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HIGHLIGHTS OF RY 2023 - 24



MENTOR'S IMPRESSIONS

Dear Suresh,
On behalf of all Brigadears, I thank you for the excellent service & dedication you & your team have displayed during your term as President. I am extremely happy that you have been amply recognised by the District for your efforts. I'm proud that you have kept RBB's flag flying high in the District. Your participation & personal involvement in all Club / District Programs needs to be commended. The excellent camaraderie & fellowship amongst members needs to also be appreciated. Thank you once again for the guidance & impetus you have given to RBB. I must also commend Secretary Sambamurthy for the excellent support he has extended to you in discharging your duties. I'm sure he will bring further laurels to our club during his term as incoming President. May God Bless RBB to continue doing good to society.

-Rtn Vinod Bathija

Dear Friends,
At the very onset, I extend my felicitations and appreciation of the outgoing team for the grand finale of a fantastic Rotary year. Brigades did a large number of projects covering a vast spectrum of all the Service Avenues. Funds have been managed as budgeted and leaves surplus at the end. Special focus on fellowship has promoted better attendance and special bonding. Throughout the year, there has been a consistent series of events leaving no dull moment. The Team worked in tandem with total synergy. Let us join hands and cheer President Suresh Babu, Secretary Sambamurthy and their team for an year to remember. Large number of awards won by Brigades is a testimony to that. I also welcome the new young team under President Sambamurthy for a glorious and eventful New Rotary Year.

-Rtn Satish Gowtham



RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



RTN STEPHANIE A. URCHICK
RI PRESIDENT
2024 - 25

Dear fellow Rotary leaders:

As we begin a new year of service, let us not forget the importance of every one of Rotary's members. We need your leadership now more than ever if we are to make every club and district an irresistible experience. Rotary has a chance to capture the world's attention and realize possibilities beyond our expectations. But we must build on the work that has come before us if we are to reach our goals, such as defeating polio and unlocking the power of girls and women.

Rotary offers people of action a chance to connect and find belonging, and this fellowship gives us the potential to improve our communities and the world. By following Rotary's Action Plan and helping make sure all members feel a sense of belonging in their club, you have a special opportunity to inspire members to new heights of service.

Our ability to create lasting change begins with our family of Rotary. Together, it is within our power to bring healing in a divided world. Join me in making Rotary a source of strength for those who need it most, within and beyond our membership. Let this be the year we harness The Magic of Rotary, and let Rotary be known as an organization that takes care of its members as well as the people we serve.

It is within your power to help make Rotary a beacon of goodwill and fellowship in every community. Remember that your work can and will change the world with The Magic of Rotary.

Warmest Regards,

Rtn. Stephanie A Urchik
President, Rotary International 2024-25



DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE



RTN N.S. MAHADEV PRASAD
DISTRICT GOVERNOR
(RID 3192)
2024 - 25

Dear Team Josh Rotarians of District 3192,

I bring greetings from our Rotary International President Stephenie Urchick. The theme for the year 2024 - 25 is "The Magic of Rotary". I hope this message finds you well and inspired for the year ahead. As we move forward, our focus in the coming year will be on the critical area of "Peace and Conflict Resolution", a necessity in today's complex world. It is through our dedication and collective action of Rotarians like you, that we can foster a more peaceful and harmonious society.

Key Areas of Focus:

- **Women Empowerment:** Supporting women through education, vocational training, and leadership opportunities is essential for societal progress.
- **Mother and Child Health:** We will continue our efforts to improve maternal and child health, with a specific focus on promoting cervical cancer vaccinations.
- **Mental Health:** Addressing mental health issues is crucial. Our initiatives will aim to raise awareness, provide support, and reduce stigma associated with mental health challenges.
- **Environment:** Protecting our environment through sustainable practices and reforestation efforts is vital for our future.
- **Supporting Farmers:** Farmers are the backbone of our society. We will support them through initiatives that enhance agricultural practices and ensure fair market access.
- **Healthcare Innovations:** Emphasising advancements in healthcare, such as the new cancer medication developed by Tata and Heart surgery programs, will be a significant focus during Rotary Year 2024-25.
- **Elderly Care through Asare Program:** The Asare program will ensure our elderly population receives the care, respect, and companionship they deserve.
- Membership, Rotary's survival as a service organisation depends on the growth of the membership in every revenue district with an objective to collaborate with the local community. It is hence important for every club to invite people into Rotary who can value add and sustain the growth of community serving.

As we embark on this journey, I call upon each one of you to actively participate, share your ideas, and contribute your time and resources. Together, we can make a profound impact and create lasting change in our communities.

Let us work together with determination, embodying the Rotary spirit of "Service Above Self," thus creating "The Magic of Rotary." I am confident that our combined efforts will lead to remarkable achievements in the coming year.

Yours in Rotary Service,
N S Mahadev Prasad
District Governor, 2024 - 25
Rotary District 3192



IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brigadiers,

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your unwavering support during my tenure as President in 2023-24. Your contributions have been invaluable, and I'm proud of the numerous awards we've achieved together. While personal engagements may have occasionally limited our reach, I am nonetheless proud of our accomplishments.

I thank all members for the opportunity to serve as President alongside such dedicated and passionate individuals. The journey has been incredibly fulfilling, and we have achieved remarkable milestones through our collective efforts, making a tangible difference in our community with successful fundraising for impactful projects.

I extend my deepest gratitude to all my directors and chairs. Your commitment and enthusiasm have been the driving force behind our achievements. From the first meeting of the Rotary Year held at the National Association for the Blind, we have undertaken numerous projects: scholarships, building a dormitory and skill development center for Sumangali Seva Ashram, blood camps, plantation drives, spine surgery, vocational training for women, supplying medicine to the Rotary Club of Beirut, donating medical equipment for the CRPF, and conducting PHCs at Tavarekere and Bannerghatta, to name a few.

Rotary has been more than just an organization; it is a family that supports and leans on each other. In closing, I express my profound gratitude for the trust and confidence placed in me. This experience is close to my heart.

As I pass the baton to our incoming President, Rtn. Sambamurthy, I am confident that our club is in capable hands. The future is bright, and we will continue to grow and make a difference. Let's extend the same support to the new team.

Thank you
Yours in Rotary
Rtn P. Sureshbabu
President 23-24

FROM PRESIDENT'S & SECRETARY'S DESK

Dear Brigadears ,

It is a huge honor for me to serve as your President this year. I am deeply grateful for the faith you have placed in my abilities and the support you have shown me.

As we continue to navigate the post-COVID era, our personal interactions have become less frequent. This change has made it more crucial than ever to strengthen the fellowship that binds us. Our connections are the cornerstone of our club, and I am committed to nurturing and expanding these relationships.

I am excited to lead a young, dynamic team that is raring to go. Their energy and enthusiasm are infectious, and together, we are eager to embark on new projects and initiatives that will make a positive impact on our society.

I seek your unwavering support as we strive to make our club stronger and more vibrant. Let us work together to uphold the values of Rotary and make a difference in the lives of those we serve.

Thank you
Yours in Rotary,
Rtn. S Sambamurthy
President 24-25

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

As we step into the 2024-2025 Rotary year, allow me to extend a heartfelt welcome to each one of you. It is with great honour and excitement that I address you as the incoming Secretary of our esteemed Rotary Club. As I step into this role, I am filled with a profound sense of responsibility and eagerness to contribute to our shared mission of service and community.

Rotary has always stood as a beacon of hope and positive change in our community, and I am committed to upholding and furthering this legacy.

Together, we have the opportunity to make a lasting difference in the lives of those around us. Let us continue to uphold the ideals of Rotary—Service Above Self—and work together to create positive change in our community and beyond.

Thank you for the trust you have placed in me as your Secretary. I am excited about the journey ahead and look forward to working alongside each of you in the spirit of Rotary.

Yours in service,
Bhavesh R.Shah
Secretary 24-25



RBB OFFICE BEARERS 2024 - 2025



RTN S SAMBAMURTHY
PRESIDENT
2024 - 25



RTN SURESHBABU P
PRESIDENT
2023 - 24



RTN BHAVESH SHAH
SECRETARY
2024 - 25



RTN GOPAL RATHI
TREASURER



RTN ANURADHA MURTHY
VICE PRESIDENT



RTN LAXMI SOMIAH
JOINT SECRETARY



RTN SATISH
DIRECTOR



RTN ASHWANI KINGER
DIRECTOR



RTN MEERA KK
DIRECTOR



RTN NISHANT GOEL
DIRECTOR



RTN SARANYAN
DIRECTOR



RTN SATISH G
CLUB MENTOR



RTN VIJAY BANSAL
TRF CHAIR



RTN SUDHA SURESH
CLUB SERVICE



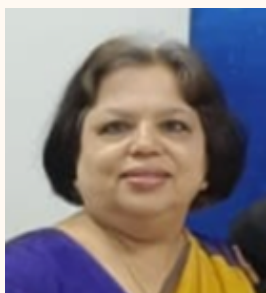
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COMMUNITY SERVICE



RTN AJAY JAIN
CSR CHAIR



RTN ASHWIN ACHARYA
VOCATIONAL SERVICE



RTN GAYATHRIN
MEMBERSHIP
DEVELOPMENT



RTN AKSHAI MALLAPPA
INTERNATIONAL
SERVICE



RTN BINDU CHERIAN
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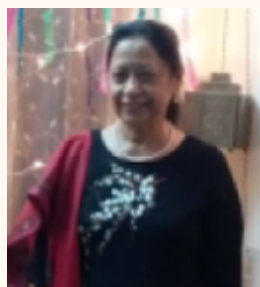
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BULLETIN



RTN DR. M.P. RAGHU
POLIO & HEALTH CARE



RTN RAKSHITH
POLIO & HEALTH CARE



RTN IRENE SLIM
SERGEANT AT ARMS



RTN KIRAN
YOUTH SERVICE



RTN RAJESH KUMAR
ENVIRONMENT



RTN MUSHABEER
DIVERSITY/EQUITY



RTN AMITA BANSAL
WOMEN ON RISE



PLANS FOR RY 24-25

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Overview:

Vocational training has been a part of one's basic requirements to accomplish anything. Vocational training is a skill enhancement program that helps individuals to learn and hone skills that are required for their day to day life.

Goals:

- To help as many as 100 people vocationally trained in various trades
- To help them secure work in terms of entrepreneurship or employment

Activities planned:

- **Four- Way test (Aug - Sep)** - One four way test is planned in one Government School and one private / aided school in Karnataka. The imparting of the same will be both in Kannada and English
- **Skill development program (Sep - Oct)** - One regular skill development program in any of the Vocational training institutes that will prepare them for employment - long engagement.
- **Entrepreneurship program (Oct - Nov)** - One Entrepreneurship program for a class of graduating students.
- **Rotary Member visit (Nov - Dec)** - Rotary members visit a factory to know about an environmentally friendly production from Agri-waste.
- **Recognition for outstanding contribution to society (Jan - Feb)** - Recognition for at least 3 people from every walk to life who have made a difference with little resources at their disposal.



RTN ASHWIN ACHARYA
VOCATIONAL SERVICE

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

As we know environmental injustice is leading to climate change and global warming, this word is everywhere at the moment, so let me try to explain it in a few words.

Imagine the earth is a giant house, and global warming and climate change are happening inside the house. Global warming is when the house gets warmer overall, climate change is when the different rooms in the house start to change so one room becomes hotter and another gets more rain and another gets cooler and it is happening in different parts of the world very fast, the scientists says it is going to speed up even more in the future. Why? Because faster than usual global warming.

As we know around the late 1760s onward the Industrial Revolution people started using more coal, petrol and natural gas a lot and this caused a spike in CO2 levels since then the world population has tripled and we are burning a lot more fossil fuels. So, now when the sun's energy reaches the earth's surface, some of the energy is getting trapped in the earth's atmosphere causing the average temperature to rise or global warming resulting in the ice region near the north pole started to melt. The melted ice adds more water to the oceans causing the water level to rise. As we know the oceans cover about 70% of the earth and if the water level keeps rising is a serious problem.

We, the Rotarians can play a key role in the fight for environmental justice, helping to prevent and address the consequences of climate change through education, advocacy, community organising, and research.

I am planning a few long-term and short-term projects under this subject and will keep updating be beloved club members.



RTN RAJESH KUMAR
ENVIRONMENT



YOUTH SERVICE

"Young at heart, brave in spirit"



**RTN KIRAN
YOUTH SERVICE**

The Youth of our society embodies the spirit of the present and the strength of the future. Having had the perspective and privilege to represent the Rotaract District 3192 as the District Rotaract Representative 23-24, I have personally been in awe of the potential that the youth hold and their enthusiastic conviction to grow, to serve and to build a better world.

With this wonderful opportunity, I consider it as a stepping stone in bolstering the foundation for growth and development of youth and fostering the spirit of service and fellowship among the Youth Service Avenue.

As leaders of Today, it is our responsibility and duty to recognise, motivate, encourage and nourish the youth towards recognising their potential and providing a platform for them to build their leadership skills. As we embark upon this new year, we will forge ahead in unison with youthful enthusiasm towards a brighter future unraveling the Magic of Rotary.

CLUB SERVICE

As Club Service Chair, I would like to focus on building a strong sense of community and camaraderie within the club. Here are some ideas to achieve this:

- Organize regular social events, like potlucks, game nights, or outings to local attractions.
- Plan fun activities, such as volunteer days, sporting events, or cultural experiences.
- Encourage member participation in club decisions and planning.
- Develop welcoming initiatives for new members, like buddy systems or orientation programs.
- Foster open communication and recognition of member achievements.



**RTN SUDHA SURESH
CLUB SERVICE**

By doing so, we can create a vibrant and inclusive club culture that attracts and retains members, ultimately strengthening Rotary Bangalore Brigades club's impact in our community!

PUBLIC IMAGE

Rotary's public image is what people outside of Rotary think of when they hear our name. But name recognition is just the start. Our public image is shaped by the actions of our members, the activities we engage in, the impact we have, and more.

What more can we do about RBB's public image?

Raising awareness about our Club will help attract prospective members, instill a sense of pride among members, encourage community members to donate their time and money by joining in our service activities. It could be something as simple as wearing our Rotary pins or as elaborate as organizing an integrated marketing campaign.

RBB is active on social media and our projects are reported in the local media. We have also been co-branding our projects with the respective sponsors. However, there is more we can do. During RI year 2024-'25, we are committed to fulfilling at least nine, if not all ten, of the public image activities required by our RI district; plus a few others that we Brigadeers can think of from time to time.

Let us look forward to another notable RBB year!



RBB SPOTLIGHT

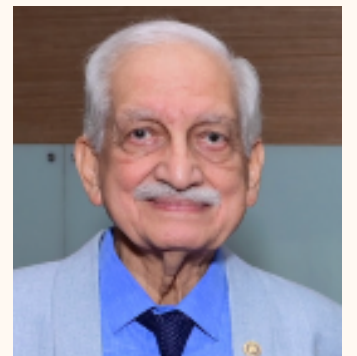


RTN SATISH B.E.

Rtn Satish B.E. was proudly recognized by RID 3192 for his invaluable efforts in collecting funds for the Rotary International Foundation. His dedication and hard work have significantly contributed to our mission, enabling us to make a greater impact in our community and beyond. Rtn. Satish's exceptional service and leadership have inspired us all and set a remarkable example for others to follow. Thank you, Rtn. Satish B.E., for your selfless service.



Rtn Satish Gowtham was honoured by Rotary International for his exemplary work in all avenues of service. His dedication, leadership, and tireless efforts have significantly contributed to the success and growth of our initiatives. Satish's unwavering commitment to our mission has made a profound impact, inspiring others and enhancing the well-being of our community. We are deeply grateful for his outstanding contributions.



RTN SATISH G



RTN VIJAY BANSAL

Rtn Vijay Bansal was honoured for his remarkable work in making sure spine surgeries were available to the underprivileged. His dedication and compassionate service have transformed countless lives, offering hope and healing to those in need. By ensuring access to critical medical care, Rtn. Vijay has made a profound impact on the community. His selfless efforts and unwavering commitment to improving health outcomes for the disadvantaged are truly commendable.



RID 3192 IPOG Srinivas Murthy and DDI NB Mahadeva Prasad presenting the DEI Catalyst Award to Deepa Marudharan, a diversity & inclusion activist. District DEI director (2023-24) Abha Saxena (L) and POG Jeeendra Anaja (R) are also seen.

Subrahmanyam Rajan through his organisation People for People. "This is the first year we took the lead and intend continuing it," says Zubaidah. The primary objective is to raise awareness and sensitivity for the visually-challenged, and help build a more inclusive society. For the 30 blind navigators who participated in the rally, "the feeling of 'being included' was the most predominant. They do not expect any special treatment; instead

they want to be recognised for their skills and be part of the mainstream." Throughout the rally, the teams encountered various tasks designed to test their navigation abilities, problem-solving skills and overall coordination. Marshalls on vintage bikes clocked the time at each checkpoint. "All the navigators were proactive despite their handicap. The event highlighted their incredible potential when given the right opportunity and support. We were inspired by people like Malini, a navigator from Mysuru, for whom this was the 16th rally. She teaches music online for international students," says the club president.

The participants were students of Bangalore-based NGOs Mitra Jyoti, IDA and Vividha, and they were charged ₹2,000 each as entry fee, part of which will go to fund this Rotary club's community projects. Dayanand, managing director of the Gold Coins Resort, presented cash prizes to the winners.

DEI Awards
In 2023-24, RID 3192, bifurcated from RID 3190, introduced the

Rotary DEI Awards "to celebrate organisations and individuals for their groundbreaking initiatives to promote diversity, equity and inclusion, and provide them a platform to share their best practices to inspire others," says Abha Saxena, District DEI director (23-24). Submissions were invited from three types of organisations — public service organisations such as NGOs, education institutions and hospitals; corporate and Rotary clubs; and the LGBTQ+ community in the workplace and their local communities.

The winners included corporates such as Wipro, Zomato and Proceus; public service institutions such as NIMHANS, Bioscon Academy, All Inclusive Foundation and Sarbhak Trust. Under the Rotary category, RCs Bangalore, Bangalore Northwest, Bangalore Bhuvanachewar nagar, Chennai Bharathi and E-Club Chennai Shakthi won the inaugural DEI Awards. ■

Zubaidah Jamal
president
RC Bangalore Lakeworld

Rtn Abha Saxena and Rtn Gayathri Nayak were recognised by RID 3192 for their exceptional work with the Diversity, Equality, and Inclusion Committee. Their unwavering commitment to promoting diversity and equality has been instrumental in advancing our mission. Their efforts have fostered a more inclusive and equitable environment, inspiring positive change and unity within our community. Thank you, Rtn. Abha and Rtn. Gayathri, for your remarkable contributions.



RTN ABHA S & RTN GAYATHRI N



JULY WAS ALL ABOUT

Presenting Vishvamanar Educational Scholarship Cheques

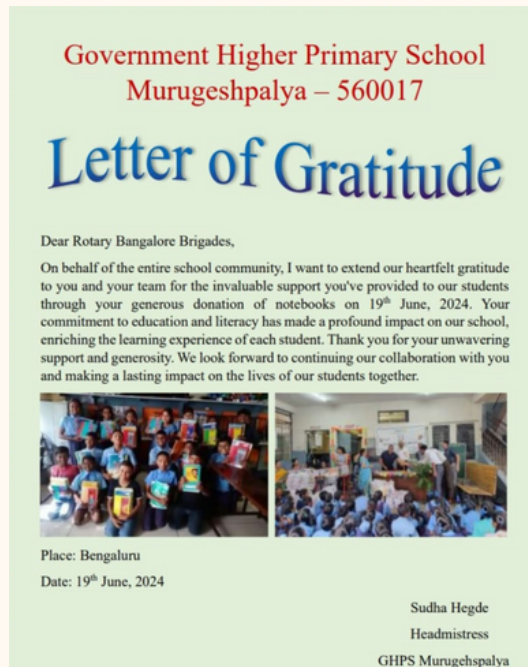
We presented the cheques to the respective beneficiaries and their parents of the Vishvamanar Educational Scholarship.



Donation of Notebooks and Stationery to students of Government Municipal School, Murugeshpalya

RBB donated Notebooks and Stationery to 150 school children. Snacks and Chocolates was sponsored for 150 children by Rtn. Gopal Rathi & Ann. Sarala Rathi. The project was led by Rtn. Sambamurthy organised by Rtn. Mahadevi Biradar, Community Service Chair. The school principal Mrs. Sudha Hegde rendered welcome note and Welcome address was given by Senior Teachers. We would like to than Mr. Sethuraman for his generous donation to make this project happen.

Rtn. Sambamurthy, Rtn. Sureshbabu P, Rtn. Ajay Jain, Rtn. Satish Gowtham, Rtn. Kala Gowtham, Rtn. Mahadevi Biradar, Rtn. Anuradha Murthy, Rtn. Gopal Rathi, Rtn. Satish B.E., Ann. Sarala Rathi and Antt. Shrinidhi Sambamurthy were a part of the event.





JULY WAS ALL ABOUT

Donation of Notebooks and Stationery to students of Subash Chandra Bose School, Nangli

Rotary Bangalore Brigades donated Notebooks and Stationery to school children. Fruits and snacks was sponsored for 140 children by Rtn. Meera KK. The project was led by Rtn. Sambamurthy organised by Rtn. Mahadevi Biradar, Community Service Chair. The school founder Mr Krishappa rendered Welcome note and Welcome address was given by senior faculty. On the occasion school children performed couple of cultural activities as part of their talent show. The students studying here are based out of the nearby villages.

Rotary Bangalore Brigades has been supporting this school since 2008.

Rtn. Sambamurthy, Rtn. Sureshbabu P, Rtn. Mahadevi Biradar, Rtn. Gayathri Nayak, Rtn. Meera KK and Rtn. Rajesh Kumar were a part of the event.

Distribution of Electric Iron Boxes to Laundry Ironers

RBB distributed two gas iron boxes to women who earn their livelihood as laundry ironers, working from roadside carts. These women were overjoyed and expressed their heartfelt gratitude to all our members for their generous support. This initiative aims to empower these hardworking women by providing them with modern tools that will significantly ease their daily tasks and improve their efficiency.

Moreover, transitioning from traditional charcoal irons to gas iron boxes has a positive environmental impact. By reducing dependency on charcoal, we are contributing to a cleaner, healthier environment and promoting sustainable practices within our community.

This initiative is a proof to our commitment to supporting local entrepreneurs and enhancing their quality of life. It also highlights our dedication to environmental conservation. We are deeply grateful to everyone who contributed to this cause and made a tangible difference in the lives of these women and our community.

Rtn. Sambamurthy, Rtn. Akshai Mallappa, Rtn. Ashwani Kinger and Rtn. Anuradha Murthy were a part of the event.





CELEBRATIONS

Date	Name
3rd July	Antt. Sonia (d/o Rtn. Praveen Kumar Jain)
4th July	Antt. Darshini Raghu (d/o Rtn. Dr. M.P Raghu)
5th July	Rtn. Vijay Bansal and Rtn. Amita Bansal Rtn. Akshai Mallappa and Ann. Savitha Mallappa
7th July	Ann. M. Madhura (w/o Rtn. G. Madhusudhana) Ann. Malini Satish (w/o Satish B.E.)
8th July	Rtn. Sureshababu P and Ann. Sudha Antt. Sudeep (s/o Rtn. Satish Gautam)
9th July	Rtn. Santosh Krishna Ann. Savitha Doddari (w/o Narendra Kondaji)
10th July	Rtn. Govind Shankar and Ann. Vilma Vaiciulyte
11th July	Antt. Abimanya Chellam (s/o Rtn. Suresh Chellam)
13th July	Rtn. Satish Gautam
14th July	Antt. Divya (d/o Rtn. Vinod V. Bhatija)
15th July	Rtn. Dr. Narpat Solanki
18th July	Antt. Raunak (s/o Rtn. Ashwani Kinger)
28th July	Antt. Pallavi (d/o Rtn. Ajay Jain)
29th July	Antt. Yash Varhdan (s/o Amita Bansal)

THE 4 - WAY TEST

OF THINGS WE DO AND SAY:

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

WEEKLY MEETINGS

Fridays - At Tulip Inn, Off Sankey Road, Bengaluru
at 19:00 Hours

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