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## NEXT MEETING

Wednesday

17<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 7.00 PM

at Rotary Cochin Balbhavan

Topic:

**Closed Meeting to consider  
and approve the Budget for  
the RY 2024-25.**



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# THE COCHIN ROTARIAN

## INSTALLATION CEREMONY OF OFFICE BEARERS FOR ROTARY YEAR 2024-2025

On 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024, the Rotary Club of Cochin held a grand installation ceremony to induct the office bearers for the Rotary year 2024-2025 at the Casino Hotel. The event was a memorable one, marked by the presence of esteemed guests and the promise of a year filled with service and dedication.

The ceremony began with the four way test administered to the gathering by Rtn. Prathik Nayar followed by a warm welcome by Rtn. Michealle Niaz to the distinguished guests, including GGR Rtn. Ramesh Kongattil, AG Rtn. Sanjeev Samuel, President Renu Chakola of the Inner Wheel Club of Cochin, and First Lady Rtne. Bhawna Rajesh. After the presidential address by Rtn. President Prakash Aswani, Rtn. Srikant formally introduced the incoming President Rtn. Rajesh Nair.

The highlight of the evening was the induction of Rtn. Rajesh Nair as the new President of the Rotary Club of Cochin. With his exemplary leadership qualities and commitment to service, Rtn. Rajesh Nair is poised to lead the club towards achieving new heights in community



service and humanitarian efforts. In his acceptance speech, he expressed his gratitude for the trust placed in him and outlined his vision for the coming year.

Joining him in the leadership team is Rtn. Gayatri Krishnan, who has been appointed as the Secretary for the Rotary year 2024-2025. Her dedication and organizational skills are invaluable assets to the club, and we look forward to her contributions in this new role.

The outgoing President, Rtn. Prakash Aswani, handed over the reins to Rtn. Rajesh Nair with a ceremonial exchange of the President's collar. The outgoing

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## Installation Ceremony...

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President reflected on the achievements of the past year and expressed confidence that the new leadership will continue to build on this foundation.

GGR Rtn. Ramesh Kongattil and AG Rtn. Sanjeev Samuel both addressed the gathering, offering their congratulations and support to the new office bearers. They emphasized the importance of collaboration and encouraged the members to strive for excellence in all Rotary endeavours.

The Installation special issue of our club Bulletin from the editorial pen of Rtn. Prathik Nayar was released by GGR Rtn. Ramesh Kongattil. A toast to the President of the Republic of India was proposed by Rtn. PP V Adm R.P. Suthan and toast to the President of Rotary International was proposed by Rtn. PP Jacob Kovoor. IPP Prakash Aswani presented the 100% attendance awards to 12 of our members for the RY 2023-24. Rtn. Gautam Sreedharan gave glowing tributes to the retiring Directors Rtn. PP V.R. Nair, PP Susheel Aswani, PP Raveen-

dra Krishnan, Rtn. Deepak Mathew Varghese, Rtn. Varghese Eapen, Rtn. K.O. Chacko, Rtn. Adv. Sivashankar Panicker, besides advisors Rtn. PP MD Dr. Sujit Vasudevan and Rtn PP MD C.A. Salim as well. This was followed by the birthday felicitation of Rtn. PP M. Jairam, rendered by Rtn. PP Susheel Aswani.

The ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks, followed by a fellowship and dinner where members and guests had the opportunity to interact and share their aspirations for the new Rotary year.

## ROTARY AND INNER WHEEL MEMBERS SUPPORT GGHS, ERNAKULAM WITH MID-DAY MEAL AND UNIFORM HANDOVER PROGRAM



On 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024, members of the Rotary Club of Cochin and the Inner Wheel Club of Cochin gathered at Government Girls High School (GGHS), Ernakulam for a significant event: the mid-day meal and uniform handover program. This event was a testament to the unwavering support and commitment our organizations have towards the betterment of the school and its students.

The event saw the presence of several dignitaries from both clubs. President Rtn. Rajesh Nair and Secretary Rtn. Gayatri Krishnan, along with Inner Wheel Club of Cochin President Renu Chakola, were invited onto the stage by the Headmistress C.A. Diana. Also present on stage were Immediate Past President Rtn. Prakash Aswani of Rotary Club of Cochin and Immediate Past Presi-

dent Mariam George of Inner Wheel Club of Cochin.

The Headmistress warmly welcomed the gathering and expressed her gratitude towards Rotary for their continuous support over the years. She highlighted the various contributions made by our club that have significantly benefited the school and its students.

President Rajesh Nair spoke passionately about Rotary's commitment to supporting GGHS, promising that our club would continue to engage in initiatives that uplift the school's



infrastructure and student welfare. He reaffirmed Rotary's dedication to making a positive impact on the community.

President Renu Chakola of Inner Wheel Club of Cochin acknowledged the generosity of Rtn. Lava and Rtn. Dharini, whose contributions made it possible to provide uniforms for students who could not afford them. She emphasized the importance of such support in ensuring that all students have the resources they need to succeed.

Immediate Past President Mariam George of Inner Wheel Club of Cochin reflected on the progress the school has made with the help of both organizations. She expressed her gratitude towards the school for the support extended to her during her tenure and pledged continued assistance from the Inner Wheel Club of Cochin.

The mid-day meal and uniform handover program not only provided essential resources to the students of GGHS but also strengthened the bond between the school and the Rotary and Inner Wheel Clubs of Cochin. It was a day marked by generosity, commitment, and the shared goal of empowering the next generation.



## COMMUNITY SERVICE INITIATIVE: FREE EYE CAMP AT BALBHAVAN

In a commendable effort to provide essential healthcare services to the community, an eye camp was successfully organized at Balbhavan on July 5, 2024, in collaboration with Giridhar Eye Institute. This initiative aimed at offering free eye check-ups to those in need, ensuring they receive timely eye care and guidance.

The inaugural event saw 17 beneficiaries availing of the free eye-checkup facility, each receiving comprehensive eye examinations and personalized advice from experienced professionals. The camp not only addressed immediate eye care needs but also emphasized the importance of regular eye check-ups in maintaining overall eye health.

Understanding the ongoing need for such services, the organizers have committed to holding the eye camp every fortnight. This regular schedule will allow more individuals in the community to benefit from the free eye care services, ensuring that timely intervention and treatment can prevent potential eye problems from escalating.



This initiative would not have been possible without the dedication and support of Rtn. Dr. Giridhar and Rtne. Dr. Kanchana. Their unwavering commitment to community service and healthcare has been instrumental in making this eye camp a reality. They continue to inspire others with their service-oriented approach, fostering a spirit of care and compassion within the community.

The success of the eye camp highlights the significant impact that collaborative efforts between healthcare institutions and community organizations can have. As we move forward, the continued support and participation of volunteers and healthcare professionals will be crucial in expanding the reach and effectiveness of such initiatives.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all those involved in organizing and supporting the eye camp at Balbhavan. Together, we can continue to make a difference, one eye check-up at a time. Stay tuned for further updates and opportunities to participate in upcoming community service initiatives.



## ROTARY CLUB OF COCHIN @ DISTRICT AWARDS 2023-24

Let's Congratulate our Past President and Celebrate our Awards. The District Awards function was held at Thevakkad Convention Centre, Vadakkancherry, Palakkad on Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2024. The District Governor Rtn. T.R. Vijayakumar, a Galaxy of Past District Governors, District officials and large number of Rotarians from all over the District participated in this function.

We are extremely happy to report that our past Club President PRAKASH ASWANI was awarded "Best PRESIDENT" and a Recognition was awarded to PP Shweta S. Vasudevan for her commitment and dedication to achieving district goals

as Assistant Governor during the year 2023-24.

Our Club also received the following awards:

- BEST CLUB in Cluster 3 (membership >50)
- Best Club: Balanced Activities
- Best Club Administration
- DG Citation: Club
- Awards to club for executing CSR Grant Project
- Best Club - RI Priority
- Best Club- Community Service
- Best Club- District Priorities
- Best Club- International Service
- Recognition for Global Grant Projects
- Award to club for executing 2



Global Grant Projects

- Best Club- Vocational Service
- Best club-Public Image
- Best Club - Youth Service
- Best - Club Bulletin
- Recognition for Smile Projects
- Recognition for Event Participation
- Award to CSR partner CV Jacob foundation.

## SUPPORTING ADOLESCENTS WITH AUTISM: A WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS



The Rotary Club of Cochin, Rotary Club of Cochin Metropolis, Rotary Club of Madras, Rotary Club of Brisbane, Australia and Rotary Club of Colombo Reconnections, on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2024 came together to organise a workshop for parents and caregivers, 'Supporting Adolescents with Autism'. Held at Balbhavan, the event saw an overwhelming response, with 85 registrations demonstrating the community's need for such initiatives. The training was designed to equip parents with the knowledge and skills necessary to support their children effectively.

The event was graced by several notable members of the Rotary community, including DG Elect Rtn. GN Ramesh and Secretary of the Rotary Club of Cochin, Rtn. Gayathri Krishnan. Other distinguished attendees included Rtn. Shweta S Vasudevan, Rtn. Gautam Sreedharan, President of RC Metropolis Rtn. Dr. George Mathew, Rtn. Zachariah Abraham from RC Metropolis, AG Rtn. Vinod Menon, and Rtn. Harold from RC Colombo Reconnections. Their presence underscored the importance of the event and the Rotary's commitment to supporting families with autistic children.

The event was efficiently managed, thanks to the dedicated efforts of our support staff, Ravi and Raghu,



who were present throughout the program to ensure its smooth running. The training sessions were held in two halls of Balbhavan, providing ample space for interactive and engaging sessions.

Adding a special touch to the event was a counter set up by the Autism Club, featuring baked goods made by autistic children. The counter, branded as 'Ausome Bites,' was a resounding success, with all items sold out. This initiative not only showcased the talents of autistic children but also provided them with a platform to contribute meaningfully. The cookies served during tea breaks were also from 'Ausome Bites,' further highlighting the quality and appeal of their products.



The success of this event highlights Rotary's ongoing commitment to supporting families with autistic children and raising awareness about autism. The participation and enthusiasm of the attendees, along with the dedication of the organizers and volunteers, made this event a memorable and impactful experience for everyone involved.



Rtn. PP P.S. Sukumaran	12 Jul
Rtn. PP K. Gopakumar	15 Jul
Rtn. Faraz Javeed	17 Jul



Rtn. Siby Mathew / Rtne. Shanthi	12 Jul
Rtn. PP G. Krishnakumar / Rtne. Latha	13 Jul
Rtn. Dhaval Mehta / Rtne. Ameeta Rajkumar	14 Jul