## ROTARY CLUB OF ANNANAGAR MADRAS



## **TOWER**





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### **Installation Ceremony Sparks New Energy!**

#### CELEBRATING A FRESH START

The Rotary Club of Annanagar Madras (RCAM) lit up the evening of July 14, 2025 with flair, friendship, and fresh leadership during its vibrant **Installation Ceremony at Accord Metropolitan**, Chennai. With Rotarians, guests, and community champions gathered under one roof, it was a celebration of achievements past—and a bold step into an exciting new Rotary year.

The evening kicked off with warm smiles, light chatter, and the unmistakable buzz of anticipation. MCs Rtn. PP. Chitra Mukunnan and Rtn. Singaravel kept the energy high, guiding the evening with charm and good humour. After a moment of reflection and Rotary traditions, it was time to pass the torch from outgoing President Aravindan to our new President P. Nandakumar.



With applause echoing through the room, our new President shared his goals for the year ahead, centered around uniting for good and his passion for a greener world with tree plantation initiatives.

The **new Board of Directors and Chairpersons** were then installed with flair—each one cheered on as they received their pins. **In keeping with the Rotary theme for August (Membership and New Club Development), seven new members were inducted** into our club.

Special appreciation to DGE Suresh Jain, Chief Guest, First Lady Usha Saraogi, DGN Dr. Vijaya Bharathi, Rtn. George Cherian Advisor, Youth Service and PDG Dr. Baskaran from Malaysia whose words of encouragement added sparkle to the evening.

The night wasn't all speeches and ceremonies. There was laughter, networking, delicious food, and of course—countless photo ops. Rotarians old and new came together to toast to teamwork, transformation, and a shared mission to make a difference.

As we look ahead to another year of service and fellowship, one thing's for sure with purpose, passion, and plenty of heart.

Special Highlight of the evening was District Governor Vinod Saraogi's video message, giving us an insight into the projects and events planned for the coming year and his warm congratulations and best wishes to the incoming president.

First Lady Usha Saraogi also delivered a message of appreciation and encouragement on behalf of the DG.























Speakers of the Evening















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Sergeant-At-Arms

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# Welcome NEW MEMBERS!





Rtn. Nageswara Rao



Rtn. Vikrama Krishna



Rtn Ravikumar Rajarao



Rtn. Balaji



Rtn. P.L.N.Raghukumar



Rtn. Raju



Rtn Dr Murgavel K N

We are excited to have you join our Rotary family and look forward to your ideas, energy, and contributions. Whether it's lending a hand, sharing a laugh, or leading a project that changes lives — there's something amazing waiting for you here.

Here's to new friendships, meaningful service, and a fulfilling Rotary journey ahead!



#### RCAM Plants 1,500 Trees in Kanchipuram

Special feature by Spouse Nisha Singaravel



In a remarkable step toward **environmental conservation**, the Rotary Club of Anna Nagar Madras organized a **Tree Plantation Drive at Akshaya Vidyalaya**, **Kanchipuram** on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2025. This green initiative was part of Rotary's continued commitment to protecting the environment and promoting ecological balance., where **1,500 saplings were planted** as part of the club's commitment to sustainability and ecological awareness.

The event was **held under the leadership of President Rtn. Nandakumar**, **a passionate advocate for environmental protection**. In his address, he shared his deep personal interest in preserving nature and emphasized the importance of involving communities in sustainable practices.

The event was graced by Chief Guest PDG Rtn. Baskaran Gopala Krishnan, and Guests of Honour Rtn. Irulandy, I.F.S., who lent their support to the noble cause.

**Rtn. Irulandy, I.F.S., delivered an insightful speech** highlighting the critical importance of forests in maintaining ecological balance. He also spoke about the threats posed by deforestation and the urgent need for afforestation to combat climate change and biodiversity loss.

The plantation included a thoughtful mix of native and mahogany trees, selected to support long-term environmental sustainability and enhance local biodiversity.



The drive witnessed enthusiastic participation from Rotarians, Anns, staff, and volunteers, turning the event into a vibrant celebration of nature and community service.

This initiative stands as **a proud contribution to Rotary International's focus on Supporting the Environment** and marks another impactful step by the Rotary Club of Anna Nagar Madras in building a greener future.















### **Joining Hands to Serve with Compassion**

#### A heartfelt Annadhanam for cancer patients

In the true spirit of Service Above Self, the Rotary Club of Anna Nagar Madras came together on 6th July 2025 for a special **Annadhanam (free food service) at Rajiv Gandhi Government Hospital**, bringing not just food, but **hope and strength to those bravely battling cancer** with limited means.

The initiative was more than just a meal - it was a gesture of solidarity with those in pain, a moment to remind them they are not alone. With every plate served and every word of encouragement offered, we affirmed the values that define Rotary: compassion, dignity, and human connection.

The smiles of gratitude and the quiet moments of connection reminded us of how meaningful even the simplest act of service can be. It was a moment of shared humanity — and a powerful reminder of why we serve.





"It was truly heart-touching to see over 300 patients benefiting from this noble act. The food was served with care and compassion — a much-needed support for those in need."

— P. Nandakumar (RCAM President 2025-26)







### Rotarians in Action: Walk Strong, Heart Strong

RCAM supports Apollo Hospitals to promote heart health awareness







"Big Cheers to
Dr. Harikrishnan and all our
amazing Rotarians! What an
energetic day it was - full of
good vibes, healthy steps,
and a crowd that walked
their hearts out (literally)!

— Rtn. Vikrama Krishna







### Rotarians in Action: Vijay Diwas Tree Plantation

RCAM and the District Environment Team honour our nation's heroes

## TREE PLANTATION DRIVE ON KARGIL VIJAY DIWAS

**IN HONOUR OF 527 BRAVEHEARTS** 



Plant 527 Trees for 527 Soldiers

ONE TREE. ONE HERO.
ONE INDIA.







## Rotarians in Action: Empowering the Future

RCAM supports the installation of new Rotaract leaders at Hindu College









A graying society will have to revise its values, placing cooperation above competition, quality over efficiency, and spiritual richness over material richness. It will be a time when we ask not what others can do for us, but what we can do for others—a time for seeking ways to make a contribution, while striving to stay fit and healthy. That is the life of creating value.

- Quote of the Month submitted by Ann. Madhu Mathur

## Club GALENDAR

## OUCOOOOO

August 12th:

Talk by

Rtn.PP Ravi Shankar,

AG-Admin, on the theme '

Unite for Good'

August 19th:

**Board Meeting** 

August 26th:

Family Participation

## Happy BIRTHDAY

Spouse Cyril Joseph
Sp/o Rtn. Chitra Joseph
Rtn. Chetty
19th Jul
Rtn. Vrinda Deepak
20th Jul
Ann Latha

W/o Rtn.Mohanan 20th Jul

**Ann Promila** 

W/o Rtn.PP Devnani 4th Aug

Ann Nisha

W/o Rtn Singaravel 7<sup>th</sup> Aug Rtn. PP Gireeshan 14<sup>th</sup> Aug Rtn Nageswara Rao 24<sup>th</sup> Aug

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## Happy ANNIVERSARY

Rtn. Vikash Chandra and Ann Renu Chandra 3<sup>rd</sup> Jul

Rtn. Renu Kishore Sawlani and Spouse Kishore 18<sup>th</sup> Jul

Rtn Raghukumar and Ann Lakshmi 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug

Rtn. Raju and Ann. Sujatha 15<sup>th</sup> Aug

Rtn. Pres. Nandakumar and Ann. Lalitha 20<sup>th</sup> Aug

Rtn. PP Gireeshan and Ann. Meena 30<sup>th</sup> Aug

Rtn Singaravel and Ann. Nisha 30<sup>th</sup> Aug

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