

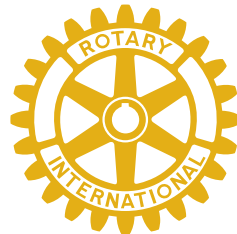
THE REARVIEW

Riding Forward: A Year of Fellowship, Adventure & Impact

2024-2025



Rotary



International Fellowship of
Motorcycling Rotarians

INDIA CHAPTER

Riding with Passion, Responsibly



RTN. N. S. MAHADEV PRASAD

District Governor's Impressions

As I look back on the Rotary year, I am deeply impressed by the energy, enthusiasm, and impact created by IFMR India. What a phenomenal journey it has been for this vibrant fellowship!

Adding two new sub-chapters in Thane and Udupi and crossing the 500-member mark is no small feat — it speaks volumes about the passion for both riding and Rotary service. The Goodwill Ride 6 in Madhya Pradesh, with record participation, continued the rich legacy of connecting communities through compassion and adventure.

One of the standout highlights was the bold step taken beyond borders — the ride through Kyrgyzstan. It was not just a ride; it was an experience that showcased IFMR's global outlook and the unifying power of Rotary.

I was particularly moved by the ride in Bangalore to raise awareness on Avoidable Blindness, a powerful blend of purpose and presence. The grand National Meet in Goa, the celebrations of Charter Day and Diwali, and meaningful representation at Deepam and Baandhavya brought out the spirit of fellowship in its truest form.

And to top it all, the election of Rtn. Prashanth Babu as IFMR International Secretary (2025–2028) is a proud achievement — a testament to the credibility and leadership that IFMR India commands globally. To all the riders, families, and fellowship champions — I salute your dedication. You have made this Rotary year truly memorable with your wheels of service and hearts of gold.

"Wheels of Fellowship, Tracks of Global Impact!"
Keep riding. Keep inspiring.



RTN. PRASHANT MISHRA

President's Impressions

Welcome to the 2024-25 edition of Rearview, a celebration of the journeys we've taken, the memories we've created, and the community we continue to strengthen through the shared spirit of motorcycling and Rotary fellowship. The Rotary Year 2024-25 has been a defining chapter for IFMR India – one that combined purpose, passion, and pride. I feel privileged to have led a team that pushed boundaries, embraced new geographies, and deepened the essence of Rotary fellowship on two wheels.

We proudly added two new sub-chapters – Thane and Udipi – taking our national footprint to 12 sub-chapters with 500+ active riders. Our flagship initiative, the Rotary Goodwill Ride, saw its sixth edition in Madhya Pradesh with record participation of 17 riders, including international members, riding through the cultural heart of India.

IFMR India crossed borders to ride in Kyrgyzstan, making it one of our most adventurous and scenic expeditions. We also showcased our fellowship spirit at Deepam (Thiruvannamalai) and Baandhavya (Hassan) – two major Multi-District Fellowship events, where we were invited as special guests.

The All Chapter Meet in Goa was a grand national gathering, applauded for its flawless execution and member bonding. From raising awareness about Avoidable Blindness in Bangalore, celebrating Charter Day and Diwali with grandeur, to supporting rider training at XTrails, every initiative was a step forward.

We are proud that Rtn. Prashanth Babu from IFMR India was elected as IFMR International Secretary (2025–2028) – a moment of global recognition for our chapter. I thank every member, spouse and volunteer for making this journey meaningful. The engine of fellowship runs best when everyone rides together.



RTN. PUNIT BAJAJ

Secretary's Impressions

2024-25 will be remembered as a milestone year in the journey of IFMR India. As Secretary, I had the privilege of witnessing our chapter thrive through collaboration, new beginnings, and impactful events across the country.

The installation of the Thane and Manipal (Udupi) Sub-Chapters took our presence to 12 sub-chapters and over 500 active members, showcasing the growing enthusiasm for biking within the Rotary family. Our members came together like never before – whether it was the Goa All Chapter Meet, monthly breakfast rides, or the grand Diwali and Charter Day celebrations.

The Rotary Goodwill Ride 6 in Madhya Pradesh and our international ride in Kyrgyzstan were standout experiences – combining cultural immersion, camaraderie, and challenge. IFMR India also proudly represented itself at Deepam and Baandhavya, and stood up for a cause with the Avoidable Blindness Awareness Ride in Bangalore.

Seeing Rtn. Prashanth Babu elected as IFMR International Secretary is a moment of immense pride for all of us, proving that IFMR India is now making its presence felt at the global level.

This year has been about strengthening bonds, building scale, and staying true to our passion for riding and service. I thank the President, the Core Team, and every member who made 2024-25 truly memorable.

THE CORE TEAM

IFMR 2024-2025



RTN. PRASHANT
MISHRA

*President,
India Chapter (2024-25)*



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RTN. PUNIT
BAJAJ

*Secretary,
India Chapter (2024-25)*



RTN. Y Y C ROY

*Treasurer,
India Chapter (2024-25)*



RTN. RAJESH AR

*I.P.P.,
India Chapter (2024-25)*



RTN. ARUN BELUR

India Chapter (2024-25)



RTN. SRIKANTH KP

*Ride Coordinator,
India Chapter (2024-25)*



RTN. VIJAY MANE

India Chapter (2024-25)



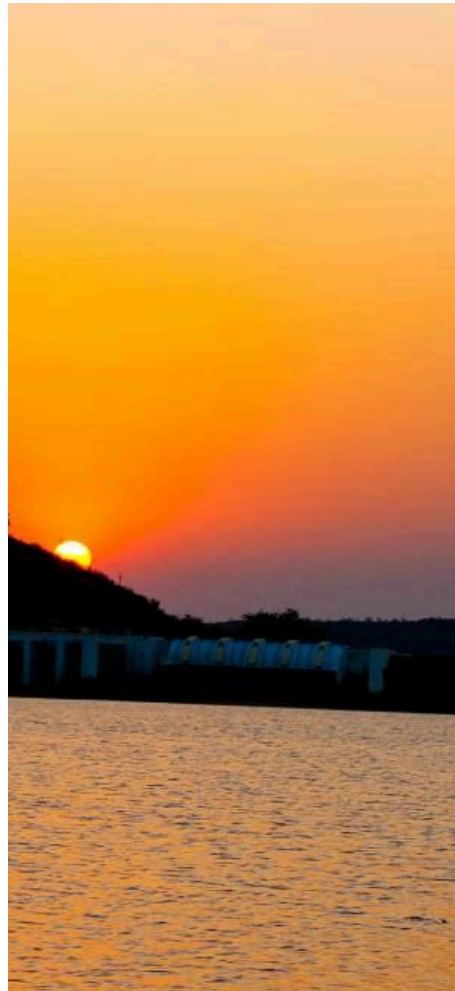
RTN. RAGHAVENDRA
INAMDAR

India Chapter (2024-25)

THE MONTHLY BREAKFAST RIDES.

There's something magical about early mornings on two wheels—the crisp air, the hum of engines in harmony, and the anticipation of the road ahead. Our monthly breakfast rides have become more than just weekend getaways—they are a tradition that blends adventure, exploration, and camaraderie. Throughout 2024–25, our breakfast rides took us to historic forts, tranquil reservoirs, lush hill stations, and hidden gems nestled across Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Andhra Pradesh. Each ride offered a new story: from tracing the legacy of ancient dynasties at Bellur and Halebidu to soaking in the serenity of Kanva Reservoir or chasing waterfalls at Chunchi. What remained constant, though, was the joy of riding together. These events brought members closer, created lasting friendships, and offered a perfect balance of thrill and tranquility—wrapped in a plate of piping hot idlis or a steaming cup of chai.

This section captures those special mornings—mile by mile, memory by memory.



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Early Rides, Empty Roads,
And Stories Served Hot With
Breakfast.





PENUKONDA FORT - ANDHRA PRADESH

7th July - Event No. 203

Penukonda Fort is a historic fort located in the Anantapur district of Andhra Pradesh, approximately 150 kilometers from Bangalore. It is known for its architectural grandeur and history. The fort was built during the Vijayanagara Empire and later served as a stronghold for various rulers, including the Sultanate of Bijapur and the British.



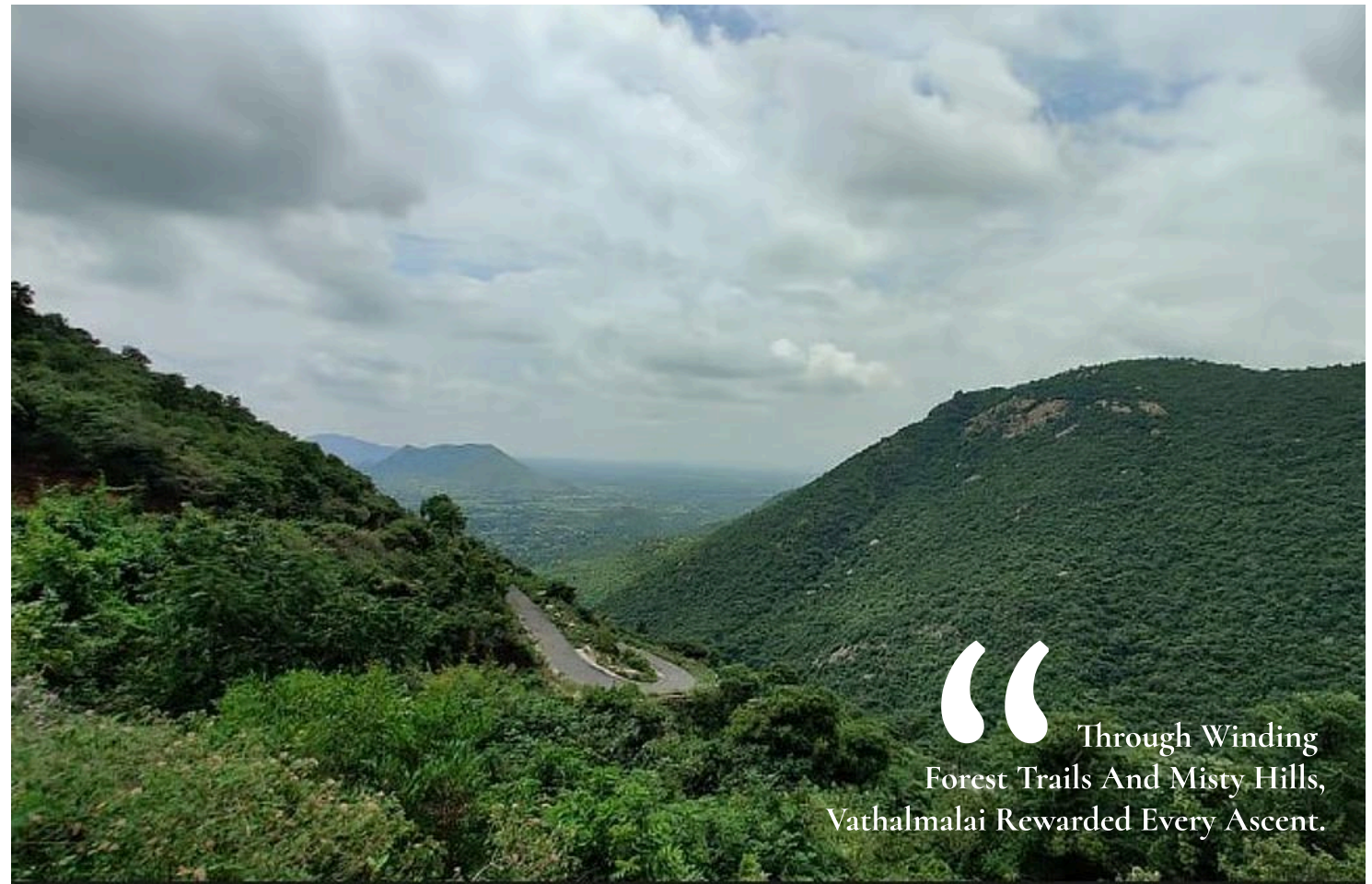
“ Twisting Roads Led Us To The Timeless Ruins Of Penukonda — Where History Meets The Thrill Of The Ride.



VATHAMALAI - TAMIL NADU

4th August - Event No. 204

Vathalmalai is a beautiful hill range situated in the Dharmapuri district of Tamil Nadu, India. It's known for its scenic landscapes, lush greenery, and tranquil atmosphere. Here's more information about Vathalmalai: The region around Vathalmalai is dotted with ancient temples, ruins, and historical sites, adding cultural and historical significance to the area.





PAYANA CAR MUSEUM - MYSORE

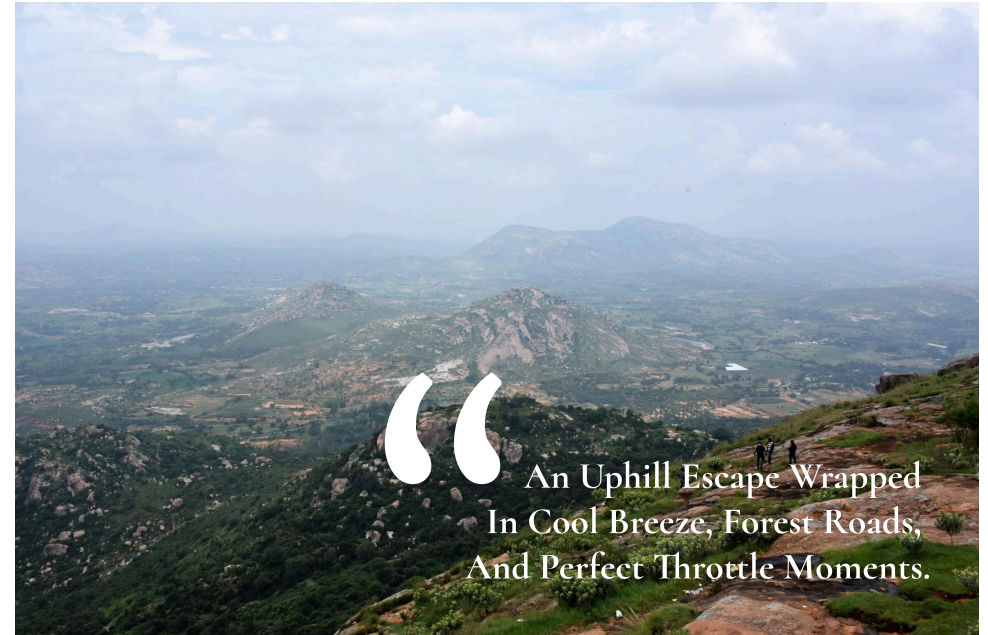
1st September - Event No. 205

Payana Car Museum is situated in the city of Mysore, known for its rich cultural heritage and historical landmarks. It's located on the BangaloreMysore highway, making it easily accessible for visitors traveling from Bangalore or other nearby cities.



“ Where Classic
Engines Met Roaring
Machines—An Ode To Every
Gearhead’s Journey.





HORSLEY HILLS - ANDHRA PRADESH

3rd November - Event No. 206

Horsley Hills is a picturesque hill station located in the Chittoor district of Andhra Pradesh, India. Situated at an altitude of about 1,265 meters above sea level, it offers stunning views of the surrounding hills and valleys. The area is known for its pleasant climate throughout the year, making it a popular getaway destination for nature lovers and adventure enthusiasts.





BELLUR & HALEBIDU - KARNATAKA

8th December - Event No. 207

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From Temple
Carvings To Crisp Tarmac—
Art And Asphalt Came
Together In Harmony.

Bellur and Halebidu are two historically significant destinations located in the Hassan district of Karnataka, India. Both Halebidu and Belur are UNESCO World Heritage Sites and attract history enthusiasts, architecture aficionados, and spiritual seekers from around the world who come to admire the rich cultural heritage and architectural splendor of these ancient sites.

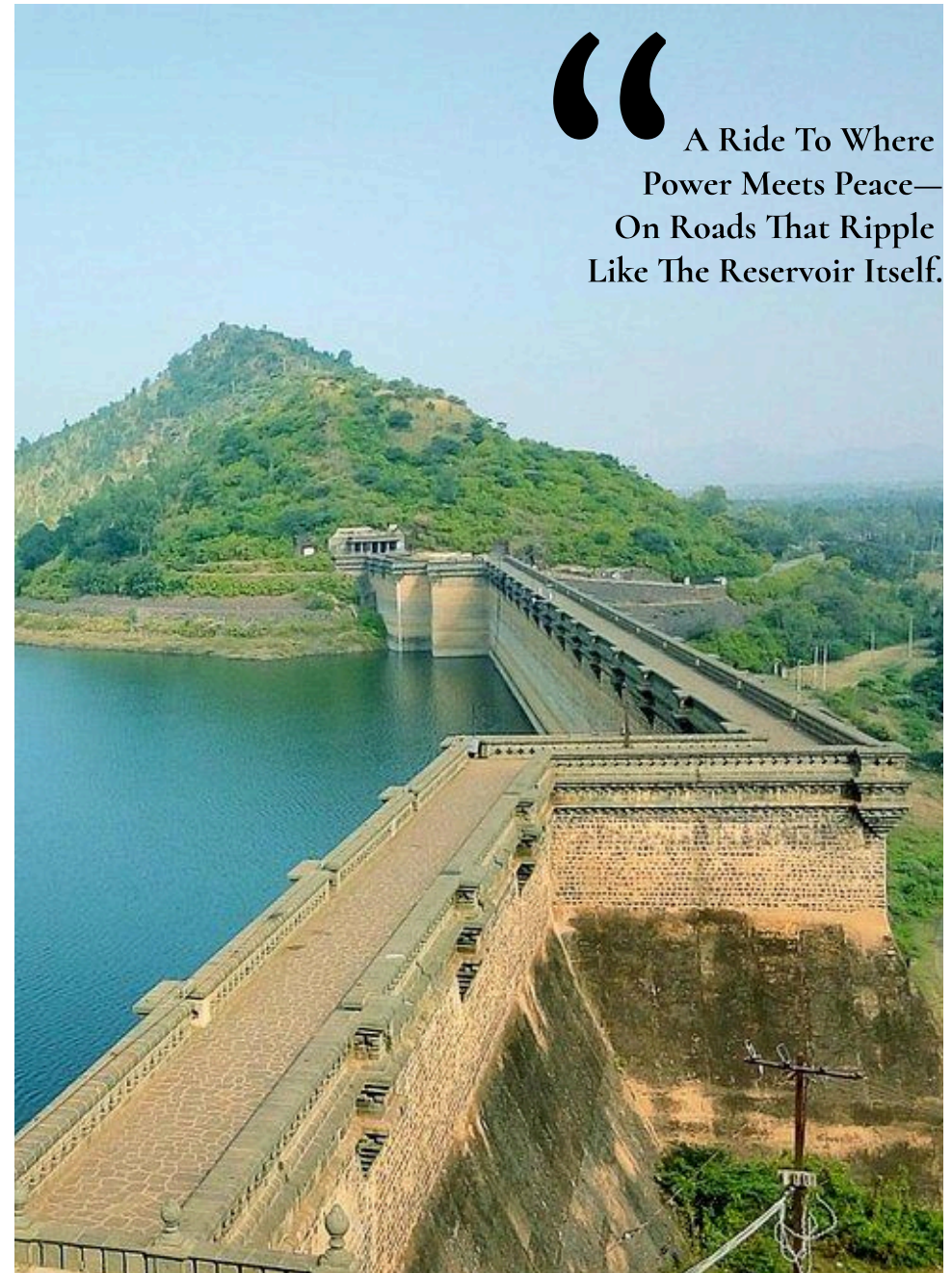


CHUNCHI FALLS - KARNATAKA

5th January - Event No. 208

Chunchi Falls is a scenic waterfall located near Bangalore, Karnataka, India. It's situated approximately 90 kilometers away from Bangalore city, making it a popular weekend destination for locals and tourists alike. • The waterfall is formed by the Arkavati River cascading down rocky cliffs amidst lush greenery, creating a picturesque natural setting.

“ Water Roared,
Tires Rolled, And Nature
Welcomed Us With Open Arms.



VVS DAM - KARNATAKA

2nd February - Event No. 209

Also known as Marikanive Dam, the reservoir located near Hiriyur in Chitradurga district of Karnataka, India. It was constructed across the Vedavathi River, a tributary of the Tungabhadra River, and serves multiple purposes including irrigation, drinking water supply, and hydroelectric power.

TALAKADU - KARNATAKA

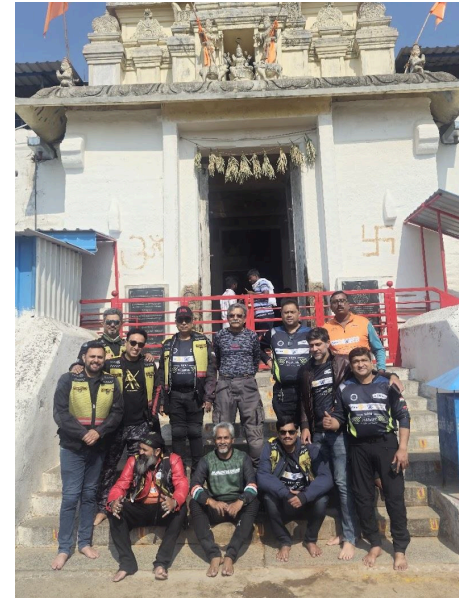
9th March - Event No. 210

Talakadu, also known as Talakad, is a historic town located on the banks of the Kaveri River in the Mandya district of Karnataka, India. It is renowned for its rich cultural heritage, ancient temples, and unique geological features.



“Sandy Trails, Sacred
Tales—Talakadu Was A Ride
Through Legends And Landscapes.





“ Spiritual Serenity
Met Smooth Highways—Seebi
Was A Soulful Sunday Ride.

SEEBI - KARNATAKA

13th April - Event No. 211

Seebi is a small village located in the Tumkur district of Karnataka, India. It is primarily known for its historical and religious significance due to the presence of the Seebi Narasimha Swamy Temple. Seebi Narasimha Swamy Temple is a prominent Hindu temple dedicated to Lord Narasimha, an incarnation of the Hindu god Vishnu. The temple is known for its beautiful architecture & intricate carvings.





KANVA RESERVOIR - KARNATAKA

04th May - Event No. 212

Kanva Reservoir is a man-made lake located in the Ramanagara district of Karnataka, India. It is situated near the village of Kanva, approximately 69 kilometers southwest of Bangalore, the state capital. • Kanva Reservoir is not only a source of water for irrigation but also a recreational spot where visitors can unwind amidst nature's beauty and enjoy various outdoor activities.



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“ Riders, Reflections,
And Rolling Hills—Kanva
Offered Stillness After Speed.



SATELLITE TOWN RING ROAD - BANGALORE

22nd June - Event No. 213

The June 2025 breakfast ride was a spirited Sunday morning escape along the STRR (Satellite Town Ring Road) loop near Bangalore. Riders enjoyed sweeping curves, smooth tarmac, and scenic village stretches, making it a perfect blend of thrill and tranquility. A well-paced ride was followed by a hearty breakfast and fellowship time at Nandi Upchaar at Dodballapura. As always, the emphasis remained on safe riding, punctuality, and shared joy – echoing the IFMR spirit of togetherness on two wheels.



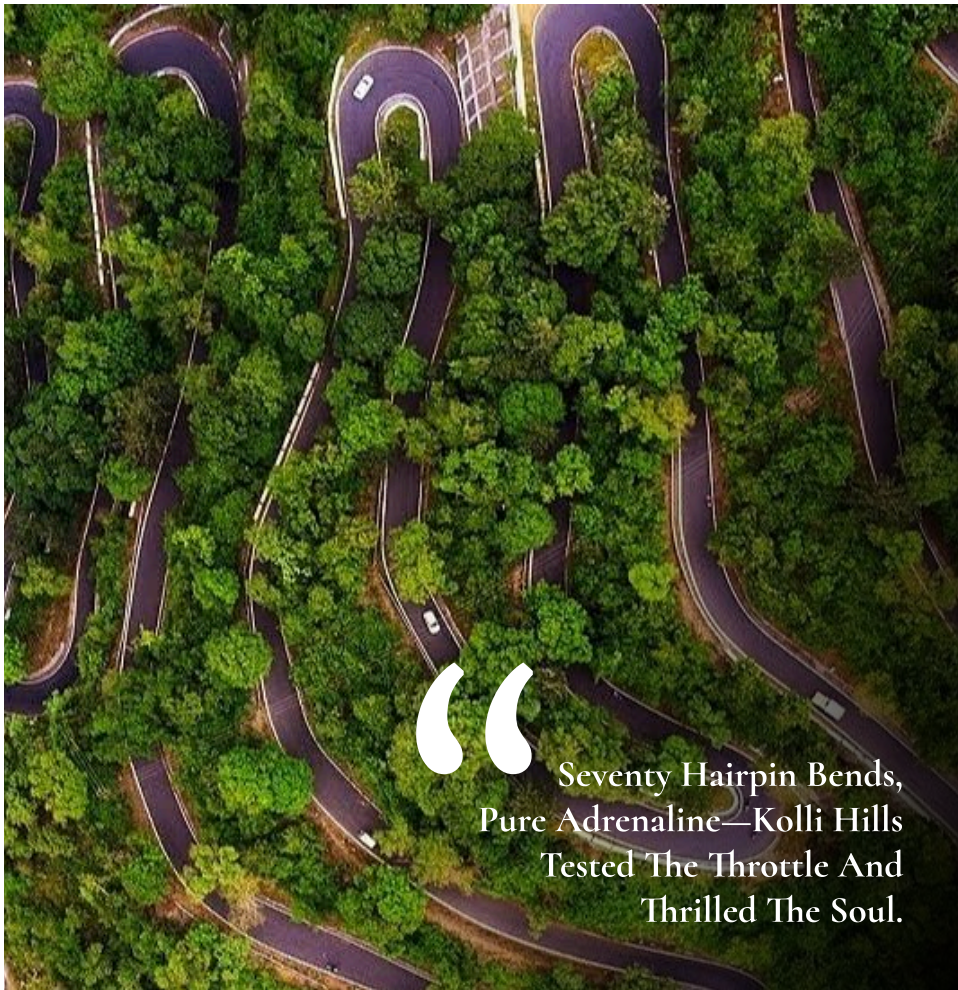
THE OVERNIGHT RIDE.



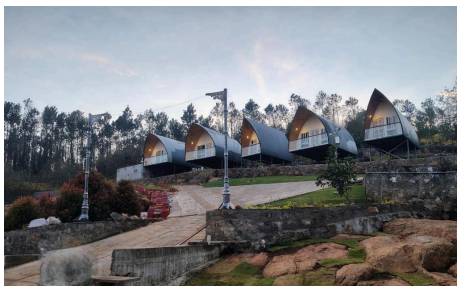
KOLLI HILLS - TAMIL NADU

04th - 06th April

Kolli Hills, known as the “Mountains of Death” among bikers, is a thrilling destination in Tamil Nadu that promises an adrenaline-filled ride through nature’s untamed beauty. Famous for its 70 hairpin bends, the ascent to Kolli Hills is a bucket-list ride for motorcyclists who love sharp curves, scenic views, and high-altitude riding. Arrival at the beautiful Gambhiraa Resorts kolli hills.



“ Seventy Hairpin Bends,
Pure Adrenaline—Kolli Hills
Tested The Throttle And
Thrilled The Soul.



THE EVENT RIDES.

Not every journey is about the road alone—some are about the causes we ride for, the people we meet, and the memories we create along the way. Our Event Rides this year captured that spirit beautifully. From spiritual gatherings like Deepam Meet in Thiruvannamalai to socially driven initiatives like the Avoidable Blindness Conference in Bangalore, these rides blended adventure with advocacy.

They took us across state lines, into fellowship events like Baandhavya and through the cultural corridors of India during the Goodwill Ride across Madhya Pradesh.

Each event brought together bikers, Rotarians, and communities—fostering not just friendship, but impact. In every rev of the engine, there was purpose; in every stop, a story.

This section is a tribute to those rides that meant more than just reaching a destination—they were journeys of meaning, fellowship, and pride.

Moments Beyond the Miles





“ A Grand Gathering
Of Rotary Wheels—
Baandhavya Celebrated Unity
Beyond Borders.



BAANDHAVYA - HASSAN

05th - 06th October

Rotary International Districts 3160, 3170, 3181, 3182, 3191, and 3192 are coming together for Baandhavya, a grand multi-district fellowship event celebrating the spirit of unity and camaraderie. Hosted by Rotary Clubs in Zone 9A and 9B (Hassan) of RI District 3182, the event will take place at the scenic Vintage Village Resort in Hassan, Karnataka, on the 5th and 6th of October 2024.



DEEPAM MEET - THIRUVANNAMALAI

21st - 22nd December

IFMR India members attended the DEEPAM 2024 Multi District Fellowship Meet in Tiruvannamalai. The event featured a presentation on IFMR by Past President Rtn. Prashanth Babu, along with highlights like Deepa Darisanam, temple prayers, and prasadam distribution. It was a memorable ride and a proud representation of IFMR at a vibrant Rotary fellowship gathering.



“ Under Sacred Skies
And Glowing Lamps, We
Rode For Light, Fellowship,
And Faith.

AVOIDABLE BLINDNESS - BANGALORE

29th March

The Third Rotary National Conference on Community Ophthalmology was held in Bengaluru, bringing together experts and stakeholders to share insights and strengthen efforts in preventing avoidable blindness through community eye care. The event highlighted successful outreach models, innovative practices, and collaborative strategies to enhance vision care at the grassroots level.





ALL CHAPTER MEET - GOA

24th - 25th July

The All Chapter Meet of bikers was hosted by the India Chapter in Goa on the 24th and 25th, marking a landmark gathering for the biking community. Held at the Royal Orchid, the event saw enthusiastic participation from clubs across Ahmedabad, Kochin, Trichur, Varanasi and Kumbakonam.



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All chapters were invited to join, making it a vibrant and diverse celebration. The Best Participant Rider was felicitated, and memorable moments were shared among riders, fostering camaraderie and a strong sense of brotherhood across chapters.

“Engines Met The Ocean Breeze—Goa United Chapters In Celebration And Camaraderie.



ROTARY GOODWILL RIDE 6

14th - 25th February

The IFMR India Rotary Goodwill Ride 6 took place covering a scenic and historic route from Agra to Bhopal. Riders explored iconic destinations including Agra, Gwalior, Orchha, Khajuraho, Jabalpur, and Kanha, experiencing a unique blend of heritage, nature, and wildlife. The ride brought together Anns and Rotarians, for an unforgettable journey celebrating fellowship and adventure on the open road.

The event saw participation from Rotarians across the globe, including riders from Australia, Italy, the USA, the UK, and Germany. A total of 12 international participants joined the ride, along with 5 members from the IFMR India Chapter, making it a truly global and culturally rich experience. The members were inducted as the honorary members of IFMR. Our DG Rtn. Mahadev Prasad of District 3192 conducted the felicitation in Bhopal. IFMR India is grateful to Rotary Bhopal Shaurya, Rtn. Nirvikar Yadav, Rtn. Punit Nirvikar and Rtn. Aseem Jindal for hosting the felicitation ceremony at Bhopal.

“ Across Forts, Forests,
And Friendships—This Epic
Ride Stitched India’s
Heartland With Harmony.



THE KYRGYZSTAN RIDE

18th - 30th May

IFMR India flagged off one of its most adventurous international rides to the untouched terrains of Kyrgyzstan – a land of soaring mountains, alpine lakes, and winding passes. Over 30 IFMRians from India joined this high-altitude expedition, traversing rugged roads through the Tien Shan range, exploring the Silk Route legacy, and camping beside the ethereal Song-Kul Lake. The ride wasn't just a test of skill and endurance, but also a celebration of camaraderie, cultural exchange, and shared love for motorcycling. Kyrgyz hospitality, treacherous climbs, and unforgettable landscapes made this ride a defining chapter in IFMR's global journey. 15 members from IFMR India and 3 Sub Chapters of Ahmedabad, Kochi and Hassan embarked on this adventures ride.





IFMR MEMBERS

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UNVEILING THE JERSEY

10TH NOVEMBER 2024



CHARTER DAY - BOWERING INSTITUTE CLUB

2nd March

The 22nd Charter Day of the IFMR Club marked a special milestone, celebrating the founding and enduring spirit of the club. Members gathered at the Bowering Institute Club for a lively evening filled with joy, laughter, and camaraderie. The event brought everyone together to share memories, build new connections, and honor the vibrant community that continues to grow stronger each year.





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A Proud Pause To Celebrate
Our Journey—22 Years Of
Riding Stronger Together.

MARTIN, IFMR GERMANY - CENTURY CLUB

10th March

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When Global Leaders
Met Local Legends—
Bonds Were Built Beyond
Boundaries.





CARLO, IFMR ITALY - CENTURY CLUB

11th April

X-TRAIL RIDING & TRAINING CAMP



IFMR JOINED THE INAUGURATION OF X-TRAIL

18th August

The thrill of off-road adventure got a brand-new home as IFMR joined the inauguration of XTrails, an exclusive dirt track built for adrenaline and excitement. The launch event marked the beginning of a new chapter in high-octane recreational experiences, bringing together biking enthusiasts, adventure seekers, and members of the IFMR community.

“ The Dirt Flew, The Thrill Grew—X-Trail Launched A New Era Of Off-Road Adventure.





From Clutches To
Confidence—Skills Were
Sharpened, One Lap At A Time.



TRAINING AND UPSKILLING SESSION

26th January

On 26th January, IFMR successfully hosted a Training and Up-skilling Session for Riders at the newly inaugurated XTrails dirt track. The session focused on enhancing key motorcycling skills such as clutch control, slow-speed manoeuvres, obstacle crossing, and balancing techniques. The event ran from 7:30 AM to 1:00 PM and drew enthusiastic participation from the IFMR community.



IFMR INTERNATIONAL OFFICE ELECTION 2025-28

IFMR India proudly nominated Past President Rtn. Prashanth Babu as a candidate for the position of IFMR International Secretary. We are delighted to announce that Rtn. Prashanth Babu has been elected unopposed for this esteemed role. His tenure will begin on July 1, 2025, and continue through to June 30, 2028.

Congratulations to Rtn. Prashanth Babu on this prestigious appointment!





DIWALI FAMILY GET TOGETHER

27th October

IFMR India celebrated the festive spirit with a warm and joyful Diwali get-together hosted at Prashant Babu's residence. The event brought together members and their families for an afternoon filled with lights, laughter, and togetherness. A special highlight of the evening was the felicitation of the riders who successfully completed the Iron Butt Challenge from Delhi to Bengaluru.

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“ Lights, Laughter, And Biker Tales—Diwali Brought Families And Riders Under One Festive Roof.



FELICITATION OF IRON BUTT RIDERS

23rd - 25th October

Three passionate IFMR members successfully completed the grueling Iron Butt Challenge, riding all the way from Delhi to Bengaluru—a true test of endurance, determination, and spirit.

Done by Ajit Ram, Prashant Babu and Rajesh AR.

“ A Test Of Will And Wheels
—Three Riders, One Legendary
Ride From Delhi To Bengaluru.

INDUCTION OF SUB-CHAPTERS

“Throttled Into The IFMR Family—Welcoming New Riders And Fresh Beginnings.



THANE SUB-CHAPTER 3142

4th May

May 2025 marked a significant chapter in the IFMR journey with the induction of the Thane Suburb Sub-Chapter under District 3142. This expansion into the vibrant Mumbai metropolitan region was a testament to the growing passion for riding and Rotary fellowship across India. The event was celebrated with enthusiasm and a strong sense of community, as new members were officially welcomed into the IFMR fold. With this induction, the Thane Suburb chapter is set to become a hub for rides, connections, and impactful service in the western corridor of the country.

UDUPI SUB-CHAPTER

14th June

June 2025 marked a milestone for IFMR India with the formal installation of the Udupi Sub-Chapter, expanding our footprint into coastal Karnataka. Hosted with warm hospitality and spiritual vibrance, the Udupi event reflected IFMR's values of fellowship and regional integration. The ceremony welcomed new members into the IFMR family and laid the foundation for future rides and community projects in the region.



22ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – IFMR INDIA

11th May

The 22nd AGM of IFMR India Chapter was held on Sunday, 11th May 2025 at Royal Orchid Central, Bangalore, with over 40 members in attendance. President Rtn. Prashant Mishra opened the meeting with a warm welcome, followed by Secretary Rtn. Punit Bajaj's crisp and engaging presentation of the club's annual report. New member Rtn. Murli Naidu was formally inducted during the session.

Treasurer Rtn. Y C Roy presented the financial report, which was unanimously adopted. A heartfelt felicitation ceremony followed, where core team members were recognised with mementos, including a special acknowledgment for Rtn. Prashanth Babu.

President Elect Rtn. Vijay Mane, elected unopposed, shared his vision and introduced his incoming core team for 2025–26. A memorable highlight of the AGM was the launch of embroidered recognition patches for past IFMR rides — a legacy initiative by President Prashant. Riders proudly collected their patches as ride-wise group photos were taken.

The AGM concluded with a standing ovation for Rtn. Prashant Mishra and the outgoing team and a vote of thanks. Members then joined for cocktails and a celebratory lunch at Ging, rounding off a year filled with rides, camaraderie, and shared purpose.

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TRIBUTE TO IMFRIAN RTN. MURLI NAIDU



Rtn. Murli Naidu was the embodiment of humility, warmth, and service. A recent but passionate Rotarian, he left a deep impact in just two years with Rotary Bangalore Lakeside, serving as Club Service Director in 2024-25 with unmatched dedication. Always the first to arrive and the last to leave, his meticulous planning made every event special.

An avid biker at heart, Murli joyfully joined IFMR India, riding with enthusiasm and camaraderie that made him instantly loved. His sudden passing on 23rd June has left a void in our hearts.

As the iconic line from Anand says, “Zindagi badi honi chahiye, lambi nahi” — Murli truly lived a meaningful life. He will always be remembered with love and gratitude.

Om Shanti.

