983/- was distributed by Dr CV Geetha, District Coordinator, Childhood Cancer. The program was attended by Gov. Akash Suvarna, Ln Vijay Kumar, SVDG, Ln Ajith Babu, Ln SatishA, Ln NS Prasad, Ln Sathya Narayan, Ln Shobha Srinivas, and Ln Shaila Ravi.



STATE LEVEL KABADDI TOURNAMENT - for the VISUALLY CHALLENGED



In association with Sadhana Trust, Lions District 317F organized a state-level Kabaddi Tournament for visually challenged individuals on Friday, 20th February 2026 at Kanteerva Stadium. In the presence of PID Vamsidhar Babu, DG Akash A. Suvarna, 2nd VDG Vijay Kumar, PDG's B. Mohan & Deepak Suman. Five teams from different districts of Karnataka participated in the tournament, demonstrating the true spirit of the game. The Bagalkot team emerged as the trophy winners, showcasing their exceptional skills and teamwork. The visually challenged participants displayed remarkable grit and enthusiasm, making the event a memorable one. Kudos to the organizing team and Sadhana Trust for their efforts in making this event a success. The coordinators for this event were Ln Ajith Babu, District Coordinator Vision, and his team members Manoj Kumar, AK Suresh, and Ln Pankajaveni DC for Youth Exchange and Sports. Ln. Shashank - Program Co-ordinator - Dist. Events

DISASTER MANAGEMENT



Under the leadership of Ganesh Raghavachari DC, Disaster Management, the District organised 4 Disaster Awareness programs to train and educate individuals in schools and colleges to respond during emergencies like cardiac arrest, choking, unconsciousness & snake bites in association with Jeeva Raksha Trust, an initiative of the RG University of Health Sciences and Vivekananda Youth Movement. A disaster management Seminar was organised in the District Office on 15.02.26.

THIRD MULTIPLE COUNCIL MEETING



ENVIRONMENT

ENVIRONMENT TEAM



P. VENUGOPAL mif

M. BALARAM mif

RAMAKRISHNA REDDY pmif

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April 18 - 26, 2026



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25th APRIL 2026

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LCB GOKULA



LCB ZEN



LCB NORTH LIONESS



LCB PHOENIX



VERY IMPORTANT NOTE

1) No Dues Certificate will be issued at the District Office at Bangalore from 20th April to 25th April 2026 between 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm and on 26th April 2026 at the Convention Venue, before closure of issue of Credentials.

NOTE: Please note that No due will be issued to the Clubs which has completed payment of International Dues and District Dues on or before 6th of April 2026, 6 pm. Clubs which pays after 6th April will not be issued No Due Certificate and cannot participate in Voting Process during the Convention

2) Credentials for accredited delegates will be issued in the following manner:

- Past District Governors & such cabinet members who are the voting delegates at the venue of the 4th Cabinet Meeting or at the District office between 2 pm to 5 pm from 23rd to 25th April 2026 in addition to Sunday 26th April 2026 from 8 am to 9 am for delegates and from 9 am to 10 am for alternate delegate/s.
- All certified delegate/s between 2 pm to 5 pm from 23rd to 25th April 2026 at the District Office and 8 am to 9 am at the Venue of the Convention on 26th April 2026.

3) Credentials for alternate delegates will be issued at the Convention Venue from 9.00 am to 10.00 am on 26th April 2026.

4) Credentials shall not be issued after 10.00 am on 26th April 2026.

5) No duplicate credential will be issued. Kindly retain the stamped credential issued at the time of credentials as the same is valid till results are declared and for re balloting, if necessary, in the event of a tie.

