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New Year Greetings from Skal Asia Area Board

“Dear Asia Area Skalleagues,

On Behalf of the AA Board,

I wish you all a very Happy New Year.

May 2020 be the Best for All of Us and our Families and Friends.”

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Sanjay Datta

President

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SKAL CLUB OF DELHI



Skal Delhi had its monthly lunch meet at Pullman - The Honk, New Delhi on 13th November. The Hon. Vice President Ranjit Vig extended a warm welcome to the 70 odd members and guests.

The new members were presented with Membership certificate. The members were also apprised that the DELHI Club continues to be the largest Club in the world and every effort to maintain the leadership.

SKAL CLUB MUMBAI Skal International Mumbai South had an excellent AGM cum Christmas dinner event at Tote Talli on the grounds of the Royal Indian Turf Club in Mumbai, on 17th December 2019. New members were introduced to our membership, the Skal Hymn was played and as usual our senior most member Jason Samuel delivered the Skal toast.

STORY



In Memoriam: The Boxing Day Tsunami

A personal reflection by long time Thailand resident Andrew J Wood who recently visited the area in Thailand that was badly devastated by the tragic events on the 26th December 2004

KHOA LAK, THAILAND: Sitting at my resort in Phang Nga province in Southern Thailand a few weeks ago, I was quietly having my breakfast and my thoughts turn to the tragic events 15 years earlier. I was staying at a resort that was badly hit by the devastating 2004 tsunami.

15 years later the resorts have been rebuilt - the area is renowned for its beautiful white sandy beaches and is once again filled with tourists, mainly from Europe escaping the winter weather of the northern hemisphere.

The sea here is very shallow which enabled a massive wave to build unhindered from its origins in Sumatra and wiped out everything including 400 guests and a lot of the hotel staff on duty - they all perished on that fateful boxing day morning.

It was Thailand's first great tsunami, there were no systems in place. Today tsunami warning towers with huge sirens allowing hotels and resorts 1 hour to evacuate by bus to higher ground.

I feel sadness but also thankful that life has returned and the tourists.

My thoughts and prayers go out to all those who suffered loss, and to all those unsung heroes, many of them tourists, tour guides and hotel staff, caught up in the chaos on that fateful day - my thanks.

Among the ASIA SKAL Fraternity, Skäl Goa flagged off a plethora of activities epitomising Skäl Philosophy during the festive Christmas, New Year Season

SKAL GOA – Flavour of the Season

A Skäl Goa Club CSR activity along with Stars - helping people, reaping smiles. The Club hosted lunch for 60 inmates and caretakers - occasion -Goa liberation Day – Festive gesture
Location: St John Of God Aged home, Old GOA.



Ms. Prachi Khandeparkar’s – workshop on POSH (Prevention of Sexual Harassment) of Women at the Workplace -Pride Sun Village, Arpora, Goa.

Director Young Skäl Sk. Carl Costa of Skäl Charles Bonifacio and Shekhar Divadkar with Young Skäl Members distributed Christmas goodies to inmates of Peace Haven, Caranzalem, Goa.



The Young Skäl Members sang the Carols and organized some fun games for the children. This CSR activity was followed by a lunch hosted by Young Skäl Director Sk. Carl Costa at Fortune Miramar elevating the Xmas Spirit.

70th Anniversary of Skäl International Rome



SKAL INTERNATIONAL TAIPEI



Skäl International Taipei January Meeting and induction of National President Skäl Taiwan President Handover Ceremony at The Hotel Royal-Nikko Taipei



“Thanks to Frank Liu, the so-called “Mr. Taiwan” for his great contribution and leadership throughout 2018-2019 and welcome new President Johnny Tsai, also President of the renowned travel company Perfect Travel Service, to lead Skäl International Taiwan.”

Skal Delhi's Perfect Christmas Moments



Skal Delhi hosted its annual themed Christmas lunch at The Imperial New Delhi on 18th December attended by nearly 160 members.

Sk. Vijay Wanchoo, Vice President, The Imperial welcomed the guests warmly. The Imperial team set up an exotic Christmas Tree. It was the characteristic yuletide feel.

This Skal Delhi meet had a few first: CAFF India, an NGO supporting children on health and education brought in their young kids from 5-12 years enthralled the members with their melodious carols. Skal Delhi's President Sk. Greesh Bindra presented the children with school bags, stationery kits and Xmas gift hampers. The lucky draw and the Quiz were the highlights.



For the first time, the annual event featured Xmas Carols sung by the Delhi Chorale of Men
Skal Asia's President Sk. Sanjay Datta addressed the Members and presented Skal Asia Flag to Chief Guest V.K. Duggal.

EDITORS CHOICE

GOURMET ETHNIC-FOOD

Traditional Goan Seafood Pick

“King Fish Recheado Masala Fried”



Recheado Masala is a Fiery and Tangy Goan Masala condiment. Used for stuffing or marination. Eaten with Steamed rice or home bread “Euno” or “Polle”

Cocktail Summer Cooler

“Goan Sunrise”



Cashew fenny, orange juice
Dash of grenadine, dash of soda.

Cheers!

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