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- ◆ **Exercise franchise and bring in leaders with high ethical standards: says Mr. V. Rama Rao, Former Governor, Govt. of Sikkim** ◆
- ◆ **Rotary Club Of Hyderabad East honours Mr. Navin Mittal, Dr. P. G. Sastry and Mrs. Lynne with Vocational Excellence Awards**



*Mr Navin Mittal, Collector - Hyderabad speaking immediately after receiving the 'Vocational Excellence Award' from Rotary Club of Hyderabad East*

**Hyderabad | India | February '2009:** Mr. V. Rama Rao, Former Governor, Government of Sikkim urged citizens to exercise their franchise, participate in the voting and bring in leaders with high ethical standards so that good Governance will prevail. Mr. Rao was speaking at the Rotary Club of Hyderabad East's Vocational Excellence Awards presentation ceremony. Mr. Rama Rao was the chief guest at the function held late evening on Friday here at Hotel NKMs Grand, Hyderabad. Mr. Rao explained the need for Political leaders with ethical standards to govern the country and this should start from educating people to participate in the voting, he said. Rotarians should exercise their franchise and also educate people to participate in the voting, he added. The Rotary Club of Hyderabad East honoured Mr. Navin Mittal, Collector, Hyderabad District; Dr. P. G. Sastry, Former Chairman, Environmental Clearance Board, Government of Andhra Pradesh; and Mrs. Lynne, Founder - AGAPE with Vocational Excellence Awards.

Speaking on the occasion Rotarian M. Surendranath, President - Rotary Club of Hyderabad East said, "As a part of one of its Service Avenues, Vocational Services, Rotary Club of Hyderabad East is presenting 'Vocational Excellence Awards' today to three eminent personalities who have been giving excellence to their vocation by their performance and our objective is to identify, recognize such persons and thus promote public awareness for the need of functioning well in their vocations".

Mr. Navin Mittal, IAS is presently the Collector of Hyderabad District, who is a 1995 IAS Batch person from AP Cadre. Mr. Navin Mittal has done B.Tech from IIT, New Delhi with 9.86 score out of a 10 scale and also stood 3rd in All India Civil Services in his IAS exams. As a Commissioner for Vizag Municipal Corporation, he brought CRISIL rating for the Corporation and as Incharge-ITDA, his works were recognized by World Bank. As Collector - Krishna Dist, he restored Kolleru river from the hands of land mafia. Now as Hyderabad Dist Collector, Mr Navin Mittal is working on rehabilitation of slums, upgradation of Govt schools.

Dr. P. G. Sastry is known for his services not only to AP but also to India as he functioned earlier as Chairman, Environmental Appraisal Committee, Govt of India and till recently as Incharge-Environmental Clearance Committee, Govt of AP for all Irrigation and Hydro Power projects. With

his qualifications B.Tech, M.Tech from IIT, Kharagpur, Ph.D from Germany in Water Resources, he became an Authority on the subject in the country and with his services, he has excelled in his vocation through out.

Mrs. Lynne Voggu, Executive Director, AGAPE International, an NGO working for AIDS affected children in Hyderabad, is also a known for her services for a cause. Mrs Lynne working as a Investment Consultant for a Massachusetts, USA firm, came to India, found the gravity of AIDS in the country, quit her job and started AGAPE International in 2000 in Hyderabad for servicing.

Rotary Club Of Hyderabad East (RCHE) is one of the active clubs in Rotary International District 3150 and has been carrying out several community developmental activities and other programmes. The Club in this Rotary year has already installed one Water Treatment Plant each in two villages Dharmareddy Gudem (on 15 Aug 2008) and Pyararam (11 Jan 09) , Nalgonda Dist., spending Rs 150000 each and providing safe drinking water to the villagers having only contaminated water supply. The Club is carrying out the construction of an Additional building for Govt School, Jawahar Nagar. This is a joint venture of Govt of AP and Rotary Club of Hyderabad East for which inaugural ceremony was done on 29 Nov 2008 in the midst of Sri Vishnu Vardhan Reddy, Congress MLA, local Politicians, Officials, Media etc. This is a Rs 70 lakh project and Club is confident of getting it completed by 2009.

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