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Today

Today:

19th July 2025. Come one. Come all.
And feel proud of being a Rotarian and an RCPCian.

- ☞ Pre-Meeting Fellowship begins at 6:30 PM
- ☞ Meeting will commence at 7:00 PM sharp

Rotary India Shining

Proud to Be Part of the Journey!

Saturday, 19th July | 6:30 PM
Poona Club, Conference Hall 2

Join us for an inspiring evening celebrating
Rotary India's milestones

TRF contributions, membership growth, key
initiatives, and India's bid for the Annual Rotary
Convention: opportunities, challenges, and
aspirations.

All this, coupled with the signature **Shayari** and
unique style of PDG Rtn. Mohan Palesha!

Followed by warm fellowship over food & fun.

**Be there. Experience the
Rotary impact!**






ROTARY INDIA SHINING

RTN. PDG MOHAN PALESHA

In his trademark humorous style,
laced with original shayari

Join us for this inspiring and entertaining session

**Rotary India's Impact,
Achievements and Aspirations**

Followed by Warm Fellowship over food and fun

 **Saturday, 19th July**

 **6.30 Pm**

 **Poona Club, Conference Hall 2**

2025 – 26 Term Begins with a Bang

Installation ceremony – Saturday, 5th July 2025



The installation ceremony of President Lekha Nair and the incoming Board of Directors of Rotary Club of Pune Central for RY 2025-26 was an astounding success.

The event, held on Saturday, 5th of July 2025, at the well-appointed Pocha Hall, Royal Connaught Boat Club, Bund Garden, was complemented by the members, invitees and District office-bearers, dressed to befit a royal wedding ceremony!

The members attended in large numbers (67% attendance), and came together to celebrate and support the new leadership under the Rotary theme **“UNITE FOR GOOD”**

The ceremony was followed by cocktails and dinner.

What a grand finish to a brilliant term by President (RY 2024-25), Rtn. Brig. P K Muralidharan Raja!

Get a glimpse of the glittering event.....

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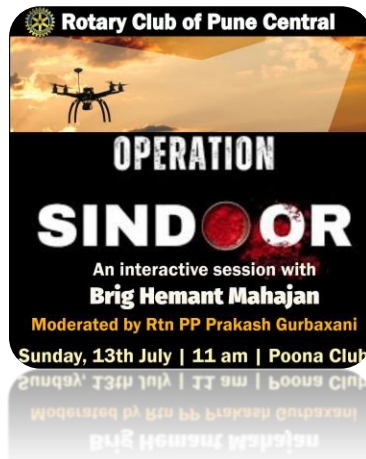
RCPC Club Awards for Rotary Year 2024-25

SUBGROUP PROGRAM AWARDS

Sr. No	Name	Presented to
1	'Mr. RCPC Contest'	RTN. RAMAN NANDA SUBGROUP
2	Creative Chaos	RTN. SHIREESH NADKAR SUBGROUP
3	✧गुलदस्ता ए मोहब्बत✧✧✧	RTN. PP ARVIND SARAF SUBGROUP

Sr. No	Name	Presented to
1	EXCELLENCE IN CLUB MEMBERSHIP & ASSIMILATION AWARD	RTN. RAMAN NANDA
2	EXCELLENCE IN ROTARY FOUNDATION & FUND-RAISING AWARD	RTN. VIPEN MALHOTRA
3	EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC IMAGE AWARD	RTN. PP UDAY DHARMADHIKARI
4	EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY SERVICE (MEDICAL) AWARD	RTN. ONI & R'ANN NAFISA KAKAJIWALA
5	EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY SERVICE (NON-MEDICAL) AWARD	RTN. SHIREESH NADKAR
6	EXCELLENCE IN CSR PROJECT AWARD	RTN. PP ARVIND SARAF
7	EXCELLENCE IN YOUTH SERVICE AWARD	RTN. DR MADHAVI VAZE
8	EXCELLENCE IN ADVISORY & MENTORSHIP ROLE AWARD	RTN. PP SUHAS MERCHANT
9	EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE TO HUMANITY AWARD	RTN. DR. NITIN DESAI
10	EXCELLENCE IN CLUB SERVICE & WELFARE PROJECT AWARD	RTN. YOGESH SHAH
11	EXCELLENCE IN HIGH IMPACT CSR PROJECT AWARD	RTN. ARUN JINDAL
12	MOST VALUABLE CONTRIBUTOR FOR INTERNAL PROGRAM AWARD	RTN. PP DR ANAND BHATIA
13	EXCELLENCE & INNOVATION IN CLUB BULLETIN AWARD	RTN. BEHZAD RANDERIA
14	EXCELLENCE IN VOCATIONAL SERVICE PROJECT AWARD	RTN. PP NARAYANDAS RATHI
15	EXCELLENCE WATER & ENVIRONMENT PROJECT AWARD	RTN. GIRI SAKHRANI
16	EMERGING ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD	RTN. VAISHALI KARWA
17	EMERGING ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD	RTN. VAISHALI KARWA & RTN. KRISHNA KUMAR
18	INITIATOR OF MEGA CSR PROJECT FOR ARMED FORCES SPINAL CORD INJURY CENTRE	RTN. RAKESH MAKHIJA
19	OUTSTANDING ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR	RTN. PP MADHU RATHI

First Meeting of the new Rotary year 2025-26: Sunday, July 13th 2025



The first meeting of the new RY 2025-26 was an overwhelming success. It was **Sunday, 13th of July 2025** and the members of RPCPC encouraged the new team under the Presidency of Rtn. Lekha Nair, with their sheer presence in large numbers. We hope to see this trend continue throughout the year.

The highlight of the meeting was the inimitable talk by Guest Speaker Brig. Hemant Mahajan (Retd. Who spoke about the gripping story behind the remarkable military operation, **“Operation Sindoor”!**

The talk was followed by a barrage of questions from the audience to Brig. Mahajan, which continued during the Monsoon-themed Fellowship. The “Flavours of the Season” lunch (curated by Rtn. PP Pramod Bhalla) over chilled beer (sponsored by Rtn. PP Uday Dharmadhikari) was delectable and enjoyed by one and all!

The refreshing change in the routine of meeting on Saturdays, made the Sunday meet a special one, because there was no struggle with traffic. The non-availability of the Poona Club conference hall No. 1 turned out to be a blessing in disguise.

RPCPC Club News

Mental Health – Need of an Era



A mental health awareness event was organised at Z.P. Primary School, Lavale on 12th of July 2025. The workshop was the first session of a planned series for students, their parents and teachers and was delivered in collaboration with M.E.S. Personality Development Centre, Pune.

Rotarian Narendra Sanghvi was instrumental in this initiative, for

economically weak schools. President Lekha Nair and Rtn. Jeevan Mahaldar supported the event with their presence.



First Green PC project of the year



Non Medical - Project update

Malganga Blind Disabled Service Organisation exists since the last 20 years, for the educational, social and economic development of disabled individuals of society. RCPC has been funding support to the college started by Malganga since 2019.

Three Green PCs were installed at New Vision College for Blind in Malganga this week. These are from the CSR donation of Toit, a chain of upscale restaurants in Mumbai, Pune and Bengaluru. The Club had donated 5 Green PCs in RY 23-24 and from the same carry forward fund, 3 PCs have been donated now.

We are in the process of identifying the schools for the Project implementation this year. Any member has any recommendations, reach out to the Non - Medical team.

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Eye Check up Camps

Medical - Project update



Rtn. Oni and R'Ann Nafisa Kakjiwala's Eye Check-Up camps have begun!

The first camp has been organised at *Dakshana Foundation. Located 55 kms from Pune, Dakshana Foundation helps bright and impoverished students predominantly from rural India to prepare for IIT and medical entrance exams.

Checkups done - 378 boys, girls and staff
Specs distributed - 120 reading glasses - 2

The Second camp has been organised at *Rosary School. Located at camp Pune,.

Total examined: 330, Normal : 236, Required Glasses: 62, Referred for Cyclorefraction: 31, Cataract : 1, Staff: 5



Cataract Surgery CSR Grant Project Update



Desai Brothers Ltd contributed Rs. 3 crores for mega cataract surgery Project #3.

The implementation began in April 2025 and till date 425 cataract surgeries have been done.

The ambitious target of over 8300 surgeries will be completed by Dec'25.

This continued work by Desai Brothers Ltd goes a long way to support the community and help deserving members of our society with a much needed help with the cataract surgery that saves their sight.



Helping Underprivileged People With Paper Bag Making Skills



It is with delight we note that Dr Sonawane and Mrs Sonawane are doing great humanitarian service for our society since long and they truly deserve proper recognition from our society and Government to encourage them to expand their activity all over India. Rtn. Surendra Shroff and RCPC are glad to be a part of this activity by conducting workshop for imparting skill to poor, deserving people of paper bag making for earning their livelihood with self-confidence, respect and dignity. This gives an opportunity to these underprivileged people to stop begging and earn a decent livelihood.

Awards to our members at the Installation Event of DG Rtn. Santosh Marathe



CSR Director Rtn. PP Ravi Kapoor and President Rtn. Lekha received the District Appreciation for our Club and Rtn Dr. Nitin Desai received an award for his CSR contribution for the cataract surgery project. These awards were given at the Installation event of District Governor Rtn. Santosh Marathe on 6th of July 2025.

Congratulations and proud of this achievement!

Meet our New Members

Thanks to our members' support, more of which is required by the way, we are in celebration mode today. This is because we are welcoming three new members into our RCPC Family. Induction of this new members will be done during today's regular meeting at Poona Club – Conference Hall 2 at 6.30 p.m.

A brief Introduction of the three new members is given below:

Mohammad Imran Gauri



Mohammad Imran Gauri is the Managing Director of SI ADCON INDIA Pvt. Ltd. and Status Leasing & Finance Ltd., organizations dedicated to delivering comprehensive financial solutions across diverse sectors. Under his dynamic leadership, the companies have witnessed consistent growth and have built a strong reputation in the financial services industry.

With a strategic focus on customer-centric solutions, Imran has steered the companies to specialize in commercial vehicle loans, agricultural and construction equipment financing, auto loans, and equipment leasing. His deep insight into the financial landscape and commitment to empowering clients—ranging from individual borrowers to businesses—has positioned both firms as trusted partners in their financial journeys.

Beyond his professional achievements, Imran enjoys a strong support system at home. He is married to Salma, a dedicated homemaker who plays an integral role in supporting his personal and professional endeavours. Together, they are proud parents to Ishan Imran Gauri, who is currently pursuing studies in Mass Media Communication, carrying forward the family's values of education and aspiration.

We welcome Imran and Salma to Rotary!



Sanjay Karwa



Sanjay Karwa has been in the IT business over three decades offering IT equipment and services - particularly to Central Govt / Defence Estb. , SME and SOHO segment. He completed his PG from BITS Pilani in 1991. The family is also engaged in the business of distribution of Borosil Lab. Glassware etc. since 1967.

Within Rotary Sanjay was instrumental in chartering of RCP Vibrant East in 2018 and subsequently served responsibilities as District Sect. (Innovation) / Co Director Youth Services and District RYLA Chair.

He is married to Vaishali, a graduate in BSc Home Science majoring in Textile Chemistry from Nirmala Niketan College, Mumbai and subsequently Diploma in Fashion Design. Vaishali is member of Rotary Club of Pune Central and Director New Generation for RY 2025-26. Also, she is Chairperson of District 3131 Environment committee. She was a member of RCP Vibrant East and later was fully associated with managing a Satellite Club for two years. She enthusiastically participated in Women's Car Rally and was also part of the District Environment and Youth Service teams.

They have two sons - elder son Chaitanya is a qualified UI/UX designer, presently working with a Bangalore based global organisation. Younger son Kunal has just finished his MBBS and is now completing Internship.

Karwa family is based in Pune for over 150 years.

We welcome Sanjay and Vaishali to Rotary!

Sharad Kumar



Sharad Kumar is a Partner and Director at Grind Chem Group of Industries, based in Pune and Aurangabad, Maharashtra. He holds a bachelor's degree in Metallurgy Engineering from the National Institute of Technology (NIT), Jamshedpur, graduating in the year 1995.

From a young age, Sharad was driven by a strong entrepreneurial spirit. In 2007, he turned his vision into reality by establishing the group's first manufacturing facility in Sanaswadi, Pune. Over the next 15 years, under his leadership, the company

expanded significantly, setting up three additional manufacturing units across Maharashtra. His dedication and foresight have been instrumental in the growth and success of the Grind Chem Group.

Sharad Kumar is married to Abha Jha, who is also actively involved in the business as a Director at Grind Chem Group of Industries. She is a qualified Civil Engineer and has a professional background in the IT sector. Her transition from the IT industry to entrepreneurship reflects her dynamic career journey and commitment to the family enterprise.

The couple has two sons. Their elder son is an engineering graduate from the University of British Columbia (UBC), Vancouver, and is currently working with Ballard Power Systems in Canada. Their younger son is pursuing a Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) degree from a leading institution in Mumbai.

We welcome Sharad and Abha to Rotary!

Rotary National / District News

Rotary District RID 3131 Awards Ceremony



Rotary District 3131 THE MAGIC OF ROTARY

RID 3131 THE GRAND FINALE FAIR PLAY AWARDS
RY 2024-25

Your moment. Your match. Step into glory.

ANNUAL DISTRICT AWARDS

27th July 2025 **Poona Club (Camp) Cinema Hall** **2.30 PM Onwards**

Registration Charges
Rs. 1,199/- Till 20th July 2025
Rs. 1,499/- Post 20th July 2025

Rtn. Unmesh Risbood Dist. Secretary Events & Meets
Rtn. Shital Shah District Governor
Rtn. Niraj Mehta Director- Dist. Awards

Host Club - **Rotary Club of Pune Sarasbaug**
Host Club President Elect - Rtn. Ashutosh Vaidya
Convenor - Rtn. Sanjay Shinde

District Awards Team & District Events Team, RY 2024-25

Save the Date

After a year of dedication, service, and collective impact, it's time to come together to celebrate excellence, effort, and Rotary spirit!

The RID 3131 **Rotary District Awards Ceremony** will honour the clubs and Rotarians who made this past year truly remarkable.

[27th July 2025]
[The Poona Club Ltd]
[03:00 PM Onwards]

Let's applaud the achievements, relive the memories, and look ahead with renewed inspiration for the year to come!

Together, we created ***Magic*** and brought change — now let's celebrate it!

To attend it, check the link below

<https://www.eventglint.com/booking/the-grand-finale-fair-play-district-awards-2425-360601>

Rotary National CSR Awards - 2025



Rotary India National CSR Awards

RECOGNIZING THE CHANGEMAKERS OF CORPORATE INDIA AT

ROTARY INDIA NATIONAL CSR AWARDS 2025

Rotary India proudly announces the National CSR Awards recognizing the most impactful corporate social responsibility efforts across the country.

REGIONAL ROUND
North Region – Gurugram
South Region – Bengaluru
East Region – Kolkata
West Region – Mumbai

NATIONAL ROUND
Winners of each Region will compete for the National Round

DATE (NATIONAL ROUND)
13th November 2025

VENUE
New Delhi, India

REGISTER NOW FOR REGIONAL ROUND

APPLICATION DEADLINE
20th August 2025

PRESENTED BY
PDG. Rtn. K. P. Nagesh (RI Director), PDG. Rtn. M. Muruganandam (RI Director) and PDG. Rtn. Dr. Shailesh Palekar (Rotary India National CSR Awards Chair)

THERE ARE NO CHARGES OR FEES FOR THE APPLICATION

The heat is on! The Rotary India National CSR Awards 2025 is the first of its kind in Rotary India. The team has formulated a clear strategy to win and make a serious impression on the CSR front.

We take immense pleasure and pride in announcing the Rotary India National CSR Awards, 2025.

There will be regional rounds as mentioned in the poster and then the national round grand finale on 13th Nov 2025 in New Delhi.

As RCPC, we need to engage our CSR partners, potential contacts that you have and inspire them to start applying for the awards if they are doing meaningful and impact creating, sustainable projects through their CSR Funds.

The link to apply for the awards is embedded in the QR code on the poster.

Rotary International News

Sponsored by The McMurray Rotary Club (PA-USA)

The Family Cookbook

CALL FOR RECIPE SUBMISSION

Deadline: Sept. 6th

Proceeds benefit local charities, Rotary global grants, and PolioPlus!



A mega diabetes test drive screens over 1.5L people

V Muthukumaran

All the 100 Rotary clubs of RID 3132 participated in a year-long mega diabetes detection campaign in which a series of medical camps and testing

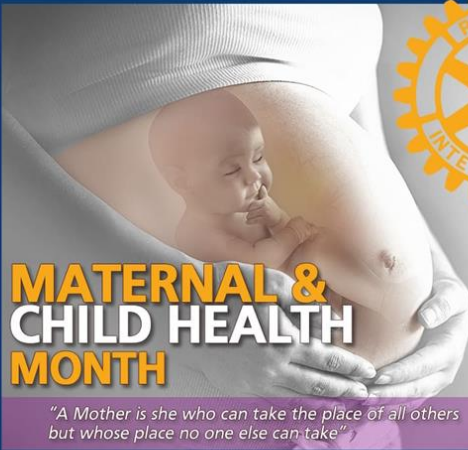
CALLING ALL ROTARY CHEFS AND COOKS! Coming this fall - McMurray Rotary Club (PA - USA) is creating a cookbook with global recipes from members of the Rotary family -- Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors, alumni, partners, friends of Rotary, etc. -----Call for Submissions----- Send your recipe, along with your name and current Rotary role, by midnight (Eastern time) on September 6 to Jim@jdmscientific.com.

JULY IS
www.rotary.org/donate

MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH MONTH

"A Mother is she who can take the place of all others but whose place no one else can take"
Dr. Suess

The Rotary Foundation

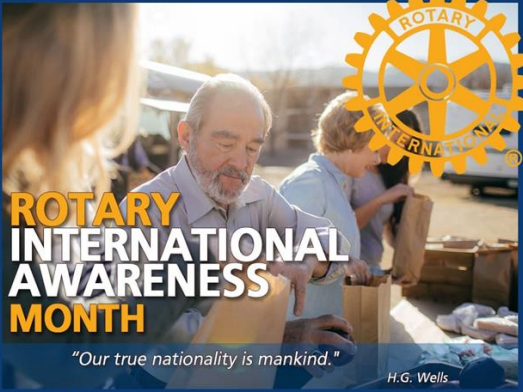


JULY IS
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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS MONTH

"Our true nationality is mankind."
H.G. Wells

Rotary




JULY IS
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ROTARY TRANSITION MONTH

"To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often"
Winston Churchill

Rotary



Knowing Our Members

Interviewing Rtn. PP Ebe Chaney

I had the pleasure of interviewing Rtn. PP Ebe Chaney over a cup of tea at the Turf club. This is where RCPC started in January of 1984. Here is how it went....

You are with RCPC since 1984. 41 years. Please share some memories from the past?

RCPC was founded by 3 Rotary stalwarts of RC Poona in 1984. Rtn PPs S.P.Malhotra, Phiroze Anklesaria and Bahri Malhotra. Ours was the 7th club in Pune. I am one of the 50 charter members of the club, I had the privilege of leading the Club as its 6th President in 1989-90. That year my son took over as president of our Rotarct Club and my wife of the Inner Wheel Club; a record of sorts.

The Charter Night on 2nd May 1984 was a grand event, and we were privileged to have the Chief Justice of India, Mr. Y V Chandrachud as the Chief Guest. Then our Club was part of District 314 that included Clubs from Mumbai. PDG Dr. Shireesh Seth from a Bombay Club also attended along with many other Rotary dignitaries. It was conducted in the ballroom of Turf Club followed by a seated dinner for 250. There was one bearer for every 4 guests. Plates were replaced for every course. For Turf Club this was the last such a dinner. That night 25 men were inducted as Rotarians. These may be called Charter Night members.

Rotary, in those days, was serious business. There was a rule that If you miss four meetings in a row, you terminated yourself. I became a board member in the very first year and had been on the board for 8 years with probably one-year break. In those early years I was on several District level committees. Immediately after my year as President I led a Group Study Exchange team to a then RI District 771 in North Carolina USA.

RCPC was very diversified and cosmopolitan. And I owe it to RCPC for giving me so many friends for life. Some I would not have met otherwise. Many alas are no more. I will always be indebted to Rtn. PP Phiroze Anklesaria the founder father of this club to literally force me to become a member. I changed my social life forever.

Please tell me about your association with Pune?

My ancestor came to Poona 200 years ago this year. I am the 6th generation. I got B.com degree from Pune University. I stood first in my final year. Our family had an agency business and were in wholesale trading which as expected I joined.

Please describe your career trajectory.

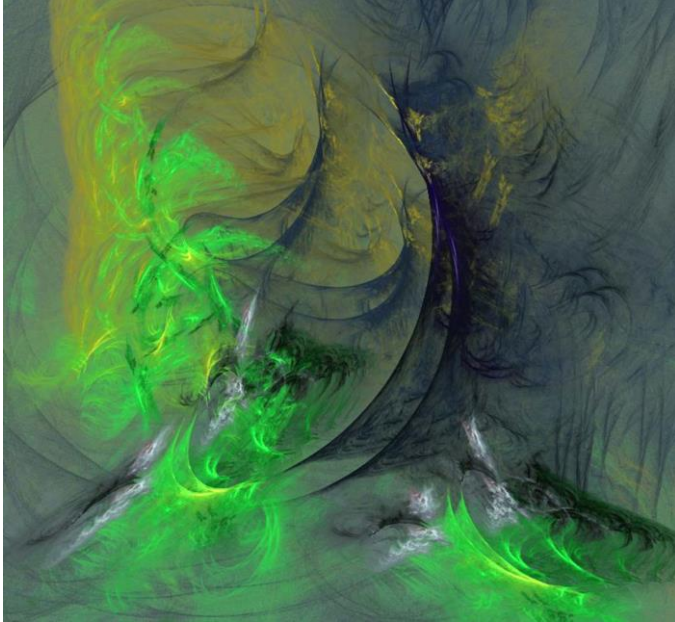
I was in the trading business during the first twenty years of my working life. In 1973 I set up a small unit to manufacture special shaped refractories but I had to sell it in 1996 as I got full time involved in a property litigation I inherited. It took me 14 years to execute the decree of Supreme Court for vacant possession of ancestral land admeasuring 3.5 acres on Shankerseth Road.

After those gruelling 14 years I retired from business and indulged in a hobby of computer abstract Art. I sold several prints and donated the proceeds to our Club's Eye project. Later I painted them in oil on canvass. I did not sell any of my oil paintings. I gave them away.





Paintings of Rtn. PP Ebe Chaney.....



(I have a glimpse at some of Ebe's paintings on his phone. They strike me as something unique, vibrant in colours, dancing away with rare abandon. I imagine shapes and things as I gaze at the painting. It is meditative.)

What other interests did you pursue?

Since 2019 I started to focus on my poor health with the same passion as I had done everything else in my life. I have made good progress. Presently I am working on gut health which I believe is the root cause of our health.

(Recollect Ebe's talk on gut health titled "Gut Health = Healthy Gut means younger you", at our club on 15th February 2025, based on 15 years of research with personal experiences. Ebe's mantra: Eat the right food. Avoid the wrong food. The body heals itself.)

What about Executive coaching? What was your experience with it?

In 2008-09 at the age of 66 I got the first certification as an Executive Coach. I invested whatever I earned to get 7 more expensive international certifications. I coached few hundreds Corporate leaders. Those dozen years were the most rewarding years of my life.

Would you like to comment on the new team for 2025-26?

I must say that the last Sunday morning meeting was a breakthrough. I have been lobbying for it for years. But my pleas fell on deaf years. Finally, President Lekha took the first small step on 5th July 2025. I think this small courageous step will change our Club. It is history in making.

One message to the RCPCians...

Set a target for yourself to meet as many Rotarians and R'Anns you have not known before and engage in a brief conversation. Find out a little something about them and put it in a journal. This will enrich your life and of our Club

The interview ended and I left home richer. Humbler. And wiser.

Interviewing Rtn. Deepak Bharadia

I had the privilege of interviewing Rtn. Deepak Bharadia, who joined us in June 2025. Here is how it went...

Tell us briefly about your / your family origins.

My grandparents were from Gulbarga (now Kalaburagi) in Karnataka, and my father worked with National Insurance Company, which led to transfers to various cities, eventually leading to Baroda which was his last posting. Being Marwaris, my family's origins are rooted in Rajasthan.


We are a family of six, with my wife hailing from Raichur, Karnataka., 2 married sisters, and 2 kids - a daughter pursuing her Bachelors in Product Design and a son studying in 8th standard. My wife - Veena is a homemaker., turning into entrepreneur, starting her business venture soon. My father is retired & my mother is also a homemaker. We come from a very humble, middle-class background, with dad's history of government service all his life. Post my graduation, I worked in various jobs before joining the corporate world & working with Safepack Inds. for 8.5 years and then started my own business in 2006.

Deepak, you are associated with a number of NGOs as a volunteer, such as Mahesh Industrial Group, Rise before SUNrise, Ekal Sanstha, Art of living, Give, Ekta Sanstha, and now with Rotary. You have a thriving modular kitchen business. And of course, your physical training. How do you manage to balance your time for all these activities?

I've chosen to live a Holistic life wherein I've categorized my life into seven key areas:

1. Health
2. Relationships
3. Work



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4. Wealth
 5. Recreation
 6. Service
 7. Spirituality

I believe in living my life by balancing these aspects simultaneously, rather than focusing on one area at a time. By prioritizing and managing my time effectively, I'm able to allocate time for various activities, including:

- Physical training and health
- Spending time with family and friends
- Work and business
- Service to NGOs and organizations
- Spiritual growth and self-reflection
- Recreation and leisure activities

My approach involves designing my life to incorporate all these aspects, ensuring a fulfilling and purposeful life. By setting boundaries and leveraging my work and systems, I'm able to make time for multiple pursuits which gives me immense satisfaction & a feeling of fulfilment.

Your journey from Safepack Industries to Meine Küche. How would you describe it?

I spent around 8.5 years at Safepack Industries, where I learned a lot and had opportunities to work in various functions under the guidance of my boss, Mr. Rajendra Tapadia. In the last 3.5 years at Safepack, I headed the international business, traveling extensively world-wide and working on customer acquisition, collaborations and joint ventures. However, my dream was to start my own business always. Having built Safepack to a respectable position, with my employer's consultation and support, I transitioned to start my own business under the name 'Meine Küche' about 18 years ago. Building Meine Küche presented growth challenges, but I successfully established ourselves with a strong team, robust systems, and Products & services that enjoys delight of our customers. Today, our business is expanding with new verticals and in a New corporate identity of "Meine Bharat", and we're poised for exponential growth.

You are a product of Pune. What makes Pune special for you?

I've been living in Pune for nearly 30 years, starting from my graduation days at BMCC College. Pune has been an amazing experience for me, and I chose to make it as my Karmabhoomi (workplace). I love Pune's weather, especially during monsoons and winters. Pune's cosmopolitan nature, rich cultural heritage, and vibrant atmosphere attract me. The city's youthful energy, driven by its educational institutions, makes it a happening place. I believe Pune has shaped me into what I am today.

Tell us a little about your family, and how do they fit in your pursuits?

I'm grateful for my beautiful and supportive family. As an outgoing, risk-taking, and adventurous person who creates his own paths, I've faced lots of resistance to my unconventional ways and being different from the majority. However, my family, especially my wife Veena & my mother, has been very supportive. They believe in living a holistic life too and have stood by me throughout my journey. I'm thankful for their understanding and encouragement, which has enabled me to pursue my passions and interests. My family's support has been a significant factor in my personal and professional growth, and I'm blessed to have them by my side.

What are your expectations from RCPC? The club is in the process of discovering you as a person, and your potential. How do you think the two objectives should meet?

My objective in joining RCPC is to dedicate time to impactful service. I'm impressed by the club's positive vibes and the good work it's been doing. I want to utilize my strengths and interests to contribute to service areas, aligning with the club's priorities set by President Lekha Nair. I'm looking forward to being part of the club and making meaningful contributions. By combining my skills and passions with RCPC's objectives, I aim to make a

positive impact. I believe that the club's discovery of my potential and my contributions to the club's goals can create a mutually beneficial relationship, fostering growth and service.

Tell us about one incident in your life that changed your perspective completely.

My involvement in the India Against Corruption movement & the Volunteer for Better India initiative between 2011-2014 was one of my life's key turning point. Working with Anna Hazare ji and Sri Sri Ravi Shankar ji during that time shifted my focus towards a life of service. I realized that dedicating my life to uplifting humanity and contributing to the world's betterment would give my life more meaning. My experiences not only changed my perspective but also led to meaningful connections, including getting my Spiritual guru: Sri Sri Ravi Shankarji in my life. Those three years were transformative, shaping my life's purpose and direction and guiding my future endeavours and decisions.

One message that you have for all of us here at RCPC.

I sincerely appreciate the dedication of members in serving humanity and making meaningful contributions. I look forward to learning from them and contributing my skills and efforts to uplift humanity and serve the community. My goal is to support the club's mission and help take it to the next level. I'm excited to be part of the Rotary community and contribute to its noble causes.

The Creativity Home Corner

Dr. Purva Merchant, The Tooth Fairy, Earns Accolades!



The Tooth Fairy Is Real. She's a Dentist in Seattle

For 20 years, Dr. Purva Merchant has been answering letters from gaptoothed children and their parents — roughly 6,000 in all. “Happy growing up,” she typically replies.

We are happy to share that Daughter of Rtn. PP Suhas Merchant, ***Dr Purva Merchant*** has been featured in the New York Times. She was Rotary Youth Exchange student from our Club!!

As a dentist settled in Seattle, Dr Purva has been a tooth fairy to more than 6000 children....
To know more details. Here's a link of the article...

<https://www.nytimes.com/2025/07/14/parenting/tooth-fairy-dentist-letters.html#>

Rtn. Sunil Deshmukh Book Launch



Rotarian Sunil Deshmukh, a respected global finance leader and changemaker, recently launched his much-acclaimed book **"Videshmukhi"** — a heartfelt narrative of his remarkable journey from a small town in India to becoming the Global Chair of the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA), USA.

The Marathi edition was launched on 23rd February at MCCI Hall, Pune, by

eminent personalities Dr. S. B. Mujumdar and Dr. Deepak Shikarpur, in front of a packed audience of over 100 guests. The stories of courage, perseverance, and risk-taking deeply resonated with the audience. Many attendees urged Sunil to make the book accessible to a wider audience through an English edition.

Responding to the public demand, the English version of **Videshmukhi** was officially released on 20th June 2025 in Scottsdale, Arizona, USA, during the IMA Global Board reception, in the presence of 50+ distinguished board directors and leaders from across the world.

Adding to the prestige of the book, the English edition features a powerful foreword by world-renowned leadership thinker Dr. Marshall Goldsmith, along with reflections from several other global thought leaders.

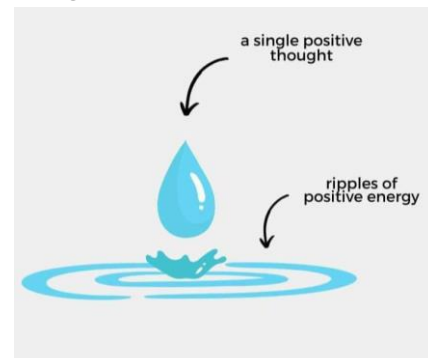
Videshmukhi is more than a personal memoir — it is a story of transformation, a celebration of resilience, and a message of hope for anyone daring to dream beyond boundaries.

From Rtn PE Parvin Malhotra



Sometimes it's not about pushing harder—it's about pivoting. Healing, growth, and peace often begin when we stop repeating the patterns that keep us stuck.

Let us:
 - Try something different
 - Let go of what no longer serves us
 - Walk through a new door—even if it scares us



Ripple effects and character building are the characteristics of *_positive thoughts_*. It leads to a holistic interior and an aesthetic exterior

From the Editor



Dear Fellow RCPC Rotarians and R'Anns,

Parkinson's Law says: Work expands to fill the time.

At RCPC I feel the reverse is true: **"Time expands to absorb more work"**. I say this because the kind of efforts our members put into projects, assignments, and enjoyable fares like fellowship, is to say the least, mind-boggling!

The RY 2024-25 has set off on a grand note. Let us all put our hands together to keep it that way.

As a new feature, I have the pleasure of introducing interviews with our members. One veteran. One new member. To get an overall well-rounded perspective of thoughts, experiences, challenges, triumphs and diehard positivity.



An editor's job is rather an intriguing one. It is his / her job to bring in other's perspectives, stories, opinions, and articulations accurately and sensitively. There is a lot at stake and effort required to preserve the integrity and emotions involved.

So, if I have made a mistake, I eat a humble pie. I take this as a learning opportunity and hope you work with me on this.

Hope you all enjoy these, and all other news and information.

Do write in. Let us know what you think. Tell us your stories.

Krishna

Please write to krsnarti@gmail.com for contributions and feedback

What to Expect in the Next Four Weeks

- **July 26** — Committee Meeting
- **August 2** — Club and Trust Budget RY 2025-26.
- **August 09** — Rakshabandhan Holiday
- **August 16** — Guest Speaker Ms Smita Sovani will talk on **"Music for body, mind and money"**

Birthdays and Anniversaries



Rtn / R'Ann

Rtn. Dr. Sarang Rote
 R'Ann Dr. Deena Malpani
 Rtn. Delshad Karanjia
 Mr. Milon Nag
 Rtn. Dr. Shash Saxena
 Rtn. PP Rakesh Bhargava
 Rtn. Vinay Biyani
 Rtn. Shrikant Sarda
 Rtn. Nandita Khaire
 R'Ann Neelam Mehrotra
 Mr. Pankaj Mathur
 Rtn. Rakesh Makhija
 Rtn. PP Uday Dharmadhikari
 Col. V Nandakumar Nair (Retd)

Birthday

July 2
 July 3
 July 4
 July 6
 July 8
 July 9
 July 9
 July 14
 July 17
 July 21
 July 23
 July 24
 July 30
 August 01



Member and Spouse

Rtn. PP Madhu and R'Ann Prema Rathi
 Rtn. Jeevan and R'Ann Renu Mahaldar
 Rtn. Dr. Rajiv and R'Ann Madhuri Narvekar
 Rtn. Rajeev and R'Ann Rashi Sharma
 Rtn. Vinit and R'Ann Indu Ketan

Wedding Anniversary

July 2
 July 4
 July 10
 July 19
 July 30