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## CLUB DIARY - 15 JANUARY, 2026

### "FROM RESEARCH TO REAL IMPACT: HOW THE OFFICE OF PSA IS POWERING INDIA'S INNOVATION ECOSYSTEM." - MS. PREKSHA THEJ

The weekly meeting commenced with an invocation by Rtn. P. P. Satindra Rao, followed by fellowship among members. Two new members were inducted into the club: Rtn. Mahesha Pakkala, introduced by Rtn. Jayaprakash Rao and inducted by Rtn. Satindra Rao, and Rtn. Animesh Jain, introduced by Rtn. Siddharth Shetty and inducted by Rtn. R. K. Bhat.

The chief guest for the evening, Ms. Preksha Thej, was introduced by Rtn. Balachandra Rao. Ms Preksha Thej, Program Manager at the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser (PSA) to the Government of India, delivered an insightful talk on "From Research to Real Impact", highlighting how the PSA's office is strengthening India's innovation ecosystem through Manthan—a flagship digital platform for collaborative problem-solving.

Conceptualized during the tenure of Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam and currently guided under Prof. Anuj Sood, Manthan transforms real-world societal challenges into structured opportunities for students, startups, researchers, and institutions to develop scalable solutions.

Built on four pillars—Opportunity, Showcasing, Exhibitions, and Events—the platform promotes innovations aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals and has gained global recognition, including a showcase at the World Governments Summit 2024. Its impact is further strengthened through initiatives such as Women in STEM, Be Inspired, Utthan for Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities, and RuTAGe Smart Village Centres across India. Concluding her talk, Preksha Thej emphasized that Manthan is not just a platform but a living ecosystem connecting local problems to national and global innovation.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by Rtn. Freeda D'Souza, followed by the National Anthem.

PROGRAM TODAY  
22 JANUARY, 2026  
Charter Night and Vocational Excellence Awards

VENUE - OCEAN PEARL  
Dinner Meeting

PROGRAM NEXT WEEK  
29 JANUARY, 2026  
To Be Announced

VENUE - OCEAN PEARL  
Tea Meeting

# WELCOMING OUR ESTEEMED GUEST



## MEET THE JEWEL OF ORTHOPEDICS – DR. M. SHANTHARAM SHETTY

Dr. M. Shantharam Shetty is a distinguished Indian orthopedic surgeon, academician, and administrator from Mangaluru, widely respected for his expertise in trauma care, knee and hip joint replacement, spine surgery, and arthroscopy. With decades of clinical and academic experience, he has played a pivotal role in shaping orthopedic practice and medical education in the region and beyond.

A visionary leader, Dr. Shetty has served as Pro-Chancellor and former Vice-Chancellor of Nitte University, the first Dean of KMC, and currently chairs Tejasvini Hospital and the Shantharam Shetty Institute of Orthopaedics & Traumatology (SSIOT). His academic journey spans over 40 years, during which he has trained generations of surgeons, presented numerous scientific papers, and served as an examiner for leading medical institutions.

Beyond surgery and teaching, Dr. Shetty is deeply committed to humanitarian service, supporting initiatives for the physically challenged, artificial limb centers, and blood banks. His lifelong dedication to medicine and service has earned him prestigious recognitions, including the Karnataka Rajyotsava Award and several international fellowships.

Renowned for blending surgical excellence with education, leadership, and compassion, Dr. M. Shantharam Shetty continues to inspire the medical fraternity through his enduring contributions to orthopedics and community care.

# 25 VOCATIONAL 26 EXCELLENCE AWARDEES



**Mr. Vivek Bolar**

Today, we celebrate the inspiring journey of Mr. Vivek Bolar, marked by creativity, innovation, and entrepreneurial vision. Beginning his career as a junior animator at Technicolor, he laid strong foundations before founding Bluepixels Animation Studios in 2009, which later evolved into AUM Animation Studios—now a globally recognised name in animation.

AUM gained international acclaim with “Andy and Pirki,” a non-dialogue slapstick series that won multiple national and international awards. In 2022, Mr. Bolar achieved another milestone by directing the Tom and Jerry series produced in Asia, adding a fresh creative perspective to the iconic franchise. His work has earned prestigious nominations at the Kidscreen Awards (USA) and Asian Academy Creative Awards (Singapore), and in 2024, he won Gold for Best Kids Television Programme Made in Asia at the Content Asia Awards, Taipei.

Most recently, he directed and produced “Tweety’s Adventure in Seoul” for the Korean Tourism Board, in collaboration with Warner Bros., USA, showcasing storytelling on a truly global scale. From a passionate animator to an internationally celebrated creator, Mr. Vivek Bolar’s journey is a testament to imagination powered by vision and perseverance. It is our privilege to felicitate him for his outstanding contribution to the world of animation.

Born to the legendary saxophone maestro and Padma Shri awardee Kadri Gopalnath, Mr. Manikanth Kadri has inherited a rich musical legacy and shaped it into a distinctive voice of his own. Today, he is recognized as one of the most accomplished music directors in South Indian cinema, with acclaimed work across Kannada, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Hindi, and Tulu films.

With over 100 films to his credit, his music blends contemporary sensibilities with timeless tradition, resonating across generations. Celebrated Kannada films such as Savari, Savari 2, Prithvi, and Run Antony stand testimony to his melodic brilliance and emotional depth. Beyond cinema, his contributions span advertisements, television, and special musical projects.

Today, we felicitate Manikanth Kadri—a composer who honours legacy, embraces innovation, and continues to create music that lingers in the hearts of audiences.



**Mr. Manikanth  
Kadri**

In cricket, a true coach does more than teach the game — he shapes character and inspires dreams. Today, we honour Mr. Samuel Jayaraj Muthu, a name synonymous with dedication and excellence in cricket coaching.

With over two decades of service, Mr. Samuel is a Level A & B certified coach from KSCA and BCCI, trained under legendary mentors including Frank Tyson, Balwinder Singh Sandhu, Lal Chand Rajput, Bharath Arun, and Dinesh Nanavathi. As Head Coach of the Mangalore Sports Club Cricket Academy, he has mentored young talent from the grassroots level, focusing on skill development, discipline, and sportsmanship through personalized coaching.

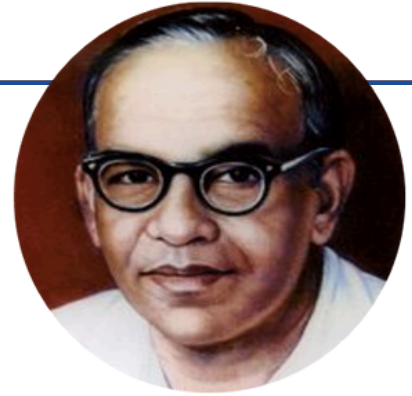
A former Managing Committee Member of the Dakshina Kannada Cricket Association, certified umpire, and accomplished cricketer himself, his guidance has helped produce players who have represented India at the youth level, including K. L. Rahul. Beyond achievements, his greatest legacy lies in the countless young lives he has shaped with values that extend far beyond the pitch.

It is our honour to felicitate Mr. Samuel Jayaraj Muthu — a mentor, leader, and true servant of the game.



**Mr. Samuel  
Jayaraj Muthu**

# TRIBUTE TO A VISIONARY LEADER, INDUSTRIALIST, AND PHILANTHROPIST — SHRI VAMAN SRINIVAS KUDVA, FONDLY KNOWN AS V.S. KUDVA.



It is an honor and a privilege to pay tribute to a visionary leader, industrialist, and philanthropist — Shri Vaman Srinivas Kudva, fondly known as V.S. Kudva. As we gather here to remember his remarkable life, we celebrate not only his achievements but also the values and vision that continue to inspire generations. Born on 9th June 1899 in Mulki, Karnataka, and leaving us on 30th June 1967, V.S. Kudva's life spanned one of the most transformative eras in Indian history. From colonial subjugation to independence and nation-building, he rose to become a Karmayogi — a man of action whose work ethic and integrity left an indelible mark on Karnataka's industrial and social landscape.

V.S. Kudva hailed from a Goud Saraswat Brahmin family. His father ran a modest handloom unit, instilling in him early values of discipline, humility, and hard work. After his schooling in Mulki and Udupi, he pursued intermediate studies at Government College, Mangalore, and later enrolled at Victoria Jubilee Technical Institute, Bombay, to study mechanical engineering. However, the call of Mahatma Gandhi's non-cooperation movement drew him away from his studies. This early exposure to nationalist ideals shaped his lifelong commitment to self-reliance and nation-building.

In 1926, at the invitation of V.S. Kamath, Kudva joined Canara Public Conveyance Co. Ltd. (CPC) as Works Manager. At that time, public transportation in South India was in its infancy, and CPC was a struggling enterprise. His engineering expertise and natural leadership quickly made him indispensable. In 1932, after Kamath's untimely death, Kudva was appointed General Manager, and by 1938, he became Managing Director, a role he held until 1966. Under his stewardship, CPC expanded its fleet, modernized operations, and became a household name across Karnataka and beyond.

Kudva's entrepreneurial spirit led him to establish and nurture several key enterprises:

- 1938 – Founded Canara Sales Corporation Ltd., expanding into automobile sales and services.
- 1941 – Launched Canara Motor & General Insurance Co. Ltd. and started The Newspaper Publishers Pvt Ltd, publishing the Kannada daily Navabharath.
- 1943 – Established Canara Workshops Ltd., later manufacturing automobile leaf springs under the brand "Canara Springs."
- 1947 – Started Canara Tyre & Rubber Works Ltd., contributing to India's growing automotive sector.
- 1925 – Co-founded Canara Industrial and Banking Syndicate Ltd., which later evolved into Syndicate Bank, one of India's major public sector banks.

These ventures created jobs, fostered innovation, and laid the foundation for Karnataka's industrial ecosystem. From 1948 to 1951, Kudva served as President of the Kanara Chamber of Commerce & Industry, championing policies for trade and industry development.

In 1950, he became the Charter President of the Rotary Club of Mangalore, the first such club in the region, promoting service above self. He also led the Small Scale Industries Association, the S.K. Development & Welfare Board, and various transport operator bodies. His commitment to education and social welfare was evident in 1955, when he established the Canara Foreign Student Loan Scholarship, now known as the Canara Foundation, helping countless students pursue higher education abroad.

Kudva's contributions were not just economic but deeply social. He played a pivotal role in bringing an all-weather port and airport to Mangalore, transforming it into a key commercial hub of South India. Known as a Karmayogi, his life was marked by relentless hard work, integrity, and a deep sense of responsibility towards society.

In 1928, Kudva married Shantha, the daughter of his mentor V.S. Kamath. Together, they raised six children — five sons and one daughter — building a family that continued his values.

Ladies and gentlemen, V.S. Kudva's life is a shining example of how vision, perseverance, and commitment to community can transform not just one company, but an entire region. From a young man inspired by Gandhi's ideals to a towering industrialist and philanthropist, his journey remains a source of inspiration for entrepreneurs, leaders, and citizens alike.

As we remember him today, let us honor not just his achievements but the spirit of service and innovation he embodied — a legacy that continues to guide us forward.

May his memory inspire us all to strive for excellence with humility and purpose.

*By Rtn Srinivas S Kamath*

*Shri Vaman Srinivas Kudva,  
fondly known as V.S. Kudva.*



*Unveiling of the bus of Shri VS Kudva at VS Kudva Memorial on 26th January 2009 at the Canara Workshops Ltd premises.*

## INTRODUCING OUR NEW MEMBERS

### **Rtn. Dr Animesh Jain**



Rtn. Dr Animesh Jain is a Professor of Community Medicine at Kasturba Medical College, Mangalore, and an alumnus of KMC Mangalore (MBBS) and Manipal (MD), serving on the faculty since 2004.

His Rotary journey began as a Rotaractor in 2001-02, followed by over a decade as a Rotarian with the Rotary Club of Mangalore Sunrise, where he served as Secretary, President, and Zonal Lieutenant. He was instrumental in bringing out the club's maiden Special Postal Cover during its Silver Jubilee in 2021 and has actively participated in major Rotary projects and conferences, including the Rotary India Centennial Summit in 2020. He firmly believes in being a Rotarian in spirit and is now returning to the Rotary fold after a brief hiatus.

He is married to Dr Rashmi Jain, Professor of Ophthalmology, and their daughter Ira is a two-time winner of the Ramnarayan Chellaram RotoQuiz in 2024 and 2025

### **Rtn Mahesha Pakkala**

Rtn Mahesha Pakkala is a seasoned professional with over two decades of experience in hospitality management, sales, business development, and large-scale event operations across India and West Africa. He served as Manager – Sales & Business Development at ABS Vintners, Bangalore, where he built strong retail partnerships and curated premium wine and food pairing experiences with leading hotels and chefs.

Earlier, as Operations Manager at Resort Djoma in Guinea, he managed complete resort operations, a 40-member team, high-profile international clients, and large governmental and cultural events. His career also includes senior production roles with Encompass Events and Shobiz, delivering mega corporate events and product launches for global brands with audiences of up to 8,000 participants. He holds a graduation in Arts, a diploma in Airlines, Travel and Tourism Management, and brings strong leadership, operational, and client-management expertise.



# 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](http://sneha2026.in) to register.



Rotary District 3181  
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**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 - 9845912101

## MEMBERS IN NEWS

### RTN. DR. KUNAL AT INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP

Rtn. Dr. Kunal participated in an international flag exchange session with Rotarians from six different countries during their Ride for Rotary event. He also had a fellowship meeting with Rtn Sandesh Kaddi from Rotary Club of Belgaum, Dist. 3170 and President Rotary Fellowship of Kite, Global. He had come to participate in the International Kite Festival, Mangalore at Tannirbavi Beach. Rtn Dr Kunal also flags off the Riders to start riding towards their next destination, Madikeri.



### ROTARIANS ATTEND KARAVALI FILM FESTIVAL

Rtn. Yathish Baikampady, Rtn. Rajendra Kalbavi with Ann. Vani Kalbavi, and Rtn. Madhav Suvarna attended the Karavali Film Festival. They were seen at the event with the leading actor and director of Su from So, Mr. J. P. Thuminad.



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# CLUB IN NEWS

## CPR & FIRST AID TRAINING FOR ROTARACTORS AT KMC HOSPITAL

On 19th January, at KMC Hospital, Ambedkar Circle in the forenoon from 8 AM to 12, we successfully conducted a CPR and First Aid training program for 29 Rotaractors, marked by high levels of engagement and hands-on learning.

The session was organised by KMC Hospitals and Rotary club of Mangalore. It was single-handedly and tirelessly conducted by Dr. Jeedhu Radhakrishnan, who, as the resource person, led an intensive three-and-a-half-hour practical workshop, ensuring every participant got hands-on experience and gained confidence in life-saving skills.

The program was graced by Rtn Dr. Siddarth Shetty, Ann Parvathi M.G., along with Rtn Vinod Aranha (President), and Rtn Dr. Kunal (Secretary), whose presence greatly encouraged the participants.

Of the 29 undergraduate students trained, 16 were from SDM Business School, 13 from Roshni Nilaya, along with Ann Parvathi MG Kunal, making this a truly inclusive and impactful learning experience.



## RIDE FOR ROTARY: INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP AND FLAG EXCHANGE IN KARKALA

On January 18, 2026, the Ride for Rotary bike rally team received a warm and enthusiastic welcome in Karkala as part of an event promoting international friendship and service above self. Rotary members from over 10 countries including Romania, Austria, Germany, Canada, Sweden, Norway, Belgium, Poland, the Netherlands, and Denmark participated in this cultural exchange initiative hosted by the Rotary Club of Karkala.

The welcoming event at Sheethal Garden Family Restaurant featured a flag exchange ceremony between the visiting Rotarians and the local Rotary Club, symbolizing global unity and fellowship. Rotarians from different Rotary Clubs in the Mangalore region were present to honor the international guests and celebrate the spirit of Rotary's worldwide community service.

This stop was part of the 10<sup>th</sup> edition of Ride for Rotary, a 16-day cycling journey that began on January 5, 2026 from Visakhapatnam and concluded on January 21, 2026 in Mysuru, traversing iconic landscapes including Hampi, the Agumbe rainforest and Mangaluru. The ride celebrates Rotary's spirit of fellowship, cultural exchange, and service while exploring India's rich heritage and natural beauty.



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## ROTARY RIDDLES

What has hands but cannot clap?

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

### Answer to last weeks riddle

How do eight eights add up to 1000?  
 $888 + 88 + 8 + 8 + 8 = 1000$

## BIRTHDAY GREETINGS



**Rtn. PHF Oswald  
 D'Silva**  
 26th January



**Rtn. Puran Chand  
 Attavar**  
 26th 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 15.01.2026

Total members : 92  
 Members present : 43  
 Exempt : 5  
 Makeup : 5  
 Percentage : 58%

**WEEKLY MEETING**  
**Thursday, 7.00 P.M.**  
**Ocean Pearl**  
 Navabharath Circle,  
 Kodialbail, Mangalore

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



With immense joy, we invite you and your family to the Grand Opening of our newly completed family showroom  
 M. Sanjeeva Shetty – Silks & Readymade  
 Sunday, 25th January 2026, 11:00 AM  
 Central Warehouse Road, Managudda, Mangalore  
 Your gracious presence will make the occasion truly special.  
 Warm regards,  
 Rtn Suraj Shetty

## JUST FOR LAUGHS

