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WE WISH ALL OUR GUESTS AND READERS A HAPPY AND FRUITFULL 2025

SPECIAL ISSUE ON GOVERNOR'S VISIT

Rtn. Vikramdatta was born on the 19th of September, 1966, in Sunkadakatte, Manjeshwar. He completed his primary and secondary education in his native place after which he passed his 2nd PUC from Govt. College, Kanyana.

He then joined the Indian Navy in the year 1983 as 'Artificer Apprentice'. He took up Electronics and Communication and got his BE degree in Jamnagar, Gujarat. He served on board Indian Naval Ship Godhavari, Chatak, and Ganga and also on Off shore Naval Base - Valsura (Jamnagar).



During his naval time, he has visited places such as: Malaysia, Seychelles, Iran, Iraq, Oman, UAE, Somalia, Srilanka, Mahe etc. He took part in the Royal Fleet review at Malaysia and was also a part of the UN Force at Somalia as well as the Supporting force with IPKF action at Jaffna. He Took active part in the electronic spy activity during off Karachi action and witnessed the Gujarat Cyclone disaster.

He was a member of the simulated version of Torpedo. He was a Part of a special team (Southern naval command) with scientific advisor to PM headed by Dr Abdul Kalam.

During his naval tenure, he also had the privilege of donning the garb of a teacher and teaching higher study students. In the 15 years of service to the nation, he received a lot a accolades and awards like: Best Leader during leadership training ,Best Valsurian Award, Citation from southern naval commanding officer, and he received citations from various commanding officers as many as three times in a row.

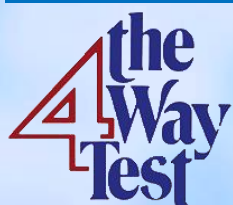
Post retirement in 1998 he was associated with several religious and social organizations He also recognized and honoured by various organizations and institutions for his service towards country and community.

As a member of the Rotary family, he joined Rotary in the year 2010. He served as the President of RC Deralakatte in the year 2012. During his term his club bagged 15 awards. He served Zonal and district level as the Zonal Lieutenant of Zone 4 during 2014-15. 2015-16 Zonal Coordinator for Interact. 2016-17 Assistant Governor of RI District 3181, Zone 3 and made mark by his zone by contributing highest contributions towards TRF. He also successfully conducted level 2 Literacy Seminar and Ride for Rotary event at Mangalore. 2017-18 Served as Chairman of Happy School. 2018-19 Served as District Secretary Project of RI District 3181. He has initiated "Asha Spoorthy" Anganawady Project in entire district. 2019-20 -Served as District Chairman of WINs. During this period several programmes in district involving more than 15000 students organized. 2020-21 Served as District Secretary Admin. 2021-22 served as Chairman for Significant award committee. He participated as trainer during Pre PETs, PETs, AGTs , DTTs, assembly including neighboring district. From 2017 to 2022 he had the privilege of being at the helm of affairs of various avenues at District Secretariat. These were the contributing factors for being tipped as DG for 2024-25.

As per professional concern, we work as CEO of Kunil Educational Institute, Badiadka.

His interests include: Traveling, reading, listening to Music, watching good movies and has a special liking for Yakshagana. He is married to Mrs.Latha, also a Rotarian and is blessed with a daughter, Dr Vinisha.

This is our District Governor Rtn Vikram Datta



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 ?**

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

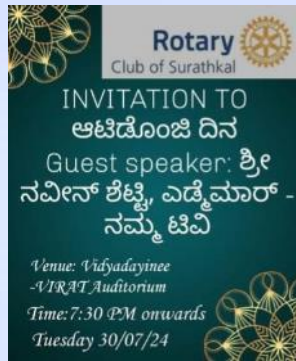
Our Rotary year began with the Installation Ceremony of new office bearers led by the incoming President Rtn. Sandeep Rao Iddya done by Rtn PHF Ramakrishna PK, DGE of RI District 3181 on 29th June 2024 at Hotel Suraj International, Surathkal. Here is a brief report of the activities of our club under various heads done so far this year.



Club Services

- ◆ President, Secretary, Zonal Lieutenant and Several Members from our Club Attended the Installations, Official DG Visits and ZRMs that were held in Zone 2 and Zone 3 of District 3181
- ◆ Weekly Meetings, Monthly Board Meetings and Fellowship meetings were Organized regularly.
- ◆ New Members - Rtn Shreasha, Rtn Dinesh, Rtn Praveen, Rtn Jagadish, Rtn Vignesh, Rtn Harish, Rtn Mangaldeep, Rtn Dr. Guru-raj, Rtn Dr. Pruthviraj U, Rtn Arun Gopal, Rtn Mahesh, Rtn Sujith Rai, Rtn Umesh Rao, Rtn Shrinivas Deva Rao were inducted to the RCS family till now in the Year 2024-2025.

- ◆ “ಆಟೋಂಜಿ ದಿನ” – Themed Monthly dinner meet was held on 30th July 2024.
- ◆ 23 members from our club attended the membership development seminar Vistara held on 10th August at Moodabidre and our club was recognized as “Second Highest New Memebers Inducted to Rotary in Medium Club Category”



- ◆ Rotary Club of Surathkal Celebrated Independence Day on 15th August 2024 at the Rotary Span of Flyover in Surathkal.
- ◆ Our new members Rtn. Praveen K. and Rtn. Vignesh Rao bagged Gold Medal in TT doubles in the “Rotary Kreeda Bandhavya”, Zonal level indoor sports competitions held on 18th August.
- ◆ Rtn Praveen Kalluraya Won Gold Medal in the District 3181 Sports competitions in Table Tennis Below 40 group. He also played along with Rtn Nagendra A Muralidhar from Mysore East Club and Won Gold in Doubles Event too.
- ◆ “Rotary Leadership Institute”'s Part I & II Training was held on 25th August 2024 in Rotary Bal Bhavan, Mangalore. Rtn Sandeep, Rtn Basavaraj Manu and Rtn Nithesh had undergone the Part II Training. Rtn Basavaraj Manu Completed his Part III Training on 20th October 2024
- ◆ 34th Charter Night and Teacher’s Day Celebrations was combined on 5th September 2024. The Chief Guest for the Occasion was District Governor Rtn Vikramdatta.

- ◆ Engineers Day was Celebrated by Rotary Club of Surathkal on 20th September 2024. All the Rotarians of Surathkal Club who are Engineers were recognized.
- ◆ Rtn. PHF Sathish Bolar was a guest for the dinner meet held at Hotel Sooraj International on 19th October.
- ◆ Our team of enthusiastic cricketers participated in the Zonal level cricket competitions on 10th November.



- ◆ Many of our members participated in the zonal level cultural competitions on 16th and 17th of November and Rtn. Yashomathi and Ann Dr. Shruthi won 1st and 2nd prizes in Dancing and singing respectively. In their catogaries.
- ◆ Our club was recognized in the TRF Seminar held at Mysore on 23rd November for their contributions to TRF and towards polio fund.
- ◆ Our club bagged the third prize in the 4X100 meters relay in the zonal level outdoor sports competitions held on 8th December 2024. Participating Rotarians were, Rtn. Shreasha, Rtn. Sandeep, Rtn Dinesh and Rtn. Vignesh.



- ◆ Interzonal new member orientation program was cohosted by us on 21st December at Rotary Balabhavan, Mangalore. Nine of our new members attended the program.

International Service

- ◆ Our Club is 100% Contributor towards Polio Fund this year.
- ◆ Rtn Yashomathi Had Exchanged the Flag with RC Marlow Thames in United Kingdom at their meeting on 7th August 2024
- ◆ Rtn Ramachandra Kunder got an opportunity to Exchange Club Flags with Rotary Club of Cumming, Atlanta, Georgia -U S A on 2nd October 2024.
- ◆ World Polio Day Celebration was Organized by Rotary on 24th October 2024 at Surathkal Rotary Flyover Span – Inau-

The Rear View Mirror

Community Services

- ◆ Rotary Club of Surathkal's Iconic Project – The Maintenance of Flyover Span in Surathkal has been done diligently.
- ◆ Miyawaki Forest with 355 Plants has been Initiated and maintained at Chelairur Panchayat in co-ordination with Nagarika Salaha Samithi and Sponsored by MCF.
- ◆ Rotary Club of Surathkal, Rotaract clubs of – Shrinivas, NITK, Govinda Dasa College and Hosabettu Hitha Rakshana Samithi Team had a beach cleaning drive on 22nd September at Iddya Beach, Surathkal
- ◆ Rainwater Harvesting for Shri Mahalingeshwara English Medium School, Surathkal – a District Grant Project In association with Rotary Club of Mangalore City initiated on 23rd September 2024.



- ◆ Rotaract District 3181 in association with Rotary club of Surathkal Conducted "Coast to Coast – 3.0" Beach cleaning program on 2nd October 2024.
- ◆ HEALS Mangalore, Rotary Club of Mulki, Rotary Club of Surathkal, and few like minded organisations together in association with KMC had organized a Free Medical and Dental Check p Camp at The Government Higher Primary School, Lingapayyakaadu Mulki on 24th November. 142 People got benefited out of it.
- ◆ Rotary Club of Surathkal Donated a Podium worth Rs. 6500 to Mahila Mandala Kulai.

Vocational Service:

- ◆ Rtn Dr. Shilparani, Rotaract coordinator for Govindadasa College was honoured on 29th June 2024 for being awarded the Doctorate.
- ◆ Doctors Day was Celebrated on 2nd July 2024 – All the doctors among our Rotarians, Anns, annets of the Club were honored on this occasion
- ◆ We honored Ex-Servicemen and Our Member Rtn Raghu P.K on 20th August 2024 for his service in the Army.
- ◆ Rotary Club of Surathkal Honored 2 dedicated Teachers from Surathkal. Mrs. Cynthia Alvares and Mrs. Nagaveni from Sri Mahalingeshwara English Medium School. It was a very special occasion since many of our own Rotarians, Annets from RCS were students of these teachers.



- ◆ World Pharmacist Day was celebrated by Honoring a Pharmacist P. Lavanya on 25th September who has more than 20 Years of Service at PHC Katipalla. She is actively involved in improvement of PHC Katipalla as well.
- ◆ Rtn Krishnamoorthy and Rtn Dr. Rajmohan along with Members from Aapat Bhandava Samaja Seva Sangha celebrated Diwali with Havildar Kumar Kuthethuru's Family. This was much appreciated by Havildar Kumar Kuthethuru Over a video call on 30th October 2024

New Generation Service.

- ◆ We have distributed nearly 80,000/- rupees as scholarship to deserving students.
- ◆ Our president was asked to attend the advisory committee meeting of NSS of NITK on 7th August.
- ◆ Interact Awareness Session for interact Clubs was conducted with Rtn Yashomathi as trainer on 12th August 2024. RCM Downtown, Surathkal, North and Midtown along with teachers of 6 Schools had participated in the same
- ◆ NITK English Medium School had an Interact Orientation Program Conducted by Rtn. Dr. Aravind on 4th September 2024.
- ◆ Prizes for the DK District Level Hockey Tournament hosted by DK Zilla Panchayat Hr. Primary School Tadambail at NITK Grounds on 18th September were sponsored by our club and distributed by one of our member Rtn. Sridhar Bhat.
- ◆ 13 Roteractors were sponsored for the RYLA held at PILIKULA on 10th November.
- ◆ Refurbished Laptop handed over to the beneficiary Ms. CHAITHRA This laptop was donated by Our President - Rtn. Sandeep Rao on 12th November 2024.
- ◆ We provided transport for the interactors from Sri Mahalingeshwara School to the Interact Youth Carnival held at Ujire on 17th November. These Interactors ba



gged the third prize in the theme dance in the Carnival.

- ◆ Training Session on Rainwater Harvesting System to Govinda Dasa PU College Students, Faculty and Management was arranged on 19th December 2024 at Vidyadayinee Complex Surathkal. Rtn Rajendra Kalbavi was the Resource person .
- ◆ Rotary Club of Surathkal in Association with The Raja Kesari Team had revamped the toilet of a Government school at Katipalla on 15th December 2024 and converted it into a ಸ್ವಚ್ಛತಾಯ



Rtn. Nitheshkumar.

Secretary

...The Rulers...



THE TEAM(2024-25)

...President Says...

Dear Rotarians,

District Governor's visit to our Club is the Official Visit, where the District Governor will get an opportunity to interact with every member of the club and also get feedback on various aspects of Rotary. It is an opportunity to present our Service projects and future plans. The event is also an avenue for enhancing Rotary's public image as well as for the families to be updated about club's activities. We have invited guests for the public event in the evening, and prospective members will also get a preview of Rotary Club of Surathkal. As we complete half year in this Rotary year, it is time to lookback at the journey so far, and look forward for good days to come as well as seek guidance from the district on areas for improvement.



Sandeep Rao I.
President

...Editor's Perch...

Embracing a Brighter Future

Our dynamic President Rtn. Sandeep Rao a second generation Rotarian has ushered in a fresh era of enthusiasm, innovation, and dedication to service. The influx of young, talented professionals has injected a vibrant energy, complementing the wisdom and experience of our seasoned members.

This dynamic blend has opened doors to diverse perspectives, fostering a new level of brainstorming that will give rise to meaningful projects rooted in the timeless ethics of the 4-Way Test. As we embark on this exciting journey, we remain steadfast in our commitment to the guiding principle of Service Above Self.

Together, let us seize this opportunity to create positive change, inspire each other, and make a lasting impact in our community.

Here's to a brighter future, built on the foundations of fellowship, service, and leadership.



Sachi & Yash