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The Rotary club of The Nilgiris entered its 85<sup>th</sup> year on the 25<sup>th</sup> of November 2025. The charter day was celebrated in the presence of the District Governor Rtn AKS Dhanasekar and other luminaries.



# President's Message

***Dear Fellow Rotarians,***

This November, our hearts swelled with pride as we marked our Charter Day alongside the District Governor's Official Visit — a union of legacy and purpose. Chartered on 25 November 1941, the Rotary Club of The Nilgiris stands as one of the oldest and most respected institutions in our hills. For 84 years, generations of Rotarians have upheld the ideals of Rotary with grace, commitment, and an unwavering sense of service.

It was a privilege, therefore, to welcome our District Governor Rtn. AKS. B. Dhanasekar, First Lady Rtn. Amudha Priya, District Coordinator Rtn. MD Adv. S. Loganathan, Regional Coordinator Rtn. MPH Dr. R. Aravinth Karthikeyan, and Assistant Governor Rtn. PHF Kamlesh Kataria to the Coonoor Club on this historic day. Their presence added distinction to an evening that celebrated both our current efforts and the long, steady path carved by those before us.

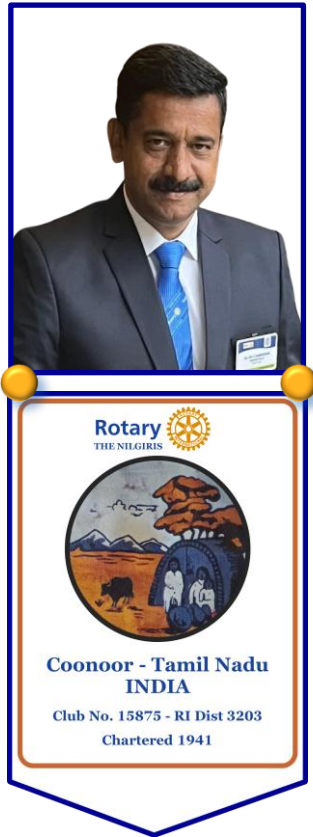
The ceremony — from the procession to the adorning of collars and the evening's formal agenda — was conducted with the precision and dignity that reflects our Club's traditions. Our Secretary's detailed report showcased the work we have undertaken this year, and I was grateful to see our District leaders acknowledge the dedication of our team.

A deeply emotional highlight was the felicitation of our senior Rotarians, the pillars on whose shoulders our Club stands even today. To honour Dr. Chhabra, at the remarkable age of 99, was a moment that touched every heart. The District Governor's personal visit to his home to greet and recognise him spoke volumes about the respect Rotary extends to its elders and the values they represent.

As President, I am constantly reminded of how fortunate I am to serve in a Club shaped by such stalwarts. The wisdom, guidance, and mentorship I receive from our senior members humbles me every single day. Their stories, their service, and their unwavering commitment continue to inspire me and strengthen my resolve to carry forward their legacy with sincerity.

This month also reminded me, personally, of the strength of our fellowship. After my surgery, when I rejoined the Club on 4th November, I was overwhelmed by the warmth and prayers of my fellow Rotarians. Your support uplifted me more than I can express. Shortly after, I was honoured by my promotion from Deputy Area Commander to Area Commander in the Home Guard — another reminder that service in all its forms is a privilege.

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As we look ahead, I remain committed to leading from the front, ensuring that we execute impactful and meaningful projects that reflect the values our Club has upheld for over eight decades. My heartfelt thanks to Secretary Rtn. Daksha for her tireless dedication and to Treasurer Rtn. Vaishnavi for her quiet, steady strength — together, they reinforce the foundation of our team.

With deep gratitude for our past and a determined vision for our future, I look forward to serving alongside each of you in the months ahead.

*Warm regards*

*Rtn. PHF Harikrishnan H*



## From the Editor's Desk

**Dear Fellow Rotarian,**

We live in a time of constant communication, where messages fly back and forth at lightning speed. On this high speed connectivity highway somehow real life connections are getting weaker and weaker. Loneliness is increasing. The World Health Organization recently declared loneliness a global public health threat. Loneliness is not just an emotional issue, it affects our physical health, productivity, and even our lifespan.



The current day problem is that connectivity has been confused with connection. Just because we are wired doesn't mean we are linked where it really matters! Real connection goes deeper than sharing online messages and responding with emojis.

True connections are formed when we listen being fully present, with empathy and with concern. It is the difference between merely liking a post and asking someone how they really are and being actually interested in the answer. It means showing up and putting connections before convenience.

We need to reclaim our connections before they dwindle and disappear.. At home, it may be about putting the phone down and engaging face-to-face. Outside the home, it may be about choosing compassion over cynicism. And everywhere, it's about listening to others tell their stories and understanding where they come from.

Strong human connections build communities that can withstand disagreements. A connected community can keep us grounded when the world feels chaotic. Connections strengthen mental health and physical well being.

Human beings are social creatures. Without connections, we fray. The solution is simple, reach out. Call instead of text. Listen more than you speak. Show up for others and for yourself. Attend your Rotary meeting! Because, no amount of high speed wifi can replace what we lose when we stop truly seeing each other.

**Yours in Rotary**  
**Daksha Bhat**

**“The actions of men are the best interpreters of their thoughts.”**

**-John Locke**



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Eye Camp Othanatty
- 04

Weekly Meeting

Eye Camp Palaniyappa Estate

Seminar Book Fair and Planetarium Show
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Health Camp at Yedapalli
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Weekly Meeting

Assistant Governor's Assembly
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Eye Camp Horticulture Centre Coonoor
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Governor's Assembly

Governor's Official Visit

Charter Day Celebration
- 26

Eye Camp Cliff House Coonoor
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Eye Camp Police & Public Coonoor
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Eye Camp Kotagiri Municipality
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Eye Camp Jagathhala Pensioners Association

## Governor's Official Visit - 25<sup>th</sup> Nov



DG Rtn Dhansekhar and first lady Rtn Amudhapriya visited Rtn Col Chhabra at his residence prior to the GOV.



The Rotary family of the RC Nilgiris celebrating Charter Day and the GOV



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On the occasion of the centenary year of quantum science, our club supported a Seminar, Book Fair and Planetarium show organized by the Tamil Nadu Science Forum, Nilgiris and held at St Mary's Girls Higher Sec School, Coonoor. 800 students attended the event.



# Interact

The charter for our 8th Interact Club, at Brindavan Public School was received. This is the second chartered this year, and hopefully two more Interact clubs will soon be added.







A CPU was donated to Government High School, Kattabetu

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of the things  
we think, say,  
& do

**Rotary**  
The Nilgiris



**1**

is it  
the  
**truth**

**2**

is it **fair**  
to all concerned

**3**

will it be  
**beneficial**  
to all concerned

**4**

will it build  
**goodwill**  
& better friendships

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Our club supported a health camp organised at Sai Baba Yedappalli Hospital with doctors from Narayana Health Bengaluru,. More than 300 Home Guards and their family members attended the camp which was co hosted by RC Unicon Cbe and Kinder Trust



## Events

The ground breaking pooja for the construction of the new KG classroom and Science Lab at PUMS Bettati on 19<sup>th</sup> November.



Rotarians were welcomed at the gates of the school by a splendid marching band.



The different uniforms provided for the school students. Formal with blazers, white with house color t-shirts, and tracksuits. The children have also been given school bags and shoes.



Before and after pictures showing the wonderful change brought about in the school environment.







A mini amphitheatre style seating area for outdoor events is coming up in the school grounds. This is a generous contribution from Rtn. Raunak Jain



Rtn Diana Bharucha visited Lucknow and attended a meeting and exchanged flags with Rotary club Lucknow Rajdhani



# Kalakriti

## District 3203 Cultural Event



Twelve schools, 180 Interact students participated in the event. Multiple parallel competitions; Debate, Dance, Drawing, Essay writing and Mime were held. Students competed enthusiastically and delivered some exceptional performances.

The event was led by District Interact Co-Chair Rtn Sunil Goyal with the help of Rtn Gayathri Raman, Secretary RC Ootacamund. The principal of St. Antony's HSS, Bro. Thomas supported the event providing the premises, hall, sound systems, changing rooms, and graced both the inaugural and valedictory sessions. Our Rotarians, Anns, and members from neighboring clubs, pitched in to make the event a grand success.





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We were honored to have Brig. Krishnendu Das, Commandant MRC, as our Chief Guest. Medals and certificates were awarded to students, trophies presented to schools, and participation certificates given to all. Snacks and lunch for the participants and staff were sponsored by Mr. Kailash Sancheti.



Pres. Rtn. Hari Krishnan, Secy. Rtn. Daksha, Sgt-at-Arms Rtn Colaso, Rtn. Devaraj, Rtn. Diana, Rtn. Dr. Rajesh, Rtn. Krishn Dev, Rtn. Muralidharan, Rtn. Raunak, Rtn. Sangeetha, Rtn. Sanjay, Rtn. Sheela, Rtn. Sonia, and our Anns, Ann David, Ann Jyothi, Ann Kanakalatha, Ann Kasthuri, Ann Reeba, Ann Shalini, Ann Shifali, Ann Suman and Ann Surabhi helped with judging and arrangements.





# Eye Camps



Palaniyappa Estate



Sim's park &  
Horticulture Office Staff



Othanatty Coonoor



Police & Public Coonoor



Kotagiri Municipality



# December

## Birthdays



01 Rtn Sangeetha Shinde

02 Ann Shifali Spouse of Rtn Sanjay Khanna  
Ann Suman Spouse of Rtn Sunil Goyal

05 Annet John S/o Rtn Jayanthi Premkumar

06 Rtn Devaraj N K  
Ann Jyoti Spouse of Rtn Gen Girish

07 Rtn Bharat Bir Mohindra

08 Ann Sandeep Spouse of Rtn Vaishnavi

09 Rtn Trupti Muntode

15 Ann Esther Spouse of Rtn Colaso

21 Annet Samir S/o Rtn Gen Girish

23 Ann Reeba Spouse of Rtn Cherian Mathew

25 Ann Chandra Spouse of Rtn Javerilal

26 Annet Sanjay S/o Rtn Stephen Jayseelan  
Annet Safeer S/o Rtn Sonalika Gadeock

