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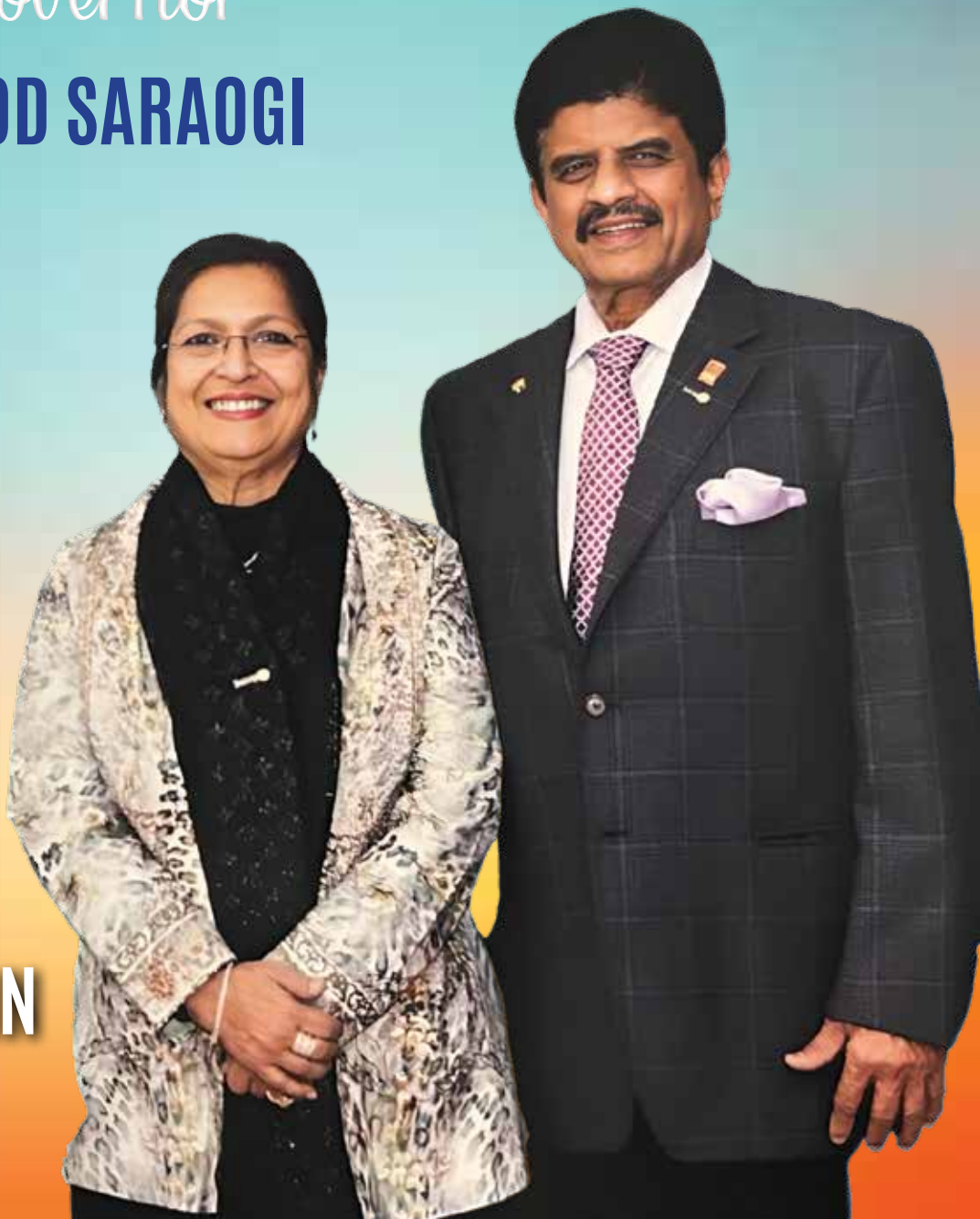
Welcoming
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AKS Rtn. VINOD SARAOGI

RID 3234, 2025-26

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AKS Rtn. Vinod Saraogi, District Governor RID3234, 2025-26

Rtn. AKS Vinod Saraogi is the Chairman of M/s. Meridian Global Ventures Pvt. Ltd and Co-Founder of Go Colors, a popular Ladies Fashion Brand.

After his schooling at Don Bosco, Egmore, he pursued PUC at Loyola College and went on to complete Chemical Engineering with distinction from AC College of Technology, Anna University.

Vinod Saraogi, a Charter Member of the Rotary Club of Madras Central, served as the Silver Jubilee President in 2006–07. His remarkable leadership earned him the title of Best President and the prestigious Golden Action Trophy.

Vinod Saraogi was the chief donor for establishing a Bone Bank at Adyar Cancer Hospital, dedicated to his father's memory. He also promoted a school in honour of his mother, Smt. Mohini Saraogi named as the Mohini Saraogi Vivekananda Vidyalaya, in collaboration with Vivekananda Educational Society. Located in Jothi Nagar, the school now educates over 1,000 students under the CBSE curriculum.

In the Rotary District, he held various leadership roles:

Chairman – Project Selvi to help Women Skilling, Chairman – District Assembly, Chairman – District Conference Dimensions'10, Assistant Governor, Membership Chair, District Chief Coordinator, Chairman – District Conference Synergy '22. He was unanimously elected as Rotary District Governor for 2025-26.

Vinod Saraogi is a regular contributor to The Rotary Foundation and has been actively involved in over 30 Global Grant projects, both in India and abroad. His humanitarian efforts have extended to countries like Africa, the Philippines, Sri Lanka and Canada. Notably, he supported life-saving congenital heart surgeries for 36 Ugandan children and now plans to help another 100 children from Uganda to receive similar care.

A successful entrepreneur, dedicated philanthropist and passionate Rotarian, Vinod received the Highest Export Growth Award in both 1996 and 1998. He has been an active member of the Tirupur Exporters' Association and currently serves as an Executive Member of the Indian Chamber of Commerce. He has also contributed to the activities of the Hindustan Chamber of Commerce and the Andhra Chamber of Commerce.

Recognising his strong ties and commitment to international collaboration, he has been appointed as the Honorary Consul of Uganda for South India, working to foster bilateral trade between the two nations. Vinod Saraogi is the Past President of Agarwal Vidyalaya, a very popular School in Chennai. He is currently Vice President of Agarsen College. Madhavaram. He is also a Managing Trustee for the Vipassana Meditation Centre in Chennai.

Vinod Saraogi is happily married to Usha Saraogi who was Inner Wheel Chair of Dist. 323 during 2020 – 21. They have two children – Rahul Saraogi and Neha Garodia. He is a Proud Grandfather of Miraya Saraogi & Abeer Saraogi. All family members are PHFs. Rotarian Vinod Saraogi is an Arch Klumph Society member.



Governor's Message

I must congratulate District Governor Rtn. N.S. Saravanan for laying a strong foundation to RI District 3234, a new District in its inaugural year. We have seen good membership growth and five new vibrant clubs added to the district.

The Presidents and Secretaries of 2025-26 are young, dynamic, focused and vibrant with lot of energy to make a huge impact. Each club has multiple plans for doing big projects through CSR/Global Grants. The District Team comprising the Admin Team, the Assistant Governors, the Regional Secretaries, the Avenue Chairmen, are all ready to help and support the clubs achieve their goals. The Clubs have assured 25% Membership growth, and Membership Chair George Cherian has his plans to reach the District Membership to 4000. The new DRFC, PP Rtn. Purushothaman from RCME, has great plans of working with the Clubs and make the Foundation Contribution wide based with 80% of the Clubs being 100% contributors to the Annual Fund.

All the Training Programs, Avenue Seminars were very well attended such that every club has come up with excellent plan of action to perform from day one. The bonding that has happened at the various Pre-PELS, PELS, Pre-SELS & Royal Durbar program, AGLS, DTLs, have all made the Club and District Officers well connected and well-bonded.

I see every Club President and their Team planning large scale activities. They are bringing new innovative ideas. The Avenue Chairmen and the entire District Team have their hands full with the start of many actions. I already see a great performance by RI District 3234. Let us **UNITE FOR GOOD** for creating a lasting impact.

Warm regards,

AKS. RTN. VINOD SARAOGI
District Governor 2025-26 RID 3234

Francesco Arezzo of Italy selected to be 2025-26 Rotary International President



Francesco Arezzo, a member of the Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy, has been selected by the Board of Directors to become Rotary International's president for 2025-26. Arezzo will become president on 1 July.

The 2025-26 presidential message, announced at the 2025 Rotary International Assembly in February, will remain Unite for Good, which calls on Rotary members to be a force for unity in a world increasingly divided by politics, geography, and ideology. Through service projects, Rotary brings together people of every background — across races, religions, and professions — in a shared mission to do good in their communities.

Arezzo is an orthodontist in private practice. He is active internationally as a member of the Italian, European, and American orthodontics associations. He is vice president of the National Association of Italian Dentists for the province of Ragusa and was the founder and head for seven years of the delegation for Ragusa of the National Trust for Italy. He is a Knight of Honor and Devotion in Obedience within the Sovereign Order of Malta.

A Rotary member for more than 30 years, Arezzo has served as vice chair of the Joint Strategic Planning Committee and as RI director, learning facilitator, and as district conference presidential representative.

Arezzo is a Benefactor of The Rotary Foundation. He is married to Anna Maria Criscione, an entrepreneur in the tourism field. They have two children.

RI Director 2025-2027 – AKS Rtn. Muruganandam M

Muruganandam M, affectionately called MMM (Triple M), is a Chartered Engineer with 3 decades of experience in Supply Chain Management. He is the Chairman of the Excel Group of Companies which comprises diverse businesses such as Maritime & Shipping Logistics, EXIM Services, HR, Job Portal, Tours and Events, Trading, Infra, Energy Sectors, Agro Farming, Healthcare and Renewable Power Projects.

His educational qualifications are Industrial Engineering from IIE Mumbai, MS from BITS Pilani, MBA in Finance in IGNOU and Master of Foreign Trade from Pondicherry University.

MMM was recognized as one of the Top 20 Most Inspiring Business Leaders by The CEO Magazine. His Excel Maritime & Logistics has received accolades like The Best Navigator (2012), by Times Group, Best Project Cargo Mover and C & F Agent, by Shipping Times of India, Top 10 Most Promising Companies in Logistics, Silicon Magazine, Best CSR by an Indian SME in the Economic Times MSME Awards 2022, Project Cargo Mover of the Year 2022 by Shipping Times and Top 10 Most Successful Logistics Brands 2023 by The Leaders Globe Magazine.

He holds a Lifetime Membership in prominent industrial engineering and renowned maritime and logistics forums. He is a proud alumnus of BITS Pilani and a member of the Trichy Rifle Club. MMM has emerged as a very successful entrepreneur, philanthropist and passionate Rotarian.

With "SAY YES TO ROTARY", as his mantra, MMM began his Rotary journey as a Rotaractor at the age of 16. He won the Outstanding DRR of the World, became the Charter President of the Rotary Club of BHEL City Tiruchirappalli in 2008-09, and was elected as one of the youngest governors of RI District 3000 in 2016-17. MMM is known as the Guinness Governor for accomplishing 8 Guinness World Records commemorating TRF's centennial year and he led the TRF Centennial Summit which was presided over by RI President Ian Riseley. By chartering 99 Rotaracts, 250 Interacts and 100 RCCs, he topped in Youth Service at the world level and bagged zonal awards for Membership Development, Public Image and contribution to the Rotary Foundation.

MMM became a Major Donor even before becoming a Rotarian. He has contributed 4,00,000 plus USD to The Rotary Foundation. MMM became the first Arch Klumph Society member of RI District 3000. His YES Team & Excel Foundation Endowment funds go towards literacy, health and hygiene projects.

Through his generous TRF contributions, many noteworthy projects were executed as part of a Global Grants project and Term Gifts towards Polio eradication, providing Incinerators and RO plants to all the clubs of RI District 3000 in 2017-18, Low-Cost Dialysis Unit, ICU infrastructure, Upgrading a neonatal ICU ward and Milk Bank Equipment.

MMM has held significant positions such as Assistant Rotary Public Image Coordinator Zone 5 during 2020-21, Chairman of 2021 Rotary Zone Institute MAHABS, 2022 Hyderabad RI Presidential Conference Advisor and RI President's Representative at the 3204 Calicut Conference. MMM chaired the 2023 Multi-District Rotary Leadership Conclave which was presided over by RI President Gordon McInally and the South Asian Reception at the 2023 RI Convention, in Melbourne. He served as the Zone 5 Rotary Public Image Coordinator during 2023-24.

MMM received the Citation for Meritorious Service from the Rotary Foundation and Rotary International's Vocational Leadership Award. He received RI District 3000's Distinguished Service Award from the Former Indian Vice-President Shri Venkaiah Naidu. He is a



recipient of Rotary International's highest honour Service Above Self Award.

MMM's charitable endeavours extend through his organisation's CSR initiative, The Excel Foundation, which works for the welfare of students, youngsters, special children, women, senior citizens and aspiring sportspersons consistently. The foundation sponsors educational scholarships for the children of quarry workers, provides financial assistance to the Spastics Society and underprivileged patients, and offers vocational training for women and youngsters. He was recognized as the Youth Icon and bestowed with the Life Time Achievement award from Trichy National College, the MDIO and Thesaigal NGO for his humanitarian services.

He is an eminent speaker dedicated to motivating youngsters, entrepreneurs, and Rotarians. He is frequently invited to address esteemed educational

institutions, renowned business forums, and NGOs.

MMM is married to Sumathi, a commerce graduate and Excel Group of Companies Executive Director. The couple are blessed with a daughter, Priyadharshini, who is pursuing medicine, and a son, Praveen Karthick. Both his children are Paul Harris Fellows. His wife, Sumathi, and daughter, Priyadharshini are members of the Rotary Club of BHEL City Tiruchirappalli.

MMM has been elected to serve as the Rotary International Director during 2025-27 & also appointed as Board Liaison Chair - World Membership Committee & Member - Board Admin Committee 25-26. He is with a conviction to spread the glory of Rotary far and wide through his mission journey, Say YES to Rotary.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

1st July - Doctors Day at Anna Centenary Library

12th July – The Rotary Foundation Seminar at Alumni Club

19th July - Membership Development Seminar at Alumni Club

27th July Rotary Olympiad 2025,
Venue: Nehru Stadium, Periamet, Chennai.

Events : Track and Field. Category - Boys & Girls - 13 to 15 years & 16 to 18 years

29th July - Inter District Science Quiz at Kamaraj Arangam

2nd August – Mega Job Fair at Ramakrishna Polytechnic, Tiruvottiyur, Chennai

7th – 13th August – District International Tour – Off to Switzerland



Know Your First Lady

Usha Saraogi is a passionate leader who believes in women empowerment and always encourages women to take leadership and come forward with confidence. She evolved from a role of simple home maker to a Business Leader in Meridian Global Ventures. She channeled her innate passion and creativity towards designing fashion garments for export into the US and Europe. Later, she emerged as a true leader through her involvement in Inner Wheel, ultimately rising to the esteemed position of District Chairman of Inner Wheel District 323.

She believes women are more focused, more passionate, more connected with their heart and can take up social matters with excellent execution. Helping the girl children, helping the under privileged and supporting for their education, helping for the marriage of socially weaker, are areas where she will go to any extent to serve and achieve.

Usha lives in a joint family where four generations stay together. This has helped her nurture her ability to be a strong team player. She is a lady with lot of empathy, always cheerful and sporting smile. Her streak of positivity is mirrored in her belief – **"Whatever happens, happens for the best."** She is always eager to make the most out of her team's strength.

She is a regular practitioner of Vipassana Meditation, helping her keep calm and remain focused. She enjoys cooking and loves trying out various cuisines. Usha enjoys spending time with her grandchildren.

It gives me immense pleasure and pride to introduce this determined, intelligent, and gracious lady, whose inspiring presence is sure to motivate her Partners in supporting the Presidents and Secretaries, while actively engaging Club members to excel in their Project and activities.

Vision for the Year: Empowerment, Care, and Celebration

As the District First Lady, I am committed to making this year one of impact, inclusion, and inspiration.

Along with my Partners, we will do many projects which is useful for Women health and women empowerment.

Project 1 Pink Auto, aims to empower 100 women by providing them with driving training and their own autos, enabling them to earn a sustainable livelihood.

Project 2 Home Nursing focuses on training individuals in home-based elderly care, reflecting our commitment to compassion and empowerment.



Project 3 is an initiative for young girls, offering basic IT training to help them acquire essential digital skills for a brighter future.

Project 4 addresses menstrual hygiene by distributing 50,000 reusable sanitary pads to girls in need.

Project 5 will provide skill training in areas such as Aari embroidery, make-up artistry, and more, helping women become self-reliant.

Project 6 focuses on women's health, with a plan to administer vaccines to prevent cervical cancer.

Project 7 supports 1,000 lactating mothers by providing feeding kits filled with essential items, distributed through government hospitals and public health centers.

While we concentrate on service we will concentrate on friendship also, because service is a byproduct of friendship. For that we will motivate all partners to take active participation in District initiatives of celebration of Onam, Navratri, Diwali, Christmas, New Year, Pongal, Rangeelo Rajasthan.

We would like to bring partners together to make each moment more dynamic and memorable by participating in the dances and other activities to help in organizing events in a more beautiful way.

To create a stronger bonding, we have planned to go on a one-day trip with all the Partners.

In the month March- April, we are planning to have an over-night trip also to know one another very well.

These are our planning for the partners. We will have great bonding and a successful year.

Getting Set To Lead 2025-26

Luminaries at Sight

Our District Governor Elect Rtn. Vinod Saraogi invited a group of Rotarians to be a part of his Core Team, christening them as the "Luminaries" on 27th August 2024 at Hyatt, Chennai. Incoming First Lady Usha Saraogi, invited a few partners in Rotary to Light the Lamp, invoking the Almighty for a fruitful year ahead. A video introduction of AKS Rtn. Vinod Saraogi followed by his address, set the tone and spirit, ahead of his tenure as District Governor for the Rotary Year 2025-26. Rotary dignitaries Past Rotary International Directors Rtms P T Prabhakar and A S Venkatesh, Past District Governors Rtms SvRM Ramanathan, J B Kambar, Krishnan V Chari, C R Raju, Natarajan Nagoji graced the occasion and felicitated DGE Vinod and Usha Saraogi. An introduction of the core team followed giving an insight of their roles and responsibilities for 2025-26.



Disha - Avenue Services Seminar

-Rtn. R J Kumaravel, District Secretary - Admin

DISHA was held at the Alumni Club, Chennai on the 10th & 11th May 2025, by our District 3234, helmed by the Chairperson of Community Service (Development) - Rtn. G. Ravi Shankar.

The seminar focused on Club Service (Chairperson - Rtn. Sanjay Dhurka), Community Service Development (Chairperson- G. Ravishankar), Community Service Health (Chairperson - Rtn. Suryanarayana Rao), Vocational Service (Chairperson - Rtn. Sarada Ramani), Youth Service (Chairperson - Rtn. Dr. M. S. Ravi Varma) & International Service (Chairperson -Rtn. Vidya Raghu). The details on Trust Accounts were highlighted by Rtn. A.R. Raghunathan (Treasurer-Trust). Presidents, Secretaries, Club officers & District Officers were present in large numbers.

DISHA was a prelude to the District Learning Assembly (DLA), which was held later, to enable the participants to enlighten themselves & then clarify their doubts, if any.

The Seminar aimed to deepen awareness & clarity around each service avenue, showcase flagship projects / successes and build inclusive, collaborative roadmaps for the coming Rotary year.

A detailed overview of each avenue, highlighting Core Objectives was presented by the Chairperson & respective TEAM members. The seminar was a resounding success.



Bon Voyage to Our District Governor Elect

-Rtn. Nilesh, Chair - Bon Voyage

On 25th January 2025, members of Rotary District 3234 gathered at the elegant Radisson Blu Hotel, Chennai, to bid a grand Bon Voyage to our District Governor Elect, AKS Rtn Vinod Saraogi, and his spouse, Ann Usha Saraogi. The occasion marked their ceremonial send-off to the prestigious International Assembly in Orlando, USA.

The event, filled with warmth, gratitude, and celebration, was masterfully organized by Event Chairman Rtn Nilesh Kumar Singh and his dedicated Bon Voyage Team. It truly embodied Rotary's enduring values of fellowship, service, and leadership.

The evening began with an invocation, followed by a gracious welcome address by Rtn Nilesh Kumar Singh. Several Past District Governors and club leaders shared heartfelt anecdotes, highlighting DGE Vinod Saraogi's humility, vision, leadership, and unwavering commitment to Rotary.

A captivating fusion music performance set the perfect tone for the evening, delighting the audience with a harmonious blend of talent and celebration. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of a custom caricature of Rtn Vinod and Usha Saraogi, orchestrated by the Bon Voyage Team. The thoughtful and lighthearted gesture brought smiles, laughter, and heartfelt emotion—creating a lasting memento for the journey ahead.

DGE Vinod Saraogi addressed the gathering with gratitude, thanking the Rotary family for their trust and encouragement. He shared his thoughts on the road ahead, reaffirmed his dedication to Rotary's mission, and expressed hope for a meaningful and impactful Rotary year.

Before the evening concluded, the entire Bon Voyage Organizing Team was invited on stage and warmly acknowledged — a fitting recognition of their tireless effort and flawless execution.

A formal Vote of Thanks was delivered extending sincere appreciation to all dignitaries, guests, performers, volunteers, and supporters. Special recognition was given to the organizing team for their wholehearted commitment in making the evening a resounding success. The event culminated in warm fellowship over a lavish multi-cuisine spread, featuring a rich and diverse array of dishes. The culinary offerings perfectly matched the tone of the evening, enhancing the spirit of unity and joy. Rotarians and guests shared laughter, stories, and forward-looking conversations about the promising year ahead under new leadership.



We Triumph-ed

- **Renjit Joseph,**

Secretary AGLS & DTLs 2025-26, District 3234

Rotary District 3234 Leadership Training at Taj Airport, Bengaluru

There could not have been a more fitting venue than the serene Taj Airport, Bengaluru, to host the leadership training program for the Assistant Governors and District Officers of District 3234. These dedicated leaders form the backbone of the Rotary District's operations.

Following a comprehensive search, District Governor Rtn Vinod Saraogi, Deputy Governor Rtn Mohan Raghavan, and Event Chairman Rtn. Sridharan Chettiar finalized the Taj Airport as the ideal location for the sessions held from January 3 to 5, 2025. The journey began memorably, with Rotarians traveling together on the Vande Bharat Express—setting the tone for camaraderie and connection even before departing from Chennai Central Station.

The inaugural evening featured our District Governor Rtn. N. S. Saravanan with his thoughts, DLF PDG Rtn J Sridhar on the importance of this gathering, a keynote address by RIDE Rtn. K.P. Nagesh (Membership & Foundation), who shared valuable insights into the future direction of Rotary.

After an intensive day of training on January 4, with several Rotary dignitaries PDGs Rtn Suresh Hari, Rtn. Chandra Bob, Rtn. Venkatachalapathy, Rtn H R Ananth, Rtn A Subramaniam, Rtn C R Raju, Rtn Rajendra Rai giving apt information on Rotary and Leadership to the incoming district officers. DGN Suresh Jain graced the event motivating the incoming officials of 2025-26. The team unwound at Big Brewsky—an evening filled with music, laughter, and dancing.

The final day was reserved for relaxation and fellowship before the group boarded the return Vande Bharat from Bengaluru City Station. The empowered team returned to Chennai, enriched by new friendships and lasting memories.



Rotary PEELS Program – Baku, April 2025

- **Rtn Ravi Sundaresan,**
PEELS Chair – 2025–26

Rotary District 3234's PEELS program for 2025–26 was a transformative, three-part leadership journey crafted to prepare Presidents Elect with the knowledge, confidence, and vision to lead effectively.

It commenced with Pre PEELS 1 at Taj Wellington Mews, Chennai, focusing on foundational leadership. Pre PEELS 2 at Four Points by Sheraton, Mahabalipuram, furthered engagement and camaraderie. These sessions culminated in the Main PEELS at the Ritz Carlton in Baku, Azerbaijan (April 2–6), attended by 184 participants. The Baku seminar blended fellowship, immersive learning, and global exposure through high-impact sessions and motivating talks.

Distinguished Rotary leaders such as PRIDs Rtn Venkatesh, Rtn P T Prabhakar, Rtn Kamal Sanghvi, and PDGs Rtn P T Ramkumar, Rtn Sam Patibandla and DGN Rtn Suresh Jain, enriched the experience with their insights. The program's success was driven by PEELS Chair Rtn Ravi Sundaresan and

Secretary Rtn Kumar Rajendran, guided by DGE Rtn Vinod Saraogi and First Lady Rtn Usha Saraogi. A special highlight was the Partners Leadership Program, curated by Rtn Usha to empower spouses and promote shared leadership. Gratitude was extended to PDG Rtn Sridhar (District Learning Facilitator), DG Rtn Saravanan, and the dedicated PEELS and Admin Teams who managed the event's complex logistics—from international travel to curated sightseeing—with remarkable coordination.

Appreciation went to key contributors including PEELS Mentor Rtn AVM Balasubramanim, Deputy Governor Rtn Mohan Raghavan, Rtn Saptagiri, District Secretary – Events, Rtn Kumaravel, District Secretary, Rtn. Dr. P. Srinivasan and Rtn Ravi Shankar and a host of district officers, team leaders, and presenters who made the event memorable.

Heartfelt thanks to all Presidents Elect for their spirited involvement. This PEELS experience—from Chennai to Baku—has strengthened bonds, ignited purpose, and set the stage for a Rotary year of unity, service, and meaningful impact.





Summons of the Royal Durbar

- Rtn. Gopinath, Secretary SELS 2025-26

The Secretary Elects for Rotary Year 2025-26 gathered in Mysuru from April 25–27 by decree of DGE Rtn. Vinod Saraogi. Clad in “End Polio” shirts, they boarded the Vande Bharath Express from Chennai, radiating camaraderie. At the five-star venue in Mysuru, DGE Vinod and SELS Chair George inaugurated the event, emphasizing learning and networking. The evening concluded with music and fellowship.

The core of the Secretary Elect Learning Seminar (SELS) was equipping Secretaries to serve their clubs effectively. Notable Rotary leaders—including DG N S Saravanan, PDG J B Kamdar, PDG Natarajan Nagoji, PDG J Sridhar, DGN Suresh Jain, DGND Dr Vijaya Bharathi, PDG Sam Moova inspired the audience. A heartfelt address by incoming First Lady Usha Saraogi captured Rotary’s spirit.

Day 2 began with yoga and a keynote on membership by PRID Rtn. C Basker. Breakout sessions explored essential topics like TRF, Public Image, Club Service, and Best Practices. Despite the packed schedule, the mood remained energetic and fun.

Later, the group explored Mysuru Palace, bonding over history and heritage. The evening’s royal-themed fellowship featured traditional attire and a vibrant ramp walk, blending elegance and celebration.

The final day included yoga, breakfast, and the valedictory, where DGE Vinod emphasized the Secretary’s vital role. SELS Chair George thanked the team for flawless execution. The Royal Durbar blended learning, tradition, and fellowship into a truly enriching Rotary experience.



Rotary 360° - Driving Data-Driven Impact

-Rtn. Rajagopal Geethu, Chairperson - Communication

The 25th of May 2025 marked a significant milestone in the history of the young Rotary District 3234, as over 130 presidents, secretaries, and tech-savvy Rotarians gathered for the Rotary 360° Technology Meet.

District Governor-Elect Vinod Saraogi went to great lengths to invite Rotary India Webmaster Rtn. Narendra Rao from Mumbai, who delivered a highly practical and detailed training-cum-orientation session on the use of the RI Zones 3, 4, 5 & 6 reporting application.

The session proved to be an eye-opener for many participants, as numerous new features and functionalities had been introduced. These innovations effectively eliminated the drudgery of traditional documentation through the smart use of technology, particularly via smartphones.

The training emphasized how the application enhances the efficiency of reporting and club website updates. It was also highlighted that the year-on-year data could be effectively showcased to potential CSR partners and the global community.

The application significantly improves the public image of Rotary District 3234, as all reported projects are instantly visible on the District Website.

Features such as automatic reminders for both district and club events, birthday and anniversary greetings, and a comprehensive directory of Rotarians across India make this application a powerful tool. Data security is well managed, with access to relevant information granted only to appropriate personnel. Participants expressed high levels of satisfaction with the session. District Learning Facilitator PDG Rtn. J. Sridhar reinforced the importance of consistent and accurate reporting during the event.

A special word of thanks goes to Rtn. Kumar Rajendran for providing the venue for the training. Rtn. Dr. Suresh Santhanaraman, Rtn. Jithendra Andalkovil, and Rtn. Rajagopal Geethu from the District Communications Team, along with incoming District Secretary Rtn. Sapthagiri and District Secretary - Administration Rtn. J. Kumaravel, played key roles in conducting the training.



District Learning Assembly – “SANKALP”

-Rtn. G. Ravishankar, Chairperson - DLA

District Learning Assembly (DLA), formerly known as District Training Assembly (DTA), was rebranded to reflect Rotary's evolving emphasis—from "training" to continuous "learning." In a world of constant change, Rotary aims to update its leadership approaches, making learning vital for all Rotarians.

This year's DLA was aptly titled Sankalp, a Sanskrit term meaning a heartfelt resolution aligned with one's purpose. It wasn't just a pledge—it symbolized intentionality, clarity, and personal accountability, reinforcing Rotary's commitment to service, truth, and humanity.

The 2025–26 DLA of District 3234 established clear expectations and support structures for clubs. A prelude Avenue Seminar outlined how districts act as facilitators while clubs remain the core of service, networking, and impact. Breakout sessions provided

clarity on opportunities and district support, boosting club confidence and initiative.

The structure of projects was inclusive: smaller clubs appreciated affordability, while larger ones embraced responsibility for higher volumes. Motivational addresses by RID Elect MMM, Rtn AKS SvRM Ramanathan, past governors, and future leaders further energized the assembly.

Beyond thoughtful takeaways, participants enjoyed excellent food and lively visual identity—each avenue team wore distinct T-shirts, adding colour and camaraderie to the gathering. Overall, DLA Sankalp fostered a spirit of purpose, collaboration, and inspiration—preparing club officers to shine in RY 2025–26 under the leadership of DG Rtn AKS Vinod Saraogi.



District Grant Seminar a Huge Success

-Rtn. Purushothaman, DRFC

The recent District Grant seminar held on Saturday, 14th June 2025 at Alumni club was a resounding success, thanks to the meticulous planning and execution by the organizers. PP B S Purshotham, DRFC chair, set the tone for the event with a warm welcome address and outlined the structure and agenda of the meeting. PDG Sridhar, the District Learning Facilitator, played a pivotal role and his efforts in helping the Foundation team were instrumental in the event's success. He also delivered an insightful presentation on Major Gifts and Global Grants, providing valuable insights to the attendees. The District Governor Vinod Sarogi then addressed the gathering, inspiring the members and emphasizing the importance of grant management.

The seminar saw an impressive turnout of around 120 members from 62 clubs who actively participated in the various sessions. The technical sessions that followed featured a stellar lineup of experts. PP AR Raghunathan kicked off the sessions with a comprehensive overview of grants, followed by PP RM Narayanan's signature expertise on Global Grants. PP Srinivasarao's CSR Chair presentation on CSR was engaging and informative, while PDG Chandra Bob's discussion on Stewardship highlighted its crucial role in grant management. The seminar concluded with an interactive Q&A session, where all the experts patiently clarified members' doubts, providing further clarity on the topics discussed.

The event was well-received, with participants expressing satisfaction with the quality of presentations and the opportunities for knowledge sharing. PP Vrinda Deepak, Additional Chairperson, delivered the vote of thanks, graciously acknowledging the efforts of the organizers, speakers, and participants. We extend our gratitude to all the experts, organizers, and participants for their contributions to the seminar's success. Special thanks are due to the large presence of the TRF team and core team of the District for their support. We also appreciate the assistance provided by Deputy Governor Mohan Raghavan and District Secretary Sapthagiri and Uma Maheswari emceeding the event, in making the event a success.

The event marked a significant milestone in the district's efforts to promote grant management and CSR, and we look forward to building on this momentum in the future.



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