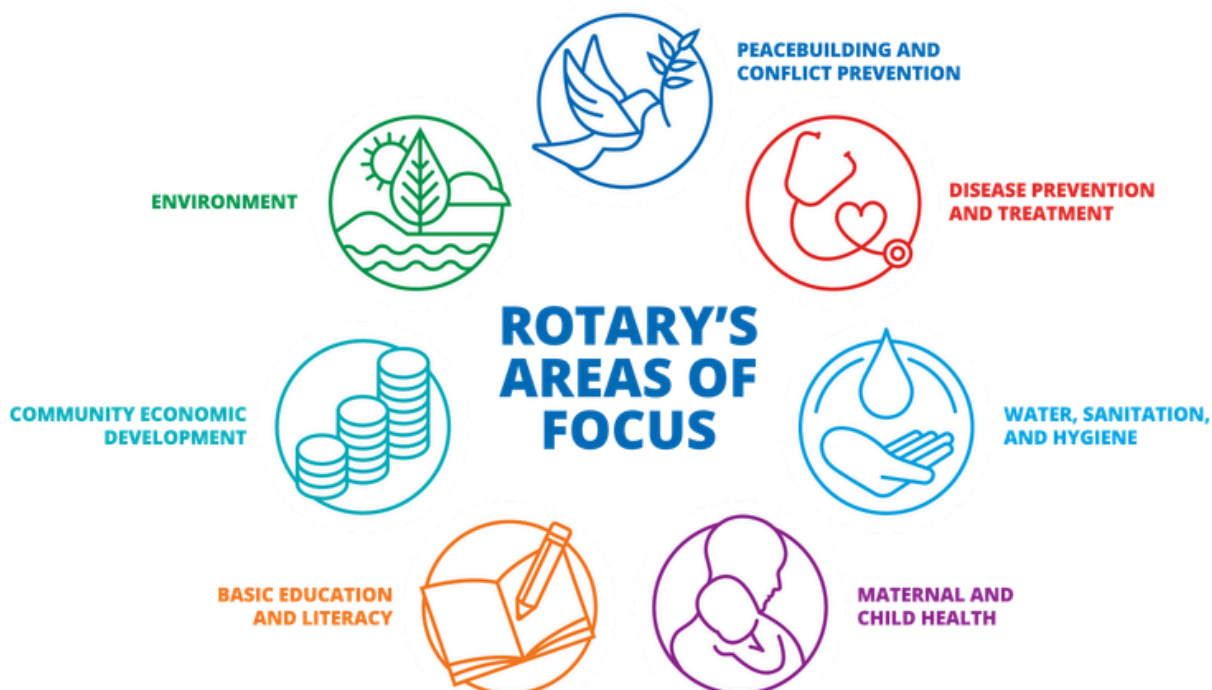


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Northern Investment Summit 2026

On 8th April, the Rotary Club of Colombo Centennial, in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Colombo East, hosted a joint meeting at Cinnamon Grand, Colombo, centered around the Northern Investment Summit 2026. The session brought together members and guests for an engaging discussion on investment opportunities and regional economic development.

The highlight of the evening was an insightful presentation by Ms. Shanthi Bhagirathan, a distinguished corporate leader and strategist, who shared her expertise on business growth, innovation, and the importance of driving sustainable investment in the region. The meeting provided valuable perspectives and concluded with fellowship among members, strengthening collaboration between the two clubs.



PolioZero: Empowering Communities Through Awareness & Prevention

On 26th April 2026, the Rotary Club of Colombo Centennial hosted PolioZero at the Ganemulla South Maternity Clinic, bringing together the community for an impactful edutainment programme focused on health and well-being.

The session covered key areas including:

- Life skills in reproductive health
- Breast cancer prevention
- Polio prevention
- Thalassemia awareness

The programme was conducted by Former PDHS NCP / PP PHF Rtn. Dr. Palitha Bandara, ensuring expert guidance and meaningful engagement for all participants.





Supporting Rehabilitation with Care: Nourishing Recovery

The Rotary Club of Colombo Centennial carried out a meaningful initiative to support a rehabilitation centre dedicated to individuals recovering from drug addiction by providing essential dry rations to ensure stability and dignity during their recovery journey. Recognising the challenges faced by such centres in maintaining a consistent food supply, this project aimed to bridge a critical gap and support uninterrupted daily operations.

The ration packs included staple items such as rice, lentils, and other essentials, ensuring proper nutrition for residents. By addressing food insecurity, the initiative allows individuals to focus on their physical and mental recovery while also fostering a sense of care, belonging, and hope. This effort reflects Rotary's commitment to health, compassion, and sustainable social impact, contributing positively to long-term recovery outcomes.



Inspiring Young Minds at St. Bridget's Convent: Environmental Awareness

The Rotary Club of Colombo Centennial successfully conducted an Environmental Awareness programme on the 27th of April at St. Bridget's Convent Primary School, Colombo 07, engaging over 300 students from Grades 1 to 5 in an interactive and educational session. The programme was led by Rtn. Sandali Geethma, President of the Rotary Club of Kolonnawa and District Project Chair for Rotary for Environment, who delivered an engaging session on plastic pollution and the importance of keeping our environment clean, supported by practical demonstrations.

As part of the initiative, 8 dustbins were donated to the school to encourage proper waste management and instill responsible habits among students. We extend our sincere appreciation to Rev. Sister Mary Dilrukshika Silva, Principal of St. Bridget's Convent Primary School, for her support and cooperation in making this project a success. This initiative reflects our commitment to nurturing environmentally conscious future generations.





Little Minds Strong Values: Event 1

The Rotary Club of Colombo Centennial successfully conducted the LMSV District Project – Event 1 on the 22nd of April 2026 at Shri Sumangala Primary School. The programme engaged primary students in performing songs that promoted positive values and good habits such as kindness, discipline, respect, cleanliness, and responsibility. Through these performances, students were given the opportunity to creatively express important life lessons while developing confidence, teamwork, and communication skills.

The initiative was designed to strengthen value-based education and encourage peaceful interactions among young students. By using music and performance as a medium, the project helped instill lifelong positive values that students can carry into their schools, homes, and communities, contributing towards building a more respectful and harmonious society.





Little Minds Strong Values: Event 2

The Rotary Club of Colombo Centennial successfully conducted the LMSV District Project – Event 2 on the 23rd of April 2026 at Shri Sumangala Primary School. The programme engaged primary students in performing songs that promoted positive values and habits such as kindness, discipline, respect, cleanliness, and responsibility. Through these performances, students were encouraged to express important life lessons creatively while developing confidence, teamwork, and communication skills.

The initiative aimed to strengthen value-based education among young students and encourage peaceful interactions within the community. By using music and performance as a medium, the project reinforced positive social values that students can continue to practice in their schools, homes, and communities, contributing towards building a more respectful and harmonious society.





Little Minds Strong Values: Event 3

The Rotary Club of Colombo Centennial successfully conducted the LMSV District Project – Event 3 on the 24th of April 2026 at Shri Sumangala Primary School. The programme engaged primary students in performing songs that promoted positive values and habits such as kindness, discipline, respect, cleanliness, and responsibility. Through these performances, students were encouraged to express important life lessons creatively while developing confidence, teamwork, and communication skills.

The initiative was organized to strengthen value-based education among young students and encourage peaceful interactions within the community. By using music and performance as a medium, the project reinforced positive social values that students can continue to practice in their schools, homes, and communities, contributing towards building a more respectful and harmonious society.





Little Minds Strong Values: Event 4

The Rotary Club of Colombo Centennial successfully conducted the LMSV District Project – Event 4 on the 30th of April 2026 at Ehetugaswewa Vidyalaya. The programme engaged primary students in performing songs that promoted positive values and habits such as kindness, discipline, respect, cleanliness, and responsibility. Through these creative performances, students were able to confidently express meaningful life lessons while developing teamwork and communication skills in an enjoyable and interactive environment.

The initiative was organized with the aim of strengthening value-based education among young students and encouraging peaceful interactions within the community. By using music and performance as a medium, the project reinforced important social values that students can continue to practice in their schools, homes, and communities, contributing towards building a more respectful and harmonious future generation.





Safe Sanitation Initiative – Welioya

The Rotary Club of Colombo Centennial successfully launched the Safe Sanitation Initiative – Welioya on the 29th of April 2026 to support six vulnerable families in Welioya by refurbishing broken and unsafe toilet facilities. The project focused on repairing and upgrading damaged sanitation facilities to ensure they are safe, hygienic, and functional for daily use, particularly for women, children, and elderly family members.

The need for the initiative was identified through community visits and discussions with families facing sanitation challenges due to financial limitations. By improving access to safe sanitation, the project aims to enhance health, hygiene, safety, and dignity while contributing towards long-term community well-being and improved living conditions.



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SME SUCCESS STORIES



Green Market Advisory Initiative

The Rotary Club of Colombo Centennial successfully conducted the Green Market Advisory Initiative on the 29th of April 2026 in Colombo to support small-scale organic SME producers. The initiative featured a strategic consulting session focused on improving a Green Market platform aimed at strengthening market access, bridging supply and demand gaps, and creating trusted B2B and B2C connections between producers and consumers through the Rotary network.

During the session, discussions highlighted key challenges faced by organic planters in market connectivity and supply chain efficiency. The initiative emphasized the importance of combining technology with community networks to promote sustainable agriculture, improve livelihoods, and create long-term opportunities for organic producers.





Baking Hope – Livelihood Support Project

The Rotary Club of Colombo Centennial successfully implemented the Baking Hope – Livelihood Support Project on 9th March 2026 in Welioya, aimed at supporting a low-income family engaged in a home-based cake business. As part of the initiative, an electric cake mixer with a three-year warranty was donated to help the family improve production efficiency, maintain consistent quality, and increase their income-generating capacity.

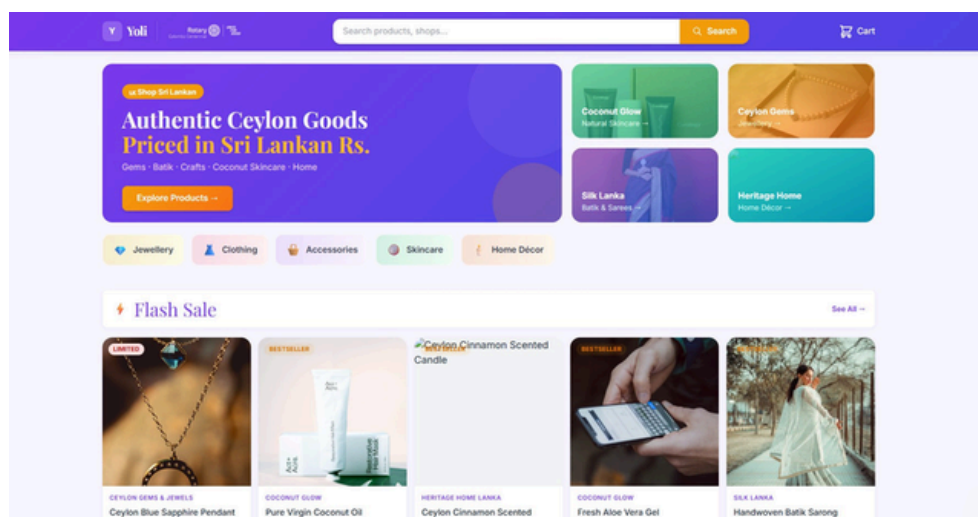
The need for the project was identified during the SME Conclave organized by the Rotary Club, where small business owners highlighted challenges in scaling home-based enterprises due to limited equipment. By providing essential tools, the project empowers the family to strengthen their livelihood, expand their customer base, and achieve greater financial stability. The initiative contributes to long-term economic resilience by enabling sustainable income generation through improved small business operations.



Development of SME platform Yoli to support SMEs

The Rotary Club of Colombo Centennial successfully implemented the Development of SME Platform – Yoli from 1st July 2025 to 30th April 2026, a district-level initiative designed to digitally empower Sri Lankan SMEs through a scalable and user-friendly eCommerce platform. Yoli enables small and medium enterprises to onboard easily, manage products, and access both local and global markets while strengthening their digital presence.

The project was developed based on widespread SME feedback highlighting challenges such as limited market access, low visibility, and difficulty scaling businesses. By connecting SMEs to a global Rotary network and over 1.1 million Rotarians worldwide, Yoli creates continuous B2B and B2C opportunities, improves income potential, and supports long-term economic growth. The platform ensures sustainability through its scalable digital model, ongoing usage by SMEs, and continuous expansion, making it a lasting solution for economic empowerment and community development.

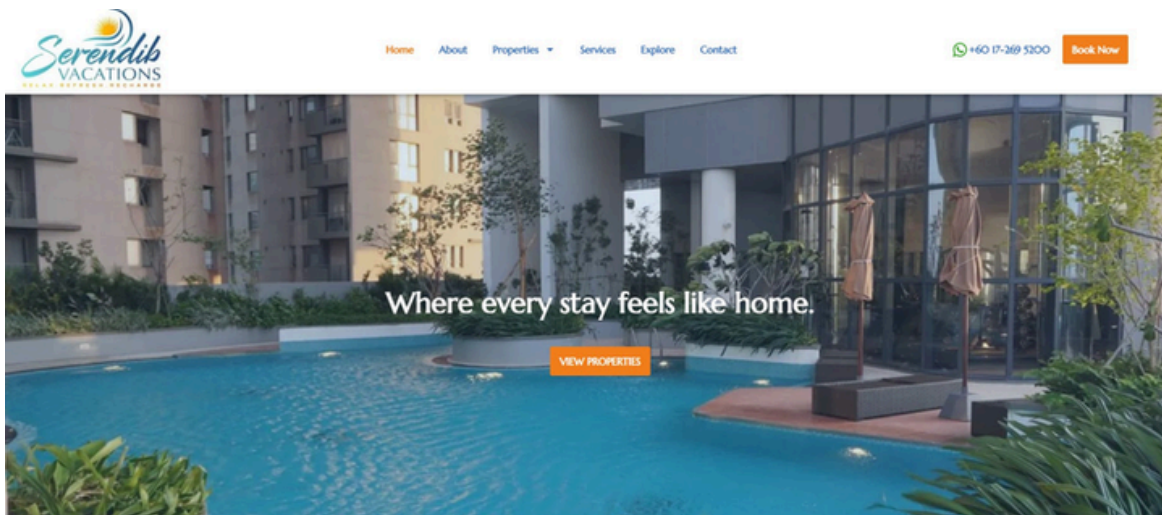




SME Digital Efficiency Initiative – Serendib

The Rotary Club of Colombo Centennial successfully implemented the SME Digital Efficiency Initiative – Serendib from 3rd November 2025 to 1st March 2026 at Union Place, aimed at enhancing SME productivity through targeted process digitization. The project focused on identifying and converting manual, paper-based workflows into simple, user-friendly digital systems to improve efficiency, reduce errors, and strengthen information management within Serendib. Through direct engagement and workflow assessments, key operational inefficiencies such as delays and limited visibility were identified and addressed through practical digital solutions requiring minimal technical expertise.

As a result, the organization experienced improved productivity, faster turnaround times, and better coordination across operations. The initiative ensures long-term sustainability by enabling continued use of the systems internally, supporting business growth, and demonstrating how low-cost digital transformation can strengthen SME performance and contribute to broader economic development.





Seeds of Change II – Supporting 50 Households

The Rotary Club of Colombo Centennial successfully implemented Seeds of Change II – Supporting 50 Households on 1st May 2026 in Welioya, a District Grant initiative aimed at empowering 50 vulnerable households through sustainable livelihood and SME support. The project provided selected families with seeds to initiate or strengthen home gardening and small-scale cultivation, enabling them to improve household nutrition and generate additional income through the sale of surplus produce.

The initiative was developed through prior engagement with the Welioya community, where the need for sustainable income-generating solutions was identified. Alongside seed distribution, beneficiaries received basic cultivation guidance to ensure effective and long-term use of the support provided. By leveraging existing agricultural capacity within the community, the project promotes food security, self-reliance, and continuous income generation through a self-sustaining cycle of cultivation and harvest, ensuring lasting impact beyond the project period.





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