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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Northwesters,

Exploring opportunities empowers entrepreneurs to identify unmet needs, innovate solutions, and create sustainable value. By staying alert to market trends, customer challenges, and emerging technologies, entrepreneurs can turn ideas into viable ventures. Openness to collaboration, continuous learning, and calculated risk-taking helps transform opportunities into growth, employment, and long-term economic impact.

Even more, exploring opportunities for overseas collaboration enhance access new markets, advanced technologies, and global best practices. International partnerships foster knowledge exchange, cost efficiencies, and innovation through diverse perspectives. By building strategic alliances abroad, entrepreneurs can scale faster, reduce risks, and enhance competitiveness while creating cross-border value and sustainable growth. The talk by Jayant Nadiger, Trade and Investment Commissioner of Flanders, Belgium, provided an overview of the opportunities available which was beneficial.

At Rotary Bangalore Northwest, we look forward to fostering more synergies. "Small opportunities are often the beginning of great enterprises." - Demosthenes

Yours in Rotary Service,

Rtn. Lakshmi Achuta

President 2025-26

SECRETARY'S MESSAGE



**Dear Sampige Readers,
Greetings!**

It gives me great pleasure to present the Secretary's report for the period. Our club has continued to uphold the true spirit of Rotary through various service activities, fellowship programs, and community initiatives listed below:

04-04-2026 – Pre-clinical (GLP) / Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) – Training / talk by President Rtn. Lakshmi Achuta at Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Medical College & Research Institute,

Bengaluru

05-04-2026 – Club Assembly III

06-04-2026 - Opening Reception of the 2026 Inisol Trade Mission to India – Invitation extended to President, Rtn. Lakshmi Achuta by The Consul General of Belgium (Mumbai), Trade and Investment Commissioner of Flanders Region - Belgium.

17-04-2026 – CPR training at Sri Basaveswara women's First Grade college, Nelamangala town

19-04-2026, Sunday - Stree 2025 - Tailoring Skill Development Program - Certificate distribution followed by legal aid awareness program

22-04-2026 – Board of Directors meeting

24-04-2026, Friday - Career guidance and training Session by Dr. Chintoo Kumar, CEO, Aarutha Lifesciences Pvt., and Rtn. Lakshmi Achuta, on Interdisciplinary Medical device design development and regulations at Ramaiah Institute of Technology

26-04-2026, Sunday – RBNW speaker meeting – Preserving Heritage - Temple complex restoration and sustainable management’ - By Ajay Kadam, Administrator & Trustee, Sri Subramanya Swamy Temple Trust, Visweshwarapuram

29-04-2026 - Flanders, Belgium - India economic partnerships - Exploring synergies and growth opportunities - By Jayant Nadiger, Trade and Investment Commissioner of Flanders, Belgium

30-04-2026: CPR training at KLE Basava Residential Girls School & PU College, Doddabele, Kengeri

I sincerely thank our President, Board Members, and all club members for their continuous support, participation, and dedication in making these initiatives successful.

Let us continue working together to create a positive impact in our community and strengthen the ideals of Rotary.

Thank you

Rtn Sachin Kamble

Secretary 2025-26

EDITOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Sampige Readers,

“We need to make every single thing accessible to every single person with a disability.” - Stevie Wonder

I understood accessibility the day my 10-month-old grandson moved in with us. To enter our own home, he got a rollercoaster ride he never asked for - lifted up three steps, jolted over a threshold, bounced across broken tiles. Every restaurant became a palanquin procession, with family members hoisting him, chair and all, past narrow doorways. I couldn't even take him out in his pram; footpaths were either missing, blocked, or ended abruptly at a drain.

And it hit me, if this is what a baby endures for a few months, what about the 20 million Indians who navigate life in a wheelchair every single day? Our cities don't just inconvenience them - they confine them. A flight of stairs isn't architecture; it's a closed door. A missing ramp isn't oversight; it's exclusion.

That's when Rotary's work stopped being 'charity' to me. It was about rights.

India is modernizing at speed. New airports, Vande Bharat trains, and UPI in every shop signal progress. Yet for 26 million Indians with disabilities, progress often stops at the front step. Accessibility remains the unfinished promise of our development story.

The ground reality - Walk through any Indian city and the barriers are obvious. Footpaths vanish into parked cars. Most government buildings still lack functional ramps. City buses are a gamble for wheelchair users. Schools claim inclusion but teach from blackboards a visually impaired child cannot see. The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, and the Accessible India Campaign set clear targets, yet audits show fewer than 5% of public buildings meet basic standards.

Digital access is no better. Key government portals, banking apps, and even e-learning platforms fail screen-reader tests. In a country racing toward Digital India, we risk creating a digital underclass. Beyond concrete and code, the deeper barrier is attitudinal. Disability is still framed as charity, not citizenship. That mindset designs exclusion into our roads, offices, and events.

The cost is economic as well as human. Exclusion from education and jobs denies India talent and productivity. The World Bank estimates that leaving persons with disabilities behind can cost nations up to 7% of GDP. Accessibility is not a welfare expense; it is infrastructure.

Where Rotary steps up - Rotary's Service Above Self has long translated into action on the ground. Across Districts, clubs are turning policy into pavement.

Mobility and health: Rotary clubs partner with hospitals and Global Grants to run artificial limb, caliper, and wheelchair camps. Thousands have walked again through Jaipur Foot distributions supported by Rotary clubs.

Inclusive schools- From building ramps and accessible toilets in government schools to funding Smart Annie Devices, Braille kits, and hearing aids, Rotary's TEACH and WASH programs make classrooms genuinely open to all.

Livelihoods with dignity: Vocational centers backed by Rotary train persons with disabilities in computer skills, tailoring, and digital services, then connect them to inclusive employers. The goal is income, not pity.

Sensitization: When Rotarians - doctors, architects, CEOs - volunteer at camps, they return to redesign their own offices and hiring. Fellowship changes policy.

Systemic push - Many clubs conduct access audits of railway stations and municipal buildings, submitting findings to local authorities. A painted ramp or tactile path often needs persistence more than budget.

The way forward - Government must move from guidelines to enforcement, with penalties for non-compliance. Corporates should treat accessibility as ESG, not optional CSR. Citizens must defend footpaths and demand universal design.

Rotary cannot replace the state, but it can prove what's possible - one ramp, one job, one child at a time. A nation is judged not by its tallest tower, but by the lowest barrier it removes. Until every citizen can enter a bus, a website, or a school without asking for help, the work remains. And Rotary, true to its legacy, will keep building those missing ramps.

With warm regards,

Rtn Indira Ramachandra

Editor 2025-26

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ROTARY NEWS



1. Barcelona, Spain has been selected for holding the 2027 RI convention.
2. Rotary club members are active in Mexico, providing disaster flood relief and expanding health initiatives to people.
3. RC South Sudan is providing educational material to many schools in their area and encouraging literacy programs.
4. 2 Rotaract Clubs of Ghana have brought clean drinking water and sanitation facilities to 8 schools in their region, through a GG grant program from TRF.
5. RC Indore organised a para table tennis competition. Around 50 differently abled players participated and won prizes..
6. RC Ghaziabad handed over a dental care van worth Rs 55 lakh under a CSR initiative to rural areas. This will benefit 2500 underprivileged patients across Ghaziabad and Delhi.

Rtn. Sindhu Shanker

YOUTH SERVICE



Rotaract Club of Bangalore North West conducted a successful DOV for the year 2025-26.



President Rtn Lakshmi Achutha attended the DRR's official visit to Rotaract Club of MSRCASC.



President Rtn. Lakshmi Achutha at the Joint GBM of Rotaract club of MES College, Rotaract club of Bangalore North West and Rotaract club of MSRCASC



President Rtn Lakshmi Achutha conducted a session for Biocon-JSSAHER Global Regulatory Affairs at Biocon Academy.

VOCATIONAL SERVICE.



President Rtn Lakshmi Achutha along with Dr. Chintoo Sudhiesh Kumar gave presentations and insights on Bridging Disciplines - Designing and Regulating the next generation of medical devices to students of Ramaiah Institute of Technology.



President Rtn Lakshmi Achutha attended STREE 2025, A tailoring skill development program offered to destitute women who also got certified.

CLUB SERVICE



Board of Directors meeting hosted by Rtn. Ramesh Joshi was attended by board members and important decisions were taken.



Speaker Ajay Kadam, gave an insightful presentation on preserving Heritage, Temple Complex Restoration and sustainable management for the benefit of RBNW members.



III Club assembly was conducted successfully.

COMMUNITY SERVICE



CPR Training was conducted for NSS Camp students successfully with support of Manipal Hospitals and in collaboration with Rotary Club of Bangalore Kalyan.



CPR training for over 400 students was conducted in Sri Basaveshwara Women's first grade college in collaboration with Rotary Club of Nalamangala.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE



Speaker meeting conducted in collaboration with Rotary Bangalore Udyog. Session was well attended. Mr. Jayanth Nadiger, Trade and Investment Commissioner of Flanders region of Belgium shared important insights about investment opportunities and how he could facilitate the same.



President Rtn Lakshmi & Rtn Vidyashankar attended a meeting on the invitation of Jayanth Nadiger, Trade and Investment commissioner of Flanders region, Belgium.

TOGETHER WE CONNECT



President Rtn Lakshmi Achutha attended Kagga-Manthana, an evening of discussion on poetry organised by Rotary Udyog and Kalavedike Trust.



PE Rtn Jayanthi Rao attended Dhanyavada, joint PELS of District 3191 & 3192 and got certified



IPP Rtn Veena Nagaraj at the release of Vismaya- the District conference special issue at the District Board meeting.



PE Rtn Jayanthi Rao and Secretary Elect Rtn Anil Kashyap attended the Secretary Elects Learning Session.



President Rtn Lakshmi attended the 3rd edition of the India International Film Festival for a cause (RCB) at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan.

PUBLIC IMAGE



Life saving CPR Training, flagship project of RBNW covered in local dailies.



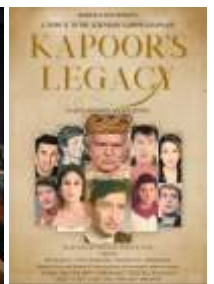
President Rtn. Lakshmi Achutha was interviewed regarding the life saving CPR Training and appeared on Edhegarike News 24/7. We are so proud of her



RBNW VIBES



Karunada Nidhi Patrike honoring Rtn. Umadevi Revanna! Congratulations



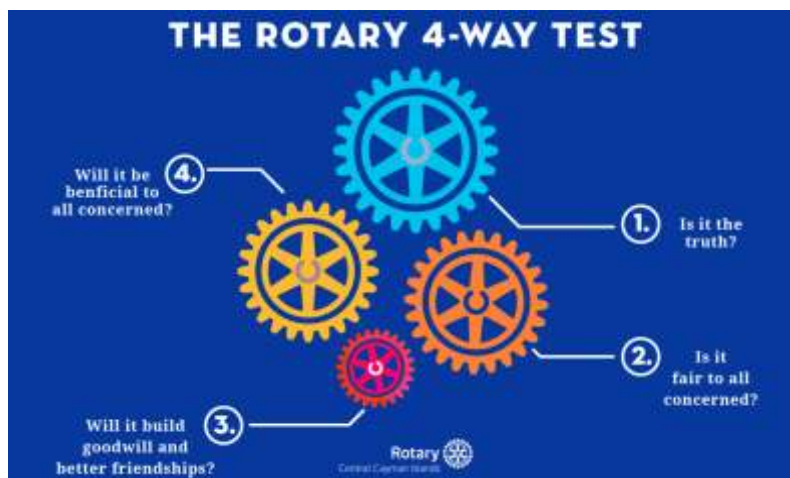
Members enjoyed Kapoor's Legacy, a memorable and melodious evening of music organised by Rtn. Madhura Ujjini, raising funds to help pediatric cancer patients.

BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE MONTH - MAY 2026

Name	Birthday	Anniversary
Rtn. Vidyashankar And Ann Chetana	01-May	-
Rtn K Pradeep Kumar	02-May	-
Rtn Anil Kashyap	05-May	-
Rtn K T Suresh And Rtn Pushpa Suresh	-	09-May
Rtn Dr. Veena Nagaraj And John Nagaraj	-	11-May
Annette Siri Vidyashankar D/o Rtn. Vidyashankar	13-May	-
Annette Gaurav S/o Rtn Chayapathi	23-May	-
Annette Druthi D/o Rtn Shank Vasudev.	23-May	-
Rtn. Ramakrishnan And Ann Kanchana	25-May	-
Rtn T R Somasundhar	26-May	-
Ann Shwetha W/o Rtn Vishak	28-May	-

PROGRAMS OF MAY - 2026

Date	Programmes
09-05-2026 & 10-05-2026	Celebrations & Meeting at Madikeri, Coorg
14-05-2026, Thursday	CPR training, Acharya College
14-05-2026, Thursday	Career guidance and opportunities in Biotech industry- by Rtn. Lakshmi Achuta at Acharya College
17-05-2026, Sunday	RBNW speaker meeting
TBD	CPR training at Hoysala College, Nelamangala town & MP Birla Institute of Management, Bengaluru
TBD	Industrial visit - CNC factory / Japanese conglomerate visit
TBD	Donation of school benches to Malleshwaram Shishu Vihar
TBD	Legal aid awareness program by CEERA – NLSIU
TBD	Rotary - MSKS launch
20-05-2026	BOD



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