

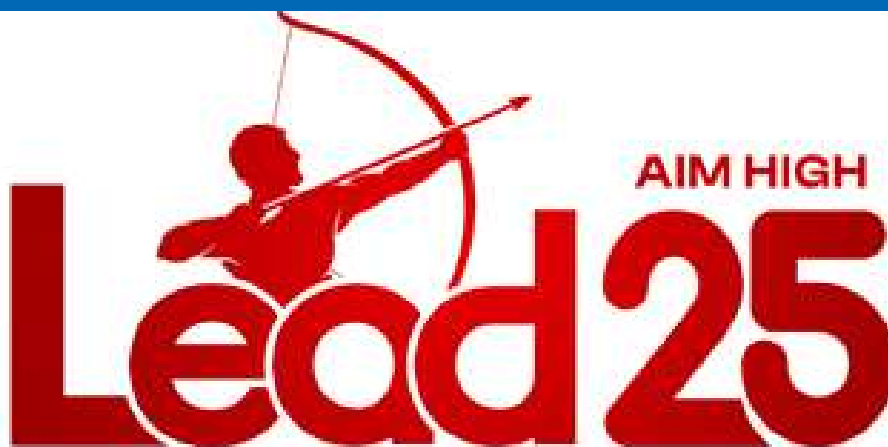
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ROTARY INDIA LEADERSHIP CONCLAVE

RI Zones 4, 5, 6 & 7 | 23-24 August '25 | Chennai Trade Centre, Tamil Nadu

August is

Membership

**Membership & New Club
Development Month**



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From The Editor's Desk:

Sowing Seeds of Growth

August arrives with renewed purpose as we celebrate Rotary's theme of Club and Membership Development. This is more than just expansion—it's about cultivating community, nurturing leadership, and planting the seeds of service where they've never flourished before.

Charting New Horizons

This month marks a significant milestone as Rotary Club of Ottapalam actively sows the seeds for the formation of two new clubs in Attapadi and Cherpulassery. These efforts reflect our enduring commitment to inclusivity and growth, ensuring that Rotary reaches every corner where compassionate hearts and helping hands reside. We invite fellow Rotarians to support and cheer on this journey—one that strengthens our movement and amplifies our collective impact.

Celebrating Fellow Leaders

We also take this moment to extend heartfelt congratulations to the newly inducted presidents and office bearers of our neighboring Rotary clubs. Your stewardship is vital in carrying forward the Rotary legacy. May your paths be paved with success, fellowship, and transformative service.

Lead 25 Conclave: Let's Show Up

With the Lead 25 Conclave approaching, we reaffirm our commitment to district-wide engagement. This landmark gathering is a space to elevate ideas, forge partnerships, and energize our mission. Rotary Club of Ottapalam stands ready to participate, collaborate, and help shape the future of service through leadership.

As always, let us continue empowering youth, promoting women in leadership, and innovating our outreach. With each new club and initiative, we add strength to the Rotary wheel—turning compassion into action, and vision into legacy.

Yours in Rotary,

Rtn. M. Narayanan

Editor-in-Chief, Ottapalam Rotay News



President's Message:

My Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Greetings! August is upon us, and with it, a renewed sense of purpose and commitment. I'm filled with pride as I reflect on the incredible work we have done and the journey that lies ahead.

This month, our focus sharpens on our ongoing projects, particularly the Dialysis Centre and our educational support initiative for underprivileged students. These projects embody the spirit of Rotary—service above self—and directly impact the well-being of our community, empowering our youth for a brighter future.

I urge each of you to contribute your time and expertise to these vital endeavors. Our collective efforts are the driving force behind our success. Let's work together to make this a truly productive month, bringing these projects closer to completion and making a tangible difference in the lives of those we serve.

In Rotary, we believe in a better tomorrow, and together, we will build it.

Yours in Rotary,

Rtn. PHF K.N.Kesavadas

President

Rotary Club of Ottapalam





August Theme: Growing Our Reach – Club and Membership Development

As we step into August, the Rotary Club of Ottapalam is thrilled to dedicate this month to a theme that lies at the very heart of our organization's strength and future: Club and Membership Development. This isn't just about increasing numbers; it's about amplifying our impact, extending our reach, and bringing the spirit of "Service Above Self" to even more communities.

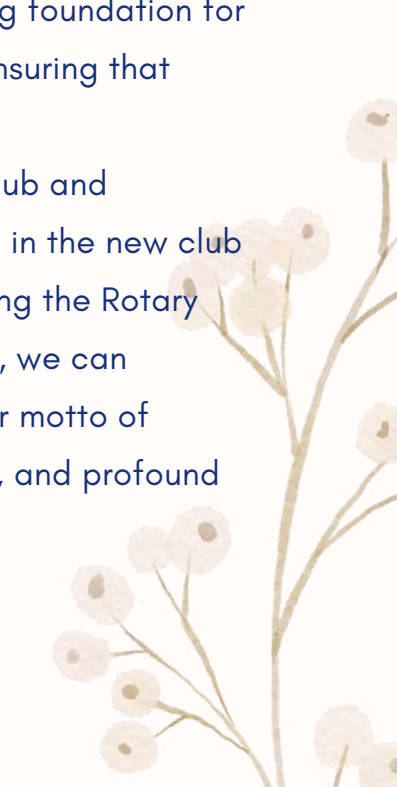
This year, our sights are set on an ambitious yet achievable goal: the formation of two brand new Rotary clubs in Attapadi and Cherpullassery. This initiative is a testament to our unwavering commitment to community development and a belief in the power of Rotary to create positive change.

Why Attapadi and Cherpullassery? Both of these regions hold immense potential for Rotarian service. Attapadi, with its unique socio-economic landscape, presents an opportunity to address specific community needs and empower its residents.

Cherpullassery, a vibrant and growing town, is ripe for the introduction of Rotary's principles of fellowship and service. By establishing clubs in these areas, we're not just adding new members; we're planting seeds for sustainable service projects, fostering new leaders, and building bridges that connect people and purpose.

The journey to forming a new club is a collaborative one. It requires dedication, foresight, and the collective effort of every Rotarian. We'll be working closely with potential members in Attapadi and Cherpullassery, guiding them through the Rotary journey, sharing our experiences, and helping them establish a strong foundation for their new clubs. This process of mentorship and support is crucial, ensuring that these new clubs are not only formed but thrive for years to come.

This August, let's embrace the challenge and the opportunity that Club and Membership Development presents. Whether you're actively involved in the new club formation process, mentoring a prospective member, or simply sharing the Rotary story with your friends and colleagues, every effort counts. Together, we can expand our Rotary footprint, touch more lives, and truly live up to our motto of "Service Above Self." Let's make this a month of growth, connection, and profound impact!



Club Projects - July 2025



Youth Empowerment - Visit arranged to Kinfra Park for students of Lakshmi Narayana Vidyaniketan on the occasion of World Youth Skills Day



Educational support for Girl Child / Woman Empowerment - Laptop donated to Ms Ardra an MBA student from a financially insecure family



Community Service - Second installment of Rs. 50k each handed over to Mrs Paru & Mrs Savitri for house construction under the assistance of Chittilappilly foundation.

Club Projects - July 2025



Community Service - Financial assistance to 2 needy families



Girl Child ## Educational Support - Annual educational help for a student of Bhavans Vidyalaya. Full amount of 32500 INR sponsored by senior Rotarian Ram Mohan



Honouring Subedar C Prashanth on the occasion of Kargil Diwas

Installation Ceremony 2025-26:



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Other club Installations:



RCO members attended Installations at neighbouring clubs during the month of July 2025





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Inner Wheel Club Installation:



🎉 Congratulations, President Rajitha! 🎉

The Rotary Club of Ottapalam extends heartfelt wishes to Mrs. Rajitha Govind on her installation as the President of Inner Wheel Club for the year 2025-26.

May your term be filled with new possibilities, meaningful connections, and purposeful action. We're proud to stand beside you as partners in service and friendship. 🌸🌟

Let's make this journey memorable, together.



RI NEWS & UPDATES



The Rotary International Convention in Calgary in June 2025 featured several significant announcements and highlighted ongoing projects. Here are the key details:

Major Announcements and Initiatives:

- * US\$2 Million Programs of Scale Grant for Peace in Colombia: Rotary announced a US\$2 million grant, the fifth such grant awarded, to "Pathways to Peace and Prosperity in Colombia." This program aims to strengthen conflict-resolution capacity, expand access to economic opportunities, and increase access to social service programs in conflict-affected areas. The long-term goal is to break the cycle of violence, poverty, and food insecurity for conflict victims to achieve sustained peace.

- * New Rotary Peace Center at Symbiosis International University in India: Rotary partnered with Symbiosis International University to establish a new Rotary Peace Center. This center will train peace and development professionals from across Asia in peace studies, conflict transformation, and sustainable development, further expanding Rotary's network of peacebuilders globally.

- * Continued Commitment to Polio Eradication: Rotary and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation renewed their longstanding partnership, announcing a joint commitment of up to US\$450 million to support the global effort to eradicate polio over the next three years. This reinforces the ongoing push to eliminate the disease, which has seen significant progress with only a few cases remaining in two countries.

- * Rotary Foundation Endowment Reaches US\$2 Billion: A major milestone was announced: The Rotary Foundation's Endowment reached US\$2 billion in assets by June 2025, effectively doubling its value over the last decade. This increased endowment will enable larger global grants and support more Rotary Peace

The convention served as a platform for Rotarians from over 140 countries to exchange ideas, celebrate achievements, and collaborate on solutions to global challenges, emphasizing Rotary's commitment to "Service Above Self."



LEAD 25: Where Leadership Meets Legacy

The Rotary India Leadership Conclave 2025, or LEAD 25, is set to be a landmark event on the Rotary calendar. Under the inspiring theme "AIM HIGH," this conclave promises to be a powerful gathering for Rotarians, Rotaractors, and guests from Zones 4, 5, 6, and 7. Scheduled for August 23rd and 24th, 2025, at the New Chennai Trade Centre, it is an opportunity for Rotarians to come together, share ideas, and celebrate the collective impact of their service.

The conclave boasts a remarkable lineup of speakers, blending influential figures from both the public and Rotary worlds. Leading the Rotary charge will be the esteemed Rotary International President for 2025-26, Francesco Arezzo. His insights and vision for the coming year are sure to be a highlight, guiding Rotarians in their mission to "Unite for Good." He will be joined by the newly elected Rotary International Directors for 2025-27, Rtn. K.P. Nagesh and Rtn. M. Muruganandam. Their presence signifies the importance of this event for the Indian Rotary community and its role in shaping the future of the organization.

The conclave's guest list extends beyond Rotary, featuring prominent personalities who have made significant contributions to society. Attendees will have the honor of hearing from Thiru Udhayanidhi Stalin, the Deputy Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, whose leadership in governance is widely recognized. Dr. V. Narayanan, the Chairman of ISRO and Secretary of the Department of Space, will also be on hand to share his experiences, offering a unique perspective on innovation and human endeavor. Adding a touch of cultural brilliance, the renowned Indian Veena player Veena Srivani will grace the stage with her talent.

LEAD 25 is more than just a conference; it's a testament to the power of collaboration and the enduring spirit of Rotary. With a program full of engaging sessions, networking opportunities, and a dedicated "House of Friendship," the event is designed to inspire and empower. As we gather in Chennai, we will be reminded of our shared purpose and the immense potential we have to create positive change in our communities and around the world. Let's get ready to "Aim High" and make this conclave an unforgettable success.

Members Voice

Golden Rules of Rotary & The Essence of Conduct

An editorial reflection on values, behavior, and leadership in Rotary



Section 1: Golden Rules of Rotary

-  Fulfill your Rotary financial obligations
-  Deepen acquaintance with fellow Rotarians
-  Foster genuine friendships beyond the club
-  Take interest in others' work and success

Section 2: Behavior & Decorum

Stipulated Behaviour:

- Clearly defined expectations
- Examples from workplace, law, and Rotary
- Shows commitment to mutual respect

Decorum

- Graceful presentation
- Tone of speech, attire, dignity
- Reflects values of propriety and leadership

"Character is how you treat those who can do nothing for you."
— Thought contributed by Rtn M.G.K. Menon

ROTARY VISION STATEMENT

Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change - across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

DISTRICT VISION STATEMENT

2025 - 2026

"Our Rotary District aspires to be a model of excellence, distinguished by sustained membership growth, significant contributions to The Rotary Foundation, a respected public image, and service initiatives that create lasting impact in our communities and beyond".

Rotarians in the spotlight: Doctors Day



❧ Honoring Our Healers: Doctors' Day Tribute ❧

On the occasion of National Doctors' Day, the Rotary Club of Ottapalam proudly salutes the dedication, compassion, and tireless service of the medical professionals who stand as pillars of strength in our community.

This year, we had the privilege of honoring four eminent doctors from our Rotary family—individuals whose commitment to healing and humanity continues to inspire us all. Their contributions, both within and beyond the clinic, embody the Rotary spirit of "Service Above Self."

❧ *To heal is to serve—and in serving, we honor the very essence of Rotary.*

Let us continue to draw inspiration from these remarkable individuals as we work together to build a healthier, more compassionate world.



Ann's Corner:

🔍 BESAN CHEELA / TOMATO OMELETTE

A delightful recipe contribution from Rtn. Mrs. Venus Menon

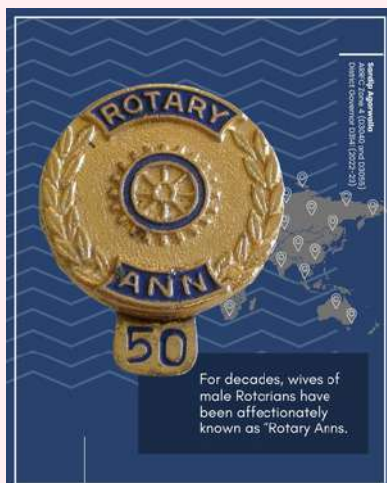
A savory pancake bursting with flavor, Besan Cheela — also known as Tomato Omelette — is a wholesome, protein-rich dish that pairs beautifully with chutneys or curd. Here's how to make it:

📖 Ingredients

- 1 cup Besan (Gram Flour)
- 1 large Onion (finely chopped)
- 1 large or 2 small Tomatoes (finely chopped)
- 2-3 Green Chillies (chopped)
- 1 tsp Ginger-Garlic Paste
- 1 tsp fresh Coriander Leaves (chopped)
- ½ tsp Turmeric Powder
- Salt to taste
- Oil for shallow frying

🍳 Method

1. In a mixing bowl, combine besan with all the chopped vegetables, ginger-garlic paste, turmeric, and salt.
2. Gradually add water and whisk to form a smooth batter with the consistency of dosa batter.
3. Heat a greased tawa or non-stick pan on low flame.
4. Pour a ladleful of batter onto the pan and spread gently. Cook until the underside is golden.
5. Flip carefully, add a little oil around the edges, and cook until crisp and evenly browned on both sides.
6. Serve hot with mint chutney or ketchup and enjoy the savory goodness!



The wives of Rotarians were affectionately called "Rotary Anns" due to a tradition that began at the 1914 Rotary Convention in Houston, where the wife of Rotarian Bru Brunnier, also named Ann, was introduced as "the Rotarian's Ann," which quickly became "Rotary Ann" and was later adopted for other wives named Ann.

Know Your PRESIDENT



👤 Meet Our President –Rtn.K.N.Kesavadas PHF

Born and brought up in Nhangattiri near Pattambi, Rtn.

Kesavadas is the son of the late Bhaskaran Nair and Chandrika Amma. Since 2008, he has made his home in Pathippara, near Vaniyamkulam, with his wife Sujatha, daughter of retired army officer Kelath Sukumaran Nair and Kayarat Meena Sukumaran of Varode, Ottapalam.

Their two sons work in Abu Dhabi—one as a piping engineer, the other as a piping inspector. The elder is married to Neha Raghudharan from Kannur.

An alumnus of Shoranur S.N. College and a holder of multiple technical qualifications from Thrissur, Rtn.

Kesavadas is a self-made entrepreneur whose innovative products from Kulappully Industrial Estate have earned widespread demand across South India. His journey stands as a powerful example of how vision, dedication, and timely execution can transform ordinary beginnings into extraordinary success.

He often says, “Anyone can rise to any level—if they are committed and act with purpose.”

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Congratulations! Divya Deshmukh, for becoming the first Indian woman to achieve this feat



August Wedding Anniversaries



Rtn. Radhakrishnan &
Rtne Lathika



Rtn. Dr. Satish Kumar &
Rtne. Dr. Preetha Unni



Rtn. Ramachandran. K. &
Rtne. Jayanthi

“Together, you remind us that love—when nurtured and honored—becomes a legacy. Wishing our six radiant couples a joyful anniversary and many more years of shared dreams.”



Rtn. Mohandas Unni &
Rtne. Anandham



Rtn. Sivakumar & Rtne
Prema



Rtn. Dr. Ramachandran
& Rtne. Dr. Sarala

OBJECTIVES OF ROTARY

The Objective of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster

First

The development of acquaintance as an opportunity to service

Second

High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupation' and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

Third

The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

Fourth

The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

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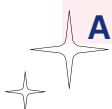
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