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Governor's Message.....

DI Must Congratulate District Governor Rtn. N. S. Saravanan for laying a strong foundation to RI District 3234, a new District in its inaugural year, We have seen good membership growth and five new vibrant clubs added to the District.

The Presidents and Secretaries of 2025-26 are young, focused and vibrant with lot of energy to make a huge impact. Each club has multiple plans for doing big projects through CSR / Global Grants.

The District Team comprising the Admin Team, the Assistant Governors, the Regional Secretaries, the Avenue Chairmen, are all ready to help and support the clubs achieve their goals. The Clubs have assured 25% Membership Growth, and Membership Chair George Cherian has his plans to reach the District Membership to 4000. The new DRFC, PP Rtn. Purushothaman from RCME, has great plans of working with the Clubs and make the Foundation Contribution wide based with 80% of the Clubs being 100% contributions to the Annual Fund.

All the Training Programs, Avenue Seminars were very well attended such that every club has come up with excellent, plan of action to perform from day one. The bonding that has happened at the various Pre-PELS, PELS, Pre-SELS & Royal Durbar Program, AGLS, DTLS, have all made the club and District Officers well connected and well-bonded. I see every Club President and their Team planning large scale activities. They are bringing new innovative ideas. The Avenue Chairman and the entire District Team have their hands full with the start of many actions. I already see a great performance by RI District 3234. Let us UNITE FOR GOOD for creating a lasting impact.

With regards,

AKS. Rtn. VINOD SAROGI,

District Governor 2025-26, RID3234

RI President....

Francesco Arezzo, a member of the Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy has been selected by the board of Directors to become Rotary International's President for 2025-26. Arezzo will become president on 1 July.

The 2025-26 president messages, announced at the 2025 Rotary International Assembly in February, will remain Unite for Good, which calls on Rotary members to be force for unity in a world increasingly divided by politics, geography, and ideology. Through service projects, Rotary brings together people of every background-across races, religious and professions-in a shared mission to do good in their communities. Arezzo is an orthodontist in private practice. He is active internationally as a member of the Italian, European, and American orthodontics associations.

He is vice president of the National Association of Italian Dentist for the province of Ragusa and was the founder and head for seven years of the delegation for Ragusa of the National Trust for Italy. He is a knight of Honor and Devotion in Obedience within the Sovereign order of Malta. A Rotary member for more than 30 years, Arezzo has served as vice chair of the Joint Strategic Planning Committee and as RI director, learning facilitator, and as district conference presidential representative. Arezzo is a Benefactor of The Rotary Foundation. He is married to Anna.



Francesco Arezzo
of Italy selected
to be 2025-26
RI President



President Message.....

Dear fellow Rotarians,

It is a great pleasure to take on the position of President for the year 2025–26 from RC Chennai Port City.

As a start to the Rotary year, Port City, as a lead club, conducted a campaign for a “Plastic Bag-Free Day” at Chennai Marina. In conjunction with the students and staff of Queen Mary’s College, our team also celebrated

International Yoga Day at Asan Higher Secondary School, Chennai.

RCPC is also proud to announce that we have been entrusted with the prestigious District 3234 “Happy Shelters” program. Our team is vibrant and committed to completing this project successfully. We have an agenda packed with several community and public service campaigns in the pipeline. A year-long plan has been developed to encourage family participation through tours and events. I am pleased to present this e-bulletin, which will run until October 2025. “Service to Mankind is Above Self.” Wishing you all an uninterrupted and fulfilling journey ahead.

Warm Regards

Rtn. IMM. Yousuf

President 2025 - 26

Rotary Club of Chennai Port City

Secretary's Message

Dear Rotarians, It is with immense gratitude and a sense of purpose that I pen my first message as Secretary of the Rotary Club of Chennai Port City. As we step into this new Rotary year, our vision is clear: to create a lasting impact through meaningful service, innovative projects, and collective energy.



The path ahead is promising, and I firmly believe that with your cooperation and active participation, we can translate our dreams into action. Let's focus on futuristic initiatives—sustainable, scalable, and community-centric—that not only uplift lives but also enhance the visibility of Rotary in our city. Strengthening our club begins with growing it—let's work together to bring in new members who share our passion for service.

Together, let's make this a year of high-impact service and elevated fellowship. I invite each one of you to contribute your time, ideas, and enthusiasm to fly the Rotary flag higher than ever before.

In service and solidarity,

Rtn. PHF. DR. KP Vijayakumar

Secretary 2025 - 26

Rotary Club of Chennai Port City

05.06.2025 100 Saplings Planted On World Environment Day.....



In a heartening step towards environmental sustainability and community engagement, a sapling plantation drive was organized on June 5 to mark World Environment Day at Kaliyanoor, a village nestled in the Kancheepuram district, about 75 km from Chennai.

Spearheaded by a passionate green volunteer who has been involved in the holistic development of Kaliyanoor village for the past five years, the initiative focused on planting 100 native Indian saplings to enhance the village's green cover and support biodiversity.

What made the event truly stand out was the spirited participation of students and teachers from the panchayat. Their enthusiastic involvement added a youthful vibrancy to the drive and reflected the growing consciousness among the younger generation about climate action and environmental stewardship.



“This isn't just about planting trees,” said RtnBalaji, representing Rotary Club of Chennai Port City (RCCPC). It is part of a sustained campaign to green Kaliyanoor, where previously planted saplings are being regularly maintained and monitored. The initiative also aims to sensitize villagers and volunteers about the importance of native flora and their role in maintaining ecological balance.

Added Rotarian M Babu, “It's about cultivating responsibility, reconnecting with the soil, and creating a living legacy for future generations. The fact that the community and college youth came together for this cause shows how powerful collective action can be.” Plans are already underway to integrate more such activities as part of environment-related projects throughout the year. This drive not only brings greenery to rural landscapes but also symbolises a deeper commitment of RCCPC to sustainability and the planet, said **Pasumai Moorthy**, who came forward and donated the saplings.



07.06.2025 World Environment Day and River Awareness Program.....

Rotary International District 3234 Conducts Clean Rivers Awareness, World Environment Day, Tree Plantation Pledge in Adayar Manapakkam, Chennai, Advocating for a Go Green Lifestyle



Massive Yoga Event on International Yoga Day Chennai, June 21, 2025



On the occasion of International Yoga Day, Rotary Club of Chennai Port City, Rotary E-Club of Chennai Shakti, and District Community Service Committee – Holistic Health Yoga jointly organised a special yoga program at Asan Memorial Main School, Anderson Road, Chennai .

As a special highlight of this event, more than 500 TPP Plus students enthusiastically participated, showcasing the energy and enthusiasm of the younger generation. Additionally, members from more than 12 Rotary clubs and the general public participated. Rotary District Governor N.S. Saravanan attended the program as chief guest and explained the daily applications of yoga and the ways to achieve mental and physical wellness through it.

This yoga event was conducted under the leadership of Rtn. Uma Maheswari, chairperson of the District Holistic Health - Yoga Committee. The program, which included self-discipline, breathing techniques, physical movements, and mental peace exercises, served as an effort to unite people of all ages under one umbrella.

Centered around health, unity, and spiritual peace, this event provided a beautiful completion to Rotary's community service activities.



Rotary Club of Chennai Port City Honours Student Achievers, Celebrates Yoga Day



Chennai, June 21, 2025 - On the occasion of International Yoga Day, the Rotary Club of Chennai Port City joined hands with Shri Mangichand Bhandari Jain Higher Secondary School, T. Nagar, to celebrate wellness and recognise academic excellence.

The event featured an energizing yoga demonstration conducted by expert instructors from Isha Homes, promoting physical and mental well-being among students and faculty. The atmosphere was filled with enthusiasm as young participants embraced the spirit of holistic health through yoga.

As part of its ongoing commitment to education and community development, the Rotary Club of Chennai Port City extended financial assistance of ₹10,000 to the school's top-performing students. The support was offered under the Venugopal Olivilakku Educational Assistance Scheme, a Rotary initiative aimed at encouraging academic merit and supporting deserving students.

Speaking at the event, Rtn C Muthusamy emphasised the dual focus on well-being and education, underscoring Rotary's mission to create lasting impact in communities through meaningful actions.

20.06.2025 Speaker Meeting Topic “**EnterprenurRyla**”

Today, the Regular Speaker Meeting of RC Port City featured Guest Speaker **Annette C Rashmika**, daughter of PP Rtn. Chandra Sekar T P and Ann Devi C. Her topic, '**Enterprenur RYLA**,' was met with an excellent speech and shared experiences. Congratulations and best wishes to her on all her future endeavors. Today, the club contributed Rs 23000 towards school fees for a deserving student under the Olivilakku Educational Assistance Scheme. Rotarians attended in large numbers to witness 'The magic of Rotary' in four different versions.



21.06.2025 Olivilakku Educational Assistance scheme in Shree Mangichand Bhandari Jain Higher Secondary School



The Rotary Club of Chennai Port City Commends the Exceptional Performance of 12th Grade Toppers on Yoga Day at **Shri Mangichand Bhandari Jain Higher Secondary School** in T. Nagar, Chennai, with Cash Awards Provided through the Venugopal Olivilakku Educational Assistance Scheme. Congratulations and Best Wishes to All Students on Their Future Pursuits. Today's News in The Hindu also in Mambalam Times and Kodambakkam Times Thanks to Rtn KP Vijayakumar for Coordination and Efforts on this Project KP Vijayakumar.

Beach Cleanup on International Plastic Bag Free Day....



More than 500 college students, Rotarians, and volunteers participated in a beach cleanup on International Plastic Bag Free Day.

Chennai, July 3, 2025 - In a remarkable display of environmental commitment, Rotary International District 3234

joined hands with over 300 college students from Queen Mary's College to undertake a large-scale beach cleanup operation. This event, held at the Vinayagar statue immersion point at Foreshore Estate, coincided with

International Plastic Bag Free Day.

Starting at 7:30 AM, rotarians and students enthusiastically participated in this initiative, working alongside public to clear the beach of plastic waste and other debris. "It's encouraging to see young people showing such keen interest in environmental protection," said Rtn. AKS. Vinod Saraogi, District Governor, RI District 3234, who presided over the event.

Dr. B. Uma Maheswari, Principal of Queen Mary's College, stated, "This large turnout demonstrates that the younger generation is well aware of the plastic pollution crisis. Today's event not only cleaned our beach but also raised awareness about the harmful effects of plastic bags on our environment."

The event was attended by Mr. Nandakumar, Inspector of Police, Foreshore Estate, who praised the environmental initiative. "This kind of community engagement is very important for maintaining the cleanliness of our city and protecting our marine ecosystem," he said.

Upon completion of the event, participants collected over 500 kilograms of waste, significantly improving the condition of the beach.



**Irular (40 Families) Community) Max School 8th Std
Development, Sadayankuppam, Near Manali,**



Evening Study Hall, Renovation of Damaged Dwelling Place.



In the Eve of Ramzan, Bakrid festival celebrate With Rag pickers family by serving food and clothes, blankets at Manali Rag dumping yard along with Social worker Padmanathan team

Upcoming Projects by Rotary Club of Chennai Port City.....

The Rotary Club of Chennai Port City (RCCPC) continues its impactful community engagement through a series of upcoming projects focusing on education, environment, elder care, and public health. Here's a glimpse of the initiatives lined up in the coming months:

July 20, 2025: Educational Support for Meritorious Students : Under the Venugopal Olivilakku Educational Scheme, RCCP will provide educational assistance to deserving students from economically weaker backgrounds. A total of ₹2 lakh will be distributed to students who lack the financial means to pursue higher education. This initiative reflects the club's deep commitment to nurturing academic dreams and empowering the youth.

July 26, 2025: Kargil Vijay Diwas - Green Tribute to the Brave : To commemorate the sacrifice of 527 brave soldiers who laid down their lives during the Kargil War, 527 saplings will be planted in Nandambakkam village and surrounding areas. NCC cadets from various city colleges will participate in the plantation drive, paying tribute through action and remembrance. This green memorial not only honors our heroes but also contributes to environmental sustainability.

August 21, 2025: Senior Citizens Day - Health Camp at Little Drops : In observance of Senior Citizens Day, RCCP will organize a Free Medical Camp at Little Drops, Poonamallee, dedicated to the well-being of the elderly.

Camp Highlights include: General health check-up | Eye screening | Blood pressure & sugar tests | Bone density / orthopaedic consultation | Doctor counselling and nutritional guidance This initiative aims to promote preventive healthcare and offer compassionate medical support to senior members of society.

September 5, 2025: Teachers Day - Honoring Exemplary Educators : On Teachers Day, RCCP will felicitate outstanding educators whose dedication and commitment have made a significant impact in shaping young minds. These teachers go beyond imparting knowledge — they instill values, nurture confidence, and inspire dreams. The event will recognize their invaluable role in community-building and nation development.

September 29, 2025: World Heart Day - Pedal for a Healthy Heart : To spread awareness about cardiovascular health and promote a heart-healthy lifestyle, RCCP will organize a Cycle Rally on World Heart Day. The rally will see enthusiastic participation from college students and community members alike. The event will highlight the importance of early detection, physical activity, and preventive care in combating heart disease.