



## Bhagvan memorial Debate Competition for School Children



Mr. Y. Bhagavan was a passionate and dedicated teacher of the English language, remembered as much for his scholarship as for his inspiring presence in the classroom. An erudite speaker and an eloquent debater, he possessed a rare command over the language that made his lectures both enlightening and engaging. His talent, however, was not confined to academics alone. A gifted actor and an accomplished director, Mr. Bhagavan brought literature to life on stage, most notably through his powerful portrayals of Shakespearean characters. Students and audiences alike recall the vividness with which he interpreted the Bard's complex personalities, making classical drama accessible and captivating. His brilliance in oratory was recognized early in his life. He emerged as the winner of the prestigious National-level Inter-

University Debate Competition held in Trivandrum in the 1940s—an achievement that highlighted not only his linguistic mastery but also his quick wit and clarity of thought. A proud Mysorean and Kannadiga, Mr. Bhagavan carried with him a deep appreciation for culture and language. He was widely read, with refined literary tastes, and was known for his insistence on proper pronunciation and the correct use of English—a quality that left a lasting impression on generations of students. His career spanned several colleges across Karnataka, where he inspired countless learners and left an indelible mark through his dedication, discipline, and love for the English language. His life and work continue to be remembered with admiration and affection by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

## Savitha & Akshai Mallappa: A Rotary-Inspired Journey of Purpose and Impact



Savitha and Akshai Mallappa, the co-founders of rProcess, exemplify what Rotary stands for—service above self, ethical leadership, and inclusive growth. A true power couple, their journey is deeply rooted in India's technology ecosystem and shaped by a strong sense of social responsibility. The two met while pursuing their engineering





degrees at BMS College of Engineering, Bangalore, and like many professionals of their generation, began their careers in the fast-paced corporate environment of the city. Over time, the routine of metropolitan life led them to reflect on a deeper purpose. savitha once likened life in Bangalore to “ants in a giant factory,” prompting the couple to question whether meaningful work had to be limited to large cities alone.

A defining moment came during a weekend in Chikmagalur, where they envisioned creating sustainable employment opportunities closer to smaller towns. Even in the 1980s, they recognized that while talent existed beyond metros, poor infrastructure and limited opportunities forced young job seekers to migrate and live under challenging conditions. Encouraged by a Karnataka Government initiative to promote IT-enabled services in towns with populations under one million, they explored establishing operations in Yelandur, which eventually proved unviable. Undeterred, they took a humble but determined step by borrowing space from Rotarian Chittaranjan in Mysuru and began offering basic services. The company's first employee, Smitha, sister-in-law of Rotarian Dinesh, continues to work with rProcess even today—symbolizing loyalty and shared growth.

From a modest beginning with just 10 employees, rProcess has grown into an organization with over 2,000 employees across multiple delivery centres. Savitha Mallappa's

association with CII and Young Indians has enabled impactful CSR initiatives, including environmental programs and a tree census around Mysuru.

A Rotarian for over 20 years and a former Rotaractor, Akshai Mallappa proudly shared that all members of his family are Paul Harris Fellows. He highlighted that rProcess has never taken a single rupee as loan, yet has never missed paying salaries on time, earning the reputation of being a “guaranteed payer.” His professional journey with organizations such as Cisco, IBM, HP, and GlobalSoft shaped his leadership philosophy, emphasizing discipline, vision, and values.

Deeply guided by Rotary's Four-Way Test, rProcess employs a significant number of persons with disabilities, recognizing their ability to bring dedication, joy, and excellence to the workplace. The organization also works closely with NAB Mysuru and is planning major initiatives in skill development.

Despite his corporate commitments, Akshai continues his passion for farming in the Chamarajanagar region, reflecting his grounded outlook. In a heartfelt acknowledgment, he credited Savitha as the driving force behind rProcess's success, reinforcing the strength of partnership in leadership.

The interaction concluded with an engaging Q&A session, leaving Rotarians inspired by a journey that beautifully blends entrepreneurship, ethics and service - a shining example of Rotary values in action.



## Teach The Teachers

An early access to know the new members of the board.  
“Guess the new face, write the name right and wait till the Twentieth night.”

He's not just from the same city as a former Prime Minister, he's the one and only, with the prefix ONLY. An engineer and leader with the head and vision to guide the flock, whose acting skills could give even the real star "Uppi" a run for his money

Graduated in science and fragrance stuck in his gene , a former hockey player who climbed heights innovatively. Commands the stage while he can express details through stippling art. Brings spirit both on the cricket pitch and in digital world

He builds dreams with technology and excels from education to sports. A teetotaler who collects fine liqueur, a big dreamer who literally flies, and a wildlife enthusiast whose passion lights up the night with his collection of high-beam torches.

A fellow Rotarian who carries not just a vision but a family legacy. A keen sportsman who captained his cricket team for years and remains a disciplined tennis player on the court every morning since 1981

A fellow Rotarian who has walked the path from "Walker to Leader". Strict, disciplined, yet kind hearted entrepreneur, known for his creative and designing skills. Trusted to DELIVER on his word, veritable "CHALTA PHIRTHA" political Database.

A humble yet formidable fellow Rotarian, a go-getter with a mind for precise calculation, a generous spirit, tirelessly working to turn even the simplest grains of sand into success.

A reliable yet introverted , a silent force of exceptional admin skill. A "half engineer" from the land of coconuts , who masterfully builds networks and works with the steady diligence of an installment plan.

Meet the Dev Anand of Midtown. A smooth operator, meticulous planner, and tycoon of the food business whose daily dealings bring success and whose generosity reflects the spirit of a true contributor.

A fellow Rotarian whose path spans from the discipline of the NCC to the wisdom of an Osho Sanyasi—an entrepreneurial engineer and educator who reads life's strategy in numerology, chess, and travel, and is graced by a spouse whose voice is pure melody.

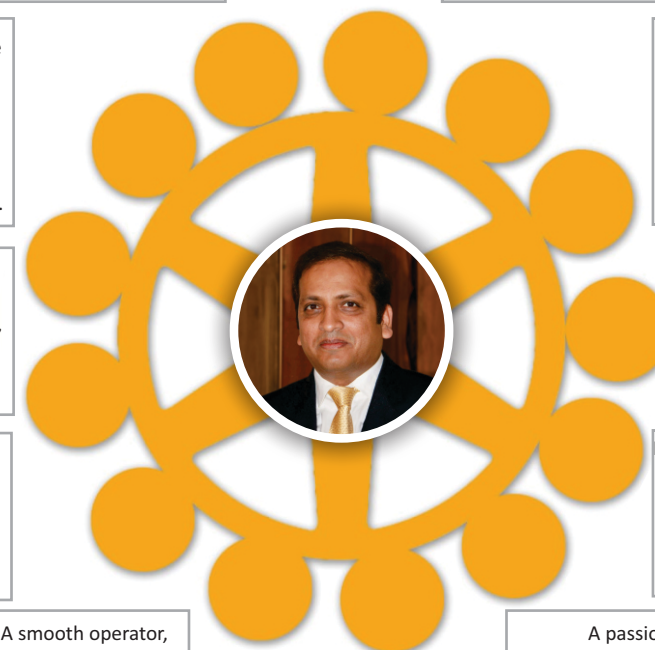
Meet the ultimate all-rounder! A skilled professional from the capital who's been there and done it all—from drama to sports, dance to debate. Boundless optimist, adaptable spirit, and a heart dedicated to Rotary's seva

A generous and smooth operator with a caring heart. you wont find him wearing heart up on his sleeves but definitely see one or even two in his hands. Balances visionary thinking with compulsive shopping and Netflix binge watching. Sharing his patience and friendly nature while steadfastly avoiding emotional TV dramas.

A fellow Rotarian for whom COLOR is LIFE. Both a teacher who imparts wisdom and a humble companion who learns alongside, blending the soul of an artist with the touch of a magician.

He may look like Bacchan and had a wedding straight out of a storybook, but beyond that is a dreamer with a noble heart, a service-minded soul with colorful tastes, a young-at-heart enthusiast who finds joy in his daily movies, melody and mindful games.

A passionate lover for old melodies and travelling. A compassionate soul dedicated for cancer relief





## Rotary News



This year, the family of Rotary showed the world that our commitment to service never wavers. In a time when many organizations were forced to pull back, Rotary moved forward. We adapted, collaborated, and delivered meaningful impact in communities around the world.

At the heart of this year's success was our shared commitment to peace. The 2025 Presidential Peace Conference marked the opening of our newest Rotary Peace Center in partnership with Bahçeşehir University in Istanbul, Türkiye. This inspiring gathering brought people together to educate, to listen, and to strengthen our collective capacity for peacebuilding in the Middle East and beyond.

We continued our fight to end polio, even as the virus remains endemic in

Pakistan and Afghanistan. Rotary has stayed the course, working tirelessly behind the scenes with global partners and governments, navigating disruption, and identifying new sources of support. Our ability to remain focused on solutions has brought us closer than ever to a polio-free world.

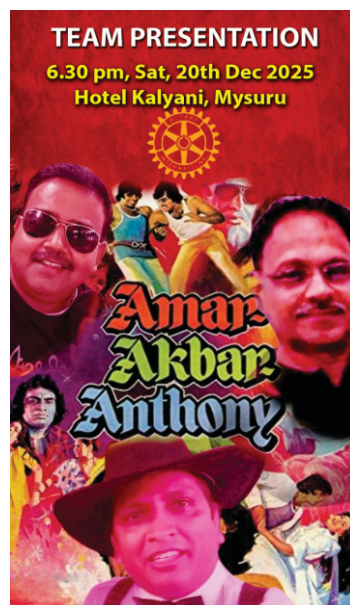
This year, we also announced our fifth Programs of Scale awardee, Pathways to Peace and Prosperity in Colombia. This initiative, in partnership with the World Food Programme, helps communities recover from conflict by building economic opportunity, improving food security, and restoring hope for a better future.

And thanks to the generosity and dedication of our entire Rotary family, we received US\$569 million in gifts and commitments, surpassing our US\$500 million fundraising goal for 2024-25.

We also reached US\$2.050 billion in net assets and expectancies, exceeding our ambitious Endowment milestone of US\$2.025 billion by 2025! Rotary officially announced this goal at the 2017 Rotary Convention and in less than 10 years, we were privileged to celebrate our success at this year's outstanding convention in Calgary, Canada.

Thank you for believing in The Magic of Rotary. When our family of Rotary comes together, shares our gifts, and supports one another, there is no challenge we cannot overcome and no dream we cannot achieve.

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## Next Week in Midtown

New team presentation by  
President Elect **Rtn. TN Mohan**  
at Hotel Kalyani, 6.30 pm  
Meeting of 24th December is  
Preponed to 20th December 2025



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President - Rotary International



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