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## CHOLA EXPRESS

### DISTRICT CONFERENCE INDIRA VIZHA

District Rotary Conference – Indira Vizha 28th Feb - 1st March 2026

The District Rotary Conference was grandly held at the Chennai Trade Center, Nandambakkam, in a vibrant and celebratory atmosphere.

The conference was led by our esteemed District Governor Rtn. Devendran under the inspiring theme “Indira Vizha”, symbolizing celebration, unity, and the spirit of service.

From our club, approximately 43 members along with their families enthusiastically participated in this prestigious event, showcasing our strong unity and active involvement in Rotary initiatives.

A proud and memorable highlight of the conference was our club’s noble contribution — the donation of an Electric Autorickshaw to an economically underprivileged woman. This meaningful initiative aims to empower her with sustainable livelihood opportunities and financial independence.

This project truly reflects Rotary’s commitment towards women empowerment and community upliftment. Several distinguished speakers graced the conference and delivered powerful and thought-provoking sessions. Their insights on leadership, service projects, membership growth, and The Rotary Foundation were highly motivating and enriching.

Overall, the conference was a grand success, strengthening fellowship among Rotarians and reinforcing our dedication to the Rotary motto — Service Above Self. It was indeed a proud and impactful moment for our club.



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Chennai Chola  
58 February 2026 8:45 am



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### Women Empowerment Initiative.

With a strong commitment to women empowerment and sustainable livelihood support, Rotary Club of Chennai Chola proudly donated a Pink Electric Auto-Rickshaw to an underprivileged woman beneficiary. This meaningful initiative is designed to help her achieve financial independence and confidently stand on her own feet. By providing a steady source of income, the project promotes dignity, self-reliance, and long-term empowerment — creating a lasting impact not only for her but for her family as well.

This noble project was generously sponsored by our respected Charter President Rtn. B.K. Reddy and United President Rtn. Suresh Babu, whose dedication to Rotary service continues to bring positive change to the community.

The auto-rickshaw was handed over in the gracious presence of Honorable Minister P. T. R. Palanivel Thiaga Rajan, Minister for Information Technology, Tamil Nadu. His esteemed presence added great honor and encouragement to this impactful initiative.

Such projects truly reflect the spirit of Rotary — transforming lives through compassion, opportunity, and action.

Our club members actively participated in this meaningful women empowerment initiative, showing their strong commitment to service and community development.



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### Rotary Care & Nutrition Drive.

#### Community Service Initiative

With a deep sense of compassion and commitment to humanitarian service, RC Chennai Chola Club Member Rtn. Madanagopal has generously come forward to donate essential food grocery provisions to various orphanage centres across Chennai.

This noble initiative aims to support underprivileged children by ensuring they receive adequate nutrition and daily necessities. The donated provisions will include essential staples such as rice, pulses, cooking oil, spices, and other basic grocery items that are crucial for their day-to-day sustenance.

Through this thoughtful contribution, Rtn. Madanagopal is not only addressing immediate needs but also spreading hope, care, and kindness among young lives who deserve love and support. His gesture truly reflects the spirit of Rotary Service Above Self.

We sincerely appreciate his generosity and invite our fellow members to join this meaningful cause and extend their support to make an even greater impact in our community.

Together, let us continue to serve and uplift lives across Chennai.



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### FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

On 5th March 2026, the Grahapravesam (House Warming) ceremony of our club member Rtn. Radhakrishna was held at his new residence in Anna Nagar, Chennai in a warm and auspicious atmosphere.

Several members of the Rotary Club of Chennai Chola, along with their families, graciously participated in this special occasion. Their presence made the celebration even more joyful and memorable.

The gathering reflected the strong bond of friendship, fellowship, and unity that exists among our club members. It was a wonderful opportunity for Rotarians and their families to come together, extend their heartfelt wishes, and bless Rtn. Radhakrishna and his family as they begin a new chapter in their beautiful home.

The event was filled with happiness, positive energy, and traditional rituals, symbolizing prosperity, peace, and good fortune for the family.

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Chennai Chola, we convey our warmest congratulations and best wishes to Rtn. Radhakrishna and his family for a happy, healthy, and prosperous life in their new home.





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### Community for Mentally retarded Peoples

Rotary Club of Chennai Chola proudly extended its compassionate support by sponsoring the welfare of mentally challenged individuals as part of the Gemini's Rotary Badminton Championship – Season 2 initiative.

This meaningful contribution reflects our club's strong commitment to community care, inclusion, and service above self, ensuring dignity, support, and hope for those who need it most. Through such initiatives, we continue to stand united for good and make a positive difference in society.

Together, every act of service creates lasting impact





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### WOMENS DAY FREE HEALTH CAMP

On the occasion of International Women's Day, an awareness and free medical camp for Autism and Diabetes was jointly organized by the Rotary Club of Chennai Utsav and Naveena Multi Specialty Hospital, Ayanavaram. The Rotary Club of Chennai Chola proudly sponsored this community service initiative. As part of the camp, doctors and medical professionals created awareness about autism and diabetes, highlighting the importance of early diagnosis and proper management.

Free medical consultations and blood tests were conducted for the participants, benefiting many members of the public. The program reflected Rotary's commitment to promoting health awareness and community well-being through meaningful service initiatives.





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### WOMENS EMPOWERMENT VYSARPADI

With a strong commitment to empowering underprivileged women, the Rotary Club of Chennai Chola, in association with Dreams Trust, implemented a Women Empowerment Initiative. As part of this project, sewing machines along with essential accessories were provided to deserving women to help them learn tailoring and become self-reliant. This initiative aims to create sustainable livelihood opportunities while building confidence, dignity, and independence. Through this effort, Rotary continues to support women in building a brighter and more secure future for themselves and their families





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### SPEAKER MEET

The weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Chennai Chola was held on 10th March at Hotel Beverly. The meeting focused on strategic planning for upcoming club activities and commitments. Important discussions were held regarding TRF commitment, Ugadi celebration participation, and arrangements for the upcoming international tour. Members actively shared their ideas and plans to ensure successful execution of these initiatives. The meeting concluded with warm fellowship among members followed by dinner, strengthening the spirit of Rotary camaraderie.





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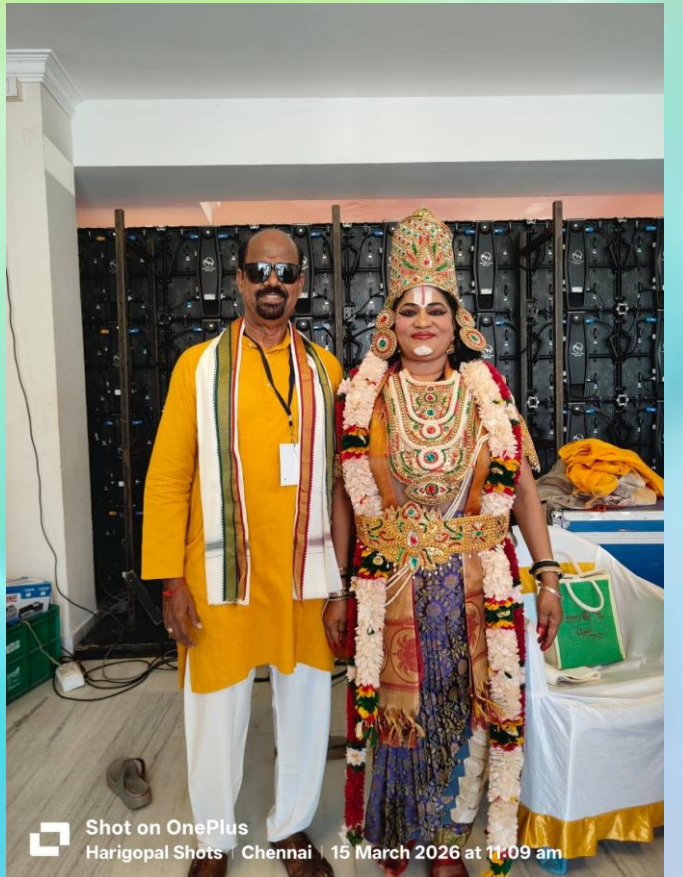
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### UGADI FESTIVAL

The Rotary Club of Chennai Chola, along with its members and their families, actively participated in the vibrant Ugadi Sambaralu 2026 celebration held on 15th March 2026 at Madras Race Club, Guindy. The event beautifully celebrated the Telugu New Year – Paraabhava Nama Samvathsaram, bringing together Rotarians, families, and guests in a festive spirit of tradition and togetherness. Members attended in colorful traditional attire, adding cultural richness to the celebration. The gathering featured inspiring addresses by the distinguished guests and created a wonderful platform for fellowship, cultural bonding, and strengthening Rotary relationships across clubs.



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### Governor's Official Visit

The Rotary Club of Chennai Chola had the proud privilege of hosting the Governor's Official Visit on 17th March 2026 at the elegant Towers Club.

The event witnessed an enthusiastic gathering of Rotarians, Anns, Annettes, Co-Presidents, and distinguished guests, reflecting the strong bonding and vibrant spirit of our Rotary family.

The evening commenced with the traditional lighting of the Kuthu Vilakku, symbolizing knowledge, positivity, and new beginnings. This auspicious ceremony was graced by the District First Lady, Club First Lady, and esteemed Anns.

The meeting was formally called to order by the President, followed by a warm and heartfelt welcome address.

The presence of the respected District Governor, along with District Officials, Past District Governors, Assistant Governor, and fellow Rotarians, added great significance to the occasion.

During the meeting, the Club presented a comprehensive report of its activities and achievements. Key highlights included impactful community service initiatives such as:

Empowerment tailoring training program for underprivileged women, enabling sustainable livelihood opportunities

Annadhanam (food donation) initiatives serving the needy and spreading compassion in the community

Donation of a Pink Auto, supporting women empowerment and promoting safe livelihood opportunities

Continued commitment to social welfare and community development projects

Active participation and leadership as the Lead Club for the District Ugadi Sambaralu, which was a grand success.

The District Governor, in his address, appreciated the club's dedication, unity, and impactful service projects. He encouraged members to continue their commitment towards Rotary's vision and to scale up initiatives that create a

lasting impact in society.

The interaction session with the Governor was highly engaging and insightful, providing members an opportunity to exchange ideas and gain valuable guidance.

The event also witnessed active participation from Cholans families, Anns, and Annettes, making it a truly inclusive and celebratory gathering.

The program concluded with a vote of thanks, expressing sincere gratitude to the District Governor, District Officials, organizing team, and all members for their wholehearted participation and support in making the event a grand success





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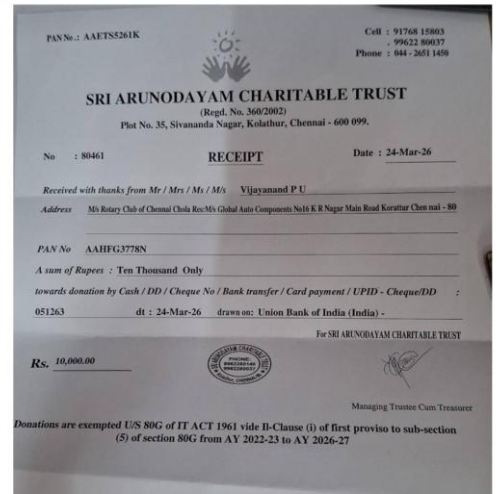
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### ARUNODHAYAM DONATION

On 24th March 2026, Rotary Club of Chennai Chola contributed Rs.10,000 to Sri Arunodhayam Charitable Trust, as part of our Community Service Development initiatives. This noble project is being consistently sponsored every month by our dedicated club member Rtn. Vijay Anand.





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### 9<sup>th</sup> Month Annadhanam

Rotary Club of Chennai Chola's 9th Month Annadhanam Project  
Spreading Hope, Nourishment, and Humanity.

Date: 28th March 2026

With hearts filled with compassion and a spirit of selfless service, the Rotary Club of Chennai Chola successfully conducted its 9th Month Annadhanam Project on Saturday, 28th March 2026. This meaningful initiative was graciously hosted at the residence of our Club President, Rtn. Suresh Babu, whose warmth and leadership continue to inspire our service journey.

This noble act of kindness provided a wholesome and dignified meal to over 200 underprivileged individuals from the Arumbakkam area, bringing not just nourishment to their bodies but also comfort and hope to their hearts. Each meal served stood as a silent message of care, respect, and human solidarity.

Conducted on the 3rd Saturday of this month, the Annadhanam Project remains a shining pillar of our club's commitment to community upliftment. It reflects our unwavering belief that true service lies in reaching out to those in need with humility and compassion.

The success of this initiative is a testament to the dedication and unity of our members and the timeless Rotary ideal of "Service Above Self." We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our volunteers and Club members—B.K.Reddy, SP Ramesh, Dayalan, Krishnan, V.Balaji, Mohanbabu, and Yoganand whose selfless efforts transformed goodwill into meaningful action.

Together, we continue to serve with purpose, nourish with love, and spread hope—one meal, one heart, and one life at a time.





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### WOMENS DAY AT CHENNAI VERVE

#### Rotary Club of Chennai Chola Ann's Participation

Our Ann's enthusiastically participated in the Women of Verve (WOV) celebration hosted by the Rotary Club of Chennai Verve. The event was a vibrant platform celebrating women's empowerment, creativity, and entrepreneurship through awards, workshops, stalls, and fellowship.

We are proud of our Ann's for their active involvement and spirit of service, making the event even more meaningful and inspiring.





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### BOARD OF DIRECTORS & CHAIRS

Club Officers	Designation
Rtn Suresh Babu R	President
Rtn Vijay Lazar	Secretary
Rtn Yoganand	Joint Secretary
Rtn Sundar P	President Elect & Treasurer
Rtn Dayalan V	Immediate Past President
Rtn Venkata Reddy A	Club Facilitator
<b>Directors</b>	
Rtn Ananthan N	Club Service
Rtn Thirumalai.A	Mentor- Community Service Development
Rtn K Radhakrishna	Community Service Development
Rtn Venkatesh G.R	Mentor- Community Service Health
Rtn Ravichandran M	Community Service Health
Rtn Panneerselvam D	Vocational Service
Rtn Krishnakumar K	Youth Service
Rtn Narasimha Murthy MV	International Service
<b>Chairmen</b>	
Rtn Balakrishna Reddy Y	Foundation
Rtn E.Ravichandran	Membership
Rtn T.Suresh	Public Image
Rtn Vinayaka Murthy	Go Green
Rtn Thilip Kumar	Polio Plus
Rtn Harikumar K	Interact
Rtn Babu Hariramulu	Water and Sanitation Hygiene
Rtn Chandra Reddy K	Sergeant at Arms
Rtn Rajesh TA	Environment
Rtn Gopinath CK	Disaster Management
Rtn Sivakumar L	Rotaract
Rtn Balaji S	Literacy
Rtn SP Ramesh	Family Participation
Rtn Bhogeswara Rao	International Sister club



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### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

March 2025-26	
Rotarians birthdays	
Padmavathy Ananthan	8th
Thilip Kumar	23rd
Venkatesh G R	29th
Anns birthdays	
K Shashikala (W/O Krishna Kumar)	31st
Annettes birthdays	
V. Malathi (D/o. Vinayakamurthy)	3 rd
Saranya(D/o Panneerselvam.D)	17th
Praveen B ( S/O- H Babu)	20th
K. Swetha (D/o Kodhandan)	22 nd
Harithra (D/O Suresh babu)	30th
Rotarian Anniversary	
Bhogeshwara Rao.G- Ann.G. Lakshmi	27th
Raja Muthu.S and Shanthi.S	27th