

**25** YEARS OF  
SERVICE WORTH  
CELEBRATING

# ROTARACT CLUB OF UNIVERSITY OF MORATUWA

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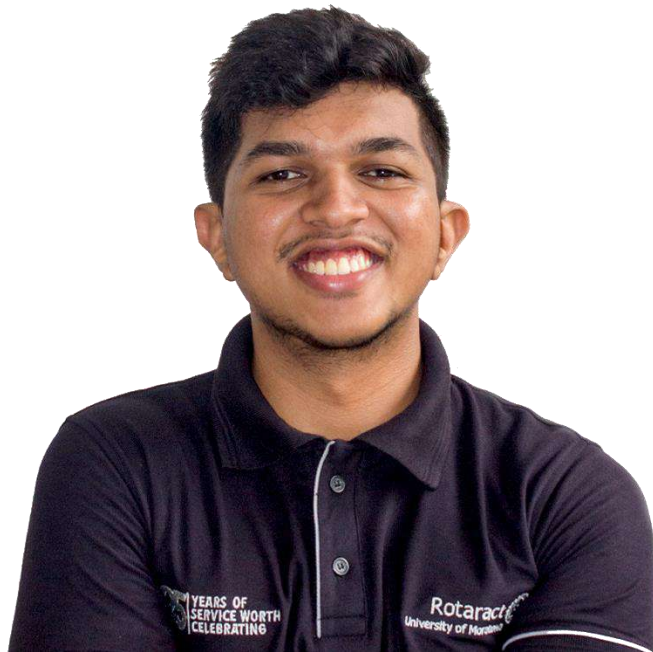
"A year's journey of utmost dedication, fierce hard work, and unwavering passion  
By a group of young individuals who came together from all four corners of the country  
And found a family that strived together to pen down success stories,  
Ranging from adding colors to the lives of village communities  
And bringing Rotary International glory back to Sri Lanka,  
To driving Sri Lanka's largest virtual career fair  
And unlocking the true power of technology  
In reconfiguring service and redefining standards amidst crisis,  
To write off the club's 25th year of service worth celebrating  
In stirring success and fine style"

***Take a deep dive into the first ever Data Driven Annual Report of  
Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa***

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# Message from the President



## *"1% chance - 99% faith"*

Some famous words uttered by a famous footballer on one of the most famous nights in European Football.

At a time when the world is struck by a global pandemic and humanity is challenged, 1% chance is all that we may have. But if there's anything that history has taught us, it is that the human race always pulls through the worst adversities. For the 1% chance we may have, we will always be backed and inspired by 99% faith.

These were indeed words to live by for Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa for the year 2020/21. Being appointed and given the honor of leading this decorated club, was indeed a huge responsibility. Although I might have told myself leading the club at a time of a pandemic was not what I had in mind, looking back at the journey of the last 12 months, I am super grateful that I was given this responsibility in this particular year. Because amidst the much challenging environment, we have been able to convert this into a year of transformation, a year of growth and a year of redefining the brand of "Rotaract Mora".

Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa is a club like no other. Fraternity of more than 150 members, backed by the technical minds of the University of Moratuwa has indeed done some wonders over the last 25 years of its existence. This multiple time International and National level award winning club can always be defined as an organization that challenges the status quo in building high impactful and sustainable initiatives. Being



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appointed as the President of this club, by all means was a daunting task and a responsibility. But seeing the much admirable attitudes, work ethic and the quality of the club membership, it always felt that it was a privilege to lead an organization like this.

In celebration of the proud 25-year-old journey and legacy of Rotaract Mora we started off the year under the theme "25 years of Service Worth Celebrating". With the official appointment of the Board of Officials, the team took no time adjusting to the new normal and kick-started the year on a high note. The energy and the enthusiasm shown by club members, taking up different leadership roles in different management tiers of the club, was inspiring to see. The talent mixed with a passion to serve was visible from day one, it only grew in the months to follow. As the theme of the year suggested, we wanted this year to be a true celebration of Rotaract Mora. The club and its members have always been our greatest strength and we wanted this year to be all about them. Thus, their growth and learning

received at the club was prioritized and membership development was made a core component of the club across all avenues.

Understanding the complexity of the year ahead, we understood that the year was going to be tough with the prevailing situation of the country. Thus, necessary plans were put in place to ensure that the club could function even without any physical interactions. One of the biggest changes we did was strategizing and scripting the digital journey of the club. Well-built digital infrastructure which had a huge potential to uplift and elevate our projects, and with a vastly talented digital communications team this was not a dream but a mere realistic possibility. Necessary investments in terms of talent and finances were put in place with a vision to build digital tools required for the club not just in the shorter run but in the longer run as well.

Throughout the year constant efforts were carried out to strengthen the internal club culture. A member centric culture that was already there, was further reshaped by building a strong relationship between the club leadership and the general membership. This allowed the club to understand the needs and the necessities of the members in a much better way and to build projects that could get the best out of them while providing a platform for the members to grow both personally and professionally with the club. Along with the strong emphasis on club culture, the general meeting structure of the club was rebranded in a way that members felt more excited and felt more at home at these monthly gatherings. It is noteworthy to appreciate the efforts of the Club Service team and the Board of Officials who took lead in this regard, which would have a lasting impact on the next generation of club leaders to come.



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While club administration, membership, digital communications strengthened the club, the service avenues once again came out with all guns blazing. The projects all though were limited in physical interactions, were extremely meaningful and innovative in their delivery of providing meaningful impact to their stakeholders. Many projects had to be re-invented to

suit the growing nature of the new normal and different channels/mediums were utilized for the project execution. Projects such as Manusath Handa, Are You Ready?, Grama Prabodhaya, Sri Lanka Rotaract Model United Nations, CAST4 and Rota Spark took centre stage due to the brilliant form of their execution and the recognition they received for delivering high quality impact for the beneficiaries of the projects. It was never an easy task to execute projects virtually while making sure the same level of impact it would have in being conducted as a physical project is retained, but projects like Are You Ready? which made history as Sri Lanka's largest virtual career fair that has taken place up to date was a fine example of how service can be distributed at elevated levels with the use of technology.

The icing on the cake for the year perhaps came in the latter half of the year when the prestigious Rotary International Most outstanding project award returned to Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa for the execution of project "Manusath Handa". A project respected, adored by not just the club members but an entire community of volunteers richly deserved its recognition as the world's best Rotaract project for its heartfelt impact it has on the Sri Lankan visually impaired community. Manusath Handa is indeed a project that makes us feel service at its core and makes us feel proud to be Rotaractors of this amazing club and movement.

At the time when Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa is getting ready to close yet another remarkable chapter of its history, we must also pay tribute to all the stakeholders of the club who have been an immense strength and a support to us. Starting from the University administration, our sponsors Rotary Club of Colombo West and the Rotaract District 3220 once again were a pillar of strength in guiding and assisting us amidst the challenging time. The love and support shown by fellow Rotaract Clubs have always been a blessing and we too have been inspired countless times by the great initiatives the fellow clubs have come up with.

We must also not forget all the family, friends and loved ones of our Rotaractors. The freedom, courage they give our members on a daily basis is unmatched and are often the silent heroes behind all the amazing service the club does.

Last but not least, my dearest members of Rotaract Mora. Perhaps no words would do justice for the kind of inspiration they are. I have personally learned so much from these very talented, humble and kind ladies and gentlemen. Keeping all the projects and success we have had as a club aside, seeing the growth of young future leaders of the club, their development gave not only me but the entire leadership of the club a deep sense of self satisfaction. A membership like this gives us hope to dream bigger and better. Although I may leave my duties as the President of this prestigious club, I am beyond excited for the future of this club. The potential for

growth is immense and there is no shortage of talent and visionary leadership to guide this club to new heights.

As I pen these thoughts, we are currently in the process of compiling an annual report that is worthy of the magnificent year we have had. For that, the annual reporting team has worked tirelessly to present you a data packed annual report. We sincerely believe that you would enjoy the contents of this report and it would help our organization be more data centric and data driven in the years to come. A huge round of appreciation also should be given to the annual reporting team headed by club Secretary Rtr. Leesha Samadhi.

It is indeed an emotional end to a year full of action and excitement. Year that has definitely been different and enjoyable. An enjoyable year in which I as the President of Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa was inspired, motivated, and surprised by the brilliance, beauty and the courage this club has to stay true to the motto of Rotary "Service Above Self". I thank all of you for giving me this once in a lifetime opportunity and sincerely hope that myself and the club did our brilliant best to serve and empower communities across Sri Lanka.

Rotaract Mora for the term 2020/21 paid dividends to the "25 Years of Service Worth Celebrating".

And Rotaract Mora is definitely a club worth celebrating.

Viva La Rotaract!

***Rtr. Samila Imbulana***

*President 2020/21*

## Message from the Secretary



Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa holds the pride of being the first-ever institute-based Rotaract Club in Sri Lanka with just 16 courageous members in 1996. With the small footsteps, the club has reached a place to give shade to more than 160 members at University of Moratuwa.

The Rotaract year 2020/21 began with the strong leadership of President Rtr Samila Imbulana to start sailing the journey of '25 Years of Service Worth Celebrating' with the utmost intention in creating Rotaract Mora a lively place where everyone would consider as their second family. The year as a whole is a rollercoaster with the ongoing pandemic situation, which keeps rising day by day. Not laying down the spirit and power of the talented undergraduates, the club took the foremost step to build a strong foundation and adapt to the new normal with style.

The year 2020/21 had several challenging hurdles especially for the Club Service avenue, where physical projects were carried out to enrich the fellowship and membership development of the club. Although the year was planned with so many physical projects, the situation created a whole new game-changer. It was ensured to continue the projects carried out annually by the club and a deep study on how fellowship and Club Service elements could be brought forward into the virtual atmosphere was discussed and strategized. Signature projects such as CAST4, Rota Spark were remodeled and carried virtually while securing the anticipation and excitement of the physical setting as in



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previous years. Adapting to the new normalization, brand new projects such as INDIRETTO, Eficuz-rutina were introduced while matching them with the prevailing situation. INDIRETTO, the virtual treasure hunt became a unique experience to all the participants in which everyone felt joyful moments while staying at the comfort of their homes. CAST4 - 2021 made another significant milestone in attracting the newest batch with whole new thoughts and ideas of the passionate newbies. Inductions and Award Ceremonies were conducted to identify the best potential and to recognize the unwavering commitments of the fellow members despite the testing times. It is noteworthy to mention that the pandemic has created a positive result in building more friendships and strengthening bonds, which have become even more powerful in the virtual space of Rotaract Mora.

The year became emotional with Grama Prabodhaya where everyone obtained the chance to meet each other physically, which was a one-in-a-million opportunity with the pandemic. The satisfying smiles of the villagers at Dunupothagama, when they hold a glass of pure water was a memorable and a notable milestone with the initiation of Aqua Safe. Not laying behind the curtains, the project was also brought into the digital space with Edify where curious students were able to continue their studies with the help of dedicated undergraduates. A total of 28 sessions were completed successfully, utilizing the digital classroom built at Dunupothagama Vidyalaya. Inventing the concept of audiobooks to conducting the first-ever online voice donation camp, Manusath Handa reached the pinnacle of bringing international glory to Sri Lanka as the International Winner (Single Club) 2020-21 Rotaract Outstanding Project Awards in the South Asia region. Project Nena Aruna was successfully completed, reaching the students and guiding them to face their Advanced Level Examinations with confidence and this was a notable cause where the service was carried out virtually with timely solutions. Connecting the Dots was able to create the long-lasting circle of communal peace and harmony and also reached the catholic community in Negombo, with Shalom, as a new addition this year. The Environmental Service category involved in projects such as Green Legacy and also a stable strategy was built in Ecolastic to move from the concept of Eco-bricks to product manufacturing with Eco-bricks while also stepping into a new arena in animal welfare under the project, Woof Roof.



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The International Service avenue raised the bar high with several brand-new initiatives such as RMMUN and SLRMUN, which have reached the peak of success in bringing the simulation of Model United Nations into Rotaract and the University arena. Bringing the trend into the avenue, Consilium 20 was launched to turn research into an impactful outcome. Moreover, projects such as Rostrum, Educatory, and Thai Pongal Celebration were carried out as brand-new initiatives as a result of the new twinning agreement with Rotaract Club of Hindustan University of RID 3232. Continuing the long-lasting friendship, the twinning agreement with Rotaract Club of Nicosia was also extended while ensuring the relationship built will sustain in the years to come.

Pandemic has created a new learning curve throughout the year and yet another successful milestone was achieved by running the largest virtual career fair of the University and utmost importance was given to the development of professionalism, soft skills, and communication of an individual. This was successfully achieved through Professional Development avenue where Rotaract Mora proved that it is not just about serving communities but also a place for everyone to learn and explore themselves beyond their comfort zones. Overall, the club has secured to maintain the reputation built through altering the plans to well suit the challenging times and it was undoubtedly a successful turning point for the club and the members to revolve around and fulfill the desires of the causes that matter.

The year 2020/21 is unique with the inbuilt digital powerhouse of Rotaract Mora. Digital Communication efforts of the club have taken all the projects and procedures to the next level where data has become a driving force behind the majority of the club projects and achievements. With all these, supporting avenues such as PR and Editorial and Sports and Special Services also gave immense support in bringing the best to the members and the public as well.

All in all, the year reached its culmination with successfully completing nearly 42 projects implying the true spirit of the year's motto and the unwavering commitment of the members behind the scenes. With that, the year was able to achieve significant growth in membership development, professionalism, new learnings and undoubtedly creating fellowship. Although the year reached its close, the strong membership of the club is ready to bring Rotaract Mora to its highest with new expectations and serving beyond boundaries.


While extending my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who supported us to do the impossible, I would like to invite you to join the chapters of the 25 years of strong journey and hope you would enjoy the true spirit of our story of success.

Sincerely,

**Rtr. Leesha Samadhi**  
Secretary 2020/21



# Club Administration



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# Introduction to the Club

Sponsored by Rotary Club of Colombo West and initiated in 1995 with just 16 members, Rotaract Mora or Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa was the first-ever institution-based Rotaract Club of Rotaract District 3220 – Sri Lanka and Maldives. Today, the club has grown into a huge serving fraternity that's more than 150 members strong.

Our family is an aggregation of young individuals from various walks of life and all corners of the country. The diversity of our member base has played a crucial role in better understanding the society around us and improving the delivery of our service to better reach and suit the requirements of different facets of society. Moreover, our technical education background has helped us in coming up with innovative ideas and ways to tackle issues in society in a sustainable manner.

As a responsible organization, we always aspire to initiate and execute projects that can leave a deep imprint on as many as possible, through the avenues of Community Service, Professional Development, Club Service, International Service, and Environmental Service.

Over the years, Rotaract Mora has brought a varying multitude of service concepts of high novelty and creativity to life. Thereby, the club has been fortunate enough to win both local and international recognition for several top-notch projects. Some of the more notable milestones in this regard were being presented the award for International Single Club Winner at the Rotaract Outstanding Project Awards 2016/17 for the project 'Grama Prabodhaya' (in which case Rotaract Mora became the first Sri Lankan club to have won the prestigious award), as well as being recognized as South Asia Regional Winner at the Rotaract Outstanding Project Awards 2018/19 for the project 'Zooxanthellae'. The list of accolades in the club's name further expanded this year with project 'Manusath Handa' also being awarded the title for International Single Club Winner at the Rotaract Outstanding Project Awards for the year 2020/21.

Our voyage as part of Rotaract Mora in serving communities, standing up for fellowship, discovering our inner potentials, and evolving into the best versions of ourselves is never-ending. Both stormy turnabouts and sunny headways are bound to lie ahead. Yet we will always aspire to put out the best we can manage and change lives, be it our own or another's, one at a time and once and for all.

**1995**

INITIATED IN

**1<sup>ST</sup>**INSTITUTIONAL BASED  
ROTARACT CLUB IN  
ROTARACT DISTRICT 3220

## Club Overview

Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa, also known as Rotaract Mora, was chartered under the Rotary International District 3220 Sri Lanka and Maldives, in 1995, under the guidance of Rotary Club of Colombo West. Embarked on its journey as the first institution based Rotaract Club of Sri Lanka with only 16 members, Rotaract Mora owned a strong foundation laid from the past to strive and sustain in years to come.

Thus, starting the voyage with the year's motto '25 Years of Service Worth Celebrating', Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa has unveiled the true spirit of rejoicing the constantly growing members who have spread as a dynamic talent pool with over 150 steady member base from all 5 faculties: namely Engineering, Information Technology, Architecture, Business, and Institute of Technology, University of Moratuwa (NDT). Living by the motto, Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa has opened up opportunities for the young and enthusiastic members to explore, learn and engage in a diverse mixture of projects and activities, while also ensuring that fellowship and friendships are invested in years to come.

Reminiscing the past endeavors, Rotaract Mora displays the unwavering commitments and achievements of the members several times and has also recognized its service above self both locally and internationally. Despite the tough and testing times, the club has secured its standards while creating an atmosphere for its energetic members to implement their innovative ideas under proper guidance and it has paved the way for Rotaract Mora to prove that the service is being carried out virtually even amidst the harsh pandemic. More than 50% of the year's operations were carried out virtually with the proper digital infrastructure being built to carry out projects and internal processes without any hindrance, which undoubtedly reinforced the connection with different territories across the globe.

Serving across boundaries, Rotaract Mora always assured that the entire movement is not just about Community Service but also a place to develop oneself in many aspects. Thus, the club mainly focuses on Professional Development and Club Service elements, proving the fact that Rotaract is a diverse movement to explore and volunteer. Throughout the year, Rotaract Mora widens its scope in Club Service, Professional Development, International Service, and even Environmental Service by continuing the sustainable projects that lasted over the history and also inventing notable efforts to reach the unseen and address the causes that matter the most. Apart from the core avenues, supporting avenues such as Public Relations, Digital Communications, and Membership Development carry out initiatives for its dedicated members to indulge themselves around unique environments both on-ground and virtual while also being a game-changer apart from the tight online academic schedules.

**25**

YEARS OF SERVICE

**158**

ACTIVE MEMBER BASE

While reaching out to the corners where service is in need, Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa always ensures to build the platform and listen to the stories of its ever-growing community while sharpening one's professionalism and clarity that can be invested toward a sustainable future.

*The passionate and energetic family of Rotaract Mora will continue to strive their best in serving to change lives while uniting as one team towards strengthening ever-lasting bonds and showcasing the true magnificence of Rotaract.*

# History

## The inception of the club

Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa was formed with 16 members in the year 1995 under the guidance of Past President Rtr. Thushan Wijesinghe of Rotaract Club of Colombo West who was also an undergraduate of University of Moratuwa. The club was chartered as the first university based Rotaract club in Sri Lanka.

## Presentations

This was the first project carried out by the club. This project was about acclimatizing the undergraduates to shoulder the responsibilities in the corporate world.

## Charter Presentation Ceremony

The Charter of the club was handed by District Governor Rtn. Ranjith Samarasinghe to charter President Rtr. Nishan Weerasooriya, amidst the presence of Vice-Chancellor Prof G.T.F. De Silva and President of Rotary Club of Colombo West Rtn. Asoka Jayasinghe.

## Significant International Achievements

### Award for the Best Rotaract Community Service Project - South Asia Region - 1999

Won by the project "You are not alone".

### Award for the Outstanding Rotaract Project - South Asia Region - 2011

Won by the project "Handz" making this the second time the club claimed ownership to this award presented by Rotary International.

### International Winner (Single Club) in 2016-17 Rotaract Outstanding Project Awards - 2017

Won by the project "Grama Prabodhaya", this was a historic moment for not just Rotaract Mora but Rotaract District 3220 as a whole since it's the first time a Sri Lankan club won this prestigious award presented by Rotary International.

### ROAR – Rotaract South Asia MDIO Awards and Recognitions - 2017

Special Recognition (International Service) – Sojourn Phase 2.

### ROAR – Rotaract South Asia MDIO Awards and Recognitions - 2018

People's Choice Award for Professional Service – Are You Ready? 2017

### Award for the Outstanding Rotaract project - South Asian Region - 2019

Won during the Rotaract year 2018/19 for the project "Zooxanthellae", this marked the third time for this award to be claimed by Rotaract Mora, and also the third consecutive year that Rotaract District 3220 was recognized by Rotary International for its impactful projects. The prestigious award was presented by Rotary International at the Rotaract Preconvention held on 31st May-1st June 2019 in Hamburg, Germany.

### International Winner (Single Club) 2020-21 Rotaract Outstanding Project Awards - 2021

Rotaract most outstanding single club project award returns to Rotaract Mora as project "Manusath Handa" received well-deserved recognition for its invaluable service. With this Rotaract Mora has secured 5 awards in total at the Rotary International arena, confirming its status as one of the most consistent clubs under Rotary International.



Our endless success story revolves around fulfilling desires beyond expectations. Continuing the legacy forward, Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa marked another milestone in bringing the international glory to Sri Lanka, with Manusath Handa as the International Winner (Single Club) in Rotaract Outstanding Project Awards 2020-21



Uniting as one, Rotaract Mora owns a remarkable journey since its inception, securing **5 Rotary International Awards** with a strong foundation laid to sustain the true spirit of unwavering commitments.



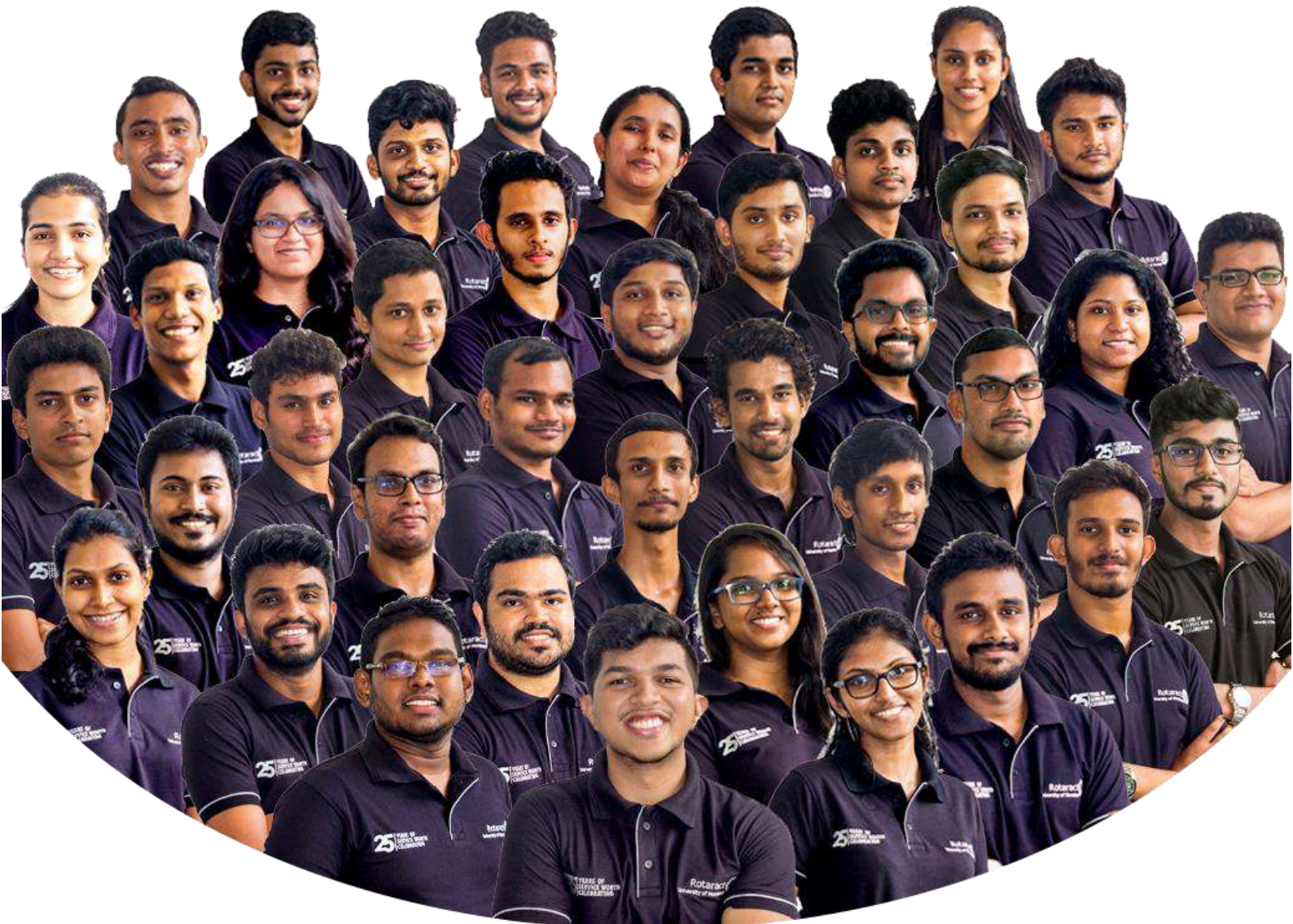
## Past Presidents

**1995/1996**Rtr. Nishan  
Weerasooriya**1996/1997**Rtr. Kalinga  
Jagoda**1997/1998**Rtr. Prasanna  
Karunaratne**1998/1999**Rtr. Binupa  
Liyanaage**1999/2000**Rtr. Dinesha  
Weerathunga**2000/2001**Rtr. Lumindra  
Perera**2001/2002**Rtr. Nilantha  
Britto**2002/2003**Rtr. Ranishka  
Wimalasena**2003/2004**Rtr. Rajanandhini  
Balachandran**2004/2005**Rtr. Lalinda  
Karunaratne**2005/2006**Rtr. Thilina  
Gunaratne**2006/2007**Rtr. Charaka  
Senanayake**2007/2008**Rtr. Amila  
Perera**2008/2009**Rtr. Sandeepa  
Handakumbura**2009/2010**Rtr. Sajith  
Vimukthi  
Weerakoon**2010/2011**Rtr. Dilina  
Fernando**2011/2012**Rtr. Benura  
Vithana**2012/2013**Rtr. Chinthaka  
Dharmasiri**2013/2014**Rtr. Nipuna  
Nanayakkara**2014/2015**Rtr. Ridwan  
Shariffdeen**2015/2016**Rtr. Amitha  
Bandara  
Dissanayake**2016/2017**Rtr. Chamal  
Kuruppu**2017/2018**Rtr. Rshan  
Wickremaratne**2018/2019**Rtr. Paveen  
Perera**2019/2020**Rtr. Dhanuka  
Perera



## Board of Officials 2020/21

The Executive Committee and Board of Directors of Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa consisted of 39 courageous Rotaractors. President, Rtr Samila Imbulana, and his board of directors officially took office for the Rotaract year 2020/21 at the 25th Installation Ceremony, which was held on the 12th of August 2020 at Summerfields Banquets & Restaurant, Kottawa.



*-Team Behind the Success-*



**Rtr. IPP Dhanuka Perera**  
*Immediate Past President*



**Rtr. Samila Imbulana**  
*President*



**Rtr. Nishika Silva**  
*Vice President  
Administration*



**Rtr. Randula Karunaratne**  
*Vice President  
Club Service*



**Rtr. Thishani Wijayarathne**  
*Vice President  
Community Service*



**Rtr. Pamal Rojitha**  
*Vice President  
International Service*



**Rtr. Ravikula Silva**  
*Vice President  
Professional Development*



**Rtr. Leesha Samadhi**  
*Secretary*



**Rtr. Shasika Udayanga**  
*Treasurer*



**Rtr. Uvin Matarage**  
*Director  
Finance*



**Rtr. Avarjana Panditha**  
*Senior Director  
Public Relations*



**Rtr. Ramith Hettiarachchi**  
*Senior Director  
IT*



**Rtr. Pasindu Ileperuma**  
*Senior Director  
Membership Development*



**Rtr. Nipun Nawodya**  
*Co-Director  
Club Service*



**Rtr. Sachin Silva**  
*Co-Director  
Club Service*



**Rtr. Yasith Anushka**  
*Co-Director  
Club Service*



**Rtr. K. M. Gunasekara**  
*Co-Director  
Community Service*



**Rtr. Pasindu Madhuwantha**  
*Co-Director  
Community Service*





**Rtr. Reshaka Weerasinghe**  
Co-Director  
Community Service



**Rtr. Bimsara Somarathna**  
Co-Director  
International Service



**Rtr. Chamod Gihantha**  
Co-Director  
International Service



**Rtr. Dushan Dissanayake**  
Co-Director  
Professional Development



**Rtr. Thenuka Karunasiri**  
Co-Director  
Professional Development



**Rtr. Prarthana Gamage**  
Co-Director  
Environmental Service



**Rtr. Hiran Rajasuriya**  
Co-Director  
Environmental Service



**Rtr. Anas Meedin**  
Co-Director  
Public Relations



**Rtr. Tharusha Kelaniyage**  
Co-Director  
Public Relations



**Rtr. Ishaq Ahamed**  
Co-Editor



**Rtr. Kavishka Gunaratne**  
Co-Editor



**Rtr. Romasha Guruge**  
Co-Editor



**Rtr. Nimna Perera**  
Director  
IT



**Rtr. Damith Priyadarshana**  
Director  
Sports and Special Services



**Rtr. Lakshani Pathirage**  
Co-Director  
Membership Development



**Rtr. Sathira Nipun**  
Co-Director  
Membership Development



**Rtr. Nikith Fernando**  
Sergeant-at-Arms



**Rtr. Garisha Herath**  
Assistant Secretary



**Rtr. Dhanoj Ninnada**  
Assistant Treasurer



**Rtr. Supul Kalhara**  
Rotary Family Coordinator



**Rtr. Ranul Navojith**  
Assistant IT Director

## Membership Details 2020/21

	Full Name	Position	Date of Birth	Joined Year
1	Adikarigae Asel Hansaja Perera	General Member	1999-08-11	October 2020
2	Alankarage Meriyam Hiranya Nishika Silva	Vice President - Administration	1997-06-08	July 2018
3	Alexander Gastro Diron	General Member	2000-01-18	April 2021
4	Anhettigama Gamaralalage Supul Kalhara Pushpakumara	Rotary Family Coordinator	1999-04-08	2020 July
5	Athuraliya Liyanawaduge Indupa Mihirini De Silva	General Member	1998-03-31	October 2020
6	Avarjana Dasun Panditha	Senior Director - Public Relations	1997-11-23	July 2018
7	Badabadda Gamage Chamika Ananda	General Member	1999-10-29	April 2021
8	Balasingham Nilaaviniy	General Member	1999-07-24	April 2021
9	Balasooriya Kankanamalage Hashan Chathuranga	General Member	1999-07-13	January 2021
10	Bawun Chamani Mawitagama	General Member	1999-11-12	October 2020
11	Bhanuka Chandiru Uyanage	General Member	1999-03-13	October 2020
12	Bolonghege Pasindu Manodara Bolonghe	General Member	1999-03-31	January 2021
13	C.Lakshan Fernando	General Member	1998-07-17	April 2021
14	Chamod Gihantha Gunathilaka	Co-Director - International Service	1998-05-18	September 2019
15	Dadigamuwa Acharige Warna Ravikula Silva	Vice President - Professional Development	1996-12-15	July 2018
16	Dangallage Lakshitha Lahiru Perera	General Member	1999-07-26	October 2020
17	Danushi Pabasvarie Suriyarachchi	General Member	1996-08-31	January 2021
18	Dasith Daksitha Amarasinghe	General Member	1999-04-08	April 2021
19	Denipitiya Mudelige Heshantha Hiran Sandesh Rajasuriya	Co-Director - Environmental Service	1998-05-30	July 2019
20	Dhanuka Perera	Immediate Past President	1995-03-10	September 2017
21	Dikpitiya Vithanage Ranul Navojith Dayarathne	Assistant IT Director	1999-05-26	July 2020
22	Dilshan Jayawickrama	General Member	1999-02-17	January 2021
23	Dinidu Edirisinghe	General Member	1998-11-23	September 2019
24	Disanayaka Mudiyanseleage Hansani Piumika	General Member	1996-05-22	May 2020
25	Dissanayaka Mudiyanseleage Chamath Sandaru	General Member	1999-09-30	October 2020

26	Dissanayake Mudiyansele Dushan Tharindu Dissanayake	Co-Director - Professional Development	1997-06-27	July 2019
27	Diyunuge Suthira Induwara Wijayawardena	General Member	1999-03-03	January 2021
28	Don Nipun Nawodya Aluthge	Co-Director - Club Service	1998-04-15	September 2019
29	Dugganna Ralalage Yasanga Yadawa Bandara Weerakoon	General Member	1999-07-24	April 2021
30	Dunu Arachchige Dinindu Pramuditha Gunathilaka	General Member	1999-12-11	October 2020
31	Duwage Don Rivindu Rashmisara Amaranath	General Member	1999-02-24	October 2020
32	Elipan Gamuge Lahiru Sampath Rajapaksha	General Member	1999-11-15	October 2020
33	Eriwara Mahaduragei Tanuj Chamil Dharamasena	General Member	1999-06-17	January 2021
34	Farook Mohamed Sarhan	General Member	1998-08-04	October 2020
35	Gammanpila Iniyage Vihan Pamudya Gammanpila	General Member	1999-09-25	October 2020
36	Ganeshamoorthy Abirame	General Member	1999-02-10	April 2021
37	Garisha Pathralekha Herath	Assistant Secretary	2000-01-10	July 2020
38	Gayana Lakshan Kodithuwakku	General Member	1999-05-09	October 2020
39	Ginigalgoda Arachchige Damith Priyadarshana	Director - Sports and Special Services	1998-09-03	March 2019
40	Godawaththe Liyanage Sithira Chandula Liyanage	General Member	1999-05-28	October 2020
41	Gonaduwa Yasith Randila Perera	General Member	1999-05-04	April 2021
42	Guruge Bimsara Udantha Perera	General Member	2000-01-05	October 2020
43	Hallawa Achchillage Dhanoj Ninnada Hallawaarachchi	Assistant Treasurer	1999-10-14	July 2020
44	Hathadura Chamathsara Divyanjalee Fernando	General Member	1999-02-13	October 2020
45	Hedalla Arachchige Paduma Naveen	General Member	1999-09-05	October 2020
46	Helani Raveena Kumarawadu	General Member	1999-10-04	April 2021
47	Heshani Ruwini Wickramarachchi	General Member	1999-07-12	January 2021
48	Hettiwattage Nipuna Bhanuka Hettiwatta	General Member	1999-07-20	April 2021
49	Hewa Bandulage Vishva Randula Karunarathne	Vice President - Club Service	1997-06-28	July 2018
50	Hewa Maddumage Viduni Uthpala Siriwardhana	General Member	1997-06-04	April 2021
51	Hewa Paththinige Nimesh Buwenaka Ariyaratne	General Member	1999-05-05	October 2020
52	Imalsha Shehani Liyanage	General Member	1999-12-30	October 2020
53	Imiya Bandarage Madushan Sasanka	General Member	1998-10-29	October 2020

54	Indigahawela Hettiarachchige Shamali Charithma Hettiarachchi	General Member	1999-10-29	October 2020
55	Jan Mohamed Jeema Riyana	General Member	1997-06-20	January 2021
56	Jayakody Arachchilage Sehajini Tharushika Jayakody	General Member	1997-03-08	January 2021
57	Jeewaka Aponso	General Member	1999-03-26	January 2021
58	Kala Hewage Dulmith Sanjitha	General Member	1999-05-11	May 2020
59	Kaluthara Guruge Nirodha Sampath Sandaruwan Silva	General Member	1999-09-08	October 2020
60	Kananke Gamage Nuwanga Akalanka	General Member	1999-05-02	October 2020
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62	Kaumada Muhandiramege Gunasekara	Co-Director - Community Service	1997-11-11	September 2019
63	Kavishka Sanjali Gunaratne	Co-Editor	1998-12-04	September 2019
64	Kodimarakkalage Leesha Samadhi Rodrigo	Secretary	1998-11-04	September 2019
65	Kudagodage Nelmi Erandi	General Member	1999-05-02	October 2020
66	Kulasekara Mudiyanseelage Chamika Tharushi Kulasekara	General Member	1998-02-18	January 2021
67	Kulathunga Hettiarachchige Malshi Parindya	General Member	1999-07-05	October 2020
68	Kurugamage Anne Kavindi Vidushika Jayawardena	General Member	1997-04-14	January 2021
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70	Lakni Hansika Rabel	General Member	1998-08-19	January 2021
71	Lankeswara Thishani Anuradha Wijayaratne	Vice President - Community Service	1997-10-05	September 2018
72	Layani Nethma Mettananda	General Member	1999-12-11	April 2021
73	Lesthuruge Dilmie Ruwinka De Silva	General Member	2000-01-20	April 2021
74	Liyana Pathiranage Tharushi Dimalsha	General Member	1999-06-03	January 2021
75	Liyanage Don Hansika Gimhani	General Member	1998-08-05	April 2021
76	Madhavee Wathsala Abayanayake	General Member	1998-03-11	May 2020
77	Madhushika Gihanthe Munasinghe	General Member	1998-03-12	May 2020
78	Mallawathanthrige Avishka Tharuka Perera	General Member	2000-01-29	October 2020
79	Manampeli Mahapatabandiralalag Pramudith Kavishka Cooray	General Member	1999-08-23	April 2021
80	Mathes Hewage Manul Thenuka Karunasiri	Co-Director - Professional Development	1998-08-01	September 2019
81	Milindi Anuththara Senevirathne	General Member	1999-12-27	April 2021

82	Mirissa Gamage Prarthana Divyangi	Co-Director - Environmental Service	1997-10-30	September 2019
83	Mohamed Anas Meedin	Co-Director - Public Relations	1998-04-30	September 2019
84	Mohamed Munawwer Fathima Munazza Begum	General Member	2000-01-16	January 2021
85	Mohamed Nazeem Ishaq Ahamed	Co-Editor	1998-11-25	September 2019
86	Mohamed Saleem Hinas Ahamed	General Member	1999-05-02	April 2021
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93	Neththi Kumara Appuhamilage Viraj Wijesooriya	General Member	1999-08-03	April 2021
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98	Pamal Rojitha Nanayakkara	Vice President - International Service	1996-04-21	September 2018
99	Pankaja Maheesha Praja Bandara Uyangoda	General Member	1999-02-27	October 2020
100	Panthi Kankanamge Janith Bimsara	General Member	1998-08-07	October 2020
101	Pasidalee Hasara Dissanayake	General Member	1999-05-26	January 2021
102	Pasindu Hasanga Ileperuma	Senior Director - Membership Development	1998-01-18	September 2018
103	Pathira Arachchige Lakshani Pathirage	Co-Director - Membership Development	1997-12-11	July 2019
104	Pathiraja Mudiyanseelage Aditha Praween Pathiraja	General Member	1999-03-30	April 2021
105	Pathiraja Mudiyanseelage Manula Prasajith Thennakoon	General Member	1999-10-17	January 2021
106	Pattidurage Thisali Poornima De Silva	General Member	1997-11-28	January 2021
107	Pesala Dulkith Welangalle	General Member	2001-04-08	April 2021
108	Podduwage Susinidu Suharda Silva	General Member	1998-12-04	September 2019



109	Pushpitha madhushan geeganage	General Member	1999-10-09	April 2021
110	Rajapaksha Mudiyansele Shasika Udayanga Rajapaksha	Treasurer	1996-10-01	July 2018
111	Rambukkanage kushan madhusanka	General Member	1998-10-15	January 2021
112	Ramith Udara Hettiarachchi	Senior Director - IT	1997-06-08	July 2018
113	Rana Morasinghage Pasan Induwara Gunathunga	General Member	1998-05-16	April 2021
114	Ranaweera Arachchilage Uvini Ayathma Ranaweera	General Member	1999-05-13	October 2020
115	Rathnayaka Mudiyansele Oshadee Gangangana Aththanayaka	General Member	1998-04-21	October 2020
116	Ravindu Sayuranga Jayasinghe	General Member	1998-11-23	October 2020
117	Reshaka Lakshan Weerasinghe	Co-Director - Community Service	1998-09-28	September 2019
118	Rochelle Comester	General Member	1998-12-03	October 2020
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120	Rukshan Tharindu Karannagoda	General Member	1998-08-27	January 2021
121	Sachithra Rashmitha Henarath Pushpawela	General Member	1999-05-26	January 2021
122	Sadadcharan Keethasaba	General Member	1999-04-10	April 2021
123	Samila Nimantha Imbulana	President	1997-05-03	July 2018
124	Sandali Pamoda Manimendra	General Member	1999-03-30	January 2021
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127	Sathmini Kavya Godakumbura	General Member	1999-09-05	October 2020
128	Sembupurage Bimsara Malith Somarathna	Co-Director - International Service	1997-11-15	March 2019
129	Senanayaka Mohotti Mudiyansele Rukshan Jayasanka Senanayaka	General Member	1998-08-27	January 2021
130	Serasinghe Mudiyansele Poojani Yataththawala	General Member	2000-01-21	April 2021
131	Singankutti Achchila Athukora Senuri Piyathma Peiris	General Member	1998-03-24	January 2021
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133	Tharusha Anushanga Kelaniyage	Co-Director - Public Relations	1999-01-14	September 2019
134	Thinithi Dilshara Palayangoda	General Member	2000-01-20	October 2020
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137	Uragoda Wiyannalage Madhuka Dilshan Dissanayaka	General Member	1999-11-30	April 2021
138	Uvin Nelaka Matarage	Director - Finance	1996-08-02	September 2018
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152	Weerasooriya Arachchige Isuru	General Member	1999-10-15	April 2021
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155	Withana Pathirannehelage Chandeepra Prabhashwara Pathirana	General Member	1998-03-12	May 2020
156	Withanage Chasila Kaveendra Withanage	General Member	1998-06-26	January 2021
157	Yapa Appuhamilage Don Kavindya Hansanie Wijayarathna	General Member	1999-02-23	April 2021
158	Yasiru Lakshan Wickramasingha	General Member	1999-01-14	January 2021

# Management Officials

**Dr. Ranga Rodrigo**

*Senior Treasurer and Staff Advisor  
(Head of the Department of Electronics and Telecommunication  
Engineering - University of Moratuwa)*

## Meetings

### Meeting Summary

Total number of Board meetings	15
Total number of Monthly gatherings	11
Total number of Joint Meetings	10

### Special Features

#### *Rebranding of General Meetings*

The monthly general meetings were rebranded to 'monthly gatherings'. The main intention was to draw the attention of the members and to make them feel that the meetings are not just formal discussions, but a place where they can interact and showcase their ideas and suggestions. Making these meetings carry in line with the year's theme, '25 Years of Service Worth Celebrating', it was considered as a place where general members, board members, and new members meet each other despite the challenging times.

#### *Special events and elements*

Special events and elements were added for the general meetings held where the Club Service team and the membership development team were assigned to design the meeting structure in a way more interactive and engaging for the members to get to know each other despite the virtual sense.

#### *Induction Ceremonies*

Induction ceremonies were held parallel with the general meetings. The first induction ceremony was held on the 25th of October 2020. A total of 3 induction ceremonies was held throughout the year where a total of 118 members were inducted by rewarding an e-certificate during the respective general meetings. The induction ceremonies were graced by Rotarians and District Steering Committee members as the invitees to present the e-certificates of the inducted members.



### ***Informative sessions***

After the rebranding of general meetings to monthly gatherings, several informative sessions were organized virtually to make the members engaged and gain valuable information on the selected topics. Guest speakers for each interactive session were selected and invited to deliver the best out of the topics given. It was also ensured to host a Q&A session to clarify their doubts and share their ideas and suggestions during the session itself.

The list of informative sessions is as follows.

- Presentation on LinkR and Process to be an Inducted Member by Co-Director Membership Development - 4th August 2020.
- 'Life in Rotaract and the benefits of an Inducted member by District Steering Committee members' by ADDR Rtr PP Paveen Perera, ADDR Rtr PP Himantha Alahakoon & Assistant District Secretary and Membership Coordinator, Rtr Kashuni Kariyawasam - 24th Jan 2021
- 'IMPACT of doing extracurricular activities in university years and how it helps the career life' - Ms. Githmi Jayathilake, Assistant Manager, and Group Human Resources at John Keells Holdings - 25th February 2021.
- 'RotaractMora International Achievements' by the Board of Officials 2020/21 - 29th April 2021.

### ***Awards Ceremony***

The Annual Awards Ceremony was organized under the theme, 'Premio Formalita', which recognized the active membership and their hard efforts hailed throughout the year. Awards Ceremony was held virtually with the gracing of the distinguished guests representing Rotary Club of Colombo West, Rotaract District RID 3220, and University of Moratuwa. Club's membership tracking portal, LinkR was used to analyze the contributions of the members. All the chairpersons of the project were rewarded with letters of appreciation by the President.

### ***Ice Breaking sessions***

General meetings and joint meetings that were held throughout the year highlighted the year's theme, where a major focus was laid on membership development. Since the majority of the meetings were held virtually, elements such as Kahoot quizzes, festive celebrations - Pongal Day, 'Life amid Covid' discussions, singing, and mini-games with other interactive conversations were added so that the members could feel the physical atmosphere, get to know each other, and build fellowship.

## **Visits and Special Meetings**

### ***Annual Plan Presentation 2020/21***

Date: 22nd July 2020

Platform: Zoom

The meeting was conducted with the gracing of the Youth Service Advisor - Rtn Yukthi Gunasekera, later appointed as the Youth Service Director of Rotary Family of Colombo West. The Executive Board of Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa was invited to the meeting to present and discuss the proposed project timeline of their respective avenue assigned. In addition, insightful suggestions were given by the Youth Service Advisor to improve the quality of the proposed projects while securing the impact and the sustainable outcome.

***District Rotaract Representative's Visit***

Date: 21st of November 2020

Platform: Zoom

The District Rotaract Representative's Visit for the year 2020/21 was held according to a quorum for a general meeting before the stipulated deadline with the gracing of the DRR Rtr PP Kasun Sigera, ADDR Rtr PP Ahamed Hussain, ADDR Rtr Miyuru Dharmage, ADDR Rtr PP Himantha Alahakoon, Rotaract District Secretary - Rtr PP Kayalvili Mathavaram, District Treasurer - Rtr PP Insaf Ismail, Assistant Rotaract District Secretary, and Membership Coordinator - Rtr Kashuni Kariyawasam from the executive committee of Rotaract District Steering Committee. Moreover, Guide Club Coordinator - Rtr PP Shanel Mendis and the Youth Service Advisor - Rtn Satyajit Seneviratne also attended the meeting. The DRR commended the club's progress and educated the gathering on what Rotaract is and the benefits that can be gained from the movement. Then the meeting was terminated where the board of officials was then asked to join into a breakout session for the progress evaluation of the activities carried out by the club.

***Special Board Meeting – Rotaract Mora Presidential Election***

Date: 1st of February 2021

Platform: Zoom

A special board meeting was called to order by the President regarding the application for the club President for the year 2021/22. The meeting covered several important points to be noted when applying for the position and also the announcement of the election procedure was clearly explained if multiple candidates are applying for the Club President.


***Assistant District Rotaract Representative's Visit***

Date: 17th of April 2021

Platform: Zoom

The Assistant District Rotaract Representative's visit was conducted as an internal board meeting prior to the stipulated deadline with the participation of the ADDR Rtr Miyuru Dharmage. The follow-up session since the DRR visit was conducted with an insightful sharing of suggestions, improvements, and compliments of the club's progress and the projects, which are completed and ongoing.

# Club Membership



- Membership Strategy
- Membership Development at a Glance
- Inductions
- Terminations
- Inbound and Outbound Transfers

## Membership Strategy

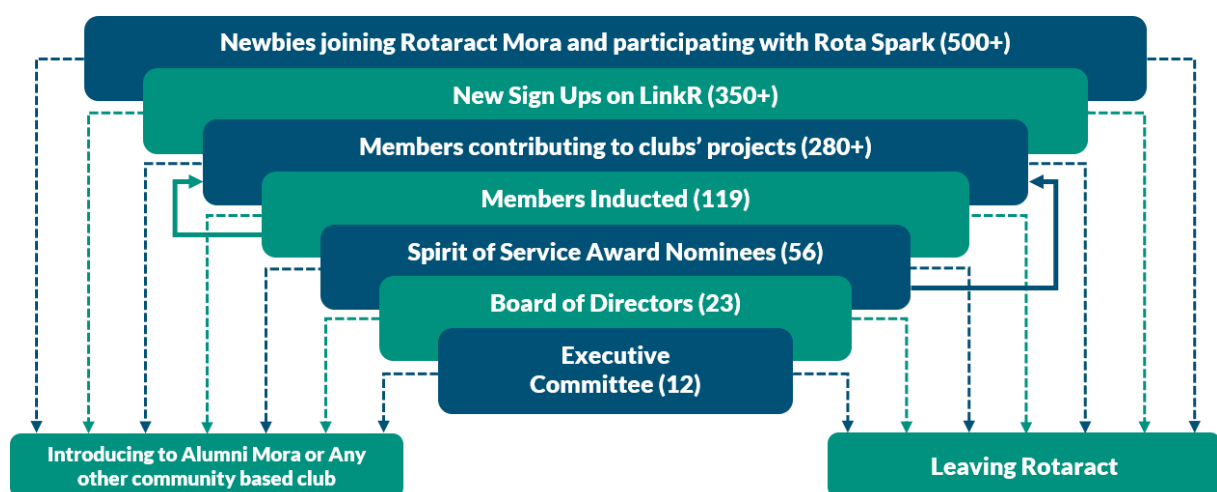
During the Rotaract year 2020/21, the main focus area under membership strategy was to maintain and update the newly initiated member contributions tracking platform, LinkR while expanding the member base of the club into Faculties of Architecture, Business, and newly initiated Faculty of Medicine. The membership of Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa comprised the majority from the Faculties of Engineering and IT. Moreover, with the help of active members, the club has grown its community to the Faculties of Architecture and Business as well. With the signature membership development project, Rota Spark, the club reached one of the notable milestones in attracting the new 20th batch of the newly launched Medical Faculty of University of Moratuwa. While the membership team retained the membership of Engineering and IT faculties, the team also focused on reaching the new batches of the Institute of Technology, University of Moratuwa (NDT) and thereby maintaining an active membership in the Institute.

Going with the year's motto, the club has maintained a diversified membership while also focusing the quality and productivity of members over quantity. With the membership tracking platform, LinkR, the club has kept in touch with all

the members, and with the digital powerhouse being well maintained, best performers and active members all across the avenues were recognized. Also, the platform has helped to identify the member involvement in different projects in which the termination process was also carried out based on the stats obtained under the supervision of the membership development team. In addition, all the members were given equal opportunities to engage in their avenues of interest and it is noteworthy to mention that, statistically, more than 75% of the inducted members of Rotaract year 2020/21 were able to grab the opportunity of being a chairperson.

With Elevate Rotaract policy changes fast approaching, the primary focus of this year was to implement a system in place which could help the club understand and recognize the most performing members, incentivize them by giving them club membership, and finally to retain them in the longer run. This endeavor was successfully done by aligning the member induction process, member recognition process, and member termination process with the outcomes generated by LinkR platform. Furthermore, the team was able to reinvent and initiate a few initiatives to achieve the goals under membership development and retention.

With the membership strategizing overhaul, the overall journey of a member joining Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa can be tracked as follows.



Numbers are based on LinkR

## Rota Spark

Rota Spark is the flagship membership development project of the club organized to attract new members while awakening and distinguishing their talents as the member base of Rotaract Mora serves as the supreme resource in any and all successful outcomes. This year's revolutionary four-month-long, 'Rota Spark' project consisted of the following elements.

- Orientation - Club opened doors for freshers of University of Moratuwa.
- IGNITION'21 - New members were introduced and provided a deep understanding of the Rotaract Mora culture, Avenues, and existing club projects.
- Open Week - Unfolded the opportunity for the new generation to have one-on-one conversations with avenue directors and gain more insights into club activities.
- Rota Spark Competition Series - Created the atmosphere to experiment with new skills like documentation, graphic and video designing, creative writing, and leadership, by delivering a series of competitions that proved invaluable in talent identification and acquisition of the club.
- Revelation 20.0 - Just as Revelation 19.0 holds the centrality of generating ideas to implement year defining projects as 'Andurata Athwalak' and 'SLRMUN', this year also, Revelation catered the opportunity to voice out novel ideas of the new member base in order to proliferate projects for the upcoming year.

Altogether Rota Spark was an inside-out approach to identify, shape, groom, and retain new skillful individuals through Rotaract Mora while utilizing their talents to bestow the best to society.

## LinkR

The novel addition to the digitizing revolution of Rotaract Mora 'LinkR', was brought to reality by the digital communications team together with the team of membership development. LinkR digital membership management platform allows computerized contribution tracking during projects, provides updates of ongoing projects and statistical data on membership activities in the club. LinkR application furnishes a public profile for each user featuring information on contributions according to their roles in projects. The application utilizes the ability to analyze member contributions much easily, hence it devised the perfect environment to identify new talent and reward deserved individuals throughout the year.



## MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AT A GLANCE

### TOTAL NO. OF CONTRIBUTIONS



### CHAIRPERSONS

104

### INDUCTED MEMBERS

118

### CHAIRPERSON OPPORTUNITIES

77% OF INDUCTED MEMBERS

### SPIRIT OF SERVICE NOMINEES

56

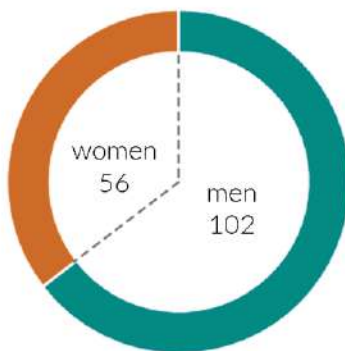
### ACTIVE ROTARACTORS

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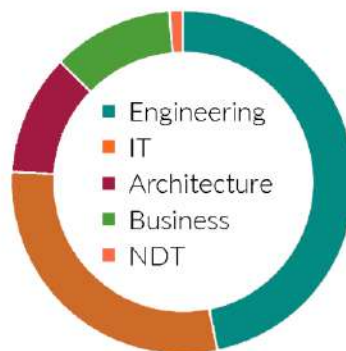
### MEMBERS MOVED TO COMMUNITY BASED CLUBS

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### GENDER WISE



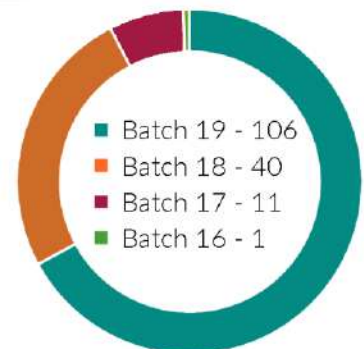
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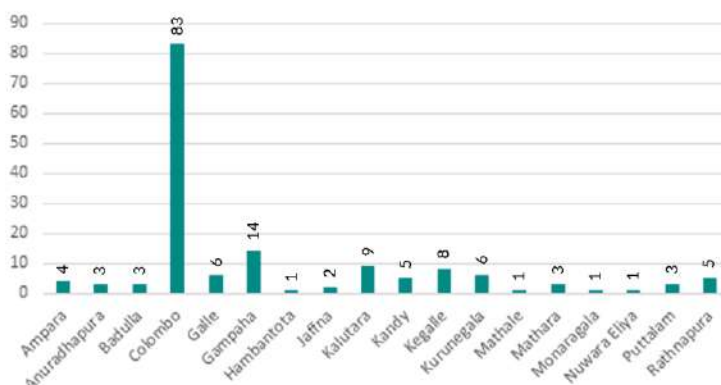
## MEMBER CONTRIBUTION ACROSS AVENUES

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT 142  
 CLUB SERVICE 109  
 COMMUNITY SERVICE 204  
 INTERNATIONAL SERVICE 80  
 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE 55  
 MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT 41

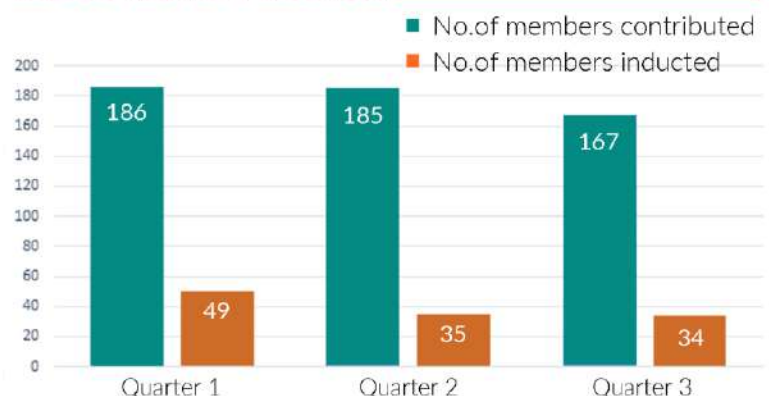
### BATCH WISE



### DISTRICT WISE BREAKDOWN



### INDUCTION STATISTICS

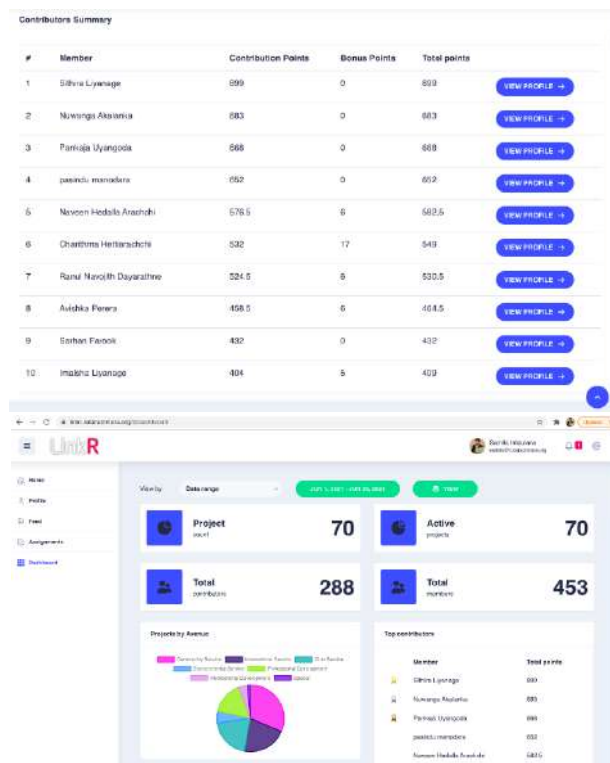


# Inductions

## Induction Process

Undergraduates from all six faculties including Engineering, Architecture, Business, IT, Medicine, and NDT join with the Rotaract moment at each enrolment of the new batch into the university annually. Many students from other batches engage with the club especially when signature projects are ongoing. These prospective members are inducted only after a probationary period where they have to actively engage in projects carried out in that respective period. In addition, their participation in external projects and monthly gatherings are also taken into consideration.

This year with the introduction of **LinkR as a membership tracking system**, the Induction procedure was strategized to ensure that only the best out of the best are inducted into the club as members of Rotaract Mora. This was done with the aim of strategizing the club membership with Elevate Rotaract policy changes approaching fast. Under LinkR all member actions/contributions towards the club were updated. Through administrative dashboards and backend generated results, the member activity has been tracked and analyzed. After carefully observing the activity of members (as tracked by LinkR) over a period of one quarter the Membership Development team nominated members for inductions. These nominations were verified by avenue directors and finally were approved by the club President for inductions.



*How LinkR generated results helped Rotaract Mora understand the members who should be inducted.*

During the Rotaract year 2020/21, a total of three induction ceremonies were carried out where a total of 118 members were officially inducted to Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa.

The dates of the Induction ceremonies hold are as follows.

- 25th of October 2020 - First Quarter Induction ceremony
- 24th of January 2021 - Second Quarter induction ceremony
- 29th of April 2021 - Third Quarter induction ceremony

The newly inducted members received a certificate of Membership at these ceremonies.



# Terminations

## Termination Process

The termination strategy of the club was digitized with the newly initiated LinkR, member contribution tracking platform, and terminations were carried out three times during the Rotaract year 2020/21. **The members who were inactive for more than two quarters of the year and members who left the university after graduation were terminated** from the club database. Altogether 241 members were terminated during Rotaract year 2020/21.

The members who left the club after graduation were motivated to proceed with their Rotaract journey by joining Rotaract Club of Alumni of University of Moratuwa or any other community based Rotaract Club. Termination requests for the

particular month were duly made via the RMIS and a list of the terminated members was then sent to the District Membership Coordinator via email with the President and the Youth Service Director of Rotary Club of Colombo West on copy. The records were then reflected in the Rotary International Database accordingly.

# Outbound and Inbound Transfers

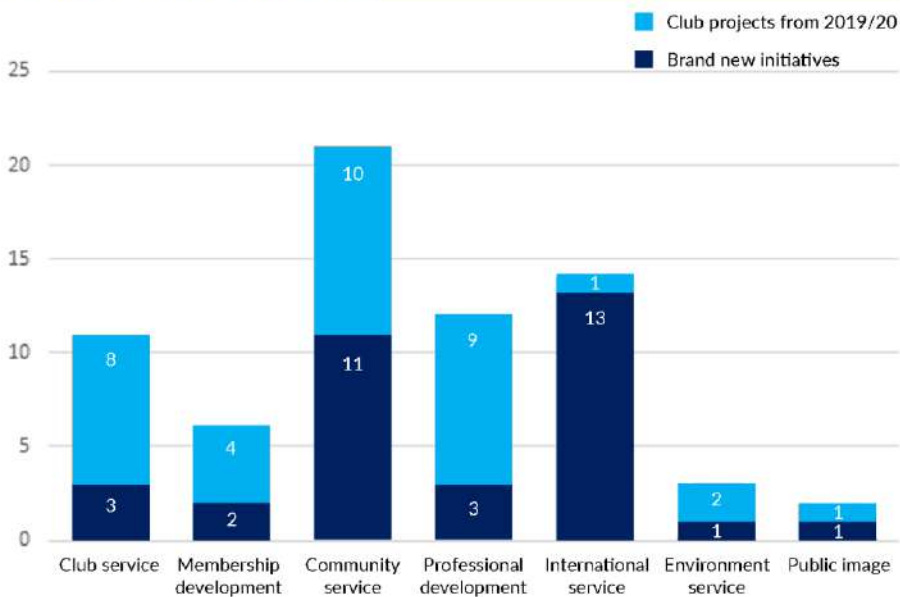
Outbound transfers were carried out by adhering to the said guidelines of the Rotaract District Steering Committee. Letters of Recommendation prepared according to the format recommended by the Rotaract District Steering Committee and signed by the President of Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa and Co-Director of Membership Development are issued to the members who transfer by proceeding their Rotaract journey with another club. Moreover, necessary details regarding the transfers were sent to the district membership coordinator via an email with the Presidents of the respective club and the Youth Service Director of Rotary Club of Colombo West on copy. Inbound transfers were also reviewed and accepted duly by the President/Secretary and accepted via RMIS. All the details regarding the transfers were then reflected in the Rotary International database ensuring that the records are matched with both RMIS and RI databases.



# Projects Overview

## PROJECTS OVERVIEW

### SUSTAINABILITY OF ROTARACT MORA PROJECTS AMIDST THE PANDEMIC



PROJECTS COMPLETED

69

NEW PROJECTS INTRODUCED

34

CLUB SIGNATURE PROJECTS RETAINED

84%

SERVICE ACROSS

22 DISTRICTS

PARTNERS

35

### MOST PREFERRED PROJECTS OF THE YEAR (BASED ON THE MEMBER SURVEY)

GRAMA PRABODHAYA

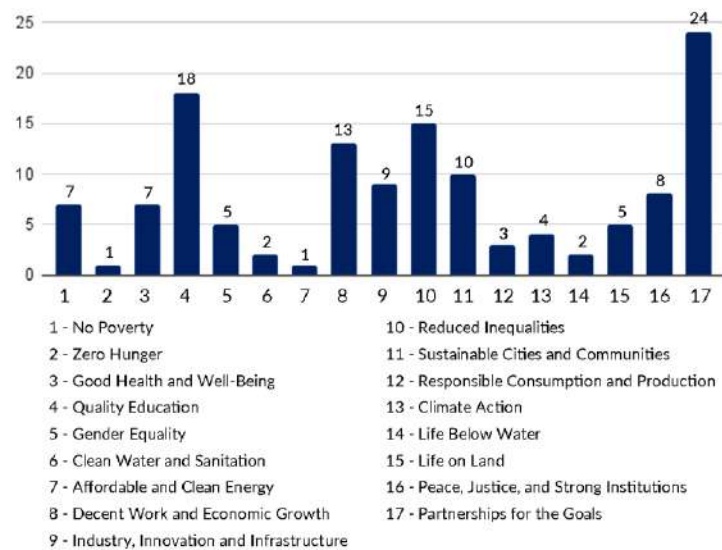
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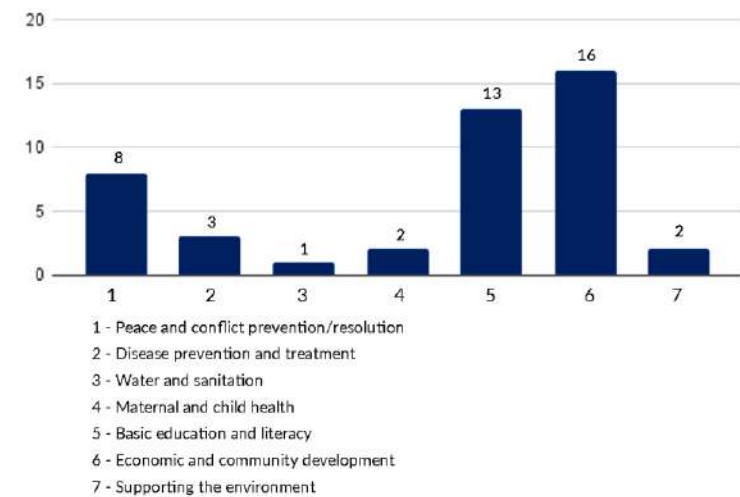
ROTA SPARK

## ROTARACT MORA STRIVING TO MAKE A SUSTAINABLE IMPACT

### ALL 17 SDGS COVERED



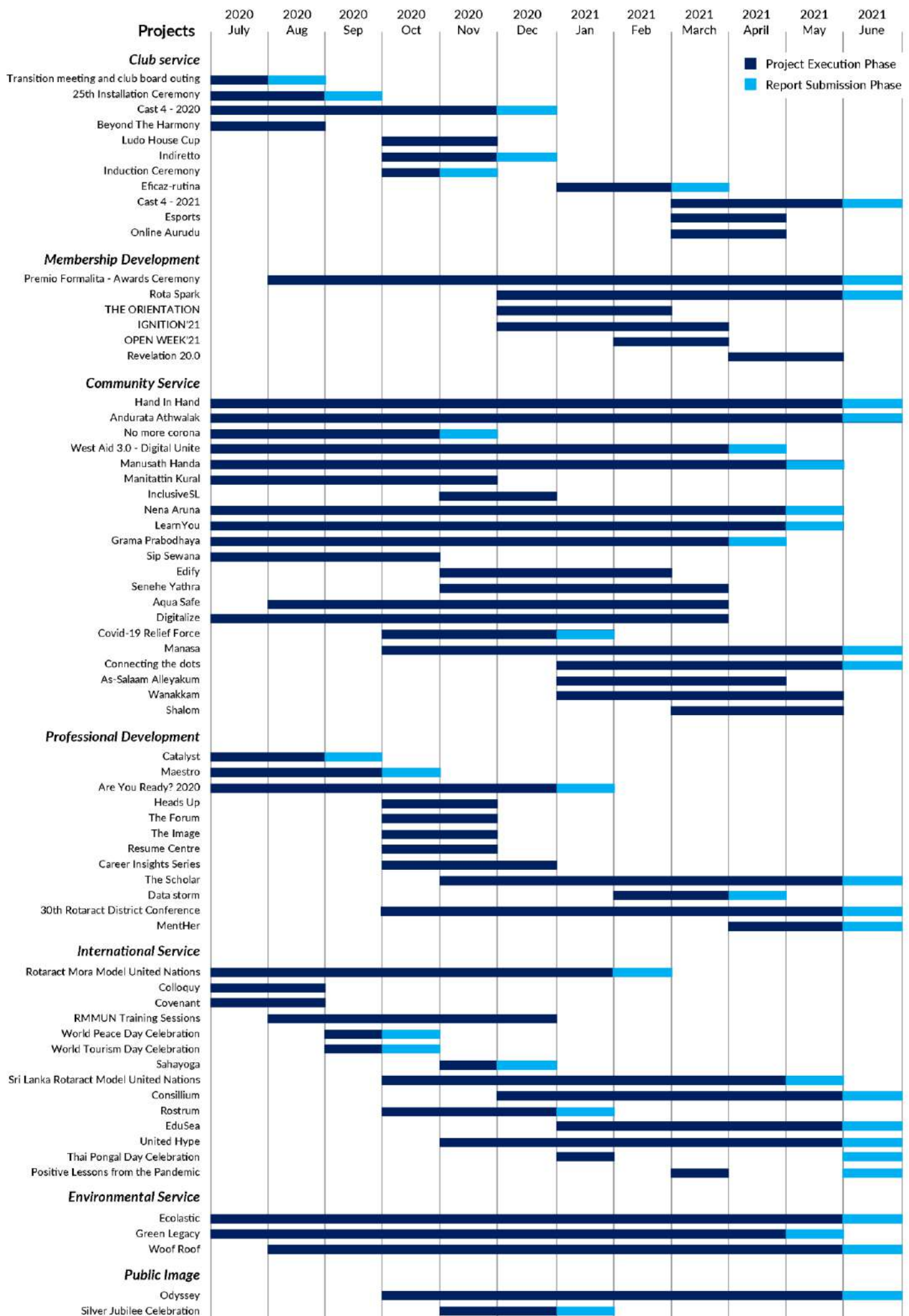
### ALL 7 ROTARY FOCUS AREAS COVERED



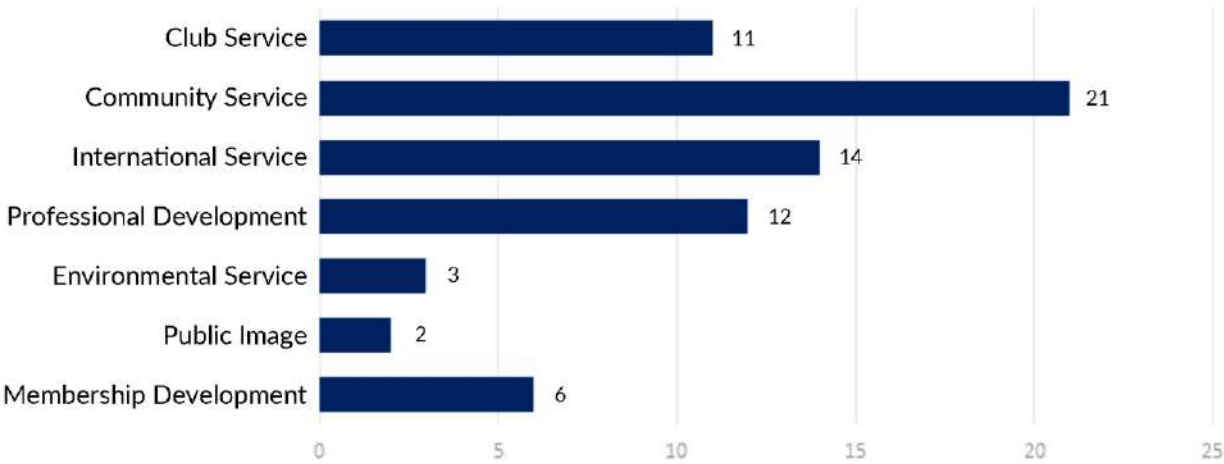
### MOST FOCUSED AREAS OF THE YEAR

Digital education  
Education and employment of visually impaired community  
Undergraduate skill development and job creation

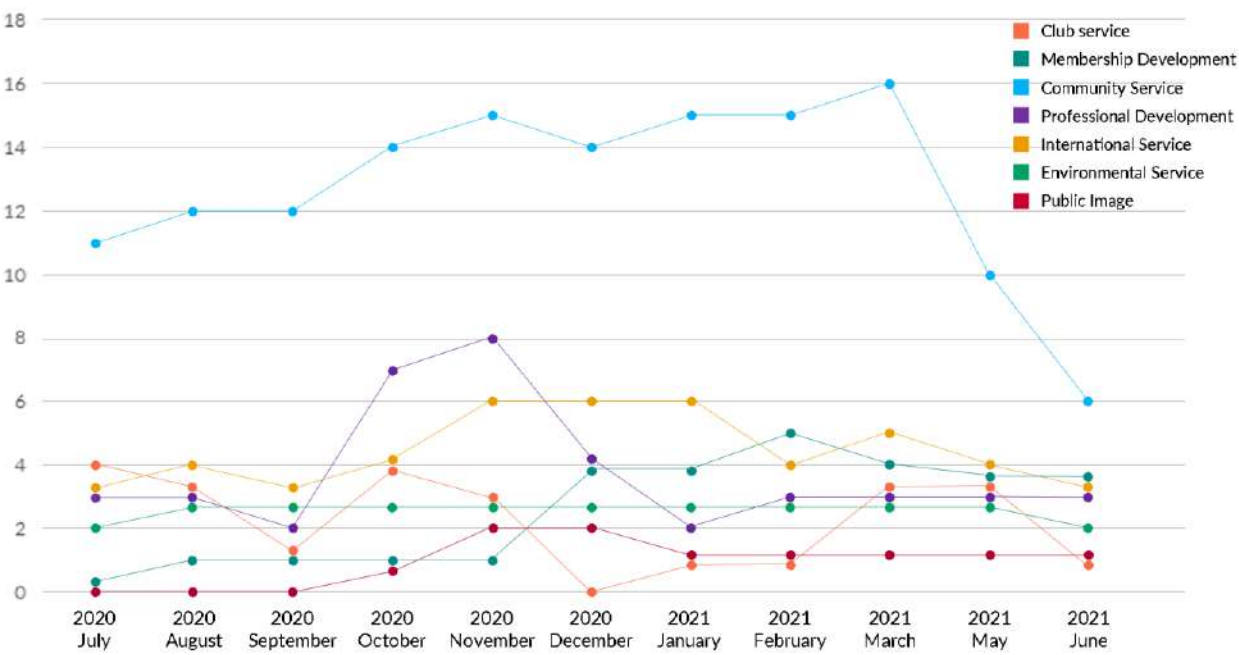
Embedding Model United Nations culture to Rotaract  
Women in leadership  
Community service through digital technologies



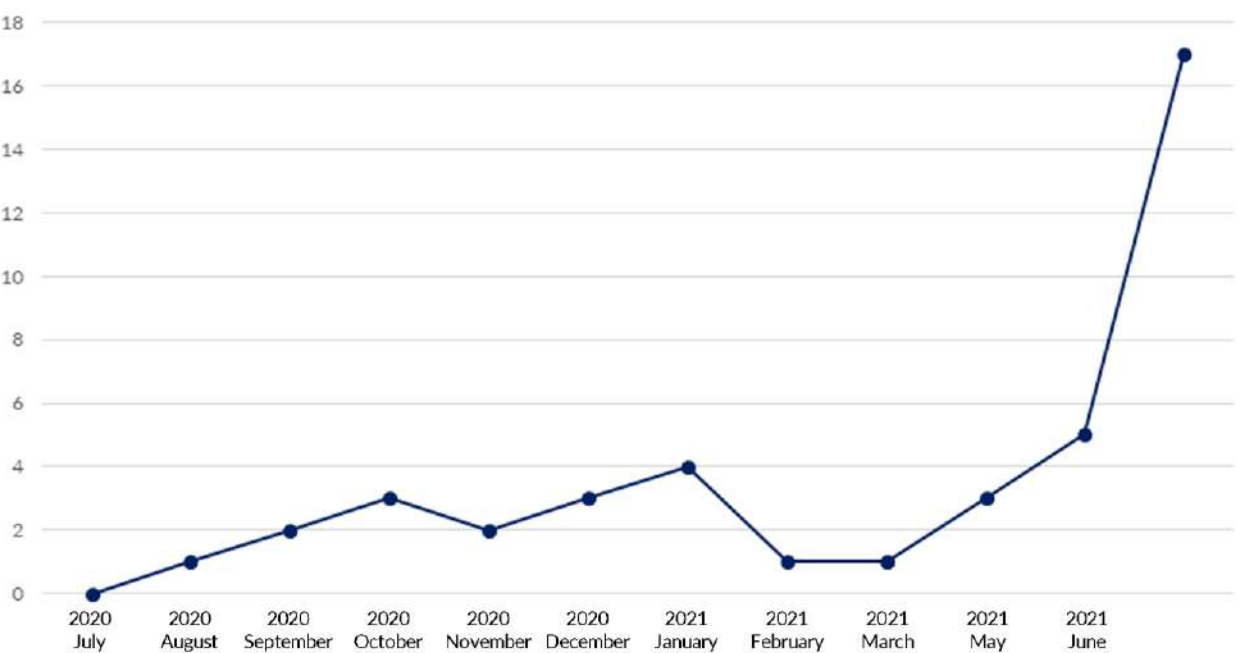
69 COMPLETED PROJECTS



ACTIVE PROJECTS ON A MONTHLY BASIS



42 PROJECT REPORTS SUBMITTED



# Club Service & Membership Development

Message from the Club Service Avenue

Message from the Membership Development Avenue

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## Message from the Club Service Avenue



We believe that the general members are our strongest asset and thus, our focus lies in strengthening Rotaract fellowship to ensure we deliver quality service to the society. However, due to the pandemic, most of the interactive, physical projects done through the avenue had to be halted. To provide the same experience and enjoyment to our beloved Rotaractors, we brainstormed and initiated some novel, virtual ventures projects. These projects were designed to be healthy refreshers from the monotony of lockdowns and the noble, yet immense workload carried out under other Avenues.

The year 2020/21 started with the execution of the handing over ceremony and board outing to showcase the true value and objective of the Club Service avenue. The second project was the 25th Installation Ceremony of Rotaract Mora and was held at Summerfields Banquets, Kottawa with the participation of distinguished Rotarians and Rotaractors, General Members of the club, board members and their family members. The incoming Board was inducted on the day whilst the outgoing Board was felicitated for their service to the club during their tenure.

Continuing the successful flow of the CAST4, which stands for 'Collaborative Avenue Service Teams Four', new projects were introduced to bridge the gap of the missing physical experience. Rotaract members and prospects were split into four teams based on the project theme for the year - 'Harry Potter' where the Houses competed for the overall win under the teams, Gryffindor, Ravenclaw, Hufflepuff, and Slytherin. Esports Championship, Online Avurudu and Quizengamot were continued from the previous year whilst Beyond the Harmony and Ludo House Cup were newer initiatives. After an intense battling across these five competitions, Hufflepuff emerged as winners of the CAST4 - 2020 Championship.



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Breaking the traditional treasure hunt concepts, INDIRETTO was organized as a virtual treasure hunt open to the Rotaract District 3220, inspired by "Refraction", the annual Treasure Hunt organized by Rotaract Mora. Our team developed a whole new web platform to serve the participants with a brand new experience. 228 people participated representing 57 teams registered with the event. INDIRETTO was a great success considering that the project was a novel approach by the club and the team hopes to continue INDIRETTO in the coming years. Next, Project Eficaz-rutina - a videography competition - was introduced for the Members to team up with friends and innovate exciting and creative videos.

General Meetings were also organized every month to inform the members about the ongoing projects of the club. Three induction ceremonies were included within the General Meetings to appreciate the hard work of individuals of the club and officially induct them onboard the Rotaract family. Sessions with District Representatives and Industry Professionals were also conducted for our members to improve their skill and acknowledge for a successful career both as a professional and as a Rotaractor.

Overall, it was really challenging to conduct Club Service projects without the physical presence of the members. However, with the innovative ideas and exceptional efforts of our members, we were able to give the maximum experience possible to stimulate them with a positive attitude towards the club. Consistent involvement of the members during the entire year and the attendance for the general meeting each month is a key indicator of the impact which occurred through our Avenue.



Having a higher number of active members when compared to other Rotaract clubs is one of the strengths we have and increasing the number of their engagement and enthusiasm towards the club is something that should be considered. Utilizing the strengths and capacity of the three co-directors through dividing the key tasks among them will help them to concentrate on a categorized set of projects and will assign utmost responsibility towards the success of them. Having resource persons from the District to arrange a proper project management training program for our directors will help them to use their time and effort on avenue work effectively and efficiently. We could also look into conducting fund-raising projects that serves the dual purpose of achieving Club Service goals whilst also raising

funds to be utilized in the many noble ventures our club carries out. Collaborations with both the District and other Avenues could be considered since we believe these areas hold much potential. And, having seen the immense talent of the upcoming Board of Officials, we are sure that Club Service will drive towards even greater ventures in the coming years.

Thank you!

*Rtr. Randula Karunaratne | Rtr. Nipun Nawodya |  
Rtr. Sachin Silva | Rtr. Yasith Anushka  
Club Service Team 2020/21*

## Message from the Membership Development Avenue



The Membership Development Avenue of Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa is driven by the vision of creating equal opportunities for all the members of the club to come forward and try their hand at using their skills, ideas, and passion to create a positive impact on the lives of others and ultimately recognize their talents and dedication to the cause.

In the beginning of the year, as the Membership Development team, we mainly focused on membership retention and tracking, and adapting to the imminent Elevate Rotaract policy changes. Achieving this, in accordance with our mission, was to be fulfilled by effectively integrating LinkR (the newly developed, exclusive member tracking platform of the club) into the avenue's operations and strategic decision making, properly recognizing our members, carrying out our avenue projects, and using up-to-date member details to maintain an active member base of 160 in the club. The year was quite challenging with the new normal, yet we were able to recreate all the initiatives of the avenue virtually and reach even more engagement from prospective members by also approaching the students from the newly initiated medical faculty in the university.

In the past few years, we did not have a proper member contribution tracking platform. Achieving our vision was made that much easier with the creation of the LinkR



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platform in collaboration with the club's Digital Communications team. The platform has been equipped with options that allow tracking of member contributions to each project done by the club, publishing project duties that can be self-assigned by interested members, and many more related features. LinkR was improved to be able to filter out members via their contributions for inductions, member retention and recognitions.

Under the avenue, we held three induction ceremonies in October 2020, January 2021, and April 2021 to recognize all our dedicated and committed members as inducted members of Rotaract District 3220.

Rota Spark, the much awaited signature project of the avenue, was held for a period of three months starting from January 2021 under three phases - Orientation, IGNITION and Open Week, by dividing the newbies into eight houses under the theme of Game of Thrones. This time around, it

was organized in a competition-based mode to hype up the interest of our newbies towards engaging themselves with the club. The competitions included Rota Click - the photography competition, Rethink - the editorial competition, and a wallpaper designing competition to discover the content creation talents of our newbies and thus utilizing their support in the club's activities in the future. The first project phase - Orientation, was a friendly welcoming for the newbies from the 20 Batch of University of Moratuwa to the club while the second project phase - IGNITION was a two-day, event which was organized with the aim of giving them an awareness on the avenues and projects of Rotaract Mora. Finally, the Open Week was a one-week program held avenue-wise to allow our newbies to interact with our Board of Directors openly. The Rota Spark program concluded with the Closing Ceremony by recognizing all the winners of the competitions held parallelly with the program.

Next, Revelation 20.0 was held for the second time, this year, with the aim of getting our newbies to propose brand new project ideas and improvements to enhance the quality of ongoing projects of Rotaract Mora, by evaluating 13 signature ongoing projects of the club. We had 9 individual submissions and 32 group submissions with dynamic, creative, and innovative project ideas of which a few will be implemented during the next year considering their financial requirements and feasibility.

Finally, Premio Formalita, the final grand milestone of Rotaract Mora's journey for the year 2020/21, was the annual awards ceremony of the club at which we awarded our passionate and energetic membership for the inspiring dynamic they displayed throughout the year. By adapting to the new normal, we organized the ceremony in a fully virtualized environment and recognized all our inducted members, project chairpersons and the most outstanding members of the club based on their performance and the spirit with which they worked with the club during 2020/21.

As is common to every human being, the pandemic was yet another challenge for us too. While usually the Rota Spark event was conducted in person, this year the club lost access to all its usual channels through which newbies could easily discover the club due to the closure of the university. Therefore, an added effort needed to be exercised on our part in order to capture as many newbies as possible to join the club through interesting projects and attractive PR campaigns. However, by adapting to the new normal, we were able to plan out all the projects in a virtual environment while giving the target audience the best experience possible as per our project goals. Also, the support, continuous dedication, and innovative and creative thinking by all the project committees made impossible things possible.

During the year, we were able to host three induction ceremonies by filtering out 119 best performing members

from the 19 Batch and maintaining the active membership up to 160. Statistically, we were fortunate to give chairperson opportunities to more than 80% of the inducted membership from the 19 Batch. The Rota Spark event series was a huge success in that it was able to gather 500+ registrations and participation from the newbies from the incoming batch of the university. Also, we were able to reveal their talents and passions through the competitions and other phases of the series. Through Revelation 20.0, our newbies were allowed to explore the signature projects of Rotaract Mora and use their creativity to come up with new project ideas and improvements to address burning issues in the country and fulfill some part of their social responsibility as the youth of the country. This was all topped off by providing our dedicated members, who pulled out all the stops to bring the club's initiatives to life throughout 2020/21, with the recognition that they very well deserved, at the annual awards ceremony of the club.

We as the membership team, together with the Digital Communications team, succeeded in maintaining the LinkR platform and consistently updating member contributions throughout year 2020/21. Nevertheless, LinkR holds much promise for further improvement and optimization which we hope to achieve during the next year. Going forward, plans are in place to level up LinkR to a well-functioning unbiased platform with 100% accuracy and to initiate a proper automated system for regular member recognition by using collected statistics, as opposed to recognizing our dedicated members merely at the annual awards ceremony. Developing a chairperson tracker to provide equal and diversified opportunities to all the members is also another aspect that the team hopes on integrating into LinkR in the future. Thereby, improving the diversified avenue participation of the members by engaging them in all the club's avenues with the support of the incoming Board of Directors, may be achieved.

Additionally, during the year to come, we also recommend initiating new and interesting projects to not only approach newbies and motivate them to join the Rotaract movement, but also approach partnerships with the aim of covering the annual membership dues of inducted members in the coming years.

In conclusion, we as the membership team believe that we were able to create opportunities for the worthy talents of the club to discover their passions and hidden potentials through the Rotaract movement while recognizing their outstanding contributions. And in doing so, we as directors too were able to enjoy our term to the fullest, while developing our own interpersonal skills in harmony with our diversified and passionate membership.

Thank you!

**Rtr. Pasindu Ileperuma | Rtr. Lakshani Pathirage |  
Rtr. Sathira Nipun**

*Membership Development Team 2020/21*



## CLUB SERVICE AT A GLANCE

### KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Virtual Treasure Hunt with

**228** Participants

**12** Sports Outings

**1** General Meeting Outside Colombo

**3** Avenue Collaborations

Rotary Focus Areas



### SDGs

**3** GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



**5** GENDER EQUALITY



**8** DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



**9** INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



**10** REDUCED INEQUALITIES



**17** PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



**HIGHEST**  
DIGITALLY  
REACHED  
PROJECTS  
THROUGH  
SOCIAL MEDIA

ONLINE AWURUDU

**41.5K**

BEYOND THE HARMONY

**46.7K**

ROTA SPARK

**42.7K**

### PROJECTS



**Indiretto**

### PROJECTS COMPLETED

**17**

### SIGNATURE PROJECTS COMPLETED

**4**

### CLUB FAMILIARIZATION SESSIONS

**9**

### GENERAL MEETINGS CONDUCTED

**11**

### AVERAGE GM PARTICIPATION

**91**

### PEER CLUBS INVOLVED

**18**

### COMPETITION SUBMISSIONS

**926**

### CHAIRPERSONS

**50**

### MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

**430**

### EVENT PARTICIPATION

**1400+**

### PARTNERS

**iKON**

### MEMBERSHIP SKILLS DEVELOPED

Graphic and Video Designing

Creative and Technical Writing

Photography

Presentation Skills

Researching Skills

Project Ideation Skills

Music and Entertainment

Sports

Gaming Skills

### AVENUE BENEFICIARIES

2018/19/20 Batches of University of Moratuwa

covering 5 faculties including the NDT faculty

and the newly established medical faculty

Members of the Club

Board of Officials

Peer Club Rotaractors

# Club Projects

## Rota Spark

**Date:** 24-05-2021

**Venue:** Zoom

**Chairpersons:** Rtr. Nirodha Sampath Sandaruwan | Rtr. Vidith Welihinda | Rtr. Yadawa Weerakoon | Rtr. Hashan Chathuranga | Rtr. Maduka Dilshan | Rtr. Nethma Mettananda | Rtr. Viraj Wijesooriya | Rtr. Bawun Mawitagama | Rtr. Nuwanga Akalanka | Rtr. Ravindu Jayasinghe | Rtr. Uvini Ranaweera | Rtr. Asel Perera | Rtr. Charithma Hettiarachchi | Rtr. Sithira Liyanage | Rtr. Naveen Hedalla Arachchi | Rtr. Avishka Perera

**Secondary Avenue:** Fellowship and Membership Development

Rota Spark is the signature membership development project conducted annually by Rotaract Mora. The project mainly aimed to attract the new batch that enters the university. Rota Spark serves as a mammoth opportunity for them to identify and improve their skills while making bonds of friendship which proves invaluable in university life. The project consisted of 5 distinct phases namely, Orientation, IGNITION'21, Open Week, Closing Ceremony, and the subproject Revelation 20'. With the year's theme, Game of Thrones, participants were allocated to 8 groups namely Stark, Arryn, Baratheon, Tully, Greyjoy, Lannister, Martell, and Targaryen, which represented 8 of the 9 greatest houses in Westeros. The main objective of Rota Spark is focused on membership development and retention where the active and the new members are gathered into one common platform. Not only that, but the project also allows each member to be involved in the idea generation process inside the club where they are allowed to freely convey their ideas, suggestions, and improvement tips to make Rotaract Mora a lively place.

### The Orientation

The Orientation is phase 01 of Rota Spark which is organized as a welcoming event for the newbies from batch 20. Through the event's dedicated registration process, over 500 students had signed up contemplating their inclination to be a part of the family Rotaract Mora. To identify the talents of the newbies, two competitions, wallpaper/flyer designing, and a video designing contest were held. Apart from this, The Orientation consisted of two distinct quizzes, where one quiz was based on the Game of Thrones series while the other was a fun quiz that included interesting questions such as

guessing the movies and songs which kept the participants engaged throughout the session.



### IGNITION'21

Phase 02 is the official introductory session where the directors of each avenue of the club were given the chance to brief on the projects, the nature, and the main purpose of their respective avenues. Intending to keep the participants interacting with the project three challenges were organized under IGNITION' 21. 'Rethink - The Editorial Competition', and the 'Creative Video Contest' both were organized with an aim of unleashing talents from the new batch while adding up the heat of the fight over the Iron throne, the 'Battle of Winterfell - The Inter Fandom Riddle' was organized challenging newbies over their knowledge of 9 different cinematic universes, which included Narnia, The Vampire Diaries, Teen Wolf, Harry Potter, Lord of the Ring, Money heist, The 100, Avatar the Last Airbender, and of course Game of Thrones.

### The Open Week

The third phase of the project ensured the newbies to have one-to-one conversations regarding the major avenues of the club. This was an opportunity for the new generation to gain more insights into club activities and projects of Rotaract Mora.

Interviews were conducted via Zoom, in breakout rooms for individual avenues of Club Service, Professional Development, International Services, Public Relations and Editorial, Environment and Community Services along with the participation of the Board of directors of the respective avenues. They were given the chance to forward their valuable ideas and suggestions on their avenues of interest. Parallel to the interview sessions, 'RotaClick', the photography competition was held letting the new generation unleash their hidden talents to an audience who appreciates the new talents. This was held as a close event via Instagram. All their efforts were then recognized at the closing ceremony. At the closing ceremony, the victors were awarded for the best house, best video in the video competition, best and most popular photographs of the RotaClick'21 photography competition.

### **Revelation 20.0**

Revelation can be identified as a project that can build the foundation of the future of the club generating many project ideas because Rotaract is an organization that has been built upon the diverse ideas and its membership. After proffering

a better understanding about the club, the projects, and the active membership, new members were given a chance to dive into the core of the club, doing their own research on the projects that the club is already involved in and most importantly letting them come up with new project ideas that the club could implement in days to come. It is noteworthy to mention that the members of the selected project ideas will be getting the chance to work as the chairpersons for the respective project execution in the following year which in return will be a good opportunity for them to adapt to the culture at Rotaract Mora and develop themselves more. As the project aimed at identifying personality and talents, and how these can be utilized in the upcoming projects, the contestants were asked to prepare a creative presentation, under any topic of their choice, to showcase their abilities. They were explained that this was to identify the skills and capabilities of each of them so that they could give in their maximum and not sway away from the objective. This idea has gained a lasting outcome toward the club where the club was able to implement several brand-new ideas of last year's Revelation, this year such as SLRMUN, Andurata Athwalak, etc.

## **CAST4 – 2021**

**Date:** 16-05-2021

**Venue:** CAST4 Game Portal | Facebook

**Chairpersons:** Rtr. Chasila Withanage | Rtr Sachithra Pushpawela | Rtr Ravindu Jayasinghe | Rtr Chathuni Sooriyarachchi | Rtr Gayan Kodithuwakku

**Secondary Avenue:** Fellowship and Membership Development

CAST4, Collaborative Avenue Service Team Four, is the premier dedicated chapter that brings together the prospective and active members as well as the board of officials. With the conclusion of the club's signature membership development project Rota Spark, the members were grouped into four houses out of 8 houses in Rota Spark. Namely, they are the houses, which were in Game of Thrones; Greyjoy, Baratheon, Stark, and Targaryen. Two subprojects; E-Sports Championship and Online Awurudu was conducted under this year's CAST4. Through CAST4, new members were able to adapt to the culture of Rotaract and RotaractMora This level of club familiarization allows the newbies to be excited for the next Rotaract Year to come. Given the hierarchical structure of the club, this batch of

newbies brought through Rota Spark and CAST4 is going to be the driving force of the club in the coming year.

### **E-Sports Championship**

RotaractMora identifies the true game spirit that has been built among the young undergraduates and thus, made it a chance for the epic gamers to play for the victory of their respective houses. The championship was held with 3 prominent games named, PUBG mobile, Call of Duty, and Valorant. Through the project, new members from both 19 and 20 batches took part, which undoubtedly created an environment for them to join the movement with excitement. Rotaract Mora paved the way to find out the most promising talents in the new batch of the university by giving them a

chance to compete by being their heroes and legends. They got their turn without hesitation to expose their hidden talents in E-Sports. This event bunched up the talented Rotaractors not only in Esports, organizing events, coordinating events but also those who wished to polish up their talents together with the Rotaract Mora.

### Online Awurudu

During the bliss of Awurudu season, Rotaract Mora being least dampened with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic brought the spirit of Awurudu back in a new frame. All the members were invited to celebrate awurudu games in a new

digitalized manner despite everyone being stuck at home. Six of the best traditional awurudu games were introduced with the help of the digital powerhouse of Rotaract Mora. Through this innovative idea, the club was able to bring traditionalism to a digital level making sure that the deep-rooted traditions do not disappear with time. This project provided a valuable opportunity to show that it is possible to keep this culture alive on an online platform. Even though the enjoyment in a physical gathering might not be there in a virtual platform, given the current situation in the country, this can be considered as a vital project implemented for the betterment of interpersonal relations.

## INDIRETTO

**Date:** 28-11-2020

**Venue:** Zoom | INDIRETTO Web Platform

**Chairpersons:** Rtr. Chasila Withanage | Rtr. Rukshan J. Senanayaka | Rtr. Sandun Chathuranga

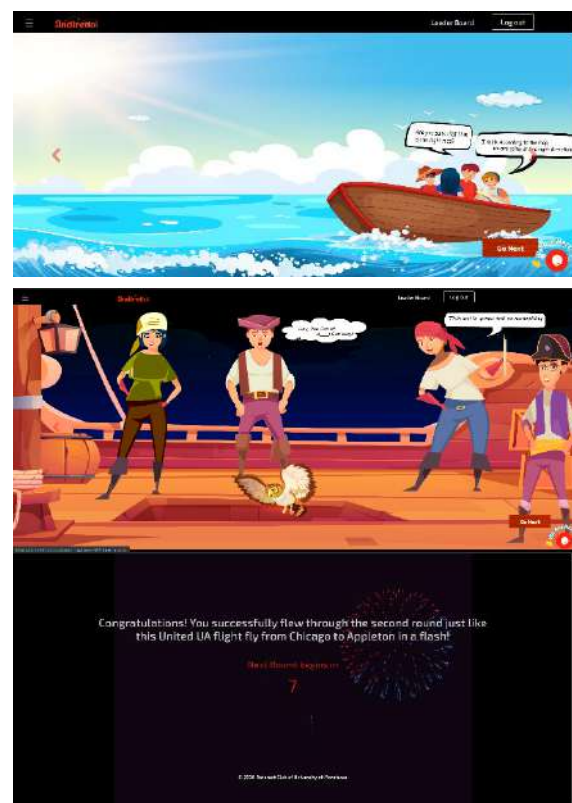
**Secondary Avenue:** Fellowship and Membership Development

INDIRETTO, the virtual treasure hunt was organized intending to replace one of the most-awaited and engaging projects, Refraction 20, which could not proceed due to the unexpected outbreak of COVID-19.

Rotaract Mora, being least dampened by all the challenges, continued its journey by securing all the anticipation toward the event sharing the same energy, excitement and creating new bonds of friendship throughout a virtual treasure hunt experience. To do so, the Club Service avenue designed a special virtual platform, which made the entire treasure hunt a unique experience and livelier place for the competitors.

INDIRETTO was designed to be played with teams consisting of four participants by facing up to five difficulty levels, which they had to complete with the help of the clues provided at each level. To cater for the best outcome, the organizing committee opened the competition for fellow clubs of Rotaract District 3220 and 57 team registrations marked the first milestone of INDIRETTO 2020.

The competition marked its success, with the representation of 35 teams from Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa and 21 teams from the fellow clubs of Rotaract District 3220, namely





Rotaract Clubs of Athugalpura, Faculty of Medicine-University of Colombo, IIT, National Institute of Business Management, Excellence, Colombo Central, NSBM, Kadawatha, Faculty of Arts-University of Colombo, Achievers Lanka Business School, Faculty of Science University of Colombo, and Faculty of Arts-University of Kelaniya. Moreover, INDIRETTO was able to attract the other voluntary arms of the country such as the Leo club of Werahera.

The team 'Four Horsemen' of Rotaract Club of Faculty of Science University of Colombo was crowned as champions of INDIRETTO while team 'Soz Soz Bro' of Rotaract Club of Achievers Lanka Business School and team High-Risk Traders' of Rotaract Club of Faculty of Arts, University of Colombo were crowned as first and second

runners up of the competition. The teams were rewarded with data prices of 36GB, 24GB, and 12GB respectively.

Reigniting the exertions of Club Services, INDIRETTO established a brand name for the Avenue, which shaped its perception. While bridging the divide among friends that occurred due to the pandemic, INDIRETTO paved the path to resurrect the importance of team play participation and was able to create life satisfaction and happiness amid the pandemic situation. Furthermore, INDIRETTO contributed to creating opportunities to invest the talent of the club to suit the current needs while developing professionalism and the potential capabilities in digital communication inside Rotaract Mora.

## CAST4

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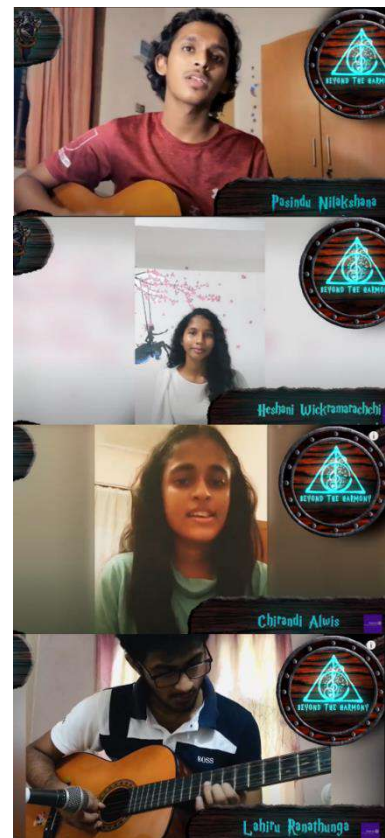
**Venue:** Facebook | CAST4 Facebook page | Ludo World Facebook game

**Chairpersons:** Rtr. Sathira Liyanapathirana | Rtr. Dulmith Kala Hewage | Rtr. Uvini Ranaweera | Rtr. Janith Wanasinghe

**Secondary Avenue:** Fellowship and Membership Development

CAST4 or 'Collaborative Avenue Service Teams Four' is the signature Club Service project of Rotaract Mora, which was first established years back to serve as an outlet for club members and prospects to exhibit their hidden talents and showcase personality development while also exposing them to the club and its disciplines. The club members and prospects are divided into 4 teams derived from a particular theme and allowed to face off against each other in a series of challenges and activities under various sub-projects thus formulating a sense of camaraderie and team spirit amongst participants. The fraternal bonds built on these grounds play a pivotal role in the club's quality in collective service and successful progress forward.

To secure the continuity aspect of CAST4 2019/20 edition, organizers launched part 2 of the project in the year 2020/21 by adding two more sub-projects, 'Beyond the Harmony' (online cover song competition) and 'Ludo House Cup', (online Ludo tournament) all centered around using social media for the execution of the projects, to continue on with engaging and entertaining the club members.



## 25th Installation Ceremony of Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa

**Date:** 12-08-2020

**Venue:** Summerfields Banquets & Restaurant, Kottawa

**Chairpersons:** Rtr. Nipun Aluthge | Rtr. Romasha Guruge

**Secondary Avenue:** Fellowship and Membership Development

The second most important element of the club was the installation ceremony of Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa, where the President, Rtr Samila Imbulana, and his board of directors officially took office for the Rotaract year 2020/21. The ceremony took place on a grand scale with the presence of the distinguished invitees representing both Rotary and Rotaract Clubs, past presidents and secretaries, parents, and friends.



## Premio Formalita - Awards Ceremony

**Date:** 29-05-2021

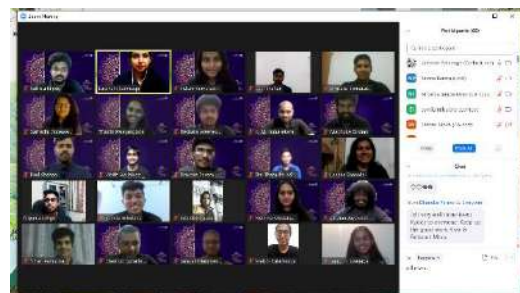
**Venue:** Zoom

**Chairpersons:** Rtr. Bhanuka Uyanage | Rtr. Helani Kumarawadu | Rtr. Nirodha Sandaruwan

**Secondary Avenue:** Fellowship and Membership Development

Premio Formalita is the annual awards ceremony organized by the Club service avenue and the membership development avenue of the club. Going with the year's motto, '25 Years of Service Worth Celebrating', the club focused on celebrating the hard work and commitments hailed by the members throughout the years. The ceremony was held virtually with the gracing of distinguished guests from Rotary Club of Colombo West, Rotaract District 3220, and University of Moratuwa. A total of 104 chairpersons of the completed projects were rewarded with letters of appreciation and 56 members were rewarded and recognized with the 'Spirit of Service' title. All these nominations were gathered and analyzed through the club's membership tracking platform, LinkR. The ceremony was limelight with several interactive elements such

as games and entertainment items as well. With that, the members of the club were motivated to engage in the movement while giving a quality service and learn something back for their lives. Also, the ceremony created a place for the new and active members to get to know each other and build fellowship that could be a strength for the club and as well as the entire Rotaract Mora fraternity.



## EFICAZ-RUTINA

**Date:** 26-02-2021

**Venue:** Online

**Chairpersons:** Rtr. Kavishka Cooray | Rtr. Hansika Lakshani | Rtr. Binuli Fernando

**Secondary Avenue:** Mental Health and wellbeing | Fellowship and Membership Development

Rotaract Mora joined the parade to make the adaptation of the new normal easier for its own members during the pandemic. With that intention in mind, the brand-new competition “Eficaz-rutina”, a Spanish phrase that gives the meaning “effective routine”, was initialized.

In a time where everyone was confined to the four walls of their homes, the daily routines were monotonous and most often unproductive. The lives of undergraduates revolved around a screen swamped up with online lectures and assignments. Upon identifying the severity of this issue, possibly leading to long-term effects on physical and mental

health, the club introduced this project, which undoubtedly added a spark to everyone’s daily routines.

The competition was for the members where they had to put their creative skills to good use and create a vlog to showcase their own productive daily routines. The most creative day-to-day regimes were selected and awarded for their creativity and productivity. This was a worthwhile initiative done to encourage the entire community to transform their daily routines into more health-conscious, enjoyable, and energetic routines.

## Induction Ceremony

**Date:** 25-10-2020

**Venue:** Zoom

**Chairpersons:** Rtr. Vinu Weeramanthrie | Rtr. Thulani Nagahawatta

Membership holds key importance for any club for its constant existence and the Club Service arm of Rotaract Mora depicts the sole importance of the dedicated efforts posed by its own members, who mature in their true potential to be the leaders of this powerful movement. To commemorate with true spirits and recognize the talented new members for their outstanding performance, the Induction Ceremony for the Rotaract year 2020/21 was held, undoubtedly giving the newbies a fresh start to their Rotaract journeys.

Moving forward under the new normal, the Induction Ceremony was conducted virtually on the 25th of October, opening windows of opportunity for the newbies to step into the journey of exploring and serving the community while doing what they love. This ceremony was out of the ordinary and a special milestone for the club, because for the very first time the induction process was tested through LinkR, Rotaract

Mora’s all-new digital membership, and performance tracking platform. As per the statistics, 45 new members who had received the highest contribution points in LinkR were acknowledged for their work and were inducted on that day.

The Induction Ceremony for the second quarter of the year ended successfully, making the Rotaract fraternity bigger and stronger with a new set of enthusiastic minds bringing a fresh perspective to the club.

## Transition meeting and club board outing

**Date:** 06-07-2020

**Venue:** Winsgreat Bungalow

**Chairpersons:** Rtr. Nipun Aluthge | Rtr. Sachin Silva | Rtr. Yasith Anushka

**Secondary Avenue:** Fellowship

The first project carried under Club Service avenue was the transition meeting & Board Outing where the official handing over of duties took place by the outgoing president Rtr.Dhanuka Perera to the newly appointed President Rtr.Samila Imbulana along with his Board of Officials.

The newly appointed board members were then invited to spend the day with freedom and joy which indeed made their busy minds relaxed and motivated, giving them the opportunity to get to know each other and build strong bonds that outlast forever. The Club Service team aligned the days' proceedings promptly to make the outing much more captivating. The members had a fresh start for the new Rotaract year while building strong bonds and team spirit to strive as one.





# Community Service

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## Message from the Avenue



The Vision of the Community Service avenue is to create a better and happier society for everyone regardless of all demographic barriers. To achieve this, we identify pressing circumstances in the society and tailor our projects to suit the needs of the people. With the commencement of the Rotaract Year 2020/21, our focus was more into strategizing and adapting existing signature Rotaract Mora projects under the context of the pandemic. With new challenges to retain the membership base of the avenue and to maintain the quality of the service, the team had to increase the scope of existing projects while initiating new ones.

There are many communities with lack of facilities and resources in Sri Lanka who are in need of care and support. There are differently abled communities and communities with chronic diseases who need our support to stand on their own. Additionally, the pandemic rifted a digital divide, obstructing the basic education and literacy of the young, deserving students. There is also a need to implement projects to maintain peace and harmony among the different religions and cultures. In addition to that, we needed to implement projects to stop the spread to overcome the COVID-19 pandemic situation.

Manusath Handa, the Rotary International Award winner 2020/21 took several steps forward by expanding the project to all three languages and A/L subjects by creating audio books for visually-impaired students. In addition to that, Manusath Handa audio book library was also featured in the Department of Examination website. Andurata Athwalak is a new sub-initiative focused on empowering the visually impaired by creating audiobooks to equip them with spoken English and basic but up to date computer knowledge. Furthermore, we managed to do Sri Lanka's first-ever online audio donation camp.

Meanwhile, Nena Aruna was entirely restategized, and focused on online education this year. We expanded the project to more subjects like English, Commerce, Science and Information Technology apart

from Mathematics. Throughout the year we did 50 seminars including paper discussions with G.C.E. O/L students via Zoom that had an average participation of 100+. Containing recordings of all the seminars plus science practical videos and lessons of various subjects, the Nena Aruna YouTube channel was launched. LearnYou which is an educational Q&A forum similar to Quora was launched so that students of all ages can gain and share knowledge.

Grama Prabodhaya, the International award-winning community service initiative, was continued for the 5th consecutive year, again focusing on Dunupothagama village. This venture comprised many sub-projects which varied from the provision of online education, maternity health facilities, and clean drinking water to infrastructure development. Meanwhile, Hand in Hand was able to raise funds via sticker and T shirt campaigns in aid of cancer patients. We also managed to accomplish other sub-initiatives under this such as book donations and public awareness campaigns on cancer.

Connecting the Dots is a project carried out with the aim of promoting peace and harmony among the various ethnicities throughout Sri Lanka. As-salamu Alaikum, the first sub project under Connecting the Dots concluded with distributing stationery items to 50 deserving children in the Ampara district. Shalom, the latest addition to Connecting the Dots, was conducted aiming at the Catholic community of Negombo in collaboration with the Rotaract Club of Negombo. Vanakkam, the third project initiated under Connecting the Dots was



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done in Jaffna with the collaboration of Rotaract Club of Nallur Heritage. In addition to above signature projects, other ventures like Together SL, Digital Unite - West Aid 3.0, No More Corona, Manasa were also carried out under the Community Service avenue

Overall, we were able to overcome the pandemic situation and continue our service by re-strategizing the projects to adopt it for the new normal without dropping any signature projects. Despite the pandemic, we were able to reach out to a diverse set of beneficiaries including differently abled communities, underprivileged village communities and cancer patients whilst giving opportunities to our members to serve others. Additionally, we were also able to increase the scope and outcomes of the projects while increasing the member participation.

Last but not least, we did recognize areas of improvements to deliver bigger and better projects in the coming years. Improving and strategizing PR campaigns to attract more funds to the avenue and deliver the service to the right targeted community is one focus area we could look into. Moreover, we can delegate and distribute the workload between the members more effectively to reduce the workload and create an environment to conduct projects without pressure. Of course, having seen the potential of the upcoming Board of Officials, we are sure the Community Service will attain even greater peaks in the coming years.

Thank you!

**Rtr. Thishani Wijayaratne | Rtr. K. M. Gunasekara |  
Rtr. Pasindu Madhuwantha | Rtr. Reshaka Weerasinghe**  
Community Service Team 2020/21





# Club Projects

## Grama Prabodhaya

**Date:** 20-03-2021

**Venue:** Dunupothagama, Nochchiyagama

**Chairpersons:** Rtr. Chandeepe Pathirana | Rtr. Hasitha Pushpakumara

Rtr. Manula Thennakoon | Rtr. Kushan Madhusanka (Edify)

Rtr. Ranul Dayarathne | Rtr. Dhanoj Ninnada (Digitalize, Aqua Safe)

Rtr. Madhavee Abayanayake | Rtr. Nimesh Ariyaratna (Senehe Yathra)

**Secondary Avenue:** Education and Sustainable Livelihoods | Fellowship and Membership development

Being a signature community service project and an international award-winner, Grama Prabodhaya stands to develop a village comprehensively in multiple aspects to uplift the quality of the villages and help the villagers to sustain a better quality of life. A particular underprivileged area in the country which is in dire need of attention is chosen with the intention of identifying the development scopes and serving the dreams of its lives in many ways targeting the sustainable development goals and Rotary's seven focus areas.

In this Rotaract year, Grama Prabodhaya turned to its sixth chapter to extend a helping hand to Dunupothagama, a village located in the outskirts of Nochchiyagama in the Anuradhapura district.

This village gives shelter to 176 families and education to approximately 750 students. Continuing the work from the year before, in this final stretch of Grama Prabodhaya in Dunupothagama, several milestones were passed where the Rotaractors worked on developing the basic requirements of the villagers by uplifting the infrastructure in the village.

The initiation of Grama Prabodhaya consisted of the sub-projects Sip Sewana, Intellect, Inspirer, Healing Hands, and Star Seekers, and this year saw the completion of Sip Sewana along with the novel initiatives Edify, Digitalize, Aqua Safe and Senehe Yathra; thus, marking the final execution of the project in Dunupothagama.



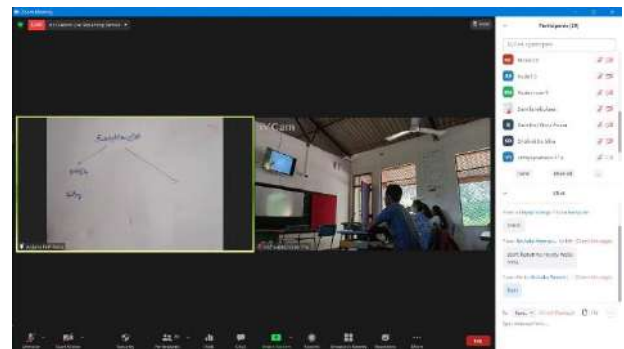
### ***Sip Sewana***

Sip Sewana ventured to address the issues faced by the students in their learning environment. Dunupothagama Vidyalaya had many dilapidated classrooms, where the students could not study during challenging weather conditions like heavy rains and sunny days. Upon seeing this, the club concentrated on constructing a building for a new classroom, spacious enough to accommodate 80 students. Through this, Rotaract Mora pioneered in creating a safe learning environment for the students in the village to dream about their future and work for it with comfort.



### ***Edify***

To build the atmosphere around and to build equal opportunities for the students at Dunupothagama Vidyalaya, Edify was initiated. The main intention was to conduct a virtual seminar series targeting the students who faced the Ordinary Level Examination in 2020, eliminating the obstacles they had due to the pandemic situation in the country. Above all, a digital classroom was created in the school solely to build the infrastructure to connect with the students for the seminar series conducted, through which the Rotaractors delivered the educational programs for those who connected virtually.



### ***Digitalize***

With the intention of creating a better life for the students in rural areas within the world of modern technology, Digitalize built up an ICT laboratory for the students at Dunupothagama Vidyalaya. Joining hands with the IT corporate giant LSEG Technology as the Digital Infrastructure Partner, the club took steps to bestow the talented students the ability to enter into a vast knowledge base and experience the new technological environment created around them. A full renovation to the school laboratory was done where new computers were installed thereby handing over a fully furnished ICT lab for the students, opening opportunities for the students to learn and improve in a much broader scope.



### ***Aqua Safe***

As per the findings of the extensive research done about the village, the lives of Dunupothagama were under a severe threat of chronic kidney disease due to impure drinking water. Over the years of Dunupothagama history, the families have had to pay a significant amount to buy pure water bottles, which costs around 3LKR per liter and approximately 21,900 LKR in total per year per family where the usual usage of water per family is estimated to 20 liters per day. This has become a major downturn to the majority of the underprivileged families around the village where they have spent money to facilitate their basic needs with water over



earning for their families to have their three meals properly. Aqua Safe was initiated to address this issue where the club dedicated its efforts to install a R/O (Reverse Osmosis) filter with the lending hand of ABC Trade and Investments (Pvt) Ltd. This filter was designed with a 900 R/O water purifier, capable of purifying 2000 liters per day. After training on the usage, the filter was handed over to the villagers, blessing the village with clean drinking water and sustainable management of sanitation for all. Through this, the cost of 3LKR per liter of pure drinking water was reduced to 1LKR, saving the tired footsteps of the villagers to buy water to fulfill their daily needs.



### **Senehe Yathra**

Embracing the theme, “be a strength to the ladies who carry the future generation.”, the noble sub-project Senehe Yathra was initiated with the intention of catering to the basic needs of expectant mothers in Dunupothagama village and preparing a healthy atmosphere for the little ones who are waiting to see the world with care and love. With the kind collaboration of Velona Cuddles as the baby care partner and 32 pregnant mothers on board, gift-packs containing essential baby care items were donated to each mother, in hopes of this simple act being support and strength to them.



### **Manusath Handa**

**Date:** 30-04-2021

**Venue:** School for Deaf and Blind in Rathmalana | Examination Department of Sri Lanka

**Chairpersons:** Rtr. Sithira Liyanage | Rtr. Janith Bimsara

**Secondary avenue:** Education and Sustainable Livelihoods

Being awarded the prestigious title of “International Single-club Awardee” in the 2020/21 Rotaract Outstanding Project Awards, Manusath Handa – Voice of Humanity is a noble project that aims to uplift the state of education for the visually impaired students across the island. It mainly concentrates on providing easy access to education for the said target audience by converting subject matter related to their curriculum to audio form. As per the words of the Principal of the School for the Deaf and Blind in Rathmalana, audiobooks prove to be of much convenience and comfort for students to progress in their education, in comparison to the traditional braille method.



Manusath Handa mainly focuses on the students studying for G.C.E Advanced Level and G.C.E Ordinary level. Past paper questions and answers are voiced then converted to audiobooks and are made available for the students. Launching Sri Lanka's first and largest online audiobook library 'Manusath Handa e-library' marked a stellar milestone for the project, which showcased 500+ audiobooks recorded with the help of over 160 volunteers from the Rotaract community and beyond. Furthermore, the voice recordings were written on DVDs and distributed among the respective schools and institutions across Sri Lanka.

The project always had the privilege of having tremendous support from other Rotaract Clubs and several other entities such as the Department of Examinations, Wijeya Newspapers Ltd, and the visually impaired community itself throughout its journey. Recently the Audiobook Library was officially featured on the website of the Department of Examinations Sri Lanka, thus making the resources more accessible to a community that truly deserves it.

### ***Voice of Community or Manittattin Kural***

As Manusath Handa grew, it expanded its reach to the visually impaired Tamil students, hence giving birth to its sub-project "Manittattin Kural". It initially aimed to support the students at Nuffield School for Deaf and Blind, Kaithady in Jaffna, which was a Tamil-medium school for the visually impaired and later extended the service to Vaazhvaham School in Chunnakkam.

### ***Inclusive SL***

Inclusive SL is an open web forum, which aims to discuss inclusive education and employment for

differently abled communities in Sri Lanka. The forum was graced by three leading personalities of the Sri Lankan community of persons with disabilities as resource persons namely, Mr. Janitha Rukamal - Co-Founder of Enable Lanka Foundation, Mr. Isuru Panditha - Committee member at Commonwealth Children and Youth Disability Network & Rtr. Janith Ittapana - Advocate for Disability Rights & Mental Health in Sri Lanka. The forum reached more than 10000 audiences consisting of the Rotary-Rotaract community, project volunteers, corporate individuals, and hundreds of disabled individuals around the country to one platform. The session gave a good understanding regarding the current progress of inclusive education and employment and also it addressed how inclusivity can be improved in Sri Lanka. It has created a massive impact throughout the country while spreading the message to the community about the notable capabilities of the differently abled who can make a change to the country. Through this, it was able to narrow down the inequality between ordinary people and people with disabilities.

With the significant improvements made throughout the year, the project was able to reach the digital revolution with the contributors' portal where the audiobook creation process was fully automated so that volunteers all the world can access and donate their voice no matter where they are. This is a notable achievement, which the club has gained that undoubtedly proves the power of inbuilt digital communications taken in place. This vital step in the project would go a long way in ensuring that the true ownership of the project could be handed over to the volunteers, which would ultimately make Manusath Handa sustainable and long lasting.

## **Andurata Athwalak**

**Date:** 27-05-2021

**Venue:** School for Deaf and Blind in Rathmalana | Zoom

**Chairpersons:** Rtr. Bawun Mawitagama | Rtr. Senith Cooray | Rtr. Sanduni Liyanage | Rtr. Pasidalee Dissanayake | Rtr. Pasindu Manodara

**Secondary Avenue:** Education and Sustainable Livelihoods

Andurata Athwalak is a conceptualization of Manusath Handa, which uses the idea of audiobooks to improve the English proficiency skills and the computer literacy skills of visually impaired children and increase their employability in the long run. The project consisted of 2 stages.

Stage 01 focused on improving English speaking skills, which was done by creating audiobooks containing dialogues built on various practical scenarios, along with their Sinhala translations. The content ranged from simple conversations between a group of friends to more advanced conversations about future career aspects, facing a job interview, etc. The pinnacle of the project was the first-ever online voice donation camp held on the 31st of October, with the participation of more than 100 volunteers joining hands to voice out the scripts whilst enjoying their time with their peers. These recordings were then fine-tuned to get the quality deliverables so that the students could reap the benefits in learning beyond boundaries. Most importantly, the intention of doing so was to use a

non-conventional method of teaching, where the students would get the necessary knowledge whilst enjoying themselves.

Stage 02 focused on basic computer literacy, to open up the visually impaired children to a world of digitalization. Even though there are ample resources online, through research it was found that the students lacked awareness about such resources or the technical know-how to access them. With this project, we bring all the knowledge and resources to one place, making it accessible to everyone in need. Through the computer course, audiobooks containing tutorials on using the internet for browsing, screen readers, using Google Drive and Gmail, etc. with the Sinhala translations were created.

Through this, the visually impaired community will get the opportunity to prepare for their career and increase the potential to gain employment opportunities and attain a certain level of independence and self-reliance in society.

## Nena Aruna

**Date:** 30-04-2021

**Venue:** SOS village in Piliyandala | Zoom | YouTube

**Chairperson:** Rtr. Pankaja Uyangoda | Rtr. Samitha Nieranjan (Nena Aruna) | Rtr. Naveen Hedalla Arachchi (LearnYou)

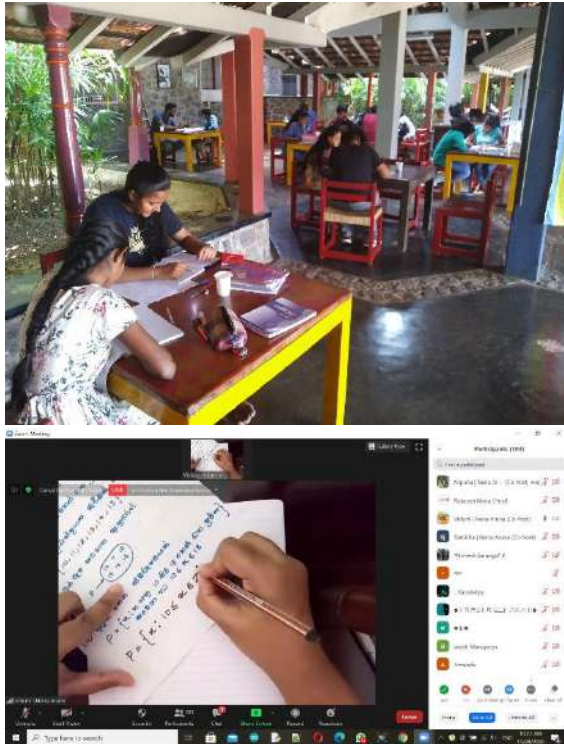
**Secondary Avenue:** Education and sustainable livelihoods

Education holds an important place in our lives, and it is the root that strengthens our future. Through Nena Aruna, we expect to upgrade standards of the education of underprivileged school children while giving them the equal opportunity to engage in their studies during the new normal. The vision of Nena Aruna is to make education accessible to all by creating opportunities to earn the best use of education under one roof. The project consisted of one subject LearnYou where educational support was given for the students in grades 10 and 11 and two important sessions O/L Samath and Abhilas Tharana.

Nena Aruna came to play with the first-ever virtual open seminar been conducted by a Rotaract Club and also it highlights Nena Aruna Youtube channel; the best solution taken during the pandemic where students can access lessons that are taught by our very own undergraduates thereby reducing the

common generational gap between teachers and students and more understanding on the particular subject. Altogether the project conducted 50 seminars with a 600+ growing student community from all four corners of Sri Lanka.

In addition to the virtual seminars, recorded lessons done as side-support by our Rotaractors were published, so that all students can access the video lessons easily at any given time. What started off so small has grown exceeding all expectations and now has a base of a total of 545 subscribers to the channel. Going one step further, a specially dedicated website was designed to spread the message about the virtual seminars for the students who did not have access to WhatsApp or Facebook. The website contained up-to-date information about the schedule as well as the learning material of upcoming seminars.



### LearnYou

The concept of “Distance Learning” is still new to the Sri Lankan education system and the students lacked a mechanism for feedback and performance monitoring. To answer this with elaboration, Nena Aruna launched the brand-new sub-project LearnYou.

LearnYou is an online interactive educational platform created with the expectation of

extracting the maximum benefits of a virtual learning environment for both students and undergraduates. Users can raise their questions, discuss problems and share their knowledge with others. The best feature of the platform is that it accommodates all three languages, thereby mitigating any language barriers among the students and undergraduates.

### O/L Samath

Mental stability and confidence are vital to face an examination successfully. “O/L Samath” was a session dedicated to the students who were sitting for their Ordinary Level examinations and was done with the hopes of boosting their morale and self-confidence to reduce the fear of facing the actual exam. This gave their little minds the reassurance they needed about their endless abilities to fly high.

### Abhilas Tharana

The final element of Nena Aruna was “Abhilas Tharana”, targeting the students after O/L’s who were anticipating to step into the Advanced Level. Going beyond the subject matter, this was one of the life-changing events for most of the students. This session shed light on getting onto the right track to pave the path towards their dream careers. Moreover, they were enlightened about the myriad degree programs that are now available that would lead them to new career pathways and unfold limitless job opportunities.

## Hand in Hand

**Date:** 31-05-2021

**Venue:** Apeksha Hospital Maharagama | Teaching Hospital Karapitiya

**Chairperson:** Rtr. Madushan Sasanka | Rtr. Nimesh Kavinda | Rtr. Thisali Poornima De Silva | Rtr. Gayan Kodituwakku

With a strong history of 5 years, Hand in Hand is a notable effort initiated to be a relief for the children residing at Apeksha Hospital, Maharagama fighting for their lives to rejoice in their world with big dreams. Making the scope of the initial idea wider, Rotaract Mora has extended its hands to child cancer patients at the Teaching Hospital, Karapitiya back in 2018 and in 2019 extended further to adult cancer patients.

Getting to know one suffering from cancer, affects not only the victim but also the mental state of the beloved parties as well. The unaffordable

medications become an added financial burden to the families and Rotaract Mora set out to relieve them from the said burden and add color to the lives of these beautiful children. To raise funds, the club came up with the initial idea of selling stickers which included drawings of the child cancer patients; and hand-made Christmas and Vesak cards in public like tuition classes and BMICH Book Fair. With the funds raised, the event “Colours” is usually organized to spend the whole day with the souls in Apeksha Hospital and make donations for them.





However, with the turn of events of the pandemic, Hand in Hand compelled to take a different direction, where “Colours” had to be halted and the fund-raising to be done virtually. While the initial fundraiser took place in the Colombo International

Book Fair abiding by all healthcare rules and regulations, Hand in Hand unfolded an online selling campaign for Christmas and sold the beautiful creations of child cancer patients to the public.

Innovating under the new normal, the team initiated the newest adaptation to the project, The Cancer Awareness Campaign which included a flyer series and blog series. Awareness on cancer and cancer causatives, types of cancer, cancer policy of WHO was made. In addition to this, movie reviews on movies that were based on true stories of cancer victims were included in the blogs. Following yet another successful donation to the library of Children’s Ward, Apeksha Hospital, Rotaract Mora extended a fundraising campaign to sell printed T-shirts during Vesak. With the generous contributions of our own club members, the campaign was able to raise over 200,000LKR.

Amidst one of the most challenging years, raising funds worth over 350,000LKR, Hand in Hand concluded on a positive note with some visionary plans for the new Rotaract year.

## Connecting the Dots

**Date:** 29-05-2021

**Venue:** Al Arsath Maha Vidyalaya, Sammanthurai | Al Hilal Vidyalaya, Sainthamarathu | Passaiyoor, Jaffna | Negombo

**Chairpersons:** Rtr Hinas Ahamed | Rtr Mohamed Shihab | Rtr. Bawun Mawitagama | Rtr. Yesith Waduge

**Secondary avenue:** Peace and Communal Harmony | Education and Sustainable Livelihoods | Fellowship and Membership Development

Connecting the dots across Sri Lanka, the project focused on cultivating peace, unity, and co-existence among diverse communities while building long-lasting friendships among different creeds that we pressingly need today. In line with four SDG goals and three of Rotary’s main focus areas, the project revolved around three main subprojects, which addressed the different nationalities and cultures of Sri Lanka. Namely, they are projects As-Salamu Alaikum, Shalom, and Vanakkam.

### As-Salamu Alaikum

Paying heed to the wise words of Maria Montessori that, “Establishing lasting peace is the work of education”, As-Salamu Alaikum unfolded with the main objective of educating young minds in the Muslim community in the Eastern Province. Under the project, dedicated Rotaractors gifted the students of Al Arsath Maha Vidyalaya and Al Hilal Vidyalaya in Sainthamaruthi stationery packs that would help them with their studies. The books that were donated had tag stickers pasted bearing quotes on peace as a measure of promoting the message of peace and reconciliation in the country.



## Shalom

A novel addition, Shalom was a joint initiative carried out with Rotaract Club of Negombo, in hopes of reaching the Christian community and providing a more meaningful service around the country. An informative and friendly session for the students who were just after their G.C.E.Ordinary Level examinations at the Munnakarei Catholic Church - Sunday school, highlighting the importance of pursuing higher education and how tertiary education supports one's career and growth in a dynamic environment. Personal mentoring was given for all the students by our very own Rotaractors which gave the students a chance to get first-hand experience about universities and get personalized studying tips. Furthermore, a book donation was made to the Munnakkara Church Sunday School. Following this, the two clubs enjoyed a boat ride together along the Negombo lagoon and a visit to St.Mary's Church; through which everyone got the opportunity to experience the culture of the Christian community while building fellowship.



## Vanakkam

Being a notable cause to bridge and strengthen diverse communities, Vanakkam was organized to reach the Tamil community in Jaffna. With the backing of our long-term collaborator Rotaract Club of Nallur Heritage, the clubs gifted 50 stationary packs, including KN 95 masks for the children. One of the most important facts is that the project was able to reach across the nationalities amid the harsh pandemic and build a good connection. This created a win-win situation for the clubs who joined to collaboratively work towards a common goal. Another aspect was that the members of the partnering clubs maintained the fellowship being built where they participated in several other projects organized by the club. This has proved that the foundation laid between the clubs could be a great strength to RotaractMora in years to come.

All in all, Connecting the Dots laid the pathway to get to know the different communities in Sri Lanka. It was successful in creating a magnificent level of understanding between the Sinhala, Catholic, Muslim, and Tamil

communities and giving the opportunity for our members to break down cultural and language barriers. Connecting the dots across Sri Lanka, the project resonated the valuable message that “the differences of cultures and creed should not matter, it's our desire to serve that matters”.





# STOP THE SPREAD - Beyond COVID-19 Initiative

## No More Corona

**Date:** 19-10-2020

**Venue:** Dunupothagama, Anuradhapura

**Chairpersons:** Rtr. Dhanoj Ninnada | Rtr. Nikith Fernando

**Secondary Avenue:** Covid -19 Prevention

'No more Corona' is a project initiated in association with Rotaract District 3220 under the district initiative 'Stop the Spread-COVID 19'. Rotaract District 3220 consists of 75 (seventy-five) distinct university and community-based Rotaract Clubs and together was encouraged to initiate the project, 'Stop the Spread- COVID 19' addressing the most challenging period so far in the century. In response, Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa gave life to 'No More Corona' under the theme of, "Helping hands are better than praying lips", aiming to help people rise back up and get accustomed to a new lifestyle to deal with and prevent the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic in the country.

'No More Corona' mainly aimed at helping the villagers of Dunupothagama to get back on their feet from the impact the pandemic had caused on the lives of young children and adults in the village. During the organizers' initial village visit there, they were made aware of some essential means by which they could help the villagers while making sure that they are safe despite the deadly virus. The main intention was to secure the school children by making them aware of how to protect themselves from the virus and to address the lack of facilities. Thereby, organizers launched a COVID-19 awareness poster campaign by placing posters around the school. Moreover, it was addressed that these school children lack hygiene facilities, which is a necessity in the present context. As a solution, team No More Corona provided a complete first aid kit, sink facilities, and sanitation equipment to the Dunupothagama Vidyalaya.

It was not a secret that the pandemic hit almost all the economic units around the country, and it has brought major threats to the small businesses in rural areas where people work endlessly to earn their living. The organizing team was able to support a pandemic stricken sole proprietorship in the village by donating materials required to sew 1000 face masks in quantity to a "sewing and selling" business owner, Mr. Daniyel Rajapakshe in Dunupothagama, to give life to the negatively affected businesses by the COVID-19 crisis. More awareness sessions were planned to be conducted at the Dunupothagama school premises, but the organizers had to take a step back due to the second strike of COVID-19 that happened in Sri Lanka during the time of the project.

With this endeavor Rotaract Mora served the community by being a part of the force to stop the widespread of COVID-19 while laying out awareness, addressing the lack of basic facilities which are essential in present as well as in a post COVID world, and ensuring the safety and the financial health of the people at Dunupothagama. 'No More Corona' was a project that proved the capability of Rotaract Mora to endure the hardest times, and not failing to extend a helping hand wherever and whenever needed since they always believe that "Helping hands are better than praying lips".



# Joint Projects

## West Aid 3.0 - Digital Unite

**Date:** 27-03-2021

**Venue:** Colombo | Matara | Nochchiyagama | Rajanganaya | Kegalle | Algama | Jaffna | Kalmunai | Oddamavadi | Chilaw | Galagedara | Badulla

**Chairpersons:** Rtr. Samila Imbulana (Phase 1 and 2) | Rtr. K.M. Gunasekara (Phase 3)

**Secondary Avenue:** Education and Sustainable Livelihoods

Digital Unite of West Aid 3.0 was an admirable effort to bridge the technology gap among the students in all four corners of Sri Lanka. It was carried out by a rich combination of 11 Interact and Rotaract Clubs belonging to the Rotary Family of Colombo West namely, Rotaract Clubs of Alumni of University of Moratuwa, National School of Business Management, American National College, Colombo West, University of Moratuwa with the Interact Clubs of St. Bridget's Convent, D.S Senanayake College, Sujatha Vidyalaya, Visakha Vidyalaya, Steiner College, and Wycherley International.

In Phase 1 of the project, 13 Samsung J2 Core mobile phones and cash to purchase sim cards with Zoom packages from Dialog were donated to several Advanced Level students of Ananda College, Royal College, Zahira College Colombo, Hindu Ladies College, Hindu College Colombo, and Muslim Ladies College. Under Phase 2, the team donated 7 mobile units and 5 laptops to selected students from D.S Senanayake College and Gothami Balika Vidyalaya. Continuing the service beyond the boundaries of the Western Province through Phase 3, 32 mobile phones were donated for students of schools around the island covering the Southern, Northern, Eastern, North Central, Central, Sabaragamuwa, Uva, and North-Western provinces.

In addition to the donation sessions, a webinar - 'Win Your Future' was conducted for the beneficiaries on the 27th of March 2021 in Sinhala medium, with the participation of Rtr. Pankaja Uyangoda - a motivational speaker of Rotaract Mora, Assistant District Secretary of Rotaract District Steering Committee 2020/21 of RID 3220 - Rtr. Kashuni Kariyawasam and Youth Services Director 2020/21 - Rtn. Yukthi Gunasekera. This closed webinar was carried out with the sole intention of making the beneficiaries aware of the importance of continuing their academic careers while making sure that they gain the maximum out of the digital devices that were donated. Moreover, a Tamil translation of the webinar was conducted consequently.



## Manasa

**Date:** 14-05-2021

**Venue:** Zoom

**Chairpersons:** Rtr. Garisha Herath | Rtr. Kavya Godakumbura

**Secondary Avenue:** Mental Health | Fellowship

Manasa is an inception of a joint program series organized by Rotaract Clubs of University of Moratuwa and Achievers Lanka Business School which mainly focused on mental health, particularly that of the young people during the global pandemic. In addition, the concept of online education and the possible complications aside from the chances that arose with this pandemic were also discussed. The project consisted of three phases.

### **Phase 01**

This was a series of webinars that examined the topics of Stress, Depression, and Self-care. First Webinar was on Stress, conducted by Ms. Kalani Bandara (Head of Operations - Without Borders Sri Lanka). Following this, a session on Depression by Ms. Shalindi Padithkoralage, a Clinical Psychologist and Lecturer, and a session on Self-Care by Dr. Ravindra Ranasinghe, Director - Research Centre for Drama Therapy was conducted in order.

### **Phase 02**

Under the second phase, a group of talented content writers from University of Moratuwa had the opportunity to pen their thoughts on different aspects of mental health. They did so in the form of articles, poems, essays, short stories, etc. and the scriptwriters compiled a series of scripts which were later transformed into podcasts with the approval of a Mental Health professor.

### **Phase 03**

As the final effort of project Manasa, a platform was developed to help the undergraduates access counselors and seek better guidance. The opportunity is given to contact Deep Haven Counselling and Shanthi Margam as counseling service providers through the website. Moreover, Sri Lanka Sumithrayo (A government-approved charity) too joined hands with the project as the crisis support partner, marking a significant milestone along with the project.

## **District Projects**

### **Covid-19 Relief Force**

**Date:** 23-12-2020

**Venue:** Kochchikade, Kollonnawa | Hanwellla, Atigala

**Chairperson:** Rtr. Samila Imbulana

**Secondary Avenue:** Covid -19 Prevention

In hopes of helping our fellow countryman in these tough times of the prevailing pandemic situation, 12 clubs, the Rotaract Clubs of Achievers Lanka Business School, CINEC Campus, Colombo Mid City, Colombo MidTown, Colombo Uptown, Colombo West, Faculty of Medicine University of Colombo, Faculty of Science University of Colombo, Kelaniya, University of Colombo Faculty of Management and Finance, University of Kelaniya and University of Moratuwa, together with the Rotaract District Steering Committee got together to bring forth the project 'COVID 19 Relief Force'. The project consisted of two phases



where the first phase intended to collect funds via a Facebook donation campaign. It was carried out in partnership with the Sarvodaya movement to further strengthen and maximize its impact and was able to donate 30 bags of daily goods worth 64,800 LKR. Through the monetary fund received from Synopsis Lanka, the second phase was able to donate 80 bags of goods worth 175,600 LKR to the Sarvodaya movement. With the successful conclusion of the joint efforts, a total of 110 bags of goods worth 240,000 LKR were donated to the communities in need.

# International Service

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## Message from the Avenue



The International Service Avenue of Rotaract Mora took a drastic turn this year. Basically, the avenue of International Service has two main focus areas. Namely they are, International Service and International Understanding. International Service is all about going beyond our boundaries to influence and help the international community and through International Understanding we aim to exchange our cultures, facilitating mutual cultural understanding. Thus for this Rotaract year, team IS was able to successfully create and implement a spectrum of projects to fulfill all the aforementioned objectives.

One of the biggest turning points in the IS avenue this year was introducing the Model United Nations concept to Rotaract Mora for the very first time in the university's history. It was an idea brought up by our juniors through the project Revelation, and we were able to conduct our first ever Model United Nations Conference on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of January 2021 via an online platform.

After successfully completing the project RMMUN, we took it to the district level through our second phase of RMMUN, which was SLRMUN (Sri Lanka Rotaract Model United Nations). Here we had the privilege of working with foreign delegates from countries such as India and Uganda. The SLRMUN conference was held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April 2021 via an online platform. After MUN we wanted to facilitate our delegates with a chance to help them implement the ideas they discussed in RMMUN and SLRMUN in practice. To achieve that goal, we started a research project called Consilium. Through this project, we could create a research document including the ideas discussed in RMMUN and SLRMUN.

When it comes to IS avenue, Twin Club Agreements played a vital role and this year we had a very successful and enjoyable year with our twinning clubs. We were able to create new friendships with the Rotaract Club of Hindustan University, Chennai in India and Rotaract Club of Port Louis in Mauritius. Other than that, we had a long-lasting twin club agreement with Rotaract Club of Nicosia in Cyprus.

United Hype was a novel idea brought up by Rotaract Mora to have an International Youth Conference with the collaboration of Interact club of Nalanda College. We were able to have a conference with more than 20 foreign Rotaractors and Interactors from 9 different countries. Sahayoga was also a novel project done by Rotaract Mora this year to help the newly chartered club, Rotaract Club of Pokhara University in Nepal. We were able to conduct a training session for their newly elected board of directors

and Q&A session to help them have a successful Rotaract year ahead. It was really rewarding to share our 25 years of experience with them.

Making a special turn in IS avenue we had the chance to have an avenue collaboration with the community service avenue. We created the project EduSeas to help students all around the world by educating them about bachelor's degree opportunities available for them in the world.

Moreover, we took the traditional PR projects like World Tourism Day celebrations and World Peace Day celebrations to another stage where we could further improve the projects to be more meaningful. For the World Tourism Day celebrations we received one of the most heartwarming PR materials that we have ever received, which was from our past Ceylon Safari participants expressing their love for Sri Lanka. Even for the World Peace Day celebrations we had the opportunity to have a webinar with the help of the Director of National Peace Council of Sri Lanka.



**We interacted with, 120+ Foreign Rotaractors, in 21 different Rotaract Clubs, in 15 different countries, spanning across 5 different continents!**

Although this year was a bit tough for the avenue due to the prevailing pandemic situation, we at the IS avenue were able to convert it to our benefit. Since most of the work in IS avenue was carried out through online platforms with the increasing amount of internet users within the university, it enabled our general members to interact more with our avenue. Moreover, according to the statistical data collected throughout the year, IS avenue has been able to digitally reach 100000+ online users. In addition, 80 members from 288 of the general membership (28% from the general membership) have been directly involved with the International Service Avenue, sacrificing more than 4500 volunteering hours.

Thus, in that way, Team IS could successfully conclude the year, making a milestone in the avenue's history. Throughout this year we were able to interact with, 120+ Foreign Rotaractors, in 21 different Rotaract Clubs, in 15 different countries, spanning across 5 different continents and signed 2 twin club agreements.

Thank You!

**Rtr. Pamal Rojitha | Rtr. Bimsara Malith | Rtr. Chamod Gihantha**  
International Service Team 2020/21



## INTERNATIONAL SERVICE AT A GLANCE

### PROJECTS



- 21** Different Rotaract Clubs
- 15** Different Countries
- 13** Rotaract Districts
- 5** Continents of the World
- 4** Letterheads Exchanges
- 2** Twin Club Agreements Signed

### ROTARY FOCUS AREAS



- 14** PROJECTS COMPLETED
  - 8** Joint Projects
  - 8** International Service Projects
  - 6** International Understanding projects
  - 2** Signature projects

**2** BULLETINS

**224** MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

**80+** MEMBERS

**25** CHAIRPERSONS

**16** FOREIGN PROJECT PARTICIPANTS

**700+** BENEFICIARIES  
**500+** Local  
**120+** Foreign

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Introduced MUN culture to UOM and Rotaract Mora
- Hosted 2 Rotaract Model United Nations conferences
- Hosted a district level Rotaract MUN conference after almost 10 years
- Conducted 17 MUN training sessions
- Conducted a mentoring programme for a foreign club
- Conducted 6 public webinars

### COMMUNITIES IMPACTED

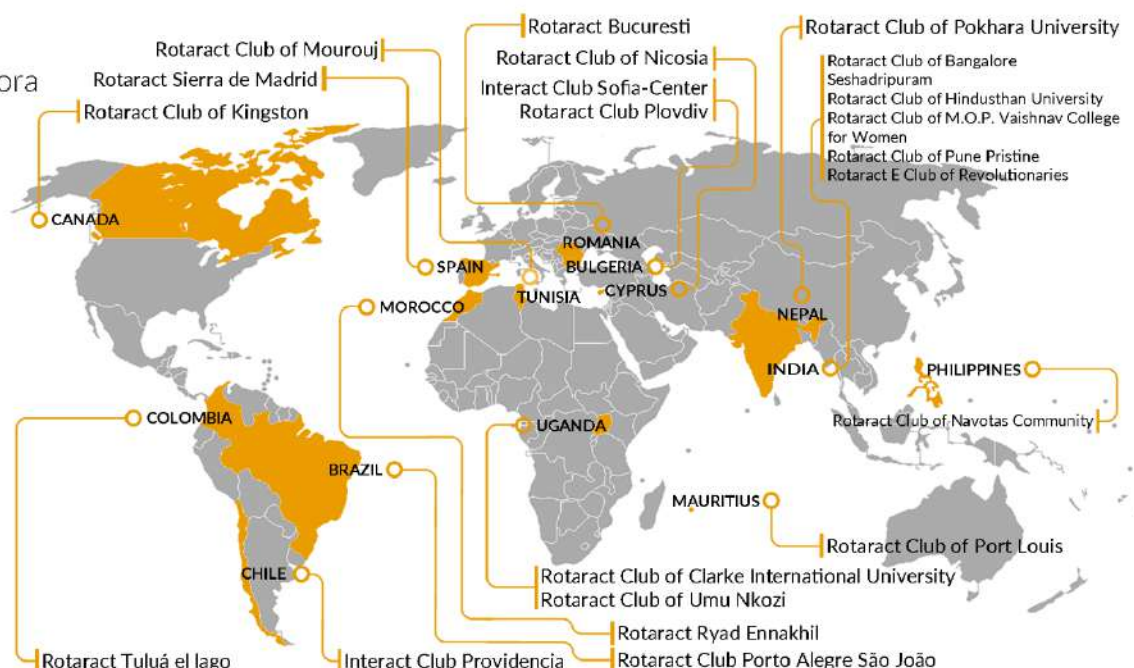
- After A/L Students
- Prospective University Undergraduates
- MUN Delegates/Enthusiasts
- Foreign Rotaractors
- Foreign Interactors
- Local Interactors
- Members of Rotaract Mora

### PARTNERS



### FOREIGN CLUBS

### SDGs





# Club Projects

## Rotaract Mora Model United Nations

**Date:** 03-01-2021

**Venue:** Zoom

**Chairpersons:** Rtr.Tharusha Lekamge | Rtr.Lahiru Sampath

**Secondary Avenue:** Education and Sustainable Livelihoods

Rotaract Mora Model United Nations (RMMUN) is one of the novel initiatives initiated by the club, and this revolutionary project was one of the signature International Services projects for the Rotaract year 2020/21, which aimed at International Service. RMMUN, as the name suggests, is a simulation of the United Nations. United Nations is an organization formed to advocate solutions for pressing global issues and Model United Nations is a reproduction of the same scenario but conducted at the youth level. And we at Rotaract Mora take pride in being the first to introduce such a project of this caliber, at a Sri Lankan University level.

The pinnacle of project RMMUN is the Annual RMMUN Conference, where the participants would join as delegates from their assigned countries and engage in timely discussions about pressing issues and fight on behalf of their country. Therefore, in order to groom the participants into the best version of delegates, there was a series of sub-projects designed to address the development of one or several key prerequisites expected from a delegate.

### Colloquy

The first sub-project was conducted under three sessions of interactive webinars, all in place to lay the foundation of creating a sub-culture of MUN within the university and spreading the word about RMMUN.

The first webinar was done as an "Introduction to MUN" which embraced the participation of DRR Rtn. PP Kavindra Kasun Sigera, along with three experts on the subject of MUN. The second was held addressing "How RMMUN differs from the standard MUN initiatives", where the guest speaker for the day was Mr. Sachin Dulanjana, former speaker of the Sri Lanka Youth Parliament.

The final webinar of Colloquy was on the topic of "Youth leadership in the modern world" and the guest speaker was Mr. Mohammed Husni, Former Vice-Chair (Inclusion & Engagement) of Commonwealth Youth Council.

### Covenant

This was designed with the intention of improving the research and reporting skills of the undergraduates who were anticipating joining as delegates in the Annual RMMUN Conference. This was a competition where contestants were required to carry out extensive research and come up with a solution to alleviate a global crisis. The winners of the competition were eligible to chair a committee in the most awaited Conference in 2021.

### Training Sessions

This was a series of training sessions that were proposed to hone the skills of researching, debating, and public speaking, which are of paramount importance for a delegate. It consisted of 12 consecutive training sessions held through the Zoom platform which kickstarted on the 25th of August. Following an ice-breaker session, the sessions were structured to reinforce the MUN sub-culture within the university and to groom the undergraduates to be well-rounded delegates for the conference. The training sessions included formal and informal debates, podium speeches, and discussions on timely topics like "Combatting discrimination on sexual orientation and gender identity", "Handling carbon budgeting", "Nuclear threat" etc. The final training session was a full simulation of the RMMUN Conference, all of which led the participants to inculcate a culture of MUN and create a strong brand of RMMUN.

## RMMUN Conference

The several preliminary sessions that were in place were to prepare the stage for the pinnacle of RMMUN, the RMMUN Conference' 21. Through the conference, the club focused on providing a platform for passionate individuals to discuss various global concerns such as poverty, climate change, injustice, and the global humanitarian crisis, while giving them an opportunity to share their experiences and knowledge with each other.

With its own distinctive twist, the conference unfolded virtually on the 3rd of January 2021, with 40 delegates representing the three committees UN Human Rights Council, UN Security Council, and the UN Environmental Program. The honorary Secretary-General was Ms.Chiranthi Senanayake and the three committees were chaired by four veteran MUN'ers together with three of the very best from Rotaract Mora. In the end, the most noteworthy delegates of the conference were recognized for their efforts and were awarded accordingly in the closing ceremony.

Voicing their ideas through a constructive debate, as the final end product the three committees collaboratively came up with resolutions addressing complex current affairs of international significance. These were later circulated among the university administration, MUN organizations, and the Rotaract community, with the hope that these ideas prove to be a potential source of inspiration for more high-impactful initiatives.

The ultimate goal of RMMUN was to create an environment for the undergraduates to be inspired to take on the world and change it. Needless to say, RMMUN successfully concluded by empowering young voices to rise up and make a difference in the world, and with hopes of upscaling the initiative on to a national level.



## Sri Lanka Rotaract Model United Nations

**Date:** 03-04-2021

**Venue:** Zoom | Hotel "Villa Sarakkuwa", Ja-Ela

**Chairpersons:** Rtr. Avishka Perera | Rtr. Imalsha Liyanage | Rtr. Shehan Paul

**Secondary Avenue:** Education and Sustainable Livelihoods | Peace and Communal Harmony

Sri Lanka Rotaract Model United Nations, SLRMUN is a signature International Service project carried out by Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa held on the 3rd of April 2021 as a hybrid event. Model United Nations or MUN is an educational simulation and academic activity in which students can learn about diplomacy, international relations, and the United Nations. MUN incorporates and teaches participants critical thinking, teamwork, and communication skills, as well as research, speaking, debating, and writing skills. It is particularly designed to help the participants gain a better understanding of current global issues. SLRMUN, as one of the signature Rotaract Mora projects, goes beyond conventional MUN conferences, which is designed in a way to improve international service in many aspects.

The goal of SLRMUN was to provide a forum for young people to express their opinions and

promote productive conversation in order to find viable solutions. The delegates of each committee competed and collaborated to come up with the best solutions to complex international issues. The conference was held via Zoom with the presence of an international audience, with over 35 delegates taking part under 3 committees. The three committees were United Nations Security Council (UNSC), United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC), and Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (SOCHUM) also known as the United Nations General Assembly Third Committee (GA3).

The United Nations Human Rights Council, UNHRC, was chaired by the Secretary-General of the COMUN 2021, Mr.Janek De Silva, and President of the General Assemblies for COMUN 2021 Mr.Krishakar Prabakaran, with the mission of promoting and protecting human rights while addressing situations of human rights violations.



The topic for the session was “Protecting individual rights to privacy in the digital age” and the council was graced by the delegates of Ukraine, Brazil, Bulgaria, Argentina, Denmark, Ethiopia, Switzerland, India, and the Republic of Korea. The pre-ambulatory clauses of the resolution focused on calling upon nations to regulate and strengthen each country in terms of Data Privacy and Cybersecurity, and the operative clauses urged countries to recommend governments and organizations to integrate certain guidelines that would reinforce the Data Privacy and Cybersecurity laws that are in place.

The United Nations Security Council (UNSC), headed by the conference chairs - member of the executive committee of COMUN 2021, Mr. Duren Hesh, and the President of the Security Council of COMUN 2021, Mr. Ovindu Randunu, was charged with ensuring international peace and security. The topic of the session was “Measures to strengthen international counter-terrorism efforts” and clauses of the resolution included; affirming the rise of terrorism activities and propaganda in conflicted regions, emphasizing the need for continued deployment and staffing of the Peace Keeping Forces, noting with deep concern the presence of weapons of mass destruction in the stockpiles of certain terrorist organizations and having decided that the UN would continue to work with individual nations in combatting terrorism.

The Social, Humanitarian, and Cultural Committee (SOCHUM) is the third committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations and focuses broadly on the welfare and human rights of protected groups such as refugees, children, victims of discrimination, and many others. The chairperson at 10+ conferences and the multiple Best Delegate award winner, Mr. Dojitha Atapattu; the Secretary-General of HFCMUN 2020, Ms. Renishka Fernando and the LLB Undergraduate, Ms. Vishmi Silva were the conference chairs of the SOCHUM committee. The topic of the session was “The Elimination of All Forms of Religious Intolerance”. The pre-ambulatory clauses of the resolution focused on the topics of religious intolerance and discrimination and religious extremism, and the operative clauses urged all nations to preserve the basic human right to freedom of religion and outlaw discrimination based on the grounds of religion and belief.

The closing ceremony was conducted with the gracing of District Rotaract Representative - Rtn. Rtr. PP Kavindra Kasun Sigera, International Service Directors of the District Steering Committee of RID 3220, Rtr. IPP Duleesha Waidyarathne and Rtr. IPP Rasanjalee Polgampala, and Former Speaker of House at 4th Youth Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Former Official Sri Lankan Youth Delegate to the United Nations at United Nations, Mr. Sachinda Dulanjana.

This triumphant chapter of MUN marks the successful conclusion of the first-ever Sri Lanka Rotaract Model United Nations conference. SLRMUN aspires to provide all of our delegates with an educational experience that will be indispensable in their development as competent and intelligent future leaders. The most noteworthy delegates from the conference's three committees, who were honored for their contributions in the categories of best delegate, best foreign policy statement, higher commendation, and honorary mention categories were awarded during the closing ceremony.

Ultimately, through SLRMUN, the delegates were able to take a step further into being more caring and insightful as the youth of the country. The experience as a delegate at SLRMUN would help the future leaders of Sri Lanka to improve their leadership, teamwork, communication, and problem-solving abilities, as well as the skills they were able to learn.

## Consilium 20

**Date:** 31-05-2021

**Chairperson:** Rtr. Aditha Pathiraja

**Secondary Avenue:** Education and Sustainable Livelihoods

Consilium 20 is a novel venture initiated with the completion of Rotaract Mora Model United Nations (RMMUN). Being one of the leading youth organizations in the country, Rotaract Mora has recognized the significance of youth delegation in advocating solutions for pressing national issues. Hence RMMUN was initiated, establishing an ideal platform for young Rotaractors to express themselves, discuss, and produce diplomatic solutions for most concerning global conflicts. Taking this venture up a notch, Rotaract Mora decided to provide an opportunity for RMMUN to bring their resolutions into action, and hence the idea of Consilium was brought into the discussion.

Consilium 20 was launched with the primary objective of developing and implementing long-term solutions for pressing national issues and conflicts. It was planned to be carried out as a research project that conducts research on a selected topic and implements its findings during the project's final stage. Consilium 20 has been designed to operate in three stages spanned over two years.

The primary concern of stage I was to observe and identify the most concerning issues or conflicts within the Sri Lankan community and select a suitable topic for the research. This was the most crucial phase as the ultimate success of the project solely depended on selecting a topic with a favorable probability and feasibility to yield an impactful and productive implementation. The Consilium Team followed different approaches to gather the actual public opinions on research topics over a time span of eight weeks. At the end of a lengthy process of evaluating and predicting

the feasibility of their findings, the team finally selected "Undergraduate responsiveness for data privacy violations in Sri Lanka" as the research topic for Consilium 20. Later the topic was adopted into the UNHRC of Sri Lanka Rotaract Model United Nations (SLRMUN).

Stage II consists of the constructive research process of the project. The Consilium research team started by listing the data and information they needed to analyze. Static data were primarily collected from the commonly available sources and undergraduates' responsiveness was observed by conducting online surveys along the research process.

At the final stage of the project, the research team will complete the research and will compose resolutions based on their findings. Resolutions will be further discussed and developed with relevant professionals and authorities. After conducting a final feasibility study, the implementation process will start at the University of Moratuwa. It will be expanded further following an evaluation of the success of implementation at the University of Moratuwa.

Completion of Stage II and III is expected at the end of 2021. Even though it is apparent that Consilium 20 is a slow-paced project, it will be a turning point in data privacy protection in Sri Lanka. It will empower the Sri Lankan youth's contribution to resolving national issues and conflicts, which occur at a larger scale, and thus, provide the young minds with a strong base to address them effectively.

## EduSeas

**Date:** 30-05-2021

**Venue:** Zoom

**Chairpersons:** Rtr. Uvini Ranaweera | Rtr. Vinu Weeramanthrie | Rtr. Sathira Liyanapathirana

**Secondary Avenue:** Education and Sustainable Livelihoods

EduSeas is a program to raise awareness of the multitude of opportunities available for education overseas among the Sri Lankan youth. With the gracious invitation for collaboration from Rotaract Club of Hindustan University, the program was remodeled to be carried out in two sub projects at a larger magnitude.

### **Educatory**

Educatory is the first subproject that began by collaborating with an ongoing project of Rotaract Club of Hindustan University, which is a program to gather information on the foreign education opportunities available for students around the world. This involved developing an educational directory that contains all the information about degrees offered, contact persons, etc. of universities that accept foreign students. The project provided an opportunity for Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa, to raise awareness of higher education facilities available in Sri Lanka for foreign students, which would lead to attracting more foreign students to our country in the future. The EduSeas team took the effort to contact the University Grants Commission and gather information about 15 universities in Sri Lanka, which facilitate international students. This information was shared with the Hindustan Club to be included in Educatory, which gave way for the foreign youth to learn more about Sri Lanka's higher education opportunities.

### **Sahayoga**

**Date:** 13-11-2020

**Venue:** Zoom

**Chairpersons:** Rtr. Sandali Manimendra | Rtr. Bimsara Perera

International Service Avenue exemplifying the global reach in providing service and promoting understanding, Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa recognized the invitation received from Rotaract Club of Pokhara University as an opportunity to promote better relations between Nepali brethren through a framework of friendship and service by organizing project Sahayoga.

Being a newly chartered Rotaract Club under Rotaract district 3292 Bhutan – Nepal, Rotaract Club of Pokhara University is the first-ever international organization in the second largest university in Nepal. Given the long-standing

### ***Sihinayaka Man Peth***

Most students apply for state universities after their Advanced Level Examinations without knowing of the vast opportunities available to them here and abroad. This and being unaware of the myriad of scholarships offered overseas has led most students to think that not being selected to a state university puts a stop to their higher education. The second subproject of EduSeas aimed at lessening this issue by organizing an awareness session about foreign education scholarships offered by the Sri Lankan government. This idea was fueled under the name “Sihinayaka Man Peth”, which targeted the post-A/L student population of Sri Lanka. We were able to bring up Ms. Krishanthi Meegahapola, the Director of Overseas Education at the Ministry of Education, as the keynote speaker for the event. The awareness session was graced with an unexpected count of more than 200 participants. It was conducted differently from the typical webinar concept using a more interactive approach that allowed the participants to actively raise questions and get their doubts clarified.

All in all, EduSeas was able to provide a service to the international audience through “Educatory” and serve the Sri Lankan community under “Sihinayaka Man Peth”, and thus create awareness on higher education opportunities for students around the globe.

history and success of Rotaract Mora, the Nepali club extended an invitation inviting the club to share knowledge and experiences with them and provide the guidance and support that is needed to become a strong, productive, and self-sufficient club in the District.

Holding creativity and imagination at the core of the project, the International Services team of Rotaract Mora organized an informative virtual session for the Board of Officials of the Rotaract Club of Pokhara University. This was conducted to assist them in planning and organizing the initial programs and projects and guiding them with initiating the administrative processes of the new club. Award-winning projects under each avenue



were taken as examples when explaining and the resource persons shared their expertise and the hands-on experiences they had when executing these success stories. The session was graced by the presence of the Assistant District Rotaract Representative Rtr. PP Paveen Perera and the District Co-Director of Professional Development, Rtr IPP Dhanuka Perera who

shared their knowledge on the Rotaract movement. This undoubtedly made the session more practical and impactful for the Nepali club.

Sahayoga concluded on a positive note parading the true meaning of fellowship and opening doors for new friendships beyond territories amidst the pandemic.

## World Peace Day Celebration

**Date:** 21-09-2020

**Venue:** Zoom | Facebook

**Chairpersons:** Rtr. Naveen Hedalla Arachchi | Rtr. Umesh Jayawardhana

**Secondary Avenue:** Peace and Communal Harmony

Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa celebrated the International Day of Peace observed around the world, under the theme 'Shaping Peace Together', by organizing a panel discussion with the participation of Mr. Jehan Perera, Executive Director of the National Peace Council of Sri Lanka, who is an expert in the field, to share his thoughts on peace and love with the gathered audience. He explained the importance of peace in numerous ways by enabling the participants to look into the matter with open eyes and a different perspective.

The session also featured a special short video on some of the instances where peace was lost in Sri Lanka and how the people in the country managed to overcome those obstacles. The video

highlighted the importance of peace through a stunning voiceover script on working together to resolve issues and live in harmony, backed by colorful visuals to capture the essence of the text of the script.

University of Moratuwa is one of the leading technological higher education institutions in Sri Lanka. In such an environment, the opportunity for undergraduates of the University of Moratuwa to not only study any field under social science but also to discuss and find solutions to the problems that arise in such spheres is very limited. This project also allowed them to think about such matters and thus laid the groundwork for them to understand their social responsibilities beyond just being graduates.

## World Tourism Day

**Date:** 28 - 09 - 2020

**Venue:** YouTube | Facebook

**Chairpersons:** Rtr. Bhanuka Uyanage

World Tourism Day is commemorated each year on the 27th of September, reminding the admirable contribution of the tourism industry towards the sustainable development goals of a country. According to the UN, this year's world tourism day, under the theme of "Tourism and Rural Development" celebrated the unique role that tourism plays in providing opportunities outside of big cities and preserving cultural and natural heritage all around the world. (UNWTO)

One of the most awaited initiatives and the signature project of the International Services Avenue of Rotaract Mora, "Ceylon Safari" unfortunately could not proceed as expected this year due to the unexpected outbreak of COVID-19. Although the excitement, adventure, and bonds which come along Ceylon Safari cannot be replaced with anything else, the International Services team of Rotaract Mora proceeded with alternate measures to keep up the anticipation for

Ceylon Safari by releasing an awareness flyer and unique video content which recalled all the beautiful memories from past Ceylon Safari projects, and what the participants around the world had to share about Sri Lanka, under this initiative, on account of the 40th-anniversary celebration of the World Tourism Day.

The video was able to communicate insights into the true beauty of Sri Lanka while revealing veracious feedback from tourists who have

experienced it. The initiative promoted Sri Lanka as a renowned tourism destination and also raised awareness of the importance that the tourism industry holds. After two years filled with challenges including Easter attacks in April 2019 and the unexpected outbreak of COVID-19 in 2020, Rotaract Mora set its first step through this project to give a hand to the tourism industry in Sri Lanka which will prove to get the optimum benefits of this initiative in the future.

## Joint Projects

### United Hype

**Date:** 01-05-2021

**Venue:** Zoom

**Chairpersons:** Rtr. Shehan Paul | Rtr. Thinithi Palayangoda

**Secondary Avenue:** Fellowship and membership development

United Hype, the Rotaract Interact Youth Conference is a brand-new initiative organized in collaboration with Interact Club of Nalanda College in May 2021. The project was aimed at improving the international understanding and relationship among Rotaract and Interact clubs worldwide. A total of 9 Rotaract and 2 Interact Clubs representing 11 countries/regions joined hands with United Hype to share the knowledge on various aspects such as the culture, languages, food and other unique features of each country.

#### Rotaract Clubs

Rotaract Club of Pune Pristine and Rotaract E Club of Revolutionaries – India  
 Rotaract Club Plovdiv – Bulgaria  
 Rotaract Club Porto Alegre São João – Brazil  
 Rotaract Sierra de Madrid,  
 Rotaract Tuluá el lago – Colombia  
 Rotaract Club of Clarke International University – Uganda  
 Rotaract Club of Kingston – Canada  
 Rotaract Club of Mourouj – Tunisia

#### Interact Clubs

Interact Club Providencia – Chile  
 Interact Club Sofia-Center - Bulgaria



The project consisted of two main activities: a video submission round and the main conference. Video submission round was carried out as a competition to make it exciting for the clubs to take part in. The idea of the video submission round was to share interesting facts about different cultures and bring them all together. Through this, it was intended to highlight the beauty in the cultural diversity which seemed worth sharing with the world. In this process, the clubs were asked to create and submit a small video clip showing off different cultural aspects of their country or the area they live in. Thus, it created a good opportunity for them to exhibit their ethnicity and creativity. The clubs were very enthusiastic about taking part in this project and their hard work especially amid the ongoing pandemic situation was reflected through the videos uploaded. All these creative videos consisted of different festivals native to each country that were amazing to witness because of their remarkability.

United Hype conference was the main event, which consisted of two sessions; the formal session and interactive session. The formal session

was held to give each foreign participant a chance to convey the details of their respective Rotaract or Interact clubs and the culture of the respective country in which a particular Rotaract/Interact club is whereas the interactive session was held to give all the participants (both Sri Lankans and foreigners) to develop a mutual understanding and friendship through games and quizzes. This established the concept of International Understanding within the project by means of building fellowship and friendships while also highlighting the knowledge and cultures of different countries throughout the conference. The final element of the project consisted of the idea sharing session, where all the Rotaractors and Interactors joined and expressed their views on the project. Numerous heart-warming feedbacks were received where everyone applauded for the outstanding move taken by the two clubs in their mission to reach all corners of the globe to connect, share and explore the beauty of International Understanding and fellowship, which can build the pathways to International Service in the years to come.

## Rostrum

**Date:** 05-12-2020

**Venue:** Zoom

**Chairpersons:** Rtr. Dinidu Edirisinghe | Rtr. Madhushika Munasinghe

**Secondary Avenue:** Fellowship

'Rostrum - the online, friendly debate' is a novel initiative undertaken by Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa in association with Rotaract Club of Hindustan University of Rotaract District 3232 in creating a platform for the conversation on how to transform the emerging new normal into an opportunity that can leave a lasting change in the economy of the world. COVID-19 outbreak has been a severe challenge to the world in various aspects and the economy is one of the hardest hits of them all. In history, the aftermath of the majority of crises that caused a heavy disruption, loss of life, and the destruction of capital and jobs has led the way to a turning point in the development and evident changes in the lifestyles of humankind. The question is 'can we imagine the COVID-19 crisis as a similar catalytic event, which has shaken the very foundations of our economies, to ever be a silver lining for those of the business world?' Addressing this conviction, Rostrum came to life under the motion, "The

COVID-19 pandemic situation poses more of an opportunity than a threat to new businesses" and the theme, "Voicing out, bracing fellowship".

The debate consisted of two teams with four participants each, and most importantly each team had two members from Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa and Rotaract Club of Hindustan University, respectively. 'Rostrum' took the structure of a classical standard debate and it allowed all the eight members to establish their team's opinion and perspective through eight distinct speeches done alternately starting from the proposing team. Each member was given 3-5 minutes to advocate or refute the adoption of the resolution in this phase. Subsequently, both proposing and opposing teams were provided 2-4 minutes each starting from the opposing team to unfold their reply speeches to reiterate their overall stance on the motion to reinforce their position on the resolution.

'Rostrum' was not only a platform created to debate on this topical conviction but also was a stage for cultural exchange and acknowledgment among the two countries. As culture plays a massive part in human lives, understanding and appreciating each other's cultural aspects is important when building relationships. The main feature of the segment was playing two songs in Sinhala and Tamil for the participants to enjoy. This inventive strive paved the way for friendly yet compelling discussions between the participants and allowed them to grow closer and effectively understand each other.

Finally, according to the summation of marks under standard criteria and the judge's final

unanimous decision, the proposition party was crowned as the winner of 'Rostrum'.

At a time in which COVID-19 has affected the worldwide economy negatively, working towards anchoring the current opportunities to create the most extreme advantage through the utilization of science, innovation, and futuristic technologies is becoming the most awaited change in the world. 'Rostrum' showcased that it was not the restrictions that drew closer to us due to COVID-19 but rather, prospects of a brighter future that were re-oriented through innovation and scientific technologies.

## Thai Pongal Day Celebration

**Date:** 17-01-2021

**Venue:** Zoom

**Chairpersons:** Rtr. Bimsara Somarathna | Rtr. Chamod Gihantha

**Secondary Avenue:** Peace and Reconciliation and Fellowship

The cultural exchange project of the twin club agreement between Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa of RID 3220 and Rotaract Club of Hindustan University RID 3232 was held celebrating the traditional Thai Pongal Day. The two clubs got together virtually to celebrate the Thai Pongal festival, which falls in January. The cultural similarities and how several elements of the festival differ within the two countries were shared among the two clubs while also building mutual understanding and fellowship. The day was

spent graciously through an online meeting where Tamil members of both the clubs shared pictures of how they celebrated Thai Pongal held on the 14th of January this year. Both club members shared photographs and videos of how they decorated their homes, what food they prepared for the Thai Pongal, and what cultural games they played during the Thai Pongal day. Through the project, all the members were able to spread peace beyond boundaries and also build friendships to cherish for years to come.

## Positive Lessons from the Pandemic

**Date:** 14-03-2021

**Venue:** Zoom Platform

**Chairpersons:** Rtr. Bimsara Somarathna | Rtr. Chamod Gihantha

**Secondary Avenue:** Mental Health | Fellowship

Covid-19 global pandemic was a challenging situation for everyone. With Rotaract and its dynamic spirit, the challenging situations are overridden with learnings, fellowship, and various opportunities. Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa and Rotaract Club of Nicosia joined together to celebrate the long-lasting friendship by sparing time to talk about how the pandemic has changed their lives. The members shared their positive views and consequences gained by the global pandemic at the domestic and global levels. Both Rotaract Clubs exchanged the positive lessons of the pandemic situation such as the development and evolvement of digitalization, e-commerce, and healthcare systems. The outcome of the meeting proved that Rotaractors from two different continents share the same views, values, potential, and vision.

# Twin Club Agreements

## Rotaract Club of Nicosia RID 2452

Rotaract Mora is proud to announce the 3 years of a strong relationship built with Rotaract Club of Nicosia with the twin club agreement. The long-lasting friendship started in 2017 where members of Rotaract Club of Nicosia participated in one of the signature projects of Rotaract Mora, Ceylon Safari 2017. In the year 2020/21, it was decided to extend the twin club agreement for another year to strengthen our bonds. As a result, several friendly meetings were held, and also the joint project, 'Positive Lessons Learned from the Pandemic' was held successfully and involved sharing the positive outcomes that each member was able to discover and explore through the global epidemic. The two clubs had strong plans to bring the best of the year with a cooking night. However, with the restrictions put in place due to the pandemic, a cultural photo exchange was conducted instead in which photographs taken by the Rotaractors of the two clubs were shared aiming to behold the unique features of the two countries. The successful twin year came to an end after publishing a joint bulletin, Genesis in May 2021.



## Rotaract Club of Hindustan University RID 3232

The first step of twinning with Rotaract Club of Hindustan University started with Rotaract Mora participating in the project, Black Pearl by Rotaract Club of Hindustan University. As the two clubs built their network from the initial staging, both the clubs proceeded into a twin club agreement that was signed in November 2020. As a result, the online debate, Rostrum was organized to signify the first project of the twinning agreement. To share the unique perceptions of the two countries, the Thai Pongal Day Celebration was held as a cultural exchange project, which undoubtedly strengthened the bond of the two clubs across borders.

Proving the everlasting fellowship between the clubs, members of the two clubs participated in projects hosted by the individual clubs such as Andurata Athwalak by Rotaract Mora and Dovecote Stamps by Rotaract Club of Hindustan University. The successful twin year came to an end after publishing a joint bulletin, Genesis in April 2021.





# Professional Development

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## Message from the Avenue



Looking back over the past Rotaract year, as the Professional Development team of Rotaract Mora, we can be pleased with a humble prideness of what we have accomplished and how we added value to peoples' lives.

At the very beginning of the year, our main intention was to clearly identify the vision and the mission for the avenue in order to strategize our year plan to achieve our defined goals and objectives.

We understood the *vision* of the avenue lied upon empowering the undergraduate community to discover and pursue a path to their dream career and making them corporate ready citizens while our *mission* was to educate and develop the undergraduates in the University of Moratuwa with desired skills and competencies in the corporate sector, while expanding the scope to other undergraduate communities in Sri Lanka, as they explore the pathway to become skillful professionals.

After that, we set targets and KPIs for the avenue and its projects, so that we could track and make sure that we were on the right direction to achieve our defined objectives.

As per the mission of the avenue, the context and the necessity of the projects we undertook, wove around the transformation of a university undergraduate to a skillful corporate citizen. Further, the need of preparing the targeted community for the new normalization created in the business world under the COVID-19 pandemic, popped up as an urgent necessity. By keeping these in mind we formulated our project line up.

As an evolving club from year to year, the transition of its newly appointed board of directors as a leadership team is crucial. With the purpose of elevating the innovative and critical thinking abilities and decision-making skills of the said party while transferring a broader view about Rotaract to them, we initiated the project *Catalyst*. It was conducted in 3 stages as a 3-day webinar series focusing on three distinct subject areas, to give a more ubiquitous area of skills and expertise to the beneficiaries.



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Identifying the fact that women's engagement in technical domains in the industry should be encouraged, *MentHer* was brought to life as a mentoring programme targeting the lady Rotaractors and undergraduates of the university. The program provides opportunities for them to get the corporate exposure in the early stages of their academic tenure by working closely with women leaders in the industry comprising IT, Construction, Management & Finance, Production, and Research & Development fields. During the first phase of the project, the mentees captured room to attend a series of mentoring sessions in which they discussed opportunities and challenges that lay ahead in their future careers so as to be equipped with the necessary skills to overcome such challenges. The first phase will be followed by industry visits and 5-day on-site training experience with the partnering organizations.

The COVID-19 pandemic has brutally affected everyone's lives in many ways. In that context, we found out there are fellow undergraduates in our own university who have lost lives and income streams in their families during the pandemic and could barely keep up with their higher education activities due to the financial challenges. In an effort to assist them, *The Scholar* - scholarship grant was originated. The scholarship grant established in collaboration with the Mosvold Martinus Foundation provides them with a monthly scholarship to assist their financial needs on the way through their higher education. As the first phase of a long-planned project, 50 beneficiaries were selected to receive the scholarship.

'The Covid Effect' again heavily pushed back the entire corporate sector and job seeking graduates by disrupting the entire recruitment process. That is where the necessity of a career fair catered by a versatile virtual platform came to appear, and thus paved the way for the first ever virtual *Are You Ready?* the Official Career Fair of University of Moratuwa, organized by Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa in collaboration with the university's Career Guidance Unit, is one of the most crucial projects undertaken by the club under the avenue of Professional Development. The project aims to fill the gap between the skilled yet inexperienced undergraduates and the corporate-ready professionals while developing professionalism which can help them stand out of the crowd. Aligning with the vision and the mission of the avenue, 3 preparatory sessions, the *Career Insights* series, and the *Resume Centre* were launched virtually, furnishing undergraduates with the necessary tools and right mindsets to step up into the corporate world.



**More than 2000 direct beneficiaries covering 22 residential districts in Sri Lanka reap benefits through our projects!**

Although undergraduates are confident with their theoretical knowledge, when it comes to practicality and business applications, there is a clear difference between what a fresh undergraduate has to offer and what the industry truly expects. Aiming to build a learning curve for the youth about real-life business thinking in order to bridge the said gap, our team put in place *Maestro* for the third successive year. The competition offered a worthwhile opportunity to potential young talent in the undergraduate community in Sri Lanka to tackle real-world business challenges and improve their analytical skills on the virtuous journey to the pinnacle of the competition.

Since data privacy is a trending topic at present, *Data Storm 2.0* was organized to provide yet again a learning platform where the undergraduate community can grab the marvels of data science in the industry and get hands-on experience in solving real world problems using their knowledge of data analytics and their analytic thinking capacities. The competition was organized in collaboration with Rotaract Club of Faculty of Science, University of Colombo and powered by OCTAVE - John Keells Group, for the second consecutive year. Deviating from the conventional datathon line up, *Data Storm 2.0* created learning opportunities for amateur enthusiasts through Introductory Webinar Series, Masterclass 1.0 and Masterclass 2.0 conducted by industry experts, while also providing said specialists the opportunity to witness and identify the potential future generation of the Data Analytics domain.

Functioning with lack of physical engagements was a major challenge we had to deal with just as every other

avenue in the club. Coordinating with the committees of the projects was a concern yet we overcame the barrier with constant catching-up meetings and implementing project trackers.

Abrupt revision of plans due to unavoidable factors was another tall hurdle we faced during our tenure. Being an adaptable and resilient team, under the guidance of the president, we have come up with alterations on those occasions without shifting gears of our core focuses.

Following the mission of the avenue, while serving the fellow undergraduates of the University of Moratuwa through the projects of Catalyst, MentHer, The Scholar and Are You Ready? we were able to expand our service to other corners of the country through *Maestro* and *Data Storm*. With immense pleasure we state that more than 2000 direct beneficiaries covering 22 residential districts in Sri Lanka reap benefits through our projects over the past year.

Ensuring that 8 Sustainable Development Goals and 2 Rotary Focus Areas were achieved, the Professional Development avenue was able to fine-tune different professional aspects such as leadership, workflow management, analytical thinking, data driven decision making, business pitching, CV writing, interview etiquettes, and personal branding, within the beneficiaries of its projects.

As per our observations, although the members of the club are well exposed to on-the-work learning, proper professional development learning opportunities should be improved and increased. Going into the next Rotaract year, initiatives like further collaborations with General Meetings, special training sessions, workshops, industry visits, and more mentoring opportunities, as well as inviting our members to attend peer clubs' projects, should be further encouraged through this avenue.

The Professional Development avenue plays a vital role in the club since it has to deal and engage with multiple corporate partners. It is essential to strategize the work we execute to value delivery, so as to maintain a good relationship with them in the longer run. Hence, we recommend introducing a corporate partnership director and a team composed of members who are responsible for all the avenues but guided under the Professional Development avenue to achieve this objective.

On a final note, we wish to place on record our gratitude and appreciation to all the dedicated members who contributed to the success of the avenue over the past Rotaract year. Further, we are thankful to all the partnering companies for their invaluable contribution for the successful completion of the projects we undertook. Finally, and most importantly, we are greatly obliged to the Board of Officials and the President of Rotaract Mora for their unwavering support and guidance given to us in recording yet another eminent and professionally equipped year in the club's legacy.

Thank you!

**Rtr. Ravikula Silva | Rtr. Dushan Dissanayake | Rtr. Thenuka Karunasiri**  
Professional Development Team 2020/21

# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AT A GLANCE

## PROJECTS



ARE YOU READY?



## ARE YOU READY? CORNER

- 1 Sri Lanka's Largest Virtual Career Fair
- 70 Corporate Companies
- 177 Interview Panels
- 1003 Job Seeking Undergraduates
- 2091 Interviews
- 760 O2O CV Evaluation Sessions



- Direct 5%
- Prospective 71%

2131 Beneficiaries from 44 Universities across 22 districts impacted (71.7% University of Moratuwa Undergraduates)

## HIGHLIGHTS

- 20 Knowledge Sharing Sessions Conducted
- 42 Students Individually Mentored
- 4198 Individual Registrations Across the Projects
- 1,000,000 LKR Scholarship Funds Distributed

## SDGs



## COMMUNITIES BENEFITED

- Undergraduates Community in Sri Lanka
- Job Seeking Undergraduates
- Female Undergraduates
- Financially Insecure Undergraduates
- Business and Entrepreneurship Enthusiasts
- Data Science and Advanced Analytics Enthusiasts

## Corporate Community

- Industry Professionals
- Talent Hunters
- Recruiters

## Rotary Focus Areas



## PARTNERS



## PROJECTS COMPLETED

12

## CHAIRPERSONS

25

## TOTAL MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

296

## CORPORATES PROFESSIONALS INVOLVED

260

## ACADEMIC PROFESSIONALS INVOLVED

7

## DISTRICT STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS INVOLVED

9

## ROTARIANS INVOLVED

3

## PEER ROTARACT CLUBS BENEFITED / INVOLVED

12

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASPECTS DEVELOPED

- Leadership
- People Management
- Workflow Management
- Analytical Thinking
- Problem Solving Skills
- Data Driven Decision Making
- Data Analytics
- Business Case Cracking
- Business Pitching
- CV Writing tips and tricks
- Interview Etiquettes
- Corporate Etiquettes
- Personal Branding
- Corporate Adaptability

\*Above facts and figures are extracted from the projects excluding 30th Rotaract District Conference (Except # Projects Completed and # Chairpersons)



# Club Projects

## Are You Ready? 2020

**Date:** 18-12-2020

**Venue:** Are You Ready? Portal | Zoom | Microsoft Teams | Facebook

**Chairpersons:** Rtr. Sachin Silva | Rtr. Thenuka Karunasiri

Rtr. Gayan Kodithuwakku | Rtr. Lakni Rabel | Rtr. Dulmith Sanjitha | Rtr. Senuri Peiris | Rtr. Jeewaka Aponso | Rtr. Rochelle Comester | Rtr. Naveen Hedalla Arachchi | Rtr. Ravindu Jayasinghe | Rtr. Dinidu Edirisinghe | Rtr. Avishka Perera

**Secondary Avenue:** Finance

'Are You Ready? 2020', the Official Career Fair of University of Moratuwa, organized in collaboration with the Career Guidance Unit of the University, provided a platform for the young and enthusiastic undergraduates of University of Moratuwa to expose them to industry topics related to personality development and career guidance and thus bridge the gap between the undergraduate community and the corporate world. Going a step further from its predecessors since its initiation in 1998, 'Are You Ready? 2020' celebrated its 25th milestone by adopting a fully virtualized project delivery in order to accommodate the safety protocols imposed due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. This groundbreaking chapter consisted of four preparatory sessions and one cv clinic program, and a Flagship Fair at which interviews were conducted for the final year undergraduates of the university. 'Are You Ready? 2020' conducted with the participation of 1300+ undergraduates and 70 leading companies, was the largest virtual career fair conducted in the country to date.

The implementation of 'Are You Ready? 2020' was uncertain during the second wave of COVID-19, where almost all the on-ground large-scale ventures had to be put on hold. Nevertheless, the dedicated membership and the innovative resource pool of the club undertook the challenge to reinvent the project in a digital space so as to accommodate dreams of hundreds of undergraduates. These efforts throughout the project will undoubtedly have a long-lasting impact on the lives of the undergraduates who attended, especially in a situation where the Sri Lankan HR & Recruitment space has been disrupted due to the massive scale negative impact of the pandemic. Subsequently, this will be a heads up for the community to implement similar kinds of initiatives during the new normal.

The majority believe that digital transformation hinders the progress of many initiatives. 'Are You Ready? 2020' is a fine example that rebutted all these misconceptions and showed how digital transformation has helped evolve the project, and expand its service and scope, into a bigger and better experience.





## Resume Centre

Resume Centre took place as an online CV clinic program which provided the final year undergraduates of the university with personalized insights into how they could improve their CVs from ordinary to exceptional from recruiting experts in the industry itself. Conducted on the 27th of November 2020 through the MS Teams platform, the CV clinic received 760 CV submissions which were each individually evaluated by HR personnel from John Keells Holdings PLC and the London Stock Exchange Group.

In preparation for the session, session committee members were allocated to all departments in each of the university's faculties in order to coordinate the collection and evaluation of the CVs of the interested undergraduates. The CVs were checked by 34 HR personnel of 12 renowned companies under the John Keells Holdings Group and 8 HR personnel of the London Stock Exchange Group. The feedback session was organized in a way that the students could get feedback from the same person who evaluated the CV. In addition, it was ensured that the CVs were evaluated by evaluators who are from the same area of study/expertise as its owner. On the day of the session, 42 representatives of facilitating companies came on board to MS Teams on separate meetings, which were pre-scheduled on separate channels, and delivered individual evaluations to the owners of every CV. This was undoubtedly a massive opportunity for each undergraduate to obtain necessary clarifications and transform their CVs to stand from the crowd.

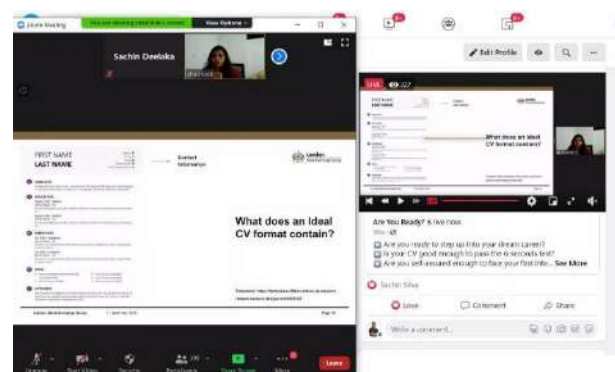
## Heads Up

'Heads Up' was the inaugural preparatory session of the lineup of 'Are You Ready? 2020' which was organized with the objective of guiding the university's undergraduates on proper CV writing, and how to prepare and face interviews. With the unforeseen pandemic, the concept of virtual interviews became a trend in almost all industries under the new normal. Thus, a new segment was added to Heads Up to train undergraduates to face interviews in a virtual space confidently by providing them with insightful tips and demonstrating sample interviews. The London Stock Exchange Group joined hands to facilitate the session, which was held on the 11th of November 2020 via Zoom and broadcasted via Facebook Live. The session was a huge success and reached 550+ live participation. Moreover, a Q&A session was held at the end for the undergraduates to clarify their problems and doubts on CV writing, facing virtual interviews, and meeting the expectations of recruiters

## The Forum

Proper background knowledge on adapting to the corporate environment, innovation, and entrepreneurship in the Sri Lankan context are few important hot topics that hold significant importance for an undergraduate who is yet to step into a dream career. Especially under the

current pandemic circumstances and the changes undergone by businesses in how they operate, this process of adapting has become further complicated for fresh graduates. The Forum was a platform at which all these trending and fruitful topics were openly discussed by four leading



professionals in the Sri Lankan industry to help the undergraduates fuel their knowledge base and prepare them for what may come as they start off their careers in the corporate arena.

'The Forum' was the second preparatory session lined up for 'Are You Ready? 2020' and was held on the 17th of November 2020 via Zoom and broadcasted via Facebook Live. The session marked its success with 250+ participants joining from different parts of the country. The prime intention of this virtual event was to guide the undergraduates of the university to adapt to the corporate culture once they join the industry as a fresher and to train them regarding the work ethics to be followed while achieving their entrepreneurial goals. Overall, it was a panel discussion with the collaborative combination of the high-profile speakers namely the Group Chief Executive Officer at Hemas Holdings PLC - Ms. Kasturi Chellaraja Wilson, Group Director/ Chief Executive at Dialog Axiata PLC - Mr. Supun Weerasinghe, Chief Operating Officer at SLINTEC - Mr. Heminda Jayaweera and the Head of Operations at LSEG Technology - Mr. Prasanna



Karunaratne (who was also the proud initiator of 'Are You Ready?' 25 years back). During the panel discussion, the panelists shared experiences from their journeys as part of the corporate community, on facing challenges and handling expectations as well as on how to achieve a smooth transition from being a student to a corporate citizen, while managing their daily work routine. Then, a Q&A session was held afterward for the participants to clarify their problems regarding industry life. Overall, the session was able to educate the participants on adapting to the new normal conditions, work-life balance, and time management.

## The Image

Personal branding can be considered as the core that reflects the attitude, behavior, and conduct of an individual, which undoubtedly makes a professional stand out from the rest of the crowd and help him/her rise along the career ladder. The Image was brought to life as an open session to university undergraduates and all the members of RID 3220, to blend themselves with a renowned personality and learn to excel in the art of personal branding. The session was aired on the 22nd of November 2020 via Zoom and Facebook Live.



Honorary Consul of Georgia in Sri Lanka, Former Group Director of MAS Holdings, and the Former Chairman of Hela Clothing, Mr. Dian Gomes joined as the keynote speaker for the day. The virtual atmosphere was bound with insightful and motivational stories on developing a unique, outstanding personal brand for oneself. Moreover, the session paved the way for participants to understand how personal branding determines one's growth as a corporate citizen and emphasized the ways through which they can effectively apply key personal branding values to their own lives. Further, the use of real-life examples by the speaker to demonstrate the importance of key points brought out by him throughout the session made the hour livelier for all the participants. Finally, a Q&A session was hosted to allow the audience to direct their questions related to the subject matter.

### ***Career Insights series***

Career insights Series was a new and revolutionary concept introduced to 'Are You Ready? 2020'. This was a series of webinars conducted virtually and an impactful improvement from the webinar series conducted last year for the first time on a department basis at the university. The main intention of this segment was to raise awareness among university undergraduates regarding existing and future career opportunities in some of the largest Sri Lankan corporate giants belonging to various industries. The series commenced as an open event on the 2nd of December and continued till the 8th of December 2020 via Zoom and Facebook Live.

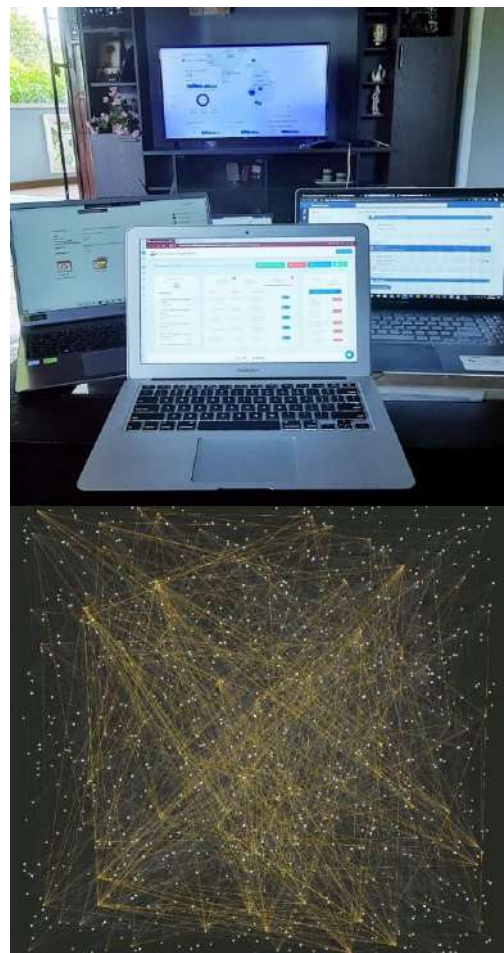
'Career Insights' consisted of four webinars in total facilitated by the LSEG, Dialog Axiata, John Keells Holdings, and Nestle, which catered to audiences of

all the departments of the University of Moratuwa. Making the newest edition a success, each of these fruitful webinars marked participation of 125+ individuals who joined from all around the country. The sessions were conducted by some of the best personnel from each entity while ensuring the outcomes meet the objectives of the whole program. The audience gained the opportunity to direct their questions to the resource personnel so as to clarify any doubts they may have regarding the content discussed during each session. Moreover, all the facilitators made sure to share the requirements and skills they expect from the applicants for job positions offered by their respective corporate entities. Thus, it especially helped the final year undergraduates gathered to prepare for a proper pitch at their interviews with those companies.

### ***Flagship Fair***

The most awaited segment of the project, The Flagship Fair was held on the 16th, 17th, and 18th of December 2020. 'Flagship Fair' is the limelight of 'Are You Ready?' where companies visit the university to conduct real/mock interviews for its final year undergraduates. Although the event could not take place physically at a larger scale due to the unforeseen pandemic, Rotaract Mora being least dampened by the existing circumstances, introduced a brand-new virtual platform to handle the interview procedure in an effective and technically forward manner. The usual single-day event was spanned to a three-day momentous event by dividing each day into two sessions where a total of six interview sessions were conducted throughout the three days. The event marked its success by bringing in HR personnel and recruiters from 70 corporate giants all around Sri Lanka to conduct both real and mock interviews for over 1000 final-year undergraduates on the lookout for various career opportunities. Compared to last year, this was an improvement in the number of companies participating in 'Are You Ready?' with the 'Are You Ready? 2020' recording the highest number of companies to attend the career fair, even amidst the prevailing situation of the country.

MS Teams, the virtual conferencing platform was integrated into the newly built website to conduct the interview sessions conveniently. Undergraduates were also provided the opportunity to face as many interviews as possible through the virtual walk-in-interview procedure built into the platform to ensure that they receive the same walk-in-interview experience as that in a physical career fair. All in all, the three-day event marked a triumphant completion with the conduction of 177 interview panels wizarding through the virtual setting to fuel the dreams of the participating final year undergraduates.



## MAESTRO 2020

**Date:** 30.09.2020

**Venue:** Zoom | Collaborate Co-working Space | SLT Head Office Auditorium

**Chairpersons:** Rtr. Chamathsara Fernando | Rtr. Bimsara Perera | Rtr. Rivindu Amaranath

MAESTRO, the premier business case study challenge is a signature project organized by the club. The project aims to develop the entrepreneurial and leadership skills of individuals while training them to build a positive relationship with the industry. The project was conducted as a hybrid event with 72 initial registrations. Maestro proffered a platform for all the contestants to identify what industry needs apart from the theoretical knowledge and enhance their hidden talents in business analytics and problem solving, expose themselves to the industry and build connections, and utilize their invaluable knowledge and out-of-the-box thinking towards ultimate success. With the strong collaboration of the knowledge partner, McKinsey & Company, the case study was developed, which depicted a real-world business scenario consisting of the industry background, corporate structure, financial statements, business model, and their products/service.

The contesting teams were expected to come up with a creative solution to the problem and submit it in the form of a presentation before the due date. A total of 5 webinars were carried out before the final round to share industry experts' insights on various topics with contestants. These webinars were focused on proffering insights to the contestants on how to set forth a winning approach to the competition while shaping the personalities of the participants to suit the contemporary corporate world. The evaluation process was carried by a qualified panel of judges provided by the knowledge partner, McKinsey & Company. As a consequence of the advanced nature and the extensiveness of the case study than the previous years, we were able to get only 36 submissions out of the 72 registered teams. Out of those 36 teams, 15 teams were selected into the second phase, the virtual semi-final round of MAESTRO 2020, after a competitive battle.





The submitted presentations were evaluated using an evaluation platform through which marks were allocated according to the criteria of understanding the requirement, innovativeness, analytical nature of the report, feasibility of the proposed plan, and the structure. Through the competitive yet challenging semi-final round, five teams attained the opportunity to showcase their indestructible talents at the final round. The final round of MAESTRO 2020 consisted of two stages: the case cracking stage and pitching stage. An improvement for the case was announced on the day of the case cracking which took place on the 26th of September at the Collaborate Co-Working Space, Kirulapana.

The grand finale was the second stage of the final round, which was held on the 30th of September at the SLT Auditorium. The finale was graced by

distinguished guests representing the corporate sector, Rotarians, Rotaract District 3220, and with an audience of more than 150 participants. With a proper evaluation based on the performance and the suitability levels of the proposed solutions, team 'Bold Bearers' from Rotaract Club of University of Colombo Faculty of Management and Finance qualified with flying colors as the champions of MAESTRO 2020 while team 'Pitch Black' from Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa was named the Runners Up.

MAESTRO 2020 was able to lay the basic foundation for the emerging young business minds in all four corners of the country to conquer the biz world in the years to come. It is, of course, a stage where all the brainiacs storm for one trophy, sharing experiences worth a lifetime.

## The Scholar

**Date:** 25-05-2021

**Venue:** Mosvold Sri Lanka Head Office, Battaramulla

**Chairpersons:** Rtr. Dushan Dissanayake | Rtr. Thenuka Karunasiri

**Secondary Avenue:** Education and Sustainable Livelihoods

We at Rotaract Mora strongly believe that education plays a vital role in fighting poverty and builds operations for less privileged students to reach their dreams. But every day, millions of young people are deprived of the right to learn when the cost of education stands between them and a brighter future. Proving that the above phenomenon exists in the context of the Sri Lankan state university environment, the government has already established Mahapola and Bursary schemes to help students financially. But there are still ineligible individuals who do not fall under such schemes due to regional quota and many more criteria, which an individual should adhere to. Standing beside even only one such undergraduate can bring a meaningful change in his/her family, which would, in turn, help them break the shackles of poverty and live a life with dignity.

Hence, "The Scholar" was launched in collaboration with the Mosvold Martinus Foundation to facilitate ill-equipped



undergraduates of University of Moratuwa by providing them a monthly scholarship to assist their financial needs on the way through their higher education.



As per discussions between the club and the representatives of the Mosvold Martinus Foundation, the foundation agreed to sponsor 50 undergraduates of the university, transparently selected by a team formed by the involvement of Rotaract Mora. Since 3rd year and 4th-year students are well established in the university and some of them are working at the same time, the decision was made to select beneficiaries from only 1st-year and 2nd-year undergraduates.

A dedicated website ([scholar.rotaractmora.org](http://scholar.rotaractmora.org)) was developed to handle calling the applications. The Scholar applications opened on the 25th of November 2020 and closed on the 13th of December 2020. 185 applications were received during the period from the undergraduates covering all 4 faculties of the university and 20 residential districts. Apart from the online application, the applicants were required to prove their details through a signed scanned copy of the application through email with the endorsement of the Grama Niladhari and relevant authorities.

The shortlisting process was carried out by a joint committee, composed of university academic staff and members of the Mosvold Martinus Foundation. A comprehensive criterion was followed to shortlist the 50 beneficiaries and the

process was completed under several stages. All the applicants' information was handled confidentially within a limited set of individuals in the committee and the 50 shortlisted beneficiaries were informed personally. The disbursement of funds started on 25th of February 2021 and the scholars will be entitled to receive Rs. 5000 per month. With this brand new initiative, we were able to disburse LKR 1 Million rupees of funds to the beneficiaries by the 25th of May, achieving a remarkable milestone in the club's history.

This by any means is not the end of the project as the partnership is extended for the upcoming two years as well. The selected group of undergraduates will be funded until they are capable of landing their dream job, which ideally would be created through the club's signature Professional Development initiative, Are You Ready?. Additionally, by being a student recipient of the scholarship, we as Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa hope the scholars will look forward to being able to give back to the community themselves once they are steady and settled with their careers. With potential plans of expansions already being discussed, The Scholar is set to turn a new landmark in the remarkable 25-year journey of Rotaract Mora.

## MentHer

**Date:** 30-05-2021

**Venue:** Zoom

**Chairpersons:** Rtr. Uvini Ranaweera | Rtr. Malshi Kulatunga

**Secondary Avenue:** Education and Sustainable Livelihoods | Fellowship

'MentHer' is a brand-new project that revolves around the concept of 'women mentoring women', and it aspires to encourage women in leadership positions to support and contribute to inspiring the undergraduate women community at the University of Moratuwa to become the leaders in the workspace one day. The program was oriented to open up a general discussion about the industry opportunities that a woman can partake in the modern corporate world and endless possibilities it offers to them, unique issues and struggles a woman has to undergo when progressing through her career, and how one should tackle them and strive forward being stronger than before. Also, the program intended to address how to maintain

a healthy balance between personal life and career, especially in the context of working in the new normal. The project focused on the first and second-year undergraduates where 36 enthusiastic women undergraduates of the University took the role of the mentees of the project. The mentoring program was conducted by dividing the participants into 6 groups and each group was coordinated by an active lady Rotaractor at Rotaract Mora.

Each group was put under the guidance and mentorship of an industry female figure who was the mentor of the respective group of mentees throughout the project's operations. A special

attention was brought to cover all the faculties of the university and to get the mentors covering the industry domains of those faculties. As a result, mentors representing MAS Holdings, John Keells Holdings, LSEG, Unilever and the Ministry of Health joined hands to enlighten the young mentees. The mentoring program was designed to conduct under four sessions. Two assessments were shared among the mentors and mentees to get a thorough understanding of what will be happening under the program. These assessments were designed in a way that the mentors were requested to encourage the mentees to clarify all their doubts relevant to the areas addressed in the assessments and were simply addressing the future of the mentees and the steps they should take to achieve their life goals. Through this, the mentees got the chance to evaluate themselves alone and come up with the suggestion to improve their weak points.

The initial session let both the mentors and mentees to develop a good relationship among themselves and particularly with their mentor. In the second and third sessions, the mentors provided guidance and advice to each mentee separately to help them realize their future aspirations and career goals, all the while highlighting the unique obstacles faced by women in the corporate world and how they can overcome them. The final session was designed to evaluate the growth of the mentees in terms of professionalism and personal growth and also to clear any doubts they have, such that by the end of

the session mentees will have the utmost level of confidence in their future aspirations.

Through project MentHer, the mentees got the opportunity to develop, excel and advance more effectively with regard to their possible future careers while the mentors got the chance to coach undergraduates, contribute towards SDGs, and, most importantly, be a motivating force behind the emerging female leaders in the country. Thus, it hopes to provide a unique opportunity to the young women at the university to enhance and develop their professional skills so that they will be fully equipped to face the dynamic business environment with definite confidence in the future.



## CATALYST

**Date:** 28-08-2020

**Venue:** Zoom

**Chairpersons:** Rtr. Dushan Dissanayake | Rtr. Thenuka Karunasiri

'CATALYST - To Take the Lead' was a 3-day professional development webinar series organized to create an opportunity for the newly elected board of the club to improve their leadership skills by hosting a series of leadership development seminars. This year it was successfully conducted virtually and tackled three distinctive subject areas to give a more ubiquitous area of skills and expertise to the group of directors.

The first session of the series mainly addressed life as a board member of Rotaract Mora and how the experience one gains throughout his or her tenure can be used in determining success in life beyond holding the position. Rtr. PP Amitha Dissanayake (2015/2016), Rtr. PP Chamal Kuruppu (2016/2017), Rtr. PP Rashan Wickramaratne (2017/2018), Rtr. PP Paveen Perera (2018/2019), Rtr. IPP Dhanuka Perera (2019/2020) all joined to share their expertise with the newly elected board.

The second session focussed on obtaining an understanding of what Rotaract actually is and the impact it continues to create globally. A section of the session was also dedicated to discussing the challenges one may face as a Rotaractor. The invitees and orators for the day were Rtn. Rtr. PP Kasun Sigera District Rotaract Representative, Rtr. PP. Shanel Mendis Joint Director - Professional Development and Rtr. PP Sathma Jayasinghe Joint Director - Professional Development.

Building one's corporate brand is a necessity at present to leave one's mark in the competitive corporate arena. The final session of the 'CATALYST' leadership series was set aside to better equip the members of the board with the knowledge of what corporates search for in recruits and how one can work on oneself to meet their criteria and expectations. The orator for the night was Ms. Ayona Hettiarachchi, South East Asia & Sri Lanka Recruiting of McKinsey & Company, a very notable figure with a wide area of expertise and charismatic energy.

## Joint Projects

### Data Storm 2.0

**Date:** 29-03-2021

**Venue:** Hotel Ramrich, Ja-Ela | Zoom | Kaggle Platform

**Chairpersons:** Rtr. Rukshan J. Senanayaka | Rtr. Yasith Randila Perera | Rtr. Rukshala Gunaratne

**Secondary Avenue:** Education | Fellowship

Data Storm 2.0, the data analytics competition is a joint signature initiative of Rotaract Clubs of University of Moratuwa and Faculty of Science, University of Colombo. The project mainly intends to open opportunities for the young, advanced analytics enthusiasts to have a thorough examination of data or content using sophisticated techniques and tools is a valuable strategy that is used in the modern world. 'Data Storm 2.0' was organized for the second consecutive year, and was powered by OCTAVE - John Keells Group, a giant in the field of advanced data analytics. The project had a significant participation of 70 teams from 14 state and private universities across Sri Lanka. The competition consisted of five stages namely, the Introductory Webinar Series, Masterclass 1.0, Storming Round, Masterclass 2.0, and the Final Round.

The introductory webinar series consisted of three informative webinars accommodated by three renowned experts in the field of Data Science representing University of Moratuwa, John Keells Group, and Alexa AI - Amazon. The series proffered the foundation for the young beginners to get a better understanding of Machine Learning practices in Data Analytics, and Deep Learning. Moreover, knowledge was shared on the skills that

an individual should foster to become a Data Scientist and some trending topics on how data-driven business decision making in the modern world. During the Masterclass 1.0, a broader knowledge on Data Science was given and aimed to help the contestants to perform better in tackling the data analytics case study very well. Another session was organized for the beginners of Data Science, which covered important topics like Data Processing, Exploratory Data Analysis, Data Visualization, Data Classification, Data Evaluation, and Documentation. The session was conducted as a panel discussion, with active participation from the audience.

The Storming Round is where the teams had to compete with each other on the Kaggle platform where the case study and relevant data sets were issued. The participants were asked to come up with solutions to the given scenario within 3 days and submit a report including their overall work and results within a day. At the end of the Storming Round, 43 submissions of reports from the registered teams were directed to the evaluation process. According to the Kaggle leaderboard and the marks gained for the reports submitted by the teams, 15 teams were selected to continue their journey with Data Storm 2.0 into the final round.

Going in line with the flow, Masterclass 2.0 was organized for the finalists intending to guide them for the final win by allowing them to gain knowledge on areas such as Data Visualization techniques, Insurance Domain/Industry, and how to perform better in a Viva Presentation. This was carried with the help of the partner, OCTAVE who gave a good grip on every detail that will be important for the contestants in the final round. The Final Round of the competition was held as a hybrid event and consisted of three stages namely, the case cracking round, viva round and the pitching round.

The backend operations of the project were held at Hotel Ramrich in Ja-Ela which gathered the organizing committee of the two clubs. From the five teams, Team Botz TND representing University of Moratuwa secured the championship of Data Storm 2.0, proving their mastery in advanced analytics skills and innovative thinking throughout the journey of the competition. Data Storm 2.0 concluded with a remarkable success giving the initial message to the society that innovation and technology equipped in Data Science can be a game-changer to create win-win situations for everyone in terms of economic growth, financial stability, and state development.



## District Projects Hosted

### 30<sup>th</sup> Rotaract District Conference

**Date:** 23-05-2021

**Venue:** Zoom

**Chairpersons:** Rtr. Chamathsara Fernando | Rtr. Avishka Perera

**Secondary Avenue:** Education | Fellowship

The 30th Rotaract District Conference is the district initiative hosted by Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa along with Rotaract Clubs of University of Peradeniya, Colombo Fort and Colombo North. Even at a phase when the whole world is reeling from the Corona Pandemic, the splendid Rotaractors of the RID 3220 Sri Lanka and Maldives were blissfully captivated to remark the largest virtual event for the year; the 30th Rotaract District Conference to a huge success, witnessing a four-day event with six sessions, where 8,200 Rotaractors, 1660 registrations, more than 20 hours and beyond 20 speakers bound to rack up one goal. The Rotaract District Conference is the biggest prominent event carried out by RID 3220, which rolls down its supportive

strategies to create a platform for discussion of contemporary trends in youth development, a celebration of service, and a space for engagement and learning for our fellow Rotaractors in the spirit of volunteerism. 'Uniting against the Tide': line which is indeed a very timely affair that we rode against the tide as one big family for four-day consisted of a series of life-lasting experiences brimming with knowledge, fun, excitement, and professional development.

# Environmental Service



Message from the Avenue  
Environmental Service at a Glance  
Club Projects  
Joint Projects



## Message from the Avenue



*"One of the first conditions of happiness is that the link between man and nature shall not be broken."*

*-Leo Tolstoy*

The Environmental Services Avenue of Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa is the avenue that allows our Rotaractors to engage with nature. Our vision is to establish sustainable projects in order to ensure the preservation of sensitive ecosystems and to be a voice for the voiceless.

Sri Lanka is a developing country, hence concern regarding environmental protection and global environment crises like global warming is not adequate. Therefore, our mission is to bring the local and global Rotaract communities together to conserve the environment, through inspiring and environmentally rewarding projects.

For the realization of our mission, we carried out several projects this year, even under the imminent threat of covid-19. Since most of the projects were restricted to virtual platforms, the project Green Legacy was digitized as an awareness campaign and a showcase of creative and emotional compositions on the environment done through social media platforms. Covid-19 has taught humans one important lesson that nature thrives without humans and humans depend solely on the environment, which has been forgotten with the rapid economic and technological development. This year initial steps have been taken to cover sustainable development goal 15 - Life on Land with project Woof Roof. Which is the first project established in the avenue to directly help and protect animals, in the project we focus on protecting street dogs and finding them safe homes. Due to lockdown measures being imposed due to Covid-19 threat, the project Woof Roof had to suffer many limitations. Even so, thanks to the enthusiastic and persevering membership we are blessed with, the project could successfully achieve the necessary recognition for it to be carried to the upcoming years as well.

Project Zooxanthellae was the most looked forward project of the avenue. Due to the obstacles encountered with the Covid-19 and weather limitations, the project was unable to be carried out physically this year. As aforementioned, our primary vision is to establish sustainable projects to ensure the preservation of sensitive ecosystems. Therefore, to ensure structural safety and rapid growth of corals the steel structure used for the previous deposition was re-engineered and a new cement structure was designed for the future depositions. The Sri Lanka Navy provided us with massive support to monitor the coral growth. In that way,

Project Zooxanthellae could achieve stability in terms of technical aspects as well as financial aspects this year.

Project Ecolastic, originally initiated to conquer the exponentially increasing plastic and polythene pollution, underwent major rebranding and reconceptualising, since it was brought to our attention that eco-bricks are not that much environment friendly in the long run. Experts in the geological field expressed their opinion as the plastic fabric industry as the most sustainable answer for the plastic and polythene pollution. The eager member base of the club took up the challenge and constructed valuable partnerships with the commercial institution which has the technological access to convert plastic into fabric. The financial limitations and local hit taken to the local economy due to Covid-19, restricted the project. Even though project Ecolastic has undergone crucial rebranding and reconceptualization which will ensure sustainable development of the project.



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Environmental Services Avenue holds the potential to grow and to bring communities together within the club and the society. Thus, Rotaract is the youth community and a voluntary based body which takes prompt actions to sustainably preserve our environment while ensuring a green filled surrounding for our future generations.

Thank you!

**Rtr. Uvin Matarage | Rtr. Prarthana Gamage |**

**Rtr. Hiran Rajasuriya**

*Environmental Service Team 2020/21*

# ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE AT A GLANCE

## FOCUS AREAS

- Manufacturing of sustainable products using plastic waste
- Welfare of street dogs
- Public awareness of environment and sustainability
- Long term partnership building and academic research required for the avenue
- Re-engineering artificial underwater coral growth support structures (under project Zooxanthellae)

### SDGs



### Rotary Focus Areas



## PROJECTS COMPLETED

3

## PEER CLUBS INVOLVED

2

## TOTAL MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

115

## AVENUE COLLABORATIONS

1

## CHAIRPERSONS

11

## JOINT PROJECTS

1

## PROJECTS



## PARTNERS



# Club Projects

## Ecolastic

**Date:** 31-05-2021

**Chairpersons:** Rtr. Nelmi Erandi | Rtr. Chamath Sandaru

**Secondary Avenue:** Environment and Sustainability

Ecolastic was launched with the intention of joining the mission to reduce the current complication of plastic and polythene waste. The project was organized for the second consecutive year following a thorough research to address the excessive deposition of these harmful materials in nature. Due to the prevailing situation of the country, the project was redirected from the concept of Eco-bricks to utilizing the waste for product manufacturing. This was due to the newest finding by the team where Eco-bricks were discovered to pose a possibility in creating a microplastic risk. Subsequently, attention was turned towards connecting with partners who could partner with us in exploring new ways to expose different methods of plastic reusing. How the project partnership would work is that the partnering entity would be involved in a plastic polythene collection process introduced via Ecolastic and in return, use their existing (or newly invented) manufacturing processes to produce products in large volumes to the market. Rotaract

Mora also could assist in the selling process of these products where the profits made out of sales could be connected with the ongoing community service initiatives of the club. The project was able to partner with the textile manufacturer, Rizer Global who manufacture t-shirts from recycled PET plastic bottles. An entirety of 600 bottles were handed over to the company and in return the team aimed to brand the concept "20 bottles - 1 t-shirt" as the plastic synthetic fiber made of 20 PET bottles is enough to print the fabric required to print 1 t-shirt. We expect this concept to be embraced by the young and environmentally conscious crowd at the university. Upon successful implementation, at the university level, we hope to reach out to much wider general audiences and also to strategize the new concept in the coming year.



## Woof Roof

**Date:** 22-05-2021

**Venue:** Instagram | Viber | Facebook

**Chairpersons:** Rtr. Charithma Hettiarachchi | Rtr. Asel Perera

**Secondary Avenue:** Environment and Green Life

Woof Roof is a paramount initiative of Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa, which aims at protecting the lives of innocent street pooches from neglect and abandonment by providing them a roof to live under and creating awareness about street dogs and how to care for them.

The phases of the project include conducting Woof Roof Street Dog Adoption Days that are allocated for rescuing street dogs, providing them medical checkups and vaccinations, and giving them away for adoption. Following the adoption, a team of

volunteers consisting of undergraduates of the University of Moratuwa were to be assigned to monitor the updates of the adopters and the dogs under the follow-up program of Woof Roof. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, conducting adoption days had to be halted.

Therefore, during the Rotaract year 2020/2021, the project team recouped to focus on gathering the audience for a solid base in the coming year. The first step to this was the conduction of the subproject, "Woofy's Gallery", an open street dogs'

photography competition carried out via Facebook. Winners were selected under two categories: the Most Popular Photograph based on votes (reactions) received by photos on the 'Woof Roof' Facebook page and the Best Photograph which was selected by a seasoned photographer in the field. Following this, the project team initiated a knowledge-sharing

community through Viber to share tips on taking care of pet dogs, and protecting and caring for street dogs, as well as notices on lost dogs and notifications about adopting dogs. The primary aim of establishing this community was building up a stable audience to carry out the project under the initial plan and key strategies during another year.

## Joint Projects

### Green Legacy

**Date:** 30-04-2021

**Venue:** Zoom | Facebook

**Chairpersons:** Rtr. Suharda Silva | Rtr. Mudiyansele Oshadee Gangangana

**Secondary Avenue:** Environment & Sustainability

Green Legacy is a joint project of Rotaract Clubs of University of Moratuwa, University of Peradeniya and University of Kelaniya that aims at sustaining ecosystems and repopulating the fauna and flora of nature. With the unforeseen pandemic, the project was redirected from tree planting campaigns and on-ground activities to online public awareness raising programs. The project consisted of two phases, Green Legacy Insight - Webinar Series and Green Legacy Facebook Page.

#### **Green Legacy Insight - Webinar Series**

Under phase 1, two open webinars were conducted on "Imperilled Ocean Ecosystems and reversing the downward trend" and "Sea Turtle as flagship species of marine conservation in Sri Lanka" by two amazing nature lovers Ms. Irushinie Wedage - Country Director (Sri Lanka) Parley for the Oceans and Ms. Chathurika Munasinghe - Lecturer (Probationary), Department of Zoology, Faculty of Science, University of Peradeniya. The webinars discussed how the current ecosystems and marine life evolved, the repercussions faced by them due to human behavior, and how these natural assets can be preserved for a sustainable future ahead. Through the project, awareness was raised regarding the topics that are trending in modern society in order to encourage all the nature lovers to join hands to secure the environment from harmful activities and also to protect the endangered treasures of nature.

#### **Green Legacy Facebook Page**

Phase 2 of the project created a free space for the young nature lovers to post their poems, captures, articles, and similar content to raise awareness about topics related to environmental conservation. This became an incentive to attract nature lovers to join the worthy cause to spread the value of nature while encouraging the public to preserve and sustain the invaluable treasures of the environment. Overall, the team was able to publish a total of 20 flyers, 20 photos, 17 songs and poems, and 12 articles throughout the year while having a post reach around 3032+ within the last 28 days and a total reach around 29737, with posts published by our chapter averaging to 725 per post. Thus, the Facebook page played a significant role in the project by educating people, enhancing creativity, and motivating them to join in on more environment-oriented conversations. Thereby the project was able to utilize electronic media to spread the important message on how the environment should take up an important portion in the lives of humans. Together with the 2000+ followers of the page, Green Legacy was able to grow its community and brand image by touching the hearts of people all over the country.

# Public Image

Message from the Avenue  
Club Projects



## Message from the Avenue



Rotaract Mora hosts many large-scale projects of diverse scopes across all five main avenues. In order to effectively deliver our intended project benefits, it is crucial that we raise proper awareness amongst our target beneficiaries. It is also equally important that all our ventures are appropriately documented, reported, and preserved for the future. This is where the PR & Editorial Avenue comes into action. Our work is threefold: we utilize a variety of approaches to raise pre and post project PR including Social Media campaigns and blogging to raise awareness amongst the general public target audiences. Additionally, we also prepare Project Proposals and Reports to reach out to potential sponsors and government institutions. We are also especially invested in devising PR strategies and strengthening ties between other Rotaract Clubs.

However, on account of the pandemic running amok, we had to revolutionize our strategies from previous years and tweak them to suit the New Normal. Many signature projects such as Are You Ready? and Maestro had to go virtual whilst newer ventures such as RMMUN and SLRMUN came into being. This resulted in vast volumes of flyers, videos and blogs to raise the much-needed PR for the projects to be successfully implemented and these were shared via Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp, and the club blog site. The PR Calendar established via Google Calendar and Editorial Documents initiated via Google Docs were used to organize all incoming PR



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material. Additionally, this year saw two new initiatives in the blogging arena: the previous blog site was renovated into a more reader-friendly interface, and we also expanded into the Medium arena. Our avenue also hosted two projects - Project Odyssey and Silver Jubilee Celebrations - to grand success. We also worked in collaboration with the Membership Development Avenue in hosting article writing and designing competitions.

However, our journey was not all smooth sailing; we did encounter a few challenges along the way. Since nearly all projects were held virtually, finding sufficient designers, writers, and bloggers to meet the demands from each project often proved to be tough. Thus, we believe it would be appropriate to train our team (in the form of workshops and competitions) and provide some form of value addition to their work in the forthcoming years in order to motivate the talented members of the club with a knack for content creation, to join forces with

the PR and Editorial committees in great numbers. Meanwhile, much of our PR campaigns were held in English; this could potentially be unproductive since some of our major ventures from the Community and Environmental Service Avenues are targeted towards the general public thus necessitating PR campaigns in Sinhala and Tamil. Therefore, we believe that an appropriate strike of balance between all three languages would be most effective.



## Reach and followers count on our social media platforms significantly increased this year!

Speaking of impact, we are happy to say that the reach and followers count on our social media platforms significantly increased this year compared to previous years. This was also reflected in the high number of volunteers and participants in our projects through the course of the year. We also established successful ties between other Rotaract and Interact Clubs and hosted many events to grand success. Meanwhile, our project proposals and reports reached even higher standards and were recognized on many an arena. We also had

successful collaborative ventures with many corporate bodies, government institutions and foreign Rotaract Clubs.

This year has been one hell of a ride! We are thankful to all our Co-directors from other avenues for their unwavering cooperation in carrying out effective PR & Editorial initiatives. We are also especially indebted to all our designers and writers from the '19 Batch who are the main pillar of strength of the PR & Editorial Avenue. On a final note, we are grateful and happy for the success we have achieved; but knowing the potential of our Rotaractors, we are sure we can even aim for greater heights in the coming year.

Thank you!

**Rtr. Avarjana Panditha | Rtr. Anas Meedin |  
Rtr. Tharusha Kelaniyage**

*Public Relations Team 2020/21*

**Rtr. Nishika Silva | Rtr. Ishaq Ahmed |  
Rtr. Kavishka Gunaratne | Rtr. Romasha Guruge**  
*Editorial Team 2020/21*

# Club Projects

## Silver Jubilee Celebration

**Date:** 27-12-2020

**Venue:** Zoom | Facebook | Instagram

**Chairpersons:** Rtr. Avishka Perera | Rtr. Rochelle Comester | Rtr. Charithma Hettiarachchi

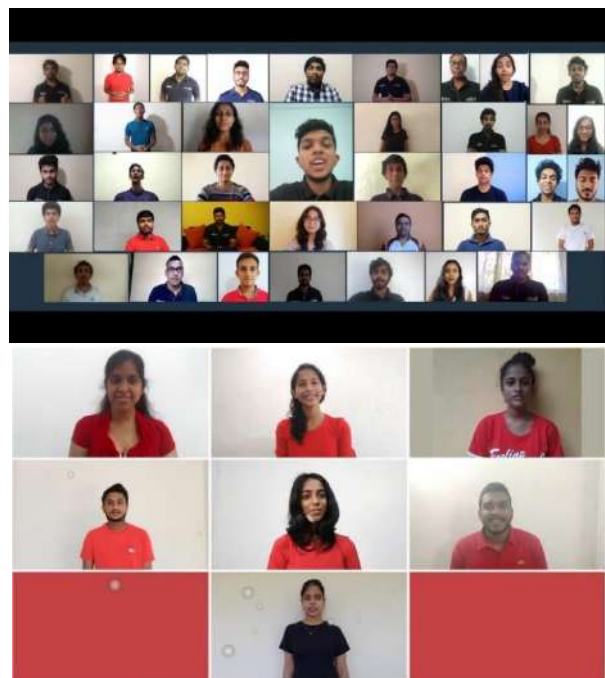
**Secondary Avenue:** Fellowship and Membership Development

2020 was a landmark year for Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa in that it completed 25 years of valuable service since being established back in 1995. In the spirit of celebrating its work over the years and its members working hard to pull off massive initiatives, the club decided to celebrate its 25th birthday at a grand scale in a virtual setting, in order to adhere to safety protocols owing to the prevailing situation in the country.

On the day of the 25th anniversary of the club, the 8th of December 2020, celebrations kicked off with the release of the birthday video that was dubbed and performed by the board members of Rotaract Mora. The first-ever Instagram filter of the club, and an Instagram challenge, which was exclusive to the Silver Jubilee, enhanced the glamor of this eventful day of 2020 for Rotaract Mora.

The official anniversary celebration event took place as a video conference on Zoom on the 27th of December 2020 from 7.30 p.m. onwards. The event was a combination of the final General meeting for the year 2020 and the Silver Jubilee Celebrations. Following the General Meeting, the official Silver Jubilee celebrations were initiated with some fun-filled games, which needed to be accomplished as groups. The Immediate Past President of Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa, Rtr. Dhanuka Perera and the President of Rotaract Club of Alumni of University of Moratuwa, Rtr. Anju Cheran joined hands with the club members at the ceremony to share their experiences about Rotaract Mora and inspire the subsequent generations of the club. A video made for Christmas which included a mashup of some of the most beloved Christmas songs of all time, performed by a group of dedicated general members of the club, was played during the

ceremony to lift the spirits of those gathered. Subsequently, a portion of the meeting was also dedicated to an Open Mic session for some of the talented members in the audience to raise their voices in song. The concluding segment was a sing-along where all the members sang a few entertaining songs together in fellowship, disregarding the lags and other unavoidable technical problems of a virtual platform.



## Odyssey 2020/21

**Date:** 31-05-2021

**Venue:** Facebook | Club Blog

**Chairpersons:** Rtr. Imalsha Liyanage | Rtr. Samadhi Gunawardene

**Secondary Avenue:** Fellowship and membership development

'Odyssey' is the official newsletter of Rotaract Mora and a mirror that reflects the mammoth service carried out by the club throughout the year. 'Odyssey' is published as a quarterly e-newspaper that contains insights and also impacts of the club's initiatives that have been uplifting the lives of members and communities around us. The newsletter plays a vital role in bringing the progressions and success stories behind the initiatives catered by the club to the forefront while inspiring capable entities to contribute and take the first steps into such initiatives. It is not wrong to describe 'Odyssey' as an incentive to inspire others in escalating the existing society to a more inclusive one by conveying the impact stories of projects done by the club.

Continuing the well-organized structure of last year, this year too, 'Odyssey' mainly focused on portraying details on projects under eight categories including the 6 main avenues of the club: listed as Community Service, Environmental Service, Professional Development, Club Service, International Service, Membership Development, District/Joint Projects, and Fellowship through Rotaract. Updates on initiatives under these

categories that are completed or ongoing in the respective quarter of the year were primarily featured in the newsletter content. Apart from the insightful content in 'Odyssey', it contains a section for entertainment purposes. This section features a crossword puzzle in which the answers are derived from the content of the newsletter issue itself. This adds the engagement element to the newsletter by keeping the readers intact with the inside-out information included in the newsletter. The other most elegant feature of this section is the 'Mirror Wall'. The Mirror Wall is reserved to manifest the creativity and aesthetic skills of members at Rotaract Mora which are presented in the form of poetry. This opened up an opportunity for them to dispatch their views and thoughts on various aspects of life and the world through their creative skills.

Completing three distinct quarterly 'Odyssey' volumes successfully up until now, the initiative will mark its end with the final quarter release for 2020/21 in July, by sharing perspicacious insights into 60+ projects done by Rotaract Mora and projects that Rotaract Mora has joined hands with throughout the year.



# Digital Communication

Message from the Avenue  
Digital Communication at a Glance  
Initiatives



## Message from the Avenue



A Few months back, at Rotaract Mora, we were planning to leverage digital infrastructure more effectively to bring in some novel elements to the club and uplift its standards to the next level.

A few days later, out of the blue, the entire world was hit with a global pandemic, and the virtual routines became the new normal. Regardless of the significance of business operations, organizations all over the world were forced to adapt to remote operations.

With that being said, Rotaract Mora too has happened to adhere with the same, and that brought the loads of portions from every project carried out by all the avenues on to the IT avenue.

As a supporting avenue of the Digital Communication arm of Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa, IT avenue has been playing the pivotal role of enabling the digital transformation of the club throughout the past pandemic period. Our vision is to write the success story of Rotaract Mora's digital chapter while providing sustainable digital solutions in order to overcome ever-rising challenges on the way to the peak of its glory while the mission is to carry the responsibility of building up versatile digital platforms to deliver the service done by the club towards the society.

Realizing our mission, we were able to carry out numerous activities from a single online meeting to complex digital platforms during the year, in order to



**We, as the Digital Communication arm has been playing the pivotal role of enabling the digital transformation of the club throughout the past pandemic period!**

ensure the continuity of the club's projects amidst the pandemic. It is indeed that most of the organizations were struggling to align with the new normalcy for months due to lack of adaptability and technical competency to do so. Despite the fact, Rotaract Mora could ensure the continuity of its operations surpassing the difficulties relying on the strong, sustainable, and remote-friendly virtual backend solutions maintained by the IT avenue. It provided the ability to run the extra mile we were hoping to, in order to make the best versions of projects that were carried out by Rotaract Mora.

As per the year plan, firstly, we were able to move all our digital platforms including the official website, official blog and other web sites to external servers which are handled by ourselves with the expectation of reducing yearly costs associated. With regards to that we revamped the official club website and the blog in a user-friendly manner to increase user retention.

The latest addition to Rotaract Mora's digital revolution, 'LinkR', the digital membership management platform brought a whole new advancement to the membership development avenue with automated contribution tracking and online project task bidding. During the last 12 months we were able to track potential members, most engaged projects, most engaged members, and present statistical data associated with members behavior through 'LinkR'. On the other hand, it made the tasks of membership development avenue easier by simplifying hectic tasks that happened during the contribution evaluation and induction process.



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Indiretto, the virtual treasure hunt, which was carried out by Club Service avenue, can be named as a turning point of IT avenue. The whole storyline of treasure hunt was recreated using digital animations, and challenges were implemented digitally by enabling competitors to play the brain game through the event.

Project Manusath Handa, which comes under the Community Service avenue can be introduced as a project which gained the attention of both local and international communities. The project is focused on helping the visually impaired community in the society by providing audio books to refer for educational purposes as well as in their leisure time. A significant turn of the tide was made in the project this year, by taking the largest e-library to live, including all the audiobooks, which were recorded so far by the contributors of project Manusath Handa all over the world. With that expansion, we were able to further develop the portal for any voice donator who is willing to donate their voice by recording e-books in the platform

itself or by uploading the pre-recorded tracks separately. With that being done, we realized that Rotaract Mora has the capability to self-sustain the project for the next couple of years.

Finally, as the IT avenue we believe that we possess the power to enable a data-centric strategy in making Rotaract Mora's future and utilize the organization's network which is led by youth to drive the worthy cause done by Rotaract Mora to mammoth heights.

Thank you!

**Rtr. Ramith Hettiarachchi | Rtr. Nimna Perera |**

**Rtr. Ranul Navojith**

*IT Team 2020/21*

# DIGITAL COMMUNICATION AT A GLANCE

## KEY INITIATIVES

- Develop innovative solutions to assist other avenues
- Enhance technical skills of young Rotaractors
- Build a sustainable framework for digital platforms

## COMMUNITIES BENEFITED

- Visually Impaired Community
- Undergraduates of University of Moratuwa
- Startups/Medium/Enterprise Professionals
- Final Year Job seeking Undergraduates
- Members of Rotaract Mora
- School Students
- Voice Donors
- Rotaractors in Peer Clubs

## PROCESSES DIGITIZED

- Membership Retention and Tracking
- Transforming a Physical Career Fair to the Entirely Virtual.
- Distributing Audio Books and Community Driven Audio Book Recording
- Fundraiser Campaigns
- Interactive Games
- Case Study Evaluation

## TOTAL PAGE VIEWS

183K

## PUBLIC PLATFORMS AND SUPPORTING WEBSITES

18

## CLOSED PLATFORMS

3

## UNIQUE VISITORS

18,046

## COST REDUCTION FOR CLOUD INFRASTRUCTURE

57%↓

## DEVELOPERS INVOLVED

25

## DEVELOPMENT HOURS

850+

## DIGITALIZATION TOOLS



# Initiatives

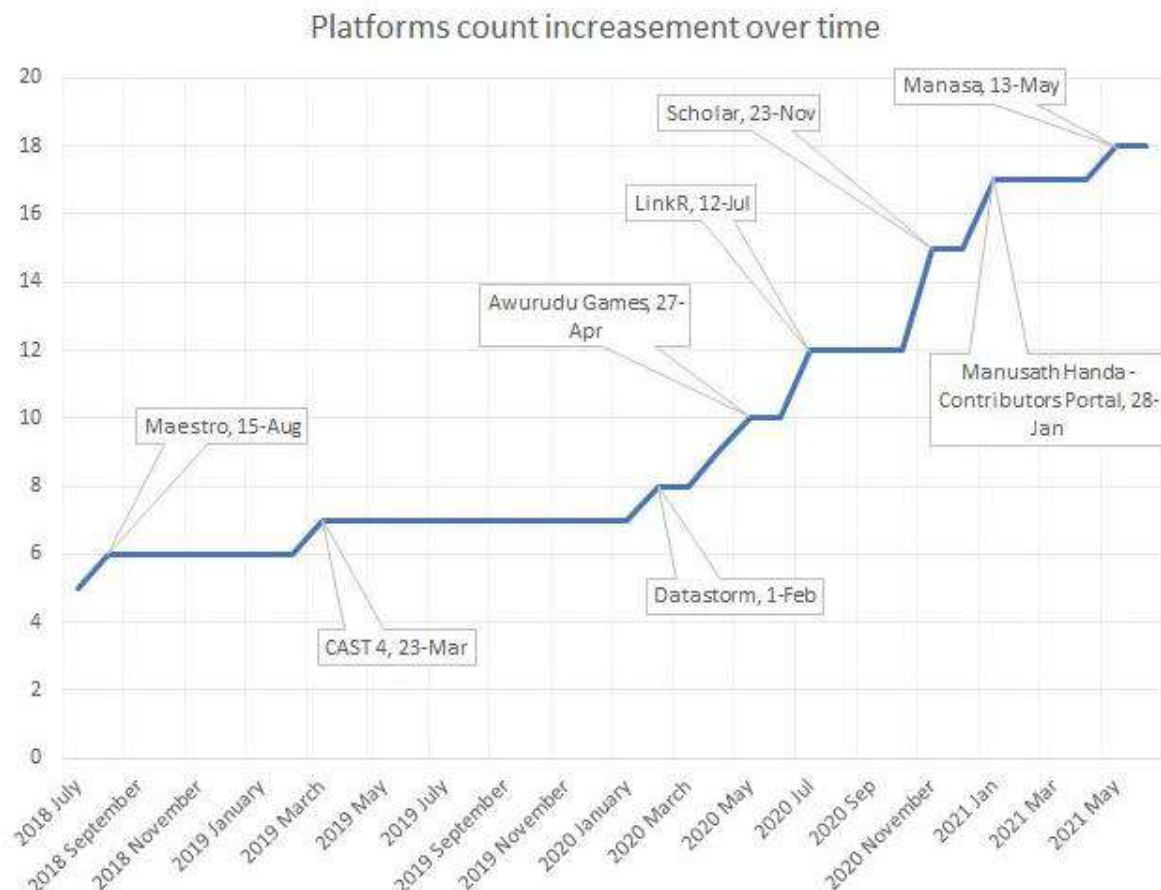
## Year of the Rotaract Mora Digital Transformation

With the complications brought forward by the COVID-19 pandemic, organizations all across the globe rapidly adapted to digital cultures over the last 12-15 months. This was done by developing mass-scale digital infrastructure and also encouraging users to spend more time on the infrastructure that is being built.

Rotaract Mora too had to undergo this change and took no time in quickly understanding the need of the hour. Thus, the time was invested effectively to build the digital infrastructure that was required for the smooth functioning of the club. This was aligned with the long-term digital communications strategy of the organization to make sure the

digital transformation that is undergone during this period would have a lasting impact in the next 2-4 years to come.

With a diverse talent pool taking the lead over Rotaract Mora's digital communication, the club developed 8 brand new platforms in total during this Rotaract Year. Building such sophisticated systems also required a considerable amount of synergy with fellow avenues to ensure that the platforms were utilized consistently by the end-users. For this, several strategies were laid out to brand the platforms to the target audiences and also make platforms open for the public rather than being only open for the club members.



Digital platforms of the club was growing at a rapid pace but an exponential growth in platforms was recorded with the turn of the Rotaract year 2020/21

## Manusath Handa Contributors' Portal

The Rotary International Most Outstanding Project of the year 2021 - Manusath Handa requires no introductions. The signature humanitarian effort by Rotaract Mora grew from strength to strength when Sri Lanka's largest digital audiobook library for the visually impaired was made public during the latter half of the previous Rotaract Year.

The project revolves around the concept of audiobooks and volunteers donating their valuable voices to prepare these audiobooks. Due to the high volume of audiobooks created as well as the volunteers involved, the project required a sustainable process for the collection of audiobooks. As a result of research, Manusath Handa Contributor's Portal came to life, which streamlined and automated the audiobook creation process with a quality deliverable.

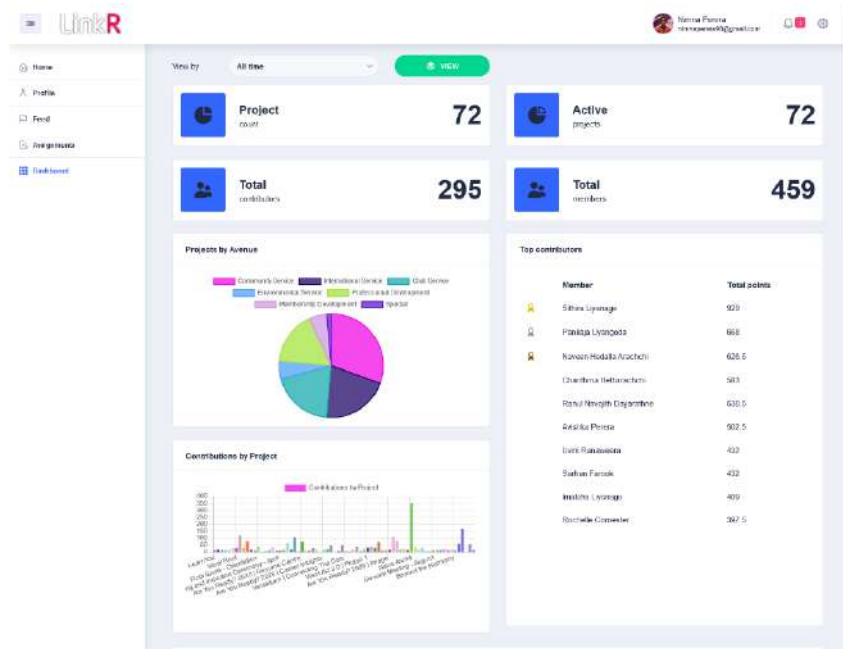
This seamless process now allows any volunteer from any part of the world to join the cause and donate their voices without the help of any organizers. The platform would help the team attain their final goal of handing over the ownership of the project to the volunteers, which would be a significant step in making Manusath Handa a national-level volunteer effort.



[Check out how you can donate your voice with Manusath Handa Contributors Portal.](#)

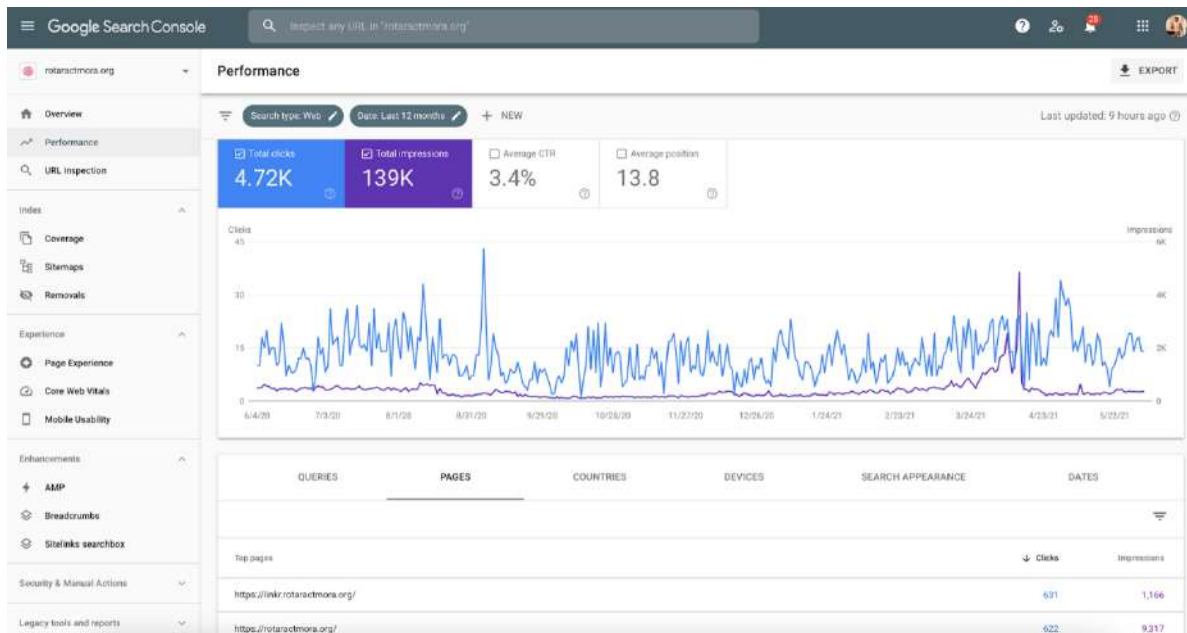
## LinkR

The latest addition to Rotaract Mora's digitizing revolution is 'LinkR', a digital membership management application allowing computerized contribution tracking during projects and online project task bidding. This allows members to view project details, project chairpersons, and bid for tasks. Further, it provides all the statistical information about ongoing projects and member contributions, which resulted in a lower burden on this year's membership tracking processes than in previous years. According to Google search statistical data, LinkR is the platform that obtained the most impressions out of Rotaract Mora platforms which showcases the significant amount of member traction it has gained throughout the year.

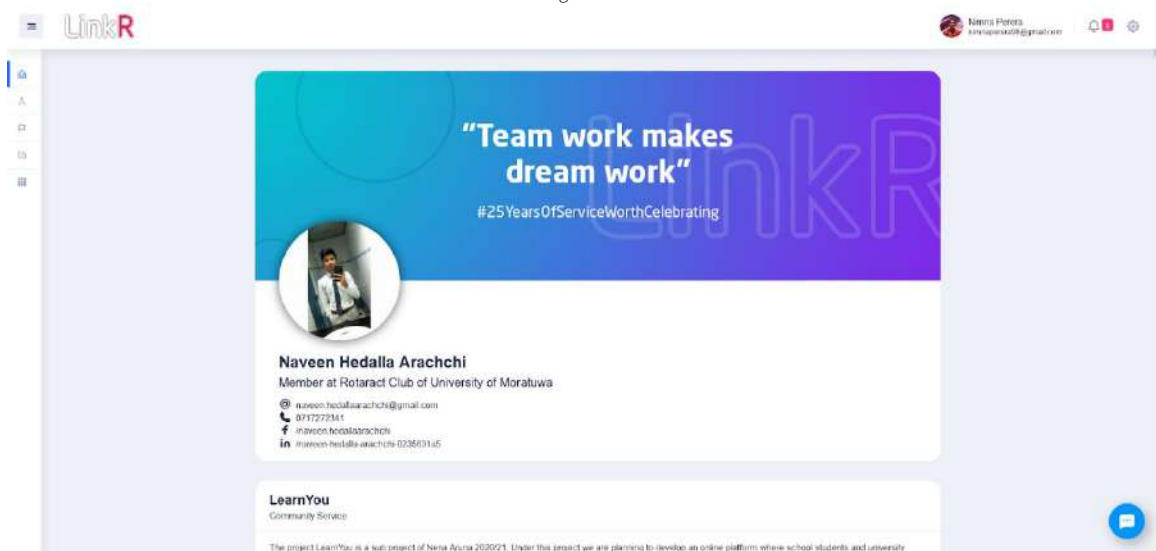


LinkR Statistical Dashboard





Google search stats

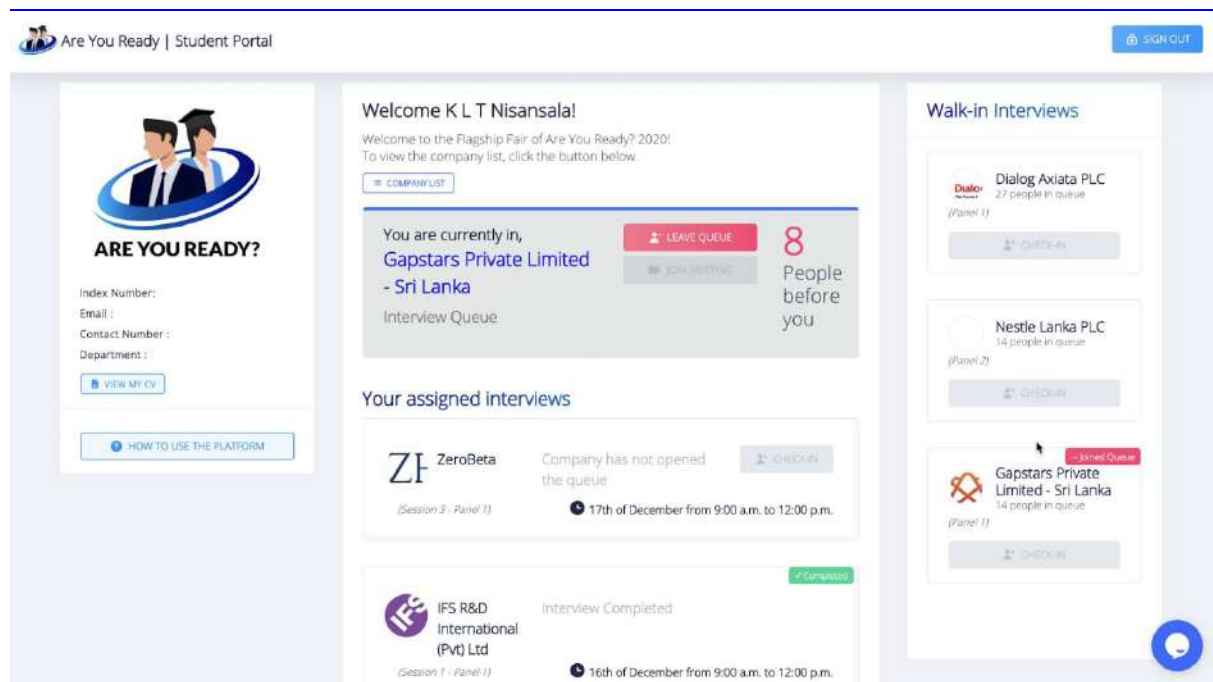


LinkR - Member contributions public profile

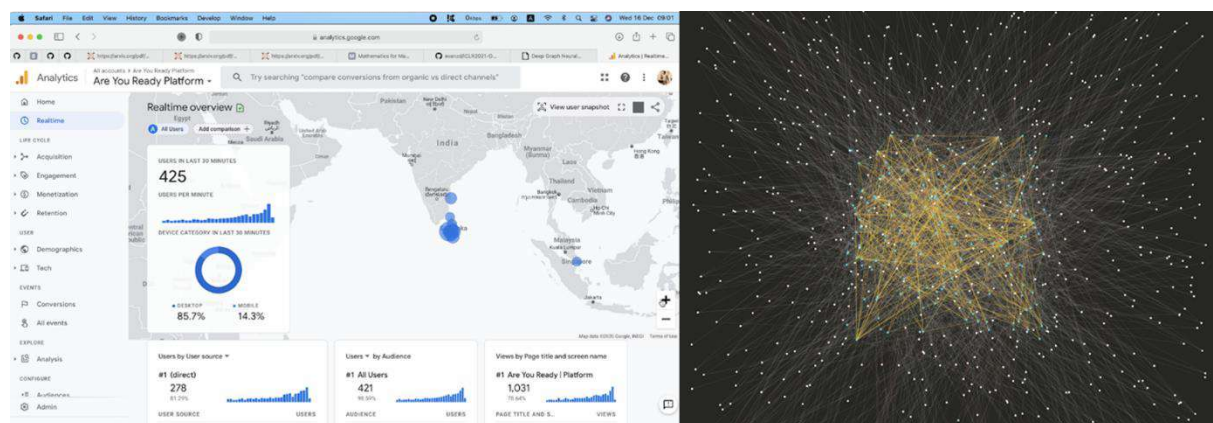
## Are You Ready?

'Are You Ready?' platform enabled final year undergraduates to face as many interviews as possible through virtual assigned interviews and walk-in-interview facilities built into the platform, while assuring that they receive the same experience as in a physical rendition of the club-organized annual university career fair (Figure 1). All in all, the three-day event - "Flagship Fair", which was powered by the platform, marked a triumphant completion with the involvement of 70+ corporates, nearly 177 interview panels, and

1000+ undergraduates wizzarding through the virtual setting to fuel the dreams of the young undergraduates and connect the elites. The platform which was utilized across all 3 days of the career fair was built-in with Microsoft Teams integration, which was the meeting platform that was utilized to host all the interviews. This seamless platform was a piece of digital art and was applauded and recognized by the many corporates as well as undergraduates who took part in the project.



Live student dashboard depicting the virtual queue status



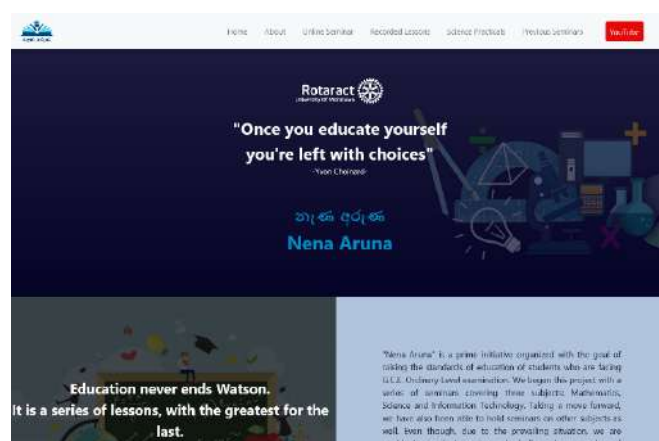
Google Analytics real time view, during the launch

depiction of how 1000+ students were mapped with 70+ companies for their interviews.

View online: <https://graph.Oxait.com>

## Nena Aruna

Nena Aruna is the project, which is focused on educating G.C.E. O/L students to guide them in succeeding in their Ordinary Level Examinations. In the previous year, members of Rotaract Mora were able to visit several rural schools and conduct seminars covering Mathematics, Science, English, and IT. Unfortunately, with the unforeseen global pandemic, most of the visits and seminars had to be halted. Rotaract Mora being nurtured by innovative ideas, adapted to enabling distance learning through Zoom and YouTube as a timely

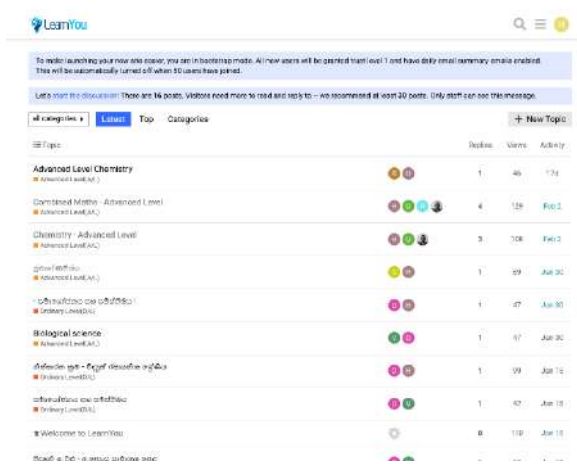


solution to the issue. With regards to handing over the seminar handouts and showcasing newly added seminar videos, the Digital Communication team of Rotaract Mora came up with a novel approach, the 'Nena Aruna Web Platform'.

Through the platform, students can download the learning materials that are required for the respective Zoom seminar, and also have the facility to join the Zoom classroom through just one click.

## LearnYou

Parallely with Nena Aruna, the 'LearnYou' platform was built with the purpose of creating a forum to solve the subject-related problems that might occur among students engaging in distance learning. The platform is equipped with a user-friendly interface through which the users (School students/University undergraduates/Teachers) can post their questions and answers. The specialty behind the platform is that it can communicate with both Sinhala and English according to user preference. The LearnYou platform has the potential of being utilized for higher educational purposes since most of the syllabuses are sharing the same modules thereby enabling the volunteers to share their knowledge with anyone.



Public Platforms (9)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manusath Handa e-Library</li> <li>• Manusath Handa Contributors' Portal</li> <li>• LinkR</li> <li>• 'Are You Ready?' Platform</li> <li>• Nena Aruna</li> <li>• Learn You</li> <li>• Online Awurudu</li> <li>• Indiretto - Virtual Treasure Hunt</li> <li>• SLRMUN Conference Platform</li> </ul>
Closed Platforms (3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maestro evaluation platform</li> <li>• Maestro voting platform</li> <li>• Data Storm evaluation platform</li> </ul>
Supporting websites (6)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'Are You Ready?' Website</li> <li>• Rotaract Mora Model United Nations</li> <li>• The Scholar</li> <li>• Manasa</li> <li>• Data Storm</li> <li>• Maestro</li> </ul>

# Sports and Special Services



Message from the Avenue  
Sports and Special Services at a Glance  
Projects

## Message from the Avenue



Starting off the journey for the year, the Sports and Special Services avenue of Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa was set on accomplishing our vision of developing and strengthening the fellowship within the club as well as with other clubs in the District while at the same time, discovering the sports talents within our club and creating a platform for all Rotaractors of the University of Moratuwa to show off their talents through the Rotaract Movement. In order to achieve this, the avenue took up the task of arranging sports events and other functions with peer clubs of the District in order to bring fellowship to the movement, as well as coming up with a master plan for the club to perform well at Rotaract Champions League 2020.

Needless to say - this was no easy task at all. With the pandemic situation rampant in the country, the execution of most of the activities planned under the avenue at the beginning of the term became unfeasible since all of them required the physical presence of participants. This was especially evident in the case of sports in which members were unable to gather at grounds for practices or practice while staying at home. The new initiatives that we arranged in collaboration with several other clubs under the avenue had to also be temporarily postponed or cancelled one by one owing to the rapid spread of the COVID-19 pandemic all around the country.

Though solid plans were put in place from the very start of the year to secure ourselves among the top 3 clubs of RCL by means of creating strong sports teams consisting of the best of the best out of the club membership and organizing regular practice sessions for our teams, COVID-19 caused RCL 2020 to be ultimately cancelled. Nevertheless, we are extremely grateful to have been able to conduct said practice sessions in the very least since they provided our members the opportunity of not only developing their physical fitness during the pandemic situation, but also meeting and interacting with their Rotaract buddies with whom most had associated only through the virtual space at that point. Inviting members from peer clubs to join these practice matches organized for Futsal and Cricket helped the club strengthen its fellowship with other Rotaract clubs of the district.

Amidst it all, we were able to identify the necessity of uplifting the mental wellbeing of our undergraduates during



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a pandemic like this and thus initiate the project Manasa. Undergraduates face a lot of difficulties due to exam stress and the heavy load of academic activities and the uncertainty and emotional stress surrounding the severity of COVID-19 does not make this mental burden any less lighter. Thereby, Manasa was brought to life to address these youth-related mental health issues and open up a platform for the youth to share their thoughts with us. The project turned out to be an excellent solution to approach the new normal by means of a new angle through the avenue as we were able to carry out the project sessions virtually. We received a great amount of positive feedback from undergraduates regarding this initiative and we were also able to develop good partnerships with third-party organizations for the project. Through the website we launched under the project, we were able to connect psychiatrists with undergraduates looking for guidance on their mental wellbeing, so that they can receive suggestions for solutions that can properly address their mental health-related problems. Manasa was a joint venture launched together with Rotaract Club of Achievers Lanka Business School and thus helped further fuel the fellowship among the two clubs as well.

Through the avenue, we were also able to gather a greater participation of undergraduates of the Faculty of Business, which is relatively new to our university, and thus motivate them to continue volunteering with the club and shine across all the club's avenues.

The Sports and Special Services avenue holds great potential as an emerging avenue within Rotaract Mora that has caught the attention of the club membership for its dynamic and fellowship-oriented atmosphere. Therefore, attention should be paid to come up with signature projects and other such initiatives for the avenue, which may be able to provide members with opportunities to not only develop, showcase and be rewarded for their talents, but also have fun while doing so. The avenue is also a great starting point for collaborations with peer clubs. Addressing these promising facets to the avenue during the imminent future



will undoubtedly further propel the club name to greater heights, not only with the club membership but also the entire Rotaract District 3220.

Looking back at the year 2020/21, there were lots of obstacles to pass and overcome and doing so was not an easy task as the sole director of the avenue. I am immensely grateful to the Club President Rtr. Samila Imbulana as well as Club Secretary Rtr. Leesha Samadhi for the immense support they provided in putting the avenue plans and goals into action. I would also like to thank all the chairpersons and committee members of the Sports and Special Services

team who were constantly working behind the scenes to add new colors to the avenue. The future of Rotaract Mora in the hands of these emerging young leaders is indeed very bright.

On a final note, here's a reminder to all: "Be the Change you want to see in the World".

Thank you!

**Rtr. Damith Priyadarshana**

*Sports and Special Services Director 2020/21*

## SPORTS AND SPECIAL SERVICES AT A GLANCE

### SPORTS OUTINGS

12

### COLLABORATED PEER CLUBS

5

### MINI SPORTS DAYS

2

### ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED MEMBERS

20+

### ROTARACT CHAMPIONS LEAGUE 2021

35 Members Registered

# Projects

*Sports do not build character. They reveal it.*

*-John Wooden-*

Sports and Special Services avenue of Rotaract Mora played a pivotal role during the year 2020/21. To refresh the tired minds of the dedicated members, several friendly matches and interactive sports events were organized joining hands with fellow Rotaract Clubs in District 3220.

At a time when a pandemic has pushed the club members to stay home, everyone's mental health had taken a severe toll. These mini sports outings were a great opportunity for the members to come play some sports, enhance their physical fitness and also to release some of their mental stress. Further by getting an opportunity to engage and interact with Rotaractors from fellow clubs, the members were given a chance to make new friends and build their networks.

Date	Event	Venue	Clubs Involved
26th July 2020	Friendly match	Cricksal Arena - Delkanda	Rotaract Club of Alumni of University of Moratuwa
13th & 20th August 2020	Practice match	Club Fusion Boralessgamuwa	Rotaract Clubs of Alumni of University of Moratuwa and ACBT Campus
30th August 2020	Friendly Match Encounter	Cricksal Arena - Delkanda	Rotaract Club of Colombo Midtown
8th & 15th October 2020	Cricket and Futsal practice	Club Fusion Boralessgamuwa	Rotaract Club of Alumni of University of Moratuwa
14th & 21st of January 2021	Cricket and Futsal Practice match	Club Fusion Boralessgamuwa	Rotaract Club of Alumni of University of Moratuwa
28th of January 2021	Rotaract Mora Sports day for all Inducted members	Club Fusion Boralessgamuwa	
4th of February 2021	Mini Sports Day	Club Fusion Boralessgamuwa	Rotaract Clubs of Colombo West, Excellence, Alumni of University of Moratuwa
14th & 21st of February 2021	Practice matches for RCL	Club Fusion Boralessgamuwa	



**TogetherSL**

## TogetherSL – “Ape Gama”

**Team :** Scorpions

**Date :** 20-02-2021

**Venue :** Kosgulana Kanishta Vidyalaya

Under district initiative TogetherSL, the Rotaract District 3220 brought together 9 Rotaract clubs of the Rotaract district under the banner of ‘Team Scorpions’ in order to help the students of Molkawa village in the Kalutara district. Team Scorpions began a project titled, ‘Ape Gama’ to meaningfully acknowledge students’ right to education, at Kosgulana Kanishta Vidyalaya which consists of 170 students from grades 1 to 11. The project intended to provide a better learning environment for the students while ensuring that their education is carried out with no disruptions. Going in line with the Rotary’s Focus Area of ‘Basic Education and Literacy’, and the Sustainable Development goals; ‘No Poverty’, ‘Quality Education’ and ‘Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure’, the team provided the school with internet facilities, which could significantly help the students in their education. The school library was refurbished entirely. Moreover, books in Sinhala, Tamil, and English languages were also donated. To expose the students to a visual learning environment, a television was also donated by the team with the intention of bringing light to the school lives of these children who will be the future generation of our country.

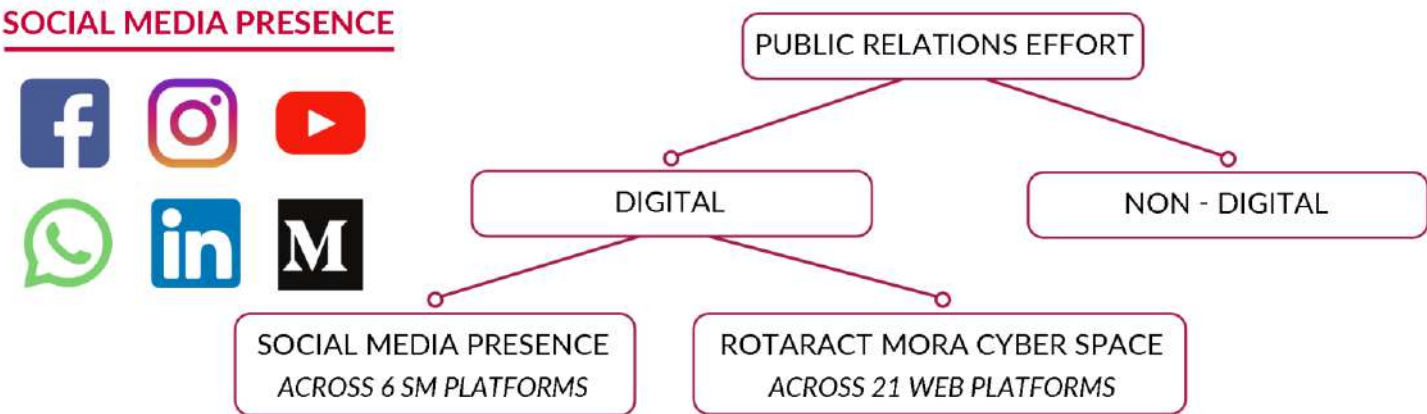


# **Public Relations Efforts**



PUBLIC RELATIONS EFFORT AT A GLANCE

SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE



FACEBOOK

PLATFORMS HANDLED

12

UNIQUE REACH

378K

PAGE LIKES

5,707

29% GROWTH

INSTAGRAM

PLATFORMS HANDLED

6

UNIQUE REACH

3.5K

PAGE FOLLOWERS

2,118

81% GROWTH

YOUTUBE

PLATFORMS HANDLED

2

UNIQUE REACH

16.6K

SUBSCRIBERS

776

902% GROWTH

LINKEDIN

FOLLOWERS

1142

DIGITAL ACTIVITY  
AS TRACKED BY LINK SHORTENER

CLICKS

62K

119% GROWTH

ROTARACT MORA BLOG & MEDIUM

BLOGS WRITTEN

43

NEWSLETTERS WRITTEN

5

VIEWS

16K

USERS

4.5K

AVERAGE READING TIME

1 MINS 31 SECS

PARTNERS

ROTARACT MORA CYBER SPACE

PUBLIC DIGITAL PLATFORMS BUILT

18

VIEWS

183K

USERS

18K

AVERAGE TIME SPENT

6 MINS 20 SECS

PUBLIC RELATION TALENTS UTILIZED

51 VIDEO AND GRAPHIC DESIGNERS

85 EDITORS, CAPTION WRITERS AND REPORT WRITERS

FUNDS RAISED  
ACROSS SOCIAL MEDIA

482\$

The Rotaract Year 2020/21 coincided with the still-prevalent pandemic and many signature projects had to go virtual whilst newer initiatives also cropped up. Thus, to regulate and maintain the standards of our PR & Editorial content, guidelines were provided for all designers and writers at the beginning of the Rotaract Year. All content has to abide by the guidelines and be approved by the PR Directors and Editors prior to publishing.

Online Public Relations is the major focus of the PR Avenue under the New Normal. Project chairpersons were instructed on the significance and necessity of a solid PR campaign and were guided on building a strong PR team to deliver quality content. Hence, a typical Project Organizing Committee was formed with designers, video creators and content writers who

would help carry our message to the target audience effectively.

Continuing from the previous Rotaract Year, Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp were identified as the most effective platforms to reach out to the desired audience. Thus, priority was given to establish a strong brand image through these respective platforms. All project flyers, videos, blogs were shared on Facebook and WhatsApp whilst Instagram posts were reserved for special occasions. Additionally, LinkedIn, Medium, YouTube and the Club Blog were also used to reach out to the audience on those respective platforms. Additionally, websites were designed by our IT team for special ventures such as Manusath Handa, Nena Aruna, and Maestro based on the project requirement.

## Social Media Platforms

### Facebook

The Club Facebook page is the main interface through which the club maintains contact with the public. Project flyers, project videos, competitions, festival wishes, special achievements and birthdays are shared on this platform. Additionally, joint project PR material and Rotaract District posts were also shared on our page appropriately. The official Facebook page was also utilized to broadcast special virtual projects of the club through the Facebook Live facility. Our Facebook page has an average reach of 3500+ per day and has 900+ posts currently. Voting campaigns for competitions hosted on the page, which mandated that voters like the page before casting their votes, also contributed to this increase. Apart from this page, separate pages were maintained for selected projects based on the necessity, target audience and the volume of PR material posted:

- [Rotaract Mora](#)
- [Are You Ready?](#)
- [Ceylon Safari](#)
- [Ecolastic](#)
- [Grama Prabodhaya](#)
- [Hand in Hand](#)
- [Maestro](#)
- [Zooxanthellae](#)
- [CAST 4](#)
- [Woof Roof](#)
- [RMMUN](#)
- [Spire E-Sports Challenge](#)
- [Data Storm](#)
- [Healing Hands](#)

### Instagram

Being a growing platform amongst university students, the efforts from the previous years were continued on Instagram. Stories, videos, and Live posts were shared by the PR Directors when deemed necessary. The Instagram feed was used to publish special photos and videos of projects while important flyers of projects requiring greater reach were posted on Stories.

Additionally, in celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the club, a special PR campaign including the “Day as a Rotaractor” Instagram filter and the ‘Never Have I Ever’ challenge was also carried out.

- [Rotaract Mora](#)
- [Ceylon Safari](#)
- [Rotaract Mora MUN](#)
- [Ecolastic 2020](#)
- [Woof Roof](#)
- [Rota Click](#)

### WhatsApp

Being one of the most popular platforms in usage, WhatsApp groups were the main mode of communication between the organizing committees and general members. Groups were created on various bases such as projects, student

batches, activities, Club Houses (CAST 4) and other Rotaract Clubs.

A typical General Member could join a project via its respective WhatsApp group open to the public. Additionally, the Board of Directors gained the opportunity to be present in Rotaract WhatsApp groups that share essential messages and coordinate other useful ventures. Auxiliary features such as WhatsApp Broadcast and Statuses were fully utilized to great effect.

### **YouTube**

The club utilized the YouTube platform predominantly to host the Nena Aruna webinar series. In addition, project documentaries, fundraising content and videos on special occasions were also released on this platform. Again, features such as YouTube Live were utilized as deemed necessary. Currently, our YouTube channel has garnered 7000+ views and around 300 subscribers. This platform holds great potential, and we believe it can cater to larger audiences in the forthcoming years.

- [Rotaract Mora](#)
- [Nena Aruna](#)

## **Websites and Digital Platforms**

One notable initiative this year was the complete renovation of the club website and blog. This year also saw the budding of many new ventures particularly in the avenues of Club Service, International Service and Membership Development that were brought to life exclusively through the virtual space. Additionally, all existing projects had to be digitalized owing to the pandemic. Since the target beneficiaries of each project were diverse, it became necessary to handle the audience on separate platforms. Thus, the IT team took the lead in web designing aspects based on the requirements and suggestions provided by the project chairs and the PR team. Again, all posts had to be approved by the PR Directors & Editors prior to publishing.

### **Club Website & Blog**

The club's official website and blog were converted into a more user-friendly and professional interface by the IT Directors and their

### **Medium Publications**

This initiative was introduced this year as a means of complimenting the club blog site. Although not as popular as other social media platforms amongst our undergraduates, this platform attracts membership with interests in literature, blogging and writing. Currently, our publications house seven articles and has twenty-one followers. Again, we believe this platform is very promising and would be an excellent outlet for talented Rotaractors to unleash their writing skills.

Rotaract Mora Medium Publications  
- <https://medium.com/rotaractmora>

### **LinkedIn and Twitter**

These platforms were largely used to communicate with corporate and professional audiences and were accordingly utilized in signature Professional Development projects such as Are You Ready? and Data Storm 2.0.

Twitter -  
<https://twitter.com/RotaractMora>

LinkedIn -  
<https://www.linkedin.com/company/rotaract-club-of-university-of-moratuwa>

team based on the suggestions of the Top Board and the PR Directors.

Website - <http://rotaractmora.org/>

Blog - <https://blog.rotaractmora.org/>

The Club official site was renovated by the IT team and moved to the Ghost Platform. The new interface is more reader friendly and attractive. All existing data including the club history and awards were safely transferred onto the new platforms. Additionally, through the Club official blog, digital identities were provided to each writer through blog accounts linked with the writer's email: this feature did not exist on the previous site. Currently, our blog site holds forty blog articles and thirty-five writers. Additionally, the quarterly newsletters under Project Odyssey are also made available on the blog. The best articles were shared on our Medium Publications.

## Rotary Showcase and other Media

This year brought to fruit many efforts of the past. As such, the club collaborated with recognized bodies to publish articles on such initiatives to convey the message of our service to broader audiences.

The following signature projects were memorialized on the Rotary Showcase.

1. [Maestro](#)
2. [Manusath Handa](#)

Additionally, [Manusath Handa – Voice of Humanity](#) and [Data Storm 2.0](#) were also featured in The Sunday Times and ChoKoLAAte Magazine respectively.

## PR Projects, Collaborations and Initiatives

### *Odyssey – Rotaract Mora's Official Newsletter*

Project Odyssey - Rotaract Mora's Quarterly Newsletter - continues from the previous years. This is chaired by two extremely competent and committed Rotaractors from the '19 Batch and assisted by a team of writers and designers. Each newsletter features a quarterly description of Rotaract Mora's ventures whilst also showcasing our Rotaractors' creative poetic talent.

### *Silver Jubilee Celebrations*

Rotaract Year 2020/21 marks a milestone on Rotaract Mora's calendar as the 25th voyage of Fellowship Through Service. Although initially planned to be physical, the celebrations had to be held virtually due to pandemic restrictions. Under the guidance of the PR & Editorial Directors, the project was chaired by three enthusiastic Rotaractors from the '19 Batch and concluded last December in grand celebrations as a night to remember. PR campaigns included Videos featuring the Board of Directors, never-have-i-ever posts and flyers were carried out in commemoration of the special milestone.

### *Rethink Article Writing Competition, Designing Competition and Creative Writing Workshop*

We also collaborated with the Membership Development Avenue in hosting article writing and designing competitions for the incoming '20 Batch students. Additionally, part of our writing team also took part in the creative writing workshop conducted physically within university premises by the Department of Languages on the 3rd of October 2020.

### *PR Calendar and Google Docs*

This initiative was undertaken to efficiently manage and monitor the significantly vast amount of PR content generated this year. Peak times were chosen to ensure maximum reach on Facebook and all project chairs were instructed to reserve appropriate time slots for their posts on a common Google Calendar, well in advance of their desired publishing date. This ensured maximum reach of posts whilst minimizing post clashes between different projects.

Additionally, Google Docs were created for each project and project chairs were instructed to upload all text-related content for approval by the Editors to these Docs. This reduced unnecessary spamming in WhatsApp groups whilst also preserving the text content for future use.

# **Rotary Family Coordination**



CLUB ENGAGEMENT AT A GLANCE

Most Participated Peer Club Project

**PROJECTZERO** by Rotaract Club of University Alumni

Most Participated District Project

**30<sup>TH</sup> ROTARACT DISTRICT CONFERENCE**

**70+** Prospects Joined

**200+** Participations for District Initiatives

EXTERNAL ROTARACT PROJECTS

**44**

ROTARACT DISTRICT PROJECTS

**18**

PROJECTS WITH ROTARY FAMILY

**1**

PROJECTS WITH INTERACT CLUBS

**2**

PROJECTS OUTSIDE RID 3220

**4**

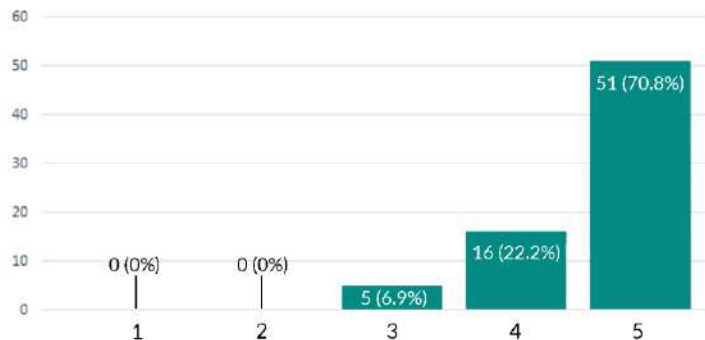


# **Year-end Membership Survey**

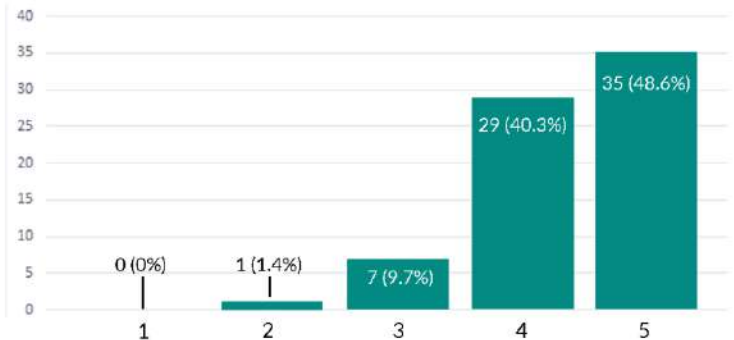
# MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

MEMBER ENGAGEMENT, SATISFACTION AND GROWTH

## Enjoyment and finding a sense of self satisfaction by engaging in Rotaract \_\_\_\_\_



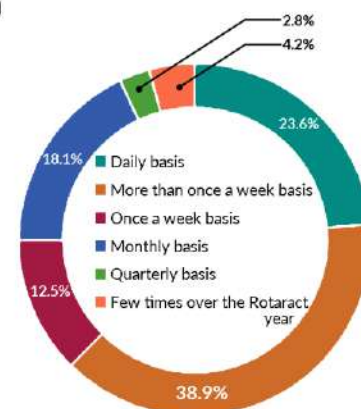
## Professional and personal development achieved through engaging in Rotaract \_\_\_\_\_



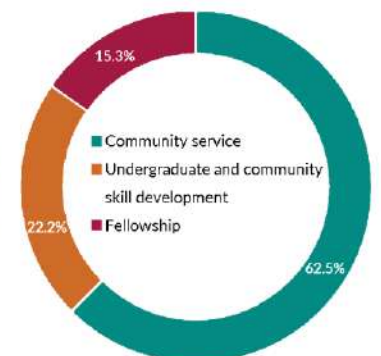
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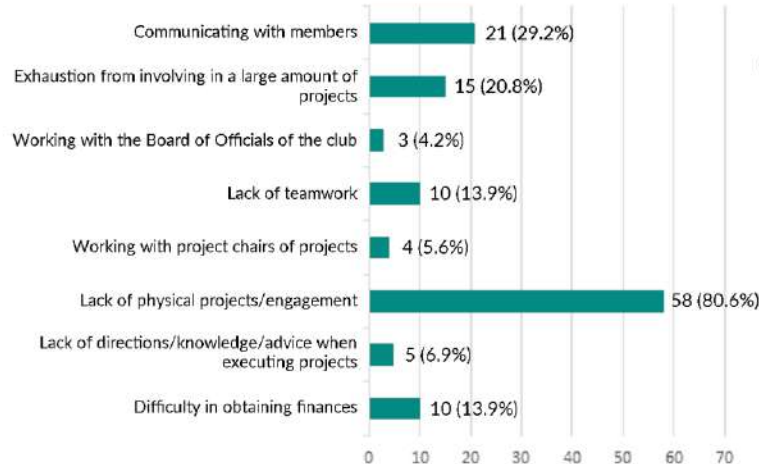
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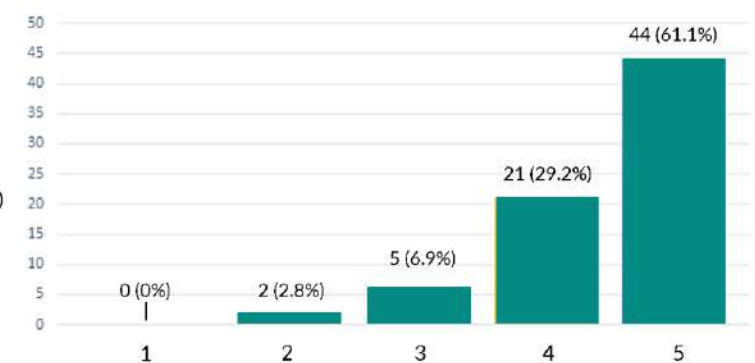
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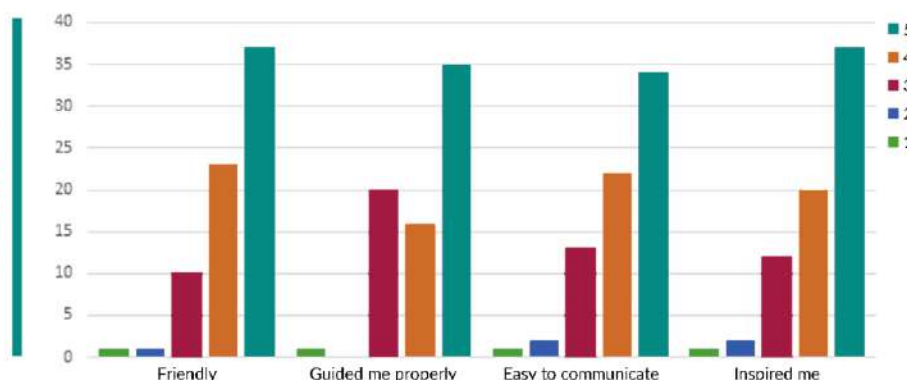
## Difficulties faced



## The level of the feeling that appropriately recognized and welcomed in the club



## Attitude about the Board of Officials



\* Take 1 as 'Strongly Disagree' and 5 as 'Strongly Agree'

\* These data are based on the feedbacks among 72 members of Rotaract Mora

# Avenue Stories

Behind the heroics of driving some seriously impactful projects across the country,

are a set of simple, unsophisticated yet complex people.

Complex in nature due to their weird yet funny life choices and preferences.

From breaking legs to finding cuddling partners during one amazing Rotaract Year

Let's talk to the beautiful people of the Rotaract Mora leadership team for the year 2020/21

(Based on a series of hilarious interviews compiled by Rtr. Samadhi Gunawardane, Rtr. Nethma Mettananda, and Rtr. Imalsha Liyanage)



## Club Legends...

Let us hear from our Immediate Past-President Rtr. Dhanuka Perera and Vice President - Administration Rtr. Nishika Silva, both of whom have served as role models for many club members.

### 1. What was your first impression when you got selected for this post? (And about your team?)

**Dhanuka:** I believe that the people Samila chose for his board were fantastic both during my year and during Samila's year. I think it was a physical as well as a virtual journey. Then I saw how members who were selected by Samila converted into the virtual context. I was amazed! If I was a director in this pandemic situation, I wouldn't be having that many new ideas regarding projects and everything. I think they managed everything very well. So proud of the Board of Officials!

**Nishika:** I was happy, and I was really motivated to do my best and give the fullest support to Samila. When we were talking about whom to select, we were all very hyped about them and also we were sure that they will do their best! At the end of the year, when we saw how they actually perform and how they interact with general members, they had to do everything virtually. And we saw how they converted projects into the virtual context. I was really impressed and happy because, I think we have selected the best board and also speaking about their bond and how supportive they are I mean, they are on another level. So proud of them!

### 2. What was the biggest challenge you faced this year?

**Dhanuka:** Okay. As the IPP I don't think I had a big challenge because Samila and the entire board managed to overcome all issues. But as the president or as the director of professional development, I had a lot of challenges. As the IPP I am so happy to tell you that Samila and the board managed everything. So, I didn't have any challenges.

**Nishika:** Not a challenge. One of the concerns we had was how we can take members to come to virtual projects/meetings, as we are not used to it. But I think we were able to strategize properly and get all members to work as much as they work in the physical environment. So, I think we overcame that as well.



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*I choose Rota-related t-shirts and I only have three of them. ඔය තුන මං මාරුවෙන් මාරුවට අඳිනවා. බෝඩ්මක හිටියේ. නිතර හෝදන්න වෙන්නෙන් නෑනෙ. Btw, මං ගාව හොඳ brand එහෙක perfume එකක් නියෙනවා. Therefore, I use it and no one asks me questions why I wear only those T-shirts. If somebody asks, I will say "අද මේ Rotaract Event එකක් නියෙනවා. ඒකට club ටී එකක් අඳින්නම වෙනව කියලා"*

### 3. As a Rotaractor, which year was your favourite?

**Dhanuka:** I would say it was the first year because that was the year we learned about Rotaract and in that year, I saw how I developed myself from this movement. When it comes to 2016 I was Introvert person. But by July, I was selected as a Board member of Rotaract Mora. It was a new experience for me and that experience helped me to become the president and the project co-chairperson of "Are You Ready?".

**Nishika:** I also have the same answer since I joined Rotaract in 2017, in those days we didn't have any responsibilities. But when I was the Assistant Secretary and the Secretary I had to think about the reporting, administrating stuff etc. That year we were able to experience everything, meet new friends and all. When it comes to that part I like the first year, when I was a general member. But when it comes to personal growth and realizing the things that I am capable of doing, I think it's the last year when I was a secretary.

### 4. As an ExCo member What are your thoughts about the general membership?

**Dhanuka:** I think the dynamics of the club have changed. When I was the president, I saw a totally different context. But as the IPP, I saw another set of amazing individuals and they had different skill sets. Batch 19 is amazing because I saw how they overcame the pandemic situation.

**Nishika:** During my days in University, I have seen 2 batches, batch 18 and 19. Those 2 were completely different. They are very enthusiastic and like to explore new stuff, give inputs, and energetic people.

That's the reason, we were able to overcome all those challenges and face this pandemic situation very well. I'm impressed.

### 5. What was the longest amount of hours you had to work continuously for a project?

**Dhanuka:** I think I wasn't involved in organizing any big projects when I was the IPP. I do not encourage you to miss your lectures but when I was the co-chair of 'Are You Ready?' I had to work continuously for more than 2 weeks. I didn't go home, I was at the University.

**Nishika:** For me, like ayya said, since I wasn't a part of one of the 4 main avenues, I can't recall. When it comes to guidelines and presidential election and all that stuff, then we had to work a lot. For the entire Rotaract journey, Are You Ready, when Dhanuka Ayya chaired, was one of the biggest events we had. Ayya used to stay at the university all the time, but we went to our boarding house for about 3 hours and then came back to the University to work on Are You Ready.

### 6. How did you balance your academic work and your responsibilities in the club?

**Dhanuka:** When it comes to myself, I am not an academic person but I managed to pass every module. And also when it comes to balancing I always have a daily schedule. I write down the tasks which should be completed during the day. No matter the time, I always try to complete all the tasks before I go to sleep. I think I always try to complete tasks that I define at the beginning of the day, so that's how I balance.

**Nishika:** For me, usually before I go to bed, I make a list of things I have to complete on the other day. I didn't follow that routine a lot, but when I became the secretary I had to do it because I had a lot of tasks to do on my list. So I had to prioritize things. The main thing is you have to set boundaries, you know because you need to have an idea of what you should do tomorrow or the day after tomorrow. You have to manage time and you have to go through all your stuff and put them all together.

If I got a chance to select Ravikula or my doggo? I would say my dog.



If I got a chance to select Ravikula or my doggo? I would say my dog, එයා (Ravikula) හිත හදං ඉන්නේ. I think he only likes my dog; he doesn't touch other dogs. එහා ගෙදර බලේලට බයයි. My one is innocent, she loves everyone. දෙන දෙයක් කාලා වෙන දෙයක් බලාගෙන ඉන්නවා. Even though she is a dog, she doesn't know dogs can bite ඒ නිසා රවිකුල එයාට කැමති වුනා.

## 7. What was your favourite memory/moment as a Rotaractor?

**Dhanuka:** I participated as a candidate for Are You Ready. When I went to the Are You Ready portal, I remembered that the portal was initially made in my year. This year, we saw the Ultimate end of it. I think that was the happiest moment as an IPP. When I was

the project co-chair of Are You Ready, there was a saying that "No one can change this portal". But when I was the president, I selected a person to change the portal. Samila and Shashika were there to help him, and we changed that portal. I was so happy to see how it has evolved throughout these years, until this milestone.

**Nishika:** We had the final visit of Grama Prabodhaya. I was planning to come, and I was hyped up. I had my industrial training during the past couple of months. Unfortunately, I had my final day, on the GP final visit day. So, I couldn't come. It could have been a good memory, but all the other ones are virtual. I can't recall a good one among those. Are You Ready was good. In Grama Prabodhaya I saw all the photos and those people were so happy. Many nangila and mallila were also engaged, so I think it's one of our greatest projects.

## 8. Describe your Rotaract Mora journey in three words.

**Dhanuka:** Explore. Develop. Serve

**Nishika:** The people I got to work with were Inspiring. The things that I had to do were eye-opening. It is a happy place.

## Leadership Team...

Let's hear from our own President cool, Rtr. Samila Imbulana, Ms. last to get the hints, madam secretary Rtr. Leesha Samadhi, the father figure of our IS directors' and VP of the avenue, Rtr. Pamal Rojitha and bunny influencer plus Mr. Treasurer of the club Rtr. Shashika Udayanga.

### 1. What was your first impression when you got selected for this post? (And about your team?)

**Leesha:** For a long time, I didn't view WhatsApp messages that came from Samila Ayya because I didn't know him back then :D But soon after I realized what's happening, I was more than happy and must say our co-editors and the assistant secretary were very supportive.

**Pamal:** Felt happy and realized how far I have come as an individual thanks to Rotaract Mora. And my co-director duo was the perfect combination.

**Shashika:** The more I try to recall the feeling the more I realize that I didn't feel anything. But gotta say my assistant treasurer Dhanoj, was a great support. (PS: සතුටු හිතූනා කියලා දාගන්න, නැත්තත් හරි නෑනේ)

**Samila:** When Data Storm 1.0 finally ended I started thinking about applying for the presidency and somehow, I knew I could do it but did not know whether I deserved it. And here we are. When talking about my board of directors, they are the best I've seen for my entire Rotaract Journey and from start to end loved them to the fullest.

### 2. What was the biggest challenge you faced this year?

**Leesha:** Well for me currently the challenge is here :) Reporting is a great challenge since the whole image of the project depends on it. Working on the annual report these days, we have 18 reports to be completed and we are halfway through it. Going strong till the end.

**Pamal:** COVID-19 was a huge challenge. Ceylon Safari, our signature project was not in our Avenue Plan due to the situation. On one hand, it was a great loss but on the other hand, we learned a lot, thanks to the challenges and did more projects than any other year with concepts that we never thought of implementing.

**Shashika:** No big difference actually this whole situation kind of made it easier for my job role. (And it was the moment we found the one person who didn't even bother to complain about this whole pandemic situation :P)

**Samila:** Number one is COVID. For the last five years, we have set pretty high standards for Rotaract Mora, and COVID was no excuse. And then there is the hustle of attracting and retaining membership amid the situation, we had our doubts whether they are going to embrace all these virtual experiences. However, ගොඩ දාගන්නා කියලා හිතෙනවා :D.



*She claims the fact that she being a Tubelight is a rumour and also she loves to be thrown at Lakes once in a while.*

### 3. As a Rotaractor, which year was your favourite?

**Leesha:** Mine is the year in which I was a general member.

**Pamal:** For me too, it was the general membership year.

**Shashika:** Yes, the general member year was fun and filled with memories.

**Samila:** Memories wise my favourite is the general membership year. It was fun. In terms of personal growth, last year was the best and this year was full of everything, so I'll call this year the most beautiful one!

### 4. As a BoD member, what are your thoughts about the general membership?

**Leesha:** I worked a lot with them during project reporting, they were passionate about what they are doing and especially the portion I had to amend for the work was so tiny since they did great. Yeah, they were one friendly, passionate team of individuals.

**Pamal:** This year's general membership reminded me of us. Same energy, same enthusiasm. I was delighted to see them engaging and enjoying the movement even though everyone was stuck at home and having virtual experiences.

**Shashika:** I'm keeping it short :D Responsible, and they have got great potential.

**Samila:** Yeah, like Pamal said I saw us in them. In terms of talent, they are the best

I've seen. Quality of work, communication, presentation, and people skills were all there. And what surprised me the most is the attitude, very friendly and passionate. It was a perfect combination. It's also worth noting that we had tremendous active participation from women. I admire the overall general membership a lot.



*He is the coolest person in the club, so cool that some members talk as excited as they have won the lottery about sitting on his lap. Ask him about රබන් පදය you will see the perfect combo of the sweetest plus weirdest smile of all times. However, hail Barcelona!*

### 5. What was the longest amount of hours you had to work continuously for a project?

**Leesha:** It's actually more than 24 hours:')

**Pamal:** It was during Ceylon Safari 2019. ඒ කාලේ වැටෙන වැටෙන තැන් වල තමයි නිදාගත්තේ. මේ කොණ්ඩෙන් සුදු වෙලා තියෙන්නේ ඒ Ceylon Safari කාලේ ආව ප්‍රශ්න වලට තමයි. :D



**Shashika:** Well, I didn't have any of those days. :D

**Samila:** මොකද නැත්තේ මම කියන්නම් :P during RuR 2019, Shashika and I slept only for like 1-2 hours on the flagship fair day. That records 22 hours straight. බයන් හිතෙනවා මතක් වෙද්දී :')

## 6. How did you balance your academic work and your responsibilities in the club?

**Leesha:** I need to engage in academics consistently to perform well, so I plan according to a timetable and manage my work. No matter whether it's Rotaract or Academics, I prioritize stuff and do what comes first.

**Pamal:** For exams, I rely on doing past papers and it works. I tend to follow and learn subjects that I love via online courses, and it also helps a lot to achieve academic goals.

**Shashika:** The typical answer, එදිනෙදා වැඩ එදිනෙදා කරා. :D

**Samila:** It's a little funny to say it but I learned the best engineering sometimes from Rotaract and sometimes from the non-academic stuff I did. What you gain through Rotaract is confidence. It makes you feel like anything is possible. For me කලින් දවසේ පිටු 100ක් කියවලා exam ගොඩ දාන එක is something attainable. And working out. It boosts your productivity. You can perform better in academics when you are fit. :D



*If any soul in the club uses bunny stickers the origin goes way back to him and that's a fact. He reportedly has a deep connection with pyramids too.*

## 7. What was your favourite memory/moment as a Rotaractor?

**Leesha:** GP added so many beautiful memories to this year. I was looking for the tiniest opportunity to go out, so all the GP visits are on my list of favourite moments of life.

**Pamal:** GP final day is the first and last time that I got the chance to visit Dunupothagama. The day was special for a couple of reasons. We had a standing ovation from the students, and they sang the song "වන සිවුපාවුන් වැනි මිනිසුන් මැද දෙව් දේවතාවුන් වැනි මිනිසුන් ඇත" At that very moment I had a series of flashbacks from the start to this day of my Rotaract journey, realized the things we've earned through the years. I was also having a hard time as I remember but this moment gave me strength and energy to do anything and everything.

**Shashika:** Well, there is no particular moment! (That is what he said but we believe that he had too many and didn't want to get emotional in front of the gang.)

**Samila:** I have this picture in my head, it was day 1 of the RuR flagship fair. The project was fully virtualized; however, the backend work was handled by the team at my place. I remember going away to get some water and I was fascinated by what I saw on my way back to the gang. All of my directors were scattered all over the place doing something or the other, everyone was giving their best, having fun to the fullest, there was a zoom call going on the TV with the whole committee, the communication process was amazing, and I don't even know how they managed to solve some of the problems. It was the perfect example of Teamwork. My mind captured this moment vividly and it was one of the best memories of this year.

## 8. Describe your Rotaract Mora journey in three words.

**Leesha:** Happy, Exciting, Knowledgeable

**Pamal:** Changed my life.

**Shashika:** My happy place.

**Samila:** Privileged, Growth, Inspired



*He is one of the proud clients of Rotaract Mora Dating Service and admires the unique features this service offers.*

## Club Service Avenue...

Where mutual bonds are created among club members and where we make volunteering much more exciting and interesting!

So, next up we have the super fun Club service boys in line.  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the avenue Co-directors for the year 2020/21 Rtr. Sachin Silva, Rtr. Nipun Nawodya and the Vice President- club service, Rtr. Randula Karunarathne.

### 1. What was your first impression when you got selected for this post?

**Nipun:** Well, I wasn't expecting this post, but I was really happy to be selected. I have worked for the avenue before, so I had an idea about it and what we have to do. And I had no doubts about my Co-directors. We knew each other before.

**Sachin:** I was the assistant treasurer in the previous year, so I had an idea about the post and the avenue. I'm also extremely happy about getting two Co-directors who were very active in the club in the previous year as well.

**Randula:** I've worked with all three of these boys before. They are all great guys. Samila gave us three bullets!

### 2. What was the biggest challenge you faced this year?

**Nipun:** We had to change the whole avenue plan we had. And also, we were used to doing physical projects and to those procedures. So it was hard to switch and get used to the fully virtual atmosphere.

**Sachin:** It's hard to give the real impact of this avenue to members through virtual events compared to physical projects. We had 14 projects planned at the beginning of the year. But was only able to do the last one. Had to cancel everything else.

**Randula:** Same for me too. Corona was the biggest obstacle.



Loves both A1 and A2 equally. (He asked not to put the names). This is where the famous "එයින් මගේ අරයක් මගේ" came from

### 3. As a Rotaractor, which year was your favourite?

**Nipun:** Well that also gets linked to the corona situation. I'd say it's the first year as a member of the general membership because we had a lot of fun in physical events with no responsibilities. But working as a director was a different kind of fun because I was Co-directors with two friends.

**Sachin:** I enjoyed it to the fullest in the months even before getting selected as the assistant treasurer in the previous year. But as a Co-director the learning curve was much better plus the responsibilities.

**Randula:** Most fun was the first year. We didn't have much academic work either, so it was definitely the best.

#### 4. As a BoD member, what are your thoughts about the general membership?

**Nipun:** They are hard working. Also had really good consistency. We got active participation from the start till the end.

**Sachin:** Active membership and the contribution to the club gets better every year.

**Randula:** This year's general membership is good! The participation was quite impressive even if all the events were virtual. It looks like the batches get better each year.

#### 5. What was the longest number of hours you had to work continuously for a project?

**Nipun:** For me it's the Installation ceremony! I was on the road all the time looking for venues and stuff needed to keep the event physical. Also, on calls with my Co-chair Romasha for hours and hours trying to plan the event.

**Sachin:** Not exactly continuously, but apparently we have worked for 480 hours when I was chairing "Are you ready? 2020". But I got a lot of self-development through that project.

**Randula:** "Are you Ready? 2018" for me! I was the assistant event coordinator that year and it was hectic. It was all physical back then and just 10 of us had to set up all the venues inside the campus.

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*Showed Romasha akka what death fear is during Installation prep days doing a car chase after getting hit by an aunty.*

#### 6. How did you balance your academic work and your responsibilities in the club?

**Nipun:** Honestly, it's a bit hard to balance both if it's a huge project like RuR, or for me the Installation ceremony. These days I'm a little biased towards Rotaract. But normally I plan the day into separate time slots for Rotaract and academics. And then I try to stick to that plan without mixing the two up.

**Sachin:** Some days there is no balancing whatsoever. But normally I make a daily schedule to balance my work.

**Randula:** I liked when it was physical because back then we got together at a friends' boarding after a project and got the assignments and stuff done. But on a different level the online system is easy to score with open book tests and all.

## 7. What was your favourite memory/moment as a Rotaractor?

**Nipun:** GP final visit was quite enjoyable. Other than that, the most enjoyable were the late-night calls while planning the projects. I've got on some people's nerves too. Cause I used to make fun of everyone and everything. Late night calls after 2 am was something else! I've even changed the DP of the board group. I don't know what I was thinking!

**Sachin:** Same for me. The late-night calls for RuR were amazing. The bit from midnight till 4 am is all about crazy and profound, deep thoughts.

**Randula:** We had a day out with the DoB. That was the best memory for this year.



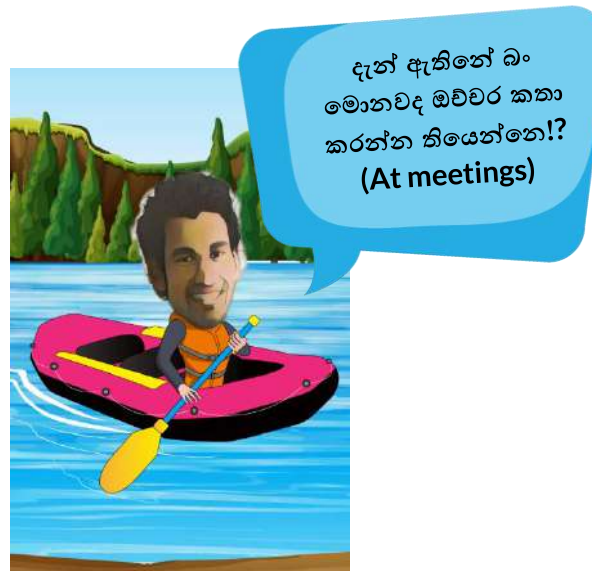
Started saying “කට්ටිය set වෙන තැන club service” as a joke, it ended up being his tagline.

## 8. Describe your Rotaract Mora journey in three words.

**Nipun:** Roller-coaster, Confusion and Self-growth

**Sachin:** Memorable, Challenging and Service.

**Randula:** Joyful, Enriched and Memorable! I will never forget these three years. It's sad actually, now that I have to leave the club.



*Rtr. Yasith Sadly, wasn't able to join with the interview but apparently is the CEO of ALWAYS being on mute in every single meeting (including the board meetings), trying to end calls and meetings saying “දැන් ඇතිනේ බං මොනවද ඔව්වර කතා කරන්න නියෙන්නේ!?” Every. Single. Time! And apparently that is the only “publicly publishable” interesting fact about him.*



# Membership Development Avenue...

where the most elegant efforts to identify potentials, groom talents, develop and retain the soul of Rotaract Mora, come to life.

Welcome the co-director duo that devises the most outstanding strategies to develop and retain hearts in Rotaract Mora with love and kindness. Rtr. Lakshani Pathirage and Rtr. Sathira Nipun.

## 1. What was your first impression when you got selected for this post? (And about your team?)

**Sathira:** Actually, I couldn't imagine it. I was surprised when Samila Ayya called me to talk about this and it remains an unforgettable call in my life. My first memory of the co-director Lakshani, was the maestro semi-finals 2019, and I have heard about her dedication towards Rotaract, so I was happy to work with her.

**Lakshani:** I was super excited to hear the news and around 10 seconds I said yes to Samila and accepted the position. Talking about our team, my co-director Sathira is actually an introvert. I got to know him better after joining the team. He and Ile Ayya are super supportive I must say.

## 2. What was the biggest challenge you faced this year?

**Sathira:** As the membership development team we have to maintain a good connection with our members and a physical environment provides a better atmosphere to engage with each other. But unfortunately, we had to face this pandemic situation. As a result, we had to conduct everything virtually. This was a challenge but as Lakshani said, tackled it somehow.

**Lakshani:** The year started with the biggest challenge itself, COVID-19. And with the third wave, we had to change the entire plan and fully virtualize the award ceremony which was initially planned to go as a hybrid event. Had ups and downs throughout the year but here we are, managed to overcome them somehow.

## 3. As a Rotaractor, which year was your favourite?

**Sathira:** This year. When everything went wrong due to this pandemic situation everyone worked hard as one and achieved so much that a club can ever wish for.

**Lakshani:** For me, it was last year when I was the assistant secretary. අපි කට්ටිය නොගියා event එකක් නැති කරමට Rotaract enjoy කරා. But in terms of self-development, this year was the best. Learned a lot.

#### 4. As a BoD member, what are your thoughts about the general membership?

**Sathira:** We have a membership base filled with huge varieties. They are the cream of the education system in Sri Lanka. So, they have both technical and soft skills, by guiding them we can get their support to serve not only the country but also the world through the Rotaract Movement.

**Lakshani:** Super happy about them. As a co-director of the avenue, I have access to the LinkR dashboard and once or twice a week ඒ පැත්තේ රවුමක් ගිහින් බලනවා. Very dynamic and diversely talented people. It was happy to watch them doing amazing things even during a time like this.



*He is the sweetest person who enjoys seeing his better half engaging in Rotaract Projects like Green Legacy under his guidance.*

#### 5. What was the longest amount of hours you had to work continuously for a project?

**Sathira:** I think it is for the Rota Spark Project since it went around several months.

**Lakshani:** අමාරු ප්‍රශ්නයක් නෙමි (giggles) I was one of the chairs of the flagship fair in RuR 2019. මහ රූ වායු හොයා හොයා campus

එකේ ඇවිද්දා අද වගේ මතකයි. Even now there are sleepless nights but Rotaract කරන්නේ boccen, so it's not very hard to work hours and hours continuously.

#### 6. How did you balance your academic work and your responsibilities in the club?

**Sathira:** I was bad at it first. I was having some other roles in our faculty also. Without my co-director Lakshani, I couldn't have managed the stress. She is one of the most talented and hard-working people I have ever met. She managed all the avenue work perfectly when I'm getting stuck. So I'm grateful to her for helping me with managing all the work. She is the best one to answer that question ;).

**Lakshani:** Prioritizing is the key. I do lots of work including academics, Rotaract, and some other club and society work plus කේකුත් හදනවා. I always try to achieve deadlines as soon as possible without waiting for the last moment and manage my time accordingly. Also, I tend to seek expert advice for the things that I'm not familiar with, so, again it is not hard to do it all since I love it all. And as a tip please sleep at night! (She actually scolded us for not sleeping at night :P)

#### 7. What was your favourite memory/moment as a Rotaractor?

**Sathira:** For me, it was Rota Spark and GP. In Rota Spark, I saw the bright future of Rotaract Mora. Talking about GP, the smiles of the villagers at Dunupothagama was the best reward I got for doing these things. I think we had many successful and happy moments this year.

**Lakshani:** The Christmas eve we spent at Apeksha Hospital with the kids is one of the

best memories to this day. Sadly, we lost that this year and the GP final visit comes first in this year's list. I was in tears when the students sang, වන සිවුපාවුන් වැනි මිනිසුන් මද දෙව් දේවතාවුන් වැනි මිනිසුන් ඇත. It was at that moment I realized how much of an impact that we can make as just a set of undergraduates coming all across Sri Lanka.

### 8. Describe your Rotaract Mora journey in three words.

**Sathira:** Unforgettable, Inspiring, Awesome

**Lakshani:** My-Passion, Second-Fam, Inspires-Me



She is 10% Lakshani and 90% විමලා, a loving and caring අක්ක for everyone in the club. And there are some untold stories about her that she prefers to solve සාමන්:D

## Community Service Avenue...

where we come together and redefine the lives of people with the love that is unconditional and unity that is unbreakable.

To unfold the beautiful story of Community Service Avenue, we had another set of game-changers in Rotaract Mora: Vice President of the avenue Rtr. Thishani Wijayaratne and Co-directors, Rtr. K.M. Gunasekara, Rtr. Pasindu Madhuwantha, and Rtr. Reshaka Weerasinghe.

### 1. What was your first impression when you got selected for this post? (And about your Co-director/s?)

**Thishani:** First of all, I didn't expect this position at all, so I felt happy and excited to join the team. I accepted it with love because the show must go on whatever happens. And talking about my co-director better halves, I knew they were skilful and fast learning, so had great support to continue this year's work.

**Reshaka:** I was always passionate about community service and happy to accept the position. Even though our team did not know each other before as friends I have met them in Rotaract Projects like Hand in Hand. So I was more than happy to start working with the team.

**KM:** At first, I had doubts whether I could do this but again I thought, ළිඳට පැනලාම බලනවා. And here I am, it all went well. We did great as a team.

**Pasindu:** My first instinct was to say, මං හිතලා කියන්නම්. After some thinking, I said yes, and it was a nice experience.



*"I found the long-needed cuddling partner during GP..."*

### 2. What was the biggest challenge you faced this year?

**Thishani:** The responsibility of training our co-director trio while managing work from last year's avenue projects was the greatest challenge. But it only lasted for a month or two. KM, Reshaka and Pasindu made a great team and did the job nicely throughout the year.

**Reshaka:** Oh, easy one, for me it's COVID-19.

**KM:** Yeah, because of COVID-19 more challenges came along and had to change plans due to the situation. සරලවම COVID was the biggest challenge in the year.

**Pasindu:** If there was not something called COVID my answer could have changed. But unfortunately, COVID-19 it is.

### 3. As a Rotaractor, which year was your favourite?

**Thishani:** For me, it's the last year when I was a co-director of the avenue. We used to talk for hours and hours sitting on the sofa at the ENTC common room planning what to do next. We went to Karapitiya Hospital at Galle and for Manusath Handa we went to Bussa Army Camp, then for HiH went to Apeksha Hospital Maharagama. We had our times of struggle, but it was fun. The foundation for this year's achievements lies in last year's efforts. So, it was a cool year.

**Reshaka:** I engaged more with Rotaract Mora this year, so without a doubt, this is my favourite.

**KM:** I enjoyed being a Rotaractor to the fullest when we didn't have any responsibilities. Even before we started chairing projects, I had fun participating in various projects. So, the first year of the journey is my favourite.

**Pasindu:** If I'm to think about the things we have done in community service projects, last year feels closer since we missed some of the most beautiful projects this year. But with projects like Manusath Handa and Nena Aruna, the most enjoyable year for me is this year.



*"Rotaract Mora is a good place where you find people like you and apparently, they fall for the club while falling in love with each other."*

### 4. As a BoD member, what are your thoughts about the general membership?

**Thishani:** The things they say and the way they talk, says it all. They are passionate and motivated to contribute to Rotaract Mora and a very active member base. Their dynamics are good.

**Reshaka:** Passionate and multitalented. We have a good general membership.

**KM:** In terms of performance and professionalism they are more advanced than us I must say.

**Pasindu:** If they are given a job, they try to do it the way it is said. They do not give up until the end and are very supportive.

### 5. What was the longest number of hours you had to work continuously for a project?

**Thishani:** Mm hours නෙව්, this was worst during last year's RuR, I was doing Undergraduate Management and three people were assigned to it, but two of them had exams 2 days before RuR. So, at the time Manusath Handa and HIH were going on plus had to do three people worth of work in RuR. උන ගැනෙන්න කරමට වැඩ and lost track of hours and days actually. But again, it was a fun-struggle, enjoyed for the last bit.

**Reshaka:** GP and RUR were the projects that I contributed the most and had fun the most.

**KM:** For me, it was the HiH card selling at BMICH. Spent long hours නිටගෙනම but had fun while doing something great.

**Pasindu:** Can't say an exact number of hours but in terms of projects for me it was the RuR company coordination phase.



## 6. How did you balance your academic work and your responsibilities in the club?

**Thishani:** Well to be honest I screwed up the balance when I was a general member, but you have to mess things up first to learn right? When we started at the position there was a training session and one thing I learned from that is, your academics and all the other things you do is your responsibility. So, the key is, knowing when to prioritize what. If something gets compromised, you have to be ready to take the blame too since it's your responsibility. I learned to prioritize and manage things with Rotaract over the years and that's how I balanced them. And knowing when to sleep is also important, please sleep at night! (As people who stays up all night for no particular reason, she mentored us with sleep routine advice for a better future :))

**Reshaka:** Thishani Akka and Samila ayya had our backs when we were having exams. And had fun struggles during RuR and GP doing assignments at Samila ayya's place. Other than that, we divided Rotaract work effectively and did both ශ්‍රේෂ්ඨ එකේ I guess.

**KM:** Well with these virtual lectures and exams going on, we had more freedom than before to adjust our timetables and workloads as we wished. So, I didn't do much to balance academics other than one thing, our VP Thishani Akka was the first one to tell us this. Setting aside a separate time of the day for Rotaract work. Don't mix them with academics.

**Pasindu:** We planned everything like meetings, calls and stuff. And used to share the work to be done most effectively and helped each other in times of exams and all.

So, it was quite easy to balance the work, I guess.



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2. Says out loud since cannot resist the love  
for his empty yet shockproof John Barr  
whiskey bottle.

## 7. What was your favourite memory/moment as a Rotaractor?

**Thishani:** Last year as the first task as a co-director we went to Hikkaduwa by train for Manusath Handa. It was a nice experience because the train travels parallel to the beachside and we had the honour of meeting the Sir who started the project too. And on our way back we were drenched by the rain (Laughs out loud) It was a cool day, literally.

**Reshaka:** GP final visit without a doubt.

**KM:** This year's favourite was the futsal. And then comes Shalom.

**Pasindu:** GP final visit is the best memory I made this year as a Rotaractor as well as an individual.



The protagonist of the කාටුවන් නොකියපු, Shalom behind the story.

Try asking him what happened, you will always get the auto-generated message, “එහෙම මුකුත් උනේ නැහැ”.

## 8. Describe your Rotaract Mora journey in three words.

**Thishani:** Empowering, Beautiful, Fun

**Reshaka:** Fun, Learned, Experience

**KM:** challenging stressful yet worth-it

**Pasindu:** Enjoyed, Friends, Learned

## International Service Avenue...

Where namaskar, as-salaamu alaikum, bonjour and hola get as familiar as ayubowan and hello!

And Sports & Special Service Avenue... Where it's all about creating bonds with other fellow Rotaractors all around the country; actively. Like in a sporty way!

Now, we have.... three pretty best friends! Bonded over carrying the responsibility of taking foreigners all around the country on their shoulders. And now, they are carrying design tables, redbull crates and... dislocated legs!?!? Keep reading to find out!

Bonjour to our awesome ISDs Rtr. Bimsara Somarathne and Rtr. Chamod Gihantha. And also the man with the most legendary story of the year. Director- Sports and special services avenue, Rtr. Damith Priyadarshana. Prior warning... This is going to be long. Very- long...

### 1. What was your first impression when you got selected for this post? (And about your Co-director/s?)

**Bimsara:** I had so many questions to clarify. First one, why I was chosen to be the ISD. I was surprised. And when I got to know that Chamod was my co-director my first thought was, “කරලා බලමු ඉතින්!” because I didn't know him too well. We've only worked together once before this. There were doubts but not if we would be able to do this or not, but about what we have to do in the first place.

**Chamod:** The first project I chaired was Ceylon Safari which went on for 06 months. I was exhausted by the end of it and wasn't very active in the club for some time. So when Pamal ayya called me and said about the ISD post the first thing I asked was “why me?” because I was absent for some time. Then I got to know my Co-director would be Bimsara and I was actually quite surprised! At first there were doubts because we haven't really seen what IS avenue is. The first call me and Bimsara took, the first thing we talked about was “මොකද්ද ඔං IS කියන්නෙ?” :D But I think we got through quite well.

**Damith:** I also was so exhausted by the end of Ceylon Safari. At one time when we were co-chairing the project, Chamod got stuck with exams so I had to do his work and mine both for some time. I was so fed up, after the project ended I called either Pamal ayya or Samila ayya and said “Ayye I gave my best for IS and I do not expect a director post from this avenue!”, that is how exhausted I was. But it's all good memories now. Fun fact... Bimsara called me after some days and said “ඒ ඔං මාර case එක I got ISD!” and I was thrilled!!!

And then I got a call from Samila ayya and he said he had this idea for an avenue which will do something for sports especially. There's a misconception about Rotaract Mora that we are “ලොකු scene” because we do the majority of our projects by the club itself. This avenue attempts in clearing it out and building fellowships with the other clubs. So yeah, I was excited to do it and specially do something in the sports field.

## 2. What was the biggest challenge you faced this year?

**Bimsara:** We didn't have a clear idea about the avenue at first. I had so many questions, even the first call they took me to say that I was chosen for the post went on for 04 hours! There were doubts and also changes that I believed should be made. We started the year with only one project under the avenue so me and Chamod rebuilt the whole avenue on a foundation we thought of. The first challenge was to understand the avenue itself and how it is interpreted. The second was to increase the participation of the avenue. But the biggest challenge was MUN. To bring that MUN culture into our university community was challenging.

**Chamod:** I totally agree. We had a hard time understanding what "International Services" is and what "International Understanding" is. The MUN concept was a totally new concept even though I've heard of it before. The biggest question was of how to bring it into the campus culture because the usual MUN crowd doesn't really sync in with the normal campus crowd. We wanted a service oriented MUN that goes together with the Rotaract movement. But for me I'd say the biggest obstacle was not being able to do physical projects which I tried so hard to do.

**Damith:** Well first of all I should say that these two guys have done an exceptional job in bringing IS avenue to a really good place inside the club. Now if I talk about my avenue the biggest challenge was to bring people to the avenue and to manage the work cause I'm alone I don't have a Co-director or anyone. I really should mention the mallis and nangis from the general membership they gave me such a huge

support. We somehow got students to come and specially from my faculty, the business faculty cause I've seen that there has been a considerably low participation. Corona really was a huge obstacle when building fellowship but to some level I think we did a great job.



*Had a flat tire, tank with no petrol and a red bulb lightning (which no one could understand why, in a car full of engineering students including a mechanical final year) at 3 am in one of the GP visits.*

## 3. As a Rotaractor, which year was your favourite?

**Bimsara:** From my end, in the first year my main focus wasn't Rotaract initially. So I was not very involved until a few months. But afterwards I had a lot of fun in Rotaract with projects like RuR, Ceylon Safari and especially RYLA.

**Chamod:** Overall, the first year! No responsibilities, we can just go to whatever the projects, do our part, have fun and come. Joining "Hand In Hand" was especially fun because going to BMICH is a definite food date. කැම කඩ වැන්දල එනවා

ගිහින් ;p... On the other hand, the ISD year was a different kind of satisfaction with all the skills I developed as an individual.

**Damith:** Yes! The first year was the best in everything. Gaining experiences, making friends, joining events and all.

#### 4. As a Co-director/director what are your thoughts about the general membership?

**Bimsara:** Okay so from my end I think this year's general membership was quite impressive not quantity but quality wise. I saw that they found a relaxing and a bonding space and satisfaction inside Rotaract. They found people who think like them, people with the same vibe. They always looked for ways to do things easily, smoothly and efficiently. We saw it clearly at the SLRMUN conference day. Everyone who was there knows. All I, Chamod, Nimna and Samila did was pool එක එහා පැත්තට වෙලා, කයිශක් ගහගෙන, ආතල් එකේ හිටපු එක; D...

We were able to do that because there was a membership there, that could be given those responsibilities to and just watch how they work. They had so much determination to do it to the fullest and also to enjoy the one chance they got to do something physical to the fullest too. As the membership base they chose what they like, defined what they want and went to the projects they like. They had opportunities and they took. But the negative side is I don't know how successfully the feelings, mutual understandings were transmitted with the virtual experiences but other than that it's a great quality membership.

**Chamod:** Everyone is talented. Attitude wise I saw a few tweaks here and there. Initially I had mixed feelings about the batch. But overall, I'm quite impressed especially about the inducted members. There are no faculty boundaries within the members. They are very supportive.

**Damith:** I had a doubt if we are gonna be able to get the students to join this virtual situation and how we, how Samila ayya is going to manage this. But everyone has got along well with no faculty boundaries. Because of the virtual environment the members are also super excited to meet each other too.



*Got the ISD post by getting a bus out of the mud in just trousers; literally (there's a whole backstory. Will try to reveal them eventually. hopefully!)*



## 5. What was the longest number of hours you had to work continuously for a project?

**Bimsara:** Well first of all, I sleep quite well. The project which I couldn't, was RuR. Both this year and the previous one. In the first one I could only sleep for about 03-04 hours a day for about 07 days at a stretch. At the end of the project, I basically didn't sleep for 48 hours. And in this year's RuR I think I only slept for 03 hours per day for about 02 weeks at a stretch.

**Chamod:** For me I think it was the SLRMUN conference day. Barely had any sleep the day before. Not even two hours, I think. It was at least 1.30 am when I got home after the conference the day after, so basically, I'd say more than 24 hours continuously. I guess the redbull kept me up.

**Damith:** It's "Ceylon Safari" for me. The total contribution hours are around 400 hours, and I might have slept for maybe about 20 hours in total throughout all of those days.

## 6. How did you balance your academic work and your responsibilities in the club?

**Bimsara:** Balancing depends on person to person. I don't think anyone does it the way I do. Doing extracurriculars or sports with academics is not impossible. It solely depends on the way you think and how you manage. The biggest advice I can give is to "keep your priorities". Decide what you want to do "now". Concentrate on one thing at a time. If you don't have goals and targets to achieve, you'll never grow into that level. ඒක තමයි simple theoryය!

**Chamod:** I don't take any work too much to the head. If you give attention to the required thing at the right time, then that's all. Whatever the thing we do, if we like doing it we find time and we do a good job. Focus on the passion you have for whatever you are doing.

**Damith:** I usually don't put too much pressure on exams. It is something you can manage. I also think that things are stressful when we don't like what we are doing. But also, be with a proper purpose. There are so many skills that you can gain through extracurricular activities. How you speak, people management are some things you will gain which will be really important in the corporate sector.

**Bimsara:** I'd add something to what Damith said. How you talk to lecturers and also the right communication you have with them will also be useful when managing time in cases of emergencies. If you utilize that skill properly it will be very helpful.



*Became a star with the most legendary story of the year through an unfortunate yet unforgettable event. (Probably took that "break a leg" slogan too literally!)*

## 7. What was your favourite memory/moment as a Rotaractor?

**Bimsara:** Simply, the best experience is GP. I'm not saying the reasons because it will take hours. Other than that, it's RuR.

**Chamod:** RuR was quite memorable because that's when the board members got together for the first time after the installation. But I think personally my favorite moment was the SLRMUN conference day.

**Damith:** The two district visits I got to go was quite the experience. Well, :D... I have a memory that literally is bonded to a bone! Thanks to GP. I went for the visit that day when my folks asked me not to go so many times. Had such a great time with everyone getting in the lake and all but I think that ambulance ride tops it all. That's unforgettable! Can't believe I seriously broke my leg.

## 8. Describe your Rotaract Mora journey in three words.

**Bimsara:** Risk, Challenge and Motivation

**Chamod:** Challenging, Enjoyable and Satisfying

**Damith:** Bounce back Every Moment

## Professional Development Avenue...

Where many lives are shaped, obstacles are tackled, skills are discovered, and memories are made through professionalism, enthusiasm, talent and friendship.

Let's see what our PD boys who apparently have really good beauty routines and "unexpected" Rotaract memories say. Here we have, Co-directors of Professional development avenue Rtr. Dushan Dissanayake and Rtr. Manul Thenuka Karunasiri and of course Vice President - Professional Development Rtr. Ravikula Silva.

### 1. What was your first impression when you got selected for this post? (And about your Co-director/s?)

**Dushan:** The work I had to do was not a huge surprise because I have worked in the avenue before. And when I got to know Manul was my Co-director I knew it would be easy to work with him even if we haven't worked together before.

**Manul:** Well I wasn't expecting this post under this avenue at all. Even though I haven't worked much with Dushan before, I've seen him work so I knew it would be easy to work with him. I've worked with Ravikula Ayya before and I knew he was really supportive.

**Ravikula:** Didn't feel anything specific about the post. I've worked with these two before so I knew they were good at their work. These two were our first choices

when we were choosing people as Co-directors for PD anyway.



Apparently doesn't have a specific hair care routine other than stealing his sisters' hair products, does exclusive hair tutorials and beauty routines and also ජීවිතය හදාගන්න try කළා but බැරි උනා through the 2am profound thoughts of "Are you Ready? 2020" calls.

### 2. What was the biggest challenge you faced this year?

**Dushan:** There's two for me. One was "Are you ready? 2020". My role was to bring and coordinate the sponsorships to the projects. So reaching for the partnerships was very challenging because we were doing a whole new thing by doing the project online. The other one was the "Scholar" project. Shortlisting the recipients was very challenging. It took like 02 weeks trying to choose 50 kids out of 200. When we were making the year plans in the beginning, we saw the pandemic as a huge obstacle. But looking back at the work we did throughout the year, I think we made the pandemic an opportunity.

**Manul:** The biggest challenge was when I was Co-chairing "Are you ready? 2020" actually. Transformation phase of converting everything about the project to the virtual environment and taking the decision to do so with the 2nd wave was the biggest challenge. But we got a huge support from the BoD. That's how we were able to do that task, it was a big relief. Have to specially mention Nimna and the IT team. They gave such amazing support. And if I talk about "Maestro" we were planning on doing it virtual and semi virtual. But then we were able to keep the final event physically because it was at the end of the first wave. But then after a few days of concluding of the project the second wave hit so we were definitely worried if we would get into any issues because we just had a physical project.

**Ravikula:** There were a few. But I think the biggest challenge was to get used to the sudden change of doing everything virtually. We planned to do many things physically but couldn't do any of those with the 2nd and the 3rd waves of corona. Negotiating the sudden transformations with the collaborative partners of the avenue was quite challenging. I actually didn't get too much pressure as the VP all I had to do was to give a little guidance and these two did all the work.

### 3. As a Rotaractor, which year was your favourite?

**Dushan:** The two years were two types of fun. The first year was fun with doing all the projects in the physical element. If I take 2019 RuR it was way more exhausting but also was way more fun. Same with the campfire too. More tiring yet more fun. And

this year was fun in the sense of the planning time period.

**Manul:** Same for me. The two years went in two different ways. In the first year we enjoyed a lot of course, going to any project we liked, spending time with kids in Com projects and all. I was able to go to Dunupothagama many times as well. So I enjoyed it a lot with no responsibilities. In the second year the learning curve was huge. And also the planning of projects online was a different kind of fun.

**Ravikula:** I'd say 2019/20. The year I was a director. Actually, at first, I joined Rotaract as a graphic designer, just for fun. Then I became a Co-director with Samila and Randula. We had a lot of fun doing all the projects physically. On second thought I may have enjoyed the previous year more because there were no responsibilities.



*Literal couple goals because neither one of them revealed any embarrassing facts about each other. But he couldn't believe that she didn't say anything. Also said "ආදර්ශයට ගන්න ඉතින් ඒකෙන් පොඩ් දෙයක්, ඒ bond එක කොහොමද කියලා!"*

#### 4. As a Co-director/ VP, what are your thoughts about the general membership?

**Dushan:** It's like this. If we compare the skill set of the general membership of the previous year, with the skill set of the general membership of this year, we see that this year's members are very advanced in some aspects. And also the women participation of this year's general membership is really high. We also understood that the way they think, the decision making is also quite different mostly in a positive way.

**Manul:** I also have to say the same things actually. I agree with what Dushan said.

**Ravikula:** The membership is very diverse. The unity among faculties is amazing. Therefore they are also very skillful members with various kinds of ideas from different fields. All together a really talented batch. If we talk about their engagement, even though we had to work in a virtual environment and even though most of them haven't even met each other physically, they are very dedicated to the club's work. So it is very clear that they are very passion driven.

#### 5. What was the longest number of hours you had to work continuously for a project?

**Dushan:** For me it's "Are you ready? 2019". I also had final semester exams going on. The day before the flagship day after finishing the work I went home and studied for the exam till dawn. Then went to the exam by 09 and returned to the flagship day event by 12. So I guess I worked for 48+ hours continuously.

**Manul:** "Are you ready? 2020" for me. I guess there were days where I worked for like 20 hours a day. Actually for the last month of the project, RuR was all I had in my life. I was oblivious to anything else that was happening around me other than the project.

**Ravikula:** Well for me it's the "Are you ready? 2018". Maybe worked continuously for around 36 hours with the flagship day prep, event, after parties and all. And it's the same with 2019s RuR as well.

#### 6. How did you balance your academic work and your responsibilities in the club?

**Dushan:** At first, when we were doing "Maestro", me and Manul balanced the work with each other. When he has academics I do his parts and vice versa. But after some time that wasn't really feasible. But managing work became quite easy with the whole online situation. I have a huge lot of work so I sleep for maybe 04 hours a day. That's how I manage. I actually only study when the exam is near. I also maintain a To-do list. I usually plan the weekly work as well. Prarthana helped me a lot too.

**Manul:** Prioritising. That's what I did.

**Ravikula:** At the beginning it was quite hard, especially at exam times because I've never been used to running a few tasks parallelly. But with time, I realized that I had to manage it one way or the other. So, the main rule I followed was to list down my most important, urgent tasks and complete them as quickly as possible so I can focus on other tasks. Also, when doing something I always tried to focus on one task at a time and complete it rather than



trying to do things simultaneously. That way I managed to complete most of the things in time. And of course, I didn't consider Rotaract as yet another task because it was something I enjoyed a lot. So, whenever I engaged in Rotaract work, it felt like I'm giving myself a break from academic work and that made things really easy.



*Went missing in the middle of a GP visit with a certain someone late at night! But apparently... even though no one noticed, someone else went with them too so "nothing happened" ☺.*

## 7. What was your favourite memory/moment as a Rotaractor?

**Dushan:** GP final visit for me. It was a visit that I have been waiting to go to for such a long time. I've been waiting to go there since the after party of the 2019s RuR after seeing a few of our guys getting on a bus to go to Dunupothagama straight after the afterparty. After going to the final visit I felt really happy for being able to go and also so sad for not going until then. That was the most memorable moment.

**Manul:** First of all it's "Are you ready? 2020". Made so many friendships and gained a lot of experiences. Then of course

the GP final visit. It's not just because of the final visit. It was emotional also because I've gone to that village for a few years so I've been there through the process since I was a general member. So by the time of the final visit the villagers knew us quite well. GP is that project that made me feel like, "ඉපදුණු එකට සාධාරණයක් කළා!".

**Ravikula:** GP for me as well. When we saw the happiness and the enjoyment of the villagers and also our own members it was definitely the most memorable project.

## 8. Describe your Rotaract Mora journey in three words.

**Dushan:** Explore, Develop and Serve... when I look back, I can fit everything into these three words.

**Manul:** Enjoyable, Experience and Passion.

**Ravikula:** Self-development, Enjoyable and Unexpected.

## Environmental Service Avenue...

Where nature lovers unite on a quest to safeguard the environment.

Here we have two incredible people who did their absolute best despite all of the obstacles in their path...Co-directors of the Environmental Service Avenue, Rtr. Prarthana Gamage and Rtr. Hiran Rajasuriya.

### 1. What was your first impression when you got selected for this post? (And about your Co-director?)

**Prarthana:** Actually, I didn't expect this. During those days I was chairing a sub project of Are You Ready. It's a session that should be organized in a hotel. The dates were arranged to be in May but due to the Covid pandemic it was something difficult to carry on. Samila Ayya told me that "We won't be able to execute that subproject, but I want to have a small talk with you on a different note". Then he informed me that I was chosen as a co-director for the environmental service avenue. Even though I have participated in so many projects in this avenue as a general member I didn't have much idea when it comes to being a director. I got to know that Hiran was my co-director, and I also knew him, since he was a board member of the previous year.

**Hiran:** This was a surprise for me. I wasn't very much satisfied about my contributions towards the Rotaract Movement during the first year. But through this I was given an opportunity to serve better than I ever did.

### 2. What was the biggest challenge you faced this year?

**Prarthana:** Everything we had to face this year was a challenge. The biggest challenge occurred for the project "Zooxanthellae". When we were preparing the avenue presentations and all "ගැමුමට හැදෑරූ" projects 8ක් විතර දාලා". 3 brand new initiatives and 5 more existing projects to continue. Hence the last deposition of Zooxanthellae had been done in 2018 and ever since nothing had been implemented, Samila ayya was also in the position that we should do this project somehow within this year. Therefore, we began our work at the very beginning and tried to come up with a solution for the biggest barrier for this project. "The Budget!". We looked for a sponsor who could provide us 1 million worth funds. Unfortunately, due to the prevailing situation, no company agreed on investing that much for a project. We kept trying until the end, then understood that we won't be able to execute this project. For an avenue like environmental service, the physical projects are the most impactful ones rather than just arranging some virtual sessions.


**Hiran:** Speaking about Woof Roof it was a project that its chairs were really enthusiastic about and they have already prepared about 26 different plans. But somehow, we were not able to commence any physical events of Woof Roof as planned because of the 1st and 2nd waves.

### 3. As a Rotaractor, which year was your favourite?

**Prarthana:** Last year as a general member was my favourite. Got the chance to engage in so many physical events.

**Hiran:** The Year I was a general member was the most enjoyable one. My favourite project was Hand in Hand.



Even the old lady from P&S is blaming Hiran. Wanna know why?:D (Samila ayya and Shashika ayya should be responsible for this )

### 4. As a Co-director, what are your thoughts about the general membership?

**Prarthana:** There are a lot of incredibly talented people, and I believe the next generation's skill set is improving. However, I believe that attitudes should be fostered more. Despite the fact that I don't like to categorize these students by their batch because we can't define them by their batch. Overall, I think their enthusiasm and commitment are excellent. They are all very involved in both actual and virtual events.

**Hiran:** I agree with that 100%. The enthusiasm of our membership motivates ourselves to perform better. Well... attitude wise, I don't know much, but the people I have worked with, they are so friendly and good. I think they adapted to this situation well.

### 5. What was the longest number of hours you had to work continuously for a project?

**Prarthana:** In 2019, the project "Are You Ready" was held in October but last year it was held in December. That was a period where we made a huge commitment. From the time I got up, I was reaching out to the companies, and I was allocated to look after the company coordinators of 19 batch as well. When the calling process ends, then the committee meetings are starting. Oh... I forgot to mention, on the Flagship Day of "Are You Ready" where Dushan chaired the Flagship Fair (2019) he had an exam that day. So, I departed from my place at about 5.30am and worked (doing his work as well) continuously even without getting a chance to eat something. Finally, I got to have my lunch at around 3.30pm. Ten hours, yeah that's the longest number of hours, I guess.

**Hiran:** During the HIH project at BMICH. The book fair commenced at around 8-9 in the morning. So, from the morning to the night, we were selling cards.



When we were finding for a funny/ Embarrassing story about Prarthana Akka, most of them directed us towards a person (If you know, you know) But still, we didn't receive one let's see... According to Prarthana Akka, "අපි එහෙම embarrass වෙන්නේ නෑ" Hmm interesting... Couple goals, I would say.

## 6. How did you balance your academic work and your responsibilities in the club?

**Prarthana:** Well. We don't have specific vacations in our faculty. Even after exams, our project evaluations are starting and so on. But somehow, I found time and managed to do my work. I work when an exam gets close. Not the kind of person who studies all the time, so it hadn't become much of a problem to me.

**Hiran:** When it comes to lectures, it was fine with me because we have most of our lectures in the morning and the Rotaract events were held in the evening. So that was not a huge issue for me.

## 7. What was your favourite memory/moment as a Rotaractor?

**Prarthana:** Installation Ceremony

**Hiran:** Same for me. Installation Ceremony.

## 8. Describe your Rotaract Mora journey in three words.

**Prarthana:** It is amazing and lots of memories.

**Hiran:** Explore. Develop. Serve.

## PR in short and Public Relations in long...

This is where the artistic souls of the club unleash their creativity to shape masterpieces...

Please welcome these three outstanding young men, who joined us to give us a flashback of their Rotaract Journeys: Senior Director Public Relations-Rtr. Avarjana Panditha, and Co-Directors of the Public Relations Avenue, Rtr. Anas Meedin and Rtr. Tharusha Kelaniyage.

### 1. What was your first impression when you got selected for this post? (And about your Co-director/s?)

**Anas:** I felt happy. Tharusha was a good friend of mine and I knew Avarjana Ayya as well. So, It was really cool.

**Tharusha:** Got very excited to be selected to the board because I hoped to be a PR director one day. When talking about Anas, I knew him since before we came to the University. We also worked together on many projects in Rotaract Mora. So, with that friendship that was built, I felt like he was the perfect partner to be my co-director for PR.

**Avarjana:** I was happy and even more delighted when I got to know about my co-directors, Tharusha and Anas. I told Samila "සුපිරි කොල්ලෝ දෙන්නෙක් තමයි ඉතිං".

### 2. What was the biggest challenge you faced this year?

**Tharusha:** "Heads Up" was the very first project that I chaired. I didn't have a big idea at first so, with a little bit of doubt in my head I said yes. But after a while, I got used to its work. It was a wonderful experience for all eight chairs of the 'Are You Ready?' subprojects to work together and help each other.

**Avarjana:** This year I didn't confront many challenges, except one. Samila called once when I was sleeping. He informed me that we needed to create an evaluation platform by that day's midnight. Then we started working on that and by 10 pm we were able to finish. Moreover, the platform we created received a lot of positive feedback.

**Anas:** Everything was virtual because of the COVID-19 outbreak. As a result, there were many more parallel projects this year than in prior years. As the number of projects grows, so does the weight on PR schedules. As a result, we needed to keep track of the PR calendar, which proved to be the most challenging task.

**Tharusha:** Yes, sometimes we get calls from several Avenues at the same time and negotiating with them was one of the biggest challenges we faced during our period.





*Who despises terrible design more than poor quality food.*

### 3. As a Rotaractor, which year was your favourite?

**Avarjana:** I was involved in a lot of projects during my first year, and it was a lot of fun. Due to academics and other obligations in later years, I missed out on some opportunities to participate in activities.

**Tharusha:** First year is my favourite. Well, I love photography and designing. I attended the General Meeting, and I was interested in designing posts. So I told Shashika Ayya that I like to create posts. (අන්න එහෙම තමයි මං ඉල්ලන් කැවේ) After that, I got many opportunities. Physical Projects were so fun.

**Anas:** My favourite year is the first year. Pasindu lured me to sell HIH cards when I went to buy books at the book fair at BMICH. We sold them till the evening. Then I went for another two days. I had a great time during the 'Are You Ready days?', which were chaired by Samila Ayya and Shashika Ayya. I remember Samila Ayya

always buying us food and snacks when we worked from morning to evening.

### 4. As a Co-Director/Director What are your thoughts about the general membership?

**Anas:** They have a higher potential, and they gave their fullest involvement from the beginning of the year to the end, without cutting back.

**Avarjana:** The 18 batch was the one with which I had to work the most. However, during initiatives such as "Online Aurudu" and "Manusath Handa", I had several opportunities to work with the 19 batch. The 19 batch of students are tremendously enthusiastic about their work. The kids in batch 18 did not appear to be very forward at first, but they eventually improved to an excellent level. The 19 Batch had that forwardness from the beginning, when comparing I can say they both are at the same level now.

**Tharusha:** 19 Batch has the passion and creativity more than we ever expected. Actually, they are brilliant, and they have the team spirit within themselves.

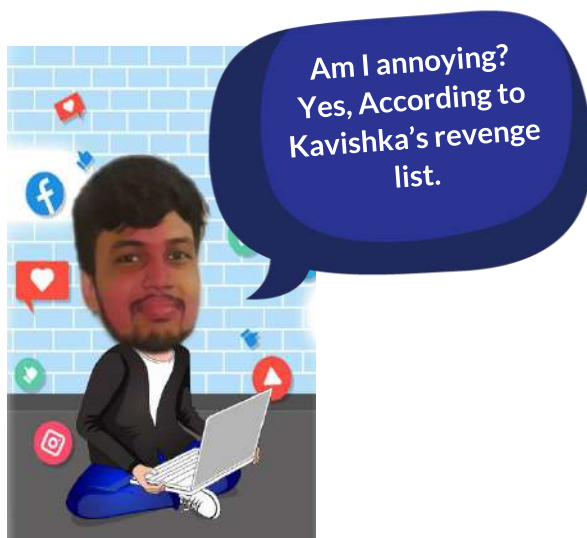
### 5. What was the longest number of hours you had to work continuously for a project?

**Avarjana:** I am usually a person who loves sleeping. I sleep on my laptop too. Creating the Maestro portal was the time when I worked a lot putting all my efforts into a short period of time.

**Tharusha:** Are You Ready? days were the most hardworking days that I can recall. As I was also chairing one subproject of Are You Ready? I used to go to the University

all the time to engage in that work. Since we didn't have academics those days, I got the chance to be involved in many extra-curricular activities.

**Anas:** Mine is also Are You Ready? I departed from the university at about 6pm and I did some work of Are You Ready? until 1 am with Manul. Then the next day was the Flagship Fair and I went again to the University premises at 7 in the morning.



*The most annoying person according to Kavishka Akka's revenge list.*

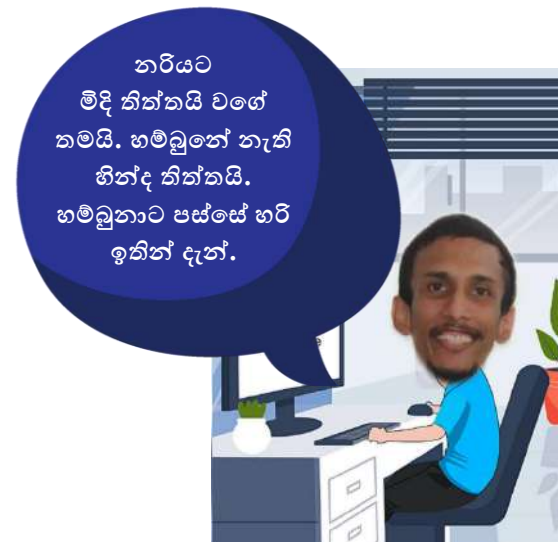
## 6. How did you balance your academic work and your responsibilities in the club?

**Avarjana:** Being the batch top from my batch and handling the Director post at Rotaract I had the balance throughout these years. I am not the kind of person to study all the time, but listen to the lecture and absorb it at the same time.

**Anas:** I was lucky enough to get selected for my favourite department. Even though there was so much work it didn't become a pressure to me. When we had submissions,

we used to gather in the canteen and complete them as a group.

**Tharusha:** Actually, I don't like academics that much. I did my A/Ls also by listening most of the time. However, I got together with my friends and worked when the exams were near. I am the kind of person who falls asleep at lectures.



*Used to promote single life for a long time.*

## 7. What was your favourite memory/moment as a Rotaractor?

**Avarjana:** Actually, RCL was my favorite activity.

**Tharusha:** Visit to Grama Prabodaya. What happened to Chamod's car's tire was unforgettably memorable. Not just the tire, but also the dashboard light seemed to be kidding us. We had no idea why it was lighting up.

**Anas:** Grama Prabodaya Visit. The sub-project 'Senehe Yathra' was also held on that day. We enjoyed that to the fullest. And then we went to "Digitalize" and then "AquaSafe". Talking with the villagers and listening to their stories made us so happy, so it was such an enjoyable day.

## **8. Describe your Rotaract Mora journey in three words.**

**Tharusha:** Awesome, Joyful, Professional.

**Anas:** Impressed. Passionate, Happiness.

**Avarjana:** Explore. Develop. Serve.

## Editorial Avenue...

where words can speak in moments of grace and attain the quality of deeds.

We now have our wonderful folks who breathe life into words. The co-editors of the Editorial Avenue, Rtr. Ishaq Ahmed, Rtr. Kavishka Gunaratne and Rtr. Romasha Guruge.

### 1. What was your first impression when you got selected for this post? (And about your Co-editors?)

**Ishaq:** It was a whole new experience. I was a little bit nervous. I knew Kavishka as she was from the same department as me. She is more into being a perfectionist. I didn't know Romasha and මං හිතුවේ Romasha වැදගත් කෙනෙක් කියලා.

**Romasha:** I couldn't believe it. When Samila Ayya told me, I was surprised as I didn't expect to get selected for this. Speaking of my Co-Editors they have been really supportive. As the editorial team we get a lot of work, you know. But with the help of these two I could survive. Both of them are funny and extremely supportive.

**Kavishka:** I was delighted and since I'd known Ishaq from the beginning and knew he was a good writer who strived for perfection. Well... I didn't know much about Romasha at first, but as we got to know each other, it became clear that she is a fun and genuinely good person.



How to make a rottee. “මං රොට් වලට වැලි දැම්මේ නෑ!!!”

### 2. What was the biggest challenge you faced this year?

**Kavishka:** Reaching the right audience for the blog and medium was a challenge throughout the year. And personally, I had to face a challenge as a co-editor which was writing the Manusath Handa Award Application which had character and word limits.

**Ishaq:** December, The Silver Jubilee Celebrations and Are You Ready were during that period. So it was stressful for me.

**Romasha:** After I have been selected as a co-editor, during this Rotaract year, I have been sick for so many times. There were times, I was stuck with all the work, but through the wonderful support that my co-editors offered, I was able to complete my work somehow.

### 3. As a Rotaractor, which year was your favourite?

**Kavishka:** There is a lack of engaging in going virtual. But I felt like I was able to contribute to so many projects during this year. When staying home, Rotaract was the only way where we could meet our friends. Therefore, we could focus more on Rotaract activities rather than previous years. The fun of meeting people physically was indeed in the last year but I like this year at least by a fraction when compared with the last year.

**Ishaq:** Personally, I enjoyed the year 2019 the most. We had a lot of physical activities.

**Romasha:** This year. My favorite project which I chaired was held this year. It is the installation ceremony. So I like this year.



*I made that list specifically because of Anas. He didn't let me take "the advantage" of being a director overlooking the Silver Jubilee Celebrations, instead nominated me to sing an acapella which took me time from almost midnight to 6 am in the morning to record, without any disturbances.*

### 4. As a Co-Editor what are your thoughts about the general membership?

**Kavishka:** 19 batch is the one with the best enthusiasm, participation, motivation and teamwork. They are willing to work, and they are a set of dynamic people. They have so many novel and beautiful ideas as well.

**Ishaq:** Extremely Enthusiastic. There are relatively a large number of people in this batch engaged in Rotaract movement. I would say, last year's membership is really awesome.

**Romasha:** These two mentioned almost everything. There are a lot of talented kids. There were a large number of members engaged in so many projects. All in all, in the end, they all have contributed a lot towards the club.

### 5. What was the longest number of hours you had to work continuously for a project?

**Kavishka:** In the beginning, middle and at the end of the year. In the middle was Are You Ready where Me and Romasha were given the responsibility to look after the documentations. So, there was a lot of work during that period.

**Romasha:** I can't exactly recall a specific date. When there are reporting work there are times that I have worked until the morning without even sleeping properly. As a board member when I was chairing the Installation ceremony those were days, I worked the whole day.

**Ishaq:** Even though it wasn't strictly editorial, Are You Ready was the project that I spent the most number of hours on.



Starting from company coordination, caption and content writing to silver jubilee celebrations, that was a pretty hectic period.

## 6. How did you balance your academic work and your responsibilities in the club?

**Romasha:** I didn't. The exam was also a bit difficult for me. During the hard times, these two gave me their support, Well talking about balancing, I am not the one to address that.

**Kavishka:** Well, we didn't have anything in particular to balance-balance kind of stuff. Hence, I wasn't stuck with work that much. But during the Are You Ready times, our 4th semester started, and we had some coursework and stuff. But I think, as we were at home, it helped us to reduce that stress to a certain extent.

**Ishaq:** Me and Kavi are in the same department. Our academic work was discontinuous. We had so many gaps because of the Covid waves. Therefore, I also got the chance to focus more on Rotaract work rather than my academics. Just went with the flow.

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*The one who sleeps at 10pm no matter what.  
"The guys said buy a rice with dahl, so I bought a rice with only dahl, you guys also eat paan with only parippu ne, but this was an honest mistake."*

## 7. What was your favourite memory/moment as a Rotaractor?

**Romasha:** Installation. The planning stages were super fun, and I am glad that we were able to make it physical.

**Ishaq:** During Silver Jubilee, we had really long calls, with the five people from the PR and Editorial gang. Actually, I am the one who gets roasted most of the time but those times were fun. That will be my best memory, I guess.

**Kavishka:** During the last stages of Are You Ready. We were stressed, but when thinking about it now, I feel like we have done an amazing job although we were stressed out. The late-night calls that last till the dawn were the best times.

## **8. Describe your Rotaract Mora journey in three words.**

**Ishaq:** Learn and Serve

**Romasha:** A Roller coaster ride

**Kavishka:** Memorable, Challenging and Exciting

## IT Team....

Where technical minds and passionate hearts blend together like chips and ketchup!

Well, we have these 3 amazing boys on board, Senior IT Director Rtr. Ramith Hettiarachchi, IT Director Rtr. Nimna Perera and Assistant IT Director Rtr. Ranul Navojith with us today...

### 1. What was your first impression when you got selected for this post? (And about your Co-director/s?)

**Ranul:** Actually, I wasn't aware of this post and I didn't expect this. I was given the responsibility to motivate people to be a part of the Rotaract Movement. I didn't know Ramith Ayya before, had seen Nimna Ayya literally everywhere but didn't know him either. But after we got to know each other I understood that they were so friendly and the bond we have till now is what matters the most.

**Nimna:** Didn't expect this and I was shocked when I received that call after a Revelation Meeting.

**Ramith:** Nimna was the first person to come to our minds for the post of the IT Director. He was such a talented soul who had contributed a lot. For the post of the Assistant IT director, there were several people who became familiar with us through the project "Manusath Handa". As per the recommendation of Nimna we chose Ranul for this post.



*How I found a cuddling partner during the GP visit and how others got themselves wet in the morning as the perks of using towels instead of bedsheets during the entire night.*

### 2. What was the biggest challenge you faced this year?

**Ramith:** From the beginning of the year we created a plan. There was nothing much to worry about. As there was a skilful and hardworking backing team behind us, there wasn't much weight on ourselves.

**Nimna:** Within two weeks, the blogging platform completely went down and however we overcame it. That was the biggest challenge I guess. Since there was an extremely talented team, we could handle several problems parallelly than handling a single problem at once. Our biggest strength was our membership.

**Ranul:** Being the Assistant IT director was indeed the biggest challenge. Hence, I didn't have much idea, I had a little bit of doubt on how I am going to learn this stuff. But somehow, I learnt quickly. Another huge challenge was to handle the Zoom platform. (ගැමිමෙන් හිටියා Zoom Handler වුනා කියලා)

### 3. As a Rotaractor, which year was your favourite?

**Ramith:** The first year as a general member was the most enjoyable one. There weren't any big responsibilities, only contributions. When Danuka Ayya gave me the opportunity to handle the Career fair it was a responsibility and It was a great experience as well. (හොඳ පෙරළියක් කළා මේ අවුරුද්දේ) In brief, 1st year - Most enjoyable, 2nd - I figured out how things work and This year - most impactful.

**Nimna:** Well, I can't tell you exactly, it's up to you to decide... First year was really enjoyable with lots of memories and this year is also good, an impactful year with responsibilities, however both are my favorites.

(As Ranul Can't answer this question we decided to skip that one for him, hopefully he will be asked this question from නංගිරා from the Junior batch next year...)



*Kiribath කනාට and why I struggled to get that phone in the middle of the walking path. (Not to get the voice clips leaked)*

### 4. As a BoD Member What are your thoughts about the general membership?

**Nimna:** As a director, I would say, we have a membership with a wide variety. I would describe our membership as "Talented and Strategic."

**Ramith:** Really Impressed about the 19th batch because even though we had so many projects virtually according to the new normal their engagement was wonderful.

**Ranul:** Don't know how to compare with the previous years, but we came up with some seriously good stuff. Even our brains stormed when carrying out the brainstorming sessions for Are You Ready. We have a hard working and talented team who give their fullest support.

### 5. What was the longest number of hours you had to work continuously for a project?

**Ranul:** On the day of building the club website, I worked for about 12 hours continuously.

**Nimna:** For the project Resume Center under Are You Ready. I have worked about 9 hours straight without even getting up from my chair.

**Ramith:** Are You Ready, the year before last year. A meeting was held at around 5.30pm. We were building a platform which had an algorithm to allocate companies. But there was a bug, so we were able to debug it at around 1 am that day. Then the event day has arisen with a bunch of work, therefore at the end I have worked for nearly 24 hours that day.

## 6. How did you balance your academic work and your responsibilities in the club?

**Ranul:** I don't especially do any kind of balancing. I have learnt some subjects regarding our modules by doing Rotaract work.

**Ramith:** I am the kind of person who works at the last moment. But now I am prioritizing my tasks more than before and I maintain a to-do list as well.

**Nimna:** My theory is "Don't learn unless you need it!". Sticking into my theory I start to work when the exam timetables are announced. When I have a task to perform, I search about that beforehand. So, that's how I balance my work.



## 7. What was your favourite memory/moment as a Rotaractor?

**Nimna:** Grama Prabodaya. What happened to Damith's Leg during the GP visit was unforgettable! And the late-night meetings of Are You Ready were super fun. One day, Sachin left the Zoom meeting, making Bimsara (He was sleeping) the host, so we

were unable to literally do anything as the host was fast asleep.

**Ramith:** The Virtual career fair. The smooth flow of it for 3 days straight is the most satisfying memory.

**Ranul:** As a physical event it's Grama Prabodaya and as a virtual event it's Are You Ready 2020. Are You Ready meetings after 1pm turns into a whole different direction where all the people go out of their tracks and that's where the fun begins.

## 8. Describe your Rotaract Mora journey in three words.

**Ramith:** Friends, Insightful, Inspiring

**Nimna:** Enjoyable, Insightful, Opportunities.

**Ranul:** Insightful, Fun, Bonds



## Podi set eka...

The 05 extremely talented juniors who got selected to the BoD with a bunch of ayyas akkas out of hundreds of enthusiastic newbie Rotaractors.

Here we have 4/5th of the “පොඩි set එක” of the Board of directors of Rotaract Mora for the years of 2020/21. Our very own Sergeant-at-Arms Rtr. Nikith Fernando, Rotary family coordinator Rtr. Supul Kalhara, Assistant Secretary Rtr. Garisha Herath and Assistant Treasurer Rtr. Dhanoj Ninnada.

### 1. What was your first impression when you got selected for this post? (And about your fellow “podu set eka”?)

**Nikith:** I was so happy for the fact that I and my Repi partner got selected to these positions since most of the time students from the Architecture Faculty don't get opportunities like this. So it was a great deal for me. And thanks to Rotaract I found 3 good friends Ranul, Supul and Dhanoj.

**Supul:** Always passionate about what Rotaract Mora does and these guys are amazing. I remember the handing over ceremony, 5 of us went there together and for some time we were there at මුල්ලක. But ayyala and akkala were so welcoming and caring. Never felt any difference even though we are from the freshers' batch.

**Garisha:** I actually didn't believe it when Samila ayya called. I thought it was just a suggestion. But then he was like, “Are you ready to take the role?” And I was like “Whaaat?!?” He didn't even tell me there was an interview even and I didn't

understand any of the procedures either. I was asked to join “just a small meeting” one morning. The meeting was at 10 and I woke up at 10. And there were like 08 people there. It went on for like an hour and apparently that was the interview! I asked Samila ayya who the others are but he said he can't tell. And then he added us to a group. I was not on good terms with Nikith back then, and then when I saw him there I was like, “Out of all the people why him!?” :D... But now it's all good. But at first, it was a bit awkward because I was the only girl.

**Dhanoj:** I had no idea about what was going on either. Sachin ayya called me one day and asked “Malli, Samila ayya wants to talk to you. Shall we take a call tomorrow?” I didn't know anything about Samila ayya back then, other than that he was the president-elect. There were a few people there and asked me some questions as the same as Revelation so I gave the same answers that I gave in Revelation. Then they said that I was selected as the assistant treasurer. I wasn't expecting it so I was really excited. I didn't know who the other 04 people who were selected from our batch were until Samila ayya added us to a group. I was very happy to see Supul there cause I knew him before. Then eventually got to know the others too.



*He is the legendary kid who enjoyed a car ride on the lap of our president cool, of course with another 13 people on board. However, hail Real Madrid.*

## 2. What was the biggest challenge you faced this year

**Nikith:** Well as the sergeant-at-arms I have a set of මගේම කියල බඩු විකක් including a hammer and a bell. Whenever and wherever there is a General Meeting I must be there with the equipment. We had a General Meeting at Dunupothagama parallel to a GP visit but I had an exam on that day. So in order to transport the equipment the day before, I cried and got permission from my parents to have the car for the day and drove all the way to Dunupothagama අර අලි ගහන පාරේ with a friend. It was a challenge back then but now it's a nice memory.

**Supul:** To be honest I didn't have any challenges. All the work to be done from my end was things that can be handled with just a laptop and an internet connection. ඔන්න lap එකේ battery බැස්සෙත් නම් challenge එකක් තමයි :D Other than that I remember, in RuR company coordination I had to manage mine plus Bimsara Ayya's calls, in the end, I could

handle any call. It was a challenge but worth it.

**Garisha:** At first it was not much of a hassle. But eventually, I think I took it too much to the head and tried to do way too much work going beyond my role. It was becoming overwhelming and I got burnt out. I think I took on too many things at once. Corona was not much of a big obstacle to me regarding my job role as the assistant secretary cause I mostly just had writing stuff. But while doing projects like "Manasa", it was a bit annoying at some points cause we didn't even know who we were working with. Everyone had something or other going on so managing time was quite challenging.

**Dhanoj:** So according to my post, I have to write cheques and then get them signed by Samila ayya and then Ranga sir. Before Corona, it wasn't much of an issue. But after the lockdown, it was hectic cause I'm from a different district. And I have to come to Colombo to meet both sir and ayya to get these signed. Finding a time when both of them are free was so difficult. Time management was quite challenging. I had huge support from Samila ayya. Every time I went to Kadawatha to get his sign he always gave me transport to Ranga sir's place. It was a huge relief. The project that was affected the most was GP. There were times I had to go to Dunupothagama all alone by myself and get the work done and come. But I think I managed.



*He was one of the best resource persons for Are You Ready 2020, since he had so many potential fathers-in-law as managers in numerous companies.*

### 3. As a BoD member, what are your thoughts about the general membership?

**Nikith:** Our general membership has a great sense of brotherhood. Everyone helps each other in hard times, although there was nothing specific for me to seek their help in my job role, they helped me whenever I needed it, regarding Rotaract or even academics.

**Supul:** The sad truth is a lot of people hate me for what I do in Rotaract, specifically the emails part :D හැමවෙලේම emails එවනවා කියලා බෙනිනවා. ඔව්... Just kidding ;) The support that came from them was huge for me as well as for Rotaract. They have good energy.

**Garisha:** So I know a lot of friends who actively take part in Rotaract from our batch. There are so many people who were super supportive from the beginning. I really love seeing how invested they are in the work and they are doing a really amazing job. So I think it's a strong membership and it's really nice to see how harmoniously they get the work done.

**Dhanoj:** Same for me. I see how determined they are. There is a lot of talent too. They give a lot of help when doing projects and all. Though everyone was stuck at home and having virtual experiences.

### 4. What was the longest amount of hours you had to work continuously for a project?

**Nikith:** It was Are You Ready for me. From the initiation of company coordination to the 18th of December we had overnight zoom calls for like every single day. We used to call people at midnight and Supul was one of the victims. We just call and wake them up, when they ask why we were like, නිකන් ගන්නේ මව්. Bye. Lots of fun memories.

**Supul:** Well, I think it was Maestro. One day before the event, we had a zoom meeting at 10PM, and it lasted for almost 7 hours straight and we went to Maestro at 7.00 AM the next day. That was the longest record for me I guess. And I remember the day that Nikith and the gang called me. I was having a 'beauty sleep' after a marathon of work. Imagine my reaction :p

**Garisha:** I think from the middle of last year up until the end I had so much going on. I was doing the work of the assistant secretary and helping out with the reports, taking down minutes and on top of that Co-chairing "Manasa" and some other projects were going on too. So I have had many sleepless nights. Can't really count.

**Dhanoj:** I just did a bit of calculation and apparently I've spent 19 hours without eating anything one day while doing "No more Corona" and had some work with the GP project too. Had breakfast at 03 in the morning. The next time I ate was at 10 in the night after I got home.

## 5. How did you balance your academic work and your responsibilities in the club?

**Nikith:** Having academics virtually did not really ease things up for us. So, it was not easy at first but I realized that when you enjoy what you do it's not a big deal after all. No matter academics or other stuff, just have fun while doing it. That helps a lot.

**Supul:** As the Rotary Family Coordinator, for work like updating participation and emailing stuff I spared some time from my free days and did the whole thing at once. However for projects like Are You Ready I don't think we actually balanced the work. :D

**Garisha:** I don't think much of balancing actually happened. Doing rep duties and holding titles in some other clubs in the middle of this too was quite stressful. I had a lot of problems at home too at that time. One of these nights I was checking some documents, I had a tight deadline and the same night my dog of two years passed away. I can remember proofreading those docs while bawling my eyes out. In that case, I didn't think I did a good balancing. But I got through anyway.

**Dhanoj:** I think I balanced it quite well. I looked up to Shashika Ayya a lot as well. He is the best at balancing work so I got a lot of advice from him too. We didn't wait until the last minute to get things done. Finished tasks as soon as we got them without piling them up. Even when doing projects we the co-chairs were quite supportive of each other. We looked after the other person's work if they were busy at the time. I had amazing boarding mates too so I could call them whenever I missed any academic work.



*Went on a 4-day site visit on a beach site but didn't pack slippers! Imagine her running around on a beach in wet sneakers.*

## 6. What was your favourite memory/moment as a Rotaractor?

**Nikith:** I will never forget the last two days of Are You Ready (PS: There is a sad part too. I couldn't go to the after-party due to the travel restrictions, so Sachin ayya said that he would send me a pizza instead. But I never received it;'))

**Supul:** Project wise it's Are You Ready for me too, and my favourite part was the after-party.

**Garisha:** I think the best memory I have was of the Installation ceremony. Even though we were all dressed up and I couldn't even move properly in my saree, it was really fun for some reason. I think it was just the vibe of it all. We were just goofing around.

**Dhanoj:** It was a memory from the GP project. On the last day after we handed over the purifier to them, a few villagers and a kid came and thanked me personally for the work we did. I've known and talked to them before. So seeing the smiles on their faces was the best memory I have.

## 7. Describe your Rotaract Mora journey in three words.

**Nikith:** Life, Experience, Friends

**Supul:** Experience, Friends, Service

**Garisha:** Rollercoaster, Fun and Challenging.

**Dhanoj:** Fun, Amazing and Learning



*We call him the 'Boss'. Somehow, GP visits have apparently turned into dating advice sessions and joined online practical sessions with SO MUCH of interest, and were on calls for a REALLY long time for those with, "someone"!*

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