



# SANKALP

**FREE PLASTIC SURGERY CAMP 2023**

**Cleft Lip, Cleft Palate and Post Burns Contracture**

## ASSOCIATION WITH



**Rotary Bengaluru North RID: 3192 & Rotary Club BG Nagara**

## VENUE

BGS Auditorium,  
Adichunchanagiri University Campus,  
BG Nagara



Paramapoojya Jagadguru Padmabhushana Puraskrutha  
**Sri Sri Sri Dr. Balagangadharanatha Mahaswamiji**  
71<sup>st</sup> Pontiff, Sri Adichunchanagiri Mahasamsthana Math

*"Live like a Butterfly...  
take the best without destroying or hurting  
anybody but giving pleasure to everyone"*



His Holiness Jagadguru  
**Sri Sri Sri Dr. Nirmalanandanatha Mahaswamiji**  
72<sup>nd</sup> Pontiff, Sri Adichunchanagiri Mahasamsthana Math  
Honorable Chancellor, Adichunchanagiri University

*“There may be limitations in everything  
around us, but not in serving the Society”*

# Sri Adichunchanagiri Mahasamsthana Math

## Karnataka, Bharat

Sri Adichunchanagiri Mahasamsthana Math, a beacon of spirituality and service with a storied 1800-years legacy, graces the picturesque Sri Adichunchanagiri Hills in Nagamangala Taluk, Karnataka. Rooted in the sacred lineage of Spiritual Masters, initiated by Lord Shiva himself at the culmination of his profound penance, this institution's history is a testament to divine devotion.

In the hallowed tradition of 'Guruparampara,' His Holiness Jagadguru Padmabhushana Puraskrutha Sri Sri Sri Dr. Balagangadharanatha Mahaswamiji assumed the mantle of the 71<sup>st</sup> Spiritual Head of the Sri Math in 1974, at a youthful age of 30. Since that transformative moment, Sri Math embarked on an extraordinary journey, rapidly advancing its benevolent endeavors. Sri Math's selfless commitment to feeding over twenty thousand people daily has earned it the revered moniker of 'Annadani Math.' Swamiji's tireless efforts have fostered progress, peace, happiness, and harmony among humanity.

Today, under the guidance of the 72<sup>nd</sup> Pontiff, His Holiness Jagadguru Sri Sri Sri Dr. Nirmalanandanatha Mahaswamiji, the institution continues its sacred mission, following in the footsteps of Sri Sri Sri Dr. Balagangadharanatha Swamiji. Dr. Nirmalanandanatha Mahaswamiji embodies wisdom, benevolence, inclusivity, and universal values, guiding all BGS Educational Institutions, temples, and shrines towards new horizons in this beautiful universe.

### Serving Humanity in Nine Limbs of Service (9 "A"s)



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EDUCATION  
AKSHARA



HEALTH  
AROGYA



SPIRITUALITY  
ADHYATHMIKA



SHELTER  
ASHRAYA



AFFORESTATION  
ARANYA



CATTLE PROTECTION  
AAKALU



HELPING HANDS  
ANUKAMPA



COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS  
ANUBANDHA





## Sri Adichunchanagiri Shikshana Trust® Karnataka, Bharat

The Sri Adichunchanagiri Shikshana Trust®, under the Presidentship of the current spiritual leader, His Holiness Jagadguru Sri Sri Sri Dr. Nirmalanandanatha Mahaswamiji, has been dedicated to the establishment and management of various educational institutions. These institutions cover a wide array of fields, including **General Education (Lower Primary, Upper Primary & High School), Pre-University Education, Diploma, Industrial Training, Science Education, Medical, Nursing, Pharmacy, Ayurvedic, Engineering, Architecture, Management and Fashion Design Education among others.**

With a commitment spanning over four decades, the Trust manages more than 500 educational institutions, including Special Schools for the Blind, Deaf & Dumb. These institutions collectively enroll over 150,000 students annually. Notably, many of these establishments are located in rural areas of Karnataka, Salem, and Erode districts of Tamil Nadu, Tirupathi in Andhra Pradesh, Noida, and New Delhi. This distribution serves to provide valuable educational opportunities to rural populations, contributing significantly to the advancement of education in these regions.

One of the notable accomplishments of the Trust is the establishment of Adichunchanagiri University, a Multi-Disciplinary State Private University, which was founded in the year 2018. These institutions under the Sri Adichunchanagiri Shikshana Trust® have consistently maintained excellence in their respective domains over the years.

The Trust's focus on education, research, and service to humanity at large underscores its commitment to not only academic excellence but also the betterment of society by providing accessible and high-quality education to diverse populations.



500+

Educational  
Institutions

150K+

Students getting  
Education

25K+

Students Graduating  
Every Year

20K+

Teachers in Shaping  
up the Future

500K+

Alumni as a  
prominent presence





# ADICHUNCHANAGIRI UNIVERSITY

Adichunchanagiri University (ACU) is a multi-faculty private university committed to providing quality education and fostering a spirit of entrepreneurship among its students. The university boasts a sprawling 67-acre campus situated at BG Nagara, Nagamangala Taluk, Mandya District, equipped with state-of-the-art infrastructure, providing an ideal environment for academic and personal growth. ACU has a vibrant academic community with 4,774 students currently enrolled. The university prides itself on its 488 teaching faculty members, supported by 64 adjunct/visiting faculty, and an additional 1,123 non-teaching staff. This diverse and dedicated team contributes to the holistic development of the students.

**Entrepreneurial Focus:** One distinctive feature of ACU is its commitment to nurturing entrepreneurial ideas. The university has established a dedicated platform for fostering the creativity and innovation of young entrepreneurs. Through expert guidance and support, ACU aims to help students shape and thrive in the competitive landscape of entrepreneurship.

ACU comprises various constituent units, each contributing to the overall educational and research landscape. These include:

- Adichunchanagiri Institute of Medical Sciences (AIMS, Established 1986)
- Sri Adichunchanagiri College of Pharmacy (SACCP, Est. 1981)
- Adichunchanagiri College of Nursing (ACN, Est. 1985)
- Adichunchanagiri School of Allied Health Sciences (AHS, Est. 2020)
- BGS Institute of Technology (BGSIT, Est. 2008)
- BGS First Grade College (BGSFGC, Est. 2019)
- BGS College of Education (BGSCE, Est. 2008)
- Adichunchanagiri School of Natural Sciences (ASNS, Est. 2020)
- Adichunchanagiri Hospital and Research Centre
- Adichunchanagiri Institute for Molecular Medicine

**Potential Centers for Excellence:** ACU houses several centers focusing on cutting-edge research and innovation, such as ACU-Centre for Research and Innovation, Adichunchanagiri Institute for Molecular Medicine, Center of Research Management and Industrial Linkage, Center for Molecular Pharmaceutics and Advanced Therapeutics, Adichunchanagiri Centre for Entrepreneurs, BOT Lab, NAIN Center, and BOSCH - TOYOTA Lab.

Adichunchanagiri University stands as a dynamic institution that not only imparts education but also instills values and promotes innovation and entrepreneurship among its students. The diverse array of constituent units and centers for excellence contribute to a holistic educational experience, aligning with the university's vision and mission.





In the transformative landscape of healthcare, Adichunchanagiri Hospital & Research Centre (AH & RC) emerged in 1990 as a powerful symbol of hope, reflecting the visionary aspirations of His Holiness Padmabhushana Puraskrutha Sri Sri Sri Dr. Balagangadharanatha Mahaswamiji. The hospital, commissioned with a noble purpose, has evolved into a cornerstone of medical care, particularly for the underprivileged and rural communities in the region.

AH & RC, affiliated with the prestigious Adichunchanagiri Institute of Medical Sciences (AIMS), is not just a healthcare institution; it is a testament to the unwavering commitment of its founder to establish a state-of-the-art facility addressing the health needs of the rural populace. The hospital's success is attributed to its dedicated and qualified staff, coupled with cutting-edge medical equipment, allowing the seamless provision of medical services across preventive, curative, and rehabilitative domains. Specializing in sub-disciplines such as Neurosurgery, Urology, Cardiology, Oncology, Nephrology, and Plastic Surgery, AH & RC stands out as a comprehensive healthcare hub. The Central Laboratory, equipped with advanced technology, ensures accurate and thorough diagnostics for patients, setting a standard for excellence in healthcare.

At the heart of AH & RC is its Central Operation Theatre complex, featuring 13 operation theaters and a 120-bed Intensive Care Unit (ICU) equipped with state-of-the-art monitoring systems. The hospital's commitment to emergency care is underscored by its round-the-clock Emergency Medicine department, staffed by highly qualified professionals dedicated to providing immediate medical attention. Noteworthy is the hospital's dedication to providing essential medical services to the underprivileged. The well-equipped Blood Bank, managed by experienced personnel, ensures the timely availability of blood donations and streamlined delivery systems for those in need. The Forensic department, equipped with modern cold storage facilities, plays a pivotal role in the dignified storage of cadavers requiring post-mortem examinations.

AH & RC goes beyond conventional medical care by extending its healing touch through free-of-cost medical aid, including medicines, to the underprivileged. The hospital's impact is not confined to its medical services; it also addresses the broader spectrum of healthcare by providing free food to General ward patients, exemplifying its commitment to holistic healing. With 1500 beds, a multi and super-specialist approach, and facilities such as CATH Lab, MRI, CT Scan, Digital X-Ray, Echo, Fundus Camera, and more. AH & RC stands as a beacon of healthcare excellence. The hospital's journey, from a cherished dream to a thriving reality, continues to transform and uplift countless lives by providing compassionate and quality healthcare to those who need it the most.

Moreover, AH & RC extends its reach beyond its walls through a 24/7 ambulance facility, ensuring swift access to healthcare for all neighboring areas. In the pursuit of its humanitarian ideals, Adichunchanagiri Hospital & Research Centre remains a shining example of healthcare that transcends boundaries, offering hope and healing to the communities it serves.



SANKALP is a free plastic surgery camp that is dedicated to transforming the lives of individuals affected by cleft lip, cleft palate, and post-burn contracture and marks the beginning of a journey that goes beyond medical procedures. It signifies a commitment to restoring not just physical appearance, but also the self-esteem and confidence of those who have faced these challenging conditions.

The name SANKALP, which translates to 'resolve' or 'determination' in English, embodies the unwavering determination of our medical professionals, volunteers, and supporters to make a meaningful impact on the lives of individuals who have borne with the burden of these conditions. This camp is a testament to the belief that every person, regardless of their background or circumstances, deserves the opportunity to lead a life of dignity and fulfillment.

SANKALP serves as a shining example of what can be achieved when individuals and communities come together with a shared vision of making a positive impact. This camp not only brings physical healing but also serves as a beacon of hope, reminding us all that through collective efforts and compassion, we can create a world where everyone has the chance to smile with confidence and lead a life free from the shadows of physical deformities.





## INAUGURATION CEREMONY

With the Divine Blessings of Paramapoojya Jagadguru Padmabhushana Puraskrutha Sri Sri Sri Dr. Balagangadharanatha Mahaswamiji and the holy grace of the 72nd Pontiff, His Holiness Jagadguru Sri Sri Sri Dr. Nirmalanandhanatha Mahaswamiji, the inauguration ceremony of SANKALP, a free plastic surgery camp for cleft lip, cleft palate, and post burns contracture, took place on November 27th, 2023 at 02:00 PM IST at the BGS Auditorium, ACU Campus, BG Nagara.

The program was a collaborative effort between **Adichunchanagiri Hospital, Rotaplast International, USA, Rotary Bengaluru North RID: 3192, Rotary Club BG Nagara, Adichunchanagiri University & Adichunchanagiri Institute of Medical Sciences** to provide transformative medical care to those in need.

The event began with a comprehensive annotation of safety measures, emphasizing the importance of safeguarding medical professionals.

The SANKALP Intro followed, setting the tone for the noble cause that lay ahead. The atmosphere was set aglow with the resonating notes of Naadgeethe, lifting the spirits of all present.

Dr. K M Shivakumar, Chief of Hospital, AHRC, B G Nagara, extended a warm welcome address, invoking the presence of Paramapoojya Mahaswamiji His Holiness Jagadguru Sri Sri Sri Dr. Nirmalanandhanatha Mahaswamiji.

A video presentation unfolded, portraying the richness of culture and sacred rituals of Sri Math, offering a glimpse into the soulful realm of Sri Kshetra Adichunchanagiri and Mahasamsthan Math.

The significance of the phrase "|| Jai Sri Gurudev ||" was elucidated, symbolizing a collective greeting at BGS and reminding attendees of the immeasurable importance of the Guru. "Jai Sri Gurudev" encapsulates the profound essence of a Guru as the dispeller of the darkness of ignorance, embodying the divine guiding energy that illuminates humanity towards self-realization.

Dr. B K Narendra, Dean of Engineering and Management at Adichunchanagiri University and Principal of BGS Institute of Technology, took the opportunity to garland Mahaswamiji, expressing deep gratitude for the divine presence that graced the gathering. In that moment, the fragrance of humility and reverence filled the air, encapsulating the interconnectedness of spiritual grace and transformative service.

The event was graced by distinguished guests, including **Mr. Todd Farnworth, Medical Director, and Mr. Ted Alex, Mission Director**, both from Rotaplast International and **Ms. Sharron Newton**, Head Nurse of Rotaplast International, along with the team. Also present were Charter District Governor 3192 **Rtn. V. Srinivas Murthy, Rtn. Janakiram**, President of Rotary Bengaluru North, **Rtn. Vinod Kumar**, Project Chairman, Registrar **Dr. C K Subbaraya, Deans & Principals of Constituent Colleges of ACU, Office Bearers of ACU, Dr. Naveen Narayan**, Professor & HoD, Department of Plastic Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery, AH, Deputy Chief of Adichunchanagiri Hospital **Dr. Ravi K S, Office Bearers of AH**, Rtn. **Dr. A T Shivaramu**, President, Rotary Club BG Nagara, Parents, and Patients who were warmly welcomed.

During the event, a sacred moment occurred as His Holiness Jagadguru Sri Sri Sri Dr. Nirmalanandanatha Mahaswamiji led a Lamp Lighting Ceremony, joined by luminaries from Rotaplast International, Dr. K M Shivakumar, Charter District Governor 3192 Rtn. V. Srinivas Murthy, and other esteemed dignitaries. The symbolic act sought blessings from the Guru and the Divine for the noble cause ahead.

Mr. Todd Farnworth and Mr. Ted Alex from Rotaplast International shared the heartfelt journey of founding the organization, expressing their gratitude to fellow Rotarians and

Adichunchanagiri Hospital for their unwavering support in this noble cause. Charter District Governor 3192 Rtn. V. Srinivas Murthy, in his address, paid tribute to the visionary contributions of Paramapoojya Jagadguru Sri Sri Sri Dr. Balagangadharanatha Mahaswamiji, who envisioned Adichunchanagiri Hospital as a world-class medical institution. He affirmed Rotary International's alignment with this humanitarian effort and pledged support to make world-class medical services accessible to all.

Honorable Cabinet Minister For Agriculture, Government Of Karnataka, Sri N Cheluvaryaswamy, reflected on the struggles of rural communities in accessing medical facilities. He applauded the noble initiative of Adichunchanagiri Hospital and urged the public to embrace and make use of these advanced, affordable medical services. This marks a significant step towards a healthier, more compassionate society.

In a deeply moving Aashirvachana, His Holiness Jagadguru Sri Sri Sri Dr. Nirmalanandhanatha Mahaswamiji paid tribute to his revered Guru, Paramapoojya Jagadguru Sri Sri Sri Dr. Balagangadharanatha Mahaswamiji. His Holiness acknowledged the divine inspiration bestowed by his Guru, emphasizing that it was the guiding force behind the establishment of the Medical Hospital and College dedicated to serving the needy.



The Mahaswamiji expressed his deep gratitude to the dedicated teams of Rotaplast International, USA, and Rotary District 3192 for their collaboration in the noble mission to uplift society. He reflected on the ethos that, "The one who is going to render service to the society, only their service should speak, not their words."

Drawing from the profound teachings of his Guru, Mahaswamiji recalled the timeless wisdom encapsulated in the chant, "anityani sarirani vibhavo naiva sasvataḥ | nityam samnihito mrtyuh kartavyo dharmasangrahaḥ ||". The essence conveyed was that both the transient physical body, a gift from our parents and the ephemeral wealth we accumulate, are impermanent.

In the face of the inevitable approach of death, Mahaswamiji questioned the significance of the birth and death cycle. In Hindu philosophy, underscoring the pursuit of Mukthi or Salvation through selfless service to the needy.

Reflecting on the vision of his Guru, Mahaswamiji articulated the profound motive behind establishing Adichunchanagiri Hospital – a commitment to providing healthcare services to the underprivileged.

He invoked the wisdom of Swami Vivekananda, highlighting his impactful words that underscored the brevity of life and the enduring significance of living for others.

Mahaswamiji emphasized the transformative power of selfless service in purging inner afflictions, paving the way for spiritual liberation. He conveyed a powerful message that resonated with the audience, urging everyone to recognize the blessings bestowed upon them and to reciprocate by contributing to the welfare of society. Mahaswamiji stressed that service is not just a duty but a path towards emancipation.

In concluding his address, Mahaswamiji highlighted the exemplary facilities provided by Adichunchanagiri Hospital and expressed gratitude for the dedicated doctors tirelessly serving society. His words were not just a proclamation but a profound call to action, reminding all present that in giving back to society, one finds true blessings and fulfillment.

A Felicitation Ceremony was held to express gratitude and appreciation to those who contributed to the success of the SANKALP initiative.





Paramapoojya Mahaswamiji presided over the ceremony and honored the distinguished Chief Guest, the Honorable Cabinet Minister for Agriculture, Government of Karnataka, Sri N Cheluvarayaswamy, along with distinguished guests Charter District Governor 3192 Rtn. V. Srinivas Murthy, Rtn. Vinod Kumar, Project Chairman and the team of Medical and Non-Medical Volunteers.

The Rotaplast International Medical Volunteers were praised for their commitment and expertise in realizing the noble vision of SANKALP. Medical Director Todd Farnworth, MD, led the team of surgeons Bradley Coots, Hootan Daneshmand, and Alain Senerpida, as well as Lead Anaesthesiologist Harohalli Vijayakumar, MD, and Anaesthesiologists Neal Fleming and Shannon Bianchi, who demonstrated exceptional professionalism and compassion in their respective roles.

Lead Paediatrician Gregory Shay and Paediatrician Bryan Stamm were recognized for their expertise in ensuring the well-being of the youngest beneficiaries of SANKALP. Head Nurse Sharron Newton, OR Nurses Marilyn Santiago, Lotta Pearl, Stuart Hayman, and Anaesthesia Resident Ramneek Dhillon, MD, formed an indispensable part of the medical team.

Covid Control Officer Julene Hunter's critical role in ensuring the safety and well-being of all involved was also acknowledged.

The Post-Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU) team, led by Ellen Adams, RN, and including PACU Nurse Marilyn Perkins, RN, provided exceptional care in the crucial post-operative phase.

Bonnie Korengel, entrusted with Medical Records, and Mission Historian Sue Lowe captured the essence of the mission for posterity.

Sandy Christensen, as PACU Assistant, and Suzy Dix, Patient Transporter, played pivotal roles in ensuring the smooth transition of patients through their journey. James T Bradley Jr., the Quartermaster, and Recreation Therapist Allen Miller contributed to the overall well-being and comfort of all involved.

Sterilizer Robert Benedetto and Ward Coordinator Mary Ann Avnet completed the ensemble of dedicated individuals who turned the vision of SANKALP into a reality. Their selfless contributions stand as beacons of inspiration, a testament to the potential for positive change when individuals unite with a common purpose.

In this Felicitation Ceremony, Paramapoojya Mahaswamiji bestowed tokens of appreciation, and the room echoed with the collective gratitude of a community touched by the transformative power of compassion and service. The names of these volunteers now stand as a testament to the potential for positive change when individuals unite with a common purpose.




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During the program's poignant segment titled "Healing Words," Paramapoojya Mahaswamiji interacted intimately with patients who suffered from conditions such as Cleft Lip, Cleft Palate, and Post Burns Contracture.

This segment was charged with empathy as Mahaswamiji tried to understand the intricate webs of adversity woven into these individuals' lives.

The free plastic surgery camp was a beacon of hope for many patients, and it became a focal point of discussion.

Patients shared their personal journeys, and each narrative carried the weight of resilience and longing for transformation.

It was a moment of raw vulnerability that was met with warmth and compassion from Mahaswamiji and attending dignitaries.

As medical professionals recounted detailed case histories, there was a palpable sense of collaboration between the realms of spiritual guidance and scientific expertise. Paramapoojya Mahaswamiji listened attentively, absorbing the intricacies of each case with a profound sense of understanding.

In an exchange of insights, Mahaswamiji imparted words of wisdom and encouragement. His words were not just a salve for physical wounds but also a balm for wounded spirits. He spoke of the inherent strength within each individual, urging them to embrace their journey with self-confidence and to cultivate hope as a guiding force.



Mahaswamiji's Healing Words resonated profoundly, creating a bridge between the medical challenges faced by the patients and the emotional support required to navigate their paths with newfound confidence. The convergence of medical expertise and spiritual solace symbolized a holistic approach to true healing. It served as a testament to the transformative potential beyond physical reconstruction, emphasizing the power of compassion, understanding, and the restoration of dignity in rebuilding lives.

In those moments, the room was not just a space for medical consultation. It transformed into a sanctuary of shared humanity. Mahaswamiji's Healing Words resonated, creating a bridge between the medical challenges faced by the patients and the emotional support they needed to navigate their paths with newfound confidence.

The convergence of medical expertise and spiritual solace in that room symbolized the holistic approach needed for true healing. It was a testament to the power of compassion, understanding, and the belief that, beyond physical reconstruction, lies the transformative potential to rebuild lives and restore dignity.



In our next special segment, we pay tribute to the Paramapoojya Jagadguru Padmabhushana Puraskrutha Sri Sri Sri Dr. Balagangadharanatha Mahaswamiji, a revered leader who inspired and helped many. Through a touching video presentation, we explore the significant impact that the Paramapoojya Jagadguru had on various sectors during the transformative 1980s.

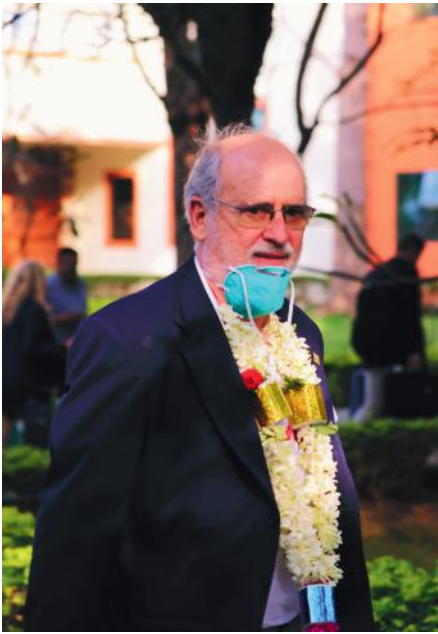
This period was a turning point as Paramapoojya Jagadguru made great strides towards improving healthcare and education in India. The establishment of the Adichunchanagiri Institute of Medical Sciences and Adichunchanagiri Hospital is a testament to his unwavering commitment to providing quality healthcare at affordable rates, especially for the rural community and the less privileged.

Dr. M G Shivaramu, Dean of Health Sciences (Medical) at Adichunchanagiri University and Principal of Adichunchanagiri Institute of Medical Sciences, B G Nagara, expressed heartfelt gratitude to the revered leader for his legacy. His words resonated with the echoes of achievement, painting a vivid picture of Paramapoojya Jagadguru's monumental contributions in the realms of medicine and education.

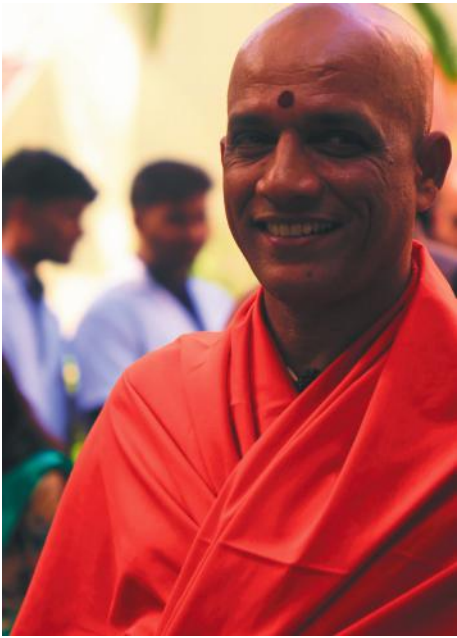
The concluding segment of our event was the most heartfelt as His Holiness Jagadguru Sri Sri Sri Dr. Nirmalanandhanatha Mahaswamiji graced the occasion and engaged with our young ones. The love and affection between Mahaswamiji and the children created an atmosphere of warmth and tenderness. As Mahaswamiji, surrounded by the BGS Family and the little ones, offered a floral tribute, it was not just a ritual but a profound expression of gratitude and respect to the luminous legacy of Paramapoojya Jagadguru Padmabhushana Puraskrutha Sri Sri Sri Dr. Balagangadharanatha Mahaswamiji. In this poignant moment, the essence of his teachings echoed through the generations, creating a timeless bond of love and reverence.

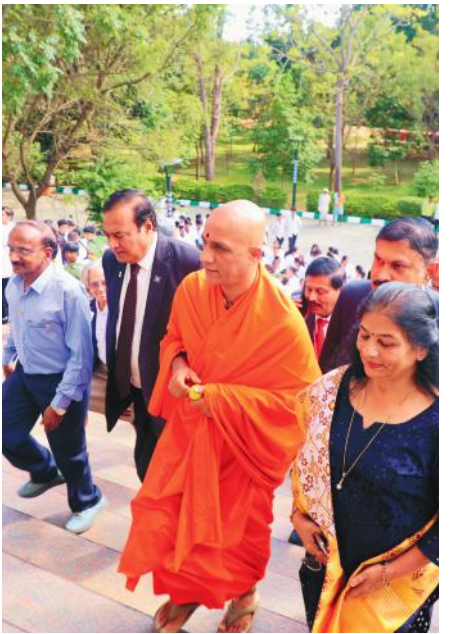
The inauguration of SANKALP marked the beginning of a transformative journey in healthcare, based on the principles of compassion, collaboration, and commitment to serving humanity. It was more than just a medical camp. As the lamp flickered, it carried with it the hopes of countless individuals seeking solace and healing from dedicated medical professionals and volunteers. The echo of this inaugural ceremony will resonate for years to come, testifying to the power of collective goodwill and the enduring impact of selfless service.























Rtn SRINIVAS MURTHY  
DISTRICT GOVERNOR RID 8192









# TRANSFORMING LIVES

## SUCCESSFUL CLEFT LIP, CLEFT PALATE, AND POST-BURN CONTRACTURE SURGERIES BRING RENEWED HOPE

In a remarkable collaborative effort between Rotaplast International USA and Adichunchanagiri Hospital, a life-altering series of surgeries took place from Monday, 27th November 2023, to Thursday, 07th December 2023. Over these ten days, a total of 96 surgeries were conducted, with a primary focus on addressing Cleft Lip, Cleft Palate, and Post-Burn Contracture cases. This joint initiative not only showcased the power of international collaboration in the medical field but also highlighted the commitment of medical professionals to bring positive change to the lives of those in need.

The surgeries were carried out by a dedicated team of medical experts comprising professionals from Rotaplast International USA and the esteemed staff of Adichunchanagiri Hospital. The combined expertise of these specialists created a synergy that not only met but exceeded the expectations of transformative healthcare.

### **Cleft Lip and Cleft Palate Surgeries: Restoring Smiles and Confidence**

Out of the 96 surgeries, a significant portion—63 to be precise—were dedicated to addressing Cleft Lip and Cleft Palate conditions. These congenital deformities can significantly impact an individual's physical and emotional well-being. The surgeries performed during this initiative were not merely medical procedures; they were acts of compassion, aimed at restoring smiles and confidence to those who had long endured the challenges associated with these conditions.

The specialized team of surgeons, anesthetists, and support staff worked tirelessly to provide personalized care to each patient. The success of these surgeries goes beyond the physical transformation; it represents a restoration of self-esteem and an opportunity for a brighter future for those who underwent the procedures.

### **Post-Burn Contracture Surgeries: Offering Healing and Relief**

The remaining 33 surgeries focused on addressing Post-Burn Contractures, a condition where scar tissue forms after a burn injury, leading to restricted movement and deformities. The surgical interventions aimed to alleviate the physical limitations caused by these contractures, enabling individuals to regain functionality and mobility.

The procedures involved advanced techniques and meticulous care, with the medical experts from Rotaplast International USA and Adichunchanagiri Hospital collaborating seamlessly to deliver successful outcomes. The impact of these surgeries extends far beyond the operating room, as they open new doors of opportunity for those who were previously constrained by the effects of burn contractures.

### **A Journey of Compassion and Transformation**

While the statistics—96 surgeries in ten days—are impressive, the true significance lies in the individual stories of transformation. Each surgery represents a life touched, a smile restored, and a future redefined. The collaborative effort between Rotaplast International USA and Adichunchanagiri Hospital exemplifies the potential for positive change when medical expertise and compassionate care converge.

As the surgical team wraps up this impactful initiative, the echoes of renewed hope resonate within the walls of Adichunchanagiri Hospital. The success of these surgeries not only speaks to the skill of the medical professionals involved but also underscores the profound impact that can be achieved when healthcare becomes a global endeavor dedicated to the betterment of humanity. The 96 surgeries conducted over these ten days stand as a testament to the power of healing and the unwavering commitment of medical experts to make a lasting difference in the lives of those in need.











## VALEDICTORY CEREMONY

On Tuesday, December 5th, 2023, the Valedictory Ceremony of the SANKALP Plastic Surgery Camp, addressing Cleft Lip, Cleft Palate, and Post Burns Contracture, marked a poignant moment of achievement and compassion. The collaborative effort between Rotaplast International, USA, Adichunchanagiri Hospital, and Adichunchanagiri Institute of Medical Sciences (AIMS) demonstrated the power of collective commitment to transforming lives.

The ceremony was graced by distinguished personalities, including the Honourable Vice Chancellor of Adichunchanagiri University, Dr. M A Shekhar, and Registrar Dr. C K Subbaraya. Rotary President Rtn. Janakiram, Rotary Secretary Rtn. Praveen, and Community Service Director Rtn. Chandraprakash from the Rotary Club added to the esteemed presence.

Dr. M A Shekar, the Vice Chancellor of Adichunchanagiri University, extended heartfelt gratitude to all participants and highlighted the significance of such collaborative endeavors in fulfilling the broader mission of healthcare.

Notable attendees included Dist. Governor-Elect Rtn. Mahadev Prasad, Dr. M G Shivaramu - Dean & Principal of AIMS, Adichunchanagiri University, and Dr. Shiva Kumar - Chief of Hospital at Adichunchanagiri Hospital. Their presence emphasized the pivotal role of educational and medical institutions in fostering community welfare.

Mission Director Rtn. Ted Alex and Medical Director Rtn. Todd Farnworth, MD, added an international perspective to the ceremony, showcasing the global collaboration that fueled the success of the Plastic Surgery Camp.

The event also acknowledged the leadership of Rtn. B S Vinod Kumar, Project Chairman, whose dedication and vision played a vital role in steering the initiative towards success.

The Valedictory Ceremony not only celebrated the conclusion of a medical camp but also emphasized the enduring impact of collaborative efforts in healthcare. It served as a testament to the transformative power of compassionate interventions and the profound change that can be achieved when individuals and organizations come together for a common cause.

As the curtains closed on the SANKALP Plastic Surgery Camp, the echoes of collaboration and compassion lingered, leaving behind a legacy of healing and hope for those whose lives were touched by the selfless efforts of the medical team and their partners. The ceremony affirmed that the spirit of SANKALP lives on, inspiring future initiatives dedicated to enhancing the well-being of communities in need.







## DEDICATED TEAM OF AHRC & AIMS CONTRIBUTED TO TRANSFORMATIVE PLASTIC SURGERY CAMP

In a remarkable display of dedication and compassion, a team of professionals from Adichunchanagiri Hospital, led by esteemed individuals including **Dr. K M Shivakumar, Chief of Hospital, and Dr. Ravi K S, Deputy Chief of Hospital**, actively participated in a Plastic Surgery Camp focusing on Cleft Lip, Cleft Palate, and Post Burns Contracture. This commendable initiative was conducted in collaboration with a team of medical experts from Rotaplast International USA, showcasing a global commitment to transformative healthcare.

The team from Adichunchanagiri Hospital, consisting of experts in various fields, played pivotal roles in ensuring the success of the camp. **Dr. Naveen N, Professor and Head of the Plastic Surgery Department**, along with **Dr. Chethanananda T N, Professor and Head of the Anaesthesia Department**, spearheaded the medical aspects of the camp. Their expertise and leadership were instrumental in delivering specialized care to individuals dealing with challenging conditions such as Cleft Lip, Cleft Palate, and Post Burns Contracture.

The collaboration also included valuable contributions from **Dr. M G Shivaramu, Principal of Adichunchanagiri Institute of Medical Sciences (AIMS)**, highlighting the synergy between education and hands-on medical service. **Dr. Sathish H V, Professor at Adichunchanagiri Hospital, Dr. Chethan S, Assistant Professor, & Dr. Somashekhar G N, Resident Medical Officer**, brought their skills to the forefront, ensuring a holistic and comprehensive approach to patient care.

The administrative team from Adichunchanagiri Hospital played a crucial role in the success of the camp. **Mr. Dharmendra Y P and Mr. Shivakumar Y S**, both **Public Relations Officers**, facilitated communication and outreach efforts, while **Mr. MrAjesh Shetty K R**, Administrative Officer, and **Mr. Naveen C R**, Assistant Administrative Officer, ensured smooth logistical operations.

On the nursing front, **Ms. Molly K P, Deputy Nursing Superintendent**, led a team of dedicated nursing professionals. **Supervisors Mrs. Nethravathi and Mrs. Padma** ensured the seamless coordination of nursing services, contributing to the overall success of the camp.

The allocation and management of nursing students were overseen by **Dr. Chandrashekhar, the Incharge of Nursing Students Allotment**, further highlighting the collaborative and comprehensive approach undertaken by the medical team.

This collaborative effort is not only a testament to the commitment of Adichunchanagiri Hospital to community service but also reflects the global perspective embedded in its mission. By partnering with **Rotaplast International USA**, the hospital's team contributed to the transformation of lives through specialized plastic surgery interventions, addressing conditions that often carry both physical and emotional challenges.

The Plastic Surgery Camp stands as a shining example of the positive impact that can be achieved when medical expertise combines with a spirit of service. Adichunchanagiri Hospital's team, alongside Rotaplast International USA, has not only provided surgical interventions but has also offered renewed hope and improved quality of life to individuals affected by cleft lip, cleft palate, and post burns contracture. This collaborative effort serves as a beacon of compassion, demonstrating the potential for transformative change when the global medical community comes together for the greater good.



“We acquire greater things from the society and the nation. Life shall be in vain if we do not pay back to the society.”





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