

# ODYSSEY 2022

August - September

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Dear Rotaractors,**

After concluding the first quarter of the 27th Rotaract Mora chapter on a high note, I am jotting down these words with immense pleasure and satisfaction. Amidst a period where the whole world was recovering from pandemic safety guidelines and completely being exposed to physical interactions while our motherland is in an economic crisis, Rotaract Mora for the RI year 2022-23 kick-started its journey accepting another year filled with challenges and opportunities.

Embracing the transition at the beginning of the year, my dearest board of officials took the lead in sketching the year with creative initiatives and strategies, together. I am really happy to recall the way they worked to drive the vision by guiding the general membership of the club with project initiations. Furthermore, the dedication and commitment of the general members who just took their very first step into the club, motivated all the generations of the club to dream more about the future.



Their aspiration simply strengthened the foundation and the standard for the upcoming months of the year.

Settling down within the university premises, all the members of the club took the challenge to rebuild Rotaract physically after two and a half years of virtual university life. Elevating the interactions in the club, many doors were opened for physical projects addressing Community Service and Environmental Service. Further, the first quarter of the club built strong bonds with novel Sports & Special Service, Professional Development as well as International Service initiatives joining hands with other clubs in the Rotaract District 3220 as well.

I would extend my heartfelt gratitude to the strength of the club - my beloved general members, board of officials and all well-wishers who lent a helping hand towards Rotaract Mora during the past three months.

As a club we have many milestones to pass and challenges to face for the year 2022-23 in the days to come. Certainly, the unity and harmony among members of Rotaract Mora will pave the way to **rise** together as a club and **shine** brightly while that shine **illuminates thousands of lives** out there.

Let's together Rise, Shine and Illuminate Lives!

# EDITORIAL



## Dear Rotaractors,

Here we are at the beginning of a new era with many goals, resolutions, ideas and dreams to be fulfilled in the RI year 2022-23. Our country has faced many obstacles in these few years and Rotaract Mora has been able to play its part by uplifting the spirits and being of service to fellow Sri Lankans, holding onto the promise towards our motherland.

The first quarter of Rotaract Mora in RI year 2022-23, has been off to a successful start with new projects for sustenance, continuation of signature annual projects and introducing new concepts and ideas to existing projects. *Manilanz*, *Fudisia*, *Boon Digi* and *Kerdizo 1.0* are newly launched projects which help the youth mould their future for the best. Our signature projects such as *RMMUN*, *Zooxanthellae*, *Manusath Handa*, *Grama Prabodhaya* and *HIH* have been initiated in this quarter with new intentions.

After a hiatus of lockdowns, this is the year Rotaract Mora endeavours to transform into a completely physical setting. Thereby projects such as *El Talento*, *Binara Pedura*, *General meeting - August* and *Installation Ceremony* have been concluded successfully and satisfactorily with a massive participation.

The onset of this year is promising and none of this would be possible without the immense dedication and contribution of General Members and guidance provided by the Board of Officials. So here's a big cheer for the hard working Rotaractors as we present the first issue of "Odyssey", the Official Newsletter of Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa, for the RI year 2022-23.

Happy Reading!!!

Rtr. Neha Dassanayake

Rtr. Sarasi Yapa

Rtr. Saeedha Nazar

(Co-editors 2022-23 - Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa)



# CLUB SERVICE



## Handing Over Ceremony

Co-chairs:

Rtr. Danush Wickramasinghe

Rtr. Tamashi Kaviraj

Continuing 26 consecutive years of service in Rotaract, the Handing Over Ceremony signifies the transition of the collar from the outgoing President to the incoming President. As the very first physical initiative in club service avenue, Transition Meeting was held on 13th July at the Department of ENTC with the participation of the outgoing and incoming Board of Officials of Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa.





# Sand-tastic

Co-chairs:

Rtr. Danush Wickramasinghe

Rtr. Upeksha Erandi

This initiative is a joint project of Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa, Rotaract Club of Faculty of Science at - University of Colombo and Rotaract Club of Sir John Kotelawala Defense University - Ratmalana. Avoiding the tough and busy schedules of all the Board of Officials in three clubs, the event took place at Mount Lavinia Beach on 7th August. Sand Tastic was the best option to develop fellowship and collect mesmerising memories while cherishing the relaxing sunny Sunday. The Organising Committee provided the chance for our Officials to participate in fun games and activities and finally, all the individuals got the opportunity to dance at the beach with their teammates. It was successfully concluded in the evening after everyone sang and enjoyed some tranquillising songs.



## General Meeting August

Co-chairs:

Rtr. Amandi Wijesinghe

Rtr. Sandaru Lokudadalla



After completing 2 consecutive years fully virtually, for the very first time, the General Meeting for the month of August was held as a physical gathering where all the members of Rotaract Mora shared their experiences in Rotaract with their colleagues and the membership base got a chance to interact with the Board of Officials physically after a long time.





## Jam Room

Co-chairs:

Rtr. Danush Wickramasinghe

Rtr. Tamashi Kaviraj

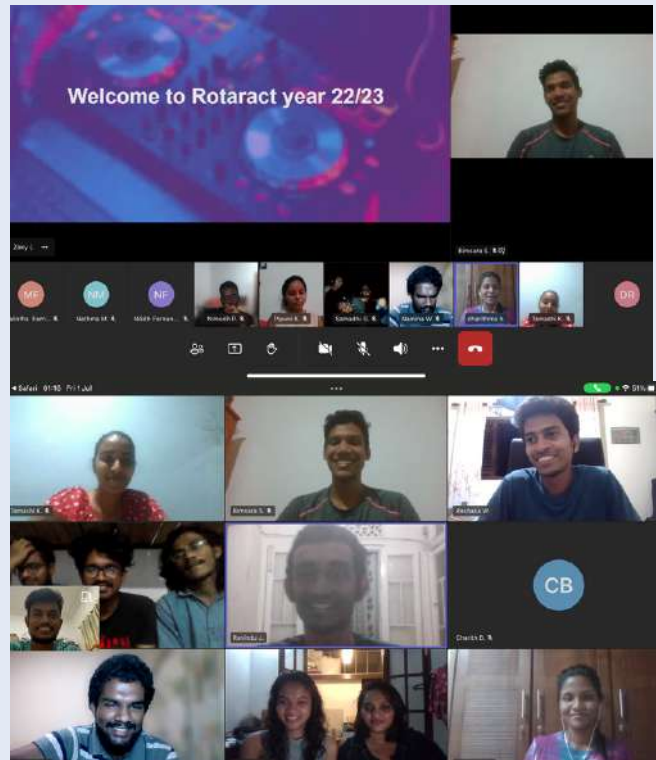
## General Meeting September

Co-chairs:

Rtr. Yahani Wickramasinghe

Rtr. Sachithra Gimhan

In consequence of having a strict schedule in the month of September, the general meeting was held as a virtual meeting again but it was concluded successfully with 40+ participation.



Rotaract Mora Jam Room '22 was a place where the Board of Officials of Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa relished an enthusiastic evening by showcasing their hidden talents and sharing a lot of Rotaract memories. Jam Room '22, was held on 30th June, which was a significant day for every Rotaractor because of the commencement of the new RI year. This initiative was to dedicate the new RI year to both incoming and outgoing Boards of Officials. It improved the bond between the Board of Directors of incoming and outgoing boards, and amazing Rotaract remembrances were shared to continue the legacy of Rotaract Mora.

# Installation Ceremony

Co-chairs:

Rtr. Tamashi Kaviraj

Rtr. Yanush Abeyrathne

Creating the opportunity to introduce the 27th incoming President of Rotaract Mora and her Board of Officials, the Installation Ceremony was held on 2nd October 2022, at the Civil Engineering Auditorium of University of Moratuwa. Continuing the legacy, after a virtual ceremony last year, the 27th installation ceremony was completed as a physical gathering with the participation of District 3220, fellow Rotaractors from the other clubs, and the outgoing and the incoming Board of directors. It was a wonderful evening which took a step forward by signifying the successful year ahead with wonderful individuals on board.





# El Talento

Co-chairs:

Rtr. Heshani Perera

Rtr. Theekshana Perera

Rtr. Booshana Namudara



El Talento is a competition-based talent show which provides the chance to all undergraduates of University of Moratuwa to showcase their hidden talents in many areas. This is the second consecutive year of El Talento, and thereby, it was decided for this project to proceed as a joint initiative of Club Service and Membership Development Avenues.

For this year Rotaract Club of Colombo Mid City partnered up with the project, allowing the Rotaractors of Colombo Mid City to compete as well. Following new strategic ideas, the first round was held as a virtual competition where a voting system through social media accounted to select the finalists, and then the final round was held as a physical gathering.

As the first step, submissions were opened under the categories of singing, dancing, instrumental covers, Rubik's cube challenge, photography, magic and unique talents. Then the submissions were shortlisted and the selected performances were uploaded on the Facebook page 'El Talento'. The winners of 'The Most Popular' category were selected through Facebook voting, while the winners of 'The Most Talented' category were selected by the judges. The finalists of the categories of singing and dancing performed live on the final day of El Talento, which was held on the 27th of September, physically, in the Old Gymnasium of University of Moratuwa. A total of 21 winners were selected and were awarded by the judges, Mr.Ayesh Kavinda, Ms Eshanie Madhurika Suriyaarachchi and Mr.Wismitha Veenath Sathsara Fonseka, on the event day. The grand finale of the event was held in a glamorous setting giving the audience an unforgettable experience and marking the conclusion of 'El-Talento' with a grand success.





# Binara Padura

Co-chairs:

Rtr. Nimodh Perera

Rtr. Charith Belpage

Rtr. Pipuni Karunaratne

Rtr. Manusha Fernando

Rtr. Zaky Ahmed



This project commenced mainly focused on interacting with newbies and showcasing their singing talents. It was a musical show where all the undergraduates of University of Moratuwa could take part. When it comes to the show, the majority of them were individuals from batch 21.

Binara Pedura was held on 26th September at the Open Area of Steel Building - Faculty of Architecture, University of Moratuwa. It was successfully concluded and filled the evening with excitement, entertainment and new engagements towards Rotaract Mora. Binara Pedura as the first physical entertainment event of the club, after the pandemic, made a significant milestone in Rotaract Mora this RI year.





# COMMUNITY SERVICE



## Shalom

Co-chairs:

Rtr. Anudi Shamalka

Rtr. Renuja Muthugala

Shalom is a sub-project of the project "Connecting the Dots" which focuses on developing the relationship between the catholic community in Negombo. This project is done by partnering with the Big Heart Community. Initially O/L students were selected by coordinating with a catholic convent. Thereafter to proceed with developing a friendly relationship and to give a beneficial output to these students Maths, Science and English sessions were organised. These sessions were held through the zoom platform on weekends.

The students actively participated in these sessions and they were always willing to discuss doubtful content with the tutors. The co-chairs joined the sessions and were able to develop a friendly relationship with the students and students were comfortable contacting them with their issues

After the educational sessions, the co-chairs had a discussion with the volunteers and the feedback was excellent. They were delighted to be a part of the project and help their own younger generation to succeed in their studies.



# Manusath Handa

Co-chairs:

Rtr. Randuni Yasasna

Rtr. Chanupa Devnith Wijesinghe

Manusath Handa is all about helping the visually impaired child community. Our main task is maintaining an audio knowledge library website for these children. Along with that we are providing the opportunity for volunteers to donate their voice. Our website has a collection of 600+ audio clips filled with knowledge like magazines, past papers, short stories, spoken English courses and computer knowledge courses where our target is to develop it even more. By all these things, Our vision is to ensure the equal learning rights to every child and make them not feel that they are less prospered.

As our prime goal is to provide equal access to quality educational and entertainment content to the visually impaired community, we at Manusath Handa have put together a collection of audio recordings voiced by our sincere volunteers at University of Moratuwa. The audio library is hosted online at [manusathhanda.rotaractmora.org](http://manusathhanda.rotaractmora.org) which is freely accessible to everyone. The collection consists of voiced recordings of newspaper and magazine articles, exam past papers, entertainment dialogues and much more content.

With the help of our collaborators at Vijaya Newspapers and Department of Examinations, we have ensured the quality and credibility of our content.

We also embarked on a mission to distribute this content as physical media to the blind community, where we donated recordings of our library to blind schools in the form of optical drives.

We are planning to conduct physical interactive sessions at schools for visually impaired students where we will have entertainment events with the participants and brief them about our project and its cause. Through this, we expect to enable more access to our audio library. As our secondary goal this year, we plan on expanding our collection to cater for the global community, through which we gain international recognition and the blind community from overseas can make use of our platform. Meanwhile, we will continue to expand the scope and the quantity of our audio library platform, ensuring users the variety and diversity of content. As our final goal this year, we expect to develop and launch a mobile app for our platform since mobile is preferred over the web. We hope this will make sure our content is more readily and easily accessible.

The story of Manusath Handa has been told to the world, yet not loud enough. This Rotaract year, we will focus on spreading the word about Manusath Handa to the whole of Sri Lanka as well as to the international audience.



## Hand in Hand

Co-chairs:

Rtr. Charith Belpage

Rtr. Thisara Menuka



‘Hand in Hand’ is one of the biggest projects of Rotaract club of University of Moratuwa under Community service avenue. One of the most well-known initiatives carried out by Rotaract Mora in the areas of disease prevention and treatment as well as maternal and child health is “Hand in Hand”.

It also aims to increase public awareness of the struggles and suffering that these patients endure on a daily basis. Hand in Hand has always been successful in making significant beneficial impacts as time goes on. Through this project, we intend to grow the hospital grounds while also enhancing the patients’ mental health and giving them hope.

## Nena Aruna

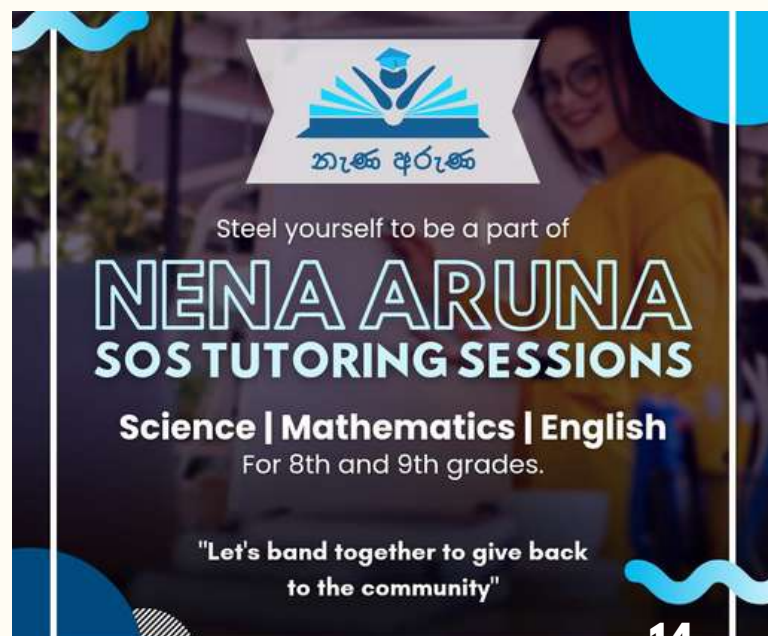
Co-chairs:

Rtr. Aveesha Gebalana Arachchi

Rtr. Yasotharan Virudchikan

Education plays a vital role in our lives since it is the foundation that supports our future. 'Nena Aruna' is a noble signature Community Services project organized by the Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa, with a primal goal of improving the educational standards of underprivileged school children while giving them an equal opportunity to work around freely.

Since Sri Lankan education institutions are outdated in some ways, students have fewer opportunities to read and self-study, which are important parts of learning. This is especially true for students who attend underprivileged schools, as well as who lack sufficient supervision and support from qualified teachers and other available resources.



To solve this and make 'Basic Education and Literacy' approachable to all, the fourth chapter of Nena Aruna was created in Rotary International year 2021-22 with the goal of making the lives of curious minds earn the greatest use of education under one roof.

The Nena Aruna Seminar Series is the project's first component this RI year. As for this phase we are hoping to implement the project with the SOS Children's Village, Piliyandala, which is a village established for the care of children without parental care. The program will comprise of teaching Mathematics, Science, and English to students in eighth and ninth grades. And also we are planning on conducting a seminar series for the Ordinary Level students who are to be seated in 2023.

## Grama Prabodaya

Co-chairs:

Rtr. Oshen Madhuka

Rtr. Thenura Devnith

Grama Prabodaya is a project initiated in 2016 under community service avenue which mainly focuses on supporting rural villages in Sri Lanka which are in dire need of assistance and developing them into self-sustaining units. This year, under this project it was proposed to provide chosen facilities to Dikhena Kanishta Vidyalaya which is situated in Kalutara district.

Dikhena Kanishta Vidyalaya is one of the main educational centers in Dikhena, Baduraliya area educating around 283 students.

It was noticed that the students are doing their academic work while facing various challenges. Our target is to become

a helping hand for the students through a set of sub-projects that we have planned in order to enhance their learning experience and develop the overall quality of life.

The following issues can be presented as the problems the students face through their educational journey. First and foremost, many families in this village can't afford technological devices to get connected to the Internet as the majority of the villagers of Dikhena are employed in nearby tea estates rather than in the private or government sector. Furthermore, poor signal strength, not having enough classrooms and teachers, the unfulfilled requirement of an outdoor classroom, lack of sports appliances, lack of electrical appliances needed for a kitchen to study Home Science, not having enough space and other facilities for a Smart Board and lack of proper facilities for the IT lab can be listed down as the problems they face.

As the project committee of Grama Prabodaya, we hope to give our best support to Dikhena Kanishta Vidyalaya while planning to establish this phase by the end of October 2022.





# INTERNATIONAL SERVICE



## Imahe

Co-chairs:

Rtr. Raveesha Induwara

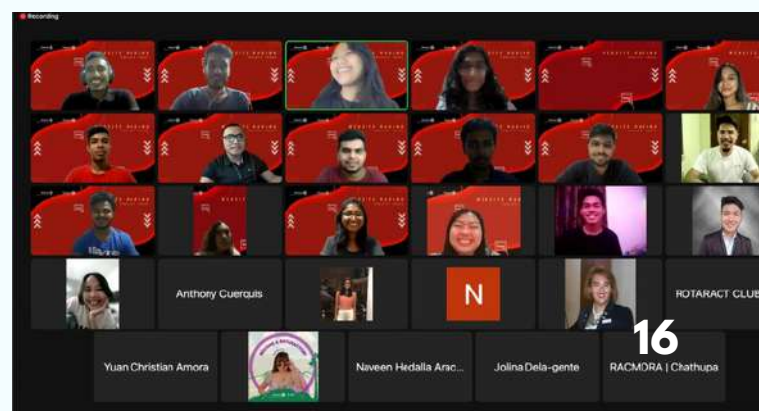
Rtr. Chamika De Silva

Rtr. Dulitha Nayanaka Gamage

A well-developed website for any worthy cause is a necessity in today's day and age of information. IMAHE was initiated under the International Service Avenue as a joint project with Rotaract Club of San Francisco Philippines, a Rotaract Club under RID 3860, initially focusing on enhancing web development knowledge.

After several discussions, the project was planned to be carried out in three main phases. In the first phase, we did an informative session about the website and the uses of having a website for a club.

The second phase focused on organizing a workshop for other Rotaract clubs in the Philippines to elevate their knowledge of creating and managing a club website using Google Sites. It was conducted over four weeks with the participation of around 50 participants from the Philippines. The third session was conducted with one-on-one mentoring sessions for the Rotaract Clubs. The entire project concluded successfully with the energetic participation of the members of Rotaract club of San Francisco Philippines.





## RMMUN

Co-chairs:

Rtr. Ruwin Chamodya, Rtr. Kavin Siriwardhana,  
Rtr. Amasha Weerasinghe, Rtr. Nipun Milinda,  
Rtr. Zaky Ahamed, Rtr. Pasan Rathnayake

Being the first-ever university-based Model United Nations in Sri Lanka, Rotaract Mora Model United Nations (RMMUN) is held as the signature project of the International Service Avenue of Rotaract Mora under four subprojects. RMMUN is the perfect opportunity for all beneficiaries to explore fresh knowledge as well as territories, create bonds through fellowship, and build leadership and other important qualities all while serving our community in numerous ways. The Annual Sri Lanka Rotaract Model United Nations (SLRMUN) Conference is the pinnacle of RMMUN where participants unite as delegates representing their allocated nations to engage in relevant conversations about critical problems and debate on behalf of their country. A series of subprojects are conducted to develop one or many essential qualifications anticipated from a delegate in order to groom the participants. These subprojects are; UN Days, Congrego, Cognizant and SLRMUN Conference.



**UN Days** - UN Days is a series of informative and creative outlets to raise awareness among the university community and the public regarding the significance of international days. Under this subproject, a blog and flyer series, and many more interesting sessions are planned to be held in the future.

**Congrego** - This subproject was initiated to introduce MUN and MUN protocols to undergraduates at University of Moratuwa and prepare them for SLRMUN, which is RMMUN's flagship event since the MUN culture is something that is still being established within the university community as a novel concept. Through this project the International Service team wishes to familiarise undergraduates with the MUN culture while developing their skills in management, public speaking, debating and writing so that they can direct themselves toward SLRMUN confidently.

**SLRMUN Conference** - Rotaract Mora focused on providing a platform for passionate individuals to discuss various global concerns such as poverty, climate change, injustice, and the global humanitarian crisis through the SLRMUN Conference, giving them an invaluable chance to share their experiences, encouraging foreign participation and school-based participation, and giving their voice a hearing platform at the same time. It consists of five committees, namely the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC), The United Nations Security Council (UNSC), the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (SOCHUM) and the International Press Corps (IPC). The SLRMUN conference consisted of a total of 10 committee chairpersons and committee heads who were well-experienced and expert MUN'ers.





**Cognizant** - What makes RMMUN unique is that it actively attempts to put our delegates' ideas into action. Always aiming to find solutions to current global and national issues, we hope to continue doing so through projects under Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa. After the SLRMUN conference, we hope to put the outcome of the whole conference into action as a sub-project in here.

As a result of RMMUN, we will be able to develop our delegates into compassionate and smart young leaders who are capable of leading Sri Lanka towards a brighter future. We also believe that their time as RMMUN delegates will help students to develop their leadership, teamwork, communication, and problem-solving skills. We are also the first MUN to actively apply ideas and solutions for global issues, not just in Sri Lanka but also internationally. Further, this year our undergraduates will get the opportunity to participate in all the sub-projects physically.



# Manilanz

Co-chairs:

Rtr. Hevindu Harshana

Rtr. Rukshan Fernando



Manilanz is a newly implemented project in the IS avenue. It is based on freelancing and contributing. We are planning to make an account under Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa through Manilanz. Our volunteers will do the jobs that we find, and at some point, they can earn money while doing volunteer work.

There will be two phases in this project. In the first phase, we will publish a Fiverr profile and then finish the jobs we find. With the profit we receive, in the second phase, we will do a service project. So, our endmost goal is to allow them to contribute to that service project with their skills.

# Boon DigiTi

Co-chairs:

Rtr. Manusha Fernando

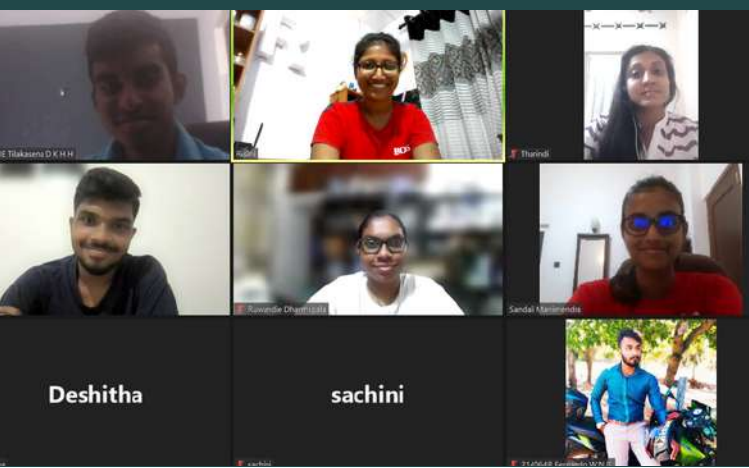
Rtr. Damsith Adikari

Rtr. Aloka Lenerolle

Boon DigiTi” is a novel service project aimed to elevate the basic understanding of Information Technology (IT) among undergraduates, students and teachers in Tanzania. Extending the scope of the project, we decided to launch a website and design more courses and publish them in the second phase of the project. This phase will further allow us to impart knowledge in the African and South Asian regions.

From the website, they can refer to more subjects and areas in the IT field. They can learn them while testing their knowledge by doing quizzes. At the end, they will receive a valid certificate for the completion of the course. As for the new subjects we have selected Graphic Designing, Digital Marketing, Road to Programming, LinkedIn, Canva, Hackerrank, SEO, Coursera, Cyber security and Artificial intelligence.

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# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



## MentHer

Co-chairs:

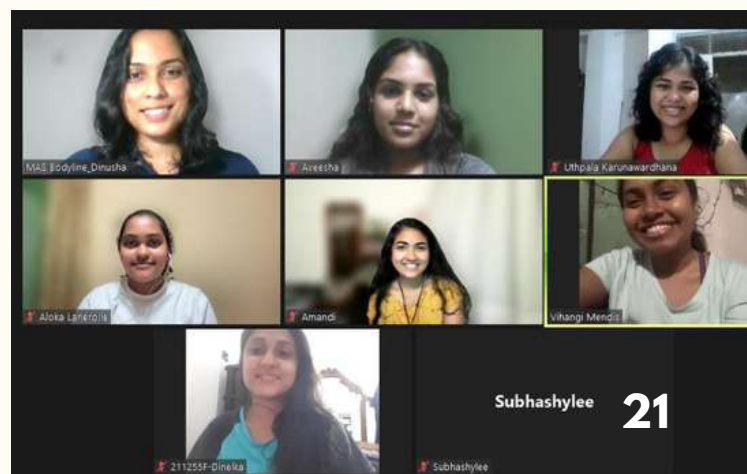
Rtr. Vihangi Mendis

Rtr. Buvani Guruge

Rtr. Kisali Liyanage

MentHer is a women empowerment mentorship programme hosted by prominent female industrial leaders who navigate female undergraduates of University of Moratuwa through their professional and personal life to reach greater heights and unleash their true potential. They will be taught a set of professional skills, which will be beneficial when entering and interacting with the corporate sector.

Currently, MentHer is in the initial stage with eight prominent female mentors and 70 female undergraduates in their respective fields. After the initial mentoring sessions, there will be one-to-one sessions for better mentor-mentee interaction. In addition, this year our undergraduates will get the opportunity to physically participate in industrial training sessions in their righteous fields through the MentHer project.



# The Scholar

Co-chairs:

Rtr. Anujitha Athukorala

Rtr. Madara Palihakkara

Scholar is a project where we support our economically suffering undergraduates through a scholarship programme with the collaboration of the Mosvold Martinus Foundation. We have selected 50 undergraduates through a survey covering all the faculties and departments of the university. We are giving the scholarship to those 50 undergraduates throughout the Rotaract year for 9 months starting from July 2022. In addition, there will be more new initiatives regarding undergraduate welfare through Scholar in the near future.

## Kerdizo 1.0

Co-chairs:

Rtr. Nimodh Perera

Rtr. Chyaga Handunpathirana

Rtr. Janindu Bandara

Kerdizo is a project where our undergraduates are given a platform to earn an extra income while managing their academics. They will be taught the skills they need through a series of workshops and will be given both locally and globally available opportunities in their respective categories. In the 1st phase, there will be workshops in Web Development, App Development and Graphic Designing, Small Business and Entrepreneurship.



Grab the chance to join the  
**Organizing Committee**  
of the project

# KERDIZO 1.0

*Apply Now!*

**Suffering with the  
Economic Crisis?**



**Want to  
earn some  
Extra Money  
while studying?**



*Register Now!*

Online Teaching categories will be held both virtually and physically in the near future.

In the 2nd phase we will pitch and get extra earning opportunities from locally and globally available platforms, resource persons and websites and assign those to our registered undergraduates. So they can complete those assigned works and receive extra earnings. Currently, we are in the process of planning workshops under the 1st phase and pitching extra earning opportunities/jobs under the 2nd phase.



# Catalyst

Co-chairs:

Rtr. Anujitha Athukorala

Rtr. Madara Palihakkara



Catalyst'22 was the official director board training program where the newly elected board of directors was given a platform to enhance their professional skills and better understand the Rotaract movement.

This year Catalyst consisted of four physical sessions with top-notch resource persons who covered the topics: “role of directors”, “what is Rotaract?”, “personal branding” and “leadership training” on the 25th & 26th of June 2022. In addition, there was an online session themed “Professional Communication & Partnership Pitching” on the 6th of July 2022.





# ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE



## Zooxanthellae

Co-chairs:

Rtr. Chamodi Welmilla

Rtr. Avishka Janith

Rtr. Asel Iksura

Zooxanthellae is a project where our undergraduates and authorities are doing a great service to preserve coral reefs, seaweeds and the ocean. The undergraduates are taught about coral and ocean life and necessary steps are made to save coral reefs and grow more for the future. This is one of the major projects of Rotaract Mora that helps the future of the community.

The project's second phase has already begun with the transplantation in Kaburugamuwa, and our Rotaractors are in the process of getting ready for the monitoring sessions and transplantation of the underwater farm of corals.





# Leave no trace

Co-chairs:

Rtr. Namina Wijetunga

Rtr. Keshanie Kodduruarachchi

"Leave No Trace" is a beach clean up project which is focused on protecting marine life and its environment. This is a collaborative project with the Rotaract club of PAN Colombo and the Rotaract Club of APIIT. The main purpose of this project was to clean up the beach area in Dehiwala, one of the most crowded beach areas in Colombo metropolitan city. Volunteers from all three clubs gathered to clean and dispose of the plastic and polythene to improve the coastal and ocean ecosystem by ensuring that none of the trash kills marine life or is toxic enough to disrupt the aquatic life cycle. And it also would help to motivate the local community to retain the freshness of the beach, which can lead to attracting more tourists and help their businesses as well.



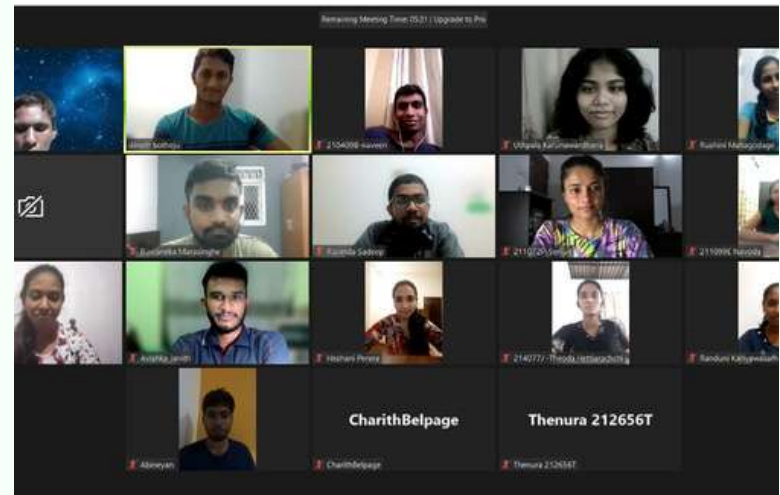
# Urbanscape

Co-chairs:

Rtr. Chanodya Walpolapitiya

Rtr. Nisal Shanaka Rathnamalala

Rtr. Shachintha Dineth Botheju



"Think green, act green"

Urbanscape unfolded its newest chapter with the aim of promoting urban edible gardening while taking necessary provisions to establish urban gardening structures in urban areas. At square one, joining hands with Landscape Students Society, an urban gardening competition has been set to begin. In order to keep the participants engrossed and educate society, an urban gardening tip-sharing awareness series has been shared through social media platforms.

Emerging the green goal at the university, a subproject to build an urban garden within the premises has been set forth with the collaboration of innovative brains in the Civil Engineering Department.

# MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

# FUDISIA<sup>2022</sup>

## Fudisia

Co-chairs:

Rtr. Methmina Gunarathna

Rtr. Sachini Senanayake

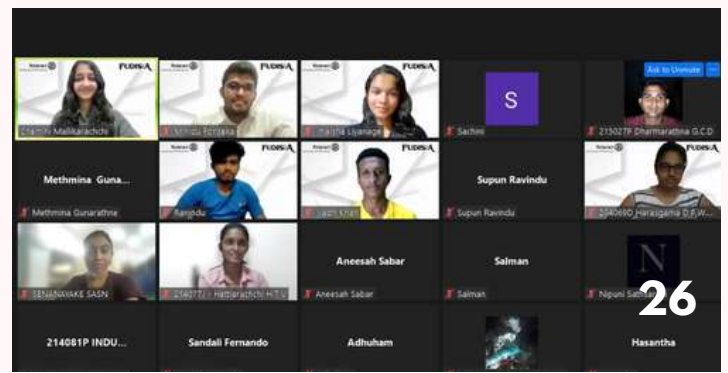
Rtr. Theoda Hettiarachchi

Fudisia '22 was a skill-developing webinar series, which focused on helping university undergraduates develop their skills in graphic designing, content writing, leadership and moderating. The PR campaign was carried out for nearly a month with the immense support of designers and caption writers of the organising committee.

As the first session of the webinar series, the Graphic Designing and Content Writing session was held on the 26th of August with the participation of over 100 undergraduates.

Guest speakers for the session were Mr. Minidu Fonseka and Miss Imalsha Liyanage.

On the 27th of August, the Leadership and Moderating session was hosted with the participation of over 50 undergraduates. Mr. Shehan Paul and Mr. Bimsara Somarathna were the guest speakers of the day.





# Rota Novatos

Co-chairs:

Rtr. Muthuhari Nisansala

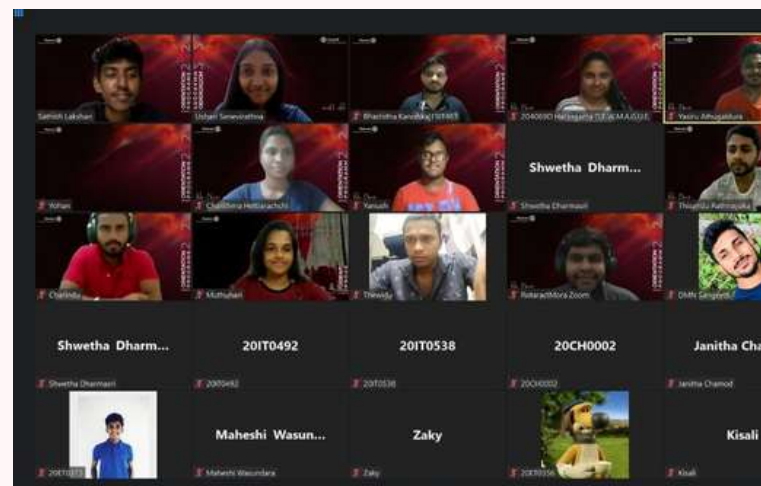
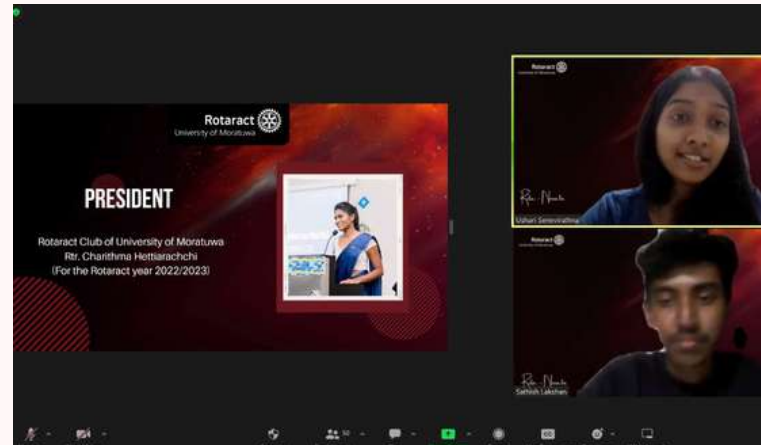
Rtr. Bashitha Kanishka Bandara

Rota Novatos is a project which is hosted by the Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa, initiating the objective of achieving the goals of boosting the club's active membership and maximising their productivity for effectively completing the subsequent projects.

The President of Rotaract Mora conducted the event and the undergraduates of NDT were invited to take part in this virtual event via the zoom platform.

In addition, adequate knowledge on basic overview of the club and an outline of each avenue was presented with the support of co-directors of the relevant avenue. This expanded the participant's understanding of each route they could take, and encouraged their participation in initiatives in their preferred avenues. Also, Rotaractors did not forget to entertain the participants with an amazing musical cover.

Eventually, Rota Novatos successfully marked its conclusion with more than 65+ participants and more than 200 registrations.



# SPORTS AND SPECIAL SERVICE



## Futsal Fest'22

Co-chairs:

Rtr. Thinura Punchihewa

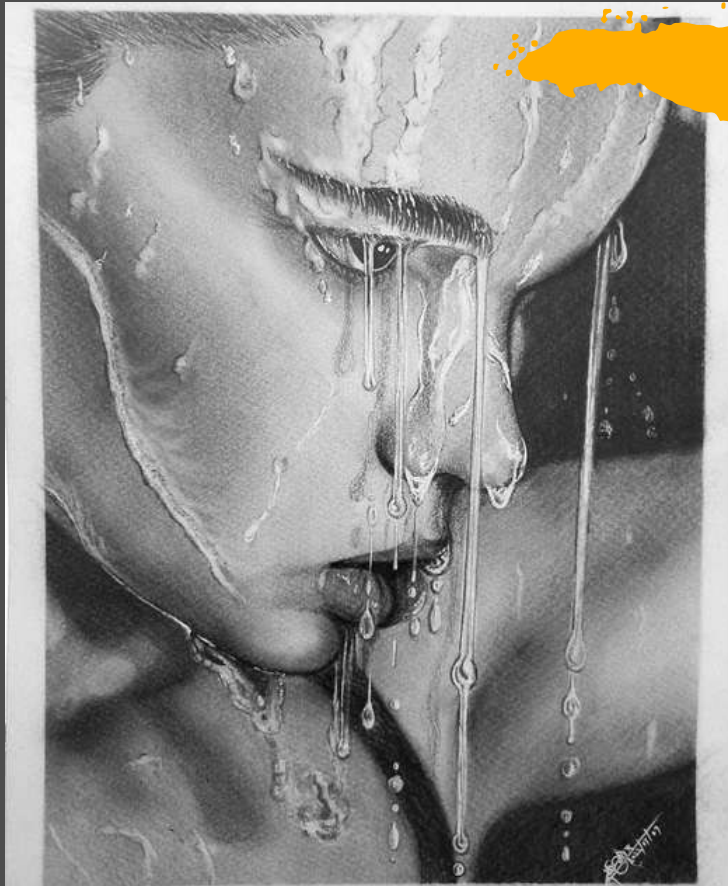
Rtr. Shwetha Dharmasri

Futsal Fest'22 which was held on 24th September 2022 is a football tournament that was organised to enhance the football skills of Rotaractors and University undergraduates. This is recognized as an official Futsal Practice Tournament for RCL'23 and strengthened ties with other Rotaract Clubs and Universities.





# MIRROR WALL



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## Way of the World

With all that life brings  
Comes the vestiges of pain and  
sorrow, not known by me alone  
But still so vivid to myself  
Than others would find.  
When the rains have stopped  
And is the time of summer  
Here comes the rain  
Pouring unto me,  
Unto me only  
While the flowers in bloom  
Why did you have to crush it down  
Till the colors washed away?  
When all was well  
Why did you come onto us  
Into our lives?  
Thunder pricks my heart  
Of the path that's left for us  
Through the thunderclouds.  
The dreams of strolls through  
The flower littered meadow  
Now lies in puddles of water  
Puddles of dirt filled water.  
How much more is left  
Till one of us gives up?  
What has the sun done to the moon?  
Why are the clouds angered upon  
another  
Why is the world so cruel!

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## TO LOVE OR TO HAVE LOST

I want to hold your hands,  
That caressed me all through the day,  
Darkness didn't appeal to you,  
Whenever you wanted so show me your love,  
But now I cannot, no more,  
For your hands are smothered in a poisonous  
venom,  
That the devil might sense if I'm intertwined,  
"Or is it your sweet sinner ?", I question,  
Only in my mind,  
Half laughing and half annoyed,  
Over not owning these hands no more,  
Over feeling the loss of these hands,  
Over losing my sanity,  
That caressed me all through the day.

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## නොදෙවෙනි වීරයා

හිරු එළිය ගලා යයි කුවියට  
කවුළු පියන්නේ අතරින්  
සුපුරුදු විලසින්ම  
එහෙත් කිම ඒ හිරු එළිය මෙතරම් ප්‍රබෝධමත්  
සෙනෙහසේ නිධානයට  
ගජ මුතුවන් අර්ථයක් ලබා දෙමින්  
අප ඇති දැඩි කලාවු සි  
නැති බැරකම පසෙකලා  
ඇතිහැකි බව පමණක් හිතට දී  
හැමදාම අපි අසලම රැඳෙනා මගේ ලොවේ වීරයා  
අපි හැම අත්වැල් බැඳ ආ ගමනේ  
තව තවත් බාධක හමුවේවි  
සුපුරුදු විලසින්ම යමු සැවොම  
නොසැලී ඉදිරියටම එක පවුරක් ලෙසින

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වැහි බිංදු දඩ දඩස් ගා කියයි සැතපෙන්න  
මුරු ඇඳ මැටි ගොඩේ පැද්දේවි නලවන්න  
ඉටි පහන් නිව් යයි හෙට රෑට දැල්වෙන්න  
අළු ලිපේ හැරගේවි සතියකින් ඇහැරෙන්න

පොල් අත්ත ටකරමක් කලේ නුඹ රකින්නයි  
මුරු ඇඳ හැදුවෙ නුඹ සතපවා තියන්නයි  
ඉටි පහන් ගෙනාවේ කිරි සීනා බලන්නයි  
නුඹ හැතිව මේ ලිපේ කුමට බත හදන්නැයි?

හැමදාම කියයි නුඹ අම්මේ මට සිතලයි  
නිදන විට මගෙ තුරුලේ ඔළුව මං ඉඹින්නැයි?  
එලිය තව මදි නම් රෑට ඉර ගේන්නැයි?  
එන්නටත් කලින් නුඹ ඇයි ගියේ අහන්නැයි?

මැසු ඒ ගවුම් පොඩි මම අරන් තියන්නම්  
ගෙතු ඒ පබළු වැල් පෙට්ටියේ දමන්නම්  
නුඹ ගියේ මගේ කුසේ ඉඩ මදිව හින්දනම්  
එන දාක කියාපන් එරැහු කිරි තියන්නම්

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## මම මටම

රාමුවෙන් පිටපැන්න,  
මුත් තෙත් කවුළුවක  
සිදුරකින් ගලා එන  
පැහැසාර හිරු එළිය  
නඟයි,  
බලාපොරොත්තු!  
එහෙත් මෙහි අවසනක්  
වෙයිද මියනා තුරුත්  
මම මටම එරෙහිවද  
අසන මුත් නිරන්තර  
නැත  
එයට පිළිතුරක්.

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ஈசல் பூச்சி

ஓட்டப்பாதையினை பார்க்க பயந்து கண்களை மூடிக்கொண்டேன்  
எத்தனை வலிகள்!  
மூடிய இமைகளிடை கண்ணீர்த் துளிகள்!

தடக்கி விழுந்த எனக்கு  
எழுந்திட தோன்றவில்லை நான் என்ன செய்யட்டும்?

பல சிறகுகளின் படபடப்பு  
மெலிதாய் என் செவிகளை எட்ட  
மெதுவாய் என் இமைகளை பிரித்தேன் திகைத்தேன்!

ஈசல் பூச்சிகள்!

ஒரு நாள் வாழ்வுக்கே  
எத்தகைய விடாமுயற்சி!  
நானென்ன அவற்றை விடக் கீழா?  
எத்தனை நீண்ட ஆயுள்!

என் விழிகளுக்கு இமைகளை கவசமாக்க  
தோன்றவில்லை இப்போது,

நம்பிக்கை எனும் கவசம் கொண்டு போராட உரம் கொண்டேன்

ஆஹா!  
இதுதான் வாழ்க்கை போலும்.

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## ONE DAY

One day a flower bloomed in the world.

Anyone

Gave life-love and affection

Caring it and bearing it

Raring lovely and safely

Protected and gave bonds of the world

Understanding day to day things

Gave advice, custom and same rights

Built a mind to win the world

Back born of it

Kind gratitude

It is none other than

my lovely mother.

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කේතලේ උණු වතුර පැහි පැහි කෙමිය දුම් රැලි වමාරන කොට,  
හිත මිදුම තාම මිදුලේ පාවේවි වතුසුදු ගහේ වට...

අම්මගේ දැලි වැකුණු රෙද්දෙන් වසාගෙන හි ගඩු පිපෙන පිට,  
මිනාක්කා දුම් මැදින් හිනැහෙයි බලන් මල්ලිගේ උල් කට...

රියෙ මහ රෑ මොනවදෝ බී ගෙදර ආ අපෙ පෙරිය අන්නා,  
කාසි වගයක් පිලේ තියලා අප්පාට හොඳටෝම බැන්නා...  
උදේ ඇහැරි පැදුර අකුලා දළු ගෝනි ටික කිහිලි ගන්නා,  
ඉස්ටෝරුවේ හයේ කණිසම වදින්නට පෙර වැටෙන් පැන්නා...

අලුත් ටීවර් එදත් කිව්වා පැමිණීම මගෙ නරක විත්තිය,  
මන් ඉතින් මොනවා කියන්නද නියෙන් හුරු මිසක් බිත්තිය...  
කටක් ඇරලා හැමදාම මට එන්න බැරි වග කියන සත්තිය,  
හිතේ නෑ මට බලන විට ඇස් කොහෙන් රෝපා සුදු මුවැත්තිය...

එකම ගුටියක් කන්න වෙනවා චිත්‍ර පොත් හෙම අරන් නාවට,  
ඒත් ඒකට හිලව් කළහැකි රෝපා ගෙ ලස්සන හිනා කට...  
පැන පිහියෙන් රැහැල එන්නට ඕන ටීවගෙ කෝටුවේ ගැට,  
සෙල්වමුත් තැන්කිවු කියයි කෙරුවොතින් නම් ඒ හපන්කම මට...

සාපෙලන් මේ වාරෙ අන්නිම තියෙන වග ලොකු සර් කිව්වා,  
ඒ ඇහෙද්දී ස්වාමි දුන් නූලේ වටේ මගෙ ඇඟිලි දිව්වා...  
ගණේෂා ගේ පිලිමයේ ලඟ එදත් මම තල ගුලිය තිව්වා,  
ඉස්කෝලෙ පොත් අතුරුදන් වුණු දවසෙ අප්පා හුඟක් බිව්වා...

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தினமும்,  
வலிய கதிர்களை  
உலகெங்கும்  
பரப்பும் கதிரவன் இருந்தாலும்;  
நானும் இருக்கின்றேன் என  
தினம் இரவில் சிரிக்கும்  
சந்திரனைப் போல...  
உன்னுள் தோன்றும்  
சிறு இன்பம் போதுமே  
தினமும் நீசிரிக்க...

Meaning :

The brightest sun in the sky who gives light to the  
world is there,  
Everyday, the moon is smiling to show that he is  
also there,  
Like that, isn't a little happiness enough for you  
to keep your smile forever? ☺

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## Searching for past

Looking everywhere  
Every corner  
Which I could relate  
The feelings I feel

More than answers  
There are still doubts  
For every experience  
I get to meet

I could scream to the sky  
And ask for you  
Just come near me  
And set me free

My mind is in mess  
Until I find you  
To get the answers  
I am searching for

But for a fact  
I know this firmly  
The connection I feel  
Is undeniable wholly

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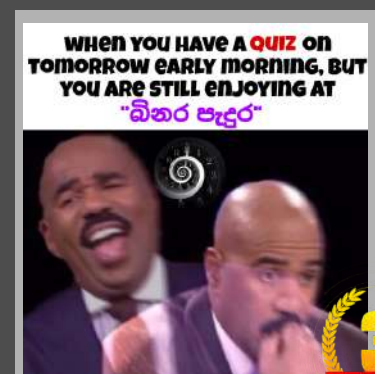
# *Odyssey* Piffle Corner MEME COMPETITION

## PIFFLE CORNER

"Piffle Corner" is a meme competition which was organised by the organising committee of "Odyssey".

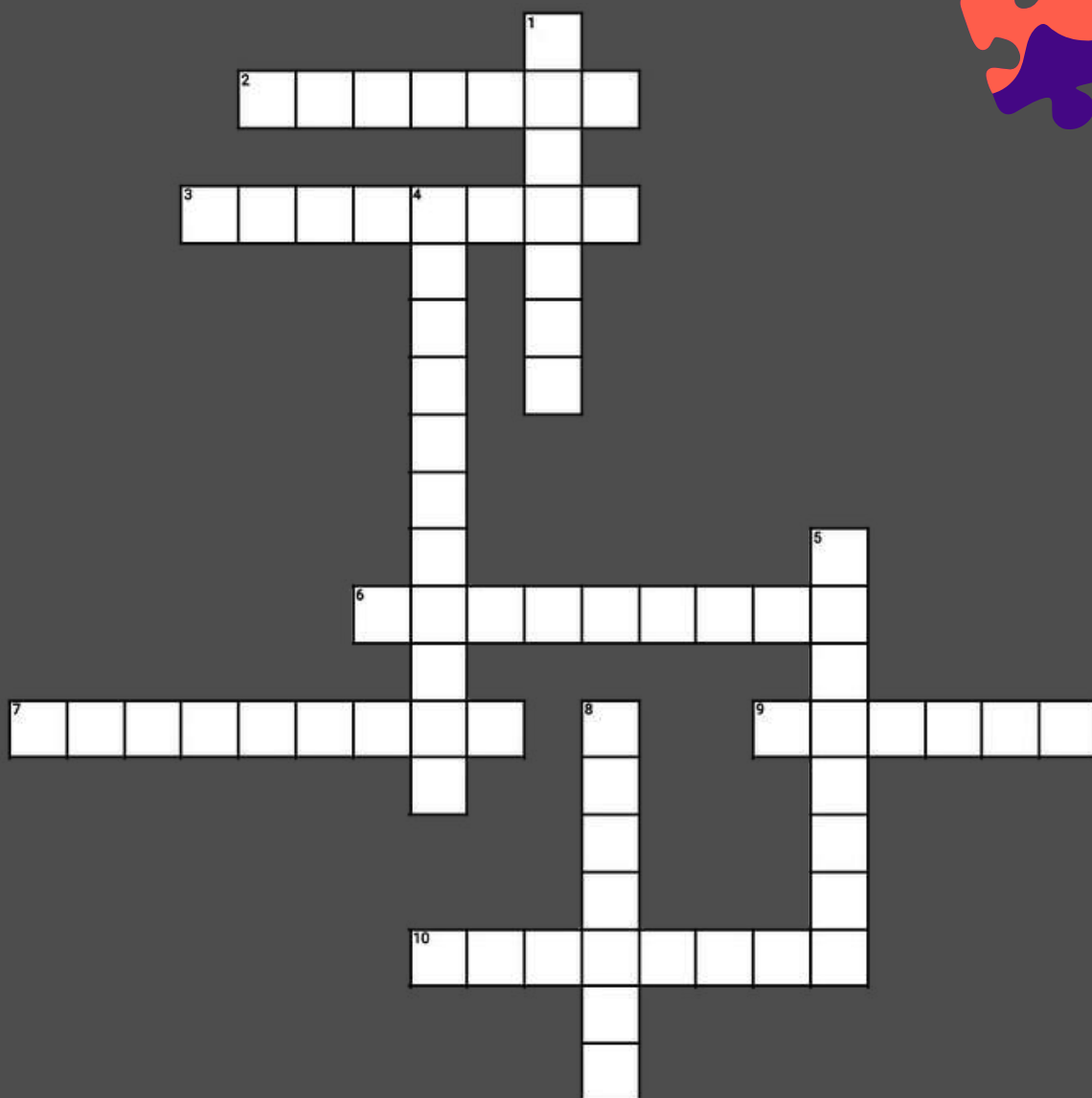
The competition was carried out under the theme "Current reality of Sri Lankans". Among the submissions, the best three memes were selected by a panel of judges and a handsome reward will be offered for the meme champion.

So dear giggle makers, it's high time to reveal the winner of "Piffle Corner".



# CROSSWORD

# PUZZLE





## Across

2. The Annual Rotaract Orientation Programme for ITUM Undergraduates was called Rota \_\_\_\_\_.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ is a project of Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa, which aims to protect street dogs from neglect and abandonment.
6. The winners of the prime challenge Incognito were awarded with a special gift pack on Premio \_\_\_\_\_ - the Annual Award Ceremony.
7. Rostrum – the online, friendly debate' is a novel initiative undertaken by Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa in association with Rotaract Club of \_\_\_\_\_ University of Rotaract District 3232.
9. Indiretto Treasure Hunt 2022 Winners were Team \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Which beach area did Zooxanthellae of Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa launch a Beach Cleanup in September 2022?

## Down

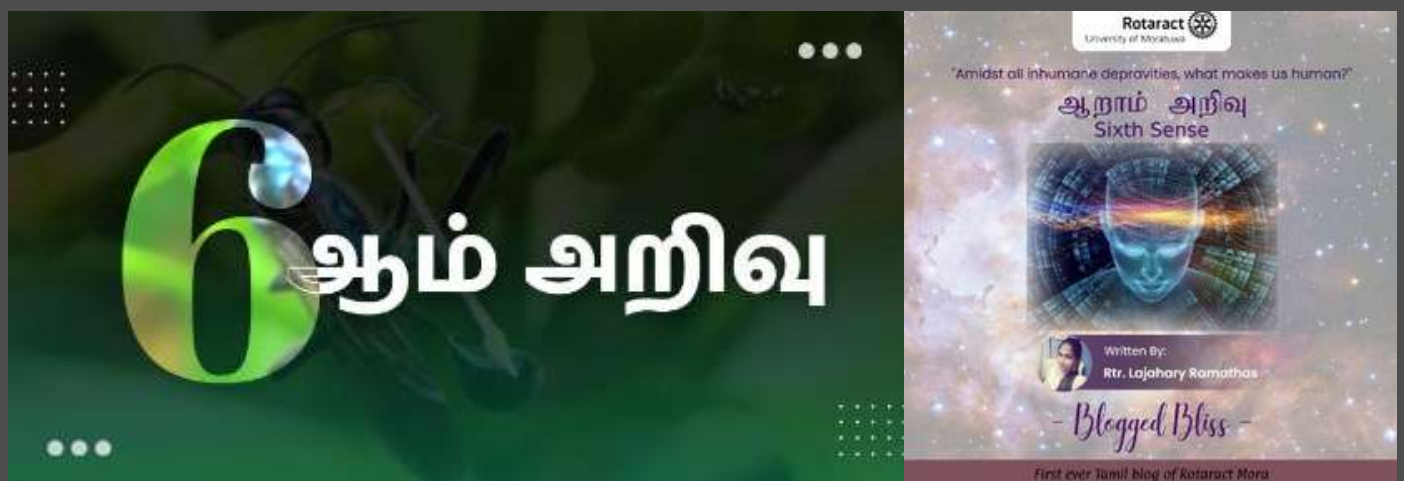
1. Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa, in collaboration with Rotaract Club of Faculty of Science, University of \_\_\_\_\_, organizes the platform 'Data Storm' for the benefit of young advanced analytics enthusiasts.
4. Ecolastic project was able to partner with the textile manufacturer, \_\_\_\_\_ which manufactures t-shirts from recycled PET plastic bottles.
5. 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 \_\_\_\_\_.
8. "Most Outstanding Professional Development Initiative in Personal Development" Title Award in 32nd Rotaract District Assembly.



## ROTARACT MORA BLOG

The official blog of Rotaract Mora is a stage to voice out one's creativity through the wizardry of words. Ranging from articles in retrospect of completed projects to featured stories on making positive changes in the world, the Blog of Rotaract Mora is a museum of artworks coloured with words, which embodies the spirit of serving above self through the global movement of Rotaract.

The Rotaract Mora Blog marked a significant milestone this quarter as the first-ever Tamil blog in the history of Rotaract Mora was successfully published. Considering the low Tamil fluency in the club, the blog consisted of a special feature, a Tamil to English translate option, and vice versa, which enabled everyone to grasp the essence of the blog. Henceforth language shall never be a barrier to express and comprehend creativity!





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