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## DIWALI MEET - THE SUNDOWN SPARKLE: An Evening of Lights, Laughter and Togetherness.



This year, our **Diwali celebration** was nothing short of magical—a perfect blend of tradition and bonding. The entrance to the hall was adorned with marigold flowers, glowing divas, twinkling fairy lights, and vibrant rangoli patterns that set the festive mood. The air was filled with the joyful chatter of Rotarians. As everyone gathered, they merged into the true festival mood —bonding over food, music, and laughter.

After the long drive to the venue and the hunger pangs, it was a treat to dive into the all-time favourite golgappas and the variety of other yummy and spicy chaats, not to forget the jhal-moori wala, who kept moving around the tables, happily preparing it according to each person's taste-buds.

The highlight of the evening, however, was the traditional Diwali card games. Oh! The card tables were the hub of excitement and friendly competition, which brought out everyone's playful side. Cheers of victory and groans of near misses kept the energy alive. It wasn't about the winnings but the joy of being together and having fun.

As the evening deepened, the celebration continued with great excitement. Crackers lit up the night sky, symbolizing hope and positivity. The lovely ladies, together holding sparklers, were indeed a sight to behold! To add to this, the floating of lighted divas into the

pool and the warm flickering glow in the water were, once again, a mesmerizing scene.

The Lucky Draw came as a surprise- it was super exciting waiting for the names of the lucky winners to be called out and then to hear the squeals of delight from those who had won a prize.

On this auspicious day, two new jewels were inducted into the Rotary Family, further strengthening our commitment to service.

Soon, the night transitioned into a lively music and dance session. From old Bollywood classics to peppy modern beats, there was something for everyone. Some sang along, others clapped to the rhythm, and the most energetic ones hit the dance floor.

This Diwali, we were reminded again that the greatest light comes from within us. We were reminded of the power of community and the impact we can have when we all come together.

Let us carry the light of Diwali with us throughout the year, inspiring us to continue serving others and making a difference to the world.

Here's to many more celebrations filled with warmth, joy, and togetherness!

**Ann. Rekha Kedia**

WE MEET FRIDAY 7pm at  
Holiday Inn Bengaluru Racecourse





## WEEKLY MEETING

The weekly meeting was held on 29th Nov,2024 at Holiday Inn, Bangalore.

**Rtn.T.K.Chandramouli** from the Indiranagar Rotary Club was the guest speaker and delivered an engaging talk on "**Good Old Bengaluru.**" As a Toastmaster, he captivated the audience with an insightful presentation on Bangalore's rich history, spanning over 1,000 years. He skillfully shared fascinating facts and examples, making the historical journey both informative and entertaining. The session not only deepened the audience's knowledge but also provided a fresh perspective on the many intriguing aspects of Bangalore's past.

In the absence of President Rtn. Siddarth Hamirwasia, the Vice President **Rtn. Kamal Karnani** presided the meeting.

Past President **Rtn. M P Krishnan** gave a vocational talk on his professional and business journey.

**Rtn. Vikash Agarwall** read out the Four Way Test and **Rtn. Nikhil Nanaiah** gave the vote of thanks.





## THE MALUR GOUSHALA

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to **PP Rtn. Sanjay Agarwal** for successfully raising **Rs.13.5 Lakhs** in CSR funds for the noble cause of supporting the **Malur Goushala**. These funds are dedicated to the construction of a shed and other essential facilities at the Goushala.

The Goushala Committee sincerely appreciates PP Rtn. Sanjay Agarwal for his personal involvement, as well as his family members, including his cousin Shri Nailesh Rawalwasia, Rtn. Ajay Bhauwala, and everyone who contributed to this generous cause.

A special thanks to **M/s Amazon Distributors Pvt Ltd** for their significant generosity in releasing CSR funds to support this meaningful initiative.

We are pleased to report that the construction of the shed is already progressing well and is expected to be completed by the end of December.

**Savita Bhauwala**  
**Director - Community Service**



## ANNOUNCEMENT

**Rtn. Savita Bhauwala, Director - Community Service**, has requested members to support in raising **₹4.1 lakh** for three important projects:

1. **Fixing of 26 windows with aluminium frames at National Residential School for Deaf & Dumb** – ₹1,84,080
2. **Rejuvenation of the 27-acre Tipur Lake** – ₹1,25,000 (A joint project with Rotary Club of Tiptur, benefiting drinking water supply and agricultural purposes for 10 villages)
3. **Scholarship for an orphan student at Yenepoya College** – ₹1,00,000 (For this year's fees)

Thanks to the generosity of President Rtn. Siddarth Hamirwasia and fellow members, including Rtn. Bimal Goenka, Rtn. Anand Dokania, Rtn. Rajendra Yaduka, Rtn. Narayan Gupta, Rtn. Bipin Ram Agarwal, Rtn. Murali Lal Agarwal, Rtn. Mahesh Khaitan, Rtn. Shankar Agarwal, Rtn. Vineet Kabrra, Rtn. Rajesh Agarwal, Rtn. Sanjay Jallan, Rtn. Sushil Khemka, Rtn. Shiv Kumar Agarwal, and Rtn. Ashok Kejriwal, ₹4.1 lakhs were raised within a few days.

**A heartfelt thank you for your generous support!**

## INNOVATIVE VILLAGE ADOPTION PROJECT

RBJ was honored with the Innovative Project Award for its Village Adoption initiative, which was accepted by Past Secretary **Rtn. Jitendra Shetty** on behalf of IPP Rtn. Suresh Arekere.

Under the leadership of **IPP Rtn. Suresh Arekere**, RBJ adopted the village @ Dwaranakunte in Sira Taluk. Over 80 impactful projects were executed, starting with the transformation of a school built in 1957 into a model school. Other initiatives included the creation of a world-class bus stand, an upgrade to the Panchayat Office, and much more.

RBJ extends its heartfelt congratulations to IPP Rtn. Suresh Arekere and his team for their outstanding work on this remarkable & innovative project.

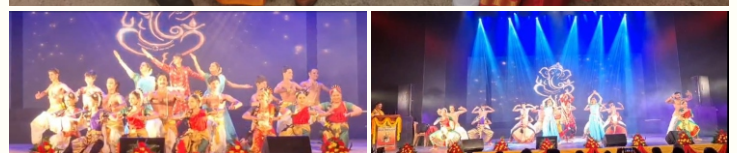


## RAJYOTSAVA CELEBRATIONS

Rotary Bangalore Junction was proud to be one of the sponsoring clubs for the Rotary District Kannada Rajyotsava program "Nava Suma" held on 20th November 2024, at Chowdiah Memorial Hall.

Four eminent personalities - Sri Jeevananda Venugopalaswamy, Sri Gurukiran-Music Director, Sri Nitin Shah-Director, Sapna Book House and Smt Umadevi Nagaraj-Snooker Champion & Rajyotsava Awardee were felicitated on this occasion.

Folk Artist Smt. Savithakka and team entertained the audience with their vibrant music program. The finale was the amazing Dance Drama - "Wodeyar Vybhava" enacted by Dr. Sanjay Shantharam and troupe. This rich cultural program captivated and mesmerized the audience.



## NEW JEWELS

I'm **Abhishek Kandoi**, married to Rupal, and we're proud parents to our 13-year-old daughter, Anvika. Originally from Rajgarh, Rajasthan, I now live with my parents. My educational journey took me through St. Paul's for school, Jain College for my undergraduate studies, and then on to ICFAI, where I earned my CFA.



When I'm not working, you'll often find me traveling, reading, or experimenting with new recipes in the kitchen. I also enjoy staying active through badminton, snooker, and chess—sports that keep me both competitive and sharp.

I'm proud to be part of several organizations, including BNI, Round Table, Agarwal Samaj, and the Granite Association, which help me stay connected with a network of like-minded professionals.

Professionally, I'm deeply involved in two exciting ventures. **Swastik Marbles** is our family business, where we specialize in a range of imported and Indian marbles, granite, natural stones, and quartz. In addition, I also own **Meyaa**, a high-end designer boutique in Indiranagar that offers curated fashion for both men and women, bringing contemporary luxury to the neighborhood.

**Rtn. Abhishek Kandoi**

My name is **Viineet Kabrra**, and I am originally from Kolkata. I recently relocated to Bangalore. While I was born in Ranchi, the capital of Jharkhand, I grew up in the vibrant city of Kolkata, also known as the 'City of Joy'. My family hails from Laxmangarh, Rajasthan.



We are a close-knit nuclear family consisting of my mother, my wife, our two children—a daughter and a son—and myself.

I have a deep passion for travel, as it allows me to explore diverse cultures around the world. I also enjoy swimming and listening to music. I strongly believe that we are here for a purpose, to contribute meaningfully to society and make a positive impact in people's lives.

I began my professional journey in the Bearings Industry, which my father founded. I continue to build on his legacy, adding value to the business. My passion for Real Estate led me to start my own company, specializing in real estate consultancy across all sectors. We offer our services throughout Bharat.

In addition, I am in the process of launching a new venture focused on interior design and furniture supply for corporate clients.

**Rtn. Vineet Kabrra**

## TALK ON VOCATION BY RTN. M P KRISHNAN AND HIS PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS JOURNEY

Started professional career in 1976 at the age of 18.

Worked with Natesan's Antiquarts, Johnson & Johnson, Carrier Aircon, Whirlpool.

Started a business in glass in 1993.

Etching and staining to begin with.

Clients included Infosys, the Army, filmstars, Mathematics genius Sankuntala Devi, Don Muthappa Rai and our own Milind Deshpande, Siddappa, PDG Manjunath Shetty, Rajendra Rsi, U B Bhat and the present DG Srinivas Prasad and many others including other Rotary Clubs and it's members.

In 2003 ventured to represent Glass major Saint Gobain for the then newly introduced Planilaque glass.

In 2010 moved to our own factory by constructing 6000 sft for manufacturing.

Added 14000 sft in 2015 and later in 2022 another addition totalling 30000 sft for manufacturing products for Saint Gobain.

Today the kitchen and wardrobe shutters, LED mirrors, writing board surfaces are being manufactured for Saint Gobain from this facility.

We also specialise in glass skylights, internal partitions, UPVC doors and windows, aluminium windows, Shower Enclosures and other interior requirements in glass.

We have ventured into Home Interiors taking up the entire interior solutions be it a kitchen, wardrobes, TV units and vanity mirrors of all shapes and sizes.

Our recent addition is the U V printing machine through which we can do your wall coverings, family photos, holiday pictures that can be true to life images that is printed, laquered, laminated and framed - ready to be used.

We work with major architects and contractors and also take up the smallest of works.

Finally my journey is closely associated with my manufacturing and business career. I have learnt and applied the 4 guiding principles of Rotary and the experience gained by interacting with you Rotarians.

Thankful for the time given to me and may I invite you to my factory and showroom at the time of your convenience.

**Rtn. M.P.Krishnan**





## DECEMBER IS ROTARY'S DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT MONTH

December is Rotary's Disease Prevention and Treatment Month, and it's a time when Rotary members focus on efforts to prevent and treat disease:

- **Eradicating polio:** Rotary's top priority is to eradicate polio.
- **Setting up health camps and training facilities:** Rotary members set up these facilities in under served communities and in communities struggling with HIV/AIDS and malaria.
- **Designing and building infrastructure:** Rotary members design and build infrastructure to allow doctors, patients, and governments to work together.
- **Supporting studies:** Rotary members support studies related to disease prevention and treatment.
- **Helping immunize people:** Rotary members help immunize people against infectious diseases.
- **Improving drinking water:** Rotary members improve drinking water and sanitation infrastructure.

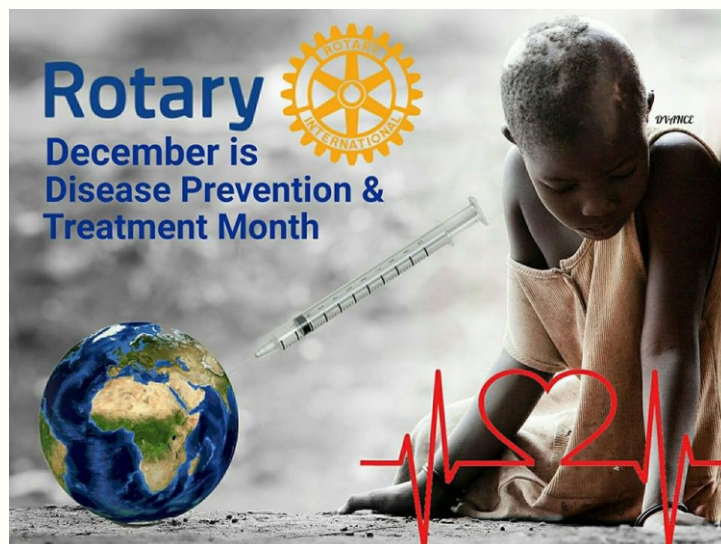
Other events that take place during December include:

- World AIDS Day on December 1st
- International Day of Disabled Persons on December 3rd

At Rotary Bangalore Junction, **Healthcare projects** have been a major focus area and we have executed many projects towards this cause over the years. Some of the notable projects are - Installation of a Mammography Machine at Maharaja Agrasen Hospital, Establishing a Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at Rangadore

Memorial Hospital, Installation of an Optical Coherence Topography facility, Mobile Eye Screening & General Health Check-up Van, Organizing mega Limb donation Camps, Setting up a Human Milk Bank, Donating towards Cathlab equipment at Rangadore Hospital, Mobile Cancer Check-up Van, Donation of Wheel Chairs, etc.

**Let us renew our commitment towards this cause and continue to help people to live healthy lives.**



## NCWI BANGALORE

**For over 100 years, the National Council of Women in India (NCWI;** founded in 1919 by Lady Meherbai Tata) has been continuously organizing, through its branches in 16 Indian cities, a wide range of initiatives and programs for the upliftment and empowerment of underprivileged women and children. For the last 56 years, NCWI's Bangalore branch (founded in February 1966), has been spearheading NCWI's mission in Bangalore's Siddapura area.

NCWI is associated with the International Council of Women (ICW; founded in 1888, headquartered in Paris, France), the first truly global women's NGO. ICW played a key role in making sure that the United Nations Charter included women's equal rights, leading to the establishment of the Commission on the Status of Women.

We organize awareness programs on family planning, women's rights, family counselling, AIDS, health & hygiene, domestic violence, small savings, positive parenting, regular HEALTH (eye, dental, general health, etc.) CAMPS and job opportunities for less-educated women and other activities.

Some of the activities undertaken by the National Council of Women in India, Bangalore Branch:

**PRE-SCHOOL:** NCWI Bangalore runs an active pre-primary school for over 60 very cute children between the ages of 3 and 5 who are provided milk, mid-day meals, books and free uniforms including shoes and school bags.

**CERTIFICATE COURSES (6 months):**

- Tailoring classes are conducted for young girls and ladies who

go on to start their own tailoring unit, or pursue careers in tailoring and garment companies.

- Beautician classes are conducted for young girls and ladies who are all well placed after completion of the course

**SHORT-TERM COURSES:** Computers & Tally | Spoken English & Communication | Handicrafts | Cooking | Yoga | Self-Defence

**CLASSES:** Adult Education | Tuition for Children | Dance on Film Songs

**VOCATIONAL TRAINING:** Jewelry from Cloth | Candle Making | Tassels Making | Cotton Fabric Bags | Cotton Fabric Foot Rugs | Greeting Cards & Friendship Bands & many more

**WORKSHOPS:** Life Skills | Entrepreneurship | Financial Literacy | Career Options & Guidance

**COUNSELLING:** for adults

Annual competitions are held in different categories such as rangoli, spot stitching, healthy-baby show, sports & games and cultural performances.

NCWI Bangalore is not an aided organisation and does not receive any government funding. Our programs are made possible by donations from donors, members and well-wishers.

**Ann. Ritu Agarwal (Musaddi),** is the current President of NCWI, Bangalore Branch. She has been involved actively for the past 13 years in NCWI Bangalore and Rotary Club (Bangalore Junction) and involved in Event management of Club's various activities. NCWI's Headquarters is also currently in Bangalore for a term of 3 years (2023- 2026).



# Greetings

## Birthday's

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|--------------------------------|--------|
| Rtn. Ramawatar Agarwal         | 01-Dec |
| Rtn. B G Raj                   | 14-Dec |
| Rtn. Rajesh Agarwal (Sanwaria) | 14-Dec |
| Rtn. Lalit Agarwal             | 17-Dec |
| Rtn. Nitu Saraf                | 18-Dec |
| Rtn. Dilip Kumar Churiwal      | 19-Dec |
| Rtn. Rajesh Kumar Goel         | 23-Dec |
| Rtn. Prashant Mishra           | 23-Dec |
| Rtn. Lalit Mohan Rathi         | 29-Dec |

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| Ann. Shilpi Maskara    | 01-Dec |
| Ann. Kaushalya Agarwal | 01-Dec |
| Ann. Sneha Dungarwal   | 02-Dec |
| Ann. Lata Bansal       | 07-Dec |
| Ann. Nidhi Rathi       | 11-Dec |
| Ann. Uma Agarwal       | 12-Dec |
| Ann. Chandrakala       | 15-Dec |
| Ann. Sunita Goenka     | 25-Dec |
| Mr. Anand Dokania      | 27-Dec |

## Wedding Anniversary

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| Rtn. Vineet Tandon & Rtn. Richa Tandon       | 01-Dec |
| Rtn. Sanjay Garg & Ann. Sunita Garg          | 01-Dec |
| Rtn. Sunita Garg & Mr. Sanjay Garg           | 01-Dec |
| Rtn. Nikhil Nanaiah & Ann Meghana            | 02-Dec |
| Rtn. Ravikant & Ann Sandhya Mishra           | 02-Dec |
| Rtn. Sanjiv Goenka & Ann. Jyoti Goenka       | 03-Dec |
| Rtn. Abhishek Kandoi & Ann. Rupal Kandoi     | 04-Dec |
| Rtn. Satish Kumar Mittal & Ann. Alka Mittal  | 06-Dec |
| Mr. Anand Dokania & Rtn. Puja Dokania        | 07-Dec |
| Rtn. Sunil Bajaj & Ann. Kiran Bajaj          | 07-Dec |
| Rtn. Manish Bojjawar & Ann. Deepika Bojjawar | 08-Dec |
| Rtn. Umesh Kholay & Ann Shwetha Kholay       | 08-Dec |
| Rtn. Vineet Kapoor & Ann. Neha Kapoor        | 09-Dec |
| Rtn. Prashant Mishra & Ann. Purvi Mishra     | 10-Dec |
| Rtn. Rajesh Kumar Goel & Ann. Anju Goel      | 10-Dec |
| Rtn. Ravi Tayal & Ann. Neeru Tayal           | 10-Dec |
| Rtn. Sanjeev Agarwal & Ann. Asha Agarwal     | 12-Dec |
| Rtn. Dr. O P Goel & Ann. Raj Bala Goel       | 12-Dec |

## ROTARIANS & ANNS IN THE NEWS

The National Council of Women in India organized a conference on Social Entrepreneurship on November 27, 2024, at NMKRV College for Women. This remarkable event was hosted by the Bangalore chapter of the NCWI, led by our very own **Ann Ritu Agarwal** who is the President.

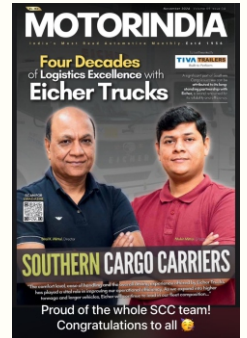
The conference featured an exceptional panel of philanthropists and social entrepreneurs from across India. Each speaker shared their valuable experiences and achievements in the field of social entrepreneurship.

Kudos to Ritu for her outstanding leadership in making this event a success!



Congratulations to **Rtn. Sital Kumar Mittal**, owner of Southern Cargo Carriers, on achieving four decades of logistics excellence with Eicher Trucks.

RBJ extends heartfelt congratulations to Rtn. Sital and his dedicated team for this remarkable milestone and wishes them continued success in the years to come.



Nova Formworks, owned by **Rtn. Asheesh Mittal** was honored with a testimony in the form of a trophy for Excellence in Quality from Sumadhura during their Annual Day celebrations!

This recognition reflects their commitment to top-quality products and services. He expressed gratitude for the trust and partnership and is excited to continue striving for excellence together.



A big congratulations to Rtn. Aasheesh Mittal and the entire Nova Formworks team for this well-deserved recognition!

## KNOW YOUR KANNADA

**Prashne:** Anthararashtriya Rotary Samstheya modalane mahiladyaksharu yaaru haagu aa Rotary varshavu yavudu?

**Question:** Who is the first woman president of Rotary International Organisation and in which Rotary year was that?

**Uttara:** Anthara Rashtriya Rotary Samsteya modalane mahiladyaksharu 'Jennifer Jones' haagu aa Rotary varshavu 2022-2023 agittu.

**Answer:** The first woman president of the Rotary international was 'Jennifer Jones' and it was in the Rotary year 2022-2023.

**Rtn. Vidya Suresh Arekere**