

### **Governor's Monthly Letter**

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Plastic-free Vembanad Campaign by Rotary Clubs in Alleppey Revenue District on World Water Day March 22, 2025

## **MESSAGE FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT**



As the chill of winter gives way to the warmth of spring, we have an opportunity to rejuvenate our commitments to each other and to the communities we serve.

A shining example is the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland in Ontario, whose members support a program providing hot meals to people facing homelessness and food insecurity. On any given evening, the Soup Shack run by Feed Windsor-Essex serves up to 130 people, offering nourishment and a sense of community and care.

Club member and Past District Governor Aruna Koushik got the club involved after seeing a news segment about the Soup Shack.

Koushik collaborated with club members to quickly approve the purchase of a stove, pots, and pans for its new permanent space. Soon after, club members met with the Soup Shack team, toured the new location, and presented a check for 3,000 Canadian dollars (about US\$2,000) to support its efforts. They also committed to volunteering their time to prepare and serve meals once the facility is operational.

This exemplifies how Rotary members can come together to address community needs, foster engagement, and make a tangible impact. By identifying opportunities for service and mobilizing resources, we not only support those in need but also strengthen our bonds with each other and with the communities we serve.

As we embrace the renewal that spring offers, let's take inspiration from the Windsor-Roseland club. Consider these ways to reinvigorate engagement within your club:

**Identify emerging needs:** Stay attuned to the evolving challenges in your communities. Engage with local organizations to understand where your club's support can make the most difference.

**Mobilize resources quickly:** When opportunities arise, act swiftly. Leverage the skills and networks within your club to gather resources, from financial contributions to equipment to volunteer time.

**Foster collaboration:** Encourage members to take initiative and collaborate on projects. Empowering individuals to lead and contribute their unique talents enhances engagement and drives success.

**Commit to ongoing involvement:** Beyond initial contributions, pledge continued support. Regular service keeps members connected and reinforces the club's commitment to sustained impact. By embracing these approaches, we can harness the energy of spring to renew our dedication to service and engagement. Let's seize this season as an opportunity to revitalize our efforts, strengthen our connections, and continue making a positive difference in the world.

This is *The Magic of Rotary* — transforming lives, inspiring hope, and creating lasting change for the communities we serve

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**Stephanie A. Urchick** Rotary International President, 2024-2025

### **DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VOICE**



Dear Rotary leaders,

Warm Rotary Greetings!

April is assigned as Environment Month the seventh area of focus. Rotary is committed to supporting activities that strengthen the conservation and protection of natural resources and advance ecological sustainability and foster harmony between Communities and the Environment. We, Rotarians, empower Communities to access Grants and other resources, embrace local solutions and spur innovations to address the causes and reduce the effects of climate change and environmental degradation.

The world is grappling with a host of pressing environmental challenges that demand immediate attention and action.

- 1. Global Warming 2. Food Waste
- 5. Deforestation 6. Air Pollution
- Biodiversity Loss
  Agriculture
- 4. Plastic Pollution
- 8. Soil Degradation

Solutions to environment issues :

- \*Avoid single use plastic.
- \*Go for sustainable agriculture.
- \*Plant more trees and go paperless.
- \*Conserve water and electricity.
- \*Promoting clean and affordable energy.
- \*Reduce food waste.
- \*Promote green innovations.
- \*Use reusable products instead of disposable ones.
- \*Recycle waste to conserve natural resources \*Support local and environment friendly practices.

The first Earth Day was held on 22nd April, 1970 launching a wave of action to protect our environment, including the passage of landmark environmental law. Every year since the day has been set aside to focus on mobilizing for action to protect our planet. Rotarians have been shaping the conversation on the environment for years, from addressing climate change that threatens entire food systems to fighting pollution that clogs our air and water. Rotarians are well suited for challenges. They use their connections to find creative solutions and take action to safeguard our vital resources. We are People of Action

Our Rotary Foundation in Foundation global grant funding has allocated 18.4 million USD to environment related causes in the past five years through their support of community economic development and water, sanitation and hygiene projects.

Dear Rotarians, let's join as a member in ESRAG, Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group. We formed ESRAG to empower members of the rotary family worldwide to take actions to sustain our environment, particularly to stabilize our climate. Its VISION STATEMENT, a world where people unite and take action to protect the environment for a sustainable future and its MISSION STATEMENT is to inspire and empower the rotary family with extensive expertise, networks, education and best practices to implement sustainable and impactful environmental projects. So let's be a part of it and make a difference in the world. This Year we have planned to do 50,000 saplings, medical plants, Miyawaki Forest etc in our District. Let's join together to plant and be responsible to the environment. Thank You, Yours in Rotary Service,

Rtn AKS Sudhi Jabbar District Governor



What a lucid presentation of district events. Wonderfully cast in vivid style. Major portion of attraction being "Valiya Perunnal" a unique name coined for a district conference. Never heard and seen! Kudos to the creator and DG Sudhi. Coverage of INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY of the first lady DGE Dr. Tina. District Projects, GOVs, Uyare, call for SA PEACE CONF and every other thing happening in the nook corners of 3211 and more. Exemplary presentation which gives the vibrant activities in every club. Keeping track of former Rotarians aged 97 who have left us now shows.

Keeping track of former Rotarians aged 97, who have left us now shows us the excellent tracking of events good and bad in the district. Great issue like the previous ones. Enjoyed reading it . Given me a virtual witnessing of events. Hearty congratulations to you and the GML TEAM. Lucky DG. SUDHI to have a team of this kind. My best wishes to everyone in all your future endeavours. May the ALMIGHTY bless us ALL. **PDG ARC DR.S.Sheik Saleem, RID 3212** 

Dear Rtn Sheela Devi B, Wonderful! Congratulations! PDG Rtn Dr E K Sagadhevan, Erode

Proud of you! **PDG EK Luke** 

While most business sectors are in the first quarter of a financial year, slightly relaxed after a busy year ending, Rotary has entered the last quarter of the Rotary year. The current team is toiling hard to achieve the targets planned for balanced activities in various areas. The incoming team is also busy planning and preparing for the next year. Best wishes to both teams.

The month of April is dedicated as Environmental Month in Rotary. It is said that many of the advancements in Science and Technology are causing threat to the environment by depletion of Ozone layer. However we can be sure of overcoming these threats by making use of the same Science and Technology that will surely come up with better alternatives which will provide the comfort of development, with reduced threat to Environment.

An example is the use of renewable energy like Solar, Wind, Sea waves and Water, which do not run out. These sources are often considered "Green" or "Clean" as they produce significantly less greenhouse gas emissions and pollution compared to fossil fuels.

**EDITOR'S THOUGHTS** 

Renewable Energy technologies are becoming increasingly cost-competitive.

Similarly, environmental problems will be overcome in other areas also, without compromising on scientific development, with the support from service minded people like Rotary.

Let us, as Rotarians, promote environmental friendly activities in the District.

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### **"MANY A MICKLE MAKES A MUCKLE"**



A week before Eid-ul-Fitr, the Rotary e-Club of Kerala Global posted a call to its members in the club WhatsApp group, asking them to sponsor lftar meal kits for a community lftar in the UAE. This event was organized primarily for those who struggle to break their fast with a proper meal, individuals who, despite working tirelessly in labor camps, often can barely support their families back home.

It's easy to get caught up in the image of Dubai's luxury and skyscrapers, but beneath the glitzy exterior, there lies a community of workers who face daily hardships. This is where Rotary stepped in, bringing the spirit of service to the forefront.

What followed was nothing short of extraordinary, a testament to the limitless potential of our collective efforts. Just minutes after the president posted the request in the club's WhatsApp group (and as a member of this group, I witnessed the magic unfold firsthand), one Rotarian immediately pledged to sponsor a few meal kits. By evening, the number had grown to 50. The next day, it had risen to 100, then 200,

and soon, the total number of meals crossed 1,000, all accompanied by essential items for a complete lftar. There were no questions asked, no hesitation, offers flooded in, and the initiative was only halted when the president declared that enough had been collected.

This simple yet powerful act left me reflecting on the true essence of Rotary, the power of collective resources. Often, we focus on the larger figures, the number of new members recruited, the funds we contribute to The Rotary Foundation, or our district's annual dues. But we rarely pause to recognize the profound impact of smaller, incremental contributions from each Rotarian. When combined, these individual efforts create something far greater than the sum of their parts.

Let's take a step back and put things into perspective. Our district alone, with its 160 clubs and nearly 5,217 Rotarians, contributes significantly each year. If we assume that we collectively pay about INR 35,000,000 in Rotary International dues annually, that's already a notable sum. On top of that, our average annual contributions to TRF are INR 17,000,000, with district dues adding another INR 3,500,000. Subscriptions for Rotary News amount to INR 2,100,000. All in all, this brings our district's total contributions to around INR 60,000,000 per year, well accounted for, with receipts for each payment.

However, what often goes unrecorded are the contributions made by individual club members toward various local and international service projects. These funds, though not always documented in the same formal manner, are crucial in sustaining Rotary's global impact. When we factor in the collective efforts across all clubs, it's clear that these individual contributions likely exceed INR 10,000,000 each year. This micro-level mobilization, though invisible at times, is the true backbone of Rotary's success. Now, imagine the scale of this effort globally. With around 540 Rotary districts worldwide, each likely contributing at least this much, the total annual funds flowing into communities across the globe would exceed a staggering INR 500 crore.

As the old saying goes, "Many a mickle makes a muckle", every small contribution, no matter how seemingly insignificant, adds up to a larger, powerful force for change. The combined efforts of Rotarians create an ocean of goodwill that has the potential to transform lives and communities. This concept reminds me of the wise words of the great Sufi philosopher Rumi: "You are not just a drop in the ocean; you are the ocean in one drop." Indeed, a Rotarian is not just a small part of the greater whole; you are the entire world within that single drop.

This is the spirit of Rotary. Each individual contribution may seem small, but when united, they form a vast, unstoppable force for good. Rotarians are the quiet heroes in this journey, each one playing their part, steadily making a difference in the lives of many.

As we reflect on these collective efforts, we owe a debt of gratitude to the visionary founder of Rotary, Paul Harris. His foresight in creating an organization dedicated to service above self has allowed us to come together as a global force for positive change.

Respectful Pranaams to Paul Harris for his lasting legacy and his dedication to a world of service.

### PDG Suresh Mathew,

District Learning Facilitator

## AI FOR EVERYONE: AI TOOLS YOU CAN USE IN DAILY LIFE



Artificial intelligence (AI) continues to evolve rapidly, introducing tools that are increasingly accessible and beneficial to non-technical users. These advancements are transforming everyday tasks, enhancing productivity, and democratizing technology across various sectors. This article explores the latest developments in AI tools as of April 2025, focusing on their practical applications and user-friendly features that empower individuals without much technical backgrounds.

#### Personalized AI Assistants: Enhancing Daily Interactions

One of the most significant strides in AI is the development of personalized assistants designed to adapt to individual user preferences and behaviors. Microsoft's Copilot, for instance, has introduced features that allow it to remember user-specific details, offering tailored support such as reminders, recommendations, and assistance with tasks like gift-giving and event booking. This personalization aims to create a more intuitive and efficient user experience, making technology feel more like

a helpful companion than a mere tool.

Mustafa Suleyman, CEO of Microsoft's AI division, envisions AI companions that not only assist with tasks but also build meaningful relationships with users. These AI entities could have unique names, styles, and even animated avatars, making interactions more engaging and personalized. The goal is to integrate AI seamlessly into daily life, automating mundane tasks and enhancing creativity.

#### Visual Interaction: Bridging the Gap Between Digital and Physical Worlds

Al tools are increasingly incorporating visual interaction capabilities, allowing users to engage with technology in more natural and intuitive ways. Microsoft's Copilot Vision, for example, extends beyond text-based interactions by enabling users to process real-time video from mobile cameras. This feature can provide practical assistance, such as offering plant care tips or home decorating advice based on visual inputs. By analyzing the user's environment through the camera, Al can deliver contextually relevant information and suggestions, enhancing the overall user experience.

#### Autonomous Task Execution: Al Agents Performing Real-World Actions

The capability of AI to perform tasks autonomously on behalf of users marks a significant advancement in making technology more practical and time-saving. Microsoft's Copilot has introduced an "Actions" feature that allows it to execute online tasks through simple chat prompts. Users can instruct Copilot to book restaurant reservations, purchase event tickets, arrange travel plans, and even buy gifts. This development positions Copilot as one of the first widely accessible AI tools capable of independently navigating the web to complete real-life tasks, streamlining processes that would otherwise require multiple steps and user inputs.

#### **Generative AI Tools: Empowering Content Creation**

Generative AI tools have become more sophisticated, enabling non-technical users to create highquality content with ease. Platforms like Canva's Magic Studio offer AI-powered features such as Magic Design, Magic Write, Magic Edit, Magic Eraser, and Magic Animate. These tools simplify the design process, allowing users to generate professional-looking graphics, write compelling text, edit images, and create animations without prior design experience. By leveraging AI, individuals and small businesses can produce engaging content that was previously the domain of skilled professionals.

#### No-Code AI Platforms: Democratizing Machine Learning

The emergence of no-code AI platforms has significantly lowered the barrier to entry for individuals interested in machine learning. Tools like asanAI provide an in-browser, no-code, offline-first machine learning toolkit that allows users to design, train, and test models directly in a web browser. This approach eliminates the need for software installations and coding knowledge, making machine learning

accessible to a broader audience. Users can experiment with neural networks and train custom models using various data sources, supported by intuitive visualizations of network structures and data flows. Such platforms empower educators, researchers, and enthusiasts to explore and apply machine learning concepts without extensive technical expertise.

#### Asana AI: Smarter Productivity for Everyone

Asana AI (distinct from asanAI mentioned above) is an intelligent layer built into the Asana work management platform. It enhances productivity through features such as smart task prioritization, predictive due dates, automated workflows, and AI-generated summaries. Asana AI is particularly useful for project managers, teams, and nonprofits looking to streamline operations, collaborate more effectively, and focus on high-impact work. With its intuitive interface and context-aware recommendations, Asana AI empowers both technical and non-technical users to manage projects more efficiently.

#### Al in E-Commerce: Enhancing Shopping Experiences

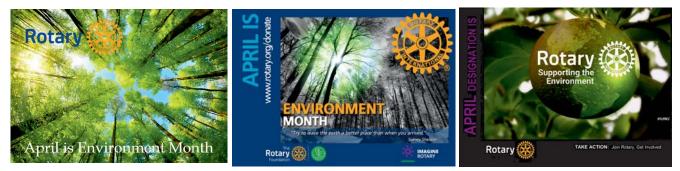
Al is also revolutionizing the e-commerce landscape by providing more personalized and efficient shopping experiences. Amazon, for instance, has introduced AI chatbots like Rufus, which serve as alternatives to traditional search functions, and Interests, which creates auto-updating widgets based on user preferences. These AI tools utilize large language models (LLMs) to improve search and product recommendations, streamlining the shopping process and making it more intuitive for users. By summarizing reviews and translating everyday language into product queries, AI enhances the overall customer experience, making it easier for consumers to find and purchase products that meet their needs.

#### **Ethical Considerations and Responsible Al Use**

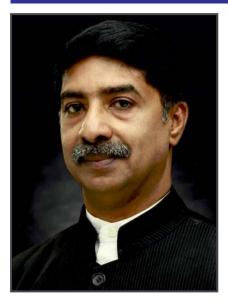
As AI becomes more integrated into daily life, ethical considerations and responsible use are paramount. Developers and users alike must be mindful of issues such as data privacy, algorithmic bias, and the potential for misuse. It's essential to ensure that AI tools are designed and implemented in ways that are transparent, fair, and respectful of user rights. Organizations are increasingly focusing on establishing guidelines and frameworks for responsible AI development and deployment, emphasizing the importance of aligning technological advancements with ethical standards.

In conclusion, the latest developments in AI tools are making advanced technology more accessible and beneficial to non-technical users. From personalized assistants and visual interaction capabilities to autonomous task execution and no-code platforms, these innovations are transforming how individuals interact with technology. By embracing these tools, users can enhance their productivity, creativity, and overall experience, bridging the gap between complex AI systems and practical, everyday applications. As AI continues to evolve, it holds the promise of further democratizing technology, empowering users across all sectors to harness its potential effectively.

#### Rtn.PDG P G Muraleedharan

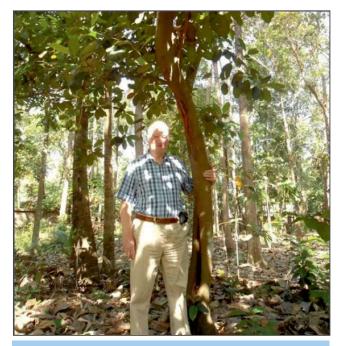


#### FRIENDSHIP TREES: GROWING A LEGACY OF SERVICE



Rotarians have a beautiful tradition of planting trees to symbolize fellowship, friendship, and Rotary's enduring ideals. These "Friendship Trees," as they are often called, become living monuments to the organization's commitment to service and global connection. My own experience with this tradition has been deeply rewarding, creating a living tapestry of memories and inspiring countless acts of service.

The power of Rotary's reach became profoundly clear to me in 1994 when, as a young Rotarian, I helped organize our district's first artificial limb fitment camp. Seeing the joy on the faces of 1,000 recipients as they "walked" home was a life-changing moment. It sparked a desire to connect with those who made this miracle possible. A letter to Rtn John Wilton in England, after a month-long journey by snail mail, led to a visit that felt like a festival, coinciding with Kerala's grand Onam celebration.



PDG John Wilton under the jackfruit tree that he had planted.

John's visit taught me a valuable lesson. I had assumed the funding for the limb camp came from wealthy Rotarians, but he revealed that it was raised by schoolchildren selling lemonade and organizing sponsor walks. This grassroots effort highlighted the true spirit of Rotary. When it was time for John to leave, I asked him and his wife, Liz, to plant a tree to commemorate their visit. They planted a jackfruit sapling, which I named "John."

Today, that mighty 25-year-old tree stands tall, bearing fruit and symbolizing the enduring impact of that initial connection. Through our continued



Friendship Tree planted by me at Santa Barbara USA, with PDG Luz Maria5240 and PDG Shahad Pakistan.



Rotarians of Rotary Club of Santa Barbara Sunrise Centennial at Picnic Area at Elings Park taking care of Scaria Tree.



Oak Tree – Scaria Tree planted at Santa Barbara California. PDG Luzmaria and others in the picture

partnership with the Rotary Jaipur Limb, UK, we have provided over 39,000 artificial limbs in India alone and expanded our reach to five other Rotary districts. We have also provided over 35,000 wheelchairs through a partnership with RID 5240 and the Free Wheelchair Mission, California, a connection that also began with a Friendship Tree

My garden has become a testament to these international collaborations. Twenty-four trees, representing sixteen countries, have been planted by Rotarians from around the world. Each tree has a story. There's the Hollyhock from the UK, brought back after a study trip to learn about children with learning disability, and the flowering tree from Sri Lanka, a reminder of service after the tsunami. There are five trees planted by E Russell Smith of RC Santa Barbara Sunrise, marking the beginning of our work together providing over 35,000 wheelchairs to India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Iraq, Tongo, Ghana, and Pakistan.

One of the most special moments was when John and Liz returned to Kerala during jackfruit season and were able to taste the fruit from the "John" tree. These trees are more than just plants; they are living reminders of the friendships forged through service. The grandson of the late PDG Gerry Powel, UK,



Son of Late PDG Gerry Powell of UK, with his two children, who never got the chance to see their grandfather. But they saw the tree planted by him.

even traveled to Kerala specifically to see the tree planted by his grandfather. These visits often spark new projects, continuing the cycle of service and connection.

This year, as we celebrate 39 years of partnership with The Rotary Jaipur Limb, UK, with



Margot Lassagne, an Exchange student from Toulouse, France, planting a sapling. Her grandfather Philippe Guillion funded a limb camp in 2004.

three artificial limb camps in Dhanbad, Kolkata, and Trichur, I am reminded of the power of these simple acts of planting. These Friendship Trees help me keep alive the memories of my project partners and the valuable transformations Rotarians are making for humanity. They represent the growth of not just trees, but also of friendships, service, and the enduring spirit of Rotary.

#### **PDG Scaria Jose Kattoor**

Lead Ambassador for India-Rotary Jaipur Limb UK

### SOUTH ASIA INTERNATIONAL PEACE CONFERENCE (SAIPC)

District Governor Rtn Sudhi Jabbar, PAG Rtn Pradeep Kumar M and PAG Rtn Jerry Fernandez represented RI District 3211 at South Asia International Peace Conference (SAIPC) held at Dr Babu Jagajivanram Bhavana, Bengaluru on 23rd March 2025.



DG Sudhi Jabbar at South Asia International Peace Conference (SAIPC) at Bangalore



DG honoured by host DG Rtn Mahadeva Prasad, R I Dist 3192 and Spouse



Team RI Dist 3211 with RI President's Representative at SIAPC



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Team RI Dist 3211 at SIAPC



Networking with friends from other districts

### AIM HIGH - DISHA 2025



Aim High - DISHA 2025, the Rotary Zonal Goal Setting Seminar for RI Zones 5 & 6 was held at the Taj Vivanta, Bhubaneswar, from 18th to 20th March 2025. The seminar was held in presence of esteemed Rotary leaders, including:

- Past Rotary International President (PRIP) Shekhar Mehta
- Trustee Chair and Past Rotary International Director (PRID) Dr. Bharat Pandya,
- Rotary International Director Elect (RIDE) M Muruganandam
- Rotary International Director Elect (RIDE) K.P. Nagesh

The seminar was chaired by Past District Governor (PDG) Debasish Mishra. The event aimed to set goals and strategies for the upcoming Rotary year, fostering collaboration and innovation among Rotary leaders. It was an incredible learning and goal-setting experience in Bhubaneswar!

From the moment we arrived at the airport, the seamless transportation and smooth check-in set the tone for the event.

Thoughtful touches like the welcome gifts and the well-organized inaugural ceremony created a warm atmosphere.

We were inspired by the powerful addresses from leaders and gained deep insights into various verticals and focus areas from regional leaders. The goal-setting session was meticulously planned, with excellent guidance to help us define clear and actionable objectives.

The visit to the Jagannath Temple, beachside dinner, and motivating closing session reinforced our commitment to the goals we set. The event truly empowered the District leaders and their teams to elevate Rotary to the next level.

RIDE MMM's vision was an inspiring driving force for all of us, and it served as a strong motivational factor for the district leaders.

Huge congratulations to RIDE MMM and PDG Debashish Mishra for organizing such an impactful and memorable Goal Setting Workshop—AIM HIGH!

#### PDG Dr Thomas Vavanikunnel



**GOVERNOR'S MONTHLY LETTER** 

DARPANAM

### **MY RECENT TRIP TO CHENNAI AS RIPR IN RI DISTRICT 3233**



As I reflect on my most recent experience as the Rotary International President's Representative (RIPR) to District 3233 in Chennai, a rush of gratitude fills my heart. Being entrusted with this honour for the fifth time to a Past District Governor like myself is a privilege beyond measure. As I often say to fellow Rotarians, the RI President cannot be there at every District Conference in a year, even if he or she wishes to do so; instead, they appoint representatives to carry forward their message and spirit.

Standing in that role, I felt the weight of responsibility and the thrill of honour, knowing that the districts bestow upon RIPR the same respect as the RI President during the district conference.

As I said earlier, this was not my first journey in this capacity; I have been fortunate enough to serve as the RI President's Representative to four other Rotary Districts earlier—3282 in Chittagong in 2018, Bangladesh; 2981 in Pondicherry in 2019; 3232 in Chennai in 2019; and 3160 at Hospet in Karnataka in 2022. Each experience—whether traversing the vibrant landscapes of Bangladesh, the warm embrace of Pondicherry, or the bustling heart of Chennai—has etched itself into my soul. I am lucky to have widened my friendship circle beyond all borders. Yet, this recent invitation from the magical RI President Stephanie Urchick to represent her at District 3233 was quite a happy moment and to me, a profound testament to my commitment and leadership over the years.

Arriving in Chennai on March 13th, 2025, with my beloved wife, DGND Dr. Meera John, we were given a warm welcome at the airport by District Governor Mahavir Bothra himself, along with his team, especially our special aides, Past Assistant Governor Rtn Kathirvel Ganapathiappan and his gracious spouse, Rtn Dr. Parkavi Mahalingam. Their warmth and hospitality enveloped us, serving as a gentle reminder of the incredible camaraderie Rotary fosters around the globe. Throughout our stay, they served as exceptional guides, navigating us through the rich tapestry of experiences that awaited us.

The Council of Governors meeting at Grand GRT Chennai on the same day evening stood as a beacon of collaborative spirit and love of past, present, and future District Governors. Here, rotary leaders exchanged ideas, each voice contributing to a chorus of shared growth and innovative practices. I shared my thought process, and we had a very intriguing interactive session with COG members and their spouses. The conference started the next afternoon with great pomp and show. We were given a surprise welcome on a chariot driven by two white horses, with the District Governor Mahavir Bothra and First Lady in front in an open jeep, leading the spectacular procession with lots of traditional art forms and a band to accompany. The conference hall was a lively —buzzing with anticipation, filled to the brim with attendees eager to glean wisdom from an impressive lineup of speakers. Among them were pioneers in artificial intelligence, influential political figures, pioneers in infrastructure development, successful startups, and visionaries in space technology, as well as spiritual leaders and celebrity speakers. Each segment of the agenda ignited my passion for the dynamic role we play as Rotarians in shaping our communities and beyond. I addressed the crowd on multiple sessions, and in the inaugural session, I spoke on the Presidential theme and the vision of RI President Stephanie Urchick, giving emphasis to RI's action plan. The next day, I addressed the crowd on leadership skills in Rotary and also on the Rotary Foundation.

As the event unfolded, I found myself immersed not only in inspiring discussions but also in a rich cultural experience. The entertainment program became a delightful interlude, showcasing the talents of renowned artists from the Tamil film and music industry. Their performances ignited the audience, reminding us of the power of creativity and joy to unite us, transcending language and cultural barriers. The food served was widespread and delicious, catering to every palate. What impressed me most was the unconditional support DG Mahavir got from his predecessors and successors, once again emphasizing that Rotary is always evolving into something better. It is the teamwork and collaboration that support Rotary.

The final day started earlier with the Major Donor breakfast and the conference concluded by late evening on 16th March 2025. One of the conference highlights came during the major donor breakfast,

### **MY RECENT TRIP TO CHENNAI AS RIPR IN RI DISTRICT 3233**

where I had the privilege of honoring Arch Klumph Society members. It was both humbling and invigorating to witness firsthand their unwavering commitment to the Rotary Foundation and the transformative projects undertaken worldwide. Their passion for giving and their belief in our mission resonated deeply with me.

As I reflect on the achievements of District 3233—remarkably enhanced membership as globally first till now, a strong public image, and promising prospects for TRF collections—I am filled with hope and eagerness. The leadership of District Governor Mahavir Bothra and First Lady Jayashree Bothra has set a vibrant tone for the newly formed district, inspiring members to engage actively and contribute to meaningful change. Their vision encourages collaboration and innovation, creating an environment where every member feels valued and empowered to make a difference in their communities, paving the way for our collective future.

In closing, my experience as an RI President's Representative has been incredibly enriching, woven with moments of inspiration, lifetime friendship, camaraderie, and connection with so many remarkable individuals. Indeed, being a representative of the RI president is not just a title; it is a profound opportunity to embody the values of Rotary and empower communities. Both Meera and I carry this spirit with us, eager to see what lies ahead on this incredible journey together.

#### PDG Dr. John Daniel



**RI DISTRICT 3211** 

### HERE ARE OUR ASSISTANT GOVERNORS

#### AG Zone 04



**Clubs:** Trivandrum Metropolis Trivandrum Seacoast Trivandrum Trivandrum West

*Home club: Trivandrum Metropolis* 

#### AG Zone 11



**Clubs :** Kadakkal Anchal Kottarakkara Puthur

**Home Club :** Kadakkal

#### Rtn T Santhosh Kumar

Rtn T Santhosh Kumar became a charter member of the Rotary Club of Trivandrum Metropolis in 2019. In the 2021-22 Rotary year, he was elected as the Club's President and has held several important positions, including TRF Chair, Service Chair, and Membership Chair. Throughout his tenure, he has worked diligently for the club's growth and development.

Rtn. T Santhosh Kumar is a Post Graduate and holds an MBA degree from the College of Engineering, Trivandrum. He joined in DOT and later converted to BSNL after his postgraduate studies and retired in 2020 as Assistant General Manager after taking voluntary retirement.

As the Assistant Governor for Zone 4, he is focusing particularly on the District Project UYARE, a flagship initiative of the District Governor, alongside other service projects.

His spouse Smt. Beenarani. S. S serves as the Chief Nursing Superintendent at Southern Railway, Trivandrum. They have two daughters. The elder daughter Anupama Santhosh works as a Manager in Data Science & Artificial Intelligence at Johnson & Johnson and lives in New York with her family. The younger daughter Kum. Aparna Santhosh is pursuing a PhD in Social Science at Exeter University, UK.

#### Rtn Raju Devadasan

Rtn MPHF Raju Devadasan joined the Rotary Club of Kadakkal in the year 2010. He was elected as President of the Club in the year 2017-18.

During his education period in NSS college Nilamel, He achieved C certificate in National Cadet Corps and also got first position in state level shooting competition conducted by NCC. He was elected District President of Cable Operators Association (COA) Kollam, which then elevated to COA State Committee Member.

In Zone 11, he is planning Inter Club Family Get-Together to sustain a strong bond and form family-oriented zone clubs.

He is married to Rtn Seleena Raju and have two children, Kailas Raj and Kiran Raj

### **DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S OFFICIAL VISITS**



**RC TRIVANDRUM RESIDENCY** 



**RC KATTAKKADA** 



**RC KAYAMKULAM PALACE** 







**RC ATTINGAL TOWN** 

**RC TRIVANDRUM CENTRAL** 



**RC KARUNAGAPPALLY** 



**RC PUNALUR** 





**RC TRIVANDRUM PHOENIX** 



**RC PARASSALA** 



**RC TRIVANDRUM METRO** 









**RC SHERTALLAY TOWN** 



**RI DISTRICT 3211** 

**GOVERNOR'S MONTHLY LETTER** 

### SAVE VEMBANADU PROJECT

15 Rotary Clubs in Alleppey Revenue District, joined hands with the District Administration and Alleppey Municipality on a Plastic-free Vembanad Campaign on World Water Day March 22, 2025.

The Vembanad Backwaters (the largest lake in India, by area) is nature's gift to the country and is the abode of many micro-organisms, fish and biodiversity. Many of the people living on the banks of the lake find their livelihood from fishing and clam collection. Such treasures from nature are to be protected and handed over to the next generation.

The lake is getting dirty by accumulation of waste material by improper littering of plastic and other materials. Such waste disposals in the lake destroy the natural habitat. With the expansion of tourism, the quantity of waste also has increased. Such a beautiful lake can be found nowhere else in the world. It has to be protected. If responsible tourism is promoted by eliminating waste, more tourists can be attracted to the area.

Understanding the importance of maintaining a clean Vembanad Lake, about 220 people consisting of Rotarians, Kudumbasree members, Municipality employees, fishermen and other voluntary organizations set out on a cleaning spree in about 100 inland fishing boats and kayaking boats and collected plastic and other waste from different parts of the lake. Another group did the cleaning operation on the lake shore. About 3.6 tons of waste collected in sacks was handed over to the Municipality Authorities for disposal.

The cleaning operation was flagged off by the District Collector Shri Alex Varghese IAS at the Finishing Point of the famous Nehru Trophy Boat Race at the Punnamada Stretch of the Vembanad Lake. The program attended by Municipal Chairperson Smt K K Jayamma, Municipal Councilors, health workers, the local public and Rotary leaders held the public image of Rotary in esteem.

Alleppey District Nodal Officer for Malinya Muktha Nava Keralam and Chief Planner RI District 3211, Rtn PAG C Jayakumar, took leadership for the program along with Assistant Governors and other Rotary Leaders from Alleppey Revenue District.

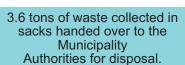


Assistant Governors and other Rotary Leaders from Alleppey Revenue District

The cleaning operation flagged off by District Collector Shri Alex Varghese IAS



Inland fishing boats and kayaking boats getting ready for the cleaning mission



### **INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS**



Kerala Chalachitra Academy Chairman, Actor-writer **Rtn. Premkumar**, Hon. Rotarian of RC Kazhakuttom, has received the First Innocent Foundation Award instilled by Badariya Media

**RC Vembanad Pallippuram** 

Ten new members, including 8 ladies, were inducted.

#### UYARE WITH ASAP KERALA

#### Dear Rotary Leaders,

As you all are aware, our District Governor has signed an MOU with ASAP Kerala, Dept of Higher Education, to conduct programs together.

UYARE Challenge Period: March 1 - May 14, 2025

Please undertake ASAP projects during this period. We have four projects:

1. English Essential Skills: For school students (Class 8 & above)

- 60-hour program (20 days, 3 hours/day)
- Cost: 12,400 per student
- Minimum batch strength: 30 students, Max;- 40 Students. Can be conducted in club halls, schools, or other venues, ASAP CSP's
- Need to arrange Projector and Laptop in training venue other than ASAP's
- Flexible payment options (free, student-paid, or hybrid)
- 2. Coding Skills: For students who have completed Class, 10th/12th above
  - ASAP will identify interested students and form batches
  - Cost: 15,600 per student
  - Minimum batch strength: 30 students
- 3. Cake Baking and Decoration: Ideal for small supermarket owners, home bakers, and those with basic baking knowledge
  - Cost: 15,000
  - Short-term workshop
  - Transportation costs may apply (depending on location)
- 4. Additionally, ASAP is conducting a Scuba Diving course Hero to Zero- Divemaster (level 5) and Rescue Diver (level 4)\* Program for 20 candidates from fishermen community of Trivandrum district. Level 4 & 5 fully funded by CSR project amounting to Rs 20 Lakhs
  - Students needs to pay Rs 60,000 for course free for to Level 1,2,3 of the Hero to Zero Scuba Diving Course
  - Students have requested minimum scholarship support of Rs 10,000 per students
  - Total commitment for 20 students: <sup>1</sup> 2 lakhs.

Please note that project costs should be paid directly to ASAP's account.

ANY CLUB OR ANY ROTARIAN CAN CONTRIBUTE.

If you have any questions or would like to participate, please don't hesitate to reach out.

My number is 944702478

Mr. Ismail from ASAP HQ SPOC - 9037277741

Love and regards,

Dr Meera John DGND & Uyare Chairperson

ASAP District - SPOC (Single Person of Contact)

Trivandrum - Janaki -9400683868

Kollam - Balu - 9995925844

Pathanamthitta - 8547588142

Alappuzha - Kavitha - 9495999680

Kottayam - Arun - 7736645206

RC Trivandrum Seacoast

Hands-on ECG Recording Training Camp

Rotary Club of Trivandrum Sea Coast organised a daylong hands-on training programme to the medical professionals of Thiruvananthapuram, in association with Shree Vidyadhiraja Homeopathic Medical College, Nemom, on 15th March 2025. Under this program, 80 eligible medical professionals from various Hospitals were trained to operate ECG machines and also to record ECG. This skill development programme — Uyare - received overwhelming response from the medical fraternity as the Rotary Club opened a wide avenue for career growth for the participants.

District Governor Rtn. Sudhi Jabbar, inaugurated the general session and the training programme at Shree Vidyadhiraja Homeopathic Medical College, Nemom. This Learning Workshop was guided by three leading Cardiologists of Tvpm, viz. Dr. R. Ajay Kumar, Rtn Dr. P. Mangalanandan and Dr. K. Krishna Kumar, who shared their extensive knowledge & experience in the field of Electrocardiography. They were fully assisted by 9 ECG Technicians as hands-on trainers for the Participants.

The Validitory Function was inaugurated by PDG Rtn. Suresh Mathew. The Chief Guest of the Valedictory Function, PDG Rtn. Dr. G. Sumithran called upon the trainees to develop a strong bond with their communities. All trainees were awarded with Training Certificates.



#### RC Quilon Lotus responds to Uyare Challenge

Rotary Club of Quilon Lotus is the first club to respond earnestly to the Uyare 75 Days Challenge, raised by the District. By end of March 2025, they have completed 12 Uyare Projects and many more are in the pipeline.

#### UYARE CHALLENGE PROJECTS RC QUILON LOTUS





Provided free training in beautician course and placement support at Le Amour Salon, Kollam



Provided free training in tailoring and provided a sewing machine



Provided free training in tailoring & placement support at Amour De Lune, Kollam



Financial assistance for course @ G-TEC computer education and placement support at Subhash Rexin, Kollam



Financial assistance for learning fashion designing under GITD and placement support at Royal Touch Stitching Centre



Financial assistance for learning fashion designing under GITD and placement @ Mithra Boutique and stitching centre



Provided free training in tailoring & placement support at Amour De Lune, Kollam



Provided training in jewellery making & placement support at Golden Moments, Kollam





Arranged 6 months course in Communicative English in association with Winsedu International Language Academy



Financial assistance for learning Tally under G. Tech and placement @ Aluminium Broadway, Kollam



**RC Kottayam East** Arranged Home care giver training for women in association with Sreddha Home Health care and Best Dementia Care Home.



RC Haripad Greater Tailoring Training as part of Uyare Sthree Project, inaugurated by Muncipal Chairman Sri Ramakrishnan



**RC Quilon Heritage** 

Valedictory Function of 4 months stitching and embroidery training to 16 women.Certificates were distributed after exam. District Project Chair Dr Meera John exhibiting hand embroidery of Uyare logo done by the beneficiaries.





**RC Paippad** Provided training and sewing machine for 4 women



**RC Trivandrum South** Provided training to TTC students of Thunjan Smarakam TTC to create six different products, including Agarbatti, lotion, fabric softener, cleaning solution, soap and detergent soap powder



RC Changanacherry Town Empowered physically challenged girls and their mothers through cake-baking classes



RC Changanacherry Town Training in stitching & placement at Campus Boutique, Changanacherry for 4 women and Sewing machine to one

#### RC Quilon

Rotary Club of Quilon, in association with Mahindra Last Mile Mobility Limited, organized a 7 Day Skill Imparting Workshop at Asian Motors, Mamom, Attingal to 33 technically qualified individuals who underwent training in automotive mechanics, electrical systems, engine repair, brake systems, suspension & steering mounting and repair, and computerized diagnostics, with 100% placement guaranteed.

A Similar Program was arranged at Parassala also.



**RC Kattanam** Sponsored semester fee for a needy student of the College of Applied Science, Mavelikkara

**RC Kollam Metro** A Cake Making Competition was conducted in association with R P Mall, Kollam



#### RC Haripad Greater

Free driving training arranged for 3 persons including 2 ladies at Galaxy Driving School, Pallana with assistance for obtaining driving license. Inaugurated by Haripad Muncipal Chairman Sri Ramakrishnan



#### **RC Sherthallay Town**

Free training to acquire LMV license to 5 young girls and absorbing as drivers in the Ayurkshethra Ayurveda Colleges owned by Rtn.Dr.Shenoie Rajan.



### **RC Quilon** As part of Fishermen Community Development Program (FCDP), identified fifty young girls for training in Cosmetology, Skin, Hair, Make-up & Salon management, with placement assistance.

#### Alleppey Revenue District

First Uyare ASAP batch arranged at Alleppey Revenue District, with sponsorship from Sherthallay Town(8), Alleppey East(8), Alleppey (4), Marari(4), Aroor(2), Vembanad(2), Cherthala Green city (2), E club of Kerala Global (2) and Alleppey North (2). We will be sponsoring 30 school students for Essential Skills project and one child for Fitness Trainer.



RC Greater Kollam Empowering Skills in association with ASOFT Fashion Design School Kollam.

### **RAY OF HOPE FOR HOMELESS - PROJECT UDAYKIRAN 2**





**RC Kayamkulam** Foundation stone laying of a house under Udaykiran 2



**RC Travancore Trivandrum** Foundation stone laying under Udaykiran 2



**RC Kattakada** Foundation stone laying of 3 houses under Udaykiran 2



**RC Paipad** Foundation stone laying-Udaykiran 2



**RC Ettumanoor** Foundation stone laying-Udaykiran 2



**RC Pathanapuram** Udaykiran 2 Work in progress



**RC Kulanada** Foundation stone laying-Udaykiran 2





**RC Marari** Foundation stone laying of 2 houses under Udaykiran 2



**RC Pathanamthitta Metro** Foundation stone laying-Udaykiran 2

**RC Alleppey East** Foundation stone laying of 2 houses under Udaykiran 2

### **UDAYKIRAN 1 AND OTHER HOUSING PROJECTS**



RC Trivandrum South House warming of one Udaykiran 1 Project

RC Kottayam North House - Key hand over by Minister Shri V N Vasavan



**RC Kilimanoor** Repaired a damaged house in Pulimath Panchayath, by changing the roof and applying fresh paint.

#### PDG SURESH MATHEW @ TELLICHERRY AS ROPE CHIEF COORDINATOR



**PDG Suresh Mathew** addresses Inaugural Ceremony of District Level Anti-drugs Campaign of RI District 3204 at Tellicherry, as the Chief Coordinator of Rotary Police Engagement (ROPE).

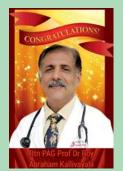
## Congratulations!



PDG Scaria Jose Kattoor has been appointed as Representative of District 3211 to the Rotary International Council on Legislation (COL) and as Assistant Regional Polio Program Coordinator of RI.

**PDG Shirish Kesavan** has been appointed as the Action Plan Champion of RI Zone 5.





**Rtn PAG Dr. Roy Abraham Kallivayalil** has been appointed as a World Health Organization (WHO) Representative, recognizing his immense contributions to global healthcare and psychiatry. Dr. Roy Abraham Kallivayalil is a globally respected mental health expert, and currently serves as the Vice President of the World Psychiatric Association (WPA) Global Mental Health Federation. Previously, he has held key positions such as:

President, World Association for Social Psychiatry Secretary General, World Psychiatric Association (WPA)

Chairman, Department of Psychiatry, Pushpagiri Medical College

He has made significant contributions in the field of psychiatry, mental health policies, and medical education across Switzerland, the UK, and other international platforms.

#### PLANETREE RELOADED



**RC Kollam Metro** 3rd Nakshathravanam in RID 3211



**RC Quilon East** 

**RC Sasthamkotta** Garden set up in association with Sasthamkotta Panchayath



**RC Quilon West** 

4th Nakshathravanam in RID 3211 at ITI Chandanathoppu.Planting of saplings corresponding to 27 birth stars was inaugurated jointly by District Chief Patron PDG Rtn K S Sasikumar and Principal of ITI Sri. Vikas. An environmental awareness seminar was also conducted.



**RC Kattakada** Guests to the club are presented with Saplings as gifts

### ENTE KANMANIKKU FIRST GIFT



**RC Trivandrum Central** Ente Kanmanikku First Gift - cheque of Rs 50,000 handed over to Kerala Vision News



**PAG Rtn Benny Thomas,** RC Trivandrum East, was a speaker at the Kerala Kaumudi Health & Tourism Conclave and received Health & Tourism Excellence Award from the Health Minister Smt. Veena George



PAG Rtn Anil Nath, RC Kazhakuttom, receiving Health & Tourism Excellence Award during Kerala Kaumudi Health & Tourism Conclave

National Dentist's Day



#### RC Mannarasala

Dental Health Deepashikha Rally flagged off by Haripad Municipal Chairman Ramakrishnan. Free Dental Set distribution and Dental Screening Camp in association with Indian Dental Association



**RC Thalayolaparambu** Dental Medical Camp and Dental Day Celebration in association with Indian Dental Association inaugurated by Assistant Governor S D Suresh Babu.

International Women's Day



**RC Quilon** Women's Day organised in association with Fishermen Community Development Program (FCDP) at Rotary Community Center, Beach, Kollam.



**RC Quilon Lotus** 

Honoured City Police Commissioner Kollam Mrs.Kiran Narayanan IPS, Adv. Sujatha(Family counselor and internal complaint committee member of ESI Ezhukone) and Mrs.Nisha (Principal of SN Trust Central school)



**RC Kattanam** Honoured Dr Anu on International Women's Day



**RC Trivandrum Amity** Sponsored a lottery stall for a lady Mrs. Remani



**RC Trivandrum East** Honoured Smt Latha Nair; Founder Amrithavarshini

International Women's Day



#### **RC** Thalayolaparambu

Women's Day celebrated in the Club. Haritha Karma Sena Leaders honoured with Excellence Awards. Gloves, Masks etc. provided for the use of Haritha Karma Sena volunteers.



**RC Thalayolaparambu** Debate on Women Empowerment led by Prof Jayakumar





**RC Thalayolaparambu** Celebrated Women's Day with inmates of Piatho Bhavan and provided essential items for them.



**RC Alleppey** Women's Day Celebrationsin association with Joy Alukkas Group

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REMARK ROJOPROACT WEBINAR ON "EMPOWERING WOMEN THROUGH COLLECTIVE ACTION" On Stürzdyzeth March 2023 connection with the INTERNATIONAL WOMEY'S DAY on the 2000 platform at 7.30pm list

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**RC Alleppey** Webinar on Empowering Women



**RC Mannarasala** Rtn Suma Ravikumar honoured by Anns of the Club



RC Trivandrum Residency Donated 5 sewing machines to deserving ladies





**RC Vaikom Lake City** Service Excellence Awards to Maravanthuruth Panchayat President, Mrs. Preethy and Special Educator Mrs. Rejimol Jacob



RC Travancore Trivandrum Honoured 8 Lady KSRTC Driver-cum-Conductors and the Station Masters



**RC Muttom** Women's day along with IMA, WIMA & Desabandhu Vanitha Vedhi



RC Karode

Honoured Dr Kumari Vrinda Suresh for her service to disabled children, "Avalidam" Ladies Club Members who won State Award for their efforts in Women Safety & Women Empowerment, Smt Anitha Suresh, Founder-Director of Karunya Mission Charitable Trust and Annet Anvitha Sachin d/o Rtn Sachin, who won Bronze Medal for Gymnastic Trabolig in Asian Games.



**RC Kazhakuttom** 

Program on Women Empowerment at Govt Women's ITI by Dr Lakshmi Vijayan, Asst Prof Sanskrit College Awareness class on breast &cervical cancer by Dr Nisha Nishanth and Dr Gayathri Gopan @Desasevini Library Honoured doctors of WIMA Kazhakuttom during the weekly meeting in the presence of Anns and Annets



RC Pathanamthitta Womens Day Celebrations at Mary Matha Public School Pathanamthitta





**RC Trivandrum Suburban** Former first ladies were felicitated with a Red Rose and memento by their Spouses



**RC Kattanam** Honoured all lady members, Anns and Annets on Women's Day

Holy





Installed Water Purifier in District Collectorate



RC Kattanam Celebrated Holy

World Water Day



**RC Trivandrum Capital** Distributed the UN World Waterday campaign cerificate at Poojappura, Trivandrum





**RC Mannarasala** IFTAR Sangamam with Imam Adv Ansil Bakhavi, Rev Fr Lal Cheriyan & other dignitaries



Rotary e-Club of Kerala Global Sponsored 1000 Iftar meal kits for a community IFTAR in the UAE



#### Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

The Second CSR Fund for District 3211 supported from Cosmopolitan Hospital Trivandrum was received by Trust Treasurer DGN AKS Krishnan G Nair from Directors Dr. PA Thomas, Dr. Madhu Ravindran, Smt Chandrika Menon, Smt Nalini Vijayaraghavan and Chief Executive Officer Rtn. Ashok P Menon in the presence of DSG Rtn Roynold Gomez and DDG Rtn Rajan P.



#### **RC Trivandrum South**

Organised a mega eye camp at Mayam, Amboori. 136 residents attended the camp. 16 persons were offered free eye surgery at Regional Institute of Opthalmologist out of 69 persons diagnosed with eye problems





**RC Kollam City** Family Meeting on success of 'Rajatham' - Silver Jubilee Celebrations of the Club.



**RC** Thalayolaparambu Cancer Care Aid to a beneficiary



**RC Trivandrum South** 2nd eye camp@ Amboori Panchayat. Free spectacles will be given to 40 identified.

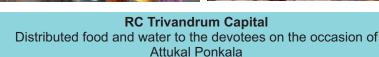


**RC Vaikom Lake City** Cancer Care Aid Rs.60,000 & Rs.20,000 for 2 beneficiaries

**RC Vaikom Lake City** Renal Care Aid to a beneficiary



**RC Quilon East** Donated medals & trophies to Malayali Sabha School





**RC Trivandrum Suburban** Mrs. Lekha K.C., World Boxing Champion and recipient of the Major Dhyan Chand Award was Chief Guest during Family Gettogether

RC Kottayam Central Conducted International Tour to Alamaty



RC Alleppey East A combined initiative with Manorama publications (Alappuzha) on Anti Narcotics Drive



Club Tour Illikal Kallu, Kattikayam Falls,

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RC Kattanam Sponsored food for Moonankutty Govt School Anniversary

RC Quilon East Support to Alpha Palliative Care, Asramom, Kollam



**RC Puthuppally** Coordinated Installation of Rotaract Club of Puthuppally. Rtn. Nisha Jose K Mani was the chief guest.



**RC Quilon Heritage** Coupon for fund mobilization of Alpha Palliative Care **RC Kaduthuruthy Town** Felicitation Rtn Adv Jose Joseph K for approval as Notary Public and Ann Vidhu Rajeev for winning the national award for dairy farm



RC Trivandrum Ananthapuri Collaborated with Reporter Channel for Anti-Drug Awareness Campaign. Discussed about Rotary's role, Rotary Police Engagement (ROPE) and ALCO Scan Van.

**RC Kilimanoor** Provided lunch to 35 differently abled children of Buds school in Kattumpuram - Pulimath Panchayat



RC Kazhakuttom Bottles of Hope - Water bottles with photos of students printed at GLPS Korani

RC Venjaramoodu Donated sports kit to the swimming trainees of Kuthirakulam Aquatic Club, Pirappancode



**RC Thalayolaparambu** Honoured little paleontologist Ishan Mecheri who is featured in India Book of Records

**RC Venjaramoodu** Financial aid to physically handicapped women for stationary shop at Pirappancode





**RC Quilon** Renovated the dining block at The Govt Model Girls High School, Kollam at a cost of Rs.2,43,000 which will benefit 720 children.

**RC Quilon East** Award to all top achievers of Malayalisabha UP School, Thevally



#### **RC Alleppey Greater**

Organized a cancer awareness campaign in collaboration with Believers Hospital and Manorama. Free Cancer Detection Camp was inaugurated by writer Vayalar Saratchandra Varma. Cine Artist Pisharadi was the chief guest. The program was screened on Manorama News Channel.



#### **RC Quilon East**

Family Meeting for March was celebrated in a grand function. Dr. Jayasankar, Retd Deputy Director, Kerala Government Health Services, was the keynote speaker on the topic "Astrology & Medical science".







RC Kaduthuruthy Town Annual Picnic



RC Vaikom Lake City Adult Diapers to Palliative Care Maravanthuruth

**RC Karunagappally** Donated furniture worth Rs1.05Lakhs to Welfare UPS Karunagappally. Inaugurated by Hon MLA in presence of Muncipal Chairman.



**RC Karunagappally** Palliative Care Clinic at RCPM Hospital Changankulanga

RC Punalur Working uniforms to Harithskarmasena



**RC Trivandrum Central** Rtn AG Dr Renjit Suseelan handed over the contribution of Rs 10,00,000/- for the Global Grant Project. Rtn AG Dr Renjit Suseelan was felicitated for attaining Major Donor status. Rtn PDG Suresh Mathew was felicitated for achieving the second level Major Donor status



**RC Karunagappally** Provided free cataract surgery to three deserving individuals



**RC Sherthallai Town** Handing over the Blood Component unit to a beneficiary free ofcost as part of MoU with Green Gardens Hospital for Global grant.



#### **RC Sherthallai Town**

Trophies, Cash prizes & certificates to the Winners of inter High School competitions conducted by the Club.



**RC Chingavanom** Provided six waste bins to the market area



**RC Pathanamthitta** St. Mary's school Pathanamthitta Rotary Cash award



RC Trivandrum Suburban Free distribution of menstrual cup and awareness class as part of project 'PINK TULIP' at Chinnamma Memorial Girls HSS, Poojappura

**RC Anchalummood Central** Financial Aid to 10 needy patientsas part of 120th Anniversary of Rotary International



**RC Sasthamkotta** Got selected as the most Popular Organisation in Sasthamkotta Panchayat for efforts towards Malinyamuktham Navakeralam. Received the award from Hon MLA Kovoor Kunjumon.



#### **RC Alleppey Greater**

Vocational Excellence Awards to Actor Pramod Velianad, Journalist Roy Kottaracjira and Dr Roopesh Suresh. Women the Great Award to Sister Mary Linda. Honoured Little Farmers Fadiya Firoz & Fareeda Firoz, and Apoorva Charitable Trust.

# **OBITUARY**

### Rtn Major Donor R Sreenivasan (Venki), RC Alleppey



Rtn Sreenivasan Rangamani (69), fondly known as Venky Swamy, Past President Rotary Club of Alleppey passed away at around 8:30 AM on Sunday, 9th March 2025. He was cremated at Chathanad Smasanam on 11th March 2025.

A senior and esteemed member of RC Alleppey, Venky was a man of wisdom, integrity, and an unwavering commitment to his profession as a Chartered Accountant. He always stood for friendship and fellowship in Rotary.

Venky is survived by his beloved wife Sobha, two sons, and a daughter.

### VENKI WAS FIRST MARRIED TO ROTARY AND I AM ONLY HIS SECOND WIFE

- says Sobha Sreenivasan

When I thought of an obituary note on our beloved friend Venki I was wondering what would be the ideal caption and finally I decided on this. There will not be any better testimonial for his passion to Rotary than a certificate like this from his own wife, who lived with him for nearly 45 years. Venki was so committed and passionate to Rotary. He may no longer be with us in person, but his spirit—his kindness, camaraderie, and generosity—will forever remain in the hearts of those who knew him.



With deep sorrow, the Rotarians of Rotary Club of Alleppey bid farewell to Rtn Sreenivasan Rangamani (69), fondly known as Venky Swamy. His presence left an indelible mark on all who had the privilege of knowing him. Venky truly embodied the spirit of Rotary, cherishing its fellowship and friendships to the core. His generosity was equally remarkable—his contributions to The Rotary Foundation exceeded USD 10,000, earning him a place in the Major Donors Club in 2022-23.

Venky's leadership shone brightly when he served as President of RC Alleppey in 1990-91. He took immense pride in the fact that, during his tenure, the club hosted an exclusive tea meeting attended by 10 Past District Governors (PDGs)—a rare privilege. Among the stalwarts present were PDGs Jambu Kesan, Peer Muhammed, Sundara Pandyan, Kadiresan, Jacob Thomas, A.I. Abraham, and RC Alleppey's own Revi

Karunakaran. Another crowning moment of his presidency was welcoming Rtn. Rajendra Saboo, then RI President-Elect, to the club.

Venky was not just a professional and community leader; he was a devoted family man. His wife, Rtn. Ann Sobha, is a homemaker and an active member of the Inner Wheel Club of Alleppey. They built a beautiful family together:

- Arjun, their eldest son, is a VIT B. Tech (EC) graduate, settled in Houston, USA, with his wife and two children.
- Ashwin, their second son, is a Chartered Accountant (CA) and CPA (Australia), serving as a partner at the Kochi office and working for Google, Hyderabad.
- Anju, their daughter, is a law graduate from Pune, settled in California, USA, with her husband, who works for Google.

Venky's journey may have ended, but his legacy of service, generosity, and leadership will remain an inspiration for all who had the privilege of knowing him. Rest in peace, Venky. You will be deeply missed but never forgotten.

Rtn PAG M Kumaraswamy Pillai RC Alleppey



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