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உரிய வழிகளில் செய்து முடிப்பவர் பெருமை உடையவர்.

(Though reduced) the great will be able to perform, in the proper way,
deeds difficult (for others to do).

From The President's Desk



Dear Esteemed Probians,

Warm greetings to each one of you!

It gives me immense pleasure to reach out to you once again through this month's newsletter. I sincerely hope you and your families are keeping well and in good cheer.

I am pleased to announce that **Probian Nelson Philip** has been co-opted as our **new Treasurer**, succeeding Probian Damodharan A, who has stepped down due to health reasons. We extend our best wishes to Probian Nelson for success in his new role. Our sincere thanks to Probian Damodharan for his dedicated and commendable service over the past six months, and we wish him good health and a speedy recovery.

Our recent activities have been both meaningful and memorable. On **8th September**, our scholarship initiative benefitted **200 deserving students**—a proud moment for all of us. My heartfelt appreciation to the **Scholarship Committee** and **Probian Lakshmipathy K** for their dedicated efforts in making this possible. This noble cause truly reflects the spirit of our club—service through compassion and commitment.

The **September Breakfast Meeting** and **Book Release Function** for **Kalaimamani Ervadi S. Rathakrishnan's** *Gnayittrukizhamaikalil Naan Poi*

Pesuvathillai - ஞாயிற்றுக்கிழமைகளில் நான் போய்பேசுவதில்லை - were conducted splendidly, with enthusiastic participation from our members.

Moving to October, we began the month on an energetic note with our **Walkathon** held on **4th October 2025** at **Chetpet Eco Park**. Around 28 members took part in the event with great enthusiasm, followed by a delightful breakfast at the park canteen. Special thanks to **Dr. S. Radhakrishnan**, Convener of the Walkathon Subcommittee, for organizing this successful and enjoyable event.

On the **Home Visit** front, our members had the pleasure of visiting **Probian C.D. Jagadeesan** on **30th September 2025**. Such personal interactions continue to strengthen the bonds of friendship and fellowship that define our club.

Sadly, the month also brought moments of sorrow. We lost two of our senior members—**PF Sreenivas V** on **23rd September 2025** and **Probian V. Subramanian** on **10th September 2025**. Probus Fellow Sreenivas V was our invaluable member who contributed selflessly through their guidance, donations, and presence. Both have been invaluable assets to our Club. We offer our

heartfelt condolences to their families and pray for their souls to rest in peace.

Looking Ahead:

- We will soon be celebrating the **International Day of Older Persons**, along with the **release of our Annual Book 2025**.
- Plans are also underway for a **Club Trip** this month, promising fellowship and fun.
- I'm delighted to share that **Past President R.T. Namasivayam** has been honoured with the **Advantage Achievers Award** by **HelpAge India** on **30th Sep 2025** — hearty congratulations to him on this well-deserved recognition!

A special word of thanks to our **Sponsors**, whose generosity and support make these gatherings so enjoyable and memorable.

Let us carry forward our shared spirit of service, friendship, and goodwill as we step into another festive month. Wishing you all a joyful and prosperous **Deepavali**, filled with happiness, good health, and togetherness.

With warm regards,

Annadhurai M.

President, Probus Club of Chennai



SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dear Probians,

Warm Greetings to you and your families. This report outlines the key events and happenings of September, 2025.

The **Scholarship Function for 2025** was held on **September 8th** at Russian House.

- **Chief Guest:** Dr. S. Ananthakrishnan, Vice Principal, Agurchand Manmull Jain College, Chennai.
- **Guests of Honour:** Mr. Alexander Dodonov, Vice Consul & Director of Russian House in Chennai; Rtn Nikilraj, President, Rotary Club of Madras; and Ms. Ruchita Saraogi, President, Inner Wheel Club of Madras.

- **Recipients:** **200 students** were identified from 32 Chennai Schools, and **127 students** received their scholarships on the day.

Executive Committee Meeting Highlights

The Executive Committee approved new members and discussed upcoming events and internal matters:

Upcoming Events: The President outlined three events for **October 2025**: a **Walkathon**, **Elders Day**, and a **Sports Meet**.

Treasurer's Resignation: The Treasurer offered to resign due to health, but the President requested he **continue until a new Treasurer is found**.

Probian Recognition: Plans were made to purchase **Shields** for Probian members reaching ages **75, 80, and 90** as of September 30, 2025, and for those

completing **50 years of marriage**. They will be presented at the October Breakfast Meeting.

Sports Event: A full-day function, open to Probian and public participation, will include **Carom, Chess, Quiz, fireless cooking, music, and painting competitions**. The venue and date are yet to be identified.

New Members: The admission of **Sri. B Ramachandran** was approved. **Sri. E V Paramasivam** and **Sri. V Kannadhasan** were also approved, subject to their cheques realizing.

Annual Book: Pn. Dhayalan briefed the committee and requested cooperation from all sub-committee members for the book's timely release. Members were asked to aggressively canvas for advertisements.

Home Visit: The "Home visit" Sub-committee visited and got blessings from **two Senior Probians** over the age of 90 during the month.

Breakfast Meeting Recap

- **Book Release:** Pn. Kalaimamani Ervadi Rathakrishnan's book, "**Gnayitrukizhamaikalil Naan Poi Pesuvathillai**," was released, and the President received the first copy.
- **Reviewers:** The book was critically reviewed by Dr. Muhilai Rajapandian (Former Registrar, Central Institute of Classical Tamil) and Dr. Anuradha (Associate Professor & HOD, Tamil, Queen Mary's college).
- **Acknowledging Birthdays:** President Pn. Annadhurai M presented **mementoes to members** celebrating their birthdays in September.
- The meeting concluded after the President honoured the Breakfast Sponsors.

I wish all Probians and their families **Happy Diwali**.

Pn. Ramaraj V.
Secretary.

EDITOR'S COLUMN

**Dear Probian brothers and sisters,
Greetings.**

Since May of 2025, yours truly has been wielding the editorial pen. Have been enjoining upon each one of you to contribute an article, poem, travel experience, lifes memorable incident in word format within 350 words either in English or Tamil. Responses need to improve as each one of us has a hidden talent which we need to explore. Secondly, we as members can expand our reach with others by attending rotary club of madras weekly meetings readily when requested so that the coordinators task of identifying people is made easy. This is a novel experience to mingle with others and listen to interesting talks. Thirdly please refer deserving cases for sanction under Silver Jubilee Senior citizen medical benefit fund. The take off needs to improve. Fourthly let your enthusiasm and eagerness to sponsor one page of the newsletter be kept alive.



There are not many articles this time as we need to recognise members contributions towards advertisements in the Probus Annual book slated for release later this month coinciding with international day of the elderly.

Warm greetings to each one of you for ensuing Deepavali festival in 3rd week of October.

Please note that the editor and Probus club of Chennai hold no liability for any loss or damage arising from disputes over submitted articles.

V. Balachander, Editor
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We Wish A Very Happy Birthday to all Probians having Birthdays in October 2025

Sl. No.	Name of Probian	M.No	Date of Birth
1	Prasad D.S.L.	L-202	7.10
2	Sundaram G. Dr. (IAS-retd)	L-112	7.10
3	Venkateswara Rao M	L-305	10.10
4	Srinivasan J	A403	11.10
5	Thulasi G. Dr.	L-213	11.10
6	Rajaraman R.	L-231	12.10
7	Unnikrishnan P. Variyath	L-072	13.10
8	Vijaya Kumar A.	L-279	13.10
9	Vivekanandan M.	L-278	14.10
10	Ramamurthi T.V.	L-328	15.10
11	Sadasivam T.D.	L-205	16.10
12	Uday Kumar N	L-266	17.10
13	Appavoo T	L-133	19.10

Sl. No.	Name of Probian	M.No	Date of Birth
14	Lakshmanan E.R.	A-322	19.10
15	Vijendra Rao V.	L-045	21.10
16	Subbaraj R.	PF 04	22.10
17	Hiralal Jethwani	L-123A	23.10
18	Arumugam M	L-186	24.10
19	Krishnan C.	A-305A	24.10
20	Leela Ramanan Mrs.	L-159	25.10
21	Nagendra Prasad C	L-289	25.10
22	Chandrasekaran C.	A-012	26.10
23	Ramaiah D.S. Dr.	A-398	26.10
24	Miss Vasantha M.C. Dr.	L-110	28.10
25	Senthamarai A. Dr.	L-032	29.10
26	Asokkumar R	L-304	30.10

Wedding Day LIST OCTOBER 2025

Sl. No	Name	Mem. No	Date	Spouse Name
1	Venkateswara Rao M	L-305	4.10	Mrs. M. Tirumala Devi
2	Suresh Mallya	L-295	09.10	Mrs Vidya Kamath
3	Balakrishnan T.S.	A-284	20.10	Mrs. Charumathi Balakrishnan
4	Krishnamurthi N.R.	L-247	22.10	Jaya Krishnamurthi
5	Sampath N.R.	L-165	24.10	Mrs. Malini Sampath
6	Asokkumar R	L-304	29.10	Mrs. A. Angayarkanni
7	Namasivayam R.T.	L-054	29.10	Mrs. Kalyani Namasivayam
8	Lakshmanan R.	L341	30.10	Dr. Padmavathy R, MD, Siddha



September Contributors

Breakfast			Sunshine Contribution			Scholarship Fund		
Sr No	Name	Amount	Sr No	Name	Amount	Sr No	Name	Amount
1	Suntharam L238 (Via G Pay 2/9/25)	5000	1	Vijayalakshmi Masilamani	3000	1	T.V.Vijayalakshmi	1500
2	Ramanathan S L204 (Via G Pay 3/9/25)	5000	2	Dr. Parthasarathy Cash	1000	2	M. Chidambaram (Sbi 601982 Dt6/9/25)	15000
3	Mohanam	2000	3.	Dr. Panchalan Cash	1000			
4	Jayamani C	3000	4.	Ram Mohan Sbi Dt27/9/25 192051	500			

Scholarship event of 8th September at Russian House



Breakfast Meeting of 27th September when Probian Ervadi Rathakrishnan.S book was released and reviewed by Dr M.Rajapandian and Dr R.Anuradha



Elders Day Function of Helpage on 30th September where our Past President Sri R.T.Namasivayam was honoured





CHENNAI TRAFFIC:

A Love Story

*Oh Chennai traffic, my dearest friend,
Where time stands still and patience meets its end,
Where “just 10 minutes” means an hour or three,
And every junction’s a philosophy degree.*

*The auto-rickshaw weaves like a drunk bee,
While buses lumber like ships on the sea,
And somewhere in this metal maze so tight,
A cow decides to enjoy the traffic light.*

*“Signal thirty seconds!” the board declares,
As we sit counting our newfound gray hairs,
The motorcycle uncle with his family of five,
Makes you wonder how they’re all still alive.*

*IT employees clutch their laptops tight,
Dreaming of work-from-home with all their might,
While school kids in the bus play cricket inside,
And the conductor hangs out for the ride.*

*The GPS says “Turn right” with such hope,
But the road’s dug up—time to learn to cope,
“Metro work in progress” the sign sweetly states,
As we contemplate our unfortunate fates.*

*Rain arrives and the city hits pause,
Every pothole becomes a swimming pool because,
What took two hours now takes half the day,
And we’re all just floating our stress away.*

Suggestions to Tame the Beast:

- Stagger work timings
- Invest heavily in public transport
- Implement proper traffic management
- Encourage carpooling and cycling
- Fix the roads properly
- Embrace technology
- Work from home policies
- Better urban planning
- Not everyone needs to travel at 9 AM and 6 PM like synchronized swimmers
- More buses, better connectivity, and make the Metro reach every corner (not just the lucky few neighborhoods)
- Synchronized signals, dedicated bus lanes, and traffic police who actually manage traffic instead of just standing there
- Dedicated bike lanes and incentives for shared rides
- Stop the endless cycle of digging up perfectly good roads for random projects
- Smart traffic systems, real-time traffic updates, and dynamic route planning
- Let people work remotely when possible to reduce the daily migration
- Stop cramming everything into a few areas and spread out commercial hubs

Until then, we’ll keep practicing meditation in our vehicles, because Chennai traffic isn’t just transportation—it’s a spiritual journey where you discover exactly how patient you can be!

by **Probian V. Dhayalan**

ADVT. FROM PROBIANS

Sr. No	Name of the Donor	Membership Number	Amount
1	Viswakumar K	PF 14	3000
2	Venkatesan R	L044	3000
3	Radhakrishnan. S.Dr	L269	1500
4	Ramaswami P.P.	PF15	3000
5	Unnikrishnan P V	L072	1500
6	Jayaraman R	L030	3000
7	Suganthi Premkumar	L390	1500
8	Veeraiyan P T	L223	1500
9	G. Jayakumar	L198	3000
10	Dr. Ramalingam K	PF 10	3000
11	Badri C	PF 16	6000
12	N. R. Sampath	L165	6000
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19	G.N.Sridharan	L143	1000
20	A. Vijayakumar	L279	500
			3000

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21	Chidambaram M	PF06	6000
22	M. Kandhaswami	L359	1500
23	Kannappan V	L344	3000
24	Balachander V	PF 09	3000
25	Jayamani C	L320	3000
26	Bhavani A Dr	L326	3000
27	Ramaraj V	L316	1500
28	Venkateswaran C N	L197	3000
29	C. D. Jagadisan	A035	2000
30	Vijayalakshmi Masilamani	L348	12000
31	Sundar Shanker	L246	1500
32	Raghavendra Rao J	L187	3000
33	Sugunaraj D	A143	1500
34	Sappani Pillai M	L276	6000
35	Brigadier Jayalakshmi S	L360	3000
36	Narendran C C	L311	3000
37	Renganatha Rao S	L031	3000
38	N. Kumar	L322	3000
			3000
			123500

NEW MEMBER ADMISSIONS

L-397	Ramachandran B	P N Balasubramaniam	GM Finance	1-A, Dr Radhakrishnan Road, 2nd Street, Mylapore, Chennai-600 004. M: 9176112643	17.05.1960
L - 398	Paramasivam E V	Erraman Vellaiyan	Asst. director of Sericulture	Tower view colony, H4, 23/3, 1st Floor, P Block, 17th street, Anna Nagar, Chennai - 600 040. M: 9789973850	24.07.1954
L - 399	V Kanna dhasan	M Vadivel		7, Nethaji street, Mahatma Gandhi Nagar, Tharamani, Chennai 600 113. M: 98419 66254	25.5.1961
L - 400	C Ganapathi	K Chittambalam Pillai	AE, WRD (PWD)	149 A, Metro Nagar 1st Avenue, Chennai- 600116. M: 8925483176	15.05.1960
L - 401	Dr M.C Sambantham	M Chidambaram	Addl. Director, Dept of Indusrial safety& Health, Chennai.	Flat No.2,Fortune Sprigs Apts.,23/10. Damodhara Murthy Road, Kilpauk Garden, Chennai- 600010. M: 94457 94458	16.11.1957
L -402	R Durai	N P Rathinam	Dy Commr of Labour.	No. 5ES, Sai sree Apts., Janakiraman Extension Colony, Arumbakkam, Chennai M: 9382820351	30.07.1958
L - 403	Dr M Rajagopalan	Late V Madhavachari	Professional Auditor	Old No.35, New No. 28, Taylors Estate, 2nd street, Kodambakkam, Chennai 600024. M: 98407 43356	18.05.1960

Dates to Remember: 25th October 2025 Saturday

Monthly Breakfast cum International Day of Older Persons

Speaker: **Dr. T.S. Sridhar, IAS, Former Additional Chief Secretary, Govt of Tamil Nadu**

Venue: Russian House, 74 Kasturi Rangan Road, Teynampet, Chennai 600018.

**The monthly meeting of Probus Club of Cheyyar was held on 20th September
One speaker from Polur spoke about Mud Bath**



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Proban Grace Nelson spouse of Probian Nelson Phillip was the recipient of several awards both in Chennai and in Kerala for her poems in Malayalam.



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