



Power Couple Talk - Series



Dr. M. Dharma Prasad, MSc, PhD, PGDHRM

CEO | Chief Scientist | Speaker | Author | Entrepreneur

Dr. Dharma Prasad's journey is a real proof of **dreams, resilience, and the power of giving back.**

Once a struggling student, he fought against the odds through sheer determination to become a leading scientist, entrepreneur, and a leader.

Today, Dr. Prasad is the **CEO and Chief Scientist of Prosetta**, developing life-saving treatments for infections, cancer and brain disorders.

He is the **Founder Director of WOW Presence** where he advises **listed companies, MSMEs and CEOs on digital trust and brand visibility**, helping them shape their online presence.

In the past, he successfully built and exited **diagnostics and contract research** companies.

But his mission goes beyond business, it's about impact!

As **Chairman of Samvidya Trust**, Convenor of **CII's Industry-Institute Panel** and **Chair of TiE Mysuru's NeXt Founders**, he empowers students and institutions through **mentoring, skill-building and entrepreneurship programs.**

Beyond this, Dr. Prasad serves on multiple **advisory committees**, shaping the **growth of institutions, industries, and communities.**

Dr. Prasad's dedication has earned him honours like the '**Distinguished Alumni**' award and '**Samaja Seva Rathna**' award.

He earned his **Ph.D.** from **CDFD, University of Hyderabad** and **M.Sc.** from **University of Mysore.**

He has written **9 books** and published **21 research articles.**

His motivational talks have **touched over 52,800 people physically** and **millions of lives digitally**- guiding students, professionals, and leaders to believe in their potential.

With a **strong digital presence on LinkedIn**, and other social media channels, **Dr. Dharma Prasad** continues to **INSPIRE.**

Let's support his mission to inspire 10 million people worldwide.

Dr Nagalambika Prasad

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Dr. Nagalambika Prasad is an **Associate Professor in the Department of Microbiology at JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research (JSS AHER), Mysuru.** She is a passionate teacher and researcher, dedicated to nurturing curiosity, critical thinking, and lifelong learning among her students. With over four decades of academic involvement, she has mentored research scholars working on rhizosphere interactions with medicinal plants, biofertilizers,





biosurfactant production, and thermophilic enzymes.

Dr. Prasad has actively contributed to curriculum development under the **National and State Education Policy frameworks** and serves as a member of the **Board of Studies and Board of Examinations** at Kuvempu and Mysuru Universities.

Her **research expertise** lies in rhizosphere microbiology, mycorrhizae, bioactive phytochemicals, environmental and agricultural microbiology, bioremediation, and microbial biotechnology. She has authored **42 research papers, 14 books, and 10 book chapters** and is also an active reviewer for several reputed journals.

She was honoured in "**Pariksha Pe Charcha**" by Hon'ble **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** for her academic contributions. She received the **Best Oral Presentation Award at the University of Paris** and the **Best Women Scientist Award** in Microbiology, along with several recognitions for peer reviewing. She also presented her research at the **Cognition Conference held in Italy**, highlighting her international academic presence.

Beyond academics, she is deeply committed to **social contributions** – instituting the **C. S. Chandrashekar Gold Medal Award** for top-performing B.Sc. Microbiology students, supporting underprivileged students, donating resources to schools during the pandemic, and extending care towards children and animal welfare in Mysuru.

Guided by empathy and passion, Dr. Prasad firmly believes in the **transformative power of education and research**, and her vision is to inspire innovation, foster curiosity, and create a meaningful impact on science and society.

45th Charter Night Celebration



The 45th Charter Night of the club was celebrated on 29th April at Arcor Hotels with great enthusiasm and fellowship. The meeting was called to order by President Rtn. Rakesh Babu. Following the customary collaring ceremony, the proceedings were handed over to Master of Ceremonies Rtn. Sulaiman Sait, who held the audience's attention throughout the evening with his inimitable style of compering.

The evening commenced with the felicitation of the club's sole charter member, Rtn. Raghu, in recognition of his years of selfless service. His initiatives, particularly in career guidance, have benefited countless students across the district. In his address, Rtn. Raghu fondly recalled the early days of the club, highlighting the efforts of the pioneering team comprising the late Past President Rtn. Nandakumar, Rtn. Bheemesh, and Rtn. Bhanuchandran. Together, they travelled across the erstwhile District 3180, guiding teachers and students of Class 10 and Pre-University on future opportunities. As a symbolic gesture, the

charter certificate was handed over by Rtn. Raghu to President Rtn. Rakesh. Distinguished Past Presidents Rtns. Dr. Bheemesh, Bhanuchandran, Mahesh Murthy, Harish, Aiyanna, Dr. Prahlad, AG Naveen Chandra, and IPP Kumarswamy—were honoured for their invaluable contributions to Midtown and for bringing laurels to the club. Their dedication and commitment have been instrumental in shaping the club into what it is today. They also shared brief reflections from their tenures, evoking fond memories among senior members.

All Past Presidents were felicitated with a sash and a commemorative gift in appreciation of their leadership and service.

A significant highlight of the evening was President Rakesh's vision for the club's Golden Jubilee, marked by the presentation of a Fixed Deposit certificate of ₹50,000. This was formally handed over to Incoming President Rtn. Mohan and future leaders in the presence of AG Naveen Chandra and Chief Guest Rtn. Praveen.

In his address, Chief Guest Rtn. Praveen lauded Midtown's remarkable journey and dismissed the notion of a "parent club," emphasizing instead the spirit of unity and collaboration. He praised Midtown's fellowship as one of the most vibrant in the district and commended flagship initiatives such as the annual Bandhavya program. He also mentioned his club's Taare Zameen Par initiative, urging that such impactful programs be continued year after year.

Community Service Director Rtn. Dr. Kumar presented a report on ongoing service projects, including the distribution of pushcarts to beneficiaries and the buggy battery project, which has significantly benefited patients at the PK Sanatorium.

International Service Director Rtn. Manikyam shared updates on TRF targets. A touching moment of the evening was a surprise contribution of \$100 to TRF by Annette Saanvi, who has just begun her professional career. In recognition of her gesture, she was conferred Paul Harris Fellow status by AG Naveen Chandra, who added 900 points from his quota. Further contributions came from Ms. Shehla, daughter of Rtn. Sulaiman Sait, currently working in the UK, who donated \$100, and Rtn. Dr. Prahlad, who contributed \$1,000 to the TRF.

The Vote of Thanks was delivered by President-Elect Rtn. Mohan, after which President Rakesh formally adjourned the meeting for fellowship and dinner.

Adding to the celebrations, the birthday of the club's senior-most Rotarian, Rtn. Manoharlal, was marked with a cake-cutting ceremony organized by the Club Service Director.

The evening concluded on a warm and joyous note, enjoyed by all in attendance.

Community Service Projects



The electric buggy at PKTB was refurbished with new batteries at a cost of ₹1,00,000 and handed over to the hospital. The authorities and staff appreciated the timely initiative, as it greatly benefits patients, especially during the sweltering heat.

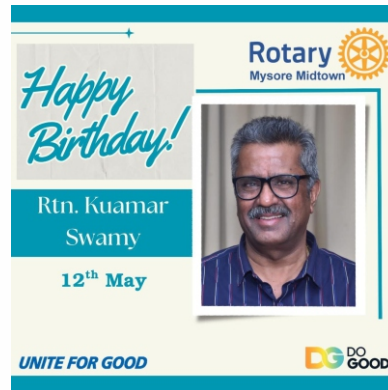
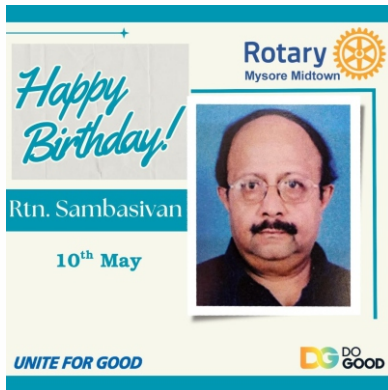
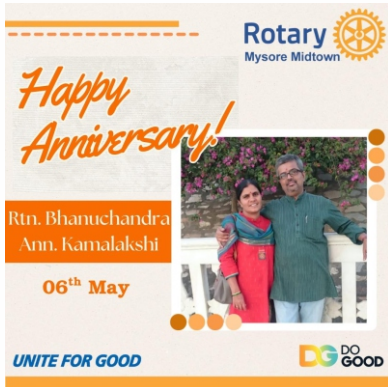




Midtowners at wedding reception of Rtn. Janardhan & Ann. Brinda



Get well soon Sunanda



Next Week in Midtown

ROTARY MYSORE MIDTOWN VENUS Shramajeevi Award 2026

13th May 2026
RCL Hall - JLB Road
6.30pm (onwards)

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Rtn. Francesco Arezzo
President - Rotary International



Rtn. Ramkrishna P K
District Governor RI-3181



Rtn. Rakesh Babu K L
President 2025-26



Rtn. Bhaskar Sainik
Hon. Secretary 2025-26



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