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The Grand Finale of Family Involved Rotary Entertainment (FIRE) was conducted at Ann's International Convention & Exhibition Centre, Kottayam on 19th January 2025. Rotary Club of Kollam Metro became Overall Champion.

## MESSAGE FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT



This month, as we come together for the International Assembly and the Presidential Peace Conference, we celebrate *The Magic of Rotary* — a unique blend of global connection, vision, and action that empowers us to create lasting change.

One of the most inspiring examples is our Rotary Peace Fellowship program, a cornerstone of Rotary's mission to build a more peaceful and just world.

For more than 23 years, Rotary Peace Fellowships have been transforming communities. Our Rotary Peace Centers, hosted at leading universities around the globe, have educated over 1,800 fellows who now work in more than 140 countries.

These centers cultivate expertise in fields like conflict resolution, sustainable development, and peacebuilding, preparing fellows to tackle some of the world's most pressing challenges. This program exemplifies how Rotary turns vision into action, creating a ripple effect of hope and change.

This month during the Presidential Peace Conference, we celebrate a significant milestone with the opening of our newest peace center in Istanbul. This center will focus on training

leaders to address peacebuilding challenges in the Middle East and North Africa, further extending Rotary's impact.

Peace fellows are dedicated champions of transformation, addressing critical issues such as refugee resettlement, youth and women's empowerment, and reconciliation in conflict zones. Many founded vital organizations or hold leadership roles in governments, nongovernmental organizations, and international institutions like the United Nations and World Bank.

One inspiring story is that of Ntang Julius Meleng, a 2024 Rotary Peace Fellow at Makerere University in Uganda. Through his Social Change Initiative, Julius has worked to empower young people in Cameroon to take active roles in peacebuilding and leadership.

His project provided training in conflict prevention, civic engagement, and leadership to youths and community officials in areas affected by conflict, equipping people to drive sustainable peace efforts.

Julius harnessed Rotary's global network to overcome obstacles, including limited funding and security risks, and make a meaningful impact.

The Rotary Peace Fellowship gave Julius the tools and support to turn his vision into reality. His work embodies *The Magic of Rotary* — the transformative power of connecting people, sharing resources, and uniting for a common purpose.

As we reflect on the achievements of our peace fellows and celebrate Rotary's enduring commitment to peace, let us also recognize the role that everyone in our network of 1.2 million members plays in creating magic through service.

Together, we can amplify our impact, inspire new generations of leaders, and build a brighter, more peaceful future.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephanie A. Urchick". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Stephanie A. Urchick**

Rotary International President, 2024-2025

## DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VOICE



Dear Rotary Leaders,  
Warm Rotary Greetings!

The month of February is very special in the Rotary calendar since it is designated World Understanding month. The month includes the Anniversary of the first meeting of the Rotary held on February 23, 1905, in Chicago. Today over 70 million people are displaced as a result of conflict, violence, persecution and human rights violations. Half of them are children. We refuse to accept conflict as a way of life. Rotary projects provide training that fosters understanding and provide communities with the skills to resolve conflicts. Our commitment to peace today answers new challenges: how we can make the greatest possible impact and how we can achieve our vision of lasting change. We are approaching the concept of peace with greater cohesion and inclusivity, broadening the scope of what we mean by peace building and finding more ways for the people to get involved.

Rotary and its members are:

- Practitioners: Our work fighting disease, providing clean water and sanitation, improving the health of mothers and children, supporting education and growing local economies directly builds the optimal conditions for peace societies.

What we can do?

Arrange speakers to schools and colleges to give awareness about Rotary. What do we do in the society for peace and conflict? Arrange discussions on global issues, present entertainment with an international culture or artistic theme and other programs with international speakers. Engage in reconciliation of broken families, restoring relationship. Help how people can live in peace with their families and their neighbours. Assist young single mothers who are victims of sexual abuse through training them with self help projects, Small business that may help them with their children. Give an article in newspaper, social media to highlight what Rotary has accomplished locally and globally in the past and why it remains relevant today. Coordinate with local channels or radio stations to have Rotarians appear on morning talk show or evening news segment in honor of Rotary Day.

We Support Peace.

The Rotary Action Group for Peace gives Rotary members, resources and support to advance peace efforts and turn ambitious ideas into life changing realities.

Let us pledge,

Putting an end to domestic violence and save a girl child and bring peace.

Yours in Rotary Service,

**Rtn AKSM Sudhi Jabbar**  
District Governor

# Feedback



Dear Rtn. Roy and Fellow Rotarians,  
Greetings from the Association of Rotary Clubs UAE!

On behalf of Mr. Ahmad, we were delighted to receive your newsletter and the beautifully written article about your recent visit to our Rotary HQ office.

It was truly our pleasure hosting you, and we look forward to future opportunities to connect and collaborate.

Wishing you a successful and productive District Conference with a lasting impact on the community.

Warm regards,

**Maggie Bhasin**

(Mail received by Rtn.Roy, president of e club Kerala Global from Secretary to Chairman of the Association of UAE Rotary Clubs)

Congratulations for an outstanding GML presenting every aspect of activities at Club Level, District Level and International Level and that too in a most attractive package.

**PDG Ranjan Dhingra, New Delhi**

Your painstaking efforts well appreciated !!!

**PDG Suresh Mathew**

Thank you Madam for your support as always, in including Quilon East activities. You have been doing a wonderful job with the newsletter in terms of content & quality. Thank You.

**Rtn Kishore Kumar, President RC Quilon East.**

## EDITOR'S THOUGHTS



A Table Calendar, received this year, has quotes about "Learning" from eminent intellectuals on each page. Some of them that attracted me were:

"Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty.

Anyone who keeps learning stays young." – *Henry Ford*

"Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever." – *Mahatma Gandhi*

"Learning is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire." – *W. B. Yeats*

"In learning you will teach, and in teaching you will learn." – *Phil Collins*

In this rapidly changing world, learning has great importance in our lives. It is essential to get ourselves updated with the latest knowledge. This is very true for Rotarians.

Rotary provides ample opportunities for learning and development. Before the beginning of every Rotary Year, preparations go in full swing for everyone to get equipped for the coming year, by taking learning sessions for Governors Elect, Assistant Governors Elect, Presidents Elect, Secretaries Elect and other leaders.

Even after the new Rotary year starts, continuous learning goes on through day to day operations and seminars and conferences at various levels.

This month, we are having the District Conference on eighth and ninth of February 2025 at Gokulam Convention Centre, Kochi. Even though District Conference is not specifically meant for learning, the proceedings and the interaction with the attendees will automatically provide opportunities for greater learning.

**Rtn Sheela Devi B, Chief Editor, GML**

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## “THE AMBIDEXTROUS SPIRIT OF ACTIVE ROTARIANS”



In the heart of Singrauli, Madhya Pradesh, history is being rewritten by an extraordinary institution—Veenavadi School, India’s first and only ambidextrous school. An ambidextrous personality is able to use the right and left hands equally well. Founded by former army officer S.P. Sarma, this school has garnered global attention for its unique approach to education. Housing 150 students with exceptional abilities, the school trains its learners to write in six different languages using both hands simultaneously. For instance, a student might write Hindi with one hand and English or Urdu with the other, seamlessly.

This fascinating skill, rooted in ambidexterity, is a result of symmetrical development of the left and right brain hemispheres. It is said studies reveal that ambidextrous individuals often display higher levels of cognitive flexibility and problem-solving skills, with above-average IQ levels. Interestingly, only 1% of India’s population is naturally ambidextrous. The school draws inspiration from the first President of

India, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, himself an ambidextrous personality.

As I reflect on this inspiring story, it reminds me of the multitasking spirit of Rotarians. Much like the students of Veenavadi School who harmonize complex skills, Rotarians balance multiple roles with precision and purpose.

In Rotary, whether you are a professional or a businessperson, multitasking becomes second nature. We often find ourselves managing critical work responsibilities while simultaneously attending to Rotary commitments. For instance, imagine being deeply engaged in a business decision when a fellow Rotarian reaches out seeking advice on a point in the Manual of Procedure (MOP) or for clarification on a club initiative. Without hesitation, we pause, prioritize, and address their concerns—sometimes immediately, sometimes promising to return with a solution after wrapping up our primary task.

This dual role is not a burden but a joy. I recall countless interactions with Dr. Thomas Vavani, where we’ve exchanged calls amidst busy schedules—he attending to a patient, and I in the middle of a meeting. Despite the constraints, we always make time to discuss Rotary matters mainly related to TRF Grants, find solutions, and return to our respective duties with renewed focus.

Much like the ambidextrous students who excel in synchronizing complex tasks, Rotarians thrive in balancing their professional and social responsibilities. It’s not just about time management; it’s about the deep satisfaction of serving others while growing personally and professionally. Many of my Rotarian friends often share how this multitasking brings them immense joy. It’s a reflection of our commitment to the Rotary motto, “Service Above Self.”

The story of Veenavadi School and the ambidextrous students is a testament to human potential and resilience. It also mirrors the ethos of Rotary, a belief in breaking barriers, pushing limits, and creating meaningful impact. Both remind us that when dedication meets purpose, history is not just written; it is rewritten.

**PDG Suresh Mathew**  
District Learning Facilitator



## SARVAM (സർവ്വം) - INDIA'S SOVEREIGN LLM



Artificial Intelligence (AI) is rapidly transforming industries and reshaping global dynamics. While countries like the United States and China have pioneered Large Language Models (LLMs), India is making its mark with Sarvam AI, a homegrown startup dedicated to creating generative AI solutions tailored to the unique needs of the Indian population. With its flagship model, Sarvam-1, and several strategic partnerships, Sarvam AI is not just a participant but a leader in the quest for India's sovereign LLM.

India, with its diverse linguistic and cultural landscape, presents both a challenge and an opportunity for AI innovation. Addressing this, Ashwini Vaishnaw, Union Minister of Railways, Information & Broadcasting, Electronics and Information Technology, emphasized Sarvam AI's critical role in solving population-scale problems using Indian language models. The minister's discussions with the Sarvam AI team highlighted the vast potential of sovereign LLMs in transforming

governance, education, healthcare, and other sectors.

Sarvam AI's efforts transcend technological advancements; they represent a step toward India's digital sovereignty. By focusing on Indic languages, Sarvam AI ensures that its solutions are rooted in the country's cultural and linguistic diversity, making AI accessible to all, not just a privileged few. This aligns perfectly with India's vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat (Self-Reliant India), where India is not merely a consumer of global technologies but a creator of innovative solutions tailored to its unique challenges.

### Sarvam-1 vs. Bhashini App

The Bhashini App, already available for download on the Play Store, is part of India's National Language Translation Mission, aimed at providing translation and language tools to bridge the digital divide. While Bhashini focuses on translation and speech tools for governmental and educational use, Sarvam-1 delves deeper into advanced AI tasks, including enterprise solutions, intelligent chatbots, and decision-making for large-scale problems.

▶▶ Bhashini App: Accessible to the common man via direct downloads and integration into public services.

▶▶ Sarvam-1: Leverages generative AI for tasks such as summarization, reasoning, and text generation, making it ideal for enterprises and developers.

### What Sets Sarvam-1 Apart?

Sarvam-1, the first generative AI model optimized for Indian languages, supports ten Indian languages alongside English: Bengali, Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, Oriya, Punjabi, Tamil, and Telugu. It has already outperformed global giants like Google's Gemma-2 and Meta's Llama-3 on specific benchmarks, positioning it as a pioneering step toward making generative AI accessible to India's diverse population.

### Applications Across Domains

#### 1. Governance and Public Administration:

- Facilitating language-neutral platforms for government services.
- Enhancing decision-making through data-driven insights.
- Providing real-time support for drafting policies, managing resources, and addressing citizen queries.

#### 2. Education:

- Enabling personalized learning experiences by generating content in regional languages.
- Assisting teachers and students in remote areas with language-specific AI tools.

### 3. Healthcare:

- Bridging communication gaps between healthcare providers and patients who speak different languages.
- Supporting medical professionals with AI-powered diagnostics and research in Indian languages.

### 4. Customer Service:

● Automating responses to customer queries in multiple languages, ensuring inclusivity in sectors like banking, retail, and telecommunications.

#### How Can the Common Man Use Sarvam-1?

Sarvam-1 is designed to simplify daily tasks for individuals relying on regional languages. Here's how it benefits the common man:

1. **Government Services:** With NITI Aayog's collaboration, Sarvam-1 integrates into portals like the National Data and Analytics Portal (NDAP), allowing users to query government data in their preferred language.
2. **Skill Development:** The Skill India Mission leverages Sarvam-1 to deliver personalized training content in regional languages.
3. **Education:** Supports students by translating educational material into native languages, bridging language barriers in rural areas.
4. **Document Translation:** Enables easy translation of official documents, certificates, and notices into local languages.
5. **Chatbots:** Powers customer service bots in regional languages for seamless user interactions.
6. **Voice Assistants:** Provides regional language support in voice-based AI tools for everyday tasks.

#### How to Download and Use Sarvam-1

##### For Developers and Enterprises:

###### ▶▶ Accessing the Model:

- Sarvam-1 may be available through APIs or developer portals offered by Sarvam AI.
- Developers can integrate it into platforms for chatbots, content generation, or language translation.

###### ▶▶ Partnership Requirements:

- Organizations interested in leveraging Sarvam-1 may need to collaborate directly with Sarvam AI for access and support.

##### For Common Users:

▶▶ Sarvam-1 is currently focused on enterprise use, but Sarvam AI plans to release apps for broader access. These could include:

- **Language Translation Tools:** Translating between English and Indian languages.
- **Text Generation Platforms:** Assisting in creating content like resumes or creative writing in regional languages.

#### Global Recognition and Future Potential

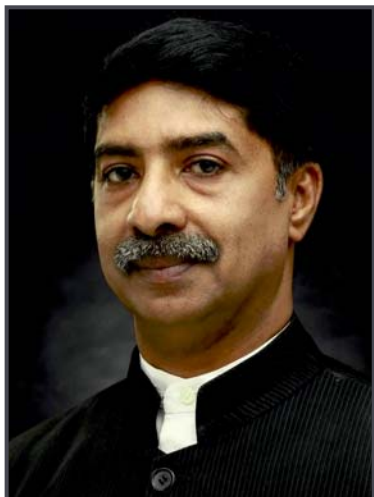
Prominent researcher Raj Dabre, associated with NICT in Kyoto and a visiting professor at IIT Madras, stated, "If there is one company in India that has the highest potential to build an IndicLLM, it has to be Sarvam AI."

Sarvam AI's achievements reflect India's thriving startup ecosystem, which fosters innovation. With strategic partnerships, a focus on solving real-world problems, and a commitment to inclusivity, Sarvam AI is set to become a leader in generative AI.

Thank you for reading the AI News!

**Rtn PDG P G Muraleedharan**

## FROM LOCAL CLUB TO GLOBAL CITIZEN: THE ROTARY JOURNEY OF FRIENDSHIP



My Rotary journey began in 1986 with the Rotary Club of Changanacherry. Like many, I dreamed of making a global impact through service projects, particularly global grants. Our club, considered rural at the time, had limited access to Rotary leadership, making it challenging to navigate the complexities of international partnerships. Undeterred, I became my own Rotary teacher, independently learning the ropes.

A turning point came with an advertisement in the Rotary International bulletin for the Donation in Kind Network. In the pre-internet era, communication relied on letters and faxes. I discovered a UK Rotarian offering assistance with free limb camps and immediately faxed him. This led to a seven-page application for a matching grant, a daunting document I struggled to understand. Turning to Past District Governor (PDG) Dough Bishop, I confessed my confusion. His guidance proved invaluable, teaching me the entire grant process.

We secured the matching grant, providing 1,000 limbs – a first for our district. This project extended the Rotary Jaipur Limb UK's reach to South India, and I now serve as their Lead Ambassador for India. I've also had the privilege of nominating two of our leaders, DGE Dr. Tina Antony and DGN Krishnan Nair, as Ambassadors of Rotary Jaipur Limb UK.

In 1991, a trip to London coincided with a chance to meet PDG Bishop in person. The 26-year-old Scaria arrived at London Airport and was greeted by a tall, elderly man in a Rotary wheel T-shirt. Bishop and his friend, John Wilton, the primary contact for the limb project, had expected someone much older. This humorous encounter marked the beginning of lasting friendships and impactful collaborations.

Since then, I've been involved in projects across India and numerous countries, including Nepal, Russia, France, Canada, Tonga, Ghana, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, the UK, and Bangladesh. I've worked with over six Rotary districts in India, most Districts in UK, 5 Districts in USA and been associated with over 172 Rotary clubs worldwide. My travels now include welcoming Rotarian families in various countries. As Lead Ambassador for Rotary Jaipur Limb, I help districts in India organize camps, managing multiple global grant projects annually. I also advise several international charities and assist non-Rotary organizations during natural disasters.

My success stems from self-education and a focus on building genuine friendships. The Rotary website and social media offer vast resources for connecting with international partners. However, true connection comes from caring for others and acting with integrity.

John Wilton, my initial contact for the limb camp, remains a close friend. His satisfaction with our project led him to recommend us to others, opening doors to further collaborations. Similarly, friendships with PDG Luz Maria, Rtn George Lewis, PDG Raju V Paul, and Tina Fitch have blossomed into significant partnerships.

Many clubs focus on the mechanics of global grants, neglecting the crucial aspect of relationship building. They submit reports and close grants without nurturing the friendships with international partners. I prioritize consistent communication, sharing project updates, photos, and stories.

Recognizing the contributions of international clubs and their members is essential. Simple gestures like featuring their names on banners and sharing photos that highlight the impact of the project can make a huge difference.

Building strong relationships with primary contacts and their club members is the key to securing future support. I ensure they receive recognition, sometimes even Paul Harris Fellowships. Inviting them to visit can further solidify these bonds. The Free Wheelchair Project 5240 recognized my contributions with multiple Paul Harris Fellowships, and the Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park made me an honorary member.

My home boasts a unique feature: a collection of 'Rotary Friendship Trees.' Each tree represents a partnership with a Rotary friend from abroad, someone who collaborated with me on a service project. These trees stand as living symbols of the global reach of Rotary and the power of friendship. One such tree, planted by PDG Gerry Powell from the UK, recently became the center of a heartwarming reunion. Gerry's grandson, during a Kerala tour, made it a point to visit our home and see the tree his grandfather



had planted years ago. It was a beautiful reminder of the enduring legacy of Rotary's work.

A simple "I want to be your friend" message to Rtn George Lewis eventually led to collaborations on projects worth US\$400,000. Now, our DGE, Dr. Tina, is working with him and PDG Tina Fitch. Friendships create a network of connections that expand opportunities for service.

The biggest mistake many make is ignoring international partner Rotarians. While staff at Evanston and past governors are important, the international club members are our true partners in service and friendship. I make a point of introducing myself, my family, and my club to them, maintaining contact even after projects conclude.

My concern extends to the well-being of my Rotarian friends across the globe. Fires, floods, snowstorms, and other crises prompt me to reach out and ensure their safety. Just as we prioritize our own family and friends, we should extend that care to our international Rotary family.

When PDG Peter from the UK fell ill during a visit, we cared for him like family. Similarly, we ensured Liz Wilton and John enjoyed their stay in Munnar. These experiences highlight the importance of genuine care and trust.

My journey has taught me that integrity and transparency are paramount. Service should be driven by sincerity and passion, not solely by the desire for project support. As I believe, "If you lose your integrity, you will also lose your identity, your sensitivity, and your dignity. Integrity is honesty, modesty, and security in all kinds of weather. It should be our priority!" TRF funds are sacred, and Rotarians are our brothers and sisters.

**PDG Scaria Jose Kattoor**

## GLOBAL GRANTS

*Global grants support large international activities with sustainable, measurable outcomes in Rotary's areas of focus. By working together to respond to real community needs, clubs and districts strengthen their global partnerships.*

### **ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES**

*Global grants support international activities in Rotary's areas of focus:*

*Humanitarian projects provide sustainable, measurable outcomes that address real community needs.*

*Vocational training improves job skills in a community through educational programs. It also supports teams of professionals who travel abroad to gain knowledge and skills or build the capacity of the community they visit.*

*Scholarships fund international graduate-level study by people seeking a career in an area of focus. Applications for scholars who will begin studies in August, September, or October are due by 30 June.*

### **CLUB QUALIFICATION FOR GLOBAL GRANTS**

*At Rotary, we want every grant to demonstrate that we're ethical, responsible leaders who use our donors' money wisely. Rotary's commitment to sound financial management makes it easier for all of us to find donors, partners, and communities that are ready to work with us.*

*Qualifying a Rotary Club for global grants takes three steps:*

- 1. Complete a grant management seminar. Rotary members involved in grant-funded projects should participate in a grant management seminar in the district. If the members involved in the project cannot take part, your club can send its president-elect or another member. A minimum of one representative from your club must participate in the grant management seminar. Grant management training materials are available in Rotary's Learning Center.*
- 2. Complete the club memorandum of understanding (MOU). The MOU is an agreement between your club and district that outlines the Foundation's minimum requirements for managing grants. Your club president and president-elect review the MOU, sign it, and submit it to your district.*
- 3. Agree to any additional qualification requirements set by your district. Rotary's policies establish a shared standard for all clubs. Your district might have additional requirements.*

*(Courtesy: A guide to Global Grants)*

## HERE ARE OUR ASSISTANT GOVERNORS

### AG Zone 15



**Clubs:**

*Tangasseri, Quilon  
Kollam Metro  
Quilon East  
Quilon Lotus  
Greater Kollam*

**Home club:**

*Tangasseri, Quilon*

### Rtn Vipin Kumar S

Rtn Vipin Kumar S joined the Rotary Club of Tangasseri, Quilon in 2010. He held various responsibilities at the Club level and District level. He served as Secretary during the year 2015-16, 2018-19, and 2020-21 and as President 2022-23. He was awarded best Zonal level Secretary twice and best Zonal level president. Rotary District 3211 honoured him as the best Rotarian Twice. He served as the District Conference Secretary for the year 2018. He held various District level assignments like Fellowship Chairman, Asst. Lieutenant Governor etc.

Rtn Vipin Kumar S is a Diploma holder in Computer Science. He started his career as a software developer in a reputed company in Cochin. Now he is running a Rotogravure printing company in Coimbatore.

As Assistant Governor of Zone 15, his aim is to support Udaykiran-2, Planetree and Membership addition and retention. He is also support to giving maximum contribution to TRF from clubs in his zone.

Rtn Vipin Kumar S is married to Maya Vipin, a Higher Secondary Teacher. The couple is blessed with 2 children, Vandhana Vipin studing in MBBS first year and Nandana Vipin studing in Engineering first year. He is residing at Saras, Vidya Nagar 36, Kottamukku, Cutchery PO, Kollam.

### AG Zone 19



**Clubs :**

*Karunagappally  
Sasthamkottah  
Krishnapuram Royals  
Kayamkulam Palace  
Chavara Mineral Coast*

**Home Club :**

*Karunagappally*

### Rtn Anvarsadath

Rtn. Anvarsadath, a dedicated Rotarian, joined the Rotary Club of Karunagappally in 2008 and has been an active contributor to the Rotary movement ever since. Demonstrating exceptional leadership, he served as the President of the club during the Rotary year 2020-21, spearheading numerous impactful initiatives.

A professional optometrist, Rtn. Anvarsadath completed his optometry studies at Medical College, Calicut, and embarked on his entrepreneurial journey in 1994. Today, he successfully manages a chain of optical showrooms across Kerala and the UAE, offering quality vision care and employment to many.

As the Assistant Governor of Zone 19, Rtn. Anvarsadath is committed to achieving a 10% growth in Rotary membership, strengthening the organization's outreach and impact. His focus extends beyond membership growth, with a strong commitment to creating employment opportunities for 50 individuals, reflecting his dedication to community development and empowerment.

A key highlight of his service includes the successful completion of a cervical cancer vaccination drive for 1,000 girls, showcasing his commitment to public health and social responsibility.

Rtn. Anvarsadath is married to Amina Anvar, and they are blessed with three children. With the unwavering support of his family, he continues to contribute passionately to both his professional and Rotary commitments.

## OUR VISIT TO KOLKATA - AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE



Beena and I had the privilege of visiting Kolkata as the Rotary International President's Representative (RIPR) at RI District 3291, District conference, and it turned out to be an enriching and memorable experience. We were there for a 3-day conference that offered a glimpse into the magic and energy of Rotary, combined with the charm of Kolkata famously known as the "City of Joy".

The conference was truly inspiring, with District 3291 showcasing some remarkable projects. A highlight was the initiative focused on making girls' lives safer through cervical cancer vaccination. This project, along with several others, stands as a testament to the incredible work Rotary is doing to impact lives positively.

One of the most unforgettable moments was our visit to Raj Bhavan, where we had the privilege of meeting the West Bengal Governor, Shri Dr. C. V. Ananda Bose. It was a moment that truly captured the spirit and

dedication of Rotary.

The SAMMELAN District Conference will forever be etched in our memories, thanks to the exceptional leadership of District Governor AKSM Dr. Krishnendu Gupta and the gracious support of First Lady Dr. Simranji. What makes this even more special is that they are close friends and batchmates of DG Sudhi Jabbar and Salma, making the experience even more memorable and heartwarming.

Dr. Krishnendu Gupta's dynamic, dedicated, and down-to-earth approach embodies the true spirit of Rotary. We felt honored to meet him and Dr. Simranji at the Kochi Institute last month. Their warmth, hospitality, and unwavering support in Kolkata made our visit and the District conference experience truly unforgettable.

It was a tremendous honor and a thrilling experience to inaugurate the District Conference as RIPR, joined by esteemed guests, including Past Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta. I felt privileged to share my thoughts and insights on vital areas such as Rotary Foundation, Fundraising, Membership and Retention, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, and Public Image. Additionally, I had the opportunity to discuss Rotary International Presidential Emphasis and other key areas. This experience was truly unforgettable, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve as RIPR.

The speakers at the conference were incredibly inspiring, each offering unique insights. We were especially moved by Dr. Anand Ranganathan's address on the current scenario, which was thought-provoking and filled with passion. Other notable speakers, including RI President Shekhar Mehta, Shri Jayaprakash Kabra, Mr. Siddhant, and Ms. Jeena, brought a wealth of knowledge and perspective to the conference.

We also had the honor of a guided tour of the Indian Air Force, led by Air Marshal Vikram Singh and Dr. Arathi, which was both fascinating and educational. Reverend Swamiji's speeches, radiating kindness and belief, were deeply moving. DG Sarath and Vikram Solar's presentations on sustainability were incredibly informative, and Dr. Partha Basu's session on cervical cancer was outstanding in its depth and importance.

Additionally, DGE Dr. Ramendu's talk on Thalassemia was enlightening, and the sessions by Prof. Satyajit, and Prof. Biswajoy on AI were incredibly thought-provoking and relevant to today's rapidly evolving world. RI Director Anirudhaji and others delivered impactful and insightful presentations that further enriched our experience.

The conference wasn't just about the sessions. What truly made it unforgettable was the warm hospitality, kindness, and generosity of the Rotarians and their families in Kolkata.

The entertainment, particularly the royal and elegant fashion show, was spectacular. The food was delicious, and the service impeccable, making every moment even more special.

## OUR VISIT TO KOLKATA - AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE

A special mention must be made of RIPR Aides Rtn. Anand Agarwal and Rtn. Chhaya. Their care and hospitality truly showcased the warmth and charm of Kolkata, ensuring we felt welcome and well-cared-for throughout our visit. It was also wonderful to reconnect with our Governor batchmate PDG Ajoy Kumar Law and Mithaliji in their hometown, Kolkata.

The city's welcoming atmosphere added to the magic, making this visit an experience to treasure forever.

We left Kolkata with hearts full of gratitude for the people, the experience, and the incredible work being done by Rotary. It was a visit we will always remember.

God bless.

Jai Rotary!

**PDG K Babumon & Beena**



Bon Voyage at Alleppey by District Governor and the District team

Reception @Kolkata Airport by Host DG, First Lady and Aides



At Kolkata Rajbhavan with the Governor of West Bengal, Dr. C.V. Ananda Bose

# PDG K BABUMON RI PRESIDENT'S REPRESENTATIVE @ KOLKATA



## Congratulations Dr Meera John



Dr. Meera John, Rotary Club of Quilon Lotus, has been elected as the District Governor Nominee Designate (DGND) for the Rotary Year 2027-2028.

Congratulations and Best Wishes!!!

### Thanks from the bottom of my heart

My dear Rotary family,

As I reflect on our amazing journey together, my heart is filled with gratitude. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your heartfelt love and support, which have guided me to this tremendous victory. Your belief and faith in me are both humbling and inspiring, reminding me of the responsibility I now carry.

I promise to rise to the expectations set before me as I embark on the second phase of my meaningful path alongside all of you.

A big thank you to our dear District Governor Rtn Sudhi Jabbar, First Lady Salma Sudhi, DSG Reynold Gomez, esteemed members of the election committee, District officials and all who took tremendous effort in the smooth, transparent and flawless conduct of the election.

To the respected members of Council of Governors and their spouses, fellow Rotary leaders, Presidents, Secretaries, and all members of our Rotary family (including Anns and Annets), your encouragement has been the foundation of my journey. This election radiates the love, kindness, and compassion at the core of our Rotary community—values we hold dear.

I extend my deepest gratitude to my beloved husband, PDG Dr. John Daniel, who has been my rock and constant source of inspiration. His support has anchored me through every challenge.

Thank you, Rotarian Dr. Johnny Gabriel, for maintaining a warm and friendly demeanor, embodying the true spirit of Rotary, throughout the election.

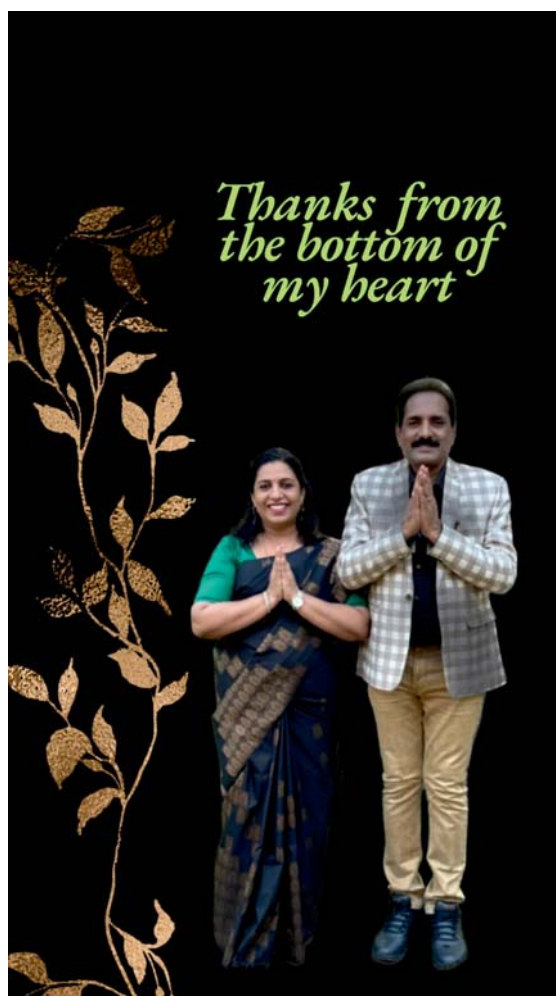
To all my dear brothers and sisters who supported me and prayed for me—your faith in my potential reflects the strength of our Rotary family. I am ever grateful to each one of you for letting me keep my integrity and honour throughout the election.

As I step into my role as the District Governor Nominee Designate, I am committed to upholding the ideals of Rotary and serving you with passion.

My dear ones, this is the time I need more support and prayers from all of you. We have a long way to go. Together, let us continue to make a lasting impact in our community.

With all my love and heartfelt appreciation,

**Dr. Meera John**



## FAMILY INVOLVED ROTARY ENTERTAINMENT (FIRE)

The Grand Finale of Family Involved Rotary Entertainment (FIRE) was conducted at Ann's International Convention & Exhibition Centre, Kottayam on 19th January 2025.



Special Entertainment by Council of Governors and Spouses

### FIRE Grand Finale First Prize Winners



**Solo Song (Annets)**  
Kirthana Rajagopal  
RC Kureeppuzha



**Solo Song (Anns & Lady Rtns)**  
Luxy Jince  
RC Ranni



**Solo Song (Rtns)**  
Rajmohan  
RC Kollam Metro



**Duet Song**  
Rajmohan & Anju Nithin  
Kollam Metro



**Group Song**  
Rajmohan & Team  
RC Kollam Metro



**Thiruvathira**  
Anuradha Rajesh & Team  
RC Palai



**Solo Dance**  
Reshma Gokul  
RC TVM South



**Group Dance**  
Suramya Mathai & Team  
RC Puthuppally



**Overall Club**  
First Position  
RC Kollam Metro

## NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION SEMINAR - KOTTAYAM REVENUE DISTRICT



New Member Orientation Seminar for Kottayam Revenue District was inaugurated by PDG E K Luke, at Thalayolaparambu Rotary Hall. Presidents, Secretaries and New Members from 27 clubs participated in the Seminar presided over by Rtn Dinraj, President of RC Thalayolaparambu. Past District Secretary General Rtn Shine Kumar N led the classes. Revenue District Director Rtn Jittu Sebastian, Assistant Governor Rtn S D Suresh Babu and other Rotary Leaders spoke on the occasion.

## CONTINUOUS ROTARY ORIENTATION PROGRAM (CROP)



RC Parassala  
Learning Facilitator Rtn Manikantan Nair

## ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE – CHENNAI



Rtn. PAG Pradeep Kumar, RC Kazhakuttom, ((Assistant District Learning Facilitator), was a Learning Facilitator for Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) Part 1 and Part 2, conducted on 18th and 19th Jan 2025 at Hotel Shelton Dee Cee, Chennai, for Assistant Governors and District Officers (2025-2026) of Rotary International Dist 3234.



## DISTRICT PROJECT UYARE – ACTIVITIES



### RC Alleppey Central

Workshop on Screen Printing @ Thalolam Buds School, Punnapra



### RC Ramapuram

Distributed sewing machines



### RC Trivandrum South

Jewellery-making program for the inmates of Attakulangara Vanitha Jail



### RC Paippad

AI boot camp organised in association with Kottayam Rotaract Clubs. Close to 150 students from various colleges attended. Rtn Dr Shenin P Hassan was the trainer.



### RC Trivandrum South

Digital Skills Training for 50 students at LMS Higher Secondary School



### RC Parippally Town

Smart phone to a needy PG Student of S N College Kollam



### RC Trivandrum Phoenix

Inauguration of Smart phone distribution to students in association with Mothoot Finance

## DISTRICT PROJECT UYARE – ACTIVITIES



**RC Trivandrum South**  
MOU with Sreevaraham Vanitha Samithi - tailoring training 300+ women

**RC Trivandrum South**  
Program on "To overcome Exam Stress"



**RC Alleppey Greater**  
Session on Exam tips , maintaining a proper diet during the exam period, and strategies to overcome exam fear, led by Rtn. Rojes Jose and Ms. Sandra Beatrice Mathew, a dietician. An IQ Challenge Test was conducted and prizes awarded to winners



**RC Trivandrum South**  
Training for women at AIWC, Kodunganur on making of mop, floor cleaner, dish wash liquid etc.



**RC Kottayam Central**  
Life skill and carrier guidance class at Pala



**RC Mannarassala**  
Cotton carry bag making and embroidery making in assoc. with Usha International

## DISTRICT PROJECT UYARE – ACTIVITIES



**RC Trivandrum Sea Coast**  
Arranged platform & umbrella for lottery ticket seller



**RC Trivandrum South**  
Training on Nettippattom Making for the families of Kudumbasree members

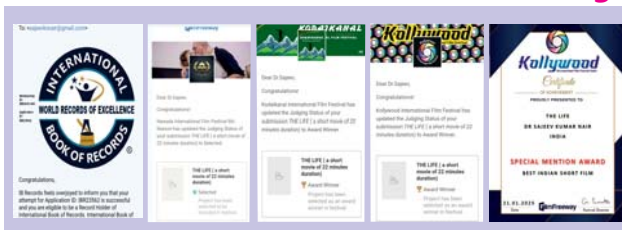


**RC Quilon East**  
Exam Preparatory Session at K.R.K.P.M.B. HSS & VHSS, Kadampanad, by Career Counselor & Mind Guru Sri. Unnikrishnan Kartha



**RC Quilon East**  
Awareness campaign on Soft Skills Development by Sri. Unnikrishnan Kartha and Traffic & Road Safety by Rtn.Jacob Jarom (Rtd. ACP & NATPAC Consultant), in Lakeford School, Kollam.

### Congratulations



**Rtn Dr Sajeev Nair, RC Trivandrum Residency, has received World Record of Excellence in International Book of Records (IBR) for his recent Short Film "The Life". He has produced and directed the film of 22 minutes duration and acted in it as the sole actor who played all the 14 different characters.**

**THE LIFE has been**

**# selected in 9 International Film Festivals**

**# Award winner in 3 International Film Festivals**

**# Recognized as BEST INDIAN SHORT FILM in Kollywood International Film Festival**

**# Selected in 5 National Film Festivals**

**# Selected in the International book of records (IBR) World Record Holder of Excellence**

**Expecting many more**

**The short film is available on**

**YouTube THE Life**

<https://youtu.be/pVZD3CK2kYE?si=16JNgdQ07rfd01z>



# RAY OF HOPE FOR HOMELESS - PROJECT UDAYKIRAN 2



**RC Kollam Metro**  
Udaykiran 2 – Foundation Stone Laying by District Governor Sudhi Jabbar



**RC Kottiyam**  
Udaykiran 2 – Foundation Stone Laying by District Governor Sudhi Jabbar



**RC Tangasseri**  
Udaykiran 2 – Foundation Stone Laying by DG Sudhi Jabbar

**RC Pathanapuram**  
Foundation Stone Laying by Rtn Col K G Pillai



**RC Travancore Trivandrum**  
Foundation Stone Laying for 4 houses under Udaykiran 2 was done on the same day, 1 by DG Sudhi Jabbar, 2 by PDG R Reghunath and 1 by Col K G Pillai

## UDAY KIRAN 1 AND OTHER HOUSING PROJECTS



**RC Kazhakuttom**  
Key handing over - Udaykiran 1



**RC Chengannur**  
Key handing over - Udaykiran 1



**Rotary e-Club of Kerala Global**  
Key handing over of a house

## ENTE KANMANIKKU FIRST GIFT



**RC Adoor**  
Presented Ente Kanmanikku First Gift as per joint project with Kerala Vision to 25 new born children in Adoor Govt. Hospital. The inauguration was done by Adoor DySP P G Santhosh Kumar.

## INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS



**RC Kazhakuttom**  
Rtn Dr Aswan Inducted by PDG KPR, File given by President and Oath administered by AG



**RC Quilon West End**  
Inducted a New Member



**RC Kureepuzha**  
Inducted a New Member



**RC Ramapuram**  
Inducted a New Member

## Congratulations



Rtn. Sasidharan Nair, AG Zone 09 has been nominated as the Manager of the Kerala State Netball Team participating in the National Games at Utharakhand.

Dr Roy Abraham Kallivayalil, RC Palai, was honoured at the 76th annual conference of Indian Psychiatric Society (IPS), Hyderabad, Jan 22, 2025 for his outstanding contributions to Psychiatry.



## PLANETREE RELOADED



### RC Trivandrum Symphony

Distribution of 50 tree saplings to students and teachers of Popcorn Kindergarten, Pattom and oath taking to preserve nature and promote sustainable living.



### RC Karode

Inter District Xmas New Year Meeting with RC Kanyakumari and RC Nagarcoli Town of RI District 3212



### RC Alleppey Greater

Planted tree saplings in their new building premises and distributed 825 saplings

### RC Thalayolaparambu

Planetree on Wedding Anniversary Day



### RC Thalayolaparambu

100 saplings were distributed at Lake Mount School



### RC Chathannoor

First Nakshathravanom inaugurated by planting trees representing the 27 birth stars.

## PLANETREE RELOADED



**RC Oachira Heritage Town**  
Saplings distributed under Planetree Reloaded Project



**RC Kozhuvanal**  
Planted Rosewood, Sandalwood & Jackfruit Saplings @ members' plots

**RC Quilon West**  
220 saplings given to schools & members



**RC Kollam Bypass City**  
Distributed 50 saplings to BVET (Life Skills & Training Center for Differently Abled) inmates

**RC Kollam Bypass City**  
Distributed 200 saplings to MES School Chatthinkulam



**RC Desinganad Kollam**  
85 saplings given to Rotarians' families and friends

**RC Trivandrum Capital**  
Environmental Awareness Roller Skating Rally



**RC Trivandrum Capital**  
Distributed 300 saplings under Planetree Reloaded Project

**RC Paippad**  
Ethnobiological Garden And Butterfly Garden inaugurated

# CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS



**RC Alleppey Greater**  
New Year Celebration at newly inaugurated Rotary Park.  
Chief Guest AG Gangadhara Iyer



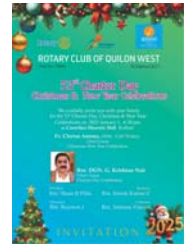
**RC Nedumoncavu**  
Christmas and New Year Celebration



**RC Changanacherry Town**  
Christmas and New Year Celebration



**RC Kollam City**  
Christmas and New Year Celebration



**RC Quilon West**  
Charter Day, Xmas & New Year Celebration



**RC Quilon West End**  
Christmas and New Year Celebration at Crowther Masonic Hall.  
Chief Guest Rev. Fr. Jiji Mathews, Vicar of St. Thomas Marthoma Church, Tevally



**RC Paippad**  
New Year Celebration as an inter-club event with Rotarians from RC Ranni, RC Thiruvalla, RC Changanacherry Royals, RC Greater Changanacherry, RC Chengannur and RC Mallappally



**RC Kureepuzha**  
Christmas and New Year Celebration



**RC Trivandrum Harmony**  
New Year Celebration @ Children's Home



## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS



### RC Quilon East

Christmas and New Year Celebration "Udayam 25. Rev. Fr. M.D. Koshy delivered message.



### RC Trivandrum Metro New Year Celebration



### RC Kazhakuttom

New Year Celebration. Chief Guest PDG K P Ramachandran Nair

## NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY MONTH



### RC Trivandrum Residency

Traffic Awareness Campaign conducted and brochure given to 1000 plus citizens of Trivandrum



### RC Alleppey East

A talk on improving the road sense was conducted by Motor vehicle Inspector Ramji Karan

## DRIVERS' DAY



**RC Karode**  
Honoured Drivers of KSRTC Bus Stand, Poovar, on Drivers' Day

## NATIONAL GIRL CHILD DAY



**RC Alleppey Greater**  
Conducted Painting Competition and a competition named 'Chirimadhuram' at Creative Private School, Thalavady and distributed prizes to the winners and sweets to all children.

## LITTER-FREE CAMPAIGN WEEK



**RC Adoor**  
Observed Litter-free Campaign Week under Malinyamuktha Nava Keralam project of Govt. of Kerala

## REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS



**RC Karode**

**RC Adoor**

**RC Shertallai Town**



**RC Trivandrum Capital**  
Environmental Awareness Skating Rally from Poojappura Ayurveda Hospital to Cottonhill GGHS

# REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS



## RC Aranmula

Distributed provisions and cash for vegetables to Mahathma Janasevakendram, an old age home



## RC Alleppey Greater

Sixteen ex-servicemen were honored by the Rotarians on Republic Day



## RC Trivandrum Suburban

Republic day celebrated in association with Satellite Club, Rotaract and Interact Clubs, RCC Inner Wheel Club of Trivandrum Suburban and Suburban Charitable Society. Essential kits were distributed to families of differently abled children from Sneha Sandram



## RC Karunagappally

Republic Day celebrated at Rotary Community Centre

## RC Kazhakkuttom

Republic Day at GLPS, Murukkumpuzha



## RC Quilon East

Republic Day celebrations with Payasam, Sweets and Breakfast. Sunshade visor with Rotary branding distributed.

## OTHER PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES



**RC Vaikom Lake City**  
Adult Diapers-Palliative Care Maravanthuruth 2 months



**RC Attingal Town**  
Treatment Aid to a Jaundice Patient



**RC Vaikom Lake City**  
Cancer care aid for December and January



**RC Alleppey Greater**  
Gave protein powder to AIDS patients



**RC Vaikom Lake City**  
Renal care aid for December and January



**RC Vaikom Lake City**  
Eye Camp along with Peerumedu Development Society



**RC Vaikom Lake City**  
2 months Financial aid to Mercy Home Muthedathucavu



**RC Aranmula**  
Commemorated Poet Sugathakumary on her Navathi



**RC Changanacherry Town**  
Annadanam at St Vincent poor home, Changanacherry



**RC Changanacherry Town**  
Solar light to Anandashramam UPS, Chry

## OTHER PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES



### RC Mannarasala

Vocational Excellence Award to Mr P Sreekumar, Legal Advisor to Kerala Governor and Mr G Biju, Chief Manager, LIC Kayamkulam Emerging Young Talent Award to Ms Ameya, Power Lifter

### RC Kilimanoor

Joint Meeting with RC Sreevalliputhur, RID 3212, who visited RC Kilimanoor, en route their District Conference at Al Saj Convention Centre.



### RC Trivandrum Suburban

Round-Table Conversation on "Do New Year resolutions actually work, or are they just a fleeting trend?"



### RC Ramapuram Family Meeting

### E-Club of Kerala Global Family Picnic

### RC Kuzhimathicaud Financial aid to accident victim



### RC Trivandrum Suburban Talk on RTI by Dr. M. Sreekumar, State Information Commissioner

### RC Kozhencherry Pranama Funeral Event Management Sraal @ Pshpamela, Kozhencherry Commissioner

### RC Kottayam East A Koottayottam was arranged on the silver jubilee of Hridayapoorvam



### RC Trivandrum Suburban Talk on "Marital Discord – Provisions, Challenges, .." by Adv. Dr Sandhya Santhosh, Family Court Lawyer and Supreme Court-Accredited Mediator

### RC Quilon East DGND Dr Meera John was honoured during family meeting

## OTHER PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES



### RC Kottayam Central

Blood Donation Camp inaugurated by Shri Thiruvanchur Radhakrishnan MLA

### RC Quilon East

Wheel chair to needy person



### RC Trivandrum South

Visited Regional Cancer Center, Trivandrum, participated in the annual day celebration of Ashraya (a voluntary organization working for welfare of cancer patients) and made donations.



### RC Aroor

Eye Camp at Aluva, in association with Eye Foundation Eye Hospital



### RC Kureepuzha

Charter Day Celebrations – Honouring Charter Members and treatment aid to needy persons



### RC Changanacherry Royals

FREE Multi Speciality Medical Camp at Government LP School, Perunna

## OTHER PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES



**RC Kazhakuttom**  
Study Tour with film show for differently-abled students of Kazhakuttom GHSS



**RC Kottayam North**  
Inter-district/inter-club meeting with RC Kannur Central, RI District 3204



**RC Anchal**  
Refrigerator to GLPS Agasthyacode



**RC Karunagappally**  
Eye Camp



**RC Karunagappally**  
Geriatric Clinic



**RC Alleppey**  
Donating US\$100 to PDG Sherryl Berry, UK for Children of Hope Village



**RC Trivandrum South**  
Eye Surgery sponsored for a lady



**RC Alleppey Greater**  
Group Dance Team honoured for being runners up in FIRE District Level.



**RC Alleppey Greater**  
Arranged a Vembanad Lake cleaning drive involving ex-servicemen, NCC cadets and students



**RC Quilon East**  
Installed a convex mirror in Rama Varma Club Junction, Thevally, Kollam



**RC Karunagappally**  
Human Pappilloma Virus (HPV) Vaccination Camp in association with Karunagappally Municipality



## OTHER PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES



**RC Kadakkal**  
Dress and financial aid to Palliative Care Unit - Kadakkal Taluk Hospital



**RC Quilon East**  
Vocational Excellence Award to Whistle Singer Miss.Sruthisandra



**RC Alleppey Greater**  
Annets gifted a bicycle to a needy girl using their FIRE Prize money



**RC Kottayam Central**  
Mega Medical Camp at Kumarakam with facility for Pediatric, Orthopaedic, ENT, General Medicine, Gastro and Ophthalmology check-ups, Audiology Tests, Blood Sugar, Uric Acid, Lungs Functions Tests



**RC Kazhakuttom**  
'Bottles of Hope', Water bottle with photos of students printed, @GLPS Murukkumpuzha



**RC Kazhakuttom**  
Vocational Excellence Award given to Ms Sandhyarani S S, Kazhakuttom Traffic Warden



**RC Alleppey Greater**  
Session on Emergency Life Support in association with the IMA Alappuzha Branch



## OTHER PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES



**RC Alleppey Greater**  
Punarjani Inauguration by DGE Dr Tina Antony



**RC Kazhakuttom**  
Antidrug Awareness Seminar with Kerala Kaumudi Bodha Pournami



**RC Paippad**  
Interact Club of Mar Thoma Central School, Kaviyoor

**RC Kureepuzha**  
Diabetic Foot Detection Camp



**RC Quilon East**  
Session on Traffic Awareness & Road Safety " Safe Journey " at St. Mary's Public School, Uliyakkovil, Kollam by NATPAC consultant Rtn. Jacob Jarom

**RC Quilon Heritage**  
Agasthyarkudam Trekking



### RC Thiruvananthapuram Midcity

Decided to adopt the Taluk Headquarters Hospital at Malayinkeezu and ensure a continuous supply of adult diapers throughout the year. In addition, the hospital requires other medical equipment, such as nebulizers and wheelchairs, which the club has pledged to provide as needed. The first batch of adult diapers was handed over to the Superintendent of the Hospital, Dr. Anjali, at a formal function.



Basic Education & Literacy



Maternal & Child Health



Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution



Disease Prevention & Treatment



Water, Sanitation & Hygiene



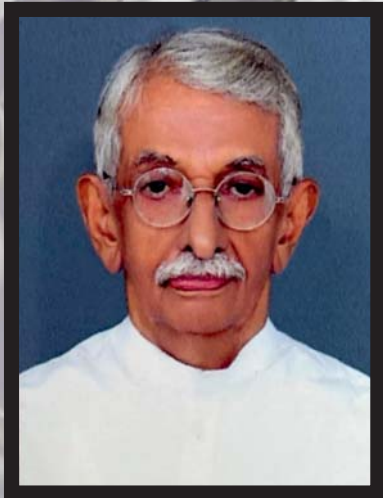
Community & Economic Development



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# OBITUARY

## Rtn PP PAG Prakash Varkey, RC Erumely



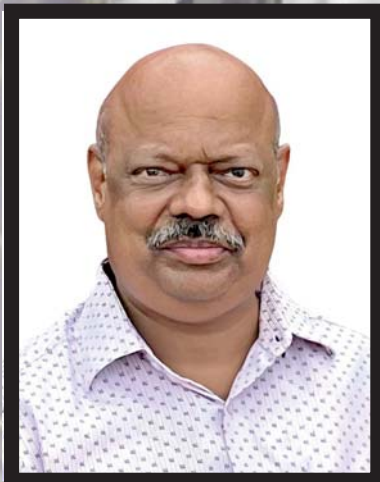
**Rtn Prakash Varkey Naduvathara (80), Past President of Rotary Club of Erumely and Past Assistant Governor, passed away on 05-01-2025.**

**The funeral was held on 06-01-2025 at St George Orthodox Church, Kanakappalam, Erumely.**

**He was an Engineer by profession. He is survived by his wife, son and daughter.**

**A condolence meeting was held at Rotary Club of Erumely**

## Rtn J Jacob, RC Quilon



**Rtn J Jacob (62), Rotary Club of Quilon passed away on 05-01-2025.**

**The funeral was held on 07-01-2025 at St. Thomas Orthodox Cathedral, Kannamkode, Adoor.**

**He was an Chartered Accountant by profession. He is survived by his wife Jessy Jacob, son Jay K. Jacob and daughter Aswathi Jacob.**

**A condolence meeting was held at Rotary Club of Quilon.**



STEPHANIE A. URCHICK  
Rotary International  
President



# Valiya Perunnal

FEBRUARY 8 & 9 2025

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**Dear Rotary leaders and families,**



Join us for a wonderful celebration of our collective efforts and achievements as Rotarians and families. Valiya Perunnal is not just a conference; it's a gathering of hearts and minds where seasoned Rotarians can connect with new members, share experiences, and inspire one another.

**What to Expect**

**Engaging Speakers:** Be inspired by thought-provoking speakers who will share insights and ideas that ignite our passion for service.

**Delicious Cuisine:** Indulge in a delightful culinary experience provided by RUCHI Caterers, guaranteed to please every palate.

**Evening Entertainment:** Enjoy a spectacular live show to cap off a day filled with learning and camaraderie!

We warmly invite you to register and attend this exceptional event. Let's come together as a community, celebrate our accomplishments, and make Valiya Perunnal a resounding success!

Together, we can make a difference!

We look forward to seeing you there!

Yours in Rotary Service,  
Rtn. AKS. Sudhi Jabbar & Rtn. Salma Sudhi  
District Governor

**Dear family of Rotary,**



It is with immense joy and enthusiasm that I extend a warm invitation to all Rotarians, their families and friends to join us for the Rotary District Conference 2025, which will be held on February 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 2025 at the prestigious Gokulam Park Convention Centre in the vibrant city of Kochi.

This conference promises to be an extraordinary event, where we come together to celebrate our shared commitment to Service Above Self.

Over these two days, we will explore innovative ideas, learn from inspiring speakers, and engage in meaningful discussions that will drive our Rotary work forward. It will be a platform for us to strengthen our bonds as Rotarians and as a community dedicated to positive change.

But that's not all – we know that conferences are not just about business, but also about fun and fellowship! We have carefully curated a series of fun and gala programs designed to add joy and excitement to the event. Whether it's a delightful cultural evening, light-hearted entertainment, or moments to share laughter and memories with fellow Rotarians, we've got something for everyone.

So, mark your calendars! I encourage you to make the most of this opportunity to connect with old friends, make new ones, and be inspired by the collective power of Rotary.

I look forward to seeing you all in Kochi, ready to celebrate our shared journey of service and enjoy a memorable time together.

Yours in Rotary Service,  
Rtn. PAG Major Donor P. N. Krishnakumar  
Chairman, District Conference

# Valiya Perunnal

**FEBRUARY 8 & 9, 2025**  
HOTEL GOKULAM PARK & CONVENTION CENTRE  
KALOOR KOCHI

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION PACKAGE (in Rs)	
Rotarian without Kit	5,500/-
Rotarian with Kit	6,000/-
Rty Ann	4,500/-
Rty Anet (Above 10)	4,500/-
Rty Anet (5 to 10)	3,500/-
Rtn Couple (No Kit)	10,000/-
Rtn Couple (With 1 Kit)	10,500/-
Rtn Couple with room in Venue	14,000/-
10 or more members from same club without Kit	5,000/-
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Venue Details	Option : 1	Option : 2
Hotel Gokulam Park (Venue)	Registration Package including accommodation for 1 night, for 1 Rotarian and Rty Ann with 1 KIT - Rs. 14,000/-	Registration Package including accommodation for 1 night, for 2 Rotarians with 2 KITs - Rs. 16,000/-

### PAYMENT POLICY

- Non-refundable Deposit of 50% of the payment should be paid to the Hotel /Apartment for the confirmation of the booking.
- Once you transfer the money, transfer slip should be send to us through the what's app for the documentation What's app Number: 7539916996

- Balance should be paid before two weeks in advance of the stay (Jan 25th)
- Advance payment is mandatory to confirm the booking and without advance payment no blocking of room is possible.
- Kindly contact us for the Hotels/Apartments booking and bank details Contact No: 7539916996

### IMPORATNT NOTE:

Only limited room available. Please transfer full amount to the following account and send the transfer slip to the what's app number: 7539916996. No blocking possible without payment. Once booked the rooms cannot be cancelled or refund.

Only option 1 & 2 amount should paid to the following account. Above Hotel & Apartment stay amount should pay to the respective Hotel & Apartment. Please talk to me if any clarity requires. Contact Number: 7539916996.

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# Valiya Perunnal

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			SINGLE	DOUBLE	SINGLE	DOUBLE							
Hotel Coral Isle Kacheripady	1.5 KM	Deluxe Room	5,600	5,600	3,500	3,700	Comfort Inn Kaloor	3.5 KM	2 Bedroom Apartment Each room have 1 King size bed & 1 Extra mattress (No cot will be provided)	Up to 6 Guests can stay	Rs. 4,500/-		
		Suite Room	8,400	8,400	6,000	6,500			1 Bedroom Apartment Have 1 King size bed & 2 Extra mattress (No cot will be provided)	Up to 4 Guests can stay	Rs. 3,300/-		
Horel The Luminara Kacheripady	1.5 KM	Presidential Suite	8,000	8,400	7,500	7,500	Noel Apartment Kaloor	2.5 KM	2 Bedroom Apartment 2 Rooms. Each rooms have 1 King size bed (No extra bed will be provided)	Up to 6 Guests can stay	Rs.3,500/-		
		Premier	4,000	4,500	3,600	4,500			Double sharing rooms	Up to 2 Guests can stay	Rs. 1,900/-		
		Executive	3,500	4,000	3,500	4,000			Mertopolitan Kaloor	1.5 KM	Double sharing rooms	Up to 2 Guests can stay	Rs. 2,000/-
Extra Bed	x	1,500	x	1,250	Budget double rooms	Up to 3 Guests can stay	Rs. 1,600/-						
Hotel Sidra Pristine Kaloor	1.5 KM	Superior Rooms	3,920	3,920	3,500	3,500	Grace Apartment Kaloor	3 KM	1 Bedroom Apartment 1 Bedroom have 1 King size bed (No extra bed will be provided)	Up to 2 Guests can stay	Rs. 3,750/-		
		Family Room	4,500	4,500	4,250	4,250			Double sharing rooms	Up to 2 Guests can stay	Rs. 2,200/-		
Hotel The PGS Vedanta Kaloor	1.5 KM	Executive	4,920	4,480	4,250	4,250	Kaloor Residency Kadavanthara	1.5 KM	Deluxe room	Up to 2 Guests can stay	Rs. 5,500/-		
		Deluxe	4,480	5,040	4,250	4,500			Mertopolitan Kaloor	1.5 KM	Deluxe Family rooms	Up to 2 Guests can stay	Rs.2,400/-
		Super Deluxe	5,040	5,060	4,800	4,900					Extra Bed	x	1,600

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## Speakers



**Dr. Raju Narayana Senaryia IAS**  
 ■ In an Indian Administrative Service officer, author, cartoonist, reader and writer. He is the All India Top rank holder of the 1991 batch of the IAS and former Sahitya Akademi Award winner.



**Sri. K. Sreedharan Nair**  
 Managing Director  
 Flowers IT and 24 News  
 ■ Sreedharan Nair (SN) is a media personality. Sreedharan Nair, former Managing Director of Flowers, IT and 24 News, has been awarded several awards including the Hindustan, Hindustan Times and Hindustan.



**Dr. Davis Chiramel**  
 MD  
 ■ Popularly known as the 'Kidney Prince', Dr. Chiramel has been repeatedly responsible for the success of kidney transplantation in India. He has been honored for his services to the kidney transplantation in India. He is the founder Chairman of the Kidney Federation of India.



**Sri. C.A. Chirag Chaudhan**  
 Author, Health Management Advisor, Private Mediator and Counselor  
 ■ Author of the bestselling book 'The Art of Living: A Guide to Success in a World of Change'. He is a leading expert in the fields of leadership, personal growth, education and the will to succeed.

### INAUGURATION OF SPECIAL PROJECT



**Adv. P. S. Sreedharan Pillai**  
 Hon'ble Governor, Goa

### PANEL DISCUSSION Feb. 8 Saturday 3-4 pm ALL ABOUT CANCER



**Dr. V. P. Gangadharam**  
 Senior Consultant and HOD  
 Medical and Pediatric Oncology



**Prof. Dr. K. L. Jayakumar**  
 Professor and HOD  
 Oncology (HOD), Medical College, Madurai



**Dr. Omesh**  
 Chief Medical Officer  
 Ramanagouda Krishna



**Dr. Vinu Krishnan**  
 Chief Medical Officer  
 Govt. Hematologic Cancer Centre, Madurai, Madhya Pradesh

4 Eminent exponents of Cancer treatment on holistic Cancer Care



**Sri. Balan Mathavan**  
 HOD, Photographer  
 ■ Balan Mathavan, IIM based award winning professional and former member of the Indian Photo Club. He has been awarded several awards including the International League of Conservation Photographers, who has worked in both natural and terrestrial habitats.



**Mrs. Prachi Teliyan**  
 HOD, Artist  
 ■ Prachi Teliyan is an Indian actress and former model and host of the show 'Prachi's Fashion Revolution' on the Indian national television channel which represented India in the 2010 Commonwealth Games and the major Asian Championships in 2010-11.



**Sri. Joseph Ananthakutty Jose**  
 HOD, Artist, Blogger  
 ■ Joseph Ananthakutty Jose is a multi-talented artist and the author of the best-seller 'Boredom Therapy'. He is the promoter of 'Smile' from the heart in P.H. India (Goa).

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