



# **TAMILNAD KIDNEY RESEARCH FOUNDATION**

**Helping the underprivileged with kidney ailments**

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**ANNUAL  
REPORT  
2023-2024**

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Kidney  
Research  
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*Our grateful thanks to all our donors and well-wishers for their great support and help.*

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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 MISSION

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

## OUR VISION

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

## OUR OBJECTIVE

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

We have completed 30 years of service for the underprivileged with kidney ailments. With valuable support from well wishers, we have meaningfully contributed to healthcare, research, training and advocacy connected to kidney disease. From June 1993 till March 2024, TANKER has provided 660,723 free and subsidized dialysis for 2823 patients. We have also given financial support of Rs. 4.26 Crores to 5098 patients for transplantation, medication, investigation and fistula surgery costs.

Our Fourteen subsidized dialysis units have a total of 250 Dialysis Machines and are situated in

1. Ambattur Rotary Hospital, Chennai
2. Madurai Chokkikulam with Arogya Trust
3. Vellore with Rotary Club of Vellore Fort
4. Thiruverkadu, Chennai with Rotary Club of Madras West
5. Porur, Chennai Sathylok with Sathylok Charitable Trust, MWRT -10 Rotary Club of Chennai Capital
6. Corporation P.H.C, Nungambakkam, Chennai with Rotary Club of Madras East
7. Corporation U. P. H. C, Retteri, Chennai with Rotary Club of Chennai Towers
8. Perungudi, Chennai with Corporation U.C.H.C

9. Corporation U.C.H.C, Valasaravakkam, Chennai with Rotary Club of Chennai Coastal,
10. Corporation U.C.H.C Injambakkam, Chennai with Freemasons Lodge Accountants 194 and Lodge Accountants Charitable Trust
11. Tiruppur with Tiruppur North Rotary Club and Tiruppur Corporation
12. Corporation U.C.H.C, Thiruvotriyur, Chennai with Rotary Club of Madras Central Aadithya and Rotary Club of Madras West
13. UPHC Padi, Chennai with RCMW Kerala Catholic Society
14. Corporation U.P.H.C Vyasarpadi, Chennai with Rotary Club of Madras East.

We provide 9074 dialysis per month, of which 8895 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 891 patients in our units.

We also have 2 dialysis machines at MGM Hospital, Pondicherry. In November 2009, we started our HIV Dialysis Unit for dialysis for underprivileged HIV patients. This is the first of its kind in India. Subsequently we also helped open an HIV facility with 3 machines in Parumala, Kerala. We also support Kerala Kidney Research Foundation (KKRF), which provides free and subsidized dialysis at Tiruvalla 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. We have enabled the opening of 3 dialysis units, one each in Pillar Hospital, Port Blair, Andaman Islands with Rotary Club of Guindy, Lawley Hospital, Coonoor with Rotary Club of Nilgiris and in Bethany Medical Centre in Anaikatti, Attapadi to benefit the tribal population there. TANKER along with The Madras Medical Mission has donated a machine to the Dar es salaam General Hospital in Tanzania.

Almost 2.5 lakh people die of kidney failure in India every year. It is the third largest killer after malignancy and heart disease. Along with helping our patients, spreading the word about kidney disease is equally important to TANKER. We have reached out to more than 2 lakhs people with the 1422 Awareness Programmes at schools, colleges, law enforcement offices and public forums. We have also screened 42,212 individuals for early detection of kidney disease through our 533 screening camps. As the field of research in kidney diseases requires more attention and guidance in India, TANKER also gives awards for research in Nephrology and Service to the tune of Rs. 9 lakhs every year.

We are continuing to provide dialysis for all our patients through our 14 dialysis units. Our grateful thanks again for your continued support. Please keep our staff and patients in your prayers.

## OUR GOODWILL AMBASSADORS



**Mr. Suriya,  
Actor, Film Producer &  
Philanthropist**

“The TANKER Foundation does great work. TANKER also creates Awareness on how to prevent Kidney Ailments.”



**Ms. Revathy,  
Trustee: TANKER Foundation; Film  
Director, Actor & Social Activist**

“TANKER has been huge in creating Awareness all over Tamilnadu and even beyond that. So, I would encourage more people to please come forward and support the TANKER Foundation.”

## MANAGING TRUSTEE'S MESSAGE

Dear Wellwisher, I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report for the year 2023-2024. 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

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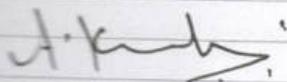
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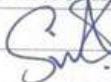
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<b>INCOME</b>		
By Donations		
- for Charity & General Donations	15,748,193.61	10,582,534.66
- FCRA donations	3,150,046.80	1,401,435.49
- for Dialysis & Medical Support	5,526,926.01	2,382,400.99
- for Dialysis Machines	9,346,327.00	7,662,463.00
- Received in kind	2,922,680.00	-
- CSR Donations	23,514,868.80	18,103,699.00
	<b>60,209,042.22</b>	<b>40,132,533.14</b>
By Recovery from Dialysis	98,468,901.00	82,694,122.00
By Interest Received	7,674,531.50	8,741,155.59
By Miscellaneous Receipts	633.12	164,063.12
	<b>166,353,107.84</b>	<b>131,731,873.85</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
To Unit Expenses	133,341,431.58	106,431,864.53
To Kidney disease Awareness Program	1,076,354.00	1,078,855.75
To Charity/Grants for Kidney Patients	4,887,056.84	4,144,400.00
To Research Award & Support	1,014,569.00	899,381.00
To IFKF Expenses	336,795.00	438,536.72
	<b>140,656,206.42</b>	<b>112,993,038.00</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES</b>		
As per Schedule	8,294,763.67	6,334,480.12
Loss on sale of Assets	553,445.00	661,458.00
	<b>149,504,415.09</b>	<b>119,988,976.12</b>
To Excess of Expenditure over Income	<b>16,848,692.75</b>	<b>11,742,897.73</b>
Amount transferred to Capital A/c	16,848,692.75	11,742,897.73
To (Deficit) / Excess of Income Over Expenditure	<b>16,848,692.75</b>	<b>11,742,897.73</b>

for Tamilnad Kidney Research Foundation

for P S S & CO

Chartered Accountant





Mrs. Latha A Kumaraswami

CA P.S. Srikant

Managing Trustee

Partner

Place : Chennai

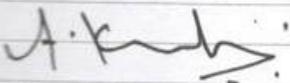
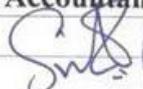
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TAMILNAD KIDNEY RESEARCH FOUNDATION		
BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31.03.2024		
SOURCES OF FUND	31.03.2024	31.03.2023
<b>CAPITAL ACCOUNT - Op.Bal.</b>	59,682,262.21	47,939,364.48
Add: Surplus	16,848,692.75	11,742,897.73
	<b>76,530,954.96</b>	<b>59,682,262.21</b>
<b>CORPUS FUND A/c. - Op.Bal.</b>	71,651,613.28	71,331,613.28
Add: Received during the year	-	320,000.00
	<b>71,651,613.28</b>	<b>71,651,613.28</b>
<b>SPONSOR A DIALYSIS(Perpetuity)-Op.</b>	32,165,768.79	26,514,922.33
Add: Received during the year	7,035,406.46	5,650,846.46
	<b>39,201,175.25</b>	<b>32,165,768.79</b>
<b>35AC CORPUS FUND</b>	63,045,845.00	63,045,845.00
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
- Provident Fund & ESIC Payable	54,808.08	52,496.80
	<b>250,484,396.57</b>	<b>226,597,986.08</b>
<b>APPLICATION ON FUNDS:</b>		
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		
- As per details	90,493,506.00	74,323,495.00
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>		
- As per details	150,268,381.28	139,895,516.28
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
- Cash at Bank	3,653,877.50	4,480,908.93
<b>DEPOSITS</b>		
- Staff Loans & Advances	455,868.00	360,646.00
- Advances	888,051.00	4,899,999.52
- Rental Advance	264,000.00	210,000.00
- Telephone deposit	11,500.00	11,500.00
- EB & Other deposits	105,782.00	105,782.00
- IT Refundable	4,343,430.79	2,310,138.35
	<b>250,484,396.57</b>	<b>226,597,986.08</b>
for Tamilnad Kidney Research Foundation		for P S S & CO
		Chartered Accountant
		
Mrs.Latha A Kumaraswami		CA P.S.Srikant
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## ANNUAL AWARDS PROGRAM 2024

### TANKER 31st Annual Charity and Awards Nite

TANKER Foundation celebrated its 31st Annual Charity and Awards Nite Thursday, January 25, 2024, at Hotel Savera, R.K. Salai, Chennai. The programme began with The Mr. Venkatesan & Mrs. Malathi Venkatesan TANKER Foundation Memorial Lecture, delivered by Ms. Shanthi Rajmohan, a brave warrior and a person who is on CAPD for a long term (20+ years).

Ms. Shanthi Rajmohan shared her experiences and several heartwarming stories about her life and her uphill struggle with her health. She has been on CAPD (Continuous Ambulatory Peritoneal Dialysis) for over 20 years.

Dr. Georgi Abraham, Founder Trustee, TANKER Foundation, welcomed the gathering and said the incidence of kidney disease was on the increase and that more awareness had to be created about this terrible disease.



Dr. Georgi Abraham was also grateful to the sponsors for supporting the awards for research in nephrology and dedicated service of doctors. The Awards Nite was a function to recognise research in nephrology and service to the public, he said.

Mrs. Latha Kumaraswami, Managing Trustee, TANKER Foundation, talked about TANKER's small beginnings in 1993 and that with help from the Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme (CMCHIS), the PMJAY, the Greater Chennai Corporation, family, friends, Rotary, Lions, Round Table, Freemasons, Ladies Circle, Inner Wheel, Corporates, individuals and other valuable donors, TANKER was able to render its service.

She thanked the valuable staff of TANKER for being Angels on Earth, especially for their commitment and dedication during the Corona pandemic, floods and cyclone. TANKER runs 14 dialysis units in Chennai, Madurai, Vellore, and Tiruppur and does 8,782 dialysis a month, serving 878 patients, she said.

Chief guest, Dr. Gagandeep Singh Bedi, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Health and Family Welfare, Tamil Nadu, said he admired and appreciated the dedicated work that TANKER does and that everyone involved took ownership at TANKER.

He also talked about CKD being a major public health challenge and that it was the need of the hour for more resources to be made available from the public and private sectors for addressing NCDs , awareness and early detection, organ donation and all related challenges.

He presented the following awards.

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**The K.V. George Kottukulam Memorial TANKER & Kerala Kidney Research Foundation Young Investigator Award** for outstanding research done in the field of nephrology in India was awarded to Dr. Pallav Gupta, for his research into 'Clinico pathologic spectrum and outcomes of infections diagnosed on graft biopsies and nephrectomy in live renal allograft recipients: An institutional experience'. The award carried a prize of Rs. 2 lakhs, a citation and a gold medallion.

**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. Kamalakannan R, a GP who does selfless service for the needy. The award carried a prize of Rs. 1 lakh, a citation and a gold medallion.



**The K. Venkatanarayana TANKER Foundation Awareness Award**, given to an individual for creating awareness of any disease, mental, physical and social, was awarded to Mr. Amandeep Singh Kandhari. The award carried a prize of Rs. 1 lakh, 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 awarded to Ms. Shanthi Rajmohan, a brave warrior and a person who is on CAPD for a long term (20+ years). The award carried a prize of Rs. 1 lakh, a citation and a gold medallion.



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**The La Renon TANKER Foundation Lifetime Achievement Awards** given to two individuals who have done exemplary work in the field of nephrology were awarded to Dr. Sanjeev Gulati, New Delhi, and Dr. Sharad Madanlal Sheth, Mumbai, who have served tirelessly in the field of kidney disease. The awards carried a prize of Rs. 1 lakh, a citation and a gold medallion each.

**The Ashok Sankaralingam TANKER Foundation Patient Endowment** – One year dialysis support, was given to four underprivileged patients with kidney failure – Rs. 2 lakhs.



**Honouring of Supporters** – Master Jitspeed, the young author of the book ‘Legend of Icarus – Flight of Destiny – Unveiling the Mythical Odyssey’, has donated the sale proceeds of his book to help kidney patients.

**TANKER Staff Awards** were given for Service, Dedication, Commitment, Punctuality and Awareness Initiative to several TANKER staff.



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## ACTIVITIES



### Screening camp at Nungambakkam apartment

TANKER Foundation's TANKER Awareness and Prevention Program (TAPP) team conducted a screening camp at Brown Stone Apartment in Nungambakkam, April 9, 2023.

The camp, organised by NGO Dasya Trust, saw the participation of 46 people which included the residents of the apartment and members of the general public.

Dr. Padma was at hand to guide the TAPP team that consisted of TAPP Head, Mrs. Rajalakshmi Ravi, and Mrs. Ramapriya and Mrs. Deepa. They were ably assisted by two volunteers.

The participants had their BMI and blood pressure checked and their capillary blood glucose and urine tested. The TAPP team found that the BMI was high for a large number of people. But, the team was happy to note that among the older participants, in the age group of 70s, who were more in number, their values were quite normal.

They were found to have only age-related issues. The team observed that the residents could have been more enthusiastic about participating in the camp as only a few of them made use of it.

### Screening camp for construction workers

The TANKER Awareness and Prevention Program (TAPP) team of TANKER Foundation, led by its Head, Mrs. Rajalakshmi Ravi, held a screening camp at MMM signal in Mogappair for the benefit of construction workers and general public.

TANKER Foundation Founder-Trustee, Dr. Georgi Abraham, added strength to the TAPP team with his presence on the day of the camp, May 28, 2023.

Dr. Padma and Dr. Sharmila guided the TAPP team that included Mrs. Ramapriya and Mrs. Deepa. They were ably assisted by volunteers, Mr. L.G Ravi, Mr. Parthiban and Mrs. Khazhaga Selvi, three Scouts students and five nursing students from ANEW.

The camp was held at the Construction Workers Welfare Association in Mogappair, and saw the participation of 86 members of the public.

The TAPP team checked their BMI and BP and conducted capillary blood glucose and urine test for all the participants. The TAPP team found that most of them had capillary blood glucose. Those who had urine glucose were asked to do FBS and PPBS and see the doctor at their primary health centre or private hospitals.



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## Screening camp at Madurai vegetable market

Eighty members of the general public were screened at a camp organised by TANKER Awareness and Prevention Program (TAPP) team of TANKER Foundation at Chokkikulam in Madurai.

Dr. K. Sampathkumar, Senior Consultant Nephrologist from Meenakshi Mission Hospital, Madurai, guided the TAPP team that included Mr. G. Samuel, Mr. M. Vijay Anandkumar, Mr. B. Arasu and Mr. V. Alagumalai.

The camp, held on, August 24, 2023, at the Uzhavar Sandhai Vegetable Market of Chokkikulam, Madurai, saw the participation of 80 members of the general public. The participants had their BMI and blood pressure checked and their capillary blood glucose and urine tested.

The TAPP team was ably assisted by four nursing students from the Tamil Nadu Technical and Paramedical Institute. The TAPP team found that most female participants' BMI was high. It also detected many diabetes and hypertension cases. Some people had been diabetic for many years.



## Inclusivity in screening camp

The TANKER Awareness and Prevention Program (TAPP) team of TANKER Foundation held a screening camp at K.P.R. Mahal, in Tiruvallur, September 19, 2023, for transgenders and members of the general public.

The programme, held at the Vidivelli Transgender Welfare Society, saw the participation of 55 transgenders and members of the general public. Dr. Harris Raj guided the TAPP team members, Mrs. Ramapriya and Mrs. Deepa. They were ably supported by Ms. Azhageswari and Ms. Swetha, interns from Madras University, and Ms. Jeevarani, an intern from D.G. Vaishnav College, Arumbakkam, Chennai.



## Nagarathar physicians organise screening camp

A screening camp was conducted by the TANKER Awareness and Prevention Program (TAPP) team of TANKER Foundation at Erode, organised by the Nagarathar Physicians of North America & International Nagarathar Health Club (INPNA & NHC) and Rotary Club Erode.

The camp, conducted on November 5, 2023, was held at the Chettinadu Palace, Karur By-Pass Road, Erode. TAPP team head, Mrs. Rajalakshmi Ravi, participated in the inauguration function and lit the traditional lamp. The camp was led by Dr. Jansi Rani, who guided the TAPP team that included Mrs. Ramapriya and Mrs. Deepa. They were ably assisted by four students of the Dhanvanthri College of Nursing. The team screened 144 members of the general public who had their BMI and blood pressure checked and their capillary blood glucose and urine tested.



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## Advisory Member visits units on Vishu

TANKER Foundation Advisory Member, Ms. Rohini Menon, not only celebrated Vishu, the Malayalee New Year, but also ensured that she enjoyed the day with the staff of the various dialysis units of TANKER, and the patients who use those facilities.

She made the rounds of the dialysis units and distributed prasadam to the staff and the patients Saturday, April 15, 2023.

The staff of all the units thanked Ms. Rohini Menon profusely for her thoughtful gesture.



## Valluvarkottam unit gets 2 dialysis machines

Two dialysis machines, donated by Avant-Garde Systems and Controls Pvt Ltd and Mr. K. Ragothaman and Mrs. Usha Ragothaman for the positive wing of the dialysis unit in Valluvarkottam, were inaugurated on June 13, 2023.

The machines were inaugurated by Thousand Lights MLA, Dr. Ezhilan Naganathan, Mr. K. Ragothaman, Director, Mr. S. Balasubramanian, Director and Mr. P.S. Sankaranarayanan, Director, Avant-Garde Systems and Controls Pvt Ltd.

Bedsheets donated by Rotary Club of Coastal Chennai were handed over by club President, Mrs. Latha Balamukundan.

Dr. Ezilan Naganathan said the public-private and NGO partnership with TANKER Foundation was working well in this first diagnostic centre set up in Valluvarkottam. He was looking forward to a long-term relationship, and appreciated the efforts of TANKER Foundation. Mr. Ragothaman said they were happy to support TANKER Foundation through their CSR.

Mr. Balasubramanian, who spontaneously donated two air-conditioners during the event, and Mr. Sankaranarayanan and Thousand Lights Councillor, Ms. Prema Suresh, were present on the occasion.

Mr. Ashwin Vummidi, another guest from Rotary club, joined the event.



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## Paritosh Pal - Artist and Patient

TANKER Foundation patient, Mr. Paritosh Pal, and his family dropped by during the manager's meet that was held April 28 and April 29, 2023, at Presidency Club, Chennai.

An artist, Mr. Pal (50) resides in Darjeeling and earns Rs. 10,000 per month. His wife is a homemaker. He has two children. He has conducted fundraising programmes with his paintings for TANKER Foundation.

In 2001, Mr. Pal developed breathing problem. He consulted a doctor in a private hospital and, after investigations, the report showed that he had renal failure.

He was advised to go in for kidney transplant. His cousin agreed to donate the organ and he underwent transplant September 18, 2002, at Chennai Kaliappa Hospital, Chennai.

Since Mr. Pal was unable to purchase post-transplant medicine, he approached TANKER Foundation for financial assistance. TANKER Foundation has been helping him since 20 years for his transplant medication.

He brightened up the managers meeting with his beautiful painting.

## Dr. Georgi's praise for TANKER staff

TANKER Foundation Founder-Trustee, Dr. Georgi Abraham, was full of praise for the staff after visiting five TANKER dialysis units in and around Chennai. He was accompanied by TANKER Foundation Deputy General Manager, Mrs. S. Geetha. Here is his WhatsApp message:

Dear TANKER family,

I visited Sathyalok, Thiruverkadu, Padi, Vyasarpadi, and Retteri units. The staff are totally committed, places are well kept and clean, and patients are treated like brothers and sisters.

What a great blessing for all.

God bless U all.  
Dr. Georgi



## Creating awareness during Madurai festival

The TANKER Awareness and Prevention Program (TAPP) team of TANKER Foundation in Madurai hit upon a great idea to use the famous Chithirai Thiruvizha festival of Madurai to create awareness on kidney health among the members of the public.

TAPP team members, Mr. Arasu and Mr. Alagumalai, chose the congregation of devotees at K. Pudhur, in Madurai, for the intervention on May 4, 2023.

They distributed Tamil leaflets on kidney health to 900 members of the public who had gathered there to witness the festival.



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## Patient praises service at Valluvarkottam unit

Listen to a new patient speak highly about the service being rendered by TANKER Foundation at the Valluvarkottam dialysis unit.

The patient speaks highly of the facilities provided in the unit and says they are comparable to, if not better than most private hospitals.

His suggestion is for a nephrologist to be present in the unit so that it boosts patients' confidence. TANKER Foundation is thankful to the patient for his kind words and his suggestion.



## 3 students complete internship at TANKER

Ms. R. Priyanka, Ms. Khushee B and Ms. Shakshi Varma, pursuing first year B.Com Honours at Sri Kanyaka Parameshwari Arts & Science College for Women, Chennai, interned with TANKER Foundation in June 2023.

They actively participated in the working of the admin office. On completion of their internship, they were given their certificates by TANKER Foundation Managing-Trustee, Mrs. Latha A. Kumaraswami, and Head Admin, Mrs. Vasanthi Ravichander. The students were also presented the TANKER memento, which is a personalised, special, ceramic mug that has images of TANKER Goodwill Ambassador, trustees and some patient-beneficiaries.



## Student completes internship with TANKER

Mr. K. Vishaal, pursuing second year B.Com. Honours, Christ University, Central Campus, Bengaluru, interned with TANKER Foundation from June 6 to June 12, 2023. He visited the TANKER Foundation admin office at T. Nagar, Chennai, June 12.

TANKER Foundation Managing-Trustee, Mrs. Latha A. Kumaraswami, and Head Admin, Mrs. Vasanthi Ravichander, handed over the internship completion certificate to Mr. Vishaal. He was also presented the TANKER memento, which is a personalised, special, ceramic mug.



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## KC High School interns awarded certificates

It was a fruitful learning curve for three students of KC High School, who interned with TANKER Foundation.

On completion of their internship, the 9th grade students, Ms. Sadhana, Ms. Samyuktha, and Mr. Meyyappan, were presented certificates on January 5, 2024, by TANKER Foundation Head Admin, Mrs. Vasanthi Ravichander.

She also presented them with the TANKER memento, which is a personalised, special, ceramic mug.



## 2 students complete internship at TANKER

Ms. A. Sathiqha Begum and Ms. B. Kajal, pursuing second year B. Com (Honours) at Sri Kanyaka Parameshwari Arts & Science College for Women, Chennai, interned with TANKER Foundation.

On completion of their internship, the students were presented certificates at the TANKER Foundation admin office at Mahalingapuram, Chennai, March 1, 2024.

## Social work student interns at TANKER

Mr. S. Dilip, pursuing II MSW (Aided) – Medical & Psychiatric Social Work, Madras School of Social Work, Chennai, interned with TANKER Foundation.

On completion of his internship, he was given a certificate at the TANKER Foundation admin office at Mahalingapuram, Chennai, March 1, 2024. TANKER Foundation Managing Trustee, Mrs. Latha A. Kumaraswami, and Officer –Admin & HR, Mrs. R. Sabitha, also presented him with the TANKER memento, which is a personalised, special, ceramic mug



## Four AISC students complete internship

Two 11th grade students and two 12th grade students of American International School Chennai (AISC) interned with TANKER Foundation. They were also taken around the museum set up by TANKER Foundation Founder Trustee, Dr. Georgi Abraham, in his house in Chennai.

Dr. Georgi Abraham gave them a guided tour of the museum and explained various items on display, which are medical and non-medical memorabilia. On completion of their internship, the students were presented certificates at the TANKER Foundation admin office in T. Nagar, Chennai, by Head Admin, Mrs. Vasanthi Ravichander, January 5, 2024.

The students were given a warm send-off and also presented the TANKER memento, which is a personalised, special, ceramic mug



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## TANKER Foundation congratulates TN DGP

TANKER Foundation congratulates DGP Mr. Shankar Jiwal for becoming the chief of Tamil Nadu police.

Mr. Jiwal earlier served as Chennai city Commissioner of Police. He took charge Saturday, July 1, 2023, succeeding Dr. C. Sylendra Babu.



## Dr. Georgi speaks at Japanese dialysis conference

TANKER Foundation Founder-Trustee and MGM Hospital's Senior Consultant of the Nephrology Department, Dr. Georgi Abraham, participated in the 68th annual meeting of the Japanese Society of Dialysis Therapy at Kobe, Japan, June 16, & June 17, 2023.

At the conference, he spoke on the topic 'The status of dialysis patients in Asian countries under COVID – 19 disaster: From the beginning to the era with COVID (2019-2023)'. Dr. Georgi Abraham also spoke on the topic: 'The present status of conservative kidney management (CKM) in Asian countries: India'.



## TANKER at 30: Day marked by celebrations

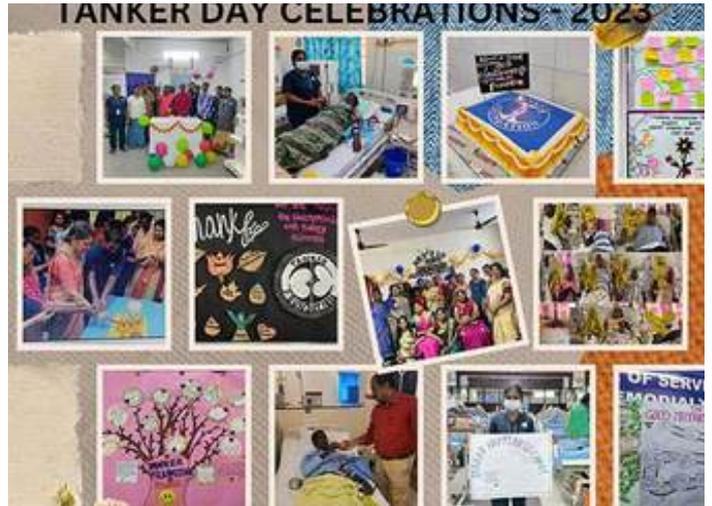
It was a day of rejoicing and rededication for members of the TANKER family as TANKER Foundation turned 30 on June 30, 2023.

A small meeting was held in the admin office of TANKER Foundation at T. Nagar, Chennai, to celebrate the landmark event. The office was tastefully decorated by the admin and accounts staff with balloons to mark every year of progress and with matching photographs hanging from them. Streamers connected all the thirty balloons. A cake was also cut.

All the staff members, decorated their respective dialysis units with streamers, balloons and 'happy memories' of patients. Some had rangoli and flower arrangements on the floor to celebrate the anniversary. Every unit cut a cake that was beautifully decorated and carried loving messages. The patients were given cakes and biscuits to celebrate the day.

On the whole, the day was an exhilarating experience for all members of the TANKER family.

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## Ambattur unit bags exemplary certificate award

On the occasion of Independence Day celebrations, the Ambattur unit of TANKER Foundation received the exemplary certificate award for its services.

The award was received from Tiruvallur Collector, Dr. Alby John Varghese, during the colourful Independence Day celebrations on, August 15, 2023. The Ambattur unit has received the certificate on quite a few occasions earlier also.

## Tiruppur unit gets best performance certificate

On August 15<sup>th</sup> 2023, being Independence Day, the Tiruppur dialysis unit of TANKER Foundation received best performance certificate under Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme (CMCHIS) in Tiruppur district.

The certificate was handed over by Tiruppur Collector, Mr. T. Christuraj and was received by Tiruppur unit Senior Manager, Mr. Jinu Kumar.



## Generous donations from Sun TV Network Limited

Sun TV Network Limited, which had made a very generous donation the previous year, continued to support TANKER this year too.

Sun TV Network Limited, donated 4 dialysis machines for the Ambattur dialysis unit.

TANKER Foundation is very grateful for the unstinting generosity of Sun TV Network Limited in helping the needy with kidney disease.



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## Training for mental health aid caregivers

A training programme was conducted for caregivers, staff and volunteers in mental health aid by the Banyan Academy for Leadership in Mental Health (Balm) and TANKER Foundation. The day-long programme, titled Training on Mental Health Aid for First Responders: An Orientation, was held at Mohan Foundation, Chennai, September 23, 2023.

The session covered active listening, life skills and ethics. It was interactive comprising role plays, case studies and group discussions.



## Dialysis machine inaugurated at Ambattur unit

The Rekha Memorial Renny Abraham Ambattur Rotary TANKER dialysis unit is supported by the Ambattur Rotary Club and Hospital, CMCHIS and many valuable donors. Adding to the donor list is Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance Company Ltd, which has donated 1 dialysis machine and 3 defibrillators.

The machine was inaugurated Saturday, February 17, 2024, by Mr. Clement Williams, Senior Vice President – FIG, and Mr. Pawan Soni, Chief Manager – CSR.

Mr. Williams said he had first-hand experience with kidney disease and was very appreciative of the TANKER team work. Mr. Soni said they were happy to be associated with TANKER and hoped to do more. This generous donation will benefit all the underprivileged patients using the unit.

## Aptus makes generous donation to TANKER

A new dialysis machine, CCTV facility for 15 centres, one desktop computer, two laptops and uniforms for TANKER staff have been donated by Aptus Value Housing Finance India Limited to the tune of Rs. 70 lakhs.

Mr. M. Anandan, Founder & Executive Chairman, Aptus Value Housing Finance India Limited, and Mrs. Padma Anandan inaugurated the machine, CCTV and distributed the uniforms to the staff Friday, July 7, 2023, at The Rekha Memorial Renny Abraham Ambattur Rotary TANKER Foundation Dialysis Unit. Mr. Nalankilli, AIEMA President, Mrs. Jyoti Vakaria, President, Rotary Club of Anna Nagar, and others participated in the event.



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## Inauguration of a New Haemodialysis machine at Rekha Memorial Renny Abraham Rotary Tanker Foundation Dialysis Unit

A new Haemodialysis Machine was inaugurated on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at The Rekha Memorial Renny Abraham Ambattur Rotary TANKER Foundation Dialysis Unit. Ambattur Rotary Hospital, 1st Main Road, Ambattur Industrial Estate, Chennai – 600058.

The programme commenced with an invocation song by Mr. Ramadoss, one of TANKER's senior patients.

The new machine was donated by Mr. Shankar Narayan Swamy and Mrs. Asha Swamy who also inaugurated the machine. Mr. Shankar Narayan Swamy said that he and his family have been supporting TANKER from inception in 1993 and were very appreciative of the progress over the years and the service they were doing for the needy with kidney failure.

Mrs. Latha Kumaraswami, Managing Trustee of TANKER Foundation said that these were donors who have been with TANKER from day 1 and expressed TANKER's gratitude for Mr. Shankar Narayan Swamy and Mrs. Asha Swamy's regular donations and generosity. She also thanked AIEMA and the Rotary Club of Ambattur and Hospital, the CMCHIS and other valuable donors for their regular support. She said that TANKER was appealing for space in Chennai to set up a Centre of Excellence for Kidney Disease. This was most important as kidney disease was increasing all over the world. TANKER has done almost 6 lakhs dialysis and is now helping 875 patients. Awareness programmes have been done for almost 2 Lakh people and Screening Camps for 40000 people for early detection of kidney disease.



## TANKER wins Social Responsibility Award

The Rotary Club of Chennai Presidency, RI District 32, presented the Social Responsibility Award 2023 to TANKER Foundation on May 21, 2023. TANKER Foundation Founder-Trustee, Dr. Georgi Abraham, was honoured with a citation by the Rotary Club of Chennai Presidency.

He was honoured with a shawl and presented the citation which spoke about the journey of TANKER Foundation from its inception in 1993 by Dr. Georgi Abraham, Mrs. Latha Kumaraswami and like-minded individuals, and its service for three decades.

TANKER Foundation donors, Dr. G. Sairamanan and Ms. Radha Venkiteswaran, visited the admin office in T. Nagar, Chennai, on Wednesday, September 20, 2023, to present the citation to TANKER Foundation Managing-Trustee, Mrs. Latha A. Kumaraswami.

Mrs. Latha Kumaraswami was presented a shawl in the presence of TANKER Head Admin, Mrs. Vasanthi Ravichander. In turn, Mrs. Latha Kumaraswami presented a wall clock to the visitors, that marks 30 years of service by TANKER Foundation



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## Celebrities, donors visit TANKER stall at Duchess Utsav

The TANKER Foundation stall, put up at the two-day (September 5-6) Duchess Utsav 2023, happening at Hotel Savera, Chennai, saw a beeline of celebrities and kind-hearted souls drop by.

Donor and supporter, actress, Ms. Suhasini Maniratnam, was honoured with the TANKER memento when she dropped by at the stall on September 6<sup>th</sup>.

Hotel Savera owner and TANKER Trustee, Ms. Nina Reddy, visited the stall on both days, while her father and TANKER Foundation donor and supporter, Mr. Seetharama Reddy, honoured the organisation with his visit to the stall. TANKER Foundation Trustee, Ms. Latha Pandiarajan dropped by at the stall as did Advisory Member, Ms Lakshmi Sankaran.

TANKER Foundation's regular donor, Mr. Krishna Kumar stopped by at the stall and was greeted by the TANKER family members manning the stall.

There were a number of other visitors and donors to the stall making it an enriching experience for TANKER Foundation.



## Managing-Trustee meets Health Secretary

TANKER Foundation Managing-Trustee, Mrs. Latha A. Kumaraswami, called on Tamil Nadu Health Secretary, Mr. Gagandeep Singh, along with Ms. Maryann of Kidney Warriors.

The meeting took place on October 26, 2023. Mrs. Latha Kumaraswami honoured Mr. Singh with the TANKER memento, which is a personalised, special, ceramic mug.



## TANKER guidance for Wayanad dialysis unit

TANKER Foundation Founder-Trustee, Dr. Georgi Abraham, visited the Wayanad Mission Hospital in Wayanad, Kerala, Saturday, October 14, 2023. He was in the hospital to help them set up a dialysis unit with guidance from TANKER Foundation.



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## 9-year-old turns philanthropist for TANKER

There is so much that one can write about Jit, the nine-year-old, who has been published at this young age.

Jitspeed has written a book 'Legend of Icarus – Flight of Destiny – Unveiling the Mythical Odyssey'. That is a mouthful of tough words for even a grown-up. But Jit has been able to dip into Greek mythology, and give it a clever, modern spin for his story. So, the young author needs to be celebrated for his literary prowess. Jit, son of TANKER Foundation Advisory Member, Ms. Vidhya Arumugam, has dedicated the book to his late father's memory. That shows the youngster's love for his father. A great accomplishment from a single mom!

Jit showed his excellent upbringing in a more precious way also. His book flew off the shelves and was sold online as well. Armed with the proceeds from the sale of his book, Jit visited the TANKER Foundation admin office in T. Nagar, Chennai, on, November 8, 2023, and handed over the cheque as donation to Head Admin, Mrs. Vasanthi Ravichander.

TANKER is touched by the young boy's generous gesture, helping kidney patients being cared for by TANKER Foundation. A big heart in a young body, indeed.

Mrs. Vasanthi Ravichander accepted the donation gratefully and honoured the young donor with the TANKER memento, which is a personalised, special, ceramic mug. All the office staff joined together to wish him a great life as it was also his birthday. The TANKER family members have no words to express their thanks for his philanthropy at such a young age.



## Give's Gold Seal of Trust for TANKER



TANKER Foundation has won the Gold Seal of Trust from Give India.

Here is the congratulatory message from Give:

'We, at Give, are delighted to extend our heartfelt congratulations to the entire team of Tamilnad Kidney Research (TANKER) Foundation on achieving the Gold Seal of Trust after undergoing the extensive due diligence process. Your unwavering commitment to excellence, dedication to serve and adherence to best practices will surely help in delivering large-scale projects to create the required impact on the ground.

This remarkable achievement reflects not only your expertise but also your tireless efforts in ensuring that your organization adheres to the most rigorous standards of diligence in every aspect of your operations. Your diligence has not only safeguarded the interests of your beneficiaries but has also helped in earning the trust and confidence of your donors and other stakeholders. As a recognition for achieving the Gold / Silver seal of Trust, we are delighted to present a certificate of excellence for your organization celebrating this achievement."

## CME on Kidney Health for All

The key takeaways for people at the CME programme held on November 26, 2023, with the theme 'Kidney Health for All' were exercise and diet, awareness, screening and timely check-ups to prevent chronic kidney disease (CKD).

Participating as the chief guest, Tamil Nadu Health Secretary, Mr. Gagandeep Singh Bedi, IAS, laid stress on the fact that kidney disease was increasing and there was a need for addressing the issue. He drew attention to the fact that the Tamil Nadu government scheme, 'Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam', (Taking Healthcare to People), checked 1 crore people for sugar and BP and the number of new cases was alarming. These are the two major reasons for kidney disease, diabetes and hypertension, and so he advised eating the right kind of food, doing regular exercise and creating awareness and screening. He praised the work of Good Samaritans like TANKER Foundation, Kidney Warriors, MOHAN Foundation and NephroPlus who were involved in raising awareness on kidney health.

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Guest of Honour, Dr. Vasanth Ravi, now an actor, recalled the advice of Superstar Rajinikanth, who has undergone transplant, to avoid kidney disease. Dr. Vasanth Ravi advised lifestyle modification, keeping off alcohol and smoking and avoiding foods that lead to the condition.

TANKER Foundation Founder-Trustee, Dr. Georgi Abraham, talked about the blood test instrument used in Japan that can easily establish kidney disease. He spoke passionately about preventing kidney disease and wanted to make BP and blood test compulsory from a young age. The five sessions that followed the inauguration were very informative and were moderated by Nephrologists. Many issues like the disease burden in Tamil Nadu & India, cardiologist's views, the role of diabetes in kidney disease, ophthalmologists' concerns, kidney disease during pregnancy and the great role general physicians can play were discussed and highlighted. Patients were also part of the panel and added a whole lot of meaning to the proceedings.

Dr. T. S. Selvavinayagam, Joint Director, Department of Health & Family Welfare, Dr. N. Gopalakrishnan, Dr. Suresh Sankar, Dr. Sivaraman, Dr. Arvind Canchi and several eminent doctors participated. The CME was a collaborative effort of TANKER Foundation, MOHAN Foundation, Kidney Warriors Foundation, NephroPlus and Boehringer Ingelheim.



## 'The Healing Touch' book released

'Shining the Light of Hope – The Healing Touch', a book by TANKER Foundation inspired by Founder-Trustee, Dr. Georgi Abraham, was released by Greater Chennai Corporation Commissioner, Dr. J. Radhakrishnan, at a glittering function on November 4, 2023.

Dr. Georgi Abraham has inspired TANKER patients and staff, who are called Angels on Earth by Managing-Trustee, Mrs. Latha A. Kumaraswami, to write their stories. The patients narrated how they overcame their battle with kidney disease, and the staff talked about their long stint with TANKER Foundation.

This book, in English and Tamil, is a first-of-its-kind and it was a big honour for the patients, staff and everyone at TANKER Foundation for the presence and participation of Dr. Radhakrishnan. Speaking in English and Tamil, Dr. Radhakrishnan said the book would be a promotive book along with being a preventive one and encourage and give hope to people with kidney disease.

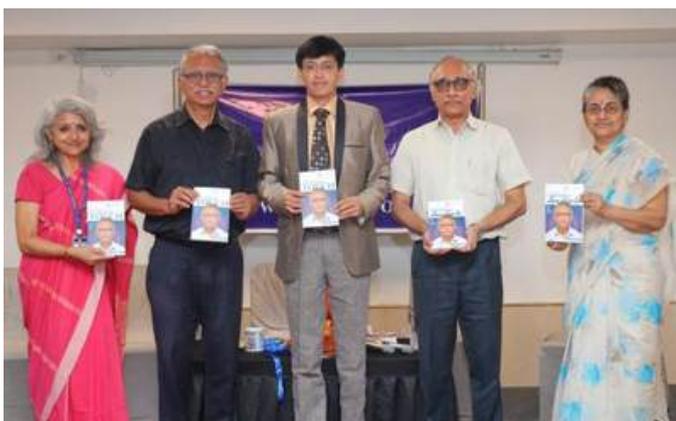
On reading this book, he said he hoped people would be more careful with their follow-up, compliance and discipline and learn from the patient stories. More than data from outside, this book would help in giving people courage and also information about the disease.

He said long after people were gone, this book would be there for future generations to learn from. The Commissioner was appreciative that the book was being published in Tamil and English. He said he was happy to have been associated with TANKER Foundation over the years.

Dr. Georgi Abraham said the book was a testimony to the fortitude and courage of patients and staff, and that their stories needed to be told.

Senior journalist, Mr. Ananthakrishnan, and TANKER Foundation Advisory Member, Ms. Rohini Menon, participated.

The patient-writers and long-time staff were introduced to the audience and honoured by Dr. Radhakrishnan.



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## TANKER Managing Trustee Latha gets award

Rotary Club of Tirupur North presented the Service to the Humanity Award to TANKER Foundation Managing Trustee, Mrs. Latha A. Kumaraswami, Sunday, December 17, 2023.

## 4 machines donated by Sun TV Network Ltd. to Ambattur unit

Four new dialysis machines, costing Rs. 28,60,000, were donated by Sun TV Network Ltd and inaugurated by Mrs. Kavery Kalanithi, Executive Director, Sun TV Network Ltd, at The Rekha Memorial Renny Abraham Ambattur Rotary TANKER Dialysis Unit at Ambattur, February 20, 2024.

Mrs. Kavery Kalanithi talked to the patients and staff and appreciated the work TANKER was doing for the needy with kidney failure. TANKER Foundation Founder Director, Dr. Georgi Abraham, welcomed Mrs. Kavery Kalanithi, and said TANKER was grateful for all the support given by Sun TV Network over the years.

He said it was of great importance to create awareness of kidney disease. World Kidney Day was coming up on March 14 and he appealed for support to reach out to people for early detection of kidney disease.



TANKER Foundation Managing Trustee, Mrs. Latha A. Kumaraswami, said every donation was precious and conveyed TANKER's gratitude to Sun TV Network Ltd, the CMCHIS, Greater Chennai Corporation, Ambattur Rotary Club and Hospital and other valuable donors for their regular support

## Advisory Member bags Jeppiaar Icon award

Head of TANKER Awareness and Prevention Program (TAPP) of TANKER Foundation, Mrs. Rajalakshmi Ravi, was selected for the Jeppiaar Icon 2024 Award for her stewardship of the awareness programme. The award is presented by the Jeppiaar Group and the event was held at Jeppiaar University.

Mrs. Rajalakshmi Ravi was among the 11 awardees at the function that took place March 23, 2024. She was introduced to the audience as an Angel without Wings.

Speaking on the occasion while graciously accepting the award, which was a memento and a shawl, Mrs. Rajalakshmi Ravi touched upon the service TANKER Foundation renders – low-cost and free dialysis. She explained that there are generous donations for adding dialysis machines to the various units of TANKER Foundation.

“But it pains that there is need for so many people to undergo dialysis.” Mrs. Rajalakshmi Ravi said that therefore, after she became an Advisory Member of TANKER Foundation in 2001, she initiated an awareness programme as a preventive measure for controlling kidney diseases in 2005.

The TANKER family salutes the pioneering work of Mrs. Rajalakshmi Ravi in spreading awareness among the public about a disease that cannot be cured, and for her stewardship in conducting screening camps in various parts of Tamil Nadu.

Her humble response is that the award is for the pioneering efforts to raise awareness and prevention of kidney disease and the award is also for TANKER Foundation – the NGO as a whole.



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## IFKF Activities

Our Managing Trustee, Mrs.Latha Kumaraswami, became the President of The International Federations of Kidney Foundations - World Kidney Alliance (IFKF-WKA) for the period 2022-2024.

The First WKD (World Kidney Day) Webinar was on the topic "Looking Backward and Forward". The meeting was spearheaded by Dr.Siu-Fai Lui of Hong Kong Kidney Foundations, Ayse Onat of Turkey Kidney Foundation, Dr.Manjusha Yadla of WIN India, Agnes Haris of Hungary Kidney Foundation, Mrs.Vasanthi Ravichander of TANKER foundations, Dr.Harun Ur Rashi of Bangladesh, Mr.Samuel Kumwanje from Malawi, and Dr. SF Lui from Hong kong presented their WKD activities.

Gestosis - A serious Disorder Affecting Motherhood an IFKF-WKA Webinar (ZOOM) was conducted on June 24th, Monday 2024 7pm-8pm. Eminent speakers Dr.Jayam Kannan, Gynaecologist & Obstetrician, Dr.Bhavana Meha, Gynaecologist, Dr.Georgi Abraham, Founder Trustee, TANKER Foundations, Nephrologist and Transplant Physician and Dr.Shanthi Rajmohan, Gestosis patient and member of IFKF spoke on the topic.



**IFKF-WKA**

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## 30th anniversary brings together TANKER family

The yearly picnic of the TANKER family is filled with fun and games, but this year's outing on July 30th 2023, was an exceptionally great one as we celebrated the 30th anniversary of TANKER Foundation.

### Present in strength

The outing saw a good turnout of members of the TANKER family: TANKER Foundation Managing-Trustee, Mrs. Latha A. Kumaraswami, was joined by Advisory Members, Ms. Rohini Menon and Mrs. Sudha Lakshmi Rao.

Head of the TANKER Awareness and Prevention Program (TAPP) cum Advisory Member, Mrs. Rajalakshmi Ravi, along with her husband, Mr. L.G. Ravi, Head Admin, Mrs. Vasanthi Ravichander, DGM Mrs. Geetha, and Ambattur unit Duty Medical Officer, Dr. Mangai, TANKER IFKF-WKA Consultant, Mrs. Kausalya Padmanabhan, volunteer Mrs. Usha Balasubramanian were also present.

### TANKER staff entertain

There was role-play, group dance, riddles, solo mash up song, group singing, mime and poem recital by the TANKER unit members and admin office team.

### Music and Games

The programs and games were compered by Advisory Member, Mrs. Sudha Lakshmi Rao, who rendered a couple of hit numbers in Tamil, which got people singing along and dancing.

There were game shows that were conducted by Mr. Lenin & Team from Radisson Blu. Gifts were distributed post lunch.

### Gratitude to sponsors

The sponsors who made it an unforgettable day for the TANKER family were gratefully acknowledged.

Lunch, tea, snacks, games and program hall were sponsored by GRT Radisson Blu Resort Temple Bay.

Breakfast was sponsored by TANKER Foundation Trustee, Mrs. Nina Reddy, at ECR Dhaba, Kunnukadu.

Transport arrangements were sponsored by Mr. Reji Abraham, ABAN Offshore, Mr. Annamalai Nadar, Pioneer Asia, Rotary Club of Vellore Fort and Tiruppur North Rotary.

### Time to say goodbye

It was an emotional moment when it was time to say goodbye to old friends and new ones made that day. But, as one staff member said, they left with a sense of gratitude and fulfilment.



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## AWARENESS AND PREVENTION PROGRAMME

### WORLD KIDNEY DAY- 2024

The 19th World Kidney Day was observed on March 14th, 2024. The call to action was ‘Kidney Health for All’ – ‘Advancing equitable access to care and optimal medication practice’.

This call to action was for people to take action for advancing equitable access to care and optimal medication practice. This was a joint initiative of the International Society of Nephrology (ISN) and IFKF-WKA (International Federation of Kidney Foundations– World Kidney Alliance) to promote World Kidney Health by reaching out to patients, caregivers, doctors, patients care organisations and kidney foundations, governments and policy-makers all over the world.

TANKER Foundation is a member of the IFKF-WKA and at present Mrs. Latha A. Kumaraswami, Managing Trustee of TANKER Foundation is the first woman President of the IFKF-WKA and a Joint Steering Committee Member on the World Kidney Day Steering Committee, which comprises members from the ISN and the IFKF-WKA.

Every year, TANKER conducts various activities to highlight ‘Our Amazing Kidneys’ so that more people may be made aware of this dreaded disease, its causes and prevention.

#### TANKER’s World Kidney Day 2024 activities:



**Roadshow programmes by theatre artists written and directed by actor Aravinth Sundar and his team of young actors**



**A walkathon in collaboration with Mehta’s Hospitals on March 10 at Besant Nagar Beach**

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## AWARENESS AND PREVENTION PROGRAMME WORLD KIDNEY DAY- 2024



All 14 dialysis units and admin office teams distributed caps, bookmarks and TANKER awareness leaflets to patients, attendants, outpatients, people at bus stand, auto stand, roadside shops, petrol pumps, medical shops, two-wheeler showrooms, Besant Nagar Beach, schools, temple car parking, railway station, Corporation lab staff.



TANKER awareness team conducted roadshows and awareness programmes at Chennai and Madurai in schools and colleges.

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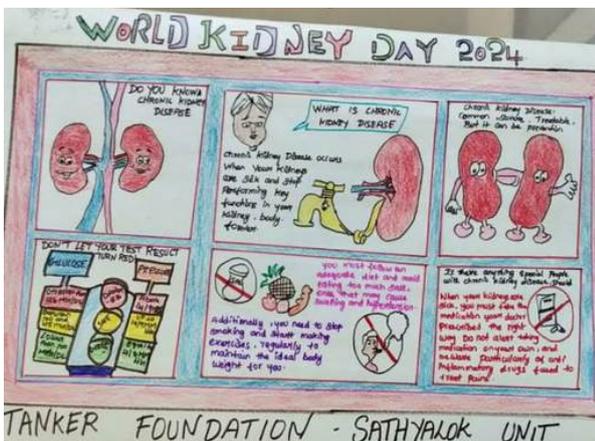
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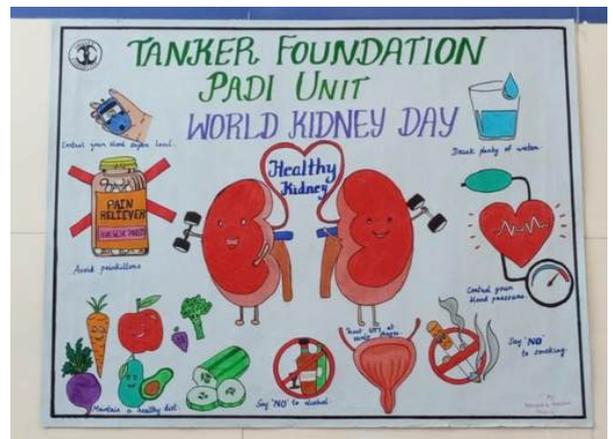
Screening camp Thursday,  
March 14 at ARJ Party Hall,  
Anna Nagar



Ripon Buildings of Greater Chennai Corporation was lit up in the WKD colours. Many GCC billboards carried WKD message.



Sathyalok unit comes out with an explainer

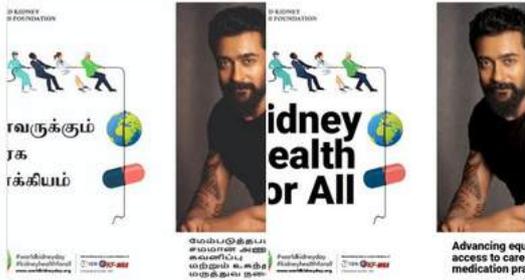


Pictorial guide to maintain kidney health by Padi unit

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**Suriya Sivakumar**  
@Suriya\_offl

This @WorldKidneyDay, I stand with @TANKERIndia and @Wkaifk to raise awareness on ensuring equal treatment & care for people living with chronic kidney disease. Let's prioritise our health & do the check-ups regularly.  
#worldkidneyday #knowyourkidneys #worldkidneyday2024



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## WKD tweets and posts

## Carrying kidney health message at airport

With the permission of the Airports Authority of India, TANKER Foundation volunteers placed kidney health awareness standees at strategic points at Chennai Airport to mark World Kidney Day, 2024.

The standees carried crisp messages on prevention of kidney disease and caught the eye of not just the flight crew / staff of the airport but also passengers.



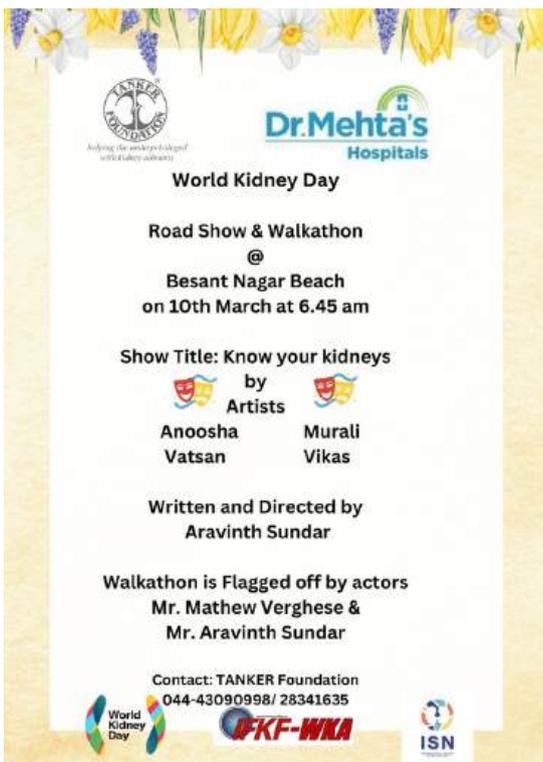
## Road show and walkathon for WKD

TANKER Foundation and Dr. Mehta's Hospitals organized a road show and walkathon to mark World Kidney Day, on Sunday, March 10, 2024, at Besant Nagar Beach, Chennai, at 6.45 am.

The show, 'Know Your Kidneys', was written and directed by Mr. Aravinth Sundar and features artistes Ms. Anoosha, Mr. Murali, Mr. Vatsan and Mr. Vikas.

The walkathon was flagged off by actors, Mr. Mathew Verghese, Mr. Ilavarasu and Mr. Aravinth Sundar.

The show was put together by World Kidney Day, IFKF-WKA and ISN.



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