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DOWNTOWN

# ROTOVISION



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## OFFICIAL BULLETIN OF ROTARY CLUB OF MANGALORE DOWNTOWN

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**Every Wednesday**

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Time: **7:30 PM**

Club Website:



### PRESIDENTIAL MUSINGS

Dear Members and family members

To be entrusted with the role of President of incredible Rotary Club of Mangalore Downtown is both an honour and a challenge, which I wholeheartedly embrace. I am filled with gratitude, humility, and a deep sense of responsibility.



**RTN SATHYAJITH RAO**

When I joined Rotary, I never imagined that this day would come. What began as a small step has grown into a meaningful journey—one filled with learning, service, and above all, friendship. This club has taught me the true power of caring for others and the strength of working together towards a common purpose.

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to our outgoing President Rtn Ganapathy Shenoy & Secretary Rtn Jayaraj K. for their outstanding leadership. You've left a lasting impact, and I hope to build on the solid foundation you've created.

As we step into this new chapter, my goal is simple: to unite, to serve, and to grow—together. Whether it's empowering the youth, taking on community projects, or supporting local causes, I promise to lead with commitment, compassion, and heart.

To my dear Downtown Family—thank you. Your support, your guidance, and your spirit of service inspire me every day. With each of you by my side, I know we can achieve great things.

Let's make this a year filled with purpose, kindness, and meaningful progress.



## MESSAGE FROM THE OUTGOING PRESIDENT



**RTN B. GANAPATHY SHENOY**

It has been a true honour to serve as the President of Rotary Downtown for the second time. I am very thankful for this opportunity and the wonderful experience it has given me once again. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to our Secretary, Rtn. Jayaraj K, and to every team member who supported me throughout the year. Your dedication, unity and spirit made this journey smooth and fulfilling. I am also thankful to our District Governor, PHF Rtn. Vikram Datta, Assistant Governor, Rtn. Ashok Kumar Ujjodi, and our own Zonal Lieutenant, Rtn. Rajesh Shetty, for their constant guidance and encouragement throughout the year. Their support has meant a lot to our club and helped us move forward with confidence. Though this year brought extreme heat and unexpected heavy rains, we still had a wonderful journey together – full of hard work, strong support for one another, and great teamwork.

This year has been special in many ways. Along with impactful service projects, we had a year filled with knowledge-based talks – from inspiring sessions by eminent guest speakers to meaningful presentations by our own members. We also came together for celebrations that created lasting memories and brought us closer as a Rotary family.

Even though we are a small club, we have always been able to showcase our efforts with greater depth and meaning. This year was no different. Thanks to the support of our entire team, we were honoured with two district awards – Second Place in the Impact Excellence Award and the Diamond Plus Award, both in the Small Club category. These achievements reflect the passion, commitment, and teamwork of every Downtown Rotarian.

As I step down, I do so with a heart full of gratitude and pride. I now look forward to cheering on our incoming President, Rtn. Sathyajith Rao, and incoming Secretary, Rtn. Prabhat Joshi, as they take the lead with new energy and ideas. I am confident that Rotary Downtown will continue to grow and shine under their leadership.

Thank you once again for being part of this wonderful journey.

Yours in Rotary,

**Rtn PHF B. Ganapathy Shenoy, President 2024-25**



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## KNOW YOUR ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT FOR 2025-26



**FRANCESCO AREZZO**

Rtn Francesco Arezzo, from Italy, has been selected by the Board of Directors to become Rotary International's president for 2025-26 following the unexpected resignation of RI President-elect Mário César Martins de Camargo on 8 June. Arezzo will become president on 1 July.

A proud member of the Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy, Arezzo brings with him a remarkable blend of professional, philanthropic, and cultural experience. Arezzo is an orthodontist in private practice. He is active internationally as a member of the Italian, European, and American orthodontics associations. He is vice president of the National Association of Italian Dentists for the province of Ragusa and was the founder and head for seven years of the delegation for Ragusa of the National Trust for Italy. He is a Knight of Honor and Devotion in Obedience within the Sovereign Order of Malta.

A Rotarian since 1988, Arezzo's extensive service includes roles as vice chair of the Joint Strategic Planning Committee, Rotary International Director, International Assembly Learning Facilitator, President's Representative in District Conferences, Assistant Rotary Membership Coordinator, and Chair of the Executive Committee. He also chaired an International Convention Committee and led the editorial board of Rotary Italia in 2009-10.

Arezzo is a Major Donor and Benefactor of The Rotary Foundation. He is married to Anna Maria Criscione, an entrepreneur in the tourism field. They are blessed with two children.

## KNOW YOUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR FOR 2025-26



**RTN. P.K. RAMAKRISHNA**

Mr. P.K. Ramakrishna born on December 23, 1952, in Oorgaum, Kolar Gold Fields (KGF). He holds an M.Sc. in Organic Chemistry from the University of Mysore. He began career at CECRI, contributing to the Indian Air Force's SARAH project on Mercuric oxide button batteries.

He worked at Sunanda Aromatic Industries before turning entrepreneur himself. He founded FLOWERSYNTH in 1981, a partnership firm, to manufacture perfumery ingredient for the Incense, Soaps, Cosmetics, Flavours, Toiletries, Fine Fragrances and Pharmaceutical sectors.

He is a Life member of FAFAI; Partner at Well-Bloom Agro Products; Director at Regain Biotechnologies.

He is the Member of Rotary Mysore Mid-Town since 1986. He served as Club President (1995-96) and Assistant Governor (2000-01) and became a Major Donor in 2011. He held key district roles, including Chairman, District Grants Sub-Committee. He is also the recipient of the 4-Avenue Service Award. His interests include Meditation, Reading, Research, Fragrances, and NLP integration.

## KNOW THE INSTALLATION OFFICER



**Major Donor  
Rtn. RITESH BALIGA**

Stay focused, go after your dreams, and keep moving towards your goals, that is what Rtn Major Donor Rithesh Baliga believes. He is a hardworking and a determined person hailing from Bantwal. He did his primary and secondary education in SVS institution and later studied BBM from SDM College of Business Management, Mangalore and joined his father in timber business and elevated the business to great heights.

He joined Rotary club of Bantwal in the year 2009 and served the club in various capacities as a Treasurer, Secretary and also led the club as a President in the year 2016-17. Immediately after taking up the charge as a President became the first Major Donor of RI District 3181. He was instrumental in chartering a new club Rotary Club of Bantwal Town, during his term as a President. He organized diabetes detec-

tion camps, provided solar lights to many houses, hosted TRF seminar and also adopted a village and provided basic necessities like roads, water tanks and was adjudged as best President of District 3181 bagging 29 awards. He was also successful in conducting Ride for Rotary-3 under the capacity as a chairman. Zone 4 was proud to have him as a Assistant Governor in the year 2019-20, which consisted 11 clubs and strived very hard and made all attempts and left no stone unturned or can say no club left behind in every avenues of service. He was also awarded as best Assistant Governor for the year 2019-20. He was also District Secretary Events in the year 2021-22 and District Conference Secretary in the year 2022-23. Successfully serviced RI District 3181 as District Secretary Administration for the year 2024-25.

He is happily married to Rtn Major Donor Shivani Baliga. The couple is blessed with two children - Son, Saurav Baliga, who did his Masters in Data Science and presently working in software company and Daughter Esha Baliga, who is now pursuing her Law from SDM Law college.

## KNOW YOUR ZONAL LIEUTENANT



**Rtn. HARSHAKAR**

Rtn. Harshakar is a highly experienced professional photographer with over 40 years of expertise in the field. Throughout his distinguished career, he has covered a wide range of events, building a strong reputation for excellence and versatility in photography. He has also served as the General Secretary of the South Kanara Photographers' Association, contributing significantly to the professional community.

Academically, Rtn. Harshakar holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from St. Aloysius Evening College. He further pursued his passion for visual storytelling by completing a diploma in Videography and Cinematography at the Centre for Film Studies, Trivandrum. To enhance his skills in fashion and portrait photography, he trained at the renowned Shari Academy of Photography in Mumbai, specializing in modeling photogra-

phy and mastering portrait lighting techniques.

A dedicated Rotarian for the past 32 years, Rtn. Harshakar served as President of the Rotary Club of Mangalore South during the Rotary year 2023-24. He is currently the Zonal Lieutenant (ZL) for the Rotary year 2025-26, assigned to both his home club, Rotary Club of Mangalore South and the Rotary Club of Mangalore Downtown.



## KNOW YOUR ASSISTANT GOVERNOR



**Rtn. Dr. RAVISHANKAR RAO**

Dr Ravishankar Rao taught English for 35 years at Mangalore University and retired as Professor of English. At the University, he served as Director of International Students, Director of Student Welfare, and as Coordinator of Pavanje Chair in Fine Arts. He also served as Secretary to 3 Vice Chancellors of Mangalore University. As a student, he secured his M.A. degree with First Class and Second Rank from Calicut University. Later, he secured his Ph.D. from Mangalore University. Dr Rao was invited by Volda University, Volda, Norway as a Visiting Fellow, where he taught Indian literature and culture to Norwegian students. He was an Elected Member of the International Executive Council, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, and represented India in Canada at various academic forums.

Dr Ravishankar Rao is a Rotarian since 2008 and a Charter Member as well as a Past President of the Rotary Club of Deralakatte. He is a Paul Harris Fellow. He is now one of the Asst. Governors, Zone 3, RI Dist. 3181. During his student days, he was both an Interactive and a Rotaractor. He was a Rotary GSE Fellow to Norway in 1995, where he initiated a Student-Faculty international academic exchange project between Mangalore University and Volda University, Norway – possibly first in the at that time. The project, with an outlay of Rs.2 crores, went on for 10 years, with 40 students and 8 faculty travelling to Norway/India for academic study.

He is a well-known anchor for Presidents of India programmes, the Festival of Russia, Nitte Foundation Day programmes, and for a few Rotary conferences. He has done the live coverage of Mahamasthakabhisheka at Shravanabelagola for All India Radio, twice. He is a Founder of Kalaangann, the Konkani Cultural Centre, Mangalore.

As a student, he was Class Rep for all 5 collegiate years and had the distinction of being adjudged as the Best Outgoing Student of St Aloysius College, Mangalore, in its Centenary Year 1980. He is married to Dr Anita Ravishankar, who is also a Rotarian. His daughter Rtn. Tapasya was President of the Rotaract Club of Deralakatte and is now working in Bengaluru. Dr Ravishankar Rao is supportive of the poor and marginalised, and involves himself in social causes.

## KNOW YOUR CLUB PRESIDENT FOR 2025-26



**Rtn. SATHYAJITH RAO**

Rtn Sathyajith Rao, born in Manipal in the year 1974 to Shri Srinivas Rao and Smt. Meenakshi Rao couple. His initial schooling was at Narayan Guru High School and later did his Pre-University education at Govinda Dasa College, Surathkal. He completed his degree in B.Com from Karnataka University, Dharwad.

He is into hospitality business and is the proprietor of Jyothi Mahal Lodge at Carstreet Mangalore.

His relationship with Rotary began in the year 2015 when he joined Rotary Mangalore Downtown. The present year is his 10th year in Rotary. He served the club in various capacities as Sergeant at Arms, Director for Community Service, Youth Service, treasurer and Secretary.

His hobbies include listening to music and drawing. A very easy going and jovial

person, he is also fond of food and is good critic of different cuisine available in and around Mangalore.

That is why he is popularly called as 'Food Panda' of our club.

He is married to Ann Lakshmi S. Rao, who works as a medical transcriptionist. The couple is blessed with a son - Anish S. Rao, who is pursuing his engineering degree at NITTE.

## KNOW YOUR CLUB SECRETARY FOR 2025-26



**RTN PRABHAT JOSHI**

Born in the beautiful town of Sirsi, Rtn Prabhat Joshi completed studies in MES College of Commerce in Sirsi and passed B.Com with distinction from Karnataka University in the year 2010. He completed Masters in Business Administration (MBA-Finance) with distinction in the year 2010 from St. Aloysius College (Autonomous), Mangalore. Completed Company Secretary Course from Institute of Company Secretaries of India in the year 2011 and Cost and Management Accountant (ICWAI) in 2016.

He started his professional career by working as – Executive- Company Secretary at Lex Valorem India Private Limited and later at Kiroloskar Toyota Textile Machinery Private Limited as Company Secretary. Currently working with Mangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited (MESCOM) as Company Secretary.

Actively participate in activities of Mangalore chapter of ICSI. He regularly gives talk in his field of expertise as a resource person. He gave talk on Importance of Corporate Governance at SDM College of Management, Mangalore; On Importance of MSME and assistances to them from Govt; On Corporate Social Responsibility and implementing it effectively to the members of Havyaka Company Secretaries.

His Rotary journey started recently when he joined Rotary Mangalore Downtown in the year 2024. He is interested in badminton, cricket and carrom. Married to Ann Ranjana Hegde and the couple is blessed with two daughters – Anvita and Mahita.



**19th June, 2024**

Master Anjaneya, a 12 years old boy has not seen school. He is now admitted to 5th Std at Sri Ramashrama School. Our member Rtn Ganesh M.P. came forward to support this child's education cost and also the expenses of special class as he is admitted directly to 5th Std. Kudos to Rtn Ganesh M.P. for the great support

### **"FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE NEEDY STUDENT"**



## **ROTARY IN NEWS**



### **Mário César Martins de Camargo**

Rotary International's President-nominee for the 2025-26 term, Mário César Martins de Camargo, has resigned from the position, according to Rotary International. He cited personal reasons and business obligations as the basis for his decision. The resignation was announced on June 9th 2025, with a letter to RI President Stephanie A. Urchick.

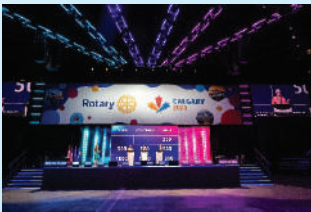
## EVENTS THAT JUST HAPPENED

### “SAMHITHA - WOMEN IN ROTARY”



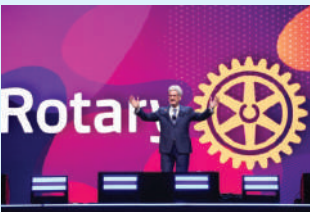
“SAMHITHA-Women in Rotary”, Rotary Women's Conference, a day long event was organised by Rotary Club of Bantwal Loretto Hills on 7th June, 2025 at Hotel Ocean Pearls, Mangalore. The event was attended by Ms Kushboo Sundar, Cine Artist; Rtn Elizabeth Cherian, DGE, RID 3192; Rtn Dr. Suman Hegde, President RC Sirsi; Ms Akkai Padmashali, Social Activist. The event was meant to celebrate fellowship, strength and spirit of lady Rotarians.

### ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION - “CALGARY -2025”



Rotary International Convention-2025 was held from 21st to 25th June, 2025 at Stampede Park, Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

During the convention Rotary's newest Programs of Scale Grant which foster people's capacity to build and sustain peace in Colombia amounting to US\$2 million grant was announced



### THE ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (RLI-PART-I)



The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI-Part-I) training programme was held on 1st June, 2025 at Rotary Bal Bhavan, Mangaluru and was hosted by Rotary Club of Mangalore Hillside. From our club, 4 members viz. Rtn Sathyajith Rao, Rtn Prabhat Joshi, Rtn Pavithra Kumar Gurukkal and Rtn Jayaraj K. attended the programme.



# ROTARY YEAR 2024-25





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**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 3181**  
**ROTARY CLUB OF MANGALORE NORTH**  
 in association with  
**ROTARY CLUB OF SURATHKAL**  
 Cordially invite you to the  
**New Member Orientation Seminar**  
 From 5:30PM to 7:00PM on Saturday, 21.12.2024  
 Venue: Rotary Bal Bhavan, Mannagudda, Mangalore

**Inauguration By**  
**Rtn B Shekhar Shetty**  
 District Advisor to DG

**Resource Persons**  
 PDG Rtn Dr B Devasdas Rai, District Counsellor  
 Rtn B Shekhar Shetty, District Advisor to DG  
 Rtn Dr Alwyn V D'Sa, Editor, CML  
 Rtn P Sadashiva Shetty, Chairman-Club Mentoring  
 & New Member Orientation

*NB: Light refreshments at 5:00 PM*

Rtn Madan C Nair  
President, Rotary Club of  
Mangalore North

Rtn Sandeep Rao Indur  
President, Rotary Club of  
Surathkal

Rtn Sudarshan Nayak  
Secretary, Rotary Club of  
Mangalore North

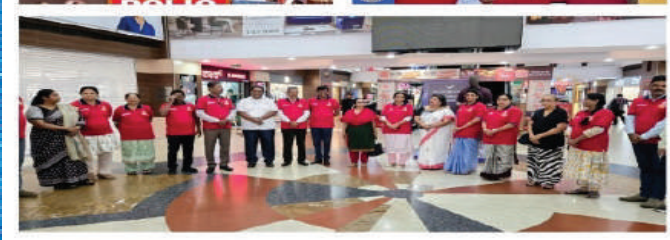
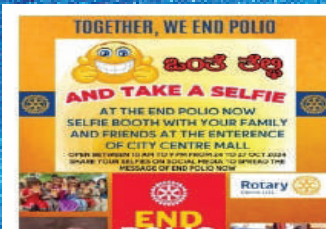
Rtn Nithesh Kumar  
Secretary, Rotary Club of  
Surathkal





# ROTARY YEAR 2024-25

## PROJECTS





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## EVENTS THAT JUST HAPPENED

### ITTEHAD



ITTEHAD –Installation Ceremony of the Rotaract South Asia Multi District Information Organization (RSA MDIO) President for 2025-26 was held at The Avatar Hotel & Convention, Mangaluru on 7th & 8th June, 2025. PDRR PHF Rtn. Rtr. Darryl Steven Dsouza was installed as RSAMDIO President 2025-26.

### “ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿ & DTLS” & “ಅವಲೋಕನ” – DISTRICT ASSEMBLY



“ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿ” District Awards Night and “DTLS”- District Trainer’s Learning Seminar was held on Saturday, 21st June, 2025 and “ಅವಲೋಕನ”- District Assembly on Sunday, 22nd June, 2025 at the picturesque venue of Bharath Scouts & Guides Training Centre Hall, Pilikula, Mangalore. The event was hosted beautifully by Rotary Club Mangalore City.

Our club received two awards - “**Diamond Plus Award**” and “**Impact Excellence Award**” under Small Club Category in recognition of the contribution made by our club for the year 2024-25.






## BOARD MEMEBRS FOR THE YEAR 2025-26

President	Rtn PHF Sathyajith Rao
Club Secretary	Rtn Prabhat Joshi
Joint Secretary & Bulletin Editor	Rtn MPHF Rajesh Shetty K.
Treasurer	Rtn PHF Ganesh Prabhu
Sergeant at Arms	Rtn MD Suraj Hebbar Neria
Director-Club Service	Rtn MPHF Eknath Dandekeri
Director- Vocational Service	Rtn PHF Nagaraj Kamath
Director-International Service	Rtn PHF Ganesh Bhandary
Director-Community Service	Rtn Dr. Savitha S.G.
Director-Youth Service	Rtn Jayaraj K.
Vice President & Chairman-District Projects	Rtn PHF A. Umesh Gatty
Chairman-Membership	Rtn PHF Ganapathy Shenoy
Chairman-TRF	Rtn PHF Anil Baliga M
Chairman-Polio Plus	Rtn Dr Pavan Chand A
Chairman -TEACH	Rtn Prashant Nayak
Chairman-WinS	Rtn CA Sandeep Hande

## NOTABLE ROTARIANS AROUND THE WORLD

### Famous Rotarians



**Frank Borman**  
US Astronaut  
Rotary Club of Space Centre, Houston

Lewisville/NOTL  
**Rotary Club**

Commander of the first mission to fly around the moon and therefore one of the first three people in human history to see the dark side of the moon.

His mission took the famous "earthrise" photo.



*Photo by Rotary Club of Marietta*

### RTN FRANK BORMAN

Frank Frederick Borman, born in the year 1928, is an American Astronaut, who commandeered 'Apollo-8' mission, the first mission to fly around the moon in the year 1968. For this feat, he was awarded with '**Congressional Space medal of Honour**'. His mission also took the famous 'Earthrise' photo. He died in the year 2023 at the age of 95.

He was the member of Rotary Club of Space Station, Houston, USA

# The Downtowners

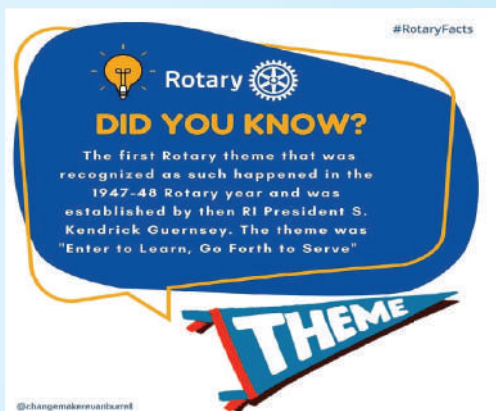
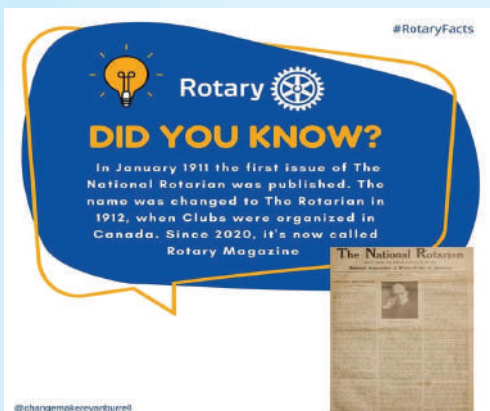


Splendid show by Team Mangalore Downtown. We secured "Diamond Plus Award" during "ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿ" - Rotary Award Night held on 21st June, 2025 at the picturesque venue of Bharat Scouts & Guides Auditorium, Pilkula. We also secured second place in "Impact Excellence Award" under Small Club Category in recognition of contributions made by our club during the Rotary Year 2024-25.



Rtn Eknath Dandekeri receiving PHF- Level-3 Pin from President Rtn Ganapathy Shenoy during the weekly meeting held on 4th June, 2024.

## ROTARY HISTORY



"He who has a thousand friends, has not a friend to spare."

— - Paul Harris - 1906.

# SUDOKU



## BRAIN TEASERS

### ROTARY QUIZ



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1. What is the First official motto of Rotary International?
2. Which is the largest Rotary Club in the World in terms of membership?
3. Which is the largest Rotary Club in India?
4. What is the predecessor to The Rotary Foundation (TRF)?
5. Who was the first President of the first Rotary Club (Founded in Chicago in the year 1905)?

### RIDDLES



What is the difference between a jeweler and a jailer?

(Answers on the last page)

### BIRTHDAY WISHES TO OUR MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS

Annet SHANTHALA  
D/o RTN GANESH M. P.

25  
July

Rtn. SURAJ HEBBAR NERIA

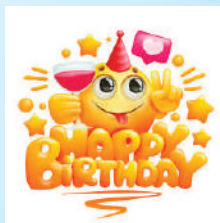
27  
July

Ann NANDINI NAYAK,  
W/o Rtn PRASHANTH NAYAK

28  
July

Rtn JAYARAJ K.

31  
July



“By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail.”

— Benjamin Franklin



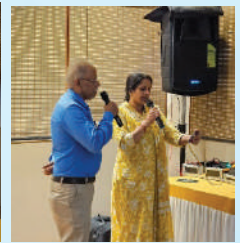
# June Reflections

## "CLUB ASSEMBLY WITH ASSISTANT GOVERNOR"



Rtn Dr Ravishankar Rao, AGE 2025-26 for Zone-3 conducted Club Assembly of our Club on 11th June, 2025 at Eden Sports Club, Mangaluru. The Assistant Governor, while congratulating the previous team led by Rtn Ganapathy Shenoy for their performance, wished all the best for the incoming team. He explained in detail about various steps to be taken for the incoming installation ceremony of the new officer bearers for the Rotary year 2025-26. Rtn Harshakar M., ZLE 2025-26 for Zone-3 was also present during the Club Assembly. Cheques from our members towards the contribution to TRF were handed over to Rtn Harshakar M on the occasion.

## "CELEBRATING THE AWARDS"



The Rotary Club of Mangalore Down reached another significant milestone in its journey of service and community development by securing two awards – "Diamond Plus" and "Impact Excellence Award" at the recently held RI District 3181 Award Ceremony "ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿ" at Mangalore. This is a testament to the collective efforts of its members. To commemorate this achievement, the club hosted a delightful family get-together. The celebration not only acknowledged the hard work and dedication of the club members but also provided an opportunity for families to bond, reflect on past successes, and look forward to future endeavors. The get-together featured various activities, including games, music, and an elegant dinner, allowing members to relax and connect in a more informal and enjoyable setting. It was a heartwarming reminder of the importance of community, fellowship, and collaboration—values that Rotary Club of Mangalore Down holds dear.



## JULY – MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH MONTH

JULY



**MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH MONTH**

Maternal and child health is a significant public health issue. Together, we can end preventable deaths among all women, children and adolescents and improve their health and well-being. Today, still too many women, infants and children worldwide have little or no access to essential, quality health services and education, clean air and water, and adequate sanitation and nutrition.

Maternal health means women's health during pregnancy, childbirth, and postnatal. Each stage should be a positive experience, ensuring women

and their babies reach their full potential for health and well-being. Although a progress occurred in the last two decades, about 287 000 women died during and following pregnancy and childbirth in 2020. The most common direct causes of maternal injury and death are excessive blood loss, infection, high blood pressure, unsafe abortion, obstructed labour, and indirect causes such as anaemia, malaria, and heart disease.

Most maternal deaths are preventable with timely management by a skilled health professional working in a supportive environment. Ending preventable maternal death must be the top priority. About 140 million births take place every year. The proportion attended by skilled health personnel has increased: from 58% in 1990 to 81% in 2019. It is mainly due to higher numbers of birth at a health facility. Deaths from complications during pregnancy, childbirth, and postnatal have declined by 38% in the last two decades. However, an average reduction of just under 3% per year, this pace of progress is far too slow. It also hides vast inequalities within and across countries. More than half of maternal deaths occur in fragile and humanitarian settings. Sub-Saharan Africa and Southern Asia share the greatest burden of maternal deaths, 86% of the global total in 2017.

Rotary makes high-quality health care available to vulnerable mothers and children so they can live longer and grow stronger. To reduce this death rate, ROTARY helps to vaccinate babies, access needed medical care, and train skilled health care providers for mothers and babies – so mothers and babies can live longer and stronger.

Let us from our own position expand the path of quality service to mothers and babies – so that mothers and babies everywhere in the world can have equal opportunities for a healthy and beautiful future – and thereby create a dream of a prosperous, peaceful world.

## EVENTS THAT JUST HAPPENED

### INSTALLATION OF DISTRICT GOVERNOR FOR 2025-26



Installation of our District Governor of Rotary District 3181 for the year 2025-26 Rtn Ramakrishna P.K. was held on 29th June, 2025 @North Avenue (Mysore Socials), Mysuru.

# Forthcoming Rotary Events

## "SNEHA SOURABHA" - ROTARY DISTRICT CONFERENCE-2025-26"

"SNEHA SOURABHA", District Conference for the year 2025-26 of RID 3181 will be held from 30th January to 1st February, 2026 at Rajendra's Place, Opp: Sheshadripuram Degree College, Outer Ring Road, Hebbal, Mysuru. Interested members are requested to register themselves for the event. Registration may be made by visiting conference website

<https://districtconference3181.in/>

The Registration charges are as under:

Rotarian- Rs.4,500/-

Rotarian with Spouse- Rs.7,500/-

Ann - Rs.3,500/-

Annet - Rs.2,000/-



## "ROTARY SOUTH ASIA THALASSEMIA CONFERENCE"



Rotary South Asia Thalassaemia Conference, scheduled to be held on 11th May, 2025 at Navi Mumbai (to be hosted by RID 3142) has been postponed until further orders in view of the war-like situation prevailing in the country.

## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION - "TAIPEI -2026"



Rotary International Convention-2026 will be held from 13TH to 17TH June, 2025 at Taipei. The registrations for the said event is already open. Interested members may register for the event.

### MILESTONES FOR WOMEN IN ROTARY

**1950** – An enactment to delete the word “male” from the Standard Rotary Club Constitution is proposed by a Rotary club in India for the Council on Legislation meeting at the 1950 Rotary Convention.

**1964** – The Council on Legislation agenda contains an enactment proposed by a Rotary club in Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) to permit the admission of women into Rotary clubs. Delegates vote that it be withdrawn. Two other proposals to allow women to be eligible for honorary membership are also withdrawn.

**1972** – As more women begin reaching higher positions in their professions, more clubs begin lobbying for female members. A U.S. Rotary club proposes admitting women into Rotary at the 1972 Council on Legislation.

**1977** – Three separate proposals to admit women into membership are submitted to the Council on Legislation for consideration at the 1977 Rotary Convention. A Brazilian club makes a different proposal to admit women as honorary members.

The Rotary Club of Duarte, California, USA, admits women as members in violation of the RI Constitution and Standard Rotary Club Constitution. Because of this violation, the club's membership in Rotary International is terminated in March 1978. (The club was reinstated in September 1986.).

**1980** – The RI Board of Directors and Rotary clubs in India, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United States propose an enactment to remove from the RI and club constitutions and bylaws all references to members as “male persons.”

**1983-86** – In a lawsuit filed by the Duarte club, the California Superior Court in 1983 rules in favour of Rotary International, upholding gender-based qualification for membership in California Rotary clubs. In 1986, the California Court of Appeals reverses the lower court's decision, preventing the enforcement of the provision in California. The California Supreme Court refuses to hear the case, and it is appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

**1987** – On 4 May, the U.S. Supreme Court rules that Rotary clubs may not exclude women from membership on the basis of gender. Rotary issues a policy statement that any Rotary club in the United States can admit qualified women into membership.

The Rotary Club of Marin Sunrise, California (formerly Larkspur Landing), is chartered on 28 May. It becomes the first club after the U.S. Supreme Court ruling to have women as charter members.

Sylvia Whitlock, of the Rotary Club of Duarte, California, becomes the first female Rotary club president.

**1988** – In November, the RI Board of Directors issues a policy statement recognizing the right of Rotary clubs in Canada to admit female members based on a Canadian law similar to that upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court.

**1989** – At its first meeting after the 1987 U.S. Supreme Court decision, the Council on Legislation votes to eliminate the requirement in the RI Constitution that membership in Rotary clubs be limited to men. Women are welcomed into Rotary clubs around the world.

**2022-23** – Jennifer E. Jones of Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada became the First Women President of Rotary International.





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## Cricket in Heaven

Two 90 year old men, Jai and Veeru, have been friends all of their lives.

When it's clear that Veeru is dying, Jai visits him every day.

One day Jai says, "Veeru, we both loved cricket all our lives, and we played cricket on Saturdays together for so many years. Please do me one favour, when you get to Heaven, somehow you must let me know if there's bat and ball there and the game is played there!"

Veeru looks up at Jai from his death bed,

"Jai, you've been my best friend for many years. If it's at all possible, I'll do this favour for you."

Shortly after that, Veeru passes on.☒☒

At midnight, a couple of nights later, Jai is awakened from a sound sleep by a blinding flash of white light and a voice calling out to him, "Jai--Jai!"

"Who is it?" asks Jai sitting up suddenly. "Who is it?"

"Jai--it's me, Veeru!"

"You're not Veeru.... Veeru just died!"

"I'm telling you, it's me, Veeru," insists the voice.

"Veeru! Where are you now?"

"In heaven", replies Veeru. "I have some really good news and a little bad news."

"Tell me the good news first," says Jai.

"The good news," Veeru says, "is that there's bat and ball in heaven and they do play cricket! Better yet, all of our old friends who died before us are here, too. Better than that, we're all young again. Better still, it's always spring time and it never rains or snows. And best of all, we can play cricket all we want, and we never get tired".

"That's fantastic," says Jai. "It's beyond my wildest dreams! So what's the bad news?"

"You're in the team for this Saturday's match !!!"



## ANSWERS TO BRAIN TEASERS

### SUDOKU

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8	1	4	5	2	6	9	3	7
6	9	5	3	8	7	1	4	2
3	2	7	1	4	9	8	6	5

## Rotary Quiz

1. 'Service Above Self' is the First official motto of Rotary International.
2. Rotary Club of Seattle. It has more than 600 members. It also happens to be the fourth oldest Rotary Club in the world.
3. 'Rotary Club of Vijayawada Mid-Town' is the largest Rotary Club in India. It also happens to be the largest Rotary Club outside United States of America.
4. 'The Endowment Fund' is the predecessor to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) started in the year 2017 by the then Rotary International President Rtn Arch C. Klumph.
5. Rtn Silvester Schiele is the first President of the first Rotary Club (Founded in Chicago in the year 1905)

## RIDDLES

'A jeweler sells watches while a jailer watches cells'