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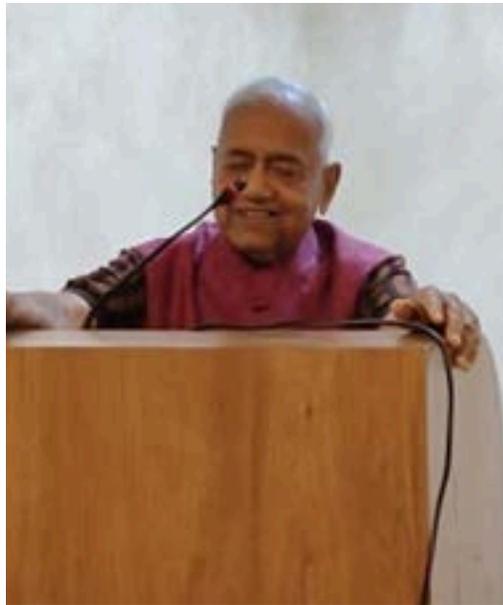
GUESTS OF HONOUR
*Rtn. Ramkumar, Assistant Gov, District 3234
 Dr. Annalakshmi, Founder Member &
 Chairperson, ANEW*



2026 Kicks Off with Speaker Meeting

Celebrating a new induction and gaining inspiring insights

RCANM hosted a vibrant **Speaker Meeting** on January 9th at the Sapphire Hall, Presidency Club. It was our pleasure to welcome **Rtn. PP Devnani, Senior Active Member of our club, as Chief Guest**. He now shuttles between Chennai and Jodhpur. The meeting included insightful **classification talks by two Green Rotarians, Rtn. Vasudevan and Rtn. Raaju**, and the **induction of a new member Mr. Radhakrishnan C** into the club. A **Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) certificate** was also presented to **Rtn. Singaravel** in recognition of his contribution to Rotary International during the year.



Our January Speaker Meeting saw an encouraging turnout of over 30 attendees, making it a truly engaging gathering to set the tone for the new year.



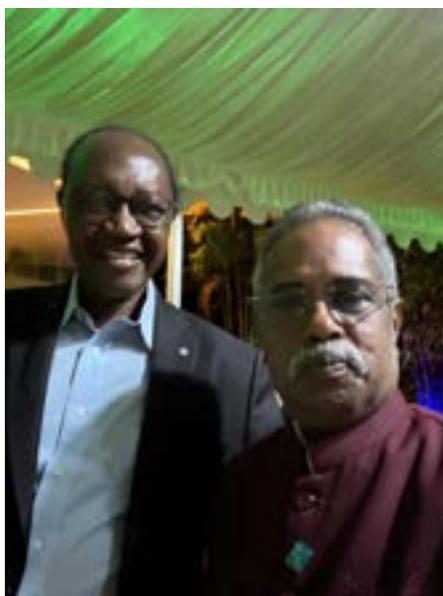
Rotary Friendship Exchange in Kenya

Special Feature by Rtn. President Nandakumar



I had the opportunity to travel to Kenya, and it was truly a wonderful and memorable experience. The **Friendship Exchange Program** lived up to its name in every way—each day was simply amazing. Our Rotarian family was warmly welcomed by the **Rotary Club of Peponi**, led by **President Rtn. Anish**, **President-Elect Rtn. Vishal**, **President-Nominee Ankitha**, **A.G. Wembioie**, and other Rotarians. They hosted us graciously at the Novotel Hotel, where a delightful evening fellowship dinner was arranged at a beautiful venue.

The following morning, we visited the local **Giraffe Park**. In the evening, we were invited to the residence of **IPD Rtn. Bimal Kantar**. His family, along with the Nairobi Rotarian families, organized a grand event at his beautiful bungalow with a garden. **All IPDGs, AGs, Consulate Generals, and Rotarians participated—more than 300 people in total**. The evening included rich fellowship, dinner, a flag-exchange ceremony, and recognition for all participants.



On the 13th, along with the Peponi Rotarians, we **visited a school and hospital for physically challenged children**. Many of the children are suffering due to outdated treatment methods and a lack of proper facilities, and several are mentally challenged. Their situation clearly showed the urgent need for support and assistance.

After the visit, we proceeded to the Gymkhana Club for lunch, thoughtfully arranged by President Rtn. Anish along with his Rotarian team. Following lunch, we **visited a primary co-educational school** where more than 3,000 students are studying under very poor conditions. There is no proper flooring—only uneven mud floors. Desks and benches are in bad condition, and toilet facilities are insufficient. The students, though facing hardships, were polite and courageously shared their basic needs directly with us.



IPD Rtn. PHF. **N.S. Saravanan** addressed the gathering and initiated steps to support the school through a District Grant in collaboration with local clubs.

Over the next few days, all members enjoyed visiting **Masai Mara** and other beautiful locations in Kenya.

Overall, the trip was excellent, meaningful, and deeply enjoyable. On behalf of our club, **I had the privilege of handing over bedsheets to the Kenya Rotary Clubs**, which were distributed to people affected by landslides.



Rotary Vocational Excellence Award

RCANM recognizes Shri M. Anandan for professional excellence and societal impact

The Rotary Club of Anna Nagar Madras hosted a **Rotary Vocational Excellence Award Function** on January 27th at Ramada Hotel, Egmore, to **honour Shri M. Anandan, Founder & Executive Chairman of Aptus Value Housing Finance Ltd**, for his exemplary professional leadership and service to society. The event featured **Rtn. PDG Sridhar Jagannathan as Chief Guest and Prof. Dr. J. Revathy as Guest of Honour**, bringing together Rotarians and dignitaries for an evening of celebration and recognition.





CONGRATULATIONS AND CELEBRATIONS!



Kudos to Rtn PP Aravindan Sriramulu for successfully completing the Freshworks Chennai Marathon 2026 - 10 Kms in 02:06:44

Rotary Club of Annanagar Madras received a Membership award at the 2nd Quarterly District Awards



Government Model Higher Secondary School

INTERACT SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT



M. Iyyappan, a Class 12 student of Govt Model Higher Secondary School Arumbakkam, is a national winner in the 'Super 100' category of Project Veer Gatha 5.0. He is one of only five students selected from across Tamil Nadu for this prestigious honor.

India's 77th Republic Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at the school campus, featuring vibrant cultural performances. RCANM supported the occasion by distributing 500 kg of sundal for Classes 10 and 12 students and donating six 200-watt LED lights worth ₹12,000 to the school.



Madhu Mathur's

QUOTE CORNER

It is not how you compare to others that is important, but rather how you compare to who you were yesterday. If you've advanced even one step, then you've achieved something great.

- Daisoku Ikeda

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**FEBRUARY IS
PEACE-BUILDING AND
CONFLICT PREVENTION**

Just for Laughs

ROTARY HUMOUR

Why do Rotarians arrive early to meetings?
Because "Service Above Self" starts with setting up the chairs.

A Rotarian's favorite exercise?
Running... projects, meetings, and committees.

Why don't Rotarians need GPS?
Because they're always on the right track—especially to the next service project.

Happy BIRTHDAY

1st Feb: Rtn. Mallika Thiyagarajan

8th Feb: Ann. Aishwarya
W/o Rtn. Vijayaraghavan

12th Feb: Mr. Venugopal
H/o Rtn. Lekha Venugopal

17th Feb: Rtn. Dr. Thirumal Selvan

29th Feb: Ann. Renu
W/o Rtn. PHF PP Vikash Chandra

Happy ANNIVERSARY

2nd Feb: Rtn. PHF PP Ramasubramanian R &
Spouse Ms. Chandra

3rd Feb: Rtn. Vikrama Krishna &
Spouse Mrs. C Kala

4th Feb: Rtn. PHF PP Vrinda Deepak &
Spouse Dr. Deepak

25th Feb: Rtn. PHF PP Venkatesan V.S &
Spouse Ms. Sumathy

