

## **SUBUD INDIA CONGRESS**

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My attending the Subud India Congress is a story in itself and I have to thank Judy Gibb [*former international helper, current chair of Subud New Zealand*] for motivating me. Judy indicated her wish to attend the Subud India Congress a month or so back and arranged her program such that it was possible for her to return to New Zealand through Bangalore on her way back from Belgium where she was visiting her son and family.

As the Good Lord would have it, her direct flight from Munich to Bangalore was cancelled following the ash fallout over Europe and she was offered the option of flying through Delhi. She arrived in Delhi on 18th morning at about 7am and was to leave for Bangalore at about 5pm. This gave us enough time to bring her home and accommodate a latihan with my mother and my wife, Poonam. It was wonderful to have her spend the day at home.

Seeing how preoccupied we all have been with my mother, Judy suggested that it would be a good idea for me to come to Bangalore - and so I ended up taking the early morning flight to Bangalore on 20th May, to attend the helpers meeting that day. The National Congress was held from 21-23 May.

The Helpers Day proceedings started around 10am with latihan. There were about 20 men and about 15 women helpers including 5 IHs and Judy. The International Helpers were Amarjit Singh, Isti da Silva, Joyo Widarbo, Luqman Harris and Renata Peek. There were discussions about the role of the helpers in this Congress followed by testing which continued into the late afternoon - making this a very appropriate start to the Congress.

The Congress proceedings started with latihan on 21st morning and on each morning of the Congress, with nearly 80-90 members attending at various times over the 3 day Congress. The highlights of the Congress included:

- i) a presentation by the National Chair, Shanker Ramamoorthy regarding the Subud India organisation
- ii) a presentation by the Organisation Councillor, Balasubramaniam re the World Congress experience, including a video on the Indian Night at the Congress
- iii) a presentation by Joyo Widarbo on the History of Subud
- iv) presentations by Chair, Susila Dharma India and various SD project leaders on SD activities. This was an opportunity to discuss the micro credit initiatives in various projects and MSF's interest in promoting the same
- v) a presentation by Chair, Subud House Trust on the progress of work on the house project in Chennai

Nominations were received for various positions and testing took place on the 22nd afternoon. Shanker Ramamoorthy continues as Chair for another term. The new Kejiwaan Councillors are Bella Rosario - women and Mashure - men.