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*"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." – Helen Keller*



**CLUB DIARY - 21 AUGUST, 2025**  
**VAAYIL\_A DOORWAY -**  
**HERITAGE DOCUMENTATION, CONSERVATION,**  
**AND DIGITAL PRESERVATION :**  
**AR, RAGUL RAVICHANDRAN**

The 8th weekly meeting was held with 51% attendance. The session began with the President's address and invocation by Rtn. PP Nagaraj Palke. The President welcomed all members and acknowledged the presence of distinguished guests, including Rtn. PDG Dr. Devdas Rai, architects Subhas Basu and Niren Jain, leaders from RCM Central and RCM Baikampady, and RCC Kumpala representatives. Condolences were offered on the passing of Rotary Ann Veena Kamath, and members observed a minute of silence. Rtn. PP M. Venkatesh Pai introduced Chief Guest Ar.Ragul Ravichandran, a renowned Conservation Architect from Coimbatore known for his pioneering work in digital heritage preservation.

Ar. Ragul took the audience on a journey through over 194 documented heritage sites, weaving together stories, insights, and visuals of forgotten architectural gems.

His presentation highlighted the richness of India's cultural legacy and the urgent need for its preservation. He spoke about the immense effort and dedication involved in his work, often spending hundreds of hours capturing photographs to record even the finest details of structures. Using modern technology, he demonstrated how these photographs are converted into accurate 3D digital drawings.

He also emphasized the importance of traditional art-based design methods. When combined with digital tools, they create reconstructions that are both holistic and authentic.

He highlighted the innovative integration of 3D painting and printing technologies, which allow architectural details to be recreated within their original structural framework.

Finally, he stressed that digital preservation plays a crucial role in safeguarding monuments that may be damaged or broken with age. Through these methods, their original essence can be captured, stored, and, if needed, restored for future generations.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by Rtn.Rajendra Kalbavi and the National Anthem.

**PROGRAM TODAY**  
**28 AUGUST, 2025**

"Green is the New Black: Styling Your Wardrobe the Sustainable Way" : Ms Alka Manoj

**VENUE - OCEAN PEARL**  
Tea Meeting

**PROGRAM NEXT WEEK**  
**4 SEPTEMBER, 2025**

Club Anniversary

**VENUE - OCEAN PEARL**  
Dinner Meeting



## KNOW OUR SPEAKER

Alka Manoj is a passionate fashion designer, educator, and changemaker whose journey beautifully weaves together creativity, sustainability, and community empowerment. A graduate in Fashion Design from Heriot Watt University, Dubai, she envisioned building fashion that not only delights but also nurtures people and preserves heritage. She is the Founder of Li'l Ohana, a sustainable baby clothing brand that uses natural dyes and fibers to ensure safety, comfort, and eco-consciousness. Alongside, she established "The Ohana Community", which supports local weavers, promotes slow fashion, and organizes thrift events, upcycling workshops, and eco flea markets.



Alka has balanced her entrepreneurial journey with a fulfilling career as an Assistant Professor for seven years, mentoring young talents. Expanding further, she introduced "Ohana by Alka", with natural dyed sarees and made-to-order outfits, blending tradition with modern design.

Beyond fashion, Alka is trained in Carnatic music and Bharatnatyam dance, and she leads the Mangalore Chapter of the Women Networking Club, empowering women entrepreneurs across India. Her story is one of resilience and hope—where every stitch narrates a vision of sustainable growth and empowered communities.

## ROTARY AROUND THE WORLD

### HOW TO SUCCEED IN BUSINESS: ROTARY OPENS DOORS THROUGH CONNECTION AND LEADERSHIP

A recent feature on the Rotary website spotlights many ways joining Rotary or Rotaract, can accelerate your professional growth and business success.

For emerging professionals like Ahmed Eltally, Rotary offers much more than fellowship. Through Rotaract, Eltally found mentorship, networking, and professional development at a time when hybrid work threatened early-career connections.

The article highlights key strategies for leveraging Rotary's network to elevate your career:

- Take on leadership roles: serving on committees or leading a club can sharpen teamwork, project management, and public speaking skills.
- Tap into learning resources: Rotary's Learning Center offers online courses in leadership, conflict resolution, and mentoring to upskill members.
- Build meaningful professional connections: networking within your club can open doors to mentorship and business opportunities.
- Think globally: participate in international conventions or Rotary Action Groups to broaden your horizons and connect with industry leaders worldwide.

In essence, Rotary serves as a dynamic platform, blending service, community, and opportunity, where professionals can thrive, learn, and propel their careers forward.



**MENTORSHIP IS "SUCH A CRITICAL PIECE OF WHAT ROTARIANS HAVE TO OFFER," SAYS ELIZABETH MOODY, A NONPROFIT CONSULTANT, ROTARACTOR, AND FORMER ROTARY SCHOLAR.**

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# AUG 23 FUNDRAISER THE DEVDAS KAPIKAD SHOW

Our play fundraiser was not only a success in raising funds but also in creating memories that will keep us smiling for a long time. And believe me, the real drama wasn't just on stage, but also off stage, with our organising committee!

Picture this: tables were short for displaying our bakery products. Out of nowhere, JP managed to arrange an antique table, probably older than Rotary itself! Just as we admired it, another sponsor whisked it away. In true Rotary spirit, another table was arranged anyway.

Meanwhile, Sathish was outside, proudly announcing the snacks, biscuits, and cookies. Another sponsor had brought tea, and most people thought the tea was ours too. So, for one evening, our bakery briefly became a tea company as well!

And then came the funniest scene of all, our ticket counter. Poor Sanjeev Poojary was left without a table, so he simply turned a chair into one and carried on selling tickets. That image of him bent over a chair, managing ticket sales, is one of the best moments of the night. It looked like a comedy skit before the play even started!

First, getting back, a heartfelt thank you to Rtn. Sathish and Prabha Kamath. Sathish not only came up with this wonderful idea of staging a play but also sponsored the entire play team. Without your support, there would have been no lights, no action, and definitely no curtain call.

To our President Vinod and Secretary Dr. Kunal—Vinod was looking for a project to support girl child safety, and this play was the perfect fit. And Kunal—well, you stole the show in your own way. Sitting through an entire Tulu play without understanding the language, yet laughing at every cue with perfect timing—that, my friends, is either true Rotary spirit or Oscar-worthy acting!

Now, let's talk about JP and Diji. They carried the organising committee on their shoulders, handled the stress, and even when the town hall wasn't full, they cleverly scattered the seating to make it look full. Truly, they turned an empty chair into an invisible sponsor!

Our sales team: Rajendra Kalbavi, Madhav Suvarna, Venu Puthran, and Yathish, worked tirelessly, even travelling to faraway Rotary clubs to sell tickets. At one meeting, it almost turned into an argument, Rotarians fighting for tickets! That's when you know you've created real demand.

And yes, in the committee were Isaac and Ananthesh, quiet supporters, always there, adding their presence and encouragement. Sometimes just being there makes a difference, and we thank you both.

To all our sponsors, thank you sincerely. And humbly, on behalf of my own company City Bakery, we were fortunate to be the Title Sponsor. We simply added a slice of bread to this cause, but all of you provided the real flavor.

And what makes this extra special—many of us were once Rotaractors, now Rotarians. That journey, that evolution, is the story of continuity and commitment. We may have grown older, but clearly not calmer!

I am particularly pointing out because this fundraiser was an one off event where we expected support from all the members of our own club. Unfortunately we did not get the required encouraging response from majority of our members whereas we got support from other Rotary clubs. This was only the disappointing part of this event.

However, let us keep in mind that the objective of this play was raising funds through a play. So even if the play is over, our objective is yet to be achieved and there is still hope that our members who have not yet contributed so far, will do so.

This is for community service and what the board and the fundraising committee is requesting is Rs.5000/- from those members who did not get the opportunity yet.

Well, well..... at the end, This was not just a fundraiser—it was Rotary theatre at its best. Drama, laughter, teamwork, and in the end, a grand success.

*-Rtn PHF PP Prakash R Prabhu, Treasurer 2025-26*

*Curtains rose not just on stage, but behind the scenes too – where teamwork, laughter, and dedication created magic.*



# CLUB IN NEWS

## ROTARACT CLUB OF SDM MBA MANGALORE: INSTALLATION CEREMONY

The installation ceremony of the Rotaract Club of SDM MBA, Mangalore, for the year 2025–26 was held on Saturday, 23rd August 2025. The newly elected office bearers were inducted by **Rtn. PHF Vinod Aranha**, and **Rtn. PHF Dr. Arjun Nayak**, Rotaract Chairman. Rtr. Anmol Shet took charge as the new President along with his team of office bearers. **Rtn. Kishan Kumar, Youth Service Director**, was also present for the event.



### CONGRATULATIONS TO

#### Rtn. Rajendra Kalbavi

on being elected as the National President of Association of consulting Civil engineers (India). A proud achievement and a testament to his leadership and contributions in the field of civil engineering.



### CAREER GUIDANCE SESSION AT ALVA'S

On Friday, 22 August, **Rtn. Vinod Aranha** and a colleague from the Nitte Institute of Architecture were invited by the Alva's Group of Institutions, Moodbidri, to conduct a Career Guidance Orientation on design-oriented degree programs such as Architecture, Planning, Product, Fashion, and Interior Design. The session was attended by about 600 students.

# MEMBERS IN NEWS

# ROTOQUIZ 2025

## Brace yourselves for the ultimate quiz battle!

The iconic Ramnarayan Chellaram – RotoQuiz 2025 returns with its 66th edition! Hosted by the Rotary Club of Bangalore in association with Rotary Club of Mangalore, this legendary quiz has been challenging sharp minds since 1959.

Brought to you with the support of our valued sponsor, Ideal Ice Cream, Mangalore, and the Rotaract Club of SDM MBA Mangalore.

Convenor of ROTOQUIZ 2025: Rtn Balachandra Rao

This year marks a special milestone—10 years of the Mangaluru Prelims! Happening on **14th September 2025 at SDM College Conference Hall**, the event promises a thrilling contest of wits, knowledge, and speed.

Organized by Rotary Club of Bangalore in association with Rotary Club of Mangalore

**66<sup>th</sup> EDITION**

The Longest Running Live Quiz in the World!

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MANGALURU PRELIMS		BENGALURU FINALS	
1st Place: ₹ 15,000/-	14th September 2025	1st Place: ₹ 30,000/-	14th September 2025
2nd Place: ₹ 10,000/-	10:00 am	2nd Place: ₹ 20,000/-	10:00 am
3rd Place: ₹ 6,000/-		3rd Place: ₹ 15,000/-	
4th Place: ₹ 4,000/-		4th Place: ₹ 10,000/-	
		5th Place: ₹ 5,000/-	

Prizes for Finalists

Reporting time: 8:30 am  
Venue: SDM College Conference Hall, Mangalore

Participation strictly on production of College/School ID  
Open to all College/PC & those including 5th XI and XII  
Maximum of 4 teams per College/School with 2 leaders in each team.

Event Sponsor: **ideal** Ideal Ice Cream, Mangalore

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## CALLING ONE, CALLING ALL!

**Dear Rotarians, the Rotalore needs your spark!**

Be it a story, a photo, a memory or a witty line, send it in. We're accepting rolling submissions, so share whenever inspiration strikes and watch your voice come alive in our pages.

**Kindly send your entries to me at +91 98450 84266.**

Regards,  
 Rtn. Dr. Akther Husain  
 Editor, Rotalore

## BIRTHDAY GREETINGS



**Rtn. U.Narendra  
 Nayak**  
 2nd September



**Rtn. PHF PP  
 M.Ganesh Kamath**  
 3rd September

## ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS

**Rtn. Sunil Rao B.S & Ann Suman**  
 30th August

## THE FOUR WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do:

**FIRST >** Is it the **TRUTH**?

**SECOND >** Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

**THIRD >** Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?

**FOURTH >** Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

### CLUB PULSE 21.08.2025

Total members : 88  
 Members present : 40  
 Exempt : 4  
 Makeup : 1  
 Percentage : 51%

### WEEKLY MEETING Thursday, 7.00 P.M.

**Ocean Pearl**  
 Navabharath Circle,  
 Kodialbail, Mangalore

<https://www.rotarymangalore.com>

## ROTARY RIDDLES CORNER

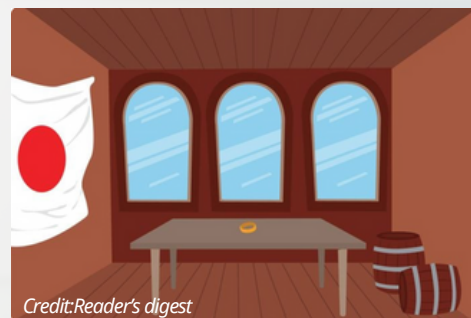
A Japanese ship was leaving the port and on its way to open sea. The captain went to oil some parts of the ship. He took his ring off so it wouldn't get damaged. He left it on the table next to his bunk. When he returned, it was missing. He had suspected three crew members could be guilty and asked them what they had been doing for the 10 minutes that he had been gone.

The cook said, "I was in the kitchen preparing tonight's dinner."

The engineer said, "I was working in the engine room, making sure everything was running smoothly."

The seaman said, "I was on the mast correcting the flag because someone had attached it upside down by mistake."

The captain immediately knew who it was. **How?**



*Credit:Reader's digest*

**Send us your answers and be featured in the next Rotalore (9845084266 – Rtn. Dr. Akther Husain, Editor)**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Fri, 29 Aug:** Zonal Review Meeting (ZRM) to be hosted by our Club.
- **Sun, 31 Aug:** Blood Donation & Cancer Detection Camp with Women's Wellness Bus @ Jeppu – coordinated by Rtn. Jayaprakash Rao.
- **Thu, 04 Sept:** Club Anniversary – Members requested to ensure 100% participation across 5 categories: Attendance, Dues, MyRotary registration, TRF, and Pulse Polio.
- **Sat, 30 Aug:** Membership Development Seminar, RC Sullia
- "Pada Nalike"–Zonal cultural competitions hosted by the RC Baikampady on **6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Sep** - contact Rtn.Deepali for further details.