

### Installation ceremony of President and Office Bearers for the year 2020-21 on 23<sup>rd</sup> July



The installation ceremony of the 32<sup>nd</sup> President and his team of office bearers took place online via Zoom; in keeping with the need for social distancing in these trying times. **Rtn. T. S. Giridharan** took charge as the **President** of RC Madras Esplanade for 2020-21.

The action packed; well-coordinated event was conducted in style by Rtn. K L Jain. The evening's **Chief Guest DGE J. Sridhar** presided over the event in the presence of invited dignitaries, fellow Rotarians, family and friends who had joined the call from their homes in India and abroad. The evening started with the traditional lighting of the lamp followed by a melodious invoking of blessings song by **Ann. Jothi Udaya Shankar**.

**DG Rtn. Muthupalaniappan** and his wife **Ann Kamala** very graciously attended the installation for a short while to wish the incoming T20 team despite their tight schedule for the evening.

Outgoing President Rtn. Lakshmanan presented the club's achievements for the year 2019-20 followed by the Secretary's report presented by Rtn. Ashok Mehta. Rtn. Lakshmanan revealed with pride the five awards given to the club and the individual award given to him for his role as District Officer (Admin).

The baton was passed on to the incoming President Rtn. T S Giridharan through the collaring done by **PP Rtn. D. Sugantharaj. Rtn. Dr. Anuradha Mahender** introduced the incoming President.



**President Rtn T. S. Giridharan** in his acceptance speech, unveiled his plans for the club for what promises to be an interesting and eventful year. He also dedicated a sum of Rupees Five Lakhs on behalf of the club towards the construction of a playground for Siragu Montessori School of Suyam Charitable Trust which educates children of beggars and the under privileged. Siragu, is also an Interact School and has been actively nurtured by the President and club members. The students have been at the forefront of all relevant and eligible activities conducted by Rotary Esplanade in Chennai.

The President introduced his T20 team of Directors and **Secretary Rtn. Ashok Mehta** continues his innings in the role for this year. We wish the President, his team, and the club members a very successful year where no one could have foreseen the devastating impact of Covid-19. But Rotary under the able leadership of **DG Rtn. Muthupalaniappan** has risen to the challenge and is forging ahead with innovative activities and events and RC Madras Esplanade has been quick to adopt and implement these methods.

**AG Rtn. Venkataraman** set the expectations and the way forward before introducing the Chief Guest for the evening **DGE Rtn. J. Sridhar**. Rtn. Sridhar is well known in the club and has been an honoured guest at past events. In his address, he spoke about the past glories of the club and its history. He highlighted the need to adapt quickly to the changing environment to benefit the Rotary Foundation and stated that Rotarians in India have done this.



Rtn. Sridhar emphasized that Rotary will be more effective and more efficient by the recent measures taken by it in the current challenging environment. This will open many more opportunities to serve the needy. He stated that we should use this opportunity to increase our impact and reach. The current environment makes Rotary a very attractive proposition to new members who are service oriented. Member engagement and attraction of younger members including women should be focused on. He called upon the Rotarians to contribute generously to the Rotary Foundation and re-iterated our commitment to Polio eradication and stated that Rotary will play a key role for Covid 19 eradication when the vaccine is ready. A

powerful and engaging address by DGE Rtn. Sridhar.

**Dist. Councillor PGD Rtn. ISAK Nazar** felicitated President Rtn Giridharan and wished him, the Board of Directors, and the club a very successful T20 year. He stated that based on the initial activities and plans presented by the President that Power Play has already started, and RC Madras Esplanade is in for a great time. He particularly was appreciative of the “Each one, Get One” Mantra proposed by the President. He commended the performance of the club in 2019-20 under the leadership of Rtn.Lakshmanan. Rtn. Nazar highlighted the past presidents who have nurtured the club over the past years and hoped that the T20 team will continue the same.



**Induction of Rtn. Senthil Kumar on 23<sup>rd</sup> July**



On the day of the installation, the club also welcomed new member Senthil Kumar and his wife Dr. Lalitha. The induction of Rtn. Senthil Kumar was done by **Dist. Membership Chair Rtn. Raghavendra Rao** who welcomed him to the Rotary family.

Senthil’s late father was an active Rotarian and was a Paul Harris Fellow and now he continues the family’s service to humanity. Senthil is a BTech, MBA and runs his own business in Vocational Services after a successful career with Barry-Wehmler International (BWI), a consulting organization to manufacturing companies globally. His wife Dr. Lalitha is an Ophthalmologist and their son Aditya has completed his graduation from BITS Goa and currently working.

**In fond remembrance of Charter Member and PP Rtn. K. J. Chandran**



In memory of her husband, Charter Member and PP K J Chandran, his spouse **Rtn. Padma Chandran** on his birthday 21<sup>st</sup> July, instituted the **K J Chandran Scholarship** for a deserving student of Shree Krishnaswamy College for Women through our Rotaract Club. Rtn KL Jain presented the scholarship cheque to the mother of the student.



On the same day, Rtn. Padma Chandran also donated a laptop to Ms. Pretuscha, final year CA student, daughter of Sundari, who is her cook for the last 13 years.

Thank you Rtn. Padma for your thoughtfulness and generosity which you have continued to display over the many years. A true Rotarian at heart and in her deeds!

## RC Madras Esplanade gets 5 awards for the year 2019-20



Under the stewardship of **IPP V R Lakshmanan**, RC Madras Esplanade won recognition for the following:

### *Special Project Recognition Award*

*Crocodile adoption at Madras Crocodile Bank – An initiative by PP Rtn. Dr. B Mahender who adopted 2 crocodiles.*

### *Unique Project Recognition Award*

*Inter District Medical Camp organised at Kodaikanal, TN*

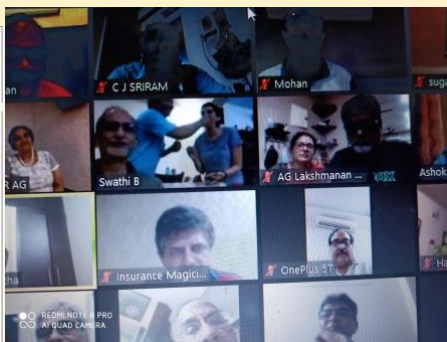
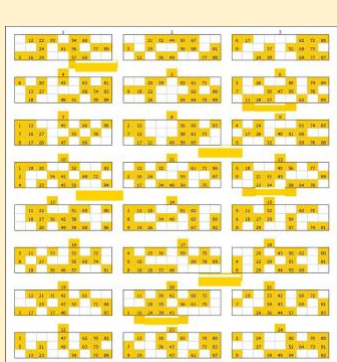
*Paediatric Cardiac Screening and Surgery Camp at Tiruttani.*

*Special Recognition Awards: COVID-19 activities and Global grant participation along with lead club RC Guindy.*

Rtn. Lakshmanan was also recognised as the **Best District Team Officer in the Admin Team**. Many Congratulations to Rtn. Lakshmanan and RC Madras Esplanade for the awards and recognitions.

## Activities for the T20 year started with a Family Event on 1st July

In the Covid 19 isolations where club members had not met for more than 4 months, it was decided that the first activity for the year 1920-21 should be a family participation event to reconnect and have fun. **An Online Tambola** was organized **via Zoom** with nearly a full house of participants. Club Service Director, **Rtn. Nirmal Kumar** coordinated the event and ensured maximum participation and collection of ticket amounts. His drive, meticulous planning and enthusiasm ensured that the event was a huge success.



The Tambola ticket distribution and game were conducted by our Fellowship Director **Rtn. Narendar Marlecha** in his inimitable style which always energises the participants. His Tambola games of which there are many versions is an evergreen hit with the Esplanaders and very few would miss it.

**Rtn. K L Jain** celebrated his Birthday online and had the cake cutting ceremony at Rtn. Dr. Manjunatha's residence.

Kudos to the President Rtn. T S Giridharan and his team for kick starting the year on a high note.

## Club Board Meeting and General Assembly - 8th July



The club board met for the first meeting on 8th July via Zoom. It was a meeting where many interesting initiatives were discussed, and key decisions made.

The board members decided that each of the board members introduce one new member under a scheme titled **“Each One Get One”**.

Regarding RYLA, online option was considered but it was decided that interactive version is far better, and we will wait and hope that the situation improves.

The President invited **Rtn. A. Sekar**, Director-Vocational Services to suggest probable projects that can be executed even during the pandemic. The same will be converted to an appropriate club action plan.

**Rtn. Dr. Manjunatha Rao**, Director- Community Service Health and Chairman Polio Plus also briefed the board about initiatives in his areas of responsibility. The same will also be converted to an appropriate club action plan in short time

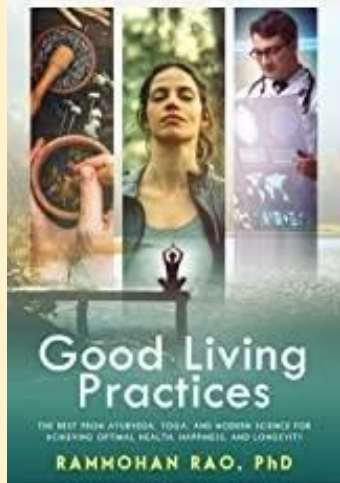
**Rtn. Dr. Anuradha**, Chairman Membership, suggested that online awareness camps be held for Rotaract and Interact Clubs.

**Rtn. Nirmal Kumar**, Director - Club Services spelt out his ideas for family programs. He stated that all family entertainment programs will be held on Zoom with fun, entertainment, games, and prizes. He had also planned a day-night picnic depending on the improvement in the current situation.

**Rtn. Shanmugasundaram**, Director – International, informed the members that he has planned a tour to Coorg once normalcy returns. He also suggested that we connect with sister clubs on zoom and announced his plan to add two sister clubs during the year.

**Rtn K L Jain**, Director Youth Services said that there are three scholarship requests to the trust. He will present specific proposal shortly. He also said he was not sure about school awards this year. He will update on plan for Rotaract installations which will be completed in July and August.

### International Speaker Meet on 15<sup>th</sup> July



#### Guest Speaker, Dr. Rammohan Rao from California, USA.

Around 25 Rotarians and another 25 of our friends and relatives logged in to listen to Dr. Rammohan Rao, author of the best-selling book: ‘Good Living Practices’.

Dr. Rao spoke to us from his residence in California, USA making it an unprecedented first international speaker meet. He gave us simple practical tips on how to manage and protect our health in these challenging times. Many of the practices shared by him are known to us but in the daily bustle of living a fast-paced life they have been ignored. Dr. Rao brought back the focus on these practices which he advocates and follows himself.

The members found the session very informative and practices shared were very simple to follow for leading a healthy life and thanked the President T S Giridharan for organising the session.



### Annet Council Members



A proud Moment for the Club was when Annet's **S J Varshaa** (left) and **S Manasvini Devi** (right) were selected to District Annet's Council and the installation ceremony was held via Zoom on 25<sup>th</sup> July.

Varsha daughter of Rtn. Sekar and Ann Jayanthi is pursuing her Bachelors at Carnegie Mellon, USA and currently in India on a break.

Manasvini daughter of Rtn. Shanmugasundaram and Ann Anand Lakshmi is an architect.



## Rotaract Club Installation – Shree Chandraprabhu Jain College on 20th July

The 13<sup>th</sup> Installation ceremony of Shree Chandraprabhu Jain College held on 20<sup>th</sup> July was a well-attended event on Zoom. **Rtr. Gayathri** took over as the **President** of the club from Rtr. Muthurajan. **Rtr. Manoj Kumar** took over as Club **Secretary** from Rtr. Sri Dinesh.

The Chief Guest for the event was President Rtn. T S Giridharan. IPP Rtn. Lakshmanan and Rtn. K L Jain were the guests of honour. Congratulations to the team for a well organised and executed function. The speakers were inspiring, and we wish Rtr. Gayathri and the team a very successful year.

**AGENDA**  
**CORONATION**  
**13TH INSTALLATION**  
**CEREMONY**

Collaring the Outgoing President By Sergent-at-arms  
2.00PM

Rotaract Song  
2.02PM

Welcome Address By outgoing President  
2.06PM

Secretary Reports/ Presentation by Outgoing Secretary  
2.13PM

Farewell address & Introduction of new President By the outgoing President.  
2.14PM

Transfer Club Assets & Acceptance Speech by the new President  
2.16PM

Address by Group 11 GRR Rtr. IPP. Meera  
2.35PM

Address by Group Co-ordinator Rtr. PP. Dinesh Kumar  
2.45PM

Address by Special Invites Rtr. PP. Kamuvél  
2.55PM

Address by Special Invites Rtr. PP. Anbarasu  
3.05PM

Address by Guest of Honor Rtn. KL Jain  
3.25PM

Address by Guest of Honor Rtn. Lakshmanan Veerappan  
3.30PM

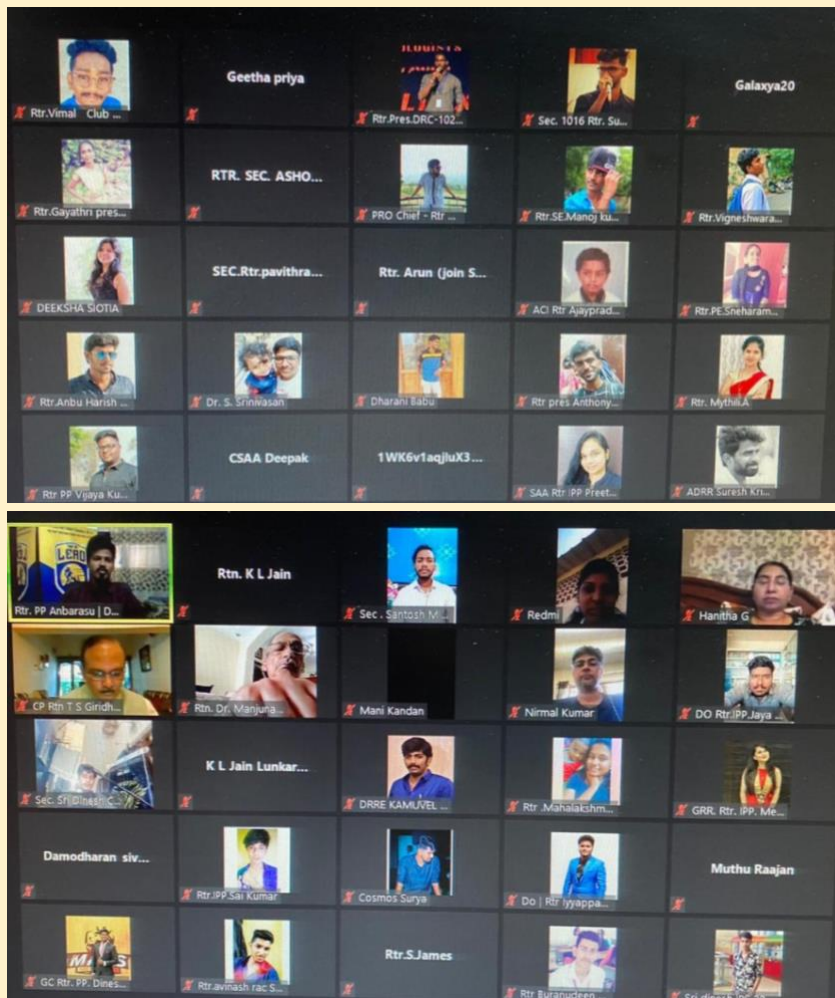
Address by Chief Guest Rtn. Giridharan TS  
3.40PM

Vote of Thanks By the New Secretary  
3.55PM

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## Joint Speaker Meeting on 30th July to commemorate International Friendship Day.

RC Madras Esplanade was one of the participating clubs in this joint initiative by **RC Nagercoil Blossoms**. Clubs from 8 districts participated in the event which was inaugurated by **Rtn. AKS PNB Murugadoss, Dist. Governor RID 3212**. The keynote address was delivered by **Shri A. Kaliyamurthy, Former Superintendent of Police, Tiruchirappalli District**. The keynote address by Shri A Kaliyamurthy was very apt for the occasion and the messages he shared with apt examples from his rich experience gave valuable learnings to the attendees.

**International Day of FRIENDSHIP**  
An Initiative of  
**ROTARY CLUB OF NAGERCOIL BLOSSOMS**

Friendship Day is a day in several countries for celebrating friendship. It was first proposed in 1958 in Paraguay as the "International Friendship Day"



**Images from the Installation Ceremony on the ZOOM platform**



DG Muthupalaniappan addressing the gathering



Dist. Secretary R. Ramesh wishing the President and team



AG Ravi Venkatraman welcoming the Chief Guest



Dist. Membership Chair Raghavendra Rao inducted new .... member



President Rtn. T S Giridharan – Acceptance Speech



Secretary Ashok Mehta displaying the charter



Rtn. K L Jain – Master of Ceremonies



Ann. Jothi Udayashankar rendered the invocation song







zoom

Rtn. K L Jain PP RC ...

Padmachandran

shanmuga sundar a...

Murali Rao

AG Lakshmanan RC...

Sekar Adikesavan

AG Dr, Mahender

uday shankar

Rtn. Dr. Manjunatha...

Kamlesh Bhatt

Swathi

zoom

PRAKASH BHANDA...

Ashok Mehta

Nirmal

Narendar Marlecha

Mohan

Aklesh Kothari

IPad

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CP Chandrasekar C...

AKS Ravi Rama...

Rtn CP T S GIRL...

Rtn. K L Jain PP...

Padmachandra...

shanmuga sund...

DGE J Sridhar

Murali Rao

AG Lakshmana...

Sekar Adikesa...

AG Dr, Mahend...

uday shankar

Rtn. Dr. Manjun...

Ashok Mehta

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CP Rtn. Venkat...

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**Lighting the lamp**



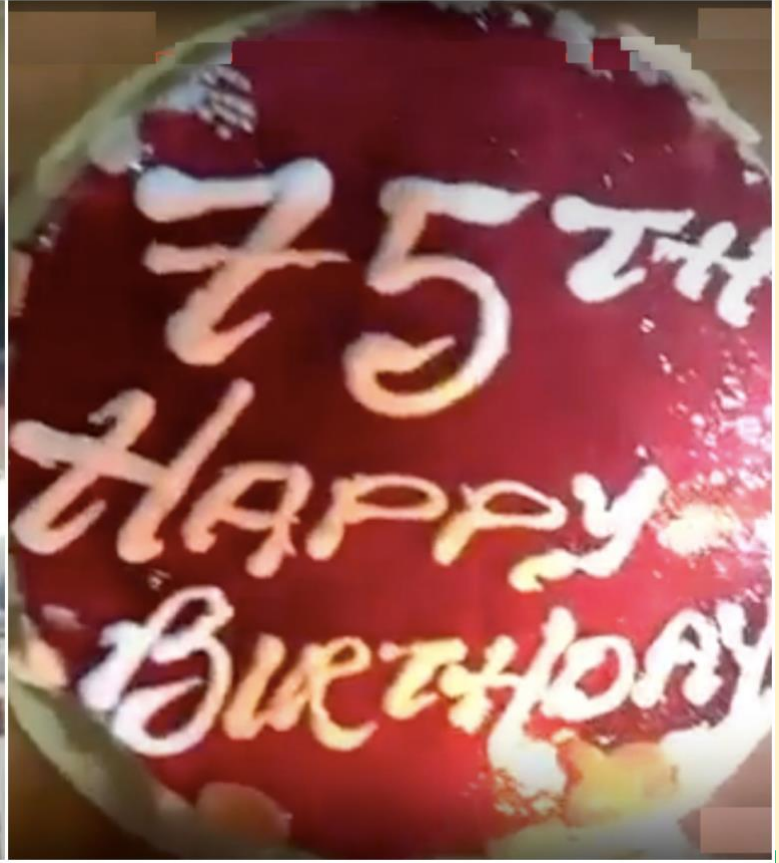
**President Rtn. TS Giridharan & Ann Hanitha**



## July Birthdays of the RC Madras Esplanade Family

### Birthday Celebration of PP Rtn. Inbarajan

Dear Inbarajan sir, who makes it a point to personally call and wish every Esplanader on their birthday, celebrated his 75<sup>th</sup> milestone birthday on 23<sup>rd</sup> July. He cut a cake in the virtual presence of all present at the installation ceremony and lovingly fed the first piece to his wife Ann Vatsala. Wishing him a long, happy, and healthy life.



01-Jul	Rtn K L Jain		
08-Jul	Annet Nishad Davey	Son of	Rtn Atul Kumar Davey Ann Kshiti
10-Jul	Annet Ruhi	Daughter of	Rtn Sunny Arora Ann Shivani Arora
15-Jul	Ann Chitra Sriram		
20-Jul	Annet Dharika	Daughter of	Rtn D Gnanavelu Ann G Sheela
21-Jul	Rtn T S Giridharan		
21-Jul	Rtn R Jayaprakash		
23-Jul	Rtn Inbarajan		
26-Jul	Rtn Beena Marlecha		
26-Jul	Ann Thilagavathy	Spouse of	Rtn R Jayaprakash
27-Jul	Annet Maanasvi	Daughter of	Rtn Murali Rao Ann Padmini
31-Jul	Rtn Prakash Bhandari		



It was a clarion call for help for the Great Nile Crocodile's survival at the Madras Crocodile Bank, which prompted **Rtn. Dr.B. Mahender** to adopt the Morelet's enclosure at the park. This enclosure is home to his adopted crocs named Chomp (male) and Chewy (female).

The club was bestowed with the special Project Recognition Award for this unique initiative.

The Nile Crocodiles are freshwater animals but can also live in salt water and originated in Africa. They are extremely dangerous. They are large, fearless animals with very strong bites, and they can take down everything from a jackrabbit to a full-sized hippopotamus. And are man eaters!

Nile crocodiles are thought to live between 70 – 100 years. Adult male Nile crocodiles measure between 11.5 – 16.4 feet from snout to tail; females are a bit smaller, usually clocking in around 7.3 – 12.6 feet. Their weights can range from 230 – 750 kilograms.

### A bounty of Mangoes and Jackfruit



Over the last three summers, the children of Siragu Montessori School of Suyam Trust have been the lucky recipients of the yummy mangoes and jackfruits at President Rtn. T S Giridharan and Ann Hanitha's residence at Ekkaduthangal, Chennai.

The usual practice used to be the fruits being dropped off at the school. But this year due to Covid1-19 and lack of any daily help at home, the fruits were harvested from the trees, by the boys from the school for their school mates. It was brave and resourceful of them to do so under the supervision of their teacher and surprisingly they were skilled at it. At the end of the day, the President was a happy man to have shared the fruits with the children.

***"Love and kindness are never wasted. They always make a difference. They bless the one who receives them, and they bless you, the giver." – Barbara De Angelis***

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