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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 ?

Rotary Club Manipal :

Weekly meeting

Date: 24.03.2026

Theme: Easy Gardening Techniques & Dry Leaves Craft

Speaker: Mrs Roopa Vasundara Acharya, Contemporary Artist

Meeting Coordinator: Rtn Bharathi Kotian & Lord Mahesh Kotian

Venue: Rotary Hall, Manipal, **No. of Participants:** 40



Overview

The Rotary Club Manipal meeting on 24 March 2026 featured an inspiring session on "Easy Gardening Techniques & Dry Leaves Craft" by Mrs. Roopa Vasundara Acharya. She shared creative, eco-friendly methods of gardening and transforming natural materials into art, captivating the audience with her passion and innovation. The well-organized meeting concluded with her felicitation, followed by announcements, vote of thanks, and the National Anthem.

It was a well-coordinated meeting by Rtn Bharathi & Lord Mahesh Kotian. Roopa Vasundara Acharya is a contemporary artist who loves to work with everything that nature has to offer spoke passionately on easy gardening techniques & dry leaves craft. She developed the skills & techniques by experimenting and invitations. Her creativity led to a beautiful, unique garden at her residence. She won lots of admirations, rewards & recognition. She believes that nature surprises her at every moment of her life. Her research work on drying techniques of leaves and flowers is truly fabulous and unique. Her artworks are three dimensional and minimal paints is used, which results in the natural beauty of leaves and flowers to speak for itself. She displayed some of authentic dry leaves and flower artworks-where nature meets art., She also runs a YouTube channel named 'Roopa's Creations', wherein she makes tutorials on how to tie simple yet beautiful flower garlands from the fresh flowers grown in her garden. She has exhibited her artwork in many solo and group exhibitions. She conducted workshops all over India. On 5th March 2025, Roopa Vasundara Acharya got an opportunity to show her artwork and speak to the 15th President of India Droupadi Murmu on the occasion of Vividha ka Amrit Mahotsav, New Delhi.



Her presentation mesmerized the audience and inspired many. President & Secretary along with Vocational Service Director and other Rotarians honored Roopa Vasundra Acharya for her achievements and contributions to nature.

The meeting was concluded with announcements & vote of thanks by Club Secretary Rtn Vanishree Rao, National Anthem and Group Photo.



Thought for the day

Rtn Prema Patil

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Club Service

I would like to begin with the inspiring words of Francisco Arezzo, President of Rotary International: “In this interconnected world, peace can no longer be viewed as an abstract ideal. It must be cultivated through institutions that combine knowledge, ethical leadership, and action. Rotary believes that sustainable peace is built when education empowers individuals to serve beyond borders and think beyond divisions.” These powerful words were shared on January 26, 2026, during the inauguration of the eighth Rotary Peace Centre at Symbiosis International University in Pune — the first such centre in India.

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This centre will train up to 40 mid-career professionals annually, equipping them with skills in conflict resolution, social justice, and diplomacy, with the goal of creating a more compassionate and secure world. The initiative beautifully combines Rotary’s global mission of promoting peace with the academic strength of Symbiosis International University. What makes this program unique is its strong focus on practical learning, including field studies that help participants understand real-world local and international conflicts. Applications for the 2027 one-year postgraduate diploma program are open from 1st February to 15th May 2026. Rotary’s commitment to peace goes far beyond one centre. Today, Rotary awards up to 170 fully funded fellowships each year to dedicated peace and development leaders worldwide.

Vocational Service



24.03.2026: President & Secretary along with Vocational Service Director and other Rotarians honored Roopa Vasundra Acharya for her achievements and contributions to nature in the Club Service Meeting.

Community Service



25.03.2025: Rtn Rajavarma Ariga & Rtn. P Ravi Karanth visited Neelavara Goshala & donated Rs. 6,000 in the name of RC Manipal



New Generation Service



29.03.2026: The Rotaract Club of Manipal visited Access Life Assistance Foundation, bringing joy through a donation of bananas and a hands-on origami session. Children enthusiastically crafted paper planes, tulips, and ninja stars, then gleefully flew their creations, making it a fun, lively, and heartwarming experience for everyone involved.



26.03.2026: The Rotaract Club of Manipal, in collaboration with IE Mechatronics, & RC Manipal visited Kuteera old age home. The team donated 25 t-shirts, apples, and biscuits. Members spent meaningful time interacting with residents, singing old Hindi songs, and creating a warm, engaging atmosphere that fostered joy, connection, and community spirit. Interact Chairman Rtn Col Madhav Shanbhag, President Rtn Shashikala Rajavarma, District Chairman Projects Rtn Rajavarma Ariga, Community Service Director Rtn Karunakar Shetty from RC Manipal visited the old age home with the Rotaractors & Students.



24.03.2026: Rotaract Club Manipal, along with Interact Chairman Rtn Col. Shanbhag, planned to visit Karunya, a school for special children. They donated two wall amount fans. We accompanied them and distributed sweets, chakkuli and biscuit packets to the children, teachers and staff. Spent some time with them and returned. The President Elect Rtr. Himanshu, Vice President and secretary came from the RAC Manipal. Rtn Col Madhav Shanbhag, Treasurer Rtn Rathnakar Udyavara, President Rtn Shashikala Rajavarma and District Project Chairman Rtn Rajavarma Ariga from RC Manipal were present.

Rotarians in Action



29.03.2026: Lions Club of Indrali, where Annette Prerna & John Hrishikesh, children of Rtn Rohit Shetty are members, won the overall championship cup in the Dist Cultural Event (Prerna got 1st prize in group dance & Hrishikesh got 2nd prize in 'Stand-up Comedy') held at Amrit Gardens, Udupi



27.03.2025: Dr. Aravind Ammunje Nayak, Father of AG Rtn Amit Aravind, was felicitated by Rangabhoomi Udupi on the World Theatre Day at Nuthana Ravindra Mantapa, MGMC Udupi.



28.03.2026: Dr A Krishna Rao Memorial oration lecture organized by MAHE- KMC, at Dr TMA PAI Hall. 10 Rotarians attended the program and paid homage to the Charter Member of our Club, the great legendary Dr A Krishna Rao.

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Celebrations



Birthdays	
24-Mar	Rtn Shreesha Hegde
24-Mar	Ann Dr Lakshmi Rao w/o Rtn Dr R S Phaneendra Rao
24-Mar	Ann Suchitha Vinod w/o Rtn Vinod Kumar
25-Mar	John A Anirudh Prabhu s/o Rtn Suman R Prabhu
25-Mar	Annette Aahana Amit Nayak d/o Rtn Amit Aravind
28-Mar	Annette Sangeetha Karanth d/o Rtn P Ravi Karanth
29-Mar	John Samvith s/o Rtn Nausha Shetty
29-Mar	Ann Dr Athmika Shetty w/o Rtn Nausha Shetty
30-Mar	John Harish Pai s/o Rtn Kusuma Pai
30-Mar	John Prashanth R S/o Rtn Suguna Ramalingam
Anniversaries	
26-Mar	Rtn Dr R S Phaneendra Rao and Ann Dr Lakshmi Rao
28-Mar	Rtn Divakar Kini and Ann Dhiksha D Kini



Theme

