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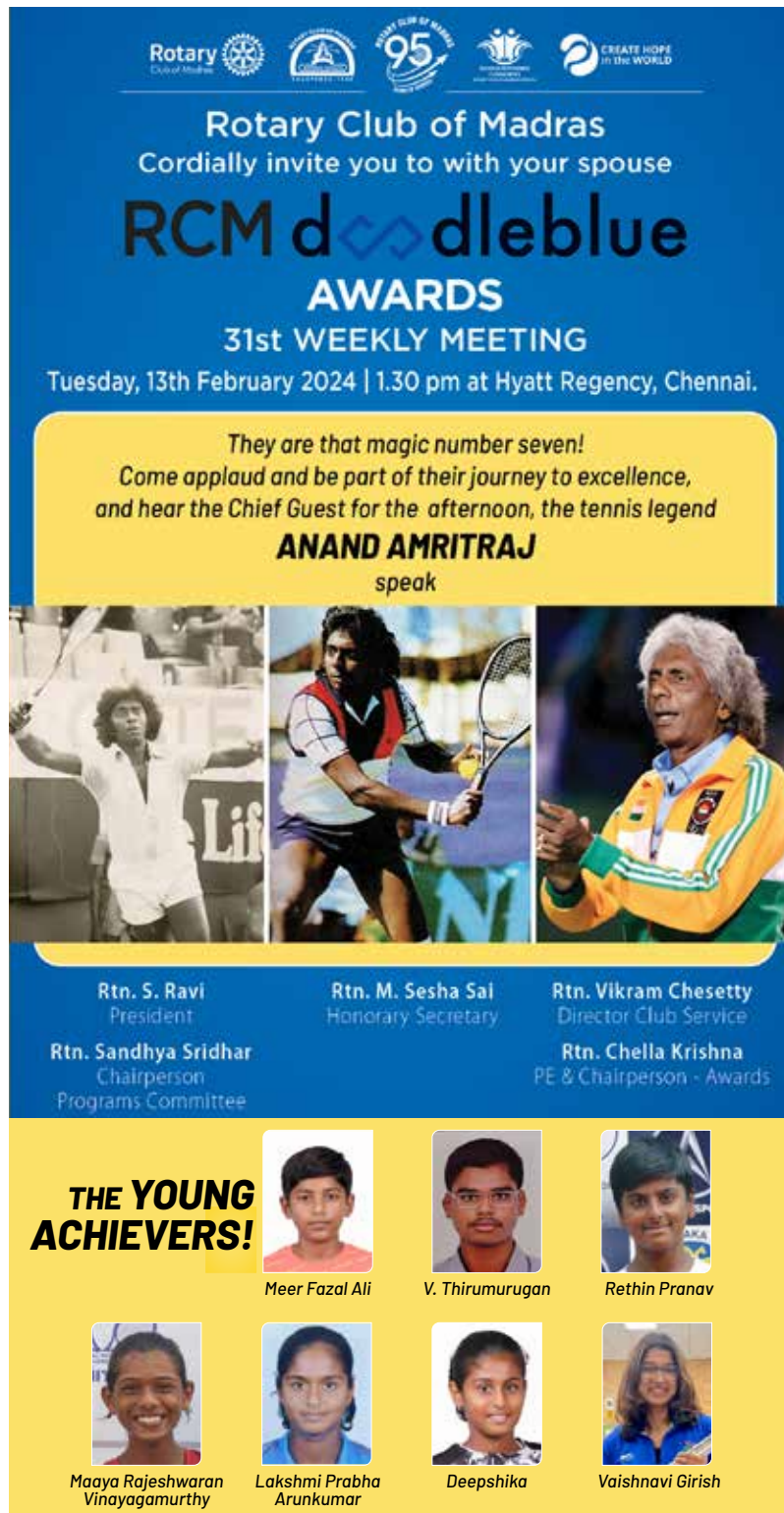
WEEKLY BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF MADRAS  
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Dear RCMers,  
Presenting a very colourful and sporty edition of Lighthouse.  
Enjoy!

Warmly,  
**Rtn. Sunita Suresh**



**Rotary Club of Madras**  
Cordially invite you to with your spouse  
**RCM doodleblue AWARDS**  
**31st WEEKLY MEETING**  
Tuesday, 13th February 2024 | 1.30 pm at Hyatt Regency, Chennai.

*They are that magic number seven!  
Come applaud and be part of their journey to excellence,  
and hear the Chief Guest for the afternoon, the tennis legend*  
**ANAND AMRITRAJ**  
speak

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## Minutes of the 30th Weekly Meeting of Rotary Club of Madras

held at Hyatt Regency, Teynampet, Chennai, on February 06, 2024

### Meeting Proceedings:

The meeting commenced at 01:30 PM, and PP Rtn Gopinath N.K. collared President Rtn. Ravi Sundaresan, who formally called the meeting to order, followed by invocation.

Silent Invocation was observed.

### President's Welcome Address:

President Ravi Sundaresan welcomed all attendees.

Guest speaker Dr. Prithvi, Managing Director MIOT International, was warmly welcomed.

### Confirmation of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Confirmation of the 29th weekly meeting held on 30th January was requested.

### Guest Introductions:

Various guests and Rotarians were welcomed, including Rtn. Mohan from Singapore and others.

### Announcements:

Updates on the Rotary Golf Tournament were provided by Rtn. Nikhil.

Details about the upcoming Samarpan program on February 23rd and 24th were shared by Rtn. Sabina.

Recognition and gratitude were expressed towards donors for their generous contributions.

### Updates on Club Projects:

Rtn. Ashwath shared details about the completion of the Streetscape project by the youth service committee.

### Introduction and Induction of New Members:

Rtn. Abay Mehta introduced Mr. Navneeth Agarwal.

Rtn. Masood GSK introduced Mr. Atheeque Rahman.

New members were formally inducted into the club.



### Regular Announcements:

Birthday and anniversary celebrations were announced by Rtn. Sesha Sai.

### Introduction of Guest Speaker:

Rtn. Vikram Chesetty introduced Dr. Prithvi Mohandas, highlighting his contributions to MIOT Hospitals and Rotary projects.

### Guest Speaker Presentation and Q&A:

Dr. Prithvi Mohandas addressed the audience, followed by a Q&A session.

### Important Announcements:

Plans to collaborate with Cancer Institute for setting up a screening centre were discussed.

Financial details and support for the initiative were shared.

### Vote of Thanks:

Secretary Sai delivered the vote of thanks.

### Adjournment:

The President adjourned the meeting.

## From the 30th Meeting of Rotary Club of Madras February 06, 2024







When all of us gathered at our 30th weekly meeting of RCM at Hyatt Regency, we expected our special guest of the day, Dr. Prithvi Mohandas – MD of MIOT Hospitals, to speak about the process and quality of healthcare in our country.

After all, his chosen topic of discussion was: Indian Healthcare – Government vs. Corporate.

And so, as we readied ourselves to listen to what actually happens in hospitals across the country, Dr. Prithvi started his first slide with a surprising tangent: Healthcare Insurance.

Intrigued, we wondered how the good doctor, a renowned surgeon and a caregiver known to make regular rounds of his massive hospital every single day despite his workload, is going to delve into this seemingly non-medical topic.

We came away quite enlightened after his succinctly delivered 20 min presentation; and amazed not only at the comprehensive list of healthcare insurance categories in India but also how he seems to have in-depth knowledge of each line-item!

Did you know that although 70% of our population may have some insurance or the other, the other 30% isn't left out because the Govt. has comprehensive schemes to look after them?

Did you know that private hospitals holding under 25 beds don't require stringent checks and the NABH (National Accreditation Board for Hospitals and Healthcare Providers) or the NABL (National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories) accreditation to run, so essentially one is going to such establishments on their own risk?

Did you know that the Govt. has schemes for the economically challenged, which provides for not only healthcare coverage or medical coverage up to certain amounts; but also pays for follow-up and check-up costs?

Did you know that the Indian Govt. has not just a few, but several healthcare insurance schemes that range from medicare itself, to disability aid, covering costs of medication and various others?

(Nineteen types of schemes, we found out!)



## THE MANY ROADS TO MEDICAL INSURANCE

**Dr. Prithvi Mohandas** helps us navigate the path

Did you know that Tamilnadu Govt. itself has comprehensive and admirable healthcare schemes for people of our state, starting with the Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme (CMCHIS)?

Dr. Prithvi Mohandas kept our attention riveted with his signature calm and clear speech with perfect enunciation and diction, as he shed light on how, at least on paper and officially, every single human being in our country can avail of immense healthcare benefits through insurance schemes and various other programmes.

He also pointed out the downside to both corporate and Govt. schemes, be they by virtue of cost of premiums or accessibility to various economic strata of society, or by way of legal recourse for any wrongdoing that may happen.

One of the points that stood out in my mind was Dr. Prithvi Mohandas telling us that despite what the rest of Indian process may be, the NABH and NABL bodies are perhaps the most uncorrupted and incorruptible certification entities who have and adhere to the strictest rules and regulations when it comes to healthcare in India.

I say: WOW.

Perhaps it is not farfetched to think of India as the Medical Mecca of the world and our Tamil Nadu as the Medical Mecca of India!

**- Rtn. Shri Shakthi Girish**



## The Rotary Club of Madras organized a complimentary Medical Camp in association with the Sundaram Medical Foundation



The Rotary Club of Madras, in association with the Sundaram Medical Foundation, organised a Free medical camp on January 24, 2024 from 2.50 PM to 6.00PM at His/Her Place, T.Nagar, Chennai

- Checkup: CBG, BP & General Screening were done
- A total 102 beneficiaries access the service
- We provided medicines valued at Rs.4300/- to individuals in need.



President.Rtn.Ravi Sundaresan, PP.Rtn.Dr.Vijaya Bharathi Rangarajan, Rtn.AVM.Balasubramaniam, Rtn.Bharath Pujara, Rtn.K.K.Raman, Rtn Rajesh Vummudi, Rtn.Vipin Sachdev, Rtn Ravi .R , Dr.Rama Narasimhan & Ms.Nidhi, visited the camp.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the Rotarians & others for their visit and support in uplifting the medical camp.

### Medical Team:

Dr.Sujatha (General Medicine)  
Dr.Jibin (Family Medicine)  
Ms.Sridevi & Ms.Shantha kumara (Nurse)  
Ms.Deepika (Social Worker)  
Ms.Maya (Social Worker)



**Rtn Deepak Chander,**  
dropped off 2.5kgs of stuff at **Wasted 360**  
on February 6 th 2024. Together,  
reduce waste and promote a greener future!

**Thank you so much!**  
Environment Committee



## RCM MERCHANTS & BANKERS GOLF TOURNAMENT 2024

**S**aturday, 27th January. It's 5.20a.m. and you think you've arrived early enough to ensure a parking spot. You are sadly mistaken as there are many eager beaver risers with the same idea! Anyhow, you get a spot, climb out of your car and hear this stentorian voice chivvying up everyone to get them moving.

That is none other than our ever present Organiser extraordinaire, Brandon, who has started the day with a bang [and his megaphone]. The atmosphere is amazing! Well run counters for registration, a bracing cup of coffee and then the briefing by Brandon, good natured backchat from the usual suspects, words of welcome by Chairman Kareem, and then a well worded, and brief, welcome and Good Luck address by our incumbent President Ravi.

Behind all this were a number of the Golf Committee members quietly making sure that all went well. The weather was perfect, and everyone then peeled off for their shotgun starting tee boxes.

As someone who has played this event, since it was first started in 2006, I can only put both hands together and applaud the manner in which this flagship fundraiser was run, the arrangements on

course, and the feeling that the organisers cared for the players.

The course was in terrific shape, considering that large parts had been under water for weeks, and I must pass on my heartfelt congratulations to the TNGF management for doing what they did to undo Nature's devastation.

The game itself was enjoyed by one and all, prizes on course were thoughtfully spaced out and the camaraderie, both at the clubhouse and later that night at the Prize Distribution, were exactly what this tournament was intended to generate and has continued to do.

"Every stroke raises goodwill and money for worthwhile causes".

What was most encouraging to see was the seriousness with which the game was played, and this writer certainly hopes that, in the next few years, we will finally evolve into the Merchants Cup of Calcutta type of tournament, in which Corporates seriously vie, and compete for the title.

Well Done Team Golf  
***PP Ravi Katari [2006-7]***






### DRAW

TEE #	PLAYER 1	PLAYER 2	PLAYER 3	PLAYER 4
1	HARSH MURTHY	DR K RAJAN	HIMANT CHORDA	ATISH CHORDA
1A	ABIN MURUGAPPAN	OMAR SAIT	SID LULLA	SURESH VEDARAGHAVAN
2	ACD BRANGAN	SHANMUGA DAS	RAVI YESHWANATH	ALANBERT AGRA
2A	SUNIL LULLA	SARANUNAN	V PRASATH	ANAND VARGHESE
3	GOVIN VEDARAG	ABHITHA ABHITHY	THIRUGANAN	CHAKETHAN SHANMUG
4	DR VARGHESE CHUMAR	SALIM THOMAS	MUNEER SAIT	NATHANAN RAMANI
4A	DEVIDASA SHAI	GOVIND PRABH	BAVI KATHI	KRISHNAMOORTHY K
5	P J JAGADESH	SHANMUG	LOOT GUPTA	SUNIL ANAND
6	KARTHIKEYAN K	PRANOD MUDGAL	SANDIP CHAVARADITY	RANJIT BARDH
6A	ANANDCHANDRABABU	P RUDRANATHAN	M V LULLA	BALA VEDARAG
7	TS BALAKRISHNAN	RENJI HARIDHARA	VIVE TIWARI	SATU C
8	SUDAN KANUTHY	RAGHUVIJAYANATHAN	R K CHANDRAN	M V CHANDRAN
9	KARAYANATHAN	SARADHARAN (LAGANATHAN)DAVID	STALIN JOSEPH	P RAJESHDEV
10	S KUMAR	SANMUGASUBRAMANIAN	S KUMAR	A CHANDRAN
10A	MOH CHARI	USA NATHAN	DR SURESH NEHA	
11	PRANDEEP SHRAMANATHAN	PATYABI	JAS BALAKRISHNAN	PADMANABHAN
11A	THIRUGANATHAN	DR. RAJ SUDARSHANAN	ARJUN NATHY	SURESH SAI
12	J SRINAN	ABHIR C MOHAN	ATYAPPAH LUBHAMAN	SIVA KUMAR
13				
14	VISHAL SRINIVAS	RAM KUNJUMAMAN	NIHANT PRASAD	SUKUMARAN C S
15	P KRISHNAN	T KANAK RAO	THALLAM DRULMAR	PRANATH KANAL GUPTA
16	SATISHAN REDDY	SOMAN	GIRISH RAO	ANANTH DEEB
17	PRATEEK MISHRA	MAH REDDY	BADINATH KIDAMI	NARUL RAN
17A	NAR MANOJ CRI	CHIDAMB VARGHESE	DAGHAN VEDARAGHAVAN	ABHIR MURTHY
18	RAV PRANAB REDDY	DR VENKATESH	D VASU	MADHU LUPAT
18A	PRASANNA RAJAGOPALAN	PHILIP NATHAN	VIJAYANANAR BALAJI	JAGAN SHANMUG

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### FACT SHEET

• EVENT NAME	Rotary Club Of Madras Merchants & Bankers Golf Tournament
• EVENT VENUE	TNGF Cosmo, Chennai
• EVENT DATE	Saturday – 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
• FORMAT	Modified Stableford
• PRIZE PRESENTATION & DINNER VENUE	Hyatt Regency



### TOURNAMENT RESULT & PRIZE PRESENTATION

• Peruvamba Closest to the Pin Winner	D. Vasu
• Rajaraja Longest Drive Winner	Nagi Reddy
• Straightest Drive Winner	Salim Thomas
• Ladies 2 <sup>nd</sup> Runner Up	Ananthi Vivek
• Ladies Runner Up	R. Pavithra Devi
• Ladies Winner	Uma Hataria




### TOURNAMENT RESULT & PRIZE PRESENTATION

• 19 & Above Category Second Runner-up	Krishna Murthy
• 19 & Above Category Runner-up	Ravi Vishwanath
• 19 & Above Category Winner	Rakesh Vishwanath
• 11 - 18 Category Second Runner up	Alankrit Arora
• 11 - 18 Category Runner up	Suhail Ahmed
• 11 - 18 Category Winner	P. Krishnan
• 0 - 10 Category Second Runner up	Haril Manoj
• 0 - 10 Category Runner up	Sandip Chakraborty
• 0 - 10 Category Winner	Suman Ranjit



### CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE

• Mr. Abdul Kareem Sait
• Mr. Brandon De Souza
• Mr. Amit Bhatt



### TOURNAMENT RESULT & PRIZE PRESENTATION

• Rotarian Second Runner up	Arjun Ananth
• Rotarian Runner up	Prasanna Rajagopalan
• Rotarian Winner	Suniel Lulla
• Overall Winner	Karthikeyan K.
• Family Runner up Team	Hemant Chordia + Adishe Chordia
• Family Winner Team	Iqbal Sait + Muneer Sait
• Corporate Second Runner up Team	Sid Lulla + Shriram Vijayaragawan
• Corporate Runner up Team	Dhananjaya Das + Alok Bhargava
• Corporate Winner Team	Sonam + Sashidhar



EVENT BRANDING



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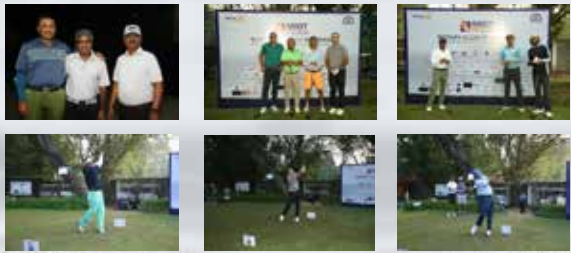
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THANK YOU



**Brandon de Souza**  
MANAGEMENT SERVICES



## BIRTHDAYS

- Feb. 6th - Rtn. Jagdish A Bhatia
- Feb. 6th - Rtn. Sriya Chari
- Feb. 9th - Rtn. Sanjay Gulvady
- Feb. 11th - Rtn. Ranjit Pendurthi
  
- Feb. 5th - Ann. Priya Gulvady, Spouse of Rtn. Sanjay Gulvady
- Feb. 5th - Ann. Poornima, Spouse of Rtn. A.M. Visvanathan
- Feb. 7th - Ann. Bharti, Spouse of Rtn. Bharat M. Pujara
- Feb. 7th - Ann. Vivek Chandrasekharan, Spouse of Rtn. Sriya Chari
- Feb. 7th - Ann. Gautam Venkataramani, Spouse of Rtn. Supriya Dabir Gautam Dr.
- Feb. 8th - Ann. Anisha, Spouse of Rtn. Mehul Uday Nanavathi
- Feb. 10th - Ann. Pratibha, Spouse of Rtn. Vijay Kumar Kadel

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- Feb. 5th - Rtn. Hemu Ramaiah & Jai Subramaniam
- Feb. 6th - Rtn. Alok Bhargava & Seema Bhargava
- Feb. 7th - Rtn. Bharat M. Pujara & Bharti
- Feb. 7th - Rtn. Harbinder Singh Ratta & Komal Singh
- Feb. 7th - Rtn. Rtn.Prasad P.B & Saloni
- Feb. 8th - Rtn. Suresh.P. & Shanthi
- Feb. 9th - Rtn. Sai Srujan T.V. & Preethi
- Feb. 9th - Rtn. Govind Parikh & Sandhya
- Feb. 9th - Rtn. Balaji Chinni & Vijayalakshmi
- Feb. 9th - Rtn. Arunachalam Palaniappan & Shruthi
- Feb. 10th - Rtn. Vikram Jalan & Shailja
- Feb. 10th - Rtn. Sanjay Gulvady & Priya
- Feb. 10th - Rtn. Aswath Kumar Reddy & Y.Shahaja
- Feb. 11th - Rtn. Vivek A Parachur & Sara B Cherian
- Feb. 11th - Rtn. Sathiararam Ram & Deepa



# RCM Premier League

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# Introduction Meeting

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Are Invited on

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