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*DISTRICT 3232*



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## President's Write up

Dear esteemed members and friends,

I hope this message finds you in good health and spirits, having recently enjoyed a fruitful festival season. As we step into the month of November, we find ourselves approaching the conclusion of another eventful year. I am delighted to share that our club has been actively engaged in a multitude of impactful projects, exemplifying our unwavering commitment to service and community betterment.

One such remarkable initiative, the "One Family One Project," has made a significant difference in the lives of seven individuals who have received the invaluable gift of artificial limbs. Witnessing the transformation and impact of this project has been truly heartening for all of us.

Additionally, our successful execution of the CSR grant project, in collaboration with the esteemed assistance of AKS. Veerramani, has left a lasting imprint on the Ayyapanthangal school. The construction of Compound Walls, Toilets, and a Laboratory has not only enhanced the school's infrastructure but has also contributed significantly to the overall development of the institution. It was an honor to have several of our dedicated Rotarians present during the project handover, demonstrating our collective commitment to sustainable community growth.

Furthermore, I wish to extend my heartfelt appreciation to all the members who actively participated in the insightful speaker meetings and engaging fellowship gatherings. Your continued dedication and enthusiasm are the driving forces behind our shared success and progress.

Looking ahead, there is much more to anticipate as we have exciting plans for an upcoming outstation event, along with an array of captivating speaker meetings and engaging fellowships lined up for the near future. Let us continue to work together in harmony, making a meaningful impact on the lives of those we serve.

Wishing each of you a fulfilling and productive month ahead.



## Editor's Write up

I sincerely hope that each of you had a joyous and vibrant celebration of Dussehra, filled with love, laughter, and cherished moments.

I am pleased to share that our club's activities have continued to flourish, serving as a testament to the unwavering dedication and active participation of our esteemed Rotarians and Annettes. It brings me immense joy to see the positive impact of our collective efforts, which have been thoughtfully highlighted in the recent club bulletin, showcasing the outstanding contributions and accomplishments of our community.

The insightful speaker meetings and enriching fellowship gatherings have undeniably been the cornerstone of our club's success, fostering a sense of camaraderie and shared purpose among our members. It is through these meaningful interactions that we continue to foster a strong sense of unity and collaboration within our RCA family.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to our sponsors and our esteemed club president for their unwavering trust and support, which has been instrumental in ensuring the effective delivery of the club bulletin. Your continued belief in our shared vision is truly inspiring and serves as a driving force behind our collective achievements.

As we approach the festivities of Diwali, I extend my warmest wishes to each one of you. May this festival of lights illuminate your lives with joy, prosperity, and countless blessings.

I encourage all of you to delve into the pages of the bulletin, filled with insightful updates and inspiring stories. Let us take this opportunity to reflect on our collective achievements and to further strengthen the bonds of friendship and collaboration within our RCA family.

Wishing you all a delightful and fulfilling Diwali celebration.

As always, happy reading.



# Rotary International News

## *Summary of President R. Gordon R. McNally's message for the month of November 2023:*

Rotary International is set to launch a new peace center in partnership with Bahçeşehir University (BAU) in Istanbul, focusing on supporting peacebuilding efforts in the Middle East and North Africa. Recruitment for the first cohort of Rotary Peace Fellows at BAU begins in 2024, with the 2024 Rotary International Convention marking the 25th anniversary of the Rotary Peace Centers program. This program has trained over 1,700 peace fellows worldwide, who have made tangible contributions to promoting peace.

Rotary Peace Fellows, like Jennifer Montgomery and Goret Komurembe, demonstrated their remarkable impact through the co-founding of the Magenta Girls Initiative in Uganda, empowering young women to triumph over diverse challenges. Additionally, Ndzi Divine Njamsi from Cameroon, upon finishing the Rotary Positive Peace Activator training program, shared his insights on Positive Peace.

The importance of nurturing peace efforts through the promotion of Rotary's fellowship is underscored, alongside the encouragement for collaboration with graduated peace fellows and support for Rotary's peace centres globally. A notable contribution of \$15.5 million from the Otto and Fran Walter Foundation facilitated the establishment of the program at BAU, further emphasizing the significance of financial backing for Rotary's initiatives.

The new Rotary Peace Center at BAU will provide a one-year professional development certificate in peace and development studies, focusing on peacebuilding in the Middle East and North Africa. President Fordon concludes by highlighting the ongoing commitment required for peacebuilding and the importance of taking steps together in this journey.

Full Article Available on: <https://my.rotary.org/en/news-media/office-president/presidential-message>

## Rotary National News

Jawahar Nichani, the former president of RC Madras South, undertook a flagship project to provide inclusive and quality education to children, including those with special needs, during his tenure. Collaborating with speech pathologist Kalpana Kumar, they identified eight government-aided schools for the project named "Freedom through Education." Several parameters were considered to select the schools, focusing on their management, facilities, and willingness to accommodate special needs children.

Equipping the schools with specialized equipment and services for children with various disabilities. To fund the initiative, they raised approximately ₹85 lakh, largely through donations from various sources. The initiative aimed to integrate special needs children into mainstream education and encompassed hiring special educators, speech pathologists, behavioral therapists, and psychologists. Through this holistic approach, the project aimed to facilitate academic and medical rehabilitation, ensuring the children's overall development. The involvement and support of RC Madras South members were crucial in the success of this unique and impactful initiative.

Full Article : <https://rotarynewsonline.org/helping-special-children-in-inclusive-schools/>

## Rotary District News



Rtn. Gopal Attended Inter district job fair at Kanchipuram



Ann. Mahalakshmi took part in our district's World Heart Day program. She participated in a musical performance with FMLR, joined by the team and FMLR Chairman Cheenu.

## RCA News

Generous donors Rtn. Sathish and Rtn. Pria contributed gaiters for autistic children, which were distributed at Madhuras Trust on October 27th. Rtn. Anitha, Rtn. Karthikeyan, and Annette Thakshan showed their support by attending the event. RCA congratulates Ann. Mahalakshmi for her remarkable efforts and encourages her to continue positively impacting the lives of more children,









# Speaker Meetings



## ROTARY CLUB OF ADYAR



**Rtn. Muthamizh Selvi B.C.A.,**  
Japanese Interpreter & Trainer (Freelancer)

### TOPIC :

**Interact with the first woman from  
Tamil Nadu to climb mount Everest**

**17<sup>th</sup> October 2023, Tuesday 6.30 PM**  
**Hotel Savera, Mylapore, Chennai.**

**Rtn. VENKATARAGHAVA  
ANNAPRAGADA**  
President

**RTN. DR. M. KUMARAVEL**  
Secretary

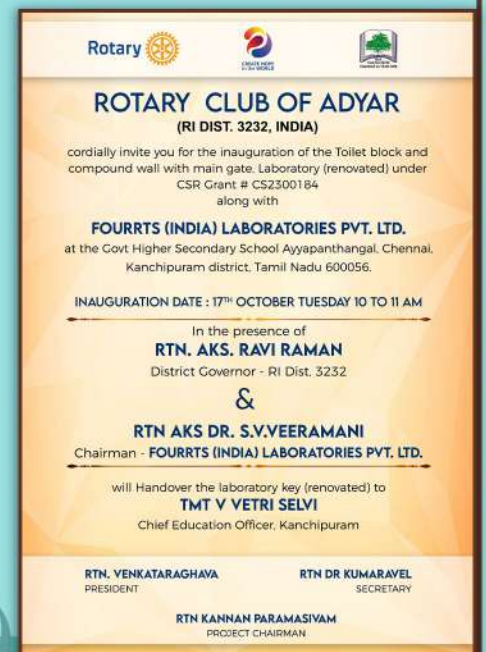
**RTN. KANNAN PARAMASIVAM**  
Director - Club Services

# Inauguration at Ayyapanthangal School




The splendid inauguration of the newly constructed toilet block, refurbished laboratory, and the addition of compound walls with a main gate and lighting at the Government Higher Secondary School in Ayyapanthangal was held on 17th October. This project was made possible through the CSR grant from Fourrts (India) Labs Pvt. Ltd, facilitated by Rtn. AKS. Dr. S. V. Veeramani. The esteemed presence of our district governor, Rtn. AKS. Ravi Raman, alongside several dedicated Rotarians, added a special touch to the event. We extend our gratitude to the project chairman, Rtn. Kannan Paramasivam, for his unwavering dedication and consistent follow-ups that ensured the successful and timely completion of the project.

*Below is a brief summary of the project events, as recounted by the project chairman, Rtn. Kannan Paramasivam.*

- In September 2022, Rtn. Dr. Ragavan's request for support for a school initiated the project, emphasizing the value of community engagement.
- After consultations with IPP Dr. Nishant and a subsequent site visit, the ground work for the project began, showcasing collaboration and communication.
- In December 2022, the matter was brought up in the board meeting, resulting in the unanimous decision to prioritize the construction of the toilet unit, amounting to approximately 4 lakh rupees. Of this amount, 1.70 lakh rupees were allocated from the district grant, with Rtn Senthil generously pledging a minimum of 1 lakh rupees towards the project. We express our sincere gratitude to Rtn Senthil for his kind generosity and unwavering support.
- In March '23, during the toilet project, Rtn Veeramani Sir expressed interest in the school's status and needs after viewing a News 7 channel video. This led to the initiation of a Rs. 20 lakh CSR project, requiring a revision and reworking of the existing plan to meet the financial year-end deadline.
- This proposal was supported by consistent site visits from Rtn Jayaraman, showcasing immeasurable support.
- Rtn Thiyagarajan managed the Rotary International paperwork, exhibiting dedicated support.
- President Rtn Venkat Raghava and Secretary Rtn Kumaravel provided crucial support and autonomy, demonstrating trust and empowerment.
- Mr. Tamilarasan, the contractor, played a pivotal role in executing various construction tasks for the school, demonstrating dedication and excellence.



The certificate features logos for Rotary, Fourrts (India) Laboratories Pvt. Ltd., and the Government of Tamil Nadu. It is issued by the Rotary Club of Adyar (RI Dist. 3232, India) and Fourrts (India) Laboratories Pvt. Ltd. The event is held in the presence of Rtn. AKS. Ravi Raman, District Governor, and Rtn. AKS. Dr. S.V. Veeramani, Project Chairman. The certificate is signed by Rtn. Venkat Raghava, President, and Rtn. Dr. Kumaravel, Secretary, on behalf of the project chairman, Rtn. Kannan Paramasivam.

Rotary   

**ROTARY CLUB OF ADYAR**  
(RI DIST. 3232, INDIA)

cordially invite you for the inauguration of the Toilet block and compound wall with main gate. Laboratory (renovated) under CSR Grant # CS2300184 along with

**FOURRTS (INDIA) LABORATORIES PVT. LTD.**  
at the Govt Higher Secondary School Ayyapanthangal, Chennai, Kanchipuram district, Tamil Nadu 600056.

**INAUGURATION DATE : 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER TUESDAY 10 TO 11 AM**

In the presence of  
**RTN. AKS. RAVI RAMAN**  
District Governor - RI Dist. 3232

**&**

**RTN AKS DR. S.V.VEERAMANI**  
Chairman - **FOURRTS (INDIA) LABORATORIES PVT. LTD.**

Will Handover the laboratory key (renovated) to  
**TMT V VETRI SELVI**  
Chief Education Officer, Kanchipuram

**RTN. VENKATARAGHAVA** **RTN DR KUMARAVEL**  
PRESIDENT SECRETARY

**RTN KANNAN PARAMASIVAM**  
PROJECT CHAIRMAN





# Fellowship

The RCA Diwali Dhamaka fellowship, held on 29th October at the Alumni Club, was a vibrant celebration. Rtn. Gopalakrishnan and Ann. Muthulakshmi, Rtn. Suresh and Ann. Meera Suresh, Rtn. Dr. Ragavan and Ann. Dr. Meera Ragavan, Rtn. Subash and Ann. Valarmathi, Rtn. Sivakumar and Ann. Latha, Rtn. Sundarrajan and Ann. Vidya, and Rtn. Sethuraman and Ann. Karthika served as the seven gracious hosts of the event. The fellowship attracted a turnout of 73 members, contributing to its resounding success.

The festivities included two engaging games, a Diwali-themed quiz, and an exhilarating round of dumb charades. The quiz involved two spirited teams, "The Rockets" and "Saravedi." Saravedi claimed victory in the initial round, while both teams were triumphant in the final round, resulting in a tie and both sets of participants being awarded prizes.

The atmosphere became livelier with the enactment of 5 classic Tamil movies during the dumb charades, which kept the attendees thoroughly entertained and engaged. Ann. Mahalakshmi and Rtn. Pria graced the occasion with a beautiful rendition of the popular song "Naan sirithaal Deepavali".

The celebration continued with a delectable dinner spread, enhancing the camaraderie and warmth of the evening. The joyous occasion was further enriched by the commemoration of birthdays, adding an extra touch of merriment to the already festive gathering.



Rotary District 3232

CREATE HOPE in the WORLD

## RCA DIWALI DHAMAKA

Lets celebrate the joy and splendor of Diwali in grand style!

We are thrilled to invite you to our "Diwali Dhamaka Fellowship"

At Alumni Club | 29<sup>th</sup> October from 6.30pm

Dress code: Bright and colourful wear

**Your Hosts**

Rtn. Gopalakrishnan & Muthulakshmi | Rtn. Suresh & Meera  
Rtn. Dr. Raghavan & Dr. Meera | Rtn. Subash & Valarmathi  
Rtn. Sivakumar & Latha | Rtn. Sundarrajan & Vidya  
Rtn. Sethuraman & Karthika













## Annette's Corner



*Abstract Art by Annette. Chathura D/O Rtn. Karthikeyan*

### Sentience of a nightingale: A write up by Annette. K.M. Sharvalakshana D/O Rtn. Karthikeyan:

*On the aerial dunes of an isolated Archipelago,  
echoed a mild dulcet shrill.*

*It seemed to be of a nightingale, whose pipe was beseeching for liberty.*

*The pipe eventually advanced to a robust note.*

*Its heart throbbed to break free the cordons which encompassed it.*

*Every minute there was a minuscule change in the sound it made.*

*Every jiffy felt as if.*

*Its barriers closed it,*

*trying to engulf and devour it.*

*It was a nightmare; it wouldn't stop until its brain froze.*

Perhaps, despite all the obstacles it would recuperate with more perseverance the next time and fight back, until one day when it spreads its wings with confidence and flies into the immensity with Rapture, Power, and Ease.

## Annette's Performances During Navaratri



Annette Naveen's performance added a lot of charm to the Rotary Navaratri festival.

[https://youtu.be/\\_1AE0ki6Mro?si=ZorFUUnv0E3ukNAv7](https://youtu.be/_1AE0ki6Mro?si=ZorFUUnv0E3ukNAv7): It was an enchanting experience to witness Annette. Sai Dharsheta's dance performance during Navratri!

# *RCA Members' Colorful Golu*







HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## Birthday Celebrations

02-Nov	Annette.Sumana Suresh	D/O Rtn.M Suresh
05-Nov	Annette.Priyadarshini	D/O Rtn.Boopalan C
09-Nov	Annette.Sashritha	D/O Rtn.M E Boopathiraja
09-Nov	Ann.Vidhya Sundarraajan	W/O Rtn. Sundarrajan N
11-Nov	Ann.S.Thamizhselvi	W/O RTN.S Sanjeevirajan
13-Nov	Rtn. Dr. Nagalekshmi	
14-Nov	Annette. Karpagavalli	D/O Rtn. Kannan P
16-Nov	Annette.Amirthavarshini Ragavan	D/O Rtn.Dr N Ragavan
18-Nov	Ann.Sripriya Rajan	W/O Rtn.PHF.Vittal Rajan R
19-Nov	Rtn. Ranjith	
25-Nov	Annette.S Purani	D/O RTN.S Sanjeevirajan
25-Nov	Rtn. M. Karthikeyan	
26-Nov	Ann.Radha	W/O Rtn. Ramesh R
27-Nov	Ann.Prabha Narasimha	W/O Rtn.PHF.K. Narasimha Iyengar
29-Nov	Ann. RadhaVeerramani	W/O RTN.PHF.S V Veerramani



## Wedding Anniversaries

13-Nov	Rtn. PHF Subash N P & Ann.Valarmathy S
15-Nov	Rtn. M. Saravanan & Ann. R.K. Mahalakshmi
22-Nov	Rtn. PHF Dr. Prem Alex Lawrence & Ann.Amali Prem





# Board Meeting

Rotary  
RI DIST 3232



## ROTARY CLUB OF ADYAR



Join the October  
Board meeting

Date : 20th October 2023 (Friday)

Time : 6.45 PM

Venue : The Cosmopolitan Club  
Chennai.

Host: Rtn.Venkatraghava annapragada  
Rtn.Jayaraman

Rtn Venkatraghava  
Annapragada  
President

Rtn.Dr.Kumaravel  
Secretary

Rtn. Kannan Paramasivam  
Club Service

# Meetings Held in the Month of October



Sr. No.	Meeting Type	Date	Title
1	Regular	3rd Oct	Classification Talks
2	Regular	12th Oct	Sishya School Interact Club Installation
3	Regular	17th Oct	Speaker Meeting
4	BOD	20th Oct	Board Meeting
5	Fellowship	29th Oct	Fellowship

# Agenda for the Month of November

Speaker meeting	07-11-2023
Speaker meeting	21-11-2023
Board meeting	17-11-2023
Fellowship	25-11-2023
Out station fellowship	02 to 05-11-2023



# Service Projects



Sr. No.	Date	Title	Area of Focus	Category	Subcategory	Cost	Direct Beneficiaries	Man Hours	Rotarians Involved
1	6th Oct	One Family One Project	Disease Prevention and Treatment	Artificial Limbs	Legs	10000	2	2	1
2	13th Oct	One Family One Project	Disease Prevention and Treatment	Artificial Limbs	Legs	10000	2	2	1
3	14th Oct	One Family One Project	Disease Prevention and Treatment	Artificial Limbs	Legs	5000	1	1	1
4	17th Oct	Community Service Development CSR Grant Project	Community Economic Development	Others (Constructing Compound Walls, Toilets and Laboratory)		2000000	950	700	9
5	26th Oct	One Family One Project	Disease Prevention and Treatment	Artificial Limbs	Legs	10000	2	4	1

# Asian Games 2022

The 2022 Asian Games, officially known as the 19th Asian Games, took place in Hangzhou, China, from 23rd September to 8th October 2023. Originally scheduled for September 2022, the event was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic and later rescheduled for 2023. Hangzhou became the third Chinese city to host the Asian Games, following Beijing in 1990 and Guangzhou in 2010. The Games celebrated the 110th anniversary since the inception of the first continental event, the 1913 Far Eastern Championship Games.

The emblem, "Surging Tides" (Chinese: 潮涌; pinyin: Cháoyǒng), representing a traditional hand fan from Zhejiang, a running track, the Qiantang River tidal bore, and radio waves, was unveiled in 2018. It aimed to reflect the growth of socialism with Chinese characteristics and the unity of the OCA. The Games' mascots, Congcong, Lianlian, and Chenchen, collectively known as "Memories of Jiangnan," were introduced in 2020. Each mascot represented a different aspect of Hangzhou's cultural heritage and technological advancement.

The official motto, "Heart to Heart, @Future," symbolized the connectivity among the participating Asian countries. The Asian Games in Hangzhou were a celebration of cultural heritage, technological advancement, and the spirit of unity among the participating nations.

## India at the Asian Games 2022

India participated in the 2022 Asian Games, initially scheduled for September 2022 but postponed to September-October 2023 due to the COVID-19 situation in China. The country achieved its best-ever medal tally, surpassing the previous record of 70 medals from the 2018 Asian Games. With a historic milestone, India crossed the 100-medal mark, joining China, Japan, and South Korea as the fourth nation to do so.

In various disciplines, India showcased exceptional performances, excelling in Archery, Kabaddi, Cricket, and Field Hockey, and securing the second-best position in Athletics, Shooting, and Squash. Notably, India clinched its first-ever gold in badminton, marking a significant triumph in the sport. Additionally, Indian athletes set multiple world records in the field of shooting, underscoring the country's growing prowess in the sport.

Furthermore, the Men's field hockey team's gold medal win secured India's automatic qualification for the 2024 Summer Olympics, adding another milestone to the nation's sporting achievements.

# Medal Tally of India

Sport	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Shooting	7	9	6	22
Athletics	6	14	9	29
Archery	5	2	2	9
Squash	2	1	2	5
Cricket	2	0	0	2
Kabaddi	2	0	0	2
Badminton	1	1	1	3
Tennis	1	1	0	2
Equestrian	1	0	1	2
Field Hockey	1	0	1	2
Rowing	0	2	3	5
Chess	0	2	0	2
Wrestling	0	1	5	6
Boxing	0	1	4	5
Sailing	0	1	2	3
Bridge	0	1	0	1
Golf	0	1	0	1
Wushu	0	1	0	1
Roller sports	0	0	2	2
Canoeing	0	0	1	1
Sepak takraw	0	0	1	1
Table tennis	0	0	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>107</b>

