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## Covid-19 batters Indian economy very badly

### Recovery may occur only in 2021, says Sumanth Raman

The Novel Coronavirus disease (Covid-19) brought the entire world to its knees. In fact, it had reversed the Indian economy at least by 10 years.

It all started in December 2019 with the emergence of first Covid case in Wuhan district in China. Soon it spread across the globe killing over one lakh people. It resulted in halting of each and every activity abruptly and migrant labourers became a casualty.

It was time for action. Several kind hearted persons, corporates, NGOs, Rotary Clubs and government pitched in with its mite to help the migrant workers and stranded people as the 40-day lockdown got extended till May 3.

Due to lockdown daily routines of several people went for a toss. Some did Work from Home and others Worked for Home.

Senior journalist cum political analysts Sumanth C. Raman in the club's first-ever digital meeting said that things might not change on May 4th. Perhaps, we have to find ways to combat the virus for another six to nine months. Only a vaccine could save us from the killer disease. But, it might be available in the market only by March 2021.

Till then, we have to adapt to the new normal or lifestyle. Social distancing and maintaining hygiene will be the key words. Do not venture out, unless it is emergency were his advice. He traced the history of Covid and said that the threat was real and one should not treat it lightly.

Parties or social gatherings can wait for couple of more months. About manufacturing sector, he said it had gone for a toss and would take a beating in the first half of the current year.

According to him, some activity might start, but it would not be suffice to make up for the job loss. He also foresaw huge rise in unemployment.

Till then, let us stay safe, contribute all that we can and pray for the well being of all.



Sumanth C Raman



## Either it is Work from Home or Work for Home



Corona has truly done something to humanity that we only typically see in sci-fi movies. I don't know when was the last time all human beings got together to fight a common cause? It's probably nature's way to help us get back to ground and at the same time elevate us to a higher plane of unity and compassion. As they say, the more time you have on your hand, the less productive we get and this is the biggest challenge each of us is facing.

While it may sound boring, the best way is to follow a rough time table every day, one that combined work, chores, rest and fun. Activities like cooking, cleaning, gardening have really had a double impact on me and am sure for many. It has made me more self sufficient and at the same time created great empathy of the hardships so many of our support staff undergo every day for a living without complaining. Hats off to them.

**K.N. Ramanathan**



## Cool Raja Sriraam rescues Love Bird

The lockdown of 40 days due to Covid-19 has had 'fringe benefits'. I must admit! While we are concerned about the affected community, we have been practicing 'social distancing', we sent our boys home much before the lockdown since we didn't want to expose to Covid-19. They are an integral part of us!



The challenge started only when we were to ourselves. In the 31 years of marriage, we have never had so much of being together! We quickly divided our work, and adapted ourselves to watching movies together at home, we had our little fights when the garbage didn't leave the kitchen or when the clothes were left unattended! Trying to make a 'Social bird of a husband' domesticated was a successful failure! We do 'zoom' a bit, friends and family reunions are via zoom which is like a streak of sunshine on a rainy day!

Within a week, I realized these were trivia and decided we would 'hang on' and enjoy these moments of lazing around without feeling guilty! We know once corona leaves for good, our hands will be full making up for the lost time, and these memories will last forever! It was therefore left to us to make them pleasant and fun filled! We humoured our inability to see eye-to-eye and just laughed it off!

No shopping, no parties, no wastage, no restaurant visits and no travel - yet we survive! Covid-19 has taught us to unlearn and conserve! I have told myself that I would lead a life of austerity starting from now on.

**Sukanya Sriraam**



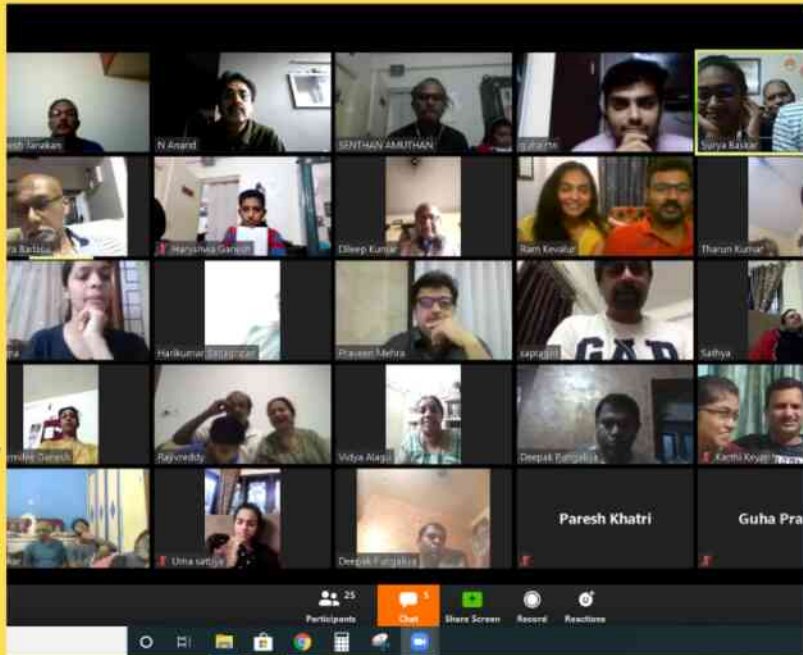
## Master Chef's of Madras Chenna Patna





## Ahoy! It is online game show at Chenna Patna

The first ever online game was a runaway hit with 40 people (21 Rotarians, 11 Anns and 8 Annettes) participating in it. Senthan Amuthan divided the participants into four equal teams comprising of experienced members and freshers. He started the game by asking simple questions about our club, followed by puzzles, brain teasers, general knowledge, identifying the tamil film songs and antakshari. When latest movie songs were played, it was the Annettes who were at the front scoring points with ease.

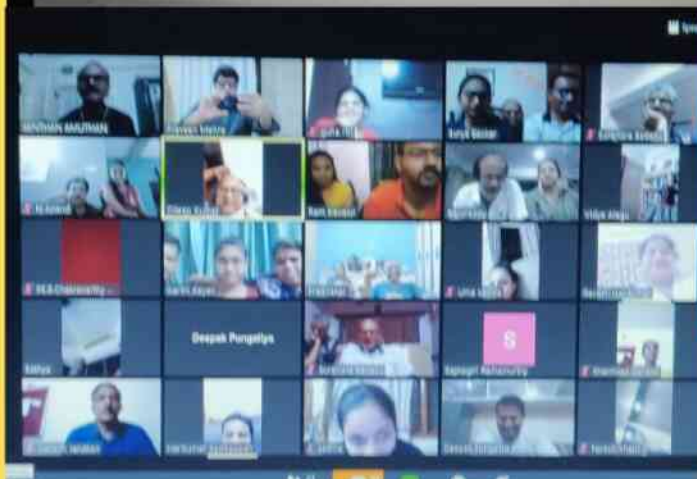


SCORE SHEET														
Team	Participant	Score	Points	Score	Points	Score	Points	Score	Points	Score	Points	Score	Points	Score
TEAM - A	Mr. Senthana	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
	Mr. Senthana	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
	Mr. Senthana	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
	Mr. Senthana	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
TEAM - B	Mr. Senthana	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
	Mr. Senthana	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
	Mr. Senthana	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
	Mr. Senthana	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
TEAM - C	Mr. Senthana	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
	Mr. Senthana	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
	Mr. Senthana	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
	Mr. Senthana	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
TEAM - D	Mr. Senthana	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
	Mr. Senthana	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
	Mr. Senthana	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
	Mr. Senthana	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10

Altogether it was a fun-filled season lasting for 90 minutes. Some of the questions were really tough and a few of them sought 'Google' help to outbeat others.

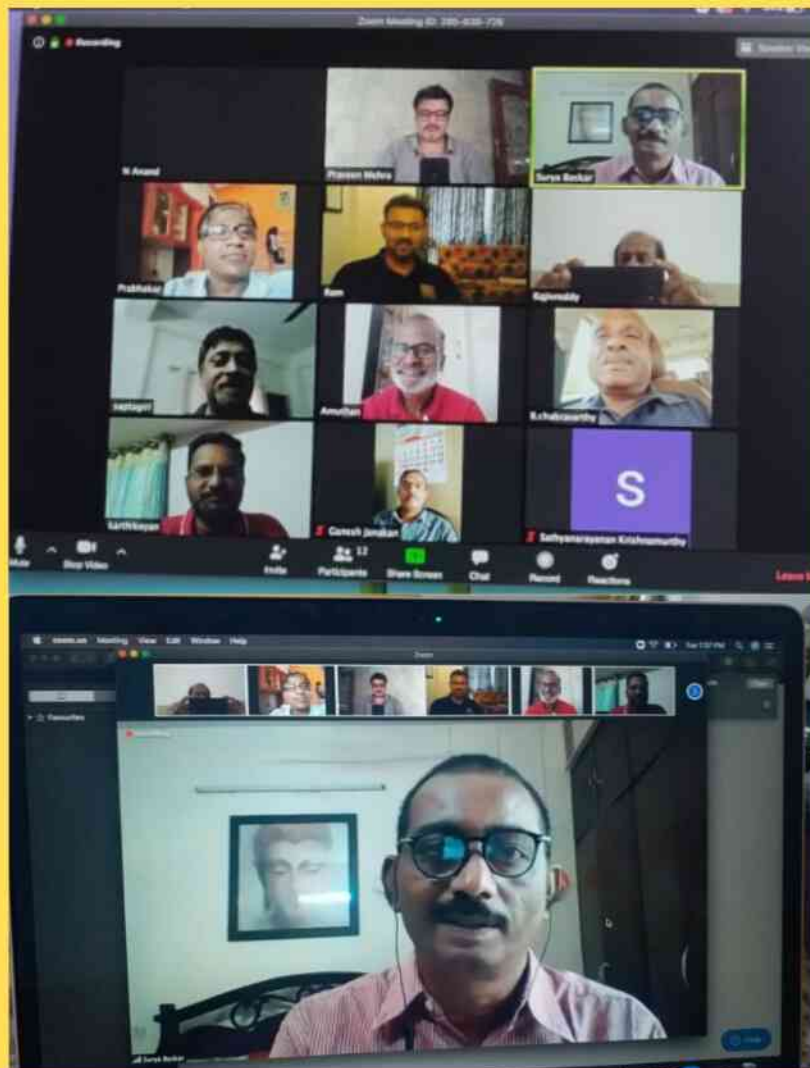
At the end of the session, Suryabaskar and other past presidents called it a wonderful session. The participants thanked Senthan Amuthan and Club Service Director Sathyanarayanan for taking the initiative and offering a fun-filled evening that would be cherished for a long time to come.

Honorary Member Pattabiraman, who is currently in the US, expressed his inability to attend as it was very early in the morning. Well done Amuthan and Haryshwa.





## Tenth Board Meeting held on 10/04/2020



- The first e-board meeting was conducted through Zoom app. It was the first digital meeting in the 27 years history of our club.
- Approved a budget of Rs. 18,000 for sponsoring Datchayini, a Gurunanak College student, to begin her CA intermediary course.
- It was decided to drop the adoption of Black Bug for the time being and take up Covid related projects.
- Second edition of Vocational Award will be held after the removal of lockdown.
- To conduct third closed door meeting and e-speaker meeting during the coming weeks.

## Corporate terms get redefined post Covid-19

VC - Video Conferencing is now **Vegetables Cutting**, BG turns into **Backyard Gardening** from Bank Guarantee. Similarly WP is now **Washing Plates** against Work Permit.

The new terms is given in brackets:

AMC - Annual Maintenance Contract (**All Morning Chores**), PC - Personal Computer (**Part-time Cook**), FM - Financial Management (**Floor Mopping**), ISD - International Subscriber Dialling (**Isolation & Social Distancing**).

PM - Project Manager (**Paid Maid**), CA - Chartered Accountant (**Corona Affected**), LAN - Local Area Network (**Locked Amidst Neighbours**), QC - Quality Control (**Quarantine Certificate**).

CFO - Chief Financial Officer (**Confined for Family Only**), R&M - Repairs & Maintenance (**Ramayan & Mahabharath**), PR - Public Relations (**Practicing Retirement**), CL - Casual Leave (**Compulsory Lockdown**).

PL - Privilege Leave (**Partial Lockdown**), CSR - Corporate Social Responsibility, (**Compulsory Sanitizer Requirement**), HK - House Keeping (**Health Kit**) and finally CV - Curriculum Vitae turns into deadly **Corona Virus**.



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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

As a precautionary measure and to safeguard the health of fellow Rotarians, Anns and Annettes, it has been decided to have no shows due to Covid-19 till May 3, 2020. Wherever possible, it will be held through digital mode.

The dates for vocational awards function and charter nite will be announced soon.

## BIRTHDAYS

Annette Aathirai D/o. Rtn Arul Bojan	06
Ann Khushi W/o. Rtn Paresh Khatri	07
Ann Vanitha W/o. Rtn Senthana Amuthan	08
Rtn Ramanathan	12
Annette Kavya D/o. Rtn Karthikeyan	12
Rtn Mohan Sidhan	16
Rtn Viswanathkrishnan	19
Annette Anusha D/o. Rtn Vallekannu	21
Rtn Hemant Kumar	24
Annette Nachal D/o. Rtn Muthiah	26
Ann Anandhi W/o. Rtn Saptagiri	26
Ann Geetha W/o. Rtn Suryabaskar	29
Annette Tharun Kumar S/o. Rtn Harikumar	29



## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Rtn Ganesh & Ann Sharmilee	03
Rtn Raja Marthandan & Ann Deep	04
Rtn Saptagiri & Ann Anandhi	13

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