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WE MEET FRIDAY 7pm at Holiday Inn Bengaluru Racecourse



# FAMILY MEET ON 10TH AUGUST 2024



The family meeting on 10th August was held One of our new Rotarians Rtn. Rangacharyulu at the Rotary House of Friendship, beautifully addressed the members and said that his decorated in tri colours, in line with the company Sundaram Motors Mercedez Benz Independence Day theme. Annette Aditi would be offering special consideration and Hamirwasia endearingly welcomed everyone benefits for Rotarians buying their cars as a with the tri-colour stole! The members part of a special tie-up between Mercedez relished the mouthwatering chaats and Tea, Benz and Rotary. He also invited the Rotarians which were served before the meeting. to visit their showroom to learn more about President Rtn. Siddharth Hamirwasia thebrand. welcomed everyone.

made an announcement about the upcoming projects at Sri Sathya Sai Hospital on 21st August, wherein RI Director Rtn. T.N. Subramaniam would be present for the historic moment for RBJ to have an RI Director visiting us, especially to inaugurate the projects. He encouraged Junctionites to attend the project inauguration in large numbers and The first comedy act was by Rtn. Nikhil witness the good work that was going on.

After the formal proceedings, it was time for Past District Governor Rtn. Jeetendra Aneja the much-awaited entertainment program -"Hasna Mana Hai". The charming MCs for the day - Rtn. Reshu Baid and Rtn. Manish Bojjawar wove the program together effortlessly in their inimitable style. In this inauguration. He emphasized that it was a humorous program, our own junctionites unleashed their hidden talents and kept the audience in splits.

Nanaiah, Ann Meghana and Rtn. Neeta Agarwal, where a young couple sought to Some PHF certificates that had been received learn Hindi from their teacher Rtn.Neeta. were distributed to the contributing Rotarians. Following this, Rtn. Santosh Goenka entertained with a standup comedy. Rtn. Mahesh Agarwal and Mr Praveen Agarwal regaled us with a spoof on Kaun Banega Crorepati, cleverly titled "Kaun Banega Bumper Pathi!" Rtn. Ajay Ruia and Rtn. Sarika Ruia entertained us with their take on the Ambani wedding. Annette Risa Manish performed a solo act. The group that truly stole the show was Ann Supriya Agarwal and her team with their silent act. Supriya enacted the role of a Puchkawala, accompanied by her friends Chanda Khemka, Uma Hamirwasia and Rekha Kedia. The grand finale was a patriotic song performed by Rtn.Babu Bhai Mehta. It was amazing to watch our in-house talents performing with aplomb.

Gratitude to Rtn. Manish Bojjawar for his hilarious script for the program and to Rtn. Uma Hamirwasia for conceptualising it. Thanks to Club Service Director Rtn. Narayan Gupta for the impeccable arrangements, Rtn. Shailesh Agarwal and Ritu for coordinating with the catering, Rtn. Ramesh Bhat for managing the fellowship counter and Ann Rajni Chowdhary for the tricolour decoration of the venue. It was a memorable evening with fantastic performance by our Junctionites, lip-smacking snacks & food and wonderful fellowship.

#### **Rtn.Lalana Murthy**



#### **WEEKLY MEETINGS**

#### Weekly Meeting on 2nd August 2024

The weekly meeting was held on 2nd Aug, 2024, at the Hotel Holiday Inn. The guest speaker for the day was Mr. Ravindra Balkrishna Shet, Sr. Director, Team Head, Smart Things Team, Samsung Electronics. He spoke on Internet of Things- IOT Technology moving from the industries to Consumer Life.

He explained that Automation is a new muscle of our progress. He very nicely explained the same by giving the example of Parle G biscuits, noting that producing nearly 40 crore biscuits daily would be impossible without automation. Additionally, he highlighted that about 14 million tons of microfibers on the ocean floor could be removed using Eco Bubble Technology. He also shared insights into the future of fully automated cars, which could operate without a driver. "Automation is taking over physical labour, substituting human muscle with advanced machinery."

Rtn. Nikhil Nananaih read out the Four Way Test. and Rtn. C.K. Reddy gave the vocational talks on his profession.

The meeting concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Rtn. C.K. Reddy. "He skillfully linked his Vote of Thanks to the guest speaker's talk and his profession, which was well received by everyone at the meeting."





## Weekly Meeting on 30th August 2024

The weekly meeting was held on August 30, 2024, at the Hotel Holiday Inn. The meeting was chaired by Vice President Rtn. Kamal Karnani in the absence of President Rtn. Siddarth.

The Four-Way Test was read out by Director of Club Services, Rtn. Narayan Gupta.

Rtn. Vikas Agarwal delivered an insightful vocational talk on his profession.

Rtn. Chris, Past President of the Rotary Club of Michigan, USA, attended the meeting. During the meeting, flags were exchanged between our club and Rtn. Chris's club.

The guest speaker for the day, Ms. Pranjali Madnani, delivered an informative session on "Inheritance Planning & Asset Protection through Wills & Trusts." She highlighted the significance of Wills & Trusts by citing examples such as the Raja of Faridkot, Mr. Rajesh Khanna, the Carlton Towers etc. The session concluded with a lively and fruitful interaction between the speaker and the members.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks delivered by Rtn. Neeta Agarwal, who added her signature touch of humor to the conclusion.







# **AUGUST PROJECTS**

Rtn. Savita Bhauwala - Director Community Service and Rtn. Anuradha Bhat - Joint Secretary visited the National Residential School for the Deaf at Jeevanbimanagar, Bangalore where about 75 differently abled children stay and study. They found out that the school was in urgent need of steel utensils and bedspreads and requested that the members volunteer to sponsor them. Our Club provided Steel Utensils, Bedspreads, Snacks, Board Games & One Meal to the children on 3rd July, 24. We are indeed privileged to be what we are today. This privilege should be used to Spread Joy in communities around us.

Gratitude goes to Rtn Rajesh Agarwal & Rtn Kamlesh Dongarwal for their generosity in sponsoring Steel Utensils, Bedspreads, and one meal for the students.

RBJ President Siddharth Hamirwasia, Rtn. Uma Hamirwasia, Rtn. Rajesh Agarwal, Rtn.Savita Bhauwala-Director Community Service, Rtn. Anuradha Bhat - Joint Secretary, Ann. Hemlata Agarwal and Annette Aditi Hamirwasia attended the same.

Rtn.Savita strongly requested every member to attend Club Projects to feel heartened.











As a tradition, Rotary Bangalore Junction celebrated Independence Day with the students of Bhavan Bangalore Press School, wherein President Rtn. Siddarth Hamirwasia was the Chief Guest.

There was a flag march followed by a colourful & entertaining cultural program by the school's students, which was very much appreciated and enjoyed by the audience.

RBJ was well represented by the Past District Governor Rtn. Jeetendra Aneja and other Rotarians.





हर वर्ष की भाती आज आया, सवतंत्रता दिवस गुलामी मे जिये हमारे पूंवज, भारत का हर जन, कष्ट उठाये पीड़ा सही, हमे आजाद कराने को कोडे सहे, गोलीया खाई, फंदे पे चढे सीना तानेकिस किस का मै नाम लूँ वह शहीद अमर कहलाये, उनकी यादे उनकी करनी कही लिखी सुनहरे अक्षरो मे, कही बनी समाधी उनकी 15 अगस्त 1947 को आजाद हुवा देश हमारा।सरहदो पर आज भी गोलीबारी र्कुबानीया होती हे, सेनिक लिपटते तिरंगो मे, एक माँ को पुत्रहीन, पत्नी को विधवा बच्चे को अनाथ कर हमे सुरक्षित ररवते हे, कर सके जो कुद्द भी वह कम ही होगा, फिर भी तिरंगे के नीचे हो खडे उन्हे तहे दिल से घन्यवाद करे और उनकी सलामती की प्राथना करे शायद यही सच्चे हिन्दुसतानी का धर्म होगा

Rtn. Sanjay Kedia

# AN EVENING OF COMPASSION AND HOSPITALITY ON THE SERENE OUTSKIRTS OF BANGALORE

On the evening of August 21st, 2024, the 100-seat auditorium at the **Sri Madhusudan Sai Institute of Medical Sciences and Research** was filled. Rotarians, primarily from Rotary Bangalore Junction, and their spouses, gathered for a significant occasion — **the inauguration of Rotary Global Grant and Service Projects**.

The event was graced by chief guest Rtn Raju Subramanian, Rotary International Director, in the esteemed presence of the spiritual leader and visionary Sadguru Sri Madhusudhan Sai.

The evening began with a beautifully rendered invocation by the college students, setting a heartfelt tone for the proceedings.

Just before the dignitaries' address, there was a brief ceremony at which the equipments were inaugurated. These included a state-

of-the-art **Heart-Lung Machine**, a **Dialysis unit**, **ENT telescopes**, and **Operating Microscopes**.

**Dr A R Ragupathy, Director of Sri Madhusudan Sai Institute of Medical Sciences** delivered the welcome address, expressing gratitude towards Rotary. He remarked, "We are gathered not just as professionals but as individuals deeply committed to the betterment of society, to the service of humanity, and to the creation of a world where every soul is treated with dignity, love, and care.

Our President, **Rtn Sidharth Hamirwasia**, welcomed the guests, the dignitaries on the dais, the PDGs in the audience, and P Srinivas of Bangalore Kidney Foundation. He also welcomed Dr Ila Shah, who participated in the event remotely from the USA.





**Rtn Jitendra Aneja, Past Dist Governer**, delivered an enthusiastic and passionate address. He emphasized that the inaugurated project was not mere pieces of equipment but lifelines for people unknown to us.

**Mr Srinivas**, the founder trustee of the Bangalore Kidney Foundation thanked Rotary for their support by establishing 20 dialysis centres. The foundation has so far carried out 500,000 dialysis sessions and 150 transplants.

**Dr. Ila Shah** addressed the audience remotely via video conference, praising the Sri Madhusudan Sai Institute.

Rtn. Mahadev Prasad, Dist Governor, Rotary International District 3190, expressed his joy at being part of the event at the esteemed institute, in the presence of Sadguru. He announced his interest in starting two unique banks at the institute—a Human Milk Bank and a Homograft Heart Valve Bank—committing to launching these projects within the year.

Rtn Raju Subramanian, Director at Rotary International, opened his speech with salutations to the audience and Sadguru Sai, stating that he felt blessed to be at the institute. He praised Sadguru for establishing a free medical college. He said he would soon announce his commitment to this institute and probably a grant. He highlighted the CMC Vellore initiative for HIV patients, a free center supported by Rotary. On behalf of Rotary, he promised

Sadguru that he would work with him to alleviate the suffering of as many people as possible.

Sadguru Sri Madhusudan Sai, a social and spiritual leader who is spearheading service projects in the areas of Nutrition, Education, and Healthcare, began his address by reciting lines in Sanskrit from an ancient Indian prayer, which he translated for the audience's benefit. "May all be healthy, may all be happy. May all see good and happy things, and no one suffers any sorrow". While he appreciated the donation of the Heart-Lung Machine, he emphasized that more than such machines, what is truly needed are more hearts, like the Rotarians, to carry out their vital work. He shared that they perform more than 30 cardiac surgeries and interventions daily across all their hospitals, mostly for patients below the poverty line.

He appreciated Governor Mahadev Prasad's comments about the human milk bank. Guruji concluded by revealing plans to create the world's largest free hospital and medical college.

The event concluded with the presentation of a memento to the Guruji by all past presidents of RBJ, with a citation signed by PDG Aneja, President Sidharth, and Secretary Lalana Murthy, followed by a high tea in an air-conditioned hall with cluster seating. The hospitality was exceptional.

#### **Rtn.Pradeep Kumar**







## **KNOW YOUR ROTARIANS**

**Rtn. Channa Keshava Reddy**, popularly known as CK Reddy, is an inspiring entrepreneur and philanthropist.

He founded Peritech Systems Corporation in 2005, located in Rajajinagar, which has since become a

premium business partner of Sharp, Japan, a company renowned for its world-class office equipment. Before this, he had an impressive nine-year career with GBC Modicorp Limited, where he rose to the position of Regional Sales Manager before leaving in 2003.

He is married to Sangeetha and they have a daughter Parinitha C who works in the HR department at Wipro Technologies Ltd.

His strong sense of community service is evident in his cofounding of an NGO with his school friends, dedicated to supporting students from economically weaker families in his hometown, Chintamani.

Looking to the future, Rtn. C K Reddy envisions operating Peritech in fully automated mode by 2030, with a significant portion of the company's profits -50% allocated to charity. The remaining profits will fund his dreams of exploring the world with his family and friends.

Something exciting to know about him is that during his school days, he started each day by feeding cattle and ended it by tutoring his junior students.

These early experiences shaped his values of humility, dedication, and commitment, which he credits as the keys to his success.

**Rtn. Dr. Vasu Deo Sarda** is a truly remarkable individual with a diverse range of passions and contributions. His journey as a medical practitioner, beginning in 1984, highlights his deep commitment to helping others. Since 2004, his dedication has extended to full charity in the



medical field, an effort that was especially significant during the COVID-19 pandemic, where he treated over 1,500 patients free of charge, both in person and online.

Beyond his medical practice, he sustains his livelihood through a PP/HDPE Rafia Unit, which supplies bags across India.

Dr. Sarda's passion for writing is another fascinating aspect of his life. He channels his thoughts and emotions into poetry, finding creative expression through words. His book, "**Sandhi**," delves into the poignant emotions a father experiences during his daughter's "विदाई" (farewell after marriage), offering readers a heartfelt glimpse into this significant life event.

He believes that since we only live once, it's important to embrace every opportunity and do what truly matters. In other words, live life to the fullest. Dr. Vasu Sarda's life is a testament to the idea that every day is an opportunity to make a difference, whether through charity, business, or creative expression.

#### THE ICGF

The ICGF on Club Services & Vocational Services "Sangama" was held on 24th August, 2024 at Green Palace, Gate No.9, Palace Grounds. IPDG Rtn. Jeetendra Aneja, President Rtn. Siddharth Hamirwasia and other Rotarians attended the event.



# **INSTALLATION OF INNER WHEEL CLUB**

The installation of the **Inner Wheel Club of Bangalore Junction** was held on 13th August 2024 at the Rotary House of Friendship, Lavelle Road, Bangalore.

District Chairman Srimathi Master installed Smt. Sunita Agarwal as the new President and Mrs. Shweta Kholay was installed as the Secretary along with the new team.

RBJ President Rtn. Siddharth Hamirwasia was the chief guest. He gave a motivational speech and released the club bulletin "BLOSSOMS"

The meeting was attended by Past District Chairmen, Club Presidents and Secretaries of other clubs, ISO Tejaswini of Inner Wheel Club of Belgaum Dist 317, family and friends.



## INSTALLATION OF ROTARACT CLUB

The installation of the **Rotaract Club of Bangalore Junction** was held on 3rd August,24 at Hotel Sanman, Jayanagar. Rotaract Hanumanth Makharia was installed as the President along with the Board members. The Rotaract members were full of energy and enthusiasm, and we are excited to see the difference this dynamic team will



make. RBJ President Rtn. Siddharth Hamirwasia, Rtn. Uma Hamirwasia, Director Youth Service - Rtn. Manish Bojjawar, Rtn. Lalana Murthy - Secretary, Rtn. B K Krishnamurthy, Rtn. Santosh Kejriwal attended the program.



## INSTALLATION OF INTERACT CLUB

The installation of the **Interact Club of Florence High School** was held on 2nd August at the school premises. ITR. Sejal Jain was installed as the President and ITR. Gowri was installed as the Secretary along with the other board members. President Rtn. Siddharth Hamirwasia, Rtn. Uma Hamirwasia, Director Youth Service - Rtn. Manish Bojjawar and Rtn. Lalana Murthy attended the program.



#### **ROTARIANS IN THE NEWS**

Shyam Godavari Smelters LLP owned by **Rtn. Ajay Bhauwala** was one of the Sponsors for The Flight of Fantasy where underprivileged children flew down to Hyderabad from Pune for a 3 day vacation. Their dream of traveling by Air came true. It was a feeling that cannot be expressed in words.



**Rtn. Dr. Sreenath S. Manikanthi** was invited as the Chief Guest to commemorate "World Breastfeeding Week" at Shridevi Institute of Medical Sciences & Research Hospital, Tumkur. During the event, he delivered an insightful talk on the importance of breastfeeding, the care of preterm babies, and the critical role of human milk banking.



Fibrotech FRP owned by **Rtn. Sanjay Agarwal** was thrilled to receive the Best Product Award in the Infrastructure Sector from the India Trade Awards. This recognition of their FRP products fuels their commitment to deliver top-notch, sustainable solutions in the infrastructure space.

# Congratulations!



**Rtn. C. K. Reddy** received the Achiever's Club award from Sharp in Bali, Indonesia. The Achiever's Club Award is a recognition given by the OEM (Sharp) for those who achieve a set business target for a particular period to motivate the PAN India dealers.

# Congratulations!



# LIFE-CHANGING MOMENTS

We are excited to introduce a new feature in Crossing titled "Life-Changing Moments", where you can share personal experiences that made a difference in your life and the lives of others. This is an opportunity to inspire and connect with your fellow Rotarians through your stories.

We invite all members to contribute their experiences. To begin this journey, we present the first true-life experience shared by Rtn. Dr. Vasu Deo Sarda.

On my daily drive to work along Rose Garden Road, from South End Circle to JP Nagar, I often noticed a teenage boy standing at the traffic signal, his hand outstretched, begging for some spare change. Just a little further back, at the previous signal, other boys were busy selling roses, trying to make an honest living.

One day, an inspiration hit me. I stopped at the signal and bought 100 roses from one of the young vendors. Then, I handed the entire bunch to the boy who had been begging and suggested he try selling them instead. I encouraged him to add ₹1 to the usual price for each flower. The next day, I was thrilled to see that he had sold every single rose and made ₹100 profit. His success motivated me to continue buying roses for him to sell in the days that followed.

After a while, the boy started giving me ₹100 every day. Though I never thought of it as a debt he owed me, I accepted the money, understanding that it was important for him to reclaim his self-respect.

Then, suddenly, he disappeared. Curious and concerned, I inquired about him, and to my surprise, I received a letter filled with heartfelt thanks and an invitation. I followed the directions in the letter and found myself standing before a small flower shop. There he was, eagerly waiting to welcome me as the guest of honour, to inaugurate his new business, the flower shop.

That moment was overwhelming. The joy of witnessing his transformation, knowing that a small act of kindness had helped him find a new path in life, was indescribable.

## From the Editor:

What a touching and inspiring story! It's amazing how a small gesture can create such a significant change in someone's life. This story serves as a beautiful reminder that sometimes, all it takes is a bit of support and encouragement to help someone transform their circumstances. Thank you for sharing this heartwarming experience!

# LEARN KANNADA

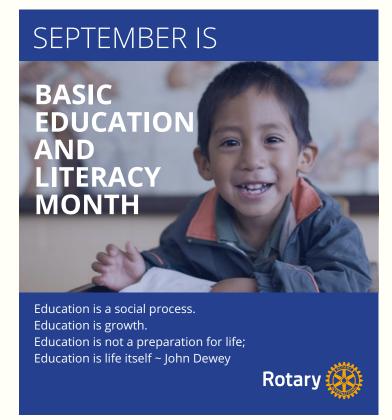
Prashne: Jagattinadyantha Rotary samsteyalli yeshtu clubgalive haagu ottu yeshtu sadasyarugaliddare?

Question: How many clubs and members are in Rotary organisation worldwide?

Uttara: Rotary samstheyalli 46 saavira clubgalu haagu 1.4 dashalaksha sadasyarugaliddare.

Answer: There are over 46,000 clubs worldwide, with a membership of 1.4 million.

#### Rtn. Vidya Suresh Arekere



**September is designated as Basic Education and Literacy Month by Rotary**, highlighting one of The Rotary Foundation's Seven Areas of Focus. Basic education and literacy are crucial for reducing poverty, improving health, fostering community and economic development, and promoting peace. Astonishingly, over 775 million people worldwide are illiterate, representing 17% of the global adult population.

Rotary's mission is to enhance the capacity of communities to support education and literacy, address gender disparities in education, and improve adult literacy rates. By empowering educators and inspiring lifelong learning, Rotary clubs around the globe are making a significant impact. Their efforts include:

- Opening new schools;
- Teaching adults to read;
- Introducing innovative teaching methods;
- Promoting healthy school environments.

As Mark Wilson aptly said, "When you teach somebody how to read, they have that for a lifetime. It ripples through the community, one by one."

The impact of education is profound. If all women completed primary education, maternal deaths would decrease by 66%. Additionally, children born to mothers who can read are 50% more likely to survive past the age of five. Furthermore, if every student in low-income countries left school with basic reading skills, 171 million people could be lifted out of poverty, representing a 12% reduction in global poverty.

Rotary clubs worldwide are taking meaningful action to enhance education and literacy in their communities. The Rotary Foundation ensures sustainable access to basic education and literacy by:

- Engaging communities in supporting educational programs;
- Increasing adult literacy rates;
- Addressing gender disparities in education.

Through these efforts, Rotary plays a vital role in advancing basic education and literacy across the globe.



#### Birthday's

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Rtn. Naresh Kumar Agarwal	05-Sep
Rtn. Siddappa M	09-Sep
Rtn. Nischeta Velu Pethi	09-Sep
Rtn. Kamlesh Dungarwal	09-Sep
Rtn. Arnav Dixit	10-Sep
Rtn. Shiva Kumar Agrawal	12-Sep
Rtn. Vineet Tandon	13-Sep
Rtn. Neeta Agarwal	15-Sep
Rtn. Mahesh Kumar Tayal	15-Sep
Rtn. Jitendra K Shetty	19-Sep
Rtn. Mahesh Khaitan	20-Sep
Rtn. Nawal Kishore Saraf	20-Sep
Rtn. Ritu Agarwal	25-Sep
Rtn. Gajender Agarwal	26-Sep
Rtn. Sarita Agarwal	27-Sep

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# Wedding Anniversary

Rtn. Velu Pethi B &	
Rtn. Reshma Velu Pethi	08-Sep
Rtn. Pradeep Kumar ET &	
Ann. Pradeep Maya	15-Sep



### THE GENESIS OF NITK BHIVE TOASTMASTERS CLUB

In the year 2019-20, during my tenure as Area Director for Area A, District 92 of Toastmasters International, one of my key goals was to start a new club. As I explored potential communities and corporate entities for this initiative, a significant collaboration between Toastmasters International and Rotary International was also underway.

Around the same time, past presidents of Rotary Bangalore Junction, Rtn. B.K. Krishnamurthy and Rtn. Santosh Kejriwal was contemplating the idea of launching a Toastmasters club. They approached me with their idea, and I was thrilled to offer my full support in making it a reality.



Rtn. B.K. Krishnamurthy, an alumnus of the National Institute of Technology, Karnataka (NITK), reached out to the owner of BHIVE, also an NITK alumnus, to secure a meeting space. With this collaboration, the **NITK BHIVE Toastmasters Club** was chartered on the 29th Feb, 2020.

The club quickly attracted many members from Rotary Bangalore Junction, providing an excellent platform for future Rotary presidents to hone their public speaking and communication skills. It was an exciting opportunity for me to support this club as a mentor.

Rtn. B.K. Krishnamurthy also enlisted the help of senior Toastmasters from the MECON Communication Club, including Distinguished Toastmasters A.K. Prabhakar and M.U. Bhat. Their mentorship and educational sessions significantly contributed to the club's success and longevity.

Rtn. B.K.Krishnamurthy was the club's **Charter President** and was succeeded by Rtn.Santosh Kejriwal.

I strongly encourage my fellow Rotarians to visit NITK BHIVE Toastmasters and discover how the club can enhance your communication skills and confidence. This is probably one of the initial Toastmasters clubs formed in collaboration with Rotary.

#### What is Toastmasters?

Toastmasters International is a nonprofit educational organization dedicated to building confidence and teaching public speaking skills through a global network of clubs that meet both online and in person. Its founder **Dr. Ralph C. Smedley**, formed the first official Toastmasters club in 1924,

Within a supportive community or corporate environment, members prepare and deliver speeches, respond to impromptu questions, and give and receive constructive feedback. This regular practice empowers members to achieve their personal and professional communication goals. Founded in 1924 by visionary Ralph C. Smedley, Toastmasters International is headquartered in Englewood, Colorado, and serves approximately 270,000 members in more than 14,000 clubs across 150 countries. The mission of Toastmasters International is to empower individuals to become more effective communicators and leaders.

**Rotarian & Distinguished Toastmaster Pradeep Kumar**