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# The Brigade Rote Rotary Bangalore Brigades





UNITE FOR GOOD

September 2025 – Basic Education and Literacy Month
October 2025 – Economic and Community Development Month - Edition: 03 & 04

# RI President's message



Dear fellow member,
When I stepped into the role
of Rotary International
president, the moment came
swiftly and unexpectedly. It
got me thinking how the
world can change in an
instant, and how Rotary has
the power to be a steady force

for good in that change. This month, Rotary's Basic Education and Literacy Month, we have a clear call to Action: to strengthen the foundation of learning in every community we serve.

Millions of people worldwide remain unable to read. Millions of children lack access to basic education. And yet, we know the solution: sustainable, inclusive, and equitable education, especially for girls and marginalized youths. Literacy is more than the ability to read and write. It is the key to human dignity, economic mobility, and peace. Every book opened, every classroom supported, and every teacher trained becomes a building block of peace.

This year, our message is **Unite for Good**. "Unite" speaks to the strength we find in each other. When we unite our talents and resources — not only among our clubs but across partners, organisations, and communities — we expand our reach. And when we do so consistently over time, we create lasting change. Rotary service cannot be measured only in annual goals. Our work in education must extended beyond a single year. Literacy projects take time to take root, grow, and bear fruit.

Now is the time to think boldly and creatively. New types of clubs can help us engage educators, students, and advocates in new ways. Let us use this month to welcome new members with a passion for education and empower existing ones to lead service projects that reflect local needs. Whether you're building libraries, distributing textbooks, or mentoring students, your actions matter.

Education is also peacebuilding. Every scholarship we provide, every early childhood program we support, every adult literacy class we fund is an act of peace. And Rotary has been building peace in this way for more than a century.

Let us not forget that the fight for literacy is not only about access, it's about equity. It is about ensuring every learner, regardless of background, has the opportunity to reach their potential. And it is about standing together— across borders, languages, and generations— to say that education is a right, not a privilege.

Let's Unite for Good by committing to literacy that lasts. Let's dream of a world where every child learns to read. And then, as people of action, let's work together to make that dream a reality.

Together, we can change lives, starting with the power of education. Together, we Unite for Good.

Sincerely,

Francesco Arezzo 2025-26 President Rotary International

# District Governor's message



Dear Challenger Rotarians,
The energy is palpable; the
Acton is unstoppable and
results unimaginable,
demonstrating the vision for
the 'Unite for Good' Rotary
year. We are now gaining
momentum and there has
been a great response in
terms of passion,
involvement and Acton.

Having added 400+ members in the first couple of months, we are slowly and steadily marching ahead towards our goals on the membership and on the contributors to the Rotary Foundation. We have started earnestly and need to speed up our consistent effort in supporting membership growth and TRF. We have bold goals and no challenges should deter our efforts.

Projects of service to communities have surpassed expectations and the size of projects and the impact created is remarkable. We have been well covered in the social media. The Kannada online classes are progressing well and receiving great response. It is noteworthy that Rotarians who are passionate about learning the language have enrolled in good numbers and have begun making efforts to speak in Kannada at events and occasions. This initiative has made our connects with communities more Effective. A significant project of upgrading 1000 schools with one smart classroom for each school and benches was signed with the Government of Karnataka by the Rotary Club of Bangalore as lead club.

Our vision for TRF giving is progressing slowly but steadily. It is now the time to pause and add meaning to our lives by contributing to the Foundation and make a difference.

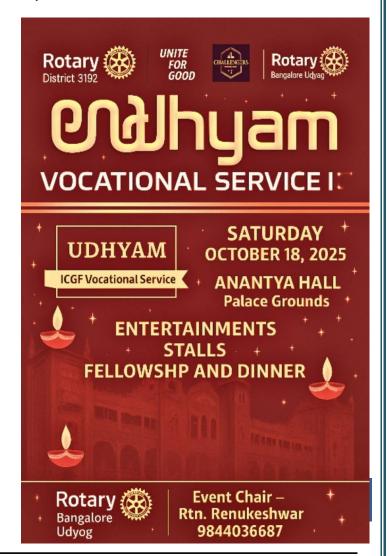
We strongly believe that with the strong commitment, enthusiasm and passion of Rotarians, we can certainly achieve the 10:20:30 target of 10 Rotary, 20 Rotaract and 30 Interact clubs soon enough.

As we move along the year, concentrating on every task at hand - small and big, significant benchmarks will follow.

Let us make Rotary our way of life and ensure that the memories of the UNITE FOR GOOD Rotary year is etched in the hearts of every Rotarian forever!!

Regards,

Yours in the service of Rotary, Rtn. Elizabeth Cherian District Governor-RID 3192 September 2025



# President's message



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

It is with immense pride and heartfelt gratitude that I share this message in our October 2025 Bulletin as President of Rotary Bangalore Brigades. The journey over the first three months of this Rotary year

has been truly remarkable, filled with purpose, passion, and progress.

Our club's activities during this period have been not just impactful but also pioneering in many ways. Several of our projects stand out as unique and have been implemented for the first time in our club's recent history. These initiatives have been crafted with the intent to address pressing community needs and to create lasting change, and I am delighted to report that they have been exceedingly fruitful and beneficial to the community at large. The beneficial community people include, Women, School children, senior citizens, destitutes, and entities including schools, school teachers, factory workers, PHC (public health centers), tribbles, etc.

As of 30th September 2025, we have successfully completed 28 community service projects, reaching out and benefitting 3,034 individuals. These projects, collectively costing Rs. 11,84,000, (approx. 14,000 USD) stand as a testament to our commitment and resolve to serve society. The magnitude of our work is reflected in the dedicated involvement of our members—over 800 Rotary member man-hours have been invested, with active participation from 55 committed members. This spirit of teamwork and service above self is what truly defines us as Rotarians.

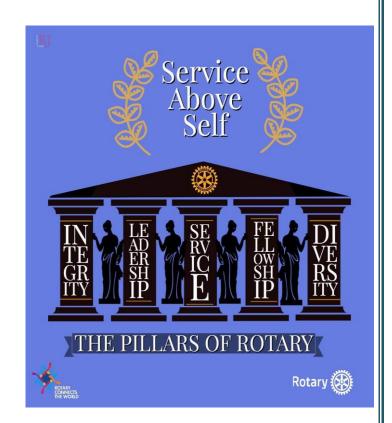
Our contributions extend beyond our immediate community as well. We have proudly donated 2,785 USD towards The Rotary Foundation (TRF), including recognitions such as Paul Harris Fellowships (PHF), and have also supported the Pulse Polio initiative through the

Rotary Foundation. These efforts not only uphold Rotary's global mission but also echo our club's unwavering resolve to make a difference both locally and internationally.

I express my deepest appreciation to each member of the Rotary Bangalore Brigades for your enthusiasm, dedication, and collective effort and wholehearted support and encouragement. Let us continue this momentum, striving for even greater heights, and remain united in our goal to serve and uplift our community.

Together, let us continue to create hope and inspire change and live the experience of UNITE FOR GOOD. Yours in Rotary,

Rtn. Mahadevi Biradar President 2025-26 Rotary Bangalore Brigades 17/10/2025



#### Editor's Message



Dear Rotarians, Anns & Antts,

The months, September and October marks the Basic Education and Literacy, and The Economic and Community Development Month respectively.

Our Club Magazine "The Brigade

**Rote"** features stories of resilience, innovation, and community sprit showcasing the difference Rotary makes. As we celebrate Basic Education and Literacy Month, we recognize the transformative power of education in shaping individual lives and communities. At the same time, our Economic and

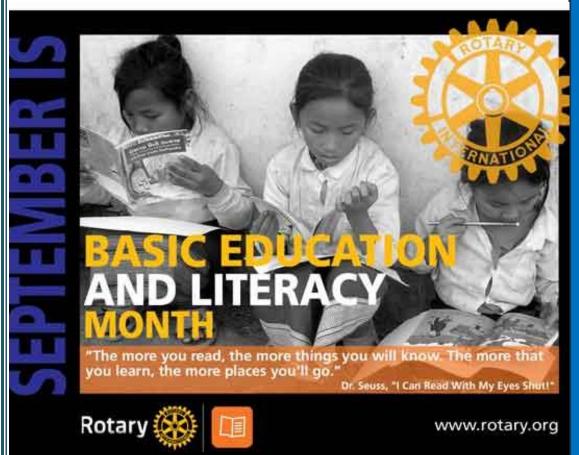
Community Development initiatives are fostering growth, opportunity, and self-sufficiency.

In this issue, we explore the impact of our literacy programs and economic development projects, highlighting the ways in which Rotary is making a difference in the lives of individuals and communities.

Join us in our mission to create a more educated, prosperous, and equitable world. We are always looking for inspiring stories, experiences, and insights to feature in our club magazine.

Thank you for your participation!

Ann. Madhura Machani Bulletin Editor 2025-26



September "Basic **Education and Literacy** Month" in Rotary, focusing on the global importance of education as a fundamental right and a tool for positive societal change. During this month, Rotary clubs worldwide organize and participate in projects to promote literacy, empower communities through education, and reduce disparities, recognizing that basic education is cornerstone for reducing poverty, improving health, and fostering peace.

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#### October is Economic and Community

Development Month for Rotary International, a key focus on fostering sustainable economic growth, empowering local entrepreneurs, and building resilient communities through vocational training and service projects. Additionally, October is crucial for world polio day (October 24th), which renews Rotary's commitment to eradicating polio and funds raises and awareness to achieve a polio-free world.



of the things we think, say and do

- 1. Is it the TRUTH?
- 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- 3. Will it build GOODWILL and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**
- 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

The Rotary Four-Way Test is a 24-word ethical guide used by Rotarians to assess the morality of their thoughts, words, and actions.

### Meaning and Purpose:

#### TRUTH:

The first question emphasizes the importance of honesty and accuracy in all dealings.

#### FAIRNESS:

The second question highlights the need for equitable treatment and consideration of all parties involved.

#### GOODWILL AND FRIENDSHIPS:

This question encourages actions that foster positive relationships and mutual respect.

#### BENEFICIAL:

The final question emphasizes the importance of ensuring that actions are advantageous to everyone concerned, promoting a win-win outcome.

# Projects for the months - September and October

# Rotary R

#### Honoring Yoga Gurus on Teachers' Day-A Vocational Service Initiative

The Rotary Club of Bangalore Brigades (RBB) joined hands with Rotary Kalyan and Rotary Bangalore Global Yoga to celebrate Teachers' Day by honoring 234 yoga gurus from across Karnataka. The event was held at Puttanna Chetty Town Hall on 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2025.



#### **Snooker Tournament 2025**



The Rotary Club of Bangalore Brigades (RBB) participated as a sponsor club in the Snooker Tournament, held in memory of Late PDG Rtn. Sameer Hariani at KSBA Stadium on the 6<sup>th</sup> and the 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025. Our club sponsored trophies and certificates to the participants. RBB President Rtn. Mahadevi Biradar was present for the event along with DG Elizabeth Cherian and other district Officials.



The Rotary Club of Bangalore Brigades (RBB) handed over an Auto Hematology Analyzer to the Urban Primary Health Centre (UPHC) at Tavarakere, BTM Layout, Bangalore on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2025. This initiative was made possible through the Community Service Avenue, backed by the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative of Bal Pharma Limited. The project was inaugurated by Hon. Transport minister of Govt. of Karnataka Sri Ramalinga Reddy.

Rtn. Ashwani Kinger led the initiative. RBB President Rtn. Mahadevi along with Rtn. Ajaya Jain, Rtn. Satish Gautam, and Rtn. Gayathri Nayak, were present, showcasing the club's commitment to community service.





#### Medical Equipment Donation – A Step towards Health Care





#### **Empowering Young Minds**



The Rotary Club of Bangalore Brigades (RBB) conducted a campaign, "Mobile Badi Pustak Hidi," at Govt. Primary School, G.M. Palya, on 18<sup>th</sup> September2025, under the Community Service Avenue. The project aimed to promote education and literacy among underprivileged children.



# Caring for the community! Medicine &

#### Grocery distribution

The Rotary Club of Bangalore Brigades (RBB) successfully distributed groceries and medicines to the AiR Humanitarian Home under the Community Service Avenue on 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2025. RBB members extends their heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Mohan (Rtn. Meera's friend) for generously sponsoring the groceries.

RBB President Rtn. Mahadevi Biradar, Rtn. Gayathri, Rtn. Anuradha Murthy, and Rtn. Abha Saxena, were present, embodying the spirit of service.







# Educating Senior Citizens: RBB's Fall Prevention and Balance Management Session

The Rotary Club of Bangalore Brigades (RBB) organized a valuable session on "Fall Prevention and Balance Management" for senior citizens under the Wellness Service Avenue. The session was held on 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2025, at Purva Reviera Apartment Clubhouse, the session benefited 51 residents. The program concluded with an engaging Q&A session, allowing participants to clarify their doubts. RBB President Rtn. Mahadevi Biradar and Rtn. Dayanand Biradar, were present at the session. Rtn. Sumita, Wellness Chair facilitated the session.







#### PHC Marasuru Site Visit

On 16<sup>th</sup>September, 2025, RBB President Rtn. Mahadevi Biradar along with RBB members: IPP Samba Murthy, PP Rtn. Suresh Babu, and SEG representative Mr. Nagabhushan visited the PHC Marasuru construction site. The team reviewed the progress of the women and child ward construction, which is advancing steadily. The project is expected to be completed by the end of November 2025.







#### RBB's Free Eye Check-Up Camp



The Rotary Club of Bangalore Brigades (RBB) organized a free eye check-up camp in Kottigehalli on 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2025, in association with Dr. Solanki Eye Hospital and Margasoochi Charitable Trust. A total of 180 people benefited from the camp, with some recommended for eye surgery. RBB President Rtn. Mahadevi Biradar along with Rtn. Kiran, were present at the eye Checkup camp. RBB members extend heartfelt gratitude to Rtn. Dr. Solanki for personally visiting the camp with his team and equipment, making the event a success.







The Board Meeting and Weekly Meeting was conducted on 29th August, 2025 with great success. The meeting was marked by strong attendance and productive discussions. Rtn. Kala Gautam, Women Vision Chair, invited Mr. Aswatha Ramaiah as the speaker for the day. Mr. Ramaiah delivered an insightful talk on team spirit and communication, which provided valuable takeaways for all. During the meeting, a heartfelt tribute was held to RBB's Charter Secretary Late Rtn. Vinod Bathija, which included a prayer and sharing of memories from fellow Rotarians. RBB' club magazine 'The Brigade Rote' was released during the meeting.



#### Successful Meeting and a Heartfelt Tribute





On September 20, 2025, a successful joint meeting was held along with Rotary RT Nagar and Rotary Rajamahal Vilas at a resort in RT Nagar. The event featured insightful talks by two esteemed speakers: Mrs. Geetha Bhat and Mr. Suresh Heblikar. The evening was filled with engaging discussions, delightful dinner, and entertaining music, making it a memorable experience for all attendees.



#### Joint Meeting Highlights



#### District 3192 ICGF Events

The first ICGF Club Service – Jai Ho was held on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at Taj Yeswanthpur, featuring Brig BM Cariappa as the keynote speaker. He delivered an inspiring address, and RBB won its first award at the event, marking a significant achievement.

The second ICGF Youth
Service – Jwaala took place
on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2025, at
Dwaraka Auditorium,
Ramaiah Institute Of
Technology, with RBB
members in attendance















#### **CLUB INVOCATION PRAYER**



LORD GIVE US COURAGE
AND HOPE FOR EVERYDAY
FAITH TO GUIDE US ON OUR
WAY!
GIVE US UNDERSTANDING
AND WISDOM TOO!
AND GRACE TO ACCEPT
WHAT LIFE GIVES US TO DO!

#### The Brigade Rote 2025-26

Chartering of New Rotaract Club





On October 9, 2025, new Rotaract Club of Acharya Bangalore B School (ABBS) was chartered. As the Installation Officer, RBB President Rtn. Mahadevi Biradar installed the President and office bearers of ABBS. RBB members PP Rtn Akshai Mallappa and PP Rtn. Santosh Krishna, were present and addressed the young Rotaract members, sharing insights about Rotaract.



#### Visit to Old Age Home

On 12<sup>th</sup> October 2025, RBB Members visited two old age homes, Kashika Seva Trust and Matushree Charitable Trust, and distributed Groceries, Bedsheets, Towels and Snacks. RBB team, President Rtn. Mahadevi Biradar, Rtn. Gayathri Nayak, Rtn. Meera K, Ann Geetika, Ann. Sheela Patil, and Ann Vani Vishwanath, spent quality time with the inmates, bringing smiles











# Know Your Rotary

Rotary International ( RI) Commencement

- Rotary International (RI) is an international service organisation founded in 1905-120 years ago
- RI is headquartered in Chicago, Illinois , USA.
- It is spread across globe in over 200 countries.
- RI has membership of 1.22 Million, spread over 35,000+ clubs.
- RI was founded on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1905 (over 120 years ago) by Paul P Harris, the Chicago Attorney; with a motto of "Service Above Self", by bringing people from diverse backgrounds to exchange ideas for meaningful and long-lasting life long friendship.

Benefits of Rotary Membership

- Becoming a Rotary member connects you with a diverse group of professionals who share your drive to give back. Through regular meetings and events, you'll:
  - Discuss your community's needs and develop creative ways to meet them
  - Connect with other leaders who are changing the world
  - Expand your leadership and professional skills
  - Catch up with good friends and meet new ones

- What's expected of me?
- As a club member, you will be asked to:
  - Pay club dues
  - Attend meetings and events
  - Use your professional skills and talents to make a difference

# Club Management System (CMS)

#### **Rotary Bangalore Brigades**

30th September 2025 (Three months)

CMS- Club Management System and

Tech Administration Update

Rtn. Dayananda Biradar- Chair -CMS & Tech Administration



Srl. No	Subject	Facts/Status	
1	Total Members		
	1. Opening 1/7/2025	53	
	2. Addition July25	1	
	3. Total as on Date	54	
2	Reporting:		
	1. Updated in Rotary India. Org App (District App)	Done 30/9/25	
	2. Updated in My.Rotary.org (RI International)	Done 30/09/25	
3	Community Projects: Total	28	
4	Avenue of Service Covered: (RI Classification)	28	
	1.Club Service	2	
	2.Vocational Service	2	
	3.Community service	23	
	4. International service	0	
	5. Youth Service	1	
5	Area of Focus Covered: (RI Classification)	28	
	Peace building and Conflict Prevention	2	
	2. Basic Education and Literacy	10	
	3. Disease Prevention & Treatment	7	
	4. Water Sanitation & Hygiene	1	
	5. Community Economic & Development	5	
	6. Maternal and Child Health	2	
	7. Supporting the Environment	1	
6	Statutory Dues paid		
	1. RI Semiannual dues	Paid30/7/2025	
	2. District Dues	Paid 25/7/2025	
	3. RI Magazine dues	Paid 14/08/2025	
7	Anubandha Partner Club Project (Rural Club)	Joined 1	
8	Rotract Clubs Active	4	
	Interact Clubs Active	1	
	New Retract Club started	1	
9	RBB Website link	https://rcbangalorebrigades.rotaryindia.org	
10	RI Website link (for members)	https://my.rotary.org/en/login	

## Ann's and Annet's Corner

# MILLET UPMA

2 servings

( 25 minutes

QUICK AND WHOLESOME



#### **INGREDIENTS (2 SERVINGS):**

1/2 CUP FOXTAIL MILLET (100 GMS) 1½ CUP WATER

1 MEDIUM ONION(CHOPPED) 1 SMALL TOMATO (CHOPPED)

1/4 CARROT (CHOPPED

 $^{1}\!\!/_{\!4}$  CUP BEANS,1/4 GREEN PEAS (CHOPPED)

2 TBSP CHOPPED CORIANDER FOR GARNISH

1 TSP LEMON JUICE, 1 TBSP OLIVE OIL

SALT FOR BETTER TASTE!

SEASONING: 1 GREEN CHILLI(SLIT), GINGER GRATED 1TSP, URAD DAL 1/2TSP FEW CURRY LEAVES



#### Recipe by Rtn. Sumitha Krishna Swamy

#### Your Directions:

- Rinse millet thoroughly and soak for 10 minutes (optional, helps softer texture).
- · Heat oil in a pan. Add mustard seeds, urad dal, curry leaves.
- Add chopped onions, ginger, green chili sauté until translucent.
- Add tomato and vegetables cook 3-4 minutes.
- · Add water and salt. When it boils, add millet.
- Mix well, cover, and cook on low flame until water is absorbed (10-12 minutes).
- Turn off heat, fluff with fork, add lemon juice and garnish with coriander.

#### Your Health Benefits:

- High fiber → aids digestion, prevents constipation.
- Low GI → suitable for diabetics.
- · Rich in minerals like magnesium and iron.
- Protein + veggies → keeps you full and energized till lunch.





Color Pencil Art by Antt. Bhuvan S/o Rtn. G. Madhusudhana

# September and October

#### Planned Projects in October 2025

- Distribution of school bags with Rotary logo and drawing books to Government Anganwadi School at Munekollal
- Mobilie Bidi Pustaka Hidi Primary school in Murugesh Palya School
- RYLA at Yuv Loka Academy for 10th grade students at Hennur
- SAFE DRIVING traffic Awareness camp for taxi and auto drivers to be conducted by Traffic Police department Inspector in Marathahalli Traffic police division.

### Celebrations

Birthdays			
4 <sup>th</sup> October	<sup>th</sup> October Antt. Pranav		
	S/o Rtn. Meera Krishna Kumar		
10th October	Antt. Aditya		
Totil Octobel	S/o Rtn. Shailesh Siroya		
16 <sup>th</sup> October	Rtn. Vijay Bansal		
25 <sup>th</sup> October	Rtn. Irene		
Anniversaries			
5 <sup>th</sup> October	Rtn. Dr Suresh Huliyar		
	Ann. Leelavathi		
29 <sup>th</sup> October	Rtn. Dr M.P. Raghu		
29 October	Ann. Jayashree Raghu		

- Blood Donation camp at Sai Baba Super specialty Hospital, Whitefield
- Eye and Ear Check-up camp for school children- Primary and Highschool children
- Visiting Old Age Home to meet the support requirements
- RO Water plant Inauguration
- Distribution of New Clothes to children for Deepavali

#### Rotary Bangalore Brigade's Sustaining Jongoing Projects:

- Free Spine correction surgery for poor and affected patients in collaboration with Karnataka Government and Mahavir Jain Hospital, Vasant Nagar, Bengaluru
- Global Grant projects for setting up Hospital facilities like operation theatre, equipment etc. for Jain Mission Hospital, Chikkaballapur a Charitable Hospital serving rural poor and needy patients
- Educational support and construction of Classrooms for Shri Subash Chandra Bose Highschool, Nangali, Mulbagal Taluk, Kolar district
- Regular Blood Donation camps contributing about 200 units of blood per year
- Providing Medicines for Lebanon needy people through
- Rotary Club of Beirut Cosmopolitan RID 2452
- The Club in association with Rotary Primasens, Germany has donated Complete Dental care Van to Leh. The van will be managed by Swami Vivekanand Seva Trust in Leh. This will benefit the residents of Leh for their dental problems

#### Weekly meetings:

**Every Friday at 19.00 Hours,** 

The Royal Orchid, Manipal Center Bangalore/ Virtual meeting

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We look forward to regular contributions from readers.

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