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A Hearty Welcome to Today's Chief Guest

Rtn. Er. Rajendra Rao Kalbavi

BE (Civil), MTech (CTM)



Rajendra Rao Kalbavi completed his BE in Civil Engineering from MIT Manipal (1988) and MTech in Construction Technology and Management from NITK Surathkal (2009-11).

He is a strong advocate of green building and has trained at HUDCO Madras, ASTRA-IISC Bengaluru, Laurie Baker Centres, Bamboo House Construction at IIT Delhi, and KSCST Bengaluru. He has built villas, schools, hostels, offices, and many eco friendly homes, and promotes recycling of construction waste, biodigesters, and rainwater harvesting.

He has delivered 150+ lectures and visited 250+ places offering free guidance on water conservation. His YouTube channel, "Water is Life-Rajendra Kalbavi," explains rainwater harvesting methods. He serves on the water conservation advisory team at Yenopoya University and has presented papers at national and international conferences, including as a keynote speaker at Kumamoto University, Japan (2025). His work has appeared in several publications, including the International Journal of Earth Sciences (2011).

Leadership Roles: He has served as President of the Cultural Committee (Canara PU College), Photography Club (MIT), Rotaract Club Mangalore Central, ACCE(I) Mangalore Centre, Rotary Club of Mangalore, and Kanara Builders Association. He was Assistant Governor (RID 3181), Rotary District Secretary, Secretary General of ACCE(I), and is the National President of ACCE(I) for 2025-27.

Awards: His honours include the Dr. B.R. Samaga Young Engineer Award (2009), Eminent Engineer Awards (2018, 2019), Distinguished Engineer Award at ACCE(I) National Convention (2023), ACCE(I)-Ultratech Awards (2018, 2019, 2021), and Rotary's "Project that Rocks" Award for water conservation.

Cultural & Media Work: He is an auditioned All India Radio drama artist, has acted in national dramas, and has given AIR talks in Kannada and Tulu. He is also a master of ceremonies, voice over artist, and former TV anchor/newsreader for CAD TV and Daijiworld TV.

Community Service: He is President of Ashoka Vidyavardaka Trust (running two schools), Trustee of Ashoka Seva Trust (old age home), President of Mannagudde Gurji Seva Samithi (organisers of the 156 year old Ganesha chariot festival), and Founder-Vice President of Mangala Music Club.

Memberships: IEI, ACCE(I), ICI, Rotary International, ASTR, MMA, KBA, KUDKEA, and others.

Family: He is married to Vani and blessed with Samartha and Shrivya.

PROGRAMME 17.03.2026 AT 07.00 PM

Chief Guest : **Rtn Er Rajendra Rao Kalbhavi**

Topic : **Jal, Jungle, Jameen**

Ann & Annets invited

Dinner meeting

Next meeting. **24. 03. 2026** AT 07.00 PM

**Special AGM -7PM &
Club.Assembly-7.30pm**
Ann & Annets invited

Jal, Jangal and Jameen- Environmental Protection

"Jal, Jangal, aur Jameen" (Water, Forest, and Land) is a powerful, historic slogan and movement in India that signifies the deep, symbiotic relationship between indigenous (Adivasi) communities and their natural environment. Coined by Gond tribal leader Komaram Bheem in the early 20th century, it is a clarion call for the protection of natural resources against exploitation, industrialization, and displacement.



Core Principles of the Movement

- **Environmental Guardianship:** For tribal communities, these are not merely economic resources to be extracted for profit, but living, sacred components of their home, identity, and spirituality.
- **Sustainable Living:** The movement advocates for a lifestyle in harmony with nature, promoting traditional, sustainable forest management and land use.
- **Rights over Resources:** It demands that local communities, who have lived in these areas for generations, have the primary right to manage, protect, and use their water, forests, and land.

Protection of the Environment

The "Jal, Jangal, Jameen" movement plays a crucial role in ecological conservation:

- **Forest & Biodiversity Conservation:** Tribal communities actively protect forests, preventing deforestation and preserving biodiversity. They protect sacred groves, which serve as sanctuaries for biodiversity.
- **Water Source Management:** By protecting forests, they ensure the natural, uninterrupted flow of rivers and water bodies.
- **Sustainable Farming:** The movement often encourages a move away from chemical farming toward natural, sustainable practices, including the preservation of indigenous rice varieties.
- **Resistance to Exploitation:** The movement directly fights against "development" projects like big dams, mining, and industrialization that destroy forests, pollute rivers, displace communities.

Historic & Contemporary Context

- **Origin:** Coined by Komaram Bheem in the 1930s in Telangana to fight against the Nizam's encroachment.
- **Pathalgadi Movement:** In Jharkhand, this slogan has been used to assert the rights of Gram Sabhas (village assemblies) to manage their land and forest resources, often citing the PESA Act.
- **Modern Day Relevance:** It continues to be a rallying cry against illegal land acquisition and for the implementation of the Forest Rights Act, 2006.
- **Symbolism:** It represents the fight against the "colonization" of natural resources by corporations, a battle that has seen many Adivasis sacrificing their lives.

In essence, "Jal, Jangal, Jameen" is a movement for environmental justice, emphasizing that to protect the environment, one must protect the rights & livelihoods of the people who depend on it.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE ROTARY CLUB WEEKLY MEETING - 10 March 2026

Agenda: Charter Night Celebration

Welcome Address : The president, Rtn. Dr. M. S. Arun Kumar Shetty, warmly welcomed the dignitaries on the dais, including the IPDG, DG nominee, PDGs, assistant governors, zonal leaders, presidents of sister Rotary Clubs, past presidents, Rotarians, Anns, Annettes, and invited guests. He expressed pride in celebrating 57 years of dedicated service, fellowship, and commitment to the community.

Report on Club Activities : The Charter Night marked not just a celebration but a tribute to over five decades of service guided by Rotary's principle of "Service Above Self." The club has consistently contributed to society through meaningful initiatives in healthcare, education, community development, and humanitarian service. The president paid respectful tribute to the visionary charter members and past leaders whose values continue to inspire the club.

The Rotary Club of Mangalore North was inaugurated on 1 January 1969 and officially chartered on 11 March 1969, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Mangalore when Dr. U. Rajaram Malliya was president. The club began with 34 charter members, led by Dr. B. N. Gadiyar as Charter President and Rtn. M. A. Prabhu as Secretary. Today, the club has 61 members, with five new members inducted this year.

The club has proudly sponsored:

● Rotary Club of Belthangady (1971) ● Rotary Club of Port Town (1977) ● Rotary Club of Midtown (1980)

It has also sponsored the Inner Wheel Club of Mangalore North, an exclusive women's, RCC at Ramakrishna Tapovana, Polali, and two Rotaract Clubs (Rotaract Club of St. Aloysius College and Rotaract Club of MSNIM (Manel Srinivasa Nayak Institute of Management). and three Interact clubs serving school students at Bokkapatna Govt Higher Primary School, St. Lawrence High School Bondel, and KPS Muttur.

Over the years, the club has executed several impactful projects, including the construction of school classrooms, maternity and child care centers, free dispensaries, Anganwadi renovations, and the donation of a school bus for specially abled children (Rs.13.50 Lakhs). Noteworthy projects include the renovation of BelmaDeralakatte Higher Primary School (Rs.3.50 Lakhs), a Global Grant ONCO surgical instrument donation to Lady Goschen Hospital (Rs. 36 Lakhs), and CSR initiatives such as smart boards for schools, rainwater harvesting systems, and facilities for the physically challenged.

The construction of Rotary Balbhavan, completed in phases between 1973 and 1986, remains a proud milestone. The building continues to serve the community through yoga, music, dance, karate, and cultural activities.

The club celebrated its Golden Jubilee in 2018-19 and looks forward to its Diamond Jubilee in 2028-29 with renewed commitment. The cumulative contribution to The Rotary Foundation stands at USD 140,000, with 36 PHFs and MPHFs.



The club is honored to have produced three district governors and several assistant governors and zonal leaders who have served Rotary with distinction.

Messages from Former Presidents and Dignitaries : Several former presidents shared their experiences and extended good wishes. They reflected on the club's growth, leadership development, and the importance of active participation, youth engagement, and sustained service. Distinguished Rotary leaders appreciated the club's progress, unity, and commitment to Rotary ideals, wishing continued success in future endeavors.

All former presidents and the current president were felicitated during the program.

Rtn. Vinod Aranha, President of RC Mangalore (Sponsor Club), spoke on the occasion and expressed his happiness about the tremendous progress made by Rotary Club Mangalore North. Rtn Dolphie Pinto, president of RC Mangalore Mid-Town (sponsored club), was also present during the session. The evening concluded with warm fellowship and dinner, celebrating 57 years of service to the community.

Announcements : A proposal was made to organize a picnic with an overnight stay at a beachside resort. Members and Anns were encouraged to participate.




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Member Recognition

- Rtn. Dr. Shivaprasad K. served as Chief Guest at RC Mangalore Downtown on 3 March.
- Jone Shashi kanth, son of Rtn. Lohidas, graduated as a data scientist from ISB, Hyderabad.
- Rtn. Lohidas R. donated Rs. 50,000/- towards the Midday Meal Project of University College, Mangalore.
- Ann. Sumathi Shetty was honored for her service to society on International Women's Day.

Special Invitees: ● IPDG Rtn. Vikram Datta, ● DG Elect Rtn. Sathish Bolar, ● AG. Chennagiri Gowda

● Rtn. Vinod Aranha - President, RC Mangalore (Sponsor Club) ● AG Rajani Bhat

● Rtn Dolphie Pinto, President, RC Mangalore Mid-Town (Sponsored Club) ● Sri. M.P. Amin

Birthday and Anniversary Wishes : Rotarians, Anns, Annettes, and their family members celebrating birthdays and anniversaries were warmly greeted.

Acknowledgements and Closing: Invocation: Ann Geetha Shetty, **Guest of Honor :** Rtn. Umesh D. Rai, **Vote of Thanks:**Rtn. ShambaviPrabhu

The meeting concluded with the National Anthem, followed by a fellowship dinner sponsored by the National Rtn. Dr. Shivaprasad and Rtn. Dr. JyoshnaShivaprasad.



Felicitation to the former presidents at the Charter Night Program.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Rtn Vasanth Anchan
17th March

Annet Naija
D/o Rtn. Jayakar
Bhandary
16th March

Annet Anjali
D/o Mohan Nair
17th March

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



MD Rtn Dr Shivaprasad & Ann Dr Jyothsna
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