



**Tamilnad  
Kidney  
Research  
Foundation**

**ANNUAL REPORT  
2020 – 2021**



*helping the underprivileged  
with kidney ailments*



## OUR BENEFICIARIES





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## ABOUT TANKER

TANKER (Tamilnad Kidney Research) Foundation is a registered non-profit charitable trust founded by Dr. Georgi Abraham and like-minded people in June 1993 with the main aim of providing subsidized dialysis and financial assistance for transplantation, medication and investigation costs to the underprivileged with kidney disease. TANKER Foundation also does awareness Programmes on kidney disease and screening camps for early detection of kidney disease.

### OUR VISION

A world that ensures good healthcare and medical facilities to all.

### OUR MISSION

To provide quality, affordable treatment to underprivileged people, to create awareness, to detect and prevent kidney ailments.

### OUR OBJECTIVE

No patient should be denied treatment due to financial constraints and everyone has the right to good health care.

We have completed 28 years of service for the underprivileged with kidney ailments. With your help, we have meaningfully contributed to healthcare, research, training and advocacy connected to kidney disease. From June 1993 till March 2021, TANKER has provided 398,325 free and subsidized dialysis for 1875 patients. We have also given financial support of Rs. 5.53 Crores to 3587 patients as one-time contributions ranging from Rs. 5,000/- to Rs. 50,000/- for transplantation, medication, investigation and fistula surgery costs.

Our Eleven subsidized dialysis units have a total of 157 Dialysis Stations and are situated in

1. Ambattur Rotary Hospital, Chennai,
2. Arogya Trust, Chokkikulam, Madurai,
3. RVS College of Nursing, Kannampalayam, Coimbatore,
4. Corporation P.H.C, Nungambakkam, Chennai along with Rotary Club of Madras East,
5. Thiruverkadu, Chennai with Rotary Club of Madras West,
6. Vellore with Rotary Club of Vellore Fort
7. Corporation U. P. H. C, Retteri, Chennai along with Rotary Club of Chennai Towers, 8.
- Perungudi, Chennai with Corporation U.C.H.C and
9. Corporation U.C.H.C, Valasaravakkam, Chennai along with Rotary Club of Chennai Coastal,
10. Corporation U.C.H.C , Injambakkam, Chennai along with Freemasons Lodge Accountants 194 and Lodge Accountants Charitable Trust
11. Tiruppur with Tiruppur North Rotary Club and Tiruppur Corporation.

We provide 6226 dialysis per month, of which 5861 are free of cost with valuable help from the Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme (CMCHIS), Greater Chennai Corporation and other valuable donors. At present, we help 647 patients in our units.

We also have a dialysis facility at MGM Hospital, Pondicherry. In November 2009, we started our HIV Dialysis Unit providing dialysis to underprivileged HIV patients. This is the first of its kind in India. Subsequently we also opened an HIV facility with 3 machines in Parumala, Kerala. We also support Kerala Kidney Research Foundation (KKRF), which provides free and subsidized dialysis at Thiruvalla Medical Mission, SH Hospital, Kottayam and PVS Hospital, Kochi. We have recently also donated 4 machines worth Rs. 24 Lakhs to KKRF. In February 2016, TANKER helped Catholic Mission Centre Hospital, Imphal, Manipur with 4 machines and equipment worth Rs. 33 Lakhs. TANKER along with The Madras Medical Mission has donated a machine to the Dar es salaam General Hospital in Tanzania.

Our grateful thanks to every single one of our supporters who have made this possible.



## OUR GOODWILL AMBASSADOR

TANKER along with our goodwill ambassador actor Suriya intends to set up more subsidized dialysis units as well as take kidney disease awareness programmes to schools and colleges all over Tamil Nadu.

## TRUSTEE'S MESSAGE

Dear TANKER- Friend,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report for the year 2020-2021. This Annual Report aims at showing our activities since TANKER'S inception in 1993 and the progress we have made this year.

TANKER continued to provide dialysis for our patients during the pandemic as dialysis is a lifesaving service which cannot be stopped for any reason. Our TANKER staff always go that extra mile to serve the needy. We consider them to be Angels on Earth.

Please do read about us, our patients and our activities. We would welcome any feedback from you.

We have come this far with the support and blessings of God and all our donors and partners. We are very grateful to you for helping us reach out to more underprivileged people.

Grateful Thanks,

Latha A. Kumaraswami

Managing Trustee

## REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2020 - 2021

### FINANCIAL SUMMARY

TAMILNAD KIDNEY RESEARCH FOUNDATION		
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE A/C FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31.03.2021		
	Rs.	Rs.
	31.03.2021	31.03.2020
<b>INCOME</b>		
By Donations		
- for Charity & General Donations	1,10,19,184.37	63,07,411.09
- for Dialysis & Sponsor A Dialysis	12,09,602.78	10,48,265.62
- for IFKF Donation & Registration fees	0.00	50,000.00
By Recovery from Dialysis	5,89,00,743.00	5,13,10,626.00
By Interest Received	86,43,146.46	92,62,838.62
By Miscellaneous Receipts	7,080.00	3,45,920.00
	<b>7,97,79,756.61</b>	<b>6,83,25,061.33</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
To Unit Expenses		
- Rekha Renny	1,59,77,565.92	1,48,39,444.00
- Madurai Unit	97,94,485.00	78,51,850.00
- Coimbatore Unit	34,04,162.28	36,35,253.00
- Corporation Unit	76,75,982.00	63,78,407.00
- Thiruverkadu Unit	71,07,293.00	65,52,706.00
- Vellore Unit	89,51,337.76	72,29,003.00
- Retteri Unit	53,30,698.00	39,55,292.00
- Valasaravakkam Unit	19,07,470.24	17,993.00
- Perungudi Unit	41,06,043.00	19,31,069.00
- Injambakkam Unit	16,50,464.00	1,37,407.00
- Tiruppur Unit	22,82,904.00	-
To Charity/Grants for Kidney Patients	24,81,393.00	24,89,288.00
To Research Award & Support	13,23,380.00	8,47,701.00
To Kidney disease Awareness Program	4,49,394.00	12,54,028.00
To IFKF Expenses	1,04,936.00	1,64,358.50
To Covid19 exp	66,12,213.00	
	<b>7,91,59,721.20</b>	<b>5,72,83,799.50</b>



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<b>TAMILNAD KIDNEY RESEARCH FOUNDATION</b>		
<b>BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31.03.2021</b>		
<b>SOURCES OF FUND</b>	<b>31.03.2021</b>	<b>31.03.2020</b>
<b>CAPITAL ACCOUNT - Op.Bal.</b>	5,00,02,769.50	4,30,88,348.10
Add: Surplus	(33,08,535.03)	69,14,421.40
	4,66,94,234.47	5,00,02,769.50
<b>CORPUS FUND A/c. - Op.Bal.</b>	6,24,55,984.28	4,99,05,158.28
Add: Received during the year	34,18,200.00	1,25,50,826.00
	6,58,74,184.28	6,24,55,984.28
<b>SPONSOR A DIALYSIS(Perpetuity)-Op.</b>	1,61,28,885.85	1,35,86,699.15
Add: Received during the year	56,41,345.10	25,42,186.70
	2,17,70,230.95	1,61,28,885.85
<b>35AC CORPUS FUND</b>	6,30,45,845.00	6,30,45,845.00
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
- Provident Fund & ESIC Payable	3,16,585.00	2,69,409.00
- Other Payables	3,15,720.00	37,929.00
	<b>19,80,16,799.70</b>	<b>19,19,40,822.63</b>
<b>APPLICATION ON FUNDS:</b>		
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		
- As per details	6,21,05,396.00	5,94,30,078.00
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>		
- As per details	12,98,53,060.00	12,74,72,478.00
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
- Cash at Bank	13,00,115.66	19,24,113.47
<b>DEPOSITS</b>		
- Staff Loans & Advances	2,29,035.00	1,64,660.00



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<b>ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES</b>		
As per Schedule	37,98,672.49	41,26,840.43
TDS of earlier years written off	1,29,897.95	
	<b>8,30,88,291.64</b>	<b>6,14,10,639.93</b>
<b>To (Deficit) / Excess of Income Over Expenditure</b>	<b>(33,08,535.03)</b>	<b>69,14,421.40</b>
for <b>TAMILNAD KIDNEY RESEARCH FOUNDATION</b>		for <b>P S S &amp; CO Chartered Accountant</b>
<b>Mrs. Latha A Kumaraswami</b> Managing Trustee		<b>CA P.S.Srikant</b> Partner
Place : Chennai		Udin : 22026139AAAAAE7331
Date: 11/01/2022		FRN: 009680 S

- Capital Advances	15,00,000.00	
- Rental Advance	2,10,000.00	2,10,000.00
- Telephone deposit	10,000.00	10,000.00
- EB & Other deposits	1,57,832.00	1,59,416.00
- IT Refundable	26,51,361.04	25,70,077.16
	<b>19,80,16,799.70</b>	<b>19,19,40,822.63</b>
for <b>TAMILNAD KIDNEY RESEARCH FOUNDATION</b>		for <b>P S S &amp; CO Chartered Accountant</b>
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## Amount reimbursed (in Rs.) to ALL Board members in the financial year 2020 - 2021 for the following:

1	International Travel	Rs. 0
2	Domestic Travel	Rs. 8804
3	Local Conveyance	Rs. 0
4	Entertainment Expenses	Rs.0
5	Others	Rs.0

## ANNUAL AWARDS PROGRAM 2021

### TANKER 28th Annual Charity and Awards Nite

The event, a hybrid programme with live streaming, was held Monday, January 25, 2021, at 5.45 pm at Hotel Savera, R.K. Salai, Chennai.

The Mr. Venkatesan & Mrs. Malathi Venkatesan TANKER Foundation Memorial Lecture was delivered by Prof. Nithya S. Krishnan, Consultant Transplant Nephrologist, NHS Trust, UK.

She spoke on 'My Journey in Nephrology from Chennai to London'. The various challenges she faced included gender and racial bias. It was her grit and determination that helped her reach where she is today as Professor and Head of Transplantation in the NHS Trust in the UK. She emphasised that there is no substitute for hard work. Constant perseverance and endurance, keeping in mind the cause of helping people, is what keeps her going, she said.

Chief Guest, Mr. K. Pandiarajan, Minister for Tamil Official Language and Tamil Culture and Archaeology, said he admired and appreciated the dedicated work TANKER does and observed that everyone involved took ownership of TANKER. He also explained the various government medical schemes available for the benefit of the needy.

He later presented the following awards to the winners:

**The K. V. George Kottukulam Memorial TANKER & Kerala Kidney Research Foundation Young Investigator Award** for outstanding research in the field of Nephrology in India was awarded to

**Dr. Nanditha Arun** of Mohan Diabetes Research Foundation, Director and Consultant Diabetologist of Dr. A. Ramachandran's Diabetes Hospital, for her research into 'Sodium-glucose co-transporter -2 Inhibitors in patients with type 2 diabetes - A longitudinal observational study'. The award carried a prize of ₹ 200,000, a citation and a gold medallion.



*Chief Guest, Mr. K. Pandiarajan,  
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**The Renny Abraham TANKER Foundation Love for Service Award** for a medical doctor who has gone beyond the call of duty in serving the underprivileged was awarded to **Dr. Mishra Vineet Vashistha**, Director, Smt. G.R. Doshi & Smt. K.M. Mehta Institute of Kidney Diseases & Research Centre – Dr. H.L. Trivedi Institute of Transplantation Sciences, Gujarat. The award carried a prize of ₹. 100,000, a citation and a gold medallion.

**The La Renon TANKER Foundation For the Sake of Honour Award**, given to an individual who has done exemplary work in his or her field, was presented to **Prof Nithya S Krishnan**, Consultant Transplant Nephrologist, NHS Trust, UK. The award carried a prize of ₹ 100,000, a citation and a gold medallion.



**The La Renon TANKER Foundation Lifetime Achievement Awards**, given to two individuals who have done exemplary work in the field of Nephrology, were presented to **Dr. S C Dash (Bhubaneswar)** and **Dr. Nammalwar (Chennai)**. The awards carried a prize of ₹ 100,000, a citation and a gold medallion each.



**The K. Venkatanarayana TANKER Foundation Awareness Award**, given to an individual for creating awareness of any disease, mental, physical and social, was presented to **SCARF Youth Mental Health Program**, headed by **Dr. Shiva Prakash Srinivasan**. The award carried a prize of ₹ 100,000, a citation and a gold medallion.



**The Mr. Shankar Iyer TANKER Foundation Innovator Award** was presented to **Dr. Lloyd Vincent**, Bengaluru, for his innovation of an Indian-made Haemodialysis Machine which will be available in May 2021. The award carried a prize of ₹ 100,000, a citation and a gold medallion.

**The Ashok Sankaralingam TANKER Foundation Patient Endowment – One-year dialysis support**, was given to 4 underprivileged patients with kidney failure, totalling ₹ 100,000.



The Dean of Madras Medical College, **Dr.E.Theranirajan**, and staff of Heamodialysis Unit at Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital were honoured for their selfless service during the pandemic. The new revamped TANKER website was officially launched.

This was followed by **TANKER Staff Service award**, ‘**Angels on Earth**’ and ‘**Angels with Wings**’ recognition awards, prizes and dinner.

Grateful thanks was conveyed TANKER’s well-wishers, sponsors, the staff and management of Savera, the media and donors and especially Mrs. Nina Reddy for sponsoring the dinner at Savera Hotel.



## AWARD PRESENTED TO DR. B R NAMMALWAR



Dr. B R Nammalwar has more than half-a-century of experience in the field of nephrology, especially paediatric nephrology. An alumnus of Stanley Medical College & Hospital, Chennai, (1962), he is a member of the Indian Society of Nephrology.

His special interest is in managing chronic kidney disease in children, inherited renal tubular disorders and genetic disorders in nephrotic syndrome.

Dr Nammalwar was chosen for the La Renon-TANKER Foundation Lifetime Achievement Award 2021. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and considering his age, the award-winning

doctor could not attend the TANKER 28th Annual Charity and Awards Nite that was held January 25, 2021. So, TANKER Foundation Managing Trustee, Mrs. Latha A. Kumaraswami, and Head Administration, Mrs. Vasanthi Ravichander, called on Dr Nammalwar Friday, February 5, 2021, at his Chennai residence and handed over the award to him.

The award carried a cash prize, a citation and a medallion.



## AWARENESS AND PREVENTION PROGRAMME

### WORLD KIDNEY DAY – 2021

#### Living well with kidney disease

World Kidney Day, is a joint effort of the International Federation of Kidney Foundations-World Kidney Alliance (IFKF-WKA) and the International Society of Nephrology (ISN). Since 2006, World Kidney Day has been observed annually on the 2nd Thursday of March. A theme is chosen every year and focus is based on that theme. The 16th World Kidney Day was observed on 11th March 2021.

World Kidney Day 2021's theme was *Kidney Health for Everyone Everywhere – Living Well with Kidney Disease.*

WKD aims to increase education and awareness about effective symptom management and patient empowerment, with the ultimate goal of encouraging the meaningful participation in everyday life of people living with kidney disease.

Kidney organisations from all over the world hosted events which helped create more awareness about kidney disease and patient care. This year the TANKER staff created awareness by distributing masks on GN Chetty Road flyover & Jeeva Park Chennai. Our goodwill ambassador actor Suriya helped further spread the message by tweeting about World Kidney Day.

Every year TANKER conducts various activities to highlight OUR AMAZING KIDNEYS so that more people may be made aware of the kidneys and their functions, and the need to prevent kidney disease.



Masks distribution on GN Chetty Road Flyover, & Jeeva Park Chennai on World Kidney Day -11/03/21

According to TANKER Foundation Managing-Trustee, Ms Latha A. Kumaraswami, who is also President-Elect of IFKF-WKA, almost 2.5 lakh people die of kidney failure in India every year. It is the third largest killer after malignancy and heart disease. Millions suffer from some form of kidney disease and many of them, particularly in India, cannot afford the cost of treatment or care. In Tamil Nadu, around 14,440 people have kidney failure every year, and only 10% have access to treatment – which is when TANKER Foundation steps in by providing free/subsidized dialysis and one-time financial help for medication, investigation and transplantation. It also spreads awareness about kidney disease and its prevention.




**TANKER'S  
WORLD  
KIDNEY DAY  
ACTIVITIES  
ON 11/03/21**



Tweet  
Suriya Sivakumar @Suriya\_offl  
This #WorldKidneyDay @TANKERIndia and I have come together to support people with kidney disease and show them that it's possible to lead a fulfilling life. #livingwellwithkidneydisease #worldkidneyday2021 #wkd2021 #kidneydisease #kidneyawareness #tankerfoundation






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 **Suriya Sivakumar** ✓  
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Living Well with Kidney Disease  
World Kidney Day  
11<sup>th</sup> March 2021

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உலக சிறுநீரக நோய் தினம்  
11<sup>ம்</sup> மார்ச் 2021



## ACTIVITIES

### MR VIDYAAKAR OF UDAVUM KARANGAL PERSONALLY GAVE AWAY GROCERY HAMPERS TO TANKER PATIENTS



What began well, ended well. The grocery hamper distribution to TANKER Foundation patients, by NGO Udavum Karangal's founder, Mr Vidyaakar, began in October and concluded November 7, 2020.

Pappaji, as Mr Vidyaakar is known endearingly, was present during the distribution function November 7, at Udavum Karangal, R V N School, 93 Car Road, Thiruverkadu.

The patients who benefited from the hamper distribution came from Ambattur, Valluvarkottam, Injambakkam, Valasaravakkam, Thiruverkadu, Retteri and Perungudi. In all, 149 patients were provided the free provisions in November, while the number was 198 in October. "Thanks to TANKER Foundation for making this function a memorable one," said Mr Vidyaakar, whose generosity was appreciated by TANKER Foundation and its patients during the November 7 distribution.

### COURTESY CALL ON TNHSP PROJECT DIRECTOR

TANKER Foundation's Managing Trustee, Mrs. Latha A. Kumaraswami, Deputy General Manager, Mrs. S. Geetha, Head Administration, Mrs. Vasanthi Ravichander, called on the Project Director of Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project (TNHSP), Mr. A. Sivagnanam, IAS, at his office in Chennai.

The meeting took place Tuesday December 8, 2020. The TANKER Foundation memento was presented to Mr Sivagnanam during the courtesy call. Established in 2005, the Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project is an initiative of the Government of Tamil Nadu, in partnership with World Bank, to create a health system in Tamil Nadu that is highly accessible, equitable and effective, says its website.



### GEM SPECIALISTS VISIT TANKER OFFICE



Dr K Prabhu, Nephrologist, Dr Rajasekaran Siddhan, Urologist, and Mr V.P Vasekaran, Surgery Associate, from GEM Hospital, visited the TANKER Foundation admin office at T Nagar. TANKER memento was presented to them by Foundation Managing Trustee, Mrs. Latha A. Kumaraswami, and Head Administration, Mrs Vasanthi Ravichander. It was a courtesy call. Mr. prabhu helps TANKER patients in Perungudi and Injambakkam.

## INTERNSHIPS AT TANKER

TANKER Foundation supports the AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL CHENNAI in their CareerX (formerly known as the Career Practicum Program) which places high school students in a professional work environment. 13 students enrolled to intern at TANKER to learn and grow. By the end of the internship, the students made posters and presentations on various topics related to kidneys.



Kidney Disease Treatment Option:

### HEMODIALYSIS PROCEDURE

1. Use of a dialysis machine and a dialyzer (filter)
2. Two needles are placed in to the vascular access
3. Blood is filtered with the dialyzer (man-made)
4. One pint of blood is outside of the body during dialysis in one cycle of the filtration process
5. The machine withdraws and returns blood after it is filtered
6. Each treatment usually lasts 4 hours, 3 times per week
7. **Remember!** Your doctor will prescribe a dialysis treatment for you



TAMILNAD KIDNEY RESEARCH FOUNDATION



## ESSVEE FOUNDATION ADDS TO TANKER MIGHT

Essvee Foundation, Chennai, has been adopting college students to help them get education in medical, engineering and nursing colleges over the years. In a first for the Foundation, top businessman, Mr. Singaram, the Managing Trustee of Essvee Foundation, decided to donate for healthcare to TANKER Foundation. The Essvee Foundation has generously donated funds to TANKER Foundation for installing 2 dialysis machines. The cheque was handed over



to TANKER Foundation Managing Trustee, Mrs. Latha A. Kumaraswami, and Mrs. Vasanthi Ravichander, Head Administration, TANKER Foundation, by Mr Singaram and Essvee Foundation Trustee, Ms. Latha Narayanan. The duo from TANKER Foundation visited the Essvee Foundation office Wednesday, February 3, 2021, and gratefully collected the cheque. One of the dialysis machines will be installed at the Tiruverkadu Dialysis Unit and the other machine at Greater Chennai Corporation RCME TANKER Foundation Dialysis Unit at Valluvarkottam.

## TECH GIANTS VISIT INJAMBAKKAM UNIT

Mr. Gaurav Maini, MD – CNSI India, and Mr. Ramesh Ardhanari, SVP – CNSI India, visited our Injambakkam Dialysis Unit along with TANKER Foundation’s Advisory Member, Mr K.V. Balachander. CNSI India is a leader in technology-driven healthcare. The visit happened February 23, 2021. They appreciated TANKER’s work and said they found the unit well-maintained. They promised to help TANKER Foundation by giving a dialysis machine.



**RECEIVED WITH GRATITUDE**

We would like to record our grateful thanks to Mr. Ram Komal (brother of TANKER Foundation Advisory Member, Mr K.V. Balachander) and Mrs. Sumathi Ram for having visited the admin office in T Nagar to make a donation February 24, 2021. We were happy to present a TANKER memento in appreciation of their generosity.

**TANKER MOU WITH MGM HEALTHCARE**



It was a momentous occasion for TANKER Foundation as an MoU was signed with MGM Healthcare, a premium hospital in Chennai, together to reach out to needy patients. The MoU, signed March 1, 2021, would help underprivileged kidney patients. TANKER memento was presented to Dr. Prashanth Rajagopalan, Director, MGM Healthcare, Dr. Anuradha Baskaran, Asst Director of Medical Services, MGM, and Mr. Harish Manian, CEO, MGM, by Dr. Georgi Abraham, Founder-Trustee, TANKER

Foundation, and Ms Latha A. Kumaraswami, Managing Trustee, TANKER Foundation, on signing the MoU.

**EASE OF TESTS**

TANKER Foundation Founder-Trustee, Dr. Georgi Abraham, presented a TANKER memento to Dr. Maya and Dr. Jitu at Thelliyur PH Center where blood creatinine, FBS and urine tests are being done for TANKER patients from March 2, 2021. TANKER Foundation is thankful to the doctors for their support which will help patients from TANKER screening camps.







### CATCH 'EM YOUNG

A powerful interaction with TANKER Foundation Founder-Trustee, Dr Georgi Abraham, took place Wednesday, March 3, 2021, at St Behanans Higher Secondary School, Vennikulam, Kerala. This was part of the awareness drive, a joint effort by TANKER Foundation, Kerala Kidney Research Foundation and The Parish of St Behanan's Church at Vennikulam. The programme was organized by the National Service Scheme, Unit No. 45, of the school. Earlier, an awareness and early detection centre was inaugurated at Vennikulam. The space was donated by the Parish of St Behanan Orthodox Church, Vennikulam, represented by Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. K.Y. Wilson. Dr Georgi Abraham had represented the Foundation at the inauguration.

*Time: 2pm*  
*Date: 03/03/2021*  
*Venue: Seminar Hall SBHSS Vennikulam*

### REACHING OUT TO COONOOR

TANKER Foundation is supporting a new dialysis unit at Lawley Government Hospital, Coonoor, a project of the Rotary Club of Nilgiris. TANKER Foundation Managing Trustee, Ms. Latha A. Kumaraswami, presented TANKER's memento to General Girish, President of Rotary Club of Nilgiris, Dr. Raja Prakash, and the invaluable staff of Lawley Hospital Thursday, March 4, 2021.



## EVERY BIT COUNTS

Owing to the generosity of Essvee Foundation, Chennai, one more dialysis machine was added to the Thiruverkadu Dialysis Unit of the TANKER Foundation. The inauguration took place Monday, March 8, 2021, in the presence of Essvee Foundation's, Mr. S.P. Singaram and Mrs. S. Vasugi. The Thiruverkadu unit already has 12 dialysis machines and the addition of one more machine brings great joy to TANKER Foundation that has been providing free/subsidized dialysis to underprivileged kidney patients for 27 years.



## SUPPORT EXTENDED

Mr. L. Ganesh, Chairman of the RANE Group, inaugurated on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, a dialysis machine, donated by the group, at the Rekha Memorial Renny Abraham Ambattur Rotary TANKER Foundation Subsidized Dialysis Unit at Ambattur. The kind donation has



increased up the number of dialysis machines at the Ambattur unit to 27. Mr. Ganesh appreciated the work being rendered by TANKER Foundation and promised continued support to all its activities. TANKER Foundation Founder-Trustee, Dr. Georgi Abraham, welcoming the gathering, pointed out that with the rise of kidney disease, a donation like this was "deeply appreciated". TANKER Foundation Managing-Trustee, Ms. Latha A. Kumaraswami, gave an update about the activities of the Foundation.

## A GROWING NUMBER

The Valluvarkottam Dialysis Unit of the TANKER Foundation saw some pleasant activity on Wednesday, March 10, 2021, when a new dialysis machine was added to the existing 17 machines. The machine was donated by kind-hearted trustees of Essvee Foundation, Chennai, Mr. S.P. Singaram and Mrs. S. Vasugi, who inaugurated it. Appreciating their gesture – they had already donated a machine in the beginning of the week to the Thiruverkadu Dialysis Unit – TANKER Foundation Founder-Trustee, Dr. Georgi Abraham, elaborated on how much such donations mean to the Foundation and underprivileged patients at large. TANKER Foundation Managing-Trustee, Ms. Latha A. Kumaraswami, spoke about the activities of the Foundation.



### ENABLERS VISIT TANKER OFFICE

TANKER Foundation enablers, Mr. V. Manohar and Mr. P. Seralathan, dropped by at our admin office at T. Nagar March 23, 2021. Foundation Managing-Trustee, Ms. Latha A. Kumaraswami, handed over TANKER memento to them and thanked them for their visit.



### WELCOMING MORE INTERNS

TANKER Foundation Managing Trustee, Ms. Latha A. Kumaraswami, signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Rotary Club of Madras East (RCME) during their GST Tally Training Program Wednesday, March 24, 2021.

According to the terms of the MoU, students doing a course as dialysis technicians would be taken as interns by TANKER Foundation to provide hands-on training. The course is offered by Greater Chennai Corporation in collaboration with and with support from RCME. Ms. Latha A. Kumaraswami spoke about TANKER's first joint collaboration with RCME and GCC at Valluvarkottam Dialysis Unit which started with 4 machines and now has 18 machines. TANKER is grateful for their faith and trust in our work.

The Chief Guest at the programme that took place at the Vocational Excellence Centre of RCME Trust, Thoraipakkam, was Rotarian J Sridhar, District Governor Elect 2021-222 – RI Dist 3232. RCME President, Mr. Murugavel Selvan, RCME Secretary, Mr. S Ramakrishnan, and other office-bearers participated.



## GOVERNOR VISITS AMBATTUR DIALYSIS UNIT

Sunday, March 28, 2021 was a memorable day for the staff of the Rekha Memorial Renny Abraham Ambattur Rotary TANKER Foundation Subsidized Dialysis Unit in Chennai as they had a star visitor: The Governor of Tamil Nadu, Mr. Banwarilal Purohit.

The Governor was at the Ambattur Rotary Hospital to inaugurate their Cerebral Palsy Rehab Centre and also checked out TANKER's dialysis unit that runs there.

TANKER Foundation Founder-Trustee, Dr. Georgi Abraham, was at hand to welcome the guest, while the Foundation's Managing Trustee, Ms. Latha A. Kumaraswami, gave him a guided tour of the unit.

She explained the work being carried out by TANKER Foundation. She spoke about the close association between Ambattur Rotary and the Foundation.

Mr Purohit praised the staff of the dialysis unit for their selfless service.

Ms. Latha Kumaraswami also presented the Governor with the TANKER Foundation memento and handed over the brochure that details the work of the Foundation





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We extend our grateful thanks to all our enablers for your continued support.

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