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WOSM Secretary General Conferred the Silver Elephant Award

9 December 2015, New Delhi, India: The President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee presented the Silver Elephant Award, the highest national award of Scouting and Guiding in the country, to WOSM Secretary General, Scott Teare at an awards ceremony yesterday. It was held at the Rashtrapati Bhavan, the official residence of the president.

“I’m truly honoured by this recognition and I thank The Bharat Scouts and Guides for their enthusiasm in furthering the cause of Scouting in India,” said Teare who is a Bronze Wolf holder (the highest recognition in World Scouting). He believes that Scouting is able to produce autonomous, supportive, responsible and committed citizens who can bring positive change in India.

Other recipients of the Silver Elephant Award include the Chief Commissioner of Cambodia, Tuon Siphann; Chief Commissioner of Sri Lanka, Prof. Nimal De Silva; President of Persekutuan Pengakap Negara Brunei Darussalam, Dato Haji Idris Haji Abas; and WAGGGS Asia-Pacific Region Committee Chairperson, Loh Lih Jeng.

The Administrative Director of the Office of the Secretary General at WOSM and a former member of The Bharat Scouts and Guides, Srinath Tirumale, was also presented with the Silver Star award. The award is the third highest national award for Scouting and Guiding in India.

The President of The Bharat Scouts and Guides, Ashok Gelot; National Commissioner, B. I. Nagarale; International Commissioner, Mohamed Ali Khalid as well as other Scout leaders were also present at the awards ceremony.

Scouting in India began with the establishment of the first Scout troop in Bangalore in 1909. Two years later, the first Guide Company was formed in Jabalpur. In 1951, the Scout and Guide associations merged and formed The Bharat Scouts and Guides, which currently has a membership of more than 5.7 million.

About the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM)

Scouting is one of the world’s leading educational youth movements, engaging millions of young people around the world to be active citizens to create positive changes in the communities they live in. Since 1907! Founded by Lord Baden-Powell, WOSM is a confederation of 161 National Scout Organizations in a network of over 40 million members, including some seven million volunteers. As it has been doing for more than a century – creating a better world

– it will continue to do so, and even better with the many Messengers of Peace across the globe.

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