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CLUB EVENT

34th Installation Ceremony of the Rotary Club of Madras Chenna Patna

An Evening of Fellowship and New Beginnings

Every Rotary year begins with a promise—to serve, inspire and strengthen the bonds of fellowship. On 11th July 2026, the Rotary Club of Madras Chenna Patna celebrated its 34th Installation Ceremony at the Alumni Club, bringing together Rotarians, families and distinguished guests for an evening that celebrated not only the transition of leadership but also the enduring spirit of Rotary.

As District Governor Rtn. Suresh Jain was unable to attend due to prior travel commitments, PDG Rtn. Ravi Raman graciously accepted our invitation to be the Chief Guest. His inspiring presence added immense significance to the occasion.

The programme was elegantly compered by PP Rtn. Praveen Kumar Mehra and Annette Pranav Kumar. The evening commenced with the ceremonial collaring of outgoing President Rtn. Antony Kumar by PP Rtn. P. L. Rajiv Reddy, followed by the National Anthem, Tamil Thai Vazhthu, the lighting of the Kuthuvilakku, the Rotary Four-Way Test by Rtn. Kannan, and a soulful invocation by Ann Sasi Banu.

Following his farewell address, in which Rtn. Antony Kumar thanked members for their support, Incoming President Rtn. R. Rajasekhar was warmly introduced by his son, Annette Rishab Rajasekhar. PDG Rtn. Ravi Raman then formally installed him as President for the Rotary year 2026–27. Outgoing Secretary PP Rtn. Senthana Amuthan ceremoniously handed over the Club Charter to incoming Secretary Rtn. Kumar, while the newly elected Board Members and Chairpersons were pinned by the Chief Guest and District officials, marking the beginning of a new year of leadership and service.

The ceremony was graced by PDG Rtn. Saravanan, Rtn. Ravishankar of the Rotary Club of Ambattur, Rtn. Muthusamy of the Rotary Club of Port City, District Secretaries Rtn. Kannan Azhagirisamy and Rtn. Seshiah, Assistant Governor Rtn. Priyamvatha, Regional Secretary Rtn. Sudha Murali, several visiting Rotarians and nearly 25 Co-Presidents and Co-Secretaries, reflecting the strong camaraderie shared across the district.

The Chenna Patna family also welcomed five new members—Rtn. Syed Nadeem, Rtn. Suresh G, Rtn. Vijayakumar, Rtn. Vasudevan and Rtn. Saravanan. Members were introduced to an exciting line-up of projects for the year, including the revival of the MANAGE seminar series, RTTL Season 6, PARATT Season 5, the Biodiversity Park Project at Thaiyur Village near Chennai, and a project for Child Trust Hospital, reaffirming the club's commitment to meaningful community service.

In his keynote address, PDG Rtn. Ravi Raman reminded members that Rotary's greatest strength lies in its fellowship and service. Honouring the wishes of District Governor Rtn. Suresh Jain, the club also contributed to the Rotary Polio Fund in lieu of ceremonial bouquets and mementoes.

Towards the close of the programme, Rtn. Kumar, the incoming Club Secretary, presented the monthly announcements and delivered the Vote of Thanks. The celebrations concluded with warm fellowship over an excellent dinner, where members and guests renewed friendships and looked forward with enthusiasm to the Rotary year ahead.

As members departed, there was a shared sense of optimism and purpose. Under the leadership of President Rtn. R. Rajasekhar, supported by a dedicated Board and enthusiastic members, the Rotary Club of Madras Chenna Patna is poised for another remarkable year of service, fellowship and lasting impact.



The ceremonial gavel is passed from outgoing President Rtn. Antony Kumar to incoming President Rtn. R. Rajasekhar.



The Chenna Patna family gathers for a group photograph following the installation proceedings.

It was, in every sense, an evening of fellowship, inspiration and new beginnings.



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COMMUNITY SERVICE

Empowering Ability: The Clarke School Skill Development Project

Rotary Club of Madras Chenna Patna partners with The Clarke School & SCPwD



Rotary Club of Madras Chenna Patna presents the sponsorship contribution to the school's special educator.

The Clarke School, a school dedicated to educating young children and adults with special needs, in collaboration with the Skill Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPwD), conducted a three-month skill development programme focused on customer care and the BPO sector.

As part of this initiative, the Rotary Club of Madras Chenna Patna sponsored a one-week Training of Trainers (ToT) programme, providing expert training for both the school's teachers and the participating students. This support helped strengthen the capacity of the teachers while equipping the learners with industry-relevant skills to enhance their employability as Customer Care Executives.

In recognition of this partnership, the Rotary Club of Madras Chenna Patna presented a contribution of ₹20,000 to the school's special educator, supporting the continued delivery

of quality, industry-relevant training to students with special needs.

A small step in training. A lasting step towards independence and employability.

FELLOWSHIP

A Pilgrimage of Fellowship: Temple Visit 2026

Commemorating the New Rotary Year · Manimangalam, 19th July 2026

RCM Chenna Patna organised a temple visit for its members in commemoration of the new Rotary year, under the leadership of Rtn. Rajshekhar R and Rtn. Kumar E, for all the members, Anns and Annettes. A heartfelt gratitude to Rtn. PP Surya Bhaskar and PP Saptagiri for meticulously organising the entire event and making it a memorable and enjoyable fellowship. Thoughtful planning and attention to detail ensured a wonderful experience for everyone.

We were 30 of us who went for this memorable temple visit. A big thank you to Rtn. IPP Senthil from RC Mambalam for meticulously organising all the poojas at the temples.

No event is truly memorable without the enthusiastic participation of the members of Chenna Patna. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us and made the fellowship so special. To those who couldn't be with us, you were very much in our thoughts and prayers, and we sincerely missed your presence. We look forward to being together with all of you at our next gathering.

Manimangalam is a historic village best known for the 7th-century Battle of Manimangalam, in which Pallava king Narasimhavarmam I defeated the Chalukya emperor Pulakesin II. This victory marked an important moment in South Indian history and gave the village a lasting historical prominence.

Building on this rich past, Manimangalam is also home to the Rajagopalaswamy Temple, along with Andal and Sengamavalli Thayar, dedicated to Lord Vishnu, and a temple dedicated to Lord Shiva along with Vedambika Ambal. Both are outstanding examples of Chola architecture dating back a few thousand years. Patronised by successive Chola rulers, these temples contain inscriptions that record the region's history, administration, culture and religious traditions, making them enduring symbols of Tamil Nadu's spiritual and architectural heritage.

The last temple before we stopped for lunch was the Vallakotai Subramanya Temple.



Members, Anns and Annettes pose with the temple priests during the visit to Manimangalam.

– Ann. Priya Rajshekhar



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CLUB BUSINESS

First Regular Meeting – A Great Start to the Rotary Year

“My Job Talk” – By Rtn. Syed Nadeem

Our club held its first regular meeting of the Rotary year 2026–27 on 23rd July 2026 at the Presidency Club. The evening’s highlight was the “My Job Talk” by our Green Rotarian, Rtn. Syed Nadeem, who shared his inspiring journey across sports, e-commerce, agriculture, and plantations. The speaker was introduced by Rtn. Saravanan, and the interactive session saw enthusiastic participation from members.

As part of our Operation Day Break project, we supported the education of a student studying Physiotherapy, and the Club President handed over the cheque for ₹30,000. The previous year’s accounts were also approved, and plans for the upcoming Management Seminar were discussed with responsibilities allocated. Rtn. Vijayakumar felicitated the incoming and outgoing teams, along with our Green Rotarians, in a thoughtful gesture that was appreciated by all.



Club announcements were shared by Rtn. Kumar, while the Vote of Thanks was delivered by our new member, Rtn. Vijayakumar. It was heartening to see the active involvement of our new members, especially Rtn. Kannan, who conducted the Fruit Basket activity, along with Rtn. Sunil Casala, Rtn. Saravanan, and others.

The meeting concluded with warm fellowship and dinner, setting a wonderful tone for the year ahead.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Joint Club Project with RC Chennai Bharathi

Mindfulness Walkathon 2026



Members of our club participated in the Mindfulness Walkathon 2026, a joint club initiative organised by the Rotary Club of Chennai Bharathi. The event promoted mindfulness, physical well-being and healthy living while fostering fellowship among Rotarians.

Representing our club were PP Rtn. Suryabaskar, Rtn. Kannan, Rtn. Sunil Casala and Ann. Swathy Sunil, who enthusiastically joined fellow Rotarians in supporting this meaningful initiative. Their participation reflected our club’s commitment to wellness, community engagement and the Rotary spirit of fellowship.

Joint Club Project with Rotary Club of Chennai Sagar

Supporting Maternal & Child Care



As part of Rotary’s Maternal and Child Health Month, the Rotary Club of Madras Chenna Patna, in association with the Rotary Club of Chennai Sagar, donated bedsheets and pillow covers to the Adyar Community Health Center maternity ward on 31st July 2026.

The initiative reflects Rotary’s commitment to supporting maternal care and strengthening community healthcare.



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YOUTH SERVICE

Interact Club Installation – Hindu Senior Secondary School

Inspiring the Leaders of Tomorrow

The Interact Club of Hindu Senior Secondary School held its Installation Ceremony on 30th July 2026. The event was graced by Rtn. A. Ravindran, Advisor – District Youth Service and member of the Rotary Club of Madras Mid Town, as the Chief Guest. Also present were Mrs. Kala, Principal; Rtn. Ajay Pradeep, Director – Youth Service; and Rtn. R. Rajshekhar, President of the Rotary Club of Madras Chenna Patna.



OFFICE BEARERS

President: Rtr. A. Darini (XI C)

Secretary: Rtr. A. Dakshin (XI A)

Treasurer: Rtr. Rudra (XI A)

Sergeant-at-Arms: Rtr. Varun (XI C)

We congratulate the newly installed team and wish them a successful year of leadership and service.

CLUB EVENT

Our Family Just Got Bigger

New Members, New Beginnings, Lasting Impact.



Rtn. Syed Nadeem
Entrepreneur & Sports
Enthusiast



Rtn. Vasudevan
CEO, Calsoft Ltd



Rtn. Vijayakumar
Executive Director, Calsoft
Ltd



Rtn. Saravanan
Head, LTI Mindtree



Rtn. Suresh
Head, Sutherland

Please join us in giving a warm Rotary welcome to our newest members. We look forward to your ideas, energy and friendship as we serve together in the year ahead!



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AUGUST 2026 – CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR

Membership Development Month

Date	Event
01.08.2026	Fund Raiser at MMA – Management Seminar
07.08.2026	Joint Club Meeting
08.08.2026	Women Empowerment Project – District Event
11.08.2026	Board Meeting
13.08.2026	Dhanvantri Sri Lanka Project – District Project
16.08.2026	Family Fellowship
20.08.2026	Member Induction & Chennai Day Event

PROJECTS FOR THE MONTH

- Breast Feeding Week – 1st to 8th August – Hospitals
- Blood Donation Camp @ CAMS

MEMBER ACHIEVEMENTS



Rtn. Prema

*Promoted to Director – Technical, Tamil Nadu
Green Energy Corporation Ltd*

The Chenna Patna family extends a hearty congratulations to Rtn. Prema on her well-deserved promotion. We are proud of her dedication, leadership and contribution to the Club and community, and wish her continued success in this new role.



Rtn. Rajiv Reddy

Squash Nationals Champion

On behalf of the entire Club, we extend our heartiest congratulations to Rtn. Rajiv Reddy on winning the Squash Nationals title. His dedication and sporting excellence make the Chenna Patna family proud.

CLUB CELEBRATIONS

✦ AUGUST BIRTHDAYS ✦

01 08 2026	Annette Aishwaran S/o Rtn. Ramesh S
08 08 2026	Annette Prithvirajan S/o Rtn. Karthikeyan S
16 08 2026	Rtn. Praveen Damiraju
16 08 2026	Rtn. Suresh Sridharan
17 08 2026	Rtn. R. Manikandan
20 08 2026	Annette Abhishek S/o Rtn. Praveen Mehra
23 08 2026	Ann. Pooja W/o Rtn. Praveen Mehra
24 08 2026	Rtn. Kannan
26 08 2026	Ann. Anupama Reddy W/o Rtn. Rajiv Reddy
26 08 2026	Annette Akshia D/o Rtn. Prema
26 08 2026	Annette Vaishnavi D/o Rtn. Rajiv Reddy



✦ AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES ✦

06 08 2026	Rtn. Paresh P. Khatri & Ann. Khushi
10 08 2026	Rtn. Praveen K. Mehra & Ann. Pooja
19 08 2026	Rtn. Kannan S N & Ann. Kamala
22 08 2026	Rtn. R. Dileep Kumar & Ann. Anitha
22 08 2026	Rtn. Kumar Elumalai & Ann. Subashini
24 08 2026	Rtn. R. Rajshekar & Ann. Priya
27 08 2026	Rtn. Raja M Sriraam & Ann. Sukanya
31 08 2026	Rtn. Dr. N. Arul & Ann. Salaivani



SUNSHINE CONTRIBUTIONS – JULY 2026

Rtn. Prabhakar	2,000
Rtn. A. V. S. Rau	1,000
Rtn. Vijaykumar	5,000
PP Rtn. Senthana Amuthan	2,000
Ann. Sharmilee	1,000
Rtn. Surendra	2,000
Rtn. Rajshekar	1,000
Rtn. Syed Nadeem	2,000

Total Sunshine Contribution: ₹16,000

😊 SMILE CORNER

Doctor: “Looks like you have too much stress! What do you do?”

Patient: “I’m a Rotarian.”

Doctor: “Oh....then let’s just work on reducing your WhatsApp Groups and Notifications.”



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