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Rtn Shivakumar Vellur	21 st October
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Rtn Sapru Mathew K	23 rd October
Rtn Girdhar Hemdev	24 th October
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Rtn Nagarajan S	26 th October
Rtn Geetha Nagu	27 th October
Rtn Ravi Bhatkal	27 th October
Mamta, Spouse of Rtn. Ranjeeth D. Rathod	20 th October
Suseela, Spouse of Sivasubramaniam V.M.	22 nd October
Preetha, Spouse of Rtn. Balraj Vasudevan	22 nd October
Priya, Spouse of Ravi Bhatkal	23 rd October
Vinod Bhat, Spouse of Rtn. Sheetal Bhat	25 th October
Shailja Jalan, Spouse of Vikram Jalan	26 th October

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Rtn. Ramjei Narasimhan & Sharada	22 nd October
Rtn. Shanno Ravi & Dr Ravi Ramalingam	22 nd October
Rtn. Lakshmanan Ramanathan & Pratyusha	22 nd October
Rtn. Lala Mathai & Thangam	25 th October
Rtn. Ganesh Ananthakrishnan & Madura	26 th October
Rtn. Ravindran Ramachandran & Ambika	27 th October



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Rotary Club of Madras

17th Weekly Meeting

Topic:
Two things we all should know about food and longevity (but we don't)

Speaker:
Saravanan Balakrishnan
CEO and Co-Founder of Amura.

In conversation with Rtn. Shakthi Girish

Tuesday, 28th October 2025 | 1.30 pm
Lunch : 12:30 - 1:30 pm at Hyatt Regency, Chennai.

Spouses are invited for this meeting

Rtn. Nikhil Raj
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130 TOILETS IN 4 VILLAGES!

On 24 Oct 25, RCM began yet another project directly benefitting the deserving underserved. This time it was a project covering the construction of 130 toilets in 4 villages Poolavembadu, Vanimallee, Thideernager and Thanipoondi in Thiruvallur district, north of Chennai. The generous donor was one India's most respected corporate houses, Sundaram Fasteners Limited.



The construction works for the project began with a Bhoomi Pooja at Thanipoondi village. President Rtn Nikhil Raj and Rtn Suresh Amirapu, Director, Community Services Development in addition to Village and Panchayat office bearers participated in the ceremony along with staff from RCM Boys Town (which is located nearby). Apart from a traditional welcome, the villagers who are the ultimate beneficiaries also conveyed their gratitude to RCM and the donors for helping to fulfill a longstanding yet vital requirement.



-Rtn Suresh N Amirapu
Director, Community Services Development

Medical camp at Sivasami Kalalaya School. Thank you, Yash Dental, VHS and Child's Trust, for your immense support.



POLIO AWARENESS PARTICIPATION BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF MADRAS

Polio Awareness and Immunization drive on 24 Oct 25 was held outside the Central Station Metro, where members of the Rotary Club of Madras came together to spread awareness on the importance of polio vaccination.

A total of 26 Rotaractors participated with great enthusiasm. Among them were 5 Presidents representing 10 Rotaract Clubs, showcasing strong leadership and unity in action. The team actively distributed pamphlets to the public, engaging commuters and families in conversations about the need for complete polio immunization.



President Rtn Nikhil Raj, known for his time consciousness, was present sharp at 8:30 a.m., leading by example. The event was graced by Rotaract Chair, Rtn Arun Palaniappan, and Additional Rotaract Chair, Rtn Hari Venkatesan, whose encouragement inspired the participants.

A live band added vibrant energy to the event, attracting public attention and amplifying the message. The initiative served as a great publicity and awareness campaign, reinforcing Rotary's unwavering commitment to a Polio-Free World.

It was truly a memorable morning — a blend of service, music, and meaningful outreach, embodying the Rotary spirit of "Service Above Self."





-Rtn Sessa Sai
District Rotaract Committee Chairman
Rotary District 3234



District 3170, Belagavi (Karnataka) will be marking World Polio Day with our very own Rotary End Polio Flame, as seen in the picture. Don't miss spotting our "Madras Greets" logo proudly displayed on the torch — a shining symbol of our club's enduring commitment to a polio-free world.

We take great pride in acknowledging PP Rtn N.K. Gopinath, PP Rtn S.N. Srikanth, and Rtn Rajesh Somasundaram, who were instrumental in conceptualizing the Polio Torch initiative on World Polio Day. Their inspiring vision continues to unite Rotarians across districts, spreading the flame of hope and strengthening our shared mission to End Polio Now.



FAMILY OF THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

ROTARY RADAR

RI President Arezzo, hailing from Sicily where his family has lived for nearly 900 years, recalls a joyful childhood in 1960s–70s Italy. After losing his father at 10, he trained as a dentist and returned home to start his practice. He met Anna as a child—their families were close—and after her “strong campaign,” they married in October 1979. They have two daughters and two grandchildren; one named after each of them. A dedicated Rotarian, Arezzo took ten years to become club President and another ten to become Governor, building lasting friendships worldwide through Rotary service and fellowship.

PHOTO WITH GRANDCHILDREN



President Arezzo and his family. Front row (from L): Arezzo, holding grandson Francesco; and Anna holding granddaughter Anna Maria. Standing (from L): Arezzo's daughter Elena; his son-in-law Magnus; and daughter Raffaella.





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