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April 9, 2025, was a truly gratifying day for the Rotary Club of Alleppey, as we had the honour of hosting our beloved District Governor Rtn. AKSM Sudhi Jabbar, accompanied by the gracious First Lady, Rtn. Salma, for his official club visit. The day unfolded through a meticulously planned schedule by President Rtn. Kurian and Secretary Rtn. Sujith, beginning with the Club Assembly and followed by a vibrant series of events that culminated in a warm and memorable family dinner meeting. Assistant Governor Rtn. Antony Malayil, whose detailed report is featured elsewhere in this issue, played a pivotal role in ensuring the success of the visit. The highlight of the evening was the release of the 42nd issue of Royalweeks, a GOV special edition, which took place during the family gathering. The Governor lauded Royalweeks for its rich content and for its remarkable and uninterrupted journey of 75 years — a feat that echoes the commitment and dedication of our club.

True to his unassuming and humble nature, DG Sudhi Jabbar chose to shine the spotlight on others, offering heartfelt recognition to the efforts and contributions of individual Rotarians. In a rare and touching gesture, he named members one by one during his address — a testament to his keen observation and deep respect for grassroots Rotary service. This personal approach, seldom seen from someone in the highest district office, was deeply appreciated by all present.

The Governor's Official Visit was, by all measures, a resounding success. My heartfelt congratulations to every member who contributed to this momentous occasion. A big round of applause also to Rtn. Jijo and Rtn. Joji for their remarkable efforts in establishing the Nakshathravanam in two locations within such a short span. Let us continue this spirit of unity and excellence as we move forward in service and fellowship.

Jai Rotary!  
 Rtn PAG MPHF M Kumaraswamy Pillai

**“Rotary’s Image is Reflected Through Its Rotarians” – DG AKSM Rtn. Sudhi Jabbar**

“People don’t judge Rotary by its projects alone—they look at its members,” remarked District Governor AKSM Rtn. Sudhi Jabbar, while addressing the family meeting held in connection with the Governor’s Official Visit (GOV) to the Rotary Club of Alleppey. Emphasizing the pivotal role of members in shaping Rotary’s public image, he urged clubs to focus on inducting quality members who embody Rotary’s values and commitment to service.

DG Sudhi Jabbar lauded the Rotary Club of Alleppey for its exemplary community initiatives, particularly the Rotary Village Housing Project and the eco-conscious Nakshathra Vanam. He commended the club’s leadership and members for their dedication and visible impact on society. Highlighting the District’s flagship initiative, UYARE—a project focused on skill development and employment generation—he shared that clubs across the District have implemented projects under this banner worth over Rs.1 crore. These innovative initiatives include empowering women through training in JCB operation, a unique and impactful move toward economic independence. He expressed his desire to see the UYARE project continued throughout the Rotary year and beyond. The DG also touched upon several other important initiatives underway in the District, including cervical cancer vaccinations, menstrual cup distribution for pollution control, and awareness campaigns against drug abuse. Each of these, he noted, is a testament to Rotary’s commitment to service above self. Calling upon all clubs to meaningfully observe World Earth Day on April 22, DG Sudhi proposed the “Hug a Tree” initiative as a symbolic yet powerful gesture toward environmental consciousness. In his 45-minute keynote address, DG Sudhi Jabbar offered a comprehensive review of the year’s progress while sharing his vision for the months ahead. His speech, marked by humility and heartfelt appreciation, was interspersed with repeated accolades for the members of Rotary Club of Alleppey, whose spirit of service he described as truly inspiring. Indeed, DG AKSM Rtn. Sudhi Jabbar is humility personified—an exemplary leader championing Rotary’s ideals through word and deed.



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## DG VISIT THROUGH PICTURES

### Family Dinner Meeting



## വിഷുക്കാരം വരവാതി



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## Nakshathra Vanam Launched @Canoe Villa & W&C Hospital





## Platinum Jubilee Rotary Villa Project Takes Flight Once Again



The dream of providing homes to seven underprivileged families in Muhamma village has once again gathered momentum, thanks to the unwavering spirit of the Rotary Club of Alleppey. Conceived as part of the club's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, the project involves the construction of houses on 20 cents of land purchased by the club. Last year, on the club's Charter Day, three houses were successfully completed and handed over to deserving beneficiaries in a heartwarming ceremony. Royalweeks thankfully remembers the substantial contributions made by Rtn AKSM Betty Karan, Late Rtn R Sreenivasan and other members of the club. However, progress slowed down in the months that followed due to financial challenges. Now, with the Governor's Official Visit (GOV) on the horizon, the project has been reignited with renewed energy and purpose. On April 9th, District Governor AKSM Rtn. Sudhi Jabbar laid the foundation stones for two more houses, symbolizing a fresh chapter in the club's enduring commitment to community service. Hearty congratulations to President Rtn. Kurian and the entire team at RC Alleppey for breathing life back into this noble initiative. The Rotary Villa Project stands as a proud testament to what perseverance, compassion, and teamwork can achieve.

### Club Assembly @GOV



### Under CSR initiative donated a Maruti Eeco motor vehicle to Marian Divyakarunyalayam, Muhamma



## A Legacy Celebrated: District Governor's Inspiring Visit to the Rotary Club of Alleppey (75 Years Strong)-Rtn Antony Malayil, AG



The air in Alleppey was thick with anticipation and pride as the legendary Rotary Club of Alleppey, a beacon of service for 75 glorious years, welcomed our District Governor Rtn. AKSM Sudhi Jabbar for the Governor's Official Visit (GOV) on 09.04.2025. The First Lady, Salma also joined the DG. The official visit commenced with a meticulously organized Club Assembly at 12:15 PM, hosted at the Hotel Classic Regency. Presided over by our dynamic President, Rtn. John Kurian, the assembly served as a platform for showcasing the club's unwavering commitment to the Rotary ideals. DG Sudhi reviewed the documents and records presented by the diligent Secretary, Rtn. Sujith TS, ensuring the club's adherence to protocols and standards. A poignant moment during the assembly was when DG Sudhi held the charter of the 75-year-old club in his hands. He eloquently expressed his privilege in holding such a significant piece of Rotary history, acknowledging the club's long-standing legacy of service and impact in the community. The DG then engaged in insightful discussions with the respective Directors, delving into the diverse array of activities undertaken by the club across various avenues of service. During the meeting DG addressed the gathering about the new Global Grant project launched by our Dist 3211, named: "Secured women – Secured family" for providing HPV vaccines to 10,000 girls aged between 9-14. The total project cost is USD 170,000/-. This project will be executed with the support of all the willing Clubs in our dist. Thankfully; Several Board Members demonstrated their characteristic generosity and commitment, contributions ranging from USD 500 to USD 100 towards this vital initiative. This immediate and heartfelt response deeply resonated with the DG. Special thanks to all those offered. I am sure that more members will come forward to support this project. Following a productive assembly that

concluded at 1:30 PM and a subsequent lunch, the DG and the board visited the Women and Children (W&C) Hospital, to visit the recently inaugurated "Nakshtra Vanam" under Planetree project, a testament to the club's environmental consciousness. He also visited the Blood Bank building donated by our Club. A detailed discussion ensued with the Hospital Superintendent Smt. Deepthy, Health Inspector Mr. Jayakrishnan, and other medical staff, providing the DG with a comprehensive understanding of the hospital's functioning and the crucial support extended by the Rotary Club of Alleppey. The next leg of the visit took the DG and the team to the Platinum Jubilee project site at Kattukada in Muhamma for the auspicious foundation stone laying ceremony of two new houses. The DG was visibly moved by his visit to the existing housing project, where three beneficiary families are living harmoniously, engaged in mutual cooperation and even agricultural activities at the premises. He expressed his happiness in laying the foundation stones for two more homes, further solidifying the club's commitment to providing shelter and dignity to those in need. In his address at the eve, he specifically highlighted the inspiring nature of the platinum jubilee housing project and the impactful work being done at the W&C Hospital. The afternoon's activities continued with a visit to Canoe Ville, the resort property of Rtn. Jijo, where the second "Nakshtra Vanam" project was to be installed. The team was warmly welcomed by Rt'Ann Megha, and in a symbolic gesture of environmental stewardship, the DG, First Lady, AG, the President, the Secretary and numerous club members joined in planting various trees associated with the Nakshtra Vanam concept. The day culminated in a heartwarming family dinner meet at the club, held in connection with the Governor's official visit. The event witnessed a remarkable turnout of members, Anns (spouses of Rotarians), and Annets (children of Rotarians), exceeding 110 + attendees. The meeting was a testament to the strong camaraderie and heritage of the Rotary Club of Alleppey, meticulously arranged to uphold its esteemed traditions. During the dinner meet, the club, with the generous support of its members, made a significant impact on the life of a young individual. An electric wheelchair, worth Rs. 60,000, was presented to Sreelakshmi, a 22-year-old girl suffering from muscular dystrophy whose education had been interrupted due to mobility challenges. It is hoped that this electric wheelchair will empower her to continue her education and explore opportunities for self-employment. Yet another humanitarian project, under a commendable CSR initiative facilitated through the contacts of club members, a brand new Maruti Eeco motor vehicle was donated to Marian Divyakarunyalayam, Muhamma, a rehabilitation center dedicated to the care and treatment of individuals with mental health challenges. This vehicle will significantly aid in the center's operations, facilitating the movement, treatment, and self-development of its residents. DG Sudhi Jabbar, in his address to the Club members, expressed his profound satisfaction with the Rotary Club of Alleppey's diverse activities, effective functioning, and the tangible impact of their projects. He conveyed his happiness in witnessing firsthand the dedication and passion of the club members and maintaining the Club legacy. In conclusion, the Governor's Official Visit for the Rotary year 2024-25 proved to be an exceptionally fruitful day for the Rotary Club of Alleppey, marked by a multitude of impactful projects and activities. The DG's visit served as a powerful affirmation of the club's 75-year legacy of service and inspired a renewed commitment to undertaking even more humanitarian projects in the future. This successful event was made possible by the dedicated efforts of President Rtn. John Kurian, Secretary Rtn. Sujith TS, the entire host team, Rtn. T Sivakumar for his coordination in foundation stone laying, Rtn. Joji and Jijo for their work on the Nakshtra Vanam project, and all the other members who stood as strong pillars of support for their beloved president in making the GOV a resounding success. I believe the Rotary Club of Alleppey continues to shine as a legendary force for good in the community.

Jai Rotary!!

AG. Rtn. Antony M Malayil





## Rtn. Jijo Chacko & Rtn. Joji Cyriac

Their names may share the same four alphabets in different order, but Rtn. Jijo Chacko and Rtn. Joji Cyriac each bring their own unique strengths to Rotary. Jijo, a seasoned Rotarian, pairs perfectly with Joji, whose wealth of life experience and quiet wisdom as a senior citizen adds depth to their dynamic. Joji's affinity for nature runs deep, influenced by his father-in-law, Shri M. I. Varghese, IFS (Retd.), a respected figure still serving as faculty at the Forest Training College. So when the concept of a Nakshathravanam (Birthstar Forest) was floated during a Board meeting, it was Joji who stepped up to lead the initiative. Without hesitation, Jijo joined him as part of the project team. What followed was nothing short of extraordinary—two Birthstar Forest projects completed within just a fortnight. Jijo and Joji burned the midnight oil researching the sacred association between each birthstar and its corresponding tree. With invaluable guidance from Shri Varghese, they finalized an authentic reference table of the 27 birthstar trees. Identifying the trees was one thing—sourcing them was quite another. Determined, the duo set off on a trip to Thrissur in Jijo's car, where Varghese Sir joined them. Together, they navigated through nurseries at the Kerala Agricultural University (KAU), Kerala Forest Research Institute (KFRI), and Oushadhi to collect the rare saplings. Soon, all 27 birthstar trees—procured in pairs—were planted in two dedicated locations: the Women & Children's Hospital in Alleppey and Canole Villa, Jijo's private property. Both projects were submitted under the District's focus initiative Planetree (Reloaded) and received special appreciation from District Governor Rtn. Sudhi Jabbar. Royalweeks proudly shines this week's spotlight on Rtn. Jijo Chacko and Rtn. Joji Cyriac—a duo whose passion, teamwork, and commitment to the planet turned an idea into a living, breathing legacy.

## NEXT MEETING

@7.30 pm on 16/04/2025

Host: Rtn Sajan B Nair



**7.** Rtn. Lakshmi Gopakumar, **20.** Selvi D/o Arjun Reddiar  
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