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EVERY DROP FUELS ROTARY'S MISSION

## Editor's Note

**Dearest Rotarians,**

Of all the virtues any human being can ever possess, Compassion is the most important one. It is the seed of goodness. For compassion is love, it is forgiveness, it is at once divine. True compassion is not based on the cause or the action, it is simply a virtue, a response, an emotion, a feeling that we choose over any other.

In this world we have two extremes, compassion demonstrating how high we can rise above and on the other end we have greed, ignorance and cruelty showing there's no end to stop. Compassion is unreasonable and beyond reason. Why do we need to be compassionate and forgivable? Good people have all been ridiculed and mocked-they have been unjustly punished, beaten and even killed. What purpose does this solve is the question that rises.

Buddha sacrificed his kingdom and more than 500 million derive the benefit today so is Christ or any one you know can be name. Compassion and forgiveness are simply synonyms of sacrifice. When you forgive, we sacrifice a part of respect, dignity, existence and go beyond the shackles of ego. It's not a trade, we don't expect anything back. It's an act of charity.

If you ask what does the other person deserve and don't acknowledge, then we have not let any compassion sink into our heart. Compassion does not require a reason or reward, only a heart, a desire and a discipline. When your heart is like an ocean, shark like mistakes and tuna like presence will coexist without causing so many ripples in your mind. When you chose compassion over any other choice, you naturally elevate your consciousness. You will discover your mind is naturally quiet. And the peace in your heart is a fragrance in rose.



**Aarthy Mukesh,**

Editor,

Rotary Club of Queencity Dindigul.

## RI Presidential Address

In President Francesco's April 2026 Newsletter, he talks about the Rotary Foundation Program of Scale - Healthy Families in Nigeria. He adds that Service is not only what we do when conditions are ideal. It is the commitment to prepare people before a crisis arrives and to stand with communities when it does. Programs like Together for Healthy Families in Nigeria show what is possible when Rotary brings together local knowledge, global partnerships, and sustainable solutions. He says, "Programs like Together for Healthy Families in Nigeria show what is possible when Rotary brings together local knowledge, global partnerships, and sustainable solutions.".....



Rtn. Francesco Arezzo  
RI President 2025-2026

### **Count On Preparation, Not Luck**

Not long ago, in a small health center in the village of Aaye in southwest Nigeria, a woman arrived in labor carrying twins. The facility was short-staffed. The nurse midwife in charge was not present.

A community health worker stepped forward. She had participated in Together for Healthy Families in Nigeria, a Rotary Foundation Programs of Scale initiative. And though she was not formally trained as a midwife, she was equipped with essential emergency obstetric skills.

Hours later, both babies had been delivered, one at the health center and the other at a general hospital, where the mother had been referred after complications were quickly identified. The newborns and their mother were alive and safe.

Women around the world face similar circumstances every day — moments when the difference between life and loss depends on well-trained medical staff and reliable systems and procedures.

Together for Healthy Families in Nigeria exists to increase the chances that those moments end in hope. By strengthening health systems

and training frontline workers, this program helps communities protect mothers and children even when circumstances are difficult.

This work reflects the very heart of Rotary service. Service is not only what we do when conditions are ideal. It is what we do when systems are strained, resources are limited, and the need is urgent. It is the commitment to prepare people before a crisis arrives and to stand with communities when it does.

Maternal and child health is not an abstract goal. It is deeply personal. It is a mother who survives childbirth. It is a newborn who takes a first breath. It is a family that remains whole because someone was trained, ready, and cared enough to act. Rotary understands that service means investing in people and systems long before they are tested.

Programs like Together for Healthy Families in Nigeria show what is possible when Rotary brings together local knowledge, global partnerships, and sustainable solutions. By working alongside health professionals and local leaders, Rotary helps ensure that lifesaving care does not depend on luck or location.

The story of the mother and her twins is at its core a story of service. It is a reminder that Rotary's impact is measured in human moments when people step forward to help others in their most vulnerable hours. When we Unite for Good, service becomes more than an ideal. It becomes a lifeline for families, a source of strength for communities, and a promise that Rotary will

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**Trivia** 2026: Continued growth, exceeding 3,000 clubs, with a strong focus on literacy and community health.

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995: National Immunisation Days launched with the Indian government to eradicate polio.  
2020: Celebrated 100 years of service in India, marking 6 years of being polio-free.

**Trivia**

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# Presidential Address

## ரோட்டரி நண்பர்களுக்கு வணக்கம்

மார்ச் மாதம் எங்கள் கிளப்பின் செயல்பாடுகள் மிகுந்த அர்த்தமுள்ளதும், தாக்கம் ஏற்படுத்துவதுமானதாக அமைந்தது.

எங்கள் Signature Project ஆன Cervical Cancer Vaccine Camp, மதுரை மற்றும் சிவகாசி நகரங்களில் சிறப்பாக நடைபெற்று, 4000-க்கும் மேற்பட்ட மாணவ, மாணவிகள் தடுப்பூசி மூலம் பாதுகாப்பு பெற்றனர். இது சமூக நலத்தில் ஒரு முக்கிய முன்னேற்றமாகும்.

அதனைத் தொடர்ந்து Trash to Trees, பகிர் உடைசுவர், Old Age Home Donation போன்ற திட்டங்கள் அனைத்தும் திட்டமிட்ட முறையில் வெற்றிகரமாக செயல்படுத்தப்பட்டன.

மேலும், Governor Official Visit சிறப்பாக நடைபெற்று, எங்கள் கிளப்பின் செயல்திறன் மற்றும் ஒருங்கிணைப்பை வெளிப்படுத்தியது.

இது ஒரு மாத செயல்பாடுகளின் நிறைவு மட்டுமல்ல — அடுத்த கட்ட வளர்ச்சிக்கான துவக்கமாகும். இனி வரும் மாதங்களில், இதைவிட உயர்ந்த தரத்திலும், சமூகத்தில் நிலையான மாற்றத்தை உருவாக்கும் திட்டங்களை மேற்கொள்ள நாம் உறுதியாக இருக்கிறோம்



நன்றியுடன்,

Rtn. Rajathi Kamala Kannan,  
President, 2025-26, RC of Dindigul Queencity.

## Trivia

1945: Rotary Club of Cuttack established, becoming the 7th club in the district.

1946-47: Post-independence growth leads to 71 clubs and 3,121 members.

## Spectacular Moments in the month of March

“March teaches us that change can be both gentle and powerful.”

Article By  
Rtn.Dr.Shakthi Sri



### All Wednesdays of March- பகிர் உடை சுவர்

The பகிர் உடை சுவர் cupboard at RKG Hall was successfully refilled on all Wednesdays of March with dresses generously donated by the students of Sri Vasavi Matriculation School. This thoughtful initiative showcased the students' spirit of compassion and social responsibility. The collected clothes were carefully arranged in the cupboard, making them easily accessible for those in need. Such consistent efforts not only provide support to the underprivileged but also nurture a sense of empathy and generosity among the students.

### All Fridays Club Foot

The insecurities and hesitation of parents of newly enrolled clubfoot children were carefully addressed through counselling sessions. Experienced parents, whose children have been undergoing treatment for more than five years, shared their journeys, offered reassurance, and clarified doubts. Their encouraging words helped build confidence and trust among the new parents. It was truly overwhelming to witness beneficiaries themselves becoming advocates, extending hope and support to others in similar situations.



## 6<sup>th</sup> March – நிலா முற்றம்

This month's நிலா முற்றம் was graciously hosted at Rtn.Malliga's home. During the gathering, Rtn.Nalina beautifully narrated the story of திருஞான சம்பந்தர். She explained how, in the 7th century, Jainism was a prominent religion in South India and how King Koon Pandian had embraced it, while his queen Mangayarkkarasiyar and Minister Kulachirai Nayanar remained devoted to Shaivism. When the king suffered from severe illness, they invited the Saint Sambandar to Madurai, who is believed to have cured him. This led to the king's return to Shaivism, influencing many of his subjects to follow the same path. The Tamil poet Sekkizhar later honoured these figures among the 63 Nayanars in the Periya Puranam.



The evening was further enriched with warm hospitality, as Rtn.Maliga, Rtn.Revathi, and Rtn.Aarthy arranged a variety of delicious food, making the gathering both spiritually enlightening and delightful.



## 6<sup>th</sup> March – Board Meeting

Following the நிலா முற்றம், a Board Meeting was conducted at Rtn.Maliga's home. During the meeting, the Queens discussed the upcoming Governor's Official Visit (GOV), along with plans, preparations, and the various tasks to be completed. The session was productive, focusing on effective coordination and ensuring all arrangements are carried out smoothly.



### **6<sup>th</sup> March Speaker Meet**

Ms.Priya, known as R.P.Vellaichamy, the author of "Manifest your dreams with Gratitude", shared her thoughts of why she had written the book and what made her write the book. Queens could see the in-depth knowledge and focus she had given into her life as well as her book. She patiently answered all our doubts which led to the thought of few changes that we can make for a better living and the curiosity to read her book which is available for free in kindle.



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**Trivia** 1958: First Asian Regional Conference held in Delhi, with Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru attending the charter ceremony of the 10,000th global club (Mandvi).

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1962-63: Nitish Laharry becomes the first Asian President of Rotary International.  
1984: South Asia Branch Office (SAC) inaugurated in Delhi.

**Trivia**

## 11<sup>th</sup> March – Women’s Day Celebration

The RC of Dindigul Queencity celebrated Women’s Day at RKG Hall with great enthusiasm. The guest speaker, Mrs.Dhanalakshmi Vignesh, founder of Dhana Food Products, shared her inspiring journey of success. She spoke about the challenges she faced and how she overcame them with confidence and determination to become a successful entrepreneur. She also gave insights into her business and highlighted some of her signature food products. Her motivating speech left a lasting impact on the audience, encouraging women to pursue their goals with courage and perseverance.



## 11<sup>th</sup> March – Iftar Party

The RC of Dindigul Queencity celebrated an Iftar party with warmth and togetherness. Rtn.Aysha Shirin generously arranged a sumptuous spread, including நொன்பு கஞ்சி, Parotta, and Fruit Salad Custard, making the evening delightful for all. During the gathering, Rtn.Aysha Shirin shared valuable insights about Ramzan, explaining the significance of fasting and its spiritual importance. She also spoke about various aspects of Muslim personal laws that protect and empower women, highlighting the rights and freedoms they enjoy. Her informative session served as an eye-opener, helping to build better understanding and appreciation of the Muslim community.



## 11<sup>th</sup> March club Assembly

A Board Meeting was conducted following the Iftar party. The members discussed the need to increase the subscription and the reasons behind it. A financial plan for the upcoming year was also prepared to ensure smooth functioning of activities. Additionally, details regarding incoming and outgoing members were reviewed and discussed.



## 13<sup>th</sup> March - chronicles of Dindigul

The Republic Day competition, which was previously conducted for the students of Luxor World, was successfully evaluated by Rtn.Devi Kamatchi. Prizes were distributed to the winners in recognition of their efforts and talents. Constructive reviews on the students' works were also shared, encouraging them to improve and continue showcasing their creativity.



## **16<sup>th</sup> March – Joint HPV Vaccination Drive**

The Rotary Club of Dindigul Queency, in collaboration with RC of Delhi South and RC of Madurai Innovators, successfully organised a Mega HPV Vaccination Drive at Yadhava College, Madurai (morning) and Sivakasi (evening), with the support of Bharathi Infinity Hospital and Tamilnadu Mercantile Bank. The initiative focused on creating awareness about cervical cancer prevention and promoting women's health through HPV vaccination.

The program was led by Rtn.Vandhana Bhalla, District Director – Cancer Initiatives, and was graced by PDG. Rtn.Raja Govindasamy and Rtn.Asha. With the dedicated efforts of Rtn.Rajathi, Rtn.Anusia, Rtn.Vanitha, Rtn.Parkavee, and members of both clubs, the event was executed smoothly. A total of 755 vaccine doses were administered across Madurai and Sivakasi, marking a significant step towards community health and social responsibility.



## **18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> March—Joint HPV Vaccination Drive**

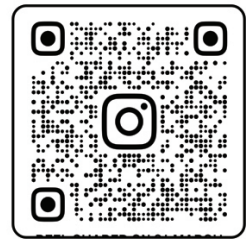
The Rotary Club of Dindigul Queency, in association with the Rotary Club of Madras and Inner Wheel Club of Sivakasi Gold, successfully organized a Mega Vaccination Camp at Narmadha Hospital, Sivakasi, with the valuable support of SBI. The initiative aimed to promote public health and improve access to essential vaccinations for the community.

The camp witnessed active participation from Rtn. Prakavee, Rtn.Kavitha, Dr.Narmadha, and Mr.Alwin, Regional Manager, SBI. With efficient coordination by members of all partnering organisations, the program was conducted smoothly, reflecting a strong commitment to healthcare awareness, community service, and social responsibility.



### **23<sup>rd</sup> March - Old Age Home Donation**

A fund of ₹2,00,000 was generously received from MS.Maya. a donor from UK who wanted to generously take care of the elders at various centres across Dindigul District. As she approached Queencity, the fund was effectively utilized to support four different homes in Dindigul, addressing their essential needs.



At Vanavil Blind Home, Tharumaththupatti, five cots, one wheelchair, two fans, and a tea boiler were donated. Sri Durga Social Welfare, Virupachi (Palani Main Road), received seven cots, one TV, five fans, three steel racks, ten plastic buckets, and ten plastic mugs. Anbalaya Home near GTN College was provided with one hot/cold dispenser, two BP checking devices, three sugar testing devices along with 200 test strips, and one mixer. Additionally, five steel cots were donated to Mariya Anthonyiar Illam.

This initiative reflects a meaningful effort towards improving the living conditions and well-being of residents across these homes.





## **25<sup>th</sup> March - Graduation Day at Luxor World School**

Rtn.Dr.Mahalakshmi, Psychartist, was invited as the guest speaker for the Pre-Primary Graduation Day at Luxor World School. She addressed both the parents and the young graduates, sharing her thoughts and blessings with the children on their special day. The event was filled with joy and enthusiasm, as the children beautifully presented various programs. Each performance was well-organized and neatly executed, reflecting the effort and guidance of both the students and teachers, making the occasion truly delightful.

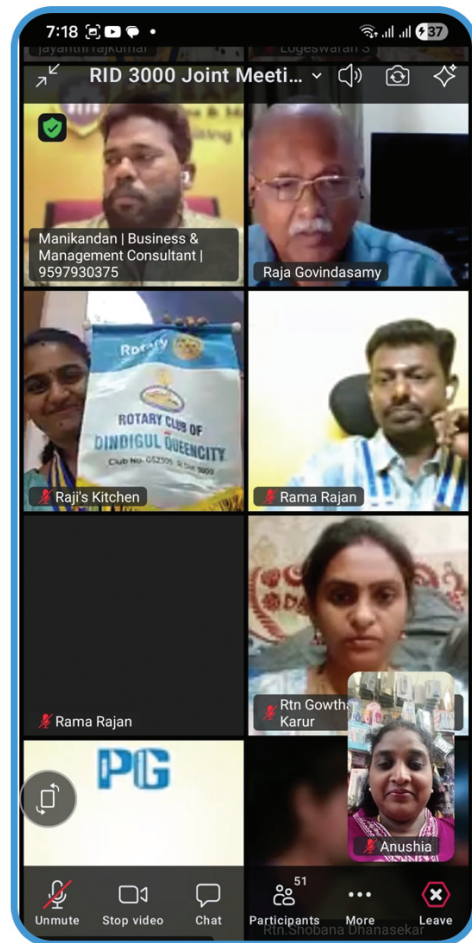
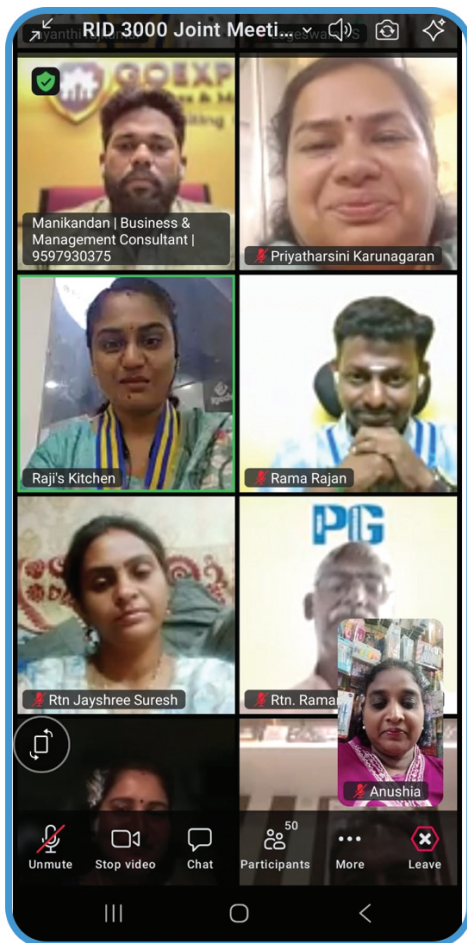


### **Trivia**

1991-92: Rajendra K. Saboo becomes the second Indian to lead Rotary International.

## **26<sup>th</sup> March – Joint Zoom Meeting**

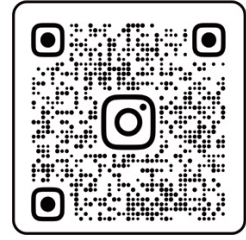
An online joint meeting on Membership was successfully conducted with the participation of 13 clubs. PDG.Rtn.RajaGovindasamy addressed the gathering, shared valuable insights and guidance. The meeting focused on key topics such as the spirit of service, strategies for retaining membership, effective project planning, and methods of mobilizing donations and funding. It served as a productive platform for idea exchange and strengthening collaboration among the clubs.



## **27<sup>th</sup> March - Queen's Jaunt**

This month's Queen's Jaunt was organised to the Thadikombu Soundarraja Perumal Temple on the eve of Rama Navami. A special pooja was arranged by Rtn. Nalina, who invited all Queens. The pooja was just amazing with all abhishekams and celebrations for Ramar and Lakshmanar. The satsung which followed by the priest made the visit spiritually enriching and memorable for all Queens who were deeply immersed forgetting all responsibilities of the club in getting the picture for the event.

## **29<sup>th</sup> March- Governor's official Visit**



Governor's official visit was held at NP Nathan Rotary Hall, Rotary Middle School Dindigul. In Rotary, the Governor's Official Visit (GOV) is a mandatory annual event where the District Governor (DG) meets with each club to assess its health, motivate members, and align club goals with the RI President's vision. The meeting was held as per norms, annual report was read, documents were duly submitted and verified, feedback and suggestions were given. Queens were appreciated and encouraged By District Governor.



## **Queens Across Rotary**

### **Inner wheel Club of Dindigul**

Rtn.Dr.Sharmila Balaguru was invited by Inner Wheel Club of Dindigul at Kasturibai Hospital, Gandhigram as a guest speaker to make the nurses understand the importance of communication and how important is the role played by them. The seminar payed way for improving their communication and motivating them on their work.



### **DTLS Seminar**

Queens participated in DTLS seminar in Palani, which prepared Rotary Assistant Governors, committee directors, and executive members for leadership roles. The seminar concentrated in areas such as Rotary branding, membership growth, community service (CSR) projects, and

team building. Focused on leadership development, team synergy, and operational planning. Queens Rtn.Parkkavee Santhosh, Rtn.Kavitha SenthilKumar and Rtn.Dr.Sharmila Balaguru were honored for their active participation in the core committee of the seminar.



### **RC of Dindigul West Golden Jubilee Celebration**

Queens celebrated and participated with joy as our Parent club, RC of Dindigul celebrated their golden Jubilee year. It was wonderful to see their recollection of various projects, milestones they had crossed, important moments ect..... w i t h various dignitaries across Rotary also sharing similar thoughts.



### **Across Queens Family**

#### **என் ஊர் என் கனவு**

"My Town, My Dream" (2030) is a new project of the Tamil Nadu government, with the participation of the public, to change their town for the better by the year 2030, listen to the grievances and prepare visionary plans. Through this project, objectives



such as infrastructure development, raising the standard of living of the people and fulfilling long-standing demands are implemented. Rtn.Kavitha Senthilkumar was invited to talk in the project at PSNA College, where she spoke about HPV Vaccinations need for the hour. Queencity was also appreciated for the best NGO at the event for our contributions towards HPV Vaccinations and other projects.

## Entrepreneur Award

Rtn.Aysha Shirin won the prestigious “Entrepreneur award” in தலைவி Awards given at Viviera Grand Dindigul. She was awarded as a visionary women entrepreneur, startup founder, business leader, and women-led innovators who are breaking barriers and creating powerful impact in the business world for her Dindigul Mehandhi.



## Across News

News that showcases a positive discovery or an optimistic outcome can affect one's overall emotions. Knowledge of good news can spike feelings of joy and happiness but hope as well.



# Nostalgic moments

Nostalgic moments are those that evoke a sentimental longing for the past, often bringing a mix of positive and bittersweet emotions. Let us go back to refresh, learn, share and take a positive action from the past.



# Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENTS
April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Vision 2030
April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Club Meet
April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	நிலா முற்றம்
April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Good Friday Celebration
April 10 <sup>th</sup>	Pool Party
April 10 <sup>th</sup>	Tamil New year Celebration
April 11 <sup>th</sup>	Board Meet
April 16 <sup>th</sup>	பகிர் உடை சுவர்
All Tuesdays	Blossom
All Friday	Clubfoot

## Birthdays & Anniversary

### Wishing Beautiful Queens remembering their Birthday

“On your special day, may you feel as awesome and extraordinary as you make everyone else feel every day. Happy birthday, my amazing friend!”

### Wishing Beautiful Queen remembering their Anniversary

“Wishing you both a lifetime filled with adventure, laughter, and endless love.”

## ANNIVERSERIES

3rd April

Rtn Anu Rajan

## BIRTHDAYS

8<sup>th</sup> April

Rtn Nalina

16<sup>th</sup> April

Rtn Rajeshwari Raji

18<sup>th</sup> April

Rtn Sowmia Vijayakumar

19<sup>th</sup> April

Rtn Amsavalli Pandiyan

25<sup>th</sup> April

Rtn Dhivya Senthil

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