

## 'A Grand Salute to Silent Sculptors'

### *Lions District 317 B's Historic Teachers' Felicitations Event*

In a world that constantly seeks heroes, Lions International District 317 B turned its sight on the quietest ones, the teachers. On a day that will be etched in the hearts of many, not one or two but **50 Lions Clubs from Goa and North Karnataka** came together in a first of its kind event to **honour and felicitate teachers** from the Lions district.

Held under the visionary leadership of **District Governor PMJF Jaiamol Naik** the **Teacher's Felicitations Program** was born from a simple thought: **While society respects teachers, rarely are they honoured on a grand and unified scale.** This event was designed not only to recognize individual educators but to advertise the very idea of teaching as a noble & life changing mission.

Over **50 teachers from 50 Lions Clubs of District 317B, including their families and other lions made it a grand gathering of 250.** The teachers arrived not as builders of others' dreams but as honoured guests and as shining Gurus in their own right. Many came with modest expectations, only to be overwhelmed by the scale of appreciation awaiting them : flowers, mementos, applause, and above all, **genuine gratitude.**

What unfolded was more than a ceremony, it was an emotional celebration of lives devoted to shaping others.

"It's the first time in my 30 years career that I've been recognized like this," said one emotional teacher from a rural school in North Karnataka, his eyes moist. Another one said "I've seen my students go on to become engineers, doctors, and leaders. But today, I feel I am important too."

This wasn't just a moment of recognition, it was a moment of rebirth as another one from Goa put it

The felicitations allowed teachers to connect with one another across age groups. Ideas were exchanged, friendships sparked, and a shared sense of purpose reignited. One teacher shared her unique model of blending art and math; another spoke of mentoring underprivileged children during the pandemic. Stories flowed like rivers.

"For us, it was never about just an event," said District Governor Jaiamol. "It was about acknowledging the architects of society. When a teacher is honoured, a hundred futures are empowered." He added "50 Clubs One Spirit in the Golden Jubilee Year of district 317B makes this noble activity truly memorable"

The event served as a reminder that while chalk may fade from the blackboard, a teacher's impact never does. And in that hall, filled with handshakes, hugs, and heartfelt words, **the echo of gratitude was louder than applause.**

Lions District 317 B has sent a powerful message **that honoring teachers is not a formality, but a necessity**. And as the Project Chairperson Lion Adrian Torres said "today we celebrated those who teach but in fact we learnt ourselves to have gratitude in life."

**Looking at the massive response, district leaders plan to make it an annual event .**