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ODYSSEY

FIRST QUARTER | JULY – SEPTEMBER EDITION

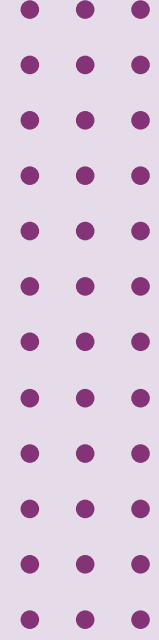
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HAS A STORY.

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A NEW YEAR.
A NEW CHAPTER.
A NEW ODYSSEY.

THE JOURNEY BEGINS

**ONE JOURNEY.
COUNTLESS STORIES.**



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Rtr. Subath Kathriarachchi

Dear Rotaractors,

As we mark the completion of the first quarter of the RI Year 2026–27, I am truly grateful for everything we have achieved together during these first few months. Looking back, it is inspiring to see how our collective efforts, dedication, and enthusiasm have transformed ideas into meaningful initiatives.

One of the highlights of this quarter was Binara Padura, which brought together nearly 1,000 participants in a celebration of music, culture, and fellowship. We also successfully conducted Mora Slam, a carrom tournament organized by the Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa in collaboration with the Carrom Team of the University of Moratuwa, creating a platform for competition, camaraderie, and sportsmanship.

As part of Project Scholar, we conducted our first Soft Skills Development Session, providing our members with an opportunity to strengthen skills that will contribute to their personal and professional growth. Meanwhile, Voltguard, our waste management initiative, is currently

underway and we successfully completed a field visit to the CleanTech Recycling Centre in Wattala, giving us valuable insights into sustainable waste management practices.

As we step into the next quarter, an exciting journey awaits us. Nexes, our newly initiated IT-related competition series, is currently in the planning stage and is scheduled to be held in December. Our flagship projects, Grama Prabodhaya and Zooxanthellae, have also commenced, while Prom Night and the Hand in Hand project are now underway. These initiatives will provide us with new opportunities to serve, learn, connect, and create lasting impact.



This quarter also marked an important step in strengthening the internal structure of our club. We established dedicated IT, PR, and Partnership Teams to enhance our efficiency and streamline our work. Furthermore, we introduced LinkR 2.0, our new member management platform, which will enable us to manage our membership more effectively and strengthen member engagement.

Completing the first quarter is not merely a milestone; it is a reminder of how much we can accomplish when we work together with a shared purpose. I encourage every Rotaractor to take ownership, embrace new opportunities, and contribute wholeheartedly to the journey ahead.

Let us carry the momentum of this first quarter forward and continue to grow, serve, and create an impact that truly matters.

Best regards,
Rtr. Subath Hansana Kathriarachchi
President RI Year 2026–27
Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa



SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Rtr. Linumi Costa

A new journey has begun.

As we stepped into RI Year 2026/27, we embarked on a new chapter filled with new responsibilities, new opportunities, and new possibilities. Though only a few months have passed, the journey we have shared so far has already given us countless moments that have shaped us both as individuals and as a club.

One of the most meaningful parts of this journey has been getting to know one another beyond our roles. Through working together, navigating challenges, and sharing experiences, we have begun to recognize each other's strengths, weaknesses, and potential. With every interaction, every project, and every responsibility, the spirit of Rotaract continues to come alive within us.

Over the past few months, our avenues have already taken steps forward through their projects and initiatives. Behind every successful project were challenges that demanded patience, teamwork, adaptability, and determination. Watching our Rotaractors face those challenges, learn from them, and come together to bring their ideas to life has been truly inspiring. To me,

this is a reflection of what being a Rotaractor is all about choosing service, embracing responsibility, and placing the needs of the community alongside our own.

What makes this journey especially meaningful is witnessing the people behind these efforts. Their commitment, potential, and willingness to step forward are qualities that deserve to be recognized and appreciated. The willingness to learn from mistakes, improve with every experience, and continuously strive to become better is, in itself, a journey of growth.



As the Secretary of the Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa, being able to witness these stories unfold has been a privilege. Every small contribution, every lesson learned, every challenge overcome, and every step taken forward becomes a part of the story we are building together.

This year, we stepped forward with the spirit of “Driven by purpose, Redefining the Future.” And even for today, that journey continues. We are still redefining the future, not merely through the projects we conduct but through the people we empower, the communities we serve, and the impact we leave behind.

There is still so much ahead of us. More challenges to face, more lessons to learn, more opportunities to serve, and countless stories yet to be written. As we continue this journey together, I hope we remain driven by purpose, united by service, and committed to making every step count.

Here’s to the journey we have begun, the growth we are experiencing, and the future we continue to redefine together.

Rtr. Linumi Costa

Secretary RI Year 2026–27

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Every odyssey begins with a step.

Some journeys begin with a destination in mind, while others unfold one experience at a time. As we proudly present the first edition of ODYSSEY for RI Year 2026-27, we look back at the first steps of a journey that has already brought together new responsibilities, new friendships, new ideas and countless opportunities to grow.

The opening months of this RI Year have been filled with purpose, creativity, collaboration and connection. Across every avenue, ideas turned into action, challenges became opportunities to learn and simple moments became lasting memories. Each project added a new page to our story, shaping our journey and inspiring what lies ahead.



Our Club Service Avenue set the tone for the new RI Year through transition, fellowship, celebration and teamwork. From the Transition Meeting and the team-building moments of Jam Room to the vibrant RotaRasa and Binara Padura, each initiative strengthened connections and created lasting memories. The September General Meeting continued this spirit through appreciation, recognition, and fellowship.

The Community Service Avenue carried the spirit of service beyond the university. Through Hand in Hand, members came together to support children and young adults receiving cancer treatment, while Grama Prabodhaya Field Visit 01 strengthened the connection with local communities. Together, these initiatives turned compassion into meaningful action.

The International Service Avenue extended our journey beyond borders through Viatide and Cross Cultura, connecting members with Rotaract communities in India and Nepal. Through conversations on traditions, lifestyles, heritage and shared values, these exchanges created new friendships and broader perspectives, reminding us of the connections that exist beyond geographical boundaries.

The Membership Development Avenue opened doors to new beginnings through Rota Novatos '26 and Rota NextGen '26. While Rota Novatos introduced new members to the spirit of Rotaract, Rota NextGen encouraged them to explore leadership opportunities and take their first steps towards greater responsibility, growth and involvement.

The Professional Development Avenue focused on building confidence, knowledge and leadership for the journey ahead. The Scholar Session 01 provided 70 scholarship recipients with valuable communication and public-speaking skills, while Catalyst brought the incoming Board together through learning, team building, and leadership development, strengthening the foundation for the year ahead.

The Sports and Special Services Avenue brought energy and collaboration through the return of the Mora Slam Carrom Tournament after seven years. With eight university teams taking part, the tournament celebrated sporting spirit while showcasing the teamwork behind its successful execution.

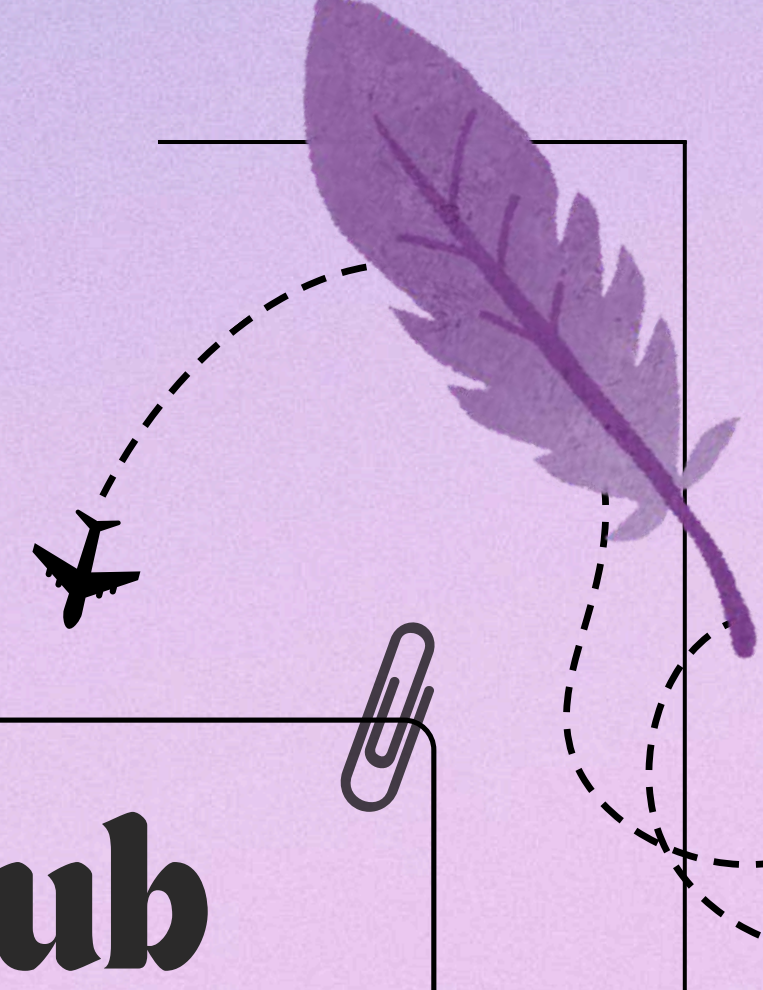
The Digital Service Avenue explored technology through Weekly Tech Byte and NEXUS. From interactive learning and quizzes to national-level challenges in UI/UX, cybersecurity and innovation, these initiatives created spaces for creativity, problem-solving, and opportunity.

The Editorial Avenue gave a voice to the experiences behind our journey through initiatives such as Blogged Bliss and Rota In Real Life. By sharing stories, personalities and perspectives, Editorial captured the moments and people that make Rotaract Mora's journey meaningful.

And perhaps that is what makes the beginning of a new RI Year so meaningful. We do not know every destination yet. We do not know every challenge that lies ahead. But we know that the journey will be shaped by the people who choose to walk it together.

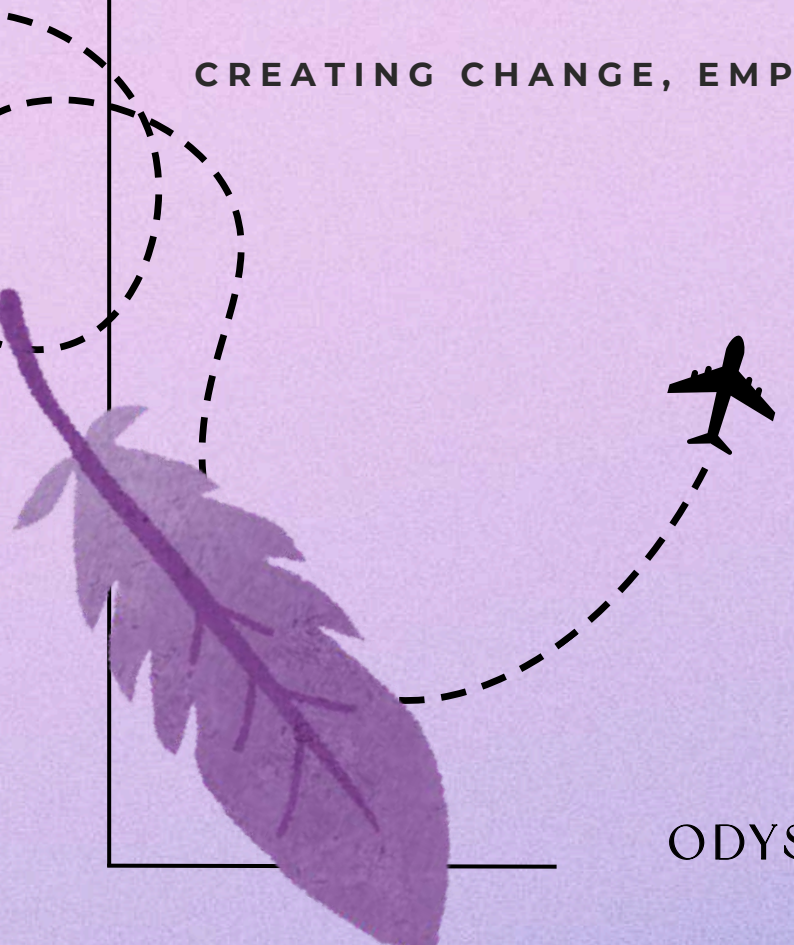
We extend our heartfelt gratitude to every member, Board member, alumnus, partner, sponsor, supporter and well-wisher who has contributed to these first steps. Every contribution, whether seen or unseen, has helped shape the pages of this beginning.

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Rtr. Hirushan De Silva,
Editors RI Year 2026-27,
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Club Service

CREATING CHANGE, EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES



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TRANSITION MEETING

Passing the Legacy Forward

A year of service may come to an end, but the spirit of service continues. With this thought, the Transition Meeting 2026 was held on 27th July 2026 at ENTC Hall, marking the passing of the torch from one Board of Officials to the next. It marked the beginning of a new chapter filled with fresh leadership, responsibilities, and opportunities to serve.

Held under the Club Service Avenue, the meeting officially welcomed the incoming Board for RI Year 2026-27 while bringing the previous year to a meaningful close. It was a moment to celebrate the dedication and contributions of the outgoing board while looking ahead to a new chapter. The meeting also reflected on the memories and experiences shared throughout the year, bringing members together to celebrate the journey so far and embrace the opportunities ahead.

Appointment and appreciation letters were presented to the newly appointed Board members, while service letters recognised members who contributed to projects throughout the year.

Organizing the event within a limited timeframe and without a dedicated Organizing Committee required strong communication, teamwork, and quick decision making. Despite the challenges, the team worked together to ensure a smooth and meaningful transition.

As the evening concluded, the Transition Meeting marked more than a change in titles it symbolized the passing of experience, values, and the spirit of service to a new generation of leaders.



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Organizing the project came with its own challenges, from designing engaging activities to coordinating the entire Board and managing logistics. The three Co-Directors worked together to adapt, communicate and ensure everyone could enjoy the experience.

Although one team emerged victorious, the real success of Jam Room was the connections built throughout the day. Members discovered shared interests, formed new friendships and broke barriers beyond their usual Rotaract roles.

JAM ROOM

More Than a Game, It's About Teamwork

What better way to begin a new Rotaract year than with laughter, friendly competition, and a little chaos? On 8 August 2026, Jam Room opened RI Year 2026/27 as the first Club Service and RI project of the year, bringing the entire Board of Directors together to connect, interact, and enjoy being a team.

The day featured a series of games and challenges that encouraged communication, creativity, coordination, and teamwork. Divided into teams, members moved around the university, completing challenges and collecting points while creating plenty of laughter and memorable moments.



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ROTARASA

A Feast of Flavours and Fun

RotaRasa 2026 was a food festival organized by the Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa on 8th September 2026 as a fundraising initiative for the club's upcoming Binara Padura music show.

The event brought together a variety of food and beverages, with stalls by the club and external partners including Ritzbury, Elephant House, MK Food, the Mocktail Station and the club's own Lasagna Kottu stall, alongside fruit juices, mocktails and achcharu. Beyond the food, interactive stalls such as a photobooth offering instant printed photos and a mehendi stall added to the overall experience.

None of this happened on its own. The Organizing Committee managed the event from start to finish, working closely with the Binara Padura organizing team to keep the fundraiser aligned with the concert it supported. Volunteers played a vital role, preparing the achcharu and fruit-based beverages fresh on the morning of the festival, transporting and arranging them at the stalls and staying throughout the day to serve participants and manage sales. Close coordination throughout the preparation, arrangement, serving and sales ensured that every club-operated stall ran smoothly.

Altogether, RotaRasa combined food, entertainment and teamwork to bring the campus together while supporting the journey of Binara Padura towards the stage.



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BINARA PADURA

Where Music Meets Memories

Some nights are remembered not just for their melodies, but for the energy of a community coming together. On 29 September 2026, Binara Padura brought the Rotaract community together for an unforgettable evening of music, talent and fellowship.

Chaired by the "Podi 5" and supported by the Avenue Directors, Club President, Board of Directors and a dedicated Organizing Committee, the event came together through weeks of creativity, coordination, and teamwork. From designing the logo and selecting the theme to preparing the setup and finalizing performances, every detail reflected the commitment of the team behind the event

The event was made possible with the generous support of Kotmale, our Bronze Sponsor, Balloon.lk, our Official Gifting Partner and Suncrush, our Official Beverage Partner. The stage came alive with singers selected through open auditions, alongside carefully selected performers for dancing, compering and the live band.

Beyond the performances, the vibrant decorations and lively atmosphere added to the magic of the evening. Every element came together to create a celebration that went beyond music, bringing creativity, talent and fellowship to the forefront.



As the final notes faded, Binara Padura left behind more than music. It became a celebration of creativity, teamwork and togetherness—another cherished memory in the Rotaract journey.

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SEPTEMBER GM

Where Service Meets Fellowship

Some evenings become memorable not because of grand occasions, but because of the people who come together to make them special. On 24 September 2026, the Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa held its September General Meeting at ENTC Hall 01, bringing members together for an evening of reflection, appreciation and fellowship.

With only one week to prepare, Rtr. Thisath Kandamby and Rtr. Hevindu Jayasuriya took on the responsibility of serving as Co-Chairs. Despite the limited preparation time and the absence of an OC call, they successfully coordinated the event with the support of their close friends. From securing the venue and arranging the sound system to designing flyers

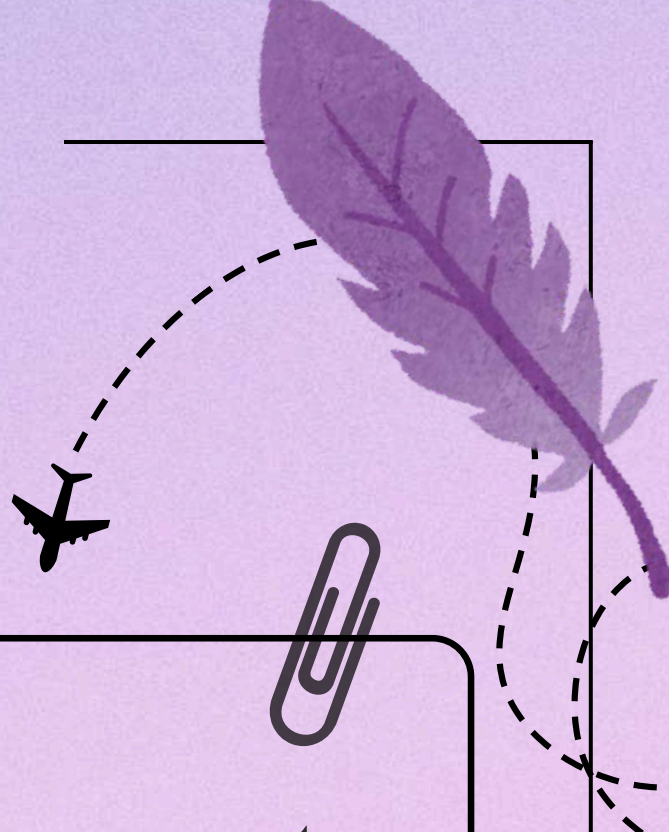
and preparing the hall, every task reflected remarkable teamwork and dedication, truly proving that friends in need are friends indeed.

A key highlight of the evening was the recognition of members who contributed to several successful club initiatives. Service letters were presented for MentHer 26, Rota Spark, Rota Novatos, Hand in Hand – Phase 1, Hand in Hand – Phase 2 and Scholar Session 1 celebrating the commitment and service of those involved.

The formal proceedings were complemented by a lively musical segment, where two members entertained the gathering with songs accompanied by guitar. The meeting continued with an address by Rtr. Subath Kathriarachchi, President of the Club, followed by the Vote of Thanks by Rtr. Linumi Costa, Secretary of the Club.

The evening concluded with a shared sense of gratitude and togetherness, adding another cherished memory to the Rotaract journey.



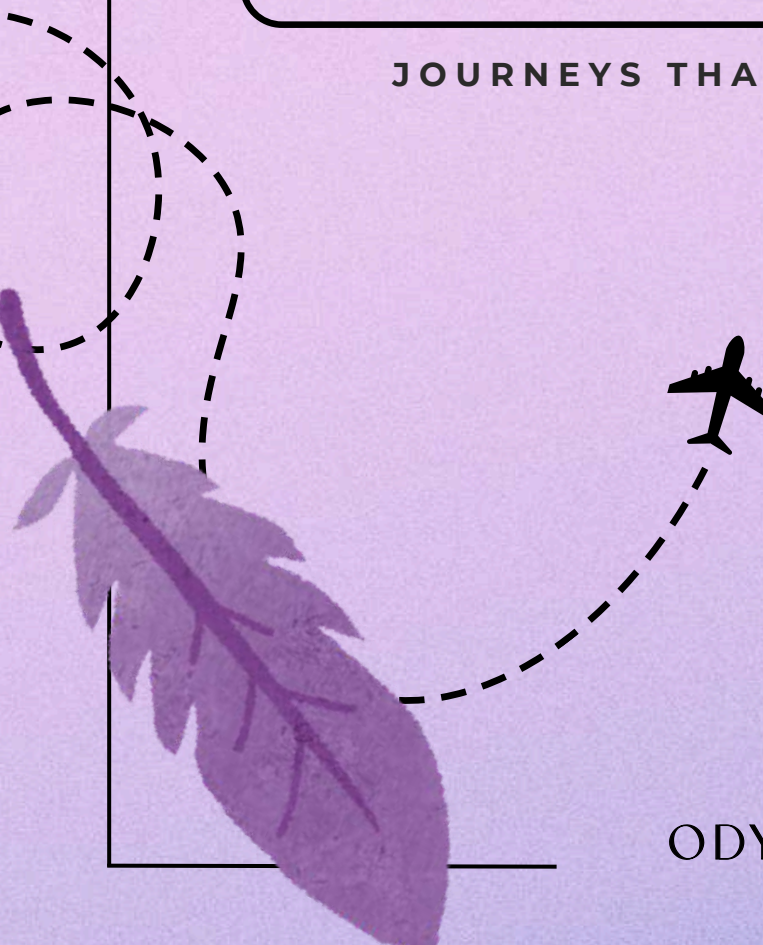


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HAND IN HAND FUNDRAISING PHASE 1 | HAND IN HAND FUNDRAISING PHASE 2 | GRAMA PABODHAYA FELLD VISIT 1

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HAND IN HAND FUNDRAISING

A Little From Each, A Lot for Many

Supporting a cause does not always require a grand gesture. Sometimes, it begins with people coming together, giving what they can, and turning their collective effort into something meaningful. With this spirit, the Rotaract Club of the University of Moratuwa conducted Hand in Hand, a fundraising initiative dedicated to supporting children and young adults receiving treatment for cancer.

Through the initiative, volunteers and supporters came together to raise funds and contribute towards creating a more supportive and positive environment for patients during their treatment journey.

The project aims to support patients at the Maharagama National Cancer Centre and the Cancer Centre at National Hospital, Galle. The funds raised will contribute towards initiatives including Colours, a recreational programme at the CCC House featuring music, dancing and drama, as well as the donation of essential medical equipment to National Hospital, Galle. Remaining funds will be directed towards supporting the cancer centres and their patients.

HAND IN HAND – FUNDRAISING PHASE 1

17th – 19th July 2026 | BMICH, Colombo

HAND IN HAND – FUNDRAISING PHASE 2

7th – 30th August 2026 | SLECC, Colombo



Through both phases, Hand in Hand brought together volunteers and supporters around a shared purpose, turning collective efforts into meaningful support for young patients and their families.

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GRAMA PRABODHAYA FIELD VISIT 1

A Journey of Learning, Service, Impact

On 19 September 2026, Project Chairs Dilshan Sooriyaarachchi, Lahiru Oshada, Samudi Samarathunga and Mithsala Vitharama, together with the project team, travelled from the University of Moratuwa to Maussawa Kanishta Vidyalaya as part of the Intellect subproject. Arriving the following morning, the team conducted a Mathematics session for around 50 students preparing for their O/L examinations.

With no Mathematics teacher at the school, the students particularly benefited from guidance on Perimeter and Area.

Through tutorials, problem-solving activities and individual attention, the team aimed to strengthen their understanding and confidence. The students' feedback made the effort truly worthwhile.

Beyond the classroom, the team explored the school to identify areas for future support, including a building that could be improved through the Sipsewana subproject. A WhatsApp group was also created so students could continue to seek academic support after the visit.

Although the journey lasted nearly 24 hours, the experience was filled with learning, connection and purpose. It reminded us that even a small act of service can make a meaningful difference.



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CLEANSL

Where the Waves Meet Responsibility

CleanSL, organized by the Rotaract Club of District 3220 with the participation of the Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa, brought together approximately 32 volunteers, including 12 Rotaractors from the University of Moratuwa. The initiative promoted cleaner coastlines and responsible waste management through collective action.

Before the cleanup, awareness flyers were widely shared across relevant communication platforms to encourage greater participation while highlighting the growing concern of coastal pollution and the importance of responsible waste management.

On the project day, volunteers spent nearly four hours carrying out a structured cleanup across the designated beach area, using gloves and collection bags while carefully sorting the collected waste. The cleanup removed plastic bottles, packaging materials, and broken glass fragments, helping reduce both environmental and safety hazards while creating a cleaner and safer space for beach users.

By the end of the initiative, the targeted area had undergone a visible transformation. More importantly, CleanSL reminded participants that protecting our coastlines goes beyond occasional cleanups. It begins with awareness, continues through responsible waste disposal, and grows through collective action. The initiative highlighted how small individual efforts can contribute to a cleaner and healthier coastal environment.



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VOLT GUARD

E-Waste Management Initiative

As part of Ecosphere, a sustainability focused project organized by the Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa, Volt Guard was carried out in collaboration with CleanTech. The main goal of the project was to create awareness about electronic waste or e-waste and encourage the university community to follow responsible waste management practices.

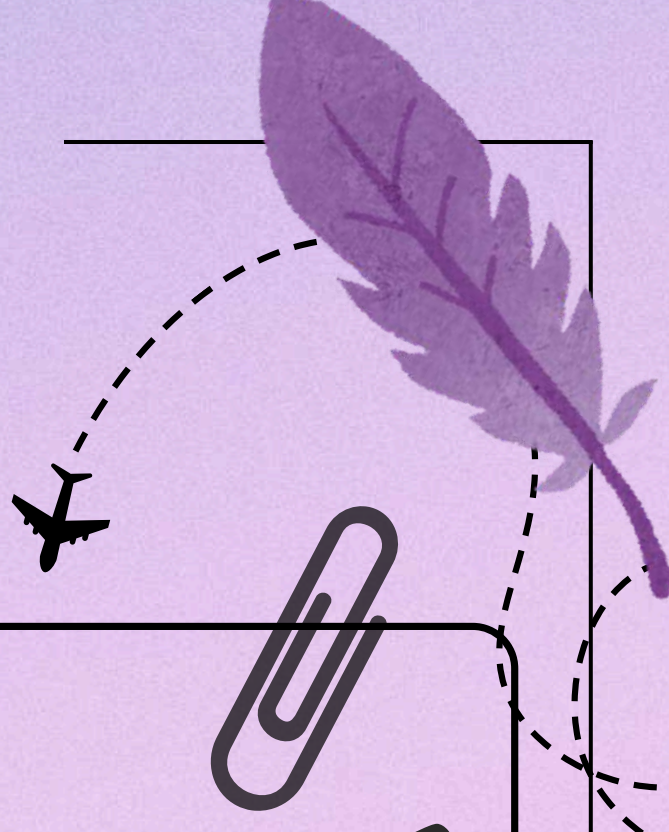
The project began with an educational visit to the CleanTech recycling facility in Wattala. During the visit, we learned how e-waste is collected, sorted, processed and recycled. We also had the opportunity to observe how different types of waste, including plastic, are managed and recycled.

The awareness session and facility tour gave us a better understanding of the importance of proper waste management and the environmental problems caused by improper disposal of electronic items. It was a valuable experience that helped us connect what we learned with real-world recycling practices.

As the next phase of Volt Guard, we plan to set up a 7-day e-waste collection centre at the University of Moratuwa, giving students and staff a convenient way to responsibly dispose of unwanted electronics.



The collected e-waste will be handed over to CleanTech for proper recycling and management, turning awareness into action and encouraging the university community to take meaningful steps towards a cleaner, more sustainable future.

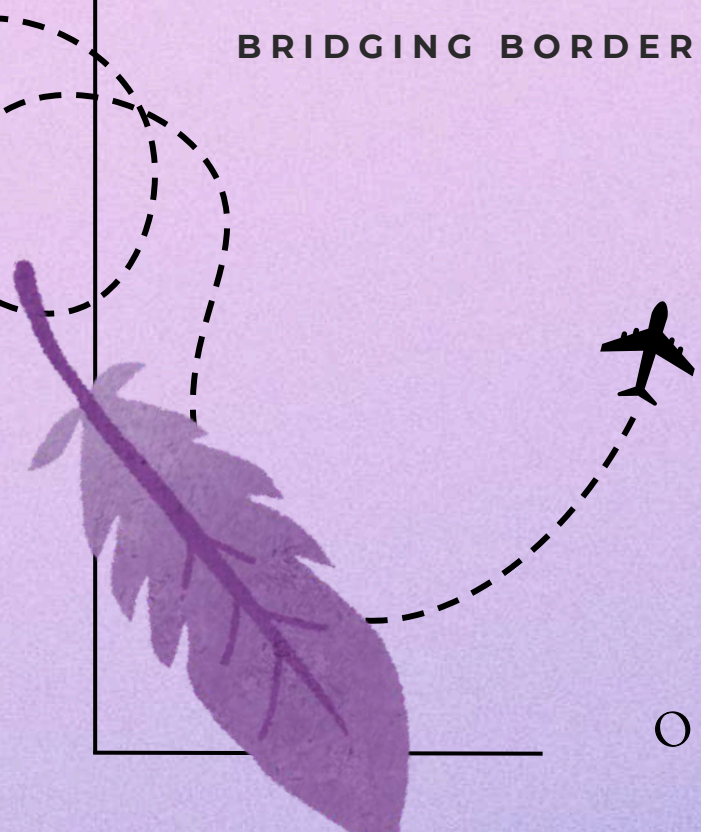


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BRIDGING BORDERS, CONNECTING WORLDS



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CULTIVARE

Across Cultures, Beyond Borders

On 17 August 2026, the Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa and the Rotaract Club of Lala Lajpatrai College, India, came together for Cultivare, a cross-cultural exchange initiative held as part of their Twinning Day celebrations. The project aimed to strengthen the bond between the two clubs by creating an engaging space for cultural learning, appreciation, and connection.

Through interactive presentations, discussions, and cultural exchanges, participants explored the diverse identities of Sri Lanka and India. The sessions covered various aspects of culture, including history, geography, religion, festivals, traditional clothing, food, music, customs, and everyday lifestyles. These exchanges allowed members to share their own experiences while discovering the similarities and differences that shape both cultures.

Beyond showcasing traditions, Cultivare created an opportunity for members from both clubs to communicate, connect, and build lasting friendships. It highlighted the many historical, social, and cultural connections shared by Sri Lanka and India while celebrating the uniqueness of each culture.

Ultimately, Cultivare demonstrated how cultural exchange can bring people closer, transforming differences into opportunities for understanding and connection. Through friendship, mutual appreciation, and shared experiences, the project strengthened the spirit of Rotaract beyond borders.



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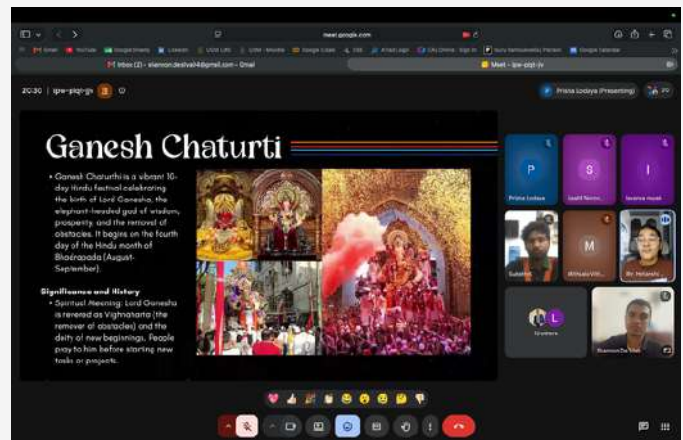
VIATIDE

Bridging Cultures, Building Connections

Miles of distance could not keep two Rotaract communities from coming together. On 6th August 2026, the Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa and the Rotaract Club of Mumbai Mulund South, India, connected through Project Viatide, a cross-cultural exchange held as part of their respective Twinning Day celebrations.

Hosted virtually on Google Meet, the initiative created an engaging space where members from Sri Lanka and India could meet, interact, and discover the cultural richness of one another's countries. Through lively presentations and meaningful discussions, participants explored a variety of cultural aspects, including history, geography, religion, festivals, traditional attire, cuisine, music, customs, and everyday lifestyles.

The exchange was not limited to learning about cultural differences. Members shared personal experiences, stories, and perspectives, creating opportunities to discover shared values and traditions across the two nations. These conversations highlighted the deep historical and cultural connections between Sri Lanka and India while allowing participants to appreciate the unique identity of each country.



Beyond cultural learning, Viatide provided a platform for members to build new friendships and strengthen the relationship between the two Rotaract clubs. Each interaction strengthened the bond between the two communities.

As the virtual session came to a close, Viatide left participants with more than just newfound cultural knowledge. It created memories, encouraged understanding, and reminded everyone that different shores can still share the same spirit of friendship and togetherness.

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CROSS CULTURA

Bridging Cultures, Building Connections

On 11 September 2026, the Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa and the Rotaract Club of Lalitpur, Nepal, came together for Project Cross Cultura, a vibrant cross-cultural exchange that celebrated the beauty of diversity and the connections that exist beyond borders.

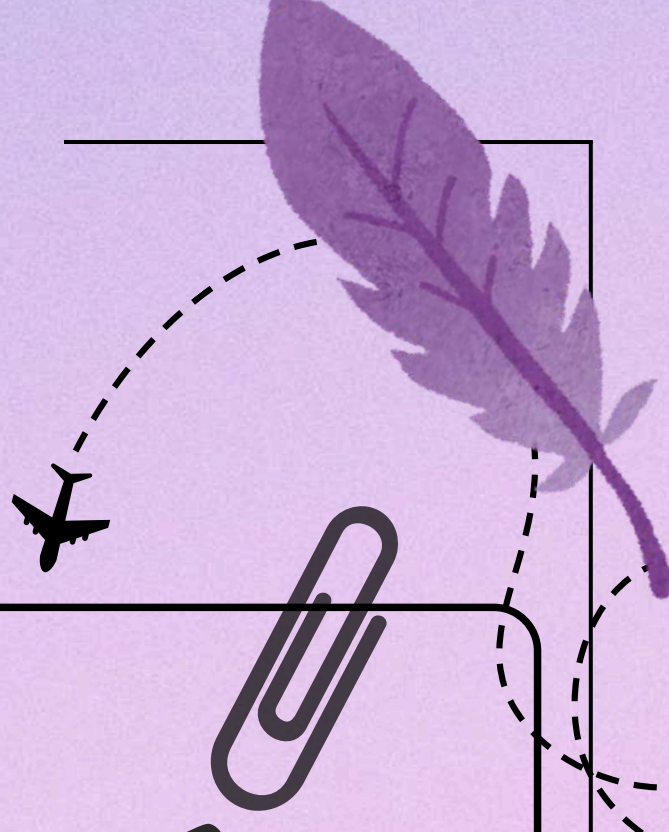
Held virtually via Google Meet, the initiative provided a welcoming space for members of both clubs to connect, share and learn from one another. Through engaging presentations, interactive discussions and cultural exchanges, participants explored the traditions, heritage, values, lifestyles and everyday experiences that shape Sri Lankan and Nepalese identities.

The session went beyond simply introducing cultures. Members had the opportunity to showcase meaningful aspects of their own heritage while discovering meaningful similarities between the two nations. From traditions and celebrations to shared values and ways of life, the exchange highlighted how two cultures can be distinct yet connected in many unexpected ways.

More importantly, Cross Cultura created an opportunity for genuine conversations and new friendships. Members exchanged experiences, asked questions, and gained fresh perspectives, making the virtual platform feel like a bridge between Sri Lanka and Nepal.



As the name suggests, Cross Cultura became a journey across shores, reminding us that while cultures may differ, connection knows no borders. Project Cross Cultura brought two Rotaract communities together through shared traditions, understanding, and friendship. We didn't just cross shores - we bridged them.

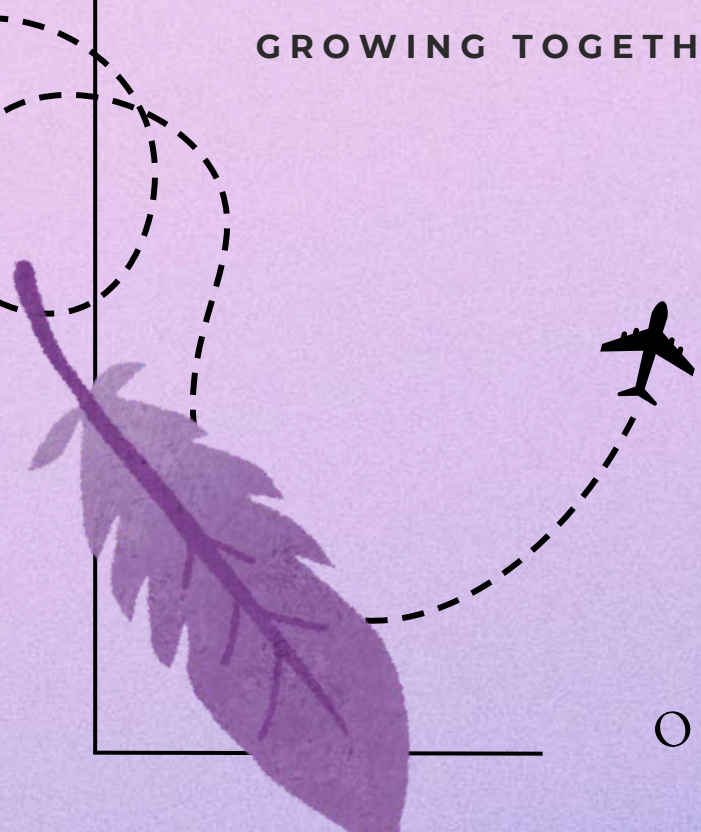


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GROWING TOGETHER ALONG THE JOURNEY



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MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

ROTA NOVATOS

ROTA NEXTGEN

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In a relaxed and welcoming environment, newcomers were introduced to the vision and mission of Rotaract, its service avenues and signature projects. The orientation highlighted opportunities to get involved through service, personal development, teamwork and leadership.

For many students, entering university can feel like stepping into a new world. Rota Novatos aimed to make this transition warmer by helping newcomers connect with existing Rotaractors, discover shared interests and build friendships.

ROTA NOVATOS '26

Where the Journey Begins

Every journey has a beginning, and for a new batch of students at the University of Moratuwa, that beginning was Rota Novatos'26.

Held on 19 August 2026 at the NDT Premises, University of Moratuwa, Rota Novatos served as the annual orientation programme of the Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa for the new intake of NDT students. As their first official interaction with the club, the initiative was designed to make that first encounter more than just an introduction; it was an invitation to become part of a community.



The initiative also introduced future opportunities within Rotaract, encouraging newcomers to participate in projects, discover their strengths, and find their place within the club. More than an orientation, Rota Novatos marked the beginning of a new Rotaract journey, bringing friendship, service and growth together.

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The initiative also showcases experiences from previous projects, giving new members a glimpse into the opportunities and challenges that come with taking on leadership roles. By stepping forward, members can gain practical experience, build confidence, and discover strengths they may not have explored before.

Running from late July to mid-September 2026, Rota NextGen '26 goes beyond recruitment by encouraging member participation and building a strong foundation for future club leadership.

ROTA NEXTGEN '26

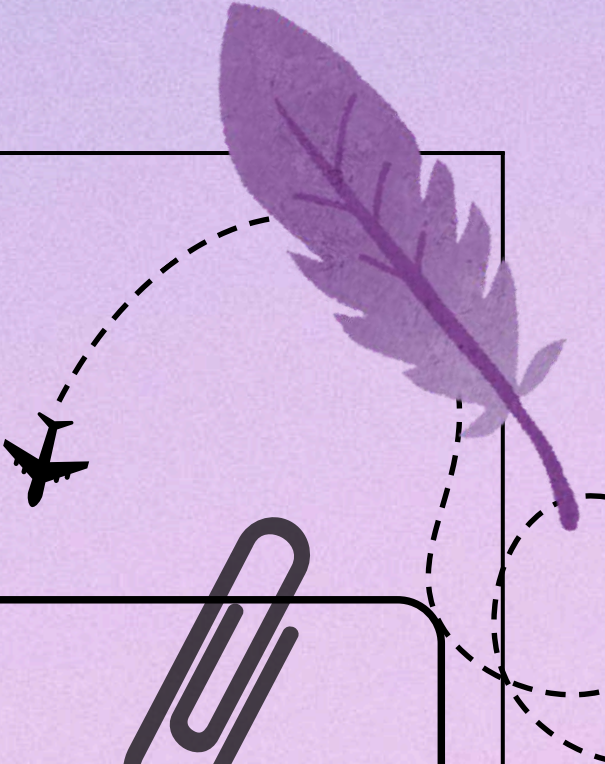
Step Forward, Lead the Way

Leadership is often associated with experience and titles, but Rota NextGen '27 shows that the journey can begin from the very start. This leadership and recruitment initiative by the Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa gives new members an opportunity to explore their potential by stepping into project co-chairperson roles.

Through promotional flyers and videos shared on the club's social media platforms, the initiative highlights the skills and experiences gained through taking on meaningful responsibilities. Members get the opportunity to develop teamwork, communication, coordination, and decision making skills while contributing to impactful projects.

At its heart, the initiative carries a simple message: leadership is not something to wait for it is an opportunity to embrace from the beginning. And for every new member ready to step forward, Rota NextGen '26 is where the journey begins.



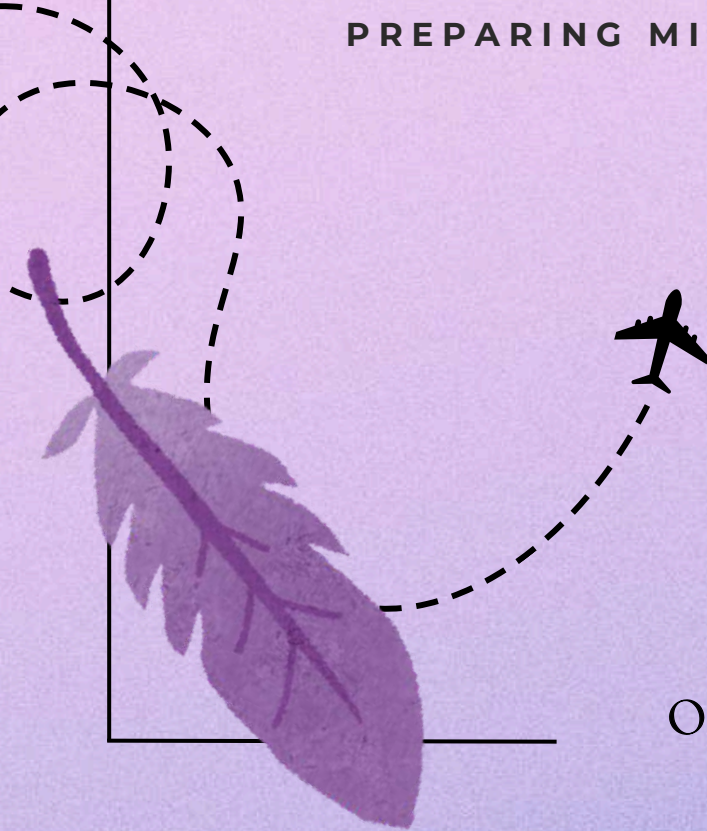


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PREPARING MINDS FOR TOMORROW



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Recipients explored practical ways to organize their thoughts, express ideas clearly, manage nervousness effectively and approach public speaking with confidence. The session also encouraged them to reflect on their communication habits and provided techniques they could apply in presentations, interviews, and future workplace situations. It helped turn communication from a source of hesitation into an opportunity for confident expression.

THE SCHOLAR SESSION 01

Finding Confidence in Every Word

The Scholar, the Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa's flagship scholarship initiative of the Professional Development Avenue, continued this year in partnership with the Mosvold-Martinus Foundation. In addition to providing financial assistance to 70 undergraduates, the initiative introduced engagement sessions to develop practical skills beyond the classroom.

The first session, "Communication & Public Speaking Essentials", was conducted by Mr. Yukthi K. Gunasekera on 20 August 2026 at ENTC Hall 2, University of Moratuwa. It focused on building confidence and clarity in communication for academic and professional settings.

All 70 scholarship recipients attended the session, which was also graced by the presence of Mr. Nimal Martinus and Mr. Ranjith Wijekoon, representing the Mosvold-Martinus Foundation.



As the first session in a series of learning experiences, Session 01 marked The Scholar's journey beyond financial support, creating opportunities for recipients to develop confidence, communication skills and practical awareness for their future.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

THE SCHOLAR SESSION 1 | CATALYST

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CATALYST

Learn Together, Lead Together

A new Rotaract year begins with a new team, new responsibilities, and new opportunities to grow. Catalyst, the Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa's board training and team-building programme for the incoming Board of Officials of RI Year 2026/27, brought the newly appointed board together for a day of learning, connection and preparation for the year ahead.

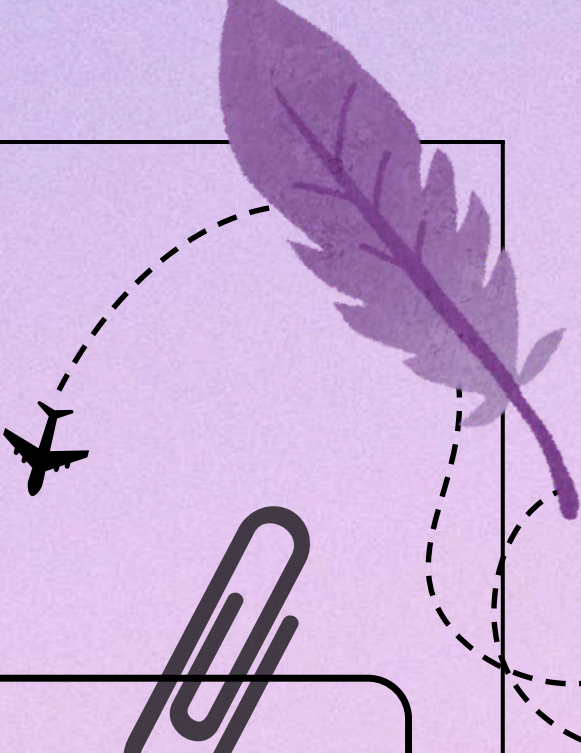
Held on 13 September 2026 at The Grand Bolgoda, Moratuwa, the program stepped beyond the usual club setting to create an environment where board members could learn from one another, build stronger connections and prepare themselves for the responsibilities ahead.

The day began with an online session by Mr. Yukthi Gunasekera, "Through the Eyes of a Rotaractor: Building Leaders, Shaping Futures," focusing on the mindset and responsibilities of a Rotaractor and club leader. The board then took part in fun activities and games that encouraged teamwork and communication, followed by lunch and a boat ride, providing members with an opportunity to connect and strengthen their bonds.

The afternoon continued with a session by Prof. Ranga Rodrigo, Senior Treasurer and Staff Advisor, followed by Build Mode, an interactive simulation that put their planning, teamwork and decision making skills into practice. The day concluded with evening tea, snacks and pool activities, bringing the team together in a relaxed setting.

Catalyst was more than preparation for a new Rotaract year. It was about bringing people together as they prepared to step forward and lead building the understanding, trust and camaraderie that can shape the journey ahead.



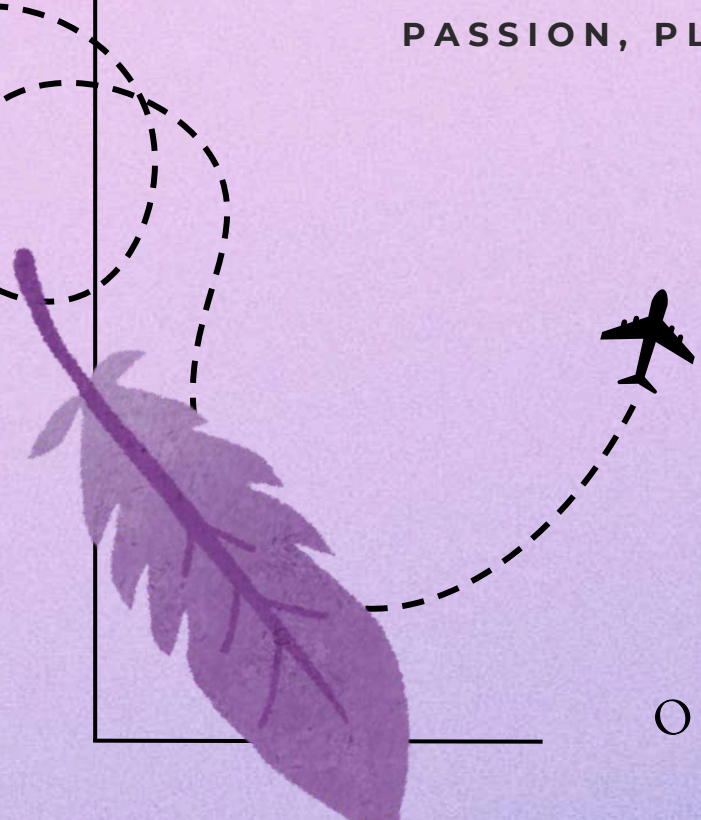


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Sports & Special Service

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PASSION, PLAY AND PURPOSE



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SPORTS & SPECIAL SERVICES

MORA SALM CARROM TOURNAMENT

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MORA SLAM CARROM TOURNAMENT

A Battle of Skill, A Celebration of Sport

Mora Slam Carrom Tournament was successfully held on 5 September 2026 at the IT Faculty premises, University of Moratuwa. Returning after seven long years, this full-day inter-university tournament brought together eight university teams to compete in both Men's and Women's categories.

The event was organized as a joint collaboration between the University of Moratuwa Carrom Team and the Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa. Behind the competition was a strong organizing effort from the club. Sponsorship letters were secured through the club, contributing to a total of Rs.211,250 in sponsorships raised.

The team also handled promotions, photography, compering, hall preparation, refreshments and participant coordination, while managing social media coverage throughout the project. After an exciting day of competition, the University of Moratuwa emerged as champions in both the men's and women's categories. In the men's category, SLIT secured the 1st Runner-Up position, while the University of Sri Jayewardenepura became 2nd Runner-Up. In the women's category, the University of Kelaniya secured the 1st Runner-Up position, followed by the University of Sri Jayewardenepura as 2nd Runner-Up.

More than just a tournament, Mora Slam marked the successful return of an inter-university sporting event after seven years. From sponsorship coordination and promotion to event-day execution, the collective contribution of the organizing team helped create a memorable experience for everyone involved.



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Information Technology

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IDEAS THAT NAVIGATE THE FUTURE

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WEEKLY TECH BYTE | NEXUS

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WEEKLY TECH BYTE

Gamifying Tech Education for Students

Weekly Tech Byte is a technology-focused blog series on Medium, created to make useful technology knowledge easily accessible to students and online readers. The project aims to encourage regular reading while creating an enjoyable and interactive way for participants to explore a variety of technology related topics.

Through a series of carefully selected topics, the project presents technology concepts in a simple and accessible manner, making them easier for readers to understand and explore. It also provides a platform for readers to discover new areas of technology beyond their regular academic learning.

Going beyond traditional blog content, the project introduced weekly quizzes through its dedicated website, allowing readers to test their understanding of the topics covered. Participants earn points based on their quiz performance and track their progress through a leaderboard.

From Week 6, Weekly Tech Byte was restructured to make participation more engaging. The new system connects blog reading, weekly quizzes, points, and monthly rewards, with the highest-scoring participant receiving a prize of Rs.4,000 each month.

With 16 blogs published by Week 6, Weekly Tech Byte continues to combine technology awareness with interactive learning, giving readers opportunities to learn, test their knowledge, participate regularly, and compete for rewards.



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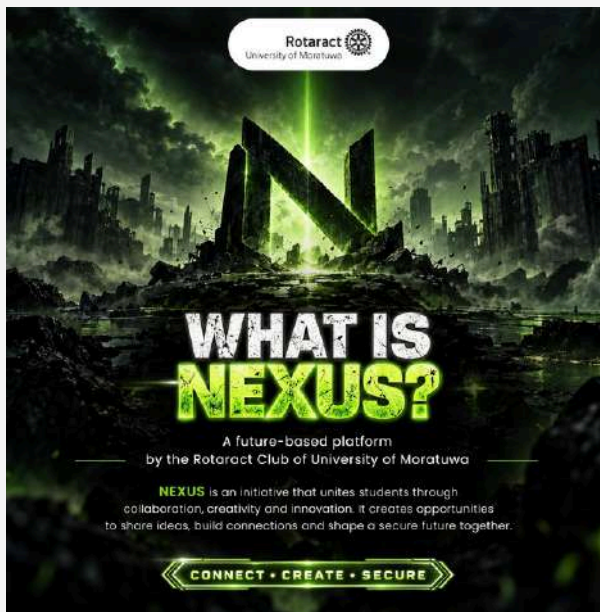
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Participants have the opportunity to challenge themselves across three competitive tracks:

- **UI/UX Competition:** A creative challenge where participants design intuitive, engaging, and visually appealing digital experiences.
- **Capture The Flag (CTF):** A cybersecurity competition that tests technical and problem solving skills through security focused challenges.
- **Ideathon:** An innovation track where participants develop creative solutions to real world problems and pitch their ideas.

NEXUS

Turning Ideas Into Innovation

Project NEXUS is a national level inter-university technology competition organized by the Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa, bringing together undergraduate students from higher education institutions across Sri Lanka. Designed to foster technical excellence, collaboration, and industry exposure, the approximately two month long event is built around an immersive “Doomsday” theme.

Project NEXUS brings together undergraduates from across Sri Lanka to explore technology, creativity and innovation. It gives participants an opportunity to apply their skills through exciting challenges and competitions.



NEXUS provides structured guidance through delegate handbooks and concludes with a Grand Finale at the University of Moratuwa, helping students connect academic knowledge with real world industry demands.

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WHERE EVERY STORY FINDS ITS VOICE

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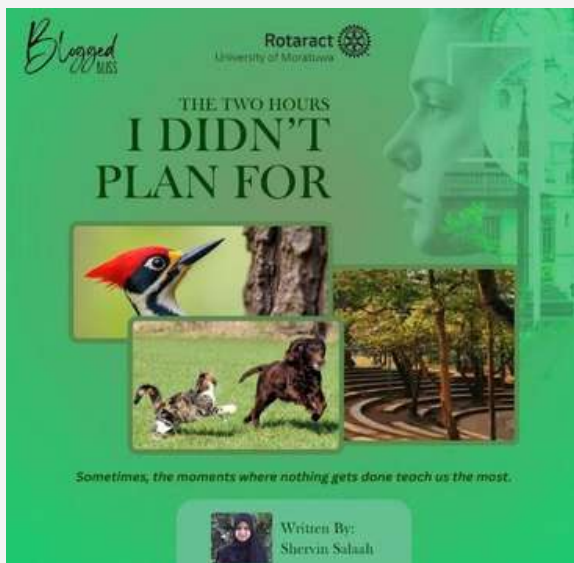
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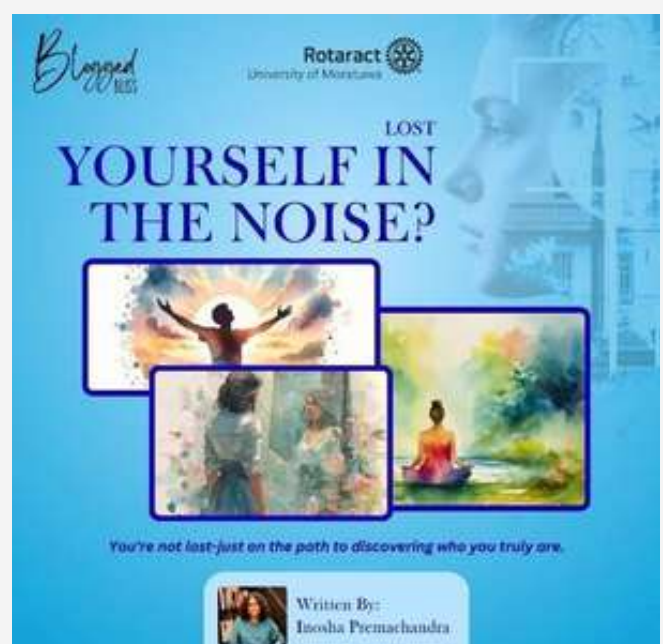
Every student has a story, and some are simply waiting to be told. University life is filled with new beginnings, challenges, friendships, achievements, and countless thoughts that often remain unspoken. Blogged Bliss, a section of Rotaract Mora Blogs under the Editorial Avenue of the Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa, was created to give these voices a place to be heard.

The platform provides every University of Moratuwa student with an opportunity to write about university experiences, personal reflections, technology, society, creativity, current issues and anything that inspires them.

Through the official blog platform, their stories can reach a wider audience and connect with readers who may relate to their experiences.

With students from across the university, Blogged Bliss celebrates diverse voices and perspectives, regardless of faculty, background, or community. Each published blog adds to a growing collection of ideas, experiences, and memories shared by the students of the University of Moratuwa.

Introduced in the first edition of Odyssey for RI 2026/27, Blogged Bliss continues its journey of bringing student stories and perspectives to the forefront. Every story shared becomes a part of the university's shared narrative, giving students a space to express, connect and be heard.



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ROTA IN REAL LIFE

Where Every Voice Finds a Space

What does Rotaract really mean? Is it simply about attending meetings, organizing events, and wearing a club T-shirt? Rota in Real Life sets out to answer these questions by taking the spirit of Rotaract beyond its usual spaces and connecting it with the experiences, stories, and perspectives of young people.

The project was created with a simple purpose: to introduce students and young people to the values of Rotaract in a way that is relatable, engaging and connected to real life. It encourages participants to discover the meaning of service, leadership, teamwork and social responsibility, not just

as concepts but as values that can be practiced through everyday actions.

Building on the foundation created during Phase 1, Phase 2 of Rota in Real Life introduces an exciting new dimension to the project through a short video and podcast series. These platforms provide a space to explore what Rotaract is truly about, while sharing experiences and perspectives that can inspire young people to become part of the movement.

As part of this phase, five short videos are being created, four of which have already been released. Alongside these, the podcast series has begun with an insightful episode featuring Prof. Ranga Rodrigo.

By bringing stories of service and leadership into the digital space, Rota in Real Life hopes to inspire a new generation to serve, connect, lead and create a positive impact, one real-life experience at a time.



MEET

VINUDI WANNINAYAKE

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



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Say yes to opportunities.

- Vinudi Wanninayake -

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Vinudi Wanninayake

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

01. How would you introduce yourself to our readers, beyond just your name and university life?

Hello! I'm Vinudi Wanninayake from the 25th Batch of the Faculty of Engineering. Beyond my major, I'm someone who loves connecting with people and trying things I haven't done before, which is a big reason why I joined Rotaract. I'm also a massive music fan. You'll often find me enjoying our university Paduru nights or performing at musical events whenever I can.

02. What first drew you towards Rotaract Mora, and what made you decide to become a part of the journey?

I joined Rotaract mainly because I loved the community service aspect of the club. Helping and connecting with others is something I've always cared deeply about. Back in school, I didn't really get the chance to participate in clubs like this, so I was excited to finally dive into this experience. I also love the variety in Rotaract with so many different avenues, there's always a new project to explore and fresh things to try.

03. What has been your most memorable Rotaract experience so far, and why does it hold a special place for you?

My most memorable experience has to be Woof Roof, which was actually the very first Rotaract project I participated in. We visited the Baw Baw Animal Welfare shelter in Kurunegala. To be honest, I've always been a bit afraid of dogs, but it turned out to be such a fun experience spending time with the animals.

What made it even more special was the people I went with - Subath ayya, Nehansa akka, Hansaka ayya, Ulindu ayya, and many other amazing seniors. They were so friendly and welcoming, and that first project made me realize that I had found a wonderful community.

4. Among the projects you've been part of, which one has been the most impactful for you, and what did the experience teach you?

The most impactful and memorable project for me has to be Hand in Hand. I first volunteered in Phase 3 of Hand in Hand '25/'26 with my friends, and it was such an amazing experience.

Later, I was honoured to co-chair the project for '26/'27 alongside my two amazing co-chairs, Sinali and Dushan. Chairing the project made me realize just how much hard work, effort, and dedication our seniors and fellow Rotaractors put into making every initiative a success. Even when it gets tiring, seeing the smiles and the change we create makes it all worthwhile.

Whenever we faced a problem, our Community Service Directors, Sahanya akka, Ravidu ayya, and Kavishka ayya, were always there to guide and support us. The experience taught me so much about teamwork and leadership and reminded me why I joined this club in the first place.

05. In what ways has your journey with Rotaract shaped you personally and professionally, and what lessons or skills do you think will stay with you?

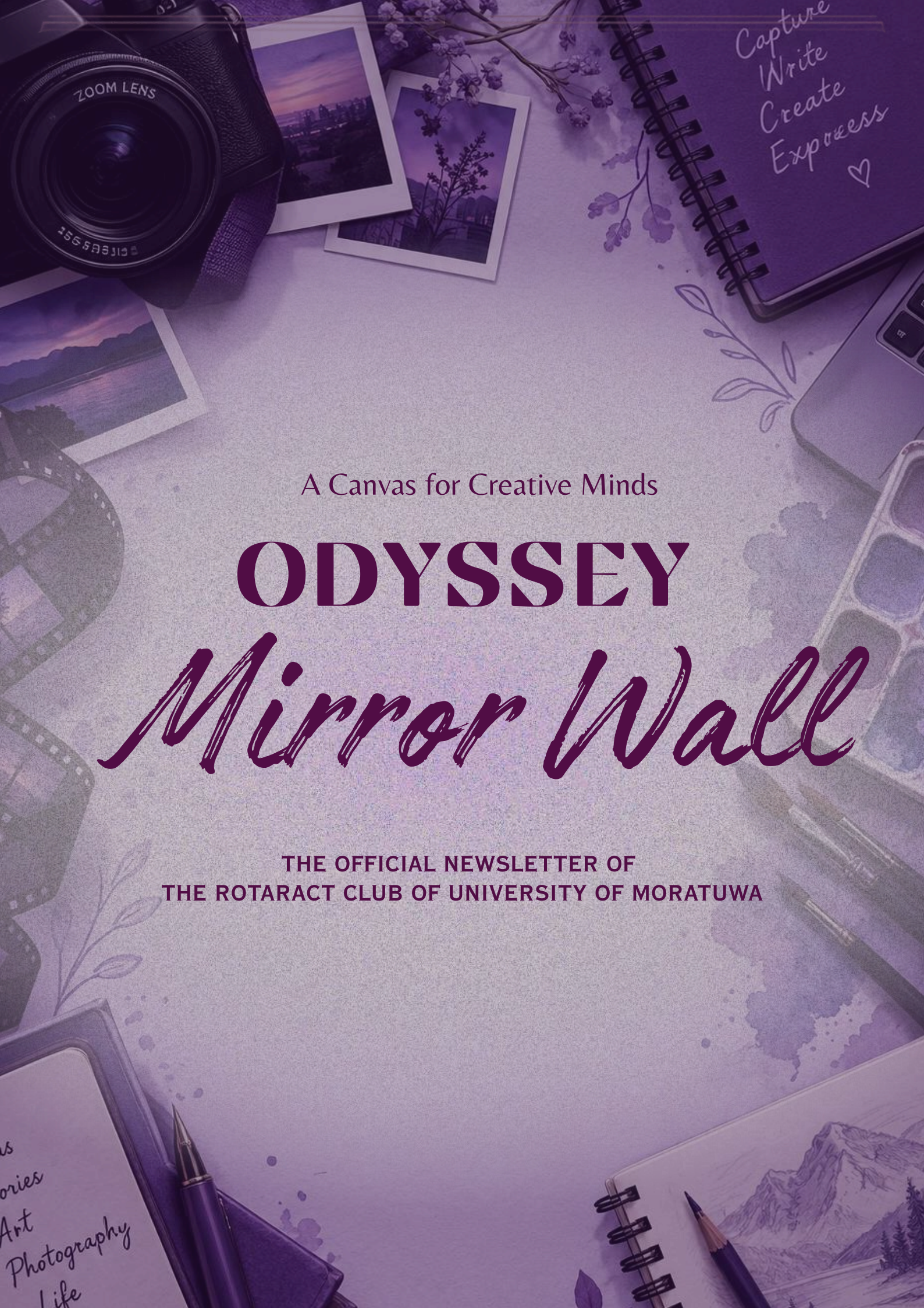
My journey with Rotaract has shaped me in ways I never expected. Personally, it has helped me step out of my comfort zone, overcome my shy and introverted side, and connect more with the community.

Professionally, being a co-chair for Hand in Hand taught me valuable lessons in leadership, project management, teamwork, communication, and handling pressure. Two skills I've particularly developed are multitasking and balance. Managing projects alongside academics taught me how to manage my time efficiently, prioritize tasks under pressure, and stay organized when things get hectic. These are skills I know I'll rely on for the rest of my life.

6. If you could share one message with your fellow Rotaractors, what would it be?

Say yes to opportunities and never be afraid to ask for help, even if it feels intimidating at first. Whether it's volunteering for a project you've never done before or taking on a leadership role, you'll never truly know what you're capable of until you take that first step.

When I first joined, I was pretty shy and hesitant too. You don't have to have everything figured out from day one, because you'll always have an amazing community ready to help and guide you along the way.

A top-down view of a creative workspace with a light purple background. In the top left is a black DSLR camera with a lens cap removed. Next to it are two Polaroid photos of a sunset over water and a plant. In the top right is a spiral notebook with the text 'Capture Write Create Express' and a heart symbol. Below the camera is a film strip. In the bottom left is a fountain pen and a notebook with the text 'as ories Art Photography Life'. In the bottom right is a spiral notebook with a pencil and a drawing of a mountain range. The entire image has a soft purple tint.

A Canvas for Creative Minds

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Mirror Wall

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Queeins Telerance
Engineering Faculty



Spinning Seconds

A long-awaited day began with laughter and delight,
A family together, everything felt right.
My sister's joyful voice filled the morning air,
With everyone together, happiness was everywhere.



We reached the park, excited for the day,
Rides and laughter carried our worries away.
We screamed on the coaster, beneath the open sky,
Never knowing how quickly joy could pass us by.

Then came the ride that spun around and round,
With laughter and music filling the ground.
We first thought to climb into that very seat,
But chose another one before taking our seats.

A sudden crash broke through the cheerful sound,
And fear replaced the happiness all around.
The seat we had rejected lay broken on the ground,
While cries and desperate voices echoed all around.

Two lives were lost in just a spinning second,
And one thought still haunts me: that could have been us.

Sithumya Allegoda
Engineering Faculty



என்னவள்

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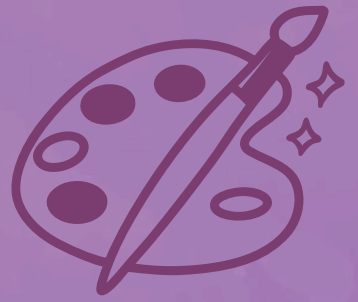
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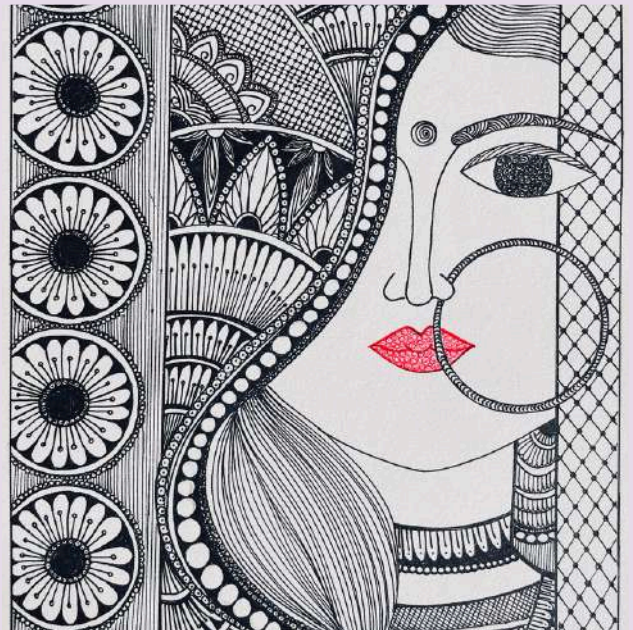
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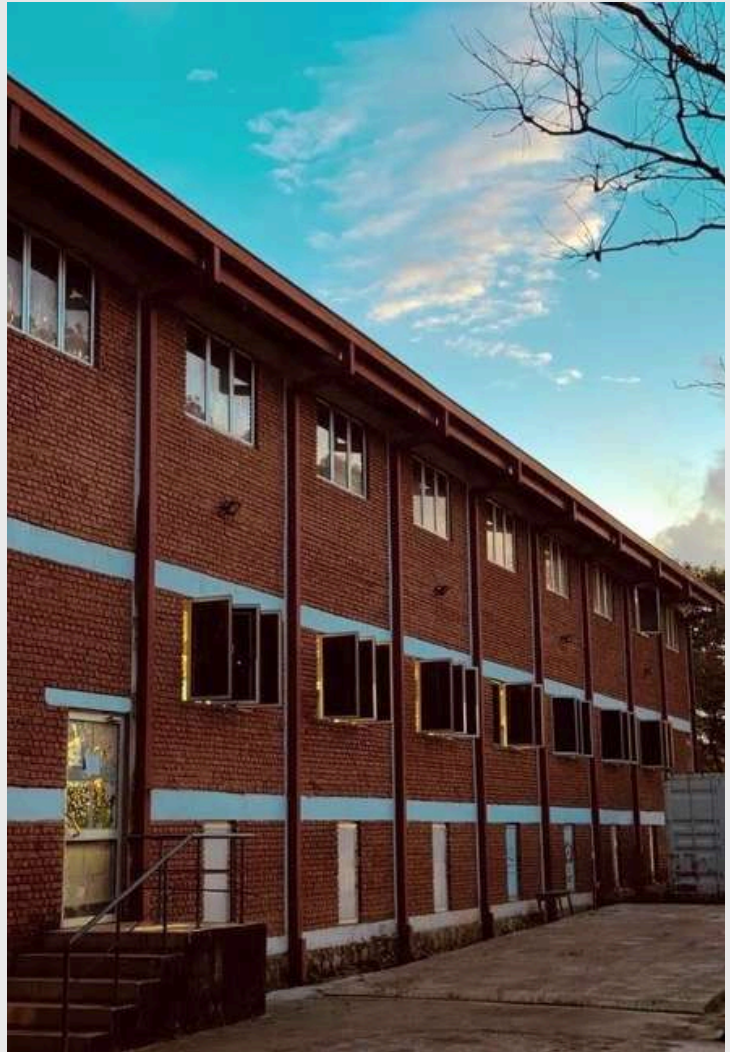


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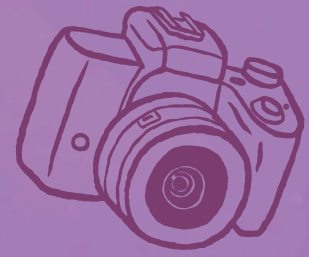


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NEVERMORE ACADEMY

Dead Serious Word Hunt - A Nevermore Mystery

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Every word you uncover reveals another piece of the mystery.

But be warned... not every secret wants to be found.

Look closely. Read carefully.

The secrets of Nevermore Academy lie hidden within these clues.



The quiet town surrounding the mysterious academy, where ordinary life and strange supernatural events exist side by side.



The supernatural creature that Wednesday's cheerful roommate transforms into, revealing a wild and powerful side beneath her bright personality.



Wednesday's unusual and fiercely loyal companion, always ready to lend a helping hand... quite literally.



What ordinary people commonly call those who possess strange supernatural abilities and belong to a world beyond the norm.



A secret society formed by students of the mysterious academy, operating quietly while keeping their activities hidden from outsiders.



The dark bird symbol closely connected with Wednesday, reflecting her mysterious nature and the visions she experiences.



The dark and eccentric family name shared by Wednesday and her unusual relatives, known for their fascination with the macabre.

The clues have been given. Now the hunt begins...



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