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A Hearty Welcome to Today's Chief Guest

Rtn. CA SHANTHARAM SHETTY

Asst. governor (Zone II) 2025-26.



Hailing from a humble farming background in Karkunje village, Kundapur, Rtn. Shantharam Shetty overcame early challenges to become a chartered accountant and founded his firm, Shantharam Shetty & Co., in Bejai. His leadership journey began as secretary of the Southern India Chartered Accountants Students Association (1993-94). In Rotary, he has served with distinction as Secretary (2005-06) and President (2014-15) of Rotary Club Mangalore East and currently serves as Assistant Governor 2025-26. He has contributed significantly to membership growth and foundation activities and was awarded the Presidential Citation in 2015-16. Beyond Rotary, he has played a pivotal role in the Indian Red Cross as Literacy District Chairman and State Managing Committee Member. Under his leadership, the Mangalore branch got multiple state-level awards and recognition for blood donation and humanitarian service. Once again he has been reelected as the Chairman of District Red Cross for a period of 3 years, 2026-2029. Under Shetty's previous term (2022-25), the branch inaugurated a Rs. 6 crore Centenary Building in Mangaluru (July 2025) and focused on increasing free blood supply to BPL families.

He holds key roles in the BJP's Economic Cell. Further, he leads in religious and social activities like Ganeshotsava celebrations and ABVP conferences. He has presided over the Akhila Bharatiya Sahitya Parishad State Conference. He has been honored widely, such as with the Karnataka Rajyotsava Award (2022) and the International Iconic Award (2025) from Asianet Suvarna News. Humanitarian Excellence & Service Leadership Award in Business Conclave & Awards and was elected as a Member of the National Managing Body of the Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) during this year. He is supported by his wife, Mrs. Rashmi, and daughter, Ishani, a B.Com student in Mangalore.

PROGRAMME 24.03.2026 AT 07.00 PM

**Chief Guest : Rtn. CA Shantharam Shetty
Club Assembly**

Ann & Annets invited

Dinner meeting

Next meeting 30. 03. 2026 AT 07.00 PM

Dist. Governor Visit

Ann & Annets invited

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ROTARY CLUB WEEKLY MEETING - 17 March 2026

Topic: Jal, Jangal, and Zameen-Environmental Protection

Welcome Address : The President, Rtn. Dr. M. S. Arun Kumar Shetty, warmly welcomed the Chief Guest, Rtn. Er. Rajendra Rao Kalbhavi, along with Rotarians, Anns, Annettes, and invited guests. In his opening remarks, he highlighted the urgent need for environmental protection, with special emphasis on the conservation of water for future generations.

Felicitation of Brave Heart Awardee : The Club honored Mr. Vittal Vijayendra Rai, a retired Junior Warrant Officer of the Indian Air Force, who could not attend the original Brave Heart Award function due to illness. The felicitation was held in the presence of the Chief Guest, PDG Rtn. K. Krishna Shetty, the President, and office bearers of the Club.

In his response, Mr. Rai expressed heartfelt gratitude for being selected as a Brave Heart Awardee for the year 2025-26. He shared that his 20 years of service in the Defence Forces instilled in him values of discipline, dedication, and commitment to the nation. Appreciating the Rotary movement, he remarked that Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self," reflects the same spirit of service that soldiers uphold while safeguarding the nation.

Special Lecture : Jal, Jangal, and Jameen

The Chief Guest and Resource Person, Rtn. Er. Rajendra Rao Kalbhavi delivered an insightful lecture on "Jal, Jangal, and Jameen." He expressed deep concern over environmental degradation caused by pollution, misuse of natural resources, and short-sighted human greed. He cited global energy scarcity as an example of the consequences of failing to conserve resources for future and emergency needs.

He explained that the Jal, Jangal, Jameen movement represents environmental justice and stresses the importance of protecting water, forests, and land, along with the rights and livelihoods of communities dependent on them. He urged Rotary members to initiate projects that create awareness on water conservation, environmental protection, and land preservation for future generations.

Announcements by PDG Rtn. K. Krishna Shetty:

- The Club has been recognized as the first in RI District 3181 for achieving 98% member contribution to TRF-Annual Fund.
- Members were requested to help achieve the DG's target of USD 10,000 towards TRF-AF before the DG's visit on 30 March 2026.

By the President:

- District Governor's Visit: 30 March 2026
- RLI Parts 1 & 2: 5 April 2026, conducted by RC Seaside at Rotary Balbhavan; registration fee Rs. 900
- Special AGM of the Trust: 24 March 2026 at 6:00 pm
- Club Assembly: 24 March 2026 from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm
- Club Picnic: 4 & 5 April 2026 at Sampige Resort, Moodabidri

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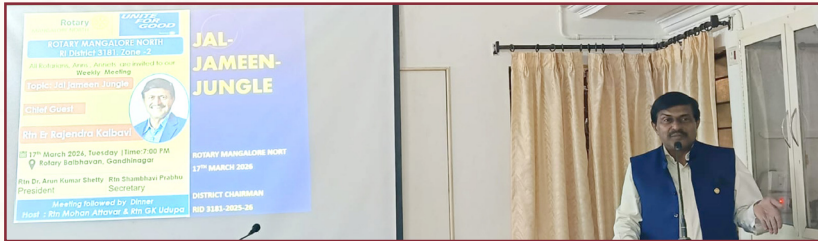
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Guests : Sri. Varadh R. M., Sri. Sandeep


Warm greetings were extended to Rotarians, Anns, Annettes, and family members celebrating their birthdays and anniversaries.

Acknowledgements and Conclusion : **Invocation:** Rtn. Subraya Prabhu M. K., **Introduction of Brave Heart Awardee:** Rtn. Dr. K. E. Prakash, **Introduction of Chief Guest & Business Talk:** Rtn. Divya Rai, **Vote of Thanks:** Ann. Dr. Sukanya Prakash Shetty

The meeting concluded with the National Anthem, followed by a fellowship dinner sponsored by Rtn. G. K. Udupa and Rtn. Mohan Attavar.







The Brave Heart Award was conferred to retired Indian Air Force Junior Warrant Officer Sri Vittal Vijayendra Rai.



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Congratulations

Rtn PDG K. Krishna Shetty

We are delighted to congratulate you on being nominated as "Assistant Rotary Coordinator-Membership" for the year 2026-27 by RI with the charge of two R.I. Districts, 3181 & 3182.

Wishing you great success in this journey ahead!



Rtn. Dr. Sukesh Rao

was honored by the Association of Physicians of India DK Chapter for his devoted service for the advancement of medical education, clinical practice, and research in tuberculosis, respiratory diseases, and allergy.



Rtn. M.K. Subraya Prabhu

was the chief guest and resource person to speak on the topic "Additional Knowledge and Skill Required in the Corporate World" at SDM College, Mangalore.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Rtn. Umesh Rai D., 19th March



Ann Deepa R. Pai, 19th March



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