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"THE 21 YEARS SPENT IN NIGERIA WERE THE BEST YEARS OF MY LIFE" - RTN RAGHAVENDRA PRASAD

Delivering his classification talk in the weekly club meeting held at Hotel Moti Mahal on Friday, the $31^{\rm st}$ of January 2025 at 8.00 p.m., Rtn Raghavendra Prasad went into details of his life. He also released the weekly Centor. Rtn Janardhan Alva rendered the invocation. Immediate Past President Rtn Rajesh Shetty welcomed the gathering, conducted the proceedings and presented the speaker a memento. He also gave a report of Nava Vaibhava, RI Dist 3181 conference held at Mangaluru recently. Club Secretary Rtn Rajesh Seetarama made the announcements and gave an update of the club family picnic scheduled in Neeleshwara on the $01^{\rm st}$ and $02^{\rm nd}$ February 2025. Club President Elect Rtn Bhasker Rai Katta proposed the vote of thanks. The formal meeting was followed by National Anthem.

ZONAL REVIEW MEETING

The Zonal review meeting of RI Dist 3181 Zones 2,3, 2024-25 was held at Officers Club Mangaluru on Friday, the 31st of January 2025 at 7.30 p.m. The Meeting was organized by Assistant Governor Zone 2, RI Dist 3181 2024-25 Rtn MPHF Vishwanath Shetty, Assistant Governor Zone 2, RID Dist 3181 2024-25 Rtn PHF K.M. Hegde (who represented our Club in the meeting) Assistant Governor Zone 3, RI Dist 3181 Rtn MD Dr. R.K. Ranjan and Assistant Governor Zone 3, RI Dist 3181 Rtn MPHF Ashok Zonal activities for the month of January including Nava Vaibhava were discussed in the meeting. The Meeting was hosted by Rotary Club of Deralakatte and Rotary Club of Mangalore Downtown.

RTN MPHF PP DR. MADHUSUDAN UPADHYA CONTRIBUTES Rs. 25,000 (287 USD) TO THE ANNUAL FUND OF THE ROTARY FOUNDATION ON 01.02.2025

Rtn PP MPHF Dr. Madhusudan Upadhya has contributed an amount of Rs. 25,000/- (287 USD) to the Annual Fund of the Rotary Foundation on 01.02.2025. With this contribution, the total contribution by him to the Annual Fund of the Rotary Foundation is 9344 USD upto now. Many Congratulations Rtn Dr. Upadhya!

ROTARY PICNIC

This year for our Rotary picnic, we once again decided to cross the state border. But this time, we travelled south to Kerala to Nileshwar. Our Rotarians Saji PR and Shaji Divakaran had organised a houseboat on the banks of the river Tejaswini. We gathered outside the Karavali grounds and after assigning all Rotarians to all the available cars, we left for Nileshwar. It was a journey of about 90 kms that took about 2 hours.

Soon we were at Falcon River Cruise and our boat was ready. After everyone arrived, we had the traditional Kerala breakfast of puttu, idiyappam and appam with kadale curry and tea. After that, our boat started down the Tejaswini or Nileshwar river towards the breakwater at Thekkekad Junction. During the cruise, Ann Poornima Rai organised plenty of games that all the Rotarians and their families joined and enjoyed.

Once we reached Thekkekad Junction just near the unfinished suspension bridge, the boat was stopped and anchored for lunch. Lunch was a traditional Kerala sadya with visone fish fry and a Kerala style chicken sukka.

On the curise back after a brief rest after lunch, Ann Poornima Rai started the antakshari between the Rotarians and the Anns. This went on for the entire cruise till the boat reached home. From there, we drove down to Kanhangad and checked into Hotel Raj Residency.

In the evening, we all left to Shaji Divakaran 's lovely house about 15 kms from Nileshwar. When we reached, we found his family and he had organised a lovely cocktail dinner for us. Rtn Nagendra set up his karaoke kit and then it was a non stop singing entertainment from Rotarians and Anns and also friends of Shaji's family.

The dinner that Shaji had organised was lavish and also sumptuous and with a wide variety of items. Frankly, we were all overwhelmed by his family's hospitality. With the singing and the good food, we all could bond with each other and with the new Rotarians in our family like Murali, Raghavendra and JP, and our youngsters Sheldon, Jackson and Ashwin.

The next morning after breakfast many of our members visited Nithyananda Ashram Kanhangad.

MEMBERS/ANNS/ANNETS/JOHNS/LORDS IN THE NEWS

- PDG MD Rtn Dr. B. Devdas Rai was the Chief Guest of the Family Dinner Meeting of Rotary Club of Deralakatte held at Kuthar on 03.02.2025 at 8.00 p.m. Many Congratulations Rtn Dr. Rai!
- Rtn PP PHF Rajgopal Rai was the Guest of Honor of the Inauguration of Bunts Premier League Cricket Tournament held at Mangaluru recently. Many Congratulations Rtn Rai!
- Rtn PHF Nithin Shetty has been elected as the Treasurer of the Pilikula Golf Club for the year 2024-25. Many Congratulations Rtn Nithin!
- An article on the Union Budget 2025 by Rtn PHF Nithin Shetty was published in the Times of India. Many Congratulations Rtn Nithin!
- Rtn PHF S.S. Nayak was the Anchor of "Business Tonic" programme broadcasted by Namma Kudla 24 x 7 News Channel on Sunday, 02.02.2025 at 10.00 a.m. Many Congratulations Rtn S.S. Nayak!

BOARD MEETING

The Meeting of the Board of Directors of the club for the month of February was held at Hotel Woodlands on Thursday, the 06^{th} of February 2025 at 8.00 p.m. Planning of Club activities for the month of February was held in the meeting.

With Best Compliments From:

Rtn. PHF SRINIVAS SHETTY

Member, Rotary Club of Mangalore Central

THIS MEETING

07.02.2025 - FRIDAY - HOTEL MOTI MAHAL - 8.00 P.M. - BUSINESS MEETING - PLEASE ATTEND

NEXT MEETING

14.02.2025 - FRIDAY - HOTEL MOTI MAHAL - 8.00 P.M. - TALK ON UNION BUDGET 2025-

BY RTN PHF NITHIN SHETTY - PLEASE ATTEND