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NEW TEAM TAKES CHARGE

CHAIRMAN: 41ER. VAGISH DIXIT
SECRETARY: 41ER. P.S.ASHVIN KUMAR
TREASURER: 41ER. SANDEEP KUMAR SOMANI



**AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 7TH AUGUST 25 AT CHENNAI,
ROUND TABLE INDIA FOUNDATION ELECTED ITS NEW MANAGING COMMITTEE
FOR THE PERIOD 2025-2027**





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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

Round Table India Foundation has been working relentlessly since its formation in 1980 to support the projects of Round Table India and Ladies Circle India. In this endeavour, RTIF has supported thousands of initiatives not only financially, but also giving invaluable advice on project management, cost, and approach. This brainchild of the legendary Sq. Leg Bob Chandran has been well nurtured by amazing thought leaders as Chairman of the Foundation, duly supported by very committed Trustees.

For me, it is an honour and privilege to take over as the Chairman of this hallowed organization. My predecessor Ilango has done a stellar job in keeping the highest traditions of service as Chairman of RTIF for the last 8 years. We owe him a debt of gratitude. Earlier Chairmen before Ilango include Jaykumar Ramdas, Ramanan as also their predecessors deserve our appreciations and applause. I can look at all these stalwarts and only assure you of my commitment to the highest ideals in civic traditions in taking the RTIF forward in line with the needs of the times.

India has over 7000 past tablers (with 4000 being active 41ers). These represent a huge reservoir of goodwill, capability, and shared passion of being "once a tabler always a tabler". In addition, we have over 4918 tablers in 143 Tabling Centers with 337 Tables, bubbling with the spirit of tabling. What a potent cauldron of tabling energy this represents! It would be the endeavour of the RTIF Board to work closely with RTI, LCI, 41ers Club and Tangent to ensure that RTIF becomes stronger and more capable to support the projects of RTI and LCI. This is the mission of RTIF. Nothing more, nothing less, and we are 100% committed.

I thank one and all for their support to RTIF and the world of Tabling and Circling.

I hope to see you all soon!

Warm Regards

LMF 41er. Vagish Dixit

Chairman

RTIF



LMF 41ER. VAGISH DIXIT
RTIF - CHAIRMAN



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RTIF GRANTS NOW OPEN



Grants for Tables / Circles - 2025-26*

Matching Grant	1.50 Lakhs
100% LMF Members	1.50 Lakhs + 50,000

Additional Grants:

Table / Circle LMF	10,000
Table / Circle GLMF	20,000
Table / Circle PLMF	30,000

*These grants are made on first come basis subject to the availability of funds and fulfillment of eligibility conditions (one grant per year)

Queries? (or) want to apply for a project

Please visit our website for details :

www.roundtableindiafoundation.org

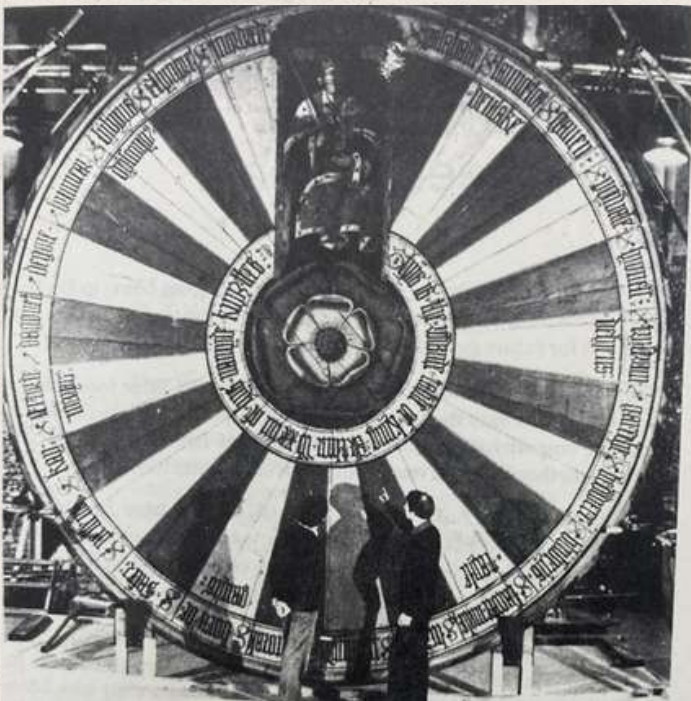


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MADRAS 1957

THE DAWN OF ROUND TABLE INDIA

It all began in the late 1950s, when John Barton returned to Madras carrying with him an idea discovered in England – the Round Table. One evening, in his colonial residence Hadley House in Kilpauk, he gathered a few friends and their sons and shared the concept of Tabling. “I put to them my idea, to build on as they saw fit,” Barton later recalled. Among those first invitees were Ram Phadke, P.N. Ethiraj, Vir Khare, S.N. Patel, and Krish Chitale.



**The Original Round Table,
taken down from the walls of
Winchester Castle in England**

**On 14 November 1957 —Madras Round Table No.1
(MRT-1) was inaugurated**

**“Right at the beginning, we decided that Round Table
should not come between families. Tablers should bring
their wives; and after business, we should get together for
dinner.” – John Barton**



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“What we looked for was community service with a light heart and a smile.”

The Pioneering Years



Charter members of MRT 1

The spirit soon spread. In 1959, Barton and Peter Bush of RT Britain & Ireland travelled to inaugurate Bombay Round Table No.2 at the British Council with 13 young Tablers.

Calcutta followed and Delhi in what was now a planned drive for extension; but before that Madras had extended locally to form its second Table. Then came Bombay's second Table and by 1961 there was the minimum of six Tables required to form a National Association.



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By 1962, Round Table India was formally established as an Association, and the first National Meeting was held at Mahabalipuram. Vir Khare was elected the first RTI President. Around the same time, Table Talk magazine was born, giving voice to this young movement.

From a single living room in Madras to a nationwide brotherhood, the pioneering years of Round Table India remind us what can happen when optimism, fellowship, and service come together. Today, every Table we sit at carries the echo of those beginnings – a legacy we continue to build.

“Of course, there was prohibition in those days. And I had, under my wing, the sons of my friends, I was responsible for them. But none of them worried about not having drinks when we had non-alcoholic socials. We didn’t really miss it”



**Round Table India is born
Dick Miller addresses the inaugural
meeting
on May 6, 1962**



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HONOURING PLMF 41ER. ILANGO

A LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

It was a memorable evening as Table CCRT 31 recognised 41er Ilango for his distinguished service, in the presence of National President Tr. Rachit Bansal, Past National Presidents 41er. Jaykumar Ramdass and 41er. Christopher Aravind, Area Headboard Members of Area 7, Tablers, 41ers, and Circlers.

Highlights of 41er Ilango's Journey

- Past Tabler of CCRT 31
- Past National President, Round Table India (2001–2002)
- Past Chairman, Round Table India Foundation (2017–2025)
- Trustee, RTI Foundation since 2006 – over 20 years of service
- Area 7 Chairman (1998–1999)
- Key role in Edition 3 of the RTI Handbook





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His Legacy

For two decades, 41er Ilango has been a pillar of the Foundation, ensuring support and coordination across Round Table India, Ladies Circle India, Tangent India, and 41 Club India. From COVID projects to regular initiatives, he always placed the organisation first, leading by example in letter and spirit.

This recognition is not just a celebration of his contributions, but also an inspiration for future generations of Tablers and 41ers.





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RTIF HONOURS IT'S VALUABLE DONORS

At the Mid-term Meeting in Hyderabad held on 30th January 2025, the Donors were felicitated, It was a grand event hosted by 41er. Vagish Dixit attended by Tablers, Circlers, 41ers and Tangent members from Hyderabad City



Golden Knight of Round Table award given to 41er. K.Ilango,Past NP, RTI & Chairman, RTIF

Silver Knight of Round Table award given to 41er. C.S.Vigneshwar, United Club #242

Knight of Round Table award given to 41 India Club No.34



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LMF PROCEDURE

Become an LMF /GLMF/PLMF Step-by-Step Guide

Presented by Round Table India Foundation (RTIF)



Step 1: Visit www.roundtableindiafoundation.org



Step 2: Click on "Become an LMF"



Step 3: Fill in your details and make the payment online.
✓ You will receive an acknowledgement instantly.



Step 4: RTIF Secretariat will send you a Corpus Confirmation Letter.
✉ Return it duly filled and signed.



Step 5: 📦 Your LMF Kit will be delivered to your doorstep by RTIF Secretariat

Need Help?

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UPGRADE OFFERS FOR INDIVIDUALS



GLMF & PLMF Upgrades just got SWEETER !



GOLDEN LOUIS MARCHESI FELLOW

LMF to GLMF
upgrade now @
~~Rs. 30,000/-~~
Rs. 20,000/*



PLATINUM LOUIS MARCHESI FELLOW

LMF to PLMF
upgrade now @
~~Rs. 80,000/-~~
Rs. 60,000/*

GLMF to PLMF
upgrade now @
~~Rs. 50,000/-~~
Rs. 40,000/*

**Avail
80G
Exemption**

*Till matching grants are available

The above scheme is valid for Individual
Tabler's/Circler's/41er's/Sq. Leg's /Tangent Members /Past Circlers/Tabler's Spouse

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UPGRADE OFFERS FOR TABLE / CIRCLE



LMF/GLMF/ PLMF SCHEMES FOR TABLE/CIRCLE

 LOUIS MARCHESI FELLOW	 GOLD LOUIS MARCHESI FELLOW	 PLATINUM LOUIS MARCHESI FELLOW
LMF Rs. 20,000/-	GLMF Rs. 50,000/-	PLMF Rs. 1,00,000/-

UPGRADE TO GLMF/PLMF

LMF TO GLMF Rs. 30,000/-	LMF TO PLMF Rs. 80,000/-	GLMF TO PLMF Rs. 50,000/-
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MAXIMUM GRANTS FOR A TABLE/CIRCLE PER YEAR*

LMF Table/Circle Rs. 2,10,000/-	GLMF Table/Circle Rs. 2,20,000/-	PLMF Table/Circle Rs. 2,30,000/-
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*Provided 100% of members are LMF



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PLMF RECOGNITIONS



**PLMF. DELHI MILLENNIUM
RT-149**



**PLMF. VIJAYAWADA
LC-52**



**PLMF. TR. VARUN BUDHIRAJA
RT-279**



**PLMF. TIRUPPUR
LC-44**



**PLMF. COIMBATORE
LC-1**



**PLMF. KARUR
RT-138**



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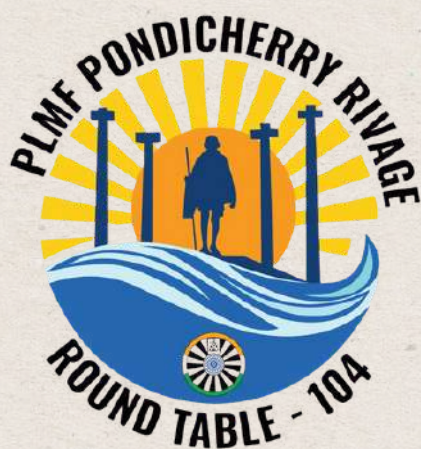
PLMF RECOGNITIONS



**PLMF. SOLAPUR HIGHFLYERS
RT-309**



**PLMF. ERODE
LC-78**



**PLMF. PONDICHERRY RIVAGE
RT-104**



**PLMF. COIMBATORE UNITED
RT-186**



**PLMF. 41 INDIA UNITED CLUB
#242**



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MOMENTS FROM THE YEAR 2024-25



NEXT 2025-Shimoga
RTIF and it's schemes were explained



Treasurer 41er.Sandeep Somani
addressing the LCI Meeting



A special recognition to
Ms.Lakshmi Murali from RTIF
for supporting RTI National Projects
Team last year



Secretariat renovation work is being
undertaken



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SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Dear Reader,

I am pleased to present the 3rd edition of the Round Table India Foundation newsletter. This edition continues our effort to provide meaningful and timely updates from the Foundation.

As you know, we have opened up grants for the year 2025–2026, and I encourage more and more Tables and Circles to apply for projects this year.

This period also marks an important change in leadership. Our Past Chairman 41er. Ilango, who served the Foundation with distinction for eight years, has handed over the baton. It was a privilege for me to serve under his guidance as Secretary. We now welcome 41er. Vagish Dixit as the new Chairman of the Foundation. I am confident that under his dynamic leadership, the Foundation will continue to grow and further strengthen its support to our movement.

I would also like to thank Tr. Sujay Siddarthan (SCRT 84) and Tr. Yatin B Shah (SMART 175) for their valuable support in bringing out this newsletter.

I hope you enjoy reading this edition and continue to stay engaged with the work of the Foundation.

Warm regards,
PLMF 41er Ashvin Kumar
Secretary, Round Table India Foundation



PLMF 41ER ASHVIN KUMAR
RTIF - SECRETARY



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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

LMF 41er. Vagish Dixit (Chairman)	Past President, RTI
PLMF 41er. P.S.Ashvin Kumar (Secretary)	Past Chairman, Area VII
LMF 41er. Sandeep Kumar Somani (Treasurer)	Past Chairman, Area II
PLMF 41er. K.Ilango	Past President, RTI
PLMF 41er. A. Sridharan	Past President, 41 India
PLMF 41er. Jayakumar Ramdass	Past President, RTI
LMF 41er. Ganesh Ananthakrishnan	Past NSC, RTI
GLMF 41er. Gopal Chopra	Past President, 41 India
PLMF 41er. Tushar Agarwal	Past NPC, RTI
41er. Nitesh Agarwal	Past NPC, RTI
LMF 41er. Anuurag Mehraa	Past Chairman, Area III
LMF 41er. Manish Kumar Lakhotia	Past President, RTI
LMF 41er. Pankuj Vats	President, 41 India
LMF 41er. Bhupinder Singh	Vice President, 41 India
Tr. Rachit Bansal	President, RTI
GLMF Tr. Vishnu Prabhakar	Vice President, RTI
LMF Tr. Shyamasish Lenka	Secretary, RTI
Tr. Gaurav Jain	Project Convenor, RTI
LMF Cr. Shisham Sabharwal	President, LCI
LMF Cr. Jasneet Kaur Kohli	Vice President, LCI
SPECIAL INVITEES	
LMF Tr. Vipul Bhutada	Treasurer, RTI



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**Thank
you!**

**PLMF 41ER. ASHVIN KUMAR
SECRETARY
ROUND TABLE INDIA FOUNDATION**
