



## THE BHARAT SCOUTS & GUIDES

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### Message of Shri L.M. Jain, National Commissioner, on the Flag Day - 7<sup>th</sup> November 2009

The Bharat Scouts & Guides is a voluntary, non-political and educational Movement for young people to shape and build their character through inculcating the values of self-discipline, social service and patriotism. The Scout Movement that was founded by Lord Baden Powell in 1907 with an experimental camp for just 20 boys has successfully completed 100 years and entered the second Century on 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2007. It has spread in 155 countries with about 38 million members affiliated to World Organisation of Scout Movement (WOSM) and World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS), practicing the ideals of Scouting.

We are celebrating Centenary of Scout Movement in India this year, 2009. The Movement is growing day by day in all civil states, union territories, 9 Zonal Railways, K.V.S. and N.V.S, with a total membership of over 43.49 lakhs Scouts and Guides and their leaders. Scouting and Guiding in India is value-based, quality-oriented, well-managed, offering innovative and challenging programmes based on the needs of the young people. Ours is a self-supporting movement but enjoys good financial and moral support of the Society, Union Govt. and State Govts. The Organisation is engaged in promoting self-less service to develop the Community and serve the needy people.

Now that The Bharat Scouts & Guides is 100 years old, our emphasis in the Scout Movement is to re-inforce our commitment to national integration, preservation of nature and environment and to enhance the membership, there by spreading the message of peace and harmony. The movement needs your recognition both through moral and financial support in order to make the base stronger to serve the society with more enthusiasm and vigor in the years to come.

Many great leaders like Mahatma Gandhi, Pandit Nehru and other top leaders of the Nation have been patronizing the movement till date. As a result of their efforts, the Bharat Scouts & Guides was formed on 7<sup>th</sup> November, 1950 after merging different Scout Organizations and the Girl Guide Association which were earlier working separately prior to India's independence. 7<sup>th</sup> November is thus a memorable day in the history of Scouting and Guiding Movement in India and we celebrate this day as our 'Flag Day'.

The aim of the 'Flag Day' is to spread the message of Scouting and Guiding amongst all sections of the Society and collecting a nominal amount of Rs. 2/- per flag sticker as a token of your recognition and appreciation of the movement. Scouts and Guides all over India will be approaching friends, neighbours, well-wishers and other fellow citizens with a Scout/Guide Flag sticker as a token of inducting you as a strong supporter of the movement. Please accept the recognition and join the fleet of strong supporters of this largest and oldest voluntary youth movement in the country.

Thanking you with Scout/Guide Greetings.

(L.M. Jain)  
National Commissioner