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From the Editor's Desk: Weaving Words, Building Service

~Ann. Jayashree Parasuram

February has been a month filled with colour, camaraderie, celebration, and compassion. From joyful gatherings and soulful singing sessions to meaningful social service initiatives, the spirit of togetherness has truly defined the days gone by.

The musical evening brought out hidden talents and heartfelt performances, reminding us that when we come together in harmony, we create memories that linger long after the last note fades. The enthusiasm, applause, and encouragement shared among members made every event special. At the same time, we remained rooted in our commitment to service. Our outreach activities reflected our collective desire to give back to the community and make a tangible difference in the lives of those around us. Whether through small acts of kindness or greater organised efforts, the impact of our work continues to resonate.

Here's to many more moments of music, meaningful service, and shared celebrations!

Anybody Can Sing 3.0

~ Ann. Mano Singh

A much-awaited and melodious evening, **Anybody Can Sing 3.0**, was wonderfully organised and flawlessly executed by the **First Lady of RCA, Ann. Jayashree Parasuram**, at the **Palm Grove Army Officers Institute on February 13th 2026**. The event was thoughtfully planned, carefully rehearsed, and executed with strong performances from everyone.

The musical evening was held to uplift the morale of the RCA family after an intensive and productive seven months in **Rotary Year 2025–26**. True to its spirit, the event brought cheer, camaraderie, and renewed energy to all present. ***Fifteen Rotarians and Anns*** took to the stage, singing to karaoke tracks with confidence and passion, enthralling the audience with their performances. Each rendition was met with warm applause, creating an atmosphere of encouragement and celebration.

The evening featured a delightful ***mix of solos and duets in Tamil, Hindi, and Malayalam***. Memorable performances were rendered by ***Rtn. Ravishankar, Ann. Mala, Ann. Vijaya Sairam, Rtn. Suresh Babu, Rtn. Col. Bhupinder Singh, Rtn. Ajitha Balan, Rtn. Mullai, Rtn. Rema, Rtn. Ashok Rao and Mr. M.K. Menon***. The duets added a special charm to the programme and were performed by ***Rtn. T. Parasuram & Ann. Jayashree Parasuram; Rtn. Suresh Babu & Ann. Mala; Rtn. Suresh Babu & Ann. Jayashree; Rtn. Ashok Rao & Ann. Jayashree, Mr. M.K. Menon & Ann. Jayashree and Rtn. Gita Menon & Ann. Jayashree***.

Rtn. Ashok Rao delighted the audience by playing the **harmonica**, as he so often does, while a surprise entry by **Ann. Sudharani**, who played a beautiful piece on the **keyboard**, added an extra sparkle to the evening.

Adding to the **pre–Valentine's warmth** of the gathering, the men graciously gifted ***roses*** to their better halves, creating touching moments of affection and appreciation. The single members were also made to feel special, as they were presented with roses by the President and the First Lady — a thoughtful gesture that reflected inclusiveness and camaraderie within the RCA family.

The session concluded with a heartfelt group rendition of ***"Chalte Chalte"***, a fitting finale that united the RCA members in song and spirit.

The programme culminated in delightful fellowship and dinner, with smiles lighting up every face — a true reflection of togetherness and Rotary spirit. It was indeed an evening well spent, leaving behind cherished memories and reinforcing the unity of the ***RCA family***.

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INVITES YOU TO
Anybody Can Sing 3.0
A Classy Musical Evening to Remember This Valentine's Season
FEBRUARY
FRIDAY 13 6:45 PM Onwards
PALMGROVE ARMY OFFICERS INSTITUTE, ISLAND GROUNDS
(Fellowship and Dinner)
Dress Code (Men)
Collared Shirt / T-shirt tucked in, Trousers and Shoes
Colour Code
Pink/ Peach/ Red
Rtn. PHF T Parasuram (2025-26)
Rtn. PHF V Balram (2025-26)
Rtn. P Deepak (2026-28)

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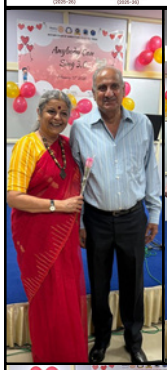

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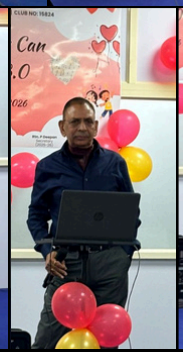


February Journeys: Club Highlights & Happenings

SCAW (Sleeping Children Around the World) News

SCAW Team 2026 : Mr. Neil Chopp (Team Leader)
Mrs. (Seso) Daljeero Bains | Mr. Santokh Bains,

Distribution - February 2nd 2026 - Sindhi School of Excellence, Thiruverkadu

The distribution at **Thiruverkadu** reached **708 children**, with the programme graced by **RID 3234 DG Rtn. Vinod Saraogi and RID 3233 DG Rtn. Devendran**. Heartfelt appreciation to **Team Leader Rtn. Prem Watwani, our club volunteers, Rtn. T Parasuram, Ann. Jayashree Parasuram, Rtn. Jai Shetty, Rtn. P. N. Ramachandran, Mr. M. K. Menon, Rtn. G. V. R. S. Sarma, Rtn. M. Viswanathan, Rtn. V. Sairam, Rtn. Ajitha Balan, and Rtn. Vasanthi**, the dedicated volunteers, sponsors, and the school community, for making the initiative a grand success.

Distribution - February 3rd 2026 - Vasavi Vidhyalaya Matriculation School, Trichy

The **Trichy** bedkit distribution saw **600 bedkits** reach children, excellently organised by **RC Tiruchirapalli Midtown**, and graced by **RID 3000 District Governor J. Karthik**. Sincere appreciation to **Team Leader & SCAW Chairman Rtn. G. Ravishankar, our club members, Rtn. G. Viswanathan, Ann. Aruna, Rtn. Suresh Babu, Rtn. Dr. Winston, and Rtn. Vasanthi**, the dedicated volunteers, and the Rotaract Club of Cauvery College, Trichy, for making the programme a memorable success.

Distribution - February 4th 2026 - Ramakrishna Engg College, Perambalur

The **Perambalur** distribution saw **600 bedkits** reach children, excellently organised by **all Rotary Clubs in the Perambalur Region**. Sincere appreciation to **Team Leader Rtn. Suresh Babu, SCAW Chairman Rtn. G. Ravishankar and our club volunteers, Rtn. G Viswanathan, Ann. Aruna V and Rtn. Vasanthi**, the dedicated volunteers, for making the programme a memorable success.

Distribution - February 5th 2026 - Sri Narayani School, Vellore

The **Vellore** distribution saw **1000 bedkits** reach children. Sincere appreciation to **Team Leader, Rtn. A. David; SCAW Chairman, Rtn. G. Ravishankar, and the club volunteers—Rtn. Suresh Babu, Rtn. A. David, Rtn. Deepan, Rtn. Jagadeesh, and Rtr. Akash**—for their excellent coordination and dedicated efforts for making the programme a memorable success.

February Journeys: Club Highlights & Happenings

Distribution - February 6th 2026 - Forest Higher Secondary School, Jamunamaruthur

The distribution programme at **Jamunamaruthur** was organised by **RC Chennai Mitra**, and successfully distributed **220 bedkits**. The Ambattur Club places on record its sincere appreciation to **Team Leader Rtn. P. Deepan and the club volunteers —Rtn. A. David and Rtr. Akash**—for their excellent coordination, with valuable support from Rotarians of other Rotary clubs as well. Heartfelt thanks are also extended to the Principal, teachers, and student volunteers for their warm cooperation.

February 6th 2026 - SCAW Felicitation Meet

~ Rtn. T Parasuram

This year's ***SCAW*** Distribution culminated in a meaningful ***Felicitation Meet*** — a celebration honoring every individual who made our flagship project a grand success. From the committed SCAW Volunteers from Canada, the SCAW Chairman, our club members, and Rotarians from other districts who readily extended their support, to the students, staff, and school management teams who graciously accommodated us on various distribution days — this achievement belongs to each one of you. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who stood with us in service.

The ***Felicitation Meet*** was held at **Hotel Beverly** on **6th February 2026**. The proceedings began with the ceremonial collaring of **President Rtn. PHF T. Parasuram**, followed by an inspiring invocation song rendered by **Ann Jayashree Parasuram**. The President then delivered the Welcome Address, setting the tone for an evening of gratitude and reflection.

We were honoured to have **District Governor RID 3234 Rtn. Vinod Saraogi** as the Chief Guest for the evening.

With immense pride, we share that 5,000 bedkits were successfully distributed this year — a milestone made possible through collective dedication, compassion, and teamwork.

Post SCAW Meet at **Beverly Hotel** on **8th February 2026**.

February Journeys: Club Highlights & Happenings

Members of the ***Probus Club of Madras South*** celebrated **Army Day** at the Youth Hostel, Adyar, on ***January 29th***. The event featured a keynote address by Col. (Retd) A Krishnaswami on the significance of Army Day, followed by the honouring of veterans which included our club's **Rtn. Col. Bhupinder Singh.**

On ***18th February***, **73** students of **Classes 6 and 7** from our **T.V. Nagar School**, accompanied by three teachers and the Admin Manager, visited the **Aavin Dairy factory.**

The students enthusiastically observed the journey of milk — from collection and quality testing to processing and packaging — gaining valuable insights into safe and hygienic dairy production.

The visit was highly informative, offering meaningful practical exposure beyond classroom learning.

This **industrial trip** was **initiated by Ann Jayashree** and **facilitated by Rtn. Deepan**.

ARH successfully organised a Public Health Camp at ***J.J. Nagar Park*** on **21st February** and at ***Mangal Eri Park*** on **25th February**, in association with the **Tanker Dialysis Unit**, with the objective of promoting preventive healthcare and encouraging early disease detection within the community.

The camps witnessed encouraging public participation, offering essential health screenings and medical guidance to residents. Through this initiative, ARH reaffirmed its commitment to community well-being by creating accessible healthcare opportunities and spreading awareness on the importance of regular health check-ups.

Rtn. Gita Menon participated in a car rally- treasure hunt organised by the ***Malayalee Club*** on ***15th*** **February** along with her sister and two other friends. The theme was "***Naadan Navigators***" meaning country or local navigators. They did a fusion of Naadan & Valentine- dressed in red with a Kerala mundu veshti. We won the ***best-dressed team***.

A Cervical Cancer Vaccination Camp was organised at the **T.V. Nagar Educational Society School, Ambattur** on ***13th February 2026***. The event witnessed ***38 students*** providing consent and receiving the vaccination, marking a meaningful step towards preventive healthcare and awareness among young girls. The programme was graced by **Rtn. Suryanarayanan Rao, Community Services – Health Chair, RID 3234**, as the Chief Guest. The Guests of Honour included **Rtn. Shankar Duraiswami and Rtn. Bhavesh Shah** Managing Trustee and Trustee of The Rotary Cancer and Research Foundation, respectively. The initiative was felicitated by **Rtn. Udaya Bhanu, Chairman – ARH and Director – Community Services (Health)** The camp stands as a testament to Rotary's continued commitment to safeguarding the health and future of the next generation.

A Cervical Cancer Vaccination Camp Phase II was organised at the **Ambattur Rotary Hospital, Ambattur** on ***27th February 2026***. The event witnessed ***11 students*** and **1 sibling** from another school providing consent and receiving the vaccination, marking a meaningful step towards preventive healthcare and awareness among young girls. The programme was graced by **Rtn. Dr. Winston Noronha.** The initiative was felicitated by **Rtn. Udaya Bhanu, Chairman – ARH and Director – Community Services (Health).** The camp stands as a testament to Rotary's continued commitment to safeguarding the health and future of the next generation.

The ***CSR Team from Philips*** visited our **T.V. Nagar School** classrooms on **25th February 2026** and brought immense joy to the students through the distribution of stationery items. As a special encouragement, school bags, steel lunch boxes, and steel water bottles were presented to **two toppers from each class** across the primary and high school sections.

This thoughtful initiative was initiated by **Rtn. Rema**, whose efforts made this meaningful outreach possible and positively impacted the children's learning experience.

Vidiyal 17 - 14th February 2026

~ Rtn. P Deepan

In a heart-warming celebration of talent, courage, and resilience, the **17th edition of Vidiyal** — the flagship annual event dedicated to specially abled children — was held on **14th February 2026** at **Good Shepherd School, Nungambakkam, Chennai.** Organised by the **Rotaract Club of Ambattur**, the event brought together more than **600 special children** from over ***25 special schools*** across Chennai, making it one of the *largest editions* to date.

Since its inception in **2006**, Vidiyal has evolved into a meaningful platform that celebrates the unique abilities of special children while fostering awareness, acceptance, and inclusion within society. The event not only showcases their extraordinary talents but also highlights the daily challenges they overcome with remarkable determination and strength.

"Our main motto is to create a platform for our children and to make their families feel proud of their abilities," shared the organising committee, reflecting the spirit behind this enduring initiative. For the Rotaract Club of Ambattur, Vidiyal represents the pinnacle of their community service efforts and their unwavering commitment to dignity, empowerment, and equal opportunity.

This year witnessed a record number of participants competing across vibrant categories such as music, dance, art, and sports. Every performance was a powerful reminder of the immense potential and indomitable spirit of these children. A special highlight of the event was the presentation of the **annual Medallion Award** to dedicated special educators and caregivers, honouring their tireless service and compassionate commitment.

The occasion was graced by **District Governor RID 3234 AKS Vinod Saraogi and District Governor Nominee Vijaya Bharathi**. Also present were **RC Ambattur President Rtn. T. Parasuram**, **Rtn. G. Ravishankar and other club members from RC Ambattur and the entire Rotaract Club members. Satish Kumar (DRR 3234)'s** support added prestige and encouragement to the celebration.

Chaired by **Rtr. Rekha Shree**, **Vidiyal 2026** stood as a shining example of inclusivity in action — a day where abilities were celebrated, families felt proud, and a more compassionate and inclusive future was reaffirmed.

The **Rotaract Club of Ambattur**, in association with the **Rotary Club of Ambattur**, organised the **Interact Rotary Youth Leadership Awards – RYLA Icon at T.V. Nagar School, Ambattur**, on **28th February 2026**. The event was inaugurated by **Rtn. Dr. Winston Noronha**, who inspired the students with his encouraging words. The programme was filled with energy and enthusiasm, featuring fun games and engaging interactive sessions conducted by the Rotaractors. The students actively participated and thoroughly enjoyed the learning experience. During the valedictory function, our Administrator, **Mrs. Meenal**, presented the ***Best Rylarian Boy*** and ***Best Rylarian Girl*** awards, recognising outstanding leadership and participation among the students.

RID 3234 District Conference " UTSAV'26 " - 21st February 2026

Pre-Conference Dinner Meet on 20th February 2026

UTSAV'26 - 21st February 2026

~ Rtn. T Parasuram

Utsav '26 commenced with a grand welcome extended to **Chief Guest PRID Rtn. A.S. Venkatesh** and Guest of Honour **RIPR PDG Rtn. Siti Subaidah Mustaffa (Malaysia)** and her spouse. They were received at the venue entrance by **District Governor RID 3234 Rtn. Vinod Saraogi, First Lady Usha Saraogi**, District Officials, and the Presidents of the District.

Following the ***National Anthems of Malaysia and India***, along with ***Tamil Thai Vazhthu***, the Conference was formally called to order by **DG Vinod Saraogi**. The Chairperson of the event delivered the Welcome Address, followed by addresses from dignitaries and a special recognition ceremony honouring Past District Governors. A vibrant Sri Lankan dance troupe added a cultural flourish to the opening session.

The speaker sessions began with ***Mr. Krishnakumar Thirumalai, CEO of Reliance Consumer Products***, who presented an insightful talk supported by data and graphs on domestic consumer demand and global opportunities for Indian products.

This was followed by ***Ambassador Mr. Ajay Bisaria, IFS***, who addressed the audience on the topic *"A New World Disorder,"* offering a compelling perspective on the evolving geopolitical landscape.

Renowned ***Veenai Vidwan Rajesh Vaidya, a Kalaimamani awardee***, captivated the gathering with *soulful medleys* and was subsequently honoured with the Award for Excellence in Art.

The first half of the day also featured ***lively dance performances by District Presidents and a musical presentation by FMLR***, blending fellowship with celebration.

Political analyst Rangaraj Pandey engaged the audience with his take on the current political scenario, answering questions with characteristic wit and clarity. ***Major General H. Dharmarajan*** then delivered a detailed session on supply chain management in remote regions of Jammu & Kashmir, offering valuable real-world insights.

Adding grace to the event, the ***First Ladies and Lady Presidents*** performed a **royal dance** representing various nations, symbolising Rotary's global unity.

The next two sessions struck an emotional chord. **Dr. Jayanthisri Balakrishnan** spoke on "The Evolution from a Woman to THE Woman," highlighting empowerment and the role Rotarians can play in supporting women's growth. **Mr. Vineet Saraiwala**, who is visually challenged, delivered an inspiring talk on "Disability in Our Minds," emphasising inclusion and the need to create opportunities for the differently abled.

The District honoured **young chess prodigy Ms. Sharvaanica** with the ***Young Achiever Award***, which she received with gratitude. **DGE Suresh Jain** then introduced the team for the Rotary Year 2026–27.

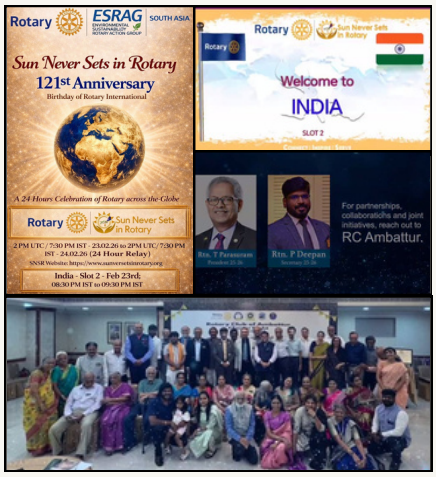
The formal programme concluded with the Valedictory Address and Vote of Thanks by the organisers, after which DG Vinod Saraogi adjourned the conference for the year.

In summary, **Utsav '26** was a vibrant confluence of insightful speakers, cultural performances, recognition ceremonies, fellowship, and impeccable hospitality — complete with sumptuous breakfast, lunch, dinner, and refreshments — making it a truly memorable district conference.

Dignitaries Visit to Ambattur Rotary Hospital on 22nd February 2026

The "**Sun Never Sets in Rotary**" marked the celebration of the **121st Anniversary of Rotary International**, bringing together Rotary clubs from across the globe in a spirit of unity and service.

RCA proudly presented its segment on ***23rd February (India Slot 2)***, showcasing our club's commitment and vibrant fellowship. This meaningful initiative was taken by **Rtn. Vasanthi Ranganathan**, whose efforts ensured our enthusiastic participation in this global celebration.



A **Mega Health Camp** was successfully conducted on **28th February 2026** at **Ambattur Rotary Hospital**, with a total registration of **155 beneficiaries**. The camp witnessed vibrant participation, with patients availing services across multiple departments, including Gynecology, Orthopedics, ENT, Dental, Oncology, General Medicine, X-ray, ECG, and other diagnostic facilities. A major highlight of the camp was the Oncology Department, where **three senior doctors from Equitas Sringeri Hospital** conducted specialised screenings and tests, offering valuable medical consultations to the attendees.

Sincere thanks to our CMO, the dedicated doctors, and the entire hospital team for their meticulous planning and smooth execution of the camp. This impactful initiative was led by **Rtn. Udaya Bhanu, Chairman – ARH and Director – Community Services (Health)**.

From Life's First Cheers to Forever Together Celebrating You Always!

Birthdays

March 02	Ann Rita (Jaya)
March 06	Rtn. Dr. Winston Noronha
March 06	Rtn. Udaya Bhanu
March 09	Annette Neha
March 10	Ann Shantha S
March 13	Mr. Vijay Rangachari
March 25	Annette Anjali Balan
March 25	Ann Vijaya
March 30	Rtn T Parasuram

Anniversary

March 11	Rtn. Prem & Rita (Jaya) Watwani
March 22	Rtn. Mangayarkrasi & Tamilselvan Angudurai

Mark your Calendar! - Upcoming Events

March 4 (Wed) (Dinner)	Rtn. Jayakumar's Son Reception RK Convention Center, Neelankarai, ECR
March 10 (Tues) 6.30 p.m (Dinner)	Governor's Visit (GOV) (Invite to follow) Madras Cricket Club, Triplicane
March 31 (Tues) (Hi-Tea)	Speaker Meeting (Invite to follow) Pearl Room, Presidency Club

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