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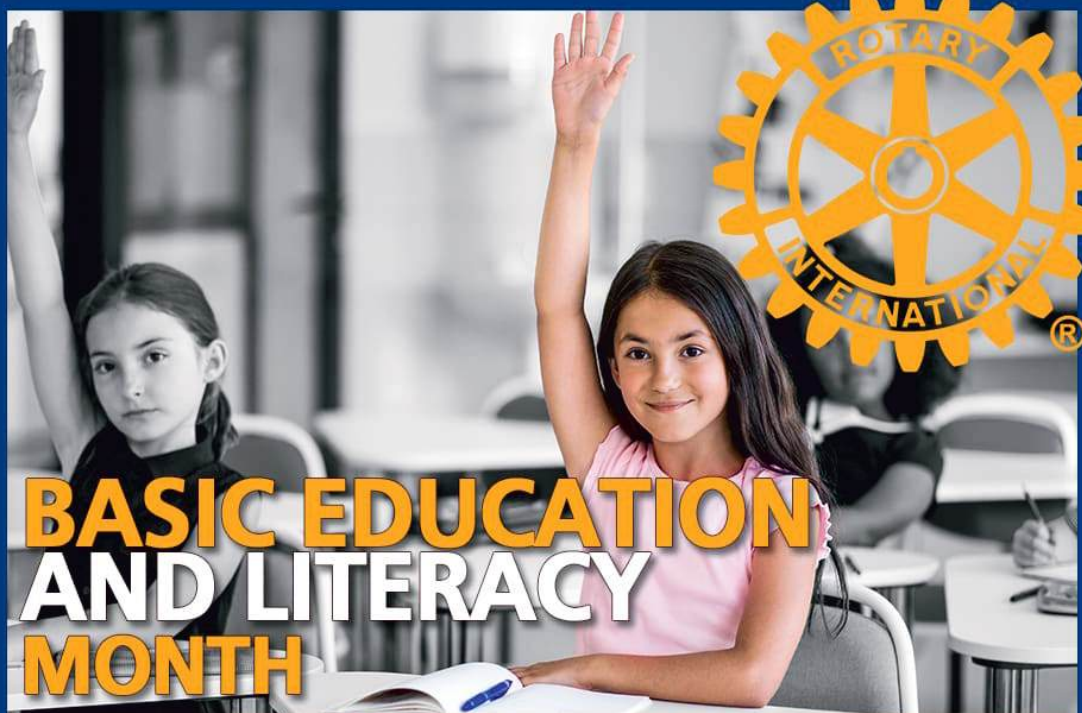
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**BASIC EDUCATION  
AND LITERACY  
MONTH**

*"The more you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go" Dr. Seuss, "I Can Read with My Eyes Shut!"*

The  
Rotary  
Foundation



**Bright good morning to all :**

As the dawns first light begins to creep, the sun ascends with regal grace.

Colours mingle in soft ballet, chasing the night, welcoming the day.

The skies ignite the colours, in morning's glow ; a canvas bright, the dawn unfolds with pure delight.

Soft hues blend in the morning dance, a vibrant start to a fresh new day.

With every ray, new hopes spun as sunrise heralds the new days sun.

**Sameena Bhatia**

## EDITORIAL

Greetings Fellow Rotarian's & Partners,

As September unfolds, Rotary embraces the significance of the Basic Education and Literacy Month. This is one of Rotary's seven areas of focus.

Brought to you in this edition of the Banner is the Installation of the members of the Interact Club of Presidency School, Kasturinagar.

The installation of the office bearers of the Rotaract Club of St. Joseph's college of Commerce was held on 10th August @ the Loyola Hall of the College. The Banner brings to you the highlights of the event.

On 15 th of August, Independence day was celebrated @ RHL, and for the first time, we had about 68 children from Lingarajpuram preprimary school participate in the program with several performances to commemorate the country's 78th year of Independence.

I have been awed and inspired by some of the social and environment committed projects undertaken by an NGO, driven by Srinu and his team, and I take the liberty of sharing what is done by this NGO.

Yet another feather in the cap for Sunil Pai, who brings home two gold & one silver medal at the Ceylon Masters International Tournament, Colombo in July 2024.



ON 31st, an event was organized to invite prospective members to join hands with RCBC in their endeavor to serve in society.

Happy reading,

**Rtn. Prem Kurian**  
The Editor



Apheresis machine for the Oncology department of Kidwai Memorial Hospital with CSR funding from Commscope Connectivity. We are continuing our support for last few years by providing Apheresis kits for below-poverty-line paediatric unit on need basis. It's heartbreaking to see the young ones battle this dreadful disease and hence a small solace to help them through this difficult journey. Paediatric patients with cancer often need platelets & there is always a short supply Apheresis procedure can selectively obtain fresh platelets from donors blood which can then be used for up to 1-3 young patients.





## Interact Club



A new 43 strong Interact Club is all set to go! The Office Bearers of RCBC's newest Interact Club of Presidency School, Bangalore East were installed on 20th Aug 24, at an energy-filled event at the school premises. President Raju inducted the freshly minted President Itr. Vikrant Poonacha and Director Srikanth and other Rotarians present installed the members of the Board. Rtn Umesh Puttanna, District Interact Director gave an enthusiastic talk, that ended with him asking the Interactors to collect one pen, pencil and notebook from each of the 1400 students and donate the collection to a Government school.

Rotarians present to cheer the Interactors were **Sunil Pai, Sameena, Ram & DV.**



# ROTARACT INSTALLATION CEREMONY



The Rotaract Club of St. Joseph's College of Commerce



The event began with a Welcome Address by emcee Jumana Anis and included a Prayer Song by the Indian music team Tarang. Outgoing President Rtr. Harshini's speech and outgoing Secretary Rtr. Denzil's activity report highlighted the past year's achievements. Rtr. Komal Barad was introduced as the new President, followed by the traditional handing over of the gong and gavel. Incoming

Vice President Rtr. Prathyusha M Avanthakar launched the new theme. The ceremony concluded with District Announcements by ZRR Rtr. Ajay Kumar S and a vote of thanks from Rtr. Bipasha Thammaiah. A post-ceremony conference with dignitaries and Principal Father Charles Lasarado S. J. focused on future events and collaboration.



\*The Rotaract Club of SSMRV College successfully conducted Pragyan - Illuminating Minds its 16th Installation Ceremony\*

On August 30th, 2024, from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM. The event was graced by distinguished guests, including DRR. PP Rtr. Rtn. Abhay Lohia, DRCC. Rtn. Surendran Unni, Partner Rotary YSD Rtn. Srikant K.P, and District YSD Rtn. Unni Krishnan Menon. The ceremony marked another significant milestone for the club as it continues its commitment to service and leadership.





### Independence day Program @ RHL .

Independence day was celebrated on Thursday 15th of August at RHL to commemorate the country's 78th Independence Day. Rotarians and children in all, numbering about 68 of them from Lingrajpuram preprimary school were present. President Rtn Rajendra Rane unfurled the national flag, the children staged a few cultural programs in honor our freedom fighters, recited some poems and performed cultural dances from different corners of the country.



# 31ST AUGUST MEETING AT RHL FOR



To promote membership growth in RCBC, Rotarian PP Vinod John, organized a meeting on 31st August @ RHL, requesting each Rotarian to bring one prospective member.



The Chief guest for the evening was PDG Sameer Hariani. About eight prospective Rotarians were present for the program. Sameer Hariani gave a wonderful interactive presentation, on why membership growth is important. Rotary is started as a organization, networking fellowship.

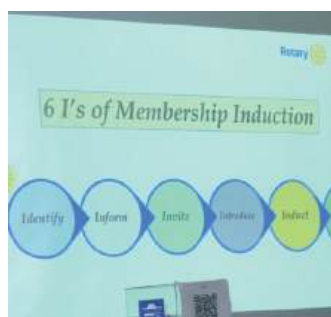


growth in important. never service but for a and Today it

has developed into one of the largest service organization. Some of the reasons he cited, as to why membership growth is important are to continue the legacy, for the reach and Rotary "connects with the world". In his 27 years in Rotary, he has had such reconnection with so many members in our Club. He reiterated that if a Club and its members are happy, they would give back to society.



Cantonment Club being such a happy Club has done so much as service to society. Everyone who joins Rotary is looking for a experience. Some are looking for serving in community, some for fellowship, some for networking, some for vocation etc and if they don't get that experience, they will leave the Club.



He emphasized that we need to do a review of the member's satisfaction

survey & circulate it to the members. A good initiative has been taken by RCBC in having this meeting today but we need to do it again and again.

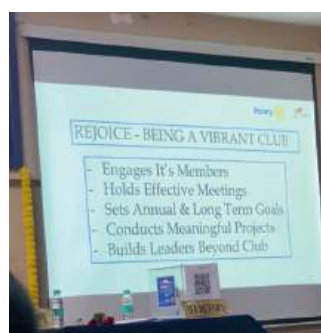
He asked if we have a database of prospective members?

He then went to ask the Club, about the steps in Recruitment & showed a slide on the six steps in recruitment. They being to Identify, inform, invite, introduce induct and involve and engage them. Besides friends circle, residential locality, work place,



relatives, to go through ones contact on the mobile phone and each one would have any where between 1000 to 5000 contacts to approach.

He did go on to ask as to how many has asked your Spouse to become Rotarians? The sixty-three or so Rotarians can become 126. And again as to how many of us have asked our kids to become Rotarian's?



We believe that exemplifying and embracing diversity, equity,



# MEMBERSHIP GROWTH



and inclusion (DEI) should be a part of everything we do at Rotary.

We need to rejoice by giving a tick mark in being a vibrant club, a engaging club, in conducting effective meetings, in doing meaningful projects, setting



We need to think and bring in a diverse group and only then will you achieve success. Today about 25% of the members are women. In RCBC, we have 8 women as Rotarian's and that is just about 14 %. We need to double that number.

annual goals but have we given a DG?

We need to think leadership beyond our Club. Cantonment is on the cusp of being a milestone Club!



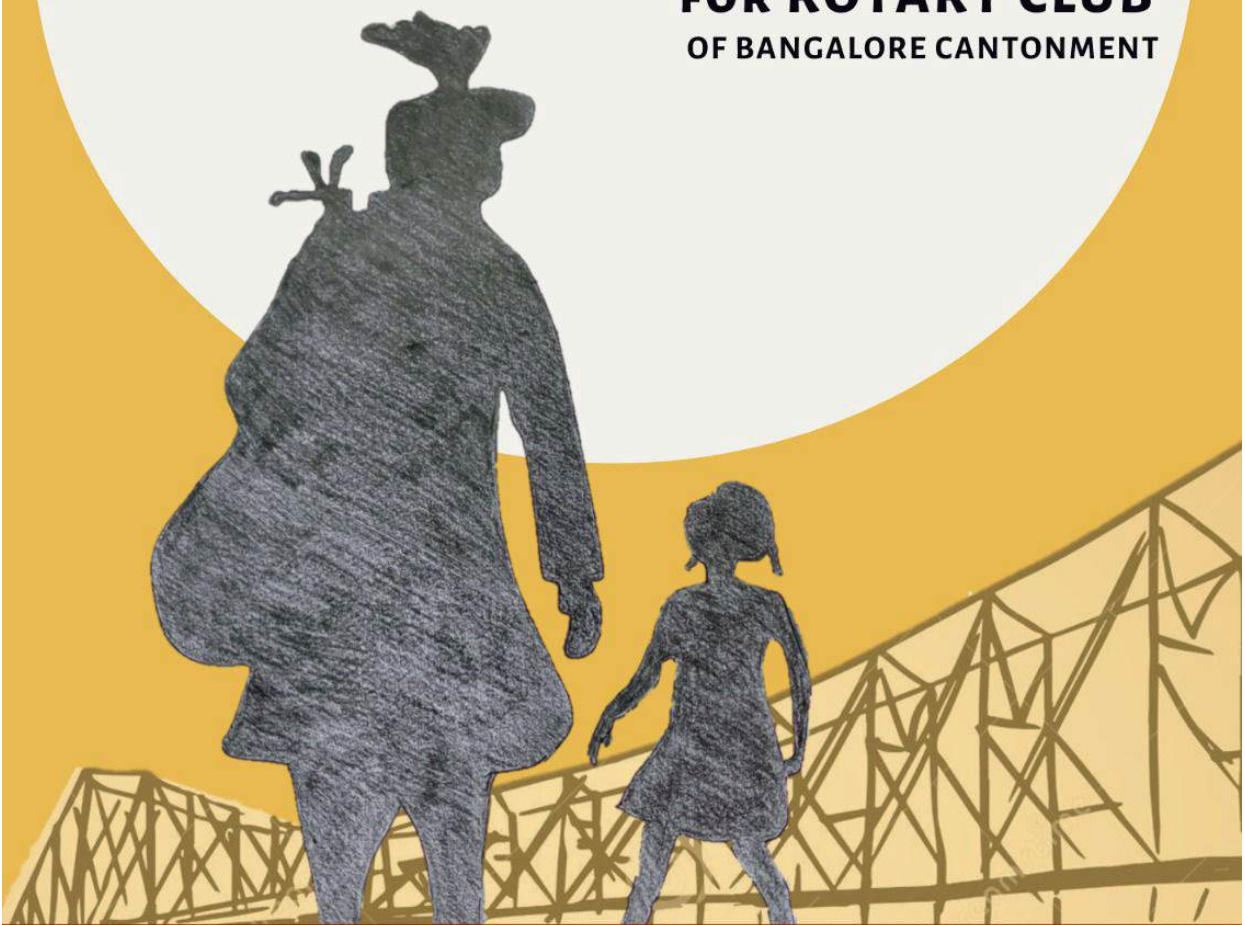




BANGALORE  
LITTLE  
THEATRE

# *Kabuliwala Calling*

.... **A FUND RAISER**  
**FOR ROTARY CLUB**  
OF BANGALORE CANTONMENT



**13 September 2024 | 7:30 pm | Chowdiah Memorial**

Tickets available on Bookmyshow

Kabuliwala Calling... a Fund Raiser Once again, Rabindranath Tagore's Kabuliwala, calls upon our hearts... Bangalore Little Theatre joins hands with Rotary Club of Bangalore Cantonment to take you on journey of compassion and hope. As this timeless tale of endearing bonds beyond borders by Tagore unfolds, let us together, weave a tapestry of love and

care, extending the reach of our hands to communities who need it most. Come join us for an evening where art meets purpose, where your hand joins ours to make a difference - In aid of Community Projects of Rotary Club of Bangalore Cantonment. Date: 13th September 2024, Time: 7.30pm Location: Chowdiah Memorial Hall



## Golden Mile Trust

Unlocking the potential in communities by connecting the **last Mile to a Golden future.**

Location - Tibetan Himalayas Ladakh, India



Golden Mile Trust is a Trust, registered under The Societies Registration Act, 1860 and the Bombay Public Trusts Act, 1950. The organization is granted 80G certificate.

The objectives of the Trust: Unlocking the potential in communities by connecting the last Mile to a Golden future.

Location - Tibetan Himalayas Ladakh, India

Every year, United Nations publishes world Index measuring countries on Sustainable Development and Happiness Index. The World Happiness Report, covering per capital income, social and community support, corruption in public life, health / life expectancy, generosity and freedom to make life choices ranks India at lower end of 155 countries, amongst the lowest in the world. We rank bottom third, in delivery of 2030 UN sustainable development goals and in Human Development Index. The big Question is – what is OUR role? Do we care? India needs much more than Governmental efforts in making the Grass root CHANGE. Golden Mile Learning – Ladakh, Tibetan Himalayas (14- 20000 feet).

Remote land of Mindfulness, Compassion, scarce resources and harsh climate.



*The Science of Well being & Economics of Happiness  
A Social Entrepreneurship model for Sustainable Development  
Tibetan Himalayas – Ladakh, India*

**GoldenMile Learning**  
*A digital India endeavor*



**Our Project – Ladakh District... Northern India Tibetan Himalayas**  
*Remote land Of Spiritual journeys, Compassion and Mindfulness*

Largest district in India Leh & kargill -82665 sqKM, 113 villages, Population 290K



**Ladakh - A Unique test bed for sustainable development model - Tough terrain, harsh climate, simple, hardworking & small population, evolved leadership, passionate team & local volunteers , wonderful partnerships**



## Our Leadership Team



**Srini Srinivasan.**



**Rajesh Patel**



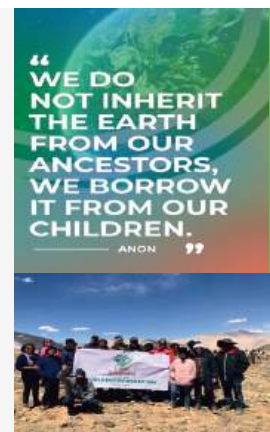
## Who are we ?



Recognition award from  
CEC Ladakh

TreeTies is a social enterprise start-up committed to restore degenerated land and ecosystems, by leveraging science, technology, and partnership networks through the TreeTies holistic digital platform to bring systemic solutions at scale. To achieve this goal, TreeTies will build awareness - for-action amongst corporates, communities and citizens for collaboration and partner with government in policy advocacy.

Be the trusted Science, Technology and Digital partner to  
Eco Warriors – NGOs and Environmentalists.



Our Team @ 11th  
Plantation Cycle

## A Decade in Restoration -Ladakh, Western Himalayas one of the most difficult terrains on the world



Since 2013:  
Digital E learning in 32 monastic and village schools impacting over 5000 kids; Now building Teacher capability partnering Gov of Ladakh.



Since 2014:

Addressing Climate impact, glacial melting, landslides, leading to loss of lives & livelihoods. Building Tree cover on Himalayan foothills to address Climate change and destruction in Ladakh.



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years of project experience

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NGO's in active operation

4,50,000+

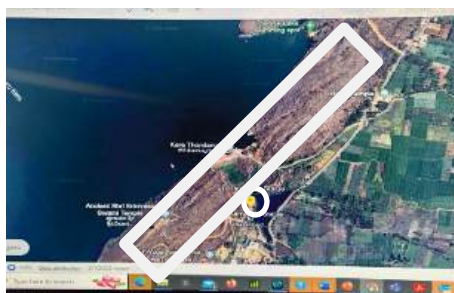
trees planted and maintained

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Plantation cycles

## Current Projects : Thondanur village @Cauvery Basin Ecosystem Restoration, Bio Diversity Park and enhanced livelihood .

Google Earth - Project at Thondanur village



Thondanur village, Mandya district 35 kms before Mysore

- 45% loss of vegetation in Cauvery basin over 50 years; Three fourth in Karnataka ( source IISc study Dec 2023)
- Excessive encroachment and agricultural use leading to degraded land and soil erosion.
- Urgent need for holistic restoration – Land, soil, water , Bio diversity and livelihood for community.

**Shrinking greenery**  
Pattern of natural vegetation cover in the Cauvery basin over the years

Year	Karnataka	Kerala	Tamil Nadu	Total
1965	17,872.81	1,843.64	10,077.78	29,794.23
2016	7,408.92	794.16	7,172.42	15,345.08
Loss	9,664.31	219.48	2,905.36	12,849.15

Source: "Cauvery river: Land use dynamics biodiversity & hydrological status" a paper authored by T. V. Ramachandra, Vinay S., Bharath S. and Bharath H. Anur, Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru.



**Phase I :** Eco village at Thondanur – awareness building, Community involvement, student & youth participation, Bio diversity park, enhance livelihood. 50 acres.  
**Phase II :** Ecosystem restoration 200 acres ( could increase to 600 acres)

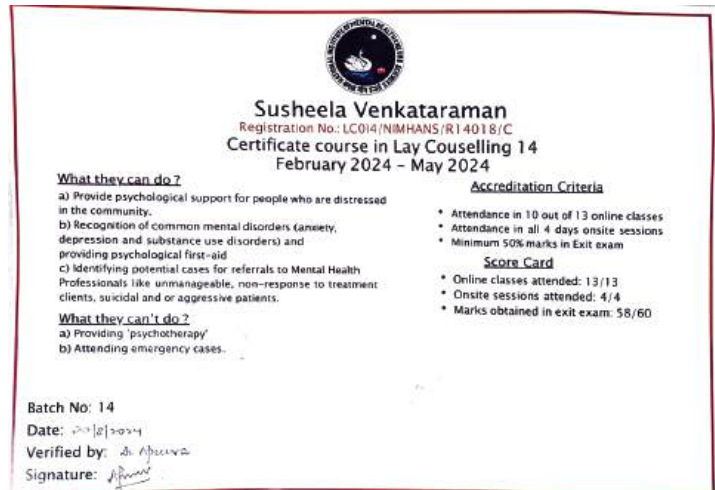




## SUNIL PAI

Won Two Gold medals & One Silver medal (Doubles & Mixed Doubles) at the Ceylon Masters International Tournament, Colombo, July 2024. Players from 12 countries including Asian badminton powerhouse like China, Indonesia, Malaysia participated in this four day event.

Won over the Chinese & Indonesian Teams for the first time in extremely gruelling conditions of high temperature & humidity. Had to play four matches each day and back to back 3 finals on the last day.





## Spouses' Birthdays



- Meera Bail : 28-Sep
- Kalidas Ojha : 23-Sep
- Sandhya Mohan : 08-Sep
- Dr. Aparna Hebbani : 26-Sep

## Rotarians' Birthdays



- Appadurai Sriram (PHF) : 02-Sep
- Bharath Bail (PHF) : 04-Sep
- Gargi Ojha (PHF) : 25-Sep
- Jasbir Singh Dhody (PHF) : 01-Sep
- Sridhar N. S. (PHF) : 16-Sep

## Wedding Anniversaries



- Aloysius P. Fernandez (PHF) & Dipika : 08-Sep
- Kayalvizhi Venkatesh & K. Venkatesh : 22-Sep
- Sunil Pai B. (PHF) & Shaila : 01-Sep

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