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UNITE FOR GOOD



# METRO MILESTONES



**BULLETIN**

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## COMMUNITY SERVICE

### Umbrella Distribution Drive



As part of the District's monthly focus project, our Public Image Chairman Rtn. Aravind Solamalai, launched an Umbrella Distribution Drive across the city with great enthusiasm. A total of 50 umbrellas were planned for distribution at key locations including Maatuthavani, Gandhi Museum, Anna and Periyar Bus Stands, Railway Junction, Kalavasal, Yanaikkal, Vilakuthoon areas.



Sincere appreciation to Rtn. Aravind Solamalai for his dedicated efforts and heartfelt thanks to all members Rtn. Alpesh (Torino), Rtn. Dr. Kirushna Kumar (Meenakshi Mission Hospitals), Rtn. Dr. M. Vijay (Madura Dental Clinic) for their valuable support in making this initiative a success.

### Cloth Donation Programme



On 11th November, the well-maintained clothes collected from our members were handed over to Mrs. Bhuvana, Manager of Shant Manas, a home supporting mentally challenged people.

### Felicitation Ceremony



On November 1st, President Rtn. Vikram and Rtn. Anand attended the Felicitation Ceremony of DGND Rtn. Meena Subbiah, organised by all Rotary clubs of the Madurai region.

### Speaker Meet



On October 3rd our club's Speaker Meet featured Rtn. Dr. Ramani and Rtn. Dr. Ganesh. Rtn. Dr. Ramani spoke on the basics of endoscopy, while Rtn. Dr. Ganesh shared insights on sleep and hygiene. The session provided valuable knowledge and practical tips for better health and well-being.



# COMMUNITY SERVICE

## Speaker Meet



On 7th November, Rtn. T.Saravananaraj delivered an enlightening address on the topic "Actionable Insights from Top 1% CEOs" at JC Residency. The session was insightful **ONE** and thought-provoking, offering members valuable strategies, practical perspectives and inspiring take aways to apply in their professional and personal journeys.



## End Polio Now



As October 24 marked World Polio Day, the Rotary Club of Madurai Metro Heritage spread awareness throughout the week, reinforcing that no child should suffer from a preventable disease. Together, we strive to immunize, protect and end polio for good.



## Support for CMS Girls Home

On November 23rd, we donated sundal, biscuits and well-maintained used clothes for children to the CMS Children's Home for Girls in Kodaikanal. Special thanks to our president Rtn.Vikram and First Lady Rtn. Krupa for the noble cause.



## Grocery Distribution Drive



The Rotary Club of Madurai Metro Heritage, in association with the Rotary Club of Delhi Vivek, organized a grocery distribution drive at Sevalayam Ashram, followed by a flag exchange ceremony on October 24th, fostering fellowship and service beyond boundaries.

Heartfelt thanks to Rtn. Shyam Gupta and Ann. Divya Shyam Gupta for channelizing this meaningful project through us and special appreciation to Ann. Nilofer for helping us identify the beneficiaries.

## Diabetes Awareness Programmes at Various Schools Joint project with Rotary Club of Chennai and Rotary Club of Delmarsoland Beach

The Rotary Club of Madurai Metro Heritage organized a **Diabetes Awareness Program** on October 13, 2025, at SEV School. The session featured informative talks and **PROFITS** on diabetes prevention and management, engaging both students and teachers. The initiative was led by Community Service Director Rtn. Deepan Chakaravarthy, with the support of President Rtn.M.N.Vikram and Secretary Rtn. Karthik Rajagopal.



SEV School



CSR School

As part of the club's community service initiative, Rtn. Deepan Chakaravarthy led Diabetes Awareness Programs on October 15, 2025, at Sitalakshmi School and C.S. Ramachary Memorial Matriculation School, highlighting common symptoms and prevention of diabetes among students.



Sita Lakshmi School



M.N.U. Jayaraj Annapackiyam School

The Rotary Club of Madurai Metro Heritage conducted a **Diabetes Awareness Program** on October 16, 2025, at M.N.U. Jayaraj Annapackiyam School. The session, led by Community Service Director Rtn. Deepan Chakaravarthy, aimed to create awareness on diabetes prevention and healthy living, with the support of President Rtn. M.N. Vikram and Secretary Rtn. Karthik Rajagopal.



Seventh Day Matriculation Hr. Sec. School

On November 25, 2025, a Diabetic Awareness Session was organised for the students of Seventh Day Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Usilampatti, benefiting nearly 70 students and Nadar Saraswathi Boys Higher Secondary School benefiting nearly 140 students.



Nadar Saraswathi Boys Hr. Sec. School



Jain Vidyalaya School

The Rotary Club of Madurai Metro Heritage organised a Diabetes Awareness Programs at Jain Vidyalaya School & KVT Matric Higher Secondary School on November 27, 2025, to create awareness about early signs of diabetes, to promote healthy lifestyle habits, to educate on prevention, diagnosis & management and to encourage regular screening among all age groups.



KVT Matric Higher Secondary School

## Learning to Understand Our Emotions



On 13th November, a much needed and timely awareness session on infatuation and emotional understanding was conducted for the Interactors of CSR School, delivered in two separate sessions for girls and boys.

For the girls, Ann. Dr. Raghavi Natarajan led an insightful session titled "Infatuation Unmasked: Learning to Understand Our Emotions." She guided the students through the complexities of early emotional experiences, helping them identify, interpret and manage their feelings with clarity and confidence.

## Civic Sense Session

On November 14th, as part of the Children's Day commemoration, a written quiz on Civic Sense and First Aid was conducted for the Interactors of SEV School and MNUJA School. The questionnaire was **MOST** thoughtfully prepared by Ann. Dr. Raghavi, with the objective of enhancing awareness and responsible behaviour among students.



## Decoding Infatuation Session



For the boys, Rtn. Hazeena Banu presented an engaging session on "Decoding Infatuation: Knowing the Difference Between Liking and Loving." Her talk provided practical perspectives and relatable examples that helped the boys distinguish between fleeting attraction and deeper emotional connections.

Both sessions were beautifully handled, enriched with real-life examples that made the discussions meaningful and relatable. Our Interactors actively participated, opening up and speaking their hearts out with the speakers, making the sessions truly impactful and memorable.

## Diabetes Screening for Students



The Rotary Club of Madurai Metro Heritage, along with the Rotary Club of Del Mar Solana Beach and Rotary Club of Madras, organized a Diabetes Screening Program on October 31, 2025, at M.N.U. Jayaraj Annapackiyam School for students from 8th to 12th standard. The initiative was led by Community Service Head Rtn. Deepan Chakaravarthy, Rtn. M.N. Vikram and Rtn. Manikandan.

# YOUTH SERVICE

## Agricultural College Visit



On October 8th, our Interact members from SEV and Jayaraj Annapackiyam Schools visited the Agricultural College (Othakadai), exploring exciting career options in agriculture. They gained hands-on experience in farming, animal husbandry and horticulture and interacted with a Veterinary Doctor who inspired them about the "Mattu Doctor" profession.

Kudos to Rtn.Aladi Arun for organizing this enriching visit, special thanks to Rtn.Gangaram for snacks and support and to Ann.Krupa for all the initiatives.

## 32<sup>nd</sup> METRO BULLETIN RELEASE



The 32nd Metro Bulletin Release was held on October 15, 2025, at Jewel One Showroom, Anna Nagar, in a warm and elegant gathering. Dr. Kavitha Fenn, Executive Director & Senior Consultant Psychiatrist, Hannah Joseph Hospital, Madurai, graced the occasion as Chief Guest, sharing inspiring insights on mental wellness. The event was thoughtfully organized by Ann. Nilofer Fathima, Ann. Nandini Shiyam, Ann. Madhu Anand, Ann. Praveena and Ann. Deepa Murali, creating a memorable evening that reflected creativity and Rotary camaraderie.

## District Public Image Seminar

Members of our club attended the District Public Image Seminar on October 12, 2025, gaining insights to strengthen Rotary's visibility and community impact.



# SPORTS CARNIVAL - Cricket

## Electrifying Evening at the Turf!



**Unveiling of Sports T-Shirts**



**Match Day Memories**

On October 11th, the Grazzio Turf came alive with energy, laughter and true sporting spirit as Rotarians, Anns and Annets gathered for an unforgettable evening of cricket and friendship.

The BY RUNNER Annets stole the show with their smart strokes, while Ann. Divya Shyam Gupta's rose petal cake, the Variety Dosa counter and PremaVila's Carrot Halwa added delicious flavour to the celebration.

A big round of applause and extra kudos to Rtn.N.M.S.Shiyam, Sports Director, for his outstanding efforts in organizing this spectacular event and ensuring every detail was perfectly executed. Kudos also to Rtn. Gangaram and team for their seamless coordination and to captains Ann. Subha, Ann. Praveena, Ann. Hema and Ann. Divya Manikandan for their spirited leadership.

Heartfelt thanks to Rtn. Dr. Mithran **WHO** provided timely medical support to our players. Our sincere appreciation to Rtn Gangaram Singh for generously for sponsoring dinner and Rtn. Saravanan for sponsoring water bottles for the event.

A Perfect evening at Grazzio Turf, where cricket, friendship and Rotary spirit came together in full swing.



# FAMILY EVENTS

## Beer and Biryani

On November 2nd, our members had an enjoyable and refreshing pool party at Rtn. Anwar's farm, strengthening friendships and fostering a spirit of joyful camaraderie.



## Food Trial



On November 6th, food trial to Othakadai Selvam samayal was relished by our club foodies.

## Stag Trip to Georgia

Members of the Rotary Club of Madurai Metro Heritage went on a Stag Trip to Georgia on October 23, beautifully organized by Rtn.Immanuel, Rtn.Arun Madhav, and the Club Service Team, with Rtn.Madhav Muthiah efficiently managing the finances. The trip was filled with fun, fellowship, and breathtaking views - truly a memorable experience for all.



## Proud Moment!



Our Past President Rtn. CRV was featured in the cover story of Entrepreneurs Echo magazine, recognizing his remarkable leadership and entrepreneurial journey.



On November 4th, our Past President Rtn. C.R.Venkatesh proudly launched Simbli, an Indian-built AI innovation platform in Madurai that helps deploy and manage specialised AI agents.

## MY JOURNEY - A PASSIONATE LOVE FOR FOOD



Mine is a simple, heartfelt love story for Food.

It began in 1991, in our family's industrial kitchen that catered to TAFE plant and a high way Drive-In called Fantasy Drive In.

From the age of 12, I was always drawn to the magic of kitchens - the aroma of spices, the rhythm of cooking and the joy food brought to people. That really fascinated me.

After graduating, I entered our family's Electronics business in marketing and later moved into corporate banking. Those years taught me business, but my heart remained in the world of food. Eventually, I chose to follow my true passion. I resigned from my job, returned to Madurai and stepped fully into the food business.

My first venture was Hotel Milagu. Then came The Chopstix, I was focused to bring dishes like sizzler's, once found only in star hotels, to everyone at affordable prices. Around this time, we signed contracts to managed large cafeterias at TSM, TCE, The American College and Honeywell, **SERVES** thousands of students and corporate staff every day.

Later, We launched Madurai Junction in Chennai and The Curry in Bangalore, both are proper Madurai style food. Then came Hollywood Chicken, our Arabian-style quick-service brand known for shawarma and grilled chicken. One of our proudest milestones was partnering with the Amway plant - serving them from their very first day.

The pandemic became a turning point. While it brought challenges, it also rekindled my love for Western cuisine ( all my food trails were on my wife and children and of course my neighbour hood friend Anwar ) which inspired me to put into full use of the wood fire oven which I had built back in 2016 at our home back yard. Thats how, The Irish Café a rustic garden cafe was born in the year 2022.

My food journey continues, my love for food has only grown stronger to learn more and more.

**Rtn. Immanuel**



### Best Poster Award

**Congrats** to Ann. Dr. Raghavi Natarajan for winning the Best Surgical Video and **BEST** Poster Awards at SOVSICON 2025. A proud moment of excellence in Urogynecology.



## New College House

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(A Heritage Hotel)

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## Entrepreneurial Journey



**Dhivya Manikandan**  
Diya Collections, Madurai

Proud to share my success story with my Friends & well-wishers!!!

I am Dhivya Manikandan, MD of Diya collections, Madurai... After marriage, I dedicated myself to family care, but at some point, I felt lost. To break the routine life, I decided to start a new textile business. Given my passion for blouses and love for interacting with people, I planned to open a boutique. Initially, I considered a franchise but ultimately opted for a local market startup.

On August 20, 2023, I embarked on this journey with big dreams. However, due to misunderstandings, we decided to halt the business within 10 days. My husband suggested me to carry back the routine homemaker life, but I was determined to pursue my venture.

As a new entrepreneur in the retail market, I faced challenges balancing business and family time. Despite many misunderstandings, my husband eventually became my biggest support system. His encouragement and financial backing up helped me navigate the tough times.

Celebrating our first anniversary was a milestone, and I'm thrilled to see my dream take blooming. When people recognize my brand, "Diya Collection," it boosts my confidence. I prioritize building trust with customers by being transparent and crystal clear in my business.

Word-of-mouth referrals have been instrumental in growing my business. I'm grateful for the support and look forward to taking my venture to the next level."

- ❖ I am Manasa JP, and my lifelong dream has been to become an entrepreneur.
- ❖ In 1997, I got married and lovingly dedicated 13 years to my family as a homemaker, raising two wonderful daughters. Around 2008, I felt a strong urge for personal development. Alongside my household responsibilities,
- ❖ Learned Yoga ❖ Gained Tailoring skills
- ❖ Completed my M.A. at Madurai Kamaraj University  
Successfully cleared eight levels of Hindi exams

Through these years of learning (2008–2017), I discovered my true passion: entrepreneurship.

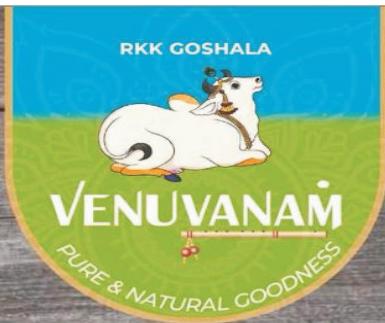
With this vision, In the year 2018, I started my first venture, Madhu

Mahesh Design, based on tailoring. The journey was not easy -I faced challenges, failures, and setbacks, but I never gave up.

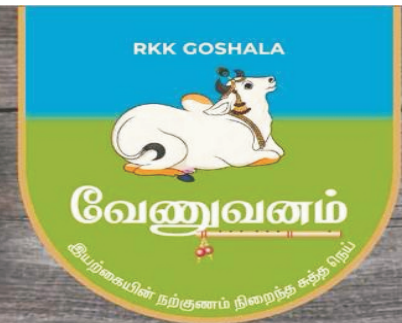
Finally, on 20th August 2025, I reached a proud milestone. As the Director of Saraswathi Glasses & Ply Pvt. Ltd., I took on the Management of WESMARC Super Doors - marking a new chapter in my entrepreneurial journey.



**Manasa JP,**  
WESMARC Super Doors



**GHEE**



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**Best Compliments from RTN Kanthimathinathan**

# ANNETS' COLUMN

Madurai is a beautiful city where devotion, art and history breathe through its every street. The towering Meenakshi Amman Temple, the royal Thirumalai Nayakar Mahal, the calm Vaigai River, the peaceful Azhagar Kovil and the inspiring Gandhi Memorial Museum make it a treasure of Tamil culture. Yet, the heart-pinching truth is that despite its divine charm, Madurai was sadly ranked among the dirtiest cities in India in 2025 - a reminder that preserving beauty also means protecting it. If you were Given a Magical Wand like Aladdin's lamp to Redefine Madurai in 2026

**Annet :  
Aishwarya  
Saravanan**

A Madurai that shines like its golden past, runs like a modern dream, and feels like home to every heart that enters. If I had Aladdin's lamp to redefine Madurai in 2026 I'd turn the city into a glowing heritage wonder - where the Meenakshi Temple shines brighter, the Vaigai flows cleaner, streets move smoother, nights feel safer, and every corner bursts with cultures and smart innovation. Madurai, reborn with magic.

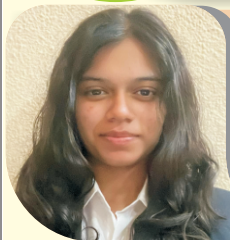


My first wish will be to preserve and protect Madurai's priceless heritage. I want our ancient monuments to be cared for, tourist movement to be better managed, and pollution around sacred places to be reduced. At the same time, I would ensure spotless streets, proper waste management, and abundant greenery in every neighborhood. A cleaner, greener environment will not only improve our health and comfort but also bring back the pride and beauty that Madurai truly deserves.

**Annet :  
Nakshatra  
Murali**

**Annet :  
Mahima  
Sivasri**

If I had a magical wand, my first wish would be to shape a Madurai that grows without losing its soul - a city where development and rich cultural heritage stand side by side. Strict, disciplined waste management would keep every street clean, and the beauty of the city itself would inspire people to stop littering. A Madurai that is modern, proud, and worth protecting — that's the transformation I'd wish for.



If I had a magical wand like Aladdin's lamp, my first wish will be to shed light on the true beauty of our extraordinary, ancient yet bustling progressive town Madurai. To fulfill this, the debris decorating the streets of the must be scoured, allowing the charm of this special city to shine through.

**Annet:  
Nithila**

## Brightening Madurai: How Annet Envisions a Cleaner Tomorrow



**Well Maintained Roads**



**Clean Rivers**



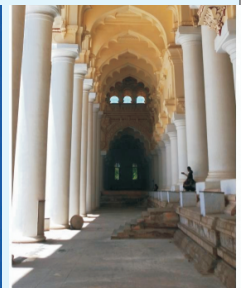
**Greener Environment**



Garbage spilling over footpaths



Neat, labelled bins with dry & wet waste separated



**Monuments well maintained**



## Cheering Fellowship

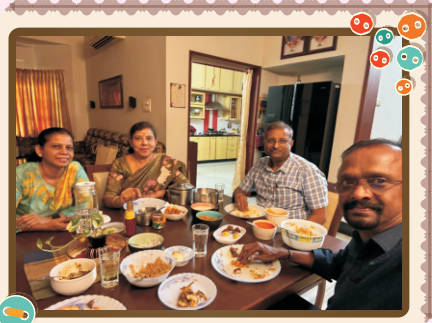
On November 4th, 20 IFMR India Rotarians on the Pan India Peace Rally were hosted with a special lunch by our District Governor and Rotary Clubs of Madurai. Our President Rtn. Vikram and First Lady Rtn. Krupa warmly welcomed the riders on their inspiring journey.

# FAMILY EVENTS

## Metro Connect



On November 18, 2025 as a part of Metro Connect Rtn. Anand & Ann Madhu visited Rtn. Baskar & Rtn. Devi



Rtn. Annamalai and Rtn. Jayanthi extended their warm wishes to Rtn. Danial and Ann. Keerthi on their 33rd wedding anniversary on October 21, 2025.



On 3rd November Rtn. Saravanan & Ann. Anuradha visited Rtn. Deepan & Ann. Premalatha



On 25th November, Rtn. Sathish Babu & Ann. Rathi wished Rtn. Hemnath & Ann. Krishilta

## Temple Run



On November 16th, our team led by our temple Run coordinator Rtn. Sri Devi Baskar visited Kalugumalai also known as the Ellora of the south and the sacred Sankarankoil temple. Carved from a single rock using the top down method, this unique unfinished Shiva temple which stands as an extraordinary example of our rich ancient craftsmanship and architectural heritage fascinated our members.

## Metro Movie Time

Metro Movie Time Members enjoyed a fun-filled evening watching the movie "Dude" on October 17, 2025 at Vishal De Mall, Inox. The event was beautifully coordinated by Ann. Subha, ensuring a delightful experience for everyone.



# FAMILY EVENTS



The Metro Heritage family had the honor of attending the wedding celebration of Nikhlesh Arun Malli, son of Rtn. Arun Vijay Malli and Ann Vivitha on 27th Nov at MP Mahal. It was a joyous occasion, filled with blessings and warmth. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the couple and their families!



Rtn. Vikram Malli, our esteemed President, celebrated his milestone 50th birthday at the Union Club on November 30th. The event was a wonderful gathering followed by fellowship and dinner.

## PUZZLE HALL OF FAME



### Throw Back Puzzle Winner



**Ann. Karpagam Karthick**



### Asoka Halwa Contest Winner



**Ann. Hema**

## The Hidden font quest

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