

Rotaract District Council 2025-26

Rotary International District 3191

➤ RTN. KARTHIK KITTU

In the Indian Rotary-Rotaract Ecosystem, one name stands out as a visionary youth leader—Karthik Kittu.

A changemaker.

A social entrepreneur.

An innovation catalyst and Public Policy Professional

with a proven track record in building startup ecosystems, driving transformative initiatives, and fostering strategic collaborations.

Born in Hannover, Germany He began his schooling in Germany, continuing his education in India. Over the years, he earned degrees in Science, Management, Psychology, and Public Policy
A true lifelong learner, driven by curiosity, service & purpose.

Karthik's passion for youth leadership began in 2001, when he joined the Rotaract Club of SBM Jain College.

As Club President in 2003, he earned the Best President Award in the District.

He later led Rotaract Bangalore South, and in 2008–09,

served as District Rotaract Representative for RI District 3190—

empowering youth through clubs, community programs, and Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

In 2011, with just 8 members, he founded Rotaract South Asia MDIO, was Charter President & served as Chairman Emeritus until 2014

Today, it spans 8 countries, 44 Rotary Districts, and over 120,000 members.

That same year, he represented India as a Rotary Foundation Cultural and Vocational Ambassador to USA as a GSE Team Member,

and became the first Indian Rotaractor in recent times

to speak at the Rotary International Convention in New Orleans

Bangkok, Toronto, Hamburg and Singapore Conventions followed.

Between 2016 and 2019, Karthik was the first Indian Rotarian selected to serve on the Rotary International Rotaract and Interact Committee—one of fewer than 100 leaders globally.

Karthik's service has earned him numerous accolades including the Rotaract 'Service Above Self' Award in 2014, citations from RI Presidents for Outstanding Service, and global recognition as a Rotary thought leader and youth ambassador.

He has inspired a generation of Rotaract leaders and social entrepreneurs across South Asia.

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Beyond Rotary, Karthik has spent over two decades leading initiatives across startups, public policy, and digital innovation. From Infosys and KPMG to IIIT-Bangalore, Karnataka Digital Economy Mission and Startup Karnataka and IIIT-Dharwad, he's helped shape ecosystems and scale impact. His expertise spans the development of incubation and acceleration ecosystems/programs, managing public, university, and consular relations, policy advocacy and promoting entrepreneurship.

He has served on Several leading Government initiatives across Central and State Governments – like Karnataka Government's Regional Ecosystem for Technical Excellence, Namma Smaraka - Adopt a Monument Program, National Incubator Capacity Development Program, & contributed to national incubator frameworks & led the Startup Mahakumbh Incubator Pavilion During COVID-19 he led the team that build the Technical Dashboard from the Karnataka Chief Minister's War Room on Covid-19

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He's represented India at the White House, to the Prime Ministers office to Israel, the Commonwealth Youth Summit in Brunei, and as a Cultural Ambassador of India to Bali, Indonesia.

Karthik is a StartingBloc Fellow, Paul Harris Fellow, a Executive Council Member of CII Young Indians and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, London

As co-founder and Honorary Secretary of Natanam Charitable Trust, he's preserving and modernizing Indian performing arts through AI and digital innovation. He also had co-authored OneTAC—a digital platform for tourism, art, and culture & had co-founded Culkey Foundation - to bridge the gap between local heritage preservation and global consciousness.

Karthik is married to Dr. Raksha Karthik, a dental surgeon and Bharatanatyam artist. Together, they are raising their daughter Sumeru, a curious and creative 5th grader.

Karthik Kittu's life is a beacon of purpose—

Driving change at the intersection of youth leadership, social impact, and cultural innovation.

Through his dedication, he continues to inspire others to build a better tomorrow and #UniteforGood

District Youth Service Director for the Rotary year 2025-26

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