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District Projects

Clean Environment for Good Health
Awareness to Road Safety
Education with Legal Awareness
Go Green and Save Water

THE 4-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do
- Is it the TRUTH ?
- Is it FAIR to all concerned ?
- Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS ?
- Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned ?

Club Service

Rotary Club Manipal :
Tuesday 6th January 2026
Rotary Hall, Manipal
Theme: Wildlife Conservation
Speaker: Mr Akshay Nagesh Shet
Founder of Uchuu Trust
Meeting Co-ordinator: Rtn. P Ravi Karath,
No. of Participants: 35

Overview

Rotary Club members were enlightened by an inspiring talk by wildlife conservationist Mr. Akshay Nagesh Shet, Founder of UCHUU Trust, who shared his extensive field experience in wildlife rescue, rehabilitation, and conservation education. His presentation highlighted the importance of compassion, coexistence, and community awareness in protecting wildlife, resonating strongly with Rotary's focus on environmental protection. The session was well received and concluded with his felicitation for outstanding service to nature.

The meeting was called to order, and the gathering was formally welcomed by President Rtn. Shashikala Rajavarma. Rtn. Nalini Nair presented the Thought for the Day, setting a reflective tone, followed by Rotary Information presented by Rtn. P. Ravi Karanth.

Vocational Service Director Rtn. Nagaraj Shetty introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Akshay Nagesh Shet Wildlife Rescuer, Conservation Educator, Wildlife Conservationist, and Founder of UCHUU Trust. Akshay Shet is a prominent figure in wildlife conservation in Karnataka, widely recognized for his fearless field rescues, commitment to environmental education, and sustained efforts toward wildlife welfare.

Though professionally associated with Niveus Solutions, Akshay's true calling lies in wildlife conservation. He founded UCHUU Trust (Udupi Snake in the City), a grassroots wildlife rescue and awareness organization guided by the philosophy of "valuing every life."

In his address, Akshay elaborated on the Trust's mission to rescue wild animals encountered in human-dominated landscapes, rehabilitate them, and safely release them back into their natural habitats. He also highlighted the Trust's extensive awareness initiatives conducted across schools, colleges, and public forums to educate communities on wildlife conservation and coexistence.

Akshay shared rescues of both venomous and non-venomous snakes, as well as involvement in redirection operations, animal reunification efforts, and the rescue and care of orphaned or injured wildlife such as baby squirrels, civet cats, birds, porcupines, monkeys, hatchlings, and even large mammals like leopards and elephants. UCHUU Trust has emerged as a model for grassroots conservation, effectively blending traditional fieldwork with modern tools such as social media outreach, volunteer engagement, and environmental education. His presentation, supported by powerful rescue videos, was warmly applauded by the Rotarians. In alignment with Rotary's seventh focus area Environment Protection the club appreciated Akshay's dedication and fearless passion and formally felicitated him for his significant contribution to nature conservation.

The meeting concluded with announcements and a vote of thanks by Secretary Rtn. Vanishree Rao, followed by the National Anthem and a group photograph.

Club Services

06.01.2026: Board of Directors Meeting was held. 12 BOD Members attended the meeting. The Avenue Directors presented the project plans for the month of Jan & Feb 2026

12.01.2026: Zonal Review Meeting was held at Interact Hall MAHE Manipal & was hosted by the ZLs Rtn. Janardhan Bhat & Rtn. Dr Sreedhar D. The Secretaries of all the clubs of Zone 4 presented the December month Club Report.

Thought for the day

Rtn. Nalini Nair

Never search for happiness in others. It will make you feel alone. Search it in yourself, and you will feel happy even when left alone.

Liberty: To feel what your heart desires, independent from the opinion of others

Paulo Coelho

Vocational Services

06.01.2026: Mr. Akshay Nagesh Shet, a Wildlife Rescuer, Conservation Educator, Wild life Conservationist & Founder of Uchuu Trust, the Guest Speaker of Club Service Meeting was honoured for the wild life rescue missions and his contribution to wild-life conservation through awareness campaigns in schools, colleges & public platform.

Rotary Information

Rtn. P Ravi Karath

In 2024-25, members and others contributed more than half a billion dollars to The Rotary Foundation. According to Mark Daniel Taloney, the TRF Trustee Chair, the goal was an inspiration. But the objective was to do good in the world we are, making sure that the Rotary will always be able to carry out that mission.

TRF raised about US$ 569 million in 2024-25 alone exceeding its annual goal by almost US$ 70 million from more than 4,78,000 individuals along with over 31,000 Rotary Clubs and nearly 1,900 Rotaract clubs.

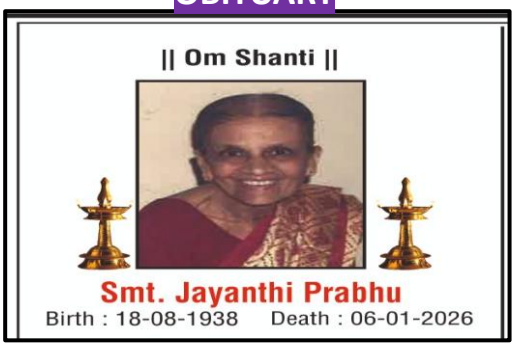
Thanks to its donors, TRF was able to award 1,424 Global Grants, 468 District Grants and 74 Disaster Response Grants in the past year. A US $2 million program of scale grant will help build peace and economic independence in Columbia. Rotary also extended the long-standing partnership with the Gates Foundation announcing a joint commitment of upto US$ 450 million over 3 years to support global polio eradication efforts.

Rotarians in Action

10.01.2026 & 11.01.2026: POWER Food Carnival was organized at Ajjarkad Park, Udupi. Around 25 RCM members / family attended the event and enjoyed the stalls. RC Manipal sponsored a Churmusri stall for Ms. Shakunthala and helped us get good business on both day of the Carnival. Our banner was displayed which gave a good Public Image amongst the huge crowd.

10.01.2026: Birthday wishes to the Senior Rotarians, Rtn. Premaleela Bhat & Rtn. Jaivittal by President Rtn. Shashikala Rajavarma & District Chairman Projects Rtn. Rajavarma Ariga.

OBITUARY



RC Manipal paid homage to Smt. Jayanthi Prabhu, Mother of Rtn. Shrikanth Prabhu.

Theme

Celebrations

Birthdays	
07-Jan	Rtn Dr Nagesh Kumar Rao
09-Jan	Rtn Divyashree M S
10-Jan	Rtn K S Jaivittal
10-Jan	Rtn Premaleela Bhat