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Special Welcome to Today's Honorable Chief Guest & Nation Builder Awardee

Dr. SAYEEGEETHA HEGDE

- A dedicated teacher, researcher, and writer in Tulu, Kannada, and English, with over 17 years of teaching experience.
- Her research interests include the Tulu language, folklore, classical text translation, lexicography, and linguistics.
- Dr. Hegde has authored, edited, and co-edited more than 70 books. Notable among them are the Tulu Cognate Dictionary and Tulu translations of Tamil classics such as Thirukkural, Tholkappiyam.

Education

- Bachelor of Arts - Govinda Dasa College, Surathkal (1984-1987)
- Master of Arts in Kannada & PG Diploma in Communicative English & Mass Communication - Karnataka State Open University
- Ph.D. - Tuluva Paripudu Ponnammula Katt, Dravidian University, Andhra Pradesh (2014)

Professional Experience

- Lecturer, Nitte Deemed to be University (2008-2018)
- HOD, Dept. of Humanities, Nitte Deemed to be University (2018-present)
- Coordinator, Dr. K.R. Shetty Centre for Tulu Studies (2016-present)
- Principal Investigator for 14 Tulu research projects, securing nearly Rs. 1 crore in funding
- Research Asst., Rashtrakavi Govinda Pai Samshodhana Kendra, Manipal (2005-06)
- Contributor to the World Bunts' Foundation-funded project History of Bunts, featured in Bunts in History and Culture

Awards and Recognitions

- Dr. Hermann Gundert Endowment Award - Dravidian Linguistics Association of India (2020)
- Sammelana Gaurava - Samshodhane - Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Ullala Ghataka (2023)
- Dr. U.P. Upadhyaya and Dr. Susheela Upadhyaya Award - Rashtrakavi Govinda Pai Samshodhana Kendra, MAHE, Udupi (2023)
- Honoured by Thiru R. N. Ravi, Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu, at Raj Bhavan, Chennai, for the Tulu translation of Thirukkural (2024)
- Tuluva Siri Award - Odiyuru Gurudeva Datta Samsthanam (2023)
- Chief Guest - Siri Parba 2025, All America Tulu Association, Raleigh, North Carolina, USA (August 19, 2025)

PROGRAMME 09.09.2025 AT 07.00 PM

**Guruvandana & Nation Builder Award
Function**

Chief Guest: Dr. Sayeegeetha Hegde
Ann & Annets invited Dinner Meeting

Next meeting. 16. 09. 2025 AT 07.00 PM

Onam Celebration

Anns & Annets Invited

Guru Vandana Tradition in India

Guru Vandana is a revered Indian tradition that expresses deep respect and gratitude toward teachers, often celebrated on Teachers' Day. Rooted in Indian culture, it highlights the spiritual and personal guidance teachers provide, and showcases the value placed on education and mentorship.

In Sanskrit, "Guru" means teacher and "Vandana" means reverence. The practice involves students honouring their teachers through gestures such as touching their feet, offering handmade gifts, and sharing heartfelt messages. These expressions reflect the high esteem in which educators are held.

Teachers' Day, observed on September 5th in honor of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, is a key occasion for Guru Vandana. Students actively participate in events that celebrate their mentors, often organizing cultural performances, presentations, and tribute ceremonies. Gifts like flowers, chocolates, and personalized tokens are commonly exchanged.

Some schools and organizations, such as our Rotary Club, host special programs to recognize outstanding educators with titles or awards. These celebrations not only foster respect for teachers but also reinforce Indian cultural values and the tradition of honouring gurus.

Guru Vandana serves as a meaningful reminder of the transformative role teachers play in shaping lives, both academically and personally.

SMT. CHANDRAVATHI

Govt Higher Primary School Kavoov.

Experience: 36 yrs (1988-2024)

Subjects Taught: Maths

Service: 1988-At Hasansdka School, Sullia;

2008-Adyapady & Parapade & promoted as Head Mistress and later at Daddi Government Primary School.

In 2024, retired as HM of Panjimogeru Govt H. P. School, Kavoov.



SMT. CLEMENTINA PRAMILA KARKADA

W/o. Naveen C Karkada

Experience: 39 years (1986 to 2025)

Subjects Taught: Hindi, English, and social science.

Served in Agnes High School and St. Marys High School for 39 years and retired from Ladyhill Victoria High School in 2025.



SMT. VEENA K, M.Sc. (Zoology), B.Ed.

Subjects Taught: Science

Experience: 37 years (1987 to 2024)

Position Held: 33 yrs as a science teacher &

4 yrs as headmistress at Sri Ramakrishna School, Mangaluru.



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Proceedings of the Weekly Meeting - September 2, 2025

Agenda: **Scholarship Awards to SSLC Toppers**

Welcome: Club President Rtn. Dr. M.S. Arun Kumar Shetty warmly welcomed the chief guest, fellow Rotarians, Anns, Annets, students, teachers, and other invitees.

Presentation Summary: The chief guest, Dr. M. Jayakara Bhandary, Principal of Government First Grade College, Carstreet, Mangalore, delivered an insightful presentation titled Education in the Age of Artificial Intelligence. He congratulated the SSLC toppers and encouraged them to pursue studies in science, commerce, or humanities. He emphasized that in the AI era, preparing children for an uncertain future requires nurturing curiosity and a commitment to lifelong learning.

Key shifts in education highlighted:

- From Memorization to Critical Evaluation: Students must learn to assess AI-generated content, verify sources, and think critically.
- From Basic Skills to Strategic Use: Focus should shift from coding syntax to applying AI tools effectively.
- From Routine to Human-Centric Skills: Empathy, teamwork, leadership, and creativity will be vital as AI handles routine tasks.
- Fundamental AI Literacy: A basic understanding of AI is essential to use it as a tool rather than be replaced by it.
- Ethical Frameworks: Students must develop ethical reasoning and understand AI's societal impact.
- New Approaches to Learning and Teaching:
- Personalized Learning: AI enables customized learning paths and targeted feedback.
- Experiential Learning: Technologies like VR and AR will enhance hands-on learning.
- Both educators and students must stay updated with evolving technologies.
- AI for Educators: Automating tasks like grading allows teachers to focus on student engagement.
- AI for Learners: Students can use AI tools to explore concepts and foster innovation.

Student Feedback: Ms. Shreelatha (St. Lawrence English Medium School, Bondel) and Ms. Ayisha Ashmina (Karnataka Public School, Muttur) expressed gratitude to the club for recognizing academic excellence.





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Announcements by the President:

- Handover of GYNEC-ONCO instruments to Lady Goschen Hospital (Aug 26)
- Installation of Interact Club at Bokkapattana School (Aug 23)
- Participation in Rotary Club Baikampady's Cultural Program (Sep 6-7)
- Club members' participation in "VITATI" District Seminar at Sullia (Aug 30)
- Presentation by Rtn. Dr. Shivaprasad K on Public Image Action Plan (Dist. 3181)
- Receipt of CLUB EXCELLENCE Award for 2024-25
- Recognition for 100% Polio Plus Contribution
- Achievement of \$25 per capita contribution to TRF Annual Fund

Recognitions:

- Rtn. PDG K. Krishna Shetty and Rtn. Dr. Shivaprasad K participated at Rotary India Leadership Conclave, Chennai
- Rtn. Sudharshan Nayak and Rtn. Dr. Shivaprasad K for annual \$100 Pulse Polio contributions
- Rtn. Sudharshan Nayak's \$50 contribution to TRF on Independence Day
- Rtn. Sajith K's donation of Rs. 5000/- to TRF
- Rtn. Subraya Prabhu's session on "Career & Recruitment in Banks" at Namma Kudla
- Rtn. Ganesh Prabhu felicitated at Nivratha Bank AGM
- Rtn. Dr. Alwyn D'Sa's career journey featured by Global TV

Birthday Wishes: Rotarians, Anns, Annets, and Jones celebrating birthdays were honoured with warm wishes for future success.

Acknowledgements: ● Invocation: Ann Shamala Kateel

● Guest Introduction: Rtn. Dr. Sathish Kumar Shetty P

Closing: The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by Secretary Rtn. Shambhavi Prabhu, followed by the national anthem and dinner.

Happy Wedding Anniversary



Rtn. Krishna Prasad Rai & Ann Sharitha
4th Sept

Birthday Wishes



Ann Dr Sukanya
3rd Sept.



Ann Sumathi Shetty
4th Sept

Annet Sarosh Alva - 31st August D/o Rtn. Krishna Prasad Rai

Annet Medha - 2nd Sept, D/o Rtn. Ganesh Bhat

Annet Priya Shetty - 5th Sept, D/o Rtn. Hemanth Shetty



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