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## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## Harbour of Dreams, Anchor of Progress

**Vizhinjam International Seaport  
Thiruvananthapuram**  
is ready to anchor India's trade future!



# FAMILY MEETING



The president requested Rtn Prem Kumar Thampi to introduce the guest speaker of the day. Rtn Thampi introduced Mr. P. C. Vincent, Chief Physiotherapist of SCTIMST.

The speaker gave an illuminating talk on 'Physical therapy for Sedentary Life Style' which was appreciated by all.

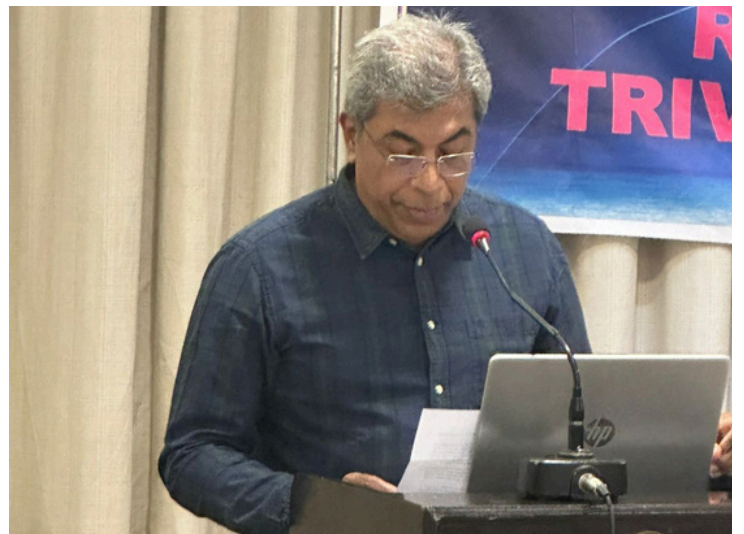
The meeting was adjourned after the National Anthem at 08.40pm for fellowship and dinner.

The meeting #1778, was called to order by the President on 31 January 2025, at 07.45pm at the Hotel Horizon. Total 26 Rotarians with 11 Anns/Annettes attended.

Rtn Usha Rajan read out the Rotary Invocation.

Club President Capt PRK Kartha welcomed all.

The secretary read out the minutes of meeting # 1777.





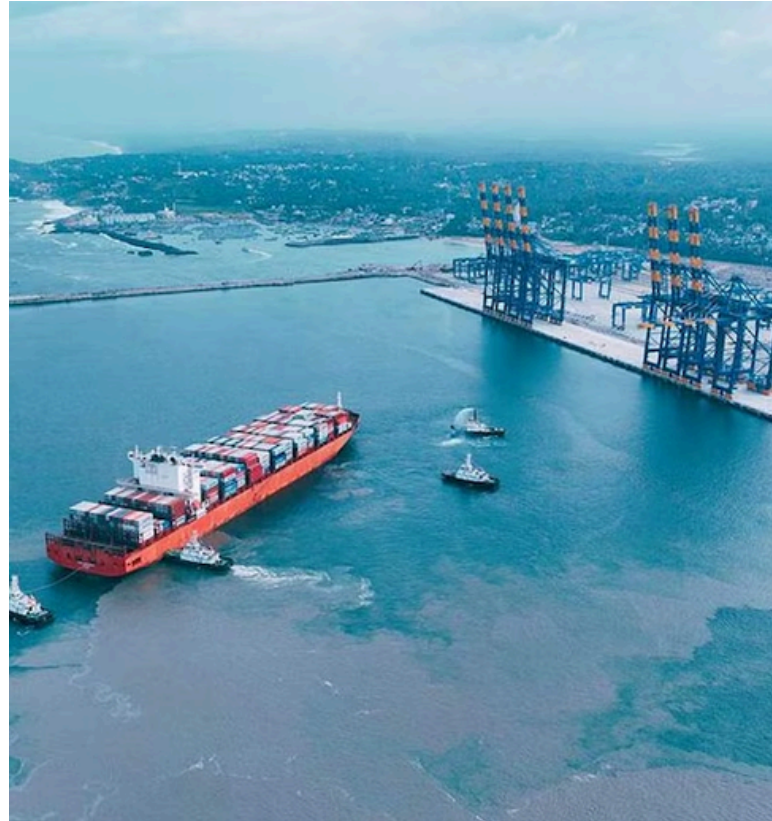
# VIZHINJAM PORT – HOPE FOR THE FUTURE



**Contributed by  
Rtn PDG Suresh Mathew**

Vizhinjam is set to become India's largest transshipment port.

Currently, Indian export-import cargo is transshipped through major hubs like Colombo, Jebel Ali, Salalah, and Singapore. However, with Vizhinjam's commissioning, a significant portion of this transshipment traffic can be handled domestically. Even before its formal inauguration, the port has already processed over 2.5 lakh containers, generating substantial revenue for the state. All transshipment cargo arriving at Vizhinjam is brought in by feeder vessels and then transferred onto mother vessels for further international shipping.



While Vizhinjam has yet to commence its gateway operations, they are expected to begin in the coming months. Once operational, containers will move to the port via road and rail from across Kerala and Tamil Nadu.

Another key development planned for the later phases (third or fourth) is a dedicated cruise terminal. Cruise operations from Trivandrum are anticipated to create a ripple effect, boosting the local economy.

An outer industrial corridor is also being planned to accommodate major export oriented industrial units.



# VIZHINJAM PORT – IMPACT ON KERALA’S ECONOMY



On 15th January 2025, TCCI hosted a thought-provoking Chat Show at the Chamber Hall. This Event was a prelude to the much-anticipated Vizhinjam Conclave 2025, bringing together experts, industrialists, and policymakers to discuss the transformative potential of Vizhinjam for Kerala's economy.

Shri S N Raghuchandran Nair, President, TCCI, set the tone for the evening.

Shri Tushar Rahatekar, Head of Automation and Operations - Adani Vizhinjam Ports Pvt. Ltd., shared the broader vision and key developments of the port

Keynote Address was given by Shri KN Harilal, Former Member of the Kerala State Planning Board. He delivered an engaging talk on Vizhinjam's role in reshaping Kerala's economy.

Shri NK Premachandran, MP, emphasized policy-driven growth and Shri V K Mathews, Executive Chairman - IBS Software, inspired with his vision of innovation and entrepreneurship. Attendees voiced their ideas, questions, and suggestions during an open-floor discussion.

The closing Remarks were given by Shri Suresh Mathew, Vice President, TCCI who wrapped up the session with gratitude and key takeaways.





# MEMBER NEWS

## DR KL JAYAKUMAR



Dr KL Jayakumar gave a talk on Cancer Awareness to KSRTC employees on February 3rd. at the KSRTC Chief's Office.

## FLT LT SHIBU VARGHESE



Flt Lt Shibu Varghese was the Chief Guest at the Installation of the new Interact Club - Marthoma School, under the sponsorship of Rotary Club of Paippad.



# BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES (JANUARY)

## BIRTHDAYS



Rtn Dr Sudeep S – 03 Feb

Rtn BS Venugopal – 24 Feb



## ANNIVERSARIES

Rtn Kuruvila Kurien – 04 Feb

Rtn BS Venugopal – 06 Feb

Rtn Adv Stanley John – 06 Feb

Rtn Dr K L Jayakumar – 09 Feb

Rtn Ravindra Kumar – 12 Feb

“The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honourable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well.”

— Ralph Waldo Emerson



# POLITICAL JOKES

I don't approve of political jokes; I have seen too many of them get elected.

Jon Stewart

© quotation

Too bad that all the people **who know how to run the country** are busy driving taxicabs and cutting hair.

— George Burns

Politics is the **art of looking for trouble**, finding it everywhere, diagnosing it incorrectly and **applying the wrong remedies**.

— Groucho Marx

AZ QUOTES



## HOW POLITICIANS EXPLAIN THE EFFECT OF LARGE CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS ON HOW THEY VOTE:

### THEIR EXPLANATION

"We're always happy to accept campaign contributions and listen to lobbyists' views; but in the end, we always vote solely on principle."

### P.S.

"Our sole principle is: 'We like money.'"

