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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, 14.04.2026

Venue: Rotary Hall, Manipal,

Theme: Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam
(One World, One Family)

Speaker: Mrs. Poornima Shetty, Founder –
Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam Charitable Trust

Meeting Coordinator: Rtn. Rajavarma Ariga

No. of Participants: 38



Overview

The weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Manipal held on 14th April 2026 was a meaningful and inspiring session centered on the theme “Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam.” The program featured an impactful address by Mrs. Poornima Shetty, who highlighted the importance of compassion-driven service and community support through her charitable initiatives. The meeting also included a thoughtful classification talk, insights from the Seva Milan district event, and the induction of a new member, making it a well-rounded session that reinforced Rotary’s commitment to 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 began with a warm welcome by the President, Rtn. Shashikala Rajavarma, who greeted the gathering and set a positive and engaging tone for the evening.

The “Thought for the Day” was presented by Rtn. Veda Suvarna, offering meaningful insights that encouraged reflection among the attendees. This was followed by a report presentation on the District Event *Seva Milan* held at Hanbal, Sakaleshpur, by Rtn. Rajavarma Ariga and Rtn. Jaivittal K. S., highlighting key takeaways and experiences from the event.

A significant highlight of the meeting was the Classification Talk by the new member, Rtn. Dr. Divya P., titled “*Walking the Path of Ayurveda.*” She shared her educational and professional journey, along with her achievements as the co-founder of Ragdima Academy of Sustainable Health & Research Pvt. Ltd. She also elaborated on her current initiatives and future aspirations. The club extended its best wishes for her continued success. The guest speaker, Mrs. Poornima Shetty, Founder of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam Charitable Trust, was introduced by Rtn. Nalini Nair.

In her address, Mrs. Shetty elaborated on the impactful work of the Trust, a Government of Karnataka-registered organization dedicated to serving the underprivileged. Guided by the philosophy of “One World, One Family,” the Trust focuses on ensuring that no one goes hungry, while providing support to the elderly, disabled, and economically disadvantaged.

She highlighted how volunteers regularly visit needy families, offering essential supplies and providing emotional and social support. Her message emphasized compassion, humanity, and service. Her inspiring words reinforced the Rotary motto, “*Service Above Self,*” and demonstrated how small acts of kindness can create a significant impact.

Mrs. Poornima Shetty’s contributions to society extend across several organizations, including POWER, Manipal Mahila Samaj, Lions Club, and Tulu Koota Udupi. She has received numerous accolades, including the *Women of Excellence Award* and the *Global Excellence Recognition Award* for her outstanding humanitarian service.

The session was followed by the induction of a new member, Mr. Abhay Jain, by PDG Rtn. Dr. Jayagowri, increasing the club’s membership strength to 77.

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

Club Service



14.04.2026: 8th BOD Meeting was held. 11 BOD Members were present. Project plans of all 5 avenues for the month of April, May & June was discussed.



Classification Talk by the New Member
Rtn Dr Divya P



New Member Induction: Rtn Abhay Jain

Thought for the day Rtn Veda Suvarna

Whatever is not yours, let go of it. Your letting go of it will be for your long term happiness & benefits.

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Club Service ... (Cont'd)

Rotary Information:

Rtn Jaivittal

Rtn Rajavarma Ariga

- 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.



Community Service



14.04.2026: District Chairman - Projects, Rtn Rajavarma Ariga, on account of his Birthday visited the inmates of Asare Rehabilitation Centre for Special Children along with President Rtn Shashikala Rajavarma & Secretary Rtn Vansihree Rao. Sweets & Bath Towels were distributed to the children & quality time was spent with the inmates. The inmates & staffs wished Rtn Ariga. Rtn Vijayalaksmi Jaivittal, Teacher of Asare was also present. Around 25 inmates were present. It was a heartwarming experience.

Rotarians in Action



18.04.2026: Rtn Ramachandra Upadhyya of RC Udupi, District Chairman Education, celebrated his 70th Birthday at Sri Krishna Balanikethan Orphanage, Udupi. 7 members from RC Manipal attended and wished him. PDG Rtn Dr Jayagowri & PDG Rtn Rajaram Bhat were felicitated on this occasion.



International Service



Theme



14.04.2026: Rtn Puja Goyal, President of RC Simla Hill Queens and Rtn Shashiklala Rajavarma, President RC Manipal exchanged Flag at Rtn Dr Girija's Residence. Rtn Rajavarma Ariga, Rtn. Renu Jayaram & Secretary Rtn Vanishree Rao were also present.



Celebrations



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| 14-Apr | Rtn Rajavarma Ariga | Birthday |
| 16-Apr | Ann Primcy Melisha Sumithra w/o Rtn Roshan Denzil Sumithra | Birthday |
| 18-Apr | Ann Yogeshwary B H w/o Rtn Dr Yashwanth N | Birthday |
| 18-Apr | John Aneesh Gurumadhava s/o Rtn Padma G M Rao | Birthday |
| 18-Apr | Rtn Rohit Kumar Shetty and Ann Vipula Shetty | Anniversary |
| 20-Apr | Rtn Renu Jayaram and Lord Jayaram | Anniversary |

"Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is a success"