

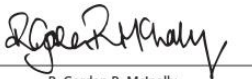
## 2023-24 ROTARY CITATION



Awarded to the Rotary Club of

The Nilgiris

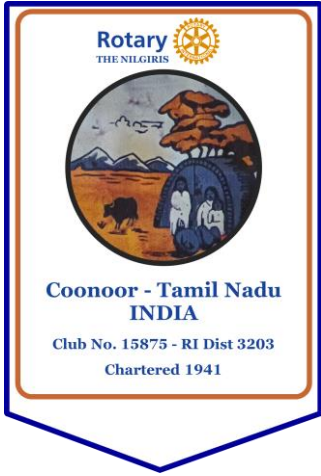
for helping **Rotary create hope in the world.**



R. Gordon R. McNally  
President, Rotary International

Crowning Glory for a year of exemplary service, our club received a citation from Rotary International. Our Rotarians kept the flag of service flying with projects that benefitted people from all walks of life.

# President's Message



As we begin the Rotary year 2024-25, I feel proud as well as humbled to take over the baton of leadership of a club with such a rich legacy & amazing service projects to benefit the local community.

Awards received by our club at the Awards Ceremonies year after year are a testimony to our club's efforts in creating a difference in people's lives.

Rotary Nilgiris hit the ground running by conducting a couple of eye camps coupled with health check up in two of the remotest parts of the district under the aptly named initiative 'Mission Vision'. Our Secretary Rtn Venkatraman led this effort with the assistance of Rtn Nithya, Rtn Javrilal & all other members of our club. M/s Eye Foundation provides equipments & human resources to conduct the camps & M/s OneSight Essilor Luxottica Foundation sponsor the spectacles. This Mission will be carried out every Monday & we will seek assistance from various organizations to identify the beneficiaries.

A proposal to sustain & enhance our initiatives at the Panchayat Union Middle School Bettatti has been approved by M/s Kotak Mahindra & Rtn Deepika has been entrusted with the responsibility to take this forward with the assistance of the school subcommittee. An awareness camp on Drug & Substance Abuse was conducted at Gandhipuram Municipal Middle school, where the construction of a Stage & development of ground is being done by us under the supervision of Rtn Brig Hemant Paliwal.

Rotary Nilgiris also joined hands with sister clubs & District Governor's Team in providing relief to the flood affected at Gudalur. Community service initiatives were also done at Old age homes at Denalai & Balaclava. We did make our presence felt at all important district events & installation ceremonies of sister clubs, apart from having a joint meeting with another sister club Rotary Ooty Central.

An important event beckoning our attention is the launch of a lounge for visitors & relatives of the deceased at the 'Swarga Bhoomi' Crematorium, most appropriately named 'Shraddhanjali', coming Independence Day. We have been eagerly awaiting this monumental event, the works on which have been spearheaded our veteran Rtn Gen Girish.

# President's Message

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Our website [www.rotarynilgiriscoonoor.rotaryindia.org](http://www.rotarynilgiriscoonoor.rotaryindia.org) transits to Rotary year 2024-25 as does our Monthly Bulletin 'The Nilgiri Rotarian' with Rtn Daksha Bhat taking solo responsibility as the Public Image Chair.

On behalf of all members, I again extend a warm welcome to our new members Rtn Sangeetha & Rtn Surekha, whose experience and skills will enrich our club. We thank them for their belief in Rotary Nilgiris' mission to serve our community.

Our District Governor Dr Suresh Babu has a 'Vision' for our Rotary District 3203 to address pressing needs of the community & in the words of International President Stephanie Urchick 'The Magic of Rotary' surrounds us.

I seek blessings and support of all members in discharging my duties and responsibilities & assure my best efforts as we embark on a journey to contribute to our community through meaningful projects and services.

Yours in Rotary



**"Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves."**

– Paul Harris

# From the Editor's desk

**Dear Fellow Rotarian,**

A new Rotary year has begun with Rotary International President Stephanie Urchik at the helm. The second woman to hold this post. In 2022-23 Rtn Jennifer Jones was the first woman to be RI President in the 117-year history of Rotary.



In 2024, 28% of Rotary members worldwide are women. And our own club just upped the percentage of women members from 25% to 30% by welcoming Rtn Surekha Kothari and Rtn Sangeetha Shinde to the club.

It has been a long journey for women in Rotary. Though clubs had tried to include women these attempts were repeatedly struck down. The first official attempt was at the R.I. Convention in 1910. Some delegates introduced the topic but it was overwhelmingly rejected. In 1950, at the Detroit Convention, the Ahmedabad Club of India (of which I was briefly a member) proposed that the word "male" be dropped from Article III of the Standard Club Constitution. This too was soundly defeated.

In 1977 the Rotary club of Duarte, California admitted two women and in 1978, RI terminated Duarte's charter. In 1986 the California Court of Appeal ruled in favour of Duarte, The RI Board appealed the decision to the United States Supreme Court which ruled in March 1987 that the club could not discriminate against members because of gender. On 23 June, Duarte inducted Dr Sylvia Whitlock as the first woman president in the history of Rotary. My mother was inducted into Rotary in July 1987. By June 1990, the number of female Rotarians was over 20,000. By July 2010 they comprised about 16% of Rotarians, and more than 23% in 2020.

Rotary recognises the need for growth in female membership and members under the age of forty. New members bring new perspectives, new ideas, and energy, into our clubs. As we extend our Rotary family, we increase our scope and capacity to serve.

Together we can do more!

Yours in Rotary,

*Daksha Bhat*

The LOS ANGELES HERALD August 18, 1910 had this to say about the decision: "Because the average man cannot manage the average woman, the members of the Rotary Clubs of America barred women from their organization." 4

# JULY 2024

**Rotary**  
The Nilgiris



**9** Weekly Meeting

**16** Weekly Meeting

**22** Eye camp at Anaipallam

**23** Weekly Meeting  
Joint Meeting with RC Ooty Central

**29** Eye & health camp at  
Muttinadu village

**30** Board Meeting  
Weekly Meeting

# Meetings in July

**Weekly Meetings 4**

**Family Meetings 2**

**Board Meetings 1**

# AUGUST



**Rotary**  
The Nilgiris



**Membership &  
New Club Development Month**

# Club Leadership Plan

## OFFICE BEARERS 2024 - 2025

<b>President</b>	Rtn Sunil Goyal
<b>Vice President</b>	Rtn H Harikrishnan
<b>Secretary</b>	Rtn C. R. Venkatraman
<b>Executive Secretary</b>	Rtn Vijaya Kumar Dar
<b>Treasurer</b>	Rtn Mr Manish Jain
<b>Sergeant-at-arms</b>	Rtn Colaso Jeyprakas
<b>Trust Treasurer</b>	Rtn Nithya Ashish

## CLUB LEADERSHIP

<b>Rotary Foundation</b>	Rtn Lt. Gen. M.G. Girish
<b>Club Administration</b>	Rtn R Muralidharan
<b>Service Projects</b>	Rtn Brig Hemant Paliwal
<b>Fund Raising</b>	Rtn Sheela Bhasin
<b>Membership</b>	Rtn Deepika Unni
<b>Public Image</b>	Rtn Daksha Bhat
<b>Fellowship &amp; Recreation</b>	Rtn B. Chandra Kumar

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

<b>Area of Responsibility</b>	<b>Committee Chair</b>
<b>ALS Ambulance</b>	Rtn Manish Jain
<b>Bulletin Editor</b>	Rtn Daksha Bhat
<b>Club Trainer</b>	Rtn Vijaya Kumar Dar
<b>Community Service</b>	Rtn Mathew Jacob
<b>Dental Care</b>	Rtn Dr Megha Srikanth
<b>Dialysis Center</b>	Rtn Charles Nathan
<b>District Coordination</b>	Rtn T. M. KrishnDev
<b>Education &amp; Literacy</b>	Rtn Glenn Croning
<b>Environment</b>	Rtn Chandana Roychoudhary
<b>Health Care</b>	Rtn Javrilal Parekh
<b>Interact</b>	Rtn Norman J. Wood
<b>Polio Plus</b>	Rtn Colaso Jeyprakas
<b>School Project</b>	Rtn Deepika Unni
<b>Spoken English</b>	Rtn Diana Bharucha
<b>Swarga Bhoomi</b>	Rtn Tini Korah
<b>Vision</b>	Rtn C. R. Venkatraman
<b>Vocational Service</b>	Rtn Brig Hemant Paliwal
<b>Water &amp; Sanitation</b>	Rtn Divya Jain
<b>Youth Service</b>	Rtn H Harikrishnan

# Awards & Appreciation!!!



General Girish was honoured with Rotary International's appreciation certificate for outstanding efforts in Community Service. Rtn Vijaya Dar read out the citation and presented the certificate

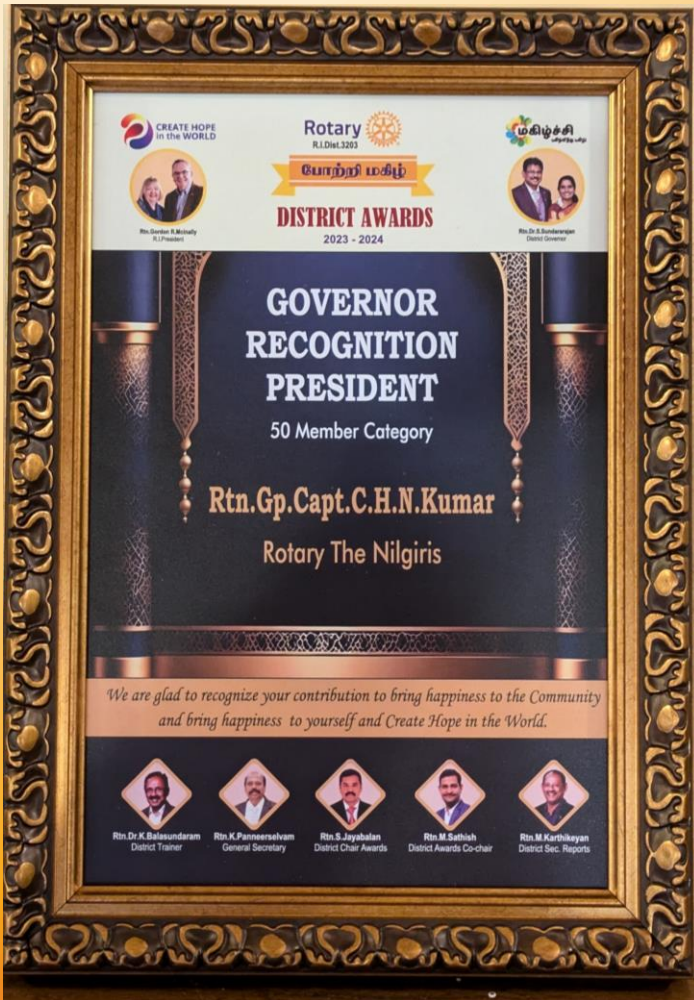
9<sup>th</sup> July



The club was also recognized with a Special Award for Disease Prevention for the Palliative Care Centre.



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President Gp Capt. CHN Kumar was presented the Governor recognition Award in the 50 member category.



Certificates of Appreciation for Rtn Muralidharan's service as Assistant Governor and the publication of the Club Bulletin



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# Events

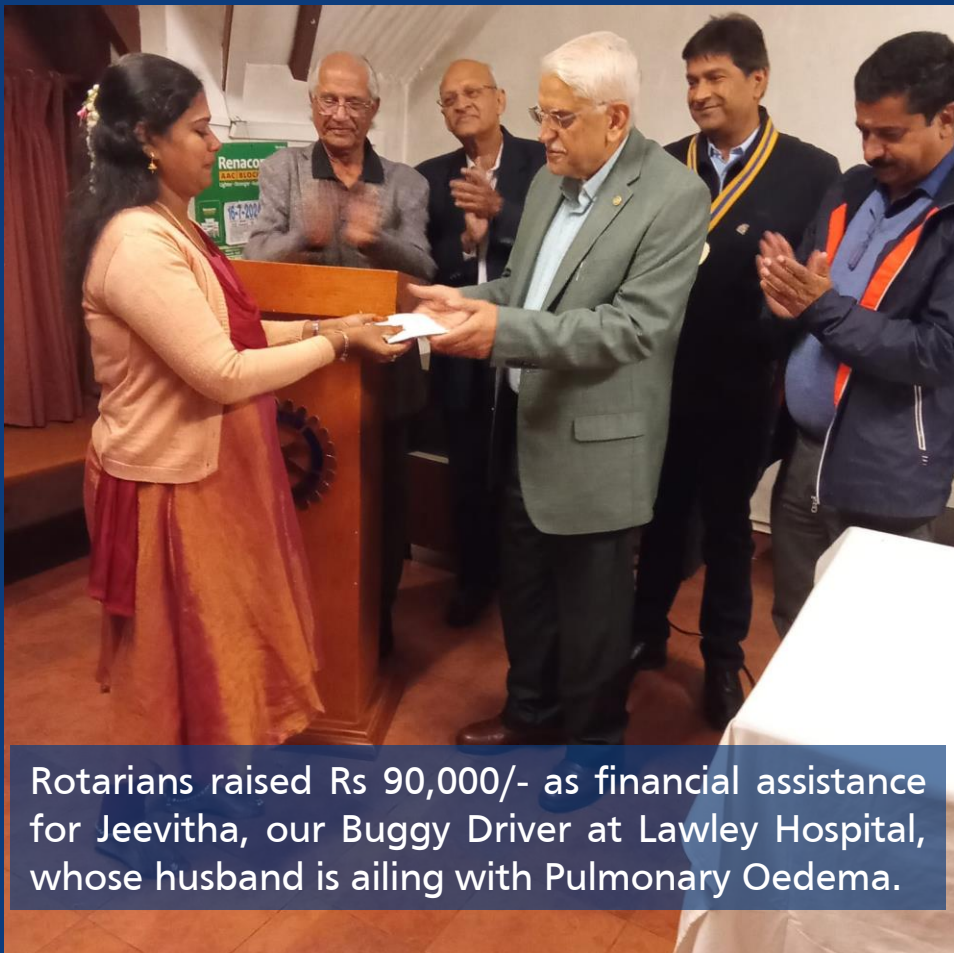
250 Blankets were received from Moti Bhai for distribution to Inmates of Little Sisters of the Poor, M N Trust Old age Home at Denalai, Palliative Center & Gudalur flood relief.



60 Blankets handed over to M N Trust Old Age Home Denalai



70 Blankets handed over to Little sisters of the poor. 18<sup>th</sup> July



Rotarians raised Rs 90,000/- as financial assistance for Jeevitha, our Buggy Driver at Lawley Hospital, whose husband is ailing with Pulmonary Oedema.

16<sup>th</sup> July



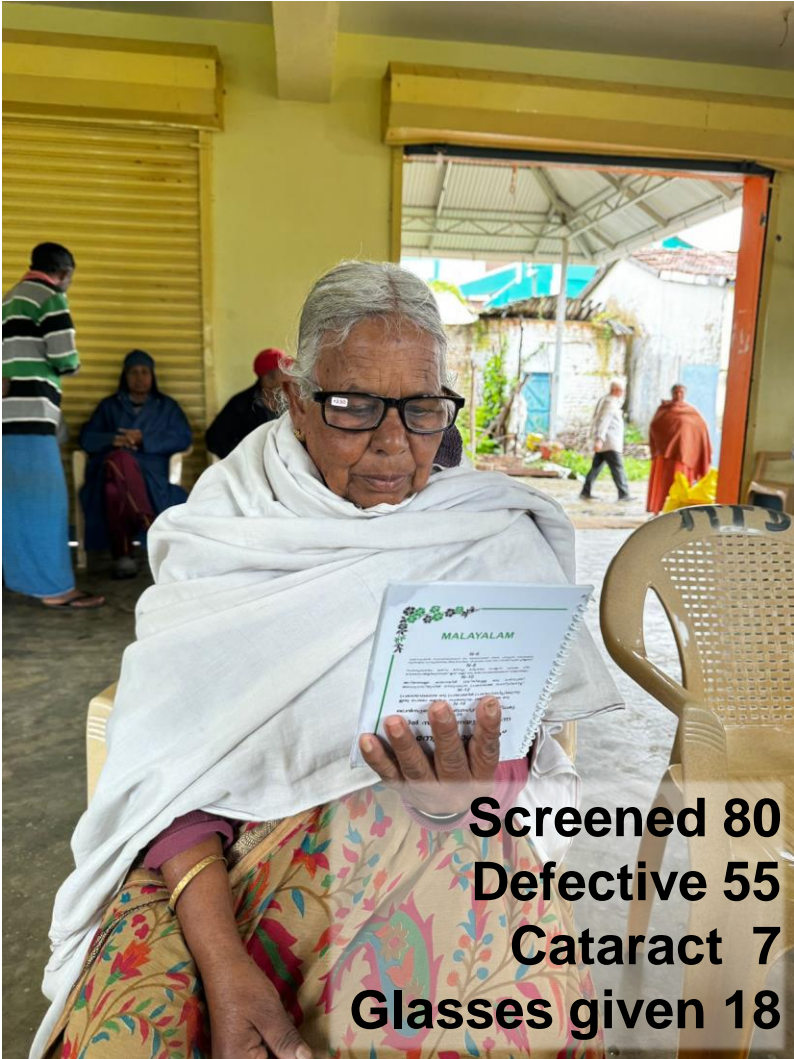
The President and Secretary attended an awareness program on Drug & Alcohol abuse conducted by Jaycees Coonoor Hill Sparks at Municipal Middle School at Gandhi Puram

The **4** Way Test  
of the things  
we think,  
say, and do

- is it the Truth
- is it Fair to all concerned
- will it be Beneficial to all concerned
- will it build Goodwill & Better Friendships

 Rotary  
The Nilgiris





**Screened 80  
Defective 55  
Cataract 7  
Glasses given 18**

A comprehensive health camp was conducted at Muttinadu village. The eye check-ups were in association with the Eye Foundation and general health check-ups were coordinated by Dr. Somsukla, of Wellington, and by PHC workers.



Rtn Sec Venkatraman,  
Rtn Javrilal and Rtn Nithya  
at the camp



A Joint Meeting of Rotary Ooty Central with Rotary The Nilgiris, was held on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July. The wonderful evening was filled with words of wisdom and life lessons shared by Rtn. Lt. Gen. MG Girish. He spoke on Rotary Leadership - A Human Value Approach.

# August

## Birthdays

04 Rtn Sheela

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Rtn Mukund

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12 Annet Aniruddha Menon S/o Rtn. Ullas A Menon

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Annet Tarun S/o Dr. T S Chhabra

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16 Ann Susan W/o Rtn. Stephen G Jayaseelan

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17 Rtn Devaraj

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18 Rtn Deepika

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Annet Anahera Sarah D/o Rtn. Pradeep Pandiaraj

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24 Rtn M. G. Girish

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25 Rtn Sam Cherian

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Annet Alanah D/o Pradeep Pandiaraj

## Anniversaries

20 Rtn Gokulnath Bheeman

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Rtn Tini Korah