



## Rotary Sainik Desharathna Award



**Air commodore R N Jayasimha (Retd)**  
Chief Guest

Air commodore R N Jayasimha (Retd) was born in Mysore and educated in Secunderabad, embarked on a distinguished career in the Indian Air Force after being commissioned on 6 December 1985. His journey began with a year of rigorous training at the Air Force Academy, Dundigal, which laid the foundation for over three decades of exemplary service to the nation.

Academically accomplished, he holds a postgraduate degree in Physics along with a PG Diploma in HR and Industrial Relations. His professional development includes numerous advanced service courses, as well as specialized programs at IIT Kanpur and the Indian Institute of Remote Sensing, equipping him with deep technical and leadership expertise.

Over a remarkable 34-year career, he served in diverse assignments across the country. His areas of specialization included Operational Imagery Intelligence, Training, and Airfield Infrastructure Project Planning and Monitoring. He held several key leadership positions, notably serving as Commanding Officer of an Airmen Selection Centre, where he oversaw recruitment from the seven North Eastern states. He also functioned as a Psychometric Assessor at a Service Selection Board, contributing to the assessment and selection of future officers.

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**Major Bharath Yogendra**  
Awardee

Major Bharath Yogendra, is an illustrious alumnus of the Indian Military Academy. Commissioned into the Indian Army in June 2020, Major Bharath distinguished himself right at the outset of his military career by securing First Position in the Order of Merit among the Technical Graduate Course. In recognition of this exceptional achievement, he was awarded the Silver Medal by General Manoj Mukund Naravane, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, SM, the then Chief of the Army Staff — a moment that marked the beginning of an extraordinary journey in uniform.

Major Bharath Yogendra has since served the nation in some of the most challenging and demanding terrains. His operational experience includes deployment at the Siachen Glacier, the world's highest battlefield, where he served under inhospitable, super high-altitude conditions, as well as in the strategically critical region of Eastern Ladakh.

Extending his service beyond national boundaries, Major Bharath Yogendra was deployed for one and a half years in South Sudan as part of the United Nations Peacekeeping Operations. During this mission, he played an active and courageous role in promoting peace and stability, upholding the finest traditions and ethos of the Indian Army on foreign soil. For his brave and exemplary actions

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His instructional leadership was equally noteworthy. He served as Chief Instructor of Joint Basic Phase Training (JBPT) for Airmen at Belgaum and held faculty appointments at the Air Force Intelligence School in Pune and New Delhi, as well as the Air Force Administrative College in Coimbatore. Through these roles, he played a pivotal part in shaping the training and professional growth of numerous air warriors.

During his service, he actively participated in significant national operations, including Operation Safed Sagar and Operation Parakram, in addition to being involved in various Indian Air Force and international exercises. He also served with the Indian Peace Keeping Force in Sri Lanka, where he was based at Trincomalee. Further enhancing his international exposure, he was part of specialist teams deputed to Israel and France for training and evaluation of advanced equipment. After retiring on 31 August 2019, he chose to settle in Mysore, returning to his roots. Continuing his commitment to service, he now volunteers with the Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement, a respected developmental organization based in Mysore.

Beyond his professional achievements, he has a deep appreciation for outdoor sports and remains active by playing golf regularly. He also enjoys reading English fiction and watching sports on television.

His life journey reflects dedication, discipline, and an unwavering commitment to service—values that continue to inspire all who know him

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during the Malakal crisis in 2023, he was honored with the prestigious UN Force Commander's Commendation Card.

Presently, Major Bharath Yogendra is serving with distinction in Kolkata. Maj Bharath Yogendra did his schooling in Acharya Vidya kula, Mysuru upto 7th std. He completed his high school and PUC in Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala, Mysuru from 2010 to 2015. He completed his Mechanical Engineering in Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering from 2015 to 2019. Beyond his professional achievements, he is known as an avid reader, an enthusiastic sportsman, and a national-level handball player, reflecting a personality that values discipline, fitness, and continuous self-improvement. Major Bharath Yogendra carries forward a rich legacy of sporting excellence as the proud son of international athlete Mr. Madappa Yogendra and Smt. Renuka Devi, drawing inspiration from a family that exemplifies dedication and achievement.



**RMA News**

110 students of RMA were vaccinated in HPV vaccination drive, phase 1 on Saturday . The vaccines are sponsored by Infosys foundation. A big thank you for Rtn. Chethan from Rotary Mysore for co-ordinating and arranging the vaccine.

**Joint Meeting on Cyber Security**



Last week's meeting was a joint gathering of seven Rotary Clubs, united for an engaging and highly relevant session on cyber security and related crimes. It was a truly insightful knowledge-sharing program, with Inspector Nandeesh as the speaker of the day.

Inspector Nandeesh, who handles an intense and demanding portfolio—responding to nearly 50 to 100 victims daily—addressed the gathering with remarkable calmness and clarity. Despite the high-pressure nature of his work, his composed demeanor and practical approach made the session both informative and impactful.

He highlighted how the nature of crime has evolved in the digital age. While traditional crimes like pickpocketing have reduced—largely because fewer people carry cash—cyber fraud has risen sharply as financial transactions and household payments have shifted online. “Earlier, people began their day with a newspaper and a cup of coffee,” he observed. “Today, the first thing we reach for is our mobile phone.” With increasing screen time and digital dependence, vulnerabilities have also multiplied.

Inspector Nandeesh cited several examples of non-financial and financial frauds. Investment scams promising unrealistically high returns remain among the most common traps. Even with authorised platforms such as Demat accounts, fraudsters exploit artificial intelligence to track user preferences and push tailored investment schemes. Alarmingly, even well-informed individuals, including bank managers, have fallen prey to such tactics.

Job fraud is another growing concern. Unsuspecting job seekers are lured with lucrative overseas offers, particularly in certain Southeast Asian countries, only to have their passports confiscated and be coerced into fraudulent operations. He emphasized that desperation and lack of verification often make individuals vulnerable.

Sharing recent data, he noted that approximately 86–90% of India's population now uses the internet. With such a vast digital user base, India has become one of the largest markets for global technology products. However, this widespread usage also makes it a significant target for cybercrime.

He pointed out that awareness and language familiarity can influence fraud patterns, citing how regional factors sometimes affect crime trends. Inspector Nandeesh clarified that there is no such concept as a “digital arrest,” a term often used by fraudsters to intimidate victims. He also stressed the importance of reporting cybercrime immediately. There exists a critical “golden hour” during which transferred funds can sometimes be frozen through swift banking intervention. Unfortunately, many cases go unreported or are reported months later, reducing the chances of recovery.

He cautioned Rotarians against using unsecured free Wi-Fi networks, as these can expose personal data to theft. With the average individual spending between two to eight hours daily on screens, yet often lacking sustained attention, cybercriminals find it easier to manipulate and deceive.

The interactive session lasted over an hour, with Inspector Nandeesh patiently addressing numerous questions from members. By the end of the meeting, Rotarians left better informed and more vigilant. It was indeed a memorable and enlightening session that reinforced the importance of digital awareness in today's interconnected world.





World Rotary day was celebrated at Chik Gadiyara on Monday where a few tourists from Spain also joined in the celebration. Pamphlets were distributed by RMA students around the area.



Ddf Community Service Project Was Completed At Arivu Samasthe, lingambuddi Palya Where A Hi Tech Sound System Was Donated To The School.

### Project a week



Leading from the front our DG Ramki has paid fees of 5 deserving students at Sarada Vilas college. Thank you sir for your contribution. Cost of the project is Rs 34500/

### Next Week in Midtown

4th March meeting is rescheduled for 1st March - Baandhvaya 2026. Please attend

Rotary Mysore Midtown

*Happy Anniversary!*

Rtn. Harshith Divakaar  
Ann. Lakshmi Shree

29<sup>th</sup> February

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**Baandhvaya 2026**  
Sports Event for Differently Abled...

Sunday Mar. 1<sup>st</sup> 2026 9.00 am onwards  
Oval Grounds, Mysuru

Inauguration by  
**DGE Rtn. Ravishankar Dakoju**  
RI DIST. 3192

Guest of Honor  
**Rtn.Naveen Chandra M.S.**  
Assistant Governor, Zone-7

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Event Chairman

Rtn. Dr. Kumar P  
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