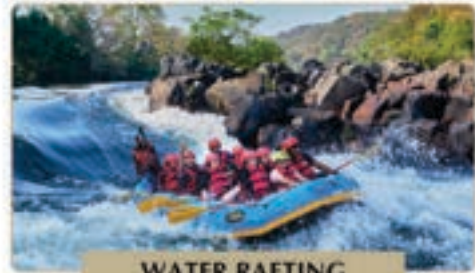




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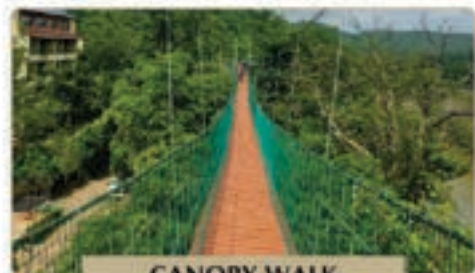
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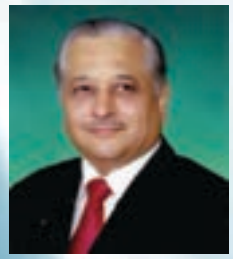


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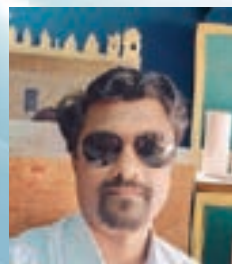
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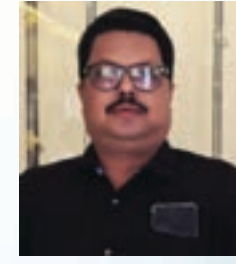
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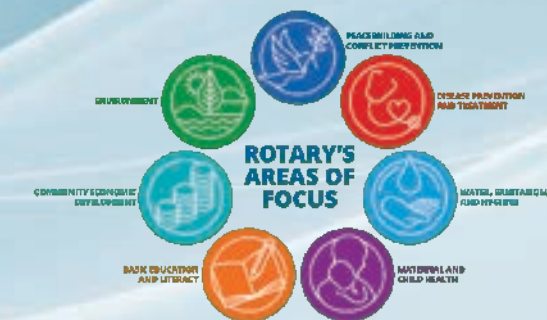
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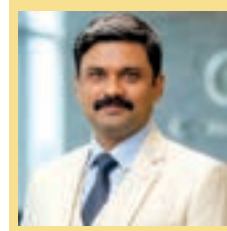
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## From Editor's Desk



Souvenir – Past Presidents' Meet  
Rotary Club Dharwad & Rotary Club Dandeli

It is indeed a matter of great honour and privilege for me to serve as the Editor of this Souvenir, brought out on the auspicious occasion of the Past Presidents' Meet, jointly organised by Rotary Club Dharwad and Rotary Club Dandeli. Being entrusted with the responsibility of compiling the thoughts, experiences and goodwill messages of esteemed Rotarians from both these prestigious clubs is truly a memorable opportunity.

The Past Presidents' Meet holds a special place in Rotary. Past Presidents are the pillars and guiding lights of every Rotary Club. Their leadership, vision and dedication have shaped the growth and direction of the organisation. Such gatherings not only honour their invaluable contributions but also create a platform for sharing wisdom, strengthening fellowship, and inspiring the present and future leadership of Rotary.

This Souvenir is not merely a collection of messages and memories; it is a reflection of Rotary values, leadership legacy and the spirit of service above self. It aims to document the collective journey of our clubs, preserve the thoughts of our leaders, and inspire Rotarians to continue serving society with renewed commitment and enthusiasm.

The venue chosen for this significant gathering, Whistling Woodzs Resort, adds a unique charm to the event. Surrounded by the lush greenery and dense forests of Dandeli, the resort offers a serene and nature-friendly environment. The calmness of the forest, the melody of birds, and the beauty of nature provide the perfect backdrop for meaningful interaction, reflection and fellowship among Rotarians.

On this memorable occasion, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our District Governor, **Rtn. Er. Arun D. Bhandare**, Past District Governors, **Dr. Rajan Deshpande** and **Rtn. Ravi N. Deshpande**, the Presidents and Secretaries of both the clubs - **Rtn. P. K. Nandyalkar** and **Rtn. Ashutoshkumar Rai** and the Event Chairman **Rtn. Laxmikant Naik**, and Event Secretary **Rtn. Rajesh Tiwari**, and **Rtn. Shrikanth Dodwad** and all the dedicated members of Rotary Club Dharwad and Rotary Club Dandeli whose tireless efforts have made this event and this souvenir possible.

May this gathering strengthen the bonds of Rotary fellowship and inspire us all to continue our journey of service, leadership and friendship.

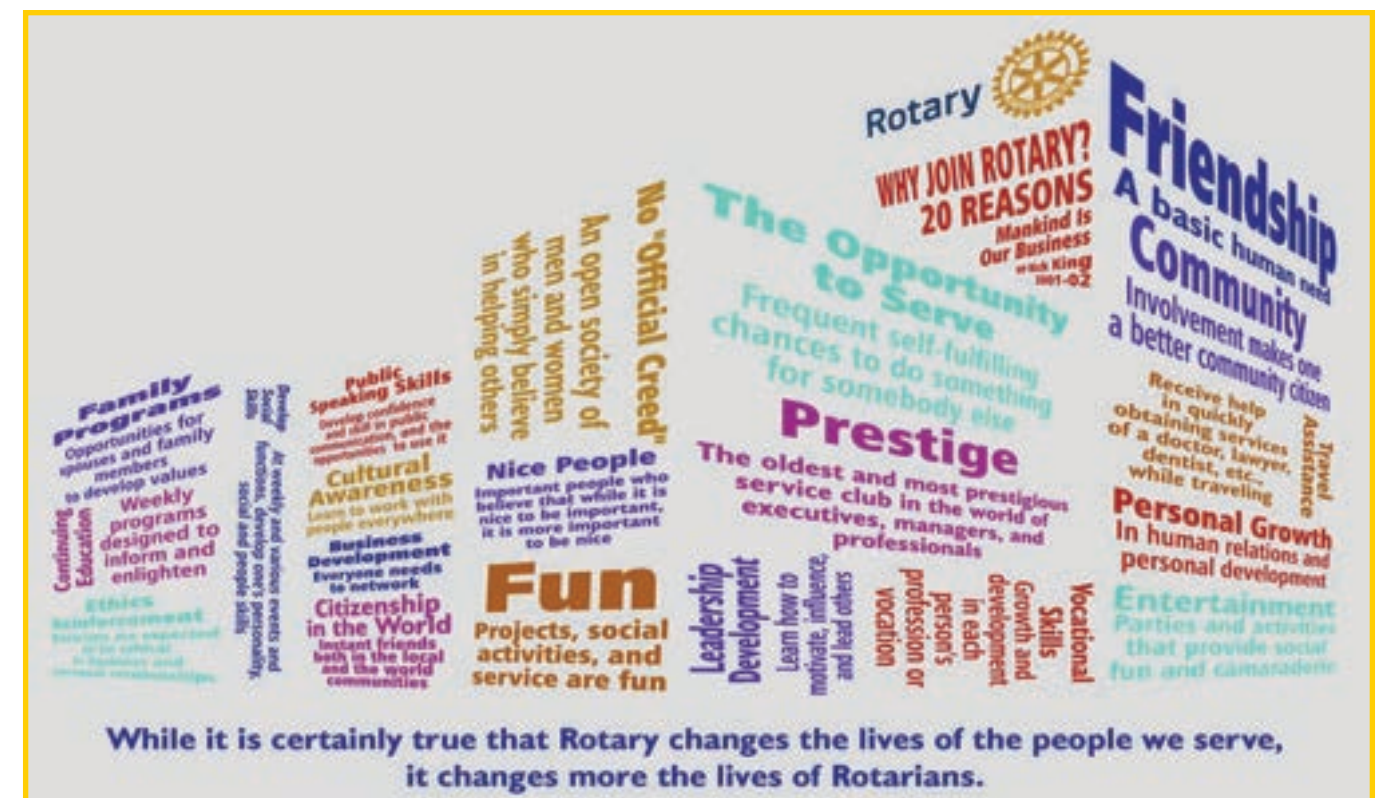
Warm Rotary Greetings.

Rtn. Arvind Deshmukh

Editor

Souvenir – Past Presidents' Meet

Rotary Club Dharwad & Rotary Club Dandeli



## From DG'S Desk



As Rotary District Governor, I'm deeply honored to connect with the stalwarts of our district - the past presidents. Your remarkable leadership, vision, and dedication have laid the foundation for our continued success. This meet is a celebration of your tireless service, wisdom, and the enduring power of 'Service Above Self'.

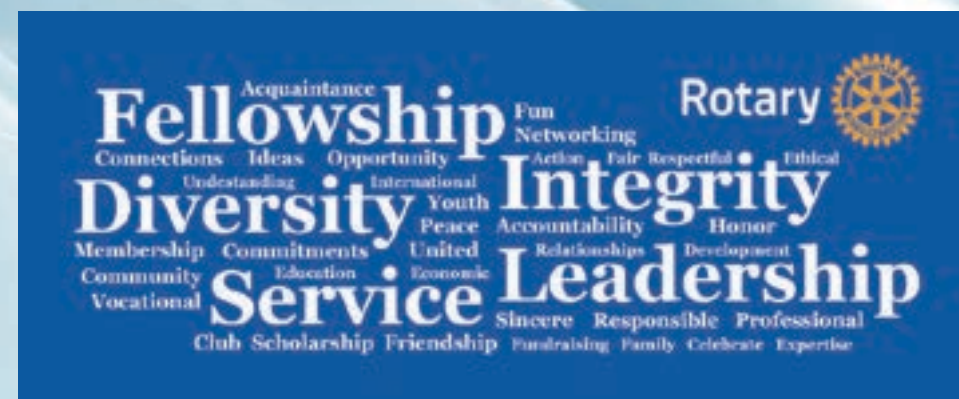
Your contributions have shaped communities, transformed lives, and inspired generations of Rotarians. As we gather, let's cherish our journey, share experiences, and chart a brighter future for Rotary. Together, let's amplify our impact and make a lasting difference.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to service. Let's keep the flame burning bright!"

Let's unite for Good & create the lasting Legacy

Best regards,  
First Servant of District 3170

Rtn. Er. Arun D. Bhandare  
Rotary District Governor  
RI District 3170  
2025-26



## From Event Chairman's Desk



The Past Presidents Meet is a very significant gathering in Rotary. Past Presidents are the pillars of any Rotary Club, whose experience and leadership continue to guide and strengthen the organisation. In Rotary, such meetings and training programmes are regularly organised to enhance our understanding of Rotary and its values. These gatherings also provide a wonderful opportunity to strengthen friendship and fellowship, which are the true spirit of Rotary.

I have been associated with Rotary for the past 17 years, and during this journey I have been fortunate to serve the organisation in various capacities. However, the opportunity to serve as President of the Club has been a particularly special and memorable experience for me.

I consider it my privilege to have been entrusted with the responsibility of serving as the Event Chairman for this prestigious gathering. To commemorate this memorable occasion, we are also bringing out a Souvenir, which will remain a cherished record of this event.

Bringing together Rotarians from three different states, who speak different languages and represent diverse cultures and food traditions, is certainly a challenging task. However, we strongly believe that nothing is impossible in Rotary, and the spirit of Rotary makes everything achievable.

This event is being organised with great dedication and commitment. The members of Rotary Club of Dharwad and Rotary Club of Dandeli are putting in sincere efforts to make this programme a grand success. It is our heartfelt wish that this gathering provides everyone with joy, meaningful interactions, and memorable experiences.

Once again, I extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to all of you.

**Rtn. Laxmikant Naik**

Event Chairman

Rotary Club of DHARWAD.

## From PDG'S Desk



Past Presidents of any organization are valuable assets to that organization. In Rotary, every President undergoes rigorous training and strives to give their very best to the club during their tenure. Their experience, wisdom, and commitment make them strong pillars who can support and guide the present leadership.

When Past Presidents remain united and actively share their knowledge and experience, the club naturally becomes vibrant, progressive, and stronger. However, at times some Past Presidents may either become inactive or occasionally overactive, both of which may not always be beneficial to the smooth functioning of the club. Hence, there are several aspects concerning the role of Past Presidents that need to be discussed and addressed constructively.

I am happy that District Governor Rtn. Arun Bhandari has reposed confidence in our club by entrusting us with the responsibility of hosting the District Past Presidents' Meet.

It is also heartening that another dynamic club, Rotary Club of Dandeli, is joining us in organizing this event, which certainly adds to our collective strength.

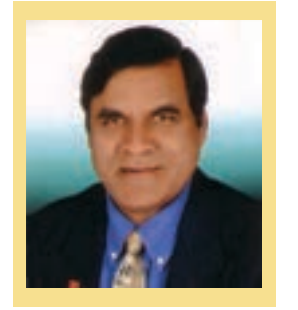
Dandeli is indeed an excellent destination for such a gathering. It offers the perfect combination of fellowship, learning, and joyful interaction in a serene environment.

I appreciate the efforts of President Rtn. Nadyalkar and Event Chair Rtn. Laxmikant, who are leaving no stone unturned to make this meet memorable. I am confident that President Rtn. Ashutosh Ray, Rtn. Rajesh Tiwari, and the entire teams of Rotary Club of Dharwad and Rotary Club of Dandeli will present a wonderful and meaningful event. I extend my warm good wishes for the grand success of this meet.

### **Dr. Rajan Deshpande**

Senior-most Member  
Rotary Club of Dharwad  
President 1986–87

## From PDG'S Desk



It gives me immense pleasure to learn that the Past Presidents' Meet of Rotary District 3170 is being hosted at the beautiful and serene surroundings of Dandeli. My heartfelt compliments to the Rotary Club of Dharwad and the Rotary Club of Dandeli for jointly organising this meaningful gathering at the picturesque Whistling Woods Resort.

Past Presidents are the strongest pillars of any Rotary club. They carry the experience of leadership, the wisdom of service and the legacy of commitment. A club's strength, stability and future direction rest significantly on the foundation laid by its Past Presidents. When they come together, it is not merely a reunion but a celebration of Rotary's enduring values and fellowship.

It has always been my firm belief that recognising and honouring Past Presidents encourages continued involvement and inspires future leaders. With this spirit, I have even instituted the "\*Rolling Trophy for Best Past President\*" \*for all clubs in Dharwad\*, as a token of appreciation for their continued contribution to Rotary beyond their presidential year.

I congratulate \*Rtn. Laxmikant A. Naik, IPP and Event Chairman\*, for his dedicated efforts in planning this event. My warm regards and best wishes to \*Rtn. P. K. Nandyalkar, President, Rotary Club of Dharwad and Rtn. Ashutoshkumar P. Rai, President, Rotary Club of Dandeli,\* for their leadership and commitment in making this meet a grand success.

I am confident that this gathering will strengthen fellowship, rekindle memories and inspire continued service above self.

With warm Rotary regards,

### **Rtn. Ravi N. Deshpande**

Rotary Club of Dharwad  
DG - 2006-07

## From President's Desk



It gives me immense pleasure in welcoming you all to the Past Presidents' Meet at Whistling Woodz Resort, Dandeli. We have made all arrangements for your comfortable stay and sincerely hope you will have a wonderful and memorable time here.

At the outset, I express my heartfelt gratitude to our beloved District Governor Rtn. Arun Bhandare for giving us the opportunity to host this important District event, jointly with the Rotary Club of Dandeli.

The Past Presidents' Meet is a significant occasion in the Rotary year. It provides a valuable platform for Rotarians of Rotary International District 3170 to come together and deliberate on key aspects of Rotary—membership growth, impactful projects, community service, and support to The Rotary Foundation—while strengthening the bonds of friendship and fellowship. Such gatherings reaffirm our unity and collective resolve for the continued progress of our Rotary family.

As our club proudly enters its 86th year of dedicated service to society, we cherish our rich legacy and remain steadfast in our commitment to serve with renewed vigor and purpose.

Together, let us unite for good and uphold our enduring legacy of peace, trust, and Service Above Self.

With warm regards  
Yours in Rotary Service

**Rtn. P. K. Nandyalkar**

President

Rotary Club of Dharwad\*\*

## From President's Desk



I am fortunate and privileged to lead one of the oldest clubs of RI Dist 3170. The generous co-operation, guidance of our senior Rotarians and bubbling enthusiasm, active participation of the members has enabled my task of leading this 7-decade old club meaningful and enjoyable in all aspects of service the community. Aptly the Rotary Theme of the Year "UNITED TO SERVE" We have united with Rotary Club Dharwad to host this Prestigious event of Past Presidents Meet at the serene cradle of beauty of Nature hustled with Kali River and Green Forest at Whitzling Woodz Resort. It will be a right Setting for all the Past Presidents to retreat and re-kindle their thoughts to rejuvenate the present genre of Rotarians with their Valuable thoughts, Wisdom and Knowledge of Rotary.

The thoughtful planning of Rotarians of Dharwad coupled with expertise of Dandeli Rotarians has enabled to create befitting setting in the midst of austere nature, I am sure every past president will enjoy and carry back the memories of Lifetime.

We the organisers expect meaningful deliberations during the meet, which will be guiding- light to the future leaders to meet the Rotary's Objectives of "SERVICE ABOVE SELF"

I place on record the word of appreciation to DG Rtn Arun Bhandariji for having reposed faith in our capabilities and entrusted the responsibility of hosting this event.

Our team strived hard with the guidance of Rtn Laxmikant Naik and Rtn Rajesh Tiwari Event Chairmen to make a befitting setting, The Response is overwhelming.

Come on, lets enjoy the event and rejuvenate,

Yours in Rotary Service

**Rtn Ashutoshkumar Rai**

President

Rotary Club Dandeli.



## From Secretary's Desk

Dear fellow Rotarians,

It is great opportunity that the past Presidents' meet "Jeshta Anubandha" is being organised by the Rotary Club of Dharwad jointly with the Rotary Club of Dandeli, at Dandeli on 14th and 15th March 2026.

This is a very significant occasion to remember the paramount services rendered by the previous doyens of social cause. It is a time to acknowledge their selfless services rendered over the years. It is also a very special occasion for revamping the family bonds and rejuvenation. It's a time to gel with the nature as well. The event will also show us the future new directions so that we can expand the horizons of our service to the society.

I cordially invite you to be a part of this momentous occasion. Come, let us be a part of this gala event.

Long live Rotary.

**Smt. Shobha V. Patil**

Secretary,  
Rotary Club Dharwad



## From Secretary's Desk

I take this opportunity to express my great sense of gratitude to my fellow Rotarians for the excellent support extended throughout the current year and in organizing the Dist. Event entrusted to our Club of hosting Past President's Meet at Dandeli's Whizling Wood. Under the guidance of Rotary Club Dharwad, we have travelled and communicated vigorously to enhance the registrations, we have received overwhelming response from the entire district.

We have left no-stones-untuned to make the event memorable. We have blended the program with meaningful deliberations and entertainment, enabling Friendship and Fellowship to be savored forever. The up-coming Rotarians have a pleasant learning experience of the Past- Presidents vast knowledge of Rotary Philosophy.

Enjoy the event

Yours in Rotary Service

**Rtn Mithun Nayak**

Secretary,  
Rotary Club Dandeli



Inauguration of Bus Shelter

Extended service for needy Polio effected person

## From Event Secretary's Desk



Rtn. Rajesh Tiwari

Event Secretary : Message -JESHTA ANUBANDHA

No setting is befitting than whizling Woodz Resort, Dandeli for the culmination of experienced minds of Past Presidents, at a place amidst the beauty of Nature at its best.

With experience of our Rotarians in creating a great ambiance for Friendship and Fellowship to kindle the spark of illumination amongst the past presidents minds to flow their experiences and ideals in Rotary will make an event a memorable and a learning experience to up-coming Rotarians of the host clubs , jointly hosted by Rotary Club Dandeli and Rotary Club Dharwad. The response is over whelming all over the RI Dist 3170.

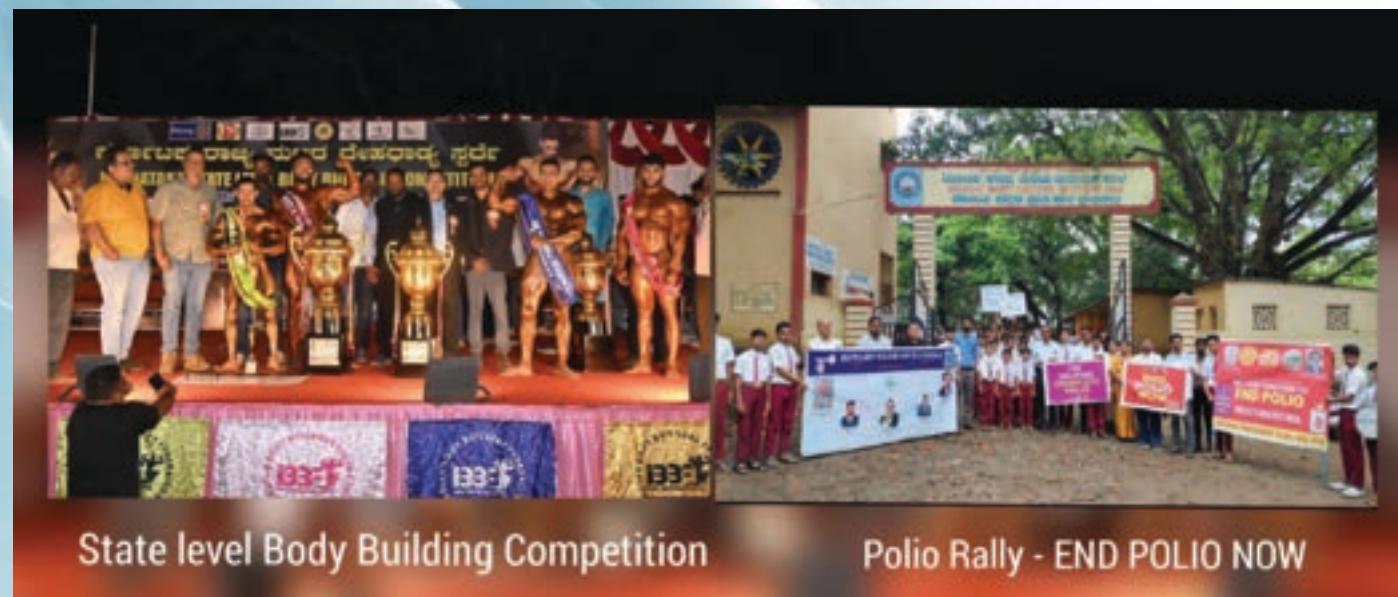
The Friendship and Fellowship the very essence Rotary's Philosophy will be truly met in this event.

We are sure the event will be memorable and a Life- time experience

Yours In Rotary Service

Rtn Rajesh Tiwari

Event Secretary 's, Rotary Club Dandeli.



## Rotary Club Dharwad – A Legacy of Service, A Future of Hope. -A Legacy of Service since 1940

A Glorious Journey of Eight Decades of Service (Since 16 September 1940)

The history of Rotary Club Dharwad is a remarkable saga of dedication, leadership, and selfless service spanning more than eight decades. 16 September 1940 stands as a landmark date in the history of Rotary in this region, marking the charter of a club that would go on to play a significant role in the social, educational, and community development of North Karnataka.

Guided by the Rotary ideology the club has consistently undertaken projects in healthcare, education, and community welfare, touching countless lives and strengthening the spirit of fellowship and humanitarian service.

### Humble Beginnings

The origin of the club dates back to 29 April 1940, when the first meeting of the Hubli–Dharwad Rotary Club was held at the Badminton Hall of Karnataka College, Dharwad. This pioneering initiative was led by Rtn. S. R. Sharma, a young officer of the Southern Railway at Hubli, whose vision and enthusiasm laid the foundation for Rotary activities in the region.

With the encouragement and sponsorship of the Rotary Club of Bangalore, the club was formally chartered on 16 September 1940. Beginning with 30 founder members, the club embarked on its journey with great optimism and commitment to serve society.

The first Charter Meeting was held on 7 December 1940, under the leadership of President Rtn. N. K. Dixit and Secretary Rtn. L. G. Sabnis, marking the official commencement of Rotary service in the twin cities.

**Bifurcation and Growth :** As the activities of the club expanded and considering the geographical distance between Hubli and Dharwad, a decision was taken in 1948–49 to reorganize the club. Accordingly, Rotary Club Dharwad was formed and allowed to retain the original charter, while Rotary Club Hubli was established to cater to the Hubli township area. This step enabled both clubs to expand Rotary's service activities more effectively and strengthen its presence in the region.

**Contribution to Educational Development ;** The members of Rotary Club Dharwad have played a significant role in shaping the educational landscape of the region. The club actively supported the establishment of Karnatak University and the Agriculture College in Dharwad, which have since become premier institutions of higher learning. One of the distinguished members of the club, Dr. D. C. Pavate, rendered invaluable service in the establishment of Karnatak University in 1949, contributing immensely to the advancement of education in the region.

### Spreading the Rotary Movement.

Rotary Club Dharwad has been instrumental in expanding the Rotary movement across North Karnataka by sponsoring several new clubs.

#### Sponsored Clubs (Before Bifurcation)

Rotary Club Belgaum – 1941–42  
Rotary Club of Gadag Betageri – 1944–45  
Rotary Club Hubli – 1948–49

#### Sponsored Clubs (After Bifurcation)

Rotary Club of Dandeli – 1956–57  
Rotary Club of Bagalkot – 1959–60  
Rotary Club of Saundatti – 1972–73  
Rotary Club of Dharwad Central – 1986–87  
Rotary Club Rani Chennamma Kittur – 1988–89  
Rotary Club of Dharwad Midtown – 1991–92  
Rotary Club Haliyal – 1993–94  
Rotary Club Seven Hills – 2008–09

Through these initiatives, the club has significantly contributed to spreading Rotary's ideals of service and fellowship.

## Leadership at the District Level

The club has had the distinction of producing several outstanding leaders who served as District Governors, guiding Rotary activities across the district.

PDG Rtn. V. B. Raju (1953–54) – “Rotary is Hope in Action”

PDG Rtn. A. B. Ramanand (1966–67) – “A Better World Through Rotary”

PDG Rtn. N. K. Kulkarni (1994–95) – “Be a Friend”

PDG Rtn. Dr. Rajan Deshpande (1998–99) – “Follow Your Rotary Dreams”

PDG Rtn. Ravi Deshpande (2006–07) – “Lead the Way”

Their leadership has brought immense pride and recognition to the club.

## DISTINGUISHED VISITORS TO THE CLUB

Over the years, the club has been honoured by visits from many eminent personalities, reflecting its prestige and standing. Among them were national leaders such as

### Distinguished Visitors

Sri V. V. Giri,	President of India
Dr. S. Radhakrishnan,	Vice President of India
Sri. B. D. Jatti,	Vice President of India
Sri. Lalbahaddur Shastri,	Prime Minister
Dr. Karan Singh,	Union Minister of India

### Distinguished members of the judiciary including

Chief Justices	
Sri. M. C. Chagla	Chief Justice of India
Sri. Gajendragadkar	Chief Justice of India
Sri. V. S. Malimath	Chief Justice of Kerala High Court

### The club has welcomed several Governors and Chief Ministers of Mysore State, including Governors.

Dr. Harekrishna Mehtab	Governor of Bombay
Sri G. S. Pathak	Governor of Mysore

### Chief Ministers

Sri. S. Nijalingappa	Chief Minister of Mysore
Sri. Virendra Patil,	Chief Minister of Mysore
Sri. Devaraj Urs,	Chief Minister of Mysore

### Ministers

Dr. G. S. Melkote ,	Minister of Hyderabad State
Dr. Punjab Rao Deshmukh ,	Minister of Govt. of India
Sri. K.Hanumanthayya ,	Minister of Mysore
Sri. Vaikunta Baliga,	Minister of Law and Parliamentary Affairs,
Mr. Basavaraj Horatti,	Minister of Education

## Eminent personalities visited ROTARY CLUB DHARWAD,

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Dr. T.M.A. Pai, Founder of Syndicate Bank and General Education Society , Manipal  
Sri Poly Umrigar & Sri M.K Mantri and their Team Members  
Mr. Roberto Boarde Ambassador of Argentina in India  
Dr. M. R. Sreenivasan, Chairman Atomic Commission of India  
Mr. Raja Ramanna , Chairman Atomic Power Commission of India  
Dr. Mallikarjun Mansur, Hindustani Vocalist  
Dr. Basavaraj Rajguru , Hindustani Vocalist

**Novelist** N. K. Kulkarni,  
**Environmentalist** - Mrs. Medha Patkar ,  
**Cartoonist** - Mr R. K. Laxman,  
**Padmashree** Pandit Venkateshkumar

### JNANAPEETHA RECEIPIENTS WHO VISITTED THE CLUB

Dr. Shivram Karant  
Dr. K. V. Puttappa  
Dr. V. K. Gokak  
Dr. D. R. Bendre

**Rotarians have also visited the club, further strengthening its connection with the global Rotary community. Prominent Rotary leaders such as**

Rtn. H. W. Bryant, Secretary Mid Asia Office.  
Prof. Babcock of Vermont, USA  
Rtn. PDG. Ravishankar Bhopalapur, USA

Mrs. Barbara Aldridge, Rotary Service Supervisor, Evanston

Rtn.Shekhar Mehta, RI President 2021-2022

Rtn.Dr.Mahesh Kotbagi, RI Director 2021-2023

As Rotary Club Dharwad moves forward into the future, it does so with the strength of a remarkable legacy and the guidance of experienced leadership. The club is privileged to have the continued **involvement of 60+ raotrains with 22 dedicated Past Presidents** , who are still present as members of the Club and whose wisdom, experience, and unwavering commitment continue to guide the club’s activities and uphold its traditions of service and fellowship. Adding further strength to this foundation are two distinguished Rotary stalwarts, **Dr. Rajan Deshpande and Ravi Deshpande**, whose leadership and inspiration are regarded as pillars of the club. With their guidance and the collective enthusiasm of its members, Rotary Club Dharwad continues its mission with renewed vision and dedication, striving to expand its service initiatives and make a lasting difference in society while proudly carrying forward the Rotary ideal of “Service Above Self.”

**Arvind Deshmukh**  
Editor

## MAJOR PROJECTS TAKEN BY ROTARY CLUB DHARWAD

**PAUL HARRIES MEMORIAL EDUCATION SOCIETY** Established in 1982  
Imparting Quality Education to the Children from Nursery to 10th. Standard

Club played important role in getting a X-Ray Machine of Italian origin to Lourdes Hospital.

Patients Ward in the Civil Hospital.

Neo Natal Care Units also in the Civil Hospital .

Drinking Water Storage Tank Facility in the Civil Hospital.

Provided Bore Well and Drinking Water Facilities in the Schools.

Provided Desks and Computers to various Schools.

Upgraded Maternity Ward in the Corporation Hospital .

Provided Musical Instruments to the Music School etc.

Bus Shelters

Toilet blocks to Government Collage



**Eminent personalities visited  
ROTARY CLUB DHARWAD,**

## ROTARY CLUB DHARWAD MAJOR ACTIVITIES DONE FROM 1st JULY TILL END OF FEBRUARY 2026

Tree Plantation at Rajatgiri garden

Started Two Interact clubs & One Rotaract Club

Health check up camp, End Polio rally & immunization for children below 5 years  
MHM program

Donating Blankets, mats, buckets to poor students at Akkamahadevi Ashram

Felicitated Doctors, CAs, Farmers, Teachers

Vocational service awards were given to six persons

As part of International service month ( Peace & conflict resolution) felicitated  
foreign student Miss Lynet from Law College Dharwad

Display board containing Four Way Test to all six Interact schools

Distributed books to SSLC students

Organised NSS camp to College students

Essay Competition to interact school students

Organised Eco friendly Ganesh visarjan wherein 182 idols were immersed

Conducted awareness program on POCSO Act 2012 for High school Teachers

Celebrated Karnataka Rajyostav day by organizing Patriotic songs

Demo held for public awareness about Solar renewal energy

Environment protection campaign by remembering death of Salamarad Thimmakka  
by planting trees

Participated Dandiya Utsav & donated Cricket Kit to UKPL Team.

District conference at Ichalkaranji in which 32 Rotarians participated.

Joint club meeting with RC Karwar Sea side with flag exchange

..... & Journey continues.....



**Eminent personalities visited  
ROTARY CLUB DHARWAD,**



## Rotary Club Dandeli: A Journey of Seven Decades UNITED FOR GOOD

Rotary club Dandeli chartered in the year 1957 is an affiliate of Rotary International, initially has the objective of serving the needy through various community service projects like Health-related activities. Rotary Club was sponsored by Rotary Club Dharwad. Dandeli is an industrial town with 03 large to medium scale industries established during 1950-1960 due to availability essential Raw materials in the closer proximity, which enabled the establishment of Indian Plywood Company, Dandeli Steel and Ferro Alloys and West Coast Paper Mills Ltd. belonging to a conglomerate Bangur group engaged in production multi million tons of quality Paper annually.

Initially most Rotary members were executives and officers working in the major industries of Dandeli town. Many Rotary Projects for the community were focused on health-related programmes in sync with the Rotary's Philosophy of "SERVICE ABOVE SELF"

Rotary Club Dandeli in last seven decades has served the community in Health and Humanitarian needs through various activities. Dandeli Rotary club fosters a good camaraderie adhering to the FOUR AVENUES of Service realizing the objectives of 4-WAY TEST to create a society of utmost ethics and values of highest priority.

RC Dandeli has carved niche for itself in RI Dist. 3170, with 03 Major Donors and 100% PHF Club. Members of Rotary Club Dandeli are well recognized in RI Dist. 3170 with adequate representation as Asst Governors, RDC and DCC. Our club members have been associated is GSE programs and hosted GSE teams several times. Our club has completed 03 Matching projects, 01 Global Grant Project during Covid-19 pandemic. These projects have served the humanitarian objective of providing health facilities and augmenting infrastructure facilities in Rotary School and other neighboring schools in Dandeli

Now, Dandeli being a town with plenty of opportunities in the development of Tourism as its bestowed with natural resources of Kali River and Forest cover of western Ghats region. Rotarians of our club are managing tourism with eco-friendly initiatives through various Rotary programs enabling environment protection coupled with excitement of enjoying the serene beauty of Nature of the region.

The signature project of RC Dandeli is Rotary School running under the aegis of Rotary Education Society (RES). The school has an adequate infrastructure with spacious classrooms, Library and Laboratory equipments. The major chunk of infrastructure is developed through the donations of Philanthropists, Corporate House like WCPM, and Peoples representatives MLA, MP and MLC grants.

We take pride being Rotarians and continue to be "UNITED TO SERVE" in coming Years and forever.

## Major Activities Conducted 1 July 2025 – 28 February 2026

### Community Recognition & Public Service

Felicitation of Doctors, Chartered Accountants, and Press Persons for their valuable service to society.

Donation of Barricades to the Police Department for public safety and traffic management.

Rotary Bus Shelter Initiative for the convenience of the public.

Meritorious Students Felicitation Program recognizing outstanding academic achievements.

Teacher Excellence Awards honoring dedicated educators for their contribution to education.

### Health & Medical Service

Free Heart Check-Up Camp organized for the public of Dandeli.

Free Skin Disease, Acne, and Hair Fall Treatment Camp for the community.

Free Ear Treatment Camp along with distribution of Hearing Aids.

Free General Health Check-Up Camp for the community.

Attended the Dedication Ceremony of the AI Ultraportable Digital X-Ray System at Goa.

### Women & Child Welfare

Maternal & Child Health Initiative – Distribution of Baby Kits promoting infant hygiene and care.

Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) Awareness Program for women and girls.

Good Touch – Bad Touch Awareness Program for students.

### Education & Youth Development

Dream Path Career Guidance Program conducted for students.

Distribution of JEE and NEET preparation books to students.

Donation of Computers to Rotary School, Dandeli.

Distribution of Moral Value Books to students.

Distribution of Umbrellas, Books, Pens, Pencils, Student Kits and Cloth Bags to students.

Distribution of Bicycles to needy girl students to support their education.

District Level Drawing Competition for students.

Taluk Level Sports Competitions encouraging youth participation and fitness.

School Infrastructure Donation of 4-Seater Bench Desks to Rotary English Medium School, Dandeli.

Inauguration of a New Classroom at Rotary School.

Environment & Awareness Tree Plantation Drive at Rotary School, Dandeli promoting environmental awareness.

Cloth Bags distributed to the public under the campaign "Say No to Plastic."

Installation of Rotary River Protection Awareness Hoardings.

Installation of Three Public Waste Bins in crowded areas to promote cleanliness.

Community Development & Special Projects Support to a Polio-Affected Person by providing a fully equipped footwear shop under the project "Footwear for Empowerment."

Blankets and Winter Caps distributed to poor and needy people during winter.

Tuber Mela promoting local agriculture and food awareness.

Science, Culture & Awareness Vigyan Rath – Science on Wheels Program encouraging scientific curiosity among students.

Science and Art Exhibition for students.

Narcotic Drug Awareness Program for youth and the public.

### Major Events

Organization of a State Level Body Building Competition – Mr. Dandeli.

Participation in the Hornbill Festival.

### Rotary Fellowship & District Participation

Participation of 17 Rotarians in the District Conference at Ichalkaranji.

Conducted Flag Exchange with Rotary Clubs of Kanchipuram, Hubli South, Mumbai Island, and Kumta, strengthening fellowship and inter-club relations.

Rotary Vietnam Tour promoting international fellowship and cultural exchange Participation of 6 Rotarians.

Participation in the District Membership Seminar.

Participation in The Rotary Foundation (TRF) Level II Seminar.

End Polio Now Awareness Rally to spread awareness about polio eradication.

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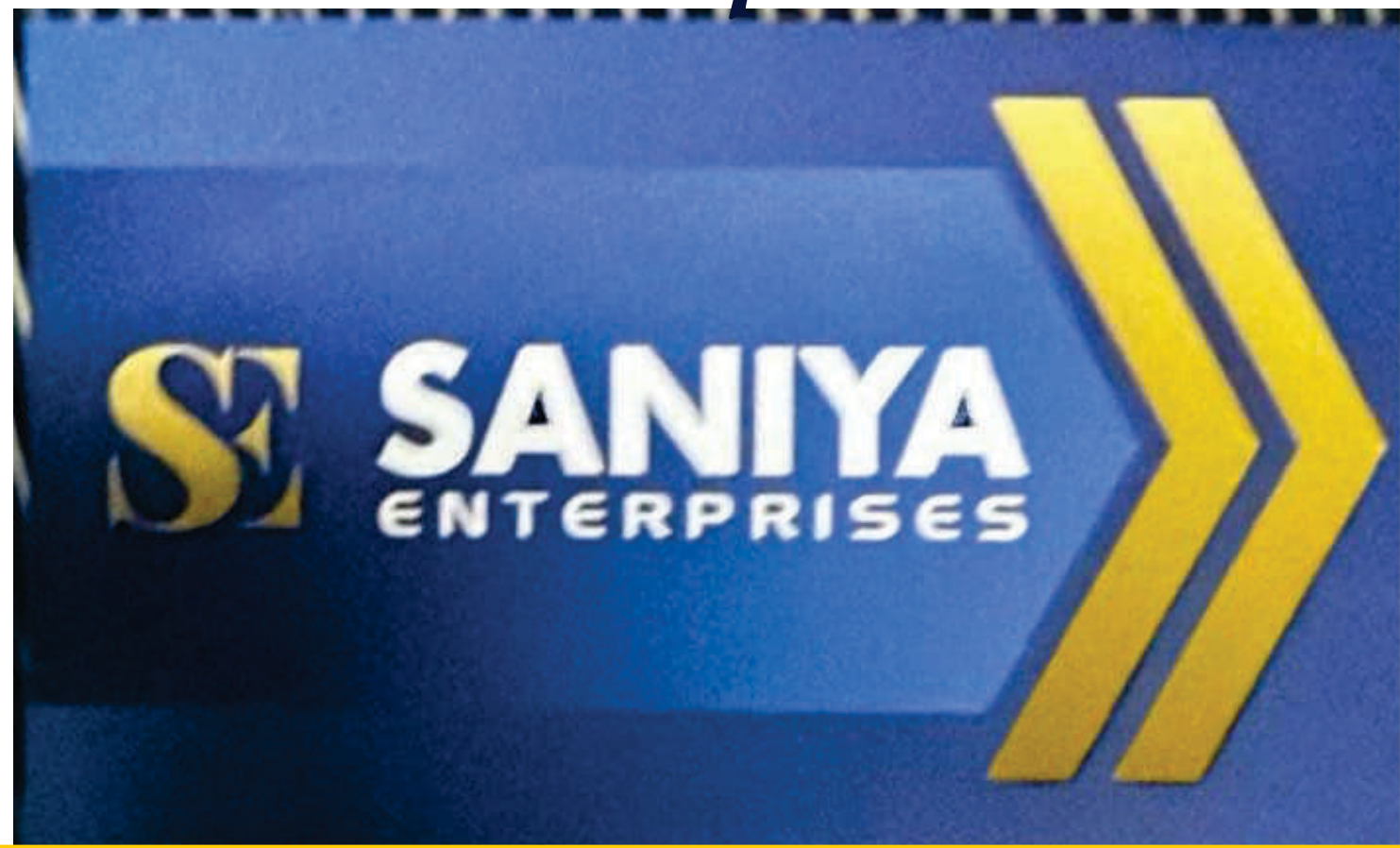
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