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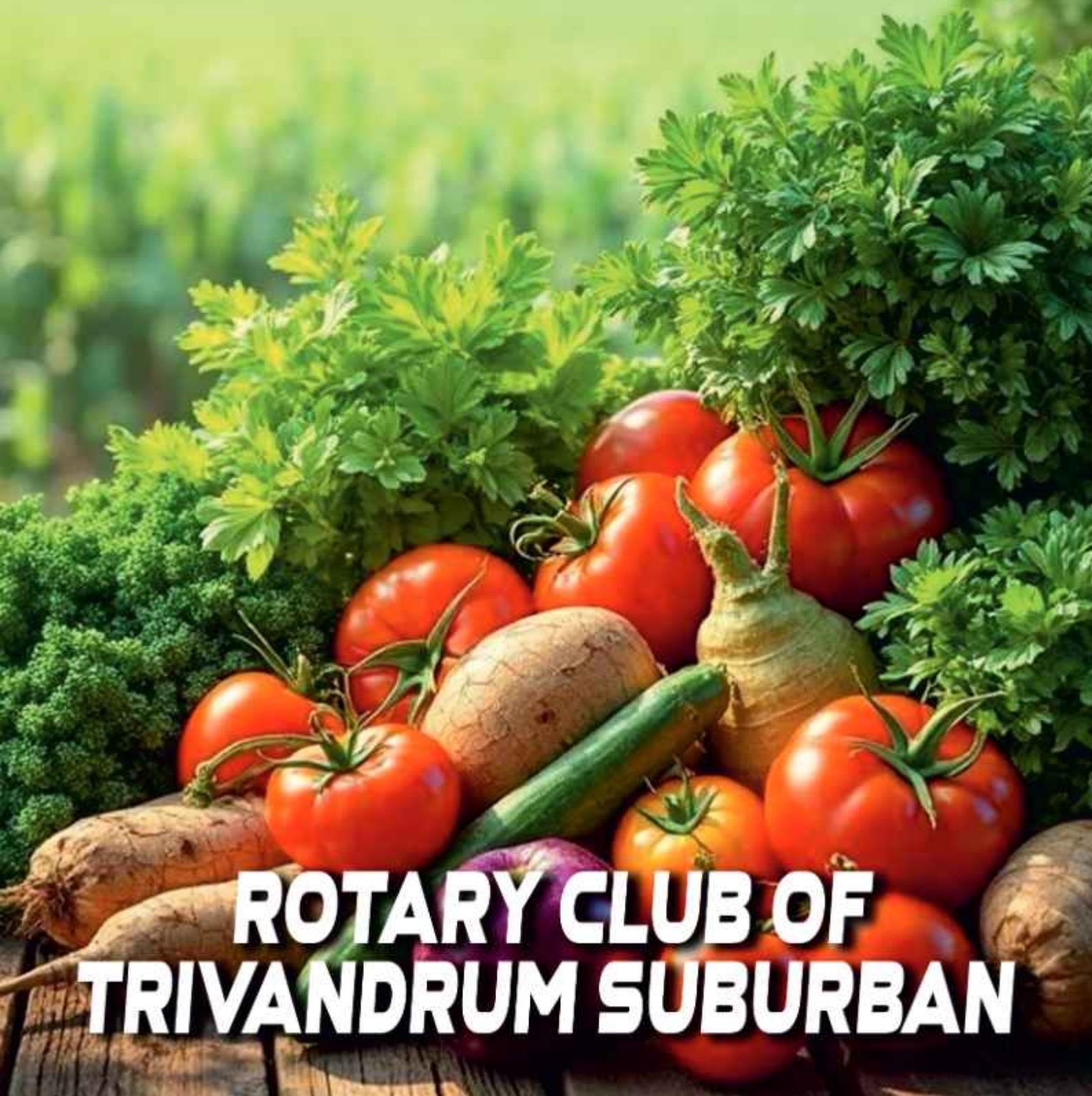
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**ROTARY CLUB OF
TRIVANDRUM SUBURBAN**

In loving memory of



M.T. Philip

August 23, 1945 - November 16, 2025

*In memory of a beautiful soul, loved beyond words and missed
beyond measure*



President's Message

Dear Fellow Rotarians , Anns and Annets,

“It always seems impossible until it’s done.”- Nelson Mandela

November, observed as The Rotary Foundation Month, was a truly meaningful period for our Club. It gives me great pleasure to share that we upheld the true spirit of Rotary through purposeful meetings, impactful service initiatives, strong member participation, and generous contributions to The Rotary Foundation.



Active Meetings & Vibrant Participation:

We conducted four engaging weekly meetings during the month, each reflecting learning, fellowship, and reflection.

- The month commenced on 7th November with our weekly meeting, followed by the 2nd Club Assembly, where discussions focused on membership growth, TRF targets, service projects, and CSR opportunities.
- On 14th November, members participated in an insightful “Chai Pe Charcha” on Sustainable Development, followed by an inspiring session by Dr. Arun Syamnath on “Policy, Plans and Projects – The Real Kerala Government Story.”
- The meeting on 21st November was held online as a condolence meeting, where we fondly remembered and paid tribute to our beloved Rtn. M. T. Philip.
- The final meeting of the month, held on 28th November at Rotary Tower, featured a special Meet the Candidate programme with Smt. Jayakumari, which was well appreciated by the members.

Strengthening Membership & Rotaract Engagement:

Our membership initiatives gained momentum this month with the completion of joining formalities for Rtn. Dr. K. J. Joseph and Rtn. Gokul Krishna, while more prospective members are in the pipeline.

A major highlight was the inauguration of the Rotaract Club of NS Sarma Associates on 7th November, welcoming 38 enthusiastic Rotaractors. Their energy and commitment promise a bright future for youth service. The entire programme was excellently coordinated by Rtn. Rajesh Payngavil, Director – Youth Service.



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Impactful Service Projects Our service initiatives continued to progress steadily:

- The Oppol District Project – Shreya moved forward as planned.
- The Bhoomika Project was launched through a unique Riverside Walk & Terrace Farming Awareness Session on 8th November at Azhankal Walkway, in association with KRB&WA and Sankar Nagar Residents' Association. Sincere appreciation to Rtn. Arunkumar B for coordinating this meaningful event.
- Preparatory work for the Cancer Detection Programme was initiated, including the identification of beneficiaries.
- Planning is underway for an upcoming Blood Donation Camp and the preparation of detailed proposals for CSR funding.

Board Decisions & Administrative Progress During the Board Meeting held on 18th November, several key decisions were taken:

- Approval for the inauguration of Rotaract Clubs at KICMA, Christ College, and Sri Karunakaran Memorial College.
- Review and approval of financial statements, along with follow-up actions related to dues, subscriptions, and website payments.
- Planning for new member induction and the structured execution of community service initiatives.

Exceptional TRF Contributions – Target Surpassed:

I am extremely proud to share that our Club surpassed the TRF target of USD 1,000, contributing an impressive USD 2,200 during Rotary Foundation Month. This remarkable achievement reflects the generosity and commitment of our members, all of whom were duly recognised during the weekly meeting held on 5th December.

Looking Ahead:

As we reflect on a fulfilling month, I extend my sincere gratitude to every Rotarian, Ann, and Annet for your unwavering support and active engagement. Together, we continue to Create Hope in the World and strengthen the enduring legacy of Rotary.

Yours in Rotary,

Rtn. Vinod Narayanan

President, Rotary Club of Trivandrum Suburban

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Secretary's Message

Dear Rotarians, Anns and Annets,

“The difference between the impossible and the possible lies in a person’s determination.” - **Tommy Lasorda**

November, observed as The Rotary Foundation Month, was a month of purpose, participation, and pride for our Club. It reflected the true Rotary spirit through fellowship, service, and collective commitment.



Our weekly meetings fostered meaningful interaction and learning, while programmes such as Chai Pe Charcha, Meet the Candidate, and the solemn remembrance of our beloved Rtn. M. T. Philip added value and emotion to our journey together.

Our service initiatives continued to move forward with encouraging momentum. Progress in the Oppol District Project – Shreya, the successful launch of the Bhoomika Project, and the groundwork laid for the Cancer Detection Programme highlighted our dedication to community service. The inauguration of the Rotaract Club of NS Sarma Associates further strengthened youth participation and leadership development.

Surpassing the TRF contribution target during this Foundation Month stands as a proud achievement, reflecting the generosity and shared responsibility of our members.

As we conclude November, I extend my sincere appreciation to every Rotarian, Ann, and Annet for your support and involvement. Let us continue this spirit of unity and service as we move forward in the months ahead.

With Warm regards,
Rtn. Ramesh R
Secretary, Rotary Club of Trivandrum Suburban



Editor's Message

A Dedicated Rotarian – Remembered with Gratitude

Rtn. M. T. Philip

(23 August 1945 – 16 November 2025)

From the editorial desk, we record with deep sorrow the passing of Rtn. M. T. Philip, esteemed senior member of the Rotary Club of Trivandrum Suburban, who attained his heavenly abode on 16 November 2025. His departure marks the close of a life well

lived—guided by strong values, selfless service, and quiet dedication to humanity.

As editors, we remember Rtn. Philip not only as a committed Rotarian but also as an exceptional Magazine Editor of our Club. During his tenure, he displayed remarkable dedication, creativity, and editorial excellence. He consistently introduced new ideas and thoughtful perspectives, elevating the quality and relevance of the Club magazine. His editorials were insightful and inspiring, encouraging Rotarians to reflect, participate more actively, and uphold Rotary values with renewed enthusiasm.

Rtn. Philip was a gentleman in the truest sense—soft-spoken, humble, and principled. He embodied the Rotary ideal of Service Above Self, offering wisdom, encouragement, and goodwill to fellow members. His presence at meetings and activities reflected maturity, discipline, and deep respect for Rotary traditions.

Beyond Rotary, he was a devoted family man, admired for his integrity, simplicity, and compassionate nature. He touched many lives, leaving behind memories and values that will continue to inspire generations.

The funeral service was conducted on 19 November 2025, followed by burial at Malamukhal Cemetery, in the presence of family members, relatives, friends, and well-wishers.

On behalf of the Editorial Team and the Rotary Club of Trivandrum Suburban, we extend our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family. We pray that the Almighty grants eternal rest to the departed soul and strength and comfort to the family to bear this irreparable loss.

May his soul rest in eternal peace.

Warm regards,

Rtn. Arunkumar B

Magazine Editor, Rotary Club of Trivandrum Suburban



Warmest Wishes to Our November Birthday Stars

In the spirit of fellowship and camaraderie, we extended our warmest wishes to our esteemed members who celebrated their birthdays in November 2025.

November 13 : **Rtn. Deepu Thomas**

November 14 : **Rtn. Venugopal K**

November 20 : **Rtn. Shajahan N M**

November 21 : **Rtn. Unnikrishna Kartha**

November 24 : **Rtn. Ambady Chandrasekharan Nair**

November 25 : **Rtn. C B Kartha**

November 29 : **Rtn. Lisa Jose Pampackal**

Anniversary Wishes to Our Radiant Rotary Couples

November 02 : **Rtn. Sreekumar K P & Ann. Preethi**

November 14 : **Rtn. Unnikrishna Kartha & Ann, Radha Kartha**

November 25 : **Rtn. Arun Kumar B & Ann. Chinnu S**

"Warm wishes to our beloved Rotarians and their Anns on their special milestones "

Forthcoming Meetings

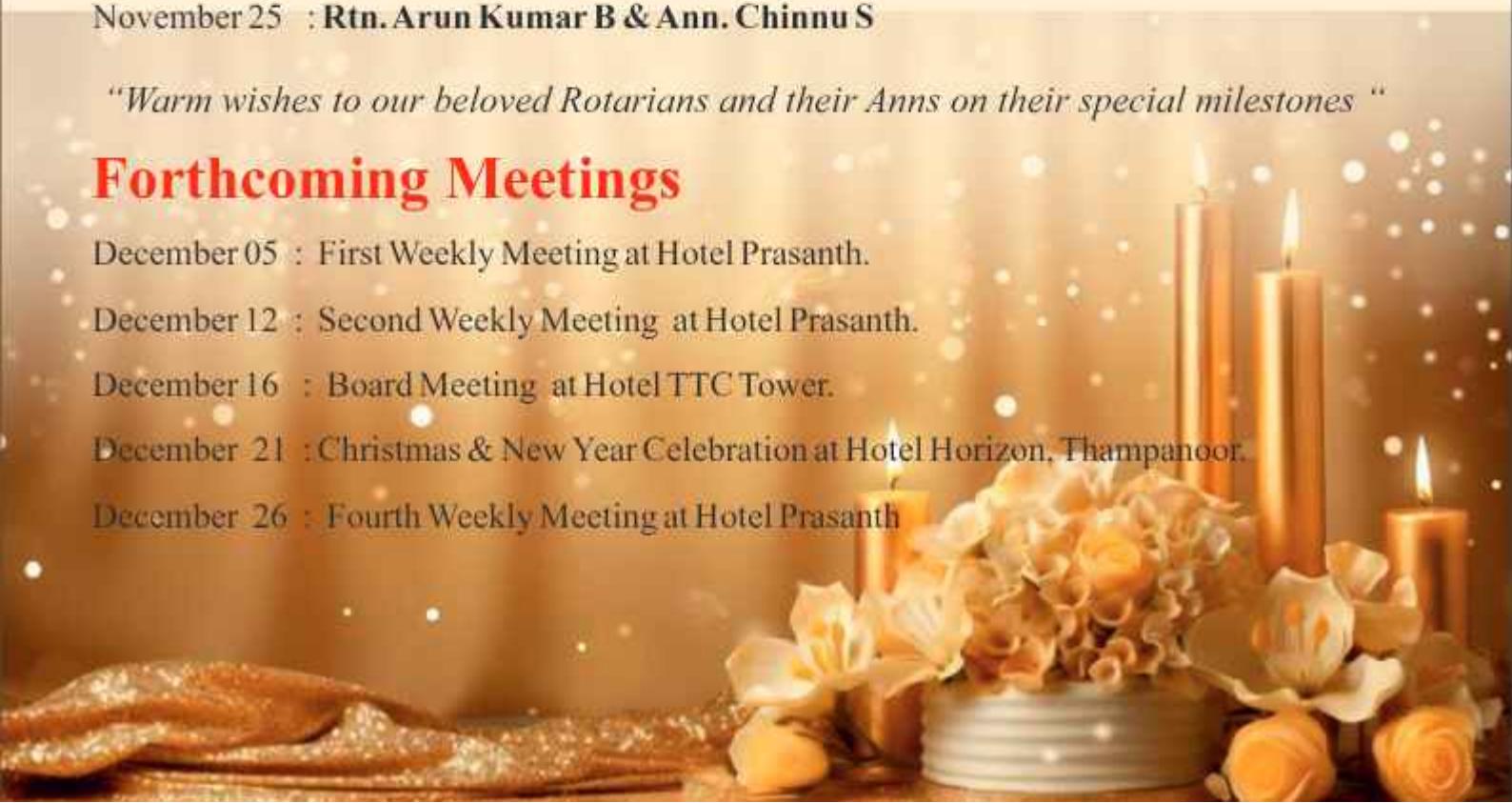
December 05 : First Weekly Meeting at Hotel Prasanth.

December 12 : Second Weekly Meeting at Hotel Prasanth.

December 16 : Board Meeting at Hotel TTC Tower.

December 21 : Christmas & New Year Celebration at Hotel Horizon, Thampanoor.

December 26 : Fourth Weekly Meeting at Hotel Prasanth



ACTIVITY REPORT –NOVEMBER 2025

1. Weekly Meetings.

A) First Weekly Meeting – 7 November 2025

The first weekly meeting of the month was held on 7th November 2025 at Hotel Prasanth. The evening began with an informal and insightful “Chai Pe Charcha” session on the topic of Sustainable Development, which set the tone for meaningful discussions. This was followed by the regular weekly meeting, opened with an invocation by Rtn. Dhananjayan. Rtn. Dr. Rajesh Payngavil delivered the welcome address, and the President, Rtn. Vinod Narayanan, shared his address highlighting the club’s priorities for the month. The Secretary, Rtn. Ramesh R, presented the minutes of the previous meeting. The meeting later adjourned for the Club Assembly, with the active participation of 18 members, and concluded with a vote of thanks by Rtn. N.S. Sarma.



B) Second Weekly Meeting – 14 November 2025

The second weekly meeting of the month was conducted on 14th November 2025 at Hotel Prasanth. The meeting commenced with an invocation by Rtn. Ajith Babu, followed by a warm welcome address from Rtn. Arunkumar B. President Rtn. Vinod Narayanan delivered his address, and Rotary information was shared by Rtn. Bijukumar. The highlight of the evening was the keynote session by Chief Guest Dr. Arun Syamnath on the topic “Policy, Plans and Projects – The Real Kerala Government Story.” The Chief Guest was formally introduced by Rtn. Dr. Santhosh Mitra, and a memento was presented by Rtn. Albert Alex in appreciation of the enlightening session.



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C) Third Weekly Meeting – 21 November 2025 (Online)

The third weekly meeting, held online on 21st November 2025, was a solemn condolence meeting organized to pay homage to Late Rtn. M.T. Philip. The meeting began with an invocation by Rtn. Mohandas, followed by a presidential address by Rtn. Vinod Narayanan. Several members shared heartfelt memories and tributes, reflecting the deep respect and affection held for the departed Rotarian.



D) Fourth Weekly Meeting – 28 November 2025

The fourth weekly meeting took place on 28th November 2025 at Rotary Tower and was followed by the “Meet the Candidate” program. The meeting opened with an invocation by Rtn. Dhananjayan and a presidential welcome address by Rtn. Vinod Narayanan. The session provided a platform for civic interaction and awareness, and concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by the Secretary, Rtn. Ramesh R.



E) Club Assembly – 7 November 2025

The second Club Assembly, held on the same day at Hotel Prasanth, focused on key administrative and service-related matters. Membership development was discussed in detail, noting the completion of joining formalities for Rtn. Dr. K.J. Joseph and Rtn. Gokul Krishna, while identifying Ajesh S. Pillai, Vipinkumar K.C., and Gayatri Suresh as probable new members. As November is Rotary Foundation Month, emphasis was placed on achieving a minimum TRF contribution target of USD 1,000, with encouraging commitments from members and ambitious plans outlined by the TRF Chairman. Progress of service initiatives such as the District Project Shreya and the Bhoomika Project was reviewed, and a cancer detection initiative in association with SP Medifort Hospital was announced. CSR opportunities were also discussed, with a proposal to prepare a detailed project report for submission to Caidya Clinical Research.



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F) Board Meeting – 18 November 2025

The Board Meeting for November was conducted on 18th November 2025 at Hotel Prasanth. After a silent prayer and the President's address, members actively participated in discussions and took several important decisions. These included plans for inaugurating new Rotaract Clubs, approval of accounts and dues, initiatives for new member induction, organizing a cancer detection program and blood donation camp, and preparation of a detailed CSR project proposal. The Treasurer's report was reviewed and approved by the Board.



2. Major Programs & Projects

A major highlight of the month was the inauguration of the Rotaract Club for students and trainees of NS Sarma Associates on 7th November 2025 at Hotel Regency, Manjalikulam. President Rtn. Vinod Narayanan emphasized the importance of youth involvement in community service and leadership development. An inspiring session on the Rotary Movement and Rotaract was delivered by Rtn. Dr. N.R.U.K. Kartha, while Rtn. Dr. Baiju B offered felicitations. The program was efficiently coordinated by Rtn. Dr. Rajesh S. Payngavil, and 38 enthusiastic Rotaract members joined the movement.



3. Riverside Walk & Bhoomika Project Facilitation

A combined Riverside Walk and Bhoomika Project Facilitation was organized at Azhankal Walkway, in association with KRBP&WA and Sankar Nagar Residents' Association. Dr. Abdul Vahab, Retired Professor, College of Agriculture, Vellayani, conducted an insightful session on Terrace Farming and Home Vegetable Gardening. The program was presided over by Rtn. Vinod Narayanan and inaugurated by Sri. M. Nainar. The event concluded with fellowship and a refreshing riverside walk involving Rotarians and their families.



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4. Meet the Candidate – 28 November 2025

The “Meet the Candidate” program was held at Rotary Tower. President Rtn. Vinod Narayanan highlighted the importance of civic awareness. Rtn. Mohandas introduced Smt. Jayakumari, who shared her vision and interacted with members. A sapling was presented as a token of appreciation. The program was coordinated by Rtn. Arun S



5. Rotary Foundation (TRF) Contribution

In celebration of Rotary Foundation Month, the club set a target of USD 1,000 and proudly exceeded it by contributing USD 2,200. Contributors: * Rtn. Vinod Narayanan – USD 500 * Rtn. Dr. Baiju B – USD 500 * Rtn. Alex K – USD 500 * Rtn. Dr. Baiju Ramachandran – USD 300 * Rtn. Dr. Cini Raj Raveendran – USD 250 * Rtn. N.S. Sarma – USD 100 * Rtn. Bijukumar – USD 50 All contributors were recognized by the President and TRF Chairman during the weekly meeting held on 5th December 2025.



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