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leading Rotary toward the next chapter.

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Editorial

Dear Fellow Rotarians and Friends of Rotary,

The month of November is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month. This month is to focus on global health initiatives, combating diseases like Polio, Malaria, and HIV/AIDS, promoting vaccination, and improving access to clean water and sanitation to build healthier communities worldwide. This theme aligns with Rotary's core mission and emphasizes action in health awareness, education, and providing care.

Under the eminent leadership of District Governor Delvin Pereira has been guided to the Clubs in Sri Lanka to engage in meaningful projects related to global health initiatives, combating diseases like Polio, Malaria, and HIV/AIDS, promoting vaccination and improving access to clean water and sanitation.

Rotary International President Francesco Arezzo highlighted that "Unite for Good," focuses on happiness and Disease Prevention and Treatment Month, highlighting Rotary's role in promoting mental wellness, health, and healing, emphasizing that fellowship and service create lasting change, encouraging members to ask "How are you really?" and work towards universal access to care. This Particular Issue will also cover the Initiatives 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 present 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

Governor's Message



My Dear Friends in Rotary,

The month of December brings with it reflection, compassion, and hope. Sadly, this season has also been marked by the profound suffering caused by the Ditwa cyclone and the related disasters that affected many parts of our country. On behalf of Rotary District 3220, I wish to express our deepest empathy and solidarity with all those who have lost loved ones, homes, livelihoods, and a sense of normalcy. Our thoughts and prayers are with every family and community impacted by this tragedy.

In times of adversity, the true spirit of Rotary shines through. I am immensely proud of our Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Interactors who responded instantly and selflessly—often while dealing with challenges of their own. Your efforts in providing food, dry rations, clean water, essential supplies, and support to families displaced and living in temporary shelters exemplify what it means to Unite for Good. You did not wait to be asked; you acted with compassion, courage, and commitment. I also wish to place on record our sincere appreciation to Rotarians and Rotary friends from overseas who reached out with messages of concern, financial support, and resources. Your solidarity reaffirms that Rotary is truly a global family, united beyond borders in service and humanity.

While emergency relief remains vital, our responsibility does not end there. As a district, we are firmly committed to supporting recovery and rebuilding, with special emphasis on reviving schools and strengthening education. Schools are more than buildings—they are centers of hope, stability, and the future of our children. We will work closely with clubs, partners, and relevant authorities to restore basic educational facilities and support students and teachers affected by the disaster, ensuring that learning continues even after crisis.

As we move through this festive season, let us hold fast to compassion, generosity, and unity. May the spirit of Christmas and the approaching New Year renew our faith in humanity and our resolve to serve those in need. On behalf of Lucille and myself, I extend Season's Greetings and best wishes to you and your families. May peace, good health, and hope fill your hearts and homes, and may the coming year give us renewed opportunities to serve and make a lasting difference.

Warm regards,

Rtn. Delvin Pereira

District Governor 2025/26

Rotary International District 3220

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.



Rtn.PP.PHF Marshad Barry



Rtn.Bavvatharani Ravindran



Rtn. PP. Neluka De Alwis



Rtn PP PHF Madhurie Munasinghe



Rtr.PHF Kushal Sallay



Rtr.Tania De Silva



Rtr.Amman Thaha



Int.Seniya Rajugamuwa



Governor's Diary for January

District Governor's Diary

Installations , Official Visits (DGOV) and Important Events

January 2026 Calendar

02 Jan : Interfaith for World Understanding and Peace

09 Jan : Rotary Club of Colombo East Painting Exhibition

12 Jan : District Finance Committee Meeting 2025-26 DRFC Meeting

16 Jan : Rotary Club of Nova Ceylon (Charter Installation)

18 Jan : Rotary Club of Badulla (Installation)

21 Jan : Rotary Club of Kalpitiya (DGOV)

25 Jan : Rotary Club of Vavuniya (Installation)



District Events

Bavarian Spirit, Rotary Style Oktoberfest

The Rotary Club of Colombo West recently brought the high-energy traditions of Munich to the Hilton Colombo for its exclusive Oktoberfest 2025. It was a night dedicated to fellowship, laughter, and the vibrant spirit of the Rotary family.

The evening featured:

- The Sounds of Bavaria: An electrifying performance by the Oompah Bavarian Band.
- A Culinary Feast: The longest Bavarian buffet in the city, packed with traditional flavors.
- Friendly Rivalry: High-energy brew-drinking competitions that sparked cheers and camaraderie.

Beyond the steins and snacks, the event served as a powerful reminder of the bonds within Rotary District 3220.



Sri Lanka to Host Rotary Institute 2026

Sri Lanka is scheduled to host Rotary Institute 2026 from December 18-20 after a lapse of 21 years. The Rotary Zone Institute is the yearly leadership gathering for Rotary International Zones 4, 5, 6, and 7, covering India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, and the Maldives, with invited participation from Pakistan and Bangladesh too. This esteemed event brings together current, former, and incoming Rotary leaders and senior Rotary officials to discuss trending issues of humanitarian nature, latest trends and best practices in the region and feature outstanding personalities in leadership.

Singing sensation and former Rotaract president Yohani flew into Delhi to perform at the official launch of Rotary Institute 2026 in partnership with Cinnamon Life. Yohani personally invited the 1400 Rotary leaders of India and invited delegates to attend the 2026 conference in Sri Lanka .



The launch of the Rotary Institute was held in the presence of Rotary International President Francis Azzezero and key official from Rotary international and was a highlight on Day 1.

Rotary International Director Muruganandham M (MMM), has appointed Rotary Sri Lanka's first woman Governor for Sri Lanka and Maldives , PDG Gowri Rajan as the Chairperson of Rotary Institute 2026. This is asignificant milestone in the history of Rotary Sri Lanka.

Last time when Sri Lanka hosted a Rotary Institute annual conference was way back in 2005, under the chairmanship of Past Rotary International President K R Ravindran.



Rotary Club of Colombo North Participates in International Group 18 Joint Meeting

The Rotary Club of Colombo North attended the Group 18 Joint Meeting hosted by the Rotary Club of Petaling Jaya, together with the following clubs:

- Rotary Club of Ara Damansara
- Rotary Club of Petaling Jaya
- Rotary Club of Titiwangsa
- Rotary E-Club of One Kuala Lumpur

During the meeting, the Rotary Club of Colombo North exchanged friendship tokens with the participating clubs, strengthening Rotary goodwill and cross-border collaboration.

The keynote address was delivered by Prof. Dr. Louis Adaikalam, President of the Malaysia Sleep Apnea Association, on “The Silent Productivity Killer: The True Cost of Lost Sleep.”



Rotary Club of Uva Hills Provides Drinking Water to Families in Need

The Rotary Club of Uva Hills, through its Drinking Water Project, donated bottled drinking water on 28th November 2025 to the Badulla Municipal Council to support families affected by recent adverse weather conditions.

The Mayor of Badulla Municipal Council expressed sincere appreciation for the efforts of the Rotary Club of Uva Hills, recognizing the timely and meaningful contribution to the community. The Club reaffirmed its commitment to providing continued support to those in need.

This initiative highlights Rotary's enduring dedication to serving communities and addressing urgent humanitarian needs, demonstrating how collective efforts can make a real difference.



Rotary Club of Colombo Centennial Project Mission in Walikanda

Rotary Club of Colombo Centennial completed a deeply meaningful humanitarian mission in Welikanda, carried out in collaboration with the Sri Lanka Army – Eastern Command.

This initiative was made possible through the extraordinary leadership of Rtn. Ranjan Amarasignhe, whose dedication, coordination, and financial contributions were instrumental in bringing this project to life. His commitment unified all supporting parties and ensured that every family received assistance with dignity and care.



The club is honoured by the presence of senior Army leadership:

- Major General Janaka Pallekumbura – Commander, East
- General Prasanga Jayathilaka
- Brigadier Sagara Perera
- Brigadier Kumara

Together, Rotary Club distributed 100 relief packs, each worth Rs. 9,000, containing dry rations, essential medicines, and clothing.

They were privileged to extend their support to 30 Tamil families and 70 Muslim families, following a previous outreach where they assisted Sinhala families in Welioya. This mission reinforced a powerful truth that service transcends race, religion, and boundaries, guided solely by humanity. When Rotary collaborates with the Sri Lanka Army, compassion is transformed into action, and action into lasting impact.

RI Board Elects 2026-30 Rotary Foundation Trustees

In accordance with the Rotary International bylaws, Rotary Foundation Trustees are nominated by the President-Elect and elected by the RI Board in the year preceding the commencement of their term. At its October meeting, the RI Board elected four distinguished Rotarians to serve as Rotary Foundation Trustees for a four-year term beginning on 1 July 2026.

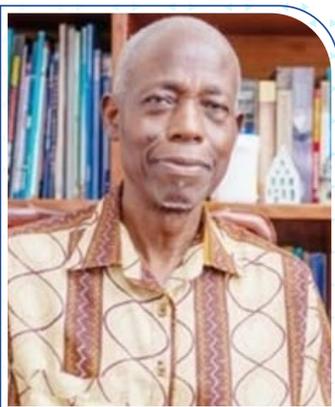
The elected Trustees are:



Francesco Arezzo
Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy



Cynthia Covington
Rotary Club of South
Jacksonville, Florida, USA



Francis Tsubira
Rotary Club of
Kampala-North, Uganda



A. S. Venkatesh
Rotary Club of Chennai
Mambalam, India

PRID Rtn. A. S. Venkatesh has rendered exemplary service to Rotary International, having served as RI Director from 2021 to 2023 and as RI Treasurer during 2022–23. He made history as the first Indian Rotarian to serve as Moderator at the 2025 Rotary International Assembly held in Orlando, Florida. Currently a member of Rotary District 3234, he previously served as District Governor of the then Rotary International District 3230 during the Rotary Year 2007–08.

Rotary Clubs of Kelaniya & Colombo Mid Town Support Mobility Through Wheelchair Donation



A joint community service project by the Rotary Club of Kelaniya and the Rotary Club of Colombo Mid Town was successfully carried out on 5th November 2025.

As part of the initiative, a wheelchair was donated to Mrs. Siriyawathie Perera of Kelaniya, supporting her mobility and improving her quality of life. Members of both clubs were present, reflecting Rotary's continued commitment to Service Above Self. The initiative also fostered fellowship and collaboration between the two clubs, highlighting the strength of joint action in addressing community needs. Through such meaningful partnerships, Rotary continues to make a tangible difference in the lives of individuals while reinforcing its commitment to compassion, service, and community upliftment.



Rotary Club of Ampara Supports Livelihoods Through Bicycle Donations

Rotary District 3220 extends continuous support to small and medium enterprises (SMEs) through capacity building initiatives and by empowering those in need to rebuild their livelihoods.

In line with this effort, the Rotary Club of Ampara donated bicycles to beneficiaries in need, including supporting a woman to restart her business. She expressed her heartfelt gratitude for the bicycle and the opportunity provided, which enabled her to resume her livelihood with confidence.



Rotary and HNB Sign Up for SME Step-Up

In a unique partnership between Rotary and HNB, it was agreed to strategically develop MSMEs/SMEs through skill development, overseas expansion, and exploring how venture capital can serve as a source for business growth.

The partnership was formalized with the signatures of District Governor Rotary 3220, Rtn. Delvin Pereira, and HNB Vice President SME, Nithiyanantha Kethiswaran, in the presence of Rotary Sri Lanka SME Project Chair Dr. Rohantha Athukorala and HNB SME Vice President Rajiv Dissanayake.

Reflecting on the training provided to nearly 1,000 SMEs across the country by Rotary and chamber partners, District Governor Delvin Pereira stated, “We are now moving to the second phase of the programme, which focuses on how a selected 20 SMEs can be expanded to global markets with targeted investment through venture capital – a new initiative by HNB in 2026.”



Restoring Vision

Rotary Club of Colombo West Launches Cataract Surgery Project



The Rotary Club of Colombo West officially launched its signature service project, "Bring Back the Gift of Sight," during an inaugural session at the Colombo Municipal Council. This heartfelt mission aims to restore vision and dignity to those most in need within our community.

In collaboration with dedicated eye specialists and community health partners, the project has set an ambitious goal: performing 100 cataract surgeries to help individuals see clearly again.



Rotary Club of Colombo Mid Town Promotes Community Safety Through Drug Awareness

The Rotary Club of Colombo Mid Town, in collaboration with the International Human Rights Organization, successfully conducted an awareness program in Wadduwa on “How to Protect Yourself and Your Child from Drugs.” The initiative brought together over 300 participants, including school children and parents, fostering a strong sense of community engagement.



Aligned with Rotary’s focus area of Peace and Conflict Prevention, the session featured valuable insights from expert resource persons and included the participation of senior police officers, representatives from the Narcotics Bureau, local government officials, clergy, and community leaders.

The program provided families with essential knowledge to recognize risks, understand the challenges posed by drug abuse, and take proactive steps to protect themselves and their children.

This initiative exemplifies Rotary’s commitment to building safer, healthier communities. The Club extends sincere thanks to all who contributed to the success of this impactful program.



Under the Rubble

Ambassador of Palestine Speaks at Joint Rotary Meeting

A joint meeting was held on 19th November with the participation of the Rotary Club of Colombo West, Rotary Club of Port City, and Rotary Club of Colombo Central. The guest speaker, His Excellency Ihab Ibrahim Mohamed Khalil, Ambassador of the State of Palestine to Sri Lanka and the Maldives, delivered an insightful presentation on “Under the Rubble: Building the State of Palestine.”



Hope for a Better Tomorrow

Rotary Club of Kandy Hill Capital Leads Girls' Education Initiative

Under the project “Hope for Better Tomorrow”, Rotary Districts RID 2400 and RID 2390 in Sweden have joined hands with Rotary Club of Kandy Hill Capital – RID 3220, Sri Lanka along with the following 10 Rotary Clubs in Sweden:

- Karlskrona Aurora Rotary Club
- Karlskrona Rosenbom Rotary Club
- Karlskrona af Chapman Rotary Club
- Karlskrona Nova Rotary Club
- Ängelholm Rotary Club
- Ängelholm Rönne Rotary Club
- Ängelholm Bjäre Rotary Club
- Båstad Rotary Club
- Höganäs Rotary Club
- Lomma Bjärred Rotary Club



Together, they have launched this transformative initiative aimed at empowering young girls through education. Rotary firmly believes that empowering young girls through higher education is the foundation for creating a brighter future.

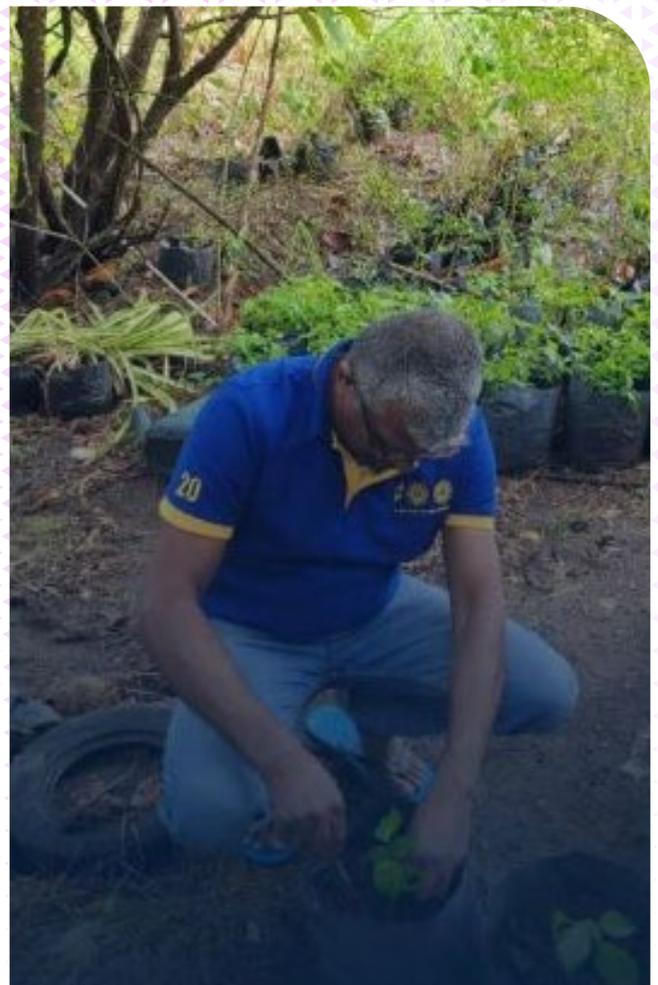
Accordingly, under this programme, 39 underprivileged girls who have completed their O/L examinations and are now pursuing A/L studies have been selected to receive a monthly scholarship of LKR 15,000 each, for two years until the completion of their A/Ls—helping them chase their dreams and unlock their fullest potential.

First batch: 19 students commenced in 2023 and will sit for their A/L exams in 2025. Second batch: 20 students started in 2024 and will sit for exams in 2026. Plans are already underway to select a new batch for 2025. This is more than just a scholarship, It is a powerful step towards empowerment, equality, and transforming lives. Together, we can create a world where every girl has the opportunity to shine. A special note of appreciation to Ms. Mano Basnayake, the local project chair, and Ms. Sisilia from Sweden, for providing exceptional leadership and support in making this cross-country initiative a reality.

Seeds of Change

Empowering Walioya Farmers Project by Rotary Club Centennial

Empowering the farming community of Welioya through seed distribution, cultivation support, and sustainable hope, the first step toward long-term food security done by Rotary club of Centennial.



Hearts Without Borders

50 Lives Transformed

In a powerful display of regional cooperation, a new partnership is cutting through the waiting lists that have left over 1,000 Sri Lankan children in need of urgent heart surgery.

A recently signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Ministry of Health and the Rotary Club of Colombo West has paved the way for 50 children with congenital heart diseases to receive life-saving operations at Amrita Hospital in Kochi, India.



The Breakdown:

- The Mission: To provide immediate surgical intervention for high-priority cases.
- The Partners: A joint effort between the Sri Lankan Ministry of Health and the Rotary Clubs of Colombo West and Cochin West.
- The Impact: 50 families will see their children receive world-class care, bypassing local backlogs.

Dr. Anil Jasinghe and Rotary President K. P. Nagaraja formalized the agreement as part of a Rotary Global Project. While the road to clearing the 1,000-patient backlog is long, this cross-border bridge offers a vital pulse of hope for those who need it most.

A Cup of Hope

Rotary Colombo West Leads the Fight Against Breast Cancer

The Rotary Club of Colombo West recently hosted "Cup of Courage – Season 2," a high tea event dedicated to breast cancer awareness and community empowerment. Held on November 1st, 2025, at the Cinnamon Grand Colombo, the gathering brought together experts and advocates to address the "Mind, Body, and Soul" of those impacted by the disease.



Expert Insights and Empowerment

The event featured a panel of leading oncology experts who shared critical knowledge on modern cancer care:

- Dr. Wong Chiung Ing (Medical Oncologist)
- Dr. Chan Ching Wan (Breast Surgeon)
- Dr. Dehan Gunasekera (Consultant Oncologist)
- Dr. Lanka Jayasuriya Dissanayake

Moderated by Rtn.PP.ArchT.Danya Udukumbure, the discussion focused on breaking the stigma surrounding diagnosis and the vital importance of early detection. Attendees walked away with the empowering

message that cancer is not the end, but a challenge that can be met with the latest medical advancements.

Only Four SMEs Impacted by Cyclone

In a daring move by the District SME Team, all MSMEs/SMEs that have attended Rotary SME Conclaves have been spoken to by the core committee, and four SMEs have been identified for assistance.

Commenting on the performance, Dr. Rohantha Athukorala stated that the needs assessment process is in the process of coming to a conclusion by the respective SME Chairs across clubs. So far, only four MSMEs have been identified. Once the formalities are cleared, these SMEs will be supported in a structured manner.

“We want to make a difference to a few SMEs, but in a structured and meaningful manner,” said District Governor Rtn. Delvin Pereira. “I am glad that the team has a fully integrated campaign to handle the SMEs that are in trouble.”





Installations & Governor's Visits

Rotary Club of Katugastota DGOV

4th November

The Rotary Club of Katugastota had the privilege of hosting the Official Visit of the District Governor on 04th November 2025 at the Business Centre, Mahaweli Reach Hotel, Kandy.

The event was graced by District Governor Delvin Pereira, along with invited guests. The programme was led by the Club President, Rtn. PHF Mohan Rajendram, and was attended by Rotary members, two Rotaract Clubs, and six Interact Clubs, reflecting strong unity within the Rotary family.

During the visit, presentations were made on the club's completed projects, ongoing initiatives, and future plans, highlighting its continued commitment to meaningful community service. The District Governor commended the club's efforts and encouraged further impactful service in the years ahead.



Rotary Club of Moratuwa DGOV

7th November

The District Governor's Official Visit to the Rotary Club of Moratuwa was held on 7th November 2025 at the Ranmal Ramadia Hotel, Moratuwa. The event was attended by District Governor Delvin Pereira, along with District Secretary Dinesh Kumar and Assistant Governor Rtn. Danya Udukumubure, together with the Club President and members of the Board of Directors.



Rotary Club of Negombo DGOV & Installation

8th November

The 89th Installation Ceremony of the Rotary Club of Negombo was held on 8th November 2025 at the Olanro Hotel, Negombo, marking a significant milestone in the club's proud legacy of service.

Rtn. PHF Ayeshan Guruge was formally installed as President for the Rotary Year 2025/26, together with the incoming Board of Directors. The ceremony was conducted under the guidance of PDG Ajith Weerasinghe, who served as Club Advisor and Installation Chair, adding distinction and Rotary tradition to the occasion. Under the theme "United for Good," the new leadership reaffirmed its commitment to impactful community service, strong fellowship, and meaningful partnerships in the year ahead.



Rotary Club of Wariyapola DGOV

9th November

The Rotary Club of Wariyapola hosted the DGOV on 9th November 2025 at the Emiliana Hotel, Wariyapola. The event was marked by warm fellowship and productive discussions, focusing on club activities, service initiatives, and future plans. The presence of the District Governor added inspiration and guidance, encouraging members to strengthen their commitment to Rotary values. The meeting concluded on a positive note, fostering unity, motivation, and renewed enthusiasm for impactful community service.



Rotary Club of Pan Colombo DGOV

11th November

The DGOV of the Rotary Pan Colombo meeting was successfully held at Sofia, Colombo on 11 November 2025. The event was graced by the presence of the District Governor and the District Secretary, whose participation added great value to the discussions. The meeting provided an excellent platform for Rotarians to share insights, strengthen fellowship, and align on district goals and initiatives. Meaningful conversations and collaborative planning marked the session, reinforcing Rotary's commitment to service, leadership, and unity across the district.



Rotary Club of Wattala DGOV

19th November

The Annual District Governor's Official Visit to the Rotary Club of Wattala was held on 19th November 2025 at the 80's Club. The event was attended by District Governor Delvin Pereira, District Secretary Dinesh Kumar, and Club President Rtn. Gerald Anthony, along with the Club's office bearers and members.



Rotary Club of Kandy Victoria DGOV & Installation

21st November

The Rotary Club of Katugastota had the privilege of hosting the Official Visit of the District Governor on 04th November 2025 at the Business Centre, Mahaweli Reach Hotel, Kandy.

The event was graced by Rtn. PHF Delvin Pereira, District Governor 2025–26 of Rotary International District 3220 (Sri Lanka & Maldives), along with invited guests. The programme was led by the Club President, Rtn. PHF Mohan Rajendram, and was attended by Rotary members, two Rotaract Clubs, and six Interact Clubs, reflecting strong unity within the Rotary family.

During the visit, presentations were made on the club's completed projects, ongoing initiatives, and future plans, highlighting its continued commitment to meaningful community service. The District Governor commended the club's efforts and encouraged further impactful service in the years ahead.



Rotary Club of Mannar DGOV & Installation

23rd November



Rotary Club of Colombo North DGOV

25th November

The Rotary Club of Colombo North (RCCN) had the honour of welcoming District Governor Rtn. Delvin Pereira and his esteemed district team for the official Club District Governor's Visit (DGOV) on 25th November 2025 at the Ramada Hotel, Colombo. The visit was especially significant as it coincided with RCCN's Charter Week, marking a proud milestone in the club's journey.

The DGOV provided an important platform for reflection, evaluation, and strategic alignment with the district's vision for the year. The presence of the District Governor and his team gave RCCN the opportunity to showcase its achievements, ongoing initiatives, and future direction.

The event saw strong participation from the RCCN Board of Directors and club members, along with representatives of its sponsoring Rotary family, including the Rotaract Clubs and Interact Clubs belonging to the Rotary Club of Colombo North. Their presence highlighted the strength of the Rotary-Rotaract-Interact partnership and the deep-rooted fellowship shared across generations.

During the visit, RCCN presented a comprehensive overview of its projects, community service initiatives, professional development activities, and fellowship events, demonstrating the club's commitment to service above self, leadership development, and sustainable impact. The District team engaged actively, offering valuable feedback, encouragement, and guidance to further strengthen the club's operations and outreach.

District Governor Delvin Pereira commended the Rotaract Club of Colombo North for its strong governance, impactful projects, and vibrant club culture, noting the club's ability to balance professionalism with meaningful community engagement. He also emphasized the importance of unity, innovation, and youth leadership in advancing the Rotaract movement across the district.



Rotary Club of Colombo Metropolitan DGOV

26th November

On 26th November 2025, the Rotary Club of Colombo Metropolitan hosted the District Governor's Official Visit (DGOV) at the Hilton Colombo Residences, warmly welcoming District Governor Rtn. Delvin Pereira, District Secretary Rtn. Dinesh Kumar, and Assistant Governor Rtn. Nimal Rathnayake.

The visit was a successful and engaging occasion, during which the District leadership commended Club President Rtn. Nasser Majeed and his Board for the impactful projects carried out by the Club. During a constructive and fruitful interaction, the District Governor and his team shared valuable insights and guidance aimed at further strengthening the Club's governance and overall effectiveness.

The closed-door discussions also included leaders of the two Rotaract Clubs under the purview of the Rotary Club of Colombo Metropolitan – the Rotaract Club of Colombo Metropolitan and the Rotaract Club of Excellence. The DGOV concluded with a well-attended Club Assembly, followed by fellowship and dinner.





Rotaract Updates

RotaForce Empowers Volunteers and Communities in the Wake of Cyclone Ditwah



When Cyclone Ditwah made landfall in late November 2025 it brought one of the most devastating natural disasters in recent Sri Lankan history, unleashing torrential rain, catastrophic flooding, and deadly landslides across all 25 districts of the island nation. More than 1.4 million people were affected, tens of thousands were displaced from their homes, key public facilities like roads, railways were destroyed, and access to clean water and essential services was severely disrupted. Government authorities declared a nationwide emergency as rescue operations struggled to keep pace with the sheer scale of destruction and displacement.

In this chaotic and urgent environment, RotaForce emerged as a digital lifeline, designed to connect victims with essential aid and coordinate volunteers working on the ground. Built by young leaders within the Rotaract in RID 3220 network, RotaForce offered tools that were both practical and deeply human. Its “Request Help” feature enabled families and community representatives in flooded villages and hillside towns to report their immediate needs, from food and dry clothing to medical care, directly to a network of volunteers and partner organizations as conditions evolved.



LIVE NEEDS REQUEST HELP SAFE HOUSES RECOVERY OPS PERSON FINDER STATS HELP LINES MAKE A DONATION

RAPID RESPONSE REAL IMPACT

Rotaract in RID 3220's rapid response initiative for Sri Lanka. Connecting victims to essential aid, real-time shelter data, and emergency networks.

Request Help
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LIVE NEEDS REQUEST HELP SAFE HOUSES RECOVERY OPS PERSON FINDER STATS HELP LINES MAKE A DONATION

Live Needs

Real-time requests from verified coordinators. Your contribution makes a tangible difference.

Columbo

Ambathale, Mulleriyawa North, Angoda, Samatha Bakery watta

"Around 100 people stuck without food and water for 3 days. Water level almost over 5 feet."

Dry Rations: / 100 Packs

Other: Boat For Transport / 2 Boats

Kandy

Aruppola. Closer to Aruppola cemetery

"No drinking water No food No electricity 20 families - 50-60 people"

Dry Rations: Dry Rations / 20 Packs

Water: Water / 20 Liters

Gampaha

Nikawala Junction, Banagala, Pugoda

"Location - Nikawala Junction, Banagala, Pugoda No drinking water No food No electricity 10 families - 30-40 people"

Water: Water / 20 Liters

Dry Rations: Dry Rations / 20 Packs

One of the most critical contributions of RotaForce was its real-time mapping of safe houses and shelter locations, which helped displaced residents find verified emergency spaces as floodwaters rose and traditional evacuation routes were cut off. By listing updated shelter information and helplines, the platform helped many avoid dangerous areas and seek refuge in secure centers managed by relief agencies.

Amid one of the worst access crises in Sri Lanka's recent memory, the "Live Needs" dashboard kept volunteers informed about the most urgent resource gaps. This proved especially important when roads were impassable and officials struggled to distribute supplies equitably; volunteers could prioritise deliveries to areas with the most critical requests. At the same time, the "Person Finder" feature supported families in reuniting with loved ones after days of uncertainty, allowing members of the public to share any information if they came across a missing person.

Beyond its immediate technological tools, RotaForce helped amplify the collective spirit of Sri Lankans rallying in the face of disaster. In a context where everyday citizens, private companies, and other humanitarian teams were mobilising rapidly to deliver food, water, medicine, and essential supplies to remote, waterlogged communities, RotaForce offered a crucial coordination backbone that made grassroots efforts more effective and life-saving.

In the weeks after Ditwah's landfall, while national recovery efforts scaled up and international aid flowed in, the volunteer-driven coordination that RotaForce enabled continued to ease logistical bottlenecks, reduce duplication of effort, and ensure that help reached those who needed it most. In doing so, it not only supported physical survival but also strengthened community resilience, embodying the very spirit of service and solidarity that Rotaract strives to build in times of crisis.





Interact Updates

District Christmas Celebrations

A Season of Fellowship and Joy

The Interact District Christmas Celebrations brought together Interactors from across the district for an evening filled with joy, unity, and festive spirit. Held following the District Meeting, the celebration welcomed nearly 300 Interactors, making it a truly memorable gathering that reflected the strength and vibrancy of the Interact movement.



The event featured a variety of engaging activities, team-based games, and interactive challenges that encouraged fellowship and friendly competition among clubs. Laughter, music, and Christmas cheer filled the hall as Interactors bonded beyond club boundaries, strengthening relationships across the district.

The celebrations also provided a meaningful opportunity for current leaders, past council members, and Interactors to reconnect and celebrate the year's achievements together.

More than just a celebration, the District Christmas event stood as a reminder of the unity and spirit of service that define Interact. The gathering embodied the true essence of Christmas togetherness, gratitude, and joy leaving Interactors inspired and ready to step into the new year with renewed enthusiasm and purpose. ❏

❏ The Interact District Christmas Celebrations, organized by Interact District 3220 in collaboration with the Interact Clubs of Carey College, Mahanama College, Gothami Balika Vidyalaya, Wycherley International School, and Ave Maria Convent.

The event was spearheaded by Chairperson Int. Aneeqa Shafeel, Secretary Int. Aaron Gunasekera, and Treasurer Int. Ginura Kariyawasam, whose dedication and teamwork ensured a well-coordinated and memorable celebration.



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