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**A Hearty Welcome to our
Today's Chief Guest**

**LION KADRI
NAVANEETH SHETTY**

Kadri Navaneeth Shetty is a retired Assistant General Manager (RMD) of The Times of India and currently serves as the Chief Operating Officer of Namma Kudla. He holds a B.B.M. from

SDM College of Management (1982) and an M.B.A. from Mangalore University, Mangalagangothri (1984-86).

He is actively involved in several cultural and community organisations. He serves as a member of the All India Tulu Union (R), managing secretary of the International Bunts Welfare Trust, coordinator of Kalkura Pratishtana, honorary secretary of Yaksha Balaga, Kadri (R), and founder president of the Shree Shanishwara Temple Building Committee.

Over the years, he has been honoured with several prestigious awards, including Samskritika Tulu Ratna (2005), Sahitya Academy Pustaka Prashasti (2008), Kannada Sahitya Prashasti (2017), Vidya Rathna Prashasti (2018), Ranga Kala Bhushana (2021), Sadhana Rajya Prashasti (2022), Yaksha Polali-Yakshostava Prashasti (2023), & Gurudevyanugraha Sammana-Kadri Bolli (2025).

His contributions have also been recognised internationally with honours such as Bunta Bhushana (2016), UAE Kannada Sangha Beherin Award (2024), and Biruver Kudla Sammana (2024).

A prolific writer, he has authored books including Yaksha Bantaru, Pandavashvamedha Yakshagana, Kadri Devara Kamblaitihasa (2023-24), and Yaksha Prayoga: Yakshagana Nataka. He has also directed Yaksha Sangeetha Vaibhava. As a dramatist and orator, he has written notable plays such as Karnikada Shanishwara, Brahma Kapala, Mahimeda Appe Bhagavathi, Kateeldappe Ullalthi, Jai Shree Ram, and Bhajrangi.

He is happily married to Ms. Usha Shetty and blessed with two sons-Sakeeth Shetty, Chief Development Officer at Naksha Tech, Bengaluru, and Satwik Shetty, Business Executive at Kambala Solutions Ltd., Mangaluru. His family includes daughter-in-law Chaitra Sakeeth Shetty, a research scholar at NUCSER, and grandson Agatsya

PROGRAMME 10.02.2026 AT 07.00 PM

**Vocational Excellence Award to
Dr. M. Prabhakar Joshi**

Chief guest: Lion Navaneeth Shetty Kadri

Ann & Annets invited

Dinner Meeting

Next meeting. 17. 02. 2026 AT 07.00 PM

Speaker meeting: Ajith Kamath

Topic: 'Peace & Conflict prevention'

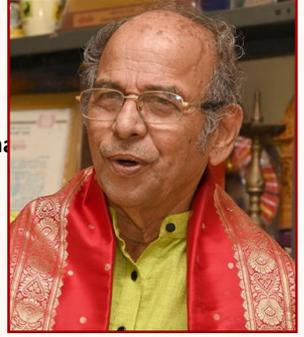
Ann & Annets invited

VOCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARDEE

DR. M. PRABHAKAR JOSHI

Retired Principal, Besant Pre-University College, Kodialbail, Mangalore

Dr. Prabhakar Joshi is a renowned Mangalore-based scholar, critic, and educator deeply involved in Yakshagana and literature. Trained early in Yakshagana-learning Talamaddale from his grandfather - he later taught commerce at Besant Pre-University College and became its principal, known for his scholarly analysis of the art form and his advocacy for its preservation and global recognition, including UNESCO heritage status.



A profound thinker on Yakshagana and Talamaddale, he studies their nuances and evolution, stressing the need for museums, archives, and coordinated efforts to maintain quality while allowing the art to grow. His background in literature, criticism, and philosophy has shaped him into a significant critic of Yakshagana.

Widely respected in the region, Dr. Joshi is one of the most important scholars in Yakshagana and Talamaddale. An orator, poet, researcher, lexicographer, writer, and percussionist (maddale-chende), he is also a distinguished talamaddale arthadhari. His deep engagement allows him to view the art both as an insider and as an analyst. Though rooted in coastal Karnataka, Yakshagana embodies pan-Indian elements in philosophy, music, darshanas, folk traditions, dance, and poetry-requiring broad knowledge, which Dr. Joshi exemplifies.

He is a recipient of the Parthi Subba Prashasthi, the highest Yakshagana award of the Karnataka Government, and has been nominated for the Patla Prashasthi-2019, awarded by the Yaksha Dhruva Patla Foundation Trust founded by Bhagavatha Patla Sathish Shetty. The trust supports Yakshagana artistes worldwide.



Brave Heart Awardees with the chief guest and the office bearers of the club

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Proceedings of the Rotary Club Weekly Meeting : February 3, 2026

Agenda : Brave Heart Award Function

Welcome : President Rtn. Dr. M. S. Arun Kumar Shetty warmly welcomed the chief guest, the Brave Heart awardees, their family members, Rotarians, invitees, Anns, Annets, and guests. He highlighted the purpose of the meeting and acknowledged the remarkable sacrifices made by the heroes being honored.

Award Function : The Brave Heart Awardees were felicitated by the chief guest, Major General Rtn. M. V. Bhat, in the presence of PDG K. Krishna Shetty, Club President Rtn. Arun Kumar Shetty, and the office bearers of the club

Awardees: **Sri Parameshwar, Retired Naik, Indian Army**

Sri Prabhakar Rai, Retired Chief Petty Officer, Indian Navy

Note: Sri V. Vijendran, retired junior warrant officer, Indian Air Force, could not attend due to ill health.

Reply to the Felicitation : Sri Prabhakar Rai, retired chief petty officer, Indian Navy, shared his experiences, including various postings and his participation in Operation PAWAN in Sri Lanka aimed at capturing LTTE leader V. Prabhakaran. He expressed gratitude to the club for recognizing veterans and upholding the noble Indian tradition of "Matru Devo Bhava, Pitru Devo Bhava, Acharya Devo Bhava, Athithi Devo Bhava." He urged all Indians to respect and love their motherland, stating that the joy one receives from loving one's mother and motherland is greater than heaven.

Chief Guest's Address : Major General M.V. Bhat congratulated the award recipients and commended the club for honoring unsung heroes of the battlefield. He emphasized that these individuals sacrificed personal comforts and risked their lives in service to the nation.

He shared his own journey of joining the Army and participating in border operations. He described a soldier's life as one filled with daily challenges—marked by strict discipline, rigorous physical training, and a structured routine beginning before 5:00 AM. Soldiers live in shared barracks, dine in communal mess halls, and engage in physical training, equipment maintenance, and specialized duties. Such an environment builds camaraderie, resilience, and adaptability. He encouraged the audience to remain positive, focused, courageous, and competent in facing life's challenges.

Announcements by the President : The District Conference "Sneha Sourabha," held in Mysore from January 30 to February 1, 2026, was attended by 13 Rotarians from the club out of 18 registered.

- The club received the Platinum Jubilee Award at the conference.
- The club's projects were presented during the conference sessions.
- Installation of the Rotaract Club of MSNIM Bondel will be held on February 4, 2026.
- Rtn. Ganesh Hegde contributed US \$50 to TRF.

Special Guests : Sri Kalpanga Rai, Ms. Prathiksha Rai, Ms. Vijayakala, Master Samskar Kiran

Birthday & Anniversary Wishes : Rotarians, Anns, Annets, and their families celebrating birthdays and anniversaries were warmly greeted.

Acknowledgments : **Invocation** : Rtn. Pundalika Shenoy, **Introduction of the Chief Guest**: Rtn. Ganesh Hegde, **Vote of Thanks**: Rtn. Ajith Rao

Closing : The meeting concluded with the National Anthem, followed by a fellowship dinner.



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Presentation of RC Mangalore North projects in Rotary Showcase program at Sneha Saurabha District Conference at Mysore on 31st January 2026 by Rtn Dr Shivprasad K



Handing over of the Platinum Jubilee award for the year 2024-25 to the Immediate Past President of the club, Rtn. Mohan Nair by PDG K. Krishna Shetty



Our Rotarians in the District conference.



Brave Heart Awardees



Rtn. T.G. Shenoy participated in the Annual Sports and Cultural Meet organized by the Mangalore Senior Citizen's Association, jointly with all the Senior Citizen's Associations of Mangalore, and won 4 prizes



Zonal Lieutenant Rtn. Ganesh Krishna Bhat, along with former Deputy Governor RBI V. Leeladhar, former Jt. Managing Director SBI Jeevandas Narayan, and President of WNES Manel Annappa Nayak, in the Founder Day celebration at MSNIM Bondel



Inauguration of Rotaract Club on February 4, 2026, at MSNIM, Bondel

Birthday wishes : Jone Jeevan S/o Prakash K. E., 4th Feb



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