



# CHENNAI SPEAKERS FORUM

Area: O2

Division: O

District: 82B

## Minutes of Meeting

Meeting No.: 393      Date: 07 June 2020      Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Venue: Online Zoom Meeting

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Word of the day: Resilient

Theme of the day: Your best teacher is your last mistake!!



### 10:00am: SAA called for meeting

SAA Toastmaster **Krishnan** explained the mission of Toastmasters and stated the code of conduct for the meeting.



### 10:01am: Presiding Officer's Address

Toastmaster **Vigneshwaran**, the presiding officer, opened the 391<sup>st</sup> meeting by telling the life story of Marvan Atapattu, a Sri Lankan cricketer, and how he succeeded due to his resilience. He also said, "Enthusiasm will fuel your dreams. If you don't feel enthusiastic at your age, what do you think of Charles Eugster, who started running at 95 years of age."



### 10:06am: TMOD introduction

TMOD Toastmaster **Naresh** started by saying, "We all make mistakes, we must use those mistakes and learn from them." He talked about his early experience in stock market investing and how he evolved from his mistakes.



### 10:10am: General Evaluator intro

General Evaluator Toastmaster **Syed** explained the importance of evaluation and introduced the TAG team.

TIMER  
AH COUNTER  
GRAMMARIAN

Toastmaster Saikumar  
Toastmaster Hariharan  
Toastmaster Roshini



## 10:19am: Prepared Speeches

Prepared Speech	Speaker	Path and Project	Speech title	Evaluator
1	Toastmaster Supraja	Manual: Competent Communicator Project#8: Get comfortable with visual aids	Will you promise the same?	Toastmaster Abhilash Chandran

**Toastmaster Supraja** started by describing an old man and how he went live with his son. When the old man's 4 year old grandson pulled him for dinner, he stumbled as he was weak from getting old. His son and daughter-in-law were annoyed, so they created a table for him at the corner of the house and he ate alone. They even gave him a wooden bowl due to him breaking the other bowls. The grandpa was very sad as he wanted nothing but a hand to hold and a shoulder to lean on. Watching all this, the grandson started creating wooden bowls. When asked why, the kid said that he was doing it for his father and mother when they grow old. From then everything changed, they took good care of grandpa. She then gave and talked about the statistics from UN. She concluded by promising that she would take care of her loved ones.

Prepared Speech	Speaker	Path and Project	Speech title	Evaluator
2	Toastmaster Vivekanandan	Manual: Special Occasion Speeches Project#4: Presenting An Award	Toastmaster of the Month	Toastmaster Shiram

**Toastmaster Vivekanandan** started by saying, "Three persons and six life experience makes a person what he is." He then talked about a revolutionary man screaming for the well-being of nature, M.Senthamilan. He talked about the experiences and actions of that revolutionary man. He then gave M.Senthamilan the Influential Personality Award in account of his actions. He concluded by saying, "Get back to your roots and live in accordance with nature."

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3	Toastmaster Sidharth M.P	Manual: Special Occasion Speeches Project#2: Speaking in the Praise	The Princetonian who rejected the lure of America and served India	Distinguished Toastmaster Jayan Narayanan

**Toastmaster Sidharth** started by talking about how everyone feels a sense of patriotism whenever there is a rocket launch happening. He talked about Padma Bhushan Nambi Narayanan, from when he joined the organization to how he went to Princeton to study about liquid propulsion engines. He told about how the course requires 18 months to finish, but Thiru Nambi Narayanan finished it in 9-10 months. When NASA tried to recruit him, under the advice of his mentor Vikram Sarabhai, Nambi Narayanan returned to India. He then talked about how the engine built by Nambi Narayanan (VIKAS) was successful. He then went on to say how Nambi Narayanan got caught in a spy scam when he was working on the cryogenic project. Thiru Nambi Narayanan got framed but later got out of it and proved his innocence. This damaged Nambi Narayanan's career and India was pushed back by two decades. He then told how the Government gave Nambi Narayanan compensation and Padma Bhushan. He then asked, "But what good is it? What is a compensation?" He then concluded by saying, "Our system is such that, all that get rewarded are not worthy, and those who are worthy are just brushed by or delayed."

After the speech, Sidharth invited Padma Bhushan Nambi Narayanan to talk about his personal experiences.



### 11:08am: Table topics Session

Table Topics Master **Toastmaster Wilson** called members and guests for impromptu speaking.

Sr no.	Name	Topic
1.	Toastmaster Suganthi	I tried and I failed, I tried again and again, and I succeeded.
2.	Distinguished Toastmaster Karthikeyan	Enthusiasm is common, endurance is rare.
3.	Guest Arshad	Champions are made champions by setbacks.
4.	Distinguished Toastmaster Thomas Abraham	As much as talent counts, effort counts twice.
5.	Toastmaster Chandni	Your one incident which is your biggest mistake.



### 11:23am: Evaluation Session

Speaker	Path and Project	Evaluator
Toastmaster Supraja	Manual: Competent Communicator Project#8: Get comfortable with visual aids	Toastmaster Abhilash Chandran

**Appreciation from Evaluator:** Good voice modulation.

**Feedback from Evaluator:** Could have explained the graph better.

Speaker	Path and Project	Evaluator
Toastmaster Vivekanandan	Manual: Special Occasion Speeches Project#4: Presenting An Award	Toastmaster Shriram

**Appreciation from Evaluator:** Good planning and stage setting.

**Feedback from Evaluator:** Could have connected the award to your speech better.

Speaker	Path and Project	Evaluator
Toastmaster Sidharth M.P	Manual: Special Occasion Speeches Project#2: Speaking in the Praise	Distinguished Toastmaster Jayan Narayanan

**Appreciation from Evaluator:** Amazing idea to bring Nambi Narayanan to the stage.

**Feedback from Evaluator:** Could have made a PPT.



**11:40a.m - Call for vote**

Members and guests were asked to vote for Best Speaker, Best TT Speaker, Best Evaluator, Best Role Player, and Best TAG Role Player.



**11:42p.m - Best Performers**

Presiding officer announces best performers of the meeting

<b>Best Role Player</b>	<b>Toastmaster Naresh</b>
<b>Best Evaluator</b>	<b>Distinguished Toastmaster Jayan Narayanan</b>
<b>Best Table Topics Speaker</b>	<b>Distinguished Toastmaster Thomas Abraham</b>
<b>Best Speaker</b>	<b>Toastmaster Sidharth M.P</b>

The Presiding officer of CSF then concluded the meeting and handed over the control to the Election Chair, Toastmaster Harini, for the Excomm election(July 2020-December 2020) to begin.



For any suggestions/feedback, please contact:

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