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Wild Life and It's Conservation PROFILE OF RAJKUMAR DEVARAJE URS

WILDLIFE PROJECTS

1994: worked in Kokkare Bellur, Maddur Taluk, during 1994, the only Pelicanary in Karnataka where Spot Billed Pelican (*Pelicanus phillipensis*) is breeding.

1996 - 2000 Status Survey of Indian Great Black Woodpecker (*Driocopus javensis*) in 19 sites of Western Ghats complex.

2000 – 2003: Bird surveys coordinated: Bird Surveys in Chinnar Wildlife Sanctuary, Eravikulam Wildlife Sanctuary, Periyar National Park, Aralam Wildlife Sanctuary, & Kakkayam in kerala, Kanya kumari Wildlife Sanctuary, Rajeev Gandhi National park, South and North Waynaad and Silent valley.

2002-2003: Bandipur Bird survey :

This survey helped in revealing the avifaunal richness of Bandipur. Published in NLBW, international symposium on bird studies.

2004- 2007: Wildlife road kills in Bandipur :

Project on “Wildlife road kills in Bandipur” has transformed modern wildlife conservation philosophy into reforming road ecology; our perseverance yielded by banning traffic in NH67 & 212. Report submitted to KFD, High court and Supreme Court, impleaded in the PIL.



Work on Rescue and rehabilitation of wildlife: Translocation of snakes, (10000 +) Mugger crocodiles (31) which are being captured in the residential neighborhood, especially rescue of King cobras (87) Leopards (20) Elephants(6) Birds, and Relocate them into forested areas which are feasible habitats.

Camera trapping: Completed Camera trapping for phase IV monitoring tiger and co-predators in Bandipur and Nagarahole Tiger Reserve.

Ecological study of Bandipur Tiger Reserve:

A project under KSFMB, Dharwad Research, KFD. Vegetation data was collected from forest and village interface in BTR.

Tiger Estimation 2013 – 16, phase IV Monitoring tiger and co-predators in Bandipur Tiger Reserve. Training volunteers on tiger estimation protocols.

Synchronized Estimation of Elephants: Training volunteers on Elephant Estimation protocols. Data analysis and estimation.

Monitoring Tiger deaths in Bandipur Tiger Reserve, Nagarahole Tiger Reserve and Biligiri Rangaswamy Tiger reserve (BRT) since 2009, as Representative for National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) accorded 80 Tiger and 20 leopard postmortems, co-ordinated with Karnataka Forest Department.



ರೋಟರಿ ಮಿಡ್‌ಟೌನ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ 'ಪ್ರಗತಿಪರ ಕೃಷಿ' ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿ ಪ್ರದಾನ ಪ್ರವೃತ್ತಿ ಬಾರಿಗೆ



ತಾ. 27, ಜನವರಿ 2021, ರೋಟರಿ ಮೈಸೂರು ಮಿಡ್‌ಟೌನ್ ಹೆಚ್. ರಾಮಚಂದ್ರೇಗೌಡ ಸ್ಮಾರಕ ಪ್ರಗತಿಪರ ರೈತ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿಯನ್ನು ಮೊಟ್ಟಮೊದಲ ಬಾರಿಗೆ ತಾಂಡವಪುರದ ಶ್ರೀಯುತ ಟಿ.ಆರ್. ವಿದ್ಯಾಸಾಗರ್‌ರವರಿಗೆ ಪ್ರದಾನ ಮಾಡಲಾಯಿತು. ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮದ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಅತಿಥಿಗಳಾಗಿ ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಚುಕ್ಕಿ ನಂಜುಂಡಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ಅಮೃತಭೂಮಿ ಅಂತರರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಸುಸ್ಥಿರ ಕೃಷಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೇಂದ್ರದ ಮ್ಯಾನೇಜಿಂಗ್ ಟ್ರಸ್ಟಿ, ಅವರು ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಿದ್ದರು. ಈ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿಯನ್ನು ರೋ. ರವೀಂದ್ರಬಾಬುರವರು ತಮ್ಮ ತಂದೆಯ ಸ್ಮರಣಾರ್ಥ ಸ್ಥಾಪಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ರವೀಂದ್ರಬಾಬುರವರು ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮದ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭದಲ್ಲಿ ತಂದೆಯವರ ಕಿರುಪರಿಚಯ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಟ್ಟರು. ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮದ ನಿರೂಪಕರಾದ ರೋ. ಭಾನುಚಂದ್ರರವರು ಎಂದಿನಂತೆ ಅಚ್ಚ ಕನ್ನಡದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಚ್ಚುಕಟ್ಟಾಗಿ ನಡೆಸಿಕೊಟ್ಟರು. ತಮ್ಮ ಸ್ವಂತ ಅನುಭವಗಳನ್ನು ಹಂಚಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಾ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ ಕಿಂಚಿತ್ತೂ ಚೌಕಟ್ಟಿನ ಹೊರಗೆ ಹೋಗದಂತೆ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಿದರು. ಮುಖ್ಯ ಅತಿಥಿ ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಚುಕ್ಕಿ ನಂಜುಂಡಸ್ವಾಮಿ



ಯವರನ್ನು ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಅನುಪಮಾ ರವೀಂದ್ರನಾಥ್ ರವರು ಬಹಳ ಆತ್ಮೀಯವಾಗಿ ಪರಿಚಯ ಮಾಡಿ ಕೊಟ್ಟರು. ಯಾವುದೇ ಬರವಣಿಗೆಯ ಸಹಾಯವಿಲ್ಲದೇ ಚುಕ್ಕಿಯವರ ಪರಿಚಯ ಮಾಡಿದ ರೀತಿ ನೋಡಿದಾಗ ಇವರು ನೆರೆಹೊರೆಯವರಾಗಿ ಬಹಳ ವರ್ಷಗಳಿಂದ ಬಲ್ಲವರೆಂಬ ಭಾಸವಾಯ್ತು.

ವಿದ್ಯಾಸಾಗರ್ ರವರಿಗೆ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿ ಪ್ರದಾನದ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ರವೀಂದ್ರಬಾಬುರವರ ತಾಯಿ ಗೌರಮ್ಮ, ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಹೇಮಲತಾ ಘೋಷೋದಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗಿಯಾದರು.

ನಂತರ ತಮ್ಮ ಅಭಿನಂದನಾ ನುಡಿಗಳನ್ನು ಹೇಳುತ್ತಾ ಚುಕ್ಕಿ ಯವರು ಪ್ರಸಕ್ತ ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ 'ರೈತವರ್ಗ'ದ ದೈನಂದಿನ ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿಯ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಅವಲೋಕನ ಮಾಡಿದರು. ರೈತರ ಆತ್ಮಹತ್ಯೆಯ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಕಳವಳ ವ್ಯಕ್ತ ಪಡಿಸಿದರು. ದೇಶದ ಪ್ರಜ್ಞಾವಂತರು, ಶಿಕ್ಷಕರು, ತಿಳಿದವರು ರೈತವರ್ಗದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಕಂಬನಿ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಪಡಿಸಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ವಿಷಾದ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಪಡಿಸಿದರು. ದೇಶದ

ಮಧ್ಯಮವರ್ಗದವರು, ಮೇಲ್ವರ್ಗದವರು ರೈತರನ್ನು ಕಂಡ ರೀತಿಯ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಅಸಮಾಧಾನ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಪಡಿಸಿದರು. ಈ ರೀತಿಯ ಸಂದಿಗ್ಧ ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ರೋಟರಿ ಮಿಡ್‌ಟೌನ್ ಒಬ್ಬ ಪ್ರಗತಿಪರ ರೈತನನ್ನು ಗುರುತಿಸಿ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿ ನೀಡುತ್ತಿರುವುದನ್ನು ಪ್ರಶಂಸಿಸಿದರು.

ನಂತರ ಪ್ರಸಸ್ತಿ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸಿದ ಶ್ರೀಯುತ ವಿದ್ಯಾಸಾಗರ್‌ರವರು ತಮ್ಮ ಅನುಭವದ ಸಾವಯವ ಕೃಷಿ ಅಥವಾ ನೈಸರ್ಗಿಕ ಕೃಷಿಯ ಹಲವಾರು ವಿಷಯಗಳನ್ನು ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹಂಚಿಕೊಂಡರು. ಅವರು ಅನುಸರಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವಂತಹ ಕೃಷಿಪದ್ಧತಿಯ ಹರಿಕಾರ ಸುಭಾಷ್ ಪಾಳೇಗಾರ್‌ರವರನ್ನು ಸ್ಮರಿಸಿದರು. ಅವರ ಮಾತಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಒಬ್ಬ ನಿಜವಾದ 'ಮಣ್ಣಿನ ಮಗ'ನ ಚಹರೆಗಳು ಕಂಡುಬಂದವು.

ವಿದ್ಯಾಸಾಗರ್‌ರವರ ಹಲವಾರು ಬಂಧುಗಳು, ಮಿತ್ರರು, ಮಾಧ್ಯಮಮಿತ್ರರು, ಸಾಕಷ್ಟು ಸಂಖ್ಯೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸೇರಿದ್ದ ಮಿಡ್‌ಟೌನ್ ರೋಟೇರಿಯನ್ನರು ಜೊತೆಗೆ ಕಾರ್ಯ ಕ್ರಮದ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭದಲ್ಲಿ ನೀಡಲಾದ ಎಳ್ಳುಬೆಲ್ಲ, ದ್ವಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಲಂಕರಿಸಿದ್ದ ನೇಗಿಲು ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಸೇರಿ ಸಂಕ್ರಾಂತಿಯ ವಾತಾವರಣ ಏರ್ಪಟ್ಟಿತ್ತು. 2022-2023 ನಿಯೋಜಿತ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷ ರೋ. ನವೀನ್ ವಂದನಾರ್ಪಣೆಯನ್ನು ನೀಡಿದರು.



ರೋ.ರವೀಂದ್ರಬಾಬು ಕುಟುಂಬಕ್ಕೆ ಹಾರ್ದಿಕ ಅಭಿನಂದನೆಗಳು. ರೋ. ಅಯ್ಯಣ್ಣನ ಸಾಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆದ ಮತ್ತೊಂದು 'ಪ್ರಥಮ'.



MY UNFORGETTABLE MOMENTS IN ROTARY



I joined Rotary in the year 2006. It took Rtn. Alagappan my mentor and guide, 4 to 5 months to convince me to join Rotary while playing tennis. After finally agreeing I was inducted into Rotary during Rtn. Azeezulla's Presidency. At first as usual I got to mix with only the Rotarians whom I knew and was comfortable with but gradually I became comfortable with all midtowners especially the senior stalwarts of midtown.

I entered the Board during Rtn Sundaraja Rao's period as International service director and never looked back. After becoming a active member of the club serving in 7 boards, the mantle of presidentship was passed on to me in the year 2019-20, with the theme "Rotary Connects the world". I had a wonderful team as my board who actively involved in all the projects we executed during my period.



Bandhavya 2019 at Suttur



Unfortunately in the month of March 2020 as you all know we were under lockdown due Corona pandemic, so for the last 4months we had to do virtual meetings. In spite of these events we were

able to do 2 major projects. One in Subbanna hostel for girls in Chamundi hills of providing compound and shade to their front courtyard and the other is my favourite project "Bandhavya", olympics for the special children at Suttur which I will cherish and is close to my heart.

I thank all my midtown friends and especially my senior Rotarians Rtn . Alagappan, Late Rtn Nandakumar, Rtn. Azeezulla, Rtn. Bheemesh, Rtn. Bhanuchandran, my AG Rtn. Raghavendra, Rtn. Vishwanath, Rtn. Umesh, Rtn. Ramakrishna, Rtn. Prahlad and others who stood by me and supported, encouraged me in my



Our Major project at Subanna's hostel for Girls at Chamundi hills

journey in Rotary. I cannot forget my secretary Rtn. Sulaiman Sait who fully supported me during my tenure and all my board members who made my year a successful one. We midtowners won many awards in our district during my year



My Installation by PDG Alagu Alagappan.



and contributed the highest TRF donation with the support of all midtowners. I honestly feel I have been lucky to have joined such a vibrant club "Rotary Mysore Midtown" known all over the Dist for its fellowship, projects and service..
HATS OF TO MIDTOWN AND MIDTOWNERS.

Rtn. Manoj Kumar

Joined Rotary on 22nd Feb, 2006
President during 2019-20



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.....RAJKUMAR DEVARAJE URS

Stray tiger capture and relocation in BTR NTR – As a National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) representative monitoring and tracking 18 stray tiger, 12 Leopards in Bandipur and Nagarhole Tiger Reserve, field tracking man killing tiger - captured and re-located.

Nature camps: Conducted around 350 Nature camps to schools and colleges from surrounding villages around Bandipur Tiger Reserve (BTR). Nagarhole and Biligiri Rangaswamy Tiger reserve (BRT) this is an ongoing program of WCF since last 18 years.

Forest fire and Conservation: Conducted street plays and jathas in villages surrounding BTR and Nagarhole on forest fire and conservation covering 74 institutions and to 44 EDC villages annually, this is an ongoing program of WCF since last 10 years.

Voluntary services to other NGO's: Voluntary service as resource person to Mysore Zoo, Regional Museum of Natural History (RMNH), Nilagiri Wildlife and Environment Association (NWEA), Youth hostel (YHAI). Parisara Foundation, CPR Environment Foundation. WWF, CAN. CEE.

Published scientific paper:

Published scientific paper on “Black buck of Melukote wolf sanctuary” in IJPAES. “Birds of Bandipur and Nagarhole Tiger Reserve”. “Sympatric wood peckers of Western Ghats”. “Ecological study of Bandipur Tiger Reserve”

Research associate in: Phylogenetic Status of Sambar (*Rusa unicolor*) in Western Ghats. WII. Evolution of MHC gene Heterozygosity in isolated tiger population. Technical report No: 2016/010.

Books authored: 1. “Night peril” Assessing Encounter Level of Wildlife during Traffic Ban in NH 67 & 212 - Bandipur Tiger Reserve. 2. “Captive Elephant management and veterinary care”.

Awards:

1. Wildlife service award 2014.
2. **Pride of Mysuru** 2015.
3. **Asamanya kannadiga** by Suvarna TV,
4. Vishwa manava Kuvempu parisara prashasthi.

Community Service



Veterans Rtn. Harish and Rtn. Gopinath distributed Masks to people around NS road on 28th Jan 2021.

Rotary

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 3181

DISTRICT VIBRANT CLUB SEMINAR

SAMAGAMA

 Rtn. Holger Knaack Rotary International President 2020-21	 Rtn. M. Ranganath Bhat District Governor & First Lady Rajani 2020-21			
INAUGURATOR & KEYNOTE SPEAKER	CHIEF GUEST			
 POG. Rtn. Ft. Lt. K.P. Nagesh RI Dist. 3190	 Dr. N. Muthukumar President Automotive Axles Ltd. Mysore			
GUESTS OF HONOUR				
 POG. A. Krishna Shetty District Advisor 2020-21	 POG. Dr. S. Devadas Rai District Governor 2020-21	 POG. Dr. R.S. Nagabina District Trainer 2020-21	 Rtn. Ravindra Bhat OGP RI Dist. 3191	 Rtn. Prakash Karanth OGP RI Dist. 3191

Date : 06 February 2021 Time : 6.00 p.m. Venue : Sports Club Mysore.

Registration Fees Rs. 850/-

Host Club : Rotary Club Mysore

Rotarians pl attend District Vibrant Club Seminar 'Samagama' at Sports Club on Saturday, 6th Feb at 6PM. It is hosted by Rotary club of Mysore. Registration fee is Rs. 850.



CORONA FILES.....

TO BE OR NOT TO BE - Vaccinated for COVID !!!

When COVID was running amok and spreading like wild fire every one of us were praying for a vaccine.... as early as possible. Even now it's in its 2nd peak in many countries like USA & UK. But suddenly we hear from almost every Whatsapp university certified specialist question the speed with which some vaccine was approved.

I guess that's basic human nature where in when we are starving we might eat anything but when the same hungry person is given a choice then he forgets the hunger and starts analysing which of the choice is better. The human mind always wants more, isn't it!!

Suddenly everyone knows about phase 2 or phase 3 vaccine trials and starts comparing the efficacy rates, complications incidence and ADI.... adverse drug events. Such information is purely in research scientific domain but unfortunately today it's become Whatsapp time pass.

Whether you WANT to be vaccinated or NOT is purely YOUR CHOICE. That's the only FACT that you need to know. Your choice doesn't depend on the vaccine it's effectiveness or side effects but on your assessment of your RISK OF DYING FROM COVID. If you feel fairly comfortable with the assessment that you will not DIE OF COVID THEN YOU DONT NEED HAVE ANY VACCINE .

Every medicine you and your family have taken so far INCLUDING YOUR PARACETAMOL has so many side effects including irreversible KIDNEY FAILURE. Every antibiotic you have taken could've caused Allergic reaction that could have killed you. Every anaesthesia that someone in your family had before surgery could have caused complications like Paralysis of the breathing leading to death.

Mind you THESE ARE COMPLICATIONS KNOWN TO DOCTORS FOR SO MANY YEARS....

Yet we chose to give you these treatments. More importantly any child who got the measles vaccine could have become permanently a VEGETABLE DUE TO A CONDITION called SUB ACUTE SCLEROSING PAN ENCEPHALITIS- SSPE ... Yet your Peadiatrician gave your precious children this vaccine .

Does it sound intriguing to you that your own trusted doctor gave you something that could've potentially killed or paralysed you permanently? Wake up people. No medicine is 100% safe. Every treatment offered by your doctor is done in EXTREME GOOD FAITH to make you better.

We doctors operate on a principal of RISK VERSUS BENEFIT. If the potential benefit outweighs the risk considerably then we give this in good faith. The reason we follow this

approach is that we are NOT GOD, and we are still very very far from giving 100% safe treatment for EVERY DISEASE.

Coming back to the safety of the COVID VACCINES ... ALL THE VACCINES HAVE BEEN APPROVED ON AN EMERGENCY USE AUTHORISATION ONLY.

This means that the scientific community has not had ADEQUATE TIME to analyse the safety and effectiveness of all these currently available vaccines inspite of the best of their Efforts knowledge and resources. So it's upto you to realise whether YOU ARE IN AN EMERGENCY OR NOT.

All governments around the world know that YOU ARE IN AN EMERGENCY that's why you are offered THE OPTION FOR VACCINE. How did the government know that is by looking at the millions of deaths caused by COVID IN just 1 year.

Is the vaccine the solution for this COVID pandemic? In my opinion any vaccine including all the COVID vaccines are A PART OF THE SOLUTION.

No vaccine can protect against any disease 100% of the time. This I state from our experience with viral infections like POLIO , MEASLES, INFLUENZA AND HIV.

A good N95 mask worn with 6 feet social distancing and hand hygiene can protect you 100% from COVID. Unfortunately we are tired of following the above after 1 year of trial.

The vaccine is an easier way of attaining the HERD IMMUNITY than the natural infection caused by corona virus. Any COVID vaccine is safer than getting infected with the virus and fighting for survival in an ICU with a ventilator in your throat. A vaccine is an additional safety like a helmet for a 2 wheeler bike rider but has to be used with safe driving practice.

The best helmet cannot save you if you are a rash driver but can protect your head from an accidental fall. Look at the COVID vaccine as an additional safety measure along with MASKS, SOCIAL DISTANCING AND HAND HYGIENE, not as a replacement.

Mask , 6 feet distancing & Hand hygiene- that will 100% protect you. Then you probably can stay away from the vaccine until you are convinced.

Herd immunity is the only SURE SHOT WAY TO ELIMINATE COVID from the world we live in. The reality is each one of us is part of this herd & it's in each one of our hands to help reach the herd immunity as soon as possible.

Either get infected or get Vaccinated.... or stay forever in a bubble distanced from other people. THE CHOICE IS YOURS.





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Rotary Opens Opportunities

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Rotary Information



Rotary International Theme for the year 2021-'22 was unveiled by RI President Elect Shekar Mehta on Feb 1st, 2021.



Rtn. Paul Harris
Founder



Rtn. Holger Knaack
RI President 2020-21



Rtn. Rtn. M. Ranganath Bhat
District Governor 2020-21



Rtn. Aiyanna A.N
President 2020-21

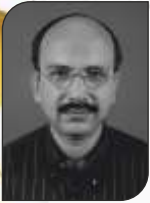


Rtn. Veeresh
Secretary 2020-21



Rtn. Prahlad K A
Editor 2020-21

Happy Birthday



Rtn. Amarlal. K.
4th Feb



Rtn. Raghu M.S.
10th Feb

Wedding Anniversary



Rtn. Raghu M. S &
Ann. Chandrika
7th Feb

Rtn. Mahesh Murthy
& Ann Vyjayanthi
8th Feb



Next Week's Meeting

Next week's programme is postponed to 14th Feb, Sunday for Rotahunt



Good decisions don't just happen.

Ask yourself these 4 questions:



1. Is it the TRUTH
2. Is it FAIR to All Concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and Better Friendships?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to All Concerned?