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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: 07.04.2026

Theme: Choosing Peace over Violence

Speaker: Drisha Kodagu, India Book of Record Achiever & Youngest Cause Rider (Motorcycle Expedition)

Meeting Coordinator: Rtn Suman Prabhu

Venue: Rotary Hall, Manipal,

No. of Participants: 28



Overview

The weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Manipal, held on 7th April 2026, was a vibrant and engaging session centered on the theme “Choosing Peace over Violence.” The highlight of the meeting was an inspiring talk by Drisha Kodagu, a young achiever and India Book of Records holder, who shared his impactful journey of promoting social awareness through a 3000 km motorcycle expedition. The session also included meaningful reflections, Rotary updates from leadership seminars, and active member participation, making it a well-rounded and enriching experience that reinforced Rotary’s values of service, leadership, and social responsibility.

The weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Manipal was conducted with great enthusiasm and active participation from members. The session commenced with a warm welcome by the President, Rtn. Shashikala Rajavarma, who greeted the gathering and set a positive tone for the evening.

The “Thought for the Day” was presented by Dr. Divya P, delivering an insightful reflection that encouraged members to appreciate authenticity and embrace imperfections as a part of life’s beauty.

Rtn. Dr. Pradeep S., President Elect, shared valuable Rotary updates from the recently attended PELS and SELS held in Mysore. His presentation, enriched with a PowerPoint display of photographs, highlighted key learnings, fellowship moments, and insights gained during the sessions.



The guest speaker, Mr. Drisha Kodagu, was introduced by Past President Rtn. Sripathi. A young achiever and son of renowned artist Ba Su Ma Kodagu, Drisha has made notable contributions in both acting and biking.

In his address, Drisha shared his inspiring journey, emphasizing his passion for art and biking. Aligning with the theme “Choosing Peace over Violence,” he undertook a remarkable 3000 km motorcycle expedition to raise awareness about social and domestic violence. His achievement as the youngest theme biker to accomplish such a journey has been recognized in the India Book of Records. His presentation, supported by engaging visuals and video clips, was both motivating and thought-provoking. Rtn. Shubha, Director – MIC, appreciated his efforts and acknowledged his association as a student of the institution.

Drisha was felicitated by the club in recognition of his achievements. His mother, Mrs. Kavyavani, and his sister, JC Pallavi, President of Udupi City JCI, graced the occasion.

Rtn. Vanishree Rao proposed the vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to the speaker, guests, and members for their presence and participation. Birthday and wedding anniversary greetings were extended to the members. The meeting was efficiently compered by Rtn. Suman Prabhu. The session concluded with a group photograph followed by the National Anthem.

Club Service

Thought for the day

Dr Divya P

True beauty is not found in perfection; it's the quiet imperfections that make us real. We often spend our lives chasing perfection—perfect outcomes, perfect appearances, perfect moments. But what if true beauty doesn't lie in perfection at all? Think of a cracked or irregular vessel, its flaws tell a story. It reflects time, experience, and authenticity. Nature itself is not perfect—no two leaves are identical, no river flows in a straight line, and yet, that is exactly what makes it beautiful. In the same way, our lives don't need to be flawless to be meaningful. Our imperfections, our unfinished journeys, and even our struggles are what make us real—and beautiful.



Rotary Information

Rtn Dr Pradeep S

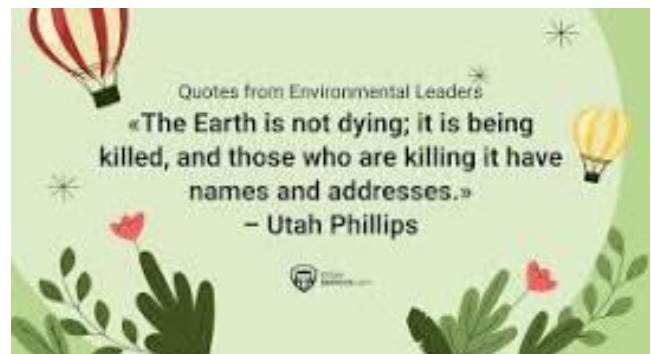
Rotary President Elect & Secretary Elect Seminar "Sashaktha" was organised at Le Ruchi The Prince" Hotel at Mysore and was hosted by RC Udupi on 4th & 5th April 2026. There were sessions on Public Image & Youth Service, Financial Obligation & Budgeting, District Projects, District Events, Roles & Responsibilities of President & Secretaries, Rotary Meetings, Membership, Breakout sessions with Presidents & Secretaries, My Rotary, Rotary Website & Zone 4,5,6 & 7, Panel Discussions, TRF & Vision of the year. PDG Rtn Abhinandan Shetty, Rtn Hemanth U Kanth – AG Elect Zone IV, PDG Rtn Rajaram Bhat, DGN Rtn Vasanth Hoblidhar, DGE Rtn B M Bhat, DGND Rtn Allen Lewis were some of the resource persons. All the Presidents & Secretaries & office bearers of 2026-27 went together in the same transport vehicle and enjoyed the friendship & fellowship. It was a beautiful venue with bonding atmosphere. President Elect Rtn Dr Pradeep S & Secretary Elect Rtn Nausha Shetty attended the session from RC Manipal. The 2 days seminar was designed to enhance the leadership capabilities & equip the upcoming leaders of 2026-27 with knowledge, skills & tools necessary to lead the club effectively and achieve Rotary's goals for the year.



Vocational Service



07.04.2026: Drisha Kodagu a young achiever, who came as Guest Speaker for the Club Service Meeting was felicitated. He is an Actor, Cinematographer, and Musician. He has achieved internationally in acting (Spain). He has acted in 20+ films, dramas, and web series. Recently he has executed a lead role in the Kannada feature film School Leader. Drisha is an India Book of Records Holder and ACE Book of Records Holder for successfully completing 3-state, 3000-kilometre bike ride for peace. He is officially recognized as the Youngest Rider for a Social Cause. Through a rare combination of creative excellence and social leadership, has demonstrated discipline, endurance, and purpose at a young age.



District Event

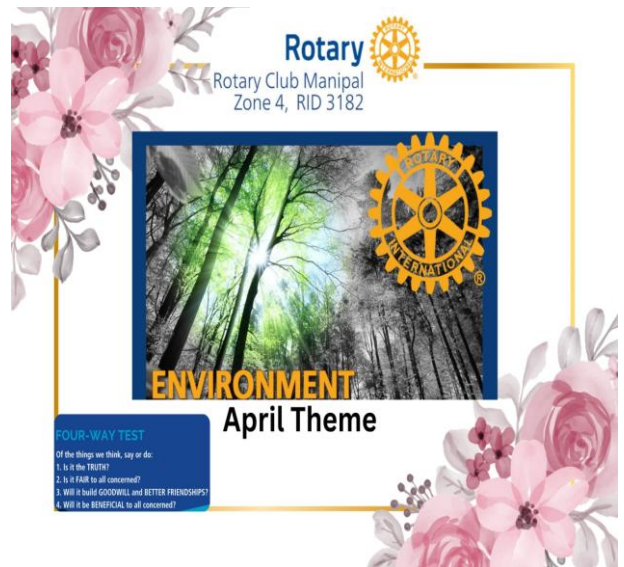


Seva Milan was well organized last District Event of the year. Good venue, good speakers, friendship & fellowship displayed Rotary Spirit. The two days seminar was a truly enriching experience that thoughtfully covered three vital segments — Preserve Planet Earth, RAHALA, and the Past Presidents Institute. Each session brought valuable insights and meaningful take aways. The first day began on an inspiring note with the session by Mr. Vijay Angadi, which was highly educative, informative, and yet presented with remarkable simplicity. His thoughts encouraged us to reflect on our role in protecting our planet. The second day continued the momentum with equally engaging sessions. Dr. Bharatesh provided deep insights into ESRAG, broadening our understanding of Rotary’s environmental initiatives and responsibilities.

The KereBasadi Kere.. the lake rejuvenation stands as a testimony for the concern shown by him and the Rotary club Karkala. This was followed by Mr. Sagar’s session, which was lively, interactive, and filled with amazing facts. It was both entertaining and enlightening, keeping everyone actively involved. A special mention must be made of PDG Rtn. Abhinandan Shetty, whose words left a lasting impact. He beautifully emphasized the true significance of being a President and a Past President. His message was clear and powerful — we must strive to be propellers of change, not just leaders for a single year. Though Rotary is a structured organization, every individual plays an important and meaningful role. Citing the example of war, he said that true leadership is not just being powerful but building good future by being good and doing good. Productive People... Not Problem Producers. These two days not only enhanced our knowledge but also rekindled our commitment to service.



Theme



ROTARY THEME FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL ENVIRONMENT

This is very important and special Month for purposeful decisive actions to conserve Nature n our Environment. Our whole existence n that of our future Generations depends on that. Rotary has always been very conscious of Planning various Projects to conserve Environment by planting trees, preserving water bodies , disposal of waste, cleaning of beaches, creating awareness for the hazards of Plastics /bagsand many more. Let us all put our hands together to preserve our Environment to the best possible. Thank you.



Celebrations



-08-Apr	Rtn Suman R Prabhu	Birthday
08-Apr	John Pracheth Hegde s/o Rtn Shreesha Hegde	Birthday
08-Apr	Lord Dr Hari Subramanian H/o Rtn Dr Swati Shourie	Birthday
09-Apr	Annette Amisha d/o Rtn Renu Jayaram	Birthday
10-Apr	Rtn Dr Pradeep S and Ann Latha Devadiga	Anniversary
11-Apr	John Nithish Bhat Kunjar s/o Rtn Surekha Nagaraja	Birthday

Friendship was the foundation rock on which Rotary was built and tolerance is the element which holds it together."

Paul Harris - 1948