**About NIARAS KERALA**

With the selfless initiative of Late Mr.M.N Kutty and late Mr.S.G Nair, New India Assurance Pensioners Association Kerala was found in November 1999 at Ernakulam. Both of them were elected as President and Secretary respectively. When going through the old files, I found that several letters were addressed to HO for collective issues and they were rightly answered by GM. M/s. KMA Pillai, T.G John, M Vijaya kumar, Mathew Varghese, V.T Joseph, K Gopinath, T.N Sukumaran, K.M Joseph, US Balasubramanian etc were names to be remembered under whose leadership the Assn thrived.

I was elected as Secretary in May 2015 and Mathew Varghese was President. Every year, by May we use to conduct AGBM and election. 2020 is an exception. At present we have 390 members and about 50 family pensioners. At present we are collecting Life Membership fee of Rs.1500/- from new members.

1.We have created whatsapp: NIA(ERO)Retired Group 1 and 2 having 254 and 20 members. For social interaction another group"NIA THEATRES" is also started.

2. Our dream project is Address Directory with photo. Corona applied brakes on the move when it is about to give to press.

3. In 2018 and 2019 Assn helped Flood victims of Kerala. In 2018, 6 families and an Orphanage received our help(35-40 thousand). In 2019, 6 family received Rs. 95000/- each for rebuilding devastated houses. The construction is under the supervision of Nilambur Municipal Corporation, which is also getting balance amounts from Govt and Organizations.

The proud legacy of NIARAS is that we have not depended New India RO for space to conduct our Committee meeting or AGBM in last 20yrs. No CRMs were invited to our Meetings. Same is the case with Union leaders including GICEUK, though a leader like Ayyappankutty is a real help to family pensioners and retirees.