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February 11th was a day heavy with emotions, as members gathered for a condolence meeting to honour the memory of Rtn. Venky. It was an unusual Tuesday gathering, yet the hall was filled with Rotarians, each carrying a profound sense of loss. Venky, who had been an active member of the club for 45 long years—sharing their joys and sorrows—was no more. Many had already bid him farewell earlier in the day at the crematorium, where tears welled up as they witnessed his mortal remains being consumed by flames. The overcast sky seemed to echo the somber mood, hinting at an impending downpour. The meeting commenced with an invocation by Dr. Sethu Ravi, her trembling voice revealing the depth of her grief. Following this, President Kurian and Secretary paid floral tributes before Venky's photograph, placed beside a lighted lamp. Each member present then stepped forward to offer flowers, a silent yet poignant gesture of farewell. President Kurian, still grappling with his own sorrow from the recent and untimely loss of his son-in-law, delivered a heartfelt tribute. He reminisced about Venky's unwavering support in all projects of the club. He gratefully acknowledged Venky's significant contributions to the Platinum

Jubilee Rotary Villa project, where he stood as the second-largest donor after Rtn. Betty Karan. In addition to his personal donation of Rs 5 lakhs, Venky also played a crucial role in securing advertisements for the project's souvenir. When the floor was opened for obituary references, Rotarians came forward one after another to share their memories, painting a vivid picture of the man Venky was. Rtn. Raju Chandy, perhaps Venky's closest friend, was the first to speak. He recalled how Venky valued friendship above all else—even family. Their bond, though once tested by a week-long silence, was mended by Venky himself, who could never bear a rift for long. Rtn. Tomi reflected on how Venky had a rare gift for making friends, even to the point where many Rotarians, once loyal to him, eventually shifted their allegiance to Venky's warmth and charisma. Rtns. Venu, Sajan, and Unni echoed these sentiments, sharing anecdotes of Venky's deep commitment to friendship and fellowship. Vijayalakshmi Teacher highlighted his generosity, recalling how he was always ready to contribute to charity. Gopi Sir remembered Venky's instrumental role in suggesting his name for the principalship of SDV Central School, appreciating the unwavering support he extended to meaningful initiatives. Rtns. Sivan, GT, and Iyer conveyed their heartfelt condolences, while Rtn. Cherian and AG Antony Malayil shed light on Venky's professional brilliance. They recounted instances where even Income Tax Commissioners sought his advice on complex cases. AG Antony also conveyed the condolences of District

Governor Rtn. Sudhi Jabbar, who had paid his last respects at Venky's residence the previous day. Rtn. Lakshmi reminisced about Venky's camaraderie with her late father, Gopakumar, highlighting the bonds he forged beyond Rotary. Meanwhile, Rtn. Tomi Pulikkattil, overwhelmed with emotion, struggled to complete his speech. Tears streaming, he shared how Venky had once saved him from a significant Income Tax issue, a testament to both his expertise and generosity. Rtns. Varghese Kurisinkal, John Mathew, and myself joined in offering our final respects, collectively wishing eternal peace for our dear friend. Rtn Sujith, Secretary also remembered Venky's acquaintance with his family especially his late father and offered heartfelt condolences and vote of thanks to all.

For 90 minutes, the meeting unfolded in solemn silence, each word spoken resonating with love and remembrance.

Venky may no longer be with us in person, but his spirit—his kindness, camaraderie, and generosity—will forever remain in the hearts of those who knew him.

Jai Rotary!

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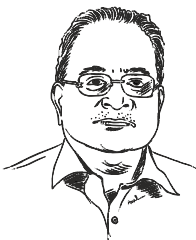
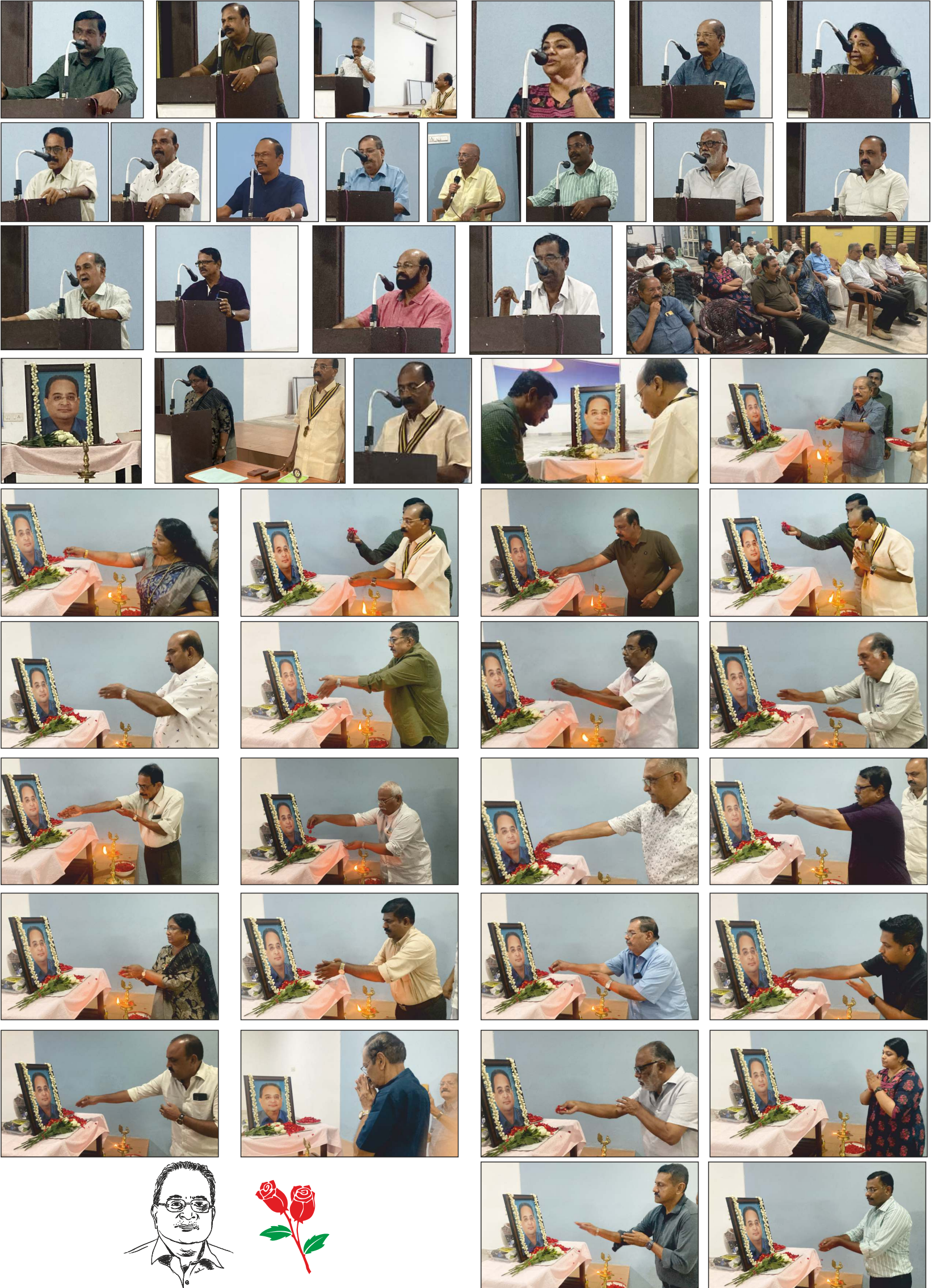
Rtn. JOHN KURIAN
President



Rtn. SUJITH T.S
Secretary



Rotarians Pay Oral & Floral Tributes



Minutes of the Condolence meeting held on 11th March 2025

A special meeting was held on 11.03.2025 to condole the death of Rtn R Sreenivasan. The meeting was called to order by the president Rtn. John Kurian at 7:30 pm. Rtn. Dr. Sethu Ravi invoked the blessings of God almighty. One minute silence was observed to pay respects to the departed soul of Rtn. R. Sreenivasan. The president Rtn. John Kurian in his speech, informed that the meeting was a special condolence meeting held in memory of late Rtn. R. Sreenivasan. After which he shared his best memories of Rtn. Venki Swami. Following him, Rotarians Raju Chandey, Tomi Eapen, Adv. Venugopala Panicker, Sajan Nair, Adv. Unni Krishnan, Vijayalakshmi Nair, T Sivakumar, George Thomas, Gopinathan Nair, Subramaniya Iyer, K Cherian, Antoney Malayil, Lakshmi Gopakumar, Tomi Pulickatttil, Kumaraswamy Pillai, Varghese Kurushingal and John Mathew shared their memories of Venki Swami and expressed their condolences. Then the Secretary Rtn. Sujith T S expressed his condolences and thanked the participants present in the meeting. The meeting was hosted by the club

The meeting was adjourned by the president at 9 pm.

Rtn. Sujith T S
Secretary

Annets Corner



Adv. Rohith Murugan Subramoniam

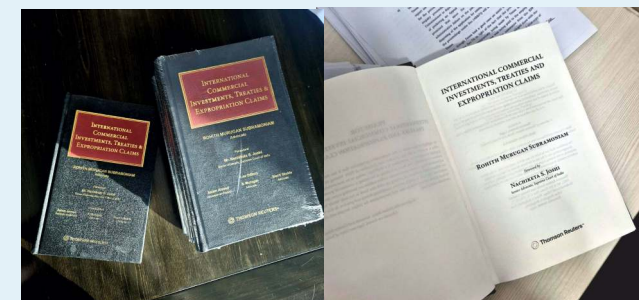
Annet Advocate Rohith Murugan Subramoniam Continues His Literary Legacy with a New Law Book

(Annet Rohith, son of Rtn. Adv. S. Murugan, is a distinguished advocate practicing at the Supreme Court of India. A gifted writer, he has inherited his literary prowess from his late grandfather, A. P. Subramoniam. A few years ago, he authored his first law book, and now he presents his second, delving into a more comprehensive and nuanced legal subject. In this edition, Rtn. Murugan pens the introduction to his son's work. Be sure to read the insightful book review that follows and extend your encouragement and support to Rohith on this remarkable achievement. – Editor)

Introduction

Glad and super happy to inform you all that my son's practice book on International Litigation, and Expropriation Law has been published by none other than Thomson Reuters of the REUTERS GROUP, an authority on this field of law. The book is currently available for sale in various countries, and jurisdictions around the world and is one among the few on this subject to have been considered an authority for the practice side and professionals, including judges, lawyers, arbitrators, and tribunal members. He has covered his practice views in respect of international law, arbitration, constitutional law, taxation law, investment treaties, commercial law, and related court litigations based upon his experience in handling more than 450+ international disputes, and court proceedings- **Rtn Adv S Murugan**

Book Review International Commercial Investments, Treaties & Expropriation Claims by Rohith Murugan Subramoniam appears to be a specialized legal text focusing on the intersection of international investments, treaties, and expropriation claims. Published by Thomson Reuters, a renowned legal publisher, the book likely provides an in-depth analysis of the legal frameworks governing international commercial investments and the complexities surrounding expropriation claims under international law. This book is a valuable resource for legal practitioners, academics, and policymakers involved in international trade and investment law. Rohith Murugan Subramoniam, an advocate, presents a structured discussion on the legal mechanisms protecting foreign investments and the disputes arising from expropriation by host states. The foreword by Mr. Nachiketa S. Joshi, a Senior Advocate at the Supreme



Court of India, adds credibility to the work, emphasizing its relevance in contemporary international law discourse. One of the key strengths of the book is its focus on treaties governing international investments, including Bilateral Investment Treaties (BITs) and multilateral agreements. These treaties play a crucial role in protecting investors from unfair state actions, and the book likely examines case laws and arbitration rulings that have shaped the field. Additionally, the book may address investor-state dispute settlement (ISDS) mechanisms, which are central to resolving expropriation claims. The law editors—Aslam Ahmed, S. Murugan, and Smriti Shukla—bring additional legal expertise, ensuring that the book maintains a high standard of academic rigor. Given its publication by Thomson Reuters, it is expected to offer well-researched insights with references to key legal precedents and international arbitration cases. Overall, International Commercial Investments, Treaties &

Expropriation Claims serves as an essential guide for professionals dealing with foreign investments and expropriation disputes. Its thorough legal analysis, case studies, and practical insights make it a must-read for lawyers, arbitrators, and policymakers navigating the complexities of international commercial law.

A TRIBUTE TO VENKY SWAMI

(George L. Mathew Former Member & Past President of RC of Alleppey)

Srinivasan effectively called Vengi was a multi faceted character. A very good shuttle player in his younger days perhaps one of the best in our playing group. He had a fine sense of humour and was not afraid to take on anyone with his subtle wit. He was a brilliant Chartered Accountant taking up very complicated cases with his charm, more than the knowledge of law. He truly enjoyed the company of his friends leading the party with his not so great singing ability He is one of the few friends who would wish me on my wedding anniversary. He had a sharp memory when remembering dates specifically to tease his good friend.

Adios good friend, Rest in peace

I will always toast to your good memories

With remembrance

Vakkappan



Rtn. Ajith Kumar T S

Consistency, commitment, and leadership—these define Rtn. Ajith Kumar T S, a dedicated member of our club. A regular attendee of meetings, he actively participates in discussions, adding valuable insights. As Vice President, he has efficiently chaired meetings in the absence of the President, ensuring seamless proceedings. Most recently, he stepped in during President Kurian's absence following the unfortunate demise of his son-in-law, handling the meeting with composure and efficiency.

Rtn. Ajith's journey in Rotary has been remarkable. Serving as Club Secretary in 2013-14 under the presidency of Rtn. S Murugan, he was known for his dynamism and ability to forge strong friendships within the Rotary fraternity. His leadership extended beyond the club as well—he has served as Zonal Secretary an impressive four times under the guidance of Assistant Governors Prof. Gopinathan Nair (2015-16), Rtn. Murugan (2017-18), Rtn. Deepak (2019-20), and Rtn. George Thomas (2021-22). Holding this position for four terms is perhaps a record in this part of the district.

Despite his extensive experience and contributions, Ajith has skillfully evaded the role of Club President. However, we remain hopeful that he will soon take on this responsibility and continue his legacy of service in an even greater capacity.

This week, Royalweeks proudly places Rtn. Ajith T S in the spotlight, celebrating his dedication and achievements in Rotary.

NEXT MEETING

@7.30 pm on 19th March 2025, as VOCATIONAL SERVICE AWARD DISTRIBUTION AND FAMILY MEETING
Host team: Rtn Jose Abraham, Rtn K Cherian, Rtn Tomy Pulickattil, Rtn Roy Palathra, Rtn Aju Jacob Mathew and Rtn John Mathew



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