

## The Fortnightly Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Surathkal

Rotary District 3181

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WE WISH ALL OUR GUESTS AND READERS A HAPPY AND FRUITFUL 2026

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## SPECIAL ISSUE ON GOVERNOR'S VISIT

## DISTRICT GOVERNOR Rtn P K RAMAKRISHNA

Ramakrishna Puthiakunhan Kannan who goes by the popular moniker Ramki; was born on December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1952, in Oorgaum, Kolar Gold Fields. Embarked on a remarkable journey after graduating from KGF First Grade College. Pursuing his academic aspirations, he enrolled at Manasagangotri, University of Mysore, earning his M.Sc. in Organic Chemistry.



His professional trajectory took an intriguing turn when he joined the Central Electro Chemical Research Institute in Karaikudi. For a year, he delved into the classified realm of Mercuric oxide button batteries, a vital component for the Defence Forces, specifically the Air Force's SARAH (Sea Air Rescue and Homing) project. This initiative aimed at locating lost pilots. Notably, his work involved handling Mercury, leading to research on Mercury poisoning or Minamata disease.

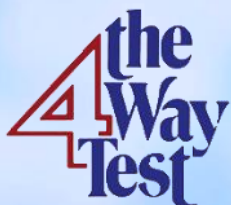
Transitioning to the private sector, Ramki contributed to Sunanda Aromatic Industries in Mysore. In the lab, he played a pivotal role in producing diverse fragrance intermediates for incense, soaps and cosmetics. His entrepreneurial spirit flourished in 1981 when he founded FLOWERSYNTH, a fragrance chemicals manufacturing unit producing over 100 ingredients for the Fragrance and Flavour industry. Ramki is a life member of the Flavour and Fragrance Association of India (FAFI).

Beyond his professional pursuits, Ramki engages in various ventures. He is a partner at Well-Bloom Agro Products, a company focusing on plant-growth promoters and serves as a Director at Regain Biotechnologies Pvt Ltd, a start-up.

As a member of the American Chemical Society, Ramki incorporates Neuro Linguistic Programming into his professional practice. In 1986, he joined Rotary Mysore Midtown, becoming its President in 1995-96 under the theme 'Act with Integrity, Serve with Love, and Work for Peace'. Over the years, he took on diverse roles at the District Level, including RYLA Chairman, WCS Chair, District Conference Food Committee Chair, District Joint Secretary, Rotaract Awards Chairman, and District Grants Sub-committee Chairman for eight terms, spanning until 2022-23. He actively participated in Matching Grants and Global Grants.

Ramki, a 4-Avenue service awardee, received a District Rotary Foundation Citation in 2001-2002. His commitment extends to training roles at Pre-PETS, PETS, District Assemblies, and AGTS within and outside the district. While his earlier interests revolved around Table Tennis, Carroms and Ball-Badminton, Ramki now finds solace and passion in Meditation, Reading, Research and Fragrances

Our Guest Of Honor



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 ?

We meet every TUESDAY @ Vidyadayinee Complex, near GD P U College, Surathkal @ 07. 30 pm



**Since 30th June, we were busy with....**

Our Rotary year began with the Installation Ceremony of new office bearers led by the incoming President Rtn. PHF Ramachandra B. Kundar done by Rtn MPH Sathish Bolar, DGE of RI District 3181 on 6th July 2025 at Hotel Suraj International, Surathkal. Here is a brief report of the activities of our club under various heads done so far this year.

**CLUB SERVICE:**

- ◆ Ten new members were added to our club in the year so far.
- ◆ Club weekly meetings are being held on every Tuesday at 7.15 pm.
- ◆ Dinner/Fellowship meets are arranged every month.
- ◆ Rotary family get together "aatida onji dina" was celebrated in August.
- ◆ Participated in Zonal Cultural, Indoor and Outdoor sports competitions.
- ◆ A one-day Picnic was conducted to UVA meridian Kundapura.
- ◆ An inter district Joint meeting with, RC Vijayanagar Bangalore (District 3191) was conducted.
- ◆ One more Joint meeting with RC Udupi (District 3182) was conducted at Udupi.
- ◆ Guest talk by Renowned Gynecologist Dr. Anuptha Shetty on 'Maternal & child health care' was organised, jointly with IWC Surathkal.
- ◆ Major Donor Rtn Dr. Shivaprasad delivered a talk on the topic "Homeopathic Treatment."
- ◆ Guest talk by Major Donor Rtn Subhod Kumar Das on "TRF" was organised.
- ◆ Guest talk by Ms Yogitha K on "Stress Management" was organised.
- ◆ Guest talk by Sri Nagesh Shetty, Former Station Manager, Air India, on "Aviation Scenario in India" was organised.
- ◆ Organised an awareness program on 'Geriatric Assessment and care' by Rtn Dr. Prabha Adhikari, in association with R C Mangalore Coastal, IWC Surathkal and Nagarika Salaha Samithi Surathkal.

**VOCATIONAL SERVICE**

- ◆ Donated Books worth ₹9000/- to Govt Aided High-school Iddya Surathkal.
- ◆ Mr. John F Kennedy, who has more than 2000 collection of Tulunadu heritage antiques was felicitated.
- ◆ RC Surathkal, IWC Surathkal, Nagarika Salaha Samiti Surathkal, in association with "Savayava Krishika Grahaka Balaga" Mangalore organized a training program on 'Terrace gardening'.
- ◆ On teacher's day, Mrs Theresa Vegas, HM of Government HighSchool, Chelairu and Mrs. Savitha Nayak, HM of Government High School, Soorinje were felicitated.
- ◆ On the occasion of Engineers day, all Engineers in the club were honoured.
- ◆ Guest talk by H R specialist Ms Yogitha K was organised at Maharishi Valmiki school Madhya Chelairu.
- ◆ Ms Yogitha K, Business Manager CNS LLC Dubai, a successful achiever in her career despite of her challenges, was felicitated.
- ◆ Our Club joined hands with more than 40 other NGOs in felicitation of Ms Dhanalakshmi Poojari, the world cup kabaddi champion player.

**Community Service**

Under Community Service 17 projects were completed.

- ◆ Donated medical dental instrument cost ₹ 5000/- to a patient.
- ◆ Donated ₹10000/- to a prospective cyclist sports person to purchase bicycle.
- ◆ Scholarship of ₹19,200/- was paid to Dhanvith 9th Std. student studying at Infant Marry School.
- ◆ Donated ₹55,000/- for Mid-day meals of BPL students of Govinda Dasa PU College Surathkal.
- ◆ Contributed ₹25,000/- to NITK Kannada Medium Aided school, for 34 students to pay SSLC Exam fee.
- ◆ Scholarship of ₹15000/- each was provided to two deserving girl students for pursuing BE.
- ◆ Donation of ₹10,000 was given to Sarvamangala Trust for purchasing items for specially abled people







- ◆ Free medical checkup camp was organised at Kulai Mahila Mandala in association with IWC Surathkal and other organisations. Free specs were provided to the needy people, with total cost of ₹15,000/-.
- ◆ Miyawaki Forest consisting of various medicinal and fruit bearing plants were planted at a total cost of ₹45,000/- Distributed uniform Jersey worth ₹10000/- for the students of Govt School at Guttakadu Kinnigoli.
- ◆ Handed over 3 ash trays costing Rs. 23,010/- to Mangalore City Corporation for Hindu Rudra Bhoomi, Surathkal. Joined hand with MRPL and Local NGOs for beach cleaning at Chitrapura.
- ◆ Financial aid of ₹15,000/- was offered to Ms. Pavithra Vasanth Poojary, GDC Surathkal for her PG studies.
- ◆ Joined hand for Swachhta Shramadan held in Surathkal in association with MRPL, Nagarika Salaha Samiti Surathkal and other organisations.
- ◆ Free Eye screening and general Medical checkup Camp was organized at Venkatramana School, Kulai in association with Govinda Dasa PU College NSS unit.
- ◆ Club supported Aikyam Special School to get a new ECO Van under CSR fund from MCF Mangalore at a cost of Rs. 8 lakhs for the mobility of specially abled school children.
- ◆ Medical checkup camp was organized at Thokuru in association with Rotary Club of Mulki and other likeminded organisations.

#### International Service

- ◆ Mr. Peter, a guest from Poland who visited the club donated ₹10000/- for community services.
- ◆ Pulse Polio immunization drive was supported by providing food packets for the volunteers in 15 booths.

#### New generation Service:

- ◆ Installation of 7 interact clubs and 2 Rotaract clubs was carried out.
- ◆ Dr. Manu Anand delivered a speech on 'Building a Drug Free society' at the Govt. Primary School Kulai Chitrapura.
- ◆ Printer and Stationary kit worth ₹ 25,500/- was donated to Government Higher Primary School Thadambail.
- ◆ Workshop on 'Preparing for exam and higher education' was arranged at Maharishi Valmiki Tribal residential school at Chelairu.
- ◆ Anganawadi class room at ZP Higher Primary school Thadambail was painted with educational arts at a cost of ₹25,000/-.

#### PUBLIC IMAGE

- ◆ Surathkal flyover beautification and flyover underneath maintenance is being carried out by our club under the CSR funding from MRPL.
- ◆ The Rotary Police Chowki under the flyover at Surathkal junction, costing ₹1,20,000/- was carried out by our club, in association with Nagarika Salaha Samithi Surathkal.

#### AWARDS:

Club received award for 100% giving club for Pulse Polio, in the TRF Seminar held at Puttur.

#### Members participation:

Rotarians participated in the RHALA, TRF seminar, Leadership Training program

**Upcoming Projects:** Under Rotary Public image, Bus stand opposite to Suraj Hotel is under progress.

Global project for setting up a Geriatric Centre has been submitted.

**Contribution to TRF:** Members have already donated about \$1400.



Rtn. Rammohan Y.

Secretary





...Deciders...



## THE TEAM(2025-26)

...President Says...

District Governor's official visit to a Rotary Club is a very special occasion. It is the time we review all our activities of the year till date and plan for the remaining part of the year. Club assembly with DG is the time to take advantage of his vast experience to improve our club activities. This is all the more relevant this year as we have moved to be a major club with a membership of more than 60. The public meeting in the evening is the right time for projecting Rotary to the public as well as to our friends and family. This also is an opportunity for the DG to familiarize himself with the club and its members. I am sure all of you will take advantage of this opportunity.



**Rt. Ramachandra B. Kunder**  
President

...Editor's Perch...

At the outset, we wish all our readers a happy, exciting and enlightening 2026. We look forward to a year that will make us richer in knowledge. It is indeed the era of the knowledgeable beating the ignorant.

Digital networking, as we all know, adds value by breaking geographical barriers for wider reach, offering cost-effective connections, enabling continuous learning, boosting personal branding, and creating easier access to job opportunities, partnerships, and market insights through platforms like e-Suhrith. This year, let's focus on relationship building, sharing of knowledge, and faster identification of trends, giving all of us an edge over the rest.

Through e-Suhrith, let us create a platform that will help connect with professionals with varied background & interest and find mentors with immense knowledge & rich experience. Showcase your expertise through content sharing (posts, articles) and engagement.

Learning is a continuous process and we firmly believe that you all must leverage e-Suhrith in this regard. Render a noble service by sharing valuable insights, articles, and achievements. And become more learned by being part of events (physical or virtual), webinars, and online communities.

In 2026, we look forward to your increased engagement with e-Suhrith. We expect regular feedback on our editions, your views on various developments that impact our lives, and valuable contents from today's thought leaders. Let us together make the year more interesting and value adding.

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