

# OTTAPALAM ROTARY NEWS

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Leading the way- Secretary Rtn Dr Narayanan donating blood



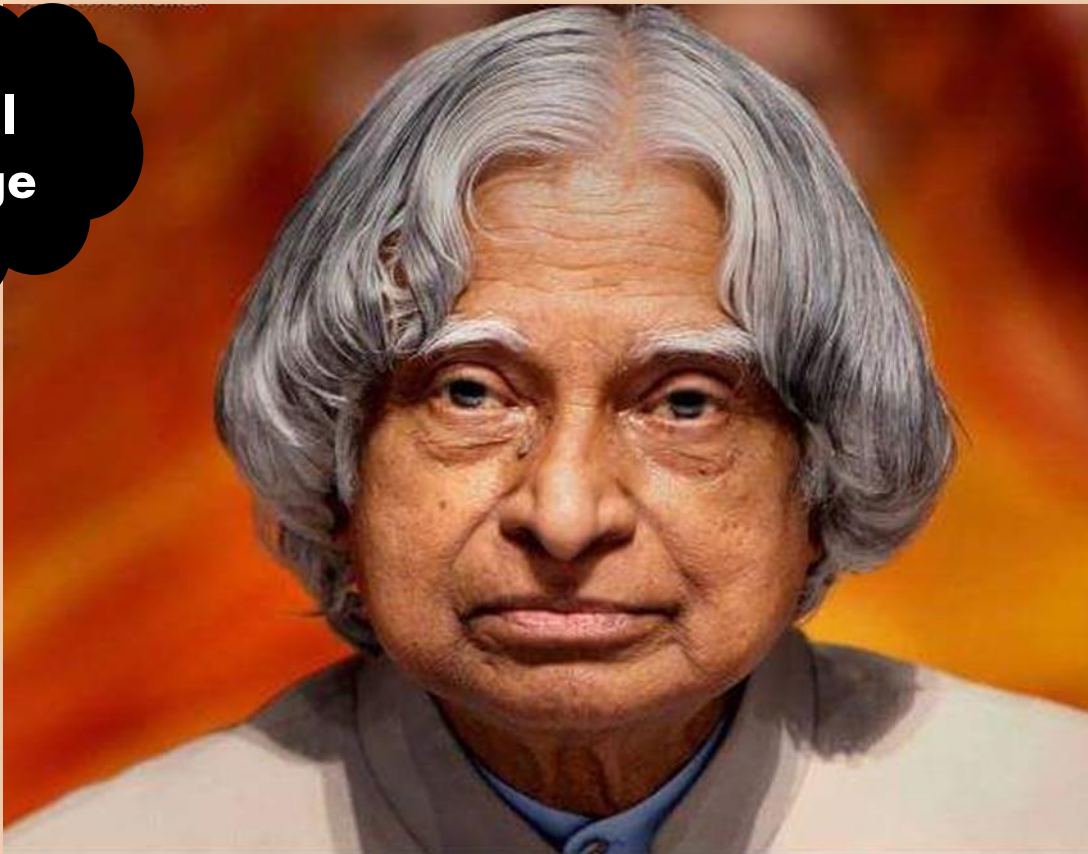
## ROTARY CLUB OF OTTAPALAM

Club No 22653

*E Bulletin*

RI District 3201

**Tearful  
Homage**



**Bharat Ratna Dr APJ Abdul Kalam  
1931-2015**

Dr APJ Abdul Kalam is no more. India lost a, down to earth former President, who was a real genius, a scientist, a perfect teacher and above all, a true human being. The loss is irrecoverable. Born in an ordinary family in Rameswaram in Tamilnadu, Dr Kalam spent his childhood with much difficulty as his family had become poor by the time he started going to school. His extra ordinary brilliance helped him achieve everything in life including the top most position in the country. He was known as people's President.

While he was a scientist he led a good number of scientific missions which are landmarks in the history of our country. These include, Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) , SLV III projects, Ballistic Missile 'Prithvi' and surface to surface missile 'Agni' and many more. The technical role played by him in Pokhran II nuclear test in 1998 was well acclaimed.

The country honored him with the most deserved Bharat Ratna.

Dr Kalam taught Indians to dream big, for him dream was not what you see in your sleep but something that keep you awake. He dreamt an India that grows as a Super Power by 2020.

Rotary Club of Ottapalam pays respectful homage to this great son of India.

## “Rotary Greetings to all”

It gives me immense pleasure in viewing this 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of our Bulletin of RC Ottapalam, with photos & reports of various activities we did in short time. It's indeed the herculean effort of Rtn; V A Balu, against his busy schedule of work, that this bulletin had come to light, and I feel very much indebted to him. Thank you Mr. Balu. Probably it may have things of likes & dislikes, to individual Rtns / anns / annets, and any comments are welcome for us to improve on next issues.

### Rtn PHF P M Krishnadasan



Also I feel it could be a platform for all young annets to come up with their new aggressive ideas on betterment of our bonding & all are encouraged to forward their views. Doesn't it get limited to young annets only, but also for others who feels that this bulletin enlightens on our Club vision, fellowship, Club's image, Inter action & togetherness and to flourish in content every next issues.

Management policies I understood are –

- a) **Can I** ? ( *avoid it* )
- b) **Shall I** ? ( *Accept if you want /wish* )
- c) **Must I** ? ( *Do it before you die* )

Now Can I be sure of your valid inputs in next issues onwards. ??? “ **We are - all inclusive & nothing to avoid family.**” That's Rotary Club of Ottapalam.

**Jai Rotary. Jai Ottapalam Rotary. Jai Jai Ottapalam Rotary Bulletin.**

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## District Governor's Message

Dear President Rtn Krishnadasan,

Greetings and congratulations on you and your team taking over the leadership positions in your club, Rotary Club of Ottapalam.



With the installations over by now you would have turned your attention to getting your ideas and visions in to plans and actions! It gives me immense pleasure to note that you are coming up with the second issue of your club bulletin promptly in August. August being the focus month on membership we have the membership seminar on 9<sup>th</sup> August at Coimbatore. I am sure you will try to build up your membership base by adding quality Rotarians who will help you in your dreams and actions. As already conveyed to you in my last bulletin message, let the bulletin bring the club together with quality information. Please also engage your Anns and Annets to contribute their time and exhibit their talent in the bulletins. Please also circulate these bulletins to NGOs and your stakeholders so that this becomes a mouth piece on your social activities and improve your PR image.

I wish you and your club all the very best in the rotary year 2015-16!

Let us all BE A GIFT TO THE WORLD, a gift of compassion, our love, our time, our joy ,our helping hand and let us show these in our actions and deeds.

Good luck and God Speed.

Best Regards,  
DG Kamlesh Raheja

### *Editor's Note*

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Is it important to Rotary to showcase its innumerable Service activities? Yes. And one of the tools among many is the Club Bulletin. During last Rotary year 2014-15, we have adopted electronic format for our Bulletin, this being the second edition for the current year.

As we all know, this e bulletin is a platform for all of us including Anns and Annets to express our views on various subjects , and to share our experiences in different areas This also give a broad picture to the community of what Rotary is all about. The communication channels, be it a bulletin, an sms, a Whatsapp message, a social media posting, a website, or even phone calls enhance the opportunities of fellowship among Rotarians.

The forthcoming issues of 'Ottapalam Rotary News' will carry various useful information on variety of topics contributed by Rotary Family in addition to extensive coverage on projects and programs of the club.

Let us all "Be a Gift to the world"

Rtn V A BALU





## Rotary International President

We in Rotary aspire to great deeds. We admire those who gave great gifts to humanity: Abraham Lincoln, who gave the gift of human dignity to the downtrodden;

Mother Teresa, who gave the gift of compassion to the forgotten; Mahatma Gandhi, who gave the gift of peaceful change to the oppressed. Their very lives became gifts to the world.

We can be inspired by their example. We can be inspired to ask, how can I, in the life that I live – without neglecting the responsibilities that are so dear to me – how can I, too, become a gift to the world? As I considered my theme, I thought of the lessons I have learned through my Hindu faith. I thought especially of the story of Sudama.

Sudama was a poor child and a bosom friend of Krishna, who was born in a royal lineage as an avatar – an incarnation of the divine. As the two boys grow up, they drift apart, and while Krishna becomes a military leader and king of great repute, Sudama remains a humble villager. The years go by and Sudama's poverty deepens. Finally, he lacks even food to feed his children. His wife reminds him of his childhood friendship with Krishna: Perhaps it is time to go to the mighty ruler for help. Reluctantly, Sudama agrees, but resolves that he will not go empty-handed. He gathers together a few handfuls of rice – all the food his family has left – and wraps them in a piece of cloth as a gift for his friend. When Sudama enters the palace, he is overwhelmed by the grandeur and by Krishna's gracious welcome. His meager gift, so carefully prepared, seems a humiliating

reminder of his poverty. Krishna embraces Sudama, who hides the hand holding the rice behind his back. Krishna asks what he is holding.

Far from being disdainful, Krishna accepts the rice with gratitude and consumes it with joy as the two sit and talk together. Hours pass, during which the pleasures of their rekindled friendship push all thoughts of his desperate plight from Sudama's mind. When evening falls, Sudama sets out for home – and only then realizes that he has neglected his task. He is returning with nothing, and Krishna has eaten his family's last grains of rice.

Sudama steels himself to return to his hungry children. But standing before his gate, as dawn begins to break, he sees that the hut he left yesterday has become a stately home, and waiting to greet him is his own family: well-dressed, and well-fed by the baskets of food that appeared in their kitchen as Krishna ate each grain of Sudama's rice.

Krishna understood what Sudama had brought him: everything he had to give. In return, Krishna gave him everything he needed. It is never the material value of a gift that matters – it is the love that comes with it. Just as Sudama's gift to Krishna became a gift to Sudama, what we give through Rotary becomes a gift to us. And we all have a choice: whether to keep our gifts to ourselves or give them to others, and Be a Gift to the World.

We have only one chance at our lives. And we will have only one chance at this new Rotary year. This is our time. Let us grasp it. Let us Be a Gift to the World.

K R "Ravi" Ravindran

RI President 2015 - 16

The President and team got installed on 28 June 2015. Honoring the special call by our DG, we



organised an inaugural project on July 1<sup>st</sup> by way of conducting a blood donation camp in PK Das Institute of

Medical Sciences. Rotarians, Anns and Annets came forward to donate blood. Getting inspired from the overwhelming support from all, it has been decided to have blood donation programmes every month.

July being the month of Installations, we attended installation functions of all the clubs in the surrounding area. The club attended the grand function of Installation of District Governor Kamlesh Raheja at Coimbatore in which RI Foundation Trustee PRID Sushil Gupta was the Chief Guest. We had five weekly meetings, a board meeting and a grand family dinner meeting in the month of July. Annets who stood out in studies and games were recognised in the family meet. The participation of our Anns in the family meets and Board Meetings has always been encouraging. For last few years we have been able to support the destitute family of Damayanthi continuously.

Having successfully getting the construction of a house for five unfortunate members of the family completed, we continue our efforts to provide life support medicines and other basic needs of the ill-fated family. As part of this, we gave away financial assistance to Damayanthi family for their medical expenses.

We are thankful to Rtn. PP.

Ambalakat Ram Mohan for his untiring efforts to ensure support from various parts of the world. We organised a career guidance program for the students throwing light to career opportunities in Indian Defense Services. Elaborate sessions were conducted by IPP Rtn Col KCK Nair, Past President Rtn Col Gangadharan and President Rtn PM Krishnadasan. The programme was attended and appreciated by students and parents from nearby residents' associations, along with our annets.

We attended the District Seminar on Strategic Planning – 'Vision 2020' held at Coimbatore. The chief guest in this important seminar was the RI Director Rtn Dr. Manoj K Desai who made an electrifying speech in his key note address. Distribution of study materials such as uniforms, books etc in Vani Vilasini School was another project carried out in the month of July.





## President's Installation

*The Installation ceremony of President Rtn PHF P M Krishnadasan was held on 28 June 2015. The Chief Guest was Rtn PDG Sunil K Zachariah. Secretary Rtn MPH Dr M Narayanan and the Board of Directors also assumed office along with the President. Rtn PHF Col KCK Nair in his presidential address pointed out that the year that went by was a successful one with almost all of the set goals accomplished. He thanked all the members of the club who supported all the service projects during the year. President Rtn Krishnadasan in his acceptance speech informed the gathering that the team was all set to work in unison to ensure that all the priorities set by District Governor Rtn Kamlesh Raheja will be carried out in time with the unstinting support of all Past Presidents and Rotarians*





The Board of Directors 2015-16 

 New Members into our family







## This Month's puzzle

An errand boy was collecting boxes of cakes for the Summer Fair. He collected boxes from various people in his local village and each box was labelled Numerals with the number of cakes in the box. By the time the errand boy had collected the last box, he was quite hungry, and really needed to eat at least one cake. Luckily the last box was marked with an underlined XI, meaning there were 11 cakes in it. He had the brain wave of turning the box around and underlining the number again to give the impression there were IX, that is 9 cakes. However, after eating the 2 cakes, he was still hungry. How can he change the number shown on the box again and eat more cakes?

Send your Answer & comments to : [ram.kunduthody@gmail.com](mailto:ram.kunduthody@gmail.com) and win prizes

Rtn K RAMACHANDRAN

## Thoughts of the month

### ATTITUDE

By Charles Swindoll

"The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearances, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company...a church... a home.

The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past... we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude... I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it.

And so it is with you... we are in charge of our Attitude."

For the logophile : Deftness-- quick and skillful

Link of the month : <https://mygov.in/>

## Well wishers of Rotary Club of Ottapalam around the globe



**Beena H Menon**  
England



**Deepa Govind**  
USA



**Reenu N Menon & Nanu Menon**  
USA



**Kumar & Priya**  
USA



**Dr Viju & Dr Pooja**  
New Zealand



**V G Menon & Dr Vatsala**  
USA

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The Confluence of the rivers. Chandra and Bhaga at a place called TANDI which is little ahead of Rohtang pass on the Road Manali - Sarchu (manali is in HP & Sarchu is in J&K, near Leh). this is the scene in summer. The river after this photo, is called Chandrabhaga which flows in to Jammu. From Jammu it crosses in to Pakistan and is named Chenab. The starting points of both the rivers mentioned above, are glaciers in the Himalayas. Chandra starts from Chandra tal. Bhaga starts from another glacier called Suraj Tal near Keylong in the Lahoul Valley on the road leading to leh in J&K. River Chenab is one of the five rivers of undivided Punjab of India. Now Pakistan has west Punjab as part of their country.

**Rtn IPP Col KCK NAIR**



# Image Gallery



Assistant Governor Rtn CP Baiju



ALL SET - President and Secretary



Blood Donation Camp



Blood Donation



Life Support Medicines to Damayanthi Family



District Seminar Strategic Planning



Career Guidance for the youth



Uniforms & Study Materials to School Children



ഏതാനും മാസങ്ങൾക്കു മുൻപ് ഒരു ദിവസം. സമയം വൈകുന്നേരം ഏകദേശം 4 മണി. ഞാൻ ഒറ്റപ്പാലം ടൗണിനടുത്ത് റോഡരികിൽ കാർ പാർക്ക് ചെയ്ത് ഒരു കടയിലേക്ക് നടന്നു പോകുന്നു. കാറിന് അല്പം മുനിലായി ഐസ് ക്രീം വിലപന നടത്തുന്ന ഒരു പെട്ടിടാട്രോയും നിർത്തിയിട്ടിരുന്നു. സ്കൂളിൽ നിന്നും തിരിച്ചു വരുന്ന കുറേ കുട്ടികൾ കലപില ശബ്ദത്തോടെ ഐസ് ക്രീം വാങ്ങി ആസ്വദിച്ചു കഴിക്കുന്ന കാഴ്ച കണ്ട് എന്റെ സ്കൂൾ ദിനങ്ങളുടെ ഗൃഹാതുരത്വം നിറഞ്ഞ ഓർമ്മകളുമായി ഞാൻ മുന്നോട്ടു നടന്നു. പെട്ടെന്ന് ഒരു ബഹളം കേട്ട് ഞാൻ തിരിഞ്ഞു നിന്നു. ഒരു ഭിക്ഷക്കാരി സ്ത്രീയും കുടുംബത്തോടൊന്നു നാലോ വയസ് പ്രായമുള്ളമെലിഞ്ഞുണങ്ങിയ ഒരു പയ്യനും തമ്മിലാണ് പ്രശ്നം. ആ കുട്ടി അവരുടെ മകനായിരിക്കാം. ഒരു ചെറിയ ദ്രുസർ മാത്രമാണ് അവന്റെ വസ്ത്രം. അവൻ ഉറക്കെ വാശി പിടിച്ച് കരയുന്നു. റോഡരികിൽ മണ്ണിൽ കിടന്ന് ഉരുളുന്നു. എന്തിനോ വേണ്ടി വാശി പിടിക്കുന്നു. ആ സ്ത്രീയാകട്ടെ കുട്ടിയെ തമിഴിൽ ഉറക്കെ എന്തൊക്കെയോ വാചകം പറഞ്ഞു കൊണ്ട് ബലമായി നിലത്തു നിന്ന് വലിച്ചെടുത്തു കൊണ്ട് ശ്രമിക്കുകയും ഒരു കൈ കൊണ്ട് അവനെ തലങ്ങും വിലങ്ങും അടിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുന്നു. ഐസ് ക്രീം നുണഞ്ഞു കൊണ്ട് മൂന്നാലു കുട്ടികൾ കാഴ്ചക്കാരായി നിൽപ്പുണ്ട്. അപ്പോഴാണ് എനിക്ക് കാര്യം

പിടികിട്ടിയത്. ആ പിഞ്ചു ബാലൻ ഐസ് ക്രീമിനു വേണ്ടി വാശി പിടിച്ച് ഐസ് ക്രീം വണ്ടിയുടെ അടുത്തേക്ക് ഓടാൻ ശ്രമിക്കുകയാണ്. അവന്റെ അമ്മയാണെന്നു തോന്നുന്ന ആ സ്ത്രീയാകട്ടെ അതിനു സമ്മതിക്കാതെ അവനെ അവിടെ നിന്നും ബലം പ്രയോഗിച്ച് കൊണ്ടു പോകാൻ ശ്രമിക്കുന്നു. ഞാൻ കൂടുതൽ ഒന്നും ആലോചിക്കാൻ നിന്നില്ല. ഐസ് ക്രീം വണ്ടിയിൽ നിന്നും ഒരു ഐസ് ക്രീം വാങ്ങി അവരുടെ അടുത്തേക്ക് ചെന്നു. ഐസ് ക്രീം അവരുടെ നേരെ നീട്ടിക്കൊണ്ട് ഞാൻ പറഞ്ഞു "അവനെ അടിക്കുകയും വാശി പിടിപ്പിക്കുകയും ഒന്നും വേണ്ട. ഇത് അവൻ കൊടുത്തേക്ക്" ആ സ്ത്രീ രൂക്ഷമായി എന്നെ ഒന്നു നോക്കി. എന്നിട്ട് തമിഴും മലയാളവും കലർന്ന ഭാഷയിൽ പറഞ്ഞു, "സാരേ, ഇന്ന് ഇവൻ ഇത് കിട്ടിയാൽ നാളെയും ഈ വണ്ടികാണുമ്പോൾ അവൻ വാശി പിടിക്കും. എന്നും വാങ്ങിച്ചു കൊടുക്കാൻ സാറുണ്ടാകില്ലല്ലോ?" ആ കുട്ടിയേയും പൊക്കിയെടുത്ത് അവർ ധൃതിയിൽ മുന്നോട്ടു നടന്നു പോയി. ഞാൻ നടന്നു പോകുന്ന അവരെയും നോക്കി ഒരു കൈയ്യിൽ ഐസ് ക്രീമും പിടിച്ച് റോഡരികിൽ അമ്പരന്നു നിന്നു. ഇതിൽ നിന്നും നമ്മൾ പഠിക്കേണ്ട പാഠം എന്താണ്? സ്വയം ആലോചിച്ച് തീരുമാനിക്കൂ.....

**The E Bulletin of Rotary Club of Ottapalam is now Monthly. Invite contributions from Rotarians, Anns and Annets by way of original articles and pictures, on various subjects Like,**

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### District Events in August

- ❖ Grant Management Seminar – Aug 2, Thrissur
- ❖ District Membership Development Seminar — Aug 9, Coimbatore
- ❖ District TRF Seminar – Aug 30, Thrissur