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LIGHTHOUSE

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LEADERSHIP · LEGACY · IMPACT

TOGETHER, WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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A NOTE FROM YOUR EDITOR



Niloufer Rustom Seth
Editor, The Lighthouse

“A lighthouse
does not demand
attention.
It simply shines
bright enough
that you naturally
turn towards it”

Here's to a year of shining
brighter, together

Niloufer Seth
Editor, The Lighthouse

Hello & welcome to the first edition of The Lighthouse, the weekly bulletin of the Rotary Club of Madras, 1926 – 1927.

It is a privilege to serve as the Assistant Secretary and Editor of The Lighthouse for the new Rotary year. I step into this role with gratitude, building on the strong foundation laid by Manasa, whose commitment has shaped this magazine into a vibrant and meaningful space for the Club. I extend my sincere thanks to the outgoing President and committee for their leadership and service, and to President Bobby and Honorary Secretary Vishwanathan for their trust, guidance, and continued support as we begin this journey together. With The Lighthouse, our intent this year is simple: to create a consistent space that reflects the life of the Rotary Club of Madras its people, its purpose, and its ongoing service.

I quickly learned on becoming editor that the real challenge is not editing it is recruitment. Mention The Lighthouse, and suddenly you are speaking to an empty room! Perhaps because over time, we have all read it differently: some preserve every issue like an archive, some glance only at photographs, some read just the President's message, and some treat it as a very refined coffee coaster. Our younger members, meanwhile, prefer a WhatsApp summary. This year, we hope to change that.

The Lighthouse is not just a bulletin it is the story of our Club. It carries our friendships, service, laughter, and shared experiences, carefully brought together by members who care deeply. That effort deserves attention and engagement. While Rotary projects and service remain its core, we are also making space for something more alive and relatable a conversation, a memory book, a storyteller. Something you don't leave unread in the back seat of a car!

In this inaugural issues you get to know our current Board members a little better and briefly revisit the legacy of the Club, grounding us in the values and history that continue to guide us. We will also explore newer formats, including short, impactful digital snippets that capture behind-the-scenes stories, and human connections in under 30 seconds. Alongside this, we aim to bring power speakers, archival Rotary stories, and insights from our city Chennai, a place defined by culture, music, food, and the kind of traffic that teaches patience better than meditation.

We warmly invite members and families to contribute stories, experiences, and reflections that can enrich each edition. Every small voice adds to the larger narrative. At its heart, this year is about changing perception so that The Lighthouse is not seen as obligation or deadline, but as something to look forward to, contribute to, and take pride in.

And finally, the ongoing debate print versus digital. Whether you read it on paper, on your phone, or while waiting for a meeting to start, the goal is simple. **Read it.**

Lets Celebrate!

This week we celebrate our members and their milestones. Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all those celebrating. May the year ahead bring you joy, health, and love.

BIRTHDAYS

July 5th	Suniel U Lulla	🍷
July 5th	Govind Parikh	🍷
July 7th	Mahinder Jain	🍷
July 8th	Anand Vurgese	🍷
July 10th	Rajib Kumar Hota	🍷
July 10th	Phillip MM	🍷
July 11th	PP Biswakumar B	🍷
July 11th	Suresh P	🍷

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

July 5th	Krishna Hande H. Dr	❤️
July 9th	Subbiah Vishwanathan	❤️
July 12th	Shri Shakthi Girish	❤️
July 12th	Rachna Muralidharan	❤️

MEET YOUR EDITORIAL TEAM!

The Lighthouse RCM Weekly Bulletin - 2026-27



Balakrishna S

Sets the vision and charts the course for RCM 2026-27 and pens the President's Message.



Visvanathan A. M

The quiet force, making sure every detail adds up. Keeps the club's minutes honest and our deadlines honest-er.



Niloufer Seth

Our Lighthouse keeper, aiming for a fresh and creative voice, wields the red pen and runs the show.



Shakthi Girish

Our go-to for editorial guidance bringing experience to every page, she helps shape the bulletin with seasoned insight and curating Rotary World news



Siddharth Chandrasekar

Our visual spark dreaming up fun concepts. He is the reason our pages don't look like meeting minutes.



Madhu Mathen

Our behind-the-scenes support with front-page energy.



PP Gopinath N.K

Digs up Rotary gold so we remember where we came from.



Priyanka Acharya

Brings the outside world in, one good story at a time.



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The voices that keep The Lighthouse fresh and engaging.





PRESIDENT'S

note

Dear Fellow RCMers,

It is both a privilege and a profound responsibility to serve as the 98th President of the Rotary Club of Madras. As we move towards our Centenary, we inherit not just a remarkable legacy, but an opportunity to shape the one we leave behind.

For nearly a century, RCM has quietly transformed lives through service, fellowship, and leadership. That legacy belongs to every member who has believed that meaningful change begins with people coming together.

This year, our guiding mantra is simple:

Connect • Collaborate • Celebrate



We will **connect** with one another and with our communities



We will **collaborate** across professions, generations, and partnerships to create greater impact.



We will **celebrate** across professions, generations, and partnerships to create greater impact.

I invite you to make this journey your own. Bring your family closer to RCM. Participate wholeheartedly. Share your ideas, your time, and your passion. Together, let us strengthen our flagship initiatives, embrace new opportunities, and build momentum towards our 100th year.

First Lady Sangeeta and I warmly welcome you to a year of friendship, purpose, and service.

Together, let us

Connect. Collaborate. Celebrate.

S. Balakrishna
President 2026–27
Rotary Club of Madras



Transfer of Leadership at the Rotary Club of Madras

May the Club's 98th
year be one of renewed
vision, meaningful
service, enduring
fellowship
and proud
preparation for the
century to come

The Rotary Club of Madras stands among the oldest and most respected Rotary institutions in India, with a legacy that is deeply woven into the civic, social, and philanthropic life of Chennai and earlier, Madras. As the Club enters its 98th year of existence, it does so with the weight of history, the strength of tradition, and the optimism of an institution steadily moving towards its Centennial year in 2028–29.

Founded in 1929, the Rotary Club of Madras has been part of the early growth of the Rotary movement in India. Over nearly a century, it has brought together leaders from business, the professions, public life, education, medicine, industry, and the arts men and women united by the Rotary ideal of "Service Above Self." Through changing times from colonial Madras to independent India, from a port city of commerce and institutions to the modern metropolis of Chennai the Club has remained a constant force for fellowship, public service, and community development.

Across the decades, the Rotary Club of Madras has contributed meaningfully to areas that define humane and responsible civic engagement: healthcare, education, child welfare, vocational support, community health, public causes, and assistance to the vulnerable. Its legacy has not been built on one project or one generation alone, but through successive years of quiet, committed, and cumulative service. Each President and team has added a chapter to this long story, preserving the Club's dignity while responding to the needs of their time.

It is in this historic context that Rtn. Bobby Balakrishna assumes office as the 98th President of the Rotary Club of Madras on July 1, 2026. His leadership comes at a significant moment not only at the start of another Rotary year, but at the threshold of the Club's march towards its hundredth year. The 98th year is therefore both a celebration and a preparation: a celebration of the Club's proud inheritance, and a preparation for the Centennial milestone that will honour a century of Rotary service in Madras.

As Rtn. Bobby Balakrishna and his incoming team take charge, they carry forward a remarkable institutional legacy. Their task is to build upon the achievements of the past, deepen the Club's service impact, strengthen fellowship, inspire younger Rotarians, and help shape a Centennial vision worthy of the Club's history. In many ways, the years leading to 2028–29 will define not only how the Rotary Club of Madras remembers its past, but how it imagines its next century of service.

This occasion is also an apt moment to warmly commend and commemorate the outgoing President, Rtn. Nikhil Raj, the 97th President of the Rotary Club of Madras. His year in office was a terrific one marked by all-round service, enthusiasm, fellowship, and a clear commitment to the ideals of Rotary. Under his leadership, the Club continued to live up to its reputation as an institution of substance and service, undertaking meaningful initiatives while sustaining the spirit of camaraderie that has long defined the Club.

Rtn. Nikhil Raj's presidency added with distinction to the continuing story of the Rotary Club of Madras. In a Club of such history, every year matters; every presidency becomes part of the larger institutional memory. His year will be remembered for its energy, its balance of service and fellowship, and its contribution to the Club's journey towards its Centennial. The Club owes him and his team sincere appreciation for their dedication and stewardship.

The transfer of leadership from Rtn. Nikhil Raj to Rtn. Bobby Balakrishna is, therefore, more than a ceremonial passing of office. It is the renewal of a promise a promise made by generations of Rotarians before them, to serve with integrity, compassion, friendship, and purpose.

As the Rotary Club of Madras enters its 98th year, may it continue to draw strength from its illustrious past while looking boldly to the future. Best wishes to Rtn. Bobby Balakrishna, the 98th President, and his incoming team as they guide this great Club through an important year and towards its historic Centennial in 2028–29.

N.K. Gopinath

Past President.





ROTARY CLUB OF MADRAS

Minutes of the 1st Weekly Meeting – Rotary Year 2026–27

Date: Saturday, 4th July 2026

Venue: Hotel Taj Coromandel

1. Call to Order

The Masters of Ceremonies welcomed the members and distinguished guests to the special meeting convened for the installation of the 98th President of the Rotary Club of Madras.

Sergeant-at-Arms, PP Rani, formally collared President Nikhil Raj, who then called the meeting to order.

2. Toasts

PDG J.B. Kamdar proposed a toast to the President of Rotary International and the District Governor of Rotary District 3234.

District Governor D. Suresh Jain responded to the toast, conveying greetings from Rotary International and extending his best wishes to all members of the Rotary Club of Madras.

3. Reflections on Rotary Year 2025–26

Honorary Secretary Prasanna presented the Secretary's Report for Rotary Year 2025–26, highlighting the club's achievements, projects, and activities during the year.

PP Mohan Raman, in his characteristic style, raised a toast in appreciation of each member of the outgoing Board for their dedicated service.

President Nikhil Raj addressed the gathering, reflecting on the outstanding accomplishments of the year and expressing gratitude to the Board, members, and volunteers for their support and commitment.

4. Installation of the President for Rotary Year 2026–27

President Nikhil Raj formally installed Rtn. S. Balakrishna as the President of the Rotary Club of Madras for Rotary Year 2026–27 by ceremonially collaring him.

Honorary Secretary Prasanna then handed over the Club Charter to the incoming Honorary Secretary, Rtn. A.M. Visvanathan.

The presence of District Governor D. Suresh Jain and the District Team added dignity and distinction to the installation ceremony.

5. Presidential Address

PP Kapil Chitale introduced the incoming President, Rtn. S. Balakrishna.

In his inaugural address, President Balakrishna outlined his vision and priorities for the year, reaffirming his commitment to uphold the rich legacy and values of the Rotary Club of Madras. He emphasized service, fellowship, and member engagement as key focus areas and highlighted preparations for the Club's forthcoming Centenary celebrations over the next two years.



6. Introduction and Installation of the Board

An audio-visual presentation introduced the members of the new Board, the PR and Branding Chair, and the mentor.

District Governor D. Suresh Jain, assisted by Assistant Governor Vinita Venkatesh, formally installed the Board members by affixing their Director's badges.

7. Address by the District Governor

Assistant Governor Vinita Venkatesh introduced District Governor D. Suresh Jain.

In his address, the District Governor emphasized Rotary's enduring commitment to service above self and serving humanity. He expressed confidence that the Rotary Club of Madras would continue to uphold its proud traditions while expanding its impact in serving underserved sections of society.

8. Honorary Secretary's Announcements and Vote of Thanks

The Honorary Secretary announced the details of the next weekly meeting.

A sincere vote of thanks was proposed, expressing appreciation to the District Governor, dignitaries, guests, members, sponsors, organising committees, and everyone whose efforts contributed to the success of the installation ceremony. The members and guests were thanked for their gracious presence and support.

9. Adjournment

President S. Balakrishna declared the meeting adjourned.



Rotary
Club of Madras

YOU'VE SEEN THE BRANDS.

NOW MEET THE FAMILY BEHIND THEM.

An exclusive session with the family behind **CAVINKARE** — one of India's leading homegrown FMCG success stories.

FROM ₹15,000 TO TOUCHING MILLIONS OF LIVES

FROM A ₹15,000 DREAM IN 1983 TO A LEGACY THAT TOUCHES MILLIONS EVERYDAY.

CHIK Parvathi Prasad
CHIK Meera
Nyle Nyle
meera Meera
Karthika Karthika
Indica Indica
Spinz Spinz
Spinz BB Spinz
Fairever Fairever
Roogo Roogo
Cavin's Yasty Cavin's
Green Trends Green Trends
Limelite Limelite
Ruchi Ruchi
CAVINKARE Cavin's

WHAT TO EXPECT?

- ✓ Building an Indian brand against global giants
- ✓ The innovation that changed Indian retail forever
- ✓ Creating products every Indian could afford
- ✓ Scaling from one product to an FMCG powerhouse
- ✓ Leadership across generations
- ✓ Lessons in entrepreneurship, family business and succession

IN CONVERSATION WITH
Rtn. Chella Krishna
Past President, Rotary Club of Madras

Amudhavalli Ranganathan
Director
CavinKare

CK Ranganathan
Founder & Chairman
CavinKare

Manu Ranjith Ranganathan
Director - Innovation & New Generation

TUESDAY
7TH JULY 2024

1:30 PM
ONWARDS

HYATT REGENCY
TEYNAMPET, CHENNAI

IF YOU'VE EVER USED CHIK, NYLE, MEERA, INDICA, SPINZ, CAVIN'S OR GREEN TRENDS...

You've already experienced their work. Now meet the minds—and the family—behind one of India's most inspiring entrepreneurial journeys.



THE INSTALLATION CEREMONY

A Celebration Of Continuity and Leadership

Here are a few glimpses from the evening as we honoured our legacy and welcomed new leadership.

It was an evening of recognition and celebration. It was an evening of unity in joy and warm wishes.

On July 4, RCM's Installation ceremony was an evening spent as one big, happy Rotary family!



“
New leadership,
enduring
commitment
the spirit of
togetherness

”



Board members, committee members, and friends all gathered to honor this milestone.



More than a formal handover a celebration of the people who keep us moving forward.







An evening of warm conversations,
genuine smiles, and shared pride.



The outgoing board gave their robust reports, the DG welcomed the new year at RCM and the incoming board picked up the ball and hit it out of the park like pros!



Honoring our legacy while stepping confidently into the future.





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CLEARANCE LEVEL	BOARD LEVEL
STATUS	Active
ACTIVE	March 2019

BALAKRISHNA.S THE VISIONARY

PRESIDENT

ROTARY CLUB OF MADRAS



MISSION

To create lasting impact for communities that need it the most, united as a club



IN A SPY FILM

The strategic director



HOW PEOPLE DESCRIBE YOU

Driven, visionary, fiercely loyal



DISLIKE IN A TEAM

Complacency and slow action



EXECUTION STRATEGY

Set the vision. Build the framework. Execute with precision



BIGGEST STRENGTH

Builder's mindset turning potential into reality



BLIND SPOT

Impatience with slow execution



ANIMAL INSTINCT

EAGLE



Eagle - Fearless independence, No limits attitude, laser focused vision, rising above storms, dares none, fears nothing, turning pressure into distinct competitive advantage

ROTARY CORE MEANING



Driven by Service Above Self, as President, my focus is women's digital literacy, mobile healthcare, self-sustaining communities and housing for the homeless

IMPACT FOCUS

Serve the needy



ONE THING PEOPLE

DON'T KNOW ABOUT ME

I deeply value precision, detail, patterns, and timing



RAPID FIRE



COFFEE OR TEA?

Strong South Indian filter coffee with sugar.



EARLY BIRD OR NIGHT OWL?

Night Owl



MOUNTAINS OR SEA?

Sea



PLANNER OR IMPROVISER?

Planner who can pivot.



BUILD OR MANAGE?

Build. Always build.

VIBE & MEDIA STYLE



Corporate Vibe



ENTRY SHOT:

Walking with purpose, calm confidence, and a sharp smile.

OPTIONAL PROP



A classic chronograph watch.

"I am here to Support"

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STATUS	Active
ACTIVE	December 2019

VISVANATHAN A.M. CHIEF OF STAFF

HONORARY SECRETARY

ROTARY CLUB OF MADRAS



MISSION

To be the pillar of support for the team and set the foundation for the centennial year



IN A SPY FILM

The spy



HOW PEOPLE DESCRIBE YOU

No idea, haha!



DISLIKE IN A TEAM

Time wasting



EXECUTION STRATEGY

Plan, plan and then execute



BIGGEST STRENGTH

Project management skills



BLIND SPOT

The same attention to detail



ANIMAL INSTINCT

ELEPHANT



Embraces responsibility and is known as the Good Samaritan of the jungle

ROTARY CORE MEANING



Service Above Self
And living the Rotary
4-Way Test everyday

IMPACT FOCUS

Serve the needy



ONE THING PEOPLE

DON'T KNOW ABOUT ME

Is my anger



RAPID FIRE



COFFEE OR TEA?

Coffee



EARLY BIRD OR NIGHT OWL?

Night Owl



MOUNTAINS OR SEA?

Mountains



PLANNER OR IMPROVISER?

Improviser



BUILD OR MANAGE?

Build

VIBE & MEDIA STYLE



Corporate Vibe



ENTRY SHOT:

Walk into light

OPTIONAL PROP



"I am here to Support"

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CLEARANCE LEVEL	BOARD LEVEL
STATUS	Active
ACTIVE	August 2014

NIKHIL RAJ WISE GUIDE

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

ROTARY CLUB OF MADRAS



MISSION

To guide and lend a shoulder to lean on so that we focus on our work as a team



IN A SPY FILM

The spy



HOW PEOPLE DESCRIBE YOU

Time Wasting



DISLIKE IN A TEAM

Not putting in 100%!



EXECUTION STRATEGY

Plan, plan and then execute



BIGGEST STRENGTH

Project management skills



BLIND SPOT

Creativity



ANIMAL INSTINCT

TIGER



Signifies strength, courage and fearlessness

ROTARY CORE MEANING



Service Above Self

IMPACT FOCUS

Serve the needy



ONE THING PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT ME

Is my anger



RAPID FIRE



COFFEE OR TEA?

Coffee



EARLY BIRD OR NIGHT OWL?

Both



MOUNTAINS OR SEA?

Lake



PLANNER OR IMPROVISER?

Planner



BUILD OR MANAGE?

Manage

VIBE & MEDIA STYLE



Understated



ENTRY SHOT:

Quietly from the side

OPTIONAL PROP



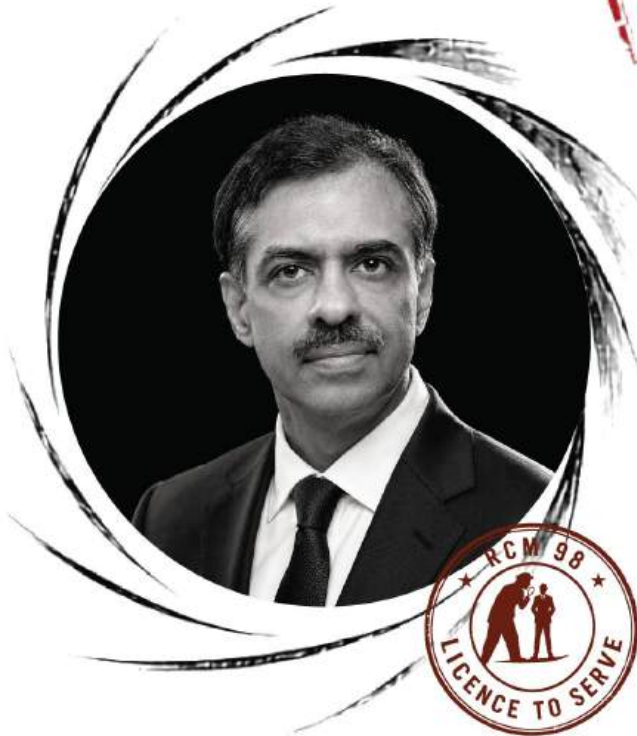
Pen

"I am here to Support"

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CLEARANCE LEVEL	BOARD LEVEL
STATUS	Active
ACTIVE	MAY 2007

GANESH ANANTHAKRISHNAN TEAM PLAYER

PRESIDENT - ELECT

ROTARY CLUB OF MADRAS

MISSION

Support People.
Strengthen Teams.



IN A SPY FILM

The Handler the one
every field agent trusts.



HOW PEOPLE DESCRIBE YOU

Calm, Helpful, Dependable



DISLIKE IN A TEAM

People who don't pull
their weight



EXECUTION STRATEGY

Lead from the front



BIGGEST STRENGTH

Dependability.



BLIND SPOT

Giving the same
attention to every
detail



ANIMAL INSTINCT

DOG



Fiercely loyal and
highly affectionate.
Protective of the pack

ROTARY CORE MEANING



Friendship
Fellowship
Service

IMPACT FOCUS

Building stronger
teams and lasting
relationships



ONE THING PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT ME

I too get annoyed once
in a while, haha!



RAPID FIRE



COFFEE OR TEA?
Coffee



EARLY BIRD OR
NIGHT OWL?
Early Bird



MOUNTAINS OR SEA?
Mountains



PLANNER OR
IMPROVISER?
Planner



BUILD OR MANAGE?
Manage

VIBE & MEDIA STYLE



Corporate Vibe



ENTRY SHOT:
Sit in Silence

OPTIONAL PROP



Watch

"I am here to Support"

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STATUS	Active
ACTIVE	February 2013

ANURADHA GANESAN FUTURE PERFECT

PRESIDENT - NOMINEE

ROTARY CLUB OF MADRAS

MISSION

Transform ideas
into reality



IN A SPY FILM

The Planner
Quietly prepares
Sees every move ahead



HOW PEOPLE DESCRIBE YOU

Dedicated
Outspoken but prudent
Creative but grounded



DISLIKE IN A TEAM

Lack of ownership



EXECUTION STRATEGY

I lead from the front



BIGGEST STRENGTH

Approach everything
with sincerity, commitment
and a pursuit of excellence



BLIND SPOT

Tend to see the best
in people and possibilities
sometimes more patient and
optimistic than the
situation warrants



ANIMAL INSTINCT

SPARROW

Its presence is
often regarded as
an indicator of a
healthy and balanced
local ecosystem. Like many
meaningful things in life,
its value is often appreciated
only when it begins to disappear



ROTARY CORE MEANING



Rotary brings together
like minded people
who share a desire
to make a difference.
Guided by wiser
predecessors

IMPACT FOCUS

Projects Community
PR. Engagement
Legacy



ONE THING PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT ME

Outside Rotary, I enjoy
learning new things,
playing the piano, traveling,
and exploring art, architecture,
and nature.



RAPID FIRE



COFFEE OR TEA?
Sometimes both!



EARLY BIRD OR
NIGHT OWL?
Early bird, usually



MOUNTAINS OR SEA?
Both!



PLANNER OR
IMPROVISER?
Planner



BUILD OR MANAGE?
Lead from the front

VIBE & MEDIA STYLE



Classic



ENTRY SHOT:
Look over city

OPTIONAL PROP



Rotary pin

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STATUS	Active
ACTIVE	January 2019

NILOUFER SETH LEGACY CHRONICLER

ASST. SECY/ BULLETIN EDITOR

ROTARY CLUB OF MADRAS

MISSION

To ensure all issues of The Lighthouse are robust and reach as many Rotarians as possible

IN A SPY FILM

The Fixer

HOW PEOPLE DESCRIBE YOU

Versatile & easygoing

DISLIKE IN A TEAM

Lack of accountability

EXECUTION STRATEGY

Ideate, Plan, Execute

BIGGEST STRENGTH

Empathy

BLIND SPOT

I take people at their word

ANIMAL INSTINCT

Koi Carp (fish)



Watching them in their own environment makes everything seem feel calm, serene and beautiful!

ROTARY CORE MEANING



Coming together to connect, share and give back

IMPACT FOCUS

PR & engagement



ONE THING PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT ME

I can be quite determined



RAPID FIRE



COFFEE OR TEA?
Coffee



EARLY BIRD OR NIGHT OWL?
Night Owl



MOUNTAINS OR SEA?
Mountains



PLANNER OR IMPROVISER?
Improviser



BUILD OR MANAGE?
Both

VIBE & MEDIA STYLE



Elegant



ENTRY SHOT:
Walk into the light

OPTIONAL PROP



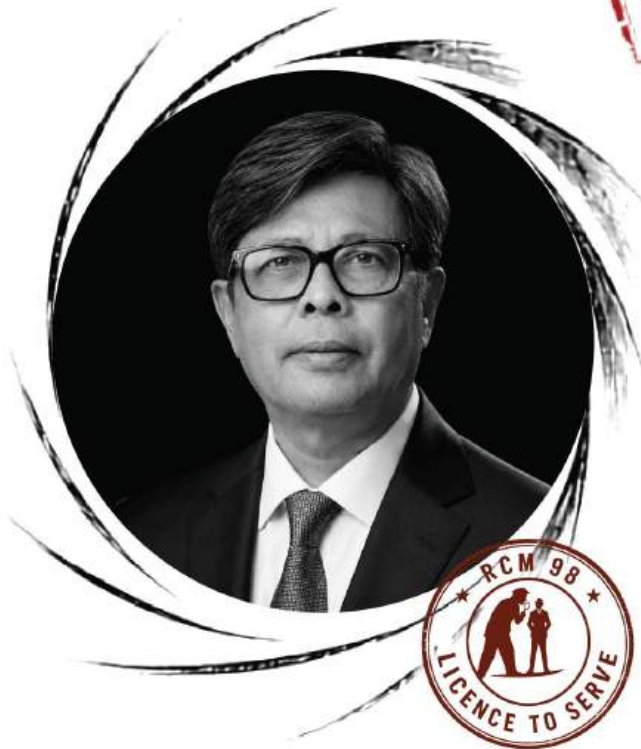
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PRASAD P.B
JUGGERNAUT

CLUB SERVICE

ROTARY CLUB OF MADRAS



MISSION

To create a Rotary experience for whole year; rich in substance and unforgettable in joy



IN A SPY FILM

Ethan Hunt (Mission Impossible)



HOW PEOPLE DESCRIBE YOU

Visionary. Dependable. Action Oriented.



DISLIKE IN A TEAM

Complacency, excuses, lack of ownership, and poor communication.



EXECUTION STRATEGY

Plan meticulously. Empower people. Execute relentlessly. Review honestly. Improve continuously



BIGGEST STRENGTH

Turning vision into execution by bringing people together around a common purpose



BLIND SPOT

Sometimes expecting others to match my pace, passion, and commitment.



ANIMAL INSTINCT

HORSE



Symbolizes strength, endurance, grace, loyalty and freedom

ROTARY CORE MEANING



Service with Purpose.
Fellowship with Heart.
Leadership through Action

IMPACT FOCUS

Building People
Creating Impact.
Leaving a Legacy



ONE THING PEOPLE

DON'T KNOW ABOUT ME

Behind the entrepreneur and leader is someone who genuinely enjoys mentoring people and quietly helping them succeed without expecting recognition



RAPID FIRE



COFFEE OR TEA?
Filter coffee



EARLY BIRD OR NIGHT OWL?
Early Bird



MOUNTAINS OR SEA?
Sea (especially a sunrise by the sea.)



PLANNER OR IMPROVISER?
Planner who improvises when required



BUILD OR MANAGE?
Build

VIBE & MEDIA STYLE



Quiet Confidence. Purpose driven. Elegant. Authentic. High Energy with Humility.



ENTRY SHOT:
Walking in with a warm smile, crisp suit, confident stride, acknowledging everyone in the room before taking the stage.

OPTIONAL PROP



A Rotary pin for purpose.
A notebook for ideas, planning, and execution.

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STATUS	Active
ACTIVE	June 2020

SUMAN VOORA YOUTH LEADER

PRESIDENT NOMINEE DESIGNATE
CENTENARY PRESIDENT
ROTARY CLUB OF MADRAS



MISSION

To bring our "paladin"
Rotarians to the
forefront with their
youth and energy



IN A SPY FILM

Mastermind



HOW PEOPLE DESCRIBE YOU

Friendly



DISLIKE IN A TEAM

Lack of having a
common goal



EXECUTION STRATEGY

Fully engage our
Interactors & Rotaractors



BIGGEST STRENGTH

Positiveness



BLIND SPOT

Observing



ANIMAL INSTINCT

LION

Leadership,
Fearless, King,
Beautiful, Behaviour



ROTARY CORE MEANING



Service & fellowship

IMPACT FOCUS

Legacy



ONE THING PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT ME

I am serious and get
the job done



RAPID FIRE



COFFEE OR TEA?
Coffee



EARLY BIRD OR
NIGHT OWL?
Night Owl



MOUNTAINS OR SEA?
Mountains



PLANNER OR
IMPROVISER?
Improviser



BUILD OR MANAGE?
Build

VIBE & MEDIA STYLE



Corporate Vibe



ENTRY SHOT:
Walk into light

OPTIONAL PROP



Pen

"I am here to Support"

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KNOW YOUR BOARD

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STATUS	Active
ACTIVE	August 2018

GAUTAM B.V. THE NEGOTIATOR

PRESIDENT NOMINEE DESIGNATE
CENTENARY PRESIDENT

ROTARY CLUB OF MADRAS

MISSION

Work for a cause,
not for applause



IN A SPY FILM

The Scout Always one
step ahead, finding
the next path



HOW PEOPLE DESCRIBE YOU

Friendly & Dependable



DISLIKE IN A TEAM

Slacking



EXECUTION STRATEGY

Get my hands dirty
Lead from the front



BIGGEST STRENGTH

Dependability



BLIND SPOT

Showing appreciation



ANIMAL INSTINCT

ZEBRA



Signifying
individuality and
a free spirit that
refuses to be limited
by societal expectations

ROTARY CORE MEANING



Community

IMPACT FOCUS

Projects, Community
PR Engagement Legacy



ONE THING PEOPLE
DON'T KNOW ABOUT ME

Movies



RAPID FIRE



COFFEE OR TEA?
Coffee



EARLY BIRD OR
NIGHT OWL?
Early Bird



MOUNTAINS OR SEA?
Sea



PLANNER OR
IMPROVISER?
Planner



BUILD OR MANAGE?
Build

VIBE & MEDIA STYLE



Classic



ENTRY SHOT:
Turn to camera

OPTIONAL PROP

PEN WATCH FILES PHONE ROTARY
PIN
Phone (U guys know)

"I am here to Support"

CONNECT • COLLABORATE • CELEBRATE



SUDHA SHIVKUMAR

SILENT STRENGTH

CSR

ROTARY CLUB OF MADRAS



MISSION

Create impact with calm leadership, engagement, and action.



IN A SPY FILM

The witty "guy in the chair" hacking, coordinating, and sipping filter coffee.



HOW PEOPLE DESCRIBE YOU

Thank god, I am yet to know



DISLIKE IN A TEAM

Gossip



EXECUTION STRATEGY

Teamwork, works!!!



BIGGEST STRENGTH

Ability to adapt, methinks



BLIND SPOT

Ability to adapt, methinks



ANIMAL INSTINCT

Big Cats in Jungle

Drawn to their incredible grace and power



ROTARY CORE MEANING



Service above self though clichéd

IMPACT FOCUS

As of now trying hard not to procrastinate



ONE THING PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT ME

Let them stay there!!!!



RAPID FIRE



COFFEE OR TEA?
Coffee



EARLY BIRD OR NIGHT OWL?
Both



MOUNTAINS OR SEA?
Lake



PLANNER OR IMPROVISER?
Planner



BUILD OR MANAGE?
Manage

VIBE & MEDIA STYLE



Understated



ENTRY SHOT:
Quietly from the side

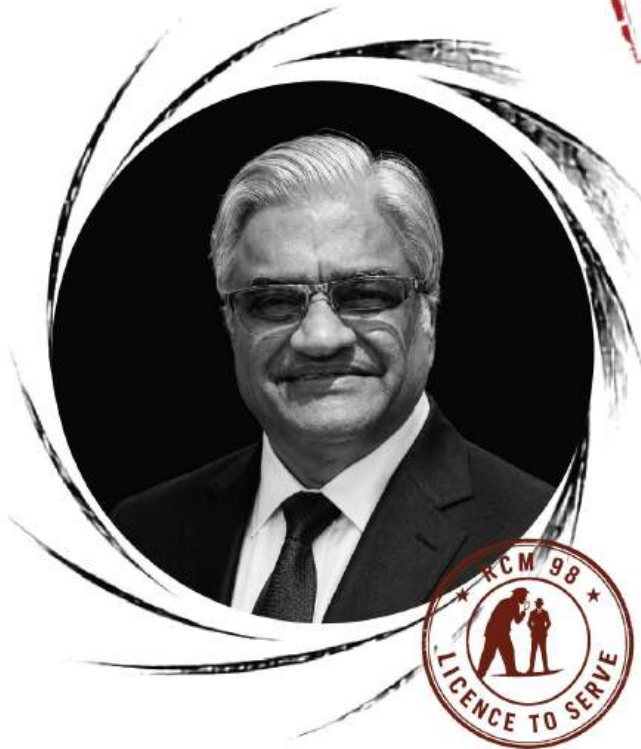
OPTIONAL PROP

PEN WATCH FILES PHONE ROTARY PIN
Right now your cheque book - thanks to my CSR target !!!



"I am here to Support"

KNOW YOUR BOARD



SURESH AMIRAPPU BOYS TOWN HERO

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

ROTARY CLUB OF MADRAS



MISSION

To safeguard the
legacy haven that
BTS is



IN A SPY FILM

The Guardian of the
Camp



HOW PEOPLE DESCRIBE YOU

Mr Dependable



DISLIKE IN A TEAM

Lack of commitment



EXECUTION STRATEGY

God is in the details



BIGGEST STRENGTH

Sincerity and loyalty



BLIND SPOT

Too trusting



ANIMAL INSTINCT

DOLPHIN



Friendly and helpful

ROTARY CORE MEANING



Service and reliability

IMPACT FOCUS

Deserving beneficiaries
should benefit



ONE THING PEOPLE

DON'T KNOW ABOUT ME

I am a author !!



RAPID FIRE



COFFEE OR TEA?

Tea



EARLY BIRD OR
NIGHT OWL?

Early Bird



MOUNTAINS OR SEA?

SEA



PLANNER OR
IMPROVISER?

PLANNER



BUILD OR MANAGE?

Build

VIBE & MEDIA STYLE



Big smile deep laugh



ENTRY SHOT:

Swag and smile

OPTIONAL PROP



Pen

"I am here to Support"

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AGENT CODE	RCM-9150818
CLEARANCE LEVEL	BOARD LEVEL
STATUS	Active
ACTIVE	August 2014

SHARON KRISHNA Rau CHAMPION OF HEALTH

Community Health

ROTARY CLUB OF MADRAS

MISSION

Serve health,
strengthen hope,
and build meaningful
engagement.



IN A SPY FILM

Jack Ryan



HOW PEOPLE DESCRIBE YOU

Fun and funny!



DISLIKE IN A TEAM

Attention hog



EXECUTION STRATEGY

Delegate to the right
people



BIGGEST STRENGTH

Seeing the big
picture



BLIND SPOT

Attention to
detail



ANIMAL INSTINCT

HORSE



Extraordinary intelligence,
calmness, ability to
empathize and immense power

ROTARY CORE MEANING



Service with
fellowship

IMPACT FOCUS

Quality over
quantity



ONE THING PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT ME

And there is a reason
it's still a secret



RAPID FIRE



COFFEE OR TEA?
Coffee



EARLY BIRD OR
NIGHT OWL?
Dependant on the
occasion!! Puja or
party??



MOUNTAINS OR SEA?
Mountain



PLANNER OR
IMPROVISER?
Planner



BUILD OR MANAGE?
Manage

VIBE & MEDIA STYLE



Flamboyant!



ENTRY SHOT:
Elegant and confident

OPTIONAL PROP



Silk fan - geisha
style!!

"I am here to Support"

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ARCHANA SHRI SANJAY QUEEN OF HEARTS

DIRECTOR - VOCATIONAL SERVICE

ROTARY CLUB OF MADRAS

MISSION

Make More Friends



IN A SPY FILM

Planner



HOW PEOPLE DESCRIBE YOU

Dedicated



DISLIKE IN A TEAM

Lack of ownership



EXECUTION STRATEGY

Focus, plan, execute,
get it done!



BIGGEST STRENGTH

My greatest strength
is that I approach
everything I do with sincerity,
commitment, and a pursuit of
excellence.



BLIND SPOT

My blind spot is that
I tend to see the best
in people and the best in
possibilities, which can
sometimes make me more patient
and optimistic than the
situation warrants.



ANIMAL INSTINCT

EAGLE



Sharp. Intelligent.
Regal. Elegant. Loner.
Can go to great heights

ROTARY CORE MEANING



Rotary brings together like
minded people who share a
desire to make a difference.
Along the way, you build lasting
friendships, meet inspiring
people, have fun, and create an
impact that no individual can
achieve alone. For me, it is also
a way of living my motto To
positively impact people's lives.

IMPACT FOCUS

Projects,
Community,, PR,
Engagement,, Legacy



ONE THING PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT ME

Archery and rifle.
shooting



RAPID FIRE



COFFEE OR TEA?
COFFEE



EARLY BIRD OR
NIGHT OWL?
EARLY BIRD



MOUNTAINS OR SEA?
MOUNTAINS.



PLANNER OR
IMPROVISER?
PLANNER



BUILD OR MANAGE?
Build

VIBE & MEDIA STYLE



High Energy



ENTRY SHOT:
Look over city

OPTIONAL PROP

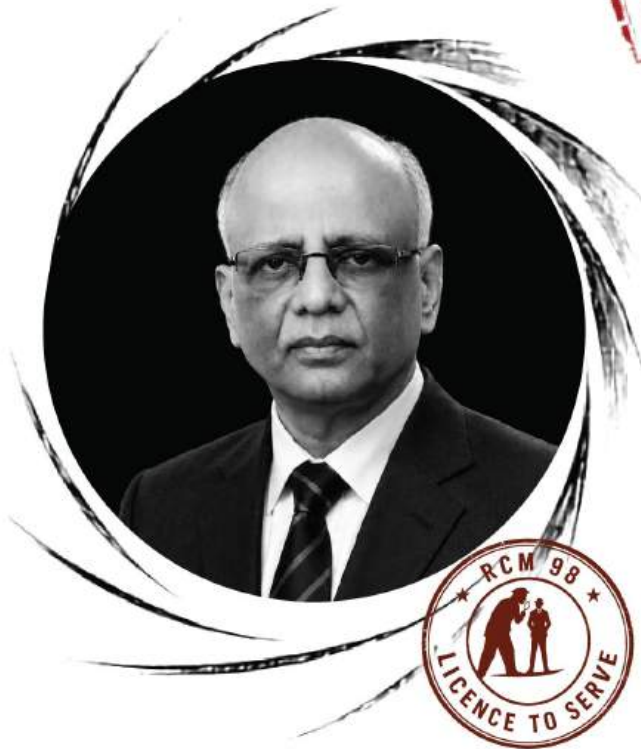


Centenary pin

"I am here to Support"

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KNOW YOUR BOARD



AGENT CODE	RCM-6757113
CLEARANCE LEVEL	BOARD LEVEL
STATUS	Active
ACTIVE	December 2007

SUKUMAR N.
NUMBERS WHIZ

RCMCT

ROTARY CLUB OF MADRAS

MISSION

To help our club get
the most out of their
generosity

IN A SPY FILM
Planner

HOW PEOPLE DESCRIBE YOU
Reliable & Silent

DISLIKE IN A TEAM
Being authoritative
& overpowering

EXECUTION STRATEGY
Plan well, be
meticulous in the
details

BIGGEST STRENGTH
Focus & Honesty

BLIND SPOT
I believe others

ANIMAL INSTINCT

CHIMPANZEE



Extraordinary intelligence,
Calmness, ability to
empathize and immense power

ROTARY CORE MEANING



A great platform to
serve

IMPACT FOCUS
Legacy.



ONE THING PEOPLE
DON'T KNOW ABOUT ME
I am serious and get the



RAPID FIRE



COFFEE OR TEA?
Filter coffee



EARLY BIRD OR
NIGHT OWL?
The ocean



MOUNTAINS OR SEA?
Planner



PLANNER OR
IMPROVISER?
I can do both



BUILD OR MANAGE?
I can build, but I manage
very well

VIBE & MEDIA STYLE



Understated and subtle



ENTRY SHOT:
Subtle and classy

OPTIONAL PROP

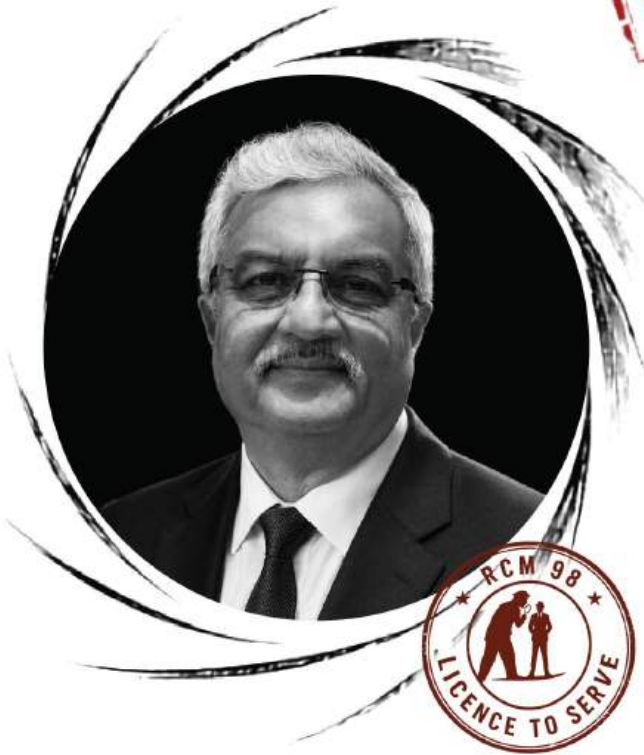


Phone

"I am here to Support"

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KNOW YOUR BOARD



AGENT CODE	RCM-10640677
CLEARANCE LEVEL	BOARD LEVEL
STATUS	Active
ACTIVE	July 2019

RAJIB KUMAR HOTA BOOKKEEPER

CLUB FUN & RCM BTS

ROTARY CLUB OF MADRAS

MISSION

To ensure that the hard work of our RCMers is document-perfect



IN A SPY FILM
Mastermind



HOW PEOPLE DESCRIBE YOU
Doer who doesn't blow his trumpet..result oriented



DISLIKE IN A TEAM
Self aggrandising individuals driving personal agenda



EXECUTION STRATEGY
Take the lead in making the team and execute flawlessly



BIGGEST STRENGTH
Positivity, leadership, planning



BLIND SPOT
Disruptors



ANIMAL INSTINCT

DOG



Commitment/ loyalty/EQ/
multifunctional/ multi talented.
pleasing to see and pleasure to have the company of

ROTARY CORE MEANING



Service before self.
leave a better tomorrow for others

IMPACT FOCUS

Projects, Community, Legacy



ONE THING PEOPLE
DON'T KNOW ABOUT ME

Fun loving



RAPID FIRE



COFFEE OR TEA?
Kadak chai!



EARLY BIRD OR
NIGHT OWL?
As per requirement!



MOUNTAINS OR SEA?
The ocean



PLANNER OR
IMPROVISER?
Planner first



BUILD OR MANAGE?
I can do both

VIBE & MEDIA STYLE



Smart elegance



ENTRY SHOT:
Classic slow move

OPTIONAL PROP



Pen

"I am here to Support"

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RCM YEAR 98

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL DOSSIER

KNOW YOUR BOARD



AGENT CODE	RCM-9279173
CLEARANCE LEVEL	BOARD LEVEL
STATUS	Active
ACTIVE	June 2015

SHRI SHAKTHI GIRITSH DYNAMO

ROTARY FOUNDATION &
INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

ROTARY CLUB OF MADRAS



MISSION

Money Penny (with fight skills!).



IN A SPY FILM

Money Penny (with fight skills!).



HOW PEOPLE DESCRIBE YOU

Fierce, kind, loyal, curious... and if you ask my kids, they'd say: with a generous dollop of OCD!



DISLIKE IN A TEAM

Slackers & apathetic players.



EXECUTION STRATEGY

Aim for the galaxies, plan for the stars, be ready with Plan B for the moon.



BIGGEST STRENGTH

Most of the time, I'll get the job done. And no crook only by hook!



BLIND SPOT

Often - my own idiosyncrasies.



ANIMAL INSTINCT

DOG



Wonderful through and through in personality in heart, and in wisdom

ROTARY CORE MEANING



Commitment, heart, empathy - all with professionalism.

IMPACT FOCUS

Connect, collaborate, harmonize, celebrate.



ONE THING PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT ME

Why one? I have a bagful of little known traits!



RAPID FIRE



COFFEE OR TEA?

Both - why choose!



EARLY BIRD OR NIGHT OWL?

Both I'm sleep deprived!



MOUNTAINS OR SEA?

Heart on the mountains, spirit in the seas



PLANNER OR IMPROVISER?

Planner with some slick improvising skills!



BUILD OR MANAGE?

Build better, manage less

VIBE & MEDIA STYLE



Real talk, dignified, truthful, clean



ENTRY SHOT:

Classic look, subtle drama and a big grin to complete the package!

OPTIONAL PROP



A big, beautiful Defender

"I am here to Support"

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AGENT CODE	RCM-12166027
CLEARANCE LEVEL	BOARD LEVEL
STATUS	Active
ACTIVE	September 2024

SIDDHARTH CHANDRASHEKAR THE CONNECTOR

CONVERTING CONCEPT TO A
TANGIBLE PRODUCT PITCH

ROTARY CLUB OF MADRAS

MISSION

Build the legacy and
hard work done by others
put to use

IN A SPY FILM

Disruptor

HOW PEOPLE DESCRIBE YOU

Out of the box,
the black sheep

DISLIKE IN A TEAM

If it pulls in
different directions

EXECUTION STRATEGY

Design, Strategy and
visioning larger
picture

BIGGEST STRENGTH

Micro Macro picture

BLIND SPOT

Meaning less purposeless
efforts ... doing things
for the asking do it with
out clear intent

ANIMAL INSTINCT

OCTOPUS



Because it doesn't try to
fit into one world it keeps
discovering new ones. I've spent
most of my life doing the same.

ROTARY CORE MEANING



Accelerator to doing
leader and greater
social impact

IMPACT FOCUS

Projects, Community,
PR, Engagement, Legacy.



ONE THING PEOPLE

DON'T KNOW ABOUT ME

pending



RAPID FIRE



COFFEE OR TEA?

COFFEE



EARLY BIRD OR
NIGHT OWL?

NIGHT OWL



MOUNTAINS OR SEA?

SEA



PLANNER OR
IMPROVISER?

IMPROVISER



BUILD OR MANAGE?

BUILD

VIBE & MEDIA STYLE



High energy



ENTRY SHOT:

Sit in silence

OPTIONAL PROP



Rotary Pin (you guys know)

"I am here to Support"

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KNOW YOUR BOARD



AGENT CODE	RCM-3411821
CLEARANCE LEVEL	BOARD LEVEL
STATUS	Active
ACTIVE	September 1998

KAPIL CHITALE PATHLIGHT

The perfect guide for this
tyear of focus and service.

ROTARY CLUB OF MADRAS



MISSION

Built the legacy and
hard work done by others
put to use

IN A SPY FILM

Disruptor

HOW PEOPLE DESCRIBE YOU

Disruptor

DISLIKE IN A TEAM

Self superiority on
entitlement

EXECUTION STRATEGY

Spend enough time on
the details!!

BIGGEST STRENGTH

Speaking my mind
Your blind

BLIND SPOT

Assessing others

ANIMAL INSTINCT

DOG



Get pampered,
sleep all day and
night for 12 years
and move on

ROTARY CORE MEANING



That it's for a
'common cause'

IMPACT FOCUS

Engagement



ONE THING PEOPLE

DON'T KNOW ABOUT ME

I too loose my temper !



RAPID FIRE



COFFEE OR TEA?

Tea



EARLY BIRD OR NIGHT OWL?

NIGHT OWL



MOUNTAINS OR SEA?

Both



PLANNER OR IMPROVISER?

Both



BUILD OR MANAGE?

Both

VIBE & MEDIA STYLE



Elegant



ENTRY SHOT:

Familiarity

OPTIONAL PROP



Phone



"I am here to Support"

CONNECT • COLLABORATE • CELEBRATE



MEET FRESNEL

The only member who wasn't introduced.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE VOICE OF *Lighthouse*

- Q** Q: Let's start with the obvious. Who are you?
- A** A: I'm Fresnel. No surname. Just Fresnel. I'm named after the remarkable lens inside a lighthouse the one designed to take a small light and make sure it reaches far beyond where it began. That felt rather appropriate for Rotary.
- Q** Q: So... are you a Rotarian?
- A** A: No.
I'm something every Rotary Club probably wishes it had. A memory.
- Q** Q: That's an unusual answer.
- A** A: Not really.
Rotarians are exceptional at creating impact. But in all the work they do, with all that running around, they need help in smoothly documenting it. Sharing it. Learning from it. Or making sure someone remembers it five years later. That's where I come in.
- Q** Q: So you're the editor of *Lighthouse*?
- A** A: Not exactly. Editors publish stories. I look for the ones everyone almost missed.
- Q** Q: Why a lighthouse?
- A** A: Because a lighthouse doesn't create light. It simply refuses to let that light get lost. Neither should we.
- Q** Q: Should members expect to hear from you often?
- A** A: Only when I have something worth saying. Your WhatsApp already has enough "Good Morning" messages.
- Q** Q: What kinds of things will you share?
- A** A: Stories. Ideas. Reminders.
People worth meeting. Projects worth joining. Questions worth asking.
Sometimes success. Sometimes failure.
Both deserve to be remembered.
- Q** Q: You sound more like a journalist than a mascot.
- A** A: Good.
Mascots entertain.
Curiosity changes organisations.
- Q** Q: One last question.
What's your job, really?
- A** A: To make sure that when someone asks, "What did the Rotary Club of Madras stand for?" the answer isn't hidden inside old minutes, forgotten photographs, or somebody's phone gallery. It should live in people's minds. Because impact only becomes legacy...
When someone remembers it.



FRESNEL
KEEPER OF STORIES

VOICE OF  LIGHTHOUSE



EDITOR'S NOTE

You'll meet Fresnel often in these pages and perhaps on your phone. He'll quietly follow the people, projects and moments that shape

He doesn't create impact.

He simply makes sure it doesn't disappear.