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Onam: A Celebration of Culture, Unity, and Prosperity

Onam is Kerala's grand harvest festival, rooted in Hindu mythology yet celebrated across communities. It honors the legendary King Mahabali, whose annual visit symbolizes prosperity and unity. Though religious in origin, Onam has evolved into a cultural celebration embraced by people of all backgrounds.



Spanning ten days, Onam marks the end of the monsoon and the arrival of the harvest season. It's a time of gratitude toward nature, farmers, and tradition. Families gather to celebrate with floral decorations (Pookalam), traditional attire, and the grand feast known as Onasadya. Cultural events like boat races, Kathakali, Pulikali, and vibrant parades showcase Kerala's rich heritage.

The festival begins at the Vamanamoorthy Thrikkakara Temple, considered the spiritual center of Onam. Yet its reach extends far beyond Kerala. Malayali communities worldwide—in the UAE, UK, and USA—celebrate Onam with equal fervor, preserving their cultural roots through rituals, feasts, and performances.

Onam's significance lies in its blend of mythological reverence and agrarian gratitude. It promotes values of inclusivity, equality, and harmony. The floral kolams, traditional dances, and communal feasts reflect Kerala's artistic and social spirit. Onam is not just a festival—it's a reaffirmation of shared identity and cultural pride.

Whether in homes, temples, or public spaces, Onam brings people together. It's a celebration of abundance, unity, and timeless traditions that continue to inspire Malayalis across the globe.



Prize winner Rotarians of the club in the cultural fest organized by R .C. Baikampady seen, being honoured in the Club meeting by the Chief guest & the Nation Builder Awardee Dr.Sayeegeetha Hegde.

PROGRAMME 16.09.2025 AT 07.00 PM

Onam Celebration

Ann & Annets invited

Dinner Meeting

Next meeting. 23. 09. 2025 AT 07.00 PM

Speaker meeting

Anns & Annets Invited

WE MEET EVERY TUESDAY AT 7.00 P.M. AT BAL BHAVAN, MANGALURU - 3 PH: 0824-2950246

Rotary Club Weekly Meeting Proceedings - September 9, 2025

Guruvandana & Nation Builder Award Function:

Welcome Address Club President Rtn. Dr. M.S. Arun Kumar Shetty extended a warm welcome to the chief guest, fellow Rotarians, Anns, Annets, students, teachers and other invitees.

Guruvandana Ceremony Rtn. Dr. K.E. Prakash introduced the honoured teachers:

- Mrs. Veena K., Retired Head Mistress, Sri Ramakrishna High School, Mangalore
- Mrs. Clementina Pramila Karkada, Retired Assistant Teacher, Lady Hill Victoria High School

● Mrs. Chandravathi, Retired Head Mistress, Government Primary School, Kavoar
They were felicitated by the chief guest and Nation Builder Awardee Dr. Sayeegeetha Hegde, in the presence of PDG K. Krishna Shetty and club office bearers.

Recognition of Club Teachers All 26 teacher members of the club were honored in the presence of the chief guest and office bearers.

Nation Builder Award Presentation Dr. Sayeegeetha Hegde, HOD of Humanities at Nitte Deemed to be University, received the Nation Builder Award for her outstanding contributions to Tulu language and literature.

Guest Dr. Hegde spoke on the evolution and significance of the Tulu language, referencing the work of scholars like Dr. M. Govinda Pai, Dr. S.U. Panniyadi, Dr. D.N. Shankar Bhat, and Dr. Padmanabha Kekunnaya.

Key Insights on Tulu Language:

- Tulu is a South Dravidian language with historical ties to Malayalam, Tamil, and Kannada.
- It diverged early from Proto-South Dravidian, developing unique grammatical features.
- The language shares many cognates and loanwords from Sanskrit.
- The Tigalari script, once used to write Sanskrit and later Tulu and Kannada, reflects its literary heritage.
- Tulu sentence structures show similarities with other South Indian languages. Examples: "Yaan erenkenodu?" (Tulu) vs. "Naanu Yaarannakenbeku?" (Kannada).

Historical and Cultural Context:

- Tulu Nadu spans coastal Karnataka and northern Kerala.
- Rich in oral traditions-Paddanas, Sandis, and folk songs.
- The Tulu script, derived from Grantha, was used primarily by priestly communities.
- German missionaries introduced printing in Kannada script, aiding preservation but contributing to the decline of the original script.

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Established in 1991

- Despite past neglect, there is renewed academic interest in Tulu language and literature.

Presidential Announcements

- Club members won four prizes at the R.C. Baikampady cultural fest (Solo Senior, Solo Ann, Duet, Group Song).
- Members are invited to participate in RAHLA on September 14, 2025.
- Jone Likhith, son of Rtn. Dr. Shivaprasad K. and Rtn. Dr. Joshna, secured 2nd place in the HYROX international competition in Mumbai.
- Rtn. Dr. Prabha Adhikari received the IMA State Award for Teachers at ChitradurgaBasaveshwara Medical College.
- Alzheimer's Day celebration postponed to September 17, 2025.

Recognition:

- Mr. Pradyoth and Mrs. Sameeksha Pradyoth, son and daughter-in-law of Dr. Sayeegeetha Hegde
 - Mr. Shekha, son-in-law of Mrs. Chandravathi
- Birthday Wishes Warm wishes were extended to Rotarians, Anns, Annets, and Jones celebrating birthdays.

Acknowledgements

- Invocation: Rtn. Dr. Raghuveer C.V.
- Guest Introduction: Ann Dr. Sukanya Shetty
- Vote of Thanks: Rtn. Hameed Pallakudel

The meeting concluded with the national anthem and dinner.



President of the club Rtn.Dr.Arun Kumar Shetty & the office bearers of the Club with the Chief guest & Nation Builder Awardee Dr.Sayeegeetha Hegde & the Teacher's felicitated on the Guruvandana Function



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Inaugural ceremony of RAHLA at Rotary Bala bhavan, Mannaguda, Mangalore .



Rtn. Dr. Prabha Adhikari received the IMA State award for Teachers' Day at Chitradurga Basaveshwara Medical College.



Nation Builder Awardee Dr. Sayeegeetha Hegde along with the President and office bearers of the club.

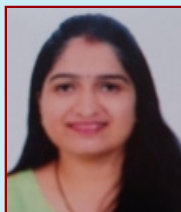


Likhith Shivaprasad and Pranav won the 2nd place in the International HYROX competition (Doubles) held at Mumbai on 7th August under 25-29 category

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Rtn Yogish Kumar
10th Sept.



Ann Amitha Vikas Bhat, 10th Sept.



Rtn Dr Alwyn D'sa
11th Sept.



Ann Chitra V Rao
14th Sept.

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