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*"The greatest leader is not necessarily the one who does the greatest things, but the one who gets people to do the greatest things."
- Ronald Reagan*



CLUB DIARY - 27 NOVEMBER, 2025

"HOW DESIGN AND PLANNING ARE SHAPING MANGALURU'S GLOBAL JOURNEY" - AR. RITESH AGRAWAL

The meeting began with Invocation by Rtn. Venugopal Puthran followed by the Presidential address and pleasantries.

The chief guest of the evening was introduced by Rtn. Sunil Rao. The meeting featured an enriching and inspiring address by Ar. Ritesh Agrawal, Design Head - Mangaluru International Airport with 30+ years of experience including Delhi T3 & Malé International Airport, whose global experience brought immense clarity and delight to the audience. His ability to simplify complex aviation concepts made the session wholesome and deeply appreciated by all Rotarians. He began by sharing insights from projects like Delhi T3, Hong Kong, and Malé Airport, explaining how understanding human interaction forms the backbone of good airport design.

He then traced the evolution of Mangaluru International Airport (IXE):

- 2010: New runway introduced for narrow-body aircraft.
- 2012: Airport received international status.
- 2022: Adani Group took over operations as tenant.

Members expressed heartfelt appreciation as Ar. Agrawal described the uniqueness of Mangaluru's table-top airport, one of only seven in India. Sitting 15-18 storeys high, with alternating basalt and laterite layers and dense vegetation, the terrain supports wildlife such as leopards, jackals, and pythons. The team regularly identifies and safely relocates them. He explained how the terrain changes every 10 metres, requiring GIS mapping and biohazard studies costing 25-30 crore. Recent milestones include completing a luxury VIP lounge in just 12 days. A new CIP lounge for the public is also underway.

Future developments include expanding the international terminal to strengthen Dubai and Indonesia routes, reducing passenger touchpoints, direct baggage drop, MRI-style frisk-free systems, and 3D luggage scanning. Capacity is set to increase 2.5x in 5 years and 8x in 25 years. Long-term vision includes shifting the entire terminal eastward, increasing aerobridges from 7 to 40+, and enhancing Precision Approach Light Systems with tower heights upgraded from 50m to 100m for improved pilot visibility and safety. Rotarians expressed deep gratitude for the speaker's clarity, passion, and dedication. His talk filled the hall with pride for Mangaluru's aviation future. He concluded by highlighting the vibrant culture, cuisine, and heritage of Mangalore—promising that future airport design will reflect both tradition and modernity. The meeting adjourned with Vote of thanks by Rtn. Sadananda Poojary.

PROGRAM TODAY
4 DECEMBER, 2025
Annual Meeting

VENUE - OCEAN PEARL
Tea Meeting

PROGRAM NEXT WEEK
11 DECEMBER, 2025
Coffee & Love - Ms. Lynn Mascarenhas

VENUE - OCEAN PEARL
Tea Meeting



SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

A key highlight of this year's Annual Meeting will be the introduction of the designated office bearers for the Rotary year 2026–27.

The announcement will be made by **President-Elect Rtn. Daidan D'Silva**, marking the beginning of preparations for the upcoming Rotary year and ensuring a smooth leadership transition.

ROTARY AROUND THE WORLD

IN SEARCH OF HAPPINESS

What Happiness Means: Insights from Rotary Around the World

The article begins from a personal stand-point, describing how fleeting experiences and external successes, like traveling, good jobs, or momentary pleasures, may offer short-lived joy but often fail to deliver lasting happiness.

It highlights a deeper understanding of happiness, aligned with the concept of eudaimonia, a lasting sense of wellbeing and fulfilment that comes from living a meaningful life in tune with one's values.

Through interviews with several Rotarians globally, from Lebanon to Finland to Mauritius to Panama, the article reveals a shared belief in happiness rooted in service, relationships, simplicity, inner peace, and consistently acting with kindness and generosity rather than in material gains or achievements.

Rotary's global network of service, through community projects, fellowship, helping others, and building trust, emerges as a powerful framework that nurtures real happiness. Living the motto "Service Above Self" becomes more than a slogan; it becomes a path to personal and collective fulfilment.

The article concludes that happiness isn't about chasing constant joy or external validation, but about finding purpose, building meaningful connections, contributing to community, and embracing the flow of life with all its ups and downs.



Read more : <https://www.rotary.org/en/in-search-of-happiness>

ROTARY CLUB OF MANGALORE'S RIDE IN ROTARY (RIR) – MERCARA RIDE 2025!

Get ready for an exciting two-day adventure as we launch the Rotary Club of Mangalore's Ride in Rotary (RIR) with a thrilling journey to Mercara.

Ride Dates (Please Note):

* **Departure: 20 December 2025**

* **Return: 21 December 2025**

This inaugural RIR ride promises fellowship, open roads, and the joy of riding together.

Ride Details:

* Destination: Mercara

* Eligible Bikes: Any bike above 100cc

* Riding Gear: Helmet (mandatory), denim pants, ankle-length shoes, and preferably a riding jacket or a full-sleeve thick T-shirt

A pre-ride safety session (one-hour briefing) will be held a few days before the event so that all riders are well-prepared.

Riders will also have access to roadside support, including a free recovery truck on call throughout the journey.

Rev up your engines, Rotarians — adventure awaits! We will meet soon to finalise the full 2-day itinerary.

For details, please contact Rtn. Jayaprakash Rao.



MEMBERS IN NEWS

RTN. PP M. VENKATESH PAI'S REMARKABLE CONTRIBUTION AT PARTAGALI MATH

We are proud to share that **Rtn. PP M. Venkatesh Pai** has designed the spiritual temple precinct at the historic Shree Samsthan Gokarn Partagali Jeevottam Math in South Goa. The project features the breathtaking 77-foot bronze statue of Lord Rama, which was unveiled by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 28 November 2025, during the Math's 550th-anniversary celebrations.

Prime Minister Modi specially appreciated the serene and elevating ambiance created through Rtn. Venkatesh Pai's architectural vision.

Project Highlights:

- * Designer: Rtn. PP M. Venkatesh Pai – architect of the spiritual precinct
- * Deity: Towering 77-foot bronze statue of Lord Rama
- * Sculptor: Renowned artist Anil Ram Sutar
- * Location: Partagal, Canacona, South Goa
- * Additional Feature: A beautifully crafted Ramayana-themed garden, designed by architect Sandeep Shikre of Mumbai

This proud moment stands as a testament to the talent and contribution of our club members in shaping iconic cultural and spiritual landmarks.



RECOGNITION FOR RTN. MAJ. DNR. ADITYA PAI

Rtn. Maj. Dnr. Aditya Pai, our Director of International Service, received the Jaquar Sales Performance Award on behalf of M.S. Pai & Co. This recognition celebrates the company's outstanding performance and his leadership in driving excellence in the industry. The club congratulates him on this achievement.



RTN. DR. KUNAL LAUNCHES 'NIROG YOGA' WELLNESS CENTRE

01 Dec: **Rtn Dr Kunal**, our Secretary has started a new Yoga Healing and Wellness Centre under the name of 'Nirog Yoga' at Kodialguttu East. He and Ann Parvathi are conducting Healing Yoga Sadhana sessions on a daily basis.

<https://www.nirogyoga.in/>

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DID YOU KNOW?

- Down syndrome is named after a person, not a condition. It honours Dr. John Langdon Down, a Victorian physician who fought for dignity and humane treatment for people with intellectual disabilities.
- He banned corporal punishment at a time when it was standard practice in institutions.
- Down photographed over 200 residents — dressed with dignity — creating some of the earliest compassionate portraits of people with disabilities.
- He founded Normansfield, a pioneering home that offered personalised education, crafts, music, gardening, and horseback riding.
- In 1879, he built a 300-seat theatre for residents — now a Grade II* listed historic treasure.
- The term "Down syndrome" was officially adopted by the WHO in 1965, at the request of medical experts seeking to replace the offensive term "Mongolism."

(Sourced by Rtn. PP Dr. Narendra Kamath)

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ROTARY RIDDLES CORNER

I'm not alive, but I can grow. I don't have lungs, but I need air. What am I?

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

Answer to last weeks Riddle

I can be found in water, but never wet. What am I?
Reflection

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. Akhter Husain
 Editor, Rotalore

ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS

Rtn. M.Sunder Shetty and Ann. Shashikala
 6th December

Rtn. Dr. Arvind Shenoy and Ann. Nina
 8th December

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 27.11.2025

Total members : 91
 Members present : 37
 Exempt : 5
 Makeup : -
 Percentage : 46%

WEEKLY MEETING Thursday, 7.00 P.M. Ocean Pearl

Navabharath Circle,
 Kodialbail, Mangalore

<https://www.rotarymangalore.com>

"TIS THE SEASON"



Comic by Scott Nickel

'Tis the Season... and Google Has an Advent Calendar for Christmas Movies!

Turns out Google is getting into the Christmas spirit, too! They've released an Advent Calendar of Christmas Movies, with a new festive film popping up every day from December 1 to 25. It's like chocolate, but for your watchlist... and with fewer calories.

If you have a Christmas movie that you swear by every December (or one you secretly watch in July), send your recommendation to our Editor. Let's see if our club can outdo Google's list!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Rtn. PP Prakash R. Prabhu** has become a Silver Sponsor of the Rotary District Conference – Sneha Sourabh to be held in Mysore in January. Congratulations Prakash! Request all our members to take a cue from this and register quickly for the Rotary District Conference. Let's make a wonderful experience at Mysore.
- **Audited Accounts – Financial Year 2024–25** : The audited accounts for the financial year 2024–25 are ready and have been displayed for your kind perusal. These accounts will be adopted during the last business meeting of this calendar year 2025, which will also serve as the 2nd quarterly business meeting of the Rotary year 2025–26, scheduled on Thursday, 25 December (Christmas Day).