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"Doing good is not a duty; it is a joy." – John Ruskin



CLUB DIARY - 8 JANUARY, 2026 A BRIDGE OF HEARTS: OMOTENASHI, AND THE POTENTIAL OF MANGALURU MS. MEGUMI TAKESHITA

The weekly meeting commenced with an invocation by Rtn. Dr. Vasanth Pai, followed by pleasantries among members. The Rotary Club of Mangalore had the privilege of hosting Ms. Megumi Takeshita, introduced by Rtn. Vinod Aranha, who took Rotarians on a fascinating cultural journey drawing parallels between Japan and Mangaluru. Her presentation, "A Bridge of Hearts: Omotenashi, Seasonal Flavours, and the Potential of Mangaluru," beautifully narrated the story of two coastal homelands connected by the sea and by shared values.

Having lived in Mangaluru for five years, Ms. Takeshita began her journey expecting differences but was pleasantly surprised to discover striking cultural similarities. Her first insight was the shared spirit of hospitality. In Japan, this is expressed through Omotenashi—selfless, intuitive care for guests. She experienced this same warmth and generosity in Mangaluru.

Rooted in the Japanese tea ceremony is the philosophy of Ichigo Ichie ("one time, one meeting"), which reminds us that every encounter is unique and must be cherished with respect and mindfulness.

Her second discovery was the deep cultural connection through food. Japanese cuisine, Washoku, celebrates the concept of Shun—ingredients enjoyed at their seasonal peak. Eating is treated as an art, engaging the eyes as much as the palate, using five colours to reflect nature and the changing seasons. Ms. Takeshita drew delightful comparisons with Mangalorean cuisine, particularly praising the squid fry at Giri Manja's, which evoked the same passion she had witnessed among Japanese chefs. She noted the immense potential for Mangalorean cuisine in Japan and envisioned many more such restaurants there.

She concluded by highlighting another shared value—public cleanliness and civic responsibility—underscoring how awareness and respect for public spaces transcend convenience. The session left Rotarians inspired by the profound connections between cultures and reinforced Rotary's commitment to fostering international understanding and friendship. The meeting concluded with Vote of thanks by Rtn. Devraj Fernandes and national anthem.

PROGRAM TODAY 15 JANUARY, 2026

"From Research to Real Impact: How Office of PSA Are Powering India's Innovation Ecosystem" - Ms. Preksha Thej

VENUE - OCEAN PEARL
Tea Meeting

PROGRAM NEXT WEEK 22 JANUARY, 2026

Charter Night and Vocational Excellence Awards

VENUE - OCEAN PEARL
Dinner Meeting



KNOW OUR SPEAKER

Ms. Preksha Thej

Program Manager, Strategic Alliances Division
Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser
Government of India

Title of talk:

"From Research to Real Impact: How Office of PSA Are Powering India's Innovation Ecosystem"

About the Office of the PSA

The Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser (PSA) to the Government of India provides strategic advice to the Prime Minister and the Cabinet on science, technology, and innovation. Established in 1999, the PSA Office plays a central role in shaping national missions and enabling cross-sector collaboration. Through digital and on-ground initiatives such as Manthan, which hosts 900+ problem statements worth over ₹8,700 crore, 20+ Centers of Excellence, and 50+ Rural Smart Village Centres, the PSA Office has supported 1,000+ startups and institutions. These efforts translate research into deployable solutions, strengthen resilience, and drive inclusive, last-mile development aligned with national priorities.



ROTARY DISTRICT CONFERENCE – SNEHA SOURABHA

Dear Rotarians, please register for the Rotary District Conference – Sneha Sourabha, to be held in the beautiful city of Mysore for three eventful days on **30th & 31st January and 1st February 2026**, at Silent Shores Resort & Spa.

Let's turn this conference into a refreshing escape from the daily grind, a time to reconnect with old friends, make new ones, and celebrate the true spirit of Rotary. We warmly encourage families to join, so that the conference becomes not just a professional gathering, but yet another joyful Rotary picnic filled with fellowship, learning, and memorable moments.

Please note:

27 Jan 2026: last date for registering online with memento.

28 Jan 2026: online registration will close.

Spot registration counter will be open at venue (NO MEMENTO).

Register early and plan your trip in advance.

Please find the details below for your reference. Click on sneha2026.in to register.

Rotary District 3181
Sneha Sourabha
2025-26
ROTARY DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2025-26
30th, 31st January & 01st February 2026
Silent Shores Resorts & Spa
#85-87, BEML Road, Hootagalli, Mysore - 570018
Register from your mobile phone
www.sneha2026.in
Get ready for a spectacular celebration of unity, purpose and joy. The flagship event of Rotary District 3181 for the Rotary year 2025-26. This grand three-day event in Mysore promises an unforgettable experience for Rotarians, Rotaractors and their families. The event is designed to refresh your mind, energise your spirit and deepen the bonds of service and friendship.

Registration Fees	
Rotarian	5,000
Rotarian + Spouse	8,000
Ann	4,000
Annet	2,000
Innerwheel Member	3,500
Guest	5,000
Rotaractor	2,500
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For registration contact Rtn. Ramachandraraje Urs S - 9845312101

PRE-INDUCTION TALK FOR NEW MEMBERS



The pre-induction talk for two prospective members, Dr. Animesh Jain and Mr. Mahesh Pakkala, was conducted on 14 January between 5:00 and 7:00 pm at the residence of Vice President **Rtn. Bharat Ramani**, who was a gracious host and treated the gathering to an array of delicious homemade delicacies. The proposed members will be formally inducted during our weekly meeting on 15 January.

Past President **Rtn. Devdas Kamath** enlightened them with insights into Rotary's history and highlighted the strong fellowship and meaningful community service that define our club. Rtn. Devdas Kamath, along with the President, Vice-President, and Secretary, were present for the session.

RTN. RAVISHANKAR DAKOJU AND RTN. PAOLA DAKOJU DONATE \$US50 MILLION TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

Declaring that "giving is a duty," longtime Rotary Club of Bangalore member Ravishankar Dakoju announced a pledge of approximately US\$50 million (₹450 crores) to The Rotary Foundation, along with his wife and fellow Rotarian Paola Dakoju. The announcement was made at Rotary's International Assembly held in Orlando on 13 January.



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CLUB IN NEWS

ROTARACTORS PARTICIPATE IN RYLA AT MYSORE

Our Rotaractors from SDM MBA and Nitte University actively participated in the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) programme organized by Rotary Mysore. The programme provided valuable leadership training, personal development, and fellowship opportunities for the young participants.



MEDICAL CAMP HELD AT JEPPI



On 11 January, the Rotary Club of Mangalore, in association with the Sreedevi Cricketers Association, Jeppu, and conducted by Yenepoya Medical College Hospital, successfully organized a free medical camp at Jeppu, Mangalore.

Doctors from Yenepoya Medical College Hospital provided consultations and health check-ups for various medical conditions, benefiting members of the local community and reinforcing Rotary's commitment to community health and service.

RTN. DR. ARVIND SHENOY SPEAKS ON AI AT RCM DOWNTOWN

On 13 January, Rtn. Dr. Arvind Shenoy was the Guest Speaker at the Rotary Club of Mangalore Downtown, where he delivered an insightful talk on "Is AI all that it is made out to be?" The session sparked thoughtful discussion and was well received by the members.



RTN. ATHMIKA AMIN INAUGURATES SHAKTHI WOMEN EMPOWERMENT SEMINAR

Rtn. Athmika Amin, Director of the Mangaluru-based J. V. Group of Companies, inaugurated the 'Shakthi' Women Empowerment Seminar held at the Swami Vivekananda Hall of Ramakrishna Math, Mangaluru. She emphasised that young women encounter numerous opportunities in life and must learn to utilise them wisely. She also urged students, especially after completing their education, to seriously consider entrepreneurship as a career path.



RTN. ARUN ISLOOR ON PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT AND SKILLS FOR THE NURSING PROFESSION AT YENEPLOYA NURSING COLLEGE

On 5 January, Rtn. Dr. Arun M. Isloor delivered a guest lecture on "Personality Development and Skills for the Nursing Profession" for Yenepoya Nursing students. Over 200 students participated actively, and the programme concluded with a strong emphasis on holistic personal and professional development.

MEMBERS IN NEWS

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ROTARY RIDDLES

How do eight eights add up to 1000?

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

Answer to last weeks riddle

Why doesn't anyone listen to each other on New Year's Eve?
 Because their words go in one year and out the other.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS



Rtn. K. Vivekanand
 Pai
 18th January

ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS

Rtn. Archibald Menezes and Ann. Nancy
 22nd January

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 08.01.2026

Total members : 90
 Members present : 41
 Exempt : 5
 Makeup : 2
 Percentage : 53%

WEEKLY MEETING Thursday, 7.00 P.M.

Ocean Pearl
 Navabharath Circle,
 Kodialbail, Mangalore

<https://www.rotarymangalore.com>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Rotarians, join us to welcome the international
Ride for Rotary team as they arrive in Mangalore.

Meet Rotarians from **Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania and Sweden**, exchange flags and build global connections.

Venue: AJ Grand Elite, Mangalore
 Date: 17 January, 7:00 PM onwards
 Special attraction: Tiger Dance (Pili Nalike)

Kindly register **here** by filling the google form and attend in large numbers to make this a memorable evening.



MEMORY LANE: ROTARY EDITION

