

# ROTARY CLUB MYSORE METRO



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## Our Speaker: Group Captain Dr. Vinay Vittal

**I**ndian Air Force (IAF), Group Captain Dr. Vinay Vittal is an accomplished officer with over three decades of distinguished service. A Fighter Pilot, he has mastered advanced fighter aircraft including the Jaguar – Deep Penetration Strike Aircraft.

Group Captain Dr. Vinay Vittal is a highly decorated officer with over three decades of service as a fighter pilot. He has logged more than 3,500 hours of accident-free flying on advanced fighter aircraft, including the Jaguar. He is a certified Instrument Rating Instructor and Examiner.

Throughout his distinguished career, Dr. Vittal has held key leadership roles, serving as the Commanding Officer of a frontline fighter squadron, Chief Operations Officer for the Ladakh sector, and Director at Air Headquarters. His combat experience includes participation in Operation Vijay during the Kargil War and



Operation Parakram after the 2001 Parliament attack. He also led joint military exercises with the USA, Army, and Navy.

Beyond his operational achievements, he has made significant academic contributions, serving as a faculty member at the Defence Services Staff College and publishing articles on strategic subjects. His academic credentials include a PhD in International Relations from Jawaharlal Nehru University. For his exemplary service, he has been recognized with the Air Officer in Chief's Commendation and the Chief of Air Staff's Commendation, along with other prestigious awards.

**Metro is proud to welcome Group Captain Capt. Vinay Vittal.**

## District Honor: Best Membership Development Club

It is with great pride and gratitude that I share some exciting news. On August 31, 2025, during "Membership Development" month, our club, Rotary Mysore Metro, was honoured with the First Place in Membership Development award. I was privileged to receive this recognition from Past RI Director Rtn. Dr. Vadlamani. This award truly belongs to every member of our Mysore Metro family, and our success is a result of your collective efforts.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to our dedicated leaders, including Hon. Secretary Rtn. Mohan Gurusurthy, Membership Development Chairman & President Elect Rtn. Satyendra, Treasurer Rtn. Srinivasan, and Web Chairman Rtn. Umesh, as well as all our charter and general members. The invaluable guidance from senior members Rtn. Alagappan, Rtn. Sundar & Rtn. Salil Das was crucial to our success.

Our "new club, new energy" mantra. Unlike established clubs that can be constrained by tradition, we started with a clean slate, brimming with fresh perspectives. This new energy has translated into a proactive

approach and innovative projects. Our members, a vibrant mix of seasoned Rotarians, professionals, and young individuals, have created a truly dynamic environment.



We've also succeeded by "taking Rotary to the people." We hold fortnightly meetings and numerous service activities, constantly making our presence felt in the community through a stream of projects, from health camps to educational initiatives. We've shown Mysoreans what Rotary is all about through our actions.

Ultimately, our success is rooted in the "high ethical standards and genuine friendliness" of our members. This magnetic atmosphere has not only attracted new individuals but has also fostered a strong sense of trust and camaraderie. This foundation of ethics and friendliness truly defines the spirit of Mysore Metro and promises a future of continued growth and impactful service.

By Rtn. Gopalakrishna M.P, Charter President, Rotary Mysore Metro

(This article is expected in this month's issue of the District Magazine)





## Metro shines at CSR Conclave 2025

The CSR conclave was held on 08th September, 2025 at Radisson Blu Plaza in Mysore. The main objective of the conclave was to route the CSR funds of companies thru Rotary Foundation which is first of a kind in RI District 3181. Previously companies were identifying community projects by themselves and also thru agents who are tied up with NGO's and executing the projects. Here the disadvantage was accountability, identifying good sustainable projects etc. As Rotary International was already in the field of community service, it was all the better to help the companies in identifying and executing the projects and Rotary's accountability is well known.



The district Commissioner of Chamarajanagar Ms Shilpa Nag IAS, had done a wonderful job of identifying projects and compiling them sector wise. The same data was printed in book format by Rotary Dist. 3181 and distributed among the attendees.

District Governor Rtn.

Ramakrishna P K welcomed and addressed the gathering. Ms Bhavana Verma, CSR head, Rotary Foundation spoke about CSR initiatives and programs by Rotary. Ms Shilpa Nag IAS presented the projects identified in Chamarajanagar and explained in details about the cost and other details sector wise. Mysore DC Mr. Lakshmikanth Reddy spoke about the projects available for company CSR execution. On the occasion Dr. Pushpalatha from AIISH spoke for a few minutes. Panel discussion was moderated by PG Rtn. Keshav H R and vote of thanks was delivered by Rtn. Kiran Robert.

With District Governor Rtn. Ramakrishna P K guidance and support of PG Rtn. Keshav H R, DG Elect Yashaswi Somashekar & Rtn. Sanjay S K, the conclave was organised under the chairmanship of Rtn. Kiran Robert ably assisted by Rtn. Dr. Anil Kumar M R and Rtn. Sadakshari Swamy.

Stage management was handled by Rtn. Dr Prahlad K A, Rtn. Sanjay's MC was par excellence, Rtn. Padmaja Muralidhar handled registrations and mementoes, Stage & hall decorations, sound system, food and other logistics was handled by RC Mysore Metro members.

In this program Rotary District 3181 joined hands with the district administration of Mysore & Chamarajanagara in identifying community projects and showcasing it to companies to use their CSR funds in the identified projects.

## Reverberations of "Blood Donation

Metro in collaboration with SVYM (Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement) conducted a blood donation – securing 90 bags of the life saving liquid. The initiative was hosted by Dr. Rtn. Ravindranath, who, along with his team, ensured every detail was handled exceptionally. The highlight was Dr. Ravindranath's personal tour, where he explained the special features of the hospital. The enthusiastic response, a hosted breakfast, carpooling made the experience enjoyable for Rotarians.

The efforts of Dr. Ravindranath and his team were widely appreciated, leaving a lasting impression on everyone who participated.







## Rotaract Installation at Sheshadripuram Degree College

**R**otaract Club of Sheshadripuram Degree College was officially installed on Saturday, September 6, 2025, in a ceremony attended by Rotarians and college staff. The new club is sponsored by the Rotary Mysore Metro and was an official Club meeting.

**The Installation Ceremony:** The installation marks a new chapter for the students of Sheshadripuram Degree College. The Installing Officer and Chief Guest was Rtn. Dr. Prahlad, who officially



inducted the new Rotaract Club members into their roles.

**Accompanying him were the Guests of Honor:** President Rtn. Gopala Krishna, Hon. Secretary Mohan Gurumurthy, and Rtn. MN. Srinivas, the Director of Youth Services. Their presence underscored the strong support and mentorship the Rotaract Club will receive from its parent Rotary Club. The ceremony was filled with a sense of purpose and enthusiasm, with members taking an oath to uphold the values of service and fellowship.

## Interact Club of Mysore International School Installed

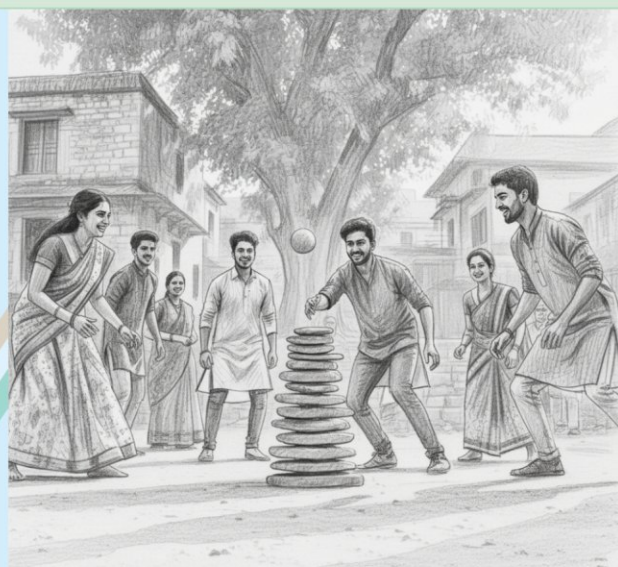
**T**he Interact Club of Mysore International School was officially installed on Monday, September 1, 2025, in a well-organized ceremony. The new club is sponsored by the Rotary Mysore Metro.

The Installing Officer, Rtn. Tejaswini Alwar, President of the Rotary E-Club, Mysore, conducted the ceremony and welcomed the new members.

The Chief Guest, President Rtn. Gopal Krishna reinforced the commitment of the sponsoring club. The ceremony was a testament to the students' enthusiasm and their readiness to take on leadership roles. With the support of their sponsoring



Rotary Club, the new Interactors are poised to make a positive impact in both their school and the broader community. The Interactors had excellently organized the event.



## “LAGORI” COLLEGE LEVEL TOURNAMENT

**Lagori, remember playing it?**

A traditional Indian game of fun, speed, teamwork and strategy. All it needs is a few flat stones, a ball and a lot of energy. It's a fun, strategic game promoting teamwork and agility.

President Rtn. Gopala Krishna, Hon. Secretary Mohan Gurumurthy, and Rtn. MN. Srinivas, the Director of Youth Services were invited to the Valedictory function. Our club has sponsored the trophies for the event.

## IN LOVING MEMORY

Rtn Rukmini's mother  
Smt. Saroja (W/O Ramiah)  
reached her heavenly abode  
on 27 Aug 2025

Rtn Channakeshava's father  
Chennakrishnappa  
reached his heavenly abode  
on 8 Sep 2025

Rtn. SangKoo Yun  
RI President-Elect succumbed  
to Cancer and reached his  
heavenly abode on 5 Sep 2025.



# ROTARY INFORMATION

## Nigerian Rtn. Olayinka Hakeem Babalola elected to be 2026-27 RI President

**B**abalola, an engineer received his degree in 1988. He worked for 25 years in the oil and gas industry, holding senior positions in Shell PLC. He founded two companies: an oil and gas infrastructure delivery company, and an executive coaching and organizational performance advisory group.

Babalola began his Rotary journey in 1984 as a Rotaractor. He joined the Rotary Club of Trans Amadi 10 years later. His leadership roles include serving as district governor (2011-12), RI vice president (2019-20), and member of the RI Board (2018-20). He was also an active leader and participant in RI committees such as the End Polio Now Countdown to History Campaign Committee (2017-23) and the Nigeria National PolioPlus Committee (2013-present, adviser 2016-present).

A Polio warrior, he is also a trustee of ShelterBox UK.

**Democracy wins in Rotary:** Rotary suffered two unexpected, high profile resignations related to the International presidency:

- Rtn. Mário César Martins de Camargo, RI President elect, 2025-2026 resigned on June 8, 2025 citing personal reasons.
- Rtn. SangKoo Yun RI President elect, 2026-2027 RI President, resigned on August 11, 2025 as he was diagnosed



with cancer.

Rotary worldwide operates on a democratic and constitution-driven model, where leadership is elected from the grassroots level up. Some academics question whether a large, decentralized, and democratically governed organization can be sufficiently nimble. To Quote Churchill & PM Modi.

Following both shocking surprises, the RI Board of Directors calmly met & elected:

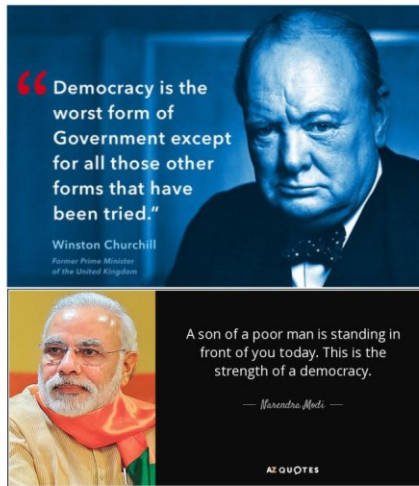
- Rtn. Francesco Arezzo from Italy as the new RI President for 2025-2026,
- Rtn. Olayinka Hakeem Babalola of Nigeria as the new RI President for 2026-2027

### These highlighted the strengths of Rotary:

**Succession Resilience:** "The King is dead. Long live the King". This demonstrates Rotary's resilience and its ability to maintain continuity, despite challenges.

**Organization, Not the Hero:** However tempting, rather than being tied to a single person, Rotary has shown how to focus on the Organization.

Through these, Rotary has emerged as a leader on Democracy, pushing psychopathic, Hero based models to the wayside.



-By Rtn. Badri Narayan Krishnan

## BIRTHDAY



11<sup>th</sup>  
Sep.

Rtn. Sujay



12<sup>th</sup>  
Sep

Rtn.  
Pavan Daaga



### UPCOMING EVENTS

19th Sep. 2025 Friday,  
Engineers Day  
At RCL Hall, 6.30 PM

### FOUR WAY TEST

1. Is it the truth ?
2. Is it fair to all concerned ?
3. Will it build good will and better friendships ?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned ?



Rtn. Paul Harris  
Founder



Rtn. Francesco Arezzo  
RI President



Rtn. Ramakrishna P.K.  
Dist. Governor 3181



Rtn. Gopal Krishna  
President



Rtn. Mohan Gurumurthy  
Secretary



Rtn. Vivek S Sangle  
Editor