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## GOVERNOR'S OFFICIAL VISIT SPECIAL ISSUE

Miracle Maker President Jagadeesh Mugali,

'The past cannot be changed; the future is yet in your power'. Truly you are energizing yourself and your team with sensible and sustainable action that impacts the community around you. Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar, our home club, should continue to inspire its members and create a platform to achieve excellence in all aspects of Rotary activities. Anita joins me in conveying our good wishes to all members on the eve of my official visit, which we look forward to eagerly.

Our club has carved a niche in the Rotary world as a shining star for its planned and dedicated approach to every facet of Rotary activity, whether it be project planning to execution, or from membership identification to assimilation or giving to deserving or large scale contribution to the Foundation, the club has followed the set practices and principles of giving opportunity to one and all with balanced approach. The founding fathers of the club and the successive leaders have left an everlasting impression on the Rotary Journey thus far.

The official visit is just a beginning and a way to get the club to move ahead with its planned objectives. Service to community is a perennial need and Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar and its members have been doing this humane service effectively. During the visit, I am sure the club will showcase the good values practiced by you to be observed and shared with the Rotary fraternity.

Anita joins me in conveying our sincere thanks to the club and its members for the unified spirit in taking on all activities I had wished to be conducted during the year, while continuing the exemplary work of the club under your leadership. I look forward to an Inspirational visit to energise and motivate our members. This visit is a once in a lifetime experience for us and I am sure we will be able to 'inspire' you and our members to reach the height of Rotary Activity during the year under your leadership.

Anita and Suresh Hari



## PRESIDENT RTN. JAGADEESH'S MESSAGE



My dear Fellow Rotarians & Anns,

We are deeply honoured to welcome our beloved District Governor Rtn. Suresh Hari and First Lady Anita for the Official Visit. Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar is very privileged to be the District Governor's Home club for the fourth time.

We started off this Rotary year on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018 with the installation of our team by District Governor Rtn Suresh Hari and Dr Radhakrishnan, former Chairman of ISRO, presiding over the function. From that day onwards, there has been a flurry of activities by all of us, fulfilling our objectives in serving humanity.

Rtn Balakrishnan Narayanan, our Club Service Director has ensured the Club's smooth functioning, with all Committees performing exceptionally well. The Club took a historical decision to induct our Annes as members. This will bring in a wonderful group of service minded people! Today, we are inducting to Rotary five of them. New initiatives like monthly club assembly and fellowships have yielded good result in improving our members' presence. The Spirit of Rotary initiative has been greatly appreciated by all. The Star Rotarian Award has motivated members to perform better!

Rtn Supriya Kandhari, our Community Service Director, ably supported by Dy Director Rtn Chakraborty, has ensured that humanitarian activities are being carried out more effectively. I acknowledge the efforts of Rtn Shyam Agrawal at the Govt High school & PU College Hoskote, PP Rtn Ajith Rai at BBMP Bhavan School & Dialysis consumables, Heart Surgery & CRC project by PP Rtn O P Khanna and PP Rtn Dr Krishnan Menon, Eye surgery & Tumkur Eye Hospital by Dr Sundar Ram Shetty and PP Rtn Mahesh Parikh, BGMS Vibhuthipura by Ann Prasanna, PPs Rtn OP Khanna, Rtn Peeyush Jain, PP Rtn Ambika, Karunashraya by PP Rtn Nagesh Simha & PP Rtn

Gurmeet Randhawa, Scholarship by Rtn PP Raja Kaura & PP Rtn Ranjit Gulati, Blood donation by Rtn Lata Amashi, Mother & Child by Rtn Fazal Ur Rahaman and many more!

Rtn Ambica Motupali, our Youth Service Director, has ensured the Club's emphasis on Youth development with special focus on sports talents and the competitive spirit is maintained with the support of her committed team. All sports & cultural activities were completed successfully.

Rtn Vipin Labroo, our Vocational Service Director has come up with new innovative initiatives like Ethical Practice Seminar, upgrading Computer Education centre at Bharathiya Vidya Bhavan apart from the ongoing activities.

International Service Director Rtn Guna Thantry has successfully completed a unique visit to Israel and signed a Sister Club agreement with Rotary Ramla. This has been much appreciated by all.

Our Signature Project for the year, the renovation of 100 Anganawadi Centres has received good response from our members & CSR partners. The commitment and support from our Club Secretary Rtn Fazal Ur Rahaman towards this has been inspiring.

Tumkur Eye Hospital & Cardiac Rehabilitation Centre are going to be functional during this Rotary year. I am delighted to announce starting of new initiatives like a palliative care training centre at Karunashraya and vocational training centre at BGMS.

We fulfilled our responsibilities as the Home Club of the Governor with distinction. PP Shashank Kekre did an outstanding job as Conference Chairman. Our support to District activities has been exemplary.

My special appreciation to other Board members Rtn Manoj Agarwal, Rtn Srikanth, Rtn Sugunan, Rtn Narssi, Rtn Gopinath & Rtn Sanjay Srivastava, Coordinators PPs Karthikeya Reddy, Rtn O P Khanna, Rtn Shirish Mathur, Rtn R V Subramaniam and Rtn Prabhakar for their continued support.

Club Secretary Rtn Fazal Ur Rahaman has been a pillar of strength to me and has done an outstanding job ensuring that the administration of the club runs efficiently. My thanks to my Co-opted Directors, Mentors & Advisors for their excellent guidance & support

Rotary has been my passion since I joined in 2006. It has been a wonderful journey all along!

**Let us be an Inspiration to all!**

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

### CLUB SERVICE

#### Strategic Planning & Succession Planning

The strategic planning & succession planning committees led by PP Rtn. Mahesh Parikh & PP Rtn. N. Krishnamurthy respectively have been meeting regularly to ensure the good health of Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar.

#### Membership Development & Extension

7 Rotarians, who include 5 of the current anns, will be inducted at our GOV on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019. With these 16 members have been inducted this year against 3 resignations during the year. The membership strength of the club, which was 127 as on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018, will increase to 140. Our membership Chair Rtn. Manoj Agarwal has been doing a great job and 140 members is the highest strength attained in the history of Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar.

#### Fellowship



1. Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar were the winners of the Inter Club Antakshari - 'Funtakshari' organized by Rotary Bangalore on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> August 2018, at the Rotary House of Friendship on Lavelle Road. The team comprising Rtn. Manoj Agarwal, Ann Kavita Kekre & Annette Megha Agarwal represented Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar at this event.
2. Six fellowship events have been organized this far during the year, namely 'Quimbola' on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2018, 'Annual Picnic' on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2018, 'Movie Show' on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018. 'Magic Show' on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018, 'Christmas Social' on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2018 & 'Dakshin Bharatiya' on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019. They have been well attended with great fellowship.
3. Three joint meetings have been held on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2018, 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018 & 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019 and the

clubs involved were Rotary Bangalore, Rotary Cantonment, Rotary Junction, Rotary Raj Mahal Vilas, Rotary RMV Central, Rotary Basavanagudi & Rotary Platinum City. The joint meetings were well attended with wonderful inter club fellowship.

4. The Fellowship team ably led by Rtn. Dr. A.V.S. Srikanth and assisted by PP Rtn. Harish Anand & PP Rtn. Shashank Kekre has done a terrific job. Sincere appreciation to Anns Kavita Kekre, Sharada Shenoy, Sindhoo Anand, Pavitra Reddy, Varsha Koppikar, Sowmya Srikanth & Vidhya Pradeep who have been key members of the Fellowship team and played leading roles.

#### Programs



- 33 Weekly Club Meetings & 8 Board Meetings have been held this Rotary year up to the end of February 2019. These include 1 Installation Night, 1 GOV, 19 guest speaker meetings, 7 monthly review meetings & 5 fellowship meetings.
- Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar has been well represented at all District Programs like ICGF's, District Assembly & District Training Sessions.
- Kudos to our Program Chairman Rtn, A.K. Sugunan who has played an active role to ensure that we had good guest speakers with interesting topics at our weekly meetings.
- Presently Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar has as its members, five Rotarians & one Ann who have formerly served in the Defence Services of the country. They are Rotarians Col. (Retd.) R.V. Subramaniam, Lt. Col. (Retd.) Dr. Krishnan Menon, Lt. Col. (Retd.) Lester Herbert, Capt. (Retd.) Pradeep Lal, Wing Commander (Retd.) H.R. Seetharam and



Ann Capt. (Retd.) Dr. Sushila Menon. A function was held on Independence Day, 15th August 2018, to honour these six bravehearts for their distinguished and selfless service to our country.

**Attendance, reception & protocol**

- Maintenance of Club protocol as per the Board’s guidelines and Bye Laws has been diligently followed. Arrangements for our weekly club meetings and fellowships have been well taken care of. The attendance register has been updated weekly with make-up attendance & e attendance. List of chronic absentees has been prepared and submitted to the Board for remedial action to maximize member’s involvement. The meticulous job being done by Rtn. Narssimhan Kannan and his team has been well appreciated.

**Public Relation & Public Image**



1. To improve public image, four Display Boards have been installed at our Rotary House of Service and carry information about a specific Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar project. Rtn. Vijay Kumar Mane, Rtn. Ajay Gupta and team have done a great job in successfully executing this project.
2. Many of our projects have received very good publicity in the print & television media on numerous occasions due to the tireless efforts of our Joint Secretary Rtn. A.K. Sugunan.

**Bulletin, Website & Social Media**

The efficient and tech savvy Editor Rtn. Gopinath Narayanan has ensured the timely release of 8 monthly issues & 2 special issues of our Club Bulletin SEVA this year. He has been very active on social media and has ensured the regular updating of our website. His efforts have also contributed to our Club fast approaching 100% registration on rotary.org.

**Finance**

The capability of our Treasurer Rtn. Sanjay K. Srivastava has ensured efficient collection of subscriptions and timely payments of RI Dues, District Dues & Dues to Rotary News. The statutory GST dues have also been remitted on time. He has meticulously prepared the monthly account statements and presented them for approval at the Board Meetings.

**Fund Raising**

**Souvenir** – Around ₹.7.5 lakhs has been raised as Souvenir collections as on date.

**CSR** – ₹.34 lakhs has been received under CSR from Mistral Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Citrix R&D India Pvt. Ltd., Nagel Special Machines Pvt. Ltd. & Liebherr Machine Tools India Pvt. Ltd. this Rotary year. Additional CSR funds are expected before 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

**Crowd Funding** - Around ₹. 55.7 lakhs has been raised through four Crowd Funding campaigns for Paediatric Heart Surgeries, Scholarship Corpus & Cataract Surgeries in association with Fuel A Dream.



**Events** – Our music fund raising event ‘Anand Hee Anand’ raised around ₹.6.5 lakhs for our Anganwadi Restoration Project. Rtn. Manoj Agarwal once again excelled in organizing yet another successful musical fundraiser.

Besides the above, further contributions of approximately ₹.100 lakhs have been received from Rotarians and their friends, family and associates.

Fundraising Co-ordinator PP Rtn. Suresh Patel D. together with his Chairmen Rtn. Manju Verma, Rtn. R.N. Hegde, Rtn. Sujeeth Joseph & Rtn. Ranganath Kuntumalla and their teams have done a wonderful job.

### Spirit of Rotary

The Spirit of Rotary team ably led by IPP Rtn. Harish Kumar Anand has visited 5 senior Rotarians & 1 past Rotarian and their Anns, at their homes, with prior intimation. Quality time has been spent with them over high tea and melodious tunes courtesy Rotarians N.M. Nayeemullah, Narssimhan Kannan & Vidyut Shenoy and Anns Varsha Koppikar & Kavita Kekre. The visits have been well appreciated and brought a lot of cheer.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

### TEACH

#### Teacher Training

- Dr. Sharaf Gal, Founder & Leader, Nomad Horizon Limited, Israel conducted a Teacher Training Workshop at Kroot Memorial School, Hoskote on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018. 175 teachers of Hoskote Taluk participated. The project was covered in Suddi TV as well as in a few Kannada newspapers.
- 30 primary & secondary school teachers each of the Army Public School, ASC Centre & College, Bangalore and Army Public School, K. Kamaraj Road, Bangalore participated in workshops conducted for them at their respective schools on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2018. The topics covered in the workshop titled "The Heart of a Teacher" were Enhancement of Emotional Stability & Creative Ways of Teaching.



#### Child Development

60 high school students of the Army Public School, ASC Centre & College, Bangalore, participated in a workshop titled "To Develop Leadership Qualities" conducted for them at the school on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2018. The

emphasis of the workshop was on teamwork and included many interactive sessions and games.

### Happy Schools

1. School uniforms, Schools Bags & Shoes were presented to all the students of the Government Primary School, Huttings Colony. Rtn. Balakrishnan Narayanan sponsored the school uniforms & Rtn. Karthikeya Reddy K sponsored the shoes.
2. Rtn. Shyam Aggarwal continues to be actively involved with the Government Girls High School in Hoskote with able support from Rtn. N.L. Bhaskar. The school is doing exceedingly well. Many of the students have excelled in academics, sports & cultural activities thereby bringing laurels to the school.
3. Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar's involvement with the Bhavan's BBMP School in Srirampuram continues and this school is also doing extremely well. Besides



our President Rtn. M. Jagadeesh, Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar is represented by PP Rtn. Ajith Kumar Rai, PP Rtn. Shashank Kekre & PP Rtn. Peeyush Jain on the school board. Plans are afoot to apply for a fresh global grant and provide additional classroom equipment and teaching aids at the school.

### BGMS, Vibhutipura

1. A volunteer teaching program has been launched at the Shishukunj Vidyalaya at Bharatiya Grameen Mahila Sangh (BGMS) since September 2018. Rotarian Narssimhan Kannan & Anns Jayashri Bothireddy, Indira Herbert, Mona Lal & Chaitra Gupta have volunteered to conduct weekly tuition classes in Maths, Science, English & Hindi for the students who require additional coaching. This program has been a big success.
2. The mid-day meal program at BGMS in association with Sri Sai Spiritual Centre is continuing smoothly.



3. The old age home 'Anand Dham' at BGMS is functioning well and is presently home to 25 inmates. Efforts are on to increase the number of inmates and approach the full capacity of 60.
4. The BGMS Committee Chairman PP Rtn. Ambika Narayan and her team are giving this project a lot of their time and attention and doing a wonderful job.

### Scholarships



- Scholarships have been awarded to 272 students this year at an outlay of around ₹.62 lakhs. Our sincere thanks to Menda Foundation & Jai Shivshakti Health & Educational Foundation for partnering with us in this project. Thanks also to our many Rotarians who have supported this project through the 'Adopt A Child' scheme.
- The crowd funding campaign by the Rotarians of the Scholarship Committee in association with Fuel A Dream helped raise around ₹.17,00,000/- for the scholarship corpus which as on date stands at ₹.1.22 Crores. Efforts are on to increase the corpus to ₹.2 Crores by the end of the current rotary year.
- The Scholarship Committee ably led by Rtn. Raja Kaura has performed admirably. Besides the stalwarts Rtn. Dr. Krishnan Menon, Rtn. O.P. Khanna, Rtn. Ranjeet Singh Gulati & Rtn. Chandra Mouli T.K., the younger Rotarians Samartha Srinivasa, Ranganath Kuntumalla, N.L. Bhaskar & Philip George have got actively involved in this project and thanks to all of them for their effort.

### Karunashraya

512 patients with terminal cancer were admitted in Karunashraya as 'inpatients' and 60 patients were admitted under 'home care' during the six month period between 1st July 2018 & 31st December 2018. The Link Centres at Jayanagar & Jaibharathnagar admitted 62 and 57 patients respectively during the same period. The 691 terminally ill cancer patients admitted during this period

received full attention and care from the team of doctors, nurses & volunteers at Karunashraya to ensure that their last days were made as comfortable as possible. 429 patients left for their heavenly abode during this period. Teams of volunteers from corporates, educational institutions, etc. continued to visit Karunashraya and helped with the activities like maintenance of



the garden, cleaning of the kitchen, preparing meals in the kitchen, preparing the medical kits for the patients, etc. PP Rtn. Dr. S.N. Simha & PP Rtn. Gurmeet Singh Randhawa have been actively involved with the running of Karunashraya on a daily basis and our admiration for them grows by the day.

### Eye Care

- Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar's Nethradeep Eye Hospital in Kolar conducted 47 'Cataract Camps' during the period 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018 to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019 at which 1304 patients were screened, and 754 free cataract surgeries were performed.
- 11 'School Eye Camps' were conducted, and 2178 students were screened. The few having refractive errors or other problems were referred for further treatment.
- 6 'Public Eye Camps' were conducted at which 248 patients were screened. One of these camps was organized on Sunday 9th September 2018 at our Rotary House of Service This camp was a huge success and 171 patients were screened, most of whom were from the economically weaker sections of society.
- We have, through crowd funding, raised support for a further 400 free cataract surgeries which we plan to complete by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019.
- The Global Grant proceeds for our upcoming Eye Hospital in Tumkur has been received. This is a joint project with Rotary Tumkur East. The hospital is scheduled to commence operations during April 2019.

- The Eye Committee ably led by PP Rtn. Ranjan Bhandary has done an excellent job. Sincere thanks also to Rtn. Dr. Sundar Ram Shetty for his guidance.

### Heart Care



- Donations for subsidizing 475 Pediatric heart surgeries have been received as on date during the current rotary year from individual donors, through crowd funding and vide global grants. We have completed supporting 247 surgeries as of 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019 and will complete the balance by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019.
- A Heart Screening Camp for persons from the financially weaker sections of society was held at our Rotary House of Service on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018 and 94 patients were screened.
- Our Heart Care Committee Chairman PP Rtn. Dr. Krishnan Menon has been doing a wonderful job along with his team. Special thanks to PP Rtn. O.P. Khanna for his guidance.

### Dialysis Consumables

Dialysis Consumables worth ₹.2,29,065/- have been donated to needy patients this rotary year. The support from Suprajit Foundation has made this project possible and our sincere thanks to PP Rtn. Ajith Kumar Rai for supporting this initiative.

### Blood Donation



- The dedicated effort of Rtn. Lata Amashi & Rtn. Ruchira Gupta has ensured that 137 Blood Donation Camps have been facilitated during the current rotary year at various educational institutions,

software companies, corporates, etc. A total of 12,896 units of blood have been collected at these camps to benefit at least 38,688 persons.

- ₹.10,70,189/- was donated to the Rotary TTK Blood Bank towards the supply of free or subsidized blood to deserving and needy patients. We thank our PP Rtn. Zarryl Lobo for raising this amount from the MCKS Trust.

### Rural Development

- The micro credit program in Sonnahallipura continues to run successfully.
- The sanitary napkin manufacturing facility being managed by the Self Help Group of Women continues to be operational. However, orders have been hard to come by. The women are supplementing their income by making paper bags using old newspaper. There is big demand for these paper bags, and they have a regular monthly order for 50000 bags which gives them a revenue of ₹.50,000/- per month. This is keeping them happy.

### Mother & Child



- As on date, 20 anganwadis have been renovated and dedicated to the children this rotary year. Eighteen of these anganwadis are in Hoskote Taluk at the following villages, namely, M. Sathyavara, Attibele (2 centres), Hasigala, Vabasandra, Shankanipura, Sonnadenahalli, Kumbalahalli (2 centres), Mugalipura, Kallahalli, Alappanahalli, Venkatapura, K. Mallasandra, Nadavathi, Mallimakanapura, Pillagumpe & Doddahullur. Two of these anganwadis are at Attibele 'B' & Parvathipura in Attibele TMC of Anekal Taluk.
- The Anganwadi Restoration Project has received great support from corporates as well as our own Rotarians. The 20 anganwadis renovated so far have been sponsored by Rtn. Narssimhan Kannan's Commit Technologies Pvt. Ltd., Mistral Solutions Pvt.



Ltd. (4), Ms. Thirumala K.M., Rtn. V. Venkata Reddy, Rtn. Ghanshyam Agrawal's Nagel Special Machines Pvt. Ltd. (3), Rarewala Steels & Alloys Pvt. Ltd., Rtn. O.P. Khanna, Rtn. Lokesh N. Vemulkar, Rtn. Sanjay Srivastava, Rtn. Amarnath Tandon, PP Rtn. Ajith Kumar Rai's Suprajit Engineering Limited (2), Bothra Foundation & Citrix R&D India Pvt. Ltd. (2).

- Our sincere thanks to all the sponsors.

## INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

### Annual Program



Mr. Ariel Seidman, Deputy Consul General, Consulate General of Israel to South India (Bengaluru), was the guest speaker on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019 and spoke on the topic "Conflict Resolution and Process".

### The Rotary Foundation

- Eight Global Grant applications valued at ₹.6.1 crores were made during the current rotary year of which 4 global grants for ₹.4 crores were approved and the funds received. The remaining are under process.
- One of the above Global Grants is for the Jahanara Eye Care Hospital in Bangladesh, which is a project of Rotary Club of Ramana in Dhaka. It is one of our sister clubs. We are the international partner and have contributed US \$ 1000.
- Our sincere thanks to PP Rtn. Mahesh Parikh for putting in long hours to complete the necessary paper work at every stage of the global grant process.
  - All 133 Rotarians of Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar have contributed at least 26.5 USD each to the Rotary Foundation during the current rotary year.
- Three members inducted during the current rotary year, namely Rtn. Krishnan Subramanian Kumar, Rtn. D. Baskaramoorthy & Rtn. Kavitha Paramesh, have

become Paul Harris Fellows by contributing US \$ 1000 each to the Rotary Foundation.

- Being the Governor's Home Club, we are planning a substantial contribution to the Rotary Foundation before the end of the current Rotary year.

### Rotary Friendship & Youth Exchange with Sister Clubs



The visit to Israel of Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar's 43 member group which included 18 Rotarians & 15 anns between 18th November 2018 & 26th November 2018, was a great success. They enjoyed a great holiday in Israel with a lot of sightseeing. The team from Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar also spent time with Rotarians from Rotary Club of Ramla Israel & Rotary Club of Rehovot Israel and exchanged flags. The effort put in by Rtn. Guna Thantry to ensure a safe and enjoyable trip is much appreciated.

- Rtn. Kjetil Utne of Rotary Club of Trondheim, Norway, Rtn. Mike Hault of Rotary Club of Shrewsbury Darwin, UK & Rtn. Philip Leason of Rotary Club of Stone, UK visited Bangalore during the year and visited many of our projects and attended our meetings. Special thanks to Rtn. Vankulpati Vinay, Rtn. Dr. Sundar Ram Shetty, Hon. Rtn. Jeremy Johnson & Ann Shamim Fazal for having home hosted them.
- A sister club agreement was entered into with Rotary Club of Ramla Israel. With this we now have 6 international sister clubs.

### Global Networking Group

The membership of the Rotarians of Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar on the various Rotary International Fellowship Groups currently stands at 63. We have members on the following groups:- International Fellowship of Golfing Rotarians, Rotary Wine Fellowship of India, International Fellowship of Rotarian Musicians, International Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians, International Fellowship of Trekking Rotarians, International Fellowship of Rotarian Photographers & International Fellowship of Yoga Practicing Rotarians.



## YOUTH SERVICE

### Sports & Culture



1. Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar's 29th G.S.Randhawa Memorial Inter School Hockey Tournament for Boys was held at the Akkithimmanahalli Hockey Stadium, Bangalore, between 3rd August 2018 & 13th August 2018. 11 teams participated. Olympian and former captain of the Indian hockey team Mr. Arjun Halappa was the chief guest and District Governor Rtn. Suresh Hari was the guest of honour at the finals and prize distribution function. Sincere thanks to Karnataka State Hockey Association for their support and to Rotarians Philip George & Suraj Chalam for doing a great job conducting the tournament.
2. Four of Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar's adopted government schools & 5 rural government schools participated in the Athletic Meet held at Hoskote on 21st August 2018. A total of 150 students participated. We are grateful to Assistant Governor Rtn. Nitesh Shah for his sponsorship of ₹. 25,000/-. Rtn. Philip George & Rtn. Shyam Aggarwal did a marvelous job organizing this event.
3. 'Raagalahari', an Indian Classical Music & Dance Competition for school students, was held on Sunday, 11th November 2018, between 10 am & 6 pm at the Vasavi Educational Trust School, V.V. Puram, Bangalore. 120 school students from various schools participated. 170 interesting performances were witnessed during the day. District Governor Rtn. Suresh Hari was the chief guest and eminent dancer & actor Dr. Sanjay Shantaram was the guest of honour at the valedictory function and distributed the prizes. We are grateful to our Rotarians Balakrishnan Narayanan & Dr. A.V.S. Srikanth for having sponsored this event. The Raagalahari team led by Ann Sowmya Srikanth did a wonderful job organizing and managing the event.
4. Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar's Annual State Level Non-Medalist Swimming Competition for Sub Junior Boys & Girls was held at the Basavanagudi Aquatic Centre on 9th January 2019, which had a participation of 187 children across 33 events. Gold,

Silver & Bronze medals were presented to all the winners along with certificates. RI District 3190's Youth Services Director Rtn. Rajesh Hiremath was the chief guest. The Basavanagudi Aquatic Centre has supported this event for the past several years and a Public Address System was donated to them as a token of goodwill. Special thanks to PP Rtn. Harpreet Singh Rana & Rtn. Philip George for doing a wonderful job to ensure the success of this event.

5. The Saevus Eco Achievers Quiz was conducted jointly with Rotary E-Club of Bangalore on 19th January



2019 at the Army Public School, K.Kamaraj Road, Bangalore. 10 schools each represented by 3 teams of 3 members each participated in the Quiz. Mrs. Leena Muthulaly from Trivandrum was the Quiz Master. PP Rtn. Karthikeya Reddy, District Secretary, RI Dist. 3190, was the chief guest and distributed the prizes along with the Presidents Rtn. M. Jagadeesh & Rtn. Rajamani Subramaniam. Special thanks to Rtn. Philip George, Rtn. Gopinath Narayanan, Rtn. Sujeeth Joseph, Rtn. Joseph Abraham & Rtn. Thomas Abraham for their efforts.

### Rotaract

- Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar has 5 sponsored Rotaract Clubs namely the community based Rotaract Club of Bangalore Indiranagar and the institution based Rotaract Clubs of Surana College, Symbiosis Institute of Business Management, Xavier Institute of Management & Entrepreneurship & Kairalee Nikethan Golden Jubilee Degree College.
- The installations of the office bearers of all our Rotaract Clubs were completed on schedule.
- Orientation programs were conducted before every installation.
- Rotaract Chairman Rtn. Ajay Gupta has been doing a great job motivating the rotaractors.

## Interact

- Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar has 9 sponsored Interact Clubs namely the community based Interact Club of Bangalore Indiranagar and the institution based Interact Clubs of Army Public School – ASC Centre & College, Army Public School – K. Kamaraj Road, Army Public School – Parachute Regiment Centre, Navaprajna Public School, Frank Anthony Public School, Deens Academy, Gear Innovative International School & Government High School –



Garudacharpalya.

- The installations of the office bearers of all our Interact Clubs were completed without any hitch.
- Orientation programs were conducted before every installation.
- Interact Chairman Rtn. Vikram Nadgir has been doing an efficient job.

## RYLA & Youth Services Month

- Ms. Nisha Ann Reginald, former national basketball player, inaugurated the Youth Services Month on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018. About 25 Rotaractors from the Rotaract Club of Bangalore Indiranagar, Rotaract Club of Surana College and Rotaract Club of Kairali Niketan Golden Jubilee Degree College were present on this occasion.
- 30 teams of 3 students each, representing various colleges in Bangalore, competed in the Inter-collegiate Quiz Contest "INQUIZITIVE" conducted by Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar at the Bharatiya VidyaBhavan, Race Course Road, Bangalore - 560001 on Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018. Professor Arul Mani was the Quiz Master. The top 6 teams qualified for the finals after the written preliminary round. Attractive cash prizes were given to all the finalists. The prize distribution ceremony was followed by lunch for all the participants. Our sincere thanks to PP Rtn. Peeyush Jain for having sponsored this event.

- 10 Rotaractors of Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar's sponsored Rotaract Club of Surana College



participated in the 3-day residential RYLA conducted by Rotary Bangalore Cantonment in January 2019.

## VOCATIONAL SERVICE AVENUE

### Vocational Training Initiatives

- The first batch of 139 senior citizens & students successfully completed their course at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan's Gandhi Institute of Computer Education & Information Technology, the convocation ceremony for which was held on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2018. The second batch has also completed the course and the convocation ceremony is scheduled on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019. The Suprajit Foundation supports this project and our sincere thanks to PP Rtn. Ajith Kumar Rai.



- Four batches of our Vocational Training Course in Retail Skills have been completed in association with Jeevika Skills and a total of 88 students & youth from the weaker sections of society have successfully completed these courses conducted at Vidya Centre -Hulimavu, Career Connect - K.R.Puram, Echo Special Home – Sumanahalli & Government Girls PU College – Hoskote. Special thanks to Rtn. Sanjay Dugar who has played a major role in this initiative.



## Career Guidance

Thanks to the initiative of Rtn. Suresh Balsubramani, three career guidance & counseling sessions have been held so far this year at the Army Public School - K. Kamaraj Road, Army Public School – ASC Centre & College on Victoria Road & Navaprajna Public School – Marathahalli. A total of 404 students have participated and benefited.

## Vocational Visits & Vocational Month



Two vocational visits were organized for the Rotarians, anns & annettes this year. A group of 52 visited the Padukone-Draavid Centre for Sports Excellence in Bangalore on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2018 and a group of 18 visited Netafim in Israel on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

### GLOBAL GRANTS FOR PROJECTS DURING YEAR 2018-19

Our Club continues to remain a vibrant spearhead to community development projects. During the year we submitted project proposals for following.

1. Four paediatric Heart Surgeries for 390 children , valued at ₹ 2.6 crores Rtn PP OP Khanna donated close to ₹ 84 lakhs
2. Tumkur Eye Care Project valued at ₹ 1.15 crore
3. Cardiac Rehab Centre application is at second review at RI level, valued at ₹ 1.65 crores . Rtn PP OP Khanna and Rtn Amarnath Tandon contributed ₹ 1.4 crores
4. BVB BBMP application in progress, awaiting contribution from Rtn PP Ajith Rai for project valued at ₹ 61 lakhs

Total value of Projects during 2018-19 will be ₹ 6.4 crores , which is in addition to our Flagship Project “ Anganwadi” which will be valued at close of Rotary Year at ₹ 75 lakhs .

## Rotary Ethics Awareness Program & 4 Way test

25 students of the Government Girls P.U. College in Hoskote participated enthusiastically in a daylong session on Ethics Awareness & 4 Way Test conducted by Rtn. Vidyut Bhaskar Shenoy & Rtn. T.K. Chandra Mouli on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

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Our President Rtn. M. Jagadeesh has been a source inspiration to all of us. He has led by example and has led from the front. Thank you Jagadeesh, it has been a rewarding experience being part of your Board as Secretary. And last but not the least, thank you dear Rotarians for your trust and support. Many of you are yet to become Board Members, but your time will come, and we will look forward to it.

**Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar**

**Rtn. Fazal Ur Rahaman**

**Secretary 2018-19**



## SAALUMARADA THIMMAKKA



**Padmasri Saalumarada Thimmakka**, also known as Alada Marada Timakka is an Indian environmentalist from the state of Karnataka, noted for her work in planting and tending to 385 banyan trees along a four-kilometre stretch of highway between Hulikal and Kudur. She received no formal education and worked as a casual labourer in a nearby quarry. Her work has been honoured with the National Citizen's Award of India.

Ficus (banyan) trees were aplenty near Thimmakka's village. Thimakka and her husband started grafting saplings from these trees. Ten saplings were grafted in the first year and they were planted along a distance of 5 km near the neighbouring village of Kudoor. 15 saplings were planted in the second year and 20 in the third year. She used her own meagre resources for planting these trees. The couple used to carry four pails of water for a distance of four kilometres to water the saplings. They were also protected from grazing cattle by fencing them with thorny shrubs. The management of these trees have now been taken over by the Government of Karnataka.

Today, Thimmakka is invited to many afforestation programs in India. She has also been involved in other social activities like constructing a tank to store rainwater for the annual fair held in her village. She also has a dream of constructing a hospital in her village in remembrance of her husband and a trust has been set up for this purpose.

Some of her achievements include:

- Padma Shri award - 2019
- Nadoja Award from Hampi University- 2010
- National Citizen's award - 1995
- Indira Priyadarshini Vrikshamitra Awards - 1997 (Vrikshamitra="friend of trees")
- Veerachakra Prashasthi Award – 1997
- Karnataka Kalpavalli Award - 2000
- Honour Certificate from the Women and Child Welfare Department, Government of Karnataka
- Certificate of Appreciation from the Indian Institute of Wood Science and Technology, Bangalore.