

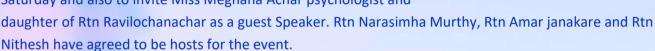
We meet on 1st &3rd TUESDAY of every month @ VIRAT Complex, near GD P U College, Surathkal @ 07. 30 pm

#### the fortnight that was ....

Rotary club of Surathkal along with Rotary club of port Town were the hosts for the Zonal Revive meet of

Zone 2 and 3 which was held at Rotary Bal bhavan Mangalore on 1st Tuesday. President Yogish kulai was on the Dias and has done the welcome address. All the AG'S, Zonal lieutenants, presidents and Secretaries of Zone 2 and zone 3 Clubs attended.

2) A Weekly meeting of the first week of March 2024 was held on 5th Tuesday at Vidhyadhayinee Complex attended by more than 10 members. Itwas decided in the meeting to hold the Dinner meet on 9th Saturday and also to invite Miss Meghana Achar psychologist and

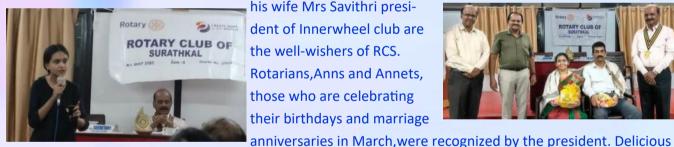


President Yogish kulai spoke about the financial position of the club.

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3) on the 9th Saturday Dinner meet for the month of March was held. Miss Meghana Aachar psychologist was the Guest speaker. She spoke about mental health. Members par-

Felicitation was done to Sri Ramesh Bhat Vice principal of GDC who was retired from service recently. He and



ticipated in the interactive secession.

his wife Mrs Savithri president of Innerwheel club are the well-wishers of RCS. Rotarians, Anns and Annets, those who are celebrating their birthdays and marriage



food was served to the Rotarian family.

4) Rotarian Yashomathi accompanied thirteen Rotaractors from Govinda Dasa College to the District RYLA held at Mysore on 10th. 5) on 12th RCS members along with Innerwheel club of Surathkal met two Cyclists from Rotary club of Korattur, Chennai. Rtn Sathish Kumar and his wife Ann Shankari yoga Gnanakshi are on a Bicycle ride from Chennai to Maharashtra to bring awareness about the



pulse polio and mental wellness on behalf of the Rotary

fraternity. Flags were exchanged between the clubs in the meeting. Both the cyclists spoke on the occasion about pulse polio and mental wellness. We have felicitated them. After breakfast they continued their jour-





ney towards Udupi.

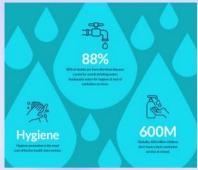
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#### Rotary's efforts in providing clean water and sanitation to all

Rotary International has been at the forefront of efforts to improve access to clean water and sanitation worldwide. Recognizing the critical importance of these resources for public health, Rotary has undertaken numerous initiatives aimed at providing clean water and sanitation facilities to communities in need.

One of Rotary's flagship programs in this area is the Rotary Foundation's Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group (WASRAG). WASRAG works to facilitate collaboration between Rotary clubs, districts, and partners to implement sustainable water and sanitation projects. Through partnerships with local organizations, governments, and international agencies, Rotary has been able to leverage resources and expertise to maximize the impact of its initiatives.



One of the key components of Rotary's approach is its focus on sustainability. Rather than simply providing temporary solutions, Rotary works to establish long-term, community-based projects that empower local residents and ensure the ongoing maintenance and management of water and sanitation infrastructure.

The impact of Rotary's efforts in this field has been significant. According to data from Rotary International, as of 2021, Rotary clubs around the world had completed over 30,000 water and sanitation projects. These projects have provided access to clean water and improved sanitation facilities to millions of people in communities across Africa, Asia, Latin America, and beyond.

Furthermore, Rotary's initiatives have had a measurable impact on public health outcomes. Access to clean water and proper sanitation facilities reduces the risk of waterborne diseases such as diarrhea, cholera, and typhoid fever, which are major causes of illness and death in many parts of the world. By improving water and sanitation infrastructure, Rotary has helped to prevent countless cases of disease and save numerous lives.

In addition to its direct project work, Rotary also plays a crucial role in raising awareness about the importance of clean water and sanitation. Through educational programs, advocacy efforts, and public outreach campaigns, Rotary helps to mobilize support for water and sanitation initiatives at the local, national, and international levels.

Overall, Rotary International's efforts to improve the quality of water and sanitation have made a significant and lasting impact on communities around the world. By working collaboratively with partners and leveraging its global network of volunteers, Rotary continues to play a vital role in addressing one of the most pressing challenges of our time.

To quote a few examples,

- **Rotary Water Plus:** In collaboration with local partners, Rotary clubs in India have implemented the Rotary Water Plus program, which focuses on providing clean water and sanitation facilities to underserved communities. One notable project under this initiative is the installation of community water filtration systems in rural villages. These systems use innovative technologies to purify water from local sources, making it safe for drinking and cooking. Additionally, Rotary volunteers work with community members to promote hygiene practices and ensure the sustainable management of the water facilities. By addressing both access to clean water and sanitation, these projects have improved public health and quality of life for thousands of people in rural India.
- **WASH in Schools:** In various parts of the world, including India, Rotary clubs have partnered with local schools to implement water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) programs. One such project in India involved the construction of gender-segregated toilets and handwashing stations in a rural school. Before the project, many students, especially girls, faced challenges in accessing safe and private sanitation facilities, leading to high dropout rates. With the support of Rotary, the school now provides clean and accessible toilets, along with hygiene education programs. As a result, attendance rates have improved, and students, particularly girls, are better able to focus on their studies without the fear of embarrassment or health risks associated with inadequate sanitation facilities.

These examples highlight Rotary International's commitment to improving water and sanitation access in diverse communities, including those in India, and demonstrate the transformative impact of their projects on public health and education.

#### **RYLA—A Wonderful experience**

I had my first experience attending Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) an amazing event held in a beautiful campus of Mysore University, organised by Rotary club of Mysore Midtown held on 9th and 10th March 2024.

I didn't know what the future held for me. But taking part in that RYLA led me down a path that would change my life forever. During my experience at the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, (RYLA) I met other people from various other colleges, personalities, and interests.

This event taught me how to work with others and learn to be a team player, as well as utilize and strengthen my leadership skills to the max. It was an exciting wave of emotion for all of us, and luckily created a major influence in my life. Although this may seem boring and mundane to others, but RYLA is meant to put the students out of their comfort zone and grow, and that's what that drive did to me as well – put me outside of my comfort zone and allow me to reflect.

Learning from inspirational speakers, and peer mentors made me grow even more. I can see a great difference in myself before and after attending Ryla.

This memorable RYLA experience has shaped my life for the better and provided me with tools to become a better and impactful leader. I thank everyone at RYLA for their kindness and generosity.

When I began serving through Rotaract, I was an degree student through my Rotaract adventure I now have family all around. And I am looking forward to the day when I join Rotary.



Disha President Rotaract, GDC

#### **Reminiscences of RYLA-24**

They came - They saw - They conquered An event meant for the youth by the youth RYLA '24.

This journey had began 8 months ago when Rtn Mohan Gurumurthy approached me and asked what interested me the most in rotary and what is that one thing that is the essence of this organisation. I had without hesitation replied the youth the rotaractors. They are the real reason of why this whole organisation works for. The purpose to empower and to carry on the good work in the world and who else can do it better. So RYLA is one event that focuses on the core mentoring of ones skills and give the much needed thrust to push the hidden inner force.

RYLA 24 was an well planned and extremely well executed 2 day event. A record number of participant . 220 delegates and amongst them were 10 students from the African continent. The well planned itinerary helped all the delegates to take home hands on training skills on CPR life saving skills taught by DR Aaladkatti, how to important it is to get your financial priorities right at this age was taught by Bhanuchandran. The need to dare to dream big and reach ones goals was made easy by Chetan Ram, to lookout for the danger and the darker side of the internet and social media was deciphered well by Usha Yanamandra , through series of thought provoking true life stories the famous sports personalities of the world Vinay was able

to bring out the champion from within, to and to be an alert active citizen was the call given by Jagadish addappa during his disaster management session, a magical web spun by Ganesh kudroli the great magician and illusionist took the students expectations to another level and lastly a clarion call given by Dr Deepak Vohra our ambassador of India asking every one especially the youth to feel proud of our country and become cultural ambassadors of mother india.



In the wonderful serene campus of mangalagangotri inside the mysore university and good food with cultural extravaganza the event culminated into yet another successful rotary youth leadership award. Rtr Nico Nigeria took home the honours of being the outstanding delegate







# Some special moments

## From RYLA-2024

Our Rotaractors...





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