

SAGAR MANTHAN

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Rotary
RC Chennai Sagar



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From the President's Desk..

Rotary Greetings!



HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Wishing all Rotarians and their families of D3234 a prosperous and vibrant New year ahead! Here's to many more moments to increase our bonding and power of service in the years to come!

The last month of the year was equally busy with our focus on the Differently Abled continuing with another Job Fair along with other clubs, and Digital Carnival at The Clarke School for Special Children. The highlight was our collaboration with RCM Coromandel for the Parallel Music Fest for their 21st edition.

Our Health camps continued with our regular health camps at Railway sites with cancer screening and blood donation camp, that had good response as usual.

President Shobana attended the District Conference of D3250 at Ranchi, along with her spouse PDG Ravi Raman, where PDG was the RIPR. A vibrant conference that gave a different perspective!

New project ideas were discussed and RCC Sagar looks forward to adding new members and expanding our horizons and network!

Cheers to a new mix of RCC Sagar and a lot to look forward to in the second half of the Rotary year!

Shobana Ravi Raman

RID 3234, Chennai, India

PARALLEL MUSIC FEST

RC Chennai Sagar had the wonderful opportunity to collaborate with RCM Coromandel, a pioneer in the Rotary world to work with Persons with Disabilities. Their flagship project for over 25+ years – Karna Vidya – has brought light to many visually impaired people! Their continued involvement through Parallel Music Fest, this year being the 21st edition, has given many a visually challenged and traditional music based artist – vocal and instrumental – a unique platform to showcase their talent, and being given equal respect and honor. RC Chennai Sagar was proud to be a Co-Sponsor for this unique event this year.



ROTARY CLUB OF MADRAS COROMANDEL
Cordially invites you with your family for the 21st Year Edition of
Sterling – Rotary Parallel Music Festival 2025
(An inclusive music Festival for the differently abled)

CHIEF GUEST
Shri N. Murali
Director, The Hindu Group Publishing Pvt Limited & President, The Music Academy

SPECIAL GUESTS OF HONOUR
Sangita Kalaridhi Designate Vidwan R.K. Shriramkumar
Violin Virtuoso & Composer
Sangita Kalaridhi Dr.M.Chandrasekaran,
Violin Maestro & Composer
Rtn.AKS. Vinod Sarangi & Ann. Usha Sarangi
District Governor & District First Lady - Rotary District 3234
McVikram Lalvani
MD & CEO Sterling Holiday Resorts Ltd.
Rtn.PP. MD.R. Sankaranarayanan & Ann. Girija Sankaranarayanan
Major Donor
Award Function at 4 PM on Wednesday the 3rd December 2025
At Kasturi Srinivasan Hall, The Music Academy, Chennai

Special Guests of Honor
Rtn. Y.Kavitha
Club President
Rtn. PHF. R.Sridhar
PMF Chair Person
Rtn. Ramesh Ananth
Club Secretary

Awardees
Keralasree Dr. Valikom Vijayalakshmi
Vocalist & Gayatri Veena Exponent
Promising Musician Award 2020
Kalamamani Y.K. Padmanabhan
Violin Maestro & Composer
Life Time Achievement Award 2025
Kalamamani Dr.S.Srinivasan
Vainika & Vocalist
Distinguished Musician Award 2025
Vidwan Dr.K.T.Udaya Kiran
Carnatic Vocalist & Violinist
Promising Musician Award 2021
Vidwan Nalkiraamam V.Thirumurugan
Percussionist
Promising Musician Award 2025



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The event also was an occasion to present the Promising Musician Awards for the years 2020 and 2021, delayed for unavoidable reasons. It was a pleasure to see these amazing artists along with their supportive families, accept the recognitions with humility and grace. Their acceptance speeches were full of gratitude and they kept it short and sweet.

A short audio-visual was played showcasing the journey of the unique event, and the artists who were recognized over the years, some who have gone on to be decorated with many other awards and other recognitions.



The event was graced by DG Vinod Saraogi and First Lady Usha, who wholeheartedly appreciated the unique program and extended wishes for its success in the years to come. Highlighting the collaboration of both corporate and Rotary Clubs, DG Vinod Saraogi impressed upon such partnerships to improve the platform and reach of the Disabled sector, where limits are placed only in words but not in spirit! He lauded the talents and passion of the artists and extended his respects to their art and dedication.



Sangita Kalanidhi Designate Shri Shriramkumar, placed his Pranams at the feet of these artists, and was truly touched with the passion the artists showcased. He was visibly overwhelmed with respect, and the true essence of art and talent was there for everyone to see. Shri Shriramkumar, a seasoned violinist, singer and composer and a versatile artist in the Carnatic music circles, was a fine example of humility, and a true torch bearer for the traditional art forms. An event that encompassed partnerships at its best to promote and champion Special Artists, who place ability first where it is questioned by the rest of the society. A day to remember in the Sagar calender of service!

FOOD SPONSORSHIP



Our members Rtn Biju and Rtn Sundaresan, sponsored lunch for cancer patients and their families at GH, through Barter Trust, who provide lunch and dinner free of cost everyday. RCC Sagar has donated an Idiyappam machine to the Trust for their dinner requirements.

The Barter Trust sometimes services up to 500 people a day, and anyone is welcome to sponsor the meals.

Barter Trust has been continuously servicing the cancer patients and their families outside main GH for over 20 years now. Mr. Rajeev has since employed Intellectually Challenged people to help in his kitchen so that they have a livelihood and dignity of living.

Rtn Biju Narayanan has a long association with the Trust, and has extended his services on a personal level over the years.



"One of the most important things you can do on this earth is to let people know they are not alone."

— Shannon L. Alder



CANCER SCREENING

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CANCER SCREENING FOR MEN & WOMEN

ORGANIZED BY RCC SAGAR, EVERGREEN, GOLDEN STAR

IN CONNECTION WITH THE CAMPAIGN
"HEALTH CHECK UP AT THE WORK SPOT"
CREATING HEALTH AWARENESS AMONG THE EMPLOYEES
CONDUCTED BY VS MEDICAL TRUST

SERVICES PROVIDED

- Breast Cancer Screening by Mammogram and Thermal Imaging
- Cervical Cancer Screening Paps Smearing
- Dental Screening for Oral Cancer
- Blood Screening (Aged above 50 years)

DATE: 09.12.25
TIME : 09.00 - 2 PM

VENUE - GSN COACHING DEPOT, MUKTA GARDEN, CHETPET, CHENNAI EGMORE



RCC Sagar's continued efforts to reach more people with early detection of cancer, a camp was held at GSN Coaching Depot, Mukta Garden Chetpet along with VS Medical Trust to have a comprehensive cancer screening for men and women. This was along with RCC Evergreen and RC Golden Star.

Mammo Mobile Medical Camp Report -
Egmore Railways yard 09-12-2025-
Tuesday

● Total Consultations: 115

Blood Test : 93 , PSA : 23 (Above 40 years)

Papsmear : 14

Mammogram : 22

Thermal : 1

Dental : 88



BLOOD DONATION CAMP

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BLOOD DONATION CAMP

Organized by Rotary Club of Chennai Sagar | Ambattur | Kotturpuram
IN ASSOCIATION WITH VS MEDICAL TRUST, CHETPET, CHENNAI

DONATE BLOOD

GUEST OF HONOR
DR M.SHALINI ADMO/HU/AVD
DATE
13th DECEMBER, 2025
TIME
9 AM - 12.30 PM

Venue: Railway Health Unit, Annanur



A Blood Donation camp was held at Railway Health Unit, Annanur, with the support of the Railway staff there and VS Medical Trust, along with RC Ambattur and RC Kotturpuram. A total of 30 people donated precious blood and 30 units of blood was collected.

Dr Botla Shivaprasad, DMO and Dr Shalini, ADMO participated and donated blood.



LIBRARY BOOKS DONATION



Our Club Literacy Chair Rtn Sundaresan has regularly been donating books to the Tambaram Govt School for the benefit of their students. His passion to support the students has been long standing, and he has done service in his personal capacity also. There was an opportunity from Vidya Mandir, Mylapore, where their Interact Club had collected 850+ books that they wanted to donate. Rtn Sundaresan collected the same in the presence of the Principal and Interact in-charge. He then sorted them out and added some books from his collection making it a total of a whopping 901 books in total! He also sponsored 20 geometry boxes. The same was handed over to the Tambaram Govt School Principal, who appreciated the gesture and requested for extra library racks for the same.



ANUBHAV @ CLARKE SCHOOL



Clarke School for the Deaf and Special Children, in coordination with the CNS Lab of IIT Madras, headed by Prof. Srinivasa Chakravarthy, inaugurated a pioneering initiative titled “ANUBHAV – Neurogati - A Digital Experiential Program for Children with Special Needs.” Our Charter President Rtn Srikanth, Secretary of Clarke School, highlighted the school's long-standing contribution towards the empowerment of persons with disabilities through regular seminars, awareness programs, and the adoption of emerging technologies. In line with the school's vision, the ANUBHAV Digital Experience Lab was conceptualized and launched. About 185 children from 6 NGOs (including Clarke School) participated.

Through this initiative, children with intellectual disabilities, hearing impairment, and multiple disabilities experienced joyful and meaningful moments using interactive digital games and entertainment-based activities designed to enhance their mobility, cognitive skills, and sensory engagement.

Building on the success of this program, Clarke School also plans to establish a permanent experiential lab in collaboration with the Neuro Department, focusing on critical research and long-term support strategies for children with special needs.

With the tech support from IIT Madras, and their innovation team, The Clarke School is focusing on providing improved assistive support to the special children as the needs of the day are changing, and education has taken different avatars. These kind of support systems enhance student engagement and offers an exciting and interactive educational journey that helps the family to motivate the children.




Mr Varadakutti CA, spoke about the developments that has been made currently in the availability of more Assistive Aids for the comfort of PwD. He recalled the difficulties he faced in younger days being wheelchair bound himself. In spite of the challenges, he not only worked to develop a career as an auditor but also supported the cause of PwDs by way of his guidance & support. He recalled that his last visit to the school was more than 20 years back, and he appreciated the advancement in education support being extended today. The Chief Guest expressed interest to collaborate on initiatives.

Mr Varadakutti does regular service for PwD every month by way of connecting with donors and ensures the beneficiary personally comes to receive the support organized. He also shared a short video he posted on his You Tube channel about Anubhav program.



JOB FAIR FOR PwD



MEGA JOB DRIVE
for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs)

DATE: 19 DEC 2025 **TIME: 9:30 AM**

VENUE: St. Francis Xavier Church, Broadway Road, Manadi Police Colony, George Town, Chennai, Tamil Nadu 600001
AGE: 18-40
Education: 10th, 12th, Any Degree (UG, PG), BE, B.Tech, Diploma

Highlights:

- 20-25 leading employers participating
- 250+ job opportunities
- Openings across multiple sectors: Hospitality, Retail, IT, Manufacturing & more
- Spot interviews and on-the-spot selections

Organized by:

- Dr. Reddy's Foundation - in collaboration with
- Equitas Development Initiatives Trust
- Don Bosco Vazhikatti
- Rotary Club of Chennai Ashok Pillar
- Rotary Club of Chennai Meenambakkam
- Rotary Club of Chennai Sagar
- Rotary Club of Chennai Harmony
- Rotary Club of Chennai Spotlight
- Rotary Club of Madras Coromandel

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Another collaboration to bring a second edition of the Mega Job Fair for Persons with Disabilities took place in Georgetown, in collaboration with Equitas CSR Initiatives, Dr Reddy's Laboratories, Don Bosco Vazhikatti and Rotary.

RCC Sagar participated along with RCC Ashok Pillar, RC Meenambakkam, RCC Harmony, RCC Gold Coast, RCC Spotlight, RCM Coromandel, RCC Tiruvanmiyur and RCC Green City.

Mega Job Fair for Persons with Disabilities at Broadway along with Rotary Clubs & Dr Reddy's Foundation, Equitas CSR Initiatives & Don Bosco Vazhikatti on 19th December 2025

*Candidates attended 124

*Shortlisted 69

*Spot offer letter given to candidates 17

*Total 16 Companies participated

DGE Suresh Jain and District Vocational Chair Rtn Sarada Ramani graced the occasion along with other District officials.



CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR



RCC Sagar members participated in the District Christmas and New Year event held at Hotel Green Park. The Red and Gold themed festive program was full of different activities with dance, music and fellowship.

The grand decorations filled the hall with festive cheer and many photo opportunities. The presence of close to 600 attendees added to the camaraderie and to ring in the New Year with friends across the District.

Another District event that brought members together and gave everyone something to cheer about!

GIFTS FOR CHILDREN



Rtn Rajesh on behalf of RCC Sagar, helped sponsor gifts and food for about 150 children from the Irular and gypsy communities, at Thuru Meni Kuppam, Sriperambudur, on the occasion of Christmas. He has been doing this every year, and this time RCC Sagar was given an opportunity to brighten the day for these children!



Rtn Rajesh also helped deliver weekly vegetables to Aram Foundation, a shelter home for abandoned special girl children. There are about 33 children of all ages, who need constant care. They rely on donations and Sagar has been helping with their needs for over a year now. Interested Clubs can reach out to help Aram Foundation.

RIPR TO RANCHI, D3250

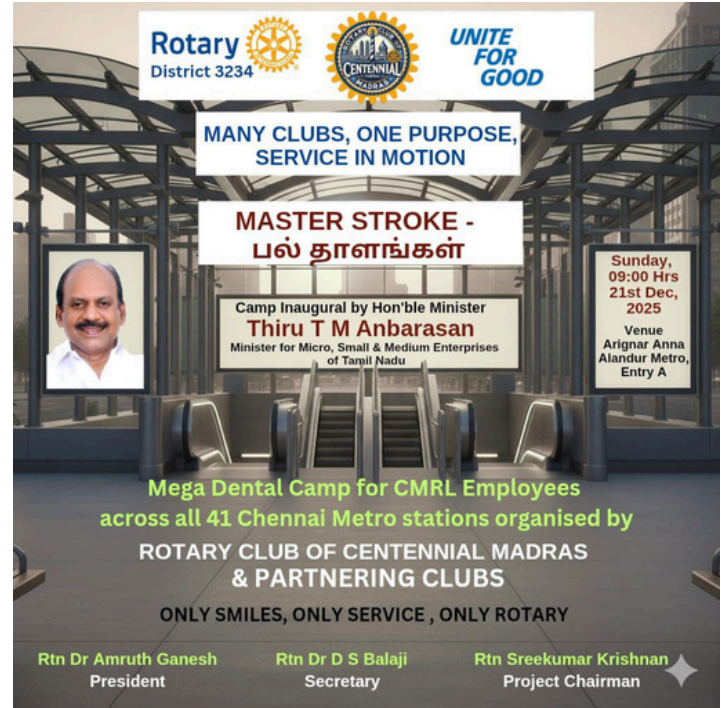
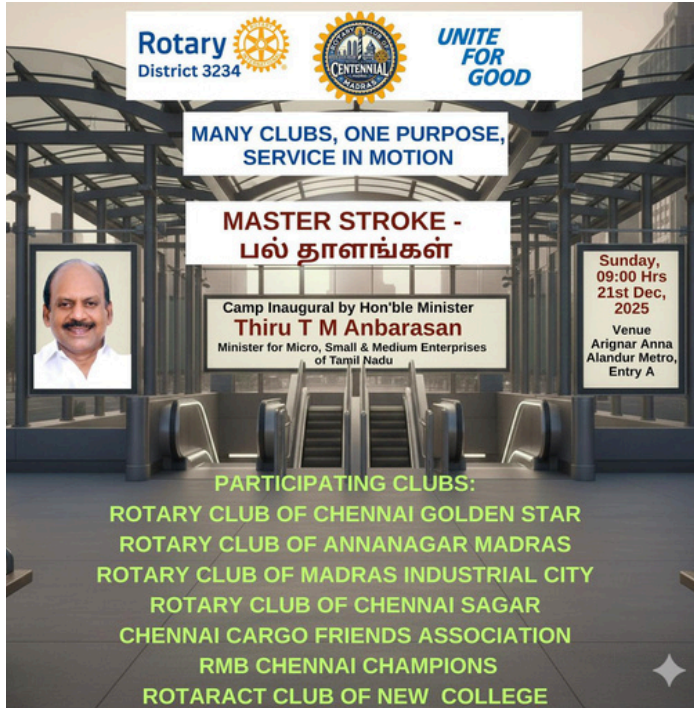
President Rtn Shobana got the opportunity to accompany her spouse PDG Ravi Raman, to D3250 Ranchi, to attend their District Conference Samagam, as the Rotary International President Representative (RIPR). It was a glimpse into their Rotary activities and make new connections. The District covers Bihar and Jharkhand states and there is a variety of projects being executed, mainly health related.



The Conference also saw 2 elections being held – for COL and DGND – both being conducted successfully and smoothly! DG Namrata had a great team of organizers who ensured the event flow was maintained, with PDG Ajoy Chabra and PDG Bindu's directions. The program had great speakers including Deputy Speaker of the Rajya Sabha Shri Harivansh, Dancer Sudha Chandran, Cabinet Minister from Maharashtra Shri Jay K Rawal. Minister of State for Defence Shri Sanjay Seth, suggested many avenues where Rotary and Government could work together, especially in D3250 where the Government would provide the resources and Rotary had to implement it and create awareness in the community. He even invited Rotarians to visit the new Parliament building in New Delhi!



MEGA DENTAL CAMP



RCC Sagar got the opportunity to be a part of a Mega Dental Camp with lead club RC Madras Centennial for the Metro employees across the city. Sagar had the responsibility to oversee the Ashok Nagar Metro station, with about 30 employees during the day.

The participating clubs were RCC Sagar, RC Anna Nagar Madras, RCM Industrial City. This was a great way to convey our thanks to the hard working employees who keep the city running!

Our Green Rotarian Shibu was an active participant and was very happy to be initiated into Rotary with a great project like this one.

ROTARY TRIP TO SRI LANKA

President Rtn Shobana and Club Secretary Rtn Lakshmi joined Rotarians from Districts 3233 and 3234 for a family trip to Sri Lanka in the week 26-20 December 2025. The trip was organized by Hope Presidents Alumni, and they got a chance to interact with Rotarians from D3220, in Kandy and Nuwara Eliya. There was a lot of buzz as three different Districts were interacting and many contacts were exchanged.

We met with President Rtn Rengan Balakrishnan & Rtn R. Satheesh, Past President, RC Nuwara Eliya, Rtn Gokumarasu from RC Pan Colombo, and Rtn. Dr. Avanti, District Polio Chair 2025-26, RC of Kandy, Sri Lanka D3220.



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Rtn Shobana Ravi Raman

Additional inputs from Rtn Biju Narayanan, Rtn Sundaresan and Rtn Lakshmi PK

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ROTARY TRIVIA

A **Rotary Community Corps (RCC)** is a group of non-Rotarians who share our commitment to changing the world through service projects.

RCC members plan and carry out projects in their communities in collaboration with local Rotary clubs. Sponsored by a Rotary club, an RCC leverages Rotary's network, brand, and mentorship by partnering with clubs to plan and implement service projects. RCCs increase Rotary's impact and expand its reach by bringing the knowledge and talents of local people to strengthen their community through sustainable projects.

Rotary Action Groups are independent entities affiliated with Rotary that each have a specific humanitarian focus, such as economic development, peacebuilding, addiction prevention, ending modern slavery, or environmental sustainability.

Organized by Rotary members and nonmembers, the groups include people around the world who have knowledge, experience, or an interest in the topic. Action group members participate in meaningful service activities and use their expertise and global networks to facilitate sustainable change.

The mission of **Inter Country Committees (ICCs)** is to foster global peace, international understanding, and goodwill through cross-cultural collaboration and friendship.

As a vital component of Rotary's international service, ICCs connect districts and clubs from different countries, encouraging Rotarians and Rotaractors to engage in meaningful exchanges.

By visiting each other's countries and homes, Rotarians build lasting relationships that transcend borders and cultural differences.

What makes Rotary unique?

We think differently: We apply leadership and expertise to social issues — and find unique solutions.

We act responsibly: Our passion and perseverance create lasting change. We make a difference at home and around the world!