

Lion Dr.A.VIJAY KUMAR: A Lifelong Journey of Service and Leadership

In a world often marred by self-interest and indifference, individuals like A.VIJAY KUMAR stand out as beacons of hope and service. From humble beginnings to remarkable achievements, his journey is one of unwavering dedication to serving humanity and leading by example. Let's delve into the remarkable life of A.VIJAY KUMAR, a distinguished leader in the Lions Club community.

Early Years and Introduction to Lions Club

Ln.A.Vijay Kumar's journey of service began in 1987 with his induction into the Lions Club as a life member. It was a pivotal moment that ignited his passion for community service and set him on a path of leadership and philanthropy.

Leadership in Lions Club

Ln.A.Vijay Kumar's ascent within the Lions Club was swift and impactful. By 1989, he had already assumed the role of President of LC Jadcherla, where he spearheaded numerous initiatives to uplift the underprivileged. Under his leadership, the club distributed essential supplies like tricycles for the disabled, clothes, blankets, and rice to those in need.

His commitment to service and leadership didn't stop there. In 1996-97, he was elected Vice District Governor of Lions Club, where he continued to organize impactful events such as blood donation camps and eye operations. Notably, in 1997, he organized a staggering 324 IOL eye operations in a single day, setting a remarkable example of efficiency and dedication to the cause. Some of his outstanding accomplishments during this period are collecting 20 thousand units of blood as a part of blood donation camps and arranging 104 eye donations. His efforts paid off and he was elected District Governor of Lions Club of the 324 C2 District in 1997-98. The Family Care Theme he implemented as a part of the Lions Club agenda during this period fetched him rave reviews and eventually led to his election as Vice Chairman - Multiple council District 324 in 1998-1999.

Community Contributions and Philanthropy

Beyond his role within the Lions Club, Ln.A.Vijay Kumar's impact extended to various community projects and philanthropic endeavors. He sponsored the construction of essential infrastructure like school buildings and bus shelters in underserved areas, showcasing his commitment to improving lives at a grassroots level.

His philanthropic contributions didn't stop at infrastructure development; he also made significant financial donations to various causes, including eye hospitals, old age homes, and orphanages. His generosity knew no bounds, as evidenced by his donations to initiatives like the Lions District 324-C2 Educational and Medical Trust and the Campaign SightFirst Programme.

An exhaustive list of his community service initiatives is below:

- Sponsored a building for Lions Nancharamma Poornachander Rao Memorial Ayurvedic Hospital at Rajapur village, Jadcharla Mandal, Mahbubnagar District, Telangana.
- 2 Class Rooms at Balanagar School, Jadcherla Mandal, Mahbubnagar District, Telangana.
- 6 Bus Shelters at Jadcherla, Shadnagar, Pargi in Mahbubnagar District, Telangana.
- Lions Seva Kendra, Jadcherla, Mahbubnagar District, Telangana.
- Constructed 34 School Buildings in Slum areas of Hyderabad under Janmabhoomi Programme out of which the Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Chandra Babu Naidu inaugurated 7 School Buildings in 2003.

Below is a list of the donations made by him:

- Financial donations made to Lions Club of Hyderabad North Eye Hospital and Eye Bank at Hyderabad.
- Donated Rs. 1 Lakh to Lions Clubs Child Development Centre for Mentally Retarded Children for which the foundation stone was laid by the then Hon'ble Chief Minister, Sri Chandra Babu Naidu in the presence of the then His Excellency, Governor of Tamilnadu, Sri P.S. Ram Mohan Rao in the premises of Niloufer Hospital, Lakdi-ka-pul, Hyderabad in 2003
- Donated Rs.1 Lakh to the Ram Reddy Memorial Lions Eye Hospital, Mahbubnagar.
- Donated Rs.1 Lakh to K.K.Reddy Memorial Lions Old Age Home and Orphanage, Mahbubnagar
- Donated Rs.1 Lakh to the Lions District 324-C2 Educational and Medical Trust in the capacity of Chairman, Fund Raising.

Keen Interest and Engagement

Ln.A.Vijay Kumar's passion for service extended beyond his formal roles, demonstrating a genuine commitment to making a difference in the lives of others. From securing land for an Orphans Care Centre to organizing seminars on combating blindness, his proactive approach to social issues exemplifies true leadership in action.

His keen focus on philanthropy is established by the following:

- Collected 72 pairs of Eyeballs in one year during 1995 – 1996
- Organised Joint Installation of Club Officers of all the Lions Clubs in Mahbubnagar District for the first time in the history of Lionism in these parts.
- As a Group Co-Ordinator raised Rs.3 Lakhs for the Campaign Sight First Programme.
- Provided 7 Ambulances to 7 Clubs Hospitals in the Lions District 324-C2.

Recognition and Awards

The impact of Ln.A.Vijay Kumar's service hasn't gone unnoticed. Throughout his journey, he has received numerous awards and accolades, including recognition from Lions International and prestigious awards like the Indira Gandhi Priya Darshini Award. These accolades serve as a testament to his unwavering dedication and the tangible difference he has made in communities.

A glance at the Award roll is below:

- Best Lions Club President.
- Best President of the Region Award
- Outstanding President of the District.
- 100% President Award from the Lions International. Best Zone Chairman
- Best District Chairman for 4 years.
- Outstanding Region Chairman in the District.
- Best Philanthropist Award.
- Received Indira Gandhi Priya Darshini Award in Recognition of his outstanding service to the Society.
- International president's Medal for outstanding lionistic works – 2000-2001
- International president's Medal for outstanding lionistic works – 2003-2004

Legacy of Service

As Ln.A.Vijay Kumar's journey illustrates, true leadership is about service to humanity with generosity as the soul. His lifelong dedication to improving the lives of others, coupled with his exemplary leadership within the Lions Club and broader community, serves as an inspiration to all. A.VIJAY KUMAR's legacy is not just one of achievements but of lives touched, communities transformed, and a world made better through selfless service.

His rich and lengthy experience in philanthropy is demonstrated by the roles he held:

- Chairman, K.K.Reddy Memorial Lions Old Age Home and Orphanage, Mahbubnagar.
- Life Member in ISKCON, Red Cross Society
- General Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Economic Council
- Vice Chairman, V.I.P. [Village In Partnership] a Service Organisation in Mahbubnagar District. Adopted in 9 Mandals for overall development of the Mandal.
- Vice President, Mahbubnagar District Scouts and Guides.
- Trustee, Ram Reddy Memorial Lions Eye Hospital, Mahbubnagar.
- Chief Patron, Lions Seva Kendra Trust, Jadcherla Hereditary Trust, Lions District 324-C2 Educational and Medical Trust.
- Trustee, Lions Heart AND Eye Foundation, Lions Districts 324-C2 & C3

In the pursuit of his objective - Service to Humanity with Generosity as the soul of Lionism, Lion Vijay Kumar has been supported by many and these are a but a few of the many names of individuals who share his philanthropic spirit. His Excellency the Past Governor of Tamilnadu Sri P.S.Ram Mohan Rao, Sri. Jaipal Reddy, Hon'ble Central Minister, Sri. K.S.Rao, M.P. Sri. P.Sai Baba, Past Chairman, A.P.V.C.C, Sri. Gopinath Reddy, I.P.S, Sri. K.Ratna Kishore, I.A.S, Sri. K.Jagdeesh, I.A.S, Major General A.R.Kumar [Retd].

In a world often fraught with challenges, Ln.A.Vijay Kumar stands as a shining example of what is possible when compassion, dedication, and leadership intersect. As we reflect on his journey, may

we be inspired to follow in his footsteps, making a difference wherever we go and leaving behind a legacy of service and kindness for generations to come.

Lion Dr A Vijay Kumar's work – Highlights of his Lionism:

- Family Planning Operations - 25,300
- Ambulance Service - 7
- Mentally Retarded Children Training Centre - Under progress (1)
- Insurance coverage of Rs. 2 Lakh for each Lion Member in his/her death - 6 Families benefited.
- Lions Blood Bank - 16,000 units
- Your City - Clean City – Trained 1000 rag pickers
- Cardiac Care - 20 free operations to the needy poor people
- Adoption and Rehabilitation of Street Children - Adopted 100 Street Children
- Restoration of EyeSight and Collection of Eye Corneas
 - Eye Donation - 104
 - Eyeball Collection Centres - 3
 - Eye Banks - 3
 - Eye Hospitals 2
 - Cataract Operations - 24,500
 - IOL Operations 3200
- A WORLD RECORD 324-IOL Operation done on one single day
- Ecological Balance - Tree Plantation - 4,70,000 saplings

A TRUE DEDICATED LION LEADER - Lion A.VIJAY KUMAR