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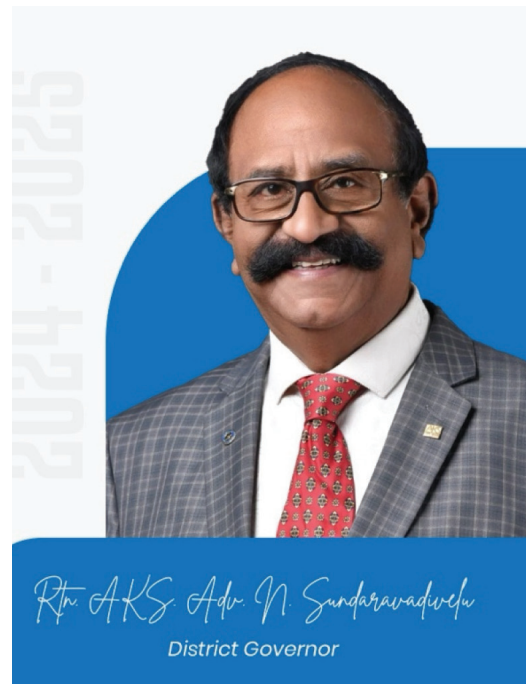
RTN. AKS ADV. N. SUNDARAVADIVELU: A LEADER WHO INSPIRES

Rotary is a movement that thrives on the dedication of visionary leaders who lead not just with authority but with inspiration and purpose. One such remarkable leader is Rtn. AKS Adv. N. Sundaravadivelu, the District Governor of Rotary District 3201. As we welcome him to the Rotary Club of Cochin, we take pride in celebrating his exemplary contributions to society, the legal profession, and the Rotary movement.

A Legacy of Leadership and Service

Born and raised in Coimbatore, Rtn. Sundaravadivelu's roots run deep in service and leadership. From an early age, he displayed a keen interest in governance and public service. His journey began in his college days when he served as the Joint Secretary of the Students' Union at PSG College of Arts and Science, winning national awards for public speaking and debating. Inspired by his father and grandfather, he pursued law, becoming a part of the first batch of Coimbatore Law College graduates.

His legal career has been nothing short of distinguished. As a CBI Special Public Prosecutor, his booming voice echoed in courtrooms across the country as he fought for justice. Over the years, he has worn many hats, including President of the Coimbatore Bar Association, Trustee of the Coimbatore Advocate Welfare Trust, and President of the Human Rights Cell of



the Coimbatore District Bar Association.

A Rotarian at Heart

Rtn. Sundaravadivelu's Rotary journey began as a young boy, attending meetings alongside his grandfather, Sri. T.T. Ratnasabapati Pillai, a charter member and past president of the Rotary Club of Coimbatore. This early exposure to Rotary's ideals left a lasting impact, leading him to establish the Interact Club of Mani's High School and co-found the Rotaract Club of PSG CAS and the Rotaract Club of Coimbatore Main.

His exceptional leadership was soon recognized when he became the Dis-

district Rotaract Representative, paving the way for his participation in Rotary International's Group Study Exchange (GSE) program to Australia in 1987. Over the past three decades, he has served Rotary in numerous capacities, including President of the Rotary Club of Coimbatore (1999-2000), and has continued to champion various service initiatives.

A staunch believer in giving back, he is a proud member of the Arch Klumph Society (AKS), having contributed over 2.5 crores to The Rotary Foundation. His dedication to social service extends beyond Rotary, as he serves as the Director of Thenkoodu, an NGO

positively impacting over 50,000 families, and leads the Rama Baktha Jana Trust.

Personal Life and Values

Rtn. Sundaravadivelu's strength and support come from his wife, Anne Murugambal, a fellow lawyer. Their children, Pravin Ratnam, an LL.M graduate from the University of Aberdeen, UK, and Preeti Vikram, are both well-settled in their respective professions and families. His joy knows no bounds in the company of his grandchildren, Dhyanav, Navya, and Parvati.

Beyond his professional and social commitments, he is an avid member of The Coimbatore Cosmopolitan Club, The Coimbatore

Golf Club, and The Coimbatore Rifle Club.

A True Visionary for Rotary and Beyond

Whether as a lawyer, a Rotarian, or a public servant, Rtn. AKS Adv. N. Sundaravadivelu exemplifies the essence of leadership. His dedication to justice, community service, and humanitarian efforts has made a lasting impact. As he continues to guide Rotary District 3201, we at the Rotary Club of Cochin eagerly look forward to his visit, inspired by his commitment to "Service Above Self."

Let us extend our warmest welcome to a leader, a mentor, and an agent of change—Rtn. AKS Adv. N. Sundaravadivelu.

AG'S CLUB ASSEMBLY FOR ROTARY YEAR 2024-25: A REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

The AG's Club Assembly for the Rotary Year 2024-25 was held on 26th March 2024 at Balbhavan at 7 PM. The meeting was chaired by Assistant Governor (AG) Rtn. Sanjeev Samuel and aimed to review the club's activities for the Rotary Year 2024-25.

After a brief opening address by the Club President, the proceedings were handed over to the AG. In his introductory remarks, AG Sanjeev Samuel fondly recalled his association with the President and several other members of the club, highlighting the strong camaraderie and shared commitment to Rotary's ideals.

The assembly featured detailed presentations on the various activities undertaken by the club during the Rotary Year 2024-25. These activities were categorized



under different avenues of service, including Club Administration, Public Image, Community Service, Membership & Vocational Service, Youth Service, and The Rotary Foundation (TRF).

The AG commended the club's efforts and acknowledged the impact of the initiatives undertaken. He also provided valuable suggestions to further enhance and strengthen the club's activities, encouraging members to build on their achievements and explore new avenues for service.

A special mention was made of the detailed reports on service projects that effectively covered all the District Priorities under the initiative "Blossom." The AG appreciated the structured approach taken by the club in implementing service projects that align with Rotary's mission and district goals.

The assembly concluded on a positive note, with members reaffirming their commitment to ser-



vice and excellence in the Rotary movement. The insights shared by the AG will serve as a guiding

force for the club as it continues its journey of impactful service in the upcoming Rotary year.

EXPLORING THE ANCIENT MARVEL: THE RING OF BRODGAR

by Mr. Steven Sage (Our former member)

The world is dotted with fascinating historical landmarks, each offering a glimpse into the lives and cultures of ancient civilizations. Among these, the Ring of Brodgar, located in the Orkney Islands of Scotland, stands as a testament to the ingenuity and spiritual depth of Neolithic societies. Though much about this site remains shrouded in mystery, its grandeur and historical significance continue to captivate archaeologists, historians, and visitors alike.

A Monument of Time

The exact age of the Ring of

Brodgar is uncertain, as limited archaeological excavations have been conducted. However, best estimates suggest that the ring was constructed between 2600 and 2400 B.C., with surrounding burial mounds dating between 2500 and 1500 B.C. This places the site among the earliest and most significant megalithic structures in the British Isles, contemporary with the famous Stonehenge in England.

Design and Structure

What sets the Ring of Brodgar apart from other stone circles is its perfectly circular layout. Original-

ly comprising 60 standing stones, only 36 remain intact today, with heights ranging between 2.1 and 4.7 meters. The site boasts an impressive diameter of 104 meters, making it one of the largest and finest examples of prehistoric stone circles in Britain. Surrounding the stones is a rock-cut ditch, the construction of which would have required tremendous effort, organization, and manpower.

Purpose and Significance

The precise function of the Ring of Brodgar remains a subject of

speculation. Some researchers believe it was used for ceremonial or religious rituals, possibly marking seasonal events or communal gatherings. There is also a theory that the site played a role in astronomical observations, particularly of the moon, though concrete evidence for this remains scarce. It is likely that the ring, much like the nearby Stones of Stenness, was used in ceremonies that reinforced the relationships between living and past communities.

A Legacy of Human Ingenuity

The construction of the Ring of Brodgar is a remarkable feat considering the limited tools available to Neolithic builders. The precise alignment and the effort required to transport and erect the stones indicate a highly organized society with advanced engineering and social structures. The enduring presence of these stones speaks volumes about the beliefs, aspirations, and craftsmanship of the people who built them over 4,000 years ago.

A Destination for Exploration

Today, the Ring of Brodgar stands as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, drawing visitors from around the world who seek to connect with the past and marvel at its ancient splendor. As we continue to uncover more about this magnificent site, we are reminded of the ingenuity and vision of our ancestors. For history enthusiasts, archaeologists, and travelers alike, the Ring of Brodgar remains a symbol of the timeless human quest for meaning and connection.



By celebrating and preserving such historic landmarks, we honor our shared heritage and ensure that future generations can continue to learn from and be inspired by these wonders of the past.



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