



Rotary Opens Opportunities



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Peace is its own reward  
- Mahatma Gandhi

# President Message



**Dear Texticians**

*Greetings from the president's desk.*

"Neither money pays, nor name nor fame, nor learning; it is character that can cleave through adamant walls of difficulties."

The whole world has overcome the torrid Covid 2020 year and we at Rotary Texticity have continued to perform with limitations. We have completed and inaugurated the roofing, flooring and chairs donation at Chinna Thadagam PHC last week. Our Annettes, along with the city corporation commissioner inaugurated "Bhoomi Kaapan", a project designed to convert plastic waste into bricks- a monumental environmental challenge, open to all, with exciting prizes to be won at the end of the month.

"As long as you have faith, honesty and devotion, everything will prosper."

We also had a 2 day international virtual conference attended by over 4000 delegates from the SAARC nations, with renowned speakers from 8 different nations speaking on topics related to "Empowerment Through Economic Consolidation." A world renowned "Mobility from Immobility", free revision hip and knee replacement surgery will start during our period.

"He who knows how to serve, knows how to rule."

A warm welcome to Honorable DG Rtn. Jose Chacko. Your GOV will be made memorable through a stage set for the presence of a royal dignitary.

"Purity, patience, and perseverance are the three essentials to success and above all love."

# Editorial

Fail often, fail fast and learn from your mistakes. The more times you fail, the closer you are to success. Persistence and certitude are the difference between success and failure. So if you want to succeed, you should not be afraid to fail.

These famous and highly successful people's crowning achievements stem from drive and determination to succeed, as much as their stupendous ability.

Today a Van Gogh painting will cost you upwards of 100 million dollars, but in his lifetime, Vincent Van Gogh sold just one painting. Oprah Winfrey is a billionaire today with her own TV channel. However, she was fired from her first TV job as an anchor in Baltimore. Lincoln's failures were broad and numerous. Undeterred, he marched into the political realm where he faced several unsuccessful runs at the political office before he became the president of USA. So run the stories of the lives of J K Rowling, Albert Einstein, Thomas Edison, Walt Disney, Steven Spielberg to name only a few.

Before their success, some of the world's most successful people experienced epic failure. We celebrate their success but often overlook the path that got them there, a path that is often marked with failure. As the American writer, Elbert Hubbard said, "There is no failure, except in no longer trying". So at the beginning of this new year 2021, let's get motivated to make a fresh start in our Rotary endeavours and learn from our past mistakes, to move towards a glorious future.

Rtn. Sarah Vimala . M



# Rotarian takes an opportunity to serve

On the evening of 10th of October 2015, the family members of our Rotary Club of Coimbatore Texcity were enjoying a get-together in a Go Karting Center in Coimbatore. The members were showcasing their karting talents as well as racing each other when one of the members received a frantic call from Sri Meenakshi, our Club's property caretaker that her husband ,Sritharan was hit by a speeding vehicle when attempting to cross the road near our Club. Immediately, some of the Rotarians without any hesitation rushed to the Government Hospital where Sritharan was admitted. While most of us were still in the family get-together, we later came to know that Sritharan passed away due to severe injuries sustained by him in the road accident. Everyone were shocked and silenced by the tragic loss of a person we all knew and returned home with a heavy heart.

Not many knew that immediately after this incident, Rtn. Ilangovan an advocate by profession and a member of RCC Texcity since 2014, took up Sri Meenakshi's case at his own will and fought relentlessly for close to 4 years representing the family in court and helping them to get a judgement in their favour. On Jan 27, 2020, the district court delivered a judgement that the family is entitled to receive Rs.29,00,000 (rupees twenty Nine Lakhs) in compensation. The compensation received will help the family in a huge way and will also support the education of the children. Rtn. Ilangovan over the past 4 years has appeared for the case in person many times in the district court.

Rtn. Ilangovan not only fought this case free of cost but also gave the family timely advice which helped them receive this compensation. This is a true example of what Rotary stands for. Whenever there is a chance to serve, Rotarians dive straight in without any second thoughts and give their fullest support. If not for Rtn. Ilangovan the family would have been stranded not knowing what to do or how to claim a compensation. Even if they had to get someone else's help they would have had to pay heavy professional charges which usually runs in lakhs and might have been a huge roadblock for them.

Sritharan is survived by Thangal (mother), Sri Meenakshi (wife), Harish (son), and Hareeshne (daughter). Sri Meenakshi continues to be our Club's caretaker and we all are happy for her and her family that they would have at least found some solace with this compensation. Rotary Club of Coimbatore Texcity salutes its fellow Rotarian advocate Ilangovan for his selflessness, timely help and support given to a deserving family

*Rtn. PHF Prasanna K*

## ROTARY texcity CHRONICLES

### *The Following are the Projects Undertaken by The Rotarians In the Months of January And February*

7/1/2021 - **Zoom speaker meeting** - The joint hosts were Saicity, Main, Galaxy, Midtown, Monark, Zenith, Vadaalli South. The speaker Dr. Kavidasan, was highly motivating and really inspired the audience. He focused on the fact that we must keep trying without rest and focus on the target ahead.

17/1/2021 - **District official visit meeting** - The president and secretary attended the G40 conclave held at Ratna Regent. The meeting helped each one of us to share and interact with other club officials and also to discuss the projects done during the current year.





## ***Board Meeting***

Under the presidency of Dr. Raveendran, we had our club's board meeting at ITC hotel. On going and future projects were discussed.



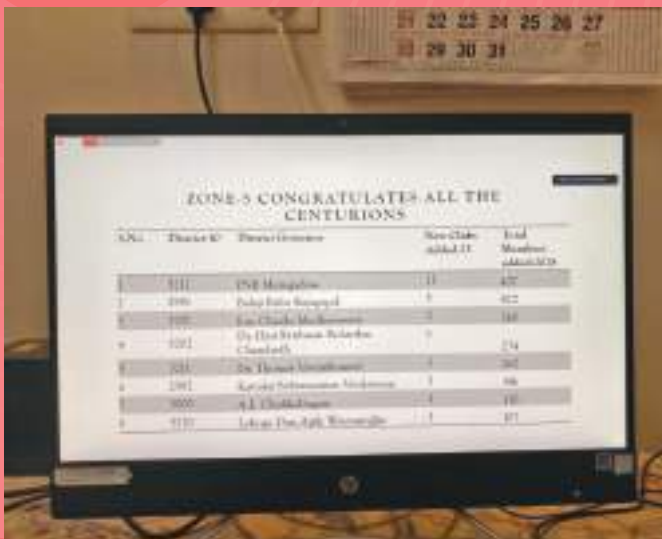
## ***Family Meet***

The club organized a family get together and movie screening at Prozone Mall. The evening was filled with fun and laughter. Annetts also had a fund raising that day by selling movie tickets.



## Computers for Rural Schools

Forty Four computers were distributed to 4 rural schools in Coimbatore. The project is supported by COGNIZANT under their annual CSR project. The computers were distributed to the following schools: Devangapet Boys HSC, Nadar HSC, Nanjundapuram, Kinathukadavu Govt. HSC, Thondamuthur Boys HSC, Alandurai Boys HSC.



# Community Service

6/1/2021 An eyecamp was conducted for the employees of Pricol Ltd., Coimbatore. 183 were screened and 103 employees were advised to go for further treatment.

7/1/2021 - Eyeserve - An eyecamp was conducted at the second unit of Pricol Ltd., Coimbatore. 227 employees were screened and 127 were reported for further follow up.

8/1 2021 The eyecamp continued for the third day for the employees of Pricol Ltd. Second unit. 236 people were screened and 132 were advised to go for further treatment.

9/1/2021 An eyecamp was conducted for the police personnel at Coimbatore rural circle. 232 were screened and 32 cases were reported for further treatment.

11/1/2021 An eyecamp was conducted at Vallalar Hospital, Vadavalli. 15 were screened and 7 cases were reported for follow up treatment.

12/1/2021 An eyecamp was conducted at Pricol Ltd. P N Palayam, Coimbatore. 200 were screened and 77 cases were reported for further treatment.

17/1/2021 An eyecamp was conducted for the general public at Kulathupalayam near Thondamuthur, Coimbatore. 100 were screened and 49 were asked to go for further treatment.

20/1/2021 An eyecamp was conducted for the employees of Indian Oil Corporation, Kinathukadavu, Coimbatore. 90 were screened and 17 cases were reported for further treatment.

22/1/2021 An eyecamp was conducted for the employees of Lakshmi Adwaith Ltd. Kaniyur, Coimbatore. 230 attended and 35 were reported for treatment and further follow up.

23/1/2021 An eyecamp was conducted at Ace Tech Ltd. , Coimbatore. 130 were screened and 35 were asked to go for further treatment.

27/1/2021 An eyecamp was conducted at St. Thomas Old Age Home, Ramananthapuram, Coimbatore. 35 were screened and 32 cases were reported for treatment and further follow up.

28/1/2021 An eyecamp was conducted at Coimbatore Head Post Office. 70 were screened and 23 cases were reported for further treatment.

29/1/2021 An eyecamp was conducted at RTO offices at Gandhipuram and Central Zones. 650 attended and 63 were reported for treatment and further follow up.



**Comprehensive Medical Related Programs During Covid -19 time.** RCC Texcity, Shanthi Ashram, and the International Center For Child and Public Health (ICPH) have been reaching out to the vulnerable communities , particularly children and their parents during the pandemic. About 6000 vulnerable people have been reached.

## Parivatan Service Report



**ANN'S PROJECT** - 17/1/2021 – Food and clothing were given to the people staying at our adopted village shelters at Pitchanoor and Velandavalam. This event was conducted by our Anns and Annets.



**ANNET'S PROJECT** - Annet's club of Texcity organized a mock city council for Texcity Annets and youth. The aim of this program was to groom the future leaders to take up the challenge of turning Coimbatore into a true smart city. The moderator for this program was our own Rotarian Narayanan.



**Gully Cricket League** - Our club members took part in the Gully Cricket League organized by the Rotary District 3201. The chief guest was Rtn. Jose Chacko, District Governor, RI District 3201. The venue was Diamond City Cricket Ground, Poosaripalayam, Coimbatore.

February



07/2/2021 Rotary Club of Coimbatore, Spectrum, conducted BBC 2021, a cricket tournament to raise funds for community service projects. It was well attended by the TEXCITY FAMILY. Our Anns became the runner up in the tournament.



Club Assembly and Assistant Governor visit was held on 27.02.2021. The activity reports of previous months and action plan for the coming months were presented. President welcomed the gathering. AG addressed the Rotarians and later held an interactive session with board directors.



# Community Service



4/2/2021 An eyecamp was conducted at Emerald Jewel Industries, Coimbatore. 350 were screened and 76 were asked to report for further treatment.

4/02/2021 An eyecamp was conducted at Grace Old Age Home. 38 were screened and 12 were reported for further treatment.

7/02/2021 An eyecamp was conducted at RTM Mahal, Chetty Street. 104 were screened and 23 were reported for further treatment.

14/2/2021 An eyecamp was conducted at DBCS Public Center, Gandhimaanagar. 150 were screened and 70 were reported for further treatment.

15/2/2021 An eyecamp was conducted at Canara Bank, Trichy Road Branch. 85 were screened and 35 were reported for further treatment.

17/2/2021 An eyecamp was conducted at St. Mary's Hospital, Coimbatore. 75 were screened and 31 were reported for further treatment.

20/2/2021 An eyecamp was conducted at Live hood Mission. 86 were screened and 36 were reported for further treatment.

20/2/2021 An eyecamp was conducted at State Bank Of India, Singanallur Branch. 75 were screened and 31 were reported for further treatment.

21/2/2021 An eyecamp was conducted for the public at SRS Mahal, Sulur. 130 were screened and 59 were reported for further treatment.

26/2/2021 An eyecamp was conducted at ESI Hospital, Singanallur. 160 were screened and 53 were reported for further treatment.





**International  
Inter District  
Speaker Meet**

# *“Building Peace Through Rotary”*



A joint meeting of 5 clubs of Srilanka and our club was conducted. The speaker of the event was RI director elect Rtn. Venkatesh. The topic was “Building Peace Through Rotary”. The meeting was moderated by Rtn. PDG Dr. K A Kuriachan and was well attended by more than 100 Rotarians. The session was lively and interesting.

# Ann's Project

Ann's of our club organized an event for children for showing great determination and dedication during the Covid-19 period. Story telling, painting competition and a few games were organized. Certificates were given for all the participants.



## Parivatan Service Report



### **Green Bricks Competition, Bhoomi Kappam**

This was a competition for all environment conscious citizens of Coimbatore. The competition involved stuffing wrappers and plastic packets into a 1 liter bottle until it is as solid as a brick and 5 such bottles were to be brought to the collection centre.



**South Asian virtual conference on empowerment through economic consolidation.**

The above event was attended by more than 3000 people and RCC Texcity and Sri Thyagaraja College, Pollachi, jointly organized the event. Well known speakers addressed the 2 day conference. The event was well reported in major newspapers. Our District Governor Rtn. Jose Chacko addressed the inaugural session. It was a 2 day event on 17th and 18th of February. More than 5000 people participated through all channels across 8 SAARC countries. The venue was STC School of Management, Pollachi. President Rtn. Dr. Raveendran, DD Rtn. R S Maruti along with Rtn. K I Antony Johnson who is the project chairman attended the event. The project was initiated by Rtn. Dr. Nanjan Balu.



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**Polio Drive**

On 31-01-2021 Rtn. Antony Johnson along with the team went and administered Polio Drops at Podunur primary health centre as part of Rotary Polio Free India.



**Rotary International Year  
Theme - 2021-22**



**SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES**



RI President-elect Shekhar Mehta is urging members to become more involved in service projects, saying that caring for and serving others is the best way to live because it changes not only other people's lives, but also our own.