

POWER COUPLE SERIES- FINALE



Twelve years ago, Aparna Ranga started baking cakes at a time when themed and customised celebration cakes were still new to Mysore. Many of the creative cakes now seen at birthdays, weddings, and celebrations across the city were first introduced through her work at Frosting.

Over the years, Frosting has grown from a boutique cake studio into one of Mysore's most loved Italian restaupubs, known for its creativity, warmth, and strong sense of community. Before stepping into entrepreneurship, Aparna worked in marketing after completing her Master's degree in Media and Marketing Communication in Bangalore.

Alongside building Frosting, she has also been actively involved with Ladies Circle, where she has led several community initiatives and served as Chairperson. Alongside

Aparna this evening is Anirudh Ranga, CEO of NESSO, Natural and Essential Oils Pvt. Ltd., a Mysore based company that manufactures plant extracts and ingredients for the global fragrance, wellness, and personal care industries. There is a perfume by Armani called My Way, and another iconic perfume called Poison by Christian Dior, sold in airport duty free stores across the world. The tuberose, or rajanigandha, at the heart of those fragrances was extracted at Anirudh's facility in T. Narasipura, from flowers grown in fields around Gowribidanur.

The flowers and herbs we all grew up with, jasmine, tuberose, ashwagandha, tulsi, amla, shikakai, pass through his facilities on their way into products sold by companies such as Herbalife, GNC, Himalaya, CavinKare, and leading international perfume houses. A graduate of SJCE Mysore and holder of a Master's degree in Industrial Engineering from the University of Southern California, Anirudh has spent his career combining engineering, manufacturing, and Indian botanicals to build products used by millions of consumers around the world. Together, Aparna and Anirudh represent two very different but complementary worlds — creativity, hospitality, and community-building on one side, and engineering, manufacturing, and botanicals on the other.

WEKREATE SPACE SPORTS AWARD



Last weeks wecreate space sports awardee was a deserving international kho kho player Chaitra B. She was a member of India's 2025 kho kho world Cup winning team. Chaitra spoke with a calm demeanour, after receiving the award and her journey which started during her class 4 days. Family support and guidance from



her coach Mr Manjunath helped her overcome the criticism and reach the highest level in sports. She said that she has earned the recognition and love of people and that women's participation in sports continues to face resistance in many rural areas. Despite social barriers many women like her have entered sports and have achieved success and also secured government jobs.

Winning the World Cup brought her recognition across the country and the Karnataka government honoured her with the 'Kreeda Rathna' award. She urged youngsters to take up sports along with academics as sports help build mental strength, physical fitness and confidence.

The chief guest Mrs Sushmita Pawar also an acclaimed hockey player who is the asst director in food & civil supplies department recalled her own journey, she said passion and perseverance helped her earn national recognition and win a gold medal at the 2014 Asian games.

Sports opened the door to my career in the police department in 2006 she said. Sports offer immense opportunities and youngsters must make use of them to build a better future. She was also honoured by our club for her achievements a few years back.

The meeting was professionally emceed by Rtn Dr Kumar who kept the audience informed and entertained throughout , president elect Rtn Mohan proposed the vote of thanks.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT INAUGURATED



The club's largest community service project of the year was inaugurated on 30 May by MLA MR Harish Gowda at PKSS Hospital. The patient shelter, funded through CSR support from Kaynes Technology India Limited and completed in record time by Mruthunjay Construction Company, was formally dedicated for public use.

It was truly heartening to witness the immediate benefit of the facility, providing much-needed comfort and protection to patients and their attendants who previously had to wait outside the hospital in the scorching heat. Midtown takes great pride in this meaningful community service initiative and extends its sincere gratitude to Kaynes Technology India Limited for its generous CSR support, which made this project possible.

RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - JUNE 2026-27



As my year as president of Rotary International comes to a close, I offer my heartfelt thanks to each member of our global Rotary family. Your kindness, warmth, and dedication have changed my life.

During this year, I had

the privilege of traveling across our world, from San Francisco, birthplace of the United Nations, to the innovative Rotary clubs of Nigeria. In every place, I saw Rotary members and our partners working side by side to create lasting, positive change, reminding me that our strength lies in shared purpose.

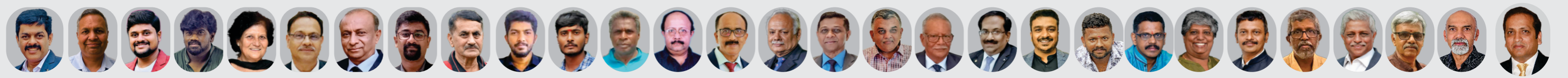
That spirit leads naturally to a simple truth: Rotary is not something we attend, but something we do. We are not spectators. We act, and through that action, we transform our communities and ourselves.

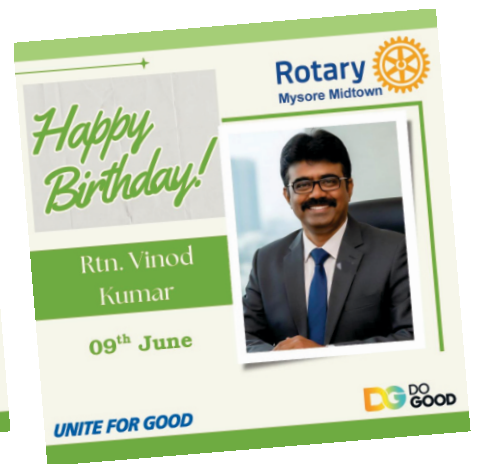
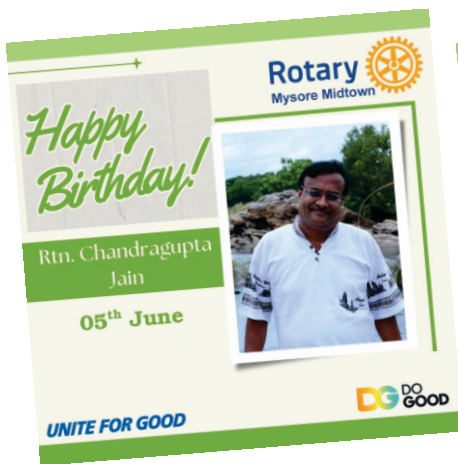
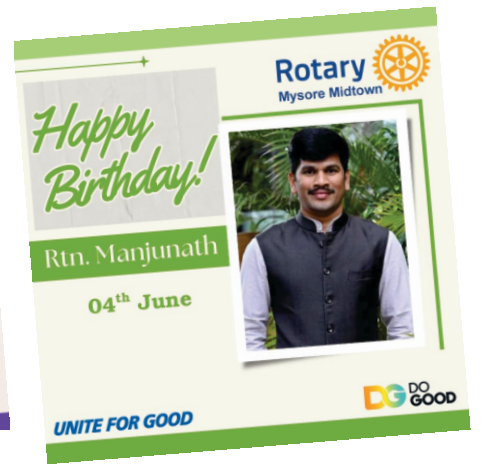
As we continue this work, we must keep our focus on building conditions for peace. Rotary is, at its core, a peace machine. But maintaining that machine requires intention, commitment, and steady effort.

That same resolve is needed now as we push toward polio eradication. The final mile is often the hardest, but we cannot falter in our promise to the children of the world.

You have shown that when we Unite for Good, there is no challenge we cannot meet if we stand together. Let us carry this momentum forward with courage, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to the safety and prosperity of all.

Francesco Arezzo
President 2025-26





Next Week in Midtown

NEW AWARD ALERT!

Rotary Mysore Midtown

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ROTARY MIDTOWN CIRCUITRONICA STARTUP AWARD 2026

Startup Award

DATE: 10th JUNE 2026

6.30PM ONWARDS

AT RCL HALL, JLB ROAD, MYSURU



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President - Rotary International



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