









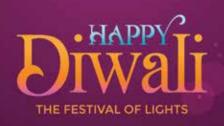
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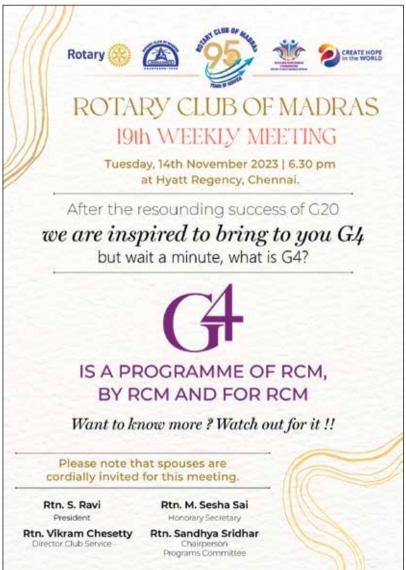














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### Minutes of the 18th Weekly Meeting of Rotary Club of Madras

held at the Hyatt Regency on 7.11.23 at 1.30 PM

### Call to Order and Invocation:

Sergeant at Arms PP Rtn. Mohan Raman collared President Rtn.Ravi Sundaresan, who formally called the 18th weekly meeting of RCM to order, followed by a Silent Invocation.

### **Attendance:**

- 1. Visiting Rotarians
- 2. Probus Club Members
- 3. Vaanoli Anna
- 4. Mr. Venkatesh
- 5. Mr. Chinmayi
- 6. Mr. Daulat Jain
- 7. Mr. Arul Palaniappan
- 8. Mr. Venugopal Reddy
- 9. Ms. Varsha Teacher, Coordinator from Sankara Vidyashramam Senior Secondary School and Interact Coordinator from Sankara School

### **Announcements:**

Rtn. Sailesh Vummidi made announcements regarding the International Fellowship of Cricket Loving Rotarians and the recent tournament.

Rotaract President Sankara School shared highlights of the RYLA Kumbakonam camp.

Rtn. Shankar Mangadu provided an update on the medical camps organised by RCM along with other clubs in District 3232.

Rtn. Vani spoke about the e-waste collection drive and urged members to contribute.

Rtn. Shivkumar Easwaran announced the upcoming Cricket Carnival organised by RCM.

Rtn. Sesha Sai shared details about the next week's meeting and other club-related updates.



### **Guest Speaker:**

Founder Chairman and M.D of Data Pattern India Ltd, Mr. Rangarajan, was the guest speaker of the meeting.

### **Vote of Thanks:**

Rtn. Govind Parekh delivered the vote of thanks.

### **Adjournment:**

The 18th weekly meeting of the RCM was adjourned.

### **BIRTHDAYS**

Nov. 6th - Rtn. Vikram Jalan

Nov. 7th - Rtn. Nalini Radhakrishnan

Nov. 8th - Rtn. Raja V.

Nov. 9th - Rtn. Nalli Kuppuswami Chetti

Nov. 11th - Rtn. Vijaya Bharathi Rangarajan Dr.

Nov. 6th - Ann. Nita, Spouse of Hiren Bhaskar Shah

Nov. 6th - Ann.Kiran Jhaver, Spouse of Jhaver R.K.

Nov. 6th - Ann. Nilaya Reddy V. Dr., Spouse of

Yashwanth Kumar Venkataraman Dr.

Nov. 8th - Ann. Lalitha, Spouse of Rajesh Shankar

Nov. 10th - Ann. Vasanthi, Spouse of Raja K.N. PP

Nov. 12th Ann. Rajeev Mecheri, Spouse of Rinku Mecheri

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Nov. 8th - Rtn. Harikrishna D & Smitha

Nov. 12th - Rtn. Linesh Sanatkumar & Rajshri

### SUNSHINE

Rtn. Harikrishna

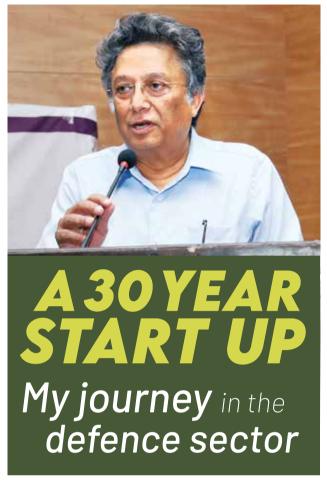
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### From the 18th Meeting of Rotary Club of Madras Nov. 7, 2023









### Mr. Rangarajan, Founder,

Data Patterns Ltd. shared his experience of starting an Electronic Company being a Chemical Engineer. The key takes away are presented below.

Highlights of his speech, the hurdles he faced on this journey and the sharing of some of the mistakes and his learning in his span of 30 years and how he overcame those to become a success story.

- Formative years from a middle-class joint family in Abhiramapuram, schooling at Vidya Mandir with his elder brother Mr.Murali outshining him in every way, so much so that he was called Murali Thambi, shaped and inspired him to make something of himself.
- Sports instilled discipline and confidence He spoke about the gold medal he earned at
  school & the national sports competition he
  participated in, how earning a gold medal
  gave him confidence to move further in a

positive way, and the motivation he attained because of it.

Going against the grain - He spoke about the passion to become an entrepreneur since his schooling because all his friends were from the upper class and a popular belief was that one would get 'spoilt' by associating with the privileged bunch.

His professors from IIT helped him to build that self-confidence and suggested that he join a marketing management course and he spent a huge amount of time learning about the case studies which weren't taught in his college, so that he could get a fair idea to start his own business.

• Data Patterns was born - He spoke about how he started Data Patterns with the support of a colleague from Customer support who was good at electronics from his previous company at Bangalore where he worked as marketing executive for 4 years and landed up in Madras at his father's office.

The main idea of Data Patterns was to use the computer for non-computing applications and put on add-on hardware.

 Many Firsts - He was proud to convey that his company was the first one to implement that idea in India just after a few developed countries like the USA implemented it,

Being a pioneer, he had to face a lot of obstacles to handle and also, he spoke about the time he took to come out of the failure with the support of his wife.

Managing Finances was the next hurdle -He advocates use of common sense, being debt free and getting professional financial consultants

- Venturing into other applications & designing and the world class products he made post the failure he faced initially & how he jumped into test systems from gas chromatography systems, different advanced welding machines and how they supplied it to BHEL and other big brands.
- Trials and Successes He spoke about the general-purpose system and his pathetic experience he faced trying to sell the first system and the first bank loan without



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collateral and department of space and launch count down facility in 2002. The pride he took in supplying the test system and launch count down facility at Trivandrum till date with 30 inhouse staff.

- He also spoke about collaborating with DRDO and venturing into DRDO's imported products and how they evolved into building full products in electronics in the span of 5 to 7 years like microwaves, control systems, mechanical engineering, entire structural design, thermos modelling & how he always strived to build competency.
- Leading the Pack He spoke about how they became a training ground for giant companies, how much they have kept to keep things on track & hallmarked. And In 2008 they built a

6-acre building along with the infrastructure.

- Today he was proud that they managed an end to end in electronic war.
- He spoke about how DRDO evolved postindependence and the time he took to crack the deal with DRDO & radars and in 2021 he had a partner who took the firm from private to public and how his company's shares are today at a good value.
- Make in India Finally, he concluded how he wanted to make everything in India & be a monopoly in his business and wanted to build a sustainable cost-effective model with high end specifications. And how we wanted to take risks & enter into other advanced segments of defence & aerospace in future as well to make our country proud.





### **CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CAMP** AT BOYS TOWN SOCIETY, GUMMUDIPOONDI

ur latest children's medical camp was conducted on the 4th of November for the children of Boys Town Society and the students at the Technical Training Center at Gummudipoondi. Inaugurated by CS 2 Director Rtn Bharat Pujara the camp was attended by Rotarians Ravishankar, NK Bhatia, AM Visvanathan, Suresh Amirappu Rakesh Jaiswal and Dr Sangeetha Viswanathan.

The camp saw participation of 98 children from BTS, 29 students from TTC as well as 7 members of staff and 2 of their children amounting to a total of 136 participants. The Medical partners for this camp included the Kanchi Kamakoti CHILDS Trust (KKCT) Hospital (general medical check-up and screening), Yash Dental (Dental Health) and VHS Multi Speciality Hospital (Eye Screening).

The Medical camp was held at the BTS campus with local volunteers and RCM staff Mr Kannan and Mr Arumugam helping in the set-up, administration and guiding of the beneficiaries. Mr Vinothkumar, the camp coordinator from KKCTH did a fantastic job with visiting the facility ahead of the camp to organise the logistics.

The children first attended the registration desk where they were issued a card listing the name and other demographic details. They then moved to the General Check-up conducted by KKCT Hos-













pital, where their heights and weights were measured, medical history recorded and general check-up done. Next up was the Dental Screening by Yash Dental and finally a comprehensive Eye Check up by VHS.

### Outcomes from the camp were as follows:

26 students were identified to have vision problems. 13 of these were from BTS and the rest from TTC. These children will need a detailed check which VHS has kindly offered to do and possibly require spectacles. We will coordinate with CS-1 team to organise the same.

The majority of children had healthy teeth and only need routine dental care but some need filling, extraction or orthodontic treatment. We are looking at the possibility of using the services of the RCM Dental van along with Dr Yash's team to address the dental issues on site.

There were no major illnesses detected but several of the boarders had fungal skin infection and scabies

which are associated with communal living in close quarters and improperly cleaned/dried inner wear. Currently the children wash their clothes by hand and dry them. The medical team have suggested that perhaps using a washing machine to more thoroughly wash the garments and spin dry them would be helpful.

The medical cards and outcome reports have been handed over to the administration and we will be coordinating with them to help the children access further treatment with our medical partners.

### Our thanks to the medical teams and local BTS staff/CS1 Team

The local team had organised a sumptuous breakfast and lunch for the medical teams and visiting Rotarians. We extend our heartfelt gratitude for their support.

From Kanchi Kamakoti CHILDS Trust Hospital: Dr. Abhinath, Dr. Lavanya Devi, SN Ms. Vani, SN Ms. Ankita Kumari, ambulance driver Mr. Ramamoorthy, Marketing Manager D. Vinothkumar

From Yash Dental:

### Dr. Zahir Sha, SN Suryaprabha

From VHS: 6-member team of optometrists under the guidance of coordinator **Mr Murali** including Tamilselvan, Swetha, Bhubanesh, Paul Samuel ans Santhiya

- Rtn Dr Sangeetha Viswanathan





Join us this month by participating in the e-waste collection drive. This initiative not only addresses the mounting issue of electronic waste but also promotes responsible disposal and recycling. We accept a wide range of electronic items, like old computers, laptops, smartphones, tablets, printers, monitors, keyboards, mice, cables, and other peripherals. Additionally, household appliances like refrigerators, washing machines, and microwaves are accepted. The goal is to divert these items from landfills, ensuring they are recycled or disposed of in an environmentally responsible manner to reduce the environmental impact of electronic waste.

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