

# THE NILGIRI ROTARIAN

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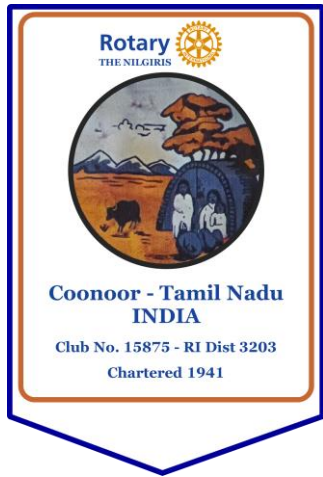
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## Spreading Smiles!



Rotarians Deepika Unni, Sonalika Gadeock & Sheela Bhasin  
Spreading Happiness with Service above Self

# President's Message



**Dear Fellow Rotarians,**

As we step into the new year with renewed energy and commitment, January has been an eventful month filled with impactful initiatives, engaging discussions, and meaningful service projects. Our collective efforts continue to reinforce Rotary's mission of service above self, ensuring that we create a lasting difference in our community.

Our commitment to **healthcare initiatives** continued with the successful conduct of **Eye Screening Camps** at Kenthala Village on 6<sup>th</sup> January, Peruratchi Town, Kotagiri on 7<sup>th</sup> January, Kurmaya Puram, Manjoor on 27<sup>th</sup> January and at Coonoor Tea Estate Bandishola on 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> January. These camps have been instrumental in providing essential eye care services to underserved communities.

Our **Palliative & Geriatric (P&G) Center** saw a significant visit on 23<sup>rd</sup> January by **Dr. Deepa** from the **Palliative Center of PSG Hospital, Coimbatore** and **Dr. Poornima** from **Cancer Care Foundation**, along with staff. Their interaction with our team has paved the way for regular visits, procedural updates, and enhanced patient referrals. Additionally, **six room heaters** have been provided for the comfort of our P&G center inmates, ensuring their well-being during the colder months.

**Rotary's reach in healthcare services continues to expand** as **Rtn Javrilal** has taken the initiative to promote our **Advanced Life Support (ALS) Ambulance** and the **P&G facility** at Government Lawley Hospital by visiting estates and hospitals. His efforts on **31st January** mark the beginning of a structured outreach program to enhance awareness and accessibility to these critical services.

Another significant service initiative currently underway is the **refurbishment of the Swarga Bhoomi Crematorium**. The **chimney replacement** and comprehensive maintenance work began with an auspicious **coconut-breaking ceremony on 20<sup>th</sup> January**. The project is progressing well and is expected to be completed by **12<sup>th</sup> February**. During this period, the crematorium remains closed, and we appreciate the community's understanding. We look forward to **rededicating this essential facility to the public** in a special event scheduled for **13<sup>th</sup> February at 11:00 a.m.**

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On 19<sup>th</sup> January, **Fireside Group Two** hosted a delightful luncheon at **Golf Hut, Wellington Gymkhana Club**. The event was filled with camaraderie, games, music, and laughter, strengthening the bonds within our Rotary family. A special highlight of this meeting was the **induction of two distinguished personalities** into our club: **Dr. Rajesh Chandra**, Retd IG BSF & **Mr. Raunak Jain**, a dynamic young entrepreneur and businessman. We extend a warm welcome to them and look forward to their valuable contributions to our club's service initiatives.

We had the privilege of hosting two engaging **Speaker Meetings**: **Brigadier Krishnendu Das**, Commandant of MRC, enlightened us on the Indian Army's operations in Eastern Ladakh and Galwan, providing deep insights into strategic defence.

**Rtn Venkatraman** shared his fascinating journey in cricket, reminiscing about his playing days and his tenure as a selector for the Indian cricket team. His talk was followed by an exciting **Cricket Quiz**, adding a fun and interactive element to the session.

A significant milestone this month has been the drafting, discussion, and finalization of the **Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for the Administration of Rotary Club of The Nilgiris and its Charitable Trusts**. This document establishes a systematic and efficient approach for club administration, ensuring transparency, accountability, and continuity.

It covers essential aspects such as appointment of office bearers, signatories for bank operations, statutory audits, document maintenance, meeting and membership records, and monthly updates. This SOP will serve as a guiding framework for years to come, ensuring the seamless functioning of our club and its charitable initiatives.

As we move forward, let us continue to uphold the spirit of Rotary, embracing opportunities to serve and make a difference.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your unwavering dedication and commitment.

Together, let us keep the momentum going!





# From the Editor's desk

Dear Fellow Rotarian,

Rotary has a legacy of Peacebuilding. At the Rotary International convention at Havana, Cuba in 1940 a resolution was adopted calling for "freedom, justice, truth, sanctity of the pledged word, and respect for human rights" that resolution became the framework for the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights. In 1942, after World War II, Rotary clubs from 21 nations met in London to develop a vision for advancing education, science and culture. This meeting led the international dialogues on reconstructing education around the world once WWII was over, and served as a precursor to UNESCO. In April 1945, Rotary was invited to attend as an observer organization for the finalizing of the charter of the United Nations in San Francisco.

In an increasingly fractured global landscape, where escalating geopolitical, environmental, societal and technological challenges threaten stability and progress. Rotary has become an invaluable partner in global peace efforts by empowering individuals with the tools to promote peace. One of the most profound examples of Rotary's impact on peace is the establishment of the Rotary Peace Fellowships in 2002, which provides funding for individuals to study peace and conflict resolution at one of several prestigious universities worldwide. Over 1,700 fellows have graduated, Many serve as leaders in governments; NGOs; education and research institutions and international organizations, including the UN.

Rotary International's focus on the enduring power of global cooperation in fostering peace continues to shape a more unified world. It is a matter of pride to be part of an institution where collaboration transcends national borders.

Yours in Rotary,

*Daksha Bhat*



“ The road to war is well paved,  
the road to peace is a wilderness ”

- Paul Harris





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| <b>06</b> |    | ▪ Eye Camp at Kenthala Village   |
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| <b>07</b> |    | ▪ <b>Board Meeting</b><br>▪ <b>Weekly Meeting</b><br>▪ Eye Camp at Town Peruratchi |
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| <b>14</b> |    | ▪ <b>Weekly Meeting</b><br>▪ <b>Speaker &amp; Family Meeting</b>                   |
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| <b>19</b> |    | ▪ <b>Fireside – Group 2</b>  |
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| <b>20</b> |  | ▪ Commencement of upgrade of<br>Sorga Bhoomi Crematorium                           |
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| <b>21</b> |  | ▪ <b>Weekly Meeting</b>  |
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| <b>23</b> |  | ▪ Donation of Heaters to P&G Center  |
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| <b>27</b> |  | ▪ Eye Camp at Kurmaya Puram  |
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| <b>28</b> |  | ▪ <b>Weekly Meeting</b><br>▪ <b>Family Meeting</b>                                 |
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| <b>30</b> |  | ▪ Eye Camp at Coonoor Tea Estate   |
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| <b>31</b> |  | ▪ Eye Camp at Coonoor Tea Estate   |



Guest Speaker, Brigadier Krishnendu Das, Commandant MRC spoke about Eastern Ladakh and Galwan. His wonderful presentation and insights were appreciated by all present. Interactors and teachers from the Laidlaw, Mrs Bullmoore and St Anthony's School also attended the meeting.





**Rotarians got together to enjoy the second Fireside of the year in a Monochrome Celebration**







Heartiest welcome to our newly inducted Rotarians, Rtn Dr Rajesh & Rtn Raunak





# The 4 Way Test

of the things we *think*,  
*say*, and *do*

 **Rotary**  
The Nilgiris

is it the  
**Truth**

is it  
**Fair**  
to all concerned

will it build  
**Goodwill**  
& better friendships

will it be  
**Beneficial**  
to all concerned

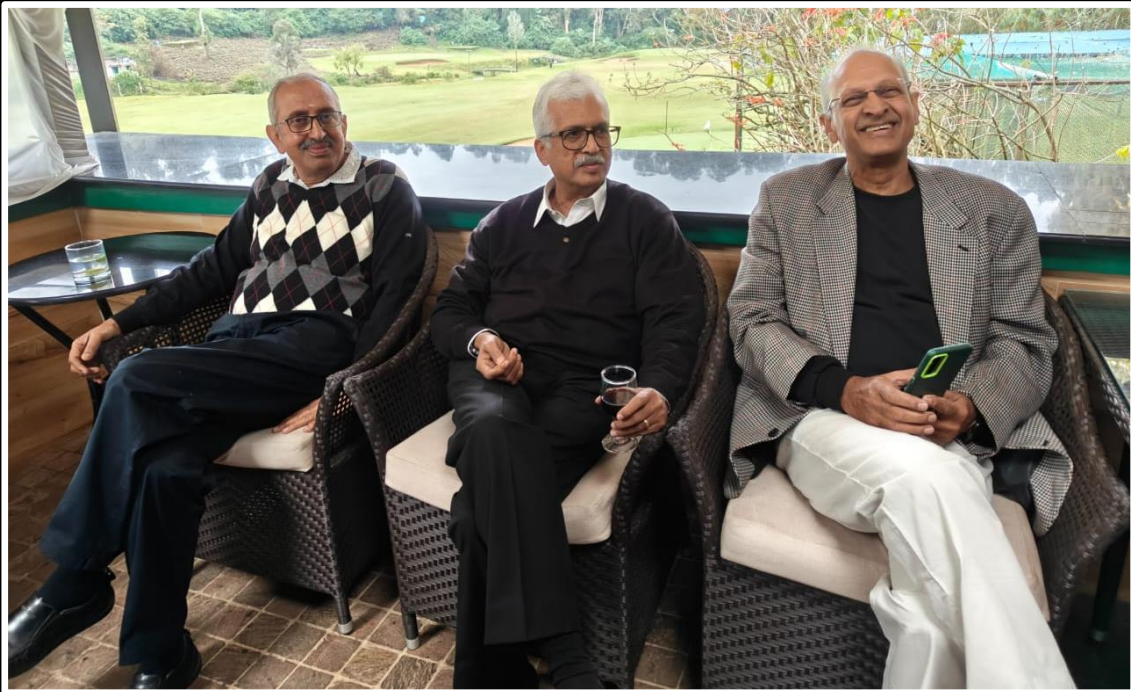


# Events



**Friends,  
fun,  
food  
&  
future  
Rotarians!**









Dr Poornima of the Cancer Care Foundation and staff from the Palliative Center of PSG Hospital, Coimbatore visited the P&G centre at Lawley Govt Hospital, Coonoor. Our club donated six 2000 W convection heaters to the P&G centre for the comfort of the patients. Rotarians Rtms. Gen Girish, Sonia, Sunil, Diana, Hari, Colaso and Ann Shalini were present.







Extensive maintenance and upgradation of the Sorga Bhoomi LPG Crematorium, established and operated by the club, has been taken up.. The the old 100 foot mild steel chimney and associated pipes and blowers will be replaced by stainless steel parts. Servicing of the incinerator, all burners and heat-dissipating equipment will also be done.







Rtn Javriral visited various hospitals and estates to create awareness about the Ambulance Service. He was accompanied by paramedic Ms. Archana. , he The information was vey useful as many were unaware of the facility. They were impressed to learn that the rate for a trip to Coimbatore was only Rs.7500/- ,and that paramedical staff, equipment, oxygen and medications were available.



## List of visits

1. Home for the aged.
2. The Non such estate
3. Glendale estate.
4. Park side estate
5. Mailur estate .
6. Craig more Estate
7. Sutton estate
8. Collacumbai estate
9. Chamraj estate.
10. Dr Shivaraj







06/01 @ Kenthala



07/01 @ Town Peruratchi  
Glasses Provided: 10



# FEBRUARY

Peacebuilding  
& Conflict  
Prevention  
Month

Rotary  
The Nilgiris







**27/01 @ Kurmaya Puram Manjoor**

Total screening : 61

Defective : 22

Cataract : 2

Pterygium : 1

Glacoma : 1

Glasses Provided: 4

**30/01 @ Coonoor Tea Estate Bandishola**

Total screening : 148

Defective : 33

Pterygium : 4

Glasses Provided: 19



**31/01 @ Coonoor Tea Estate Bandishola**

Total screening : 63

Defective : 13

Pterygium : 4

Glaucoma : 1

Glasses Provided: 10





# February

## Birthdays

10 Rtn Sunaina Mathews

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13 Annet Girish S/o Rtn C R Venkatraman

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20 Ann JT Mathews spouse of Sunaina Mathews

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21 Rtn Manish Jain

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24 Rtn Mohan Kumar PR

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27 Rtn Krishna Dev

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Annet Andrew S/o Rtn Norman Wood

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29 Ann Beulah Diana spouse of Rtn. Pradeep Pandiaraj

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A Birthday So Awesome The  
World Can Only Handle It  
Once Every 4 Years:

## Anniversaries

05 Rtn Mukund

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Rtn Krishna Dev

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08 Rtn Sushil Parekh

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Rtn Norman Wood

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20 Rtn Sunaina Mathews

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