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From the Editor's Desk:
Weaving Words, Building Service
~ Ann. Jayashree Parasuram



Dear Ambatturians,
The Installation meeting was a spectacular event, warmly attended by our Rotarians, Anns, District officials and guests.

In this issue, you can read all about the inspiring speaker session that marked the occasion.

The Rotary theme for July is Maternal and Child Health — a focus close to our hearts.

We also bring you updates from our Rotary Hospital, TV Nagar School, and the Ayappakam Learning Centre, where ongoing efforts continue to make a meaningful difference.

We're also proud to spotlight our Rotarians representing RCA at the district level and share highlights of the impactful projects they have championed.

If you have stories, experiences, or insights to share, please contribute to (rca.jayashree@gmail.com)!

Rotary Club of Ambattur Installation July 15th 2025

~Ann. Tamara

'Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success' - Henry Ford.

The Rotarians, Anns, Annettes and Rotaractors of the Rotary Club of Ambattur gathered at **Le Royal Meridian** on the **15th of July 2025** for the Change of Guard as President Rtn. A David and team handed over the baton to incoming **President Rtn. T Parasuram** and his Board for the Rotary year 2025 – 26. The Chief Guest was the **District Governor Rtn. Vinod Sarogi**. The programme commenced with the Tamil Thai Vazhthu and the National Anthem. The meeting was officially called to order as Rtn. Sambasiva collared the President Rtn. A. David.



This was followed by the ceremonial lighting of the lamp by **District First Lady Usha Sarogi**, Ann Jayashree Parasuram, Ann Veena Noronha, Ann Uma Deepan and Ann Surekha.

The invocation was delivered by First Lady Ann Jayashree Parasuram, fondly known as the Nightingale of RCA. President Rtn. A David followed with the Welcome Address.

Secretary, Rtn. Dr. Winston Noronha presented the Annual Report for the Rotary year 2024-25. This Report is a testament of the hard work and service of Rotary Club of Ambattur under the able guidance of President Rtn. A David and his team.

Annette Aishwarya and Annette Apoorva introduced Incoming First Lady Ann Jayashree Parasuram. With her graceful presence and quiet strength, Ann Jayashree Parasuram introduced President-Elect Rtn. T Parasuram. Her words reflected both admiration and conviction, capturing the meticulous nature and dedicated spirit of the incoming President.

The highlight of the evening was the ceremonial Collaring of the President where outgoing President Rtn. A David



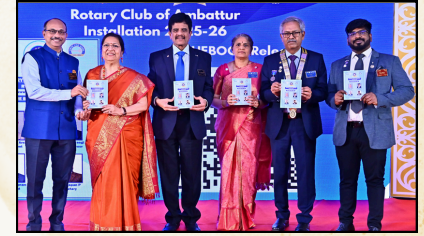
officially handed over leadership to incoming President Rtn. T Parasuram in the presence of the Chief Guest and other district officials. In his inspiring acceptance speech, President Rtn. T Parasuram outlined his vision for RCA for the rotary year 2025- 26. He noted the historic significance of his installation – marking the first time in RCA's history that both father and son have served as presidents: Rtn. PP. P Thiruvankadam 1988- 1989 and now, Rtn. Parasuram in the year 2025 – 26.



The President then unveiled the logo and theme for the year: Bond Beyond. He went on to present the plans for sustaining the impactful service of the four flagship projects as well as the new initiatives planned for the year such as completion of the first floor of the Rotary Hospital, launch of the Vidhyadhan education support scheme at TV Nagar School, achieving 100 % PHF status for RCA, planting of 1000 saplings, and the installation of Solar Panels across key projects.

The new Board Members were introduced and formally received their badges. After this Rtn. Dr. Winston Noronha handed over the Club Charter to Secretary Rtn. Deepan. RCA's Club Bulletin Amber and the Blue Book, curated by Annette Apoorva and Ann Jayashree, were released by DG. Rtn. Vinod Sarogi. The DG also inaugurated the Vidhyadhan Scheme, launched at T V Nagar School and aimed at supporting the education of underprivileged children. We thank Annette Mukund, Rtn. G Viswanathan & Ann Aruna, Ann Jayashree Parasuram, Rtn. K Suresh Babu & Ann Surekha, for their contribution towards this scheme.

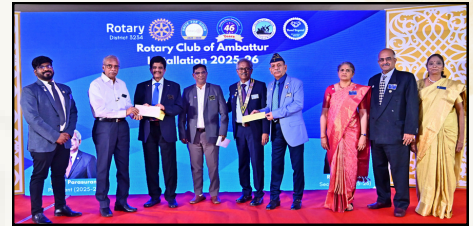




Adding another feather to its cap, the Rotary Club of Ambattur welcomed two new members - Mr. Harikrishnan and Mrs. Kavitha Narasimhan- who were formally inducted into the club by Rtn. George Cherian, District Membership Chair, and Rtn. Devi Krishna.

The TRF contributions were handed over to DRFC Rtn Purushottam and Rtn. PP. Col. Bhupinder Singh, Chairman Rotary Foundation RCA. This included 1000 dollars each from Rtn T. Parasuram and Rtn. Suresh Babu. The contribution of 25 dollars each from all members of RCA was presented by President Rtn T. Parasuram.

The Chief Guest, DG Rtn. Vinod Sarogi, was introduced through a video presentation. In his address, he congratulated the incoming President and his team. He also acknowledged the presence of the 20 co-presidents present at the Installation and praised Past President Rtn. A David for his leadership and achievements, especially the awards and the walkathon.



The DG also paid tribute to the Past Presidents as well as the members of RCA who continue to serve the District in various capacities. He emphasized that the four main projects of RCA are stellar examples for other clubs to emulate. Special mention was made of the Anns and their flagship event, Dandiya Nite which is a successful and much looked forward to event.



DG Rtn. Vinod Sarogi spoke about the RI theme for the year "Unite for Good", which focuses on collaboration with like-minded institutions to increase our impact and expand our reach. He also raised the slogan "Each one, bring one" urging every member to invite more people to join the Rotary. District First Lady Usha Sarogi, also addressed the gathering and wished the new team, as well as members and Anns of RCA.



President, Rtn. T Parasuram adjourned the meeting after the Announcements and the Vote of Thanks by Secretary Rtn. Deepan.

After the meeting the gathering assembled for group photographs and enjoyed a sumptuous fellowship dinner. Special appreciation goes to Rtn. Anjula Bhatia and Annette Vitika Bhatia for their eloquent commentary throughout the event. Kudos to President Rtn. T Parasuram and team for a meticulously planned and seamlessly executed Installation ceremony - setting a promising tone for a successful Rotary Year ahead.

July Journeys : Club Highlights & Happenings

The online **Spoken English classes** have been successfully conducted at **TV Nagar School** for the past two years. This year's session also commenced in July. Due to the encouraging results and the noticeable improvement in the children's language skills, the program has now been extended to the **Ayyappakkam Learning Centre** as well, starting from July this year.

These sessions are conducted online from Dubai by **Rtn. Jayashree Girisan** and her dedicated team of volunteers. Classes are held every Wednesday and Thursday:

- **TV Nagar School** (Grades 4 & 5): 3:45 PM to 4:45 PM
- **Ayyappakkam Learning Centre** (Grades 1 to 5): 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM

The sessions are highly interactive, engaging students through alphabet-based stories and fun activities. Rtn. Jayashree also uses Tamil explanations where necessary to help the children grasp the concepts better, ensuring improved understanding and participation.



July Journeys: Club Highlights & Happenings

July 22nd 2025 - 1st Speaker Meeting

~ Rtn. PP Gita Menon

Journey to the Sacred – Kailash Mansarovar Om Namshivaya!!

The first meeting of the Rotary year after Rtn Parasuram was installed as President started off on an auspicious note, with speaker Shreelatha Narayanan taking us on a tour of Kailash Mansarovar. She gave a complete description of the trip she and her husband had taken with a group to the heavenly abode of Lord Shiva!

The quest for the sacred began in Kathmandu. They drove through the mountain country of Nepal, across the border into Tibet in China. She described that the drive through to Mansarovar was breath taking as the upper reaches of the Himalayas unfolded their beauty across the harsh terrain. They were lucky with the weather and they had a breath-taking view of Mount Kailash with the sunlight falling on the peak and the surrounding area

From Mansarovar it was to Darchen. The trail from Darchen to Dirapuk stretched across undulating terrain for about 14 km. The parikrama comprises a trail that takes on around the south, north, west and east faces of the sacred Mount Kailash. The altitude lies between 15000 and 18000 feet.

Using porters and horses is a personal choice. Dormitory accommodation is available along the trail.

After a night at Dirapuk, the next day they set off for Zutulpuk across the Dolma la pass, an ascent of 9 km. There is a choice of undertaking the parikrama - either by foot, on pony or by helicopter. The descent back to Darchen was also steep and she felt this was even more difficult than the ascent. She gave full credit to her porter who accompanied her.

Along the way, humanity was seen at its best - the local population steps in to help in any way they can. The parikrama is not just a triumph of human endeavour, but of humane humanity too!

It was indeed a good virtual experience of Kailash Mansarovar for all of!

Jai Mahadev!!



Attendee's : 37

Rtn : 24
Ann : 7
Guests : 5
Annette: 1

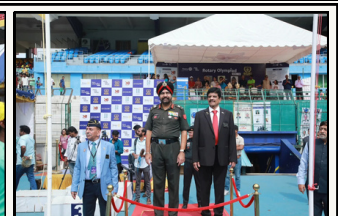


This year's **District Learning Assembly (DLA)** of RI District 3234 was superbly conducted under the leadership of **Rtn. PP G. Ravishankar**, Chairperson of the District Learning Assembly.

The objective of **DLA Sankalp** was to reinforce that Rotary clubs are the true centers of action — for friendship, service, and networking — while the district's role is that of an enabler, supporting clubs in achieving excellence and making a lasting impact in their communities.



The **Rotary Olympiad**, held on **27th July** at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, brought together over 2000 students from various schools, spearheaded by District Olympiad Chair **Rtn. PP Col. Bhupinder Singh**. Eighteen of our students enthusiastically participated in events including the 100m, 200m, 400m races, long jump, and the 4x100m relay. Though they didn't make it to the podium, their dedication and spirit were truly commendable. As the saying goes, there's always another chance – kudos to our young athletes for giving it their all!



1st Annual General Body Meeting – A Promising Start

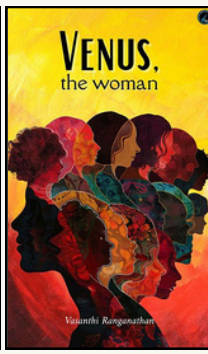
The **1st AGM** was successfully held on **29th July 2025** at the Presidency Club. The meeting witnessed enthusiastic participation and a strong turnout from members, reflecting a shared commitment to growth and collaboration.



Medical Camp
Health
Screening
held on 29th July
Mangalari
Park

Rotary Fellowship for Empowering Women India Chapter
 Invitation for Monthly Speaker Meeting
 Join us for an exciting session with an amazing personality, a symbol of women empowerment, an author, peace activist, educator who says, "ALL MEN ARE EQUAL, WOMEN ARE SUPERIOR."
Guest Speaker

Rtn. Dr. Vasanthi Ranganathan
 Rotary Club of Ambattur, RI District 3234, Zone-5, India
Topic: "Venus, the Woman"
 Date: 24/07/2025
 Time: GMT 2.00 pm | India 7.30pm | Uganda 5.00 pm
 Zoom ID: 899 7972 2304 | Passcode: RFEWIndia
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Our very own **Rtn. PP Vasanthi Ranganathan**, a truly versatile personality who wears many hats, has now added author to her list of accomplishments with the release of her thought-provoking book **Venus, the Woman**, which boldly emphasizes that **"All Men are Equal, Women are Superior."**

She was invited to share insights from her book and engage in a powerful discussion during the Rotary Fellowship for Empowering Women – India Chapter's monthly speaker session, held virtually on 24th July via Zoom. The book is available to read online on Amazon Kindle and Google Playbooks.



As part of the **Women Empowerment** initiative led by **Rtn. Rema S, 10 sewing kits** were distributed to deserving women who have tailoring training at Cheshire Home on July 15th, 2025. This thoughtful gesture equips the women with the tools needed to begin their entrepreneurial journey with confidence and dignity.

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

Birthdays

August 04	Mr. Ramesh Kumar KN	Rema Sakunthala
August 07	Rtn. R Sridharan	
August 08	Annette Preeti Watwani	Prem Watwani
August 10	Annette Dhruv Bhatia	Upendhra Bhatia
August 11	Annette. Jyotsna	Vikram Sarathy
August 11	Annette Raghav	Vikram Sarathy
August 13	Annette Vandana Sarma	GVERS. Sarma
August 15	Rtn. Mohan Sasikumar	
August 16	Annette Preethi Sridharan	R Sridharan
August 18	Ann Vyjayanthi Omprakash	SL Omprakash
August 20	Rtn. Prem Watwani	
August 20	Annette Anu Singh	Col Bhupinder Singh
August 22	Annette Sunitha Raghav	P Sridharan
August 24	Rtn. Vikram Sarathy	
August 25	Rtn. K Jayakumar	
August 25	Annette Darshan M Kumar	Mohan Sasikumar
August 26	Annette Monisha Rao	Ashok Rao
August 28	Ann C Sudharani	Parankusam
August 30	Annette C Rucchishya	Parankusam
August 30	Annette G V Trilok	G Aravind

Anniversary.

August 25	Rtn. Mohan Sasikumar & Ann. Renuka
August 26	Rtn. R Sridharan & Ann. Shantha
August 30	Rtn. P Sridharan & Ann. Asha
August 30	Rtn. M Viswanathan & Ann. Dr. Jyothi



Assetplus & Sai Annapoorna Trust visited on **July 1st** marked the official launch of Annapoorna Breakfast Nutrition Program for the Academic Year 2025-26. This initiative gives our students a nutritious breakfast for their overall development.

Mark your Calendar! - Upcoming Events

Aug 05 (Tues) 6.45 p.m	Speaker Meeting (Hi-Tea) Upper Deck, Madras Gymkhana Club Major. Gen. Indrabalan
Aug 15 (Fri) 8.00 a.m 9.15 a.m 12.15 p.m	Independence Day Celebrations T.V Nagar School Ambattur Rotary Hospital Lunch at Aachi Restaurant
Aug 28 (Thurs) 6.45 p.m	Charter Night (Dinner & Fellowship) Hotel Aadithya, Vadapalani

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