

Dear friends,

I wish you enjoyed a nice summer. It has been ten years since my father, Shri Mahesh, passed away. Ten years during the which we pursued his action through development projects in a country rather distant and difficult to comprehend. For decades, I have been observing that the largest democracy in the world goes through a quite hustle and bustle time. In many ways, big cities have been modernized and westernized while country sides remains out of this rush to modernity. Today, modern India moves away from its traditions and its values : corruption scandals in many spheres, guru imprisoned for the rape over minors and women, murder of journalists opposed to the ruling party, purchasing of European sperm for having children with fair skin, consumption of alcohol and extension of religious people.

A new Trust has been established in Summer 1994 including doctors for the nursery project aiminf at honoring Shri Mahesh memory : an healthcare project for 1 – 5 years children to decrease the mortality rate. Alongside these, specialist doctors' camps are always welcomed with great enthusiasm by the villagers of the district. The professionalism and the immense generosity of the doctors who voluntarily travel from Gadag to Halligudi, sharing their expertise and also providing drugs for free, represent a high esteemed capital gain for patients and the future of our Association. On the way back to Bangalore, whent through Mysore to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Filliozat for their fifty years of marriage. A lovely time of friendship and complicity with my Indian family who never stopped all these years to support FIK projects. In Bangalore, I was invited to take part to the Lions Club Dakshata monthly meeting. During the which I was appointed as Lions Sushila. I am pleased to inform you about this new partnership with FIK.

In Paris, in our new location, Mathilde, our new collaborator, organizes FIK actions implementation. You are essential for ensuring the successful development of our projects. We need you to fulfill our projects for children of Halligudi. Namasté !

Juliette Sushila Ghatradyal





### 10 years!

The Tenth Anniversary of the disappearance of Shri Mahesh Ghatradyal. A celebration for the founder of the association France Inde Karnataka and the General Halligudi Hospital (Gadag district – Karnataka), was organized in front of his memorial on August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 in the presence of his daughter, Sushila Ghatradyal, friends and family. Shri Mahesh Ghatradyal leaves behind him an immense humanitarian legacy in view of his commitment in this district, beside the most disadvantaged and most vulnerable groups of people.



Following the demise of his mother, he has been educated by his grandmother, before attending Shiva Yoga Mandir Monastery where he received the primary and secondary school classes and practiced Hatha Yoga. As a great athlete, he participated in the University Olympic Games of Paris, London and Helsinki. He won on August 15<sup>th</sup>, 1947 in Paris, the golden medal in long-distance race, becoming the first sportsman of independent India to reach this level of excellence.

Following his medical studies in Zurich, he settled in Paris at family Dolto's house and dedicated himself to the diffusion of the Hatha Yoga in France and beyond the borders.

Throughout his life, he has been fortunate to get involved with exceptional people. In Paris, as founder of the Centre de Relations Culturelles Franco-Indien (CRCFI), he invited personalities such as the musician composer and sitarist Ravi Shankar, the Bengali composer, author and film director Satyajit Ray, the flutist Hariprasad Chaurasia and many others to propagate in France Indian tradition and cultural values.

Today, I wish to evoke Shri Mahesh Ghatradyal's sincere commitment in humanitarian actions who always wanted to help his fellow citizens, his homeland and home district with the construction of the General Hospital of Halligudi. A project dedicated to the most deprived people and in memory of his mother who died in childbirth. Especially, this project made it possible to provide piped water in the village.



I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart all the people who have directly or indirectly participated in this philanthropic project initiated by my father. Fantastic humanist, he knew how to share his values like generosity and love for each other. That is why I am still involved today. I thank my father for all love he gave me, his education, his freedom and his open cultural and humanitarian vocation. I want to share this heritage with children and citizens of Halligudi to respect my father's wishes to see them in healthy condition.

Juliette Sushila Ghatradyal – article published on August 2017 in Karnataka local newspaper

### Encounter with the Lions Club Dakshata of Bengalore

On August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017, during her journey in India, Juliette Sushila Ghatradyal, as President of the FIK Association, had the great pleasure and honor to be invited at the Bowring Institute by the Lions Club Dakshata of Bengalore, chaired by Lions Nalini, recently elected in monthly meeting. The Lions Club Dakshata is connected to the Lions Club International which is also the largest philanthropic organization on the world. A movement guided by values of strength, courage, loyalty, generosity and tolerance involved in helping people.



Through his support on various projects (preventive primary healthcare programs, rice distribution in an orphanage, etc,...), together with his social contributions, the Lions Club Dakshata, composed exclusively of women of exception, works in the fields of education, health and environment. Sharing these values, the president Juliette Sushila Ghatradyal was happy to evoke, in the course of this meeting, the work and action of the FIK creator.

In 2016, during a first meeting with Lions Jayanthrir Rao, former president of the Lions Club Dakshata, Juliette Sushila Ghatradyal had formulated her wish to join this Association. Thanks to her perseverance and the relationships she maintained during all the year, she had been fortunate to be inducted last summer as Lions Sushila Ghatradyal.

This meeting has been high in emotions, smile and joy of living. Surrounded by all these remarkable women, Juliette Sushila Ghatradyal took advantage of this meeting to present herself personally and to mention FIK projects in India.

In August 2018, we will have the pleasure of welcoming them as partners during one of our prevention days in Halligudi. FIK's desire is to work hand-in-hand together with local partners, this support is for us a great source of enjoyment.



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