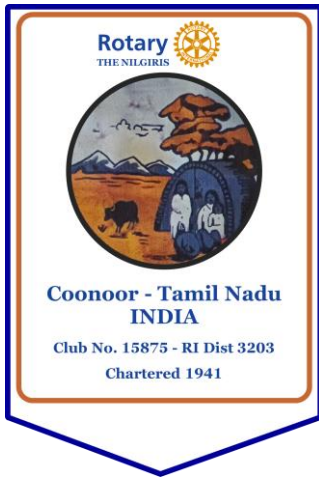




On the 15th of August the LPG Crematorium at Coonor was rededicated to the community. The waiting lounge, "Shradhanjali" was also inaugurated. Other improvements to the crematorium include an increase in car parking and the creation of a temple for post cremation ceremonies.



President's Message



`Shradhanjali' meaning Homage or Tribute... A Waiting lounge for visitors & relatives of the deceased at the `Swarga Bhoomi' Crematorium, appropriately named thus, was thrown open to the community this month on Independence Day.

`Shradhanjali' stands as a symbol of love, respect, and the enduring human spirit & is not just a testament to the spirit of service that defines Rotary, but also a tribute to the memories of those who have departed.

The generous contributions of our gracious donor families who wished to honour the memories of their loved ones are not merely financial; they are heartfelt tributes, acts of remembrance that add profound meaning to 'Shradhanjali.'

The inaugural ceremony was a solemn affair attended by prominent citizens, community leaders, Rotarians & their families & CEO of Wellington Cantonment Board **Shri Vinit Lote**. **Commandant of the Madras Regimental Centre Brigadier Sunil Yadav** graciously officiated as the Chief Guest & **Governor of Rotary District 3203, Rtn MD Dr. Suresh Babu** as the Guest of Honour.

At the heart of this initiative is Rtn General Girish, the chair of our Charitable trust whose vision and unwavering commitment has transformed a noble idea into reality.

I sincerely wish that this project, another milestone for Rotary Nilgiris, also becomes a stepping stone towards greater service and community engagement.

`Mission Vision,' our ongoing project assisted by M/s Eye Foundation & M/s OneSight Essilor Luxottica Foundation is progressing as per plan by conducting at least one eye screening camp every week, sometimes two camps a week. The villagers of Gundada, Kil Kotagiri, Kethorai & Naduhatty & students of Providence College of Women benefitted by this project this month.

We were also able to add value to this project by providing general health checkup along with eye screening. Rotary Nilgiris is grateful to Dr SomaShukla for this service.

I exhort each one of you to continue contributing your time, talents, and resources to our ongoing and future projects. Together, we can continue to uphold the values of Rotary and make a significant difference in the lives of many.

Yours in Rotary

From the Editor's desk

Dear Fellow Rotarian,

The Rotary theme for September is Basic Education & Literacy. We have a responsibility for preparing the next generation for the challenges and opportunities they will face. In the Anthropocene age, as humans are reconfiguring the climate in various ways knowledge and guidance about green initiatives are essential.



The Wayanad landslide disaster was one of the deadliest in Kerala's history, with reports of over 420 fatalities, 397 injuries, and more than 118 people missing. The possible causes have been identified as deforestation, seismic sensitivity, poor building construction, and global warming. The fact is that many disasters that we see can no longer be called natural disasters given the large footprint of human decisions or interventions that enable them.

The impacts of climate change are not uniformly distributed. Coastal regions in India face rising sea levels and increased cyclonic activity, while northern and central parts of the country grapple with intense heatwaves and droughts. The agrarian sector, which employs a significant portion of the population, is particularly vulnerable. Erratic rainfall patterns and temperature fluctuations disrupt crop cycles, threatening food security and farmer livelihoods. Cities deal with both flooding and droughts.

Climate change is not just a policy issue but a societal challenge. We need to foster a culture of sustainability. Community-driven efforts are also important where formal policies fall short. Here's hoping that understanding and caring for the environment takes as important a place in education as Mathematics, Sciences and Languages.

A shout out to the children of the Stanes school Interact club who took the initiative and collected and sent aid to Wayanad. In the words of Ann Daniella Croning, "most children are genuinely interested and enthusiastic.. We just have to spark that fire and then guide it."

Yours in Rotary,

Daksha Bhat

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5 Eye Camp at Gundala

8 Sarvadharm Puja at Crematorium

9 Eye Camp at Kil Kotagiri

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20 Weekly Meeting
Family Meeting

26 Eye & Health Camp at Naduhatty

27 Weekly Meeting
Family Meeting

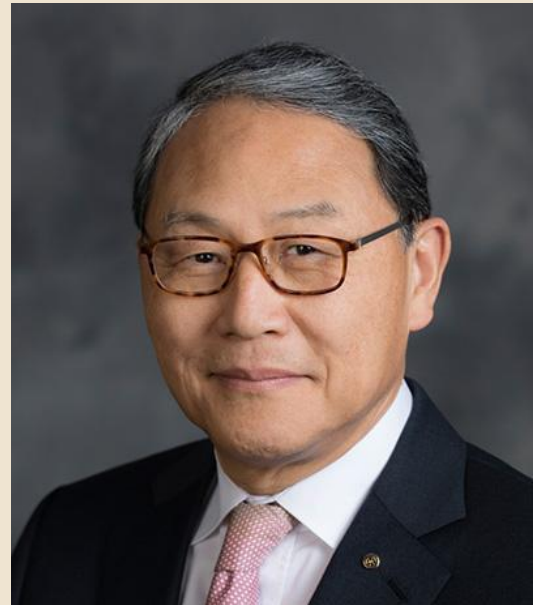
28 Eye & Health Camp at Providence College

Rotary International

Sangkoo Yun, a member of the Rotary Club of Sae Hanyang, Seoul, Korea, has been selected and will become to become Rotary International president for 2026-27 on September 15th If there are no challenges.

A Rotarian since 1987, Yun is a charter member of the Rotary Club of Sae Hanyang, Seoul, Korea. He has served Rotary International as a director, trustee, committee member and chair,

RI learning facilitator and has served on the Board Administration Committee, International Assembly Committee, End Polio Now Countdown to History Campaign Committee, Rotary Foundation Executive Committee and Programs Committee. He served for eight years as co-chair of the Keep Mongolia Green project, planting wind break forests in the Gobi Desert to combat desertification. He is the founder and CEO of Dongsuh Corporation, which engineers and markets architectural materials and is President of Youngan Corporation, which operates in real estate and financial investment.



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Think, Say, and Do



is it the **Truth**



is it **Fair** to all concerned



will it build **Goodwill & Better Friendships**



will it be **Beneficial** to all concerned

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Sarvadharm Pooja at Coonoor Crematorium



Dedication of Waiting Lounge at Crematorium







Brigadier Sunil Kumar Yadav was the chief guest at the rededication of the upgraded LPG Crematorium and the opening of the waiting lounge “**Shradhajali.**” The donors were also present along with eminent local citizens and Rotarians.

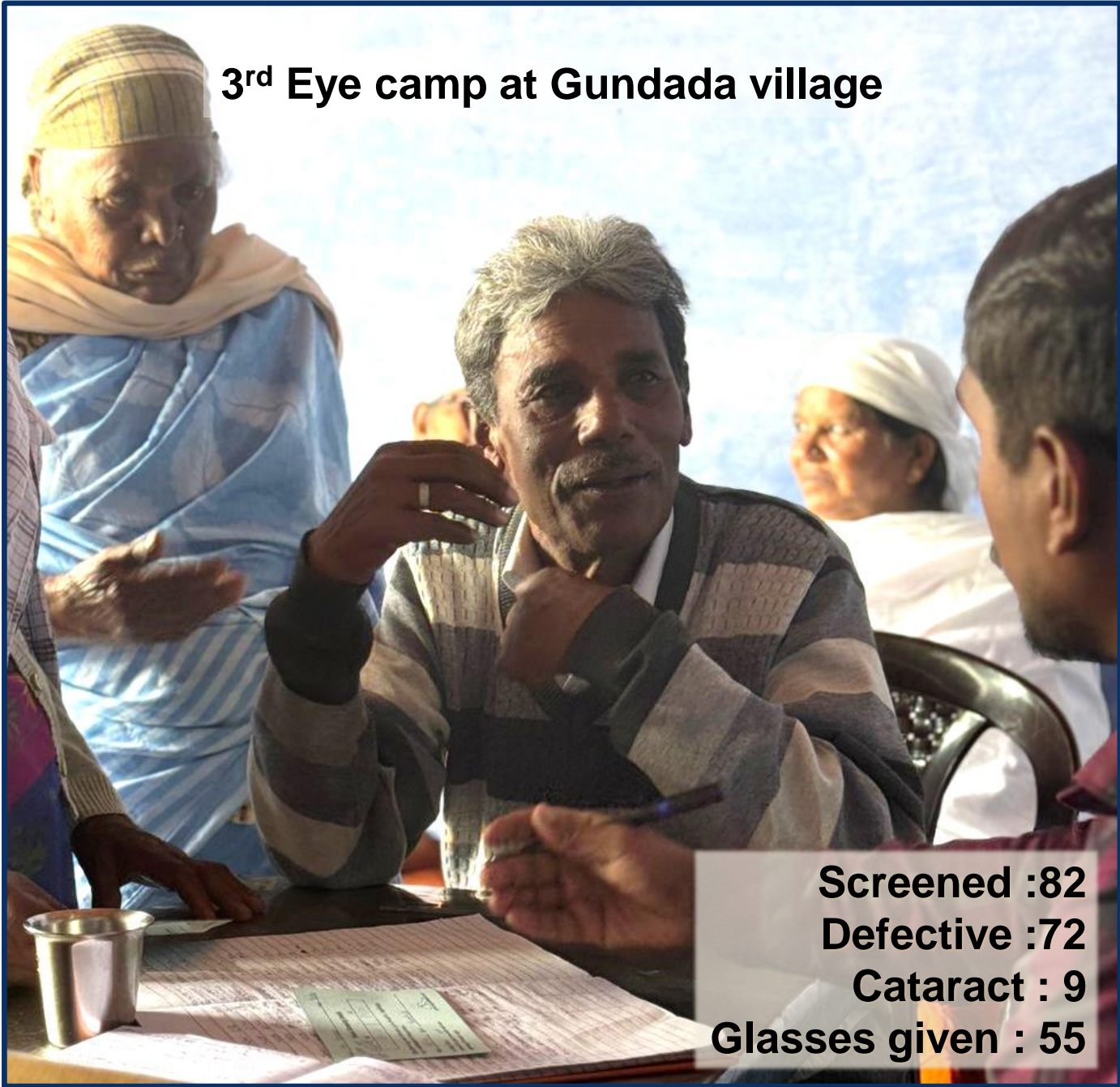


The 6th weekly meeting was a festive occasion hosted by Rtn Gen Girish & Rtn Sam Cherian to celebrate their birthdays.

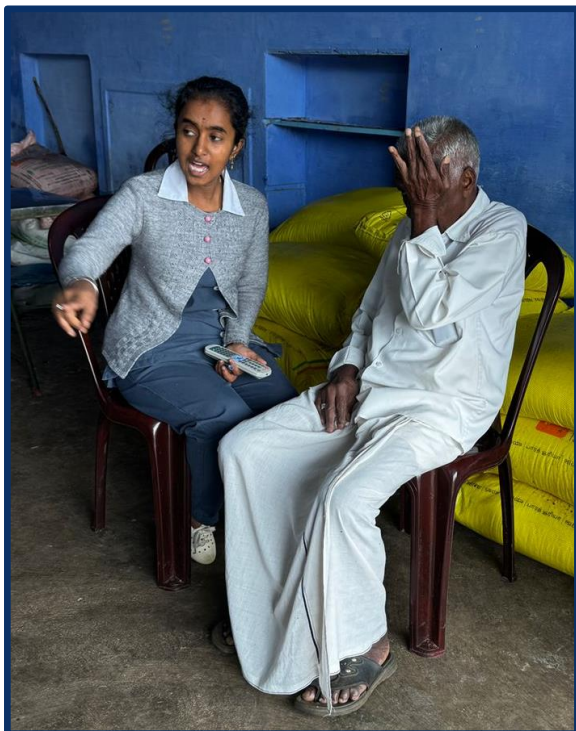




3rd Eye camp at Gundada village



Screened :82
Defective :72
Cataract : 9
Glasses given : 55



4th Eye camp at Kil Kotagiri



Screened 86
Defective 62
Cataract 7
Glasses given 31

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General Health Check up was also carried out in collaboration with TVS Group



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"Rotary is a cross-section of the business and professional life of the community."

– Paul Harris

5th Eye camp at Kethorai village

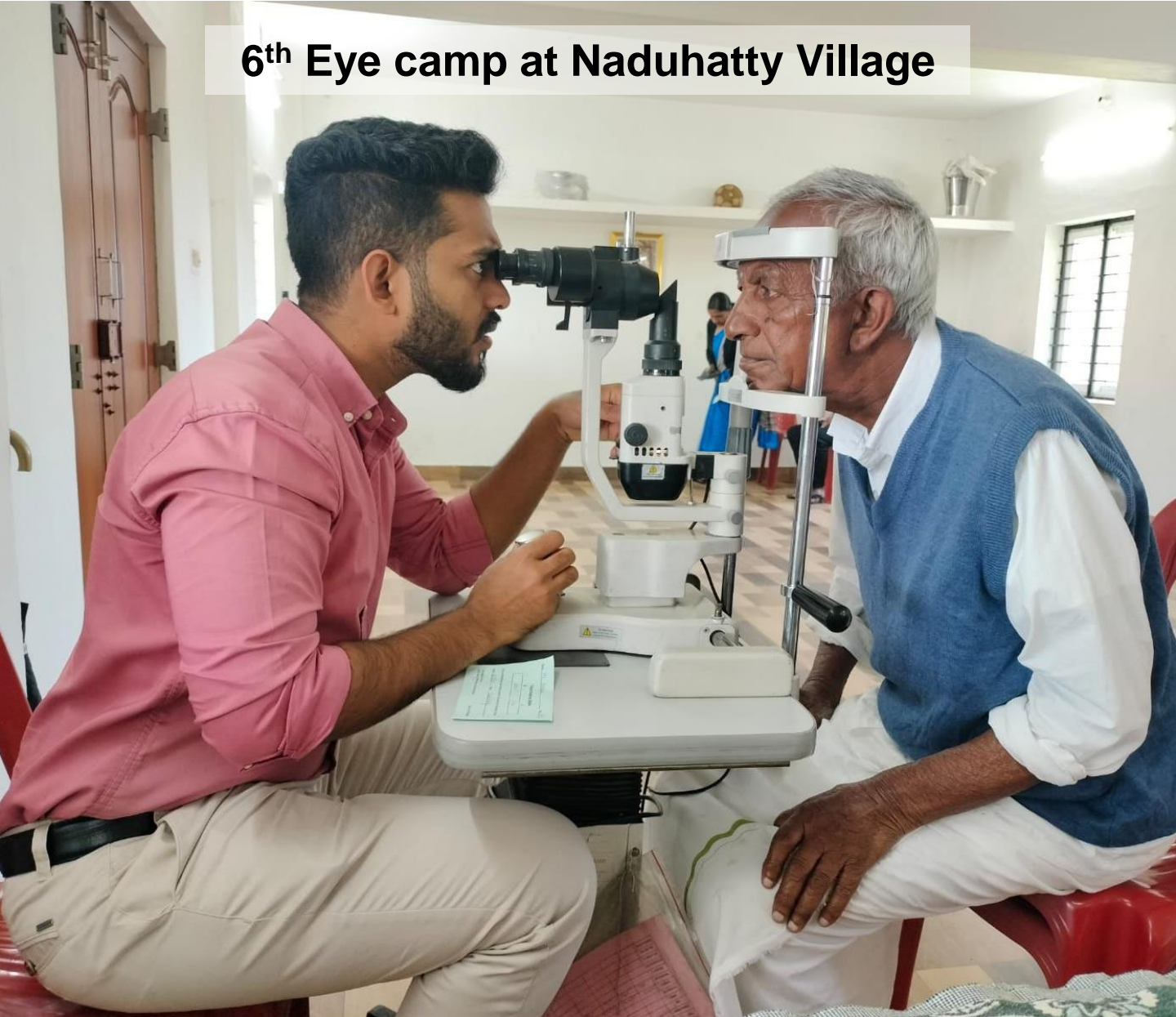


Screened :58
Defective :24
Cataract : 4
Pterygium : 3
Retina : 1
Glasses given : 11



Health Camp was also conducted
by Dr Somshukla Bhattacharya &
Secondary Health centre staff

6th Eye camp at Naduhatty Village



Screened :63 - Glasses given : 13



The Interact club of Stanes School coordinated the collection & delivery of basic necessity items like bedsheets, towels, footwear, pampers, sanitary napkins, toiletries, provisions etc worth Rs 4.10 Lacs towards Wayanad relief



September

Birthdays

05 Rtn Vaishnavi

06 Annet Preetham S/o Rtn Jayanthi Premkumar

07 Rtn C R Venkataraman

09 Annet Nakul S/o Rtn Brig Hemant Paliwal

10 Rtn Brig Hemant Paliwal

11 Rtn Sunil Goyal

13 Rtn Gokulnath Bheeman

15 Rtn Nithya Ashish

19 Rtn Tini Korah

Annet Shalini D/o Rtn N K Devaraj

22 Annet Divya D/o Rtn T M Krishn Dev

25 Ann Lalitha Spouse of Rtn C R Venkataraman

26 Annet Ayesha D/o Rtn Chandana Roychoudhary

30 Ann Daniella Spouse of Rtn Glenn Croning

Anniversaries

01 Rtn Nishant Mohan

06 Rtn C R Venkataraman

08 Rtn Lt Gen M. G. Girish