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District Governor 2025-26



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President 2025-26



Rtn. ANAND M
Secretary 2025-26



THE 4 WAY TEST

- Is it the **TRUTH**
- Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**
- Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Club Meeting on Tuesday, 15.07.2025 was called to order by the President Rtn. Nagesh Kengige at 8 pm.

Meeting started with a prayer by Rtn. Guruprasad.



Secretary Rtn. Anand announced a request letter for computers by Government PU College for Girls, Basavanahalli, Chikkamaglauru.



IPP Rtn. Tanoj Kumar gave a small talk about Rotary to give a glimpse to new Rotarians and a refresh to Rotarians.

Rtn. Rudresh Kadur gave a good introduction of the guest speaker Rtn. Deepak Doddappa from Rotary Club Mudigere.



Rtn. Deepak Doddappa talked about the Rotary Theme of the year 'Unite for Good', he mentioned various life events to lay out the idea of uniting for good.





There was good attendance by the members.



Rtn. Sudha informed the club about the program 'Our Walk towards Rice Field' under Vocational Service.

An experience to transplant rice saplings to the field.





Secretary Rtn. Anand proceeded to Vote of Thanks and a memento was presented to the guest speaker Rtn. Deepak Doddayya.

All photos of meeting, courtesy Rtn. Vinay Kumar.

Sowing Seeds of Learning: Rotary's Paddy Transplanting Experience in Malnad

By Rtn. Anand M

On 16th July 2025, the lush green paddy fields of **Aldur-Pura**, nestled 15 kilometers from Chikkamagaluru, became a vibrant classroom. The Rotary Club of Coffeeland, under the **Vocational Service Avenue**, conducted a unique and immersive **Paddy Transplanting Experience Program** — a day that blended hands-on learning, heritage, agriculture and camaraderie against the breathtaking backdrop of Malnad



The program was spearheaded by **Vocational Service Director Rtn. Sudha H D**, with active support from **Club President Rtn. Nagesh Kenjige**, **Secretary Rtn. Anand M**, and **Past Assistant Governor Rtn. Gurumurthy B K**. The day witnessed enthusiastic participation from **students of 6th and 7th standard of Gendehalli Government Higher Primary School**, alongside **37 Rotarians and Anns**, all of whom rolled up their sleeves to experience the art of paddy transplanting firsthand.

Reviving Rural Roots through Vocational Learning

The event began at **10:30 a.m.**, as students and Rotarians gathered in the fertile fields belonging to Mr. Ramesh P.R at Aldurpura. He grows paddy only for own consumption. We at Rotary Coffeeland are grateful that he permitted and organised the wonderful experience event at his farm. Rotarians, Anns and students enthusiastically descended into the muddy slushy field readied by Mr. Ramesh. Each of them took a handful lot of saplings and started planting what looked like grass blades into the muddy soil by pushing 4-5 blades held in their hand into the muddy soil. The saplings were high-yielding **Intan paddy variety**. What followed was a rare sight — Rotarians, school children, and Ann's, barefoot in the slush, hand-planting young paddy saplings in neat rows. Laughter, curiosity, and a spirit of learning filled the air.



This experiential program aimed to reintroduce traditional agricultural practices to a generation increasingly distanced from farming, while also showcasing the vocational dignity and skill involved in cultivation.

Knowledge Sharing and Cultural Context

Rtn. Anand M delivered a captivating session explaining the **history of paddy cultivation**—from its ancient origins in Asia to its critical role in India's food security. He elaborated on the **socioeconomic importance of rice farming**, the seasonal cycle of cultivation, and the pressing challenges faced by today's farmers, such as labour shortages, wild animals trespassing and climate change, especially in Malnad areas.

By engaging young minds in this way, the event aimed to plant seeds of awareness and respect for agriculture as a noble and essential vocation.

Some glimpses of the event



Mr. Ramesh demonstrating the way to transplant



Rotarians' immersed in transplanting work



Taste of Malnad Hospitality

After an invigorating day in the fields, participants were treated to a **traditional Malnad-style homemade lunch**, lovingly prepared by **Rtn. Sudha H D** and **Ann. Shreya Nagesh**. The meal—served under a canopy of trees and near the Malnad style house—became a celebration of rural flavours and warm hospitality, fostering fellowship and reflecting the true spirit of Rotary.



The program concluded at **2:30 p.m.**, leaving behind muddy hands, full hearts and unforgettable memories.

Impact and Reflections

Through this initiative, Rotary not only offered a hands-on vocational experience but also bridged the urban-rural divide, promoted environmental awareness, and honoured the farming community. By involving school students, the program reinforced Rotary's commitment to *Basic Education & Literacy, Community Development, and Vocational Service*.

It was a reminder that sometimes; the best way to learn is not from a textbook—but from the land itself.

Rotary Club of Coffeeland continues to explore innovative approaches to community engagement. This Paddy Transplanting Experience stands as a shining example of service through education, environment, and empathy

Cleaning drive by Rotarians



In the spirit of keeping our surroundings clean, Rotarians with their family went on a cleaning drive in the weekly meeting premises MLV Rotary Hall and Gandhi Park in front of the meeting hall.



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4TH WEEKLY MEETING
INVITATION



SUBJECT:JOYFULL LIFE

GUEST SPEAKER: Rtn.
Shantharam Shetty



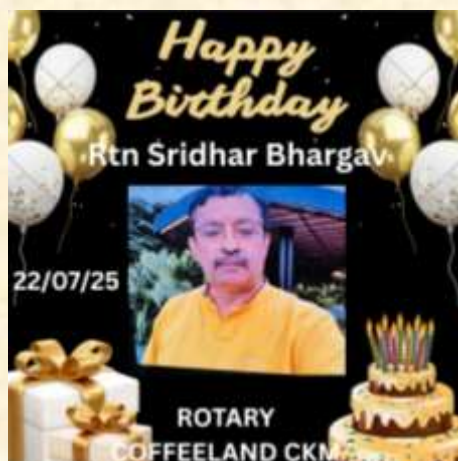

22ND JULY ,2025

7:30PM

VENUE: MLV ROTARY HALL

PRESIDENT & SECRETARY
ROTARY COFFEELAND

Birthday Wishes this week



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