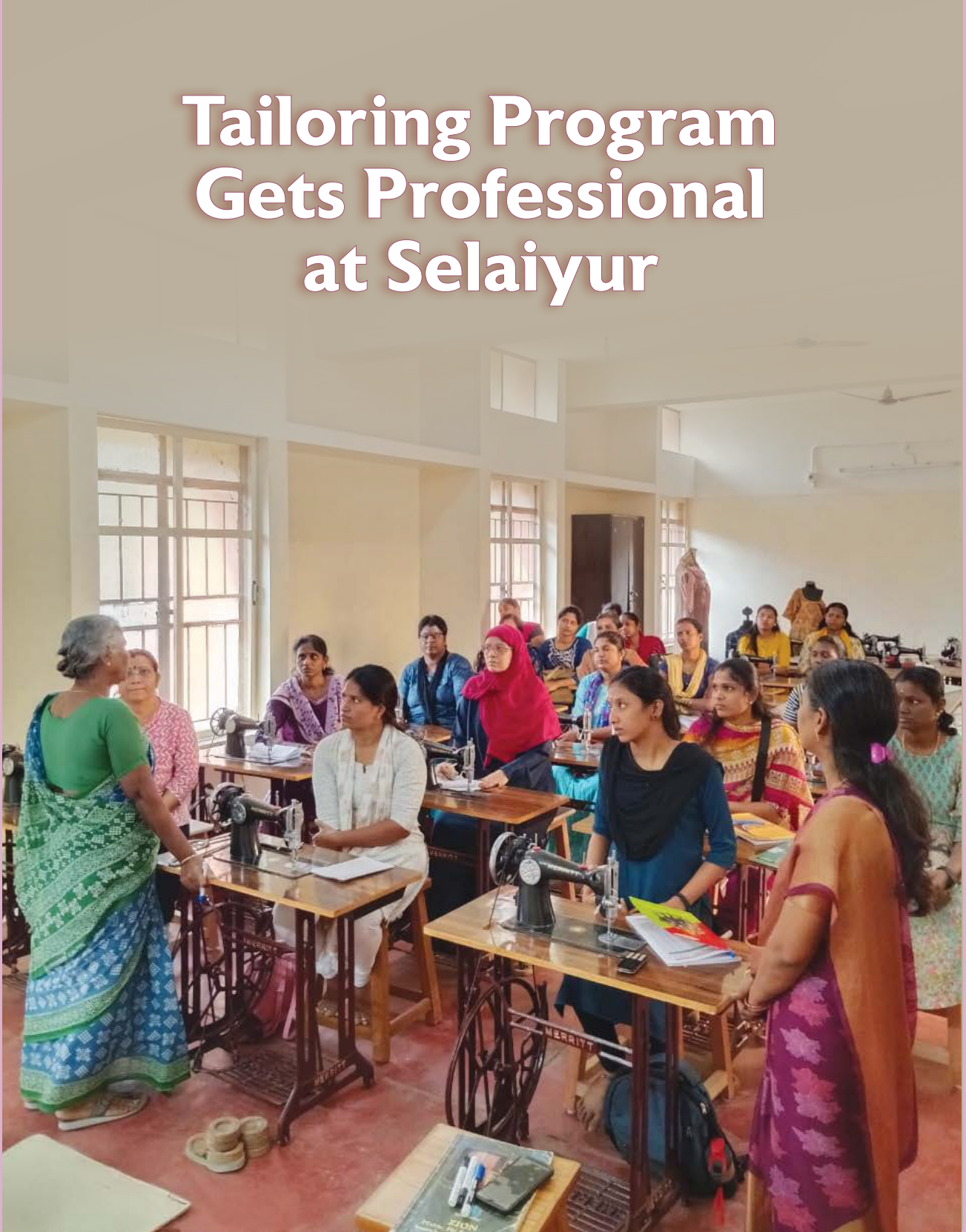


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## Tailoring Program Gets Professional at Selaiyur



Dear RCMers,  
Standardization in textiles sector is crucial for enhancing product quality, increasing market competitiveness and improving consumer trust.

The commencement of the tailoring course at Selaiyur, adhering to Apparel Council(Skill India) standards, is a step in this direction - our cover story this week.



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Rotary Club of Madras  
32<sup>nd</sup> Weekly Meeting  
Speaker : **Rtn. PP. S. N. Srikanth**  
Topic : **Behavioural Change - the key to Impact**  
Tuesday, 18th February 2025 | 1.30 pm  
Lunch : 12:30 - 1:30 pm  
at Hyatt Regency, Chennai.  
*Please note that spouses are cordially invited for this meeting*

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Rotary Club of Madras (RCM)  
**Minutes of the 31st Weekly Meeting held on 11-02-2025**  
 at Hyatt Regency, Teynampet, Chennai

**Call to Order**

The meeting commenced at 01:30 PM. Sergeant at Arms, Rtn. Jayant Hemdev collared President Rtn. G. Chella Krishna, who then called the 31st weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Madras to order and requested all members to rise for a silent invocation.

**Confirmation of Minutes:**

The President sought confirmation for the 30th weekly meeting minutes, which was passed and adopted by the members by the way of acclamation.

**Welcome Address:**

President Rtn. Chella Krishna G. extended a warm welcome to the distinguished guests of honour, Olympian Sharath Kamal and Ms. Tripti Chordia.

Visiting Rotarians, Probus Club members and guests were recognized and welcomed.

**Doodle Blue Awards:**

Rtn. Hemant P. Chordia was acknowledged for his contributions in facilitating the Doodle Blue Awards.

Ms. Tripti Chordia was commended for her philanthropic efforts.

**Announcements:**

**RCMPL (Rotary Club of Madras Premier League)-Season 2**

Rtn. Shivkumar Eashwaran announced the launch of RCMPL Season 2. He informed members that the cricket tournament is scheduled for February 15-16, March 8-9 and March 15-16 at the SRMC Cricket Ground, Porur.

A draw of lots was conducted to allocate RCM members to the eight participating teams. All Rotarians were encouraged to attend and extend their support to the teams.

**District Conference (March 1st & 2nd, 2025)**

Rtn. Vikram Chesetty provided details about the entertainment segment for the upcoming district conference, featuring Saindhavi, Haricharan, Vidya Vox and Vidyullekha Raman.

Past President Rtn. S. Ravi was acknowledged for securing financial support for the conference.

Rtn. PP. K.K. Raman provided details about the speakers lineup for the District Conference:

- Keynote address by Mr. Kris Gopalakrishnan on the future of brain research and computing.
- Mr. Ashishkumar Chauhan, MD & Chairman of NSE (National Stock Exchange of India), on growth of the National Stock Exchange.
- Insights from Mr. Lakshmi Narayanan (Cognizant) and Preeti Srinivasan.
- Prof. V. Kamakoti on the future of education in India.

- Mr. Sudhanshu Mani on the success story of Vande Bharat Express.
- Mr. Ridham Desai forecasting India's economic growth over the next 20 years.
- Dr. S. Somanath (ISRO) will share insights on Chandrayaan's challenges and future space research.
- Col. Anantanarayanan Krishnaswami (Bangladesh War veteran) and Colonel Sada S. Peter (Kargil War hero) will provide motivational speeches.
- Special Tamil program by Isaikkavi Ramanan, connecting the Four-Way Test with the lyrics of Kannadasan.
- Dr. Sudha Seshayyan on women's empowerment. Rtn. PP. K.K. Raman requested all members to register promptly and provided details on payment to the club's account.

**Rtn. Nalini Radhakrishnan:**

An announcement was made regarding a special initiative: a day out organized for 24 Boys Town boys on Saturday, February 15th. They will be taken to the Royal Madras Yacht Club (RMYC) for a sailing experience. This initiative aims to provide the children with an opportunity to explore the sea, learn the basics of sailing and enjoy a memorable adventure.

Appreciation was extended to the following Rotarians for their generous sponsorship of the initiative:

- Rtn. Kunal Patel
- Rtn. Krishna Kishore
- Rtn. Harbinder Singh Rattha
- Rtn. D. Harikrishna
- Rtn. Arunachalam Palaniappan
- Rtn. Govind Vasnadu

**Acknowledgements & Contributions**

Rtn. Aditya Agarwal was appreciated for leading the Health Services team to multiple schools and raising awareness about vaccination programs.

Rtn. Mahinder Jain, Rtn. Dr. Anuradha Ganesan, and Rtn. PDG. S. Krishnaswami were recognized for facilitating a donation of ₹10.5 lakhs worth of computers to Rajshri School through Access Healthcare funds.

Rtn. Asha Mathen, Rtn. Ganesh Ananthakrishnan and Rtn. IPP. Sundaresan Ravi, were recognized for securing an additional ₹34.5 lakhs for Boys Town. Wartsila's support was acknowledged as a significant contribution towards meeting essential expenses for Boys Town.

EID Parry, part of the Murugappa Group, pledged ₹5 lakhs towards the Kadaperi Lake project. Their continued support was appreciated.

Rtn. V.S. Narasimhan was recognized for his dedicated efforts in establishing corporate connections, which have been invaluable to the club's initiatives. His contributions were sincerely acknowledged.



Secretary Rtn. Rajesh Mani announced the birthdays and anniversaries of members and their spouses for the week.

### The below-mentioned member contributed towards Sunshine:

Rtn. Mohit Bajaj	- Rs.3000/-
Rtn. Vivek A. Parachur	- Rs.2000/-
Rtn. Govind Parikh	- Rs.5000/-

### Upcoming Meetings

The next meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency on Tuesday, February 18th. The session will be addressed by Past President Rtn. S. N. Srikanth on "Sustainability & Behavioural Change."

PP Srikanth has conducted sessions on this subject globally and members were encouraged to attend for an engaging and insightful discussion.

### Advance Notice – EGM on March 11th, 2025

Advance notice was given for the Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) scheduled for March 11th, 2025. Members were informed that this was an important election meeting and they were encouraged to plan their schedules accordingly to ensure their presence and participation.

### Acknowledgment of Sponsorship

Doodle Blue was recognized for sponsoring the Doodle Blue Sports Scholarship event in its fourth year. A video presentation about Doodle Blue was played.

### Speech by Rtn. Nikhil Raj

Rtn. Nikhil Raj highlighted the commitment and perseverance required to excel in sports. He emphasized:

- The importance of playing with a winning mindset.
- The necessity of hard and smart work.
- The intensity required to reach the next level of success.
- The need for poise and mental toughness under pressure.

### Introduction of Ms. Tripti Chordia

Ms. Tripti Chordia was introduced as a dynamic and accomplished professional with a Master's Degree in Advertising and Marketing from the UK, a successful career in marketing and strategy roles with leading media conglomerates, and a pivotal role at Doodle Blue as Partner, HR & Strategy, managing a workforce of 650 employees.

Beyond her professional commitments, she balances family life with two daughters studying at the Shiv Nadar School and actively engages in social organizations, having served as the charter chairperson of the Inner Wheel Club of Rotary Next Gen.

Her leadership and ability to manage responsibilities with grace were acknowledged and commended.

### Address by Doodle Blue Representative

Ms. Tripti Chordia of Doodle Blue addressed the gathering, emphasizing the organization's belief in the power of sports in fostering discipline, mental stability and character development. She highlighted Doodle Blue's CSR partnership with the Rotary Club of Madras in

supporting young athletes who have excelled in various sports, including chess, badminton, and squash.

Key points from the address: Recognition of young sports talents such as Rameshbabu Pragganandhaa, Gukesh and Maya Rajeshwari. Need for increased investment in sports through CSR, citing comparisons in sports funding between India and China. Gratitude extended to the Rotary Club of Madras for its continued support.

Olympian Sharath Kamal acknowledgment for his contribution to Indian sports.

### Presentation of the Doodle Blue Scholarship Awards

Scholarships were awarded to six young athletes for their achievements in various international and national tournaments.

The awardees were:

**S. Sankar Muthusamy Subramanian** – Notable achievements include gold in Iran International Junior Series 2022 and other international medals.

**Sathish Kumar Karunakaran** – Achievements include multiple medals in international badminton tournaments.

**Aadya Variyath** – Multiple gold medals in international badminton.

**Rithvik Sanjeevi Satish Kumar** – Winner of Odisha Masters 2024 and other accolades.

**R. Siddhant Gupta** – Achievements in All India Selection and International Tournaments.

**Varshini Viswanath Sri** – Winner of multiple medals in international badminton tournaments.

### Introduction of Chief Guest –

Mr. Achanta Sharath Kamal

A brief introduction was given on Mr. Sharath Kamal's remarkable achievements: More than 60 international medals, including Commonwealth and Asian Games medals, representation of India in four Olympic Games, 10-time national championship, recipient of prestigious awards such as Padma Shri, Arjuna Award and Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award.

### Address by Chief Guest – Sharath Kamal Achanta

Sharath Kamal shared his experience on the journey to success in sports and the importance of perseverance, dedication, and mental strength. He also discussed the challenges faced by Indian athletes and the need for better sports infrastructure and investment.

### Cheque Presented to Sharath Kamal Academy:

The Rotary Club of Madras presented a donation to Sharath Kamal's academy in support of young athletes. President Chella Krishna G. handed over the cheque along with a Doodle Blue package.

### Vote of Thanks

Rtn. Mohit Bajaj delivered the vote of thanks.

### Adjournment:

The meeting was officially adjourned by President Rtn. Chella Krishna G.



# Why India Needs to Bet Big on Sports

**“Champions aren't made in gyms. Champions are made from something they have deep inside them; a desire, a dream, a vision.” Muhammad Ali.**

The RCM was very pleased and applauded our Rotarian Mr. Hemant P. Chordia's initiative to allocate and support young and budding sportspeople in India as part of their CSR initiative through his company, Doodle Blue.

The young Ms. Tripti Chordia spoke with passion and conviction, her commitment to supporting great Indian athletes was evident. She shared some eye-opening statistics with us: Corporate India donates INR 3,000 crore annually as CSR, but only 1.4 % of this is allocated towards sports.

India spends approximately 6 paise per capita on sports, yielding only six medals, whereas China spends 19 paise and secures 90 medals. In other





**He missed most of his 12th-grade exams due to the National Championships. While the Principal worried about his results, the Dean saw his unique potential and arranged a teacher to help him catch up. He not only excelled in sports but also cleared his finals with an impressive 82%.**

words, increased investment in sports yields exponential results.

I think sports should be as much a key focus as any other sector as part of the dream to “Make in India and Make India great.” With this prologue, we were excited to hear from the professional table tennis player Achanta Sharath Kamal, who has been honoured with the Padma Shri, Khel Ratna and Arjuna Award.

This young man had a regular life in Madras and attended a regular school, yet catapulted to an extraordinary level, winning multiple Commonwealth Games and Asian Games Medals. He became the pride of India as the flag bearer for the Indian contingent at the 2024 Olympics in Paris.

His mantra is “*Work hard and work smart with the intensity required to create the escape velocity to raise the bar and break, and go above it.*” In other words, the competition is with oneself. Therefore, sports are a lot about mental toughness as much as physical fitness and discipline. He believes sports cultivate strategic thinking and

mental strength, which spill over into life beyond the playing field.

Today, he heads an institute for budding and successful athletes, hoping that they will not only become great sportspersons but also inspire others to excel and win.

Going down memory lane, Sharath fondly recalled his school days at PSBB, where he was inspired and supported by the charismatic and visionary Dean. He missed nearly all his examinations in the 12th grade due to a scheduling conflict between the National Championships and his exams. While the Principal was worried about whether he would pass, the Dean had a simple logic: “How many kids from this school represent India?” Since he was the only one, she took it upon herself to support him.

She arranged for a teacher to help him catch up, and not only did he excel in sports, but he also cleared his 12th-grade final examinations with an impressive 82%.

This support propelled his passion for sports and pushed him to succeed in a non-mainstream career path.

Sharath recounts his journey by going back in time and describing his most defining moments.

- Paris 2024: Olympics flag bearer with P. V. Sindhu
- Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games: Won three golds and one silver. He had to play six matches a day for four consecutive days, enduring a brutal nine-month preparation

<b>Birthdays</b>	17th Feb to 23rd Feb 2025
Rtn. Punkaj Sachdev	18/2
Rtn. Doulat Jain	19/2
Rtn. Ashok Doshi	20/2
Rtn. Archana Shri Sanjay	22/2
Rtn. Rahul Saraogi	23/2
<b>Spouses' Birthdays</b>	
Ann. Sangeeta Dugar, Spouse of Rtn. Vijay Dugar	19/2
Ann. Sherral, Spouse of Rtn. Reji Joseph	19/2
Ann. Niyati Abhay Mehta, Spouse of Rtn. Abhay Mehta S.	20/2
Ann. Reena G.R., Spouse of Rtn. Rajasekar Gorantla	20/2
<b>Wedding Anniversary</b>	
Rtn. Anil Srinivasan & Archana Kalyansundar	17/2
Rtn. Dr. Yashwanth Kumar Venkataraman & Dr. V. Nilaya Reddy	17/2
Rtn. Nagarajan M.S. & Savithri	17/2
Rtn. Ravee Malhotra & Meenakshi	19/2
Rtn. Raghu Kailas & Shvetha Jaishankar	20/2
Rtn. Rajasekar Gorantla & Reena G.R.	20/2
Rtn. Karthik Srinivasan & Hema	20/2
Rtn. PP. Ravi Katari & Tehzeeb	23/2





before Diwali 2021. The highs and lows of the competition tested his resilience, but his team of fitness, mental and nutrition coaches, alongside his table tennis coach, helped him maintain peak performance. His understanding of sports science helped him minimize dips in his performance.

- Since 2016: He has been invited for personal meetings with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, whom he lauds for his spirited involvement in sports, including cheerful send-offs and warm receptions for athletes, whether in time of celebration or consolation.

**After the Birmingham wins, PM. Modi asked Sharath a few questions:**

- His mixed doubles partner was a young person who grew up watching Sharath Kamal as a senior athlete. So, how did he manage the age gap with his much younger mixed doubles partner?
- This was posed to him in chaste Hindi when he lauded him in a lengthy manner (most of which was lost on poor Sharath) and finally, the naughty PM asked what he had whispered in her ears that made her laugh.

Sharath explained that his partner had lost a semifinal match despite playing at her personal best. She was inconsolable before their mixed doubles match. To lift her spirits, he told her, "Treat this match as an opportunity to undo the past loss! And if we lose, we will both cry together." This made her laugh out loud, breaking the tension and helping them perform better.

Behind the success, glory and victory lie hours of labour, mental grit and immense discipline. He believes sport can be cruel, as every session can be a make-or-break moment. Success and failure are constant and one must either continue with tenacity or quit.

**His advice to young athletes:**

- Focus on the wins and learn from the losses.
- Never quit.
- Sports are good for both body and mind, but elite sports can be injurious to both.
- Treat every game as a clean slate, without carrying past wins or losses into it.

Sharath feels that the Government of India is doing its best to support Indian sports, but it is corporate India that is failing in its role. He expressed gratitude to Doodle Blue for its vision and commitment to supporting Indian sports and requested more companies to step up and contribute to the development of Indian athletes.

**- Rtn. Dr. Rama Narasimhan**



Suggest the most quirky, whacky or creative caption/blurb for this photo (Maximum 15 words). The best entries will be reproduced in the next week's edition of Lighthouse.

Mail your captions to [editor@rcmlighthouse.com](mailto:editor@rcmlighthouse.com) on or before 18th Feb.

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Issue 32 : Best Captions

1. When RCM men lean in, women drive forward! #RCM supporting women tuk-tuk drivers in Chennai... - **Rtn. Roshan Poncha**
2. We are climbing up and holding hands to get some sunlight on our crown! - **Rtn. Archana Shri Sanjay**
3. "Luxury travel, budget edition—high-fives included, seatbelt not!" - **Rtn. N.K. Bhatia**
4. "Vaanka Vaanka ... Palavakkam.... Injambakkam... Neelankarai ....." - **Rtn. Asha Mathen**











## A Serene Sunday at Pulicat Lake: A Rotary Adventure

Few things beat the joy of an early morning road trip with great company, and when the destination is as breathtaking as Pulicat Lake, the experience becomes truly special. Last Sunday, along with a spirited group of ten from the Rotary Club of Madras, we set out on an unforgettable journey to this tranquil haven, just 90 minutes from Chennai.

### The Journey Begins

My day started at 4:45 AM, reaching Rtn. S. Abhay Mehta's house, where I joined Srini and Abhay for the drive. On the way, we picked up Selvi Rajan, and thanks to Srini's excellent route planning, we took the scenic path via Ennore Creek. This detour gifted us a stunning early-morning view of the







North Chennai Thermal Power Plant, its towering presence silhouetted against the breaking dawn.

### Arriving at Pulicat

Upon reaching Pulicat, we reunited with the rest of our Rotarian friends—Rtn. PP. A.S. Venkhat Ramani and family, Rtn. IPP. S. Ravi, and Parul Bhatt. The logistics for our boat ride across the lake had been well arranged, setting the stage for a peaceful few hours on the water.

A special shoutout to our Past President, Rtn. Ravi Sundaresan, he ensured we were well taken care of with everything from water and juice to a delightful breakfast. The camaraderie, hospitality, and attention to detail made the entire trip even more enjoyable.

### A Date with Nature

Drifting across Pulicat Lake for two serene hours, we found ourselves in nature's embrace. The vast expanse of water, the gentle ripples, and the distant call of birds created an almost meditative atmosphere. Birdwatching was a highlight, with an array of species making an appearance. The most thrilling sight? A few graceful Flamingos, their elegant silhouettes adding magic to the morning.

The ultimate spectacle, however, was witnessing the confluence of the lake and the sea—a mesmerizing meeting of waters that underscored the beauty and uniqueness of Pulicat.

### Wrapping Up

As we headed back, the collective feeling was one of gratitude—for the time spent in nature, for the bonds strengthened, and for a Sunday morning well spent.

A huge thank you to Abhay and the holistic committee for putting this together. Srinii, we owe you one for leading us through the scenic route!

Pulicat, with its charm and tranquility, is a must-visit for anyone looking to escape the city's chaos and immerse themselves in nature's quiet embrace. Until the next adventure!

**- Rtn.PP.Rani Muralidharan**

## Announcement of Revitalized Self-Employed Tailoring Program



**W**e are delighted to share with you the successful commencement of the Self-Employed Tailoring course, a newly revitalized program under the Apparel Council (Skill India). As per Ms. Deepthi Prasanna's leadership, the first batch began on Feb 12 and admissions for the second batch are currently underway. And in the new and better Selaiyur facility.

A special thanks to Rajib Kumar Hota, Chairperson, and particularly to Deepthi Prasanna for her exceptional leadership and efforts in getting this program started. Deepthi is going to monitor quality going forward.

**- Team Vocational Services**

# Help Knows No Distance

At the recent International Women’s Association (IWA) meeting, I experienced a moment that truly captured the essence of being part of the RCM, as I was deeply inspired by a touching testimony of Namrata.

Namrata, the eloquent daughter-in-law of our dear and esteemed Rtn. N.K. Bhatia, shared poignant excerpts from the book she authored on her experience during the Taiwan earthquake. With vivid detail, she painted the scenes of devastation that tested their resilience and grit. Her words, coupled with striking images of the destruction, profoundly affected us all.

When asked about her experience with the kindness of strangers, her gratitude was palpable as she detailed the indispensable role of our Rotary Club of Madras played during this tumultuous time, highlighting the unwavering support of our dedicated Rtn. P.P. N.K. Gopinath, who reached out to Rotarians in Taiwan.



Namrata Kohli, affectionately called Nam is the author of *Shaken. Not Broken*. Through her memoir, she shares her journey of survival, resilience and love after enduring Taiwan’s worst earthquake in 25 years. Trapped for 24 hours in a tunnel with her injured husband, she emerged with a powerful story that inspires hope and celebrates the strength of the human spirit

This moment in Rotary’s rich history reminds us that, when people reach out across borders, differences fade away, leaving only the unifying bonds of friendship and compassion.

Listening to Namrata’s narrative, I felt a swell of pride—pride in belonging to a cohort that champions of kindness and a deeper appreciation for international camaraderie.

Whenever we seek a connection with another international club, it is often to Gopi that we turn to our in-house historian, who embodies the spirit of an RCM Goodwill ambassador. These actions teach us the true essence of international relations, demonstrating how Rotary bridges hearts across nations.

**- Rtn. Sabina Narayan**



# A Partnership Destined to Succeed

*The Rotary Club of Madras (RID 3234), in partnership with the Rotary Club of Nagercoil City (RID 3212), donated four Dialysis Machines to the CSI Mission Hospital at Neyyoor in Nagercoil District.*

This initiative was graced by the Governor of RI District 3212, Rtn. Meerankhan Saleem, our Dist Governor N.S. Saravanan, PDG. J. Sridhar, President of RCM Rtn. G. Chella Krishna, RCM IPP. Rtn. S. Ravi, Dist Community Service Health Chair Rtn Dr. M. S Ravi Varma, Dist Public Image Chair Rtn V. P Ghanesh and District Rotaract Chair Rtn. Kumar Rajendran and other Rotarians from Nagercoil, along with Bishop Rev. Dr. Anantha Raj Rayappan Chelliah of CSI Nagercoil, also joined.

The CSI Mission Hospital is a 420-bed facility serving 400 outpatients daily. It plays a crucial role in providing healthcare to the region. With kidney failure cases on the rise, the need for dialysis is paramount. This project was made possible through the generous contributions of Rtn. Rahul Saraogi (3 machines) and Rtn. Anuradha Jhaver (1 machine).

The project was an inter-district collaboration (RI District 3234 and RI District 3212), led by District Governor PDG J. Sridhar and District Health Chair, Rtn Dr. M. S. Ravi Varma. A special appreciation goes to Rtn. IPP. S. Ravi of RC Madras, whose efforts in bringing together CSR partners, healthcare providers, vendors, and all concerned stakeholders ensured the seamless execution of this initiative. Rtn. A.M. Visvanathan, the Director of Health, also played a key role in making this project a success. Our heartfelt gratitude to the CSR Partners of this project, Go Fashions India Pvt Ltd and Tagros Chemicals India Pvt Ltd.



Through this initiative, RC Madras (RI District 3234) extended its support to an underserved region, providing essential medical care to a highly impoverished and deserving community. Kudos to everyone involved!



# Rotary Nostalgia

## End of an Era

Starting from July 1, the next Rotary year, there will be no more annual Rotary International (RI) Themes announced. While single-line themes were introduced only from the Rotary year 1957-58, the practice of announcing a set of objectives dates back to 1949-50.

This table is a record of Rotary International (RI) Presidents from 1949 to 2025, along with the themes and objectives they introduced during their respective terms.

Year	RI President	Theme
1910-48		No Theme
1949-50	Percy C. Hodgson	<b>Objectives of Our Team</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Each new member admitted into a Rotary club to be adequately informed about his duties and obligations BEFORE his induction - properly introduced to the club - and effectively assimilated into the work of the club during the first year.</li> <li>A better understanding and application of the principles of Vocational Service as set forth in 'Service Is My Business.'</li> <li>A contribution to world understanding and peace through an intensification of our international service program.</li> <li>An outstanding district conference in every district.</li> </ol>
1950-51	Arthur Lagueux	<b>Goals for 1950-51</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In club service we must beget our heirs.</li> <li>In vocational service honesty is still the best policy.</li> <li>In community service we can plan for the future.</li> <li>In international service we must reexamine our world.</li> <li>And finally, we can extend the influence of Rotary.</li> </ol>
1950-51	Arthur Lagueux	
1952-53	H.J. Brunnier	
1953-54	Joaquin Serratos Cibils	Rotary is Hope in Action
1954-55	Herbert J. Taylor	<b>Six Objectives for 1954-55</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clean from the past and act</li> <li>Share with others</li> <li>Build with Rotary's 4-Way Test</li> <li>Serving youth</li> <li>International good will</li> <li>Good Rotarians are good citizens</li> </ol>
1955-56	A. Z. Baker	Develop our Resources
1956-57	Gian Paolo Lang	<b>3 Targets for 1956-57</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keep Rotary simple</li> <li>More Rotary in Rotarians</li> <li>Learn More About Each Other</li> </ol>
1957-58	Charles G. Tennent	Enlist – Extend – Explore – Serve
1958-59	Clifford A. Randall	Help Shape the Future

Year	RI President	Theme
1959-60	Harold T. Thomas	Vitalize! Personalize! Build Bridges of Friendship!
1960-61	J. Edd McLaughlin	You are Rotary – Live It! Express it! Expand it!
1961-62	Joseph A. Abey	Act, Aim for Action, Communication for Understanding, Test for Leadership
1962-63	Nitish C. Laharry	Kindle the Spark Within
1963-64	Carl P. Miller	Meeting Rotary's Challenge in the Space Age
1964-65	Charles W. Pettengill	Live Rotary
1965-66	C.P.H. Teenstra	Action, Consolidation and Continuity
1966-67	Richard L. Evans	A Better World Through Rotary
1967-68	Luther H. Hodges	Make Your Rotary Membership Effective
1968-69	Kyoshi Togasaki	Participate!
1969-70	James F. Conway	Review and Renew
1970-71	William E. Walk	Bridge the Gaps
1971-72	Ernst G. Breitholtz	Good Will Begins with You
1972-73	Roy D. Hickman	Let's Take a New Look and Act
1973-74	William C. Carter	A Time for Action
1974-75	William R. Robbins	Renew the Spirit of Rotary
1975-76	Ernesto Imbassahy deMello	To Dignify the Human Being
1976-77	Robert Manchester II	I Believe in Rotary
1977-78	W. Jack Davis	Serve to Unite Mankind
1978-79	Clem Renouf	Reach Out
1979-80	James L. Bomar, Jr.	Let Service Light the Way
1980-81	Rolf Klärich	Take Time to Serve
1981-82	Stanley E. McCaffrey	World Understanding and Peace Through Rotary
1982-83	Hiroji Mukasa	Mankind Is One - Build Bridges of Friendship throughout the World
1983-84	William E. Skelton	Share Rotary - Serve People
1984-85	Carlos Canseco	Discover a New World of Service
1985-86	Edward F. Cadman	You Are the Key
1986-87	M.A.T. Caparas	Rotary Brings Hope
1987-88	Charles C. Keller	Rotarians -- United in Service -- Dedicated to Peace
1988-89	Royce Abbey	Put Life into Rotary -- Your Life





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1988-89	Royce Abbey	Put Life into Rotary -- Your Life
1989-90	Hugh M. Archer	Enjoy Rotary!
1990-91	Paulo V.C. Costa	Honor Rotary with Faith and Enthusiasm
1991-92	Rajendra K. Saboo	Look Beyond Yourself
1992-93	Clifford L. Dochterman	Real Happiness Is Helping Others
1993-94	Robert R. Barth	Believe in What You Do - Do What You Believe in
1994-95	William H. Huntley	Be a Friend
1995-96	Herbert G. Brown	Act with Integrity, Serve with Love, Work for Peace
1996-97	Luis Vicente Giay	Build the Future with Action and Vision
1997-98	Glen W. Kinross	Show Rotary Cares - for your community - for our world - for its people
1998-99	James L. Lacy	Follow Your Rotary Dream
1999-2000	Carlo Ravizza	Rotary 2000: Act with Consistency, Credibility, Continuity
2000-2001	Frank J. Devlyn	Create Awareness - Take Action - In our Club - In our Community - In our World
2001-02	Richard D. King	Mankind Is Our Business
2002-03	Bhichai Rattakul	Sow the Seeds of Love
2003-04	Jonathan Majiyagbe	Lend a Hand
2004-05	Glen E. Estess, Sr.	Celebrate Rotary
2005-06	Carl-W. Stenhammer	Service Above Self

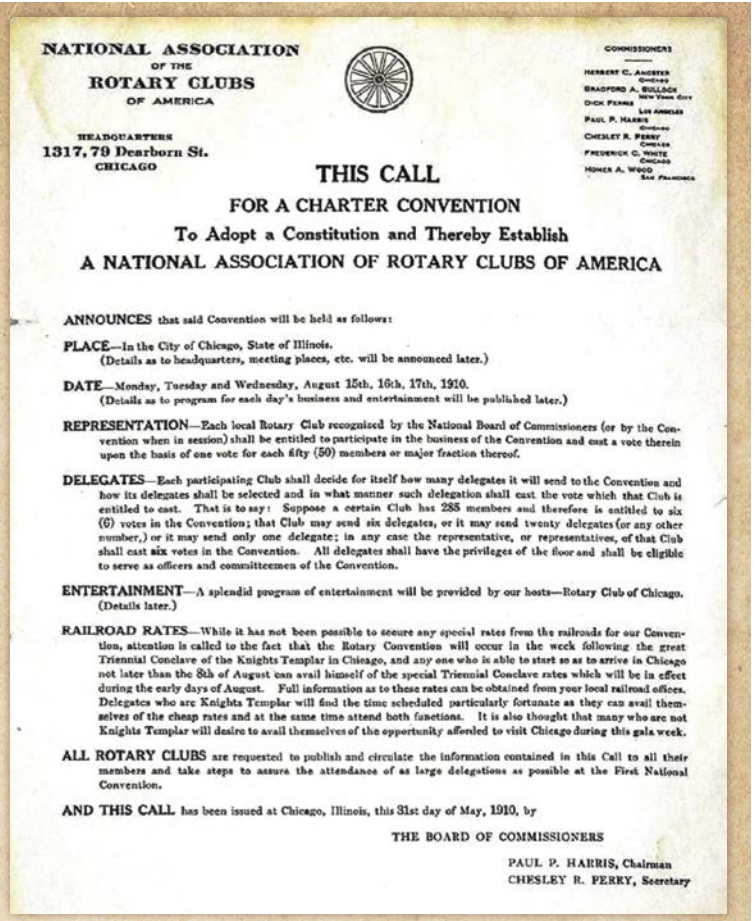
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2006-07	William Boyd	Lead the Way
2007-08	Wilfrid J. Wilkinson	Rotary Shares
2008-09	Dong Kurn Lee	Make Dreams Real
2009-10	John Kenny	The Future of Rotary is in your Hands
2010-11	Ray Klingensmith	Building Communities - Bridging Continents
2011-12	Kalyan Banerjee	Reach Within to Embrace Humanity
2012-13	Sakuji Tanaka	Peace Through Service
2013-14	Ron D. Burton	Engage Rotary, Change Lives
2014-15	Gary C.K. Huang	Light Up Rotary
2015-16	K.R. Ravindran	Be a gift to the world
2016-17	John F. Germ	Rotary Serving Humanity
2017-18	Ian H.S. Riseley	Rotary: Making a difference
2018-19	Barry Rassin	Be the inspiration
2019-20	Mark D. Maloney	Rotary Connects the World
2020-21	Holgar Knaack	Rotary Opens Opportunities
2021-22	Shekhar Mehta	Serve to Change Lives
2022-23	Jennifer Jones	Imagine Rotary
2023-24	Gordon R. McNally	CREATE HOPE in the WORLD
2024-25	Stephanie Urchick	The Magic of Rotary

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## The First Convention of Rotary Clubs in the World

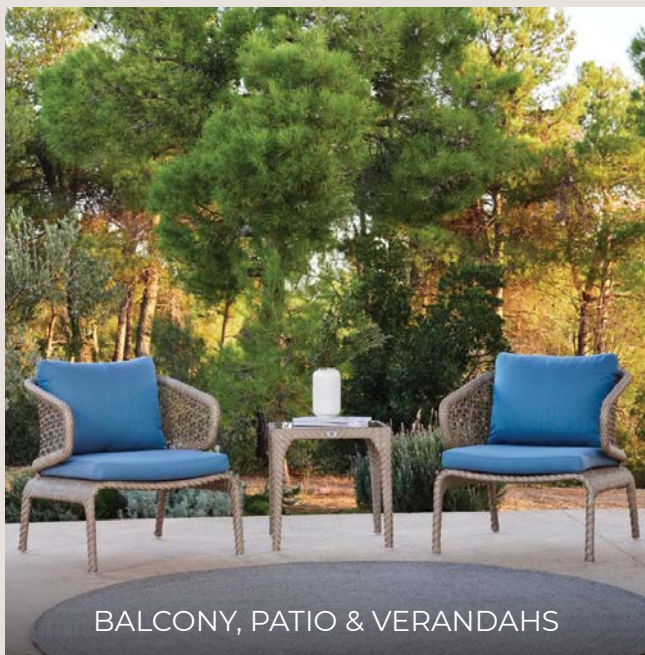
- The first ever meeting of the National Association of Rotary Clubs was convened on August 15, 16 and 17 of 1910, 5 years after the birth of the Rotary movement.
- The Notice for this meeting was issued on May 31, 1910.
- 16 Rotary Clubs gathered in Chicago for this inaugural meeting.
- Displayed alongside, you will find a copy of the original notice signed by Paul Harris as Chairman and Chesley Perry as Secretary.
- A rare Gem indeed.

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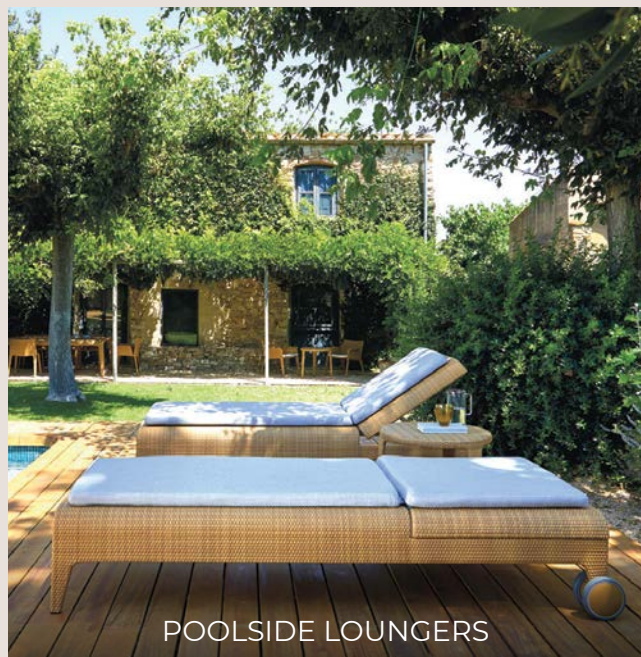
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