

Rotary
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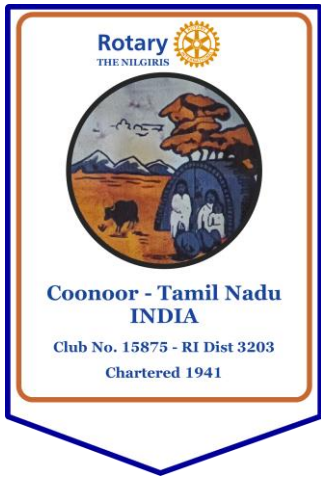
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President's Message



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

As we bid farewell to 2024, December has been a month of service, celebration, and preparation for the journey ahead. Despite the holiday season reducing our regular meetings, our commitment to our goals remained unwavering.

We continued our flagship Eye Screening & Health Checkup Camps throughout the month, with camps held on the 3rd, 5th, 10th, 15th, 16th, 22nd, 23rd, & 26th. These initiatives continue to provide

vital healthcare access to those in need, embodying the spirit of Rotary service.

I am delighted to share the news of the chartering of the Interact Club at St. Antony's Higher Secondary School, Coonoor. This marks the fourth Interact Club sponsored by our club, highlighting our ongoing efforts to foster leadership and community service among youth. We look forward to the installation ceremony, planned for January, which will formally welcome these budding leaders to the Rotary family.

Our participation in the Rising Beyond Reach training seminar, hosted by the Rotary Club of Annur Town, was another highlight. President-Elect Rtn Harikrishnan, Secretary-Elect Rtn Daksha Bhat represented our club with enthusiasm, preparing for the upcoming Rotary year with renewed vision and vigor. Rtn Manish Jain joins the Team as Treasurer-Elect.

Special appreciation goes to Rtn Brig Hemant Paliwal for his contribution of medical equipment to the P&G Center. His generosity underscores the importance of individual efforts in driving impactful change. Adding to the festive cheer, Rotarians, accompanied by Ann Reeba Cherian on her birthday, visited the P&G Center on December 23rd to convey Christmas and New Year wishes. Cakes, cookies, and varkey were distributed, bringing smiles to the patients and staff alike.

Looking ahead, we are excited about another significant community service project in the offing. In the coming month, we will begin the refurbishing of the Swarga Bhoomi Crematorium, including the replacement of the chimney, which has surpassed its utility, along with the maintenance and servicing of pipes, crates, and the entire infrastructure. This initiative will ensure that the crematorium remains a fitting and functional facility for the community.

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Lastly, Fireside Group Two under the leadership of Rtn Brig Hemant Paliwal will host their event on January 19th at Hotel Vivek, promising a delightful evening of fellowship and camaraderie.

As we reflect on a year of meaningful service, I am filled with gratitude for the dedication and efforts of every member of our Rotary family. Together, we have created ripples of positive change, and I am confident that 2025 will bring even greater opportunities to serve and make a difference.

Wishing you and your loved ones a joyful festive season and a prosperous New Year!

Yours in Rotary,



From the Editor's desk

Dear Fellow Rotarian,

As the new year unfolds, it brings an opportunity to reflect on the past, and plan for the future. A time to reflect, and make resolutions, evaluate progress and set goals. It is a time to look at our personal growth to financial stability, from fitness to creativity. Alongside these individual pursuits, there lies a profound opportunity to paint on the much larger canvas of collective progress, through service to others. Engaging with Rotary in service is not only a powerful way to make a tangible impact on the world around us, but it also nurtures a sense of connection, purpose, and fulfilment. Through Rotary, we can make service an integral part of our lives, building stronger communities and helping to address challenges faced by people.




Service is not a one-size-fits-all endeavor. There are myriad ways we can contribute, depending on our skills, passions, and time. Whether it's joining in ongoing projects, spearheading new projects, raising funds for projects, mentoring a young person, or organizing a community clean-up, each act of service large or small is valuable. The key is to identify what resonates with you and to make it a priority in your life.


Rotary enables us to think and contribute in larger circles beyond ourselves. With issues such as poverty, climate change, and inequality in access to services looming large, the need for active citizenship is more urgent than ever. Social service doesn't just fill an immediate gap; it builds a stronger social infrastructure, supports vulnerable populations, and fosters a culture of care and responsibility.


What goes round comes around! The benefits of service are not just societal. Research shows that giving back to others increases our own happiness, reduces stress, and boosts mental well-being. The sense of accomplishment that comes from helping others and making a difference is one of the most rewarding aspects of service. It provides a sense of purpose, fosters empathy and celebrates the shared humanity that binds us together.


Yours in Rotary,


Daksha Bhat


- 03**  • **Weekly Meeting**
 - Eye Camp at Karadattam


- 05**  • Eye Camp at Robroy Estate Kotagiri


- 17**  • **Weekly Meeting**


- 10**  • Eye Camp at Kadasholaii

- 15**  • Eye camp at Periya Pallivasal

- 16**  • Eye Camp at Gurensy Village

- 22**  • Eye Camp at Ambigapuram Pallivasal

- 23**  • Eye Camp at Kodery Village

- 26**  • Eye Camp at Fortune Tea Factory
Kilkotagiri



**03/12 @
Keradamattam
(Priya colony)
Total screening : 37
Defective : 17
Glasses : 4**

**10/12 @ Kadasholai
Village Kotagiri
Total screening : 56
Defective : 28
Cataract : 4
Glasses Provided: 12**



**Chinnamma who is
105 years old also
participated in the
Kadasholai camp.**



**15/12 @ Periya
Pallivasal Kotagiri**
Total screening :
Defective :
Glasses : 24

**16/12 @ Gurensy Village
Coonoor**



The Rotary of today is different from the Rotary of yesterday and the Rotary of tomorrow cannot, must not, be the same as the Rotary of today. Rotary will continue to evolve.

- Paul Harris



**22/12 @ Ambigapuram
Pallivasal Coonoor**
Total screening : 76
Defective : 29
Cataract : 2
Glasses : 5



**23/12 @ - Kodery
Village Coonoor**
Total screening : 76
Defective : 34
Cataract : 2
Pterygium : 1
Glasses : 8





26/12 @ - Fortune Tea
Factory
Kilkotagiri
Glasses : 5

A graphic for January Vocational Service Month. It features a large yellow lightbulb with a meeting scene inside. The meeting scene shows five people sitting around a table, working on laptops and documents. The text "January" is written vertically on the left, and "Vocational Service Month" is written on the right. The Rotary logo and "Rotary The Nilgiris" are at the bottom left.

January

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**Vocational
Service Month**



President Elect Rtn Halan Harikrishnan and Secretary Elect Rtn Daksha Bhat attended Pre Pets hosted by Rotary club of Annur Town. Rtn Manish Jain has been nominated as treasurer for 2025-26

21/12

1 is it the **truth**

2 will it be **beneficial** to all concerned

3 is it **fair** to all concerned

4 will it build **goodwill** & better friendships

THE 4 WAY TEST

of the things we think, say, & do

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

January

Birthdays

01 Rtn Mathew Jacob

03 Rtn Divya Jain

04 Annet Tanya D/o Rtn Jacob Mathew

06 Annet Manika D/o Rtn Jacob Mathew

Ann Lt Gen Tony Gadeock Spouse of Rtn Sonalika

08 Rtn Chandana Roychoudhury

09 Ann Priyanka Spouse of Rtn Sushil Parekh

10 Annet Parikshit S/o Rtn Vijaya Dar

11 Rtn Jayanthi Premkumar

20 Ann Kasthuri Kumar Spouse of B Chandra Kumar

22 Ann Geetha Spouse of Rtn Raman Menon

26 Annet Kriti D/o Rtn Sushil Parekh

28 Annet Anusha D/o Stephen G Jayaseelan

29 Ann Jaishree Spouse of N K Devaraj

Anniversaries

15 Rtn Dr Megha Srikanth

17 Rtn Javrilal Parekh

20 Rtn R Muralidharan

15 Rtn Ullas Menon

30 Rtn Vaishnavi