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ARTIFICIAL LIMB CAMP



The 6th Free Annual Mega Artificial Limb Camp, organized by the **Rotary Club of Bangalore Junction** in collaboration with **Dakshinamnaya Sri Sharada Peetham, Sringeri, and Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Seva Samiti (BMVSS)**, from September 27 to 29, 2024, at Sri Chandrashekhar Bharathi Kalyana Mantapa, Shankarpuram, Bangalore.

The camp saw an incredible turnout, benefiting over 350 recipients during the three days. The beneficiaries expressed immense satisfaction with the quality of the artificial limbs provided, bringing renewed hope to their lives.

Rtn. Siddharth Hamirwasia, President of Rotary Bangalore Junction, extended heartfelt gratitude to Dakshinamnaya Sri Sharada Peetham and BMVSS for their unwavering support in making the camp a success. He also acknowledged the generosity of

Rtn. Kamlesh Dungarwal for sponsoring the food services at the camp. Special recognition was given to **Rtn. Shankar Lal Agarwal**, who has chaired the camp for six consecutive years, for his dedication and leadership. Rtn. Siddharth also appreciated the commitment of all the Rotarians and Anns who worked tirelessly to ensure the success of this noble initiative.

The event attracted considerable attention, featuring coverage in both print media and local TV channels that showcased its transformative impact. The success of the camp is a powerful testament to the strength of service, collaboration, and compassion, creating meaningful change in the lives of those in need. This initiative not only uplifted individuals but also inspired the community to come together in support of a shared vision for a better future.

WE MEET FRIDAY 7pm at
Holiday Inn Bengaluru Racecourse



AYODHYA VARANASHI TRIP

Our 4-day journey to the sacred cities of Ayodhya, Prayagraj, and Kashi was an unforgettable experience. With a group of 76 enthusiastic travellers, we embarked on a spiritual adventure that would leave us with lifelong memories.

We left home at around 2 AM all in vibrant shades of yellow and fresh as a sunflower. Even though it was a very odd time but the enthusiasm kept us all energetic.

In Ayodhya, we received a grand welcome with drums playing, setting the tone for an incredible experience. We visited the birthplace of Lord Ram, absorbing the divine energy that permeates the air. The grandeur of the temples and the warmth of the locals left us in awe. We indulged in delicious snacks at Mourya Sweets, savouring the local flavours.

Next, we travelled in peaceful whites to Prayagraj, where the confluence of the Ganges, Yamuna, and Saraswati rivers took our breath away. A dip in the sacred waters was a rejuvenating experience, washing away our sins and refreshing our souls.

As we travelled to Benaras, our excitement grew, and we burst into impromptu singing, filling the bus with joyful melodies.

The next day In Benaras, all in earthy tones of red and orange, we got the divine darshan of Shri Kashi Vishwanath, one of the 12 jyotirlingas. The newly renovated temple was a sight to behold

and the energy there was unparalleled. It was 3 AM but thousands of devotees had already queued up chanting hymns to get one glance of the powerful Shivalinga. Later, we visited the Hanuman Garhi temple. In the evening, we witnessed the mesmerizing aarti at Assi Ghat onboard the Vajra, a big ferry on the Ganges. Still, unfortunately, we couldn't see the various Ghats and the main Aarti as the boat was not allowed to sail as the water level was high.

Nevertheless, we had local delicacies, sang bhajans and enjoyed the synchronized chanting of the Aarti and the fiery lamps created a surreal atmosphere. The vibrant ghats, the majestic Vishwanath Temple, and the serene Ganges River cruise left us spellbound. The group's collective energy and the city's spiritual vibe created a truly magical atmosphere.

On the last day, we wore blue and we felt blue as our trip was coming to an end. Throughout the trip, our group's camaraderie and shared experiences strengthened our bonds. We laughed, sang, and prayed together, creating memories that will last a lifetime.

This journey was more than just a trip – it was a spiritual odyssey that nourished our minds, bodies, and souls. We returned home with renewed energy, carrying the blessings of the divine cities and the love of our fellow travellers.

Rtn. Neeta Agarwal



12 September 2024 1:29 pm

WEEKLY MEETINGS

Weekly Meeting on 20th Sep, 2024

The weekly meeting was held on 20th Sep 2024, at the Hotel Adarsh Hamilton.

The guest speaker was **Mr. Ganesh V Shivaswamy - Author & Lawyer**. He spoke beautifully about the connection between art and advertising, focusing on the famous painter Raja Ravi Varma. He highlighted how Varma's artwork has been used in advertising, showcasing the artist's lasting influence. By blending traditional techniques with modern marketing, Varma changed how art is viewed in advertising. His legacy reminds us of the powerful impact art can have in this field, inspiring a greater appreciation for the relationship between art and advertising.

The meeting concluded with a Vote of Thanks by **Rtn. Vikash Agarwall**.

After the formal meeting concluded, members enjoyed a lively evening with cocktails, dinner, and music. The relaxed atmosphere allowed everyone to unwind and connect with each other. The music and masti added to the fun, making the evening a memorable and enjoyable experience for all.



The weekly meeting was held on **27th September, 24** at the Limb Campsite at Sri Chandrashekhara Bharathi Kalyana Mantapa, Shankarpuram, Bangalore.

The camp has already seen a fantastic turnout, with over 125 registrations on the first day, leaving recipients thrilled with the quality of the limbs provided.

Mr. Kamal Mehta from BMVSS commended the organization of this year's camp, emphasizing its potential to become an iconic event in the coming years.

Mr. Anil Surana from BMVSS suggested expanding the camp's reach beyond Bangalore to underserved areas such as Vijayapura, Dharwad, Manipal etc. where the need is greater.

Rtn. Siddharth Hamirwasia, President- Rotary Bangalore Junction informed that **PDG Rtn. Jitendra Aneja** proposed the formation of a Rotary Action Group to conduct similar camps internationally, furthering their mission. He concluded the meeting with a special thanks to **Rtn. Kamlesh Dungarwal** for sponsoring food services at the camp.



SEPTEMBER PROJECTS

Kudos to **IPP Rtn. Suresh Arekere** for arranging 4 laptops, which he sourced from Mr. Rakesh Arakare, CFO, Taegutec India Pvt. Ltd. These 4 laptops were donated by Taegutec to Gobalala Govt School (one of our Happy Schools). The same were handed over to Mr. Srinivasan, one of the Trustees of the school.

The children were glowing and elated to use these laptops placed in their computer lab. Mr. Srinivasan has personally thanked IPP Rtn. Suresh and the entire RBJ family for this gesture.

Thanks, Rtn. Suresh once again for being instrumental in this wonderful donation.



Free Breast Cancer Screening Camp

In a commendable effort to promote women's health, a free Breast Cancer Screening Camp was successfully organized by the Rotary Club of Bangalore Junction in collaboration with M.S. Ramaiah Hospital at Varne Foundation in Malleshwaram, Bangalore. This significant event saw a strong turnout with over 150 women registering for the screening.

Due to the limitations of the Mammography machine, which could accommodate up to 100 patients per day, only 110 women were able to be examined on the day of the camp. For those who were unable to be screened, appointments have been scheduled for

September 11, 2024, ensuring that every participant will have the opportunity to receive this crucial health check.

This initiative highlights the Rotary Club of Bangalore Junction's commitment to community health and well-being. It is indeed a proud moment for RBJ, reflecting the club's dedication to making a meaningful impact in the lives of individuals and contributing to the broader cause of early cancer detection and prevention.

A special thanks to **Rtn. Dr. B.D. Patel**, the chief coordinator for this camp, whose efforts were instrumental in its success.



Free Cancer Detection Camp

A free Cancer Detection & Screening being conducted along with the General Health Check-Up by our Partners in Service – M S Ramaiah Hospitals on 22nd September, 24.



VOCATIONAL NEWS

Breaking News: Landmark MoU to Transform Youth Employment in Karnataka

In a momentous step towards empowering the youth of Karnataka, the **Rotary Club of Bangalore Junction** has inked a groundbreaking Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **Reach Much Higher (RMH)** today. This strategic alliance was signed by President Rtn. Siddharth Hamirwasia, Club Secretary Rtn. Lalna Murthy, and RMH Chief Operating Officer in the august presence of the entire Board Members of the club, especially Club Mentor Rtn. Shri Naval Kishore Ji, whose guidance and vision continue to inspire us all.

Rotary International, known worldwide for its relentless focus on Vocational Service, once again demonstrates its commitment to creating a better future. This collaboration is set to up-skill and employ 2,500 youth from ITIs, PU colleges, degree colleges, universities, and other vocational training institutes across Karnataka.

But this is more than just a partnership—it's a mission with a purpose. The ultimate goal is to eradicate unemployment in India, one job at a time. With training, guidance, and employment opportunities, these young individuals will not only step into the job market but also become the pillars of a thriving nation.



Thank you, Rotary Club of Bangalore Junction, for your unwavering support in making this vision a reality. Together, we are not just changing lives; we are changing the future of our country. With the signing of the MoU between Rotary Club of Bangalore Junction and Reach Much Higher (RMH), thrilled to share that the first 50 youth have been identified for training in the Office Assistant job role. This marks the beginning of our bold mission to up-skill and employ 2,500 young talents across Karnataka. Adding to the excitement, a co-branded training book (Rotary Club of Bangalore Junction) on Office Assistant Job Role capturing is being released soon. This covers the syllabus defined by the Govt and much more (Adds current industry practices as well). The response from our esteemed members for offering jobs to these youth has been overwhelming, showing immense support and commitment to this impactful initiative. We will be announcing the official launch date shortly—stay tuned for more updates! Together, we are not just creating jobs; we are shaping the future!

Rtn. Dr. O.P. Goel - Director Vocational Service

The Vocational Training Program - Siddhi, which is a short-term training program for the job role - Office Assistant was inaugurated at St. Joseph's Institute of Skills. Father Deepak Joseph, Director- St. Joseph's Institute of Skills welcomed the gathering and Rtn. Dr.O.P.Goel, Director of Vocational Services gave an overview of the Siddhi program and its objectives. President Rtn. Siddharth Hamirwasia briefed on the significance of the Office Assistant Training program and employability. Chief Guest for the event Dr A.K.Joshi, Founder Vice Chancellor of CMR University distributed the training course kits to the students and also addressed the students. 50 students would be trained in this program. Kudos to **Rtn. Dr.O.P.Goel and the Reach Much Higher team** for conceiving and launching this program.



KNOW YOUR ROTARIANS

The year 1999 holds a very special place in my life. This year I not only got married but also made a life-changing move from Delhi to Bangalore, where I embarked on my professional journey from scratch. By 2004, with a firm grasp of the local language and an understanding of the city's pulse, I ventured into the trading business, focusing on furniture manufacturing products.



In 2007, I took a significant leap forward by opening a store specializing in Green Ply products and premium hardware from reputable brands. This marked a turning point in my career, laying the foundation for future growth.

Like any meaningful journey, mine was filled with both triumphs and challenges, personally and professionally. These experiences fueled my desire to give back to society, which led me to join the Lions Club of Bangalore City in 2019.

In 2021, I deepened my commitment to community service by joining the Rotary Club of Southend. That same year, I ventured into residential interior projects, offering clients end-to-end solutions—from initial design to the moment they receive the keys to their dream homes.

Recently, I celebrated a milestone that fills me with immense pride: the successful completion of my 27th residential interior project in the city. Each project has been a rewarding experience, but reaching this milestone has been particularly special. This achievement symbolizes not only the growth of my business but also the trust and satisfaction of my clients, who rely on us to transform their visions into tangible, beautiful spaces.

Rtn. Vikash Agarwall

NEWS FROM INNER WHEEL CLUB OF BANGALORE JUNCTION

The Inner Wheel Club of Bangalore Junction organised a 4.0 Car Rally Treasure Hunt on September 15, 2024, to raise funds for women's empowerment, hearing-impaired initiatives, child welfare, and education. It was a day filled with fun, excitement, and purpose as participants solved clues, raced through a 31 km route, and captured unforgettable moments. All 101 enthusiastic participants came together not only for a thrilling adventure but also to raise awareness for cervical cancer, with each car displaying a vital message supporting the cause.



INSTALLATION OF ROTARACT CLUBS

The installation of the **Yenepoya Rotaract Club** was held on 26th September, 24 at the Yenepoya College Premises. Mr. Minhaj was appointed as the Charter President, with Geetha Priya serving as the Charter Secretary. The event marked a significant milestone for the club, highlighting the club's commitment to community service and leadership development among the youth.



The installation ceremony of the **Rotaract Club of Gems B School** took place on 21st September 2024 at the school premises. Rtr. N. Sasritha Reddy was installed as the President for the year 2024-25, while Rtr. Soumaditya Roy assumed the role of Secretary. The event set the tone for an exciting year of service and leadership at the club.



INSTALLATION OF INTERACT CLUB

The installation of the **Bhavan Interact Club** was held on 25th September 2024 at Bhavan Bangalore Press School. Mr Chetan Kumar assumed the role of President, while Mr Harsha was appointed as the Secretary. The event marked the start of a dynamic year ahead, dedicated to leadership development and community service among its members.



The installation ceremony of the **Interact Club of Christ Academy Junior College** took place on 21st September 2024 at the college premises. Ms. Harshitha K was installed as the President, and Ms. Sinchana Nekraje assumed the role of Secretary for the year 2024-25. The event set the stage for a promising year of leadership and community engagement.



ROTARIANS IN THE NEWS

Trade Vision India Pvt Ltd, owned by **Rtn. Suresh Arekere**, was honored by 3M as the Business Development Champion 2024 in the Highway Safety Portfolio.

Congratulations to Rtn. IPP Suresh on this remarkable achievement!



Nova Formworks, owned by **Rtn. Asheesh Mittal** was recognized by Industry Outlook as one of the Top 10 Formworks and Scaffoldings Manufacturers in India for 2024. The company also received an accolade from the prestigious GIBCO Summit 5.0 for excellence in the 'Best Building Materials Supply Category.'

Congratulations to Rtn. Asheesh Mittal and his team on these outstanding achievements!



Fibrotech FRP, owned by **Rtn. Sanjay Agarwal**, has been awarded "Best Exterior Building Materials Manufacturer" at the GIBCO 5.0 Summit, held at the J.N. Tata Auditorium in Bangalore.

This prestigious recognition reflects the dedication and commitment of Rtn. Sanjay and his team in delivering innovative and high-quality FRP solutions.

Congratulations!



Bharat Structurals & Blue Sands owned by **Rtn. Rajesh Agarwal** was recognized as the "Best Steel Supplier and Best Emerging Developer for 2024" at the GIBCO 5.0 Summit.

Congratulations to Rtn. Rajesh on this remarkable achievement!



LEARN KANNADA

Prashne 1: Rotary Samstheyu pramukhavaagi yara yara jothe kelasamaduttide?

Question 1:Which are the organisations Rotary primarily work with?

Uttara 1: Rotary pramukhavaagi Bill & Melinda Gates, WHO, UNICEF, USCDC, Gavi, Vaccine lasike maithri, ShelterBox mattu UNESCO Samsthegala jothegoodi Seva karyakramagalu haagu manavathavadi karyakramagalannu yashavi yaagi nadesuttide.

Answer 1: Rotary primarily works with Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, WHO, UNICEF, U.S. CDC, Gavi, The Vaccine Alliance, ShelterBox and UNESCO Organisations, collaborates with them to successfully carry out global service and humanitarian initiatives.

Rtn. Vidya Suresh Arekere

To our dear friend,



DR. SAMEER HARIANI

NO ONE STAYS FOREVER IN THIS WORLDLY TIDE,
BUT LIKE YOU, SAMEER, NO ONE SHOULD LEAVE IN SUCH STRIDE.

A BROTHER TO ME, HUMBLE, WISE, AND BRIGHT,
IN ROTARY'S CIRCLE, YOU SHONE WITH PURE LIGHT.

A VOICE OF KNOWLEDGE, YOUR WORDS CARRIED GRACE,
WITH DREAMS AND A HEART THAT COULD UPLIFT ANY PLACE.

GONE FAR TOO SOON, THE BRIGHTEST STAR'S FLAME,
OUR DISTRICT WILL NEVER QUITE FEEL THE SAME.

WE STAND SHATTERED, WITH HEARTS TORN APART,
FOREVER, SAMEER, YOU'LL LIVE IN OUR HEARTS.

PDG JEETENDRA & SUNANDA ANEJA
RID 3192

Greetings

Birthday's

Rtn. Umesh Kholay	03-Oct
Rtn. Sushil Agarwal	08-Oct
Rtn. Sanjay Garg	11-Oct
Rtn. Sanjay Shand	15-Oct
Rtn. Uma Hamirwasia	15-Oct
Rtn. Ghanshyam Maskara	17-Oct
Rtn. Dhananjay Joshi	18-Oct
Rtn. Sunil Dokania	18-Oct
Rtn. Manish Bojjawar	20-Oct
Rtn. Manjri Joshi	22-Oct
Rtn. Nikhil Nanaiah	22-Oct
Rtn. Nitin Agarwal	24-Oct
Rtn. Sukanya Raj	24-Oct
Rtn. Mudita Das	26-Oct
Rtn. Arun Ladha	27-Oct
Rtn. Bipinram Agarwal	28-Oct
Rtn. Bopaiah M D	28-Oct
Rtn. Amrisha Kothari	29-Oct
Rtn. Narayan Gupta	29-Oct
Rtn. Sreenath Manikanti	31-Oct

Ann. Anjali Goyal	01-Oct
Ann. Pooja Jalan	04-Oct
Ann. Urmila Rander	09-Oct
Ann. Neelam Jajodia	13-Oct
Ann. Supriya Aggarwal	15-Oct
Ann. Neelima Patwari	17-Oct
Ann. Prerna Dixit	18-Oct
Ann. Sita Marda	19-Oct

Wedding Anniversary

Rtn. B G Raj & Rtn. Sukanya Raj	22-Oct
Rtn. Jitendra K Shetty & Rtn. Shakila Shetty	30-Oct
Rtn. Anil Goyal & Ann. Anjali Goyal	31-Oct



Happy Diwali

Congratulations to **Rtn. Neeta Agarwal** for receiving "The 21st Century Emily Dickinson Award" for her poetry collection "**Lamhe**"

Presenting here one of her poems
"कल्पना"

अपना देश कहने से दुनिया पराई हो जाती है
सुना है कल्पना कभी कभी रंग लाती है

कल्पना ऐसे विश्व की जहाँ सरहदें न हों
दिलों को बांटें ऐसी लकीरें न हों

कल्पना ऐसे राज्य की जहाँ कोई कानून न हो
जहाँ आन बान और शान का कभी खून न हो

कल्पना ऐसे इंसान की जिसका हर कोई अपना हो
जहाँ हर आँख में ज्योति हो हर आँख में सपना हो

कल्पना ऐसी धरती की जिसका कोई कण न सूखा हो
कल्पना ऐसे वक्त की जब कोई पेट न भूखा हो

कल्पना ऐसे घर की जो दिलों से बना हो
जो त्याग पर खड़ा हो और प्यार से सना हो

कल्पना ऐसी सड़क की जहाँ कोई लावारिस न हो
हर इंसान अपने दम पर हो कोई सिफारिश न हो

कल्पना ऐसे दिल की जिसमें न कोई मलाल हो
जहाँ हर लाल की माँ हो और हर माँ का लाल हो

कल्पना ऐसे प्रेम की जहाँ हर प्रेमी कृष्णा राधा हो
जहाँ प्रेम का मतलब पूजा हो और सब कुछ सीधा-साधा हो

कल्पना ऐसे मज़हब की जिसमें ईश्वर का बंटवारा न हो
जहाँ धर्म के नाम पर खून बहाना किसी को गवारा न हो

जहाँ "वसुधैव कुटुम्बकम्" की भावना कण-कण में व्याप्त हो
जहाँ साईं जितना दे वो सबके लिए पर्याप्त हो

कल्पना ऐसे विश्व की जहाँ न तोपें हों न बम हों
जहाँ एक राष्ट्र हो, एक ध्वज हो और एक मन हो

सुना है कल्पना कभी कभी रंग लाती है
अपना देश कहने से दुनिया पराई हो जाती है

Rtn. Neeta Agarwal

