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Editorial

Dear Fellow Rotarians and Friends of Rotary,

The month of November is Rotary's Foundation Month. This theme focuses on the work and impact of the Rotary Foundation, which enables Rotarians to advance world understanding and peace through its sustainable service projects. Also this month highlights the importance of the Rotary Foundation as the engine behind Rotary's service projects. Focus area of the month will be on activities and discussions which will emphasize the Foundation's role in improving health, supporting education, and alleviating poverty.

Under the leadership of District Governor Delvin Pereira, the clubs in Sri Lanka have been guided to engage in meaningful projects related to improving health, supporting education, and alleviating poverty.

Rotary International President Francesco Arezzo highlighted that the Rotary Foundation is the "beating heart" of the organization's service work, turning individual contributions into a collective act of faith. He encouraged members to give with gratitude and joy, emphasizing that every contribution, regardless of its size, adds to a shared effort to create lasting change and build a legacy of peace. His message for November 2025 focused on the Foundation's role in making the "Unite for Good" vision a reality.

This particular issue will also cover the Initiative of the District Governor including the installations of Rotary Presidents, District Governors official visits and updates from Rotaract and Interact movement and their activities.

I wish to thank the GML team, Our district secretary and public image team for their support, also the District Governors encouragement to put up this Edition and we look forward to presenting the rest of edition in this Rotary Year providing more information and insights.

Marshad Barry

GML Chairman of Rotary International District 3220 for the Rotary Year 2025/26

Team

At the heart of Rotary's impact lies a dedicated team of individuals who lead with purpose and serve with compassion. From club presidents and board members to district leaders and committee chairs, each plays a vital role in driving initiatives that create lasting change. Their collective commitment to the Rotary ideals of service, fellowship, integrity, and leadership continues to inspire members and communities alike across District 3220.



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Governor's Diary for November

District Governor's Diary

Installations , Official Visits (DGOV) and Important Events

November 2025 Calendar

01 Nov : Rotary Club of Colombo West | Pink Pledge

02 Nov : Rotaract Club of Kandy (DGOV)

04 Nov : Rotary Club of Katugastota (DGOV)

07 Nov : Rotary Club of Moratuwa (DGOV)

08 Nov : Rotary Club of Negombo (DGOV + Installation)

09 Nov : Rotary Club of Wariyapola (DGOV)

11 Nov : Rotary Club of Pan Colombo (DGOV)

12 Nov : Rotary Club of Colombo West | Oktoberfest

14 Nov - 16 Nov : Launch of Sri Lanka Institute 2026 in New Delhi , India

19 Nov : Rotary Club of Wattala (DGOV)

21 Nov : Rotary Club of Kandy Victoria (DGOV + Installation)

23 Nov : Rotary Club of Mannar (DGOV + Installation)

25 Nov : Rotary Club of Colombo North (DGOV)

26 Nov : Rotary Club of Colombo Metropolitan (DGOV)

28 Nov : Rotary Club of Colomb Heritage (DGOV)

29 Nov : Rotary Club of Nova Ceylon Charter Installation

30 Nov : Nikaweratiya SME Conclave



District Events

Blind Walk 2025

Walk with Us. See with Your Heart.

Blind Walk 2025, held on 11th October at Viharamahadevi Park, was a signature project by the Rotary Family of Colombo Mid Town to raise awareness and support for the visually impaired community of Sri Lanka.

Over 300 participants joined hands, blindfolded, to experience the world through the eyes of the visually impaired, followed by a post-walk event at the National Museum Auditorium. The walk and the event was graced by District Governor Delvin Pereira and District Rotaract Representative Rtr.

Nazmi Mahmood, symbolizing the unity and compassion of the Rotary movement.



This impactful initiative brought together Rotary, Rotaract, Interact, corporates, and the public, reaching 80,000+ views across digital platforms and generating Rs. 500,000+ to fund eye-care programs and empower visually impaired entrepreneurs.

Blind Walk 2025 was powered by the Rotary Club of Colombo Mid Town, together with its youth partners, the Rotaract Clubs of Colombo Mid Town,

Faculty of Management and Finance (UOC), Achievers Lanka Business School, Edith Cowan University, and the University of Sri Jayewardenepura.

A true testament to empathy and inclusion, Blind Walk 2025 reminded us that when we walk together, we see farther with our hearts.





From Local Hands to Global Hope

November 2025 marks another milestone in Rotary’s journey of service, powered by the generosity and commitment of Rotarians worldwide. This year, The Rotary Foundation not only surpassed its ambitious fundraising targets but also showcased remarkable project outcomes across the globe, reinforcing its position as one of the world’s most trusted humanitarian engines. In the 2024 - 25 Rotary year, Rotary donors exceeded expectations by raising US\$569 million, surpassing the Foundation’s annual goal by nearly US\$70 million. This achievement directly fuels Rotary’s ability to deliver transformative, sustainable projects globally. These funds enabled:

- 1,424 global grants supporting large-scale humanitarian, educational, and health initiatives
- 468 district grants addressing local community needs
- 74 disaster-response grants benefiting communities recovering from crises

A highlight of this cycle is the awarding of a US\$2 million Programs of Scale grant to strengthen peacebuilding and economic stability in Colombia. This investment expands Rotary’s long-term presence in regions transitioning out of conflict, combining community empowerment with strategic development.



Rotary’s website spotlighted inspiring projects implemented by clubs worldwide during November 2025, each a testament to how local actions create global change. The Rotary Club of Carpinteria continued its long-standing talent showcase, which has raised over US\$325,000 since 2009. The funds support music education and scholarships, ensuring every child has access to creative learning opportunities regardless of background.

In Bacolod, Project Smile delivered essential dental care - fillings, extractions, and even prosthetics - to public school teachers. With Rotary’s support, educators received the treatment they could not otherwise afford, improving both health and confidence. Rotarians in Coimbatore created a stunning large-scale artwork made from nearly a ton of millet grains to raise awareness about the illegal caging and trading of wild parakeets. The project combined culture, conservation, and creativity, successfully drawing public attention to the issue. November 2025 also saw Rotary’s leadership engaging at COP30, reinforcing Rotary’s commitment to environmental stewardship, now its newest Area of Focus. Rotary showcased the power of community-led climate action, explored new partnerships, and strengthened its role in global sustainability dialogues. Together, we continue to move from goodwill to real-world impact - one project, one partner, and one act of service at a time.

Gift of Water



'Gift of Water' is a signature initiative of the Rotary Club of Kandy, carried out through a Global Grant under Rotary's Focus Area of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene. Through this impactful project, 17 RO plants will be provided to schools, ensuring access to safe drinking water for thousands of students.

Phases 3 and 4 of the project were implemented in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Nikaweratiya, with the official handing over of two RO plants taking place on 31st October 2025. The beneficiary schools in these phases were Dimbulagala Maha Vidyalaya, Divilgane, Ehetuwewa, and Digannawa Sri Dewamiththa Maha Vidyalaya, Nikaweratiya.

The Rotaract Club of the University of Peradeniya also

joined the initiative as a partner, supporting the effort through their signature project, "Reach for Water". This collective endeavor reflects Rotary's enduring commitment to improving community health and wellbeing through sustainable solutions.



Hope on Wheels

Rotary Club of Matale Central has successfully completed the "Hope on Wheels" project, distributing bicycles to needy children in the community. They extend heartfelt gratitude to Indian Rotary District 2982 for their generous support and collaboration.

They also extended their sincere appreciation to all Rotarians of the Rotary Club of Matale Central for their unwavering commitment and support towards this valuable initiative.



Rotary Club of Biyagama Enhances Community Mobility with Bicycles



The Rotary Club of Biyagama recently distributed bicycles to deserving individuals in the PT Gardens area, supporting mobility and access to daily needs. Rtn. Gamini Madanayake graced the occasion as the special guest, adding significance to this meaningful community initiative.



Rotary Club Kandy with ICTA and APIIT Drive IT SME's

The IT industry got a boost in Kandy where a 3 day dedicated programme was focused on the Digital IT Industry integration driven by ICTA.

Rotary Club of Kandy set a up a SME Conclave for IT SME's at Oakray Hotel where the best names in the IT Industry trained the SME's on Digital Access, the eco system of the integrated digital framework that will make Sri Lanka economy getting a boost of \$15 billion annually. The DG of Rotary District 3220 explained how a business must be ready for the expansion and how the setting up must happen. ICTA explained the roll out process and how the integration will happen.



Rotary Club of Colombo Celebrates United Nations Day with Distinguished Global Leaders



Rotary International's enduring partnership with the United Nations reflects our shared commitment to peace, development, and humanitarian service. In honour of United Nations Day, the Rotary Club of Colombo hosted a special luncheon featuring two distinguished guests, Madam Emma Brigham, UNICEF Representative in Sri Lanka – Chief Guest H.E. Rumi Lambert, Ambassador of France to Sri Lanka – Guest of Honour.

The event brought together members and dignitaries in a spirit of fellowship and global solidarity. Meaningful conversations, inspiring

insights, and shared purpose made this gathering truly memorable. Where diplomacy meets fellowship, and service finds its voice—Rotary stands as a bridge of hope



Rotary Club of Kelaniya Champions Basic Education & Literacy Initiative at Swarnapali Maha Vidyalaya

In line with the Rotary International Monthly Theme of “Basic Education and Literacy”, the Rotary Club of Kelaniya refurbished and donated over 300 requested books to the library of Sri Swarnapali Maha Vidyalaya, Ganemulla, which serves more than 150 students. In addition, the Club completed a full painting of the library and carried out essential renovations, creating a more vibrant and welcoming learning environment.



What made this project truly special was that members of the Rotary Club of Kelaniya personally took part in the refurbishment work, dedicating their time and energy to serve others. This reminds us that service is not only about financial contributions, but also about offering our time and effort to make a meaningful difference. Such commitment is a true reflection of the Rotary motto, “Service Above Self”.



TLC Triathlon 2025 Kicks off in Kilinochchi to Promote Breast Cancer Awareness

Kilinochchi marked a powerful start to the TLC Triathlon 2025 on 5 October, delivering a day where athletic spirit blended with lifesaving purpose. The event, featuring a 200m swim, 5km cycle, and 1.2km run. This was backed by the Rotary Pink Pledge, Indira Cancer Trust, and the Sri Lanka Medical Association.

Rotary played a vital role by providing hydration stations, organizing free clinical breast examinations, and hosting awareness booths to promote the “Touch, Look, Check” early detection message. The triathlon drew widespread community participation, uniting Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors, volunteers, and residents. Together, they celebrated survivors, encouraged screenings, and strengthened a nationwide movement committed to saving lives through education, awareness, and early detection.



Colombo in Pink

TLC Triathlon champions

Breast Cancer Awareness



Colombo witnessed an inspiring launch of the TLC Triathlon 2025 on 16 November, combining athletic enthusiasm with a vital cause. The event featured a 200m swim, 5km cycle, and 1.2km run as part of Sri Lanka's Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign, supported by the Rotary Pink Pledge, Indira Cancer Trust, and the Sri Lanka Medical Association.



Organized by the Indira Cancer Trust (ICT) in partnership with the Rotary Clubs of Colombo, Colombo East, Colombo City and Colombo West, the triathlon was honored by the presence of the Mayor of Colombo and renowned former cricketer Roshan Mahanama, highlighting the significance of this health initiative. Rotary ensured hydration stations, organized free clinical breast exams, and operated awareness booths promoting the "Touch, Look, Check" early detection message.



The event brought together Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors, volunteers, and local residents, uniting the community in celebrating survivors, encouraging regular screenings, and advancing a nationwide commitment to education, awareness, and early cancer detection.

Play for Pink



The Rotary Club of Colombo Central joined hands with Impact Hoop Lab for “Play for Pink,” a sports initiative dedicated to raising awareness about early detection of breast cancer and promoting the importance of regular health screening.

As October marks Breast Cancer Awareness Month, this event stood as a symbol of strength, unity, and compassion, reminding us that together, we can make a lasting difference. The games were intense and vibrant, with moms, daughters, and professional players giving their all on the court. The court was filled with cheers, music, and an incredible spirit from the crowd that made the evening truly unforgettable. They were honoured to have District Governor Rtn. Delvin Pereira and District Secretary Rtn. Dinesh Kumar join us and extend their kind support towards this meaningful cause. All donations from the event will be made to the Indira Cancer Trust to support their work in helping those battling cancer.

Together, it reminds us that sport has the power to unite hearts, inspire change, and create hope for a brighter tomorrow.



SME Trade Fair 2025 Celebrates Women Entrepreneurs

The Rotary Club of Colombo successfully concluded the SME Trade Fair 2025 on Saturday, 11th October at Colombo City Centre, drawing strong participation from women entrepreneurs and enthusiastic visitors. Held under the theme “Unite for Good,” the fair showcased a wide range of women-led small and medium enterprises, highlighting their creativity, resilience, and contribution to Sri Lanka’s economy. From artisanal products to innovative services, attendees enjoyed an inspiring display of talent and enterprise.

The event created valuable opportunities for networking, learning, and community support. President Aruna Fernando thanked all exhibitors, partners, and guests for making the fair a meaningful success and reaffirmed the Club’s commitment to empowering local entrepreneurs.



The 2025 fair wrapped up with a sense of pride and optimism, celebrating the impact of women trailblazers across the country.



AI Backed Tourism SME Drive

The booming tourism industry whilst being perceived to be very positive the challenges in the operations on man power, profitability challenges and promoting the destination were highlighted at the Conclave.

The Rotary Club of Colombo East, championing this initiative, brought together the top boutique hotels of Sri Lanka under the leadership of Druvi Perera, the President of the Boutique Hotels Association.

Access to finance by the Ministry of finance-ADB fund facility, How AI can be used to drive business was explained by Rotary trainers. "AI will not replace a job but a person who is AI skilled will be a sought after resource in new Sri Lanka," said Dr Rohantha Athukorala the SME Chair who was the former Chairman of Sri Lanka Tourism.

The Project chair Lasantha Wijewickrama of Rotary Club of Colombo East commented "we must build a demand and supply chain eco system and we will make it happen"

The DG Delvin Pereira also mentioned that driving business is tough but with focus the results can be seen.



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Eyes of Hope Spectacle Donation Project Continues to Illuminate Lives



Rotary Club of Kelaniya successfully completes the 2nd phase of its signature spectacle donation initiative

Following the successful completion of the first phase of the “අරුණෝදය දූෂ්” – Eyes of Hope Spectacle Donation Project in Anuradhapura and Vavuniya on the 10th and 11th of October 2025, the Rotary Club of Kelaniya proudly carried forward its mission with the 2nd phase of the project.

The second phase was held on 31st October and 2nd November 2025, in collaboration with the Divisional Secretariat Offices of Mahara and Kadawatha, and the Gonahena Grama Seva Office. This phase marked another significant milestone in Rotary Kelaniya’s ongoing effort to restore vision and improve the quality of life for those in need.

During this phase, an additional 250 spectacles were distributed to underprivileged individuals from the local communities, identified through field assessments and eye testing programs. The project once again reflected the power of collaboration, with the support of the Rotary Club of St. Ingbert (Germany), Rotary Club of Stroud (United Kingdom), and the corporate partnership of PABC Bank.

With this second phase, the total number of spectacles distributed under the “Eyes of Hope” initiative has now reached 500, achieving the club’s ambitious annual target. The project’s total value now exceeds Rs. 6.2 Million, encompassing eye testing, spectacles, logistics, and coordination.

The Rotary Club of Kelaniya remains committed to continuing this meaningful initiative in the coming years, reaffirming its dedication to “Creating Hope in the World” – one vision at a time.

Rotary Club of Galle Creates a Day of Happiness for Specially-Abled kids on Children's Day

The Rotary Club of Galle proudly celebrated Children's Day with specially-abled kids at Ocean Park, Galle. The children enjoyed every moment with fun activities, games, and endless laughter, making the day truly memorable.

The Club was honored by the presence of District Governor Delvin Pereira with the First Lady, and Assistant Governor Nimesh Sashintha. Their encouragement and support made the celebration even more meaningful for the members.



Rotary Club of Uva Hills Joins Forces to Celebrate Children's Day

The Rotary Club of Uva Hills and Inner Wheel Club Badulla jointly hosted a Children's Day celebration featuring an Art and Essay competition for young talents. The event aims to promote creativity, education, and community engagement among underprivileged children.



Women in Management marks an inspiring milestone in our mission to empower women entrepreneurs across Sri Lanka

At the Women SME Awards was held once again on the 7th of October 2025. They Profoundly launched three transformative initiatives designed to create a complete ecosystem for women to discover, build, and scale their dreams. Past District Governor Gowri Rajan was the Chair of the judging panel for this edition of the MSME Awards.

District Governor Delvin Pereira was among the panel of Judges and the official launch was graced by Dana Wickramasinghe, Co-founder of Adventa Dr. Sulochana Segera, Founder & Chairperson of Women in Management His Excellency Andrew Patrick, British High Commissioner to Sri Lanka with Hon. Dilith Jayaweera, Member of Parliament. Together, these initiatives open a new chapter for women-led innovation and digital entrepreneurship in Sri Lanka.



Kegalle Book Fair 2025

A Successful Celebration of Learning and Community



The Rotary Club of Kegalle successfully wrapped up the Kegalle Book Fair 2025, held on October 25th, 26th and 27th. The event featured strong participation from students, teachers, government employees and book lovers from across the region.

The Prize Giving Ceremony on the 27th at 5:00 PM highlighted several key programs:

- Awards for winners of the school art competition
- Awards for winners of the short story and poetry competition for government employees
- A book donation to the library of Kegalle Akiriyagala Junior College.



The fair also supported the Rotary initiative “Let’s Build a Library by Donating One Book,” collecting books that will be distributed to 20 rural libraries to strengthen their learning resources.



Rotary Gala 2025

A Night of Elegance, Celebration & Purpose



On 17 October 2025, the Rotary Club of Colombo Port City hosted the first-ever Rotary Charity Gala at City of Dreams, Cinnamon Life.

More than 250 guests including Rotarians, families, friends, and partners came together for one shared purpose: to help little hearts beat stronger.

Through this unforgettable evening, The club raised LKR 5 million in aid of Rotary for Little Hearts, the national initiative supporting the Lady Ridgeway Hospital in equipping Sri Lanka's first dedicated Paediatric Cardiac and Critical Care Complex.

Every rupee from this Gala donated toward life-saving medical equipment and specialist training, helping thousands of children born with congenital heart disease receive the care they deserve.

This is more than an event – it's a movement of compassion, unity, and hope.

Co-Chairs of the event Rtn. Sulochana Vanniasinkam & Rtn. Chalaka Gajabahu, with their organizing committee made this event a success.

Rotary Club of Kelaniya Participates in Pink Pledge Triathlon 2025

The Rotary Club of Kelaniya proudly joined hands with the Rotary District and the Indira Cancer Trust to strengthen the fight against breast cancer at the Pink Pledge Triathlon in Matara.

With more than 1,100 participants, the event became a powerful display of unity, awareness, and community spirit.

Rotary Club of Kelaniya contributed by managing all hydration centers throughout the program, ensuring every participant stayed refreshed, supported, and energized from start to finish.

Together, we continue to inspire hope and champion the cause of early detection and awareness.



Friendship Beyond Borders

Rotary Club of Anuradhapura Builds Ties in Myanmar



The Rotary Club of Anuradhapura embarked on a four-day goodwill tour to Yangon, Myanmar, graciously hosted by the Rotary Club of Greater Yangon. The visit highlighted friendship, cultural exchange, and service collaboration between the two clubs.

During the official meeting at the Pan Pacific Hotel, both clubs signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen cooperation on future humanitarian and community development projects. In a touching gesture of compassion, the Anuradhapura club also pledged financial support for refugees affected by recent landslides in Myanmar.

The visit blended service with culture - featuring a visit to the Shwedagon Pagoda, the National Races Village,

Yangon Water Boom Park, and Bogyoke Market, along with memorable dining experiences at some of Yangon's finest restaurants.

This tour not only deepened Rotary fellowship but also reaffirmed the shared commitment to "Service Above Self," uniting the hearts and hands of Rotarians across borders for a better world.



Rotary & Government Partner to Help Moratuwa SME's

In a signature event in the SME development agenda of Rotary, the people of Moratuwa got a boost for their business with ' Rotary Club of Moratuwa' partnering the Moratuwa Provincial Council and sketching up a focussed programme for 63 high potential SME's from Moratuwa to be trained for business scaling up.



The President of Rotary Club of Moratuwa Heather Fernando said " the training is unique as the Commercial Bank explained how the SME demand generation platform will be operationalised and thereafter Rotary together with Sri Lanka Telecom explained how a typical SME can be developed in size and capacity to scale up" .

DG Delvin Pereira said that we must now see how Rotary can enter new consumer segments away from the geography of Moratuwa. Interact, Rotaract and Rotary can help you get into 18,000 households across the country and we will make this happen, said the career banker.

Dr Rohantha Athukoarala said that just getting leads is useless. You must keep engaging and with persistence get traction for your product range. Please ensure you maintain quality as if not the credibility of Rotary can be questioned as we are promoting you, he said.



There were 63 SME's that engaged in the high involvement training conclave with the total strength of Moratuwa Rotarians personally present at the event. There were officials from EDB, Seylan Bank, HNB, NEDA Sri Lanka Telecom and the Provincial Council officials that were present to support the growth agenda of the SMEs.

Phase II of “Punchi Heena” Project Successfully Concluded

The Rotary Club of Colombo Heritage proudly completed Phase II of the Punchi Heena initiative on 26th October 2025 at H/Pustholamulla Jayawickrama Kanishta Vidyalaya in Thissamaharamaya, Hambanthota District.

This school, home to nearly 200 students from Grades 1 to 11, continues to nurture young minds despite facing significant challenges. RCCH was honoured to play a part in uplifting their aspirations by providing essential educational and sports resources at a value LKR 1.2 Million, fueling their little dreams with hope and opportunity.

They were delighted to welcome the enthusiastic participation of the Rotaract Club of Gampaha, whose presence added warmth and strength to this meaningful endeavour.



Power Hit, Polio Quit!

Kurundhuwatta Family CrickBuzz 2.0 was held on 25th October 2025 at Club Fusion, Boralesgamuwa, bringing together family spirit, fellowship, and friendly competition on the field!

With over 75 participants – including 5 Interact Clubs and 3 Rotaract Clubs – the Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact Clubs of the Cinnamon Family united to support two meaningful causes: Ending Polio Now and taking the Pink Pledge for breast cancer awareness. Interact Club of Dharmapala Panipitiya became the Champion and Runners – up was Interact Club of Logos College.

The presence of District Governor Delvin Pereira infused the event with inspiration, energy, and enthusiasm, making the day even more memorable. This fundraiser proudly contributed Rs. 50,000.00 towards eradicating polio.

Beyond the scoreboard, the event served as a platform for building bridges, strengthening relationships, and expanding the network across the Rotary family – proving that together, we can achieve more.



The Youngest Rider with the Biggest Heart

A 13-Year-Old's 127 km Triumph

The youngest participant in the event, this determined young cyclist completed the entire 127 km rally, showing the world that passion knows no age. His strength, spirit, and perseverance stand as a powerful reminder that every individual, no matter how young, can drive meaningful change.

His achievement beautifully reflects Rotary's commitment to creating a polio-free world—one ride, one act, one step at a time.



Leading a United Ride to End Polio!

A large-scale awareness rally was organized jointly by the Rotary Clubs of Nikeweratiya, Kurunegala, Ethugalpura, Wariyapola, and Panduwasnuwara, together with the Rotaract Club of Wayamba University, to strengthen the fight against polio and raise public awareness on vaccination.

160 cyclists participated, with the youngest 13 & oldest 70 years. Cyclists arrived from various parts of the country, Jaffna, Trincomalee, Galle, Kandy. Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Kuliyaipitiya & many other professionals attended this cycling Rally.

The rally started at 8.00 am at Lake Round Park, Kurunegala & finished at 4.00 pm at the same place (40 minutes ahead of scheduled time) Total distance is 127 km.

The Wayamba Provincial Secretary, the Kurunegala Mayor, the Rotary District Governor, the District Secretary, the Assistant Secretary & Governor elect were guests at the ceremony.

Together, we move forward toward a polio-free Sri Lanka.



Batticaloa Marks World Polio Day with Powerful Awareness Rally

On World Polio Day 2025, the Rotary Club of Batticaloa, in collaboration with the Batticaloa City Club, Rotaract, Interact, and local medical professionals, organized a vibrant motor rally to promote a polio-free Sri Lanka. The event saw community leaders, health officials, and Rotary members unite to raise awareness about the importance of immunization and disease prevention. Participants paraded through the city, engaging the public with informative messages and calls to action. The rally highlighted Rotary's sustained commitment to safeguarding public health, reinforcing the vision of a healthier, stronger Sri Lanka, free from polio for generations to come.



Polio Awareness Bicycle Rally 2025 Rotary Club of Anuradhapura

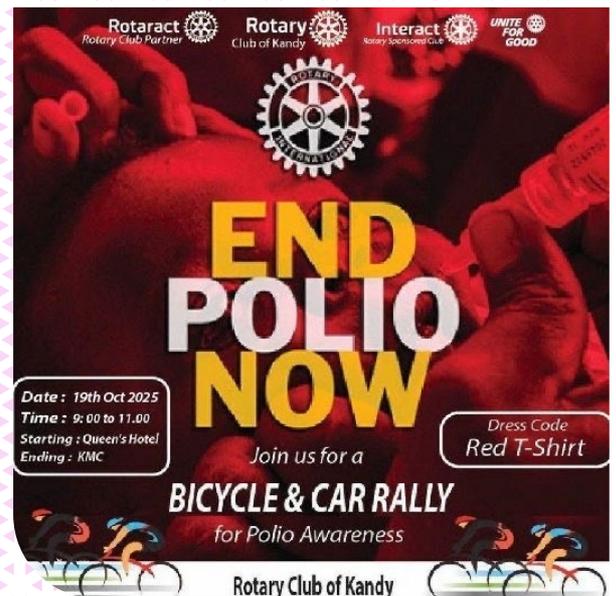
Polio, once a devastating disease that crippled millions of children worldwide, stands today on the brink of eradication thanks to decades of global effort. Since launching the PolioPlus program in 1985, Rotary International has been a driving force behind the campaign to end polio, working alongside the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Through vaccination drives, advocacy, and awareness programs, Rotary's unwavering commitment has helped reduce polio cases by over 99%, bringing hope to countless communities. The Rotary Club of Anuradhapura has proudly carried this mission forward through its annual International Polio Awareness Bicycle Rally, a tradition that unites people across all walks of life under one cause – a Polio-Free World. What began as a small community initiative has now become a signature awareness event in the region, inspiring both compassion and collective action.

The 2025 rally, held for the fourth consecutive year, was truly special. With the participation of over 100 cyclists, including Rotarians, Rotaractors, schoolchildren, and local athletes, the event created a vibrant display of unity. The Club also collaborated with the Anuradhapura Municipal Council and proudly gifted three bicycles to students who excelled in the Grade 5 Scholarship Examination, reflecting Rotary's commitment to both health and education. Our sincere appreciation goes out to the Nachchaduwa Community, and the cycling teams – CFF, RCF, NPP, District Football Team, and the Rotaract Club of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka – whose enthusiastic participation and support made the rally a success. As the wheels turned across Anuradhapura's historic streets, one message echoed strongly – Rotary's fight against polio continues until no child, anywhere, is left behind.



Riding for a Future Without Polio: RC Kandy's Signature Awareness Parade

In the 2025–26 Rotary year, the Rotary Club of Kandy once again demonstrated its unwavering commitment to community health by organizing its annual Polio Awareness Vehicle and Cycle Parade— a beloved signature project that continues to grow in scope, energy, and impact. For decades, RC Kandy has championed Rotary's global mission to eradicate polio, and this year's event offered a vibrant reminder that awareness is a powerful tool in that fight. The parade, held as a Rotary Family event, brought together Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors, and enthusiastic community members for a unified purpose: spreading the message that polio must—and can—be eliminated for good.



The morning began with an air of excitement in front of the historic Queen's Hotel, Kandy, where nearly 100 participants assembled with decorated vehicles, brightly coloured bicycles, and banners promoting Rotary's work in global health. As the parade rolled forward, it transformed the streets into a moving canvas of colour and advocacy, capturing the attention of residents and passersby.

Covering a 12-kilometer route, the procession wound its way through the city, amplifying the message of vigilance and the need for continuous immunization. The involvement of youth through Rotaract and Interact clubs brought an additional vibrancy to the event, underscoring the cross-generational commitment to building a polio-free world. The parade concluded at the Kandy Municipal Council premises, where participants gathered to celebrate another successful milestone in Rotary's ongoing efforts.

RC Kandy's Polio Awareness Parade stands as a testament to the power of community collaboration. Each year, it grows not only in participation but also in influence—reminding the public that while tremendous progress has been made, Rotary's mission continues until polio is truly eradicated everywhere. This year's parade was more than a ride; it was a movement, a message, and a promise. And as long as the fight against polio continues, RC Kandy will remain on the frontlines—one kilometre, one community, and one voice at a time.





Installations & Governor's Visits

Rotary Club of Sri Jayawardenapura Installation

3rd October

A memorable evening held on 3rd October at Elevate by Jetwing, celebrating the Installation of Rtn. Dr. Kithsiri Perera as President of the Rotary Club of Sri Jayawardenapura and his Board of Directors for the year.

Chief Guest, District Governor Rtn. Delvin Pereira, whose inspiring words added great value to the occasion.



Rotary Club of Killinochchi Town DGOV & Installation

5th October

The Rotary Club of Killinochchi Town proudly celebrated its 12th Presidential Installation Ceremony on 5th October 2025 at RS Green Barathi Resort, Karadippokku, Killinochchi. PHF Rtn DR. Y. Gowthaman was ceremoniously installed as President for the Rotary Year 2025/26. The distinguished event was graced by District Governor Delvin Pereira as chief guest, along with Special Guests PP. Dinesh Kumar, District Secretary, and PP. Bavatharani Ravindran, Assistant Governor. The evening highlighted the club's spirit of unity, service, and leadership, reaffirming Rotary's mission of creating positive community impact through meaningful service initiatives and lasting fellowship.



Rotary Club of Colombo South DGOV

7th October

The Rotary Club of Colombo South conducted its District Governor's Official Visit (DGOV) on 07th October 2025 at the Best Western Hotel with the esteemed presence of DG Delvin Pereira, AG Numan, and Club Secretary Dinesh Kumar.

For the DGOV, the club had submitted all required documents, proposals, and compliance materials in accordance with the official checklist. During the session, the club also presented the development plans of its newly elect youth clubs, including the Interact Club of Louvre International School, the Interact Club of St. Anthony's Balika Maha Vidyalaya, and the Rotaract Club of Colombo South

In addition, ongoing clubs such as the Rotaract Club of Royal Institute and the Interact Club of Hindu Ladies College shared their strategic plans for the Rotary year 2025/26. The DGOV concluded successfully, reflecting the club's commitment to strong governance, youth development, and impactful service initiatives for the upcoming Rotary year..



Rotary Club of Colombo Central Installation

11th October

The Rotary Club of Colombo Central celebrated a memorable and inspiring evening at Cinnamon Life and installed the 46th President, Rtn. Hidaya Shanker Muthuramalingam, and the Board for 2025/26. It was a night filled with fellowship, tradition, and the true spirit of Rotary. Club was honoured by the presence of District Governor Delvin Pereira, First Lady Rtn. Lucille Pereira, District Secretary Rtn. Dinesh Kumar, Past District Governors, Assistant Governor Rtn. Michael Jayawardana, along with many Rotarians, families, and guests who made the evening truly special.

The programme included meaningful moments—from the oil lamp lighting and Rotary pledge to inspiring speeches and heartfelt recognitions. A proud milestone was the induction of nine new members, setting a new club record, along with the recognition of our Paul Harris Fellows. The club also reaffirmed its commitment to The Rotary Foundation with a USD 1,500 contribution as the first phase. The evening featured a captivating performance by Visharada Lasitha Gunawardana, whose violin medley added elegance and energy to the celebration.



Rotary Club of Kurunagala DGOV & Installation

19th October

The Rotary Club of Kurunegala held its 46th Installation Ceremony on 19th October at the Asliya Casendra Hotel, Kurunegala.

The Club installed its new leadership, including President Eng. M. W. S. B. Wijesinghe, Secretary S. M. M. Sathkumara and the new Board, in the gracious presence of District Governor Delvin Pereira and District Secretary Dinesh Kumar. The ceremony marked the beginning of yet another inspiring chapter of service, dedication and community impact for the Club.



Rotary Club of Nikawaratiya DGOV & Installation

26th October



Rotary Club of Kegalle DGOV

28th October





Rotaract Updates

Quarter 1 Summary:

Rotaract in RID 3220

As we look back on the first quarter of the RI Year 2025–26, Rotaract in RID 3220 stands taller, stronger, and more united than ever. Under the leadership of District Rotaract Representative Rtr. PP Nazmi Mahamood, this year’s message, “Redefine Service”, has set the tone for a transformative and purpose-driven journey ahead. Q1 has already proven that when vision meets action, remarkable things begin to unfold.



This quarter, our district flourished with 89 active clubs, powered by a collective strength of 3,348 members.

Together, we executed an extraordinary 875 projects, each one reflecting our shared commitment to create meaningful change, uplift communities, and Unite for Good. Adding to this momentum, we proudly welcomed one newly chartered club into our ever-growing Rotaract family, a reminder that the spirit of service continues to inspire and attract leaders from all corners of the district.

From leadership training to fellowship initiatives, Q1 was rich with energy, purpose, and collaboration:

- The 35th Rotaract District Assembly marked a monumental start to the year, celebrating the installation of DRR Nazmi Mahamood and the new District Steering Committee, while embracing international representation for the first time in RID 3220’s history.
- DOTS, PELS & SELS, and ADTS empowered leaders across all avenues, equipping them with clarity, capability, and confidence to lead with vision.
- The Hill Country Fellowship Visit strengthened district-wide bonds, reminding us that fellowship is the heartbeat of Rotaract.
- Cleanup Sri Lanka 2025–26 which was partnered up with Shraddha tv, powered by more than 1,000 Rotaractors across 50+ locations, showcased the impact of unity in protecting our environment and driving national-scale change.



The 42nd Chapter: Rotaract Kandy Marks a Milestone Installation

The Rotaract Club of Kandy successfully celebrated its historic 42nd Installation Ceremony on November 2nd at the Grand Kandyan Hotel. This vibrant, full-day event celebrated the club's long and distinguished legacy, culminating in the formal induction of the new President for the 2025-26 term, Rtn. Rtr. Jameema Rafaideen.

The ceremony held deep significance as the Chief Guest, the District Governor of Rotary International District 3220, Rtn. Delvin Pereira is himself a revered charter member of the Rotaract Club of Kandy. This powerful connection underscored the club's roots and its enduring influence on the movement. The head table beautifully showcased this rich heritage, featuring the President of the Rotary Club of Kandy, PHF Rtn. Capt. Ravindra Thammita, and Assistant District Rotaract Chair, Rtn. IPP Mohamed Rehan, both distinguished past presidents of the club, alongside District Rotaract Representative Rtr. PP Nazmi Mahamood.



The evening sparkled with fellowship, drawing Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Interactors who travelled across the island to lend their support. This gathering not only honoured the club's transition but also reinforced the district's powerful spirit of cooperation and effort in purposeful action. The year begins with the conviction: "Purpose. Passion. Impact." The club is now energised to Unite for Good and continue its mission of service.



A New Rotaract Force at KIU

The Charter Installation Ceremony of the Rotaract Club of KIU was held on 22nd October 2025, marking the very first Rotaract chartering event of the Rotary Year 2025–26 and a proud milestone for the Rotary Club of Kolonnawa.

The ceremony was graced by the distinguished presence of District Governor Rtn. Delvin Pereira, Past District Governor Ven. Bandagiriye Somawansa Thero, District Rotaract Representative Rtr. Nazmi Mahamood, District Rotaract Chair Rtn.

Haneekah Rahil, and the President of KIU, Dr. Jagath Seneviratne. Also in attendance were Rtn. Sandali Geethma, President of the Rotary Club of Kolonnawa, along with club members, Rotaractors, and Interactors from the Kolonnawa family, including the Interact Clubs of St. Nicholas International College and Horizon College International—all gathered to celebrate this inspiring beginning.



A heartfelt note of appreciation was extended to the Rotary Youth Services District Team, the Rotaract District Team, IPP Avanti Karunaratna, PDRR Shanel Mendis, PDRR Amjath Yoosuf, KIU Institute, fellow Rotary and Rotaract Club Presidents, and everyone whose support and belief helped bring this vision to life.





Interact Updates

Devi Balika Vidyalaya Celebrates the Chartering of Its Interact Club

The Charter Installation of the Interact Club of Devi Balika Vidyalaya was held on October 9th at the school auditorium, marking a proud and memorable milestone for the institution. The ceremony was graced by District officials, Interactors, Rotarians, parents and members of the academic staff, all gathered to celebrate the beginning of a promising new chapter.

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Colombo Mid-Town, the newly established Interact Club opens the door to meaningful opportunities in leadership, teamwork and community service. The event reflected the spirit of Interact, empowering students to serve with purpose while building lifelong values of integrity and compassion. This installation symbolizes not just the formation of a club, but the start of an inspiring journey for the young leaders of Devi Balika Vidyalaya.



4th District Meeting and Interact Model United Nations Workshop



The 4th District Meeting, followed by the District Interact Model United Nations (DIMUN) workshop, marked a significant moment of collaboration, leadership, and youth empowerment when it took place on the 9th of November 2025. Bringing together more than 350 enthusiastic participants, the event served as a dynamic platform for Interactors, Muners, and youth leaders to engage in meaningful dialogue and skills development.



The highlight of the day was the Inaugural District Interact Model United Nations Workshop, designed to introduce participants to the fundamentals of diplomacy, negotiation, and global citizenship. Through interactive sessions, mock debates, and hands-on training, students explored the workings of international relations while sharpening skills such as public speaking, research, and leadership. Hosted by the 18th Session of Sri Lanka Model United Nations, participants were guided on how to prepare for committee sessions, draft resolutions, and collaborate effectively in a Model United Nations setting. Spearheaded by Int. Seniya Rajugamuwa and his executive committee, the event concluded with a renewed sense of motivation among attendees, who left equipped with valuable tools to excel both in MUN conferences and in their roles as young leaders. Overall, the workshop celebrated the power of youth engagement and set the stage for even more impactful



Inaugural District Interact Model United Nations Conference A Landmark Gathering of Young Diplomats

The Inaugural District Interact Model United Nations Conference, held on the 22nd and 23rd of November, brought together close to 400 passionate and aspiring young leaders for a transformative two day diplomatic experience. As the first event of its kind at the district level, the conference set a commendable benchmark for youth engagement, intellectual discourse, and international awareness within the Interact community. The conference featured seven diverse and dynamic committees, each designed to challenge delegates with pressing global issues and to cultivate negotiation and problem solving skills. These committees included **ECOSOC**, focusing on economic and social development; **WHO**, addressing global health challenges, **UNFCCC**, where discussions centered around climate policy and environmental sustainability, and **UNW**, dedicated to women's rights and gender equality. **The Security Council (SC)** offered a high intensity environment for tackling international peace and security concerns, while the **International Press Corps (IPC)** provided a platform for budding journalists to report, analyze, and critique proceedings throughout the conference.

A standout feature of the event was the UNHRC, which operated as a trilingual committee, enabling delegates to engage in debate in three languages, an innovative step that celebrated diversity, inclusivity, and linguistic richness. This unique format allowed more participants to express themselves comfortably while broadening the overall cultural experience of the conference. Across both days, delegates showcased exemplary diplomacy, teamwork, and leadership as they crafted resolutions, negotiated alliances, and presented impactful arguments. The atmosphere was filled with enthusiasm and intellectual energy, reflecting a collective passion for understanding and addressing global issues. Spearheaded by Int. Seniya Rajugamuwa, Int. Aneeqa Shafeel, Int. Piyathma de Zoyza and Int. Kaveeka Kulatunga and the executive committee, the successful execution of the Inaugural District Interact MUN Conference not only empowered participants with valuable skills but also strengthened the district's commitment to nurturing informed, confident, and globally minded young leaders. This landmark event laid a strong foundation for future conferences, inspiring Interactors to continue engaging with the world through dialogue, empathy, and purposeful action.



Interact District 3220's Impactful Week: A Summary of Service Excellence

30th October – 5th November, 2025

Interact District 3220 concluded Interact Week Celebrations across Sri Lanka, executing seven distinct projects from October 30th to November 5th, 2025, all under the unifying banner of "UNITE FOR GOOD." These initiatives strategically addressed several key Rotary Areas of Focus, delivering tangible benefits to diverse communities.

The week began on October 30th with the launch of Project EduSpark in Kotagala, focused on Basic Education & Literacy. This initiative combatted educational inequality in estate communities by establishing Learning Corners-equipped with trilingual book baskets and distributing academic starter kits. The goal was to provide sustainable resources and empowerment sessions on skills like stress management and exam preparation to uplift underprivileged children. On October 31st, the focus shifted to the environment with Project Echo Sprout in Kandy. This project, dedicated to environmental sustainability, saw volunteers plant 200 saplings. The core purpose was to enhance biodiversity, improve air quality, and actively contribute to carbon sequestration efforts in the fight against climate change.

The initiatives continued to address health and well-being. On November 1st, Project Life Line in Kurunegala concentrated on Disease Prevention & Treatment for the elderly residents of the Chandana Janopahara Elders' Home. This involved comprehensive medical checkups to ensure early detection of health issues and provide crucial medical guidance. Later, on November 3rd, Project Viva Lume in Galle supported Maternal and Child Health by providing expectant mothers with care packages, vital information from motivational guest speakers on prenatal care and nutrition, and a supportive environment for connection.

Simultaneously, infrastructure and community needs were met. Project Blue Relief, executed on November 3rd in Tangalle, tackled Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH) by gifting and installing a water filtration system and a new water storage tank at Polommaruwa Model School, ensuring students had reliable access to clean drinking water. Following this, on November 5th, Project Nova Rise in Ratnapura boosted Economic & Community Development. This comprehensive initiative targeted unemployed individuals, especially in the food industry, by offering an Entrepreneurship Workshop, equipment donations, mentorship, and a digital recipe book to foster self-reliance and sustainable small businesses.

Finally, addressing future leadership, Project Voices of Harmony was held in Colombo on November 4th, focusing on Peace & Conflict Prevention and Leadership. The seminar featured highly distinguished speakers, Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka and Major General Thilak Ubayawardhana, who shared invaluable insights aimed at arming the next generation of leaders with the tools necessary for ethical leadership and stimulating harmonious communities.

This concluded Interact Week Celebrations by Interact District 3220 powerfully demonstrated the commitment of young leaders to creating widespread, positive change across the nation lead by Int. PP. Pabasara Warnajith, Int. Seniya Rajugamuwa, Int. PP. Shenal Theshan, Int. Umindu Shamilka, and Int. Rashitha Jayasinghe.



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