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GOVERNOR'S MONTHLY LETTER

## District Governor's Message

September is the month of festivals. It is a month to meet and greet, and at the same time launch new projects. Presidents are going full steam to implement their plans for the year. New Rotaract & Interact Clubs are being formed. Membership expansion and forming new clubs have been an important focus by DG and Membership Chair George Cherian.

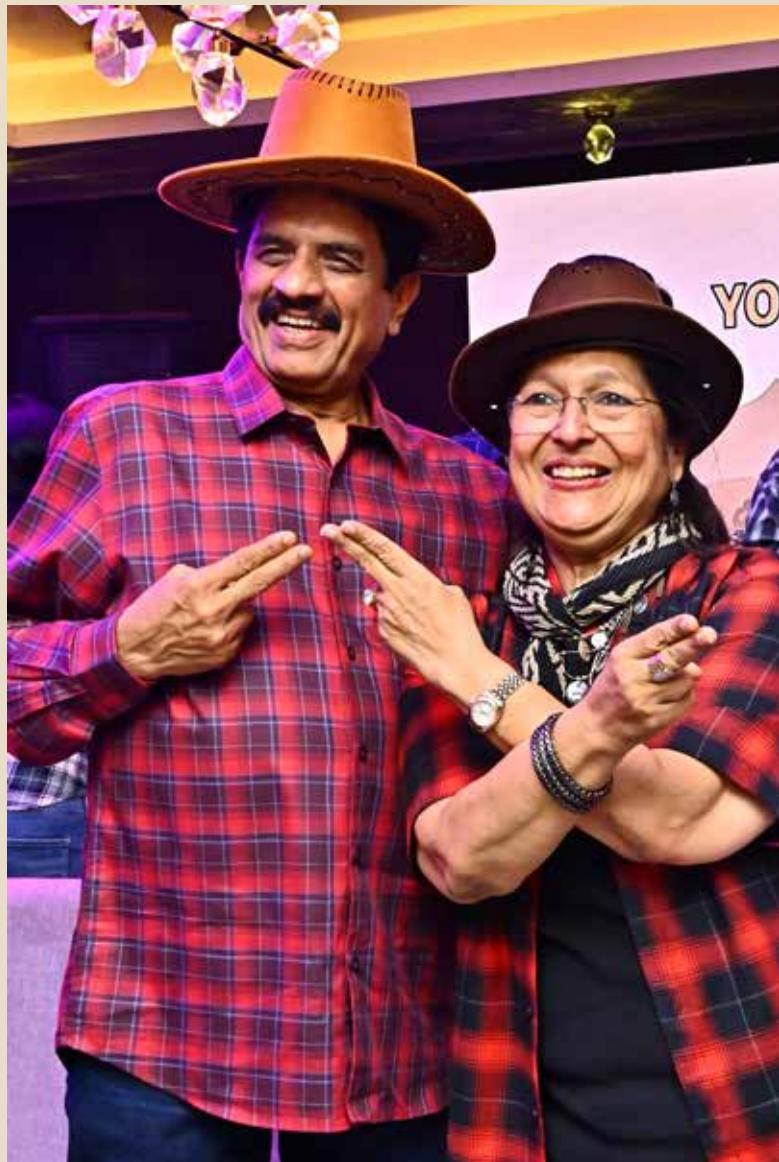
LEAD '25 saw the launch of Projects worth 40 crores. RI Director MMM applauded RI District 3234 for its planning and projects. 100 PINK AUTOS was a super launch. RI President Francesco Arezzo and Deputy CM Udhayanidhi Stalin witnessed the spectacle of 100 PINK AUTOS lined up with 100 women in pink jackets smiling to become the proud owners of the Pink Autos. They applauded Rotary's efforts to empower women and make them self-reliant. LEAD '25 gave great opportunity for RI District 3234 to showcase the power of its Presidents. All areas of LEAD '25 had important Team Leaders from RI District 3234. Right from Registration, Stage Management, Technology, Venue Management, Project Launches, Pre- Leads program – in all these areas, RI District 3234 was in the forefront. The crowning glory was the End Polio Formation on 24th

August, when 4000 Rotaractors gathered in Red End Polio T-shirts. The Captains and Marshals assured Rotaractors into a pre-determined grid, holding the board of End Polio in their hands. Once the grid was complete under the command of RI President, the Rotaractors lifted the boards above their head to see a massive image of END POLIO witness dramatically through the drone photography on the large LED screen. The RI President could not believe that Rotaractors of one District could do this act and it was applauded by all Rotary leaders assembled onstage, a huge Public Image activity for Rotary.

The Vocational Service Team of the District wanted to recognize the unsung heroes, coaches and guides from various arts and crafts, who do not get recognized for

their tremendous service. The District Dronacharya Award to commemorate Teachers Day recognized outstanding faculty members from diverse fields who have dedicated their lives from shaping young minds. Teachers, regardless of their disciplines, hold a position of great respect and reverence, and this celebration was a fitting tribute to their invaluable contribution.

On 8th September Rotary Club of Chennai



Kilpauk launched 25 Dialysis machines at Saidapet Government Hospital through a grand function attended by Deputy CM Udhayanidhi Stalin. Chennai Kilpauk also committed to start a blood storage in the hospital. It was a project appreciated by all.



Annettes are a big strength and full of talents in our District. The District launched the District Annettes Council with Annette Koventhal to be the District Annette Council Representative. The Annettes Council was full of energy and promised many activities during the year.



The Rota Chess, first of its kind was organized on 14th September at Queen Mary's College. 500 students from different schools, both boys and girls took part in this wonderful event. We had 6 year-old students competing with 8-year-old and showcasing their master talent. The competition was professionally organized following rules and

regulations. We saw young kids lift big cups as they won in their categories.

Terry Fox Run, the most popular for sensitizing Cancer Research and Cancer Awareness. Rotary Club of Madras East conducts this Terry Fox Run year after year, the 17th Edition, flagged off by former DGP Sylendra Babu and actor Harish Kalyan. Lots of Corporates sent their representatives to take part in the run. President Balaji Sreenivasan shared that the event has grown into a strong community movement supporting a noble cause.

The first Presidents' Meet – "The Wild West", held on 21st September, brought together club leaders to reflect on the remarkable journey of the Rotary year 2025–26 so far. The District Governor expressed heartfelt appreciation to the Presidents and their Partners for their exemplary leadership, impactful initiatives, and impressive public image efforts.

The District Fund Raiser, the AGAM Band at the Music Academy on 26th September was a super success with tickets being sold out within 48 hours of announcement by Book My Show. There was a strong clamouring for the tickets and even the tickets reserved for Sponsors were given away to manage the demand. The AGAM team mesmerized the audience with a superb Carnatic fusion music concert, and the audience were singing along with AGAM and the whole hall was vibrating. AGAM announced that they have never experienced such an appreciative audience anywhere in India. The show generated Rs. 10 Lakhs for the END POLIO NOW campaign and a large cheque was given away by the DG to PRID A. S. Venkatesh. Thank you, Rotarians, for making this a big success.

The Suhani Shah, India's best Mentalist was a huge successful Fund Raiser by Chennai Kilpauk on 27th September. The magic of Suhani Shah left



the audience spellbound and wondered how it is possible.



On 27th September, Rotary Club of Ambattur celebrated Navratri through the traditional dandiya at hotel Le Meridien. This was their 25th edition. It was a grand show attended by many Rotarians.

The Council of Governors meeting brought together all the Past Governors and the future leaders greeting each other, enjoying the evening with fellowship. The DG and his team presented the quarterly report, much appreciated by all.



A team of 25 Rotarians from RI District 3234 travelled to Jaffna with mission to help the people. In the presence of DG Vinod Saraogi, 500 spine injury patients on wheelchair assembled at Killinocchi to launch the project "Assembling of Wheelchairs" in Jaffna. It will not only give vacation to the people, but also the wheelchairs can be used in exclusively in Jaffna area where the demand is high. Congrats to Chairman Sarada Ramani and Project Chair Dhanasekar for spearheading the project.



## Upcoming EVENTS

### District:

11th Oct AG 's RS Club Review meet  
3 to 5 pm at Park Elanza

11th Oct First Secretaries meet at Park Elanza 6 pm

24th Oct World Polio Day

4th Nov Conference Curtain Raiser & Qtrly Dist Awards - 7pm @ Hotel Connemara

12th Nov World Diabetes Day

### Club Events:

27th Oct RTTL Season 5 curtain Raiser  
RCM Chenna Patna

## Rotary Designated Months

July	Maternal and Child Health Month	January	Vocational Service Month
August	Membership and New Club Development Month	February	Peace building and Conflict Prevention Month
September	Basic Education and Literacy Month	March	Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month
October	Community Economic and Development Month	April	Environmental Month
November	Rotary Foundation Month	May	Youth Service Month
December	Disease Prevention and Treatment Month	June	Rotary Fellowships Month

# Rotary Dronacharya Awards 2025

**Rtn. Durga Karthick, RC Chennai Legends and  
Rtn. Sarada Ramani, Chair – Vocational Services**

The Rotary Dronacharya Awards 2025, was organized by Rotary District 3234 under the guidance of District Governor Vinod Saraogi, with key organizers Rtn. Dr. Kumar Rajendran (Chairman - Vocational Awards) and Rtn. Sarada Ramani (Chairman - Vocational Services). Various Rotary clubs across the district submitted over 300 nominations. Out of these, 83 were selected and honored with shields and certificates. The event took place on September 6, 2025, at Sathyabama MGR Maligai, Adyar.

The event honored unseen mentors who built dreams in various fields, and spanned multiple categories, including: Theatre, Music, Aviation, Boxing, Gymnastics, Cycling, Painting, Sculpting, Dance, Photography, Yoga and meditation, Kabaddi, Archery, Handball, Hockey, Basketball, Football, Badminton, Table tennis, Physical education, Cricket, Silambam, Muay Thai, Vedic chanting, Vedic astrology, Aquatic sports, Drawing, Karate, Shooting, Bharatanatyam, Rugby, Beauty and grooming, Sports physiotherapy and chiropractic care, Kung fu and Celebrity hairdressing.

Theatre stalwart Aysha Rau, with over three decades of work and 50 productions, was recognized for pioneering international festivals and hospital clowning. Dr. Eric Miller, co-founder of the World Storytelling Institute, and media veteran Ramkumar Singaram were also honored for shaping narratives through storytelling and theatre.

In music, honorees included Sathish Kumar, trained by the legendary Shri M.S. Gopalakrishnan; cultural promoter Ramjhi; drumming innovator B. Sridhar; and Meenakshi Seshadri, a graded AIR artist with over four decades of excellence. Dance luminaries such as Sneha Vakkala, Dr. Sujatha Mohan, Saradha Sethuraman, and Srimayi Vempati were recognized for preserving and spreading India's classical traditions globally.

Sports excellence was celebrated with Dhivya Kamalesh for gymnastics, Vinolee Ramalingam for triathlon and cycling, and Bharath Krishna for boxing and fitness education. Veteran contributors like Gold M. Rajendran (Kabaddi), R. Babu Rajendran (Handball), Kennet Thomas (Hockey), and V. P. Danapal (Basketball) were honored for decades of service as players, coaches, and mentors.

The field of Yoga and wellness saw recognition for Dr. R. Elangovan, who has guided 46 Ph.D. scholars in Yoga education, and Sridevi Aravindan, known for her therapeutic expertise. Other awardees such as Akshaya Lakshmi, Padmapriya Mani, Ramya Chakravarthy, and Dr. Madheena Saleem were acknowledged for integrating wellness, research, and healing practices to benefit thousands worldwide.

Educators including J. Samson (Physical Education), Meenakshi Ganesh (Table Tennis), and Sudhasrinivasan (Music) were celebrated for shaping young talent, while artists like M. Janaki and K. Latha were recognized for blending tradition with creativity in the classroom.

The awards also honored achievers in emerging professions, including Ramya Rengarajan, Commander at Air India, for her 21-year aviation journey; Ellappan Swaminathan, a pioneer in international barbering education; and Dr. Geetha Loganathan, a trailblazer in chiropractic physiotherapy and sports care.

The awardees attended the ceremony along with their family members and appreciated the organizers for conducting such a well-organized event. The entire event was sponsored generously by Rtn. Dr. Kumar Rajendran, Chairman - Vocational Awards.

The organizers also extend appreciation to the club presidents and secretaries for their efforts in making the Rotary Dronacharya Awards 2025 a huge success!





# Rota Chess 2025 Draws

## 350 Young Minds in Chennai

- Rtn. Vijayakumar, Secretary – Chess Olympiad

**Chennai, Sept. 14:** Rotary International District 3234, in association with Queen Mary's College, successfully hosted Rota Chess 2025 at QMC Auditorium, attracting an impressive 350 school and college students for a day of strategy, competition, and sportsmanship. The lead clubs for the event were Rotary Club of Chennai Port City and Rotary Club of Chennai Mambalam, with participation from 11 other Rotary clubs.

To create a friendly and inclusive atmosphere, every participant received a branded T-shirt and refreshments, and lunch were thoughtfully arranged for students and parents.

The tournament was inaugurated by District Governor Rtn. AKS Vinod Saraogi, who praised Chennai's enduring chess legacy:

"This tournament not only celebrates the brilliance of strategy and intellect but also showcases Rotary's spirit of nurturing young minds with discipline and sportsmanship. Many champions will surely arise from this platform, and I am proud that Rotary continues to encourage talent and nurture potential at every level."

He also lauded the dedication and leadership of Rtn. Suresh Kumar and Rtn. Vijayakumar, Chairman and Secretary of ROTA Chess 2025, whose efforts made the event a resounding success.

Rtn. PDG J Sridhar added inspiration for the young participants:

"Remember, in chess, every single move matters, just as it does in life. Keep learning, keep practicing, and keep playing — that is the path to becoming world-class players."

District Governor Elect Rtn. Suresh D. Jain described the five rounds of chess as "nothing short of electrifying":

"Chess enjoys unmatched popularity in Tamil Nadu, and today's massive participation reflects its bright future. With the talent we witnessed here, there is no wonder if the world champions of tomorrow emerge from matches like this —

and Rotary will be proud to have played a part in it."

Guest of Honour Dr. B. Uma Maheswari, Head of the Department, Queen Mary's College, praised both organisers and participants:

"Organising a tournament of this scale is not an easy task. My heartfelt congratulations to the organisers, especially Rtn. KP Vijayakumar and Rtn. Suresh Kumar, for their commitment, spirit, and enthusiasm."

The one-day tournament was conducted under the supervision of 8by8 Club Director M.R. Anantan and Chief Arbiter R. Balasubramanian, strictly following FIDE rules in the Swiss format. Matches ran smoothly and on schedule, reflecting meticulous planning and fair play.

The event was also graced by Rtn. Mohan Raghavan (Deputy Governor), Rtn. RJ Kumaravel



(Dist. Secretary), Rtn. Sapthagiri (Dist. Secretary), and Rtn. Krishna Routhu (Chair-GML).

The grand finale prize distribution saw 100 glittering cups and trophies presented to the top 10 players in each category, celebrating the achievements of both boys and girls.

Rtn. KP Vijayakumar, Rota Chess Secretary, summed up the essence of the event: "ROTA Chess is not just a tournament; it is a platform to shape future champions and celebrate the true spirit of the game."

Both parents and students praised the event. Mr Baskar, father of participant Vedalakshmi, remarked:

"The fact that it was a free tournament yet conducted in such a professional manner is

commendable. From food to accommodation, everything was better than many paid tournaments. The punctuality — starting and ending on time — was remarkable."

### A student winner added:

"It was truly a pleasure to participate. This event gave me a wonderful opportunity to win and showcase my skills, and the entire experience was very inspiring."

With its seamless organisation, enthusiastic participation, and glowing feedback, Rota Chess 2025 not only celebrated the brilliance of chess but also reinforced Rotary's commitment to building champions — both on and off the board.



# A Wild Wild West Evening to Remember.

## President's Meet on September 21

- Rtn. Aruna Rajeshwari President RC of Chennai Harmony

**O**n the pleasant evening of September 21st, a unique and memorable President's Meet was held at the IIT Alumni Centre, Taramani. The event was themed "Wild Wild West," bringing out the cowboy spirit in every guest. It was an evening filled with laughter, music, dancing, and strong fellowship among club presidents.

We, the Super Novas team from Zone 3, had the great honor of being the hosts of this special event. Being the Chairman, I was proud to lead a committed and energetic team that put in great effort to make the evening a grand success.

This event would not have been possible without the efforts of some wonderful individuals:

Co-Chairman Rtn. Hari Murugesan, Treasurer Rtn. Suren, MC Rtn. Sudha Murali – kept the evening flowing with charm, energy, and grace, engaging the audience and keeping the spirit alive throughout. Annette Tushar Ram Balaji added a youthful spark to the event, helping

with coordination and bringing in fresh ideas and energy.

Our three AGs of Zone 3 also played a key role. Rtn Ravi was always supportive and encouraging, helping with planning and execution. Rtn. Sreedhar Veeramuthu, provided timely inputs and helped with seamless coordination. Rtn. Ramakumar offered consistent support.

Nearly 120 Rotarians, Anns, District Officials inclusive of 45 presidents attended the event, showing strong support and enthusiasm. The dress code – blue jeans, checked shirts, and cowboy hats added to the Western feel and created a fun, relaxed atmosphere. Everyone embraced the theme, and the venue was filled with smiles, laughter, and cowboy-style poses!

The evening had many highlights. One of the key moments was the inspiring and motivating address by our District Governor AKS Vinod Saraogi. His words added great value to the evening and reminded us of our shared goals and vision.



DGE Rtn. Suresh Jain and DGN Dr. Vijabharathi also graced the occasion and made the event special.

Deputy governor Rtn Mohan Raghavan, District secretary Kumaravel and many DOs and AGs also joined us in the evening.

A truly delightful surprise was the dance performance by the First Ladies of a few presidents. Their graceful and cheerful dance brought energy and joy to the gathering and was warmly appreciated by everyone present.

To add more fun to the evening, we had karaoke sessions, where many stepped up to sing their hearts out. A DJ kept the dance floor alive with popular tracks, and guests enjoyed letting loose and celebrating together. The AI photo booth was another favorite – giving instant printed photos, which facilitated all to take home their fond memories.

Beyond all the fun and entertainment, the heart of the event was fellowship – meeting fellow presidents, sharing experiences, and building stronger connections across zones.

It was truly a night to remember, one where we celebrated not just our theme, but also the spirit of togetherness, leadership, and joy.



## Rotary Empowers Women – 100 Pink Autos

- Rtn. Krishna, GML - Chair

On 20th September, an ocean of pink was seen at A M Jain College premises, with the weather showering some rain and the Sun peeking to take a look at the empowered women beautiful in pink. RI District 3234, with the support of Rotary Clubs and the benevolence of people who collaborated with DG Vinod Saraogi and First Lady Usha Saraogi's dream

project to come to fruition, "The Pink Auto" Phase One, totaling Indian Rupees 3 Crores.

It was a day post the launch by Deputy CM Mr. Udhayanidhi Stalin at Lead2025, the 100 empowered women were gathered to complete the handing over of the vehicles, in the presence of Chief Guest Sri. Madhusudan Agarwal, a major contributor through Ajanta



Pharma, the training and co-ordination of the beneficiaries done by ANEW represented by Ms. Bhuvana and Ms. Geethanjali, the financing by Bajaj Finance represented by Mr Vishwa and King Motors, who made the vehicles complete to standards, represented by Mr. Kishore and Mr. Amarnath.

DG Vinod addressed the gathering in Tamil, to ensure that his message reaches the women auto owners, requesting them to help those who can't afford a ride by transporting them at no-charge. DG engaged the Presidents present at the occasion to come forward and recognizing the dignitaries present and thanked all the clubs involved in making this project a success. Our Chief Guest, Mr. Madhusudan Agarwal, thanked the Rotary fraternity for giving Ajanta pharma an

opportunity to be a part of empowering women in Chennai. He pledged more funds to support such projects of RID 3234 under the leadership of our DG Vinod. First Lady Usha Saraogi enlightened us about the key role of ANEW and recognized their presence. He requested all the auto owners to follow traffic rules and ensure that they personally drive the autos to make their livelihood.

Pink Auto Chair, Rtn. Siva Ilangovan, whose untiring efforts to work closely with all the stakeholders to complete Phase One of this project was applauded by all gathered at the event. A couple of the beneficiaries expressed their feeling and sentiments, thanking Rotary for empowering them and giving them a life to lead with self esteem and confidence.



# Vocational Services Project – Sri Lanka Visit

**-Rtn. Sarada Ramani, Chair – Vocational Services**

**R**otary District 3234, along with Calidai Motors is setting up a Vocational Wheel Chair Manufacturing Unit at Uyirilai – Centre of Spinal Cord Injured Victims, Mangulam, Srilanka.

On 11th September a group of 27 Rotarians from our District 3234 along with our District Governor AKS Rtn. Vinod Saraogi went on an International Trip to Jaffna, Killinochi and Mullaitivu. Immediately on reaching Srilanka all the Rotarians proceeded to Uririlai- The Centre for Spinal Cord Injury Association. The Munnetram Mobility Solutions was inaugurated at Mangulam by our 3234 District Governor AKS Rtn. Vinod Saraogi and 3220 District Governor Rtn. Delvin Pereira and First Lady Lucine Pereira. Vocational Services Chairman Rtn. Sarada Ramani, Project Dhanvatri Chairman Rtn. Dhanasekhar, Vocational Training Team Chairman Rtn. Punniyamoorthy, Additional Chairman International Service Rtn. Satheesh, Assistant Governors Rtn. Usha Ajit Prasad, Rtn Harisharan and Unite for Good Presidents from various clubs and Rotarians from our districts along with District Secretary PP Dinesh Kumar and President Rtn. Dr. Y. Gowthaman President RC Kilinochchi were part of the inauguration of this unique project. The members of the Uririlai Association were present in large numbers and were very emotional and thankful for having conceived this idea and getting this done for

their benefit. This project provides Custom design & Assembly, Local Assembly, Sustainable business model benefiting the war affected victims and will provide

- Employability - by manufacturing readymade/ customized Wheel chairs
- Improved mobility- customized wheel chairs can enhance the mobility and independence of individuals with spinal cord injuries.
- Economic Empowerment - the assembly unit can create employment opportunities and contribute to the local economy.
- Community support - profits from wheelchair sales can be used to support medical expenses rehabilitation and other leads of association members.

This project comprises of initial stock 100 wheel chairs components to be sent by ship from Chennai, machine sets & tools, consumables for 3 months. Training at Mangulam by trainers from Callidai Motors will commence from November.

The total project cost is Rs.13.50 Lakhs and is being supported by many clubs in the District. District Governor of 3220 Rtn. Delvin Pereira said that the Clubs in Srilanka will purchase wheel chairs from this unit.



# Rotary District 3234 Raises ₹10 Lakh for End Polio Initiative with AGAM Live in Concert

- Rtn. Sujata Panju – Chair, Fund Raising



Rotary District 3234 hosted a spectacular fundraiser concert featuring the acclaimed AGAM Band at The Music Academy on 26th September. The event witnessed a packed auditorium, with music lovers and Rotarians coming together to support Rotary's global End Polio initiative.

A cheque for ₹10 lakh was presented towards this noble cause, reflecting the district's strong commitment to eradicating polio, in the presence of PRID Rtn. A. S. Venkatesh, District Governor Rtn. AKS Vinod Saroogi and Deputy Governor Rtn. Mohan Raghavan.

DG Rtn. Vinod Saroogi welcomed the gathering and felicitated the AGAM band performers and recognized all the sponsors for their support. In his speech he recollected the great work Rotary has done since the mid-1980s, to work in eradicating Polio, across the globe, except for two countries, Pakistan and Afghanistan, where wild polio is still endemic. PRID Rtn. A S Venkatesh, stressed on the importance of continuing to support eradication of Polio, until every child on this planet is provided the polio vaccine, to ensure complete eradication.

The event was conceptualized and led by District Fundraiser Chair Rtn. Sujata Panju, guided by mentor Rtn. Mohan Raghavan, and powered by the dynamic support of District Governor Rtn. Vinod Saroogi. The show drew immense appreciation for its flawless planning, seamless execution, and electrifying energy -truly, a perfect blend of purpose and performance!





# 17th Terry Fox Run – A Grand Success at Island Grounds!

The 17th edition of the Terry Fox Run (TFR) unfolded with great enthusiasm at Island Grounds today, marking another milestone in Chennai's running community. This year's Chairperson, Divya, introduced a new venue that proved to be a major attraction. Participants were delighted with the new memento and the fridge magnet medal, both of which received widespread appreciation.

## Bib Distribution:

The excitement began yesterday at the bib distribution event, which saw a huge turnout of Rotarians, Anns, and Annettes. Volunteers managed multiple counters, handing out bibs, T-shirts, and addressing queries from eager participants.

## Race Day Highlights:

The day kicked off early for our RCME family, with over 100 members participating and supporting the event. At 6 AM, the runners were flagged off by Guest of Honor, Actor Harish Kalyan, who also surprised everyone with a generous donation. The rhythmic beats of Just Drums set the perfect pace, keeping everyone on their toes.

## Formal Stage Event:

The formal proceedings featured Chief Guest Retd IPS Officer Sylendra Babu, Guest of Honor DG Vinod Saroagi, Dr. Swaminathan (Associate Director, Cancer Institute, Adyar), and Ms. Sujatha Dube, representing the late Akash Dube, the ideator of the Terry Fox Run in Chennai. Corporates and organizations with the largest contingents, along with sponsors and

donors, were felicitated for their support. Rotaract and Interact club volunteers contributed through donations and small fundraising activities at their schools.

## Post-Run Fun:

After the race, participants enjoyed a hearty breakfast from Uncle Sam's Kitchen and wound down with an energetic Zumba session. The donation and T-shirt sales counters continued to welcome visitors long after the run had concluded.

## Acknowledgements:

A special shoutout to Divya, the core committee, and sub-committees for leading from the front, and to Badri, the RCME champion of TFR since day one. Heartfelt thanks to the Dube family for their continued support.

It's impossible to name everyone, but one thing is clear: when 60+ committed RCMEians, Anns, and Annettes come together, nothing can stop them. Congratulations to our RCME family for making the 17th Terry Fox Run a resounding success!



# The District 3234 Quarterly & Annual Awards

## Rtn. Rajagopal Geethu, Chairperson – District Awards

As we are about to close the first quarter of the Unite for Good Rotary year, filled with the spirit of service and fellowship, it is with great pleasure that I introduce to you a comprehensive framework for recognition: the **District 3234 Quarterly & Annual Awards**.

This initiative is born from a simple belief of DG Rtn. AKS Vinod Saraogi – that every act of service, big or small, deserves to be celebrated. It is our way of honouring the incredible passion and dedication that each of our clubs pours into making a tangible difference.

### Our Purpose: More Than Just Trophies, It's Our Guiding Light

In our culture, we deeply value both **Sevai** (Selfless Service) and **Mariyathai** (Respectful Recognition). These awards beautifully blend these two values. They are not merely trophies for the cabinet; they are a guiding light for our collective mission. They will help us:

- **Stay Inspired and Motivated:** By recognising achievements quarter-on-quarter, we keep the energy and enthusiasm alive throughout the year, encouraging every club to consistently do its best.
- **Follow a Clear Path:** The detailed criteria provide a clear **Paathai** (Path) for our clubs, aligning our local projects with the larger goals of our District and Rotary International.
- **Learn from Each Other:** When we celebrate a club's successful "Happy School" project or a pioneering "Plastic Bottle Crushing" drive, we are all learning how to serve our communities better.

### Our Method: A Transparent and Fair Playbook for Success

We have always believed in transparency and fairness. Therefore, we have developed a detailed points system that leaves no room for ambiguity. Every avenue of our Rotary service has been mapped out.

The system is designed to reward both the grand gestures and the steady, consistent efforts.

### A Living Legacy: Your Year's Work, Immortalized

This framework is more than a competition; it is a tool for legacy-building.

### For our Club Presidents, Secretaries, and Board Members:

This is your strategic compass. It provides a clear, objective dashboard to assess your club's health and impact. It helps you answer: "Are we strong in all areas? Where should we focus next? How can we better engage our members?" It turns leadership from a responsibility into a guided, impactful journey.

### For the History of Your Club:

The record of these awards will become a permanent part of your club's proud history. Years from now, when new members join, they will be able to look back at the 2025-26 year and see not **just who led, but what was achieved**. It will be a documented story of your club's **Sevai and Vilaiyu** (Impact), a legacy that will inspire generations of Rotarians to come.

My dear friends, let us embrace this system with a spirit of healthy competition and deeper collaboration. Let us use it to plan better, serve better, and **Unite for Good** to create a lasting impact across our beloved District 3234.

Let us make this a year to remember!



## Club Projects



On 9th sep'25, RC Madras coromandel conducted Child Safety & Mental Wellness Awareness Program with Film screening and interactive session at Himayam Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Periya Kovilambakkam, Chennai. 128 girl students from 9th & 11th std and 4 teachers were benefited. Teachers and students appreciated the effort of coromandel team and requested for a few more sessions for the students.

Eye checkup camp & AI powered dental camp at Padma Adarsh Higher Secondary school- Vaniyamchavadi. Rotary club of Chennai Upscale conducted Eye checkup camp and AI powered and manual dental camp on 8th and 9th September at Padma Adarsh HSS. The beneficiaries were:

Children from Standard 3rd to 11th grade 816 nos., Teachers of Padma Adarsh - 15 nos., Senior citizens in the Padma Adarsh Homes - 20 nos. Eye checkup for Govt. Primary school at Padma Adarsh for Children from 3rd to 5th standard - 32 nos., Total Eye checkups - 883 nos. Total Dental checkups - 851 nos. Total Dental Toothbrushes distributed- 212 brushes.



Rotary Club of Madras Chenna Patna conducts and honours Best Teachers every year for the last 20+ years. This year the Best Teachers Awards was organised on 19th September 2025 at The Cosmopolitan Club, Chennai. The evening was graced by Rtn. Saradha Ramani, District Chair – Vocational Services, as the Chief Guest, along with Rtn. Malathy, Regional Secretary.



This year, five outstanding teachers from diverse backgrounds were recognized for their dedication and contributions to education, representing a mix of college, private, and government school teaching communities. Their commitment to shaping young minds was deeply appreciated by the gathering. Senior Rotarians, members, and families participated with enthusiasm, creating an evening of warmth, recognition, and fellowship.



Rotary Club of Gummidi poondi Industrial City - DEI PROJECT NO.6 & 7 ON 28/09/2025 @ PONDICHERRY

50+ Vocational students (school dropouts) supported by providing a cheque for INR10,000 to Swami Vivekananda Rural Community College, Pondicherry on 28th Sep 2025 @ SKIN AWARD 2025. Our gratitude to Dr. Rajan Babu along with SKIN HR Forum founders for handing over the cheque to Mr. K. Venkateswaran, staff of the college.

Also 50+ special children needs were met for Satya Special School, Pondicherry with INR10,000 as a donation at the SKIN Awards program. The cheque was received by Mr. Kannan of the school from the dignitaries.

Rotary Club of Madras Industrial City - On 16th September, RCMIC and our Rotaract Club of BMC conducted an Afforestation Initiative in Thirupachur village, Siruvannur, Thiruvallur.

250 Saplings were planted in one day in phase 1. Two more phases are planned to continue our efforts to have a greener tomorrow.



Academy, led by Rtn Dr Srithika, successfully launched the ambitious women empowerment initiative "EMPOW(H)ER: 50 Days, 50 Skills" at the Anna Centenary Library, Kotturpuram on September 6th, 2025. Graced by Chief Guest District First Lady Rtn Usha Saraogi, the event marked a vibrant beginning to a 50-day journey of vocational training aimed at equipping women with practical entrepreneurial skills. The initiative will offer hands-on training in diverse fields such as tailoring, baking, digital literacy, and micro-enterprise development.

With Rotary's theme "Unite for Good" as its guiding spirit, the project promises to uplift women through skill, dignity, and opportunity. The launch drew enthusiastic participation from Rotarians, community leaders, and aspiring women entrepreneurs. Enrollments began immediately, setting the tone for a transformative journey ahead. The club now invites sponsors and volunteers to join hands in amplifying this impact.

The Rotary Club of Meenambakkam has taken a significant step towards women empowerment and social development by handing over a Pink Auto to Ms. Gayatri, under the club's women-focused livelihood initiative. With a project cost of ₹ 30,000, this initiative is not just about providing a vehicle, but about opening doors of opportunity, dignity, and independence for women.

The Pink Auto Project is designed to serve two purposes: ensuring safe transportation options for women and children while simultaneously providing a sustainable means of livelihood for women drivers. By equipping Ms. Gayatri with a tool for self-employment, the club has enabled her to earn a stable income, support her family, and stand as a role model for other women aspiring to break barriers in male-dominated professions. Through this project, the Rotary Club of Meenambakkam has once again demonstrated its commitment to empowerment, equality, and sustainable community development, proving that even a single initiative can transform lives and strengthen the fabric of society.





Rotary Club of Madras South on the 79th Independence Day celebrations at K. Puthupattu Swami Vivekananda Urugai Samudaya College were marked by patriotic pride and a renewed commitment to rural youth empowerment. The event was graced by Rtn. Rajan Babu, President, Rtn. Jensen Peters, Vocational Service Officer, and representatives from Somdev Koel Access and ACSYS Investment Pvt. Ltd., with the generous support of an RCMS Patron. The day began with a vibrant band performance, the hoisting of the national flag, and spirited cultural programs.

A defining moment of the day was the inauguration of a state-of-the-art Air Conditioning and Refrigeration laboratory, created to provide hands-on training for rural youth—especially school dropouts and college-discontinued students. This program marks the 18th batch of the one-year diploma in AC and Refrigeration, which remains the most sought-after stream among the 18 vocational programs offered. By equipping students with practical skills, it bridges the gap between education and employability, opening doors to sustainable livelihoods.

**50 students** were sponsored for the diploma program, with the entire cost of **INR 25,00,000** generously funded by **ACSYS** and an **RCMS Patron**.

Addi Saathu – Season 4, the annual badminton tournament organized by the Rotary Club of Chennai Spotlight, was conducted with great enthusiasm and success. The inaugural ceremony was graced by AKS Rtn. Vinod Saraogi as Chief Guest, Rtn. Thangamalar, Managing Partner of Vasanth & Co., as Guest of Honour, and Dr. Z. Annie Vijaya, IPS, DIG Police Training, Tamil Nadu Police, as Guest of Honour. The tournament witnessed the participation of 140 players across 70 teams, competing in three categories.

#### **Awards & Recognition:**

- Certificates, trophies, and gifts were presented to winners and runners-up.
- Special Awards were given for Young Emerging Player, Veteran Player, Best Rally, and Best Player in each category.



The event was successfully spearheaded by Rtn. Shoba Cecil (Secretary), supported by Rtn. Dharanija (President), Rtn. Sunayana (Chairman), and Rtn. Soni Vijay (Treasurer). With its unique blend of sportsmanship, fellowship, and Rotary values, Addi Saathu Season 4 once again proved to be a platform that promotes fitness, friendship, and community spirit.

Rotary Club of Anna Nagar Madras celebrated Onam Nite on 17th September 2025 with Chief Guest Rtn. Sanjay Dhurka, District Chair – Club Service RI-3234. President P.Nandakumar set the tone for the festive gathering, followed by the induction of new member Mr. Raju, introduced by Rtn. Singaravel and inducted by Rtn. IPP Aravindan. The ceremonial lighting of the Vellaku, with Chethi Mandaram was beautifully presented. A delightful presentation on Kerala, paved the way for the much-awaited entry of Mahabali, accompanied by Annettes. The cultural spirit continued with Kaikottikali with its graceful movements and vibrant rhythm. The crowd engaged with a fun Quiz on Kerala and everyone enjoyed the lively Vanchi Pattu (boat song) and the team had great fun playing Housie.



Chief Guest Rtn. Sanjay Dhurka was introduced by Rtn. PP Vikash. In his address, he warmly appreciated the event, calling it one of the best Onam celebrations he had witnessed. The celebration ended on a joyous note with a traditional Onam dinner. The evening truly captured the spirit of Onam — tradition, togetherness, and joy.

On September 20, 2025, members of the Rotary Club of Chennai Harmony, along with their Anns and Annettes, actively participated in the International Coastal Cleanup Day by organizing a beach cleaning drive at Marina Beach. The group joined hands with hundreds of volunteers across Chennai to remove trash (plastic waste, bottles, wrappers), and other debris, contributing to the global effort to protect marine ecosystems. Their participation reflected Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self," and emphasized the club's commitment to environmental sustainability and civic responsibility.



## Peace Education and Action

**Rtn Vasanthi Ranganathan, RAGPF – India representative**

Peace Education and Action for impact, PEAI is a 14 week program, Sept 1st to Dec 28th, for youth 18-35, offered by Rotary International, World Beyond War and RAGFP since 2021. Fee of 3000 USD is sponsored by WBW. India's country team is represented by Rtn. Dr. Kumar Rajendiran and Rtn. Vasanthi Ranganathan as mentors. Rtn Dr Durga for Chennai team and Rtn Rampriya for Bengaluru team. We participate with 9 countries including Sri Lanka, Pakistan and Afghanistan. They will be guided and mentored during the first six weeks of intensive course work and will engage in peace related projects for the next 8 weeks. We will keep our districts posted. Some of the projects can be implemented at grass root levels by our clubs.



# International Peace Day

Rtn. P B. Ravi Kumar, Chair - Peace

On 21st Sep, International Peace Day, District 3234 Peace team conducted an awareness program at Loyola College. The focus was on eradication of Child beggars and achieving 100% literacy. The event was conducted in association with the Alumni association of Loyola college, FMLR and Rotaract club of Loyola. A rally with placards was organized by the Rotaractors while welcoming and leading the speakers and guests to the hall. A soul filling song was rendered by members of FMLR.

District Chair Peace, Rtn P B Ravikumar delivered a welcome speech and outlined various activities Rotary District 3234 is attempting in the district for this sunrise service avenue of Peace Promotion and conflict resolution.

A documentary on the need to eradicate child beggars and efforts taken over the past 20 years was shown to the audience. Rtn Dr Cyril Joseph, chairman of the program rendered awareness oath to all.

Various speakers delivered their ideas and views about the issue. Rtn Vasanthi Ranganathan, Rotary Peace Activator, Asia Cohort spoke about the various grants available for undergoing peace related studies in Rotary Peace Universities at several locations across the globe and on how to promote peace in individual & family.

Rev Dr A Loiue Albert, Director Alumni Association, Loyola College spoke on various peace matters and was well received by the youngsters. He has expressed to work closely with Rotary Clubs in future towards these causes.

Mr. Sachithananda Valan, Chief of Staff, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees explained about the various activities conducted by UN for Srilanka Refugees.

DGE Rtn Suresh Jain, spoke well on the need to promote peace among various sections of society.

Guest of Honor Rtn IPDG N S Saravanan has continued his presence for the 2nd year of Peace day event, stressed the importance of

education and creating awareness among the youth for a better future.

A well-known speaker and peace enthusiast, Nawabzada Mohammed Asif Ali, Heir-Apparent and Dewan to the Prince of Arcot, who hails from the illustrious royal family of Chennai, was the Chief Guest. He has spoken in the United Nations and various forums all over the world. He emphasized need for multi religion unity and need to educate the mass.

Peace theme poem and painting contest winners were facilitated with mementoes.

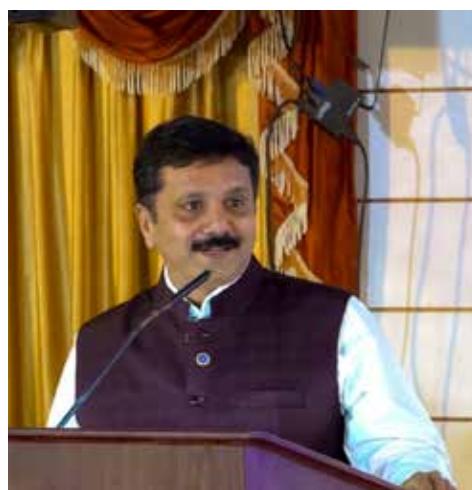
A well conducted music evening was rendered by Fellow of Music loving Rotarians and enthralled the audience.

The event was well planned and executed by Rotaractors. Tea and snacks were served to all.

RC Global Nexus were the lead club. Rotary Clubs of Metro Zone, Madras Central, Chennai Premier, Chennai Legends, Anna Nagar Madras, Carnatic, Chennai Port City, Chennai Mambalam, Madras Chenna Patna and Madras Mylapore Uptown were the participating clubs.

It was a well spent evening towards a much-needed cause of promoting peace in society and creating awareness among the young Rotaractors.





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