

*Rotaract Newsletter*

# ODYSSEY

JANUARY-MARCH ISSUE

“Are you  
ready?”

**Bridging Academia and  
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1000+  
UNDERGRADUATES  
FOR FUTURE SUCCESS.**

**GREEN GROVES**

**Restoring Mangroves,  
Sustaining Shorelines**

**SLRMUN**

**Empowering young voices:  
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**AKURU**

**Empowering Education  
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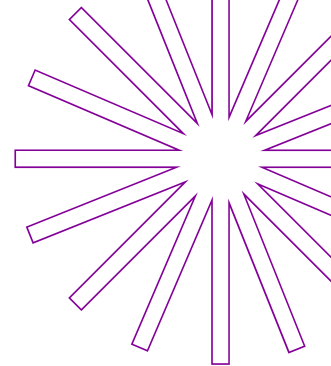


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# President's Message



As we reached the three-quarter mark of our Rotaract year, I couldn't help but feel immense pride and joy. Reflecting on the incredible journey we embarked upon together, I am thrilled to share the remarkable progress we've made and the meaningful experiences we've created.

Over the past nine months, our dedicated team worked tirelessly to turn our shared vision into reality. Together, we completed numerous projects that not only touched lives but also brought smiles and happiness to those in need. Whether organizing community events, participating in service projects, or contributing to local causes, each initiative left an indelible mark on our community.

Our impactful projects, fueled by member enthusiasm, led to lasting change. We restructured existing initiatives with confidence, forming new bonds with Rotaract clubs and strengthening existing connections. Our network expanded, and collaborations flourished.

I express heartfelt gratitude to our Rotaract family for their unwavering dedication. Together, let's continue striving for excellence, embracing opportunities, and upholding Rotaract's defining principles for positive change. I am excited to witness our impact in the next quarter of our journey.



**Rtr. Yasiru Athugaldura**

**President 2023-24**

**Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa**

# From the Editors



With great excitement and enthusiasm, we are thrilled to present the Third Quarter Newsletter of Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa for the RI year 2023/24. As we reflect on the progress made thus far, our commitment to impactful service, fellowship, and personal growth remains unwavering.

This quarter, we achieved a significant milestone with the successful execution of "Are you ready? 2024," the annual Career Fair of University of Moratuwa and our flagship project of RI year. This event exemplifies our dedication to driving positive change and creating meaningful impacts within our university, especially in the realm of career development.

Throughout the past quarter, our dedicated team has continued to engage in a diverse range of projects and initiatives spanning club development, community service, education, health, and environmental sustainability. We are proud to announce the completion of several impactful projects and the launch of new endeavors poised to make lasting differences in the lives of others.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our members and supporters whose steadfast commitment and passion have propelled our club's success. Your dedication fuels our mission and strengthens the bonds within our community.

Thank you for being an integral part of this remarkable journey. Together, let's continue to inspire, innovate, and create a lasting impact that echoes beyond our club's walls.

**Rtr. Buvani Guruge, Rtr. Uthpala Karunwardhana**

**Rtr. Abineyan Ravichandran**

Co-editors 2023/24 – Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa



# CLUB SERVICES

## GENERAL MEETING



**Co-chairs February: Rtr. Nirasha Demel, Rtr. Sahan Siriwardhana**

**Co-chairs March: Rtr. Janith Hirusha, Rtr. Sonali Niduka**



In February and March, our monthly general meetings maintained their vibrant atmosphere, extending warm welcomes to new members and commemorating the successful completion of ongoing projects. These gatherings served as pivotal moments for fostering camaraderie within our Rotaract Family, as newcomers were embraced into our community with open arms. Alongside celebrating our achievements, we eagerly looked ahead to new endeavors, united in our commitment to service and collaboration.

Our meetings were not merely administrative gatherings but lively events filled with entertainment and engagement. New members were seamlessly integrated through interactive games, fostering connections and team spirit. Additionally, captivating musical performances added an extra layer of enjoyment, creating memorable experiences for all attendees. Amidst the festivities, we took the opportunity to honor the dedication of our organizing committee members, presenting them with service letters as tokens of appreciation for their invaluable contributions to project success.

# VANGUARD

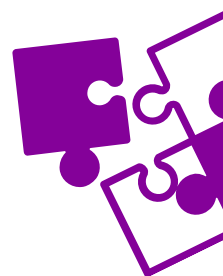


**Co-chairs: Rtr. Dineth Gamage, Rtr. Dinuka Madhushan, Rtr. Minul Chathumal, Rtr. Sineth Nimhan**



Vanguard is an inclusive gaming competition poised to deliver an electrifying event for gaming enthusiasts. With the spotlight on popular video games Valorant and Call of Duty Mobile (CoDM), participants can anticipate immersive gameplay and the chance to compete for exclusive prizes. The competition, which will be opening for registrations, welcomes gamers of every skill level to seize the opportunity and display their prowess in these competitive gaming arenas.

Vanguard promises an unforgettable gaming experience, fostering intense battles and fostering camaraderie within the gaming community. As players gear up for thrilling matches, they can expect an environment conducive to both competition and collaboration. Vanguard aims to unite gamers from diverse backgrounds, offering a platform where they can showcase their talents and revel in the excitement of esports. Join us as we embark on this exhilarating journey and celebrate the spirit of gaming excellence with Vanguard.





# HOLI FESTIVAL



**Co-chairs: Rtr. Imesh Dasanayaka, Rtr. Shavinka, Rtr. Navodya Hettigoda**

The Holi Festival, organized in collaboration with Leo Club of University of Moratuwa, promises to be a vibrant celebration of color and culture. As plans unfold, excitement builds for this joyous event, with preparations underway to release tickets soon. This collaborative endeavor seeks to unite communities in a spirited celebration, fostering bonds of friendship and cultural appreciation.

With Leo Club of University of Moratuwa as our co-hosting club, the Holi Festival aims to create unforgettable memories for attendees. As anticipation mounts, participants can look forward to immersing themselves in a kaleidoscope of colors and revelling in the joyous festivities.

## ARTE GRAFICO

**Co-chairs: Rtr. Nishani Abeysekara, Rtr. Themiya Yasith**

Arte Grafico, a graphic designing competition organized for both Rotaractors and non-rotaractors, is set to ignite creativity and artistic expression. In collaboration with Rotaract Club of Mid City, this event promises to be a platform for individuals to showcase their design talents and innovation. As plans take shape, participants can anticipate an opportunity to unleash their creativity and compete in various design categories.





With the support of Rotaract Club of Mid City, Arte Grafico aims to bring together a diverse community of artists and designers. Whether a seasoned graphic designer or just discovering your artistic talents, this competition is set to offer a chance to shine and connect with fellow enthusiasts.

## KOWUL WASANTHAYA 2.0

**Co-chairs: Rtr. Madhawa Priyadarshana, Rtr. Thinura Bandara, Rtr. Thiyara Ranasinghe**



From exhilarating Avurudu games to tantalizing food offerings, Kowul Wasanthaya 2.0 invites Rotaractors to partake in the joyous festivities and embrace the spirit of the season. With meticulous planning and attention to detail, the organizing committee is ensuring a seamless and enriching experience for all attendees. Kowul Wasanthaya 2.0 is set to serve as a testament to the vibrancy and unity within the university community, fostering a sense of belonging and cultural appreciation.

Kowul Wasanthaya 2.0, an enhanced iteration of the beloved Avurudu celebration hosted by Rotaract Mora, promises an unforgettable cultural experience for Rotaractors. Building upon the success of its predecessor, this festive event brings together traditional Avurudu games and sumptuous culinary delights to create a vibrant celebration of Sri Lankan heritage. With a dedicated organizing committee overseeing the proceedings, Kowul Wasanthaya 2.0 is poised to deliver an elevated and immersive cultural extravaganza.





# COMMUNITY SERVICES



HIH



**Co chairs: Rtr. Sayuni Sooriyaarachchi, Rtr. Shehan M. Lokuwella, Rtr. Amantha S. Bandara**

With steadfast resolve, the Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa is honored to present the culmination of our impactful project, "**Hand in Hand**". This year's installment signifies our unwavering dedication to supporting cancer patients, instilling hope, and effecting meaningful change. Drawing from our past achievements, we are poised to elevate our endeavors, ensuring that each initiative radiates even more brightly and touches the lives of countless individuals in need.



Together, we illuminate the pathway to a future filled with hope and healing for all affected by cancer.

# FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

The main initiative of Hand in Hand, our fundraising campaign to support cancer patients at Apeksha Hospital, CCC House, and Karapitiya Hospital, reached new heights this year. With renewed vigor and expanded outreach, we orchestrated a multifaceted effort to raise crucial funds.



This year witnessed remarkable achievements, notably through the ingenious sale of stickers adorned with artwork by courageous children battling cancer. These poignant creations, showcased at the Colombo Shopping Festival 2023 and Book Fair 2023 held at the BMICH, captured hearts and inspired generosity, resulting in a significant influx of funds. Our presence at the Exmo exhibition further bolstered our fundraising endeavors.

As a testament to our unwavering commitment, plans are underway to continue fundraising in April, ensuring sustained support for those in need. Additionally, our wristband-selling campaign made waves in tuition classes across Kurunegala and Colombo, broadening our reach and impact.

Additionally, we're delighted to unveil our comprehensive contribution to Apeksha Hospital, encompassing not just the essential vegetable cutting machine but also a range of other vital equipment, collectively valued at approximately 3 lakhs. This initiative is geared towards alleviating the dietary struggles encountered by cancer patients, further emphasizing our steadfast commitment to improving their well-being and quality of life.

As we reflect on these achievements, we remain steadfast in our mission to alleviate the burden of cancer and extend a ray of hope to those affected. Hand in Hand continues to stand as a beacon of solidarity and compassion, embodying the power of collective action in service of a noble cause.



# AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

**Co chairs: Rtr. Danika Rodrigo, Rtr. Ashen Bandara, Rtr. Dasuni Illankoon**

Introducing the awareness campaign of "Hand in Hand," a pivotal sub-project dedicated to raising awareness about the early detection of cancer. Our mission is to empower individuals to recognize the warning signs and symptoms of various cancers, facilitating early diagnosis and improving survival rates. Research indicates that detecting cancer at its initial stages can significantly increase the chances of successful treatment, with up to 60%-70% of individuals overcoming the disease.

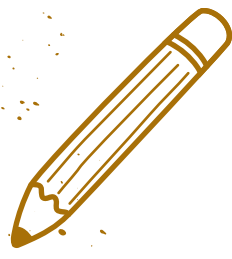
Over the course of three months, we embarked on a multifaceted awareness campaign conducted in three languages - Sinhala, English, and Tamil. Through an engaging series of informative flyers, we delved into the most prevalent types of cancer, including Thyroid cancer and Breast cancer, shedding light on their symptoms and dispelling prevalent myths. Complementing these educational materials, we released monthly videos to provide a dynamic and visual medium for disseminating crucial information. These videos were also showcased during our club's general meetings, ensuring that awareness efforts began with our own members.



In addition to our internal initiatives, we leveraged the reach of social media platforms, particularly Facebook groups, to amplify our message and reach a wider audience. By harnessing the power of digital communication, we extended our outreach beyond our immediate community, spreading awareness far and wide.

"Hand in Hand" exemplifies our unwavering commitment to proactive health advocacy and community engagement. Together, let's continue to stand united in the fight against cancer, empowering individuals with knowledge and fostering a culture of early detection and prevention.

# COLOURS



**Co chairs: Hiruni Vitharana, Rtr. Imasha Sewwandi, Rtr. Akindu Kalhan**

On the 22nd of March, the vibrant "**Colours**" sub-project unfolded at CCC House within the premises of Maharagama Apeksha Hospital. With the noble intention of offering a form of mental solace to cancer patients ranging from 3 months to 16 years of age, our team orchestrated a delightful creative drawing session.



Beyond the artistic engagement, we sought to create lasting memories by presenting each participant with a hydrogen balloon, symbolizing hope and resilience in the face of adversity. Additionally, recognizing the importance of nourishment in their journey, we provided a nourishing dinner for the attendees, ensuring their physical well-being was tended to alongside their emotional needs.



Through this initiative, we endeavored to infuse moments of joy and positivity into the lives of young cancer patients, fostering an atmosphere of comfort and support during their challenging times.



# HAND IN HAND CONCERT

**Co chairs: Rtr. Kaveesha Dilshan, Rtr. Yasindu Fernando, Rtr. Dasuni Illankoon**

Scheduled for the 29th of June 2024, the HIH Live in Concert is set to unfold at the iconic Vihara Maha Devi Open Air Theatre. This event promises an evening of captivating performances by some of Sri Lanka's most celebrated artists and bands, all coming together to support a noble cause.



Under the theme of "China Town," this concert, named 'Nadhya,' aims to blend cultural elements with musical entertainment, creating a unique and enriching experience for attendees. What sets 'Nadhya' apart is its philanthropic mission. All proceeds generated from this event will be directed towards providing vital support and resources to cancer patients in need. From essential treatments to emotional and financial assistance, every contribution will make a tangible difference in the lives of those fighting cancer.



The organization of 'Nadhya' underscores the collective effort of dedicated individuals and volunteers who are committed to using music as a vehicle for social good. Through the tireless dedication and passion of the Organising Committee, we aim to raise awareness about cancer and extend a helping hand to those affected by the disease.



# GRAMA PRABODHAYA

**Co-chairs: Rtr. G. A. Savithi Hansadi, Rtr. Gunasinghage K. Pansilu Silva,  
Rtr. Teshadi Senanayake**

Since its inception in 2016, Grama Prabodhaya has served as a catalyst for positive change in rural villages across Sri Lanka. Rooted in the ethos of community service, this initiative has tirelessly worked to uplift underprivileged communities and nurture self-sufficiency.

In its latest chapter, Grama Prabodhaya set its sights on Kukulewa village, situated within the Kahatagasdigiliya divisional secretary division of the Anuradhapura district. Through targeted interventions and collaborative efforts, the project sought to address the pressing needs of the villagers, aiming to enhance their quality of life.

Aligned with Rotary International's focus on 'Basic Education and Literacy,' Grama Prabodhaya launched its fifth chapter during the RI year 2023-24. This chapter comprised six distinct sub-projects, each meticulously designed to tackle specific challenges faced by the residents of Kukulewa.

As the project unfolded, it became a testament to the power of collective action and community spirit. Together, volunteers and stakeholders worked tirelessly to implement sustainable solutions and create a lasting impact in the village. Now, as we look back on the concluded phase of Grama Prabodhaya, we celebrate the strides made in Kukulewa and beyond. Through our combined efforts, we succeeded in bringing about positive change and fostering a sense of hope and resilience within the community.



# AKURU

**Co-chairs: Rtr. Nilakna Warushavithana, Rtr. Maneka Heshan,  
Rtr. Abhiman Chandupa**

As we look back on the journey of Akuru, we reflect on the impactful strides made in enhancing education and literacy at Deegabaya Vidyalaya in Kahatagasdigiliya. Akuru, a significant subproject under Grama Prabodhaya, was dedicated to establishing a library for students from grade 1 to O/L, who lacked access to proper educational resources

The heart of Akuru lies in the collective generosity of university students who donated books through donation collection stalls set up on university premises. These contributions allowed us to amass a diverse array of educational materials, from O/L past papers and workbooks to novels, poetry collections, and non-fiction literature, enriching the learning experience for students.

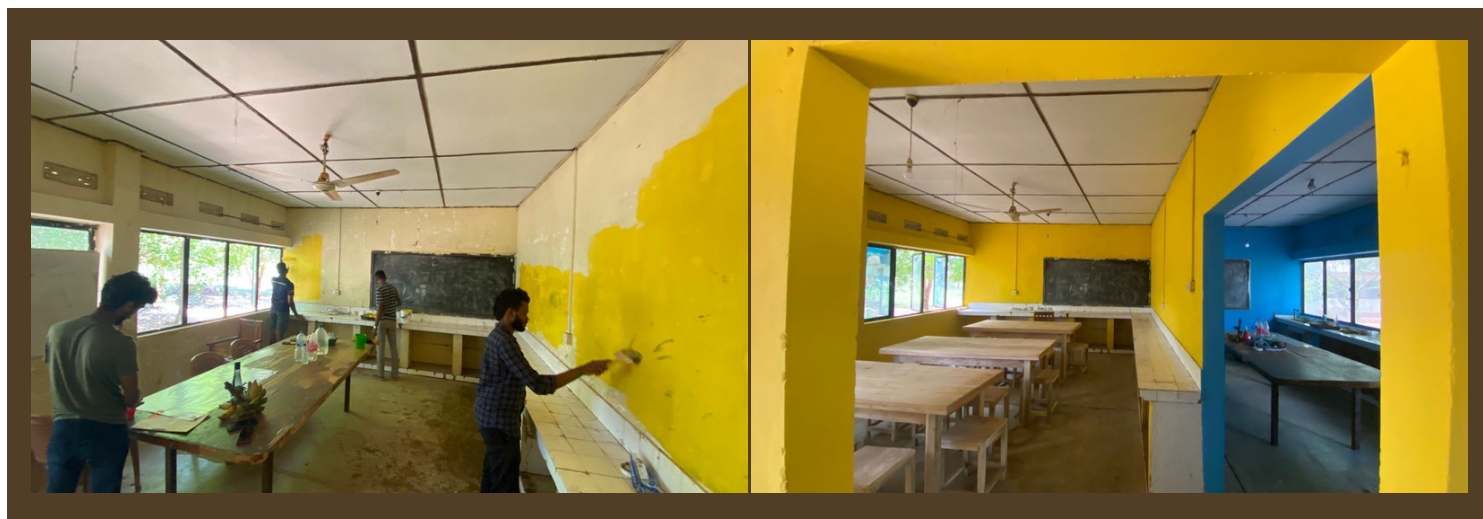
But our efforts extended beyond the acquisition of books. We recognized the importance of physical infrastructure in creating an inviting learning environment. As such, we meticulously crafted and donated racks and other essential facilities to ensure the accessibility of the library to all students.



As the curtains close on the Akuru project, we celebrate the impact it has had on the lives of students, fostering a love for learning and providing them with the tools they need to succeed. Though this chapter may have concluded, the spirit of Akuru lives on, inspiring us to continue our commitment to education and literacy in rural communities.



## SIP SEWANA



During our visit to Deegabhaya Vidyalaya, one glaring observation stood out - the absence of a proper science laboratory for students to conduct practical experiments. It was this realization that spurred the inception of Sip Sewana, a subproject dedicated to constructing a fully equipped science lab, ensuring students receive practical experience alongside theoretical knowledge.

Every aspect of the laboratory was meticulously planned and executed. From the installation of racks for chemical storage to the provision of lab desks, benches, and even the painting of walls, no detail was overlooked in creating a comprehensive learning environment. Additionally, essential educational aids such as periodic tables were provided to enhance the learning experience of students.

Now, with the completion of Sip Sewana, students at Deegabhaya Vidyalaya have access to a state-of-the-art science laboratory, equipped with all the facilities necessary for conducting experiments and deepening their understanding of scientific concepts. This endeavor represents our commitment to empowering students and enriching their educational journey.





As we reflect on the successful conclusion of Sip Sewana, we celebrate the impact it has had on the lives of students, paving the way for their academic success and fostering a passion for science. While this project may have reached its conclusion, its legacy of providing quality education lives on, inspiring us to continue our efforts in serving communities and uplifting the next generation.



## HETA

In the heart of Kahatagasdigiliya, lies a community where many young individuals aspire to pursue careers in agriculture following their school education. Recognizing the importance of providing them with diverse opportunities beyond traditional paths, the Heta subproject was born.

On March 29th, in conjunction with the conclusion of Grama Prabodhaya, an insightful introductory session was held. This session aimed to enlighten the youth about various educational pathways available to them post-schooling, including options offered by the Vocational Training Authority and German Tech. Additionally, avenues for acquiring technical knowledge specific to agriculture were explored, offering a comprehensive understanding of the diverse opportunities available.

Through Heta, we sought to empower the youth with knowledge and options, enabling them to make informed decisions about their future careers. By broadening their horizons and providing access to diverse educational pathways, we strive to support their aspirations and foster personal and professional growth.



# AQUA SAFE



In our visit to the Khatagasdigiliya area, we discovered a pressing issue - the quality of water available posed significant health risks, particularly to the kidneys. Villagers were forced to purchase drinking water, resulting in financial strain and hardships. Moreover, the broken water pump connected to the filtration system in Samadhi village only exacerbated the situation, leaving residents without access to clean water.

Enter Aqua Safe, a subproject aimed at addressing this critical need by restoring access to clean water for the community. On March 29th, a new water pump was generously donated, marking a pivotal moment in providing relief to villagers and alleviating their financial burden associated with purchasing water.

Through the restoration of the filtration system, Aqua Safe not only ensured access to clean drinking water but also offered a sense of security and well-being to the community. By reducing their expenses and eliminating the health risks associated with contaminated water, this initiative brought tangible relief and uplifted the spirits of the villagers.



# STAR SEEKERS



Star Seekers, a captivating subproject conducted in collaboration with SEDS Mora (Students for the Exploration and Development of Space), aimed to spark curiosity and fascination with the cosmos among students at Deegabhaya Vidyalaya, Kahatagasdigiliya.

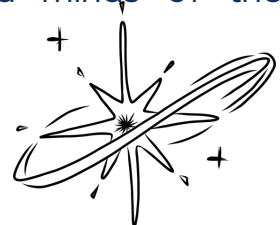
On March 29th, under the vast expanse of the night sky, we embarked on a transformative journey of discovery. Through hands-on activities and guided exploration, students were immersed in the wonders of astronomy, exploring celestial phenomena and unraveling the mysteries of the universe.



As the night unfolded, the students' eyes sparkled with excitement and wonder, their minds ignited with newfound knowledge and curiosity. Star Seekers not only provided an opportunity for scientific learning but also served as a platform for inspiration and imagination.

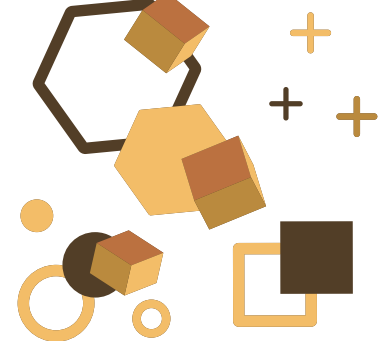


By fostering a love for astronomy, Star Seekers has left a lasting impact on the students, empowering them to dream big and reach for the stars. Though the event may have concluded, its legacy of sparking curiosity and nurturing passion for exploration continues to shine bright in the hearts and minds of the next generation.





# INTELLECT



Intellect, a cherished subproject of Grama Prabodhaya, embarked on a journey to enrich the educational landscape at Deegabhaya Vidyalaya in Kahatagasdigiliya. Through a series of seminars focused on mathematics and science, Intellect aimed to bridge the gap for students who faced challenges due to limited access to teachers and resources.

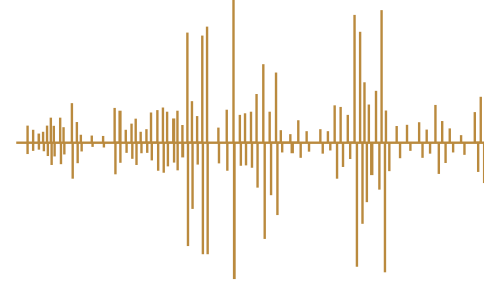


Each seminar session was meticulously crafted to provide students with invaluable insights and knowledge in these critical subjects. From exploring complex mathematical concepts to unraveling the mysteries of science, Intellect served as a beacon of learning and enlightenment for eager young minds.

The impact of Intellect extended far beyond the confines of the classroom. It instilled a sense of confidence and curiosity within students, empowering them to excel academically and pursue their educational aspirations with zeal.



# MANUSATH HANDA



**Co-chairs: Rtr. Kumbukage R. Thamodya, Rtr. Ginimella Hewage  
Rtr. Tharusha Adithya, Rtr. Chamudi Vihanga Liyanage**

One of the most significant projects conducted under the community service avenue of Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa, Manusath Handa is dedicated to supporting visually impaired students. With the goal of giving equal access to education for all, Rotaract Mora has developed an e-library, encapsulating recordings of past papers relating to subjects such as mathematics, art, commerce, and more. Taking a step further the club is maintaining a collection of recordings of short stories, magazines, and books as well. The recordings are collected through a voice donation campaign. Staying true to the mission of expanding inclusivity, the website is built in a user-friendly manner for the intended users and is also available for all to peruse at their leisure.



For the second phase of the project, Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa paid a visit to the School for the Blind in Rathmalana. The visit comprised a donation of computers to the school and also several seminars and tutorials on how to use the E-library of Manusath Handa. With a soiree filled with music, and gifts, the visit came to a fruitful conclusion





# NENA ARUNA

**Co-chairs: Rtr. Bhashitha Dilan Jayarathna, Rtr. Kaveesha Kapuruge,  
Rtr. Thrishal Shavinda**

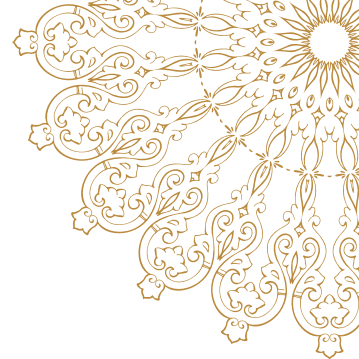


Nena Aruna is a project initiated by Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa to uplift the academic situation of students in rural areas. In this year's rendition of the project, the focus was on 10 specific districts, mainly, Colombo, Gampaha, Kaluthara, Kegalle, Matara, Galle, Hambantota, Rathnapura, and Monaragala.

With nearly 40 seminars covering topics from school subjects such as mathematics, and science, to career guidance programs involving nearly 20 schools, the project drew closer to a successful conclusion.







# CONNECTING THE DOTS

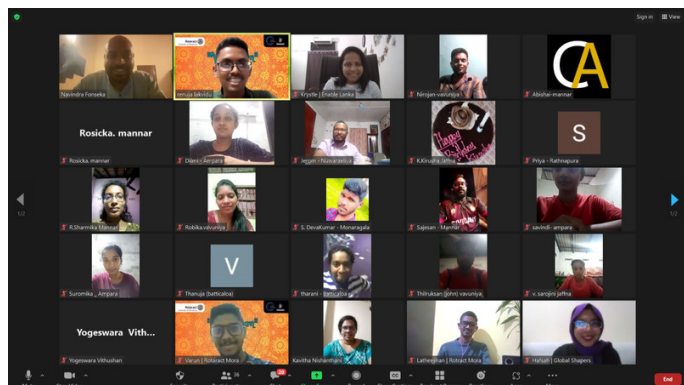
**Connecting the dots** is a project initiated under Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa under the community service avenue via 4 sub-projects. These endeavors are conducted in the hopes of giving a positive turn to the lives of those living in rural communities.



## VANAKKAM

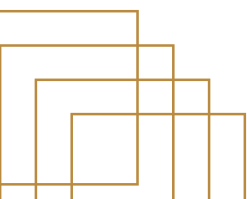
**Co-chairs: Rtr. Poobalaraja Varun, Rtr. Latheeshan Thiruchanduran**

The "**Vanakkam**" is a project initiated in hopes of helping everyone learn the basics of English, the Global Language. Learning English will help develop their confidence in themselves to proudly present themselves in any environment. Partnering up with Enable Lanka Foundation and Global Shapers, Rotaract Mora aimed to steer the project Vankkam to even greater heights this year.



Focusing on Tamil students, mainly from Nuwara Eliya and Jaffna, the project commenced its journey by first teaching them the very basics of the language, slowly proceeding into the more advanced segments through the course. Through this project, the astounding change of the students where they were able to handle a

a brief presentation on their own in the very language to which they were strangers not long ago. The conclusion of the project was marked by the distribution of certificates to the students upon successful completion of the course.



# AS SALAMU ALAIKUM

**Rtr. Mohamed Asry, Rtr. Tharindu Madhusanka**

As salamu alaikum is a project organized by Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa focusing on conducting seminars and workshops about Robotics and Electronics in rural areas. This year Trincomalee was chosen to be the recipient of these invaluable sessions. This session of robotics was the first ever of its kind to have taken place in Trincomalee. With the support of the University Students' Association in Trincomalee, Rotaract Mora was able to proceed with the project. The final aim of this project is to facilitate more of a hands-on comprehensive knowledge of the subject exceeding mere theoretical knowledge.

## AYUBOWAN

**Co-chairs: Rtr. Makewitage Ashen Dilantha Perera, Rtr. Thubulle Lekamalage T. Manohara**

Project Ayubowan takes a novel turn compared to other projects conducted by Rotaract Club University of Moratuwa. In this project Rotaract Mora team will be conducting several renovations and cleanup sessions at a chosen temple followed by a bana sermon and a bodhi puja for the students of University of Moratuwa to conclude the project



## AYA

**Co-chairs: Rtr. Jalina H. Gunathunga, Rtr. Chamod N. Perera**

Project AYA is a collaborative initiative between Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa and Cohere AI. Cohere AI is working towards developing low-resource languages that have a limited amount of data available for conversational AI systems. Rotaract Mora has teamed up with Cohere AI to develop a chatbox similar to the infamous AI tool, ChatGPT, but compatible with Sinhala. This project will be a crucial step in opening doors for the AI-dominated future a bit wider for our country



# ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



## ZOOXANTHELLAE

**Co-chairs: Rtr. D.M.Nilanga Dilhara Dissanayaka, Rtr. Mihan Dimath Tilakaratne, Rtr. H.M.Sasvi Nimethya Kulatunge**

The upcoming Game Night promises an evening of excitement and camaraderie, featuring interactive games and activities. Following this, the Get-together phase facilitates meaningful connections, while the Board Trip provides a retreat for strategic planning. RackConnect embodies Rotaract Mora's dedication to unity and enrichment, offering valuable experiences for all involved.

Furthermore, Zoox actively seeks partnerships with local communities and organizations to expand its conservation footprint. By forging collaborations, the initiative aims to establish additional underwater coral farms across diverse locations, amplifying its impact on marine ecosystem preservation. Through collective efforts, Zooxanthellae continues its vital mission, contributing significantly to the sustainability of coral reefs and the broader marine environment.



# GREEN GROVE

**Co-chairs: Rtr. Vindhya Kulasinghe, Rtr. Anjula Kariyawasam**

Green Grove is a collaborative initiative focused on mangrove restoration which successfully concluded on March 17th. Spearheaded in partnership with IS Avenue through their Cognizant project, this endeavor aims to raise awareness and take concrete steps toward rejuvenating mangrove ecosystems. Recent activities include an impactful awareness session at Hennathota School in Hikkaduwa, enlightening students and the community about the importance of mangrove conservation.

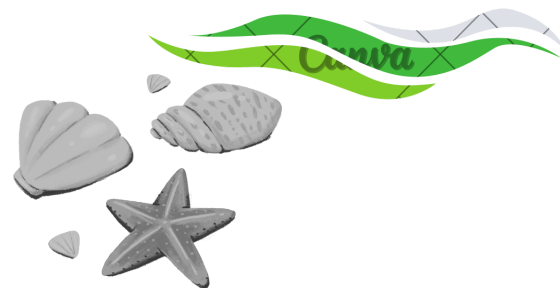


Furthering its commitment, Green Grove has actively engaged in mangrove planting efforts in the Hikkaduwa area, contributing to the rehabilitation and preservation of these invaluable habitats. Supported by technical expertise from the Marine Environment Protection Authority (MEPA) - Galle District Office, the initiative has successfully guided and facilitated restoration activities. Through collaborative endeavors and community participation, Green Grove is leaving a lasting impact by restoring and safeguarding mangrove habitats, bolstering the resilience and sustainability of coastal ecosystems.





# BLUE REVIVE



**Co-chairs: Rtr. Kaveesha Dilshan, Rtr. Rasini Vimukthi, Rtr. Thoshini De Silva**

Blue Revive is an initiative that addresses the urgent issue of marine trash. With millions of tonnes of debris entering oceans yearly, our project focuses on coastal cleanups to combat pollution and promote environmental stewardship.



Split into two waves, First and Second, our efforts began at Panadura Beach, where over 40 volunteers diligently cleared trash. Subsequently, at Mount Lavinia Beach, we engaged 20+ volunteers, raising awareness of marine biodiversity's plight. Despite challenges, including weather and logistics, our team collected over 35 garbage bags, safeguarding marine ecosystems.

As we conclude, Blue Revive remains committed to ongoing cleanups and expanding our impact. We're grateful for community support, and recognizing the importance of collective action in preserving our environment.



# CLEAN SL



Clean SL – a Rotaract District project, is spearheaded by Rotaract Mora, serving as one of the host clubs, with a primary focus on ocean conservation. This multifaceted initiative unfolds across three distinct phases, each contributing to the overarching goal of preserving our marine ecosystems.

Commencing with a beach cleanup on September 28th, 2023, volunteers worked tirelessly to remove marine debris, aiming to alleviate pollution's detrimental effects on coastal areas. Following this, on February 14th, 2024, Clean SL installed ocean strainers at Lunawa, strategically positioned to prevent plastic and debris from entering the ocean, thereby safeguarding marine habitats. This proactive approach serves as a tangible solution to intercept pollutants and preserve marine ecosystems.



The project concluded on March 16th with an impactful underwater cleanup operation and a public awareness session. Volunteers dove beneath the waves to remove submerged debris while concurrently engaging the community to raise awareness about the importance of ocean conservation. Through this holistic approach, Clean SL endeavors to instill a sense of environmental stewardship and inspire collective action to protect our oceans for generations to come.





# INTERNATIONAL SERVICES



## RMMUN

## UN DAYS

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In this project, we keep creating and sharing easy-to-understand flyers and interesting blog posts on social media for each UN day. The flyers contain detailed information about the event, its importance, and ways for individuals to contribute and support the cause. On the other hand, the blog posts provide a thorough analysis and insights into the main issue highlighted by each observance.

The goal of the blog posts is to encourage discussion and participation from readers, inspiring them to take action for a fairer and better world. This ongoing project brings people from different parts of the world together, allowing them to make a positive impact on these important global issues.



**The UN Days** Flyer and Blog Sharing initiative continues into the 3rd quarter of the year 2023/24, aiming to raise awareness about various United Nations (UN) observances. These events are important as they focus on issues like making the world sustainable, ensuring human rights, promoting gender equality, and addressing global challenges



# SLRMUN

**Co-chairs: Rtr. Benul Wijayarathna, Rtr. Muftee Mysan**



The 4th edition of Sri Lanka Rotaract Model United Nations (SLRMUN 2024) is a sub-project of RMMUN which was held on the 10th of February at the university premises. This full-day event brought together over 100 enthusiastic participants from various schools and universities across Sri Lanka.

SLRMUN 2024 featured an engaging lineup of committees, including the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW), General Assembly Fourth Committee (UNGA4), United Nations Security Council (UNSC), and International Press Corps (IPC). Each committee conducted workshops, providing delegates with valuable insights and skills related to their respective topics.

The conference not only encouraged dialogue and diplomacy but also emphasized the practical implementation of ideas discussed during the sessions. SLRMUN 2024 exemplifies the Rotaract Club's dedication to fostering youth leadership and facilitating impactful discussions on global issues.

As SLRMUN 2024 concludes, we eagerly anticipate the continuation of these conversations and the positive contributions of participants toward addressing real-world challenges. The success of SLRMUN underscores the commitment of Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa to empower youth and inspire positive change.





# ENTENTE

**Co-chairs: Rtr. Thusith Wijewardena, Rtr. Thanura Mendis**

The Entente Photography Competition, a sub-project of Rotaract Mora Model United Nations (RMMUN), showcased the beauty of nature through captivating photographs submitted by enthusiasts. Participants were tasked with capturing stunning images of landscapes, wildlife, and flora, highlighting the importance of environmental conservation.

The competition offered a prize pool of 6,000 LKR for the first prize, 3,000 LKR for the second prize, and 1,000 LKR for the third prize. Winners were selected through a voting process, engaging the community in recognizing exceptional talent.

During the March general meeting, the winners of the Entente Photography Competition were announced and awarded prizes. This event celebrated artistic expression while promoting awareness of environmental issues.

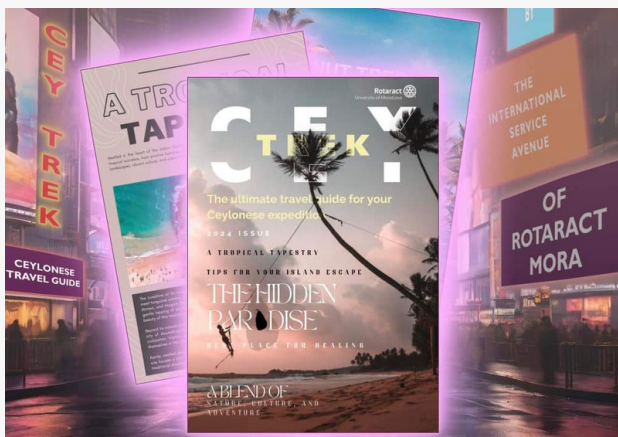
The competition, organized by Rotaract Mora, underscores the club's dedication to creative engagement and environmental advocacy within the community. Such initiatives inspire appreciation for nature and encourage action towards sustainability.



# CEY TREK

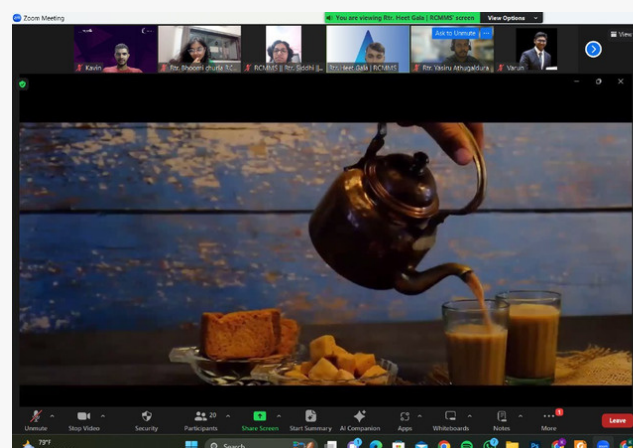
**Co-chairs: Rtr. Kavin Siriwardana, Rtr. Dulan Devinda**

"Cey Trek" – a travel magazine launched by Rotaract Mora's International Service Avenue to rejuvenate Sri Lanka's tourism industry. It aimed to raise awareness and foster positive perceptions post-setbacks like the Easter attacks and COVID-19 pandemic. Through this we inspired global travelers to rediscover Sri Lanka's beauty and culture, envisioning sustained tourism growth and economic revitalization. The magazine also promoted responsible tourism and community empowerment.



Beyond a publication, it was a commitment to reshaping Sri Lanka's narrative as a premier travel destination. Readers explored captivating stories and insights into Sri Lanka's wonders. Our focus was on delivering informative content without overwhelming readers. The name "Cey Trek" invited readers to journey throughout the country.

We celebrate the completion of "CeyTrek", a successful initiative that positively impacted Sri Lanka's tourism recovery and showcased its attractions to a global audience.





# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



## ARE YOU READY? 2024

**Co-chairs: Rtr. Sarindu Wijekoon, Rtr. Charith Belpage**

“Are You Ready?” was an extraordinary Annual Career Fair organized by Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa, in collaboration with the Career Guidance Unit. This 28th chapter spanned over months aiming to guide over 1000 undergraduates from diverse faculties toward successful careers by bridging the gap between academia and the business world.

The project comprised six sub-projects, each meticulously designed to cater to different aspects of career development:



# HEADS UP

A specialized program designed to enhance essential skills related to crafting professional CVs and improving interview techniques. It offers valuable insights and practical guidance to individuals aiming to enhance their employability. Dr. Ranga Rodrigo and Dr. Prathapasinghe Dharmawansa led the session via zoom, sharing their expertise and practical tips.



# THE IMAGE

The RUR Image – Personal Branding & Entrepreneurship Workshop took place at the Civil Auditorium. Participants had the opportunity to delve into valuable insights shared by Mrs. Umariya Sinhawansa and Mr. Heminda Jayaweera. During the workshop, attendees explored strategies for personal branding and entrepreneurship, gaining practical knowledge and inspiration to enhance their professional journeys, and emphasizing the importance of cultivating a strong professional image.



# RÉSUMÉ CENTRE



Résumé Centre created a platform for the students to have the unique opportunity to upload their CVs and receive invaluable feedback from industry experts. Whether fine-tuning qualifications or seeking professional guidance, this session helped them enhance their résumé and stand out in the competitive job market.



## CAREER INSIGHTS



This sub-project consists of sessions on invaluable insights into various career fields, allowing students to explore different industries, job roles, and potential career paths. The knowledge gained from these webinars empowered students to make informed decisions about their professional futures from the industry perspective

During this initiative, several companies actively participated in sharing their expertise. Notable contributors included Lion Brewery, North Sails, Recruit Plus, Elysian Crest, and MG Consultants. Their valuable perspectives enriched students' understanding of the job market and influenced their career choices.

# GLOBAL PATHWAY

The Global Pathway 2024 sub-project provided invaluable insights into foreign internships, advanced studies, and career prospects abroad, with participants eagerly seeking knowledge and driven by aspirations to broaden horizons beyond national borders. The culmination of Global Pathway 2024 was remarkable, featuring three distinguished speakers—Professor Janitha A. Liyanage, Mr. Ramith Hettiarachch, and Mr. Withanage Madura Cooray—who left an indelible mark.

Participants celebrated gains such as professional guidance from foreign embassy officials, networking opportunities with international professionals, and cultural exposure, with the echoes of Global Pathway 2024 continuing to resonate and shape the futures of those who embarked on this enlightening journey.



## FLAGSHIP FAIR



The Flagship Fair, which served as the grand finale of Are You Ready? 2024, the Official Career Fair of the University of Moratuwa, was successfully concluded on February 28, 2024. Organized by Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa in collaboration with the Career Guidance Unit, this event witnessed the participation of over 900 undergraduates and 50 companies.

Final-year undergraduates from the University of Moratuwa seized the valuable opportunity to face interviews for exclusive job offers from leading industry companies. Facilitating more than 2000 interviews between industry giants and aspirational final-year students, the Flagship Fair marked the triumphant end of Are You Ready? 2024.

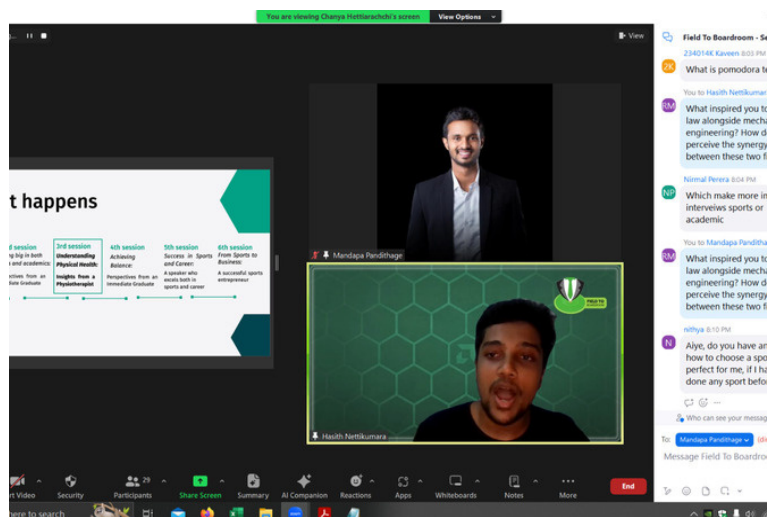


# SPORTS AND SPECIAL SERVICE

## FIELD TO BOARDROOM

**Co-chairs: Rtr. Chanya Nethmini,  
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Field To Boardroom is a specialized initiative designed to support university students in effectively managing their dual commitments to sports and academics while preparing for successful careers. Recognizing the unique challenges faced by students juggling these responsibilities, the project offers a series of six online sessions led by prominent figures in sports and academia. These sessions serve as invaluable resources, providing students with practical strategies and insights to navigate the complexities of balancing their athletic pursuits with their academic endeavors.



The recent session conducted by Rukshan Athapaththu on March 16th marked the commencement of this enlightening series. Lasting 1.15 hours, Athapaththu's session offered participants a deep dive into the intricacies of harmonizing sports and academics, drawing from personal experiences and professional expertise. As students strive to excel both on the field and in their chosen careers, Field To Boardroom stands as a beacon of guidance, equipping them with the tools and knowledge needed to thrive in all aspects of their university journey and beyond.

# Mirror Wall



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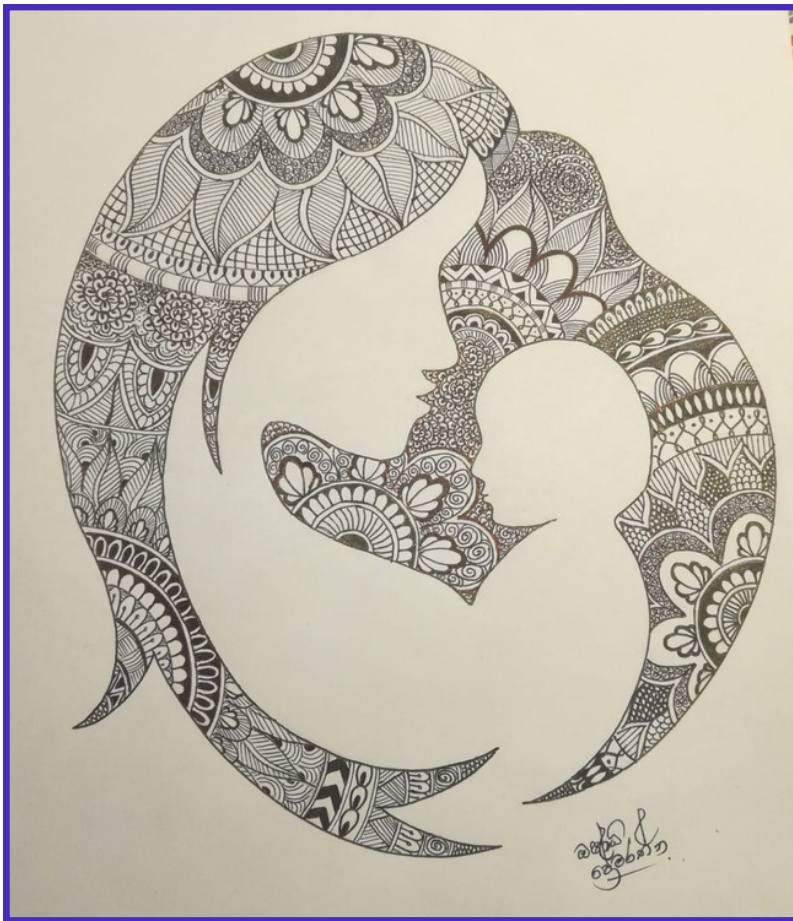
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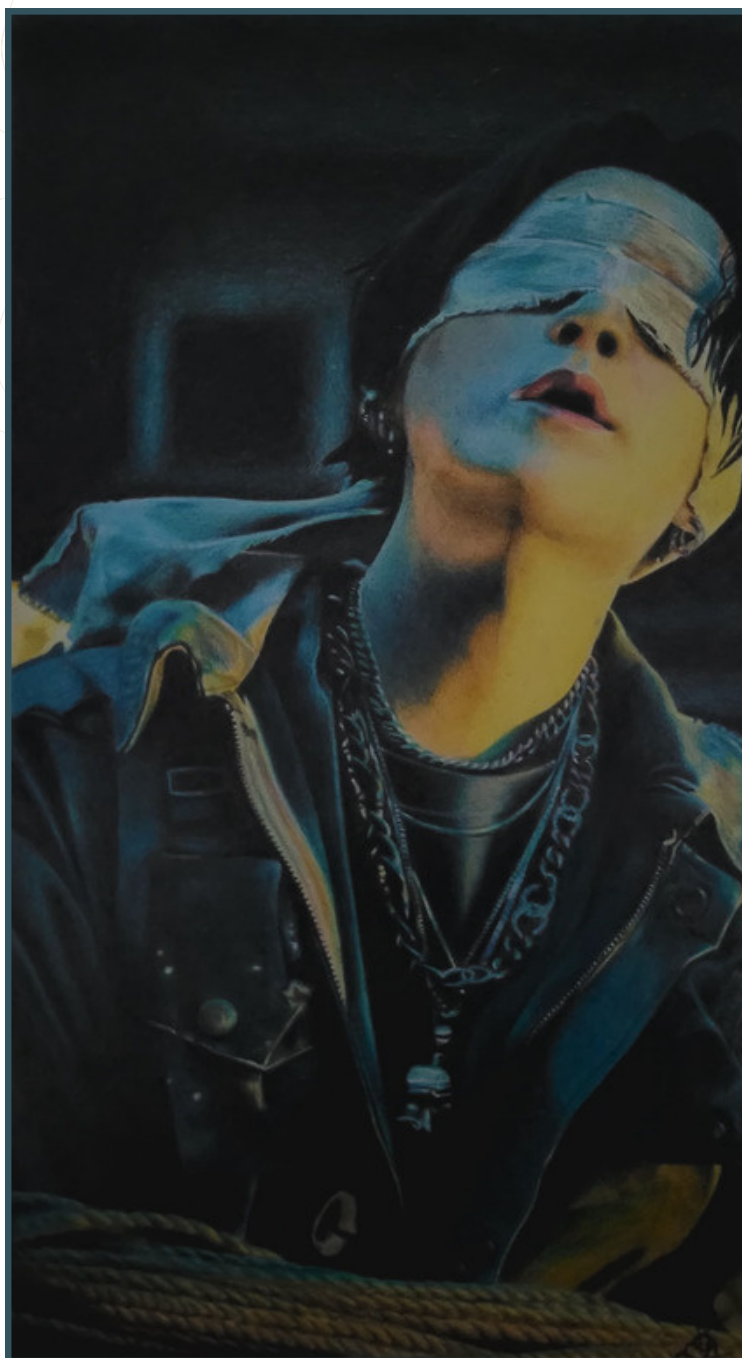
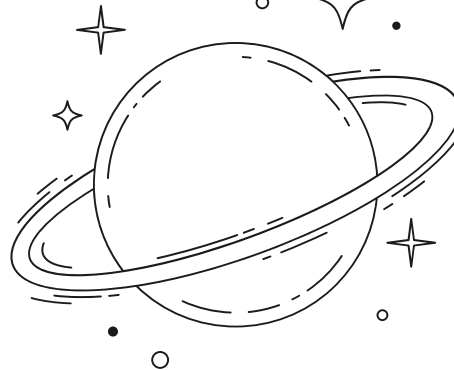
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