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Time

a precious GIFT
that can never be bought

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Dear Fellow Members and Anns,

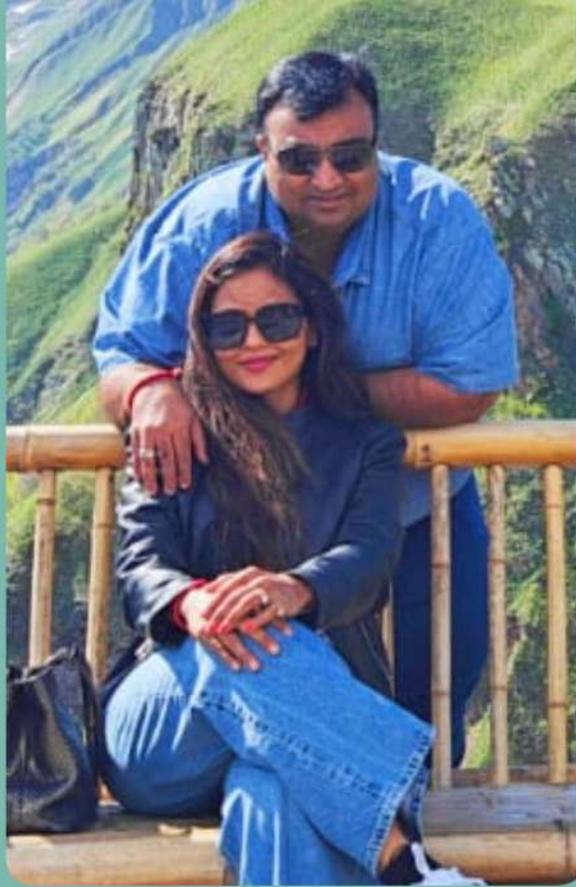
As I sit down to write this, I find myself smiling at the sheer energy, warmth, and camaraderie that has filled our club over the past few months. It's been a whirlwind—sometimes busy, sometimes challenging, but always rewarding, thanks to each and every one of you.

Looking back, I'm genuinely amazed at what we've achieved together. Our speaker meets have been a real highlight for me—whether it was learning quirky facts about Madras, laughing out loud at Vikram's "Ha Ha Ha" comedy night, or enjoying Priyaa Raaj's wine tasting at the AGM. These moments weren't just events; they were memories in the making, and I'm grateful to everyone who made them possible.

Our fellowship has been the glue that keeps us together. From "Secret Story" and "LOTD" to the "Chamber of Potions" socials, every gathering has reminded me how lucky we are to have such a vibrant, supportive club family. Special thanks to Rtn Rishi and Rtn Amit for always bringing the fun, and to all our hosts for hosting us.

Community service has always been at the heart of what we do, and this quarter was no exception. I'm in awe of Capt Rajan and Jayashree for their commitment to feeding those in need, and of Rtn Pranav for his generous donation of milk boilers. Rtn Veerashivaji, your leadership in organising our service activities has been invaluable, and Rtn Prasant Gireesh, your dedication to the health committee and the massive student screening at Sairam Vidyalaya is truly inspiring. Ann Roshni Modi, your monthly grocery donations at TBM School are a beautiful example of quiet, consistent kindness.

Our club's presence at district events has been nothing short of fantastic. Diwali Nite, celebrations with our Golden Seniors, and our leadership in events like Thaiyal Nayagi



and Teacher Awards Nite have all made me proud to be part of this team. Thank you to everyone who showed up, participated, and made our club shine.

Youth service is close to my heart, and I'm thrilled by what our Interact Club has accomplished under the guidance of Rtn Pranav and Ann Reshma. From career counselling to quiz contests and Olympiad sponsorships, you've all helped nurture the next generation of leaders. To every Interact volunteer and mentor—thank you for your passion and commitment.

On the foundation front, we're making great strides. Our global grant at SRMH is nearing completion (thanks, Rtn Satya Rao!), and I'm excited about our new project to donate a mammogram machine to Saidapet Government Hospital. Getting our latest grant approved in just 21 days is a testament to what we can achieve together.

A few special mentions: Ann Sonu Kavalpreet Singh, Ann Dhvani, and Rtn Sriram—thank you for keeping our club's story alive on social media and in this wonderful magazine. Rtn Rajkumar Narang, your efficiency as secretary is unmatched. Rtn Rishi and Rtn Amit, your efforts with speakers and socials have kept our calendar buzzing. And Rtn Madan, thank you for your diligence as treasurer—95% subscription collection is no small feat!

As we look ahead to 2026, I feel nothing but gratitude and excitement. Here's to more laughter, more service, and more memories together. Thank you for being the heart and soul of this club. I'm proud to serve alongside you all.

With warmest wishes,
RTN APOORVA MODI
President, 25-26
Rotary Club of Chennai Capital



STAR OF THE CAPITAL FAMILY



ANNETTE NEEV ANKIT SHAH

Congratulations to Neev, son of Rtn. Ankit & Ann Melloni Shah, won the Gold medal at the Young Entrepreneurs Bootcamp organized by Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani, Dubai Campus, UAE.



A VALUABLE ACHIEVEMENT

All of us at Rotary Club of Chennai Capital are elated on the approval of the 1st Global Grant this year. With meticulous planning and detailed project proposal, the club got this grant approved in a record 3 weeks time upon submission with minimal queries from the grant review officer of TRF, Rtn Satya



A NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENT

RC Chennai Capital successfully led the District Teachers Excellence Awards as the lead club, recognizing the outstanding contributions of 5 teachers from its Interact school. The ceremony, held on October 25th at Ethiraj College Auditorium, was honoured by the presence of Dr. Govi Chezian, Hon'ble Minister of Higher Education, Tamil Nadu and DG Rtn Devendran. The club's President, Rtn Apoorva Modi, and the club secretary were felicitated for their exceptional support in making the event a success. Rtn Dr. CM Kishore's presence further added to the distinction of the occasion. Congratulations to the award winning teachers for their dedication to excellence in education.

SPEAKER MEET 09 OCTOBER MARIOTT

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MADRAS Heritage Series

Rotary Club of Chennai Capital invited R Venkatesh as a Speaker on 09th October, 2025 @ Marriott. R Venkatesh is a Chennai-based Historian, Novelist and Heritage enthusiast. He has written three Tamil historical novels, including KAVIRI MAINDAN, a sequel to Kalki's magnum opus Ponniyin selvan. Venkatesh leads heritage walks, gives lectures and organizes tours for heritage enthusiasts. The members of RCCC enjoyed the session on Chennai's history and found it entertaining and informative.



4TH SPEAKER MEET
TOPIC: WHAT YOU DO NOT KNOW ABOUT MADRAS.

Heritage Series

WHAT WAS THE DISH INVENTED & POPULARIZED BY THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT DURING THE RICE SCARCITY OF 1945?

THE FIRST PLANE IN ASIA WAS FLOWN IN MADRAS 5 YEARS AFTER THE WRIGHT BROTHERS. WHAT WAS THE PREVIOUS PROFESSION OF THE DESIGNER?

Since 1639

R Venkatesh

MANY MORE FUN TRIVIA IN STORE!

JOIN US AT 7:30 PM
AT, NARMADA HALL, COURTYARD MARIOTT
ON, 9TH OCTOBER, 2025

A Chennai-based Historian, Novelist and Heritage enthusiast, he has written three Tamil historical novels, including KAVIRI MAINDAN, a sequel to Kalki's magnum opus Ponniyin selvan. He has novel in English (Madras). Over the last five years venkatesh has been organizing groups of local history enthusiasts to map the city's history by road surveying. For instance The Capom culture mapping group successfully mapped nearly 400 spots of historical, architectural, social, religious and cultural value over a period of 2 years on the basis of the map. Venkatesh leads heritage walks, gives lectures and organizes tours for history enthusiasts. He has a blog on the city's history. He has written 100 articles on Madras history.

Rtn. Anandha MOGI - PRESIDENT
Rtn. Rajkumar NARAIN - SECRETARY
Rtn. Rishi Wadhwa - CLUB SERVICE DIRECTOR



WHAT MAKES IT HA...HA...HA...



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SPEAKER MEET 14 NOVEMBER MARIOTT

5TH SPEAKER MEET
14 NOV
7:30PM

WHAT MAKES IT HA HA HA

ANNAMALAI & SYAMA

Annamalai & Syama are among the top 5 comedians of Comedian Tamil (Amazon Prime).
Ann - Chennai's most loved comedy duo!
Annamalai - the first Tamil/Tamilian stand-up comic, and
Syama - the first female comedian from Chennai's scene, bring their wit and charm to make you laugh big and share what makes the ha ha ha!

Come one & all - let's have a blast!

VENUE: MARRIOTT HOTEL - CHENNAI

Rtn. Anandha MOGI - PRESIDENT
Rtn. Rajkumar NARAIN - SECRETARY
Rtn. Rishi Wadhwa - CLUB SERVICE DIRECTOR



What makes it HA HA HA!! Ask Annamalai & Syama!!
5th Speaker meet of RCCC was a power-packed evening of humour insight, and unstoppable laughter.

- Rtn Satya stole the spotlight with his brilliant stand-up comedy – pure talent, endless laughs.
- Celebrated First lady Ann Roshni Modi's birthday
- Stand-up laughs, surprise talent and a birthday celebration – what a night!





6th Speaker meet

Wine Not?

Let's Wine a Little Today
A JOURNEY THROUGH YOUR SENSES WITH

PRIYAA RAAJ
WINE CONNOISSEUR (WSET LEVEL 2)

Discover wine the fun way: no rules, no pressure. Just great stories and great pours. Join Priyaa as she takes you behind each bottle, exploring its flavor, origin, character, and all the little secrets that make wine such a joy to taste. Come ready to sip, swirl, smile and cheat on your spirits just a little.

Shakin' Apart was founded by Priyaa Raaj in 2023, and since then she's curated 10+ unforgettable wine dinners from high-profile bureaucrats to the most enthusiastic public crowds.

Her signature style?
Wine with stories, paired with personality, and experiences that leave you saying, "Why didn't I try this sooner?"



13TH DEC 7.30 PM

NARMADA HALL
HOTEL MARRIOTT



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SPEAKER MEET
13 DECEMBER
MARIOTT

Wine not?

Sip, Swirl, Smile.
WINE NOT make it an unforgettable evening!!
A glass raised.
A story shared.
A night to remember.

Discovered Wine the fun way with Priyaa Raaj
at our 6th Speaker Meet on 13th Dec, 2025 @
Hotel Marriott.



COMMUNITY SERVICE

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Rotary Club of Chennai Capital, was the Gold Sponsor, played a significant role in empowering women through a noble initiative. The event Chief Guest was Ms Kanimozhi. Rtn Apoorva Modi and Ann Roshni Modi further amplified this effort by donating 5 sewing machines to support women's empowerment, marking a special occasion - Rtn Apoorva Modi's birthday. This gesture aligns with the Rotary Club of Chennai Capital's commitment to community service and women's empowerment.



Thayil Nayagi

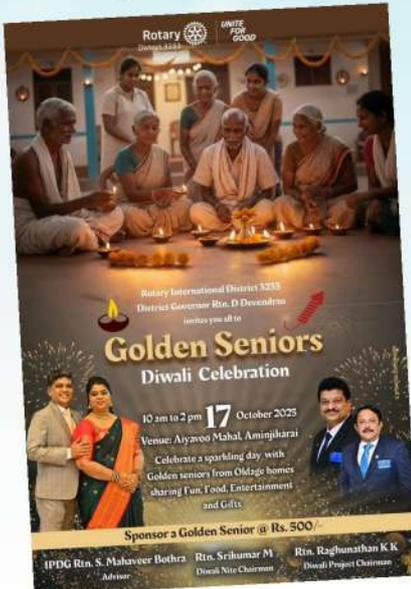


Diwali @ Golden Seniors



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The Golden Seniors Diwali Celebration brought festive cheer to over 1,000 senior citizens. Rtn. Apoorva Modi & Ann. Roshni Modi participated in the event, which featured entertainment, food, and gift distribution with the support of RC Chennai Capital. Rtn. Apoorva was honoured by Chief Guest S. V. Shekar in recognition of his commitment to community service. The celebration reflected Rotary's dedication to spreading joy and making a meaningful impact in the community.



Kalviyum Selvamum



Rotary Club of Chennai Capital is pleased to announce the participation in the Kalviyum Selvamum Project, a district initiative aimed at promoting education and empowering young minds. As part of its literacy campaign, the club has sponsored two schools, enabling students to prepare for the NMMS Scholarship scheme and secure a monthly scholarship of 1000 for four years. The project launch was graced by DG Rtn Devendran and attended by President Rtn Apoorva Modi, DGND AKS Rtn Ambalavanan, Rtn Jayanathan and Rtn

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Annamalai S. We appreciate M/s. Linlax Infotech's software support. This initiative reaffirms Rotary Club of Chennai Capital's commitment to education and youth empowerment.



SPECIAL CARE @ TMB school for the visually impaired

The first lady of Rotary Club of Chennai Capital had the privilege of visiting the TMB School in Kellys, (her monthly ritual) where she represented the district first ladies to contribute ration kits for resale to those in need, who are visually impaired. It was heartwarming to see the impact of the efforts and the joy of spending time with the children.. many of whom are orphans or come from single-parent families. It was a truly fulfilling afternoon, sharing smiles and conversations with these incredible kids.

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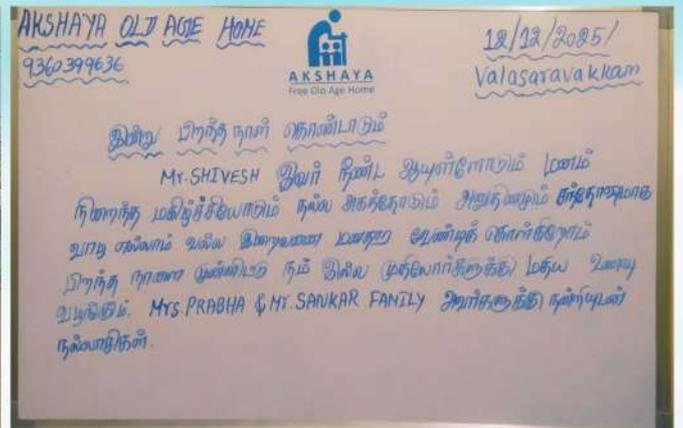
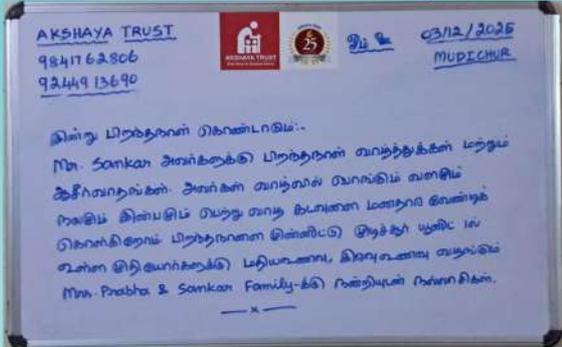


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COMMUNITY SERVICE

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Rtn Captain Rajan and Ann Jayshree led THREE heartfelt community service initiatives, reaching out to Old Age homes and Childrens homes. They sponsored food for 40+ abandoned Old and homeless people and lunch and dinner for 40+ orphaned kids affected by HIV. Their efforts brought Smiles, Joy, Care and a sense of belonging to both elders and children, reflecting the true spirit of Rotary—service above self.



MILK BOILERS DONATION



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Rtn. Pranav Lilani donated 100 milk boilers for the blind.



Congratulations

To our amazing award-winning teachers at the District Teachers Excellence Awards:

1. **S Thiruvani** (Jaigopal Garodia Govt Girls Higher Secondary School)
2. **B Rani** (Shree Kanaka Durga Telugu Girls Hr Sec School)
3. **Leema Rose** (Sugunibai Bai Sanatana Dharma Hr Secondary School)
4. **Dr. Sunita Kumari** (GK Jain)
5. **Nicholas Theresa** (JRET Group of Schools)

Their passion for teaching and commitment to excellence is truly inspiring!



DIWALI NITE

RC Chennai Capital had a fantastic time at the District Diwali Nite! With over 15 members joining in, it was a wonderful turnout. The club's President Rtn Apoorva Modi and his better half Ann Roshni Modi were joined by DGE Rtn Shriram Duvvuri and Ann Shalini Duvvuri along with other members for an evening of fun and camaraderie. The highlight of the event was the musical tambola, which added to the excitement & entertainment. It was a great way to celebrate with fellow Rotarians.



Let's party



LET'S PARTY SOCIAL was hosted by Rtn Amit & Ann Deepa, Rtn Rajiv & Ann Jutika, Rtn Satya & Ann Ashwini, Rtn Vikas & Ann Mamta @ Secret story. It was an evening with great music, friends & high spirits.





DANCE DRINK EAT REPEAT SOCIAL

Good vibes, endless laughter, great music, and even better company set the tone for a truly memorable evening. The Dance, Drink, Eat, Repeat social was a lively celebration hosted by Ann Darshana & Rtn Mitesh, Ann Nishi & Rtn Kushal, Ann Shradha & Rtn Shravan, and Ann Vinam & Rtn Sripal, making it a night full of energy, fun and togetherness.

Rotary Club Of Chennai Capital

SAVE THE DATE

29 November 2025

DANCE, DRINK, MUSIC EAT & REPEAT

VIBES BY
DARSHANA & MITESH, NISHI & KUSHAL,
SHRADHA & SHRAVAN, VINAM N SRIPAL

ROTARY PICKLEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP



Practice Fellowships:

Leading up to the tournament many Rotarians, Anns & Annettes participated in practice sessions that brought great energy to the courts. It helped sharpen their serves, smashes, coordination and strategy. It created a strong sense of teamwork and fun fellowships.



Winners from RCC CAPITAL:

Gold medal/ winners : Rtn Manoj Bhaiya & Rtn Ramesh
 Bronze medalists : Ann Sapna & Ann Avantika
 Mixed Doubles :

Congratulations to all the other players who participated in the tournament : Rtn Uttam, Annettes - Anmol, Mannat, Danish

VOICE OF THE DISTRICT

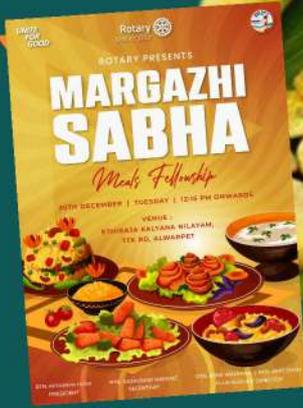
Rtn Amit and Rtn Rishi showcased exceptional musical talent in the Duet Round of VOD Season 17. Their performance and strong coordination earned them a spot in the finals. They truly made Rotary District 3233 proud.



CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

The Christmas Social, hosted by Rtn Inder & Ann Sweta, Rtn Ankit & Milano, Rtn Rohit & Ann Ishaa, and Rtn Sarvesh & Shirali, was a delightful evening filled with festive cheer, joy and laughter, bringing everyone together in the true spirit of Christmas.





MARGAZHI

SAPADU FELLOWSHIP

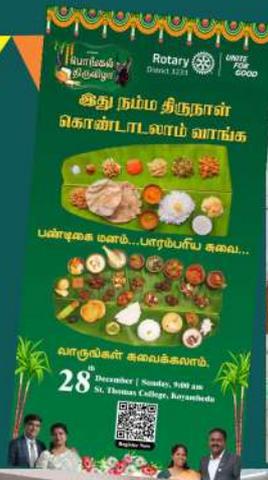
It was an afternoon of traditional festive flavours, joyful fellowship and warmth of Rotary togetherness over a delightful and extensive south indian spread on a banana leaf - the delicious Margazhi meal.



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DISTRICT FELLOWSHIP

It was time to welcome the harvest festival and celebrate at the District Pongal fellowship on 28th December at Koyembedu. Good food and great decor added to the festive spirit.

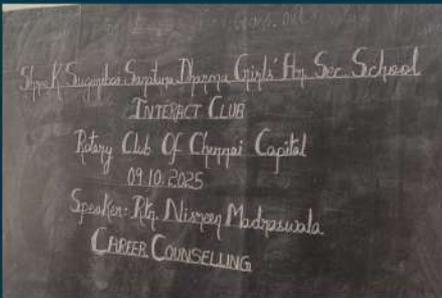
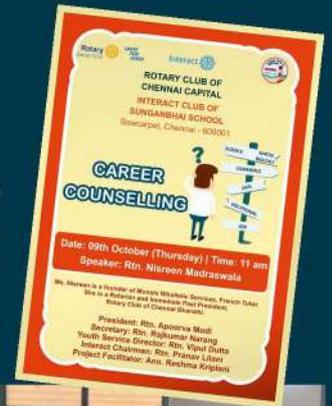


YOUTH SERVICE INTERACT CLUBS

INTERACT Speaker meet

CAREER COUNSELLING SPEAKER MEET BY RTN. NISREEN MADRASWALA

Rotary club of Chennai Capital & Interact Club of Sungunbhai invited Speaker Rtn Nisreen Madraswala to speak on Career Counselling on 9th Oct, 2025. The program was very good, interactive and informative.



learning made fun

MATH MELA - It was a day filled with thrill and enthusiasm at Jaigopal Garodia Government Girls Higher Secondary School, where around 300 middle school students participated in the Math Mela. The event was organized by the Rotary Club of Chennai Capital in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Chennai Aram. A team of 30 students, selected based on their outstanding performance in a Math Quiz, explored their school through the lens of mathematics. They eagerly solved puzzles, tackled challenges and spent the day immersed in joy, curiosity and excitement.



District Olympiad



Members of Rotary club of Chennai Capital sponsored 100 kids from 2 of our Interact school to participate in this District olympiad sports meet. The children were from SKDT Villivakkam and Sugunibai Santana Dharma Hindu Girls Hr Secondary School.



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Capital T 100: Where Rotary Played, and Fellowship Won

When District Governor Rtn. D. Devendran stepped onto the field at Vivekananda Grounds to bowl the ceremonial first delivery to DGE Rtn. Shiram Duvvuri, the cheer that followed said it all — Rotary had just bowled its first ball of fellowship in grand style. The Rotary Club of Chennai Capital's Capital T 100 tournament wasn't just about cricket; it was about bringing Rotarians together through sport, spirit, and solidarity.

Conceived under the leadership of President Rtn. Apoorva Modi, and executed with precision by Event Chairman Rtn. Rajesh Shah, Event Secretary Rtn. Sarvesh Patel, and the dynamic committee of Rtns. Amit Shah and Rohit Shroff, the 100-ball format tournament set a new benchmark in Rotary innovation.

The event kicked off with a high-energy player auction at DG Rtn. Devendran, DGE Rtn. Shiram Duvvuri, and PDG Rtn. R. Srinivasan. Conducted with flair by auctioneer Rtn. Bobby Varindar Singh, the evening had all the drama and excitement of a professional league — complete with competitive bids and plenty of laughter.

Over three weekends, ten spirited teams and 220 players turned Capital T 100 into a vibrant carnival of fellowship and fun. The introduction of the pink ball — a first for Rotary in the region — added both style and challenge, making every match an experience to remember.

The grand finale between Idea Housing Hawks and Team Ojas was pure adrenaline. With the match going down to the final ball, the Hawks triumphed by just one run — sealing a victory that was as emotional as it was thrilling. DG Devendran, along with DGE Shiram Duvvuri, PDG R. Srinivasan, and President Apoorva Modi, presented the winners' trophy to thunderous applause.

Supported by Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research and Mahavir Finance India Ltd, Capital T 100 proved that Rotary doesn't just serve — it celebrates. When fellowship meets the field, every run scored is a victory for Rotary's heart.



Rotary Club of Chennai Capital's T 100 Cricket Tournament was featured in the Governor's Monthly district magazine letter SYMPHONY.



KNOW THE TEAM



Amit Jyotindra Shah

Rotarians & Anns get introduced to

Name

- Deepa Shah

Walked the aisle with Amit on

- 20/2/1999

Annettes

- Eesha

Education

- BE Civil

Profession or Speciality

- Procure Raw Cotton for Spinning Mills

Post held this rotary year

- Club service Director

Your vision for the club this year

- To bring in more participation and enjoy fellowships for better bonding and friendship

High point of this Qtr for you

- Good attendance at Speaker Meetings and District Dandia night

Your message to Fellow Rotarians

- Let's use this platform to stay connected and meet more often to bond well and keep up the friendship going for many more years...

KNOW THE TEAM



Rishi Wadhwa

Rotarians & Anns get introduced to

Name

Walked the aisle with Rishi on

Annettes

Education

Profession or Speciality

Post held this rotary year

Your vision for the club this year

High point of this Qtr for you

Your message to Fellow Rotarians

- Rutvi Wadhwa
- If I would have to marry in my next birth I would still choose her
Do Bara, 2/12
- Double Trouble - Shubh & Vihaan
- M.B.A from Bhararathiar University
- Bank Her Rolls.....:-)), Director at HSBC
- Fellowship
- Be the best club in India, for the speaker meeting & socials we have.
- Half lagti hai ji, but yeah jokes apart. I think we have had 6 Varied Speakers so far, Mentalist in July'25, Operation Sindoor in Aug'25, Intimacy Coach in Sept'25, Chennai Historian in Oct'25, Stand up Comedians in Nov'25, Know your Wine Session Dec'25, the following are lined up for the next 6 months - Photography session today for Jan'26, Dermatologist Doc for Aging skincare n haircare in Feb'26, Identify & Avoid Scamming in Mar'26, AI in Apl'26, Fitness and Health in May'26, Antakshri in June'26. Apart from this we had 6 lovely socials so far and expecting the same in the next 6 months.
- Guys you have paid money to this club, please do participate and use the facilities of this wonderful and prestigious club.

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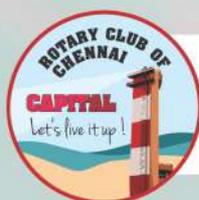
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