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ROTARY CLUB MANGALORE SOUTH

ROTAROSE

**UNITE
FOR
GOOD**

RI DISTRICT 3181 | ZONE 3 | CLUB NO. 15738

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Rtn Kiran Jogi

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Rtn Sunil Paldady

CULTURAL

Rtn Nithin Rai

MEET OUR INSTALLING OFFICER RTN AKS RAVISHANKAR DAKOJU

Ravishankar Dakoju is an Indian philanthropist, entrepreneur, and a passionate Rotarian whose work has touched lives across regions and causes. He is the founder of M/s. Happiness in Transit, a corporate transport company, and an investor in M/s. Fish Mongers LLP, an initiative aimed at uplifting marginalized fishing communities. He also serves as Co-Founder and Managing Director of Hara Housing & Land Development Company, a Bangalore-based real estate firm.

A committed Rotarian, Ravishankar served as President of Rotary Bangalore Orchards in 2018–19 and is currently a member of the Rotary Club of Bangalore, under Rotary International District 3192 (formerly 3190). In a historic act of generosity, he became the first Indian to pledge ₹100 crores (USD 14.7 million) to The Rotary Foundation in 2018—marking the second largest individual contribution in Rotary history, after the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Born in Bangalore in 1953 to Kamesh Dakoju and Indira Kamesh, he is the sixth of seven children. A graduate in Arts, he also holds diplomas in Business Administration and Marketing Management. He is married to Paola Ravishankar, and the couple has two daughters, Ektaa and Samta.

Through the Paola Dakoju Ravishankar Foundation, his philanthropic reach has spanned from urban Bangalore to remote villages in Manipur. In Manipur, he has built a 77,500-litre water storage tank at Ijorong, the Lyzon Friendship School for 350 students in Khomunnom village, and is establishing the Sunbird Ravishankar Farming

Knowledge Centre in partnership with the Sunbird Trust. In Bangalore, he reconstructed the dilapidated Government School in Vasanth Nagar into a modern 20,000 sq.ft. facility now serving over 750 students. He also built the Dakoju Senior Citizen Home in 2016 with a personal contribution of ₹4 crores, and supported the Chaitanya Senior Citizen Home through Rotary.

His RBO Happy Schools Project adopted and upgraded 128 rural schools in Kolar and beyond—providing toilets, drinking water, libraries, playgrounds, tree plantation, and more, benefiting over 8,000 students annually. Furthering his commitment to the environment, he initiated the “Rotary Koti-Nati” project, with the ambitious goal of planting 10 million trees in every Rotary district across India.

Ravishankar Dakoju's life is a testimony to what one individual can accomplish with vision, compassion, and a relentless drive to give back to society.

**BIRTHDAY'S IN JULY 2025**

04 – Harshakar M 🎂 12 – Sushmitha S Suryakanth 🎂 14 – Sunil Paldady
16 – Aajna Ramachandra Alva 🎂 18 – Jayaprakash Shetty 🎂 20 – Ramachandra Alva
20 – Anil Kumar 🎂 22 – Surekha Sunil Paldady 🎂 25 – Dhruv Shetty
27 – Amey Shaji 🎂 29 – Nandakishore HK 🎂 31 – Jayaram K

We meet Every Wednesday at 7.00 PM - Venue: Eden Club

EDITORIAL



Francesco Arezzo

President 2025-26

Rotary Club of Ragusa, ITALY

Francesco Arezzo is an orthodontist in private practice and owns an agricultural enterprise that produces extra virgin olive oil in Sicily.

Arezzo is a graduate of the University of Padua and a member of the Italian, European, and American orthodontics associations, as well as the Italian and European lingual orthodontics associations. He is a dentistry graduate of the University of Cagliari, where he also received a master's in lingual orthodontics.

He has served as vice president of the National Association of Italian Dentists for the province of Ragusa and was the founder and head for seven years of the Ragusa delegation to the National Trust for Italy.

Arezzo is also the owner of an agricultural enterprise and producer of extra virgin olive oil in the Monti Iblei region of Sicily. He has been vice president of the administrative council of the consortium controlling and regulating quality production of oil in that region. He owns two boutique hotel settlements there. He enjoys modern art and opera.

A Rotary member for 36 years, Arezzo has served as vice chair of the Joint Strategic Planning Committee and as RI director, chair of the 2023 Melbourne Convention Committee, learning facilitator, and district conference presidential representative, among other roles.

He is married to Anna Maria Arezzo-Criscione, an entrepreneur in the tourism field. They have two daughters and two grandchildren. His daughter Raffaella spent a year in Florida as part of a Rotary Youth Exchange. Francesco and Anna Maria are Benefactors and Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation.

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With immense pride and heartfelt commitment, I present this edition of RotaRose, the Installation Edition of Rotary Club of Mangalore South.

This Rotary year is not just another term—it is a meaningful chapter in our ongoing journey of service, fellowship, and transformation. As I take on this role, I do so with gratitude for the legacy we have inherited and with hope for the path ahead.

This year holds added significance—we are steadily approaching a historic milestone: the Golden Jubilee Year in 2027. The path we tread now will shape the celebration of 50 glorious years of service. It is our responsibility and privilege to make these years leading up to the jubilee truly memorable.

May RotaRose serve as a reflection of our passion, a record of our journey, and a reminder of the legacy we continue to build—one act of service at a time.

Yours in Rotary,

Rtn Nikhil Suvarna

Editor

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Photo Gallery



At DG Installation Event



CPR & Blood Donation Camp



Charter Night



President with the Award

Club honoured with Diamond Plus Award

Club Assembly



ROTARY DISTRICT AND ZONAL OFFICERS

Rotary Mangalore South

- **Rtn Sathish Bolar** - DGE, District Balloting Observer
- **Rtn Harshakar** - Zonal Lieutenant - Zone 3
- **Rtn Nithin Athavar** - Vice Chairman, Club Mentoring & New Members Orientation
- **Rtn Jagadeesh Shetty A** - Zonal Coordinator Zone 3, Public Image
- **Rtn Ashok Kumar Ujjodi** - Vice Chairman - Care for Aged
- **Rtn Gopalakrishna Shetty** - Chairman, Cancer Awareness
- **Rtn Rithesh Kumar Shetty** - Zonal Coordinator - Zone 3 for Interact
- **Rtn Jayaprakash Shetty** - Chairman, Vocational Awareness



DG Rtn P K Ramakrishna
(Rtn Ramki)

Born on December 23, 1952, in the historic mining town of Oorgaum, Kolar Gold Fields, District Governor Rtn P K Ramakrishna—affectionately known as Rtn Ramki—has carved a unique path blending science, enterprise, and service.

An accomplished scholar, he holds an M.Sc. in Organic Chemistry from the University of Mysore. His career began at CECRI, where he contributed to the Indian Air Force's SARAH project involving mercuric oxide button batteries. He later joined Sunanda Aromatic Industries, setting the stage for his entrepreneurial leap.

In 1981, he founded FLOWERSYNTH, a pioneering enterprise that today produces over 100 fragrance ingredients. His passion for aromas and innovation extends into his role as a partner at Well-Bloom Agro Products and director at Regain Biotechnologies, reinforcing his dedication to sustainable and scientific excellence. A life member of FAFAI, his contributions to the fragrance industry are widely respected.

Rtn Ramki's Rotary journey began in 1986 with Rotary Mysore Mid-Town. He served as Club President in 1995–96 and Assistant Governor in 2000–01. A Major Donor since 2011, he has held several pivotal district roles, notably as Chairman of the District Grants Subcommittee. In recognition of his selfless dedication, he was honored with the 4-Avenue of Service Award.

Beyond Rotary and business, Rtn Ramki is an explorer of the mind—passionate about meditation, reading, and integrating Neuro-Linguistic Programming (NLP) into daily life. His multifaceted journey is a testament to the power of purposeful living—where science, service, and soul come together in harmony.

MESSAGE FROM DG RAMAKRISHNA PK, RI DISTRICT 3181

Dear Rotarians,

Greetings! Heartfelt congratulations to the incoming President and the new team on your installation for the Rotary year 2025–26. This moment marks the beginning of a new chapter—one filled with fresh opportunities to serve, lead, and inspire. Rotarians across our district have consistently shown remarkable enthusiasm, dedication, and a true spirit of service that brings meaningful change to communities. Your active engagement in both district-level programs and impactful local initiatives continues to reflect the core values of Rotary. "Unite for Good," reminds us of the power of unity and shared purpose. When individuals and clubs come together with compassion and commitment, even the smallest efforts can spark significant transformation. This collective spirit is what drives Rotary's lasting impact. With a capable and motivated leadership team stepping in, I am confident that the year ahead will bring valuable contributions to our district goals and to Rotary's broader mission. Let innovation, collaboration, and inclusiveness guide your journey toward greater impact and stronger fellowship. Wishing you all a purposeful and inspiring Rotary year; May your efforts be marked by meaningful service, lasting connections, and a united drive to truly Unite for Good.

In Rotary Service,

Rtn. Ramki
District Governor 2025–26
Rotary International District 3181



CHIEF GUEST FOR THE INSTALLATION CEREMONY RTN MPHF SATHISH BOLAR

The proud son of Smt. Sarojini and Shri Vishwanath Suvarna, he stands today as a shining symbol of dedication and humility in the Rotary world. A committed member of the Rotary Club of Mangalore South, he has been elected District Governor - Elect of Rotary International District 3181 for the year 2026–2, a moment of pride for his club, his community, and the entire district.

With over 18 years of impactful service, Rtn. Sathish Bolar has built a legacy rooted in integrity, compassion, and consistency. His leadership extends far beyond Rotary — as Founder President of the Dakshina Kannada District Catering Association, and as President of the Brahma Kalashotsava Samithi of Sri Halekote Mariyamma Temple, he has empowered communities with purpose.

Within Rotary, he has served in several distinguished roles including Assistant Governor under PDG Rtn. Dr. Bhasker, Zonal Interact Coordinator, District Vice Chairman for Fellowship, District Chairman for Membership Development. As the District Chairman for Public Image, he led the award-winning "Public Image Jatha" across four revenue districts — a campaign recognized by Rotary International under PDG Rtn. Ravindra Bhat. As District Interact Chair, he nurtured the next generation of Rotary leadership.

His signature initiatives — Samvardana, Samrudhi, and Serona Banni Rotarige - Membership Seminars reflect his focus on growing Rotary's strength, vibrancy and inclusivity, always supported wholeheartedly by Rotary Club Mangalore South.

A lifelong learner, Rtn. Sathish has completed all three levels of the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) and proudly represented the district through a Rotary flag exchange with Rotary Club Calgary, Canada — building global bridges of friendship.

In the Bolar family, Rotary is a shared calling. His spouse Rtn. Pramoda Sathish, a Past President of the Inner Wheel Club of Mangalore South and Past Secretary of his own club, stands beside him in service. Their children — Dr. Prathik Bolar and Dr. Anusha Bolar, both Paul Harris Fellows — carry forward the Rotary legacy with pride.


Rtn. PHF Harish Adyar

A dynamic leader, passionate environmentalist, creative professional, and above all, a devoted Rotarian. His journey in service began in 2005 with the Rotaract Club of Mangalore City. Rising swiftly, he served as Secretary in 2007–08 and as President in 2008–09 — a golden year when the club bagged 66 awards and was honoured as the Best Club in Rotaract District 3180.

At the district level, he played vital roles including Zonal Rotaract Representative, District Bulletin Editor, and District Secretary (Administration) — empowering youth and enhancing communication.

Equally active beyond Rotary, he is a dedicated environmentalist associated with Sahyadri Sanchaya under Dinesh Holla, and Global Green Foundation led by Madhav Ullal.

A respected name in the photography community, he has served as District Secretary, and currently leads as President of the Mangalore Zone in the South Kanara Photographers' Association. He is also an active member of BNI Inspire Mangalore.

Professionally, he is the visionary behind Swasthik Video Visuals, a creative media company he founded in 2005.

Joining the Rotary Club of Mangalore South in 2017–18, he went on to serve as Club Secretary in 2019–20.

Supported by his wife Shailaja, and blessed with two children, Swasthika and Sarthak, he continues to lead with dedication and heart. Rtn. PHF Harish Adyar will be leading his club with pride into its Golden Jubilee year.

Rtn. Harshakar is a veteran professional photographer with over 40 years of distinguished experience. His lens has captured countless memorable moments, earning him a stellar reputation in event, fashion, and portrait photography. He has served as the General Secretary of the South Kanara Photographers' Association, actively uplifting the photography community.

Academically, he holds a Bachelor of Arts from St. Aloysius Evening College, a diploma in Videography and Cinematography from the Centre for Film Studies, Trivandrum, and advanced training in fashion photography from the prestigious Shari Academy, Mumbai.

A committed Rotarian for 32 years, Rtn. Harshakar served as President of Rotary Club of Mangalore South in 2023–24. In 2025–26, he takes on the role of Zonal Lieutenant, guiding both his home club and Rotary Club of Mangalore Downtown.

He is happily married to Shailaja. Their daughter Yashika is settled in Abu Dhabi, and son Bhavithya manages their family-run photography business.

PRESIDENT SPEAKS

Firstly, I would like to sincerely thank the Rotarians of the Rotary Club of Mangalore south who has worked hard over the past twelve months to make the year a success. This includes the immediate past president Mr. Rithesh Shetty, Secretary Mr. Nithin Rai, Board members, and all the Rotarians of Rotary Club of Mangalore south.

My most important goal of this year is to attract, retain, and engage new and existing members in and to our Club. We need to tap this Opportunity and try new ways of engaging and increasing our membership. Without a focus on increasing membership, we will not be able to do our most important work which is service to our District 3181.

The Rotary Foundation in an important pillar of Rotary, I request all my dear Rotarians to please give your contributions to Rotary foundation.

I'm honoured to be serving as the President and looking forward to an exciting year of transformation, growth and Opportunities.

I have my vision of doing many service projects under all the avenues of services, with the help and guidance of our District governor Rtn Ramakrishna And assistant governor Rtn Ravishankar and board members and all the member's of Rotary club Mangalore south we will serve the needs of needy communities.

ASSISTANT GOVERNOR, ZONE 3 - RTN DR. RAVISHANKAR RAO

Rtn. Dr. Ravishankar Rao is a Charter Member and Past President of the Rotary Club of Deralakatte, and a Paul Harris Fellow. A Rotarian with deep roots, his journey began as an Interactor and Rotaractor, later becoming a GSE Fellow to Norway in 1995. There, he pioneered a landmark academic exchange between Mangalore University and Volda University, benefitting over 40 students and 8 faculty over 10 years.

A distinguished academic, Dr. Rao served 35 years at Mangalore University as Professor of English, also holding positions as Director of Student Welfare, International Students, and Secretary to three Vice-Chancellors.

He holds an M.A. with First Class and Second Rank from Calicut University and earned his Ph.D. from Mangalore University. He was a Visiting Fellow in Norway, and also represented India in Canada through the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute.

Dr. Rao is a noted cultural anchor, having hosted events for Presidents of India and Russia Festivals, and has twice done live coverage of the Mahamasthakabhisheka at Shravanabelagola for All India Radio.

A co-founder of Kalaangann, the Konkani cultural hub in Mangalore, he is supported by his wife Dr. Anita, also a Rotarian and current President of his home club, and daughter Tapasya, a past Rotaract President.

A compassionate soul, he is deeply involved in feeding and rescuing stray animals with his wife, living true to the Rotary spirit of service above self.



ZONAL LIEUTENANT - ZONE 3 RTN HARSHAKAR

