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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

29.04.2025: Weekly Meeting

Theme: Safeguarding Water Resources

Speaker: Dr. K Balakrishna, Prof. of Geology & Coordinator, Dept. of Science, MIT Manipal

Meeting Co-ordinator: Rtn. Venugopal

Venue: Rotary Bhavan, Manipal

No. of participants: 25

Meeting was called to order by President Rtn. Subhash Bangera. Thought for the day was presented by Rtn. Dr RSP Rao. Rotary Information was presented by Rtn. Sripathi P.

This meeting gave valuable information on the importance of Safeguarding water resources. Rtn. Venugopal introduced the Speaker Dr K Balakrishna who is currently working as a Professor of Geology at the Department of Civil Engineering, MIT, Manipal and also holding the position as Coordinator of the department of Sciences. Thirteen students have completed their Ph.D. under his guidance, and 10 pursuing.

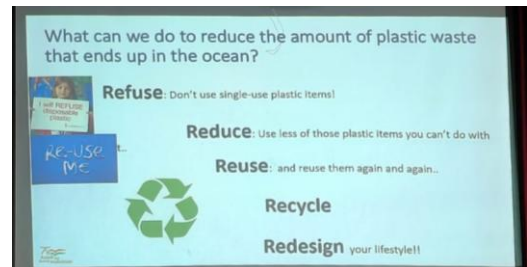


Thought for the Day
Rtn. Dr RSP Rao

Terrorist attack in Pehelgam, Kashmir is appalling & sad. Now it is the question of National Solidarity. Where there is ethics, there is God. Where there is God, there is victory. If you follow the right path God is always there with you. For example, in Mahabharatha, when Duryodhana goes to his mother to seek blessing, before the Kurukshetra War, she does not bless victory to her son, as she knew that Victory will be on the side of Pandavas as Lord Krishna was on their side.



Dr. K Balakrishna spoke on his research projects on water pollution, water conservation, climate change, environmental health and coastal environment. He spoke on the various pollution tests conducted on the water bodies in and around Udupi like Manipal Palla, Indrali, Udyavara River etc. He along with his team had been to Kumbh Mela in Feb 2025.



Rotary Information
Rtn. Sripathi P

TOP 10 COUNTRIES IN MEMBERSHIP

Sl No	Country Name	No of Rotarians	Club Count	No of Districts	Clubs / Dist	Rtns / Dist
1	US	273149	7230	153	47	1785
2	India	176280	4677	42	111	4197
3	Japan	84175	2204	34	65	2476
4	Korea	67394	1675	19	88	3547
5	Germany	58106	1141	15	76	3874
6	Brazil	49849	2309	21	110	2374
7	Italy	38578	948	14	68	2756
8	Taiwan	36125	988	14	71	2580
9	Philippines	29119	980	10	98	2912
10	France	27276	1090	18	61	1515

Club Service ... (Cont'd)

During his travel, they tested the water bodies in Prayag, River Ganges and other streams in the northern part of India, and found that the water bodies there have green algae and is highly oxygenated with self-purifying property, and thus is pollution resistant. More of bacteriophages are found which destroys the bacteria that causes contamination of water.

Dr Balakrishna also spoke on the hazards of burning & throwing plastics. He said that reducing the usage of plastics is an important step that needs to be taken by everyone in order to reduce pollution. It was indeed alarming to hear from him that the research shows presence of micro plastics even in mother's breast milk & the impacts that may arise is still unknown.

Dr. Balakrishna was part of the 37th Indian Scientific Expedition to Antarctica in the year 2017-18, and spent 100 days there. He spoke about his experience in Antarctica. The vehicle used for travel in Antarctica was Skidoo. It was surprising to find pollutants in the waterbodies of Antarctica. The skin cream used by the residents there was one of the main factors for the pollutants getting into the water bodies. He concluded his session with an interesting video of frozen ocean.

The meeting was concluded with announcements, vote of thanks rendered by Secretary Farida Uppin, National Anthem & Group Photo



Rotarians in Action



30.04.2025: President Rtn. Subhash Bangera was one of the Chief Guests of "Kamanabillu", a 10 days Summer Camp Inauguration for school children conducted by Sangama Kalavidaru. The Children are trained in Theatre Arts. The camp is held in Manipal Pre-University College, Manipal. Rtn. Sripathi P is one of the active members in the organising committee of this program.

Upcoming Event

10.05.2025 & 11.05.2025: **"Manikya"** - District Assembly & District Team Learning Seminar 2025-26 hosted by RC Kota-Saligrama (Zone 2) at President Convention Hall, Thekkatte, Udupi

Celebrations



Birthdays:

03-May - Annette Samraksha Balaraj, D/o Rtn. Balaraj M H
03-May - Annette Dr Shalini Shenoy, D/o Rtn Dr H S Shantharam
05-May - Annette Vindya, D/o Rtn A P Achar

Anniversary:

02-May - Rtn Jayaraj Shetty and Rtn Sucharitha Shetty
03-May - Rtn Roshan Denzil Sumithra and Ann Primcy

