

Report of activities, 2017-18 - Prepared by SRAMPUT's Secretary for the Board of Trustees meeting due in Ottapalam on March 27th. 2018

In time of writing this report the 2017/18 Ramuni Paniker scholarships have been decided with the different institutions but not yet delivered, this will be done in personal visits during last week of March.

1. Board of Trustees.

Last year the Board of Trustees was changed and it now includes ten members, all have been invited to the meeting. The secretary expresses his thanks for the continued support of the trustees, and especially to the chairperson, Parvathy Menon, who facilitates operations with the valuable help of Sreekala Devi (assistant to the Board), also B Jayaraj has been helpful in supervising the work of Rajagiri Outreach.

2. Ramuni Paniker Scholarship Programme. We continue to work with Rajagiri Outreach (all Kerala student support), with Cooperative College in Olavakode and NSSKPT Vocational Higher School in Ottapalam (Palakkad District), plus we also grant a few scholarships directly to students specially recommended by individual trustees.

Scholarships 17/18	Genre		District origin		Studies				Amount
	girl	boy	Pkd/Tris	Other	Eng/Comp	Med/Nur	Bus/Econ	Other	Avg. (Rs)
Rajagiri Outreach	39	9	10	38	19	26	1	2	7.938
Coop College	10	5	15		4		10	1	5.000
NSSKPT (Hihg sch)	12	3	15		8	7			5.000
Local		2	2		1			1	6.500
T o t a l	61	19	42	38	32	33	11	4	6.800

Rajagiri Outreach: 48 students will receive a scholarship this academic year, of these 39 are renewals from previous batches (13/14 to 16/17) and 9 are new students selected from a short list proposed by RO. The scholarship award ceremony for renewing and new students will be held on March 24th. 2018 with presence of Albert Pelach and B Jayaraj. A total sum of 3,81 lakhs is dedicated to the 48 scholarships managed by RO plus an administration fee of 5% paid to the NGO.

This is the tenth year of cooperation with Rajagiri Outreach and the cooperation is running smoothly. Nevertheless, we are conducting a ten-year evaluation survey in order to assess the impact of the scholarship programme in the career of beneficiary students over the years. A Pelach and B Jayaraj are in contact with Ranjith KU (in charge of Higher Education programme) for that purpose. Project director MP Antoni has taken a 3-year leave and joined the Kerala State Child Rights Commission as secretary. Smt.Meena Kuruvila is now in charge.

Cooperative Arts and Science College in Olavakode (Palakkad): Lata Mukundan, Trustee and former College Principal, is supervising the Ramuni Paniker Scholarships in this college, with support of Preetha and Principal Tara Gopinath. 15 students from this school are receiving a scholarship, 8 from 15/16 and 16/17 batches and 7 new selected students, all pursuing different bachelor degrees. The budget allocation for this college is 75 thousand rupees.

NSSKTP Vocational Higher School: cooperation was initiated satisfactorily in 2011/12 with this institution in Ottapalam, forming students on practical jobs, contact person is Mrs. Lekha Devadas. Seven students from the 2016/17 batch were renewed and eight new students selected from the current year. Budget allocation: 75 thousand rupees.

Local students: Two local students are to be renewed this year, Krishnakripa having completed her studies.

3. Finance and administration:	Expenditure budgeted for this year:	Rupees
Scholarship Programme:		563.050
	RO: 400.050 + CC: 75.000 +VS 75.000 + Local 13.000	
Administration		25.000 (4,25 %)
	Assistant: 18.000 + Audit 3.000 + Misc. 4.000	
T O T A L		588.050

This level of expenditure is slightly less than last year's (-7,4%). The Trust income is generated by interest from fixed deposits and donations received from Mercedes Paniker's family and donors from Spain. Administration expenditure is kept to a minimum representing less than 5% of the total.

4. Ramuni Paniker Trust (Spain). The delegation of SRAMPUT in Spain works for intercultural exchange between Kerala and Spain. Its president, Agustin Paniker, lectures regularly on issues related to India. This year, being the 20th anniversary of SRAMPUT, it intends to organize an awareness and fundraising event in October. For this the web, our main communication channel also linking to social media, is being redesigned and it will be made bilingual (English and Spanish), and our trust name simplified to "Ramuni Paniker Trust". Web in progress can be consulted at <https://www.ramunipaniker.org/>

5. Future activities. An important task for the next months is to conduct the survey amongst students who have benefited from a Ramuni Paniker Scholarship in the past to assess the overall impact of the programme. Since its initiation in 1998 more than 350 students have received a RP Scholarship, most of them for a period of three year, to support them to pursue higher education studies in Kerala. The result of the survey should provide guidance on changes and improvements to be made. Additionally, there are always possibilities to develop cultural exchange activities, where so far only a limited number of initiatives have taken place. To be noted that in January/February 2018 two grandsons of the late Mercedes Paniker have been travelling around Kerala on bicycles. They are sharing their experience with family, friends and also extensively in social media.

6. Board of Trustees. The annual meeting is to be held in Ottapalam on March 27th. 2018 where this report will be presented by the Secretary. At this time the composition of the Board is as follows:

SRAMPUT Board of Trustees as of March 2018			
		first nomination/meeting**	term office
Honorary President:	KPS Menon	19.2.1998	
Chairperson *	Parvathy Menon	8.12.2010	31.3.2022
Vice-chairperson*	Mar Pelach	19.2.1998	31.3.2022
Secretary *	Albert Pelach	8.1.2007	31.3.2022
Trustees	B. Jayaraj	19.1.2017	31.3.2022
	J. G. Menon	19.1.2017	31.3.2022
	Dr. Lakshmikumari	19.2.1998	31.3.2022
	Lata Mukundan	19.1.2017	31.3.2022
	PT Narendra Menon	19.2.1998	31.3.2022
	Rema Radhakrishnan	19.2.1998	31.3.2022
	T. Sudhakar	19.1.2017	31.3.2022
* members of the Executive Committee		Trust foundation: 19.2.1998	
** five year term renewable			

Albert Pelach, March 10th, 2018

