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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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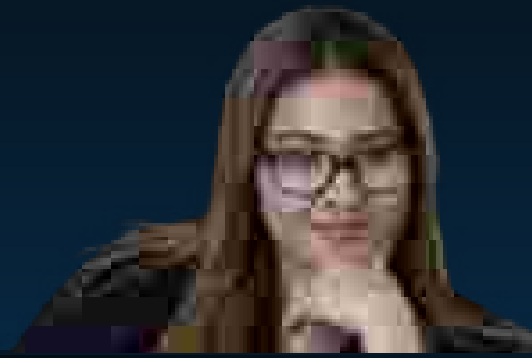


**AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP
& NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT MONTH**

Rotary

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CEO & FOUNDER
DINA ALI REALTOR & CONSULTANCY



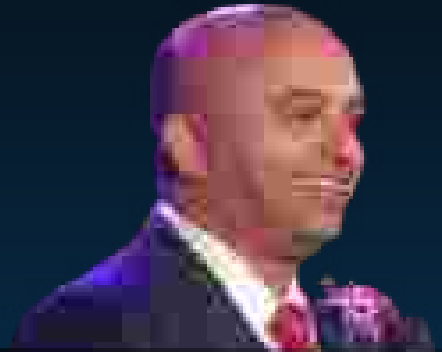
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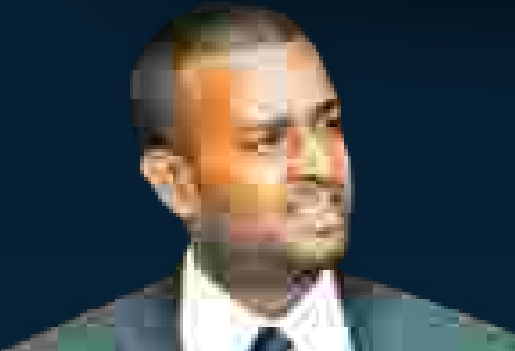
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**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
TO THE MID TOWN FAMILY!**

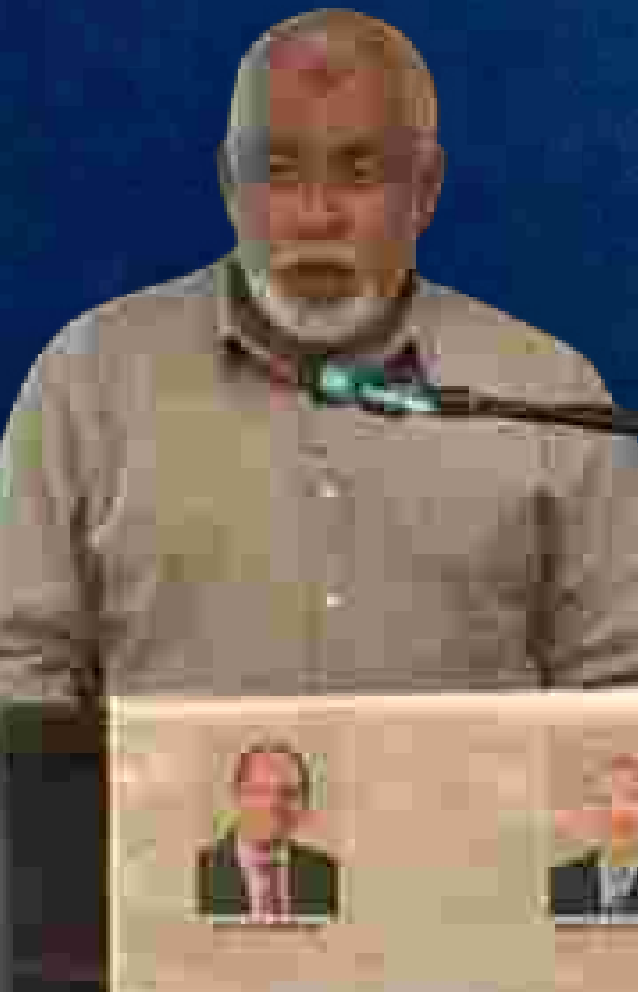
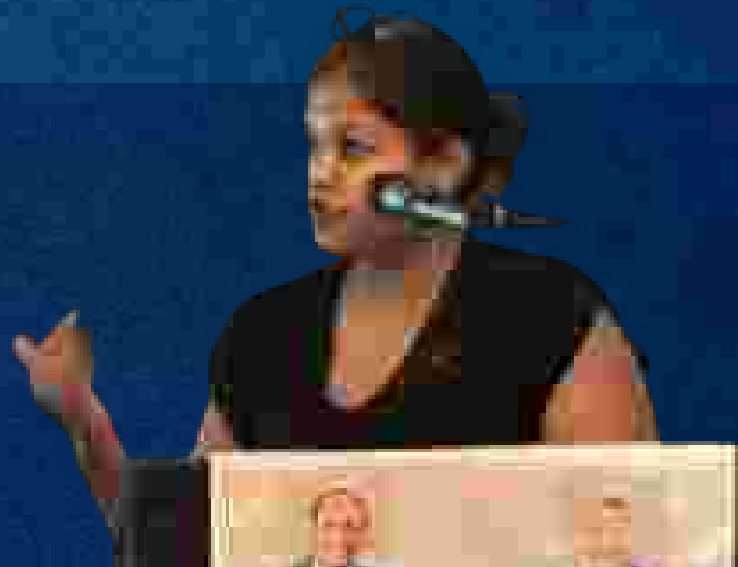


GEARING UP FOR DGOV

AN EVENING OF GUIDANCE, INSPIRATION, AND FELLOWSHIP

On 13th August 2025, the Rotary Club of Colombo Mid Town hosted a vibrant general meeting at MaRadha Colombo, bringing together members, guests, and community leaders for an evening filled with inspiration, guidance, and fellowship.

AG Kishani Gunasekara shared strategic guidance to help our club align priorities, refine presentations, and showcase the impact of our community service and the strength of our Rotary fellowship.



The highlight of the evening was the launch of our new segment, **“Rotary Digest,”** designed to educate members on the rich history of Rotary International. **PDG Thariq Thulba delivered the inaugural talk, “Insights that Inspire Service,”** where he reflected on Rotary’s enduring values, the Four-Way Test, and global initiatives such as polio eradication—reminding members of the organization’s mission to create meaningful impact both locally and globally.

He also took the audience on a journey through Rotary’s history, from its founding in Chicago in 1905 to its evolution into a global network of over 1.4 million members worldwide. Emphasizing that membership growth goes beyond numbers, he highlighted the importance of diversity, energy, and a shared commitment to Service Above Self as the true pillars of Rotary’s strength.



A Moment of PRIDE for RCCMT

We are honored to share that the **Rotary Club of Colombo Mid Town** has been awarded the **2024 – 2025 Club Excellence Award** by **Rotary International**.

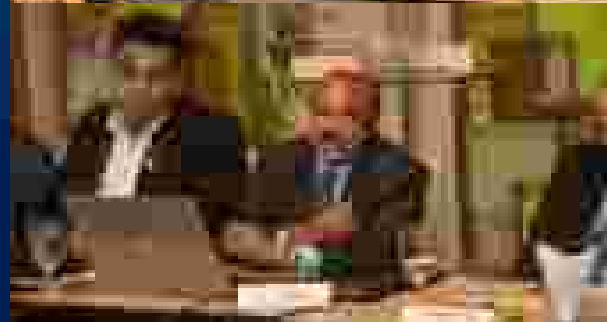
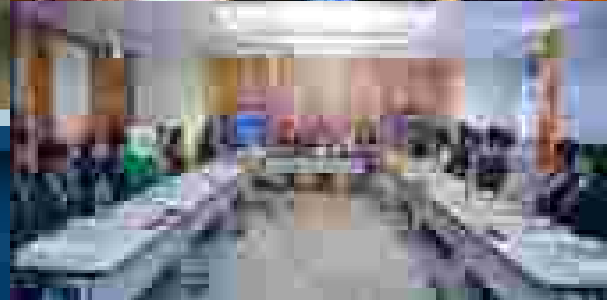
This recognition is a testament to the dedication of our members and supporters who embody the spirit of **Service Above Self** every day. Together, we continue to create meaningful impact and uphold the values of Rotary with pride.



MY VOCATION MY PASSION

Rtn. Shehara Dissanayake shared her journey of blending professional achievement with meaningful service. With over 15 years of experience in purchasing, logistics, and business administration, she currently drives growth as Business Development Manager at Commercial Syndicate Medical (Pvt) Ltd.

Beyond her corporate career, Shehara has held multiple leadership roles in Toastmasters International, mentoring members to strengthen their communication and leadership skills. Her story reflects how passion, dedication, and a commitment to service can create lasting impact—truly embodying the spirit of Rotary.



DISTRICT GOVERNORS' OFFICIAL VISIT 2025 (DGOV)

We were privileged to welcome **District Governor Rtn. Delvin Pereira (Sri Lanka & Maldives, District 3220)** along with **Assistant Governor Rtn. Kishani Gunasekara**, and **District Secretary Rtn. Dinesh Kumar**, **District Governor** to our DGOV 2025–2026, marking a key milestone as we step into our 51st year of service.

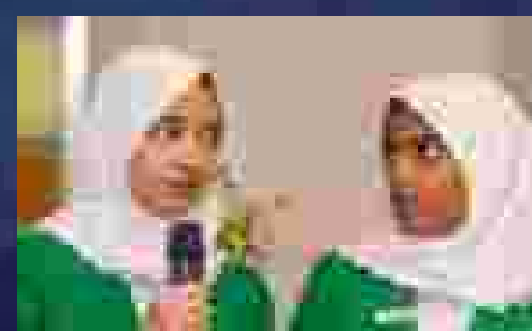
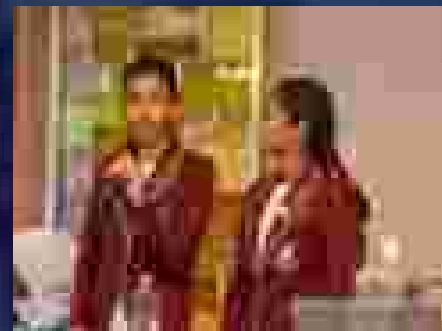
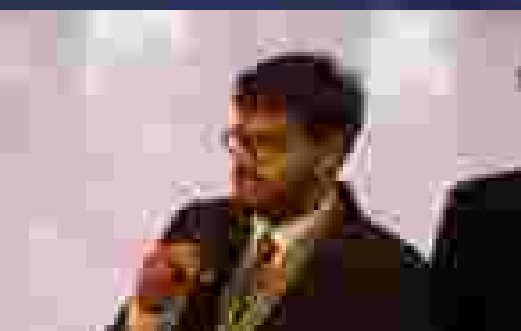
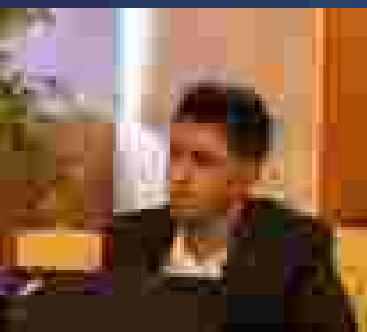
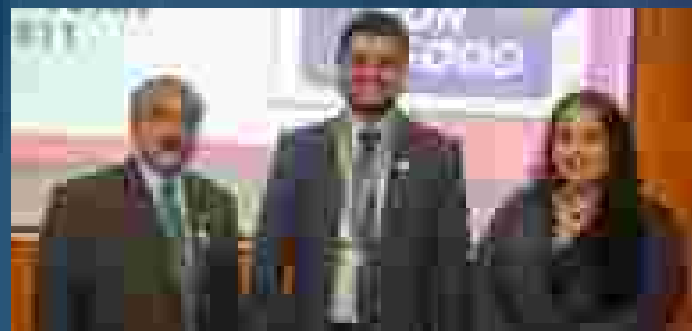
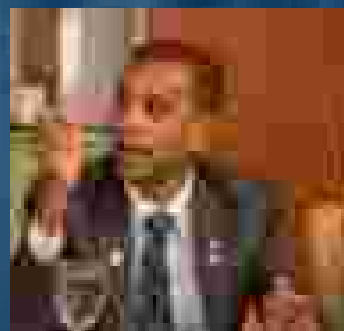
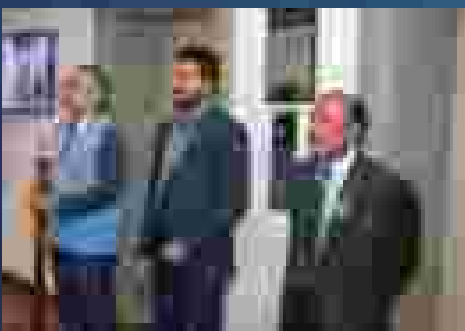
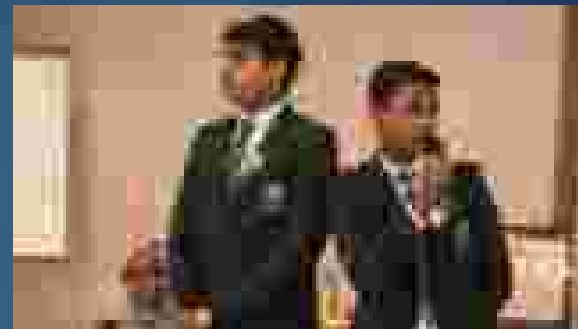
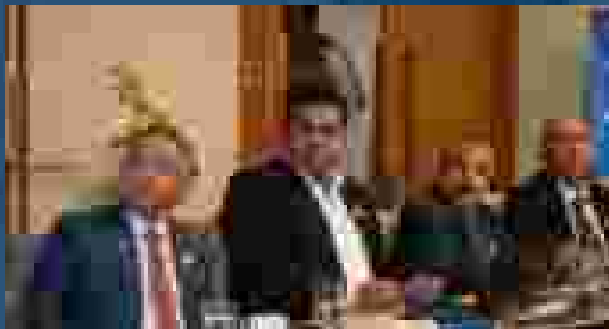
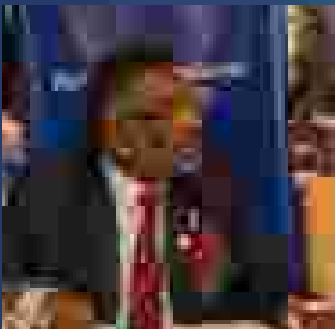
The meeting featured several highlights:

- **The handover of the Charter Certificate to the Devi Balika Interact Club, celebrating the growth of our 4 Interact Clubs.**
- Updates from 5 Rotaract Clubs, 4 Interact Clubs, and Rotarians, sharing progress and plans for upcoming district projects, reflecting vibrant collaboration and commitment across the Rotary family.

This gathering provided an invaluable platform to align our goals, celebrate achievements, and gain insights from district leadership.

Under the theme "Unite for Good," we look forward to another year of fellowship, impactful community projects, and advancing Rotary's mission of Service Above Self.

HIGHLIGHTS



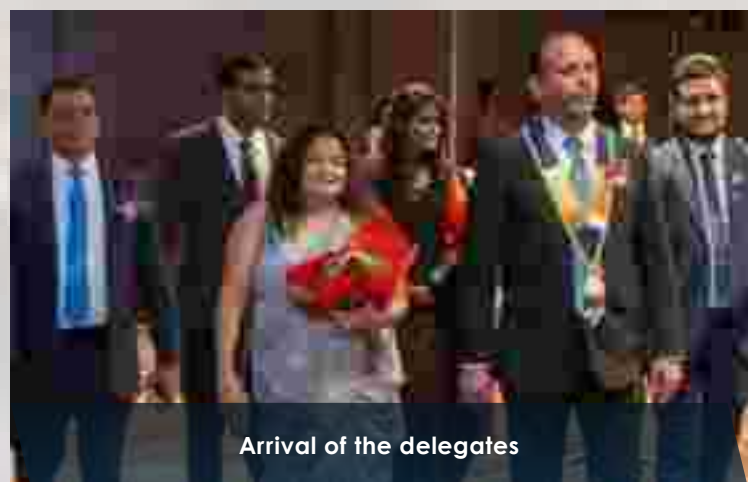


THE 51ST INSTALLATION CEREMONY

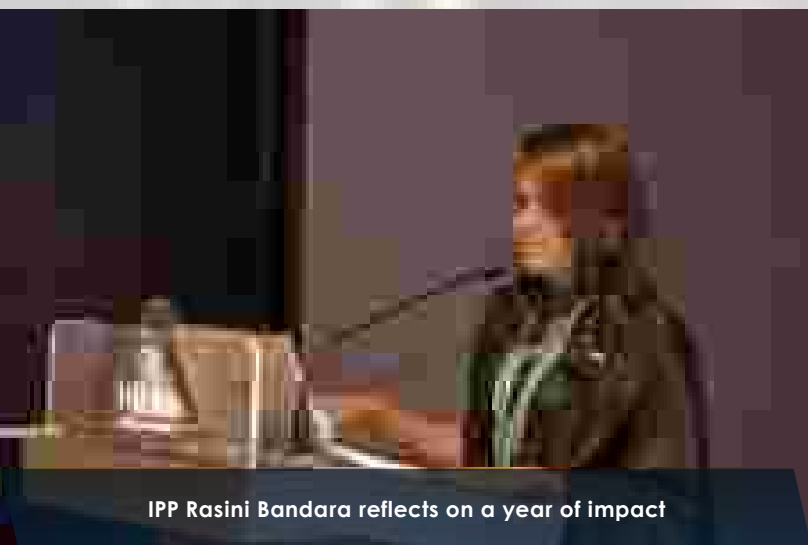
OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF COLOMBO MID TOWN

On 27th August 2025, the Rotary Club of Colombo Mid Town proudly ushered in a new era of leadership at the Jaic Hilton Residencies, Colombo, with the **51st Installation Ceremony of President Jananga Piyadasa and the Board of Directors for 2025–2026**. Held amidst an atmosphere of warmth, camaraderie, and shared purpose, the evening was a testament to Rotary’s enduring mission: service above self.

The ceremony commenced with a heartfelt welcome to esteemed dignitaries, including District Governor Delvin Pereira, Assistant Governor Kishani Gunasekara, District Secretary Dinesh Kumar, and other distinguished guests.



Arrival of the delegates



IPP Rasini Bandara reflects on a year of impact

Reflecting on a Year of Impact

President Rtn. Rasini Bandara led a reflective journey through 2024–2025, celebrating the projects, fellowship, and dedication that defined her year of service. A standout initiative was her commitment to “You Matter”, which evolved into the district-level project “Healing Mind Matters” in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Colombo Port City. Now officially recognized as a District Project, it focuses on mental health awareness, holistic wellbeing, and suicide prevention, providing vital support and resources to communities across the district. This initiative leaves a meaningful legacy, highlighting the Rotary family’s commitment to addressing critical social issues and caring for the wellbeing of all.



Ceremonial handing over of leadership from IPP Rasini Bandara to President Janaga Piyadasa

A New Chapter Begins

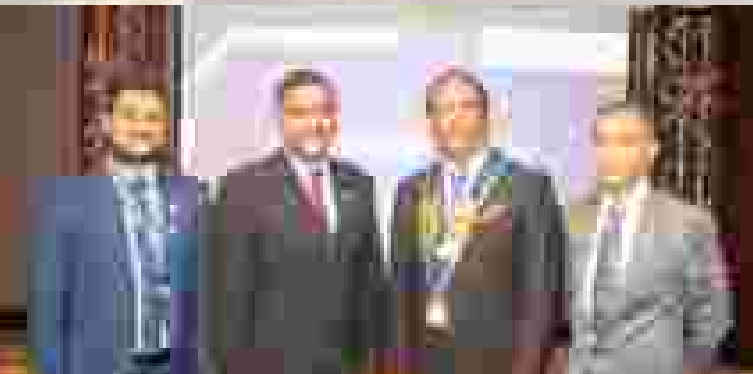
With great pride, Past President G. S. Sylvester introduced Rtn. Jananga Piyadasa as the 51st President, followed by the ceremonial handover of the Charter Certificate, Gong, Gavel, and Presidential Collar. In his address, President Jananga shared a vision for the year ahead under the theme "Unite for Good", emphasizing the importance of collaboration, community impact, and nurturing the Rotary spirit in every endeavor.



Presidential Address

Celebrating Service Through the Rotary Foundation

The Rotary Foundation continues to transform ideals of service into global impact. This year, the Rotary Club of Colombo Mid Town proudly made a contribution to the Rotary Foundation, reinforcing our commitment to initiatives such as polio eradication, clean water, education, and advancing peace. Members were also recognized for their personal contributions, including Dr. Ruchitha Perera, who was honored with the Paul Harris Fellow Badge. These gestures reflect the club's dedication to extending Rotary's reach far beyond our local community, turning goodwill into tangible, positive change.



Dr. Ruchitha Perera receives PHF status

Expanding the Rotary Mid Town Family

August, recognized as Membership and Extension Month, witnessed the induction of five distinguished new members:

- Rtn. S. Sivabaskaran – Chairman, ICBS Group of Companies
- Rtn. Roshitta Nirooshan – COO, Melsta Hospitals
- Rtn. Sajith Silva – Banker, Bank of Ceylon
- Past President P. Saranraj – Proprietor, Sarans
- Rtn. Dina Ali – CEO & Founder, Dina Ali Realtor & Consultancy

Each new member was welcomed with warmth, symbolizing the club's commitment to growth, diversity, and the strength of the Rotary family.



RCCMT contributes to the Rotary Foundation



Induction of Five New Members

HIGHLIGHTS



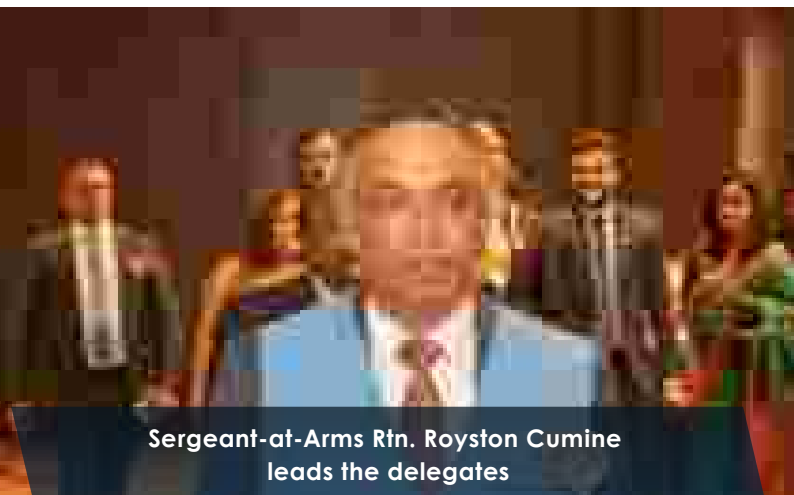
RCCMT Board 2025 - 2026



DG Delvin Pereira, First Lady Rtn. Lucille Perera and DGE Kumar Sundararaj



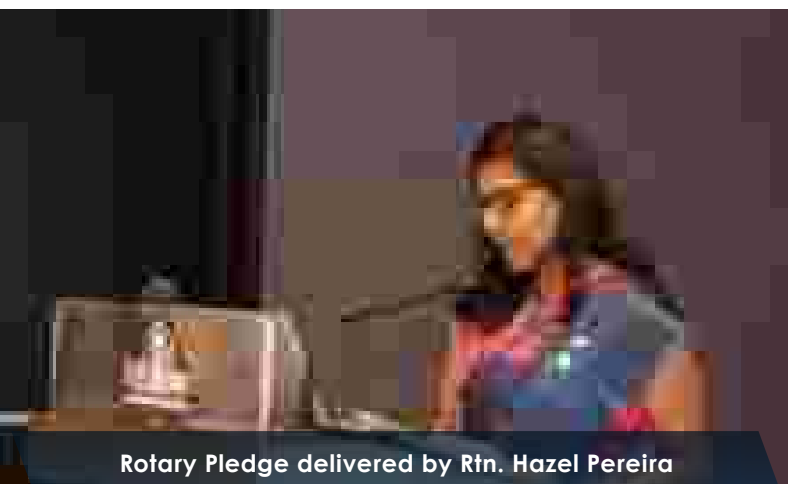
Welcome address by DGOV & installation Chair
PP G S Sylvester



Sergeant-at-Arms Rtn. Royston Cumine
leads the delegates



The ladies at RCCMT



Rotary Pledge delivered by Rtn. Hazel Pereira



United Presidents – District 3220



FROM PLANNING TO PURPOSE

MID TOWN FAMILY PREPARES FOR BLIND WALK 2025

On 9th August 2025, the Rotary Club of Colombo Mid Town held its preparatory meeting for Blind Walk 2025, scheduled to take place on 11th October for the 8th consecutive year. This signature initiative is dedicated to raising awareness about blindness and visual impairment, while inspiring communities to walk with empathy and purpose.

The meeting brought together enthusiastic Rotarians, Rotaractors, and supporters, all committed to ensuring a meaningful and impactful event.

Discussions focused on:

- Strengthening partnerships with organizations supporting the visually impaired.
- Coordinating logistics to ensure safety, accessibility, and smooth execution.
- Designing awareness campaigns to promote inclusivity and compassion within communities.

Blind Walk is more than just an event—it is a chance to step, even briefly, into the world of those who are visually impaired. It is a call to foster understanding while advocating for better access to education, healthcare, and equal opportunities.

With the passion and teamwork evident at the preparatory meeting, Blind Walk 2025 promises to be another inspiring milestone in our journey of Service Above Self.





GOLDEN JUBILEE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

50TH YEAR, 50 WHEELCHAIRS

In celebration of its 50th year of service (2024-2025), the Rotary Club of Colombo Mid Town (RCCMT) launched a landmark **Golden Jubilee Community Service Project — the donation of 50 wheelchairs**. This initiative not only honored five decades of Rotary excellence but also provided mobility, dignity, and independence to those in need.

The wheelchairs remain the property of RCCMT, ensuring responsible stewardship and meaningful, long-term use.

In 2025-2026, this impactful project continues as we identify and reach out to deserving beneficiaries, extending the legacy of our Golden Jubilee into the future. Each wheelchair reflects our ongoing commitment to compassion, care, and Service Above Self.

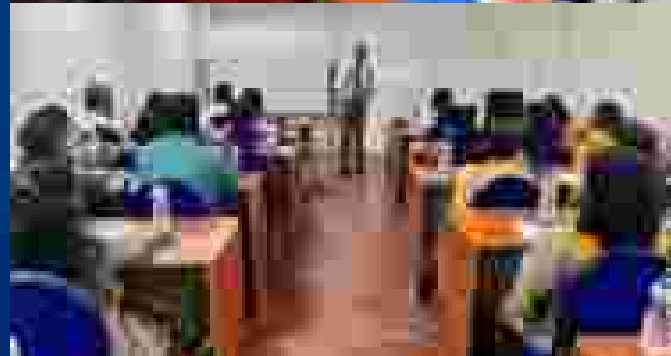
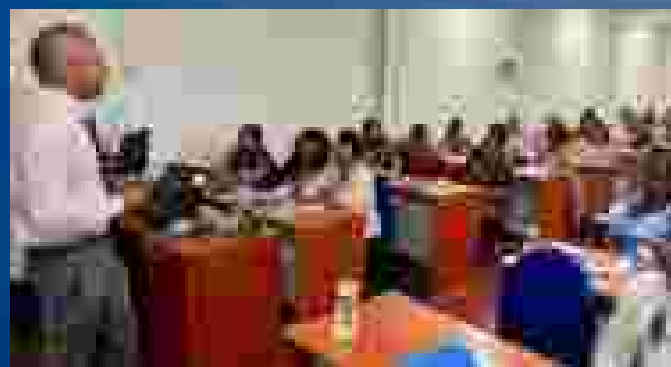
Rotarian Expertise in Action

PP Dhamitha Empowers SME Growth through SLIM Training

Our Past President, **Rtn. Dhamitha Pathirana**, recently served as a key trainer at the Certified Relationship Officer program conducted by the Sri Lanka Institute of Marketing (SLIM) for government development officers under the Ministry of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development.

These officers play a vital role in strengthening small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), a cornerstone of Sri Lanka's economic progress. With SME development also recognized as one of Rotary's signature focus areas this year, PP Dhamitha's contribution perfectly aligns with our mission of creating lasting impact.

We take pride in celebrating his dedication—serving the nation with his professional expertise while embodying the true spirit of Rotary. Kudos to PP Dhamitha for leading by example!



Beyond Chalk: AI for ENGLISH TEACHERS

A bold new program to revolutionize how English is taught.

Free Online Training by
Rotary Club of Colombo Mid Town

A first-of-its-kind program to help English teachers harness AI and modern tech in the classroom.

Who it should join:

English teachers who are ready to modernize their teaching methods

Format:

6 Weekly Zoom sessions | 2 hours per week



OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED! AI FOR ENGLISH TEACHERS

On 23rd August 2025, over 50 passionate educators joined our very first session, marking the launch of a bold initiative to reimagine teaching with AI and modern tools.

This free, 6-week online program, brought to you by the Rotary Club of Colombo Mid Town, is empowering teachers to design smarter, more engaging, and future-ready classrooms.

From AI-assisted lesson planning to gamified learning and interactive teaching tools, participants are already experiencing a glimpse of the classrooms of tomorrow.

A heartfelt thank-you to all the teachers who joined and to our trainer for driving this innovative and inspiring initiative.





‘SUWA MATHA’

Continuing Our Commitment to Maternal and Child Health

Kicking off the Rotary year 2025–26 with compassion and impact, the Rotary Club of Colombo Mid Town proudly launched Suwa Matha—a signature initiative dedicated to supporting the health and well-being of underprivileged pregnant mothers.

Rooted in Rotary’s July theme of Maternal and Child Health, Suwa Matha provides **monthly nutrition packs worth Rs. 5,000 to each mother over a 10-month period, spanning pregnancy and the vital postpartum stage.**

The project was officially inaugurated on 19th July at the Panadura MOH Clinic, where the first group of 10 mothers received their packs. Their gratitude was a powerful reminder of the difference collective compassion can make.

Building on this momentum, the club successfully carried out the August contribution as well, ensuring continuity of care and reaffirming our commitment to these mothers’ well-being.

With an ambitious goal of reaching 100 mothers across Sri Lanka in the months ahead, Suwa Matha is more than just a project—it is a promise of hope, dignity, and a healthier tomorrow. We extend heartfelt thanks to the generous donors and supporters who make this journey possible.

Ready to change a LIFE?
Sponsor a mother.
Nourish a baby.
Be a DONOR—Contact us today!

RCCMT AT AUGUST EVENTS

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AT THE
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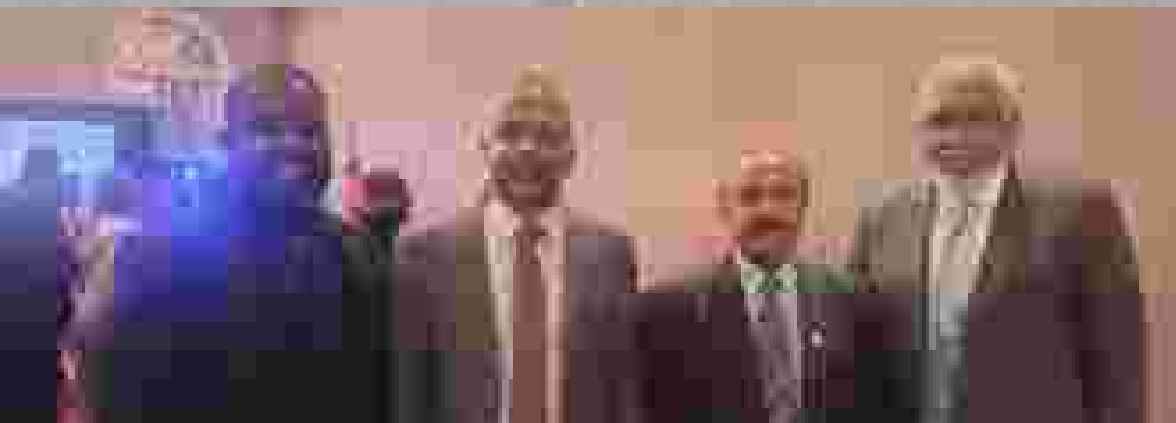
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RCCMT AT AUGUST EVENTS

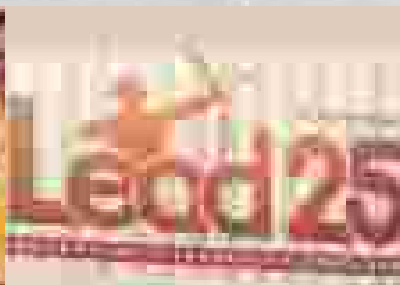
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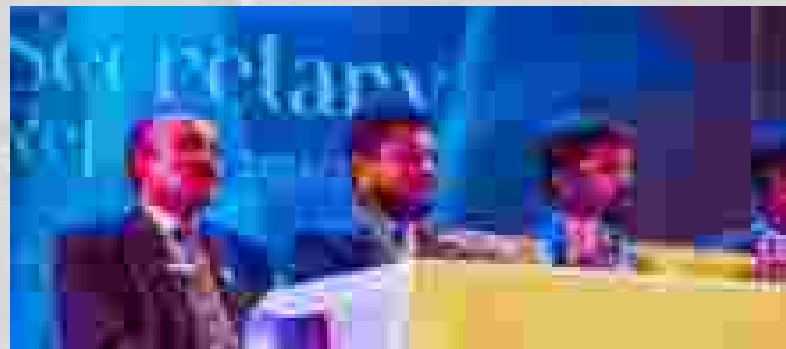
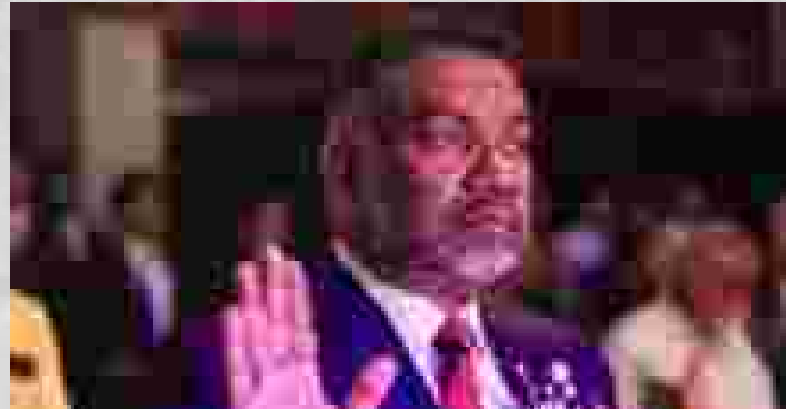


IPP RASINI BANDARA AT LEAD 25 - ROTARY INDIA LEADERSHIP CONCLAVE

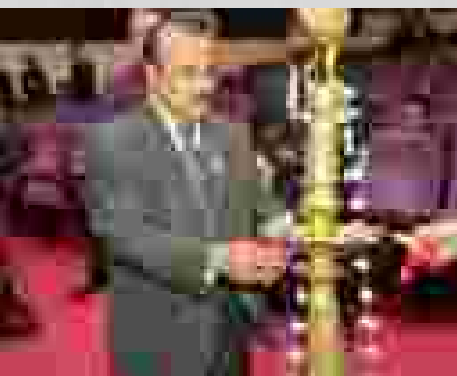


RCCMT AT AUGUST EVENTS

16TH INSTALLATION CEREMONY OF ROTARCT CLUB OF ACHIEVERS LANKA BUSINESS SCHOOL



46TH INSTALLATION CEREMONY OF ROTARCT CLUB OF COLOMBO MID TOWN



COMING UP IN SEPTEMBER 2025

CLEAN UP AT WELLAWATTE RAILWAY STATION & SURROUNDING AREA



**20TH SEPTEMBER
7AM ONWARDS**

COMING UP IN SEPTEMBER 2025



READ & RISE

BRINGING THE LOVE OF READING TO THE NEXT GENERATION

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SEP

7TH FLOOR
EDITH COWAN UNIVERSITY

10AM
ONWARDS



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AN INITIATIVE BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF COLOMBO MIDTOWN,
THE ROTARACT CLUB OF EDITH COWAN UNIVERSITY AND PIKABOOK

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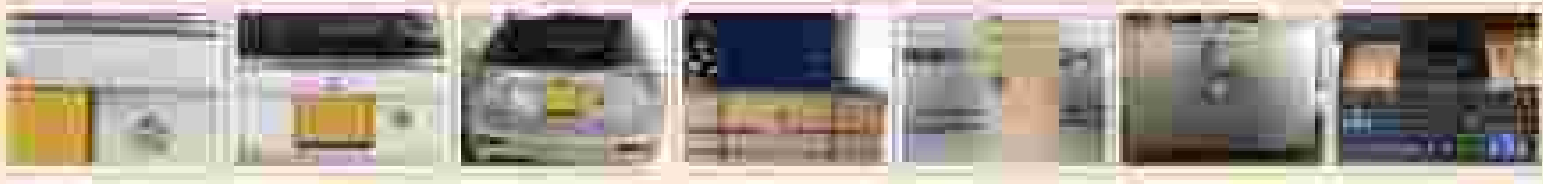
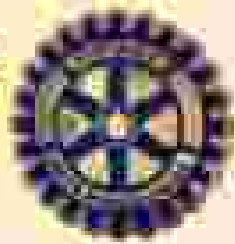
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GOOD



A BADGE THAT CARRIES A HEARTBEAT

Your Rs. 1,000 can help save an innocent child's life

Unite for Little Hearts Get Your Badge Today!



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President, Rotary Club of Colombo Mid Town

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Pesala Sampath

Rotary Community Development Cell of Colombo Mid Town

071 323 1223



All proceeds support the Little Hearts project

🚗❤️ Badges that Carry a Heartbeat ❤️🚗

Rotary Club of Colombo Mid Town is launching a fundraiser for the Little Hearts Project through the sale of Rotary car badges.

✔️ Only Rs. 1,000 per badge

- ✔️ 100% of proceeds go directly to Little Hearts
- ✔️ Show your Rotary pride while supporting a life-saving cause
- ✔️ Special discounts for clubs buying in bulk

Let's unite and make an impact together! 🙌

For purchases, please contact:

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you're doing the
best you can.



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