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GOVERNOR'S OFFICIAL VISIT TO ROTARY CLUB OF SURATHKAL

Our Guest of Honour

Rtn. MPHF. M. Ranganath Bhat

DISTRICT GOVERNOR - 2020-21, R.I. DIST.3181,

Major Donor **Manjeshwar Ranganath Bhat** is a Mechanical Engineer and an Alumnus of NITK-Surathkal. After a brief stint in Industry, he joined his family business of Motor Freight Transportation. Now he is in Tyre Retailing and was one of the first to introduce Computerised Wheel Alignment in Mangalore in 1988. He has been an Insurance Surveyor/Loss Assessor for Insurance Companies and a Valuer for Banks and Financial Institutions.



Ranga, as he is popularly known as joined Rotary in 1989 and is a second generation Rotarian. He was President of the Interact Club at Canara High School-Main during 1973-74. He was president of Rotary Club of Mangalore North during 1997-98 and Assistant Governor during 2000-01. he has served Rotary in various capacities and has been a Rotary trainer.

Ranganath Bhat is Honorary Secretary of the Canara High School Association, a 128 year old organisation which owns and manages 15 Educational Institutions from Kindergarten to Engineering, and has over 12000 students. Philanthropy is his second nature.

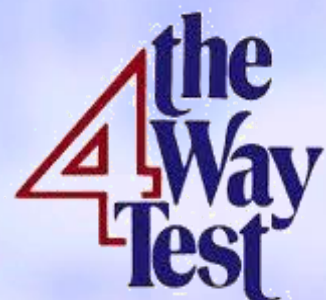
Ranganath Bhat is married to **Rajani**, past president of the Inner Wheel Club of Mangalore North. They have two children, son Rohit who after a 7-year stint at L&T Ltd joined his father's business and is married to Dipti; daughter Rohini studying in Pre University and a grandson Vihaan.

Ranganath Bhat is an avid photographer and cyclist.

Our Club has
stepped into the
31th year last
September.

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 goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?



Secretary Reports on 2020-21

ROTARY CLUB OF SURATHKAL

21 June 2020: New office bearers and Board members were installed for the year 2020-21 by DGE Rtn. Ravindra Bhat. This year the function was restricted to club members only due to the pandemic situation prevailing. Prior to the installation DGE inaugurated a Miyavaki forest on the grounds of the HVS.



Since then three board meetings and regular weekly meetings are held. Again because of the COVID situation most of our meetings were online meetings. Even then whenever possible regular physical meetings were also held.

15th Aug.: As usual We celebrated **Independence Day** at VIRAT Premises. Capt. Gopinath Bellala was our guest this year.

Same day **Raksha Bandhan** was also celebrated along with our Inner-wheel systems. Program was concluded with some patriotic songs sung by our members.

11th October: **New Office Bearers Rotaract Club of NITK** were installed in an online program. Rtn. Krishna raj tantry was the installing officer. Installations of other Rotaract and interact clubs are yet to take place as the schools are yet to start.

1st Nov: We celebrated the Karnataka Rajyotsava in our regular meeting venue in VIRAT with due precautions. The renowned writer Ms Nirmala Surathkal, and a well known activist against drugs Ms Swarna Bhat were honored on that day.

27th Nov: a few of our members participated in the wedding of our annet "Eshan", Son of Rtn. Ravilochan with Kanishka and wished the couple on behalf of the club.

8th Dec: A dinner meet was hosted by Rtn. Ravilochan on account of his sons wedding during our regular meet. This was attended by most of our members with their family irrespective of the prevailing situation.

14th Dec: Few of our members along with the club President were present while receiving the Team Rotary Combat Covid Riders.

26th Dec. many of our members attended the online water conservation seminar, hosted by **PDG Ranjan Dingra**, Presi-dent, RI Water conservation trust.

Vocational Service;

2nd Aug: **Career guidance program** to the students and parents conducted at VIRAT jointly by Rotary Club Surathkal, Apathbandava & VIRAT on 2 August. **Rtn. Rajmohan, Rtn. Kumaraswamy, and Satish Sadanand** were the resource persons.

13th Aug: The Librarians' Day was celebrated by IW Surathkal on 13th August. Books worth Rs. 7000 were donated to the library of Govinda Dasa College. The donation was sponsored by **Ann Sathyavathi and Rtn. Dr. Harikrishnan**.

15th Aug: We honored **Capt. Gopinath Bellala**, for his yeoman achievements during the Independence day celebration.

05th Sept: As part of celebration of Teachers' Day we had the chance of honoring the Principal of Govindadasa College **Rtn. Krishnamoorthy** at the library Premises of GDC. As part of the celebration of the Literacy month, rare books very much in demand worth Rs. 3500 was donated by the club. **Rtn. Dr. Harikrishnan**, who sponsored the donation form his private collection handed over the books to the Principal Rtn. Krishnamoorthy and the Librarian **Ms. Savithri**. Also as part of the celebration, **Ms Savithri** was honored by Rtn. Krishnamoorthy on behalf of the club.

07th Sep: **Teachers' Day** also was celebrated in the Govt. HP School, Chitrapura where the teachers were honored and children's books written by award winning author **Ms. Nirmala Surathkal** was distributed to the school library. President of their old students' assn. **Mr. Madhava Suvarna** presided over the meeting.

10th Nov: Some of our members visited the colony once known as **Weavers colony at Tadambail**, Surathkal. Poor earnings, competition from cheap cloth made by powerlooms, fragmentation of family and the consequent reduction in space for keeping looms, lack of interest among youngsters to learn the art of weaving, poor market for handloom clothes - all led to the extinction of this handloom from Surathkal. We have an opportunity in reviving the handlooms if we have a will and already plans are afoot, as to how best we can attract youngsters again into that field

5th Dec: **Police Circle inspector Manjunth** was felicitated for his multitude of services in a public function held at VIRAT.

Community service:

11th Jul: **600 masks and 10 litres of sanitiser** were handed over to the **CISF** officer Nagaraj as donation from the club.

15th Jul: Rotary Surathkal observed **Swacchtha Pakshika 2020** In association with Nagarika Salaha Samithi, IW Surathkal and VIRAT. A program was arranged on Wednesday, 15th July 2020 at 10.45 am at VIRAT hall. **Waste**

dumping bins to Surathkal market merchants were distributed and the merchants were advised on how the system works. A booklet on social cleanliness also was released.

24th Jul: Our club distributed face mask and Hand sanitizers to Asha Workers at PHC, Kulai, Mangalore at 11 a.m.

29th Jul: Three migrant families were given the **standard ration kit** containing food grains and other essential house hold needs for one month.



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24th Sep: In association with our Nagarika Salaha



NSS of Govinda Dasa College with RCC President Sathish

Samithi, and MRPL, we donated 50 waste bins for the use of the traders of Surathkal market as part of our Swachh Surathkal Campaign. The idea is to segregate the wet wastes from dry wastes, and dispose them accordingly. M/s Antony Waste, who collects garbage in the city have welcomed the idea and has promised full cooperation.

03rd Oct: We organised a Webinar on "Impact of COVID-19 on Indian Economy way forward" in association with Govinda Dasa College alumni Association and Govinda Dasa College in collaboration with ENQUEB. The speakers on the panel were Mr. Rabi N Mishra, Former Executive Director RBI, Mr. Soumya Kanti Gosh, Group Chief Economic Adviser, State Bank of India, Dharmakirti Joshi, Chief Economist CRISIL, Prof. Ananth Narayan Senior India Analyst, Observatory Group LLC, Associate Professor SPJIMR and Mr. R. Kannan, Head Corporate Performance Monitoring Hinduja Group.



23rd Oct: We celebrated Vana Utsava, with our Nagarika Salaha Samithi and sadananda planting a tree in the GDC premises. We also had a chance to inspect the progress of our Miyavaki 1 urban forest.

25th Nov: We started cleaning the trash thrown on the sides of the road in front of the Bharat bank, as part of the 2nd phase of Swachha Surathkal Campaign, with our regular partners. We managed to re-move the garbage and convert the area into a garden as a part of the campaign.

2nd Dec: The area below the water tank at Kana was cleaned and converted into a garden as yet another Swachha Surathkal program. It was carried out with our regular partners this time also.

15th Dec: We had taken up the near Iddya—Hosabettu City garden layout for our SSA Campaign. As always it was to clean the area with the help of our members as well as members of like minded local organisations, start a garden and give the locals; and this routine looks to be the most effective way



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22nd Dec: we had taken up the roadside of Adarsh Nagar for our SSA Campaign. The usual routine, i.e. Clean the area, start a garden and educate the public of the area, was followed.

Youth Service:

05th Sep: Earlier in August we had conducted 'Sasya Sanjeevini Vidyarthi Chaya Baraha Sparde' - an on line competition for the High school and College students on medicinal plants and this day to go-inside with our Charter Day, the winners were awarded with certificates and cash prizes. 7 winners were selected from each category. Totally 80 participants had participated in the event.

10th Oct: Under Rotary's Literacy program we distributed books written by Nirmala Surathkal to 1. Mahalingeshwara English Medium School, Surathkal, 2. Government High School, Chitrapura, Kulai, 3. Government High School, Meenakaliya, Panambur, (Kannada & English Medium) 4. NMPT School, Panambur, 5. Bertrand Russel English Medium School, Baikampady, Mangalore. Rotarians, Raghavendra, Dr. Rajmohan Rao, Srinivas Rao, Ramesh Rao and Satish S a d a n a n d were present.

11th Oct: The Rotaract Club of NITK was installed. It was totally an online affair as the students have not yet reported at the campus. Rtn. Krishnaraja Tantri was the installation officer.

13th Nov: Workshop for motivating Self employment and entrepreneurship among youths interested in starting new enterprises was conducted at VIRAT in association with VIRAT, Rotary Club of Surathkal, Mulathva Foundation Charitable Trust, Pranava Charitable Trust along with Department of Skill Development Entrepreneurship and Livelihood, Bangalore.

Friends this is a brief report of our activities in this Rotary year. No doubt our activities are stunted to a certain extent because of the existing situation. But I am confident that we will soon overcome all the problems and again continue with a renewed spirit to achieve our goals.

Dr. Aravind Bhat, Secretary



Photo Gallery

Here are the links to our [photo album](https://sites.google.com/site/rotarysurathkalgallery/) for Rotarians who are interested; just click on them <https://sites.google.com/site/rotarysurathkalgallery/> or copy and paste the address



We fondly remember our Charter President, Late Rtn. Subrahmanya Samaga whose birthday falls on 10th of Jan.

We celebrate the birthdays of Rtn. Ravindra Rao on 11th, Annets. Trivikrama Harikrishnan on 9th, and Alston D'Souza s/o Rtn. Allwyn D'Souza on 14th of January.

Greetings

E SUHRITH Conveys our Special Greetings to them on these special occasions.



President Speaks

Dear Rotary friends,

Every Rotary District is charge of a District Governor. Rotary district governor performs a very significant function in the world of Rotary He or she is the single officer of Rotary International in the geographic area called a Rotary District, The district governors, who have been extensively trained at the worldwide International Assembly, provide the "quality control" for the Rotary clubs in their district. They are responsible for maintaining high performance within the clubs of their district.

The district governor, who must make an official visit to each club in the district, is never regarded as an "inspector general." Rather, he or she visits as a helpful and friendly adviser to the club officers, as a useful counsellor to further the Object of Rotary among the clubs of the district, and as a catalyst to help strengthen the programs of Rotary.

It is our privilege that our district Governor Rtn. Ranganath Bhat will be officially visiting our club of 2nd January 2021. In spite of prevailing Covid-19 issues we have been working on the official visit of our Governor to make it a successful program.

Our district governor is a very experienced Rotarian who has generously devoted this whole year to the voluntary task of leadership. He has a wealth of knowledge about current Rotary programs, purposes, policies and goals and is a person of recognized high standing in his profession, community and Rotary club. He has put all his efforts to promote and implement all programs and activities of the Rotary International president and the RI Board of Directors.

Even during COVID -19 pandemic he has attracted Rotarians to join hands in attending online meetings. It is because of his effort we could hear the speech of RI President Rtn. Holger Knaack in one of the online sessions. Likewise our district team has made all efforts to keep the Rotary wheel running without being effected by the lock down due to Covid-19 pandemic.

I wish Rotary District conference will also be arranged uniquely under his leadership.

Raghavendra P, President



Editor's Perch

Our Governor has set a healthy precedent by visiting our club amidst the fear of this deadly pandemic, which shows his commitment to the ideals of Rotary and a pragmatic outlook. Let us all take heart by his gesture, and go ahead with our projects, of course without forgetting the mask, cleanliness and social distancing.

As a club in the forefront of Rotary activities, in the District for the last several years, nothing short of such commitment is expected of us and let us continue with the tempo of our activities for the rest of the year too.

Rotarian Governor! We value your appraisal and advice and promise to live up to your expectations in the following months too.

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