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# Change MAKERS



GOVERNOR'S MONTHLY LETTER

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MARCH IS



## WATER AND SANITATION MONTH

“Water and sanitation must be clear priorities if we are to create a future that allows everyone to live healthy, prosperous and dignified lives”

Michel Jarraud

# Governor's Message

*Dear Change Makers in Rotary*

In the Gregorian calendar the shortest month is February, be it a leap year or otherwise and thus the month was no different in 2022. However with regard to RI District 3232, February was like a cornucopia overflowing with events and projects. As the person leading the District this year I cannot be happier than now. The enthusiasm that prevailed in July among the Rotarians has not diminished an iota. I hope to see the same momentum in the next four months and beyond.

February 23rd being the birthday of our great movement, it was celebrated with the fanfare that it deserves. To see an organization grow from strength to strength and in the process bring about positivity in the lives of the less fortunate is indeed noteworthy. In the 117 years of its existence, Rotary has become a word synonymous with only giving and goodness. Let us all work to this end by following the motto Service Above Self keeping in mind the Four Way Test at all times.

The Sun Never Sets in Rotary was a world event conceptualized by Rtn. Vasanthi Ranganathan and coordinated by her and Rtn. Chella Srinivasan and was held on the 23rd of February. It is a matter of pride that the first slot of the twenty four hour event was bagged by District 3232. We had RI President sent in his message and we also had some of the Clubs in the District showcase their projects to the Rotary World.

February being Rotary's designated month for Peace and Conflict Resolution, the Chairman for that focus area Rtn. Usharani Kannan did a fine job of bringing out an effective poster daily. She was able to share great messages through the posters.

National Immunisation Day was on the 27th of February. Rotary to many in the rural areas of the country is known by the two drops of Polio vaccine that is administered to the children below the age of five. This is one project where our work is visible what with the mobilization of all clubs and Rotarians to the various centres which administer the polio drops. This year was no different and I must say that I had the privilege of inaugurating the administering of the polio drops along with the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru M. K. Stalin in the august presence of many dignitaries.

With schools having reopened, the WASH team headed by Rtn. Ramani as Chairman, are working in earnest to bring about water, sanitation and hygiene to most of the Government and Corporation Schools.

To this end, I have visited some of the projects and I must say that they are all very laudable. March is Rotary's designated month for Water and Sanitation. We in Rotary should work towards making our city water sufficient and a model place when it comes to hygiene and sanitation. This is definitely not beyond us. March 22nd is World Water Day and District Water Mission Chairman Rtn. Ajit Nair and team are working hard to save every drop of water by putting to use innovative methods.

My official visit to the Clubs are going on in full fervor, and with the pandemic giving us a respite, I have been able to meet some of the Club leaders and members in person. As they say Rotary lives in the Clubs and each of my visits has only endorsed that. Before closing, Punitha and I would like to wish all of you a great month ahead. Take care and stay safe. ■

*Yours in Rotary,*

**Rtn. J. SRIDHAR**

District Governor - RI Dist 3232



# Congratulations

## The Tall Leader Rises

It is a matter of immense pride that the shining star of RI District 3232 and RI Director Rtn. A.S. Venkatesh has been appointed as the Rotary International Treasurer of the board of Rotary International for the forthcoming Rotary Year 2022-23.

Please join me in congratulating our dear RI Director A. S. Venkatesh on this distinction and wish him more success in the years to come. ■



## Meet your DGND

It's a pleasure to get to know your future leader. The affable DGND Rtn. N.S.Saravanan who is known in the Rotary world as just **Sara**, needs no introduction. However here is a small write of facts unknown to many.

Rtn. Saravanan is the Managing Director of YENNES Infotec (P) Limited which is in its 27th year and a leading and the largest partner for Tally - Accounting Software in the India with 8 offices in Tamil Nadu. Rtn. Saravanan is a philanthropist and ready to extend a helping hand to those needy, be it by providing free Tally learning or otherwise.



His journey in Rotary stretches for a good 22 years where in he has been an active Rotarian both in the Club as well as in the District. He is the Charter member of Rotary Club of Chennai Mitra. Rtn. Sara's leadership qualities were visible when in the midst of the pandemic he conducted noteworthy Pre PETS and PETS both on and offline.

Rtn. Saravanan is a Major Donor Level 2, a Paul Harris Society member and has signed an Endowment Fund for USD 25,000.. He has supported 4 Global Grant Projects. His popularity and calibre was emphasised with the results of the District Governor 2024-25 elections

Rtn. Saravanan is married to Bharati who is the Director in YENNES. They have two daughters Shobhitha working for Deloitte and Anisha who is studying in 9th at Sishya.

District Governor Rtn. J. Sridhar and First Lady Ann Punitha and the District Team take this opportunity to wish Rtn. Saravanan the very best as the future leader of the District. ■

## Past Governor K V Chari conferred Rotary's highest honour – "Service Above Self" Award



Rotary's Service Above Self Award honours Rotarians and now also Rotaractors, who help others by volunteering their time and talents. This is

the single most prestigious award to an individual Rotarian.

District Governors can nominate candidates for this award. Worldwide, only 150 recipients are selected each year.

This Rotary year we have nominated distinguished Past District Governor Krishnan V Chari from our District 3232, to receive this Rotary International's highest distinction in service award.

The RI Board of Directors had selected our District's nomination of PDG Krishnan V Chari, to receive the 2021-22 Service Above Self Award. This award consists of a pin and a personalized crystal, which would be presented to PDG Krishnan V Chari at the nearest opportunity on receipt.

Rotarians of District 3232 congratulate Past Governor Krishnan V Chari on being conferred this respected award. ■

I take great pleasure in congratulating each of you on your achievement and success.

*Yours in Rotary,*

**Rtn. J. SRIDHAR**

District Governor - RI Dist 3232

# Four Way - Or One Way - A Different Perspective

Rtn. Praveen Mehra, Rotary Club of Madras Chennapatna



Of the things we think, say or do  
Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER  
FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

has stood the test of time and has also held the  
Rotary Movement in good stead for close to a good  
century now, well 8 decades to be precise.

We Rotarians take pride in our being a part of this  
legacy called Rotary. We wear the Rotary lapel pin  
with great aplomb and our chest swells when we are  
spotted and asked about the great Movement that  
began on a cold winter morning in 1905.

When I read the Four Way Test coined by Rtn Herbert  
J. Taylor, I feel it is in essence ONE WAY Test,  
substantiated by the THREE Effects that it generates.

If the answer to the first Question - Is it the Truth?  
is a YES, then the other three replies have to be a  
YES, if the world that we are living in runs on eternal  
principles and high moral values.

If the TRUTH that I speak has to be authenticated by  
a weighing of the other three desired outcomes, that  
do not necessarily come as a natural corollary, then,  
either what I am saying is not the Truth or the World  
that I am living in has to be repaired.

What IS the TRUTH, IS Fair to all concerned. The  
Fairness may temporarily be shrouded in Ignorance,  
Selfishness, Pride, Vanity, Narrow- Mindedness,  
lack of Understanding, absence of Vision, lack of  
Courage of conviction to face the TRUTH. But  
TRUTH is always FAIR, provided it is the TRUTH.  
Unadulterated TRUTH, coming from the highest

level of Consciousness - from an ACTUALISED state  
of the Being.

The problem with the TRUTHs we speak today is that  
the TRUTHs are relative Truths and not born out of  
an understanding of the Absolute Truth. Truths we  
speak are doctored truths to prove our point, and  
not things as they are. Our compulsions could be  
anything but the fact remains that we are all driving  
small personal agendas behind the seeming truths  
we utter. People are either taken in by our words or  
have a shared agenda to accept half-truths, as truths.  
The World has been piling such pseudo-truths and  
has come to be where we find it today.

How else can we explain that the world is in eternal  
need of philanthropy, condescendence, charity,  
grants, subsidies, reservations, class divides. In the  
very pride we take of the good work we are doing  
in Rotary, I see a great and urgent need of a deep  
cleansing and course correction for the World. Why  
should there be a never ending need for Community  
Service. When will our Community be good on its  
own, without the need for artificial crutches of doles  
and charity? When will the differences and disparities  
end? A point I want all Rotarians to ponder.

Does TRUTH build Goodwill always? Well in the  
short run it may seem otherwise, but the fact is that  
there is no way to create GOODWILL other than  
being TRUTHFUL to the core. Be it in business or in  
public life, GOODWILL has always been earned by  
being truthful. Can't say the same for the Money and  
the false status and phony Fame though. One can  
fool the world but not the one in the mirror.

Friendships are the best relationships only and  
only because one can be ruthlessly Truthful, and in  
his elements. No other way can one be a friend to  
himself, leave alone to anyone else. The moment we  
begin to move away from the truth in any relationship,  
we begin to kill it.

Finally, will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned? YES  
there is nothing more beneficial than being with the  
TRUTH, come what may. The whole world from the  
time Man was created has been paying the price  
for going after the wrong benefits. In adopting any  
means to reach what we perceive as a benefit has  
been burning us both ends. Neither the means  
adopted are pleasant, nor is the end result that we  
accomplished by the short cuts.

Now, what I am saying may not be easy to digest, but I think I am chosen as a medium to bring us all around to this profound TRUTH that only TRUTH is truly liberating. Any deviation only keeps adding to the fetters around our soul. We begin to move away from our Core with every single compromise with the Truth. It begins very innocently. No child ever knows to speak anything that it does not believe to be true. But as we grow our mind starts to tweak our thoughts, words and deeds, seemingly in favour of the Tests - 2, 3 and 4 of the Four Way Test. The damage begins. Results desired by the mind are no doubt achieved, but we move away from the Core of our being. From a natural state of Blissful existence, as in the mother's womb, one gets into the realm of mind spun illusions which seem to be FAIR, BUILDING GOODWILL AND FRIENDSHIPS, AND BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED. It becomes an expedition into a thick jungle, which is very intriguing and gratifying to start with, but slowly becomes a maze that we get caught in and more often than not, we are lost for the rest of our life, nay lives.

Journey of the Human Consciousness is from the Gross to the Subtle. Truth is the Subtlest of Human

virtues. Closest to our Highest Self. The journey is from the Body to the Mind to the Intellect to the Spirit. From the Becoming to the Being. From the realm of Time and Space to the Beyond. From the Finite to the Infinite. From Death to Immortality.

Rotary is the Most Spiritual of all the Spiritual Organisations and the most Material of all the Commercial Organisations, in as much as it serves mankind at every level of Human Consciousness. All Human needs as narrated by Maslow's hierarchy are served by Rotary. We are both Seekers and Providers here. We seek from people who are higher in consciousness than us, and are Providers to those who are below us in consciousness development. Each and every Rotarian has the opportunity to reach SELF REALISATION, and also to practice SELF ACTUALISATION of one's realised potential.

And knowingly or unknowingly, the Four Way Test is the syllabus for all mankind to evolve to the level of God Consciousness, to become Co Creators on this planet.

May we all strive to live by the TRUTH as it is the ONLY WAY.

Long live Rotary. Long live the Rotary Four Way Test. ■

## An opportunity to seize

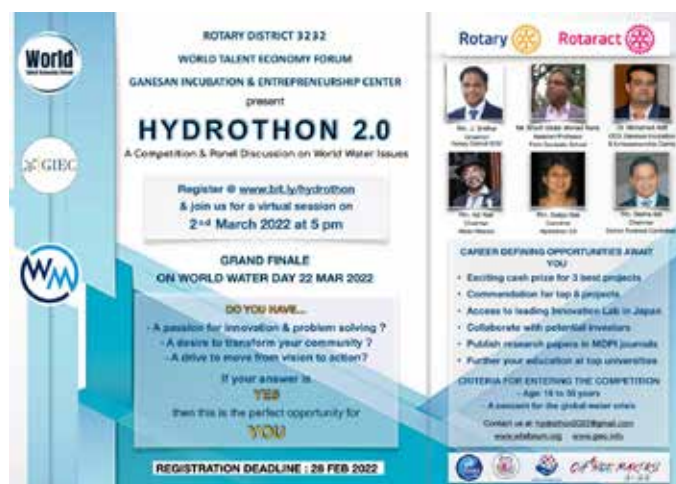
– Rtn. Durga Das, President, RC of Chennai ECR.

**Hydrothon 2.0** is an initiative that is being organized by **Rotary District 3232** as part of their **Water Mission**, organised by **Rotary club of Chennai ECR** in association with the World Talent Economy Forum, Malaysia and GIEC, the Ganesan Incubation and Entrepreneurship Centre. The event consists of a competition that is open for young adults aged 16 to 30 with a passion for innovation and a desire to transform their communities. As part of the World Water Day on March 22, 2022, there will be 3 panel discussions. The winners of Hydrothon 2.0 will participate in 1 of these discussions and the other two panels will consist of eminent speakers from India and abroad who are specialists in Water, Policy, Governance and Technology. For the competition the participants would be required to submit a project proposal that will address the water crisis; it could be a path breaking idea that translates into a design solution, a technical innovation, an effective campaign or identifying a policy change at an administrative level. Participants can work individually or combine their strengths into a team for stronger output. Five selected teams will be eligible for career defining opportunities in the form of cash prizes, possibilities to collaborate with potential investors, publish research papers in MDPI journals, access to a leading innovation lab in Japan and further their education at top universities.

The objective of this competition is to provide a platform

- o For entrepreneurs looking for mentors or funding to translate their vision into action
- o For students looking to publish their research in leading journals or getting into a PhD program

Participants are required to submit their project in a video format following which the shortlisted entries will be evaluated by an expert panel. ■



# Rotary Designated Month

- Rtn. P. Venkataramana (RC Madras Northwest)



## Water and Sanitation

“You will never solve poverty without water and sanitation” - Matt Damon (Actor & Founder H2O Africa Foundation)

On 28 July 2010, through Resolution 64/292, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) explicitly recognized the human right to water and sanitation and acknowledged that clean drinking water and sanitation are essential to the realization of all human rights.

Harsh truth — More than a decade since UNGA passed the resolution, 2.2 billion people across the world do not have access to safe drinking water, 4.2 billion do not have sanitation services, and 3 billion are without basic handwashing facilities. Unsafe water, inadequate sanitation, and poor hygiene are the major causes of child mortality. Poor sanitation often causes workers to suffer illnesses, affecting their earning capacity.

Women and Children — UNICEF & WHO estimates that women spend nearly 200 million hours every day collecting water. In addition, women lose 266 million hours each day because of a paucity of sanitation facilities. Lack or inadequate access to clean drinking water affects women and children in their health, education, and economic potential. In most households, women collect water, and added to it, poor sanitation locks these women in a cycle of poverty. Without clean water, children become vulnerable to water-borne illnesses like typhoid and diarrhea, diseases most responsible for infant

mortality. Many primary schools in developing countries do not have drinking water facilities and gender-specific toilets. The absence of gender-specific sanitation facilities in many schools affects girls the most, leading to large-scale dropouts, especially in rural areas. One of the United Nations' sustainable development goals is to ensure water and sanitation for all, especially women and girls.

Role of Government — In India, various government programs at the national, state, and community levels have brought rapid improvements in sanitation and drinking water supply. In 2014, the Government of India started the Swatchh Bharat Abhiyan to eliminate open defecation and improve solid waste management. Nearly 89.9 million toilets were constructed under this program. The Government of India, Under the National Rural Drinking Water Program, which was launched in 2009, aims to provide safe and adequate water for drinking, cooking, and other domestic needs to every rural person sustainably by the year 2023.

Role of Rotary International and Rotary Clubs — Rotary International and Rotary clubs, worldwide, have been at the forefront to address the problems of drinking water and sanitation. In fact, “Water and Sanitation” is one of the six focus areas of Rotary International. Since 2013, The Rotary Foundation has invested more than \$148 million in over two thousand projects worldwide for the construction of toilets, rainwater harvesting infrastructure, community handwashing stations, and clean drinking water facilities in several places in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. In India, Rotary International implemented WASH (Water, sanitation, and hygiene) facilities in over 30,000 schools since 2016. The target is to cover 1.5 lakh schools by 2025. Apart from the efforts of Rotary International at a global level, Rotary clubs across India construct hundreds of toilets, rainwater harvesting infrastructure, hand-wash stations, and drinking water facilities in their local communities year on year. Much still needs to be done to achieve the goals set by UNGA. ■

# Spotlight on a Lady Rotarian - Rtn Sharada Ramani

Sometimes you will never know the true value of a moment until it becomes a memory.

Rtn Sharada Ramani's first experience with Rotary was way back in 1986 when she and her husband were invited to attend a Rotary meeting held at Trichy. As an outsider and that too a housewife, She was not able to make head or tail about the meeting and was restless. But it suddenly changed to be an interesting one as they announced that they were going to conduct a Quiz and lo and behold, She walked away as the Winner of the evening. Her first impression of Rotary was that it was an elite group of members where service and fellowship co-existed.

As time went by, things changed for her and from being a Homemaker, She became an Entrepreneur. She started her entrepreneurship journey in her early 30's with an IT company. Having no previous experience she had to fight her way through many hurdles right from getting a rental space to bank loan wherein her husband had to be the co-obligant to get the disbursal. This journey taught her a lot of valuable business lessons which no education would have taught her.

Challenges and problems are the fuel for success and Sharada succeeded in taking her organisation to great heights. She has won 14 National Awards including the Outstanding Woman Entrepreneur Award from Former President of India Late Shri Abdul Kalam ji. Many of her staff have also benefited from her organisation. She also went for Adult literacy class(!) – of course not learning ABCD – but Masters in Computers Science and Masters in Business Administration to manage and grow her organisation, Computers International now CI Global Solutions Pvt Ltd, which is a boutique software development firm catering to clients across the globe.

Rtn Sharada Ramani 's Rotary journey began as the First Charter member of the Rotary Club of Chennai Thiruvanmiyur. She was in for a surprise when she realised that Rotary was not only members from the elite but a heterogenous mix of entrepreneurs, working professional, consultants, bankers and Retired Government officials etc.

The transformation of the Adopted Village Tiruper, Thiruvullor district, a project of the Club was when her perception of Rotary changed. When she took up the mantle of President of the club during Covid She got to realise the extent of the reach of Rotary in Serving the Society. Be it in helping remote villages



with daily essentials when the lockdown was getting enforced, to getting BiPap machines and oxygen concentrators to not only Chennai hospitals but the hospitals in Nazareth, Avinashi, Chidambaram, Thiruvanamalai, etc. Another service avenue which is close to her heart is Women wellness and being a Woman President, the entire club members supported her in undertaking various initiatives in Menstrual Health and Hygiene. They established sanitary napkin vending machines in various public places like Metro Stations, Railway stations, All Women Police Stations, etc The sequel to these activities was her getting nominated as the Chairman Menstrual Health and Hygiene of our District.

Under her leadership the district has reached out to 1000s of school children, villagers, fishing community women, college students and even Rohingya refugees and have made them understand the imperative for taking care of Menstrual Health and Hygiene. Her team is inducing everyone to move to Eco-friendly period product alternatives and will also help set up a vocational centre for manufacturing reusable cloth pads soon.

LIFE is beautiful and there is so much to smile about. Sharada Ramani's life has given her much to smile and has taken her through exciting territories. It has created everlasting changes among her family, friends, colleagues both in office and industry and most in Rotary. Rotary has helped in rediscovering herself and in giving her the opportunity to serve others. ■

# Captivating Squares



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				5	6		7	
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6			2					8
	8		9	3		4		1
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3					5	8		1

It's always a pleasure to write about something one enjoys doing daily. What started off to many as just solving a simple puzzle has now been attributed with magical powers including keeping at bay serious illnesses like Parkinsonism and Alzheimer's. Many took to it for the joy that numbers gave, however it has now turned to be the best antidote in one's medicine chest. The topic of deliberation is the humble Sudoku which appears in most dailies.

Anyone fascinated by numbers, had a way of remembering a vehicle or telephone number in their own quirky way. With the advent of the mobile phone, the brain became bereft of this great exercise with regard to telephone numbers and as for vehicle numbers, with more than one vehicle in everyone's garage and the frequency with which the same were changed, had made it hard to track. It was when the number crazy lot thought that there was nothing to look forward to, that the Sudoku started appearing in the dailies. In Chennai, it was the Deccan Chronicle that first published the puzzles. All the number loving fanatics, took to it like fish to water. With no instructions available and using Google not being the norm, it did take a couple of days to crack the working of the puzzles. The only single liner printed in the dailies was that the number should not be repeated. The simple ones could be solved with ease and as for the five star toughies, there was a challenge. The challenge, however, only increased the love for the puzzles.

It was almost as if the puzzles took the centre stage of the newspapers although they appeared in some incongruous corner. It was being said that the wait to grab the dailies by the number crazy humans was only to crack the Sudoku. Those with no interest in

numbers, failed to understand as to how anyone can mull over the 81 tiny squares. (a grid consisting of 9x9, with 9, 3x3 sub squares). The puzzles come with various levels of difficulties and in The Hindu newspaper are graded from one to five.

Although the origin of the puzzle is from Japan, the person behind the computerization of the puzzle resulting in the bottomless pit is a New Zealander. The Japanese are truly ingenious people who could come up with a simple game which only needs logic and clear thinking and absolutely nothing else. This is a far cry from the gizmos and video games for which the very same country is most famous. It is said that the Sudoku has been around for more than 200 years in forms similar to its present format, however its popularity soared only in 2004 November when The Times of the UK, started featuring it. Gladly the newspapers in India did not waste any time in introducing the same here.

"Sudoku" literally means "single number." It is actually an abbreviation of a longer name, "Sūji wa dokushin ni kagiru," which roughly means "the numbers must occur only once." To most lovers of Sudoku, the single number can only be Numero Uno for it has been placed on the highest pedestal beating all other puzzles by virtue of its simple format which hides various degrees of complexity. Unlike deducing a complex problem, there is no defined steps to crack a Sudoku. Each one solves it in their own tested ways. The mantra is "A new day dawns and a few new puzzles get cracked."

With the World being in the sway of the Sudoku, the Wordle and to a lesser degree the Nerdle, it is indeed the best of times for those logically inclined. ■

# NID - Polio NID on 27th February 2022

The Greater Chennai Corporation area achieved 109 per cent pulse polio immunisation coverage on Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> February 2022. Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Thiru MK Stalin launched the drive at Teynampet in Chennai by administering polio drops to children under five years. Thiru Ma. Subramanian - Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Thiru J. Radhakrishnan IAS - Health Secretary, Thiru Gagandeep Singh Bedi IAS – Greater Chennai Corporation Commissioner, Rotary International District 3232 District Governor Rtn. J. Sridhar, District Secretary Rtn. R. Ravi Shankar, Polio Plus Chairman Rtn. N Venkatesh and Rtn. C Muthusamy Advisor Polio Plus also attended the drive and administered the polio drops. DG Sridhar also presented an End Polio shawl to Thiru MK Stalin. The drive covered 6.02 lakh children on the day against a target of 5.52 lakh.

More than 125 Rotary clubs manned 15 Zones covering over 200 of booths by providing breakfast, lunch and refreshments to the Doctors and health staff. Rotary also pitched in by providing the much-needed publicity by specially curating an audio to be played on autorickshaws. The auto rental was also borne by Rotary clubs. Special Polio caps and

**Rtn. N. Venkatesh**, District Chairman, Polio Plus

badges were worn by the participating Rotarians, which gave a festive look at the Polio booths.

Governor Sridhar went along with Rtns Ravi Shankar, Venkatesh and Muthuswamy to various booths around Chennai to encourage the Rotarians. A day well spent. ■



## GREATER CHENNAI CORPORATION Medical Services Department

Intensified Pulse Polio Immunisation-2022 - 27-02-22 & 28.02.2022

S.No	Name of the Zone	Enlisted (0-5 yr)	Enlisted (5-6 yr)	TARGET	27.02.2022	28.02.2022	UPTO 28.02.2022	%
1	Thiruvottiyur	18904	4269	23173	22070	702	22772	98
2	Manali	5979	1350	7329	8676	217	8893	121
3	Madhavaram	12683	2864	15547	14550	1171	15721	101
4	Tondiarpet	45914	10368	56281	53256	2675	55931	99
5	Royapuram	41879	9456	51335	54059	5412	59471	116
6	Thiru Vi Ka Nagar	44358	10016	54375	56920	3402	60322	111
7	Ambattur	31192	7043	38235	38711	4343	43054	113
8	Anna Nagar	42103	9507	51610	62358	3188	65546	127
9	Teynampet	46970	10606	57576	60646	3405	64051	111
10	Kodambakkam	44942	8506	53448	51677	3709	55386	104
11	Valasarawakkam	24669	5570	30239	32457	2389	34846	115
12	Alandur	15375	3472	18847	18822	1535	20357	108
13	Adyar	35142	7935	43077	41663	1554	43217	100
14	Perungudi	23235	5247	28481	29924	757	30681	108
15	Sholinganallur	18557	4190	22747	21623	815	22438	99
<b>Total</b>		<b>451900</b>	<b>100400</b>	<b>552300</b>	<b>567412</b>	<b>35274</b>	<b>602686</b>	<b>109</b>

# Sun Never Sets in Rotary

– Rtn. Chella Srinivasan, District Chair, International Service

A long, forgotten phrase of the British colonial days, now revived by ROTARY, in these days of conflict and turmoil: SUN NEVER SETS IN ROTARY (SNSR)...a 24 hours pan global program on virtual platform. 50 districts from 35 countries across the 24 hours' Time Zone, participated in this truly International event. Conceived by Rtn. Vasanthi Ranganathan, District Chair Alumni, in 2021, SNSR took a bigger avatar this year under the stewardship of our DG Rtn. J. Sridhar in the International Avenue of Service. It was inaugurated at 7.30pm on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, the birthday of ROTARY, by DG. J. Sridhar. Rotary International President Rtn. Shekhar Mehta gave a special message stating that with ROTARY spread over 200 countries, the sun never truly sets in ROTARY. For next 24 hours, in slots of 1 hour each, Districts across the world showcased what ROTARY was doing in serving Humanity. It started off from our own District with 9 Clubs exhibiting their projects. There were more than 200 participants in the slot of Dist 3232. It was a real 24 hours of exciting projects, opportunities and friendship on the screen. Rotary Club of CHICAGO, the first Club in ROTARY, which was started by our founder PAUL HARRIS, participated in the 5<sup>th</sup> slot. What a great sign of ROTARY's growth!!!!. The last 24<sup>th</sup> slot was hosted by RID 3291, the home District of Rtn. Shekhar Mehta, our RI President. He was kind enough to address SNSR live. The curtains came down at sharp 7.30pm on February 24<sup>th</sup>, after nearly

5000 Rotarians had watched it during the 24 hours. The clear message of SNSR..” **Rotary promotes world peace and discourages conflict”**

RIPE Jennifer Jones took some time off her busy schedule, and signed in to witness the event. It was spearheaded by PRIVP. Rtn. Celia Giay from Argentina.

Another unique feature of the event was that all Countries and Districts participated under a single Zoom id and password, thanks to our AG-Admin Rtn. Rajagopal. All those who missed it can watch it on YouTube soon. We place on record the great support from our tech team led by a bunch of Rotractors who were awake for the entire 24 hours....Rtrs Gokul and Praveen as also ROTARY alumni Sashi and Rtn. Hariprasad Karnam, who took care of cyber security.

The response has been so great and widespread, the image of ROTARY has grown by leaps and bounds. I am truly happy to be part of this record breaking 2<sup>nd</sup> event in our District after VIDHARTHI. ■



# Change Makers on the GO

## Rotary Club of Chennai Mitra

presented the **iChennai Awards** to Viswajayam Foundation and Singers Vinod Venugopal and Reshmi George. Viswajayam Foundation has done phenomenal work in keeping the oncology ward at Govt Royapettah Hospital clean and their services did not stop even during the pandemic. Vinod and Reshmi were instrumental in collecting money through FB Live programs to help musicians impacted by lockdown due to the pandemic. **DGE Rtn Dr N Nandakumar** was the Chief Guest. iChennai Awards are given to unsung heroes of Chennai who have contributed to the betterment of society. ■



## Rotary Club of Chennai Celebrities

Vocational certified training for Domestic Air Cargo logistics done on 08.02.2022 at Airport Domestic Cargo Terminal and at Meenakshi Cargo Forwarders Pvt Ltd office. ■



## Rotary Club of Alandur

February being Rotary's designated month for 'Peace and Conflict Prevention', Rotary Club of Alandur conducted a Yoga program on the pristine sands of the Besant Nagar Beach.

Yoga Samiti Master Dr.Arivudai Nambi and his disciples graced the occasion and trained the members of RCA on the art of leading a stress-free life filled with calmness and peace. ■



## Rotary Club of Adambakkam

Rotary Club of Adambakkam is in the forefront in promoting acupuncture line of treatment with 10 Doctors in the Club. The Club conducted a FREE Acupuncture camp on 20-02-22 for the general public where they were treated for Immune enhancement in addition to any disease. A total of 36 People attended and all were treated for even chronic diseases like Blood pressure and diabetes. Rtn. Dr.Preethi G - District Chairman, Holistic living was Chief Guest and inaugurated the Camp conducted at PMS School, Nanganallur. ■



## Rotary Club of Chennai Madhavaram

20 street lights were given to a Vadakunallur Village by the members of **Rotary Club of Chennai Madhavaram**. It was well appreciated by the community. ■

## Rotary Club of Madras Coromandel

Rotary Club of Madras Coromandel plans to start a nursery on the sides of the Chitlapakkam Lake at a cost of Rs.5 Lakhs. This is in association with the NGO Nizhal. As a kick start of the project and a remembrance of the visit, tree saplings were planted. ■



## Rotary Club of Ambattur

with the support of Maternal & Child Health Chair of the RI District 3232 executed the project Thaimai. The project was aimed at distributing Nutritive Food Kits to expecting and lactating mothers and also make them aware of the importance of eating nutritive food during pregnancy and when in lactating phase. The kits were distributed to the expected & lactating mothers who are undergoing follow up at the Public Health Centre, Athipet in Ambattur Zone of Corporation of Chennai. ■



## Rotary Club of Chennai

**Rotary Club of Chennai UTSAV's** signature event - VOICE OF THE BRAINS-A Debate Competition, was conducted along with the District Annettes Council, on the virtual platform. This event was conceived to bring out a spirit of self-worth and to deepen the knowledge of our District. There was immense talent among the annettes. The Winners and Runners up were presented with Cash Vouchers and E - certificates. Ms Soundarya Thiagu, District Annettes Representative, was the Chief Guest and presided over the event. ■



## Rotary Club of Chennai Neithal

conducted a Veterinary health camp at Punnappakkam village in Tiruvallur Dt. on 26/02/2022. The animals and birds were given treatment for general ailments, infertility, and pregnancy confirmation. Medicines, nutritional and vitamin supplements were also given, Deworming and tick removal medicines were provided. ■



## Rotary Club of Chennai Velachery

conducted ROTA CHESS tournament for District 3232 Rotarians, Anns & Annettes. It was well attended by more than 80 participants in 5 different Categories. DGN. Rtn. R. Raviraman was the Chief Guest for the valedictory function and distributed Prizes for all category winners. Participation certificate was given to all participants. ■



## Rotary club of Madras Metro

conducted an eye camp at Karunakaranchery, Tiruvallur District. The Club also distributed free corrective spectacle lenses to nearly 100 beneficiaries. The spectacles were sponsored by members of the Club. ■



## The Rotary Club of Madras Coromandel

The Rotary Club of Madras Coromandel and RC Del Mar California provided **Rotary Club of Chennai Spotlight** with the grant after careful scrutiny about the club's genuine, valid & sincere request to construct the Toilet block, in a school where it was needed the most.

With this WINS project (Global grant 1865041) Rotary Club of Chennai Spotlight was able to construct a good facility at the Chennai Girls Higher Secondary School, Kelambakkam.

A special mention & thanks to Rotary Club of Kilpauk which facilitated the funds from abroad with their FCRA. ■



## Rotary Club of United Chennai

awarded Dr. Alfred Jose, Life Coach and Motivational Speaker, with the EMINENT PERSONALITY AWARD - 2022 for his service to fellow human being. The club is proud to present this award to a person like him at our hallmark project Tamizh Arivom. Rtn. N.S. Saravanan, District Chief Coordinator and DGND and Rtn. S.N. Balasubramaniam, District Chairman for Vocational Service presented the award. ■



## தமிழ் அறிவோம் (Tamizh Arivom)

Rotary Club of Anna Nagar Madras along with Rotary Clubs of Agaram, Madras Connemara, Madras Fort, Golden Star, Thiruvanmiyur, Chennai Carnatic and Ambattur, initiated a project to take the richness of the mother tongue Tamizh to next generation and its Literature values to the children. Five different events were organised for 13 Interact schools. Out of 170 Interactors participated, 65 were shortlisted for Finals. The event was conducted at MGR school for deaf and dumb at Ramapuram. ■

## Rotary Club of Madras Mid-Town

In this Golden Jubilee year of **Rotary Club of Madras Mid-Town**, the Club has successfully planted 7700 tree saplings so far, and are marching ahead towards a cumulative total of 15000 tree saplings by the end of June this year at the IMU, (Indian Maritime University) ECR, thereby creating a legacy. RCMM has as their project partner the Satsang Foundation. KOMATSU INDIA PVT LTD, funded the project from their CSR funds. ■



## Rotary Club of Chennai Legacy

distributed 1000 bath soaps at Government Play Schools & Old age homes in Tondiarpet and Besant Nagar. ■



**Rotary Club of Chennai Nandavanam** (As the Lead Club) & 23 Clubs from District 3232 jointly Contributed and gave a mortuary Freezer Box to Waves Rehabilitation Home, Thiruvallur, where Rtn Dr. J Senthilkumar is taking care of 140 adult inmates who are mentally ill. ■



**Rotary club of Chennai Silk City** renovated the girls' toilet in the first floor of Chennai Higher Secondary School, Virugambakkam, Chennai. This was done on request by the Principal of the school. ■



## Menstrual Health and Hygiene Workshop

Rotary Nagar Women's Skilling Centre of Rotary Club of Madras held a program on Menstrual Health and Hygiene. The speaker for the day was Rtn. Sarada Ramani, Chairman MHH, who gave a talk and held a workshop on making reusable sanitary napkins. With a mixture of science, plain speaking, humor and personal anecdotes accurate information about our bodies was delivered in her inimitable style. Key to this talk is the use of sustainable napkins. Sarada showed us how to make the pad with the same rags we all have at home. Upgrading it with the PUL and pretty material it's something that can be dried in the sun with other clothes without any embarrassment. At less than ₹100 for a pad that can last over 2 years the economics is unbeatable. Combined with the positive impact on the environment and the user friendly "carry in our bags" options, the excitement to actually make and use this product was palpable. There was ample interest shown in the menstrual cup as well. More than 35 ladies attending this talk went home with ideas on how to make a change in their personal choices, in their families and communities. ■



**Rotary Club of Chennai Galaxy** did Micro Finance project of distributing loan from the Global Project along with Gleen Netherlands for the second time this year. The micro finance of Rs. 40,000/- each was given to 30 beneficiaries adding up to a total of Rs. 12 lakhs. The administrative agency for this project is Surabi. The loan is given only to Self-employed women who use this for their small businesses. So far in this scheme 500 women have benefited and become entrepreneurs. The highlight of the project is that it is debt free and all the beneficiaries return the capital with interest promptly. ■

## Rotary Club of Madras East

– Conducted the annual Paul Harris Cricket Carnival. The event came to its natural conclusion, with the new team, DSMDynamos winning the finals. ■



## Rotary Club of Chennai Noble Hearts and Rotary Club of Anna Nagar Madras

together donated an Electrolyte Analyzer Machine to Rya Cosmo Hospital (SJDC). The total cost of the project was Rs,1,01,000/- Rotary Club of Anna Nagar Madras' contribution was Rs.50,000/- This machine is meant for Dialysis patients for testing the Sodium and Potassium levels. ■



## Rotary Club of Chennai Beehives

arranged food for the entire day at Mahalakshmi Old Age Home, Madipakkam, Chennai. This was in honour of the eightieth birthday of the First Lady's mother. ■



## Rotary Club of Chennai KK Nagar

had over the past seven months **planted around 2500 trees** in three places at Mettur and Chengalpattu areas. ■



## Rotary club of Chennai Korattur

has tied up with Trinity Training Academy, Ayapakkam, to provide vocational training to under privileged women, in and around Ayapakkam village. First batch of 200 women successfully completed various courses like Basic Computer, Tailoring and Beautician courses on 24<sup>th</sup> February. Valedictory function was held at the Academy. ■



## Rotary Club of Chennai of IT City

donated a sanitary napkin incinerator to the NKT College for Education for WOMEN. Rtn. Dr. M.S. Ravi Varma, District Chair, Community Service Health was the Chief Guest and Rtn. Saradha Ramani, Chairman Menstrual Health and Hygiene the Guest of Honour at the function held in the college premises on the 10<sup>th</sup> of February. ■



## Rotary club of Chennai Bharathi

In continuation of 1000 Girl Project, Rotary club of Chennai Bharathi organised 'Home made natural soap making' training at Sankara Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Thiruvannamiyur. The program was inaugurated by Rtn. J. Santhi Rajkumar, President of Rotary Club of Chennai Bharathi. Rtn. Anandha Ganesh gave an introduction speech on soap making & took over the training session. ■



## Rotary Club of Chennai Info City

inaugurated their Orange Vision Centre at Thiruvattiyoor on 10-02-2022. IPDG Rtn. S. Muthupalaniappan participated in the function. The cost of the project was Rs 33 lakhs. ■



## Rotary Club of Chennai Dynamic

along with CMRL WIMCO Metro, Cancer Institute, Karpaga Vinayaga Dental Research Institute and United Wings Club organised a programme on Cancer awareness, along with dental screening and the importance of Iron deficiency. The event was held at WIMCO Metro CMRL station and the beneficiaries were the 80 CMRL housekeeping staff. ■



## Rotary Club of Chennai Bay Watchers

supported a fourteen year old boy from an economically weaker family who was diagnosed with cancer. This would be a long term support from the Club. ■



## Rotary Club of Chennai Green City

organized a blood donation camp at their Rotaract College - Sree Muthukumarasamy College of Arts and Science. It was presided by the Associate Chairman - Blood Donation Rtn AF Khan and Rtn Sessa Sai, District Chairman - Rotaract. Rtn Shyam Sekar S, President of Chennai Green City inaugurated the blood donation camp being the 1st volunteer himself. The most important aspect was that 98 units of blood were collected which was the highest for the entire Rotary year so far. ■



## Rotary Club of Chennai Thiruvanmiyur

Starting from February a total of 96 sanitary napkin vending machines have been installed in Metro Stations, All women Police stations and even Public toilets maintained by Greater Chennai Corporation. In a small function **Rotary Club of Chennai Thiruvanmiyur**, and Geo India Foundation, for the first time, has installed 5 sanitary napkins vending machines at DSP Office Gummudipondi. The machines were handed over to Smt Rithu, DSP Gummudipondi in the presence of Rtn. Sarada Ramani, Chairman, Menstrual Health and Hygiene, and Mrs Priya Jemima Founder Geo India Foundation. ■



## Rotary club of Madras Ashok Nagar

On 25th Feb 2022, **Rotary club of Madras Ashok Nagar**, executed a laudable and signature project of the club with distribution of 200 hearing aids to deserving 100 children, from economically weaker section, in particular. The project took place at Dr.MGR School for the Hearing and Speech Impaired. The project was fully supported by Rtn Karthik, CEO, and Rtn. Harish Kannan, CFO, of Q Way Technologies, Chennai, through their CSR activities. The Chief Guest District Governor Rtn.J. Sridhar presided over the function and addressed the gathering, and the same was well delivered in sign language to benefit the children. The project cost was Rs.15 lakhs. ■

### DR.MGR HOME & HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR THE SPEECH AND HEARING IMPAIRED



## Rotary Club of Chennai Mogappair

along with Aram Vocational Training Centre, has successfully trained 45 ladies in tailoring courses. Certificates were handed over to the participants who are from the economically weaker section of the society. ■



## Rotary Club of Chennai Capital

held its annual blood donation camp at Hindustan University. The event was very well organised and attended by DGE Rtn. Dr. Nandakumar, Rotarians and Rotaractors. A laudable number of 400 units of blood was collected which will help in saving many lives. ■



## Rotary Club of Madras Vadapalani

organised a vocational visit to IMPCOPS (Indian Medical Practitioners Co-operative Pharmacy and Stores) in Adyar. Sixteen Change Maker Presidents along with 14 members from RCMV participated in the visit. It was an educative and informative experience to see the manufacturing of Indian medicines used in the Siddha, Ayurveda and Unani streams of treatment. The stringent quality control was impressive and the visit ended with a lunch fellowship. ■



## Rotary Club of Meenambakkam

On 27th February **Rotary Club of Meenambakkam** members participated in e-SHRAM- at Acharapakkam – to identify candidates and develop them with skills and training. This is a National Scheme for setting up database of unorganised workers. This will enable the unorganised workers to learn a skill and get placement in the right field. ■



## Team Menstrual Health and Hygiene



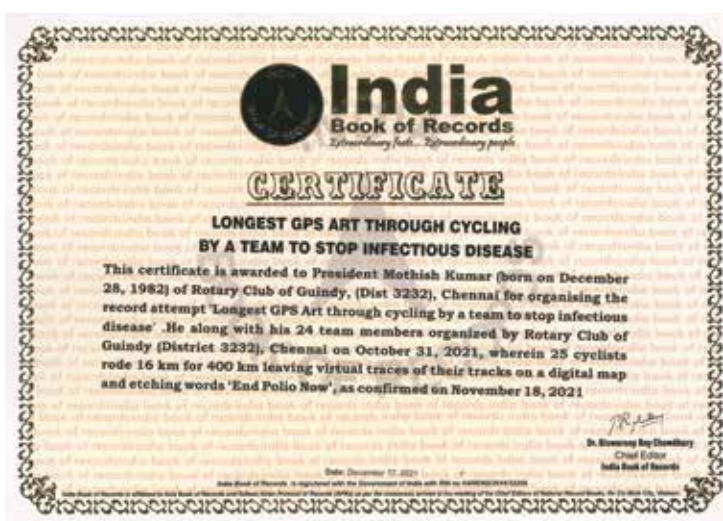
February is the month of Peace Promotion and Conflict prevention. The District Peace Promotion and Conflict Prevention team teamed up with the District Menstrual Health and Hygiene team to visit the Rohingya Refugees cluster at Kelambakkam, Chennai. There are about 100 Refugees comprising of men, women and children of varied ages. They are being taken care of by United Nations High commissioner for Refugees.

The first project that was undertaken was Menstrual Health and Hygiene Awareness program for women and girl children on 11th February. About 25 women and children attended the program with the talk being undertaken in Hindi. Our district teams are planning to conduct further programs on tobacco avoidance, and a workshop on making eco-friendly cloth sanitary napkins. ■

## Book of Records Entry for RC Guindy

Record Created by Rotary Club of Guindy Members which is recorded in India book Of Records.

Rotary Club of Guindy is the First club in India to create the Longest GPS Art through Cycling "record" to etch the words END POLIO NOW on A Digital MAP. An event to celebrate the achievement was organised on 23rd Feb at Hotel Hyatt. The Chief Guest was Rtn. Satyan Bhatt and he along with Lt. Gen. Arun honoured the Cyclists with mementos. ■



## Sister Club Agreement Signing

Rotary International always strives to promote Peace & Understanding across global communities. To achieve this goal, Rotary International has devised an excellent mechanism of "Sister Club Arrangement signing" between 2 International Clubs. As part of this any 2 Rotary Clubs located in different Countries will come together and establish a longstanding relationship. As part of the program, members of both the clubs are expected to know each other, build friendships through various exchanges and conduct joint projects.

Rotary Club of Adambakkam (Dist-3232) represented by Rtn. PHF. Dr. S. Varadarajan and Rotary Club of Colombo Infinity (Dist-3220) represented by President Rtn. Saranraj have decided to establish a long standing and deeply enriching relationship for members of both the Clubs.

In a grand ceremony conducted in "Radha Regent", both the presidents have signed "Sister Club Arrangement" agreement and exchanged the flags of both the clubs, on 19th Feb 2022.

Rtn. Chella Srinivasan - District Chairman-International Service, Chief Guest has witnessed

the occasion and expressed the hope that this relationship will be a very long lasting one. He also emphasized the need of more such arrangements to "Establish lasting Peace and development of communities represented by these two clubs.

Rtn. Usha S - Director International Service (RC Adambakkam), Rtn. Fazim Idroos - Director International Service (RC Colombo Infinity) were appreciated by all for the background work to bring this result. ■



# Global Grant Projects

**Rotary Club of Madras Chenna Patna's** (RCMCP) first global grant project 'Mellinam' has hit a new landmark by screening 1,000 women in the less than four weeks of its launch.

Mellinam is the maiden global grant project of RCMCP that is aimed to create awareness and for early detection of breast cancer among women, for which the Club has entered into a three-way tie-up -- with four Colleges of Nursing for screening, Rotary Clubs for funds and a NGO for further treatment.

The pilot project was rolled out at four Public Health Centres in the City during the first week of February.

As per the proposed plan, the Club plans to screen about 14,000 women over a period of 12 months.

RCMCP is the lead club for this Rs.37.50 lakh global grant project. Rotary Club of Catarqui, Canada is the International partner, while Rotary Club of Madras North East the local partner.

The breast screening is done with the help of a handheld device called ibreast, specially procured from the U.S.-based UE LifeSciences.

RCMCP President Senthana Amuthan along with Secretary K. Sathyanarayanan, Global Grant chair Praveen Mehra and Club Rotary Foundation chairman R. Saptagiri inaugurated the event at M.A. Chidambaram College of Nursing. – **Rtn. N. Anand** ■



**Rotary Club of Madras**, handed over 60 toilets to the school authorities at The Government High School, Sitalapakkam. This project is in association with Rotary Club of Croydon Whitgift and Rotary Club of Warwick, England. Earlier, the school had only six toilets for 657 students. The sufferers were the girl students and this reflected in poor attendance. RCM decided to help by building modern toilets along with wash stations. The response has been tremendous and the student strength increased to 901 students. Rtn. Ravi Sundaresan, Chair WASH program coordinated and masterminded the

complete construction of all toilets and facilities. The total outlay was Rs.30 lakhs.

Director Rotary International, **Rtn. AS Venkatesh** while doing the honours said this is what makes Rotary stand out. He complimented the Rotary Club of Madras for undertaking and completing the entire project in time in spite of all external difficulties faced. **DG J Sridhar** said this is yeoman service and the girls and boys would be delighted with the new toilets. In fact this will help in maintaining healthy surrounding and general sanitation which is key to good health. A host of Rotarians were present at this handover ceremony. ■





**Rotary Club of Madras Industrial City** through a global grant project handed over 6 dialysis machines to The Hindu Mission Hospital, Tambaram. The total cost of the project was Rs.42 lakhs. The project was done in co-ordination with Rotary Club of Hills-Keyville, Australia, RI District 9685.

The function was presided over by RI Director Rtn A S Venkatesh and DG Rtn J Sridhar. Mr. Sriram, CEO of Hindu Mission Hospital was all praise for the work done by Rotary in the field of health care.

RI Director Rtn A. S. Venkatesh spoke about Rotary creating impact across the globe on restoring peace through healthcare, vocational and other services.

DG Rtn J Sridhar spoke at length about the dialysis project which is taken up by the District for this year and he hoped to have 100 new dialysis machines installed in Chennai. Club President Rtn. V.S. Satheesh spoke about the speed at which the project bore fruition. Rtn. Ambalavanan, DRFCC, guests and members of RCMIC attended the event. ■

## Readers' Response

Change Makers is an amazing effort to document all the activities on 3232 in a fascinating presentation. Kudos to Rtn. Usha and the Editorial team for regularity, pleasing layouts and beautifully capturing the essence of our movement. Unputdownable! Benchmarking standards for future Editors to emulate!! – **Rtn. Ajit Nair, Rotary Club of Chennai ECR.**

Glad to note that Readers' Response column is introduced from February issue of Change Makers. Communication is complete when the readers' response is heard. It gives tremendous satisfaction to the article contributors and GML team.

Change makers GML brings out varied topics each month with colourful reading to the Rotarians.

Editorial team is doing a wonderful job....kudos to all. Special congratulations to the Governor for taking good initiative in bringing out an absorbing issue each month.

Happy to note improvements made in the GML and I compliment once again GML team for doing good job issue after issue.

With best wishes. -----**IPP Rtn. Ethirajulu, Charter President, RC Chennai Akshaya.**

**Dear Rtn. Usha**

It was indeed a sheer delight reading the latest issue of GML dated February 5, 2022.

You deserve rich applause for ushering in the new 'avatar' of the GML - with so much of innovation and creativity. The new format is a refreshing change, immensely readable and an excellent blend of Rotary and non-Rotary information. A visual as well as intellectual feast indeed !!

You have truly raised the bar for the GML to dizzy heights.

Keep up the great work and we eagerly look forward to the next issues.

Warm regards- **Rtn. Vikas Chandra, Rotary Club of Anna Nagar Madras**

Welcome Change in new Design and Layout. 'Kaizen' at work in our GML too. Having the monthly theme as the cover page and shifting Governor's message to the inner left page gives a better feel. Please consider to provide QR code link wherever possible for enhanced reading experience. Have a section 'Mark your Calendar' for significant event and meetings of the District and Rotary Clubs. Keep up the good work. Best Wishes. **Rtn. M. Ambalavanan, Rotary Club of Madras Mid-Town ■**

## Membership and New Clubs

Total membership in RI District 3232 is now 8075. New clubs started this year is as below:

LIST OF ALL CLUBS
Chennai Central Smart City (223114)
Chennai Dynamic (223167)
Chennai Fireflies (223542)
Chennai Garuda (223415)
Chennai Madhavaram Milk Colony (223376)
Chennai Millennium (223394)
Chennai Nadi (223398)
Chennai Nandavanam (223220)
Chennai Poes Garden (223294)
Chennai Riviera (223187)
Chennai Tidel Park (223191)
Chennai Titans (223412)
Chennai Triumph (223169)
Chennai Ullagaram (223069)
Chennai Warriors (223439)
E-Club of Chennai Peace City (223377)
E-Club of Chennai Prisms (223433)
E-Club of Chennai Sea View (223373)
E-Club of Chennai Shakthi (223428)
Madras Elite (223331)

The virtual installation of **Rotary E-Club of Chennai Shakthi** was organized as a spectacular event and executed to perfection by the club team on Feb 14, 2022.

Rtn. Krishnamurthy, President, and many other Rotarians from the parent Club, RC Madras Besant Nagar were present. The Chief Guest District Governor Rtn. J Sridhar and the special Guest of Honour, renowned singer Mr. P. Unnikrishnan graced the momentous occasion.

The Club president was collared and shared the acceptance speech and introduced all the Charter members of the club. The video of board members was well collated. The Charter President introduced the Board members, followed by the Charter Secretary receiving the Club Charter. The felicitations were done by DGND Rtn. N.S. Saravanan (District Membership Chair), Rtn. Ravishankar (District Secretary) and Rtn. Rajagopal Geethu (Assistant Governor – Admin).

In inimitable style fusing facts and fun, the Chief Guest and other senior members of the parent club

## New Clubs

Transgender Inclusion is a high time priority in our Society and a long term urge and dream of every transgender. As Mahathma Gandhi rightly said "Be the change that you wish to see in our Society" the Rotary Club of Madras Coromandel, RID 3232 has taken this change very close to their heart and successfully launched the India's 1st exclusive club for Transgender Community **Rotary Club of Madras Elite** on the 6th Feb 2022 via Zoom Platform.

Rotary Club of Madras Coromandel had carefully chosen the potential quality Rotarians among the Transgender Community from the Pharm Foundation NGO, Perumbakkam.

On the day of charter installation DG Rtn.Sridhar J, DGN Rtn. Raviraman, DGND Rtn. N. S. Saravanan along with Kalaimamani Sudha launched this exclusive club Rotary Club of Madras Elite as part of the Rotary International District 3232.

Rotary Club of Madras Coromandel thanks each and every one for all the extended support. ■

**-Rtn. Dhanraj N.**



profusely encouraged the club and wished great success

The meeting was adjourned by the Charter President Rtn. Suresh Kumar and this was followed by a melodious song by Special guest, Singer Unnikrishnan. The meeting ended with the National anthem. ■



Installation of the **Rotary Club of Chennai Warriors** (RCCW) happened on February 26<sup>th</sup> 2022. It was an offline event with good participation. Chief Guest for Installation Ceremony was District Governor Rtn. J. Sridhar. District First lady Punitha Sridhar, membership Chairman DGND Rtn. Saravanan were present. District Governor collared the Chennai Warriors charter president Rtn. Johnson Raj and later handed over the Charter to Charter secretary Rtn. Ramprasad. Felicitation speech was given by AG. Rtn. Anshul Agarwal, Rtn. Ravi Raman, and RCCW club advisor Rtn. Prabhakar. Rtn. Kanya briefed about the new projects of RCCW. DG Rtn. Sridhar and DGND Rtn. Saravanan shared motivational words with Club members. Rtn. Ramprasad presented the vote of thanks and the meeting ended with fellowship and dinner. ■



Club Charter was presented to **Rotary E Club of Chennai Sea View** on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March. The Club was sponsored by Rotary Club of Madras Central. The President of the Club is Rtn. Manish Kumar and Club Secretary Shivani Khemka. Being an E Club, membership is from all over India and the World. There are 92 charter members. ■



## WOMEN'S LEAGUE

### Wellness and Body Workshop

The Bhuyan sisters of Pushpanjali Cultural Academy is one of the Indian Classical group showcasing different Art forms and taking the audience through a journey of India's rich culture and heritage combining the nuances of dance and yoga.

The first ladies had the privilege of the trio sisters teaching simple techniques to build immunity, Body Intelligence, Mindfulness and Chakra balancing on Feb 25th 2022 via Zoom. It was a feast to the eyes to witness them perform. The session was mind blowing, interactive and interesting with a lot of important information to improve fitness and health. ■



### First Ladies' Day Out



The unexpected meeting of long seen friends is a blissful moment. The First ladies met for a small casual gathering at Harrison's Hotel on Feb 26th. The idea behind the luncheon party was simple, It was a time when we didn't realise we were making memories we just knew we were having fun.

Good friends, good food ... good ■

# WASH

- Rtn.V.Ramani, Dist. Chairman – WASH.

WASH is an acronym for water, sanitation and hygiene and WASH programme encompasses a broad range of activities related to the same. The Covid pandemic highlighted the importance and need for WASH projects. However it also restricted the physical execution of projects for identified beneficiaries, particularly in schools. WASH programmes aim to build or augment facilities and provide materials for water, hygiene and sanitation and also to educate and create awareness leading to positive behavioural changes with respect to hygienic practices in the community. Some of the projects executed by clubs under WASH programme are:

**RC Chennai Velachery:** Under project SPARKLE WHITE the Club undertook the task of getting poorly maintained and unhygienic toilets in identified Public Health Centres thoroughly cleaned and restored to hygienically reusable condition. The club undertook this cleaning activity continuously for a period of fifty days covering 26 Public Health Centres and restored 175 toilets to near original condition. Their effort was greatly appreciated by medical officers of the PHCs. The club has planned for a similar cleaning activity focused on toilets in primary schools in March 2022.

**RC Madras West:** Considering the preventive health measures required to be implemented in schools when schools reopened after the second phase of Covid, Madras West launched project CO- PROTECT. The project envisaged giving free Liquid Hand wash, Hand Sanitizer, and reusable cloth masks to cover the requirement of senior class students of Greater Chennai Corporation schools for whom physical classes had restarted. In the first phase of this project RC Madras West organized free distribution of these materials in co-ordination with the School Education

Department of Greater Chennai Corporation, to cover 74 schools and 44,000 student beneficiaries.

**RC Madras Porur** built and handed over a much needed 8 tap Hand wash Station to Government High School, Karambakkam, Porur. The school lacked a proper Hand wash facility and this initiative of Madras Porur was much appreciated by the students and teachers of the school. A talk to students and teachers on the importance of good hand hygiene practices was organized.

**RC Madras West:** A new standalone Hand wash Station was built and dedicated to MBN Govt Girls Higher Secondary School, Chromepet. This modern ceramic tiled 15 tap Handwash Station is fitted with latest design stainless steel taps. The school has 2000 plus girl students. A large number of students and teachers participated in the dedication programme, in which useful information regarding good hand hygiene and sanitation practices was given.

**RC Madras West:** In the second phase of WASH Project CO-PROTECT, Madras West distributed free Liquid Hand wash, Hand Sanitizers, and reusable cloth masks to meet the requirement of Govt School students in Chennai. Additionally a 12 tap stainless steel Hand wash Station was given to Presidency Girls Higher Secondary School, Egmore. The distribution programme was presided over by Chief Education Officer, Chennai and DG Rtn. J.Sridhar. Project CO-PROTECT will be extended further by Madras West to cover additional activities and more schools in association with other clubs of the district.

**RC Madras Central** has executed significant WASH project under Global Grant benefitting a few Govt schools. These projects will be formally inaugurated in the first week of March. ■



WASH Co Protect, Government Schools



WASH Co Protect GCC Schools



Sparkle White – RCC Velachery



MBN Government Higher Secondary School



RC Porur



# Peace Building & Four Way Tests

- Rtn Usharani Kannan, Chairman - Peace Building & Conflict Prevention 2021-22

**Is it the TRUTH? Is it FAIR to all concerned? Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?**

The Four-Way Test of the things we think, say or do is a test used by Rotarians world-wide as a moral code for personal and business relationships. The test can be applied to almost any aspect of life.

February is the Peace Awareness month in Rotary. What is PEACE? It is freedom from disturbance according to dictionary. But today, do we all live in a disturbance free world? Ask yourself. Most of the people have to deal with even day to day living problems. Poverty, homelessness, illiteracy, lack of health facilities, lack of drinking water, unhygienic living, Infant Mortality, high rates of crimes and sexual offences, various discriminations in the name of caste, class, religion and pollution and environmental degradation and what not. And to add to all these problems, there are wars going on in few regions, threatening the lives of millions of innocent beings. Why are we going through so much of struggles when life can be simple and with peaceful living. In my honest opinion it is all because of the greed, ego and lack of tolerance AND awareness among leaders who govern the nations. If there is no inner peace and the want to serve for the common welfare of the community, then there cannot be PEACE in a society. Selflessness and commitment for the benefit of others is very important in a society. The belief that all are born equal is very important and has to be inculcated from childhood. Tolerance and rightfulness is another trait that is most important

in a human being. Even an animal, after hunting its prey, will not hunt more, until the next meal is required. This kind of righteous mindedness is lost in today's society.

This is where we ROTARIANS have a big role in changing the mind set of people and instilling the Rotary's Four Way Tests in the society. We have to believe and act according to the Four Way Tests. Spread awareness among the Youth and educate them the values of peaceful living. What you teach the young minds within the age of 10, will remain with them till death. Why do we allow religion and caste come in between our day to day lives. Gone are those days. Today everyone does every other jobs. We do not know from where and who has manufactured our food, clothes, medicines and home needs. When there will be a natural disaster, all will be affected irrespective of who we are and where we come from. When we fall sick, we don't pick on who our doctor or nurse should be. Today the whole world should be working towards developing alternative energy, sustainable development, saving the environment, alleviating poverty, eliminating diseases, improving educational systems, enhancing food productions etc, and not fighting about what color or class or caste or religion we belong to. Religion is for inner soul. Not to show it off as to who is better than whom. All religions preach the same – LOVE.

As Rotarians let us all take a vow today to better the world and not to let any negative forces or thought come into our lives. ■

NB: ABOVE IS ALL MY PERSONAL VIEWS.

# THE VIBRANT GEN *NEXT*

To plant a tree is to plant hope. On 2/2/22 District Annettes' Council planted 1,111 trees in MLA hostel premises, Chennai, in the presence of District Governor Rtn. J. Sridhar, First Lady Punitha Sridhar, Ann. Nallammai Ramanathan and District Annettes Representative Soundarya. The Annettes had raised funds for this project. The project was executed very well. #MakeChangeHappen ■



We from Rotary club of Madras T. Nagar were the proud parents to our new born baby - ' THE ROTARACT CLUB OF SAVEETHA COLLEGE OF ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES' on 25th of Feb. at Solai Hall, Saveetha college Campus, Thandalam. We had an amazing start with Governor Rtn. J. Sridhar presiding over the function as chief guest along with Dist. Rotaract Committee Chair Rtn. Sessa Sai and President of Rotary club of Madras T. Nagar Rtn. Pankaj Davey as Guests of honour. The principal Mr. Jagadeswaran, faculty coordinators Ms. Suguna and Ms. Pooja along with their team had put forth a meticulously planned program starting from lightning of the Kuthuvillakku to National Anthem. The charter president Rtr. Hrithika and charter Secretary Rtr. Kuberan were already keeping their team together with an amazing year plan for a start. Their 1st project

Puthagam - a book donation drive for a library run by an NGO. was a great success as they had collected 509 books in 2 days. To initiate more such projects as an initial gesture from the parent club, Director-Youth Service Rtn. Meenakshi Perikaruppan handed over 100 note books and 200 labels to President Rtr. Hrithika to lend a hand to the needy children. DG Rtn. J. Sridhar and DRCC Rtn. Sessa Sai encouraged the children with their inspiring speeches. Over all, it was a satisfying day for all. Anything well begun is said to be half done ... we have set the ball rolling and we are sure that these enthusiastic youth will add great value to the Rotary movement and will give back to the society as responsible citizens. True happiness comes from the joy of deeds well done, the zest of creating things new. ... ■



**TALK TO YOURSELF ONCE A DAY, OTHERWISE YOU MAY MISS MEETING AN INTELLIGENT PERSON IN THIS WORLD**

*-Swami Vivekananda*

# Know your Clubs

**Rotary Club of Ambattur** Chartered on 28th August 1980 the 6th Grandchild of RC Madras & 1st Child of RCM West. Ambattur being an Industrial area, RCA felt the need for serving the neighbourhood with Education and Healthcare.

Our Major projects are —Thiruvenkata Nagar High School, Popularly known as Rotary School at Ambattur started in a thatched roof with 6 children on the same day of Club Charter, now educates 450 underprivileged children up to Grade X.

- Ambattur Rotary Hospital under Ambattur Rotary Charitable Trust provides Health care facilities. SCAW - Distribution of Sleeping kits to underprivileged school going children to give them the comfort of good sleep. This project was taken up in association with Sleeping Children Around the World (SCAW) an NGO from Canada. RCA has an After School Learning Centre (ASLC) which hosts 180 children from different classes. ■



**Rotary Club of Adambakkam** is a young 5 year old club. During this short duration it has established a niche for itself in District-3232. Unique features like

- Woman Charter President,
- Consistent male/female membership ratio of 50:50,
- Marathon Distinguished Presidents Awards,
- Platinum citation for all years
- Twice successful Guinness record projects

Makes RCA stand up in the comity of clubs.

RCA is also famously known for its innovative installation formats (Installation in a Commercial MALL, Coffee with Governors Etc..). RCA members are a highly enthusiastic and vibrant group of Rotarians. International Tours, Domestic tours are an essential ingredient of Fun and Fellowship in RCA. ■



**Rotary Club of Chennai Nolambur** chartered with 100% Green Rotarians in 2013 is among the dynamic clubs in the District 3232. The Club came into prominence with active participation during Chennai Floods when 10 containers of Aid from USA was arranged. RCCN APJ Badminton tournament is one of the most admired Shuttle tournament in the District. Selvi, a Vocational service project is carried out yearly with donation of sewing machines. Total renovation of MKB Nagar School in North Madras was a Global grant project. Orange Vision Centre at Wallajahbad is another Global grant project. 6 Mobile carts in 21-22, and 6 mobile carts in 22-23 were handed over to differently abled persons. Annadanam project at Kalaiselvi Karunalaya Orphanage and Old Age Home is an ongoing project. The Club has 2 Major Donors. ■



## Rotary

Club of Chennai Mid City

**Rotary Club of Chennai Mid City** was chartered in 1997. The 25 year old club is one of the major clubs in Chennai and has charted a path of service through fun and fellowship.

The club has a good mix of professionals and business people from various ethnic backgrounds in India – making it an eclectic mixture of culture. The club prides itself in celebrating all the major festivals in India, within the club. Mid City's vocational services initiative 'Vyapaar' - a business networking platform for Rotarians in the district has been running successfully for the last 6 years.

The club has always been quick to respond to needs of the State and raised ₹ 75 lakhs and built a COVID ward in the Hindu Mission Hospital, Chennai. The flagship programme of the club is its vision of "Empowering the girl child".



# SYNERGY'22

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# Celebrations



## Silver Jubilee Charter Nite

Hawaii is the land of everyday rainbows and Rotary Club of Madras Industrial City celebrated their Silver Jubilee with a vibrant evening with everything Hawaiian - from decor to dressing - on 20th February.

RCMICian DG Rtn J Sridhar along with First Lady Punitha Sridhar were part of the celebrations. In keeping with the theme, the members breezed in, wearing bright tropical shirts and the women were adorned with white flowers....setting the stage for an unforgettable aloha evening!

President Rtn V S Satheesh Kumar felicitated the past presidents and also charter members of the club. The evening vibrated with music by DJ Dharani and his troupe. The troupe performed to scintillating songs and had each and every member trying to shake a leg. Everyone danced with laughter and madness but the undisputed star of the evening was 6 year old Insha who literally stole the show with her shakes and moves!

DGN Rtn Ravi Raman and DGND Rtn Saravanan along with his spouse Bharathi also joined us for the celebration.

A beautiful evening, thoroughly enjoyed by all. The enjoyment from the Hawaiian night may fade but the memories will last forever. ■



## Serenity Cup

The Take Serenity U-19 Cricket Tournament is in the third year after a 2 year pause due to Covid. Organised by the Rotary Clubs of Chennai Serenity, Madras Industrial City & Chennai Millennium, this tournament features 12 schools playing the longer version of the game – 50 overs during the league phase followed by 2 days for semi-finals and 3 days for the finals. In the league phase, the first match saw a record of 496 runs for the opening partnership – the highest in a 50 over game. The tournament is scheduled to be completed on 16th March. ■



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