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THE LEGACY OF TAMILNADU VETERINARY ASSISTANT SURGEONS' ASSOCIATION TOWERING GREAT

When I was attending the inaugural function of VASA TOWER on 5th October, 2017, the first great thing I noticed was the magnanimous gesture of members of Tamilnadu Veterinary Assistant Surgeons Association (TNVASA) and Tamilnadu Veterinary Officers Association (TNVOA) in naming the Tower as VASA TOWER (not as TNVASA TOWER) with a real heartfelt dedication to the whole of Veterinary Community in general, which is always the Legacy of Tamil Nadu.

My treasure trove of memories mowing a long lane of my attachment to TNVAS Association from 1982 till today which I feel is worth narrating for those interested young vets. During 1987, we as a small Institute of Veterinary Preventive Medicine (IVPM) branch of TNVASA members started a 'Fund Raising' initiative for the purpose of purchasing a land in Chennai for our Association Building, many senior colleagues criticized it as – "Dream...too...Big", since at that time there was already a two year old "Fund Raising" scheme with a Govt. G.O. for Building Fund Collection from each member @ Rs.500, in Five equal installments, yielding only a few thousand as total collection. However we got a good support from the then Parent Body headed by Dr K.A. Dhandayuthapani. We launched the initiative-called "knowledge based competition cum lucky draw" with attractive prizes topping a motorcycle – in Madurai EC with the support of all the District Secretaries of our Association. It was a great grand success to the level of purchasing a land of 2635 sq.ft. in Chooli area of Purasaivakkam, very close to Madras Veterinary College within six months. This success story gave us a strength and an understanding that whenever one desires a dream and is determined to truly realise it, then there is always a way.

The inaugural ceremony on 5th October, 2017 was so emotional and interesting to note the dedication of many of those involved in that mission. I felt that there were some omissions in the list of supporters, especially those who were masters of the mission. I take this opportunity to complete the list with all my memories. The mission headed by the then General Secretary Dr. Dhandayuthapani, - comprised of - Dr. Sivakumar, Dr. (Late) Md.Ghouse, Dr.Muruganandham, Dr.(Late) B.Rajendran, Dr. Subramanian, Dr.S.Sukumar (Managing Editor, IVJ), Dr. (Late) K. Palanichamy., Dr. Sadasivam., Dr. D. Selvarajan., Dr.Herbert Daniel, the then H.Q. Secretary and Editor of Vet Surgeon Magazine., Dr N. Ramasamy, the then Joint Secretary., Dr M. Ganesan (Sivakasi), Late Dr S. Chokkalingam (Alangudi), Late Dr Solaichamy (Aruppukottai), Late Dr Duraisamy., Late Dr Ilanchelian (Salem Dist. Sec), Dr N. Nandagopal (Namakkal), Dr Anbunathan, Dr Vijayan., Dr Palanichamy (Coimbatore), Late Dr Kannan (Nellai) and Dr P. Kamaraj (Kambam). My list may become incomplete if I do not mention the full support extended by Dr K. Chandrasekaran, the then Minister for Animal Husbandry. After the construction of this excellent VASA TOWER, we all are elated with relief that the "Dream...too...big" has now materialized and become a real true story.

It is a peculiar heritage of TNVASA that whatever the achievements and developments happened to Veterinary Fraternity, TNVASA was/is always a streaming force - starting from Indian Veterinary Journal (1924) - started first as Madras Veterinary Journal from 1919 - 1924, Indian Veterinary Association (1967), Tamilnadu Veterinary University (1989) and so on - which is a very rare commodity - compared to other Associations.

We wish the 'VASA TOWER' to arise and shine for years to come and guide the vets all over.

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