

ROTARY CLUB OF  
COLOMBO CENTENNIAL

# CENTI-NEWS



## Centennial Family Joint Meeting

The Rotary Club of Colombo Centennial hosted a joint meeting on 1st October with the Centennial family, bringing together the Rotaract Club of SLTC, Rotaract Club of Centennial United, the Interact Club of Good Shepherd Convent, and the Interact Club of Holy Cross College. The session focused on collaborative planning for Mistletoe, the club's upcoming mega event, with each partner club exploring how they could contribute to ensuring its success. The meeting also served as a platform to strengthen inter-club relationships and foster a spirit of unity across all youth arms of Rotary. Members concluded the discussion with a shared commitment to work together creatively and efficiently in the lead-up to the event.



## ● Seeds of Change

The Rotary Club of Colombo Centennial launched its pilot cultivation project in Welioya on 4th October, marking the first step toward strengthening sustainable food security in the community. A variety of seeds — from ladies' fingers to green gram and pumpkin — were distributed to support home-based farming, alongside symbolic tree plantings to reinforce long-term environmental commitment. For local families, these seeds offer both nourishment and a pathway toward greater stability and self-reliance. This initiative forms part of a wider effort to promote scalable, sustainable cultivation and build lasting resilience in Welioya.

### ● Hope on Wheels

Sixteen bicycles were handed over to schoolchildren in Welioya on 4th October 2025, easing their long and often exhausting journeys to school while opening the door to safer, more accessible education. This initiative was made possible through the generous support of Rotary International District 2982, along with the leadership of Immediate Past District Governor Sushena Ranatunga and the District 3220 Hope on Wheels Team. Appreciations are also extended to IPP Crysantha Perera and Ven. Monarawela Sadda Mangala Thero for their key roles in identifying beneficiaries and guiding the project. Hope on Wheels continues to uplift young lives, demonstrating the power of simple solutions to create meaningful, lasting change.



### ● Empowering Entrepreneurs

**SME Conclave in Welioya – 4th October**  
On 4th October 2025, an SME Conclave in Welioya brought together over 50 local entrepreneurs to discuss their challenges, needs, and opportunities for growth. Participants from farming, retail, food processing, and micro enterprises highlighted the need for microloans, machinery, investor support, and mentorship. Led by Fundraising Chair Rtn. Rasika Galapathi with support from IPP Rtn. Crysantha Perera, Rtn. Kolitha, and Rtn. Milindu, the session laid the groundwork for future collaborations. The event underscored the power of economic empowerment in strengthening rural communities.

### ● Command to Inspire

A joint meeting was held with the Rotary Clubs of Cinnamon Gardens and Colombo Mid Town, creating an opportunity for collaboration, shared insights, and strengthened fellowship. The highlight of the evening was an inspiring session by Mr. Bradley Emerson, Founder and CEO of Business Athletes (Pvt) Ltd, on “Command to Inspire: Redefining Leadership.” His session encouraged members to rethink traditional leadership approaches and embrace purpose-driven influence. The meeting also featured updates from all three clubs on ongoing initiatives, followed by fellowship that reinforced unity and partnership within the Rotary family.





## ● Womb to World Opening

A long-closed maternity clinic in Ganemulla — once serving over 100–140 mothers annually — was brought back to life through a dedicated initiative led by our club. The project included funding a new consultation room along with two modern bathrooms, ensuring a safer and more dignified space for both doctors and expectant mothers. Before officially handing over the facility, a special appreciation event was held to honour 85 village volunteers whose commitment made the transformation possible. Each volunteer received a token of gratitude, reflecting our shared spirit of Uniting for Good. In rebuilding this clinic, we have helped restore not just a facility, but hope and care for an entire community.



## ● Board Meeting

The meeting, chaired by President Shervon, highlighted the successful completion of the Weli Oya community initiatives and the Ganemulla Maternity Clinic project, while urging members to maintain follow-up for long-term impact. Preparations for the 5th December Mega Event were reviewed, with key performers confirmed and members encouraged to focus on ticket sales, sponsorships, and logistical arrangements. A proposal by Rtn. Ranjan for a donation initiative in Welikande this November was also presented for member support. The meeting concluded with fellowship and dinner.

## ● Nurturing Hands

In collaboration with the Rotary Club of Madurai Malligai, District 3000, a heartfelt joint initiative was carried out to uplift and support expectant mothers in need. As part of the project, dry rations and cash grants were provided to two pregnant mothers, ensuring they received essential care during this important stage of life. This effort reflects Rotary's unwavering commitment to compassion, community well-being, and meaningful cross-border service.





# Mega Event

Rotary Rotaract Interact

Saranga Dissasekera

7.30 PM

**POSTPONED**

THE Mistletoe

Falon Andrea

**Due to Adverse Weather Conditions**

**New Date to be Announced Soon!**

TICKET PRICE  
Rs. 6000

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