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PRESIDENTIAL MUSINGS

Dear Downtown Family,

The District Governor's visit is always a moment of inspiration, reflection, and renewed commitment. It provides us an invaluable opportunity to review our journey, reaffirm our goals, and realign our efforts with Rotary's vision of service above self. His guidance, motivation, and leadership encourage us to strive for excellence in every



RTN SATHYAJITH RAO

avenue of service and to make a meaningful and lasting impact in our community.

At Rotary Mangalore Downtown, we remain steadfast in our commitment to fellowship, integrity, leadership, and service. Our projects and initiatives are driven by compassion, collaboration, and a strong desire to uplift lives and build a better tomorrow. This official visit strengthens our resolve to expand our reach, enhance our impact, and embrace innovative approaches in addressing societal needs.

While heartily congratulating our District Governor on the grand success of 'Sneha Sambhrama', our District Conference at Mysuru, we eagerly look forward to his valuable insights, constructive guidance, and inspiring words, which will undoubtedly energize our members and further ignite their passion for Rotary service.

With warm Regards,
Rtn PHF Sathyajith Rao
President

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, 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.

Save the Dates

- 2025, Nov 21 Pre-AGLS 2.0, Madikeri
- 2026, Jan 30, 31 & Feb 11 District Conference (Rotary Year 2025-26),
SAATHI - Team Presentation (2026-27), Mysore
- 2026, Feb 21, 22 | AGLS @ Sampige Resort Moodbidri
- 2026, Mar 11 | Pre PELS & SELS- Zones 1, 2, 3
- 2026, Mar 7 | Pre PELS & SELS- Zone 6
- 2026, Mar 8 | Pre PELS & SELS- Zones 7, 8, 9
- 2026, Mar 15 | Pre PELS & SELS- Zones 4, 5
- 2026, Apr 24, 25, 26 | PELS & SELS & ZELS @ IBIS Styles, Calangute, Goa
- 2026, June 21 | DTLS & Club Leaders Learning Seminar @ Mysore
- 2026, June 28 | Governor Installation @ Bendur, Mangalore
- 2027, Jan 22, 23, 24 | District Conference @ Mangalore
- 2027, June 12 | District Awards @ Mangalore

THE FOUR-WAY TEST
Of the things we think, say or do:

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



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ROTARY CLUB FLAG EXCHANGE



We were delighted to welcome **Rtn Sonia Shirsat**, Director - International Service, Rotary Club of Panaji Riviera, Goa of Rotary International District 3170 to our Club Assembly held in the presence of the Assistant Governor on 10th February. The visit was made special with a warm exchange of club flags, symbolizing friendship, fellowship, and Rotary goodwill.

ROTARY INFORMATION

ROTARY - 121 YEARS OF COMMITMENT & SERVICE



On 23rd February, Rotary celebrates the **121st anniversary** of the first Rotary Club meeting—an occasion that offers Rotary clubs and districts across the world an opportunity to strengthen and showcase Rotary's public image.

Founded in 1905 by **Paul Harris**, Rotary has grown into a global organization of over **1.4 million members**, united by a shared commitment to making the world a better place.

Since its inception, Rotary has undertaken countless humanitarian and professional initiatives that have touched lives across continents. Through its flagship PolioPlus program, Rotary has helped reduce polio by 99.9%, safeguarding millions of children worldwide.

Beyond polio eradication, Rotary continues to make a meaningful impact in the areas of healthcare, clean water and sanitation, education and literacy, peacebuilding, environmental protection, and economic development.

These 121 years stand as a testament to Rotary's enduring legacy and provide an opportunity to celebrate our achievements while renewing our commitment to serving the most vulnerable in society.

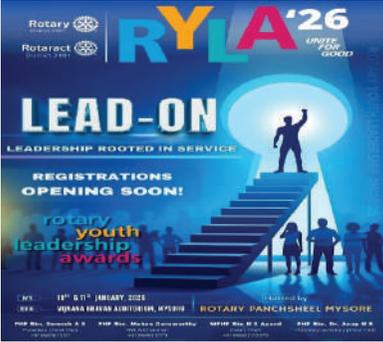
Every club and every Rotarian, in their own unique way, contributes to this ongoing story of service and solidarity. Together, let us continue to uphold the spirit of "Service Above Self" and proudly promote Rotary's values across the globe.

ROTARY HISTORY



EVENTS THAT JUST HAPPENED

"LEAD-ON- RYLA 2026"



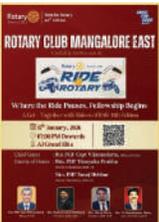
"LEAD-ON", Rotary Youth Leadership Awards- 2026 (RYLA) was held on 10th & 11th January, 2026 at Vijnana Bhavan Auditorium, Mysuru. The event was hosted by Rotary Panchsheel Mysuru. Rtr Skanda represented our Rotaract club of Swastika National Business School at this event.

"DISTRICT GOVERNOR-ELECT TRAINING "



DGE Rtn Sathish Bolar, along with his wife Rtn Pramoda Bolar attended District Governor-elect Training held during Rotary International Assembly -2026 at Orlando, Florida, USA held from 11th to 15th January, 2026.

"PIT STOP- RIDE FOR ROTARY-10"



Ride for Rotary-10 made a scheduled halt at Mangalore on 17 January 2026, and Rotary Mangalore East ensured the stop was truly memorable by hosting a warm get-together with the riders at Hotel A.J. Grand Elite, Mangalore. The evening was filled with fun and fellowship, offering the visiting international Rotarians a glimpse of the region's rich cultural heritage through vibrant traditions such as 'Pili Nalike'. The occasion also fostered global camaraderie as several clubs exchanged their club banners with the overseas Rotary Clubs represented by the participating riders. Our member and Event Secretary Rtn Suraj Hebbar Neria gave a brief about the journey of Ride For Rotary through the years. 11 of our members participated in the programme.



EVENTS THAT JUST HAPPENED

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



"SNEHA SOURABHA", the District Conference 2025-26 of RID 3181, was held from 30th January to 1st February 2026 at the Silent Shores Convention Centre, Mysuru. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect and interact with Rotarians from across the District. The conference was superbly organised, featuring eminent speakers who spoke on a wide range of insightful topics, along with delightful entertainment programmes that truly enthralled the audience. The experience was further enhanced by delicious cuisine that perfectly delighted our taste buds. A truly memorable and enriching event! The occasion also featured a well-coordinated and impressive presentation of the incoming team of DGE Rtn Sathish Bolar for the year 2026-27.

"ESRAG-SA MEGA QUIZ SERIES – 2025-26"



Interact Club of Apeejay Svrn Global School of New Delhi won the ESRAG-SA Mega Quiz Series-II held in January, 2026 while Interact Club of Zebar School for Children of Ahmedabad and Interact Club of Sparsh International School of Noida became 1st and 2nd Runner Up respectively. Special mention is also made about Interact Club of Srinivas University College of Engineering & Technology, Suratkhali of our Rotary District 3181.

ROTARY YEAR 2025-26 SO FAR

PROJECTS



ROTARY YEAR 2025-26 SO FAR



Swastika National Business School
 Bangalore
SAMVEDA #15
 Workshop for Students
BUILD YOUR SUCCESSFUL CAREER
 06 NOVEMBER 2025
 11:30 AM
 Dr. Rajendra K. Hebbar
 You are Cordially Invited



SAMVEDA #15
 Workshop for Students
BE A ROLE MODEL
 11 NOVEMBER 2025
 11:30 AM
 You are Cordially Invited



Swastika National Business School
 Bangalore
SAMVEDA #14
 Workshop for Students
SUCCESS MANTRA
 05 DECEMBER, 2025 | 11:30 AM
 Dr. Rajendra K. Hebbar
 You are Cordially Invited



ROTARY YEAR 2025-26 SO FAR

Swastika National Business School
Mangalore (Affiliated to: Mangalore University)

WELCOME TO
MANGALORE DOWNTOWN
Rotary Club

SAMVEDA #37
Workshop for Students

TOPIC
COMMUNICATION SKILL

13 NOVEMBER 2025
VENUE: GRIET College Kattappa, Kottappara, Surathkal

Rotary President
Dr Raghavendra Holla N
Rotary Club, Mangalore Downtown

You are Cordially Invited

Dr Manish Hebbar
Principal
Kottappa National Institute
Mangalore

Mrs Anuraya K P
Principal
GRIET College Kattappa
Kottappara, Surathkal

Swastika National Business School
Mangalore (Affiliated to: Mangalore University)

WELCOME TO
MANGALORE DOWNTOWN
Rotary Club

SAMVEDA #34
Workshop for Students

LEADERSHIP MASTERY

28 OCTOBER 2025
VENUE: Mangalore K P College, Mangalore

Rotary President
Dr Raghavendra Holla N
Rotary Club, Mangalore Downtown

You are Cordially Invited

Dr Manish Hebbar
Principal
Kottappa National Institute
Mangalore

Mrs Ranjika Arora
Principal
Mangalore K P College
Mangalore



The Downtowners

SCHOOL DAY CELEBRATIONS



Our member **Rtn.Umesh Gatty** was the Chief Guest at 112th Annual Day celebrations of DKZP Higher primary School, Mannagudda, Mangaluru held on 3rd January, 2026.

SMALL STAR, SHINING BRIGHT ON A BIG STAGE.



It was a proud moment for us when **Annet Eshani Baliga**, daughter of Rtn. Anil Baliga and Ann. Pramila Baliga, had the honour of performing before a large audience on stage, just minutes prior to the concert of renowned celebrity singer **Vijaya Prakash**, at the **Thannirbaavi Karavali Utsav** on 4th January, 2026.

RIDE FOR ROTARY-10



Innova Crysta vehicle of our member **Rtn Suraj Hebbar Neria** is one of the pilot vehicle during the Ride for Rotary (10th Edition) held recently.

The Downtowners

REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS



Our President **Rtn Sathyajith Rao** was one of the Chief Guest at the Republic Day celebrations held at DKZP Govt Higher Primary School, Mannagudda, Mangaluru held on 26th January, 2026.

NSS CAMP



Our President Elect **Rtn Umesh Gatty** was one of the Guests at the inauguration of NSS camp for the students of Swastika National Business School held on 29th January, 2026.



BIRTHDAY WISHES TO OUR MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS

Ann Pallavi Rahul,
W/o Rtn Rahul Suvarna

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WEDDING ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO OUR MEMBERS

Rtn. SANDEEP HANDE &
Ann SAHANA B.S.

18
FEB

Rtn. SUBIRAJ SHETTY &
Ann Dr. VIDYA SHETTY

18
FEB

Rtn. PRASHANTH NAYAK &
Ann NANDINI NAYAK

29
FEB



New Downtowners

Rtn GIRISH MANJESHWAR



Rtn Girish M. Manjeshwar, aged 65, is a Science graduate with a postgraduate degree in Management Studies from the Jarnalal Bajaj Institute of Management Studies, who retired after an illustrious 42-year corporate career—35 years with the Aditya Birla Group's Cement Division in Sales and Marketing—culminating as Director and Country Head for Sri Lanka Operations. Now spends his time studying and analyzing corporate business operations, managing his investments with a keen interest in the stock market, while enjoying music, workouts, yoga, and family life.

Rtn SUBIRAJ SHETTY



Rtn Subiraj Shetty, born on 12th January 1972, holds a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Marketing. He has extensive experience in sales and marketing, having worked with leading companies such as Tata Indicom, Hutchinson Essar, and Motorola. He spent several years at Mars Wrigley, contributing to business growth and brand development. Later, he served as Zonal Sales Director – South at Vini Cosmetics and as National Sales Head at SIL Foods Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai. Currently, he is the co-owner of Vegeneration Restaurant in Kuttar. He is fluent in English, Kannada, and Hindi. Mr. Shetty is a seasoned marketer and sales leader who is now exploring entrepreneurial ventures in the culinary field.

Famous Rotarians



Franklin D Roosevelt
32nd US President
Rotary Club of Albany, NY



FDR is invariably high on any list of greatest US Presidents. He served a record four terms and was the US President through the second world war.

FDR suffered a crippling disability, thought to have been from Polio and while keeping his disability a secret, he did much to help those suffering polio during his terms.



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RTN FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

Franklin D. Roosevelt (30th January, 1882 - 12th April, 1945) was the American President. He was the only US President, who served for more than two terms (4 terms) from 1933 to 1945. He successfully ushered USA out of Great Depression and through World War-II during his presidency.

He himself was the victim of polio virus. As a Rotarian, he did his best to help those who are suffering from Polio.

Rtn Franklin D. Roosevelt was the member of Rotary Club of Albany, New York, USA.

FEBRUARY - PEACE & CONFLICT RESOLUTION MONTH



February is observed as **Rotary's Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month**, a period of deep significance for Rotarians worldwide. It gains special importance as it coincides with the anniversary of Rotary's first meeting on **23rd February, 1905**, celebrated as **World Understanding and Peace Day**. This occasion inspires Rotary clubs to promote dialogue and goodwill, while addressing the root causes of conflict—such as poverty and inequality—through meaningful service projects and peace-building initiatives.

Across the globe, millions of people continue to be displaced due to armed conflict and persecution. Alarming, nearly 90% of casualties in armed conflicts are civilians, with children accounting for almost half of these victims. Through its service projects and global programs, the Rotary family remains steadfast in its commitment to tackling the structural causes of conflict, including poverty, inequality, ethnic tensions, limited access to education, and the unequal distribution of resources.

Key Focus Areas for February:

Peacebuilding: Promoting dialogue, understanding, and reconciliation.

World Understanding: Fostering goodwill and harmony among people and communities.

Rotary's Sixth Area of Focus: Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution.

Together, Rotarians continue to work towards building a more peaceful, just, and inclusive world.



BRAIN TEASERS

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ROTARY QUIZ



- 1) Is a Rotarian a member of Rotary International?
- 2) Where is the central office of Rotary International located?
- 3) What is the official magazine of Rotary International?
- 4) In which year Rotary adopted the name 'Rotary International'?
- 5) What was the name of our organisation before it adopted the name 'Rotary International'?

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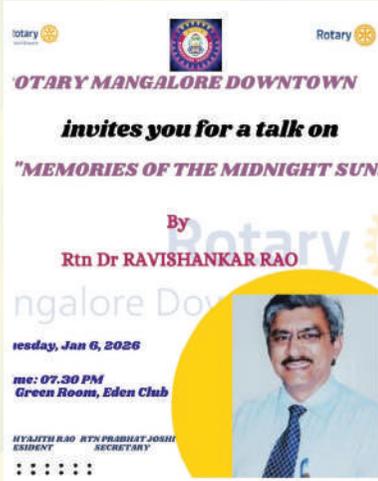
RIDDLES



What's the difference between a guitar and a fish?
 (Answers on the last page)

January Reflections

"Memories Of Midnight Sun"



Rtn. Dr. Ravishankar Rao, Assistant Governor, Zone-3, delivered an engaging talk titled "Memories of the Midnight Sun," during our weekly meeting held on 6th January, 2026 sharing his experiences as a Group Study Exchange (GSE) participant during his visit to Norway in the year 1995. He vividly took the audience through the country's people, culture, geography, and, most notably, the phenomenon of the Midnight Sun. The session was highly informative and interactive, with enthusiastic participation from the members throughout.

"Is AI All That It Is Made Out To Be?"



Rtn. Dr. Arvind Shenoy of the Rotary Club of Mangalore delivered a highly informative and thought-provoking talk on Artificial Intelligence titled "Is AI All That It Is Made Out To Be?" during our weekly meeting held on 13th January, 2026. The session was rich with insights, highlighting the pros and cons of AI along with valuable practical takeaways. It turned into a truly engaging and interactive experience, with members enthusiastically interacting with the speaker and getting their doubts clarified. A fantastic and enlightening session indeed!

**"Success in creating AI would be the biggest event in human history
Unfortunately it might also be the last unless we learn how to avoid the risks."**

– Stephen Hawking, Theoretical Physicist and Author

January Reflections

Induction Of New Members



The induction of new members into the club brings fresh energy, renewed enthusiasm, and vibrant ideas, further strengthening the spirit and dynamism of the organization. In this spirit, we proudly inducted two new members – **Rtn Girish Manjeshwar** and **Rtn Subiraj Shetty**, during the weekly meeting held on 6th January, 2026. The induction ceremony was conducted by Rtn. Dr. Ravishankar Rao, Assistant Governor, Zone-3, welcoming Rtn. Girish Manjeshwar and Rtn. Subiraj Shetty into our club.

February Reflections

Experiences during international assembly in USA



Rtn. Sathish Bolar, DGE 2026-27, captivated the audience as he took us through his remarkable journey from Mangalore to Orlando, USA, to attend the District Governor-elect Training at the Rotary International Assembly 2026. Speaking as the Chief Guest at our weekly meeting on 3rd February 2026, he vividly shared the challenges faced and the enriching experiences gained along the way. His inspiring narrative made for a truly mesmerising and memorable session for all present

"Club Assembly with Assistant Governor"



The Club Assembly, held on 10th February 2026 in preparation for the upcoming Official Visit of the District Governor, was conducted under the able chairmanship of Assistant Governor Rtn. **Dr. Ravishankar Rao**. Zonal Lieutenant Rtn. Harshakar also graced the occasion. The Assistant Governor reviewed our club's preparedness and shared valuable guidance, emphasizing the essential do's and don'ts to ensure a smooth and successful event.

ROTARY IN NEWS

'Create Lasting Impact' - Presidential Message 2026-27

**CREATE
LASTING
IMPACT**



At the Opening General Session of Rotary's International Assembly held in Orlando, Florida, USA, on 12 January 2026, Rotary International President for 2026-27, **Olayinka Hakeem Babalola**, unveiled the presidential message **"Create Lasting Impact."**

Addressing Rotarians from across the world, he reminded members that Rotary is united by a shared vision of a better future. "To transform this vision into reality," he said, "we must first recognise and unleash the change within ourselves. Our focus must extend beyond outcomes to the impact we create." President Babalola emphasised that change and impact are not synonymous. "Change is only the beginning," he observed. "Impact is what endures." He underscored

that while the journey towards a better future begins with today's Rotarians, its influence must continue long after their service years conclude. This enduring legacy, he explained, lies at the heart of the 2026-27 presidential theme, **Create Lasting Impact**.

Creating lasting impact takes many forms. Globally, it calls upon Rotarians to fulfil the promise of eradicating polio and to maximise the transformative potential of Rotary Peace Centres. Equally important is the impact created within—by nurturing curiosity, encouraging questions, and embracing the vast opportunities that the Rotary family offers.

He urged Rotarians to reflect on how they would inspire their clubs and fellow members to deliver meaningful results and cultivate impact that lasts. Progress, he concluded, is never automatic; it begins with the change we choose to create within ourselves.

Meeting With Rotary International President 2026-27



Our DGE Rtn **Sathish Bolar** had an opportunity to meet Rotary International President for 2026-27 **Rtn Olayinka H. Babalola** during the course of Rotary International Assembly held at Orlando, Florida, USA on 12th January, 2026.

"Traveling - it leaves you speechless then turns you into a storyteller."

- Ibn Battuta

ROTARY IN NEWS

Presenting ESRAG Pin To RI President 2026-27

ESRAG Pin Presented to RI President Elect

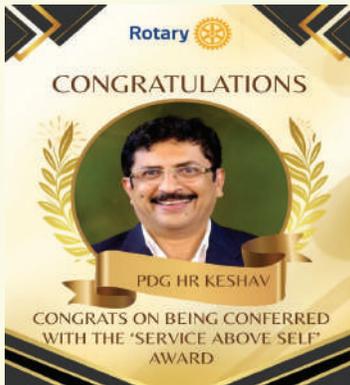


ESRAGer RID 3181 DGE Rtn Sathish Bolar presenting ESRAG Pin to RI President Elect Olayinka Hakeem Babalola during the International Assembly at Orlando, US.



During recently held Rotary International Assembly held at Orlando, Florida, USA, ESRAGer RID 3181 DGE Rtn Sathish Bolar presented ESRAG pin to Rtn Olayinka H. Babalola, Rotary International President for 2026-27 Rtn Olayinka H. Babalola

Pdg Rtn H.R. Keshav - Service Above Self



The Service Above Self Recognition is one of Rotary's most prestigious honours, bestowed upon Rotarians who demonstrate exceptional dedication, integrity, and selfless service to their communities and humanity at large. This recognition celebrates individuals who embody Rotary's core values through impactful projects, leadership in service, and sustained contributions that create meaningful and lasting change.

Heartiest congratulations to our **PDG H.R. Keshav** for being conferred with this coveted recognition.

Rotary Peace Centre At Symbiosis University, Pune

A new space for peace building opened at Symbiosis International Deemed University in Pune, India on 26th January, 2026.

This addition to Rotary Peace Centers will expand opportunities for learning, leadership, and collaboration across Asia.

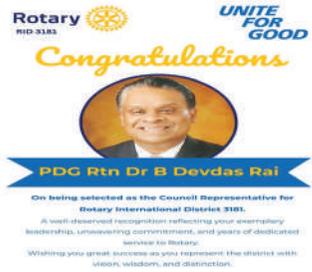
Through a one-year fellowship, professionals will deepen their skills and turn learning into action in their communities.

Applications for Rotary's one-year Postgraduate Diploma Program 2027 at SIU will be open from 1st February to 15th May 2026



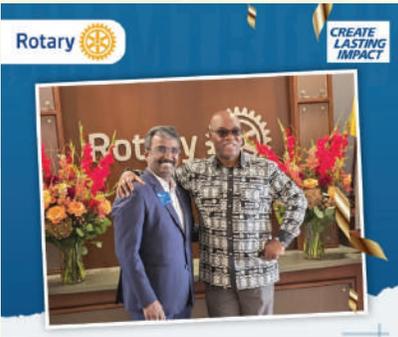
ROTARY IN NEWS

Pdg Rtn Dr. B. Devdas Rai- Council Representative



PDG Rtn Dr. B. Devdas Rai has been selected as the Council Representative for Rotary International District 3181. He will represent the district at the Council on Legislation (COL), which is the law making body of Rotary International.

Rotary International Vice President 2026-27



Rtn Muruganantham M, widely known as MMM or Triple M, is a distinguished Indian Rotarian and business leader who has been appointed Rotary Vice President for the 2026-27 term. He also serves as Convenor and Rotary International Director (RID) for Zones 4, 5, 6, and 7. Hailing from Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu, MMM is admired for his unwavering dedication to Rotary service and transformational leadership.

He earned the popular title "Guinness Governor" after setting eight world records during his tenure as District Governor of

Rotary International District 3000 (2016-17). His leadership is set to play a key role in the Rotary Institute 2026 in Sri Lanka, a landmark event bringing together Rotary leaders from multiple zones across South Asia.

He served as Charter President of the Rotary Club of BHEL City Tiruchirappalli. As one of the youngest District Governors in Rotary history, he made a global impact by chartering 99 Rotaract Clubs, 250 Interact Clubs, and 100 Rotary Community Corps, earning international recognition for excellence in youth service. He became the first Arch Klumph Society (AKS) member of RI District 3000.

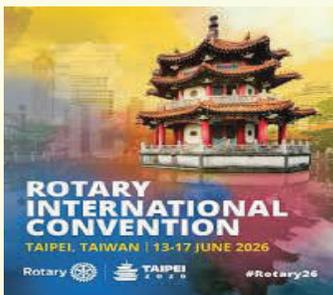
As per records three Indians have been RI VICE PRESIDENTS while serving as Director. They are:

1. BT Thakur: 1946-47.
2. Shapoor Billymoria 1949-50 and
3. Nitish Lahary 1953-54.

Hence we have an Indian RI Vice President MMM after 71 years..!!

FORTHCOMING ROTARY EVENTS

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.



FORTHCOMING ROTARY EVENTS

"PELS, SELS & ZELS - 2026-27"

"PELS, SELS & ZELS - 2026-27"- Learning Seminar for the President, Secretary and Zonal Lieutenants for the year 2026-27 of RID 3181 will be held from 24th April to 26th April, 2025 at IBIS Styles Goa Calangute Hotel. The event is organised by Rotary Mysore.

The Registration Fee is Rs.9,500/-.

UTSAVA - 2027

11th Rotary District Conference of RID 3181 "UTSAVA - 2027" is to be held from 23rd January, 2027 to 25th January, 2027 at Palemar Convention Centre, Maryhill, Mangalore.

Early bird registrations were opened on 31st January and 1st February, 2026 at Silent Shores, Mysuru at the time of 10th District Conference - Sneha Sambhrama.

From our club a record number of 19 early bird registrations were made.

ROTA YUVA TREASURE HUNT - 2026

Rotary Club of Puttur Yuva is organising 4th Edition of "Rota Yuva Treasure Hunt-2026" on 22nd February, 2026. The starting venue will be at Puttur Club, Puttur.

FORTHCOMING ROTARY EVENTS

ROTARY PREMIER LEAGUE 2025-26



"RPL-2025-26" - Rotary Premier League Cricket tournament is being held on 29th March, 2026 at St. Philomina College Ground, Puttur. The event is being hosted by Rotary Club Puttur Elite.

Interest Rotarian Cricketers may register for the tournament and the registration fee is Rs.500/-.

"IGNITE - AGLS"

"IGNITE"- Assistant Governor Learning Seminar for the year 2026-27 of RID 3181 will be held on 21st February and 22nd February, 2026 at Sampige Resort, Moodbidri.



SMILED.K. PLEASE



Genius Son

One day Sahil got home early from school and his mom asked, "Why are you home so early?"

He answered, "Because I was the only one that answered a question in my class."

She said, "Wow, my son is a genius. What was the question?"

Sahil replied, "The question was 'Who threw the trash can at the principal's head?'"

"Lost in Translation"

A mom texts, "Hi! Son, what does IDK, LY, & TTYL mean?"

He texts back, "I Don't Know, Love You, & Talk To You Later."

The mom texts him, "It's ok, don't worry about it. I'll ask your sister, love you too."



"Career Choices and Baby Bunches"

Four men are in the hospital waiting room because their wives are having babies.

The nurse approaches the first guy and says, "Congratulations! You're the father of twins."

"That's odd," answers the man. "I work for the Minnesota Twins!"

The nurse then yells the second man, "Congratulations! You're the father of triplets!"

"That's weird," answers the second man. "I work for the 3M company!"

The nurse goes up to the third man saying, "Congratulations! You're the father of quadruplets."

"That's strange," he answers. "I work for the Four Seasons hotel!"

The last man begins groaning and banging his head against the wall.

"What's wrong?" the others ask.

"I work for 7 Up!"

Rotary INTERNATIONAL President's Message – FEBRUARY, 2026

At last month's International Assembly, President-elect Olayinka "Yinka" Hakeem Babalola called on members of the Rotary world to live out our presidential message for the 2026-27 Rotary year: Create Lasting Impact. This February, as we observe Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month, we have an opportunity to channel Yinka's call to action into real change. Peace is not simply the absence of war. A life free from conflict but marked by hunger, instability, or the inability to care for one's family is not true peace. Peace requires liberty, opportunity, and respect for human dignity. Yet fear



often blocks that path – fear of change, of cultural loss, of people we don't understand. Fear isn't defeated through avoidance or aggression. Knowledge is the first step toward peace. Rotary embraces this idea. Our Rotary Peace Centers and their peace fellows, along with other peace education initiatives, demonstrate how knowledge builds trust and helps communities find solutions to conflict. In Colombia, decades of conflict have left deep wounds. The 2025 Rotary Foundation Programs of Scale awardee, Pathways to Peace and Prosperity, partners with the United Nations World Food Programme to expand opportunity, improve conflict resolution, and connect people with social services. Its goal is to break cycles of violence, poverty, and food insecurity so peace can take root. In Maharashtra, India, People of Action honoree Swati Herkal built peace through prosperity. Her project confronted farmers' declining soil health, rising debt, and illness caused by chemical fertilizers. She and her Rotary partners launched a regenerative agriculture program that revitalized the land, lowered costs, and restored stability. More than 1,100 farmers now participate and over 50 villages have adopted the model. Rotary also advances peace by restoring dignity. In Chad, Rotary Peace Fellow Domino Frank discovered that more than 1,500 women who fought in a rebellion had been erased from reintegration programs. His advocacy led to Chad's first Rotary Foundation global grant and the creation of Corridors of Peace. More than 100 women – triple the goal – completed literacy and vocational training and formed a cooperative to support their families. From Colombia to India to Chad, the lesson is clear: Peace is not a dream. It is the result of sustained action with a focus on true, lasting impact. To replicate these successes, Rotary clubs can take three steps: Learn from peace fellows and other peace experts in our organization, apply a peacebuilding lens to community assessments, and prioritize impact over ceremony. In a world filled with fear, Rotary cannot be satisfied with half-measures and empty words. If we are truly people of action, then action must define us. Together, we can Create Lasting Impact – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

Francesco Arezzo

President 2025-26

You can start anew at any given moment. Life is just the passage of time and it's up to you to pass it as you please. "

– Charlotte Eriksson, Swedish Author

TRF Trustee Chair's MESSAGE- FEBRUARY, 2026

February is Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month, a perfect time to reflect on The Rotary Foundation's mission to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace. Whether improving health, supporting education, or alleviating poverty, peace is at the heart of everything Rotary does.

Rotary Peace Centers bring our ideals into the world by training the next generation of peacebuilders. Since 2002, more than 1,800 Rotary Peace Fellows have become catalysts for peace in over 140 countries.

I am often asked whether our peace fellows continue working for peace after their studies. The answer is a resounding yes. Many serve in United Nations

agencies, governments, nongovernmental organizations, and groups they've founded themselves.

Recently, I met with the recipients of our latest Programs of Scale award, Pathways to Peace and Prosperity in Colombia. This \$3 million partnership with the World Food Programme is establishing four peace hubs that will train 1,000 people in conflict resolution and support 700 entrepreneurs in communities touched by conflict.

During the meeting, I thought I recognized one participant as Brigitta von Messling, a German peace fellow I worked closely with in Berlin 13 years ago. But so much time had passed I wasn't sure. When I asked Gladys Maldonado, a leader of the Colombia initiative, she confirmed it was Brigitta:

Brigitta is based in my city, Cúcuta, and is an active member of my Rotary club. She does wonderful work with the United Nations as an observer of the 2016 peace agreement Colombia signed with rebels. She even travels to remote locations in the Catatumbo region, an area of northern Colombia that has experienced violence by armed groups.

She has my utmost admiration. I had the good fortune of meeting her three years ago. She's incredibly intelligent, with a gift for recognizing the strengths of others.

Brigitta is invaluable to my country, my city, and my Rotary club. She connected me with the World Food Programme so we could build the Programs of Scale project, which has filled my city and country with hope.

What Gladys said about Brigitta echoes so many stories we hear about Rotary Peace Fellows worldwide: They are invaluable. They remind us that peace is built one person at a time.

Your support of The Rotary Foundation opens countless opportunities for transformation.



Holger Knaack Trustee Chair 2025-26

ANSWERS TO BRAIN TEASERS

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Rotary Quiz

- 1) No. The Rotarian is a member of a Rotary Club, and the Club is the member of Rotary International.
- 2) The central office of Rotary International is in Evanston Illinois, USA.
- 3) "The Rotarian", a monthly magazine is the official magazine of Rotary International.
- 4) The name 'Rotary International' was adopted in the year 1922.
- 5) "International Association of Rotary Clubs" was the name of our organisation before it adopted the name 'Rotary International' in the year 1922.

RIDDLES

Answer: You can tune a guitar, but you can't tuna fish.