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### 'Throw the name of a resident at him, and he will give you the address'

*Postman J. Anbu Kamaraj was recently felicitated by the Rotary Club of Madras for his exemplary service*



a letter of recognition :Kamaraj has won the appreciation of many for his commitment to his work.Photo: K.V. Srinivasan

Thirty years ago, J. Anbu Kamaraj worked as a newspaper delivery boy in Besant Nagar. Despite visiting many houses in the locality, he remained unknown. He still goes from house to house to make his deliveries across Besant Nagar, and it is posts he delivers now and is well-known in the neighbourhood.

The Rotary Club of Madras Besant Nagar recently felicitated him for his commitment to his work, which has been noticed by many residents. For instance, Shanmugham, a resident of Kalakshetra Colony, is all praise for Kamaraj.

"I know Kamaraj for nearly four years. In the recent past, I had to frequently shift my residence. To each of my new address, he delivered the letters promptly," says the resident.

Anbu Kamaraj joined the postal department in 1983 for a temporary post and his service was made permanent in 1993. His ambition was to become a police officer but he did not qualify for it. For a brief period, he worked as a paper delivery boy. "I was delivering newspapers in Besant Nagar. My friend Ezhumalai referred me for a temporary post in the post office. It was easy for me to find the addresses because I had earlier delivered newspapers to those houses," he says.

You throw a name of a resident at Kamaraj and he will give you the address. He is 54 and has five more years of service left. Once he retires, we will find it hard to find another postman like him, say many residents.

Venkataraman and Ramakrishnan, president and secretary of the Rotary Club of Madras Besant Nagar respectively, say he was honoured for his dedication and sincerity towards his job.

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