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WE MEET FRIDAY 7pm at
Holiday Inn Bengaluru Racecourse

CHARTER DAY CELEBRATIONS



Rotary Bangalore Junction celebrated its **15th Charter Day** in grand style at Opulent Spire, 9th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore. President Rtn. Siddharth, First Lady Rtn. Uma Hamirwasia, Club Service Director Rtn. Narayan Gupta and the entire Club Service Team put in tremendous effort to create a truly memorable evening for everyone.

"President Rtn. Siddharth kicked off the official meeting with a question that set the evening's tone: **"Are you all enjoying the evening?"** The Junctionites erupted with loud roars of approval, signalling that everyone was indeed having a fantastic time. He then thanked all the members for taking out time to attend this very special Charter Night Celebration and praised the organising team for curating such a wonderful and memorable evening.

He warmly welcomed DG Rtn. Mahadev Prasad, PDG Rtn. Jeetendra Aneja, Membership Chair & President Elect Rtn. Kamal Kishore Karnani, and Club Service Director Rtn. Narayan Gupta onto the dais. PDG Rtn. Aneja took everyone on a nostalgic journey down memory lane, recalling the club's formation 15 years ago with the sponsorship of Rotary Bangalore North. He highlighted the dedication and contributions of every member who has transformed the club into one of the **most esteemed** in Rotary District 3192.

The spotlight then shifted to the induction of the newest member, Rtn. Sanjay Agarwal. The Membership Chair read out his introduction in his own unique style, which was met with enthusiastic applause, welcoming him into the Junction family.



Next, DG and PDG jointly presented a memento to Rtn. Mahesh Kumar Tayal in recognition of his support for the International & Youth Service ICGF in October.

Finally, President Siddharth invited PP Rtn. Sanjay Agarwal and Rtn. Rekha Agarwal, who were celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary, as well as Ann Priya Khanna, celebrating her birthday, to come forward and cut their respective cakes. **In a moment filled with pride and joy, DG Mahadev Prasad, PDG Jitendra Aneja, and all Presidents - past, present, and future - had the honour of cutting the traditional Charter Cake."**



This year's Charter Night had a charm of its own. Held under a starlit sky, the open-air venue set the stage for an evening of fellowship and celebration. Guests were captivated by a mesmerizing live Ghazal performance by the talented Mr. Mukhtar Khan, whose soulful melodies added depth to the occasion. The serene outdoor setting, combined with Bangalore's pleasant weather, created the perfect ambience for members to connect, unwind, and celebrate together.

With every **soulful Ghazal** filling the air, each **sip of Jaam** added warmth to the evening, blending **melody and spirit** into a symphony of pure indulgence.

To round off the unforgettable evening, guests relished a sumptuous feast curated by Stegi, a modern Indian restaurant renowned for its exquisite fusion cuisine. Each dish was a delightful blend of tradition and innovation, offering a culinary experience that perfectly complemented the night's elegance and charm.

With its picturesque setting, heartfelt conversations, and an unforgettable blend of music and cuisine, this **Charter Night will be cherished** by RBJ members for years to come.



WEEKLY MEETING

The weekly meeting was held on 21st February 2025 at Hotel Holiday Inn, Racecourse Road, Bangalore.

President **Rtn. Siddarth Hamirwasia** warmly welcomed the gathering and opened the meeting with an intriguing story. He shared how, during World War II, a severe shortage of rice in India led to the creation of Rava Idli as a substitute for Rice Idli by the chefs at MTR (Mavalli Tiffin Rooms). This is a wonderful example of how necessity can spark delicious innovation!

He informed the members that the **Governor's Official Visit (GOV)** is scheduled for March 1, 2025, at The Capitol Hotel, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore. Highlighting its importance, he urged all members to attend without fail, as the GOV and Installation are the two most important meetings of the Rotary year.

Secretary, **Rtn. Lalana Murthy** presented a summary of the month's activities.

Rtn. Manish Bojjawar delivered the Four-Way Test in a captivating story format, which was highly appreciated by the audience.

Following this, **Ann. Supriya Agarwal** introduced the guest speaker **Ruchika Bhuwalka**, a passionate advocate for health and nutrition, who shared valuable insights on leading a healthy lifestyle. She was ably assisted by her husband and partner, **Mr. Ajay**, in her presentation. They are pioneers in promoting healthier food habits through their company, "Millet Amma". As the name suggests, she specializes in incorporating millet into everyday meals.

Ruchika shared an interesting incident about her husband's health deterioration, which was reversed by adopting a healthier lifestyle and replacing certain foods with millets. This experience led to the founding of **Millet Amma**. Ruchika and Ajay were also featured on "Shark Tank," where they received high accolades for their work.

Her talk was highly informative and well-received, followed by an engaging Q&A session.

Secretary **Rtn. Lalana Murthy** delivered the vote of thanks followed by the National Anthem.



THE LEGACY OF ROTARY BANGALORE JUNCTION

Rotary Bangalore Junction was chartered on **5th February 2010** with the core values of Service, Fellowship, Diversity, Integrity and Leadership.

Rotary Bangalore Junction was sponsored by Rotary Bangalore North with 34 Charter members, including five Past Presidents – Rtn. M.P.Krishnan, Rtn. Krishnamurthy B.K, Late Rtn. H.M.Sharma, Rtn. Jeetendra Aneja and our former member Dr. Anil Rao Paila.

The Charter was presented by the then **DG, Dr. S. Nagendra**, at the Charter presentation ceremony held on March 5, 2010. It was chartered as a “Hall of Fame Club” with **Rtn. Sanjay Sinha as the Charter President**. The present membership stands at 166, including 12 satellite club members.

Rotary Bangalore Junction has sponsored 7 Interact Clubs, 6 Rotaract Clubs, 1 Inner Wheel Club, 1 Rotary Club, 1 Rotary Community Corps (RCC) and 3 Satellite Clubs and they are our partners in service.

Some of the signature projects of Rotary Bangalore Junction, which have been executed over the last 15 years are -

- Furnishing Science Laboratory in Bhavan Press School
- Building 30 Toilet blocks for girls in Tumkur and Kolar districts
- Handwash & Drinking water stations in schools
- Renovation of School building of Sri Ramachandra Grameen Vidya Vikas Trust
- Paediatric Intensive Care Unit at Rangadorai Hospital

- Optical Coherence Tomography Machine at Cyte Care Hospital
- Mobile Van for Eye & Health Check-up
- Bosch Skill development program
- Renovation of Government Schools at Turahalli, Gubbalala, Ganigarapalya, Chandrapura and Shanthinagar
- Literacy projects
- Installation of Mammography Machine at Agrasen Hospital
- Donation of Cathlab equipment to Rangadore Hospital
- Tree plantation
- Projects Durga, Kamadhenu and Dignity towards Empowerment of women
- Teacher Training programs and honouring Nation builders
- Vocational Training Centres and Skill development programs
- Contributions towards heart surgeries
- Health Camps & Blood Donation Camps
- 100 Happy Schools
- Covid related projects
- Human Milk Bank Project
- Artificial Limb project
- Providing wheel Chairs
- Donation of traffic barricades with Rotary
- Malur Gaushala
- Cancer Check-up Mobile Van
- Adoption of a Village.



Rtn. Lalana Murthy
Secretary - 2024-25



LEGACY BUILDERS OF ROTARY BANGALORE JUNCTION



Rtn. Sanjay Sinha
(2010-2011)



Rtn. Abhay Dixit
(2011-2012)



Rtn. Nagaraj Rao
(2012-2013)



Rtn. Sanjay Agarwal
(2013-2014)



Rtn. Vijay Saraf
(2014-2015)



Rtn. Nawal Kishore Saraf
(2015-2016)



Rtn. Milind Deshpande
(2016-2017)



Rtn. Santosh Kejriwal
(2017-2018)



Rtn. Shankar Lal Agarwal
(2018-2019)



Rtn. B G Raj
(2019-2020)



Rtn. Velu B Pethi
(2020-2021)



Rtn. Ajay Bhaugwala
(2021-2022)



Rtn. Nitu Saraf
(2022-2023)



Rtn. Suresh Arekere
(2023-2024)



Rtn. Siddharth Hamirwasia
(2024-2025)



Rtn. Kamal Karnani
(President Elect 2025-2026)

DISTRICT CONFERENCE LAKSHYA – A MEMORABLE JOURNEY

The District Conference 2025, Lakshya, was an extraordinary experience, held aboard the **Cordelia**, a luxurious cruise ship that sailed from Kochi to Lakshadweep and onwards to Mumbai. With over 1300 members and their families attending, it became one of the largest gatherings of Rotary Club members.

The conference kicked off on January 29th with a welcoming session and exploration of the ship's amenities, including restaurants, a casino, fine dining, and a theatre. Many of us spent the afternoon on the deck, enjoying the panoramic view of the ocean and the stunning sunset, while some celebrated with friends, making new acquaintances, and enjoying a wide selection of liquors.

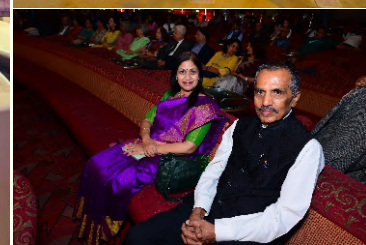
The following day, the ship anchored at Lakshadweep, where we had the opportunity to explore the island. We experienced a range of water activities, including glass-bottomed boat rides, banana boats, snorkeling, and diving. After a delightful day on the island, we set sail again and enjoyed another beautiful sunset before the evening festivities continued late into the night.

On January 31st, day two of the conference was dedicated to the proceedings of the event. PDG Suresh Hari brought great energy and humor to the session. Reports from various avenues of service were presented, while IPDG Rtn. Srinivas Murthy presented the previous year's accounts, which were accepted by the assembly. RI President's representative, IPDG Keshav from RID 3181, delivered an engaging and impromptu address, and our **DG Rtn. N S Mahadeva Prasad** spoke about the achievements of the year. The day was spent reconnecting with old friends, and the celebrations continued well into the night with dancing to famous film music.

The final day, February 1st, saw us disembark in Mumbai, leaving with cherished memories of a successful conference and unforgettable fellowship.



Rtn. M P Krishnan



DISTRICT GOVERNOR OFFICIAL VISIT

The full meaning of **GOV is Governor Official Visit**. Once a year the District Governor makes an official visit to each club in the District. The schedule is posted on the district website.

The purpose of the visit:

- To allow the District Governor to communicate with the club members;
- To be a useful counsellor to further the Object of Rotary among the clubs in the District and to assist those clubs that may need some guidance;
- To motivate Rotarians to participate in service activities to strengthen the programs of Rotary;
- Bring attention to important Rotary issues as they pertain to both the RI and District levels;
- Recognize the contributions of Rotarians in the club.



Meeting with the Club Executive or Board:

- This meeting takes place prior to or just after the club meeting and generally would last 1 hour; the meeting is presided by the District Governor; the Assistant Governor may wish to introduce the District Governor;
- Records that should be made available and appropriate copies made for the Governor are club goals as entered in Rotary Club Central, current year's board members, budget, prior year's financial statement and copies of the club bulletin.



Meeting Procedure:

- The District Governor and spouse are guests of your club for the Rotary meeting.
- The Governor's presentation is the program for the club and it is not appropriate to schedule any other program that day.
- Encourage members to plan arriving early for the meeting or staying late in order to visit with the District Governor.
- Encourage members to stand when the District Governor is introduced to welcome her and her spouse.
- Presentations to new Paul Harris Fellows, induction of new members and other honors are especially appropriate during the District Governor's visit and the

District Governor should be asked to participate in such events.

We are eagerly looking forward to the Governor's Visit to our club on 1st March 2025

KNOW OUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2024-25 / RI DISTRICT 3192



Nidasale Siddalingappa Mahadeva Prasad was born in Bangarpet, Kolar District.

Mahadev Prasad did his Primary Education from Parents Association School, Rajajinagar, Bangalore. He graduated with a specialization in CIVIL from the prestigious BMS College of Engineering, Bangalore.

Mahadev Prasad started his Rotary journey at Rotary Bangalore Highgrounds in the year 2004. He became the President of the Club in the year 2012-13. During the Presidentship, the club was awarded the 5 Star Award under the large club category. Presently he is a member of the Rotary Club of Bangalore Malgudi. He went on to serve District 3190 in various capacities such as Assistant Governor in 2015-16, Director of Community Service in 2017-18, Director of Measles & Rubella in 2018-19, Director of Habitat Development in 2019-20, Director Public Image in 2020-21.

Some of the Major activities and projects of his home club under his leadership was construction of 200 homes for the poor at Kanakapura, Tavarekere and Pavgada. Donated 6 Dialysis Machines to Jayadeva Hospital under the Global Grant project.

Organised and conducted Para Olympic National level selection at Bangalore. Fund Raising program "Aradhana" was a major success and collected Rs 60 Lakhs.

Under ICGF Public Image during 2018-19, Mahadev Prasad as Chairman of Nachley created a major awareness of cultural programs supported by Rotary.

Mahadev Prasad is a Level 2 Major Donor and has attended the International Convention held at Atlanta during the Rotary Year 2017-18.

His hobbies include Photography, playing Badminton and cricket. He is married to **Rtn. Rajeshwari** who became the **Charter President** of Rotary Bangalore Malgudi during the year 2015-16.

Mahadev Prasad's major achievements in Professional and Social life are;

- Sir M Vishveshwaraiah Award for his service and achievements in implementing Housing Schemes.
- National Award for e-Governance, 2010-11 Bronze Award, Electronic Fund Transferring System, Rajiv Gandhi Rural Housing Corporation Limited, Government of Karnataka for Innovative use of ICT by PSU's for Customer's Benefits.
- National Award for e-Governance, 2013-14 Gold Award, GPS Mobile based Housing Corporation Limited, Housing Department, Government of Karnataka for Innovative use of ICT by State Government. PSU's/ Cooperatives/ Federations/ Societies.

ROTARIAN IN THE NEWS

The **NITK Alumni Association (NITKAA) Bangalore Chapter** honoured **Rtn. Milind Deshpande** with the **Outstanding Achievers Award** on 22nd February 2025 at Hotel Taj Yeshwantpur, Bangalore, during the prestigious **NITKconnect-25** event.

This award recognizes his **remarkable dedication, expertise, and contributions**, making a significant impact in his field.

The NITKAA Bangalore Chapter proudly presented outstanding NITK alumni with awards in four prestigious categories at the NITKconnect-25 event. These awards celebrate remarkable achievements and excellence in their respective fields.

A distinguished jury of five eminent NITK alumni carefully selected the awardees based on their remarkable contributions and achievements.

Rtn. Milind Deshpande's recognition is a **testament to his perseverance, passion, and unwavering commitment to excellence**.

Heartiest congratulations to him on this well-deserved honour!



NEW JEWEL

Rtn. Sanjay Agarwal – A Journey of Hard Work, Growth, and Fulfillment

I was born and raised in Tinsukia, Assam, where I grew up with strong moral values of perseverance, honesty, and hard work— principles that have been the foundation of my journey through life.



After completing my Bachelor of Commerce (B.Com), I was eager to build something of my own. With a passion for entrepreneurship, I moved to Bangalore in the early 1990s and laid the foundation for Rajesh Plywoods, beginning with plywood trading.

Over time, the venture grew steadily, and in 2004, we expanded by opening multiple branches across Bangalore. In 2010, we took a significant step forward by establishing a granite manufacturing unit in Hosur, Tamil Nadu, further diversifying our ventures.

In **1997**, I married **Anju Agarwal**, and together we built a life of love, understanding and shared aspirations. Our daughters,

MEET OUR STAR ROTARIAN

Rtn. Dr Milind Deshpande:
A Visionary Leader in Infrastructure and Community Service



Rtn. Dr. Milind Deshpande is a **distinguished engineer, entrepreneur, and philanthropist** with a career spanning over four decades. He holds a B.Tech in Civil Engineering from NITK Surathkal, an Executive MBA from IIM Bangalore, and an Honorary Doctorate in Business Management. As a Fellow of the Institute of Engineers and a Certified Chartered Engineer, he has made substantial contributions to India's infrastructure sector.

As the Founder and Director of Vishal Infrastructure Ltd., he has been instrumental in shaping India's aviation and transportation landscapes. Under his leadership, the company has successfully completed over 63 runways and critical projects, including the iconic runways at Ayodhya, Leh, and Kolkata.

Beyond his entrepreneurial success, he has been an active **Rotarian since 1997**, leading several impactful community initiatives such as pediatric ICUs, cancer screening vans, and dialysis units. His leadership in these areas reflects his deep commitment to public welfare and nation-building. A passionate photographer, golfer, and lifelong learner, he continues to inspire those around him with his dedication and vision.

Rtn. Deshpande served as the **President of the Rotary Bangalore Junction (RBJ)** in the year **2016-2017**. Together with his wife, Rtn. Meera Deshpande, he is a proud member of the prestigious **Arch Klumph Society**, which recognizes the highest-tier donors to **The Rotary Foundation**, contributing over **\$250,000**. His generosity stands as a testament to his unwavering commitment to Rotary's mission and the betterment of society.

Deshna (born in 1999) and Akashi (born in 2004), have been our greatest blessings.

Beyond business, I find joy in **singing and building meaningful friendships**. Music has been a source of relaxation and joy, while friendships have enriched my life in countless ways. Equally important to me is **giving back to society**—for over **40 years**, I have actively served in various social organizations, a commitment I uphold with dedication.

In **2016**, with our professional and personal lives well established, we built **our own seven-floor apartment (15,000 sq. ft.)**, where we now reside along with nine tenants.

Life has been a journey of **hard work, love, and learning**. I believe growth is continuous, and I embrace every opportunity to evolve—both personally and professionally—while staying committed to my family, business, and the joy of making a difference in society.

ROTARY NEWS IN BRIEF

Our club has successfully delivered **five dialysis machines** to the Rotary District 3190 Dialysis Centre. This initiative was made possible through a generous CSR grant from **Pall Corporation**.

We deeply appreciate Pall Corporation's continued support, as they have consistently provided CSR grants for our other projects as well. Our heartfelt gratitude to them for their unwavering commitment to community service.



PP Rtn. B G Raj's sister **Chandrika Tandon**, an Indian-American musician, won the **Grammy Award** for her Best New Age, Ambient or Chant Album **"Triveni"**, celebrating music's power to spread joy and light on 2nd February 2025 at Lost Angeles, California, USA.

She said in her acceptance speech that "Music is love, music is light... music is laughter and let's all be surrounded by love, light, and laughter.

We are incredibly proud of her achievement and extend our heartfelt congratulations!



The South Asia International Peace Conference 2025 Car Rally was flagged off by DG Mahadev Prasad, Rotary District 3192 on 17th February 2025 at Shri Maruthi Mandira, Vijayanagar, Bangalore.

The conference will be held on 22nd & 23rd March 2025 at Dr. Jagajeevanram Research & Training Center, Bangalore



Did you know that the first female German Chancellor **Angela Merkel is a Rotarian?** She is a member Rotary Club of Stralsund-Hansestadt (stralsund-hansestadt.rotary.de) which was founded in 1991.

A leader of resilience and vision, Angela Merkel served as the Chancellor of Germany (2005–2021), shaping global policies and advocating for peace, stability, and humanitarian causes.

As a Rotarian, her commitment to service aligns perfectly with Rotary's mission to create lasting change.

In November 2015, Forbes magazine ranked Mrs Merkel the second most powerful person in the world - the highest ranking ever achieved by a woman - and later that year she was named Time magazine's "Person of the Year"



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CELEBRATES 120 YEARS OF SERVICE

Rotary International, one of the world's largest service organizations, celebrated its **120th anniversary on 23rd February 2025**.

The journey began on **February 23, 1905**, when **Paul P. Harris**, a Chicago attorney, convened a meeting with three business acquaintances to form **the first Rotary Club** in downtown Chicago, United States.

The name "**Rotary**" was chosen because, in its early days, members **rotated** their weekly club meetings among each other's offices.

Rotary's mission is to **"provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders."**

A **non-political and non-religious organization**, Rotary has grown into a global network with over **46,000 clubs** and **1.4 million members**, proudly known as **Rotarians**.

120 Years of Service, Fellowship, and Impact!



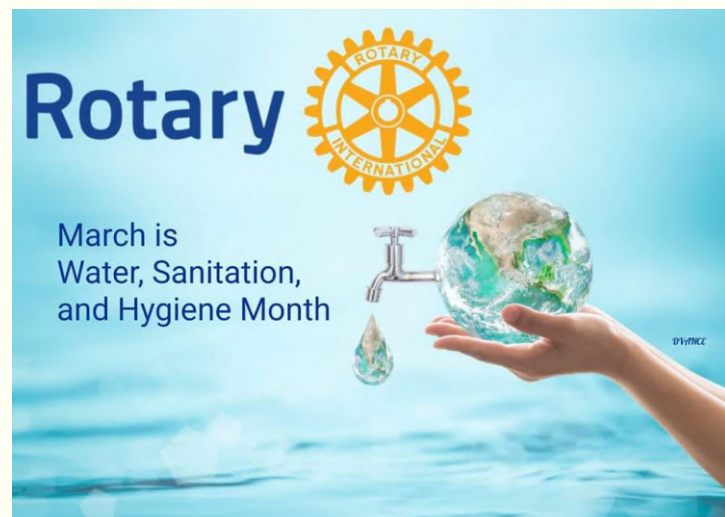
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

THE FOUR-WAY TEST

of the things we think, say or do

- 1 Is it the **TRUTH**?
- 2 Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- 3 Will it build **GOOD WILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- 4 Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

ROTARY'S MARCH THEME



In the Rotary world, March is designated as "**Water and Sanitation Month**", highlighting one of Rotary's key areas of focus. Additionally, March 22nd is recognized as **World Water Day**.

Access to safe drinking water is crucial for all life, yet many around the world still lack this basic necessity. Rotary works tirelessly to address this issue by installing drinking & hand wash stations in schools/villages, drilling wells and providing water filters to those in need. The COVID-19 pandemic has further underscored the importance of sanitation and hygiene, yet many communities still lack access to proper facilities and the education necessary to understand their significance. Rotary steps in to provide both the infrastructure and educational support needed to improve sanitation and hygiene in these areas.

Clean water, sanitation, and hygiene education are fundamental for a healthy environment and a productive life. When people have access to these resources, the impact is profound: waterborne diseases decrease, children stay healthier and attend school more regularly, and mothers can spend less time fetching water, allowing them to focus more on supporting their families. Through water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) programs, Rotary's people of action mobilize resources, forge partnerships, and invest in long-lasting infrastructure and training to bring about sustainable change.

The Rotary Foundation has invested over **\$148 million** in more than 2,000 Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene projects worldwide. Through these efforts, Rotary volunteers have provided access to safely managed and basic WASH services in communities, schools, and healthcare facilities, all while working to protect and conserve vital water resources.

Rotary Bangalore Junction has consistently been dedicated to supporting water and sanitation projects. RBJ has made a significant impact by constructing toilets and a hand-washing facility at the Government school in our adopted village, Dwaranakunte, Sira Taluk.

As part of the Sahayoga initiative, RBJ contributed **Rs. 1.25 lakh** towards the rejuvenation of Tiptur Lake.

These are just few examples of our commitment to creating healthier communities through focused and impactful initiatives.

INNER WHEEL CLUB OF BANGALORE JUNCTION

Chairman's Official Visit

The **Chairman's Official Visit (COV)** of the Inner Wheel Club of Bangalore Junction was held on 30th January 2025 at Ments, Bangalore. With a beautifully coordinated Inner Wheel-themed dress code—shades of blue for our club members, shades of yellow for the District Dignitaries, and shades of white for Co-Presidents and other clubs.

The General Body Meeting began with a warm welcome to District Chairman **Srimathi Master**, Vice District Chairman **Rajani Gowda**, District Executive Committee, guests and members of the club.

Club President Sunita Agarwal delivered the welcome speech, followed by Secretary Shweta Kholay, who presented the Secretary's report, highlighting the club's achievements and activities.

As part of the **Project of the Day**, the club donated 30 pen drives to the students of **Mitra Jyoti**, an organization dedicated to supporting the visually impaired—an initiative that was both meaningful and impactful.

District Chairman Srimathi Master, in her thought-provoking speech, commended the club's impactful projects, the enthusiastic participation of members, and the club's active involvement in district events.

Special Moments & Recognitions

- The special COV Club Bulletin, "Blossoms," was officially released—a moment of pride for the club.
- A milestone achievement was celebrated with the launch of the **club's YouTube channel**, created by Club Editor **Nimisha Ladha**.
- The club had the honor of felicitating Past Association President & Past District Chairman **Vinutha Harish** for her prestigious selection as the Association Vice President Elect for 2025-26.

With its meticulous planning, meaningful contributions, and inspiring moments, the Chairman's Official Visit truly reflected the



Sunita Agarwal
President – Inner Wheel Club of Bangalore Junction



ROTARY GOODWILL RIDE 2025: A Journey of Fellowship and Adventure

The Rotary Goodwill Ride 2025, organized by the **International Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians (IFMR)** India, was more than just a motorcycle expedition—it was a **celebration of camaraderie, culture, and adventure**. From February 14th to 23rd, 2025, **17 riders** from across the world embarked on a thrilling **1,200 km** journey through India's heartland, exploring its rich heritage and breathtaking landscapes.

The ride began in Agra, where the participants gathered for a warm welcome and a visit to the **Taj Mahal**, setting the stage for the days ahead. The following day, they traveled to Gwalior, delving into its historic charm before hitting the open road.

Over the next ten days, the riders navigated through some of Madhya Pradesh's most iconic destinations:

- **Orchha**, with its stunning palaces and riverside temples.
- **Khajuraho**, home to UNESCO-listed temples with intricate carvings.
- **Jabalpur**, where they witnessed the magnificent Marble Rocks of Bhedaghat.
- **Kanha Kisli National Park**, offering a thrilling wildlife safari.

Each stop added a new dimension to the experience—whether it was the twists and turns of scenic highways, the historical marvels, or the shared moments over evening bonfires. The ride was a true blend of adventure and fellowship, bringing together passionate Rotarians with a love for the open road.

The journey concluded in Bhopal on February 23rd, where a grand closing ceremony was held. **District Governor Rtn. Mahadev Prasad (Rotary District 3192)** graced the occasion, commending the riders and recognizing **Rotary Bhopal Shaurya** and **Rotary Bhopal Smart City** for hosting the event.

The Rotary Goodwill Ride 2025 was not just about the miles covered—it was about the friendships forged, goodwill spread, and the unforgettable experiences shared. As the engines cooled and riders parted ways, one thing was certain—this was a journey that would be remembered for a lifetime.



Rtn. Prasanth Mishra
President - IFMR 2024-25



ROTARY FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Rotary Fellowships began informally in 1928 when Rotarians with a shared interest in the language Esperanto joined together. In 1947, a group of Rotarian boating enthusiasts began flying the Rotary flag from their masts. Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians; this fellowship now boasts the longest continuous existence.

A Rotary Fellowship group is an international network of Rotarians who share a common interest, hobby, or profession, allowing them to connect with like-minded individuals around the world, further their vocational development, and enhance their Rotary experience through activities related to their shared passion; examples include cycling, photography, wine tasting, or healthcare professionals.

Key points about Rotary Fellowships:

Shared Passion: The core concept is that members unite around a specific interest, which could be a recreational activity, a professional field, or a cultural topic.

Global Network: Fellowships connect Rotarians from different countries, enabling them to build friendships and collaborate on projects across borders.

Benefits: Joining a Rotary Fellowship can provide opportunities to learn from others in the same field, explore new hobbies, and participate in service projects related to the shared interest.

Several fellowships are raising funds for TRF.

Open membership: Generally, any Rotarian, Rotaract member, or their family can join a fellowship based on their interest, regardless of their Rotary club.

How do I start a fellowship?

- Join a discussion group or start a new one. It's a great way to share your interest with other members.
- Use Rotary's presence on Facebook, Twitter, and Linked In to promote your idea.
- Ask your District Rotary Fellowship Chair for assistance. Reach out to District Rotary Fellowship Chairs in other countries to build membership. Ask for contact information at rotaryfellowships@rotary.org
- Be sure you meet the criteria for a fellowship and apply for official recognition

Rotary Fellowship Groups offer:

- Meaningful connections and lifelong friendships
- Opportunities for personal and professional growth
- Collaborative service projects, transforming lives and communities
- Cultural exchange, understanding, and appreciation

List of some Active Fellowship Groups in District 3192

01. International Fellowship of Music Loving Rotarians
02. International Fellowship of Amateur Radio
03. Rotary Means Business Fellowship
04. International Tennis Fellowship of Rotarians
05. Wine Fellowship of India
06. International Fellowship of Cycling Rotarians
07. Fellowship of Rotarian Runners – Dist 3192
08. International Fellowship of Rotarian Photographers - IFRP
09. Rotary Fellowship of Toastmasters - RFTM

10. Rotary Fellowship of Food Lovers - RFFL
11. Rotary Fellowship for Table Tennis in India
12. Whiskey Appreciating Rotarians and Members - WARM
13. Beer Rotarians Enjoy Worldwide - BREW
14. Rotary Fellowship of Book Readers - RFBR
15. Rotary Fellowship of DVG Literature
16. Rotary Fellowship of Ice Cream Lovers - RFIL
17. International Fellowship for Wellness & Fitness
18. Rotary Fellowship of Agriculturists & Farmers - RFAF
19. Rotary Fellowship for Pet Care & Compassion RFPC
20. Rotary Fellowship of Podcasters
21. Rotary Fellowship of Bridge Players RFBP
22. Rotary Fellowship of Ayush
23. Rotary Fellowship of Wealth Creators
24. Rotary Fellowship of Tablers
25. Rotary Fellowship for Hiking & Trekking
26. Rotary Fellowship for Kayaking & Canoeing
27. Rotary Fellowship for Astrology
28. Rotary Fellowship for Metaverse Users
29. Rotary Fellowship of Tea Lovers
30. Rotary Fellowship of Wildlife for Conservation

We invite you to join our Fellowship groups, where we share Fellowship, support and inspiration. Together let's walk the path of kindness, Compassion and faith.



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Learn Kannada Step-by-step

Prashne: Rotary Samsteya nythika tatva 'Naalku hanthagala Pareekshe' endarenu?

Question: What is the meaning of the main principle 'Four Way Test' in Rotary organisation?

Uttara:

Nalku Hantagala Pareekshe Rotary-ya naithika tatvavagide. Adu kelaginanthe ide.

1. Idu Satyavo?
2. Idu Ellarigu Nyayasammatavagiruvudo?
3. Idu Uttama Sneha Mattu Oggattannu Nirmisuvudo?
4. Idu Ellarigu Labhakaravagiruvudo?

Answer:

The Four-Way Test is Rotary's ethical principle. It is as follows:

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?



Rtn. Vidya Suresh Arekere

Greetings

Birthday's

Rtn. Mahesh Agarwal	02-Mar
Rtn. Abhay Sinha	02-Mar
Rtn. Manish Agrawal	02-Mar
Rtn. Shiv Ratan Kanodia	02-Mar
Rtn. Sanjiv Goenka	03-Mar
Rtn. Ajay Agarwal	07-Mar
Rtn. Vinod Kumar Nahata	10-Mar
Rtn. BK Krishnamurthy	14-Mar
Rtn. Santosh Kumar Goenka	17-Mar
Rtn. Raghavendra Shah	29-Mar
Rtn. Dr Sunil Dwivedi	30-Mar

Ann. Dr Anupama	03-Mar
Ann. Roopa Agarwal	06-Mar
Ann. Shalini Dwivedi	13-Mar
Ann. Meghna Srivastava	22-Mar
Ann. Sandhya Agarwal	27-Mar

Wedding Anniversary

Rtn. Om Prakash Garg & Rtn. Shashi	02-Mar
Rtn. Abhay Sinha & Ann. Shobha	03-Mar
Rtn. Mahesh Khaitan & Ann. Sunita	05-Mar
Rtn. Mahesh Agarwal & Rtn. Tripti	05-Mar
Rtn. Rajendra Yeduka & Ann Reeta	07-Mar
Rtn. Shiva Kumar Agrawal & Kusum	09-Mar
Rtn. Narayan Gupta & Ann Meena	09-Mar
Rtn. Ajay Agarwal & Ann. Neha	10-Mar
Rtn. Bipinram Agarwal & Ann. Rita	13-Mar
Rtn. Dr Srikanth V & Dr Anupama	15-Mar
Rtn. Ramesh Bhat & Ann. Anuradha	20-Mar
Rtn. MP Krishanan & Ann. Rajini	26-Mar

Crossings wishes
it's readers
a very Happy Holi
& Ugadi



FROM THE DESK OF BULLETIN EDITOR

February - Small but Mighty!

Someone once asked February, *"Isn't it unfair that you only get 28 days while your brothers and sisters—January to December—enjoy 30 or 31?"*

With a confident smile, February replied, *"I believe in quality, not quantity! I may have fewer days, but my impact is far greater than any other month. Performance matters, my friend!"*

Here's why **February is the best month of the year:**

1. The CEO of Romance

February is home to Valentine's Day, making it the official ambassador of romance! Roses bloom, hearts flutter, and even the most serious faces crack a smile (or at least swipe right!).

2. The VIP Treatment – Leap Year Edition

Every four years, February gets a bonus day. Why? Because even the universe agrees—28 days just aren't enough for a legend like February. And let's not forget Leap Day babies, who age four times slower than the rest of us! Now, that's a great anti-ageing hack.

3. No Time for Drama – Straight to the Point

While other months drag on forever (looking at you, January!), February respects your time. It's the express train of the calendar—swift, efficient, and free of unnecessary baggage. No extra days, no extra nonsense! It respects your time!

4. The Month That Runs the Economy

Forget April and its tax deadlines—**India's Union Budget** is presented on 1st February every year. This is the day when the entire nation tunes in to hear what's in store for their wallets. Tax cuts, price hikes, government schemes—February holds the answers!

5. A Spiritual Powerhouse

February isn't just about love and money—it's also a time for devotion. **Maha Shivratri**, a sacred night of prayer and fasting, and **Basant Panchami**, honouring Goddess Saraswati and the arrival of spring, both fall in this month. It's a time for both **spirituality and wisdom**—proving February is as divine as it is romantic!

6. Mahakumbh at Prayagraj

This February is even more special as it hosts the **Mahakumbh** at Prayagraj, a historic event taking place after **144 years**. More than 65 crore devotees took a holy dip at the confluence of the Ganga, Yamuna, and the mythical Saraswati, making it a historic spiritual gathering.

7. A Power Month for Rotary Bangalore Junction

If February had a resume, this would be its biggest flex—**five past presidents** and the **President Nominee** of our club tied the knot this month and **one past president** was born in February. Clearly, it's the **Power Month for Rotary Bangalore Junction**. If that's not proof of February's greatness, what is?

8. The Ultimate Personal Win

And last, but certainly not least, **February holds a special place in my heart**—I found my life partner in this incredible month! Not only this, my **daughter** also got married in February. Now, if that's not reason enough to celebrate this remarkable month, I don't know what is!

The Final Word...

While other months boast about their long lists of days, **February quietly works its magic**. Remember, it's not about how long you live—it's about how well you make each moment count. And February? Well, she's been nailing that lesson since the calendar was invented!

February definitely deserves a **standing ovation** for all these achievements.

Rtn. Sushil Kumar Agarwal

