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A Hearty Welcome to Our Today's Chief Guest

DR. GURUPRASAD BHAT

Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Medical Oncology at Kanachur Medical College, Mangalore.



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Dr. Bhat is a distinguished medical oncologist,

academician, adventurer, and a passionate environmentalist. With over a decade of dedicated service in the field of oncology, he has been instrumental in establishing and expanding cancer care services in the region. He performed the first autologous bone marrow transplant in Mangalore and has been a strong advocate for early detection and cancer awareness, reaching communities across Karnataka through numerous outreach programs.

He has also guided Ph.D. scholars, authored over 30 research publications in reputed journals, and received accolades like the Dr. G.S. Bhattacharya All-Rounder Award for his contributions to Oncology.

But Dr. Bhat is not just a brilliant doctor-he is a man of many passions. A committed ultramarathoner and Ironman triathlete, he has completed some of the world's toughest endurance races, including the Khardung La Ultra in Ladakhand the Ironman Italy, which involves a 3.8 km swim, 180 km cycling, and a full marathon-all in one go! He's also a certified mountaineer who has climbed the highest peaks of Africa and Europe, and a nature lover who has turned his home into a haven for butterflies and sparrows.

His life is a shining example of balance-between intense professional dedication, athletic endurance, love for nature, and commitment to community service. In every way, Dr. Guruprasad Bhat reflects the spirit of Rotary-"Service Above Self."

Dr Guruprasad is happily married to Dr Shobitha who is a Professor in Srinivas Institute of Medical Sciences and Research. They are blessed with two boys Sanjit and Reyansh. He is also the son-in-law of our own fellow Rotarian Dr Sukhesh Rao

PROGRAMME TODAY AT 07.30 PM Chief Guest: DR GURUPRASAD BHAT HOD of Medical Oncoloy, Kanachur Medical College Topic: Ironman TriathIon Ann & Annets invited Dinner Meeting WE MEET EVERY TUESDAY AT 7.00 P.M. AT BAL BHAVAN, MANGALURU - 3 PH: 0824-2950246

Very Important Message From SangKoo Yun

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Dear Rotary friends:

As the Rotary International President for 2026-27, I have been working closely with other Rotary members and staff to plan and prepare for the important work ahead after my confirmation last September. It has been a tremendous honor



and pleasure to be given the opportunity to serve our organization.

However, I have been facing some personal health challenges. Recently, I was diagnosed with pancreatic adenocarcinoma or pancreatic cancer, which has put a temporary pause on my work. The good news is that I am receiving excellent care at one of Korea's top hospitals. My treatment is already progressing smoothly and my medical team is optimistic about the path forward. 'Based on their recommendation, I will need to take a step back from Rotary leadership responsibilities over the next six months.'

I have been 'sharing updates with Rotary International President Stephanie Urchick and the Board of Directors. They have unanimously supported my decision', and I want to use this opportunity to thank President Stephanie and RI directors for their understanding and unwavering support. I am 'determined to return once the treatment is complete and continue to serve our organization, meeting the challenges ahead in Rotary'.

My wife EunSun and I want to express our gratitude for all the care and encouragement. I have been deeply moved by the support of family and friends. With warm regards,

SangKoo Yun, President, Rotary International, 2026-27, April 2025



Our President Elect Rtn. Arunkumar Shetty, Secretary Elect Rtn. Shambhavi Prabhu and District Secretary Training Rtn. Dr. Shivaprasad along with DGE & DGN in the PELS and SELS at Wayanad on 25th April 2025.

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Established in 1991

In the weekly meeting held on 22.04.2025 - Mrs. Suma R Nayak, Advocate and Animal Activist informed that the life of a stray animal in India is very cruel. They are killed or lose their limbs in accidents. They are left to die in hunger or in diseased conditions. So to help animals in distress some people joined together and started Animal Care Trust in 2000. This is a registered charitable trust and recognised by Animal Welfare Board of India.

She explained that the Core Objectives of ACT are to provide Animal Birth Control (ABC) & Anti Rabies Vaccination to stray animals (ARV). To provide emergency care and treatment for sick and injured stray animals and birds. To provide for adoption of desi dogs and cats by finding them homes. And finally to promote welfare of stray animals through humane education program.

They are doing in a month sterilization of about 150-180 dogs and 15 cats including complete post operative care for about a week. Further street dogs are given Anti Rabies Vaccination in association with Mangalore City Corporation every month. Whatever the puppies, kittens rescued are put up for adoption. Further ACT takes part in humane education programs by going to schools and college and giving talks about animal care. She said that it is utmost important that you have to sterilize your pets so that the further population of stray animals can be minimized.

Many people don't sterilise their pets. She said it is not correct. Aparr from reducing the stray animals population the pets are more healthy when they are sterilised. Medical evidence indicates that female dogs spayed before their first heat are very much healthier.

Regarding adoption when you purchased from breeders they go on breeding even unethically leading to weak or diseased progeny. A strary dog will love you and guard you as well as any pedigree and requested all to adopt only the desi Indian Animals.She has given the contact details of Animal Care Trust. Suma Nayak - 9845255777, Daniel Tauro-9986661416, Alvita D'Souza- 8904240788.

She said that public can donate money,medicne, various equipments etc. to the Animal Care Centre. Can also do volunteer services like animal rescue or other activities. Even small puppies can be fostered at home temporarily till they are put for adoption.

President Rtn. Mohan Nair presided and informed that as sufficient number of persons have not come forward the cruise meeting proposed for 29th April may not happen. PDG Krishna Shetty inforned that the proposed Project of giving the modular kitchen to the District Lady Goshen Hospitsl under the CSR project is not going to happen as the Board of the Donor company has not accepted the proposal. However providing the new specialized Cancer Ward pregnant ladies at the District Lady Goshen Hospital has been approved by Rotary International and will be implemented within next 15-20 days.

Smt. Asha Gadiyar rendered the invocation. Rtn. Chethana Gadiyar introduced the chief guest. Secretary Rtn Sudarshan Nayak proposed the vote of thanks in the end.





