



The Chief Guest of the Inaugural Ceremony, Rtn. PP. Dr. B. K. Krishnaraj Vanavarayar inaugurating the Centennial International RYLA 2005

CENTENNIAL INTERNATIONAL RYLA 2005

24TH MAY 2005 TO 30TH MAY 2005



LIST OF THE 24 COUNTRIES REPRESENTED AT THE CENTENNIAL INTERNATIONAL RYLA 2005

- BAHRAIN
- BURUNDI
- BANGLADESH
- HONG KONG
- INDIA
- INDONESIA
- IRAN
- KENYA
- KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA
- KUWAIT
- MALAYSIA
- NEPAL
- SINGAPORE
- SOUTH KOREA
- SRILANKA
- SULTANATE OF OMAN
- SWITZERLAND
- TAIWAN
- TANZANIA
- THAILAND
- UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
- UNITED KINGDOM
- UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
- ZAMBIA

For the fifth time Good Shepherd International School was the venue for the International RYLA, in the year 2005. With its objective of creating leaders for the new generation by giving them the requisite training experience by those who are rendering service to their respective communities as a new generation leaders, RYLA 2005 was launched aptly by a formal inauguration ceremony with none other than Rtn. Dr. B K Krishnaraj Vanavarayar as the Chief Guest. The representatives of twenty four different countries proudly displayed their respective flags, and the various national anthems were played by the Shepherdian Band.

The week long RYLA programme comprised morning work-outs surrounded by the pristine hills of the Nilgiris, a combined plenary session conducted by a eminent leader followed by classes on various topics ranging from creativity to career guidance by twelve faculty members, and culminated in the Talent Nite



The Flag March of Rotary International Zone VI Countries

shows which not only provided a means of entertainment for the delegates (the Rylarians) but also provided a platform for many a leader to practise the leadership skills imbibed through the day.

Though the names of plenary speakers and their topics of speech seemed intimidating, their address turned out to be highly motivating and entertaining. Mr. Harinder Singh talking on 'Way to Leadership' was an epitome of humour, Mr. R Sunil Kumar proposing 'Strategies for Success' was highly informative, Rtn. PDG. Darius Marshall with his characteristic quips and ease of speaking practised his own strategies of 'Improving one's Communication Skills' while rendering a speech and finally Mr. Ramesh Batavia in his suggestions of 'Modern Survival Techniques' made all his listeners aware of the potential pitfalls in life and ways to emerge with dignity from them.

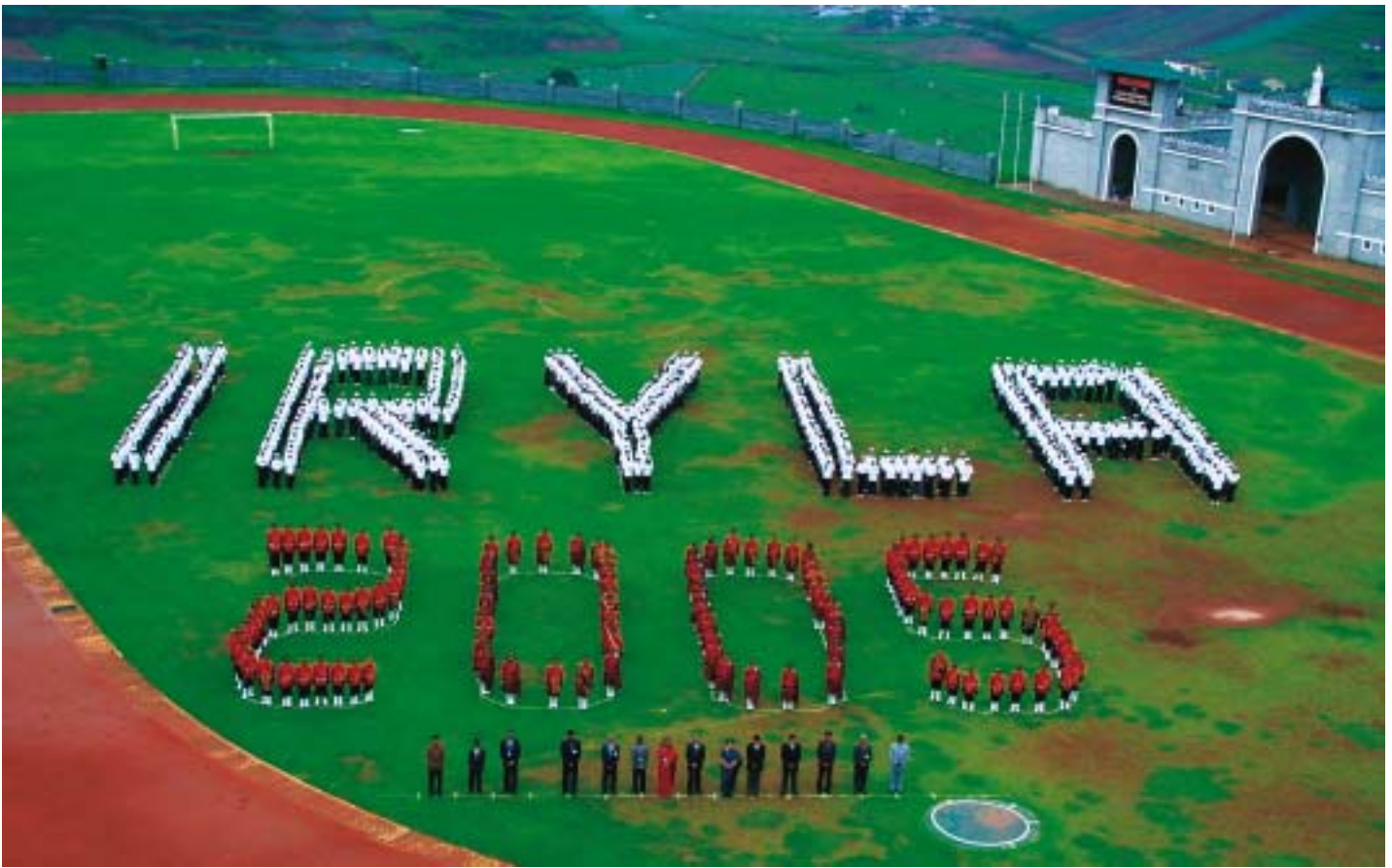
The Rylarians got the opportunity to know each other better and develop a closer contact with eminent leaders in the various classes they attended. The various aspects of a leader were nurtured when Mr. G. Balanchandran conducted classes on 'Creativity', Rtn. PDG. Ravi Vadlamani addressed the topic of 'Team Building', Mr. A Vamankumar



The live rendition of the National Anthems of the RI Zone VI Countries by the Brass and the Pipe Bands of Good Shepherd International School



Welcome Dance performed by the Interactors of the Good Shepherd International School



The 660 delegates of the International RYLA 2005 along with the Faculty and the Brass and Pipe Bands of Good Shepherd International School



The Naga Dance performed by the Rylarians of Nagaland



The Valedictory Song by the Rylarians from Akola, Maharashtra



Glimpses from the Play staged by the Faculty



The Exchange of the Rotary Flags



Mrs. Jayanthi, I.A.S., Chief Guest of the Valedictory Ceremony delivering the Valedictory speech

taught the subject of 'Decision Making and Problem Solving', Rtn. MPH. B Jayarajan spoke on 'Effective Communication and Body Language', Rtn. B K Anantha Prasad revealed 'Leadership in Action', Rtn. K Krishnakumar taught the Rylarians how to 'Manage Time' (which they were already practising in the RYLA village).

Mr. M Chidambaram taught the tenets of 'Effective Public Speaking', Mr. M S Shiva Kumar focused on 'Improving one's Self Esteem and practising Self-Discipline', Mr. R Sai Prakash pointed out the 'Universal Values', Rtn. J K Chandrasekaran revealed the subtleties of 'Transactional Analysis', Mr. V Kalyan Ram spoke on 'Career Guidance' and last but not the least, Mrs. Anila Ann Mathew brought out the ways to improve one's 'Personal Effectiveness'.

The week long span of classes, interaction and personal growth was interspersed with a day of outing during which the delegates enjoyed themselves visiting the scenic spots of the Queen of Hills. The programme came to a close with a touching valedictory programme where Rylarians expressed their views regarding the growth they had undergone during this week, and the Chief Guest, Mrs. Jayanthi, I.A.S. delivered the valedictory address. For the final time the national anthems were played accompanied by the lowering of flags. Addresses and phone numbers were exchanged, photographs were taken, tears were shed at the sorrow of parting. Each delegate, however, left the RYLA village with a determination to lead and lead well, 'to strive, to seek, to find and not to yield'.



The Convener of the Centennial International RYLA 2005, Rtn. PHF. PP. Elsamma Thomas delivering the Vote of Thanks