

2024-25 to 2025-26



ROTARY CLUB OF CHENNAI BEEHIVES

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July 2025

Rotary Year 25-26

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RI President



Rtn. Francesco Arezzo

District Governor



Rtn. D. Devendran

Beehives President



Rtn. Murali M Achuthan



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CLUB PRESIDENT

**“Make our presence felt”**

This year I Have been given an opportunity to serve as the president of the Beehives Club. Very humbled and honored to perform this new role. As I move into the new role realize the job is not easy.

I have been the member of the club for past 5 years and seen the accomplishments of the club. The bar is set high and the goals are shared by all members. The club has vide experience and capable members who can deliver projects. I take this opportunity to call on each member to actively participate in club activities.

We need to responsibly increase our membership, to get more young and active members.

I request each member to take it as a challenge to bring at least one new member into the club.

We have started the initiative to make our online presence felt, we will publish our newsletter and projects widely on online platforms. We have started this July with some good initiatives and participation on projects. We will run at least one major project which will be our key and signature project of the club.

I call upon all avenue directors to actively look at what projects we can run under the 7 focus areas and the areas you are responsible. Challenges will be high together we will tackle the difficulties and obstacles.

Finally let us prove together we can make a difference in at least the lives we touch.

**Trust is an Currency invisible Currency,
hard to earn & Easy to lose**



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DIST. GOVERNOR



Build a Legacy of Excellence

It is with immense gratitude and a deep sense of responsibility I take on the role of District Governor for the Rotary year 2025-26. I thank each of you for the trust you have placed in me and look forward to an inspiring year as we work "In Pursuit of Excellence" - in Service, in Fellowship and in Leadership. This Rotary Year, our journey will be guided by Rotary International President's call to action - "Let Us Unite for Good". Unity, when rooted in purpose, becomes a powerful force for a positive change. Together, let us amplify that force across every club, every member and every community we serve. Our District will focus on seven key priorities:

- **Sharing Rotary Knowledge:** Every Rotarian must understand the heart of Rotary. We will ensure that Rotary's values, programs, and legacy are well communicated and understood - especially among new members and youth.
- **Encouraging Fellowship:** True service stems from strong bonds. We will actively foster inter-club fellowship and camaraderie, building friendships that energize our collective mission.
- **Engaging Club Members:** Every Rotarian matters. Let us provide meaningful opportunities for members to participate and lead - both at the club and district level.
- **Giving back through The Rotary Foundation:** Every Club, every member must contribute to TRF. Giving is not optional - It is our commitment for a better tomorrow.
- **One CSR or One Global Grant per Club:** Each Club must take on at least one impactful project, either through CSR partnerships or global grants. Let our service be visible, structured and sustainable.
- **Strengthening Rotaract & Interact:** The future of Rotary lies in our youth. Every club will be encouraged to sponsor at least two Rotaract clubs and three interact clubs - to nurture future leaders who serve with purpose.
- **Unity in Diversity:** Let us embrace inclusion, celebrate our diversity, and stand united - across clubs, vocations, and generations in service of our communities.

Dear Friends, This year is not just about ticking goals. It is about creating meaningful experiences, impactful services, and lifelong friendships. Let us lead with heart, serve with purpose, and build a legacy of excellence.

Life is a compromise between feelings and reality.
At every stage you have to quit your feelings and accept the reality

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RI PRESIDENT



Let us reflect on the full vision of Rotary The Words of RI President

We begin this year with a clear message : Unit for Good. It is a simple phrase, but a powerful one. Because behind every successful Rotary effort, every act of service, every new member welcomed, every global challenge met - there are two things that matter more - FRIENDSHIP and TRUST.

This is how we build strong clubs. It is how we create meaningful partnerships and transform global problems into local solutions. It is also how we lead - not through titles or applause, but with humility, humanity and heart. But let me be honest with you - this kind of Leadership is not always easy. We are human and yes, we make mistakes. We sometimes disagree, but in Rotary, we are called to something greater. Let us reflect on the full vision of Rotary.

Together we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change - across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves.

That the last part is essential, because transformation does not start with strategy. It starts with character and the way we treat one another. It starts with how we listen, how we support, and how we serve.

Time is precious. Spend your time in pushing yourself up
rather than in pulling others down

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Rotary Year July - Why?

Change of a year is normally Calendar Year that starts on 1st January or Fiscal Year that starts on 1 April. But in Rotary we adopt 1st July into change of a Year that honor our outgoing president's service, and welcome new beginnings.

As the calendar flips to July, Rotary Club, like our peers across the globe, usher in a period of transformation and renewal known as New Leadership Month. This tradition holds a special significance in the Rotary Club's history and continues to shape our present and future.

The Rotary year begins on July 1, a tradition rooted in our organization's early days. The first Rotary fiscal year began the day after the conclusion of our inaugural convention in 1910. Eventually, to facilitate better financial reporting and delegate allocation for the convention, June 30 was marked as the end of the fiscal year. This decision, made in 1913, has stood the test of time, making July the start of the new Rotary year.

New Leadership Month presents us with an opportunity to express our gratitude to those who have served in leadership roles while also welcoming new leaders into the fold. Our leaders exemplify the qualities that make our members extraordinary: integrity, expertise, and commitment to service.

As we say goodbye to the old fiscal year, we also express our heartfelt thanks to our outgoing president. Under his leadership, we have seen our club grow and thrive, and his dedication to service will leave a lasting impact on our community.

Simultaneously, we are excited to welcome our new president. We have faith in his abilities to guide our club into another successful year, building on the accomplishments of his predecessors while bringing fresh ideas and perspectives.

Serving as a club or district officer or committee member is more than just a role—it's an opportunity to enrich your leadership skills by sharing experiences and ideas with other Rotarians.

As we transition into this new leadership year, let us encourage our members to embrace these opportunities for service, learning, and growth. Let us strongly UNITE FOR GOOD. Here's to another year of making a difference in our community and the world. Happy New Leadership Month

Opportunities do not open up to closed people

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“The July Shift - Leadership Transition”

Installation of the 6th President of the Club along with his new team of office bearers was held on 22 June 2025 at MCentral T Nagar, Chennai which witnessed participation of only the Beehivians and their family members. Tmt. A.S.Kumari, Chairperson, Tamil Nadu State Commission for Women was the Chief Guest, of the event.

Totally 20 members from our Club and their Anns/Annettes joined the function, in addition to the presence of Senior Rotarians Rtn Vasanthi Ranganathan of RC of Ambattur, our Club Mentor Rtn Venkataraman, and Rtn K.S.Srinivasan, Honorary Member of Our Club. Before the start of regular proceedings of the function, the audience present were entertained with some film music by our club members Rtn Narayani and Rtn Suresh.

The proceedings commenced with an Invocation song (Thamizh Thaai Vaazhthu), which was followed by Welcome Address by the current President Rtn G.Vijendran. Current Secretary Rtn Murali Achuthan presented the Secretary's Report for the RY 2024-25.

Annette Neha, daughter of incoming President Rtn Murali Achuthan introduced him to the audience, that was followed with passing of the baton ie exchange of Collar. Outgoing President Rtn Vijendran decorated the shoulder of the incoming President Rtn Murali Achuthan with the Collar, and handed over the Gavel. The Incoming First Lady Ann Vanaja, pinned the incoming President with the President's Pin. The other office bearers in the new team 25-26 were installed with individual introduction and were duly pinned by Club Members / Spouses of some members.

In his acceptance speech, President Murali Achuthan elucidated his strategies and his ideas about what the club proposes to move in the RY 25-26.

The club's Charter was handed over by the outgoing Secretary to the incoming Secretary Rtn M.V.Mukundhan. President Murali Achuthan then introduced the Chief Guest Tmt. A.S.Kumari in his own inimitable style and felicitated her.

The chief Guest then addressed the gathering and said she was very happy to have been amongst we Beehivians at the Installation of her friend Rtn Murali Achuthan as the Club's President, she also talked about the problems faced by women in the Society and also elucidated the measures being initiated by her Dept at the State Govt level to solve or even to prevent the recurrence thereof in future.

The incoming Secretary Rtn Mukundhan made some announcement reg. Birthdays/Wedding Anniversaries of Beehivians and their Anns/Annettes coming up during the month of July'25 and then followed it up with Vote of Thanks.

Installation function came to a close with the recitation of National Anthem by all present.

**For a healthy life, Truth in the brain, Pleasure on the lips,
and purity in the heart is important**

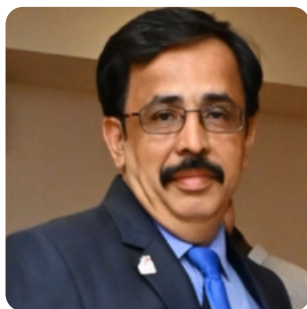
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Beehives Board 2025-26

President



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President Elect



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Rtn M V Mukundhan

Rtn G S Suresh

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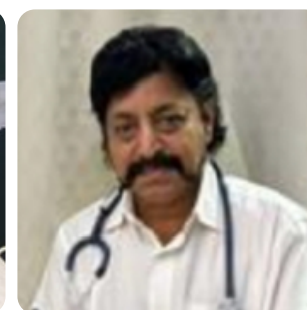
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Club Service**



**Director,Community
Development**



**Director,Community
Health**



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Rtn M R Sudharshan

Rtn Ezhilarasi

Rtn R Seralathan

Rtn Dr V Thiagarajan

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Vocational Service**



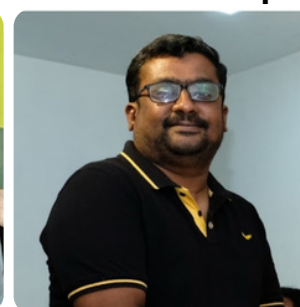
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Youth Service**



**Chairman,
Membership**



**Chairman,
Rotary Foundation**



**Rtn Dr Sabitha
Ramakrishnan**

**Rtn Vaishnavi
Deepak Shankar**

Rtn T Narayani

Rtn Mari Selvamohan

Rtn A.C.Boopathy

Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision

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Weekly Meeting Report

First Weekly Meeting of the Year

First Weekly Meeting of the Year was held virtually on Zoom Platform on 7th July 2025. The following business was transacted in the meeting (1) Announcements, (2) Update of doctors day function (3) July 17th Anna Dhanam update (4) Arunodhayam project update (5) Subscriptions. Followed with the welcome address by President, Club Service Director Rtn Ezhilarasi announced Cirth Day and Wedding

Considering time restriction on Zoom platform, it was decided to hold future virtual meetings through Google Platform.

2. Birthday and anniversary announcements were given by Club Director RTN Ezhilarasi announced Birth Day & Wedding Anniversary dates of Members and their families and conveyed Greetings on behalf of RC Chennai Beehives.

President presented a brief report over the participation of our Club in "Healers Harmony", the Doctor's Day Celebration organised by District and the role played by our club. He informed that many doctors were felicitated and their service recognised. Also informed the introduction of Health Card scheme by the District for all members implementation. President appreciated Beehivians outstanding response in subscription payment.

Meeting decided to sponsor ANNADHANAM at Arunodhayam on 7th July 2025 (a home for children with intellectual disabilities) where above 125 children are housed. Also, decided to have personal visit to Arunodhayam at Tiruttani unit site to assess the project needs of erecting 20 Solar Lights. Meeting ended with the above proceedings as the time had expired on the online Zoom facility.

Thanks to Beehivians for the timely payment of subscription dues either in full or in part. Your contribution has helped the Club to pay RI Dues, District Dues & Rotary News Dues in time. Request those who have made part payment of Rs.6000/- are requested to pay the second part at the earliest without waiting for January 2026.

**Yesterday's success does not deserve today's applause.
Today's result deserves today's applause**

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Weekly Meeting Report

Second Weekly Meeting of the Year



The Second meeting of the Club was held on 27th July 2025 at BM hospital covering notified agenda items. Meeting started with a sumptuous breakfast and members meeting and greeting each other.



Secretary Rtn M V Mukundhan announced birthdays and anniversaries of Beehivians that fall in July and wished them on behalf of the Club.



An erstwhile member of RC Nanganallur a long time Rotarian Mr.M.S.SUNDARARAJAN was inducted as Member of Our Club. All Beehivians present in the meeting welcomed Rtn M S Sundararajan who is affectionately known and called as MS. In his acceptance speech as a Member of Beehives, he thanked every one and assured his best support in all the activities of the Club.



As assured our Club mentor transferred 500 points in the name of RTN. GS Suresh who has remitted \$500 to Rotary Foundation. PHF Certificate and lapel pin received from RI and Suresh was felicitated our senior Rotarian Rtn. KS sir, having become a new Paul Harris Fellow.



President Rtn. Murali Achuthan updated the visit at the Male and Female center of Arunodayam a center which helps mentally challenged kids and adults. Rtn GS Suresh updated the visit to Tiruttani Arunodayam project, and high lighted a few requirements of the centre. Members also felt we should donate tree sampling and visit the project site along with a visit to the Tiruttani temple. Members were requested to donate their felicitation Shawls received to Aronodayam and buy some of the gift bags the kids stitch at the site for family functions.



Rtn. K S Srinivasan donated Rupees 12,000 towards Arunodayam project sponsoring one solar light. The club will be sponsoring about 20 Solar lights at the Tiruttani project site.

Followed with the submission of club accounts by Treasurer Rtn G S Suresh presented the club accounts, Rtn Vaisnavi, International Service Director encouraged members to attend a foreign film screening with family.

Rtn Dr V Thiagarajan, Director, Health service updated on health camp and wanted to choose another site to sponsor a health camp. With Vote of Thanks the meeting concluded.

**Every finishing line is a new beginning.
Let us Start giving new results.**

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Club Board Meeting

The first Board Meeting of this year took place 27th July, 2025 at BM hospital under the chairmanship of rTN MURALI aCHUTHAN, Club President. Meeting discussed various issues and arrived to the following decisions:

It was agreed that all projects including education requests will be presented in the board with a small writeup, with justification and cost requirement. Once approved by the Board, will be taken up for funding and project executed. Rtn. Mukundan presented the district focus on education and projects related to that.

Board Members felt the district level participation does not benefit the club and decided that in future will be scrutinized before taking up and decision reached.

The board discussed various ways of encouraging members to participate in club activities and find means so there is increased participation.

Board also discussed in conducting health camps in tribal areas so it can be done on a regular basis and progress can be monitored. Further inputs are awaited before finalizing.

MEET & GREET World Leader



Get Ready to welcome RI President Rtn Francesco Arezzo, to the prestigious RI Leadership Conclave.

Don't miss the opportunity to interact with Global Leader. Register now at www.lead25rilc.org

If you do not want to be forgotten; write something worth reading or do something worth writing

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Club Projects -- - Celebrated Doctor's Day on 1st July 25

National Doctors' Day, was celebrated on Tuesday, July 1.

The Community Service Health Team of Rotary International District 3233 organised 'Healers Harmony'. Our Club joined in the event as Golden Co-Sponsor.

Rotarians' Privilege Health Card, for the benefit of Rotarians and their families. was launched. This card connects the Rotarians with a network of reputed hospitals where they can enjoy discounted rates and privilege access. More hospitals are getting added to this initiative," explained Dr S Ramesh Babu, director, Community Service Health.

At the event, Two Doctors were given 'For the Sake of Honor Award'. Three Doctors were given the 'Lifetime Achievement Award', Two doctors were given the 'Distinguished Medical Service Award', and Dr Karthik Balaji, founder of Zoriox Innovation Labs, was given the 'Young Achiever Award'.



Financial Support to Cancer Patient under Community Service Health

Our club extended financial support, to a gardner hailing from an economically weaker section, working at Bengaluru, to meet cancer surgery expenses of his spouse at Vaidehi Hospital, Bengaluru. The women was suffering with Breast and Uterus Cancer that waranted an immediate surgery to avoid further growth and spreading. The Through ourTrust extended fiinacial assistance of Rs.15 ,000/ to meet the cost of the Surgery. Rotary Club of Chennai Beehives thanks all those members who contributed for the cause.



The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams and what you do today.

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Club Projects - Educational Assistance

As part of our Project, financial assistance to Two deserving students.

A sum of ₹25,000 was donated from our Trust to beneficiary Ms.C.Saranya, third year Engineering student of Sri Venkateswara Engineering College. Cheque for Rs.25,000/- from our Trust was handed over to the student by the Chief Guest of our Team 25-26 Installation at Hotel M Center, T.Nagar.



A sum of ₹20,000 was donated from our Trust to beneficiary Ms.J.Swetha, II Year BCom student, of Annai Velankanni College of Arts. Cheque for Rs.20,000 from our Trust was handed over to the beneficiary by Rtn Dr Thiagarajan, Rtn R Seralathan & Rtn Vijendran.



Annadhan - an ongoing Project

"Annadhanam" - first project of the Rotary Year got off to a good start - feeding the needy. Our Club has conducted Annadhanam programs at Arunodhayam, which was sponsored by Club President Rtn Murali Achuthan. The core purpose of the programs was to address a fundamental human necessity: food. By providing Annadhanam, we are working towards a vision of a Rotary year where members use their combined skills and resources to create positive change in the community.



Negativity of the world cannot put you down unless you allow it to get inside you.

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Why were wives of male members affectionately called "Rotary Anns"?

In many Rotary clubs throughout the world, wives of male members are affectionately called " *Rotary Ann's. This designation was never one of disparagement, but rather grew out of an interesting historical occasion. The year was 1914 when San Francisco Rotarians boarded a special train to attend the Rotary Convention being held in Houston. In those days few wives attended Rotary events, and until the train stopped in Los Angeles, the only woman aboard was the wife of Rotarian Brunnier.

As the train picked up additional convention-bound delegates, Mrs. Ann Brunnier was introduced as the Rotarian's Ann. This title soon became "Rotary Ann". Since the clubs of the west were inviting the Rotarians to hold their next convention in San Francisco, a number of songs and stunts were organized which would be performed in Houston. One of the Rotarians wrote a "Rotary Ann" chant. On the train's arrival at the Houston depot, a delegation greeted the West Coast Rotarians. One of the greeters was Guy Gundaker of Philadelphia, whose wife was also named Ann.

During the rousing demonstration, someone started the Rotary Ann chant. The two petite ladies, Ann Brunnier and Ann Gundaker, were hoisted to the men's shoulders and parade about the hall. The group loved the title given to the two women named Ann. Immediately the same term of endearment was used for all of the wives in attendance and the name "Rotary Ann" was here to stay.

Nine years later, in 1923, Guy Gundaker became president of Rotary International. Bru Brunnier was elected president in 1952, 29 years after that. Thus, each of the two original Rotary Anns became the "first lady of Rotary International."

Form Beehives Ann's Club - Foster Friendship

Purpose of Rotary Ann's Clubs

Forming a Rotary Ann's Club, a group for the spouses of Club Members. Prime purpose of a Rotary Ann Club is to bring into fellowship the families of the members of the Rotary club, strengthen family involvement in Rotary Activities, offer opportunities for personal growth and community service.

Other objectives include assisting Rotarians in the execution of various club and community projects and uphold the purposes and aims of Rotary. Also provides a platform for social interaction, leadership development and cultural exchange. Most chapters meet once a month, usually at the home of one of the members in almost all and these meetings are devoted mainly to fellowship and to discuss possible assistance to their Rotarians.

If our foot slips, we can regain the balance with another leg,
But if the tounge slips, it would be very difficult to rebuild our image again

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**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



**Following Rotarians, Anns & Annettes celebrated their
Birthday during July 2025**



Rtn.Dr.Uma Maheswari..02.07.25

Rtn.Ezhilarasi Seralathan..05.07.2025

Rtn.K.Krishnan..07.07.2025

Annette Naveen Murali Achuthan..07.07.2025

Annette Caleb Manchester..14.07.2025

Rtn.Dr.V.Thiagarajan ..15.07.2025

Rtn.J.Natarajan.20.07.2025



**Let your Birthday bring a lot of smile in your face, happiness to your heart,
and blessings to your whole life .**

Best wishes from Beehivians.

Up coming Birthdays during August 25

**9th Rtn Hrikrishnan, 12th Rtn T Kesavan,
31st Annette Ankitha d/o Rtn Panigrahi**

Up coming Wedding Anniversary during August 25

22nd Rtn Lambert & Ann Jenila / Rtn K S Srinivasan & Ann Neela

27th Rtn G S Suresh & Ann Girija



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The Rotary Club of Beehives Trust

The Rotary Club of Chennai Beehives Trust

Our Trust came into legal existence in the year 2021 after getting it Registered as per law in force. The aim of the Trust is to sow the seeds of love and lend a hand to people of economically weaker section, both locally, Nationally and Internationally.

There are Nine Trustees to ensure the affairs of the Trust are conducted efficiently and properly. Funds collected by the Trust for projects are accounted and distributed for implementation of service projects.

The accounts of the Trust are transparent and are audited through external auditors and returns filed to Income Tax department.

All our activities are exclusively linked to charitable purposes of humanity. Projects falling under the aims and objectives of the Trust, and supplements and supports the main activities of "Rotary Club of Chennai Beehives" covering all the seven areas of Focus of Rotary International.

We seek donations both for the local, National & International projects.

We also provide funds to support National & International disaster reliefs directly or through the overall Rotary Family.

We provide essential infrastructure, laboratory items etc., to Government Schools.

Visit periodically the Senior Citizen Homes, Orphanages and home for destitute children and provide liveries, utensils, garments etc.

What We Do?

We doing yeomen service to the Society. Following are some of the Service Activities undertaken and executed effectively since start:

Presented Three Mobile Vending Carts to visually challenged, physically disabled individuals for running their vending outlet.

Every Year Conduct Free Multi Speciality Mega Medical Camp towards comprehensive health check-up at Rural Areas.

Distribute Artificial limbs to physically challenged.

Visit old age homes & homes for destitute children, provide liveries and financial support.

Provided Water Purifier to Primary Health Centres.

Giving Financial support to School & College going children of economically weaker sections.

Planted Trees at Government Hospital for Thoracic Medicines, Tambaram.

Co-Sponsored provision of Two School Buses to SVVM Higher Secondary School, Theni

Presented garments to 100 visually challenged girl students, the inmates of Lotus and Vizhigal, Chennai.

Shared the cost of the Mobile Mammography Centre Bus of RI District 3232 equipped with Cancer Screening equipment.

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