

Distribution of Maternity Kit to Expecting Mothers

01-08-2025



District 3234 celebrated WORLD BREAST FEEDING WEEK, Rotary club of Madras Coromandel being the lead club along with Women's Health Team of RID 3234 distributed 50 maternity kit bag consisting of essential items to expecting mothers at Govt. RSRM Lying In Hospital at Royapuram.



CHILD SAFETY AND MENTAL WELLNESS AWARENESS PROJECT

08-08-2025



The Rotary Club of Madras Coromandel made a positive impact by organizing a **Child Safety and Mental Awareness Program** at Avvai Home.

Through the film "**Maya Changu**" they educated 150 students about "**good touch and bad touch**" and provided valuable guidance on how to handle such situations.

This initiative will surely contribute to the well-being and safety of these young individuals.





15-08-2025

FLAG HOISTING

at KVTC

RCM Ccelebrated India's 79th Independence Day with great enthusiasm at KVTC. The event featured Mr. Kamaraj, Assistant Project Manager of Samagra Shiksha, as the Chief Guest, who hoisted the national flag.

The students showcased their talents, with KVTC students demonstrating their computer skills and Government Higher Secondary School students presenting a commendable project for the visually impaired community, which received appreciation from all attendees.



Slow Learners Training initiated by Rtn. Vijayakumar

Skill Development Programme for Slow Learners. The portions covered are

1. Writing skill: vocabulary and spelling three and four letters words given for dictation.
2. Tamil words and pronunciation were taught.
3. Preparation for 1st term examination went on.
4. Classes will resume from the 26 of this month.





17-08-2025

CHAMPIONS OF CHENNAI

The Champions of Chennai Awards, initiated by KSA Trust, is a commendable initiative that recognizes and honors individuals who have made a positive impact in their communities and beyond.

Since 2013, the trust has been identifying and celebrating "silent champions" in various fields, including arts, education, healthcare, social initiatives, sports, and more.

By acknowledging their contributions, the trust aims to inspire others and work collaboratively on projects that benefit Chennai.

It's heartening to see such efforts to promote positivity and community development!

Our club members participated in large numbers.



Thanks Giving for Rotary Olympiad and Breast Feeding Awareness

17-08-2025

RCM Coromandel was recognized for its contributions to the Rotary Olympiad and Breastfeeding Awareness Week at a thanksgiving function organized by the district.

President Rtn Y Kavitha graciously accepted the honors on behalf of the club, acknowledging their efforts in these meaningful initiatives.



WOMENS WELLNESS WORKSHOP

19-08-2025



In collaboration with the Tamil Nadu Domestic Workers Association, eight women presidents organized 6 empowering sessions that touched the hearts and minds of 65 women who attended. RCMC was the lead club in organizing the event.

The highlight of the event was the distribution of reusable sanitary pads, promoting menstrual hygiene and sustainability.

We also had the privilege of hosting doctor from the Cancer Institute, who delivered an enlightening session on cancer awareness.

Further yoga and acupuncture session. We had an enlightening session on POSH Act and matrimony legal rights and more importantly financial management.

The event was supported by our District Governor Rtn AKS Vinod Saroagi.



CHILD SAFETY AND MENTAL WELLNESS AWARENESS PROJECT

22-08-2025



The Rotary Club of Madras Coromandel organized a valuable Child Safety and Mental awareness program at Sarada Vidyalaya, Burkit Road.

Through the impactful film "Maya Changu," 64 students learned about "good touch and bad touch" and gained insights on how to handle such situations.

This initiative will surely contribute to the well-being and safety of these young individuals.



LEAD25 – ROTARY LEADERSHIP INDIA CONCLAVE

23-08-2025

The Rotary Club of Madras Coromandel (RCMC) demonstrated strong leadership and engagement with 100% participation at LEAD-2025, the Rotary Leadership India Conclave.



Additionally, RCMC showcased its diverse projects through an informative stall, highlighting its initiatives to members from across the country.

This visibility will likely foster collaboration and inspire other Rotary clubs.



LEAD25 – ROTARY LEADERSHIP INDIA CONCLAVE

24-08-2025



What a generous gesture!

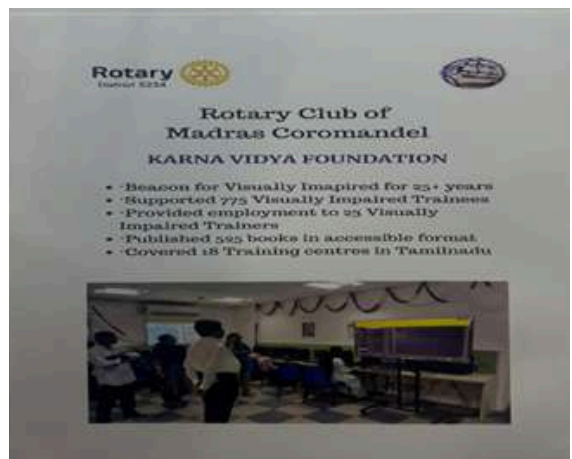
AKS Rtn. Ravi Raman and Rtn. Shobana Ravi Raman's donation of USD One lakh to the Rotary Foundation (TRF) at LEAD 2025 is truly commendable. This significant contribution will support Rotary's humanitarian initiatives and make a lasting impact. The Coromandel family must be incredibly proud of their philanthropic efforts! Such acts of kindness embody the spirit of rotary and inspire others to follow suit.





COROMANDEL'S PROJECT STALL AT LEAD 25 – ROTARY LEADERSHIP INDIA CONCLAVE

24-08-2025



ORGAN & SKIN DONATION – JOINT SPEAKER MEETING

28-08-2025



RCMC COROMANDEL participated in the joint speaker meeting at Savera organised by Rotary Club of Mitra. Actress Rtn. Revathi emphasized on the importance of organ donation. Dr. Somesh Balakrishnan spoke on the need and awareness about skin donation. The was successful and several Rotarians participated and it a great success.

A valuable cancer awareness program was conducted at Avvai Home Girls Hr. Sec. School in Adyar, Chennai featuring a film screening, slide presentation, and interactive session.



Ms. Deepika, a Psycho-Oncologist, and Ms. Anitha, a Social Worker from WIA Cancer Institute, delivered an informative presentation on cancer and engaged with the participants.



The program reached 39 women teachers and staff, with 12 of them undergoing screenings for oral, breast, and cervical cancer. Such initiatives play a crucial role in promoting health awareness and early detection.

Cancer Awareness & Screening at AVVAI HOME

30-08-2025

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PALLIKARANAI MARSHLAND – MASSIVE CLEAN UP DRIVE

30-08-2025

A massive clean-up and awareness drive was held today at Pallikaranai Marshland Park, Chennai, focusing on restoring water bodies and highlighting the importance of marshland ecosystems, flora, and bird conservation.

OUR Environment Educational Coordinator Rtn. VEDAPRIYA conducted this event smoothly with all the stakeholders are

- COLLEGE STUDENTS
- SCHOOL STUDENTS
- FOREST OFFICIALS
- TNPCB STAFF
- WESTERN GHATS WILD LIFE CONSERVATION TRUST,
- TN Bureaucrats, etc.,



238 PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN THIS PROGRAM

The event proved to be a significant step in restoring the Pallikaranai Marshland and building awareness about its biodiversity. With the joint efforts of government officials, educational institutions, and environmental organizations, this initiative reaffirmed the importance of protecting one of Chennai's most vital ecosystems for future generations.





PALLIKARANAI MARSHLAND – MASSIVE CLEAN UP DRIVE

30-08-2025



31-08-2025

ONAM CELEBRATIONS

The Rotary Club of Madras Coromandel participated in the Onam celebrations organized by the district at MGR Janaki College, showcasing the spirit of community and cultural harmony.

The club's women members, including President Rtn. Y Kavitha, Rtn. Meera Gnansekar, and Rtn. Reena Pandurangan, enjoyed the festivities and hospitality, highlighting the club's engagement in social and cultural activities beyond their regular service projects. Onam celebrations like these foster unity and joy among participants!



Achievements of Members / Annettes **BUTTERFLY – starring HARSH**

What a fantastic achievement!

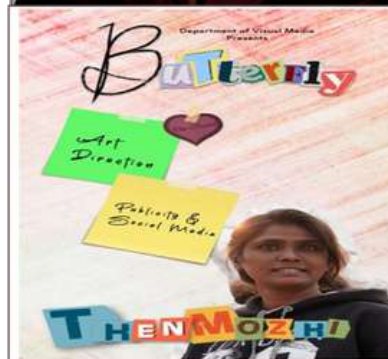
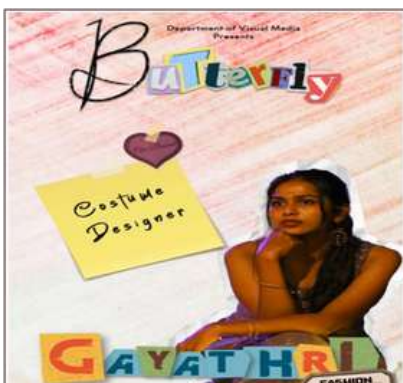
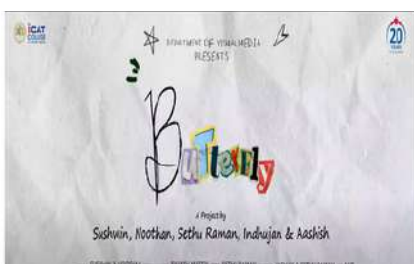
21-08-2025

Annette Harsh and his college mates showcased their creativity and talent by directing, producing, and starring in the short film "butterfly" as their final year project. The film's success and appreciation from friends and well-wishers is a testament to their hard work.

The Dean of ICAT inspiring words highlight the importance of combining creativity with commitment, encouraging students to continue exploring and learning.



Congratulations to Annette Harsh and his team on their achievement!



Kumbhabhishegam of Ramakrishna Mutt in Salem

What a meaningful occasion!

31-08-2025

Rtn. Sridhar attended the Kumbhabhishegam of Ramakrishna Mutt in Salem, a structure built by his grandfather, a civil engineer, in 1968.

The event was presided over by the 95-year-old President of Ramakrishna Mutt from Belur, and devotees received blessings from both the deity and the President. It's heart warming to see family legacies like this continue to inspire and bring people together in devotion.





WELCOME TO OUR

August Newsletter

KVF Updates



August was a vibrant and engaging month at Karna Vidya Foundation, marked by a series of impactful events and activities. We proudly celebrated Independence Day, participated in a Rotary event, and conducted specialized training programs in both Special Schools and Samagra Shiksha schools. Alongside these initiatives, our training team has been actively producing awareness episodes for Kalvi TV.

As we look ahead, preparations are underway for our Biggest event, "Arunceyal" – the State-Level Talent Competition for Students with Visual Impairment.

This year, the competition will witness participation from a larger number of schools under the Samagra Shiksha scheme, ensuring wider reach and greater inclusivity.

Stay tuned for more updates as we continue working towards creating opportunities and empowering students with visual impairment.

In this newsletter you will find:

KVF updates, Digital Literacy , KVF Highlights , E pub & Library , Inside Krishnagiri and much more. Keep Reading!



e-PuB and Library

We are very happy to share with you In August, a total of 6 students visited the center, with 2 new memberships added. During the month, 1,300 pages were scanned and 924 pages were voice recorded. Additionally, 8 GB of data was copied to pen drives, and 9 GB of content was uploaded and shared with students via drive.

Four books were successfully converted into e-pub format, including TN TRB-Assistant Prof-GK Polity & Governance (110 pages, English, 5,843 words), The Neo-Classical Age (445 pages, English, 3,197 words), Moli Pairpiyeal (140 pages, Tamil, 1,355 words), and Tamilaga Varalaru (1585-1806) (212 pages, Tamil, 5,778 words), totaling 907 pages converted into accesible format for the month.



STAY TUNED!

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KVF Highlights!

**WE ARE ABSOLUTELY THRILLED
TO SHARE WITH YOU.....**

On 15th August 2025 Karna vidya Foundation celebrated Independence Day. The chief guest Mr A.T Kamaraj, APO of Samagra Shiksha Chennai hoisted the flag in the presence of KVF staff, Children and parents. The Chief guest addressed the parents and children and motivated them for the opportunities lies within the government sector for visually impaired students.

EVENTS.....

On 23/8/2025 Karna Vidya Foundation participated in ROTARY Event. The total number of participants were 150 at Chennai trade fair. The meeting focused on engaging with Eminent personalities and Rotarians who came forward and sought the interest in KVF activities.



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KVF Highlights! INDOOR ACTIVITY....

On 15th August 2025, Karna Vidya Foundation celebrated Independence Day with great enthusiasm. The second half of the day was filled with fun activities, where visually impaired children participated in a "No Fire Cooking" session, preparing fruit salads and chaats with confidence and joy. They learned to cut fruits, serve others, and enjoy the experience together.

The event was graced by Mrs. Vetri Selvi, Chief Education Officer of Kancheepuram district, who also witnessed students showcasing their innovative smart hat prototype designed for the visually impaired.



TRAINING & WORKSHOPS

On 2nd August 2025 KVF participated in the Job fair at Ramakrishna Polytechnic college Tiruvottiyur chennai, the job fair focused on connecting meaningful employers for recruiting visually impaired job seekers and trainers. along with placement support. Two members from the KVF participated in this job fair

We are happy to share with you, on 4th August 2025, Karna Vidya Foundation initiated Digital Literacy Training for college students at Sara Tucker College.



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Inside Krishnagiri

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DIGITAL LITERACY TRAINING

In August month, under digital literacy training, 35 students from classes 2 to 8 were trained on various concepts. The sessions covered computer basics, keyboard typing, spelling tools, and short story writing, along with tests, exams, and Independence Day speech and poem typing practice.

Focus on next month will be :

- To Strengthen Tamil and English typing practice.
- Continue spelling tool exercises for classes 6–8.
- Complete keyboard lessons for classes 2–5.
- Encourage typing of Q&A and short stories.
- Conduct revision tests.
- Enhance reading practice for younger students.
- Provide extra support for slow learners.



CLUSTER BASED STREAM TRAINING PROGRAMME!

Cluster training was conducted in Bargur and Hosur blocks of Krishnagiri district. In Hosur, 14 children participated, with two students successfully mastering 150 keyboard shortcut keys.

Overall outcomes included improved phonetic skills, shape recognition, Tamil story writing, and typing accuracy (up to 5 words per minute).

The upcoming sessions will focus on subject vocabulary building, advanced Tamil story writing, and foundational math skills such as three-digit operations and basic division. For more updates on Krishnagiri stay connected to us.



Independence Day Special 15th August, 2025



On 15th August 2025, Karna Vidya Foundation proudly celebrated Independence Day in the presence of distinguished guests, Mr. A.T. Kamaraj, APO – Samagra Shiksha, Chennai, and Mrs. Vetri Selvi, Chief Education Officer, Kancheepuram District, along with guest of honors, parents and children.

The celebration began with the flag hoisting ceremony and the national anthem, which set the tone for a day filled with patriotic spirit and enthusiasm. A highlight of the morning session was an innovative activity where visually impaired children participated in a 'Cooking Without Fire' indoor activity.

The students prepared fruit salads, chaats, and other edible items, showcasing both creativity and safe cooking practices. The dishes were enjoyed and appreciated by all attendees, leaving a lasting impression of the students' skills and confidence.

The second session of the day featured a remarkable presentation by students from Sirakallathur Government School, Kancheepuram, who showcased a prototype of a Smart Cap designed to assist visually impaired individuals. This sensory device is capable of detecting potential hazards from a certain distance, aiming to enhance day-to-day safety.

The demonstration received enthusiastic appreciation from KVF staff and parents alike. While the device is still in its early development stage, with the right support and resources, it holds great potential to become a transformative aid for visually impaired persons.

The day concluded on a note of pride, innovation, and inspiration—celebrating not only India's independence but also the creativity, resilience, and aspirations of visually impaired students.

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GOVT PRIMARY SCHOOL

PERUNGUDI

On 11th August 2025, an engaging Environmental Education session was conducted at Govt Primary School, Perungudi, reaching a total of 150 enthusiastic students. The session, held in the morning at 11:00 AM and lasting 1 hour 30 minutes, focused on the importance of Fauna & Animal Rights.

The session included both theory and practical activities, with the highlight being the "Chain of Life" activity, which allowed students to understand the interconnectedness of all living beings. A PowerPoint presentation complemented the practical activity, helping students visualize the concepts effectively.

The session was led by Vedhapriya Ganesan, with facilitation volunteer support from Samaran Thamarai (BCI). Students actively participated through Q&A sessions and quizzes, demonstrating curiosity and eagerness to learn.

PLANT ONE, PROTECT MANY

During discussions, we explored future environmental initiatives, including tree plantation drives and the creation of a school seed bank. The students showed remarkable interest in environmental conservation, and multiple follow-up sessions have been planned to nurture this enthusiasm.

However, due to ongoing construction work at the school, some activities, like plantation, will be scheduled after completion. Plans and discussions are underway to ensure these initiatives can be executed effectively.

Overall, the session successfully increased awareness about biodiversity, animal rights, and environmental stewardship among students. The school community expressed keen interest in continuing these activities, and we are committed to providing ongoing support and follow-up sessions to foster a strong environmental culture at the school.





GOVT PRIMARY SCHOOL

KANAGI NAGAR

On 18th August 2025, the classrooms of Govt Primary School, Kanagi Nagar were buzzing with excitement as 75 young students came together for a special session on Fauna & Animal Rights. From the very beginning, it was clear that these children were curious and eager to learn. Their questions ranged from simple and playful to surprisingly thoughtful, reflecting their natural inquisitiveness and willingness to engage with the world around them.

The afternoon session, held from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM, combined theory and practice to create a truly immersive learning experience. The highlight was the "Chain of Life" activity, where students discovered how every living creature, big or small, is interconnected within the ecosystem. A vibrant PowerPoint presentation complemented the activity, helping the children visualize complex concepts in a fun and memorable way.



WATER IS GOLD, DON'T LET IT FOLD

The EE team encouraged active participation through Q&A rounds and quizzes, making learning interactive rather than passive. The children not only absorbed knowledge they were excited to apply it, showing a readiness to take care of their environment and participate in future initiatives.

What made the session truly special was the sense of possibility it inspired. These primary school students, with their boundless energy and curiosity, represent the next generation of environmentally conscious citizens.

Discussions about tree plantation drives, seed banks, and other green projects sparked their imagination, planting seeds of awareness that could grow into lifelong stewardship of nature. Moments like these are a reminder of the importance of environmental education.

Watching children ask questions, engage with hands-on activities, and genuinely care about animals and biodiversity is inspiring and deeply rewarding. By nurturing their curiosity today, we are shaping a generation that understands, respects, and protects the natural world.



GOVT PRIMARY SCHOOL

OKKIAM THORAIPAKKAM

The session at Govt Primary School, Thoraipakkam on 8th August 2025 was a whirlwind of excitement and discovery for 50 young students. As soon as the PowerPoint presentation began, showing the amazing variety of species from peacocks and tigers to dogs and cats the children erupted with joy, pointing and shouting, "Hey, this is a peacock!" or "Look, it's a tiger!" Their enthusiasm mirrored what one might see if they were experiencing these animals in real life.

The excitement peaked during the snake video, where some students were a little cautious, while others were thrilled, expressing a desire to interact with animals and learn more firsthand. Many shared that at home, parents often hesitate to allow close interaction with animals, so these sessions offered a rare and valuable opportunity for hands-on learning and curiosity-driven exploration.

**SAY NO TO
PLASTIC,
SAY YES TO
PLANET**

During the "Chain of Life" and food web activities, the children fully immersed themselves, playfully shouting, "I will eat you!" as they acted out the predator-prey relationships like a fish being eaten by a bird or a snake by another predator. The session was alive with laughter, excitement, and learning, as students eagerly shared newfound knowledge with their classmates, explaining concepts to those who hadn't fully understood earlier.

It was inspiring to see children not only absorbing knowledge but also spreading it, showing genuine interest in biodiversity, animal rights, and the natural world. Moments like these reflect the power of environmental education: sparking curiosity, fostering respect for nature, and nurturing the next generation of eco-conscious citizens.





GOVT HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL

OKKIAM THORAIPAKKAM

As per the procedure, we cannot start the sessions without the NSNOP approval letter new schools. Once we receive it, we will begin conducting environmental education sessions in schools.

**BE A
NATURE
GUARDIAN,
NOT A
NATURE
BURDEN**





GOVT PRIMARY SCHOOL

MOOTAIKARANCHAVADI

On 19th August 2025, In recent sessions at Govt Primary School, Mootaikaranchavadi, students ranging from young children to middle schoolers brought a wide spectrum of curiosity and perspectives to discussions on Fauna, Animal Rights, and Environmental Conservation.

While younger children were excited by visuals of animals and interactive activities, older students and adults reflected deeply on the environmental crises they had seen in the news the oceans littered with plastic, forests degraded into dumping grounds, and animals like turtles and fishes caught in harmful waste. Some even recalled images of dogs and tigers struggling with discarded metal and other debris in forests, unable to feed properly.

SWITCH IT OFF TO SWITCH ON NATURE

Many of these observations left students questioning what is right and what can be done. The sessions offered clarity, showing them practical ways to protect nature and restore ecosystems. Children and older students alike responded with remarkable enthusiasm, pledging to support environmental causes, participate in rallies, and spread awareness among peers. Hands-on activities like the "Chain of Life" and discussions about tree plantations and seed banks reinforced these lessons, making the sessions highly interactive and impactful.

By engaging their minds and encouraging action, these sessions are not only educating students but also nurturing future environmental stewards, ready to think critically about human impact on nature and take meaningful steps to protect it. The energy, curiosity, and commitment displayed by the students highlight the power of education to inspire real-world change.





SARADHA VIDYALAYA

T. NAGAR

On 5th August 2025, 20 enthusiastic students of Sarada Vidyalaya, T. Nagar gathered for an evening session from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM to explore the Importance of Fauna & Animal Rights. The classroom buzzed with curiosity as students engaged with a vibrant PowerPoint presentation, discovering a variety of animals and their roles in the ecosystem.

Excited exclamations filled the room as they pointed out familiar species and marveled at new ones, bringing the concepts vividly to life.

The session featured the interactive "Chain of Life" activity, where students explored predator-prey relationships in a playful, hands-on way. Acting out the food chain, laughing and cheering, they fully immersed themselves in the learning experience.



CLEAN HANDS, CLEAN LAND

Beyond the classroom, discussions turned to practical environmental initiatives—from tree plantations and school seed banks to wall painting projects to raise awareness visually. Students eagerly participated in Q&A rounds and quizzes, sharing ideas and learning from each other. Their curiosity and engagement were inspiring, and their energy reflected a supportive environment, especially for female students, whose parents encouraged active participation in outdoor activities.

These young minds didn't just absorb knowledge—they shared innovative ideas, suggesting water bowls for birds, creating nests, and ways to protect local wildlife. Their enthusiasm for practical impact highlighted a commitment to creating positive change.

Empowered with knowledge and encouragement, these students are taking the first steps toward becoming future women leaders, entrepreneurs, and environmental change-makers. Engaging with them is a reminder of how curiosity, guidance, and support can turn learning into real-world action, fostering a generation ready to care for nature and its creatures.



AVVAI HOMES

BESANT NAGAR

On 9th August 2025, 50 students of Avvai Homes, Besant Nagar joined a morning session at 10:00 AM on the Importance of Fauna & Animal Rights. The session was designed not only to teach environmental concepts but also to build confidence among the female students, many of whom were initially shy to speak up.

Through gentle encouragement, interactive discussions, and fun activities, students gradually stepped out of their comfort zones, realizing the importance of advocating for voiceless species and expressing their thoughts for environmental causes.

The session included a vibrant PowerPoint presentation and the "Chain of Life" activity, which allowed students to explore the interconnections between all living beings.

**RIDE
TOGETHER
, SAVE
FOREVER**

They participated actively, asked questions, and reflected on the role humans play in protecting biodiversity. Although ongoing construction work prevented outdoor plantation activities, indoor discussions, exercises, and practical brainstorming kept the students engaged, curious, and enthusiastic.

By the end of the session, students were more confident and expressive, participating in quizzes, asking questions, and even sharing ideas like creating bird nests and placing water bowls for animals.

Despite their initial shyness, the students demonstrated that with guidance and encouragement, even the quietest voices can grow into active environmental stewards, ready to make a meaningful impact on their surroundings.





KESARI HR SEC SCHOOL

MYLAPORE

On 4th August 2025, 25 passionate students of Kesari Higher Secondary School, Mylapore participated in an afternoon session from 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM on the Importance of Fauna & Animal Rights. The session was alive with curiosity and excitement as students engaged with the PowerPoint presentation, learning about diverse species and their roles in the ecosystem.

These students have a history of environmental engagement, having participated in school-based activities last year. Many shared inspiring stories of planting and nurturing native saplings at home, taking personal responsibility to water and care for their trees daily and kindness towards community animals.

They spoke proudly about monitoring their plants' growth and even educating their parents about biodiversity and conservation.

ANIMALS ARE FRIENDS, NOT TOYS

This commitment reflects a thoughtful and proactive approach, where learning extends beyond the classroom into everyday life.

The interactive "Chain of Life" activity and quizzes further energized the students, making the session playful yet educational. Discussions also explored future environmental initiatives, such as tree plantations, school seed banks, and wall painting projects.

It was remarkable to see students not only absorbing knowledge but taking ownership of environmental stewardship at home. Their enthusiasm, coupled with supportive parents, demonstrates the first steps toward creating a generation of responsible, eco-conscious citizens who are ready to make a tangible impact on their surroundings.





ROTARACT CLUB OF DRISHTI

GUINDY

On 14th August 2025, 7 enthusiastic students of the Rotaract Club of Drishti participated in a 4-hour afternoon session at the Blue Cross of India to explore the Importance of Fauna & Animal Rights. Unlike typical sessions, this one was designed specifically for visually impaired students, including those with low vision and complete blindness, offering a hands-on "touch and feel" experience to connect with animals in a way that words alone cannot achieve.

To make this possible, we partnered with Blue Cross of India, which provided access to community-rescued animals, including cows, cats, dogs, rabbits, birds, donkeys, goats, ants, and pigs. Some of the animals were friendly, while others were naturally wary. The students were able to physically touch and feel the animals, understanding their textures, movements, and emotions—creating a deep emotional and sensory connection. Initially, some students carried walking sticks, which startled a few animals.

USE, REUSE, RECREATE

Through careful explanation and guided interaction, we taught the students why animals might react fearfully, often due to prior negative experiences with strangers, helping them approach animals safely and compassionately.

Once the students understood this, the interactions became joyful and engaging. They played, danced, and spent time bonding with the animals, experiencing first-hand the importance of coexistence and human-animal connection. Discussions reinforced the idea that animals have essential roles in our ecosystems and that positive interaction, rather than fear or harm, is key to building respect and empathy.

By the end of the session, students were visibly excited and emotionally enriched, sharing how much they enjoyed both the practical and theoretical components. The session highlighted that inclusive environmental education, combined with hands-on experiences, can foster empathy, understanding, and a lifelong commitment to protecting animals and the environment.





PRINCE COLLEGE

GOWRIVAKKAM

On 25th August 2025, 400 students of Prince Shri Venkateshwara College of Arts and Science participated in an afternoon session from 2:00 PM to 4:30 PM to explore the importance of Fauna & Animal Rights. These students have a strong foundation in environmental initiatives, having participated last year in pond creation, cleanup drives, and multiple campus activities aimed at making the college more eco-friendly. This year, their enthusiasm continues, with many students actively supporting environmental advocacy and taking on responsibilities despite other academic commitments.

The session included a dynamic PowerPoint presentation and the "Chain of Life" activity, designed to help students understand the delicate balance between species, ecosystems, and human intervention.

FEED THE EARTH, NOT THE BIN

Discussions emphasized the importance of animal rights, the critical role of fauna, and humans' responsibilities in protecting wildlife. Students engaged deeply, asking questions, debating scenarios, and reflecting on practical ways to apply their learning.

Each student was assigned to different model projects to explore specific environmental or conservation initiatives, and they approached these tasks with keen interest, creativity, and dedication. The interactive nature of the session allowed them to experience environmental concepts hands-on, discuss the functioning of wildlife laws, and better understand how humans can positively impact the natural world.

By the end of the session, the campus atmosphere reflected energy, curiosity, and commitment, with students eager to continue their eco-friendly projects and advocate for biodiversity. This session reinforced that when guidance, practical engagement, and enthusiasm come together, college students can become powerful catalysts for environmental awareness and action.







ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

TRADE CENTRE, NANDABAKKAM

On 23rd and 24th August 2025, more than 50 participants and rotaractors from Prince college each day engaged in a two-day Rotary International conference and RCMC environmental education & sustainability management stall at the Chennai Trade Centre, organized in collaboration with various Rotary International Clubs. This event brought together multiple stalls, each with a unique theme and innovative ideas, uniting diverse participants around a shared goal of raising awareness about environmental conservation.

Our team hosted an environmental-themed stall focused on human-animal interaction, kindness towards voiceless species, and the importance of biodiversity. Through interactive explanations, engaging discussions, and illustrative posters, we showcased the objectives of our projects, the steps we have taken, and the impact we aim to create.

SPEAK GREEN, ACT GREEN

The sessions were highly interactive. Participants asked questions, shared their ideas, and explored collaborative opportunities, discussing how institutes, clubs, and students can work together to create an eco-friendly society.

We highlighted practical ways to reduce human-animal conflict, ensure safe interactions, and nurture kindness and responsibility towards all living beings. The poster displays served as visual learning tools, sparking curiosity and motivating visitors to think critically about their role in protecting nature.

This two-day event also provided a unique opportunity to exchange perspectives, combining our insights with those of new participants. The interactions were not only educational but also inspiring, reinforcing the idea that action speaks louder than words. By the end, participants left with a better understanding of how individual and collective efforts can positively impact society, wildlife, and the environment, while our team gained valuable experience in communicating environmental initiatives to a broad audience.





PALLIKARANI MARSHLAND PARK

BIRD SANCUARY, PALLIKARANI

On 30th August 2025, early morning at 6:30 AM, 238 passionate participants came together at Pallikaralai Marshland Park, Chennai, for a massive clean-up and awareness drive aimed at restoring water bodies and promoting the ecological importance of marshlands, flora, and bird conservation. The atmosphere was alive with enthusiasm as students, professors, volunteers, and forest officials united for a shared environmental cause.

Educational Institutions & Student Participation: 238

- RCMC Prince College - 25 students
- Guru Nanak College - 68 students
- Patrician College - 13 students
- RCMC Kesari Hr Sec School - 8 students
- Guru Nanak Matriculation School - NCC: 8 students, NSS: 12 students
- Queen Mary's College - 10 students
- The Grove School - 15 students

CELEBRATE NATURE EVERY DAY

Other participants included 10 WGWCT Core Team members, 14 school teachers and college professors, 5 ALERT team members, 30 forest officials, and 20 staff from the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board.

Chief Guests for the event were eminent dignitaries, including:

- Shri Srinivas R. Reddy, I.F.S. - Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
- Tmt. Supriya Sahu, I.A.S. - Additional Chief Secretary, Environment, Climate Change & Forests
- Shri Rakesh Kumar Dogra, I.F.S. - Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Chief Wildlife Warden (FAC)
- Shri N. Muruganandam, I.A.S. - Chief Secretary, Government of Tamil Nadu
- Shri V. A. Saravanan - District Forest Officer, Chennai Forest Division
- Chairman, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board





MASSIVE CLEAN-UP DRIVE

AWARENESS PROGRAM

The programme highlights included:

- **Massive Clean-Up Drive:** Students and volunteers worked tirelessly to remove waste and restore the bird sanctuary water bodies, turning awareness into visible action.
- **Interactive Awareness Sessions:** Discussions delved into the marshland ecosystem, its flora, and avian diversity, helping participants understand the critical role of wetlands in maintaining ecological balance.
- **Collaborative Efforts:** The event brought together a vibrant mix of students, professors, NGOs, forest officials, and government departments, demonstrating how teamwork can promote sustainable ecosystem management.
- **Provisions & Acknowledgements:** The Tamil Nadu Forest Department provided caps, T-shirts, cloth gloves, and cloth bags.
- **Refreshments and breakfast** were arranged, and E-certificates were distributed to recognize contributions.

ONE PLANET, ONE FAMILY

Coordination & Impact:

Under the guidance of Vedhapriya Ganesan, RCMC Prince college students field support the event ran smoothly, with effective collaboration among all stakeholders.

The hands-on participation of students and volunteers reinforced their connection with nature, inspiring them to become active environmental custodians.

This initiative was not just about cleaning up a marshland—it was about building awareness, fostering environmental responsibility, and protecting Chennai's vital ecosystems for generations to come.

The drive showcased the power of collective action and highlighted how education, engagement, and teamwork can bring lasting positive impact to local biodiversity.







RCMC - ROTARY CLUB OF MADRAS COROMANDEL
TNFD - TAMIL NADU FOREST DEPARTMENT
BCI - BLUECROSS OF INDIA



"When young minds join hands for nature,
classrooms turn into movements, and ideas grow
into actions. Together, we are not just learning
about the environment—we are shaping a future
where every voice, human or animal or flora, is
heard and every life is valued."

THANK YOU

Narrated & Reported by
Vedhapriya Ganesan
RCMC EE

In fond memory of...



Rtn. Dr. Nirmala Raghavan
Attained Lotus feet on 28-08-2025
Chairperson of Satellite Club of RCMC

My Amma, Dr. Nirmala Raghavan attained the lotus feet of Srirangam Ranganayaki Thayar this afternoon in Mumbai, India at my brother Balaji Raghavan's house. She was my first Guru, the one who gave me the gift of music, my best critic, my inspiration, my source of strength and support, and my best friend. She was the one who sowed the seeds of devotion in me. My love for languages, love for art and my smile were all gifts from her.

From being a table tennis champion in high school to being a passionate educator, having moulded thousands of students through reputed institutions such as DAV Group of schools, PSBB, British Council, Chennai, Stella Maris College Chennai, ICAI institute if chartered Accountants of India and IIT Bombay, to publishing books she did them all, in addition to being the pathfinder for our family and travelling with me in my musical journey.

She dedicated over a decade of her life to teaching the underprivileged children, holding workshops for and training teachers from under served communities through Rotary International, Chennai where she spearheaded numerous projects to benefit rural and under privileged populations.

different parts of India. She believed in providing access to better opportunities. She fought on a really painful last couple of months like a lioness.

What more can I say, she had even prepared for this day, but I'm unable to hold back my emotions feeling like my prized possession has been snatched away.. I'm so lucky to be your girl amma and I hope to do you proud some day.

Your little girl,

Mrs. Aishwarya Srinivas,
D/o. Rtn. Dr. Nirmala Srinivas.
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ஆகுமோர் தெய்வமுண்டோ?

A Legacy of Service and Simplicity. Father of Rtn Bharath Kumar.

B. Venkatesan (15 June 1947 – 28 August 2025) retired as Senior Section Supervisor from BSNL after 35 years, earning the Sanchare Award in 1981 for excellence in pension administration. He was the longest-serving employee in a single department in Chennai.

A native of Kanchipuram's Vardharaja Perumal Kovil Street, he was deeply passionate about bus transport—advising stage carrier businesses for over four decades and running his own college bus service post-retirement.

He is survived by his wife, son, and two daughters. His life was marked by quiet dedication, community spirit, and enduring values



Mr. B. Venkatesan,
Father of Rtn. Bharath Kumar
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