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ROTARY CLUB OF BANGALORE BRIGADES

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ROTARY BANGALORE BRIGADES RI DISTRICT 3192, Club Number - 051651









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**DECEMBER 2024** 



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brigadears,



RTN S. SAMBAMURTHY
PRESIDENT
2024 - 25

As we complete five months of this Rotary year, I look back with pride at what we have achieved together. In this short span, we have executed projects worth over 1 crore, touching countless lives and making a meaningful difference for needy people. Our CSR partnership, which has been in the pipeline for some time, is in its final stages and is expected to be formalized by December, further boosting our resources and ability to serve.

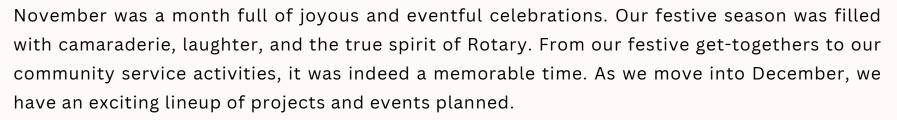
None of this would have been possible without your support, dedication, and enthusiasm. I am deeply grateful to each of you for your contributions, big and small, that drive our success.

Looking ahead, Our Governor's Official Visit is scheduled for January 6th, which also marks our Charter Day. This event is special for our club, and I look forward to your active participation in making them memorable.

Yours in Rotary, Rtn. S. Sambamurthy President

# FROM SECRETARY'S DESK

Dear Rotarians,





RTN BHAVESH SHAH SECRETARY 2024 - 25

Our team is gearing up for some impactful initiatives that aim to bring about positive change in our community. We encourage all members to participate actively in these upcoming endeavors.

We are also getting close to GOV which is scheduled to be held on January 06, 2025. we look forward to your full participation and support.

The calendar of events for December has already been shared. Let's continue to make a difference together.

Warm regards, Bhavesh Shah Secretary



# **DIWALI: FESTIVAL OF SMILES**

On October 27th, 2024, Rotary Bangalore Brigades celebrated Diwali with a heartwarming initiative, spreading joy among over 600 underprivileged children in and around Koramangala by distributing new clothes for the festive season. This thoughtful gesture was paired with an engaging art competition held a day earlier, with talented winners unveiled during the Diwali celebration, showcasing the vibrant creativity of the children.

The event was graced by the esteemed Minister of Transportation, Karnataka, Shri Ramalinga Reddy, and District Governor, Rtn. NS Mahadev Prasad, whose presence added immense prestige to the occasion. This initiative not only brightened the festive spirit for the children but also fostered a deep sense of community and shared joy. Special thanks to Rtn. Ashok Vyas for his generous contribution and hands-on involvement in shopping for the clothes, and to Mrs. Lakshmi Chelapathy for her dedicated efforts in organizing the event. The celebration was attended by President Rtn. Sambamurthy, Secretary Rtn. Bhavesh, , Rtn. Ashwani Kinger, Rtn. Akshai Mallappa, Rtn. Gayathri Nayak, Rtn. Irene Slim, Rtn. Gopal Rathi, Rtn. Vijay Bansal, Rtn. Amita Bansal, Ann. Sarala Rathi and Antt. Shrinidhi S.

This initiative exemplified the spirit of compassion, art, and togetherness, creating an unforgettable Diwali for everyone involved.





















### PROJECTS IN OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

#### Mental Health Awareness Camp

On Sunday, October 20th, our club proudly supported a vital mental health awareness event. Attended by President Rtn. Sambamurthy, Rtn. Meera, Rtn. Gayathri, and Rtn. Satish BE, the event featured insightful discussions led by experts, fostering greater understanding of mental health. It also garnered significant publicity, amplifying the cause's reach.

A standout moment was the vibrant flash dance performance by the Rotaractors, which energized the audience and added a lively touch to the day. The event demonstrated the power of collective effort and community engagement in addressing critical social issues. It was a rewarding experience, and we look forward to contributing to similar impactful initiatives in the future to promote a healthier and more aware society.





#### Mental Health Awareness Camp

On October 24th, World Polio Day, our club proudly participated in the Polio Day Awareness Walkathon as the platinum sponsor. This meaningful event underscored our collective commitment to eradicating polio.

Representing our club were President Rtn. Sambamurthy Rtn Ashwani Kinger, Rtn Abha Saxena, Rtn Anuradha, Rtn Bhavesh, and Rtn Leela, who walked alongside the District Governor, Rtn. NS Mahadev Prasad and fellow Rotarians. The walkathon began at Freedom Park and proceeded towards the iconic Vidhan Soudha, symbolizing our shared dedication to the cause.

Heartfelt thanks to all members who supported this impactful initiative. Together, we continue to play a vital role in raising awareness and championing efforts to eliminate polio, reaffirming our commitment to creating a healthier world.















#### Project Smile, Himalaya

JCBL Limited, part of the JCBL Group, has delivered a 'Dental Clinic on Wheels' as part of Project Smile Himalaya, an initiative aimed at bringing dental healthcare to remote villages in Ladakh. This project is a collaboration between Rotary International (Germany and Rotary Bangalore Brigades (RBB), the Swami Vivekananda Sewa Trust (Karnataka), and Vision Himalaya (Ladakh).

The mobile clinic, designed for Ladakh's rugged terrain, includes a foldable dental chair, wall-mounted fixtures, and equipment to perform minor dental procedures. Built on a Caravan chassis, it offers vital dental care for underserved populations and can remain stationary for extended periods.

Dinesh Dua, Business Head of JCBL, expressed pride in supporting the initiative, emphasizing JCBL's expertise in manufacturing mobile healthcare vehicles to improve access in remote regions.







#### **Donation of Coconut Saplings, Malavalli**

Rotary Bangalore Brigades participated in a meaningful environmental initiative by distributing 2,000 coconut saplings to students. This impactful project aims to inspire students to become responsible stewards of the environment while also providing economic benefits as the trees mature in three years. The enthusiasm among students was heartening and underscored the success of the initiative.

The event was graced by the support of District Governor Rtn. N.S. Mahadev Prasad and the agricultural team. Special appreciation goes to Rtn. Akshai Mallappa for his dedicated efforts. President Rtn. Sambamurthy, Vice President Rtn. Anuradha, along with Rtn. Ashwin Acharya, Rtn. Abha Saxena, and Rtn Ajay Jain, contributed significantly to making this initiative a resounding success.

















#### Donation of Medical Equipment to Jain Mission Hospital, Chikkaballapur

Rotary Bangalore Brigades proudly donated medical equipment worth ₹47.5 lakhs to Jain Mission Hospital in Chikkaballapur, a facility dedicated to providing healthcare to underprivileged communities in the region. The donation ceremony was graced by the presence of District Governor Rtn. N.S. Mahadev Prasad, adding significance to this impactful initiative.

Special appreciation goes to Rtn. Dr. Narpat Solanki, Chairman of Jain Mission Hospital, for his unwavering support in making this contribution possible. Members who attended and supported the event include President Rtn. Sambamurthy Rtn. Satish B.E., Rtn. Sureshbabu, Rtn. Mahadevi Biradar, Rtn. Akshay Mallappa, Rtn. Satish Gowtham, Rtn. Kala Gowtham, and Rtn. Meera Krishnakumar.

This initiative underscores Rotary's commitment to improving access to healthcare and fostering community well-being through meaningful contributions.







#### DEI RYLA For Hearing and Visually Challenged Individuals

ThThe RYLA event, organized by Rtn. Abha Saxena, was a resounding success, exemplifying meticulous planning, professionalism, and inclusivity. A standout feature was the inclusion of a communicator to translate the official speech for hearing-impaired students—a thoughtful gesture that was highly praised by attendees and the District Governor, who noted it as a first in his experience.

The event brought joy to students, who actively engaged in the activities, and garnered positive feedback from all involved. It was evident that the program was not only unique but also impactful, leaving a lasting impression on participants. Team Brigades is proud to have been associated with such an extraordinary initiative. Congratulations to President and Team Brigades, with special accolades to Rtn. Abha Saxena for her passion and dedication.







## **NOVEMBER: ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH**

#### What is Rotary Foundation Month?

Rotary Foundation Month is celebrated every November by Rotary clubs worldwide to honor and promote the work of the Rotary Foundation, which serves as the charitable arm of Rotary International. It's a time to raise awareness about the Foundation's mission, achievements, and ongoing programs, while encouraging Rotarians to support its initiatives through donations and active participation.

#### **Purpose of Rotary Foundation Month**

- 1. Increase Awareness: Educate members and the public about the Rotary Foundation's contributions to humanitarian service, education, and peace efforts globally.
- 2. **Encourage Giving:** Inspire Rotarians and others to contribute to the Foundation, which funds impactful projects worldwide.
- 3. Highlight Impact: Share success stories of projects funded by the Rotary Foundation.
- 4. **Engage Members:** Encourage Rotarians to participate in Rotary Foundation programs such as scholarships, grants, and service projects.







#### **Rotary Foundation's Mission**

The mission of the Rotary Foundation is to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

#### Key Messages to Promote During Rotary Foundation Month

- "Together, we make a difference": Emphasize how contributions to the Foundation empower clubs to enact meaningful change globally.
- Impact of Donations: Highlight specific projects funded by the Foundation.
- Polio Eradication Success: Showcase Rotary's commitment to making the world polio-free.
- **Involvement Opportunities:** Encourage members to participate in Rotary Foundation programs or contribute financially.

#### Why Rotary Foundation Month Matters

Rotary Foundation Month is a reminder of the collective power of Rotarians to make a global impact. It celebrates the generosity and commitment of those who contribute to humanitarian causes and inspires others to join in, fostering a culture of giving and service that aligns with Rotary's core values.



# **CELEBRATIONS**

Date	Name
1st December	Antt. Gauri Rustogi (d/o Rtn. Narendra Kumar Rustogi) Antt. Vinayaka Vishwanath (s/o Rtn. H S Vishwanath)
3rd December	Rtn. Ajay Jain
6th December	Ann. Annapurna Jain (w/o Rtn. Ajay Jain)
8th December	Rtn. Ashok Vyas and Rtn. Indu Vyas
10th December	Rtn. Kunal Khemchand and Ann. Mira Kunal
13th December	Antt. Tanushree (d/o Rtn. Abha Saxena) Rtn. Shailesh Siroya and Ann. Anita
15th December	Antt. Neha and Antt. Nikitha (d/o Rtn. Gopal Rathi) Antt. Jahnavi Raghu (d/o Rtn. Dr M.P. Raghu)
16th December	Antt. S Vrinda (w/o Rtn. S Saranyan)
19th December	Antt. Karuna Govind (d/o Rtn. Govind Shankar) Rtn. Sureshbabu P
20th December	Antt. Philip Karl (s/o Rtn. Thomas Mathew)
21st December	Antt. Tushar (s/o Rtn. Abha Saxena) Antt. Jonah Koshy (s/o Rtn. Thomas Mathew)
24th December	Rtn. M R C Ravi Antt. Bhuvan M and Antt. Bhumika M (Rtn. Madhusudhana)
26th December	Rtn. Ashok B Patil

# THE 4 - WAY TEST

OF THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR 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?

# **WEEKLY MEETINGS**

Fridays - At Tulip Inn, Off Sankey Road, Bengaluru at 19:00 Hours

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