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Welcome to the
NEW ROTARY YEAR 2025-26

NEW LEADERS
NEW VISION
NEW ENERGY
NEW OPPORTUNITIES!!

Happy New Rotary Year

Best Wishes to embark on an exciting journey of service, fellowship, and growth!



New Year, New Message

LET'S UNITE FOR GOOD

At the core of our presidential message this year lies a simple but powerful idea: **when we come together with a shared purpose, we can make a real difference.** "Unite for Good" is more than just a theme—it's a reflection of who we are and why we exist.

Every event we organize, every project we undertake, and every small act of kindness we offer is a reminder that **collective action amplifies impact.** Alone, our efforts may seem small, but together, they create ripples of positive change throughout our community.

Whether we are supporting local causes, lending a helping hand to those in need, or simply being there for one another, we embody the spirit of unity. **In a world where division often makes headlines, we choose to focus on what brings us together:** compassion, service, and a commitment to making things better.

As we move forward, let's continue to embrace the power of teamwork and the strength of our shared mission. Together, we can achieve more, inspire others, and truly **Unite for Good.**



Get to Know Your President

P. Nandakumar

I was born on May 14, 1957, in Vellore, Tamil Nadu and completed my schooling in Tirupattur. I obtained my **Diploma in Electrical and Electronic Engineering**. I was an Agriculturist for 5 years. Later, I moved to Chennai and started my own electronic service centre in Royapettah, specializing in servicing TV, VCR and video cameras.

Entrepreneurial Journey

In 1998, I ventured into the construction industry and **founded "Shri Krishna Builders"** in Royapettah. Over the years, I have successfully completed over 1 million square feet of construction, comprising more than 600 residential and commercial units in Chennai.

"I believe in the importance of social responsibility and actively participate in initiatives that make a positive impact."

Nurturing a Greener Tomorrow

I'm thrilled to share my latest endeavour – **N Square Agro Firm, a tree plantation initiative** that aims to contribute to a sustainable environment. Our firm has already made a significant impact by planting over 20,000 trees in Thiruthani and Arakkonam. As a part of my endeavour, I also planted saplings in many districts across Tamilnadu. This effort is close to my heart, and I'm committed to expanding our reach and encouraging others to join the mission to protect our planet.

Passion for Sports

Apart from my professional endeavors, I am an avid sports enthusiast. During my school and college days, I was an active badminton player. Even today, I enjoy playing the game in my leisure time. **My true passion, however, is cycling.** In the last four years, I have cycled over 10,000 kilometers.

Personal Life

I reside in Anna Nagar West, Chennai, with my family. I am married with two children – a son and a daughter. My daughter is an Architect. She is married and settled in Texas, USA. My son has completed his Civil Engineering and runs his own company, "Sri Krishna Foundation". My daughter-in-law is a singer and also an Entrepreneur. She runs a boutique, "Magariga Couture".

Social Commitment

As a proud Rotarian and social activist, I am committed to giving back to the community.

Thank you for taking the time to read my story!

Your R.I. President 2025-26

Francesco Arezzo - Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy

Stepping into the global spotlight on July 1, 2025, Francesco brings more than just Mediterranean charm to the presidency. With **over 35 years of service and leadership**, including stints as **District Governor** (Sicily & Malta), **Vice Chair of the Joint Committee on Strategic Planning**, and a **learning facilitator** at the International Assembly, he's basically the Rotary version of James Bond — only with more service projects. He has also represented the RI President at district conferences and **played a key role in organizing Rotary Institutes and events** across Europe and beyond.



Beyond Rotary, Francesco keeps a full plate: he's a **respected orthodontist**, a Knight of Honour and Devotion in Obedience (in the Sovereign Order of Malta), and was **head of the National Trust's Ragusa chapter** for seven years. He is also a **Major Donor** to The Rotary Foundation alongside his powerhouse wife, Anna Maria, who runs her own tourism business. Whether he's aligning teeth, preserving heritage, or aligning global communities, **Francesco leads with heart, humor, and a big vision.**

Get ready — Rotary is heading into a bold new year.

Your District Governor 2025-26

AKS. Rtn. Vinod Saraogi

If Rotary had a recipe for leadership, it might go something like this: **One part vision, two parts action, a pinch of wit, and a whole lot of heart.** That's Vinod Saraogi for you — our new District Governor. Vinod isn't just a businessman (though he does lead **Meridian Global Ventures Pvt Ltd** and a few more ventures in Chennai) — he's a **changemaker** who brings Rotary ideals to life, one project at a time.

From Classrooms to Communities

He is the driving force behind the **"Happy Schools" initiative**, transforming government schools with new classrooms, clean toilets, and brighter futures.

Health with Heart

Vinod also played a key role in launching the **Rotary KIND dialysis centre** at VHS Hospital, Chennai — a life-changing project that helps **75+ patients every week** get critical treatment free of cost.

His Leadership Style?

Approachable, action-driven, and always ready with a smile. Whether it's motivating clubs, attending field visits, or just cracking a joke at a fellowship meet, **Vinod makes everyone feel like part of the mission.**



Vinod Saraogi—a spirited leader who blends business savvy, heart, and a dash of humor into everything he touches!

Anns, Achievers and a Pink Auto

A Grand Finale to the year that was!

Our **Anns Nite on June 19th** was a fitting end to Rotary Year 2024-25 as friends and family of RCANM came together with energy, spirit and enthusiasm to felicitate deserving women in our community.

Via the **Pink Auto project**, the keys of financial empowerment were handed over to an economically challenged young mother struggling to support her children. Ownership of a vehicle not only gives her identity and dignity, but provides a means for her to steer towards a better future for her family.

Budding scientist, 17-year old Aswatha Biju, inspired the young and young-at-heart alike as she stepped up to receive the **Young Achievers award** for her remarkable efforts in progressing awareness of the fields of palaeontology, geology and earth science.

No RCAM gathering would be complete without **spirited performances by our club members** and families that truly give life to our meetings. Patriotism, the Kerala countryside and the five fundamental elements (Panchabhootam) that sustain us, were all beautifully represented in an atmosphere of fellowship and light-heartedness.

This celebration of **women's empowerment, achievement and togetherness** was fittingly graced by the presence of **Rtn. Bharathi Saravanan (District First Lady 24-25)** who served as **Chief Guest** for the night.

A very special thank you to all that participated and made this a night to remember!



Rotarian Spotlight: Rtn. PP. Gireeshan leads by example

Special feature by Rtn. Aravindan (RACM President 2024-25)

Rotary Club of Anna Nagar Madras in association with Avon Seals Private Limited renovated the toilet blocks and cycle stand of Ayapakkam Govt Boys Hr. Sec. School. The project was inaugurated on June 26, 2025.

Our District Governor Rtn. N. S. Saravanan highly appreciated the contribution of Rtn. PP. Gireeshan to our club. My heartfelt thanks to **Rtn. PP. Gireeshan & Ann. Meena Gireeshan** for all their good deeds to our club.

Ayapakkam School holds a special place in the heart of Rtn. PP. Gireeshan. His unwavering commitment to the school's development year after year is truly commendable. His efforts go far beyond mere infrastructure – each of his contributions is a step toward **uplifting the next generation**.

His contributions are holistic. While he improves infrastructure, he also cares deeply about the hygiene and well-being of the students. One such example is the **renovation of toilet blocks**—ensuring the students have access to clean and safe sanitation.

Understanding that discipline starts with creating the right environment, he developed a proper **cycle parking area** for students to park their cycles in an organised manner.

Every improvement at Ayapakkam School is a reflection of Rtn. PP. Gireeshan's vision, compassion, and dedication. He stands as a true role model in serving with purpose and passion.

My sincere thanks to Ann. Meena Gireeshan, Annette. Mihir, Avon Seals Private Limited Director Mr. Radhakrishnan & Staffs, FL. Rupamalini, Rtn. PP. Vrinda Deepak, Rtn. Singaravel & Ann. Nisha for their participation.



"Your efforts reflect not just dedication but deep compassion and vision. The renovated toilet blocks and the organized cycle stand are more than just infrastructure—they are symbols of care, dignity, and progress for the students."

— P. Nandakumar (RACM President 2025-26)

District Awards Night

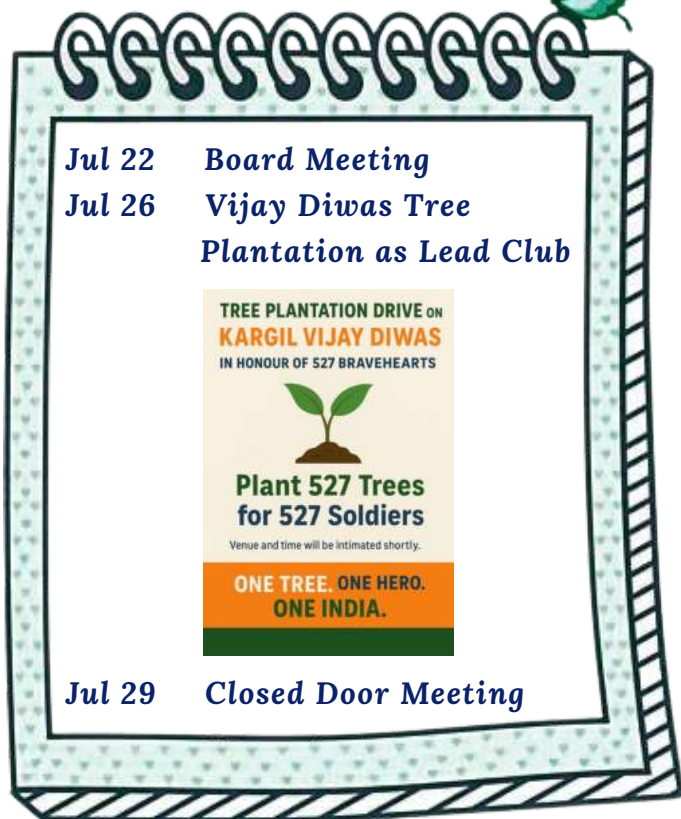
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"We all are so deeply interconnected; we have no option but to love all. Be kind and do good for any one and that will be reflected. The ripples of the kind heart are the highest blessings of the Universe."

— Amit Ray (Author), *Yoga and Vipassana: An Integrated Life Style*

Club Calendar



Projects
COMPLETED

Jul 6 Annadhanam Project
Jul 13 Tree Plantation



Details in the next issue...

Happy
BIRTHDAY

Rtn Manoranjitham 15th June
Rtn Vijayaraghavan 15th June
Rtn. Padma Anandan 22nd June



Happy
ANNIVERSARY

Rtn. S Pradeep & Ann. Sita Pradeep 20th June
Rtn. Vijayaraghavan & Ann. Aishwarya 29th June

