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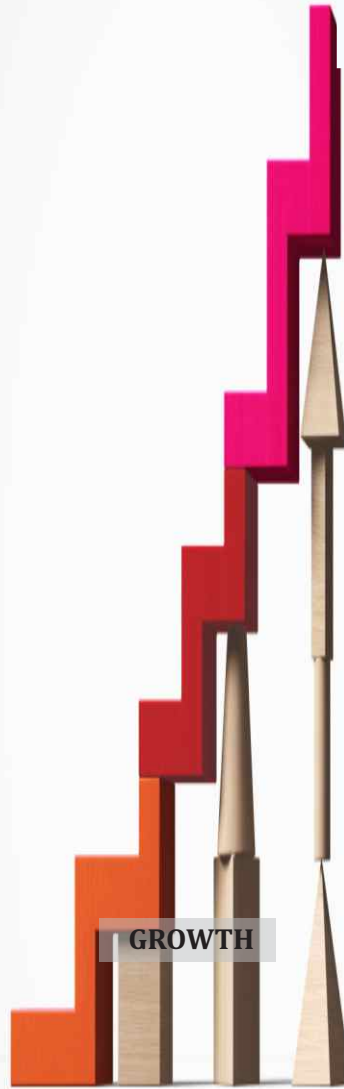
Dear Aarch Citians,

As we close this transformative quarter, I'm thrilled to share the inspiring stories of impact, fellowship, and growth achieved by our Rotary family. From executing 27 service projects that touched thousands to honoring educators, fostering financial literacy, and celebrating cultural milestones, this quarter truly reflected our commitment to "Service Above Self." We also welcomed 15 new members, bringing fresh energy and ideas into our fold. Each project, event, and gathering has strengthened our bonds and deepened our purpose. As we look to the future, let's carry forward this momentum, creating lasting change and fostering unity.

Happy reading!

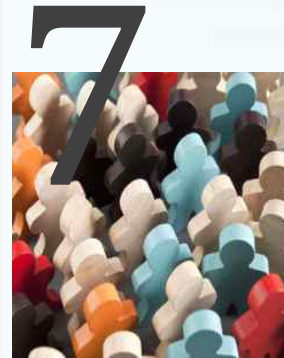
Warm regards

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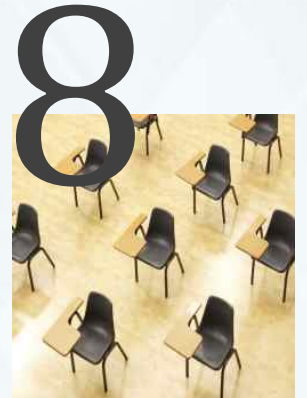
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Major Initiatives: Menstrual Health Seminar, Medical Camps, and Cancer Care support.



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Fellowship & Bonding

Movie Screening Enjoyed popular Tamil films together.

Cultural Celebrations

Won 1st prize for Pookalam in Onam festivities.

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A unifying Tirumala Darshan experience.

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President's Message
Rtn. Vinoth Sundar

Dear Aarch Citians,

It has been an exciting and transformative quarter for all of us at the Rotary Club of Aarch City. As I reflect on the past few months, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the dedication and passion each of you has brought to our collective mission of *Service Above Self*.

From our impactful community service projects to the moments of fellowship we've shared, it's clear that we are not just a group of individuals working together but a true family committed to making a meaningful difference. We have successfully executed 27 projects this quarter, touching the lives of over 2,000 people. Every act of service, whether big or small, has created ripples of positive change in the community. And while the numbers speak for themselves, it is the stories behind them—like the joy of the children at Tirumala or the empowerment felt by the women auto drivers—that truly reflect the heart of Rotary.

Our efforts this quarter have also reinforced the importance of partnerships—whether it was the collaboration with Amrutanjan Ltd. for our Menstrual Health seminar or the media coverage that helped amplify our reach within the community. These alliances remind us that *together, we can do more*.

I am especially thrilled to have welcomed 15 new members into our Rotary family. With each new addition, we grow not just in numbers but in ideas, energy, and commitment. These new members bring with them fresh perspectives and a shared passion for service, and I look forward to the incredible contributions they will make.

As we move into the final quarter of 2024, I encourage each of you to continue this momentum. We have more work to do, with exciting initiatives on the horizon, including the Polio Plus campaign and upcoming medical camps. Let's keep pushing boundaries, challenging ourselves, and working together to bring even greater impact.

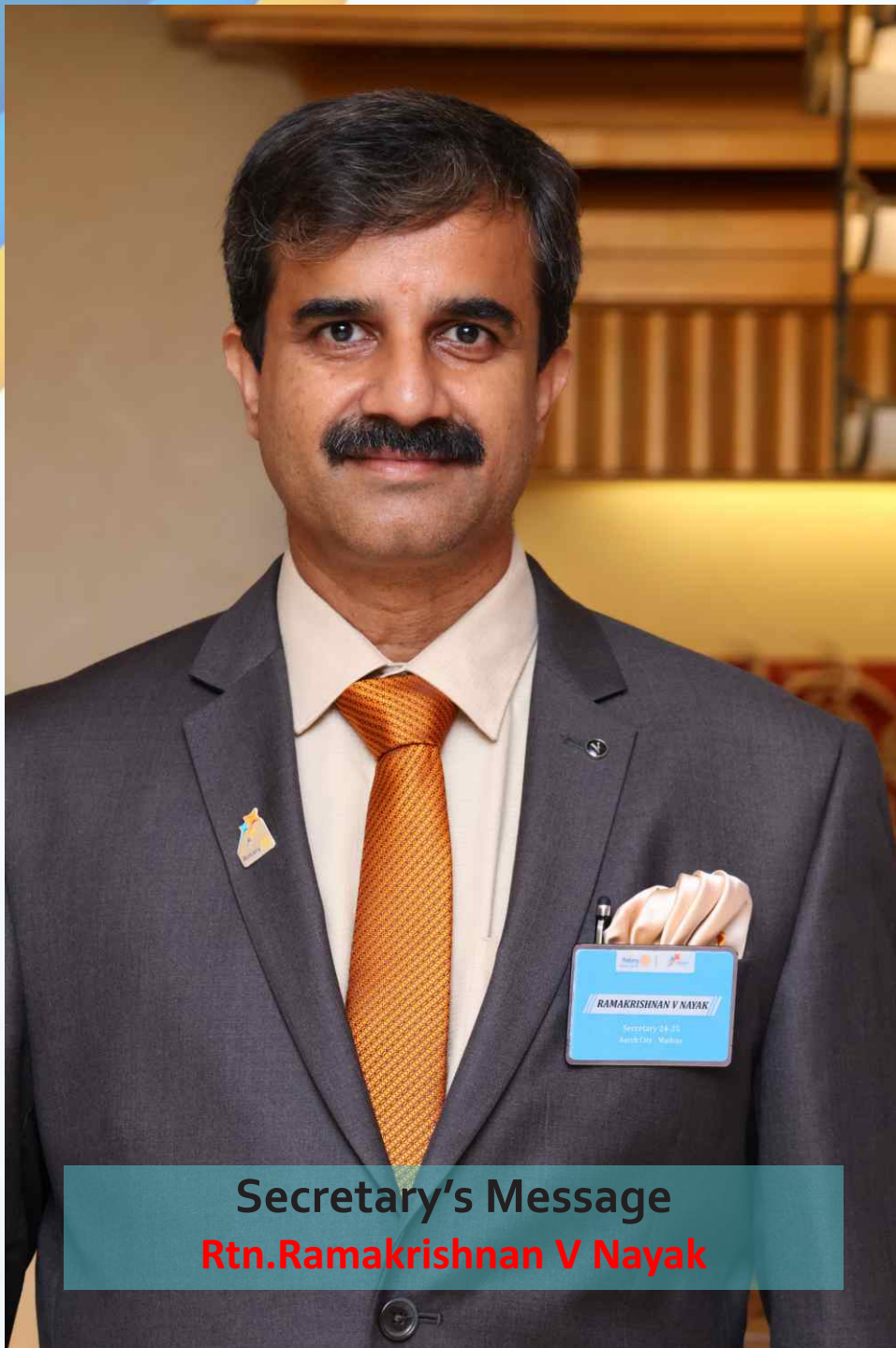
Remember, service is not a destination—it's a journey. And I'm grateful to be on this journey with all of you.

Yours in Rotary,

Rtn. Vinoth Sundar

President,

Rotary Club of Aarch City



Dear Fellow Aarchcitians,

As Secretary of the Rotary Club of Aarch City, I have the privilege of not just witnessing but documenting the incredible work we do as a club. This quarter has been particularly inspiring, as our projects have demonstrated the breadth of what Rotary can achieve when we work with focus and purpose.

One of my key responsibilities is to ensure that all of our activities, meetings, and projects are well-coordinated and smoothly executed, and I must say, it's been a busy and productive few months. The organization of 27 successful projects in just one quarter speaks volumes about our club's efficiency, planning, and—most importantly—the teamwork that makes everything possible.

Our club's impact this quarter has been multi-dimensional. We've supported education through scholarships and vocational excellence awards, empowered women through the launch of the Veera Pengal Auto Drivers' Association, and touched lives through healthcare initiatives like hearing aid distribution and cancer care support. Each of these efforts was made possible by the tireless work of our project chairs and volunteers. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your unwavering commitment to these causes.

On the administrative side, we have also seen growth with the induction of 15 new members. Each new member strengthens the fabric of our club and brings new opportunities for service. I encourage everyone to welcome them warmly and support them as they integrate into our activities.

Looking ahead, my goal as Secretary is to ensure we continue operating smoothly while also fostering an environment where new ideas can flourish. I encourage all members to actively participate in our meetings and projects and to share any ideas or suggestions that can help us improve further.

Finally, I want to acknowledge the fantastic team of Rotarians who have worked behind the scenes to make this quarter's achievements possible. From project leads to fellowship organizers, your contributions have been invaluable, and I look forward to what we can accomplish together in the months ahead.

Warm regards,
Rtn. Ramakrishnan Nayak
Secretary,
Rotary Club of Aarch City

**July 24 – Sept 24
(Magic Year Qtr-1)**

**Highlights of the
Quarter**

**Membership
Strength: 67**

**Projects
Completed: 27**

**Total Beneficiaries:
2,061**



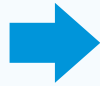
Community Service Impact - Touching Lives, One Project at a Time

As Rotarians, we are constantly reminded that *the best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others*. This quarter, our service projects left an indelible mark on the community, as we worked tirelessly to meet the needs of those less fortunate.



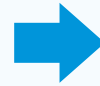
Rotary Whiz Kids Challenge (July 1st)

Young minds are like clay, waiting to be shaped by experiences that foster creativity and leadership. Through the Rotary Whiz Kids Challenge, we aimed to nurture the next generation of leaders. Held at the Government Girls Higher Secondary School in Ashok Nagar, the quiz contest saw enthusiastic participation from Interact students of our sponsored schools—Seva Sadan and Sethu Bhaskara Matriculation. These young leaders didn't just compete; they learned, collaborated, and showed immense promise. *(12 students benefited from this initiative)*



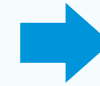
Annadhanam (July 1st)

"Hunger is not a problem. It is an obscurity." Keeping this in mind, we took a small yet significant step to alleviate the hunger of 145 elderly individuals. Through our collaboration with the Danirasa Trust, we provided nutritious meals to residents of three old age homes—Anugraha in Thiruvannamiyur, Home Sweet Home in Nemilichery, and Annai Illam in Veerapuram. Our President, Rtn. Vinoth Sundar, personally funded this heartwarming initiative. The smiles on their faces were worth more than words can describe. *(145 people were fed through this project)*



Menstrual Health & Hygiene Awareness (July 8th)

Menstrual health is often a taboo subject, but it's critical for the well-being of young women. Partnering with Amrutanjan Ltd., we organized an educational seminar at Soka Ikeda College for over 500 students. It was more than just a talk—it was an empowering session where women learned to embrace their health without shame. Gynaecologist Dr. Reshma addressed health concerns, while Amrutanjan distributed essential hygiene products. One participant remarked, "This is the first time I feel like someone truly understands our struggles." *(500 students benefited from this awareness program)*



Tirumala Tirupati Darshan for Special Children (August 5, 2024)

In collaboration with Rotary Club of Chennai Noble Hearts, our club played a key role in organizing a special Tirumala Tirupati darshan for 1,008 differently-abled children from various orphanages. The well-planned event included the use of a special train and TTDC buses to transport the children, ensuring their comfort with equipped washrooms, food packets, and medical assistance. The joy on the children's faces as they had a smooth VVIP darshan was heartwarming. Several Aarch City members, including President Rtn. Vinoth Sundar, Rtn. Sugandhi Kannan, and Rtn. Ramakrishnan Nayak, were present to support the event.



Community Service Impact - Touching Lives, One Project at a Time (Contd.)



Puzhal Prison Youth Awareness & Value-Added Training (August 12, 2024)

In observance of International Youth Day, our club organized a meaningful event at Puzhal Prison. The initiative aimed to provide youth awareness and value-added training to 200 young inmates. The day-long program included sessions by five experienced trainers who covered a range of topics, focusing on skill development, personal growth, and rehabilitation. The event was a significant step toward offering hope and opportunities for these young individuals to reintegrate into society successfully. Kudos to Rtn. Buvana, Director of Community Service Development, for her leadership in making this event a success.



Veera Pengal Auto Ottunar Sangam Inauguration (August 15th)

As we celebrated Independence Day, we also marked the launch of Veera Pengal Auto Ottunar Sangam, the first-ever association for women auto drivers in Tamil Nadu. "Empowering a woman means empowering a family, a community, and ultimately a nation," said our Past President, Rtn. Dr. Buvana Rajeswaran, during her inspiring speech. This initiative aims to offer gainful employment and safety support to these brave women who defy odds to earn a living. *(75 women drivers benefitted from the association's launch)*



Educational Assistance

We have consistently supported education for underprivileged students:

Ms. Priyadarshini received financial aid of Rs.34000/- to pursue her B.Com at Soka Ikeda College.

Gokulakrishna M.U. received ₹38,000 towards his B.Tech education at S.A. Engineering College.

Five more students from Soka Ikeda College received assistance of Rs.94000/- to continue their post-graduation studies.



Hearing Aid Distribution (September 19th)

Sound is one of life's greatest gifts, and on September 19th, we helped restore it to young Vaishnavi, a hearing-impaired individual, by providing her with a life-changing hearing aid. The project, supported by the Arunattu Vellalar Sangam and key Rotarians, reminded us of the profound impact we can have on an individual's quality of life. As Helen Keller once said, "Blindness cuts us off from things, but deafness cuts us off from people." With this initiative, we reconnected Vaishnavi to the world of sound.



Vocational Excellence - Recognizing and Elevating Talent

At Rotary, we believe that excellence is not a singular act but a habit. Through our Vocational Service initiatives, we recognized and celebrated the dedication of teachers and professionals who go above and beyond to enrich the lives of others

Rotary Celebrates Excellence in Education (September 20th)

Our club takes pride in fostering education, and this quarter, we had the honor of recognizing two exceptional teachers from our sponsored schools. At a grand event held at Ethiraj College, the Honourable Education Minister, Shri. Anbil Mahesh, presented the *Rotary Certificate of Excellence* to Mrs. Valareena Ellen Santosh from Sethubhaskara Matriculation School and Mrs. Kalaivani from Sevasadan School. In the presence of our District Governor, Rtn. Mahaveer Bothra, and club members, these teachers were lauded for their commitment to shaping young minds.

(2 teachers were awarded)



Seminar on Finance Bill 2024 & Tax Implications (September 23rd)

We believe financial literacy is a key tool for empowerment. Our member, Rtn. Venkatesvaran Pandiyan, delivered a session at Soka Ikeda College on the intricacies of the Finance Bill 2024. He simplified complex tax regulations and shared his insights on how the bill impacts everyday citizens. As the students absorbed the knowledge, Rtn. Sekar, who attended the seminar despite it being his birthday, gave an inspiring pep talk that resonated with everyone.

(100 students attended the seminar)



Speaker Meet's – Inspiring and Enriching Sessions

Our club hosted several insightful speaker meets this quarter, bringing in experts and thought leaders to share their knowledge, inspire action, and encourage personal and professional growth among our members.

Health is Your Real Wealth (July 19, 2024)

Speaker: **Rtn. Dr. Saritha Damodaran, Clinical and Radiation Oncologist**

In this engaging session, Dr. Saritha Damodaran shared her expertise on the importance of health and wellness, reminding members that true wealth is found in good health. Her talk focused on cancer prevention and the role of early detection, lifestyle changes, and regular screenings in maintaining health. The interactive nature of the session allowed members to ask questions and discuss practical ways to implement healthier habits. Several attendees pledged to support cancer prevention awareness as ambassadors, furthering our club's commitment to community health.

Celebrity Speaker Meet with Badava Gopi (August 16, 2024)

Speaker: **Badava Gopi, Actor, Stand-up Comedian, RJ and Singer**

This unique speaker meet offered a blend of laughter, insight, and inspiration as popular entertainer Badava Gopi captivated the audience with his humor and stories from his career in media and cinema. His performance and talk underscored the importance of joy and positivity in life. Sponsored by Rtn. Zachariah, this event left attendees both entertained and motivated, emphasizing the lighter side of life and reminding us to embrace humor as a way to connect and de-stress.

"Ennai Chutri Siragugal" (September 13, 2024)

Here the speaker was Our own member, **Rtn. A L M Avichi**, who delivered an inspiring session based on his book "*Ennai Chutri Siragugal*". Sharing personal stories of resilience and self-discovery, Rtn. Avichi captivated the audience with insights into overcoming challenges and pursuing dreams. The event was further enriched by Hon. Justice Rajeswaran (Retd.), who offered a thoughtful review, praising the book's powerful messages. This session was a testament to the value of self-reflection and personal growth within our Rotary community, reminding us that supporting each other's passions is also part of our journey together.



Fellowship and Bonding Strengthening Our Aarchcity Family

Fellowship is the glue that holds RC Aarchcity together. It's where we find camaraderie, joy, and often, our greatest ideas. This quarter, our fellowship events were a blend of fitness, fun, and family.

Courtallam Family Tour (July 24-27, 2024)

One of the highlights of this quarter was the much-anticipated family tour to **Courtallam**, a destination known for its scenic beauty and rejuvenating waterfalls. From July 24th to 27th, members of Rotary Club of Aarch City, along with their families, enjoyed a refreshing three-day getaway. The tour was a perfect blend of fellowship and relaxation, allowing members to strengthen bonds while soaking in the serene environment.

The trip was ably organized by Fellowship Chair Rtn. Elango, with special guidance from Hon. Justice Rajeswaran (Retd.), making sure that every detail was taken care of, from accommodations to sightseeing. Members and their families returned with fond memories, revitalized for the months ahead. The event served as a great reminder that Rotary is not just about service—it's also about building strong, enduring relationships.



Our RC-Aarchcity family at
Esakki resorts,
Courtallam & waterfalls



Movie Shows and Family Fellowship Events Indian 2 Tamil Movie Event (July 14, 2024)

As part of our fellowship initiatives, the club organized an exclusive movie screening of *Indian 2* at Ega Theatre, Chennai. The family event brought together over 78 participants, including Rotarians, Anns, Annettes, and friends, making it a fun and interactive experience for all. Such gatherings allow our members to unwind and enjoy quality time with their loved ones, away from the hustle of daily life.



Raayan Movie Event (July 26, 2024)

In a continuation of our fellowship activities, members and their families gathered at Padmam Theatre, Tenkasi, to watch the first-day screening of the Tamil movie *Raayan*. The excitement of watching a new release together added a special flavor to the evening, making it an enjoyable experience for all. These movie nights have become cherished traditions within our club, providing a casual and fun setting to strengthen friendships.



G.O.A.T Movie Screening (September 6, 2024)

Club members and their families enjoyed a special screening of *G.O.A.T*, starring Vijay, at AGS Theatre, Maduravoyal. The event brought together over 100 participants, blending entertainment with fellowship. It was a lively evening of shared excitement, adding another memorable chapter to our club's fellowship activities.



RID 3233 - District Onam Celebrations (September 1, 2024)

Our club enthusiastically participated in the District Onam Celebrations, with 60 members joining the festivities.

Highlights included our club winning 1st prize in the *pookalam* (floral design) competition and members actively participating in group dances, representing Presidents, First Ladies, and Secretaries.

Rtn. Chidambara Vinayagam also won the special Onam lottery, taking home a diamond pendant. It was a vibrant celebration of culture, fellowship, and camaraderie, reflecting our club's spirited involvement in district events.





Fellowship & Bonding

Tirumala Darshan (September 26th)

Faith moves mountains, and sometimes, it moves people to mountains. Our annual visit to Tirumala was a spiritual experience like no other. Thirty-seven members of our club made the journey to seek blessings at the sacred shrine. As always, the trip was marked by fellowship, warmth, and devotion. Special thanks to Rtn. Suganthi Kannan for the seamless arrangements and Rtn. Raajagopal for his meticulous planning.

(37 members participated)



Family Walkathon (August 11th)

On a crisp Sunday morning, 38 members and their families gathered at Annanagar Tower Park for a 5 km Family Walkathon.

It wasn't just about the walk—it was about unity, wellness, and strengthening our bonds. Walking together in matching Rotary t-shirts, participants shared stories, laughed, and embraced the beauty of the early morning.

The event ended with a delightful breakfast, leaving everyone refreshed in body and spirit.

(38 participants joined the walkathon)



Rotaract and Interact Installations

Interact Club Installations (July 31, 2024)

New Interact presidents and teams were installed at Sethubhaskara and Seva Sadan schools. The events, presided by District Interact Chair Rtn. Palani, featured inspiring speeches and a special Bharathanatyam performance, highlighting youth leadership and cultural pride.



Rotaract Club Installation (August 14, 2024)

At Soka Ikeda College, Rotaract Club members Sandhiya and Priyadarshini were installed as President and Secretary, respectively, in the presence of District Rotaract Chair Rtn. Vijayakumar Damodaran and District Rotaract Representative Sanjana Varma. This vibrant event symbolized a promising year of service and collaboration.

Teacher's Day Celebrations

Teachers' Day Celebration (September 5, 2024)

Our club celebrated Teachers' Day at Sethubhaskara Matriculation School, where outstanding teachers were honored for their dedication.

PDG Rtn. A P Kanna presided over the event, delivering an inspiring speech to over 7,000 students, with Interact students leading a lively cultural program.

The celebration emphasized the pivotal role teachers play in shaping the future.





New Member Induction

First Induction (August 30th)

In a memorable ceremony, 10 members were inducted into our club. The event was presided over by PDG Rtn. Nazar, with honorary guests Rtn. Ganapathy Suresh and Rtn. Sethu Kumanan. As each member was welcomed, we were reminded that diversity strengthens our club, and with new members come new ideas and energy

Second Induction (September 19th)

Another five dynamic individuals joined us, this time in the presence of PDG Rtn. Srinivasan Radhakrishnan. The evening was filled with hope, as these new members pledged to serve the community and uphold the values of Rotary.

Glistening Awards Nite (October 6, 2024)

Our club was honoured at the prestigious Glistening Awards Nite on October 6, 2024, receiving six awards for our outstanding performance across various categories. The awards are a testament to the hard work and dedication of our members:

Leading in Sponsoring Children for Tirupati Balaji Darshan – Recognized for our efforts in organizing the special darshan for over 1,000 differently-abled children.

Topper in Contributions to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) – Acknowledged for our significant contributions towards Rotary's global charitable initiatives.

Launching a New Global Grant Project – Celebrated for initiating a new Global Grant project focused on empowering women and education.

Top Club in New Member Addition – Recognized for adding 15 new members to the Rotary family, strengthening our team.

Large Participation in District Onam Celebrations – Applauded for our club's enthusiastic participation in the district Onam festival, with 60 members joining the festivities.

Timely Submission of Online Reports – Honored for maintaining efficient and prompt submission of reports, ensuring smooth administration.









Looking Forward The Journey Continues

As we head into the final quarter of 2024, our vision remains clear. We look forward to continuing our work through initiatives like the upcoming Polio Plus campaign, medical camps, and even more fellowship events that will bring us closer as a Rotary family.

**Stay tuned,
Aarch Citians,
for even greater
heights in
service and
fellowship!**