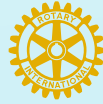


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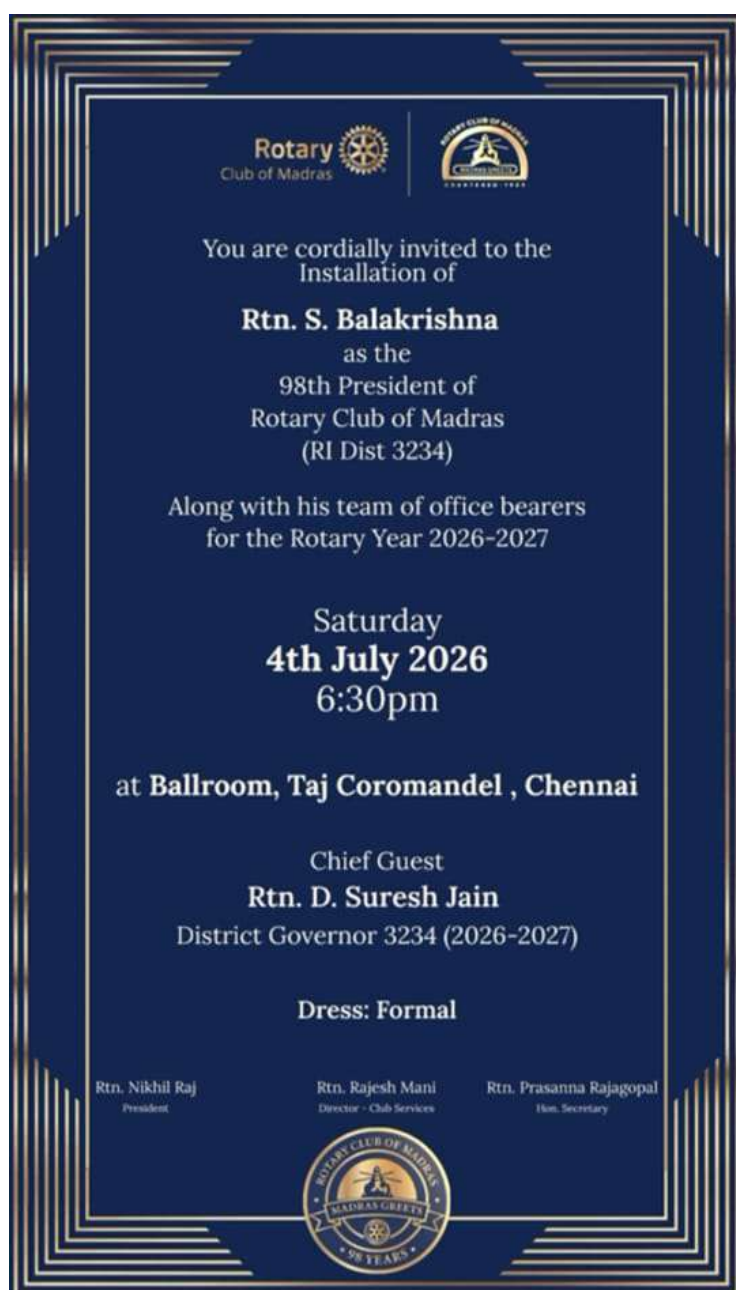
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Editor's Note:

THE LIGHTHOUSE

That Refused to Switch Off

Some editions are planned. Some are promised.

And then, there are editions like this one which simply refuses to let the Editor walk away in peace.

I thought that I had signed off. I thought the last page had turned. I thought The Lighthouse had politely released me from its weekly grip. But clearly, LH had other plans. And so did the Board of 2026–27.



So here I am, one more time, with what is truly my final special edition before I hand over the reins to the ever-graceful Rtn Nilofer Seth who, I am sure, will soon discover that The Lighthouse is not a newsletter. It is a beautiful trap with deadlines.

And what a way to end my Rotary year as Editor-in-Chief!

I began this journey with an Awards Night edition, a thanksgiving tribute to the previous Board of 2024-25. And now, almost poetically, I close it with yet another Awards Night, another Thanksgiving Edition, another celebration of service, sweat, smiles, madness, minutes, meetings, memories, and magnificent Rotarians who somehow make exhaustion look like elegance.

There is a certain symmetry in that.

A full circle. A perfect editorial orbit.

A year that began with gratitude and ended with gratitude.

But this edition is more than a record of awards.

For me personally, this edition feels different. It is not just another issue. It is my last bow with The Lighthouse — a publication that has tested my patience, sharpened my sarcasm, stolen my weekends, and yet, given me one of the most unforgettable years of my Rotary life.

What a spectacular year it has been!

A year of pages and people.

Of headlines and heartlines. Of service wrapped in stories.

Of photographs that spoke louder than speeches. Of friendships that grew between drafts.

Of deadlines that behaved like wild animals. Of Rotarians who gave me enough madness to require therapy.

And through it all, The Lighthouse stood tall not merely as a bulletin, but as the voice, memory, mirror, mischief, and heartbeat of our Club.

To President Nikhil Raj, the Board of 2025–26 — thank you for giving me a year worth writing about.

A very special word of gratitude to Rtn Sesha Sai — my mentor, and a man blessed with that rare Rotary superpower: the ability to listen with extraordinary compassion, composure, and endurance. He deserves half the credit for this journey, if not full hazard-pay.

To Madhu Mathen, spouse of Rtn Asha Mathen — thank you for the meticulous attention to detail while editing the minutes, the very spine of The Lighthouse. If the stories gave LH its soul, the minutes gave it structure, discipline, and occasionally, a much-needed spinal correction.

And to Rtn Vivek Parchur — our very own Goddess Lakshmi of The Lighthouse — thank you for keeping LH glowing, shining, elegant, and abundantly blessed. Every edition needs light, but ours clearly came with divine sponsorship.

To the readers who read, reacted, praised, complained, corrected, forwarded, archived, and occasionally pretended they had read the whole issue — thank you. You made every page matter.

And to The Lighthouse — my demanding, dramatic, deadline-obsessed companion — thank you for refusing to be just a newsletter.

As I pass the baton to Rtn Nilofer Seth, I do so with gratitude, pride, relief, and a slightly suspicious smile. May she take The Lighthouse to newer shores, brighter beams, and perhaps, kinder deadlines.

For now, this is my final special edition.

My last signature on the masthead. My closing paragraph.

My thanksgiving after the Thanksgiving Edition.

And if The Lighthouse calls again?

I shall pretend I did not hear it.

With gratitude, mischief, and one final beam,

Rtn Manasa T Pillai

Editor-in-Chief, 2025-26

Rotary Club of Madras (RCM)

Minutes of the 50th Weekly Meeting held on

30 June 26 @ 7.00 PM at Hyatt Regency, Teynampet, Chennai

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Sergeant-at-Arms Rtn. Rani Muralidharan. President Rtn. Nikhil Raj formally convened the 50th Weekly Meeting of the Rotary Club of Madras. Rtn. Sanjay Chaganti and Rtn. Dr. Geetha Iyer were the MCs for the evening.

Welcome Address :

President Nikhil Raj welcomed the District Governor, Past District Governors, Past Presidents, Rotarians, spouses, guests, and partners. He reflected on the club's achievements during the Rotary year, highlighting projects valued at approximately Rs.25 crore undertaken during

the year, strong teamwork, efficient governance, and robust processes and expressed gratitude to the Board, members, donors, partners, committee chairs, and support staff for their contributions.

Philanthropy Champion Awards:

The club presented Philanthropy Champion Awards to organisations whose partnership transformed ideas into impact. These are the corporate partners and Rotarians who supported major community projects, including School sanitation, HPV vaccination, Dialysis support, Educational initiatives, Lake restoration, Homes for the homeless, Zoo initiatives, Hospital infrastructure and Community healthcare.

Immediate Past President's Address :

IPP Rtn. Chella Krishna congratulated President Nikhil Raj on an outstanding year. Rtn. Chella Krishna appreciated President Nikhil's meticulous granular planning, financial discipline, project

execution, and leadership. Rtn. Chella Krishna commended the support provided by the Secretary, Board, committee members and the President's family.

Giving Heart Awards :

Awards were presented to individuals, families and charitable trusts, who contributed resources towards Rotary service initiatives.

Partnership Catalyst Awards :

Awards were presented to members who opened doors and facilitated CSR partnerships and donor relationships for major service projects.

Backbone of RCM Awards :

Awards were presented to the Board members for their leadership, dedication, and support throughout the Rotary year.

Excellence Through Expertise Awards :

Awards were presented to members who contributed their professional expertise across various service avenues including Healthcare, Environment, Youth services, Audit, Publications, Membership, Skill development, Fundraising and Community projects.

Dr. Sangeetha Viswanathan Memorial Award :

The inaugural Dr. Sangeetha Viswanathan Memorial Award, instituted in memory of late Rtn. Dr. Sangeetha Viswanathan was presented. The winner of the inaugural award was Rtn. A.M. Viswanathan.

Behind the Scenes Hero Awards:

Awards were presented to partners, organisations and suppliers whose timely support, reliability and commitment strengthened every initiative undertaken this year.

Special Recognition:

Heartfelt appreciation was placed on record for the outstanding contribution, commitment, and dedicated service of the Sergeants-at-Arms, Trustees, Legal Advisors, Project Coordinators, Global Grant Team, Membership Development Team, and the Club's Financial Supporters, whose efforts played a significant role in the year's achievements.

District Governor's Address - AKS Rtn Vinod Saraogi:

- Congratulated the club on delivering approximately Rs.25 crore worth of projects.
- Appreciated the club's professionalism, transparency, and accountability.
- Noted that RCM contributed nearly 25% of the district's total service projects during the Rotary year.
- Commended the leadership of President Nikhil Raj, Secretary Prasanna, and the Board.
- Extended best wishes to the incoming leadership.

Annual Rotary Club Awards:

The following annual awards were presented:

- Best Camaraderie Award (RP Sarathy Trophy)
- Best Green Rotarian Award (Jayapratap Trophy)
- Best Chairperson Award
- Best Community Service Award (Ken Hobbs Trophy)
- Best Avenue of Service Award
- Best Rotarian Award (AV Meiyappan Chettiar Trophy)
- Best Rotarian Couple Award (Mark Desai Trophy)
- Selfless Service Award
- Hall of Fame Project Awards
- Dedicated Employee Awards

Membership Recognition:

Members who introduced new Rotarians for club membership were recognised for strengthening the club and its growth. PP Rtn George B Cherian presented the pins to the proposers and explained the different levels of recognition based on the number of new members introduced by a Rotarian.

- Level One Pin: Awarded for proposing 1 to 2 members in a year.
- Two-Star Pin: Awarded for proposing 3 to 4 members.
- Three-Star Pin: Awarded for proposing 5 to 9 members.
- Four-Star Pin: Awarded for proposing 10 to 19 members.
- 20+ Pin: An additional special recognition for those who propose 20 or more members.
- JWD Pin Fellow: A pin introduced to honor the person who chartered the club, which is also given for new club formations

The club was noted to have a very healthy maximum number of "Level One" proposers.

Recognized Proposers and New Members

PP Rtn George Cherian took the stage to personally read the names of the proposers and the individuals they introduced to the club:

- PDG Benjamin Cherian (introducing Rtn Suraj Saravanan Raman)
- PP Rtn George Cherian (introducing Rtn Deepak Subramaniam)
- Rtn Pranay Gambir (introducing Rtn Haresh Kishore)
- Rtn Satyan Bhatt (introducing Rtn Dr Geetha Iyer)
- Rtn Ashish Gupta (introducing Rtn Salmaan Parpia)
- Rtn Raghu Kailash (introducing Rtn Sivakumar)
- PDG J B Kamdar (introducing Rtn Sivankannan)
- Rtn Sunil Lulla (introducing Rtn Manu Wassan)
- Rtn G Ravindran (introducing Rtn Ranjit Punja)
- Rtn Vipin Sachdev (introducing Rtn Amandeep Singh Kandhari)
- Rtn Archana Sanjay (introducing Rtn Lalitha Kumaramangalam)
- Rtn PC Shyamsundar (introducing Rtn Sriprakash Shastry)
- Rtn Sugumar (introducing Rtn Dr Poornima)
- Rtn N K Gopinath (introducing Anantha Padmanaban)

Following the recognition, the District Governor commended PP Rtn George Cherian for his exceptional leadership. George Cherian was recognized as an outstanding district membership chairman who successfully activated "green Rotarians" into regular members, launched five new clubs, and brought about 500 new members into the district.

Vote of Thanks :

- Honorary Secretary Rtn. Prasanna:
- Thanked the District Governor and guests.
- Appreciated the MCs, organising committee, backstage team, creative team, venue partners, office staff, and all Rotarians for making the event successful.
- Invited members to attend the forthcoming Installation Meeting.

Adjournment:

President Nikhil Raj formally declared the meeting adjourned.

Healing in Threes: A Lifeline for Manjankaranai



In yet another meaningful step towards strengthening community healthcare, three dialysis machines were handed over to Vels Medical College and Hospital in Manjankaranai, near Karanodai, on 29 June 2026.

This initiative, made possible through the CSR Grant of Vara Future LLP, was carried out with the support of the Rotary Club of Chennai Legends, the Rotary Club of Madras, and other partner clubs. Together, the project reflects Rotary's enduring commitment to bringing essential medical care closer to the communities that need it most.

Dialysis is not just a treatment; for many patients and families, it is a recurring lifeline. By adding three machines to the

hospital's facilities, this project will help ease the burden on patients who require regular care, reducing both travel challenges and waiting time, while offering timely support with dignity and compassion.

The handover ceremony was graced by IPDG N. S. Saravanan as the Chief Guest, whose presence added great significance to the occasion. Sincere thanks are due to DGND Ravi S for facilitating the event and ensuring that this important healthcare initiative moved from intent to impact.

Projects like these remind us that service need not always be loud to be life changing. Sometimes, it is the quiet rhythm of a dialysis machine that becomes the sound of hope for an entire family.



Two Drops. One Promise.



The effort went beyond administering drops. It carried the spirit of service, awareness, and community care. As part of the initiative, an awareness campaign was conducted yesterday to reinforce the importance of polio immunization and

Both breakfast and lunch were thoughtfully provided for nearly 200 volunteers, ensuring that those on the ground could continue their service with energy and enthusiasm.

A special word of thanks to Rtn Dr. Ramasubramanian, ably supported by Rtn Balaji Chinni, for coordinating and arranging this meaningful initiative with such dedication.



In every booth, with every volunteer, and through every drop administered, Rotary's promise remained clear. Service does not pause, and the fight against polio continues with purpose.

Forty Boards. Fifteen Schools. One Smarter Tomorrow.

In a meaningful step towards strengthening digital learning, the handover ceremony of 40 Smart Boards was held on 29 June 26 at Government Model Higher Secondary School, Arumbakkam.



The initiative marks a significant investment in the future of education, with Smart Boards being installed across 15 different schools, bringing technology-enabled classrooms closer to students who deserve every opportunity to learn, explore, and excel.

This impactful project was made possible through the CSR Grant of Indium Software (India) Private Ltd, led by Rtn Vijay Balaji, along with the generous support of other donors. What made the initiative even more special was the collective spirit behind it, with the participation of 13

Rotary Clubs from the district, coming together with one shared purpose — to make classrooms more engaging, interactive, and future-ready.

The occasion was graced by District Governor Vinod Saraogi, along with the Presidents of the participating clubs, whose presence added great encouragement and dignity to the ceremony. Their participation reflected Rotary's continued commitment to education, collaboration, and community upliftment.



The installation of these Smart Boards is more than just the addition of equipment. It is the opening of windows — to ideas, imagination, technology, and opportunity. For thousands of students across these schools, lessons will now become more visual, interactive, and inspiring.

A heartfelt appreciation to Indium Software



The Finest Return on Rotary's Investment: Lives Well Shaped

Some moments remind us that service is never just about what is given but it is about what grows from it.

A heartwarming note of gratitude came from the alumni of Boys Town, young men whose journeys have been supported, encouraged and strengthened by the Rotary Club of Madras over the years. Today, they stand as shining examples of what care, opportunity and consistent support can make possible.

Janakiraman has completed his B.E., J. Prakash has also completed his B.E., Pushbharaj has pursued his M.S.W. Post Graduation, and Pavan is currently in his final year of B.Com. Each of them carries

(India) Private Ltd, Rtn Vijay Balaji, the supporting donors, the 13 participating clubs, and everyone who worked behind the scenes to make this project a reality.

When Rotary, CSR partners, and schools come together, the result is not just smarter classrooms. It is a brighter generation.

not just a degree or a qualification, but a story of resilience, hard work and hope.

Their message of thanks is not directed to one person alone. It belongs to every Rotarian who has contributed in their own way through time, resources, encouragement, mentorship, kindness and belief. Every act of support, big or small, has helped shape these journeys.

To the Boys Town alumni — Janakiraman, J. Prakash, Pushbharaj and Pavan, your achievements make us proud. Your gratitude moves us deeply. And your journey reminds us why Rotary continues to serve, year after year, heart after heart.

-Rtn Rajesh Vummidi



ROTARY RADAR

July RI Presidential Message
Olayinka H. Babalola
President 2026-27

July 2026

Rotary has a way of surprising you.

It surprises you when a stranger across the table becomes a lifelong friend. It surprises you when a small project in one neighborhood ripples outward in ways you never imagined. And it may surprise you when you realize that the person Rotary has changed most ... is you.

That is why this year, we are called to harness the change within ourselves, to look to the future, and to Create Lasting Impact. Now, I want to be clear about what those words mean. Change is only the beginning. Impact is what endures. We must think of the long-term impact of every project. How can a new water system contribute to the long-term health of a community? Can residents help other communities build their own? How can a new classroom be part of a wider strategy to improve education in the area? That is the sort of thinking we need.

As we prioritize impact, we must also consider how our actions can contribute to peacebuilding. Peace does not happen by accident. It must be built deliberately and strategically. As you plan your next project, ask yourself: "How does this create the conditions for peace?" Consult the Pillars of Positive Peace to learn how we can bring the world one step closer to peace in everything we do.

The more you change your community and the world, the more you will change. Don't just tell people about the projects you have run or the funds you have raised. Tell them how Rotary has shaped who you are. Those personal stories open doors, inspire new members, and remind all of us why we are here.

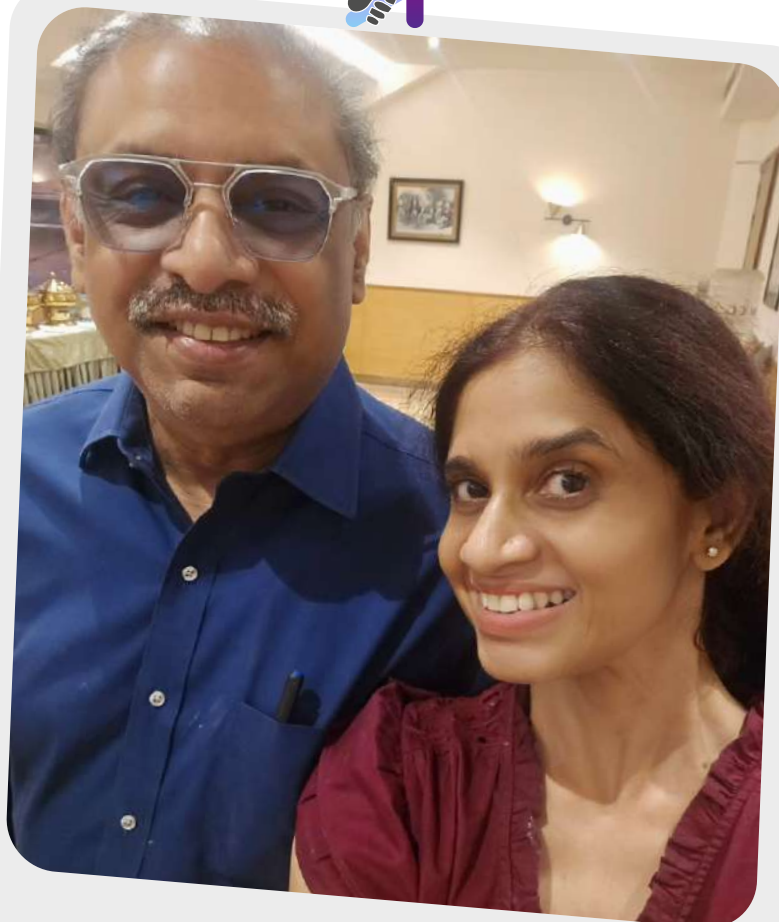
Storytelling is also an excellent way to recruit new members and raise funds. We need more people standing with us and more

resources if we are to end polio, spread peace, and have a lasting impact on the world. We have set a goal of increasing membership to 1.25 million Rotarians and more than 125,000 Rotaractors by 2030, just in time for Rotary's 125th anniversary.

Sit down with your club and look back over your accomplishments in the last few years. Find your best year. Maybe it was a record year for new members. Maybe you reached a fundraising milestone. Maybe you completed a project that the whole community is still talking about. Once you find that year, I challenge you to do better than your best.

In these ways and more, we will Create Lasting Impact across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

Thank you, my dear friends. Now let's get to work.



A SYMPHONY OF SERVICE: THE ROTARY CLUB OF MADRAS

AWARDS NIGHT and RECOGNITION NIGHT

The atmosphere was electric, a seamless blend of elegance, camaraderie, and profound gratitude, as the Rotary Club of Madras (RCM) convened for its 50th and final weekly meeting of the Rotary year. This was not just a meeting; it was a grand Thanksgiving and Awards Night, a magnificent celebration of the individuals, partners, and corporate allies who transformed visionary ideas into monumental community impact. Guided by the eloquent Masters of Ceremony, Rtn Sanjay Chaganti Rao, a leadership coach and Rtn Dr Geetha Iyer, a distinguished ophthalmologist, the evening unfolded with clarity and grace, perfectly encapsulating the spirit of an extraordinary year. As President Nikhil Raj aptly quoted during his welcome address, "What we do for ourselves dies with us. What we do for others and the world remains and is immortal".

The Architect of Impact: President Nikhil Raj

At the heart of the evening's celebration was the phenomenal leadership of President Nikhil Raj, under whose guidance the club achieved a staggering CSR project impact of 25 to 30 crores.



District Governor Vinod Saraogi, Ann Usha Saraogi, DGN Dr Vijay Bharathi, PDG JB Kamdar, PDG Krishnaswami, PDG Benjamin Cherian, Past Presidents, representatives of various companies, fellow Rotarians, spouses and my dear friends. A very good evening and welcome to the Award night of the Rotary Club of Madras. The very last event for the Rotary year 2025 -26.

Our night for honouring the companies and people who made this year truly memorable in terms of fellowship and projects that we did to support the communities we served.

Over the years I have built relationships with friends, business acquaintances and recently with the Rotary fraternity. Relationships built on friendships, trust and respect. So, when the time came for me to be President of the Rotary Club of Madras, I thought it was a good time to reach out to them. What you will see today are those relationships that have resulted in us creating an impact! 25 crores worth of projects that we have worked on during the course of this year.

Friends, family, classmates and each and every member of the Rotary Club of Madras have extended their time, connects, money and skill to make this year what it is. And I genuinely appreciate that.

Over the last few months I have had our members, members from the District and others comment about the good work we

are doing. And my response has always been that we have a great team and great processes, that help us work efficiently and effectively. A Board who was extremely responsive in taking decisions, committee members and support staff that act fast and most importantly processes that are able to support this.



Albert Pine said, "What we do for ourselves dies with us. What we do for others and the world remains and is immortal." And that I would say embodies the work we did this year.

Thank you for your friendship, trust, good counsel and support. Together we have laughed, served and made a difference.



Immediate Past President (IPP) Chella Krishna offered a poignant reflection on President Nikhil's tenure.



Ladies and Gentlemen! It is my privilege to felicitate and speak a few words about Nikhil Raj.

As the Immediate Past President, I know first-hand the travails and tribulations that go into becoming President of the Rotary Club of Madras. My memories are still fresh. The role demands accountability, long hours,

lonely treks to project sites, endless follow-ups, motivating team members, attending firesides, sacrificing precious family time, and carrying the weight of an institution with nearly a century of legacy.

President Nikhil has done all this—and more.



When he took over, he inherited an ambitious portfolio of projects. What impressed me was the way he broke every project into granular components and embarked on planning with remarkable intensity. I must confess, at one stage I wondered whether he was getting into too much detail and risked being overwhelmed. But twelve months later, he has given us a masterclass in planning, execution, publicity, teamwork, and disciplined follow-through.

His project management skills, his financial discipline, and what I would call his "checklist manifesto" are lessons every future President should learn from.



The Rotary Club of Madras is not an easy car to drive. You need to keep your eyes firmly on the road ahead—planning for the future and responding to the needs of the club—while simultaneously glancing into the rear-view mirror to honour its rich traditions and legacy.

I use the analogy of a car because Nikhil is an accomplished rally navigator, the person who constantly calls out directions to the driver. But in the Presidency of RCM, the driver and the navigator become one and the same. You have to chart the course and drive the vehicle simultaneously. Nikhil handled both roles with remarkable poise.



Those of us who worked with him became very familiar with three famous words—"tuk, tuk, tuk." It was his way of saying, "Let's not spend too much time talking—let's get moving." It reflected his impatience for action and his relentless focus on execution. Yet, amidst that urgency, there was always room for humour, banter, and



the occasional burst of laughter that made the journey enjoyable.

Behind every successful President stands a strong support system. Laura accompanied him on many of those long treks, encouraged him, guided him, and stood by him throughout the year. She deserves our heartfelt appreciation.



A special word of thanks also to Prasanna, steadfast and loyal in his companionship, and to the ever-reliable Rajesh Mani, whose tireless hard work kept many wheels turning behind the scenes.

Nikhil was also blessed with an outstanding team. His treasurers, directors, and committee members were prompt, effective, and unwavering in executing the mandates entrusted to them. Together, they helped achieve the exceptionally high standards that Nikhil had set for the year.

All in all, it has been a truly memorable year for the Rotary Club of Madras.

Ladies and gentlemen, please join me in raising a toast to a very special President, a wonderful friend, and an outstanding Rotarian—**Nikhil Raj**.

Kudos, my friend. Well done!



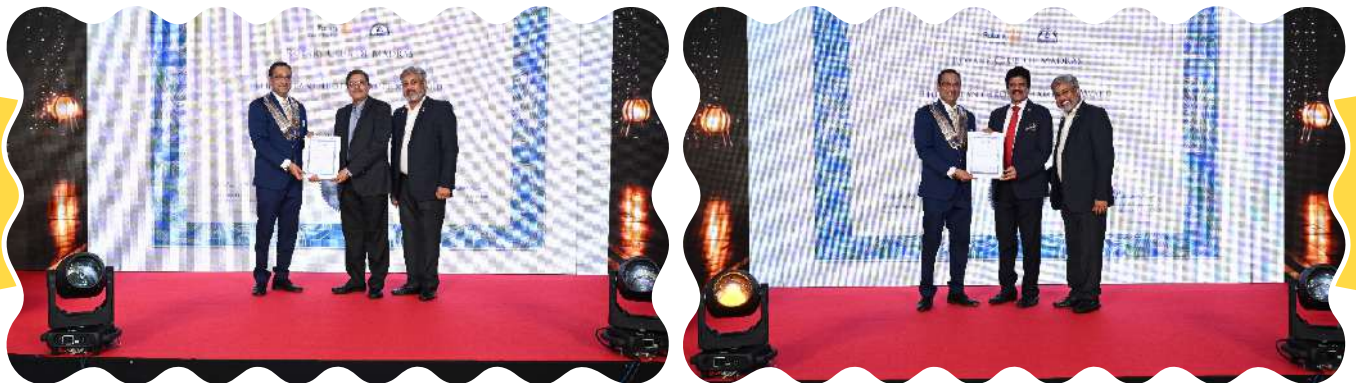
PHILANTHROPY CHAMPIONS: THE POWER OF CORPORATE SYNERGY

Service at this scale requires powerful alliances. The evening began by honoring the Philanthropy Champion Award recipients, the organizations whose partnerships scaled RCM's initiatives from classrooms to clinics, and from lakes to livelihoods. The club recognized a vast array of corporate champions.



Vara Future LLP	Rtn Vardhman Jain
Century Flour Mills Pvt Ltd	Rtn Ravindran G
Vinayaka Mission Research Foundation	Rtn Dr Anuradha Ganesan
Vinayak Missions Super Speciality Hospital	Rtn Dr Anuradha Ganesan
Pandalai Clinic and Nursing Home	Rtn Dr Anuradha Ganesan
Sundaram Finance Limited	Rtn Dr Vijaya Bharathi
DRA Aadithya South Project Pvt Ltd	Rtn Ranjeet Rathod
Indium Software India Ltd	Rtn Vijay Balaji
Sundram Fasteners Limited	Ms Kumari, Anand Babu
Five Star Business Finance Ltd	L Sivaramakrishnan
Madras Engineering Industries Pvt Ltd	MRN Rao
Foundation for CSR Redington	Hemant, Mrs Seetha
Aspire Systems (India) Pvt Ltd	
Meridian Global Ventures Private Limited	DG Vinod Saraogi
Avalon Technologies and Services Ltd	Shriram Vijayaraghavan
Banyan Ventures and Investments Pvt Ltd	IPP Chella Krishna
Polyhose India Pvt Ltd	Ms Sakina
GNG Consultancy Services	Rtn Shakthi Girish
Krishna Constructions Chennai Pvt Ltd	Rtn Aswath Reddy
Carrlane Manufacturing India Pvt Ltd	PP Rtn Ranjit Pratap
Ampa Home Build Pvt Ltd	Gopinath Hari
MIOT Hospitals Pvt Ltd	Supported our golf event
BGR Investments Holdings Company Limited	Supported our golf event
RB Agarwala &Co	Navneet Agarwal
Aumund Engineering Pvt Ltd	
Kamarajar Port trust	
Karnataka Bank Ltd	
SBI Funds Managament Ltd	

Delphi TVS Technologies Ltd	
State Bank of India	
Coromandel International Ltd	
Tecnicas Reunidas Engineers P Ltd	
Wartsila	
AU Small Finance Bank Limited	
Radial Omnichannel Technologies India Pvt Ltd	
Forech Foundation	
Kumaran Systems Pvt Ltd	Mohan Sub
VNCT Global LLP	Rtn Geeta Nagu
Multivista Global Pvt Ltd	Deepak Sub
Apex Laboratories Pvt Ltd	
Toshniwal Instruments Madras P Ltd	Rtn Rohit Toshniwal
Apexon India Pvt Ltd	
Magnum Clothing Pvt Ltd	
Gupta Enterprises	Rtn Ravi Singhee
Ventura Technologies Network Pvt Ltd	Rtn Krishna Kishore
AR Foundations Pvt Ltd	Rtn Prabha Srinivasan
Targos Chemicals India Pvt Ltd	
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Devi Sea Foods Ltd	
Unifi Capital Pvt Ltd	
Raag Management Solutions Private Limited	Rtn Ravishankar
MCS Communications Private Limited	Rtn Ravishankar
International Childrens Trust	







THE GIVING HEART AWARD: QUIET GENEROSITY

While some giving comes from institutions, the Giving Heart Award celebrated the deeply personal conviction of individuals, families, and trusts who utilized their own resources to fuel RCM's mission.



Individual

Aatmic Philanthropy	Jain Family Foundation	HPV, Toilets, Hospital equipment
DGN Rtn Dr Vijaya Bharathi Rangarajan		RFI
Devayani Chandrakant Mohanlal	Rtn Nimish Tolia	Pediatric dialysis machines,
Tolia Charitable Trust		Homes
Rtn Jagdish P. S		General
Rtn Asha Mathen		General
PN Rtn Ganesh Ananthkrishnan		HPV
PDG Rtn Kamdar J B		Generator for school
Rtn Roshan Cyrus Poncha		Diabetes
Vivek Sriram		General
Premier Charitable Trust	Kumar Rajendran	Blood donation van
MGR Charities	Kumar Rajendran	Blood donation van
The Thoon Trust	Kadir	Biogas plant
Rtn Archana Parikh		HPV and Dialysis
Rtn Kamala Ramakrishnan		Dialysis
Rtn Balasubramanian M		Centenary
Rtn Govind Vasanadu		School infrastructure
Rtn Balraj Vasudevan		General
Rtn Dr R Narasimhan		General
Rtn Hiren Bhasker Shah		Rotary Foundation
Pinky And Rtn Hemant Chordia		Rotary Foundation
Lacail Charitable Trust	Ranjit Punja	General
Raj Charitable Foundation	Mehul Nanavati	Education
Rtn Sabina Narayan		Homes
Batchmates of CEG	From CEG	General



CATALYSTS AND EXPERTS: THE ARCHITECTS OF PARTNERSHIP

Every corporate partnership begins with a relationship, and RCM took special care to honor those Rotarians who boldly opened doors. The Partnership Catalyst Award playfully dubbed the "shamelessly yours award" for those who fearlessly asked friends and networks for contributions.



Individuals who helped get CSR

1.	IPP Chella Krishna	SBI, Karnataka Bank
2.	DGN Dr Vijaya Bharathi Rangarajan	Sund Fin
3.	PN Rtn Ganesh Ananthakrishnan	Coromandel
4.	Rtn Antony Lobo	Tecnicas Reunidas
5.	Rtn Krishnamurthy Vijayan	SBIMF
6.	Rtn Gowri R Shanker	Beardsell
7.	Rtn Gautam BV	Aspire
8.	DG Vinod Saraogi	AU Bank
9.	Rtn Hari Venkatesh	Five Star

10.	Rtn Rakesh Jaiswal	Aumund, Forech
11.	Rtn Vivek Harinarain	Kamaraj Port Trust
12.	Rtn Iqbal Sait	Apexon
		MGR Charities,
		Meridian, Premier
		Charities, Apex
13.	DGND Ravi S	Technologies
14.	Rtn Narasimhan V S	Redington, Delphi TVS

THE EXCELLENCE THROUGH EXPERTISE AWARD
further highlighted members who dedicated their professional talents to the club.



1. Rtn Aswath Kumar Reddy E	11. Rtn Sumit Kumar Kalra
2. Rtn Abhay Mehta	12. Posthumous award to Late Rtn Dr. Sangeetha Viswanathan
3. Rtn Anjali Ponni Rajkumar	13. Rtn Vikram Jalan
4. Rtn Nagarajan S	14. Rtn Visvanathan A.M.
5. Rtn Prakash N	15. Rtn Vivek Parachur
6. Rtn Rajesh Vummidi	16. Deepti Rajagopalan
7. Rtn Sanjay Tulsyan	17. Madhu Mathen
8. Rtn Sesha Sai	18. Rtn Sriya Chari
9. Rtn Hari Venkatesh	19. Rtn NK Bhatia
10. Rtn Siddharth Chandrasekar	20. Rtn Vikram Chesetty



A Legacy of Love:
THE (Late) Dr. SANGEETHA VISWANATHAN MEMORIAL AWARD



In one of the evening's most poignant moments, the club paused to honor a visionary whose journey was far too brief but whose legacy will endure for generations. The inaugural Dr. Sangeetha Viswanathan Memorial Award was established to celebrate her extraordinary passion, compassion, and conviction in championing the HPV vaccination initiative. The entire audience was asked to stand in a moving tribute as her husband, Chetan, presented the inaugural award (received by PE Rtn Balakrishna S on behalf of Rtn A M Visvanathan), ensuring that Dr. Sangeetha's vision continues to touch countless young lives.

THE UNSUNG HEROES AND THE RCM BACKBONE

An exceptional year is built on the shoulders of an exceptional team. The Backbone of RCM Award honored the dedicated board members—including Honorary Secretary Prasanna Rajagopalan, Rajesh Mani (noted for always staying one step ahead of the President), Asha Mathen, and Suman Voora who quietly planned, solved, and supported behind the scenes.





BEHIND-THE-SCENES-HERO AWARD

Furthermore, the Behind-the-Scenes-Hero Award recognized the reliable partners and suppliers like Aha Guru, Yatratechs, Fresenius (who supplied 47 dialysis machines), and the Environmental Foundation of India, whose timely support fortified RCM's operations. The club also extended its deep gratitude to the dedicated office staff, including Mr. Varadarajan, Manjushri, and Shanmuga Elangovan, who kept the administrative gears turning seamlessly.



1. Ahaguru Education Technology Pvt Ltd	Homes for the homeless
2. Adhilakshmi Cement Works	Toilets
3. Environment Foundation of India	Lakes
4. Fresenuis	Dialysis machines
5. Yatratechs - D Krishna Kumar	Lighthouse
6. Serum Institute of India Pvt Ltd.	HPV vaccines
7. Chennai Medipoint P Ltd	Hyper baric chanber





THE CROWNING GLORIES: INTERNAL CLUB TROPHIES

As the night progressed, the spotlight shifted to the prestigious internal RCM awards, celebrating the enduring spirit of Rotary:





Best Camaraderie Award - R.P. Sarathy Trophy – Instituted by M. Saravanan (A.V.M.) in memory of his dear friend Late R.P.Sarathy	To the Fireside, Full Club Fellowship and Holistic teams
Best Green Rotarian Award - Jayapratap Trophy – Instituted in memory of Late G.M.Jayapratap for outstanding contribution by a Green Rotarian	Rtn Hari Venkatesan
Best Chairman Award - M.C. Cunnan Trophy – Instituted by M. Prabhat Kumar in memory of his father Late M.C. Kunnan	Rtn Sriya Chari for Golf and Prakash for Homes
Best Community Service Award - Ken Hobbs Trophy – Instituted by Late Krish Chitale and Rtn. PDG J.B. Kamdar, for the Best Rotarian his/her contribution towards community Service.	Environment, Rotaract and Interact
Best Avenue of Service - Pratap Hansraj Trophy – Instituted by Rtn. Pratap Hansraj	Vocational, CSR and Fund Raising

Best Rotarian Award - AV Meiyappan Chettiar Trophy – Instituted by M. Saravanan and M. Balasubramanian in memory of their late father Late AV Meiyappan Chettiar	Rtn Rajesh Mani Rtn Manasa T Pillai Rtn Gooch Kumar
Best Rotarian Couple - Mark Desai Trophy – Instituted by Rtn. Markand Desai	Rtn Asha Mathen and Madhu Mathen
Selfless Service Award - Instituted by S. Krishnaswamy	The Jain Family. Mahinder Jain, Vardhman Jain and Anurag Jain
Hall Fame Project Award - Instituted by PP Rtn Jayshree Sridhar for High impact Project.	Toilets, HPV, Dialysis and RYLA
Dr Sangeetha Viswanathan Memorial Award - Instituted by the Board of 2025-26 for Outstanding Service in Community Service Health	Rtn AM Visvanathan

SERGEANTS

Rtn Dhananjaya Das
PP Rtn Jayshree Sridhar
PP Rtn Rani Muralidharan
Rtn Srinivasan M

PP Rtn Ranjit Pratap	Trustee for RCMCT
PP Rtn Srikanth SN	Rotary information
PP Rtn George Cherian	New clubs
Rtn Hemu Ramaiah	Speakers
Rtn Rajesh Somasundaram	Global Grants and CSR grants
Rtn Ishwar Achanta	Moderator, Port Trust
PDG Krishnaswami	his connect with Rajshree school
Rtn Pranay H Gambhir	golf, eo party
Mohit Bajaj	Programs
PP Rtn NK Gopinath	Connecting and co-ordinating various donors and projects
Rtn Sri Prakash	Toilets
Rtn Siddharth Ganeriwala	Events
Rtn Bikram Shivakumar	Education
Rtn Sidharth Hande	Environment
Rtn Rajib Kumar Hota	Selaiyur

LEGAL

Support with the Bye laws, legal issue, taxes

Rtn Jacob Kurian
Rtn Sunil Sudhakar Shanker
Rtn Rajasekar Gorantla
PP Rtn Mohan Raman

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Support with the Bye laws, legal issue, taxes

Rtn Manu Reddy
Rtn Suresh Amirapu
Rtn Nitesh Jain
Rtn Harikrishna
Rtn Rahul Saraogi

A GOVERNOR'S ACCLAIM AND A LASTING LEGACY

The magnitude of RCM's achievements was perfectly summarized by District Governor Vinod Saraogi. In his address, he lauded the club's phenomenal 25 crore project portfolio, revealing that RCM alone contributed a staggering 25% to the entire district's 100-crore project value. Furthermore, he thanked the club for its pivotal role in helping the district surpass a monumental \$2 million contribution to the Rotary Foundation. DG Saraogi praised the professionalism, transparency, and stellar dedication that makes RCM, the pride of the district.



As Honorary Secretary Prasanna delivered the final vote of thanks, acknowledging everyone from the masterful event orchestrators to the creative teams, a profound sense of accomplishment settled over the room. The awards and trophies handed out will eventually find their places on shelves, but the lives touched by the Rotary Club of Madras over this historic year will remain changed forever. With a final, triumphant strike of the gavel by President Nikhil Raj, the meeting was adjourned, bringing a legendary chapter of service to a beautiful, resplendent close.



HE SMILED AT THE DESSERT
EXACTLY THE WAY HE SMILES
AT NEW PROJECT PROPOSALS...
CAUTIOUSLY.

EVEN HIS ICE CREAM HAD FEWER
LAYERS THAN THE APPROVAL
PROCESS



THE FIST SAYS
'LET'S DO IT.'
THE FACE SAYS
'WE'RE ALREADY
LATE.'"



HE FINALLY
FOUND THE ONLY
PLACE WHERE
EVEN WHATSAPP
GAVE UP.



LOOKS RELAXED.
DON'T BE FOOLED.
HE'S MENTALLY
PLANNING THREE
SERVICE PROJECTS



THE ONLY CREASE
ON THAT PATTU IS
ON THE VESHTI.
CERTAINLY NOT ON
THE PLAN.

Best Wishes
BOARD 2025-26



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