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## 21st EDITION OF PARALLEL MUSIC FESTIVAL



Coromandel conducted its flagship project, "Parallel Music Festival" this year again at The Music Academy which happens to be the 20th year since its humble beginning in 2005. Chief Guest since its inception Mr. N. Murali, Director, The Hindu Publication, presided over the function. Special Guests of Honour Sangita Kalanidhi designate Shri. Sriramkumar, DG Rtn. AKS Vinod Saraogi, Mr. Vikram Lalwani MD of Sterling Holidays and Rtn. Sankaranarayanan were present to inaugurate the function and honour the artists. Eminent musician Kerala Sree Dr. Vaikom Vijayalakshmi mesmerised the audience with her melodious rendition.

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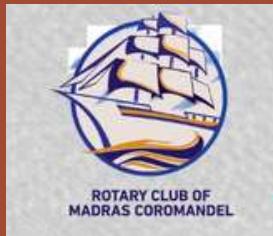
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N. Murali, president of The Music Academy, presenting the Lifetime Achievement Award to violinist T.K. Padmanabhan at the music festival on Wednesday. Sangeetha Kalanidhi-designate R.K. Shriramkumar is also seen. | Photo Credit: Special Arrangement

The Rotary Club of Madras Coromandel on Wednesday presented the Lifetime Achievement Award to renowned violin vidwan and composer T.K. Padmanabhan for his contribution to Carnatic music.

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S. Mathangi performing at the 20th edition of the festival.

## Champions of music

Rotary Club Of Madras, Coromandel, presents its 21st edition of 'Sterling - Rotary Parallel Music Festival 2025', an inclusive music fest for the differently-abled, on December 3, 4 p.m., at Kasturi Srinivasan Hall, The Music Academy. The chief guest for the evening will be N. Murali (president, The Music Academy). The guests of honour will be Sankaranarayanan, designee vidwan Dr. K. Shriramkumar (violinist and composer), M. Chandrasekaran (violinist and composer), rotarians AKS Vinod Saroogi and Ann. Usha Saroogi, Vidwan Lakshmi (MD and CEO, Sterling Holiday Resorts Ltd.) and rotarians PP. Md. R. Sankaranarayanan and Ann. Girija

### Sankaranarayanan:

The concept of Parallel Music Festival was inspired by the former President of India Abdul J. Kalam. When he was invited to preside over the platinum Jubilee of the Music Academy in December 2002, following his address, he surprised everybody by bringing on stage a music troupe from DRDO, inclusive of differently-abled musicians from Chennai, who performed to a poem that had been penned on the flowers in Rashtrapati Bhavan's Moghul Garden. In 2005, when visually challenged violinist M. Chandrasekaran was chosen by The Music Academy for the Sangita Kalanidhi award, Rotary Club of Madras Coromandel, which has been empowering the visually challenged for higher education and employment opportunities, for close to 20 years, started the Parallel Music Festival, offering a platform for differently-abled

musicians.

Since then, the Parallel Music Festival has been following the tradition of the Sangita Kalanidhi designate of the year inaugurating the event along with the president of The Music Academy.

The event also includes an award ceremony. This year's awardees include Life Time Achievement Award for 2025 will be conferred on T.K. Padmanabhan (violinist and composer, who honed his skills in Kalakshetra from the age of 10); Distinguished Musician Award 2025 will be given to S. Srinivasan (vainika, who retired a few years ago as Senior Staff Artist of All India Radio, Chennai); Promising Musician Award 2025 will be conferred on N.V. Thirumurugan (morsing and mridangam artiste and a disciple of Valaiyan Maragapathy, percussionist of the famed Pudukkottai School of Pazhani Subramania Pillai); The Promising Musician Awards 2020 (which could not be conferred during the pandemic years) will be conferred this year on Vaikom Vijayalakshmi, veena artiste and violinist. The awards in 2021 will go to K. Udaya Kiran, Carnatic vocalist and violinist from Mysuru, and an A-grade vocalist of All India Radio.

The evening will feature concerts by Vaikom Vijayalakshmi (veena) and K. Udaya Kiran (vocal). Vijayalakshmi will be accompanied by Gayatri Sivani (violin), Valangaiman Thiagarajan (mridangam), Trichy K. Murali (ghatam) and N.V. Thirumurugan (morsing). Udaya Kiran will be joined by Shreya Devi (violin), Erode Nagaraj (mridangam), Nerkunam S. Shankar (kanjira) and Nerkunam Manikandan (morsing).

Nov 29 - Dec 5, 2025

**21<sup>st</sup> Year Edition Of Sterling-Rotary Parallel Music Festival**  
(An inclusive different music Festival for the differently abled)  
Organized by The Rotary Club Of Madras Coromandel

Date: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2025 & Time: 4.00 PM - 8.30 PM  
Venue: Kasturi Srinivasan Hall, The Music Academy, Chennai

**4.00PM - 5.30 PM Inaugural, Awards & Felicitations**

**5.30 PM - 7.00 PM CONCERT - I** Vidwan Dr.K.T. Udayakiran, Vocal

**7.00 PM - 8.30 PM CONCERT - II** Keralasree Dr.Vaikom Vijayalakshmi, Vocal & Gayatri Veena

**Awardees**

**Life Time Achievement Award**  
Kulimmanai T.K. Padmanabhan  
Violin Maestro & Composer

**Distinguished Carnatic Musician Award**  
Kulimmanai Dr.S.Srinivasan, Vainika & Vocalist

**Promising Carnatic Musician Award**  
Keralasree Dr. Vaikom Vijayalakshmi  
Violin & Vocalist

**Vidwan Dr.K.T.Udaya Kiran, Vocalist & Violinist**  
Vidwan Dr.K.T.Udaya Kiran, Vocalist & Violinist  
Vidwan V.M.Thirumurugan, Percussionist

**Performing Team**

**Associate Sponsors**

**Co-Sponsor**

**Main Sponsor**

**All are Welcome & Valet Parking Available**

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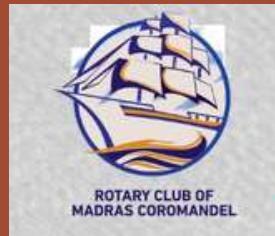
# Cancer Awareness and Diagnosis Program



Coromandel conducted an Early Cancer Diagnosis and Awareness Program with film screening and interactive session with doctors of WIA Cancer institute Adyar for teachers of Sarada Vidyalaya, T. Nagar.

Dr. Deepika, Psycho-Oncologist from The Adyar Cancer Institute gave a speech about cancer awareness and clarified the doubts of the teachers.

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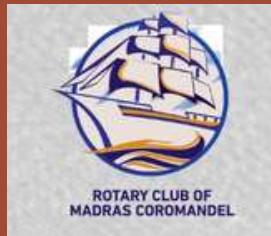
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## Presidents Meet for the Rotary Year 2026-27



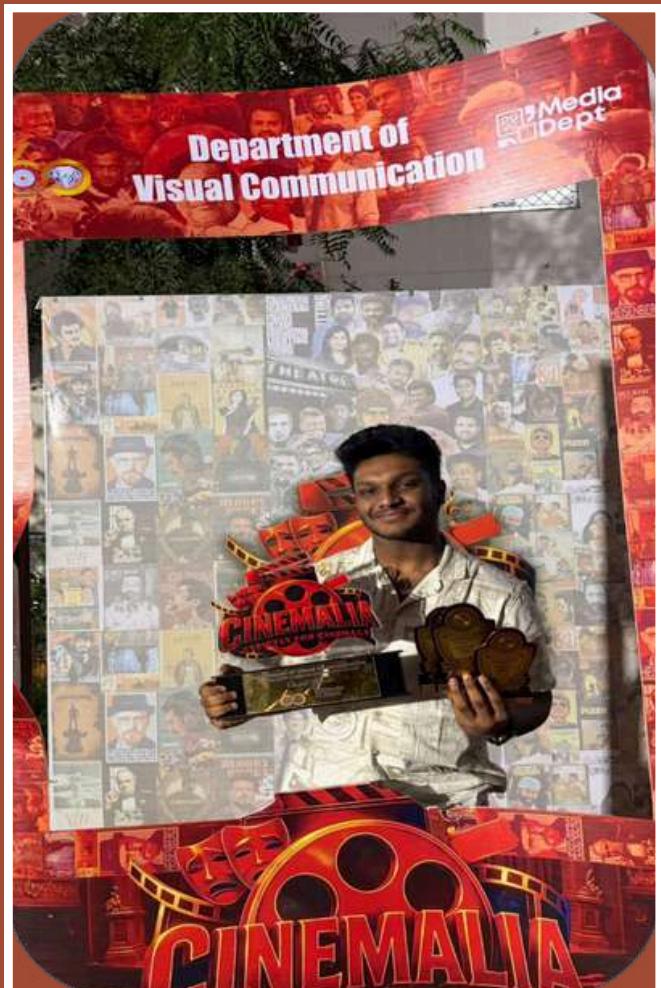
President Elect for the RY 2026-27, Rtn. Vijayakumar attended the Presidents Meet along with his Co-Presidents, setting the ball rolling for his team. Congratulations, PE Rtn. Vijayakumar.

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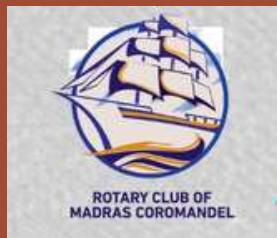
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## Roshan the Whiz Kid from SOEL College



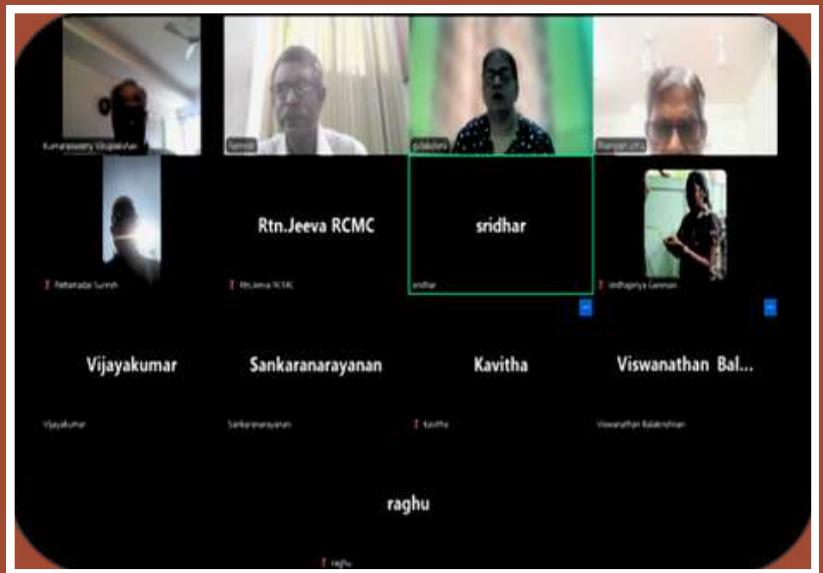
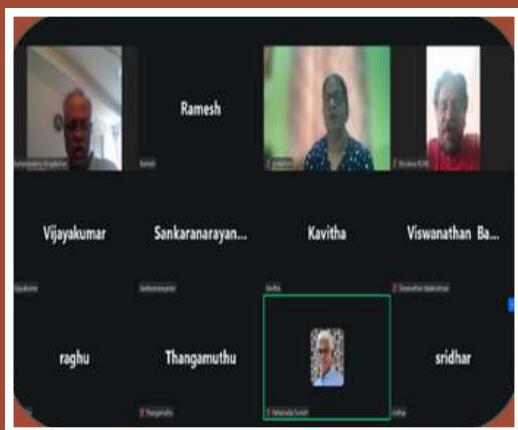
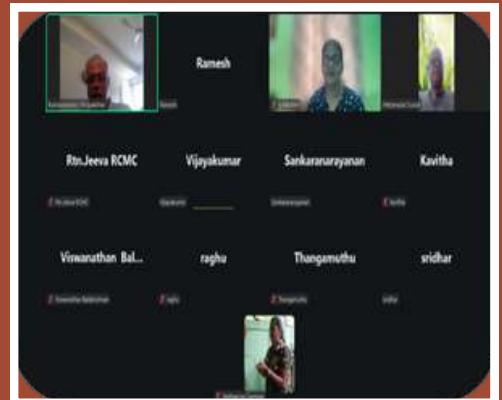
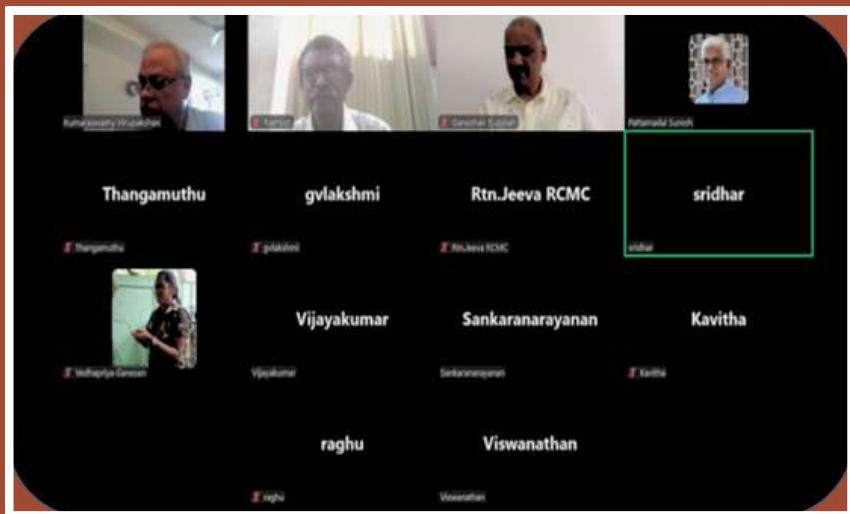
**Annette Roshan**, S/o Rtn. Kavitha participated in “Cinemalia” event conducted by **DG Vaishnava College** and won the **1<sup>st</sup>** place in **Mimicry & Film Talk Show** and **2<sup>nd</sup>** place in **Green Screen**, representing **SOEL College**. The Coromandel family wishes you many more laurels in your career.

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## Club Assembly – New Team Introduction for RY 2026 - 27



Club Assembly of Coromandel was held online today to introduce the new team of RY 2026-27. Rtn. Vijayakumar, Retired Professor of Presidency College, introduced his team of Office Bearers.



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## Meet and Greet- Secretaries for RY 2026-27



Rtn. Ramesh Ananth continues to be the Secretary for RY 2026 - 27. He attended the Secretaries Meet and Greet event organized by RID 3234 team of RY 2026 - 27 at The Madras Cricket Club.



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## Rtn. Kavitha appointed as Regional Secretary for RY 2026 - 27



Congratulations Rtn. Kavitha on your appointment as Regional Secretary for Zone 14 during the Rotary Year 2026 – 27. We from Coromandel are really proud of you and wish you all the best to keep the flag of Coromandel flying high in RID 3234.

# Coromandel and Sciartus – A Beginning to Cherish and Empower the Disabled

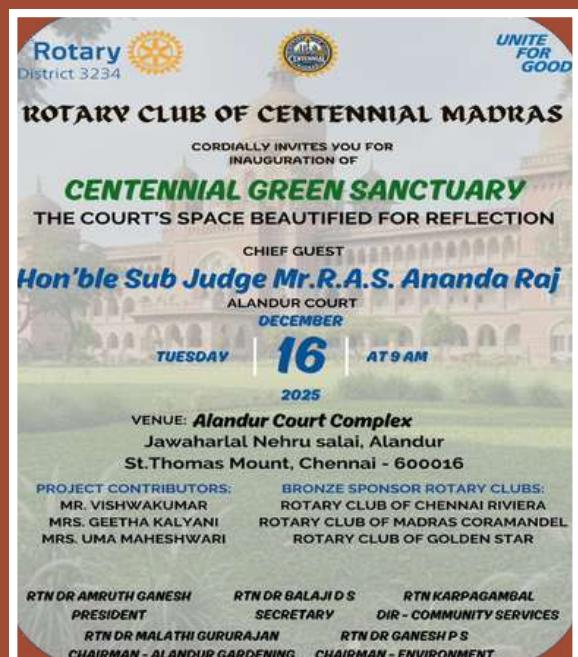


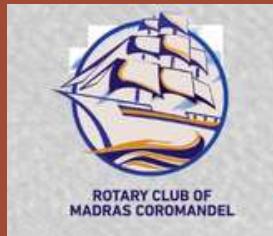
SciArtsRUs founder Dr. Ranjani Kaushik, a visionary and philanthropist who wants to create an inclusive world, similar to the vision of Coromandel, visited KVF today. Rtn. Raghu, rtn. Vijaykumar, rtn. Viswanathan and rtn. Sridhar welcomed her and shared our experience of two decades in nurturing and growing KVTC. SciArtsRUs, with its presence in 13 countries can be KVF's Global Ambassador. Coromandel has taken its first step in collaborating with SciArtsRUs. This association will help both the like-minded organizations to shape the needs of the disabled community.

## Court's Space Beautified for Reflection – Joint Project



Coromandel was the Bronze Sponsor for the Project "Court's Space Beautified for Reflection" in the Alandur Court. This was inaugurated by Judge Ananda Raj in the presence of Rotarians. Rtn. Vedhapriya represented Coromandel and introduced the Chief guest. Apt choice by the President to depute Vedhapriya, our Environment Education Project Brand Ambassador for this function.





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## Paradoxing Transparency

**ROTARY CLUB OF CHENNAI GREEN CITY**  
**ROTARY CLUB OF MADRAS HERITAGE**

*Cordially invite you for the*

**JOINT CLUB SPEAKER MEET**

**Topic:**  
**“PARADOXING TRANSPARENCY”**

**19TH DECEMBER 2025**

**6.30 PM ONWARDS**

**VENUE: THE MALAYALEE CLUB**  
NEW, 28, CLUB RD, M.S. NAGAR  
NAGAR, MUKTA GARDENS,  
CHETPET, CHENNAI - 600031

**Dr. N. Raj Mohan**  
BEHAVIOURAL SCIENTIST,  
FOUNDER & DIRECTOR - BODHI  
Author, Mentor & International Speaker

**FOLLOWED BY DINNER**

**PARTICIPATING CLUBS**

- RCC HARMONY
- RCC MAMBALAM
- RCC CLASSIC
- RCM ASHOK PILLAR
- RCM CORAMANDEL
- RCC SERENITY
- RCC NANDAVANAM
- RCC MITRA

**LOCATION**

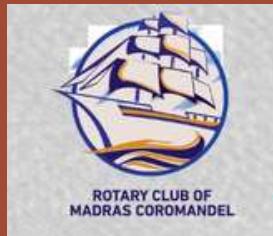
Coromandel participated in the Joint Club Meeting organized by RCC Greencity and Madrass Heritage. Dr. Raj Mohan, renowned author and International speaker addressed the audience.

## Inauguration of SAMAGAM



A proud moment for Coromandel as PDG Rtn. Ravi Raman participated as RI President's Representative in the District Conference of RID 3250 "SAMAGAM" held at Ranchi and inaugurated the event. DY. Chairman of Rajya Sabha Shri Harivansh-ji delivered the key note address, Shri Sanjay Seth, Minister of State for Defence, during his speech, called for collaboration with Rotary and delivered the ideas of the government. He also called for open discussion with Rotary for further collaboration with government.

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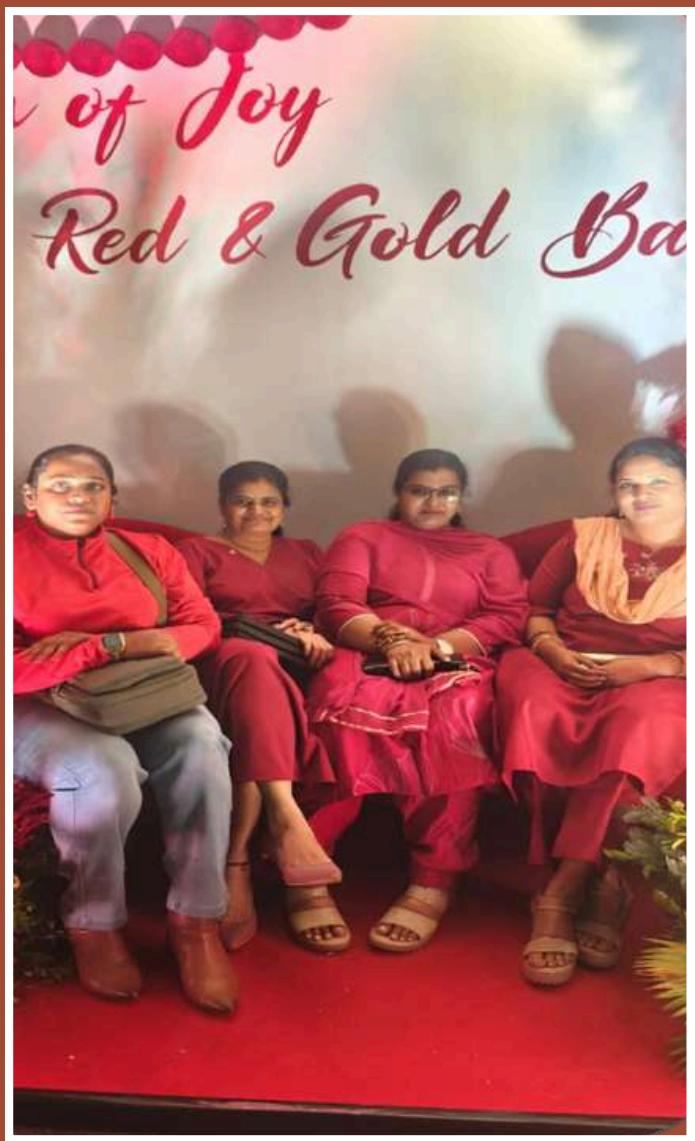


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## District Christmas and New Year celebration



The ladies of Coromandel participated in full strength at the District Christmas and New Year Celebration at Hotel Green Park.

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## Saree Symphony



President Kavitha along with Rtn. Reena at the saree symphony event at Le Royal Meridian. Rtn. Vedhapriya participated in the prelims of the event held at Dr. MGR Janaki College.

## PRISM- Group Rotaract Meet



The **Rotaract Club of Prince Venkateswara College** won the award for **Outstanding Project** and was **recognised as Rising Club** during the Group Rotaract Meet “PRISM”

## Speaker Meet- Culture on the Streets of Indonesia



A speaker meet was held at the Boat Club. Mr. Sampath, a long time resident of Indonesia and the umpire of the Women's Cricket Team which participated in a match at South Africa, shared his experience of how the culture of Indonesia shaped the people's behaviour and helped the country live in harmony. He shared how quickly he learnt the local language which helped him to establish his organisations and operations there without hassle. He also narrated his experience of how a whole village helped recover his car which had its wheel stuck in a roadside culvert.

He is confident that in coming years the women's cricket team will be able to lift the World Cup in the Championships.



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## Environment Project Activities



Knowledge sharing and discussion with students on the Importance and medicinal value of native trees and campus landscaping discussion with teachers and headmasters with the support of the Forest Department was conducted in this month at Okkiam Thoraipakkam school, Prince Venkateswara college, Govt Pri school, Perungudi and Thoraipakkam. Once the exams are over, appropriate saplings given by the forest department will be planted in these schools and college at the location identified inside the campus.

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## **SUNSHINE- December 2025**

### **BIRTHDAY**

Rtn. Viswanathan : 4th Dec  
Annette Adithi, D/o Rtn. Ganeshan : 9th Dec  
Annette Kavya, D/o Rtn. Kalyan : 9th Dec  
Rtn. Kingston Victor : 10th Dec  
Ann. Shobana, Spouse of Rtn. Ravi Raman : 11th Dec  
Rtn. Kavitha Rajesh : 12th Dec  
Rtn. Gopal : 13th Dec  
Rtn. Vijayakumar : 24th Dec  
Ann Pushkala spouse of Rtn. Ramakrishnan : 25th Dec  
Ann Vilasini spouse of Rtn. Karthik Narayanan : 25th Dec

### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

Rtn. O. S. Arun and Ann Hema: 5<sup>th</sup> Dec