

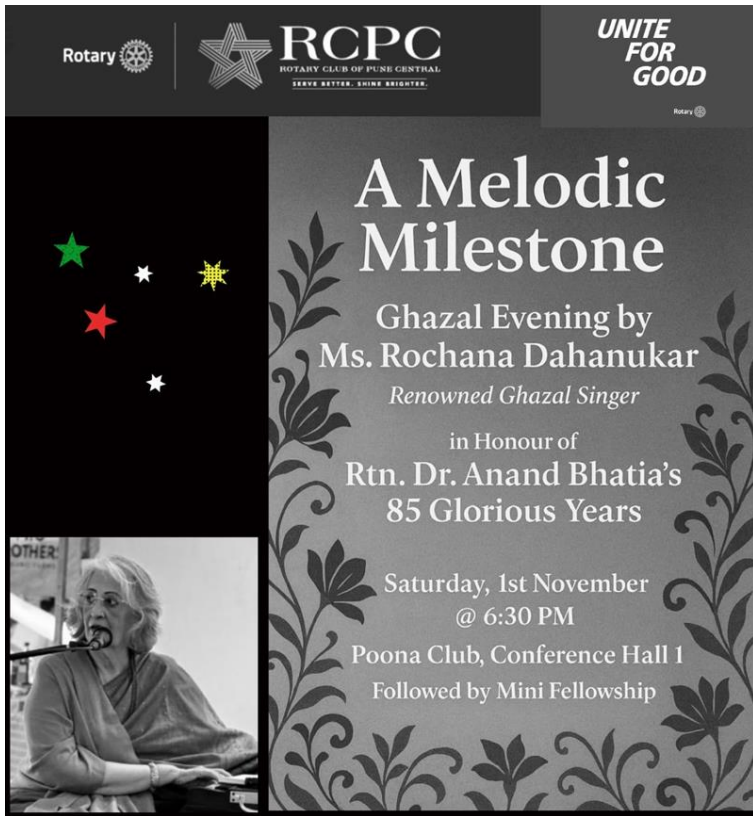
# ROTARY CLUB OF PUNE CENTRAL

## CENTRAL TURF

*The Bulletin*

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### **GHAZAL EVENING**

Let's celebrate a wonderful milestone — the 85th Birthday of our past president, Rtn. Dr. Anand Bhatia!

To make the evening truly special, Ms. ROCHANA DAHANUKAR, the cherished voice of GHAZALS, will perform live and fill the night with her soulful music.

Saturday, 1st November | 6:30 PM onwards

Poona Club, Conference Hall 1. Fellowship & drinks are lovingly hosted by Rtn. Dr. Anand & R'Ann Sita Bhatia.

## Speaking of which .....

Have you heard about Niksen? Niksen is a popular Dutch technique of relaxation. Simple. You just give up control. Stop. Pause in the middle of your time. Do nothing. Niksen means literally “Do Nothing”.

It is one of the most popular **techniques** of distressing and recover from burnout. You may just walk aimlessly in a mall; or just walk down the cantonment green roads; simply sit in your chair and gaze out of the window; or look at the TV without following it. On the other hand, mindfulness is about being in the moment. No, not Niksen.

Speaking of which, it could also be listening to music as long as it is without purpose. We are all looking at various means of de-stressing – reducing distress.

It contrasts with the idea of Rotary. In Rotary, we do things with a lot of care and attention. With a sense of purpose. With a huge amount of sincerity. We just returned from our trip to the North. More of a pilgrimage. Varanasi – Ayodhya – Baidyanath. It was in many ways relaxing. I did not think about anything. That is a lie. I did miss and think a lot about my granddaughter. But a man without a purpose is a man with no entity. Hence, Rotary comes as a blessing to all.

A team. A plan. A purpose. Defined goals. Hence a serious control over chaos. Niksen is great as an intermittent break from the crazy speed of life.

So, what am I advocating here?

Live with purpose. Take Niksen breaks. Go back to your purpose.

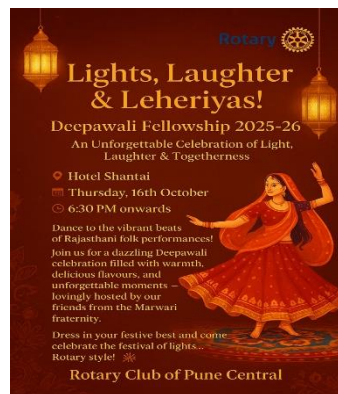


Says Krishna.....  
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## RCPC Diwali Celebrations on October 16<sup>th</sup> 2025

As Rtn. PP Dr. Nasir Kazi, aptly describes the RCPC Diwali bash: *It was an excellent program of "Shubh Diwali" arranged on Rajasthani theme on 16<sup>th</sup> October at Shantai Hotel. The attendance and organisation was excellent. The Rajasthani troupe performed very well and all our members participated enthusiastically. The food was delicious, and service of hotel staff was quick. Overall it was an amazing program. Congratulations and thanks to President Lekha, organizing team couple Vaishali & Sanjay Karwa and all the members of the Organizing Committee.*



## Visit To Perne Hills



A visit to Perne Hills was done on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2025 by the RCPC team represented by Rtn. President Lekha Nair, Rtn Jeevan Mahaldar, Rtn Ravi Kapoor, Rtn Vaishali Karwa, Rtn Aseem Srivastav & Gajanan. Tree plantation was done to initiate the project on this lovely morning! To start with RCPC will be planting 100 trees at the cost of Rs. 1000 per tree - which is not the tree cost, but for the maintenance and sustainability of the plantation. This project will be presented to potential CSR partners.

## Inspirational moment from Rtn. PE Parvin Malhotra



**A cleanup by Sea Scouts and Guides India near Pavana River, Chinchwad**



## Rtn. Julius Rocque & R'Ann Madhu Rocque in Norway



Rtn. Julius Rocque and R'Ann Madhu Rocque were invited by Rotary Club Trondheim, Norway to attend their weekly meeting held on 20 Oct 25 at Hotel Britannia. Rtn Kjetil Utne is the President, who had travelled to India earlier. Rtn John is Secretary and Treasurer. Rtn Wenche, speaker of the Day. Great to see the Rocques connecting with Rotarian across the world.

## RCPC T Shirts



**Rtn. PE Parvin Malhotra has taken the initiative of procuring good quality, blue RCPC T Shirts priced at Rs 550 each. Sizes available are 40, 42, 44 and 46, Those interested please contact Rtn. Malhotra.**

## Rtn. Deepak Bharadia on his Mission Bharat



Rtn. Deepak Bharadia began his solo bike ride on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025, after being flagged off by Lieutenant Governor of Ladahi – Shri Kavinder Gupta, at Kargil Raj Niwas. Deepak's Mission Bharat Expedition begins in Kargil to Kanyakumari to Pune. We wish him success in his mission, and pray he comes back to Pune, safe and smiling.

## ***Rtn. Pravin Nadkarni's Son Tanai, On KBC***

Tanai Nadkarni, son of Rtn Pravin Nadkarni was invited to the Kaun Banega Crorepati show. He won the Force for Good Heroes award for the Green PC Project! Congratulations to Tanai!

<https://youtu.be/l5nlEjlcglk?si=sPKiHoTY3LHou8YA>



## ***RCPC New Members introduction***

### ***Sanjiv Ahluwalia***



#### ***Present profession / business?***

I am the Chief Financial Officer of GlobalStep – a multi-national development partner to AAA studios, with offices across North America, Europe, and Asia.

#### ***Career path - until now***

I started working with GlobalStep in 2007 before I started my undergraduate studies. I earned a degree in Economics and a degree in Finance from Southern Methodist University. Before my MBA, I worked in GlobalStep from 2012 till 2021. During this time, I worked in finance, sales, operations, and account management through 2018. From 2019 to 2021, I ran GlobalStep's UK office before going to Columbia for my MBA. I have recently moved to Pune to lead the Global finance function and the Pune office.

#### ***Passionate about?***

I'm passionate about history, economics, sports, and traveling. I find it incredibly enriching to visit new countries and learn about their history, culture, and customs. I believe that there is so much that unites us as human beings and I enjoy seeing the common threads that tie us together as well as the differences that give us all a special and unique place in this global community.

#### ***Family:***

My wife is from Australia. We both attended International Sahaj Public School in Dharamsala together. We got married in 2015 and have two boys: Abhimanyu and Markandeya, aged 9 and 8. They love reading, science, and playing different sports.

#### ***Rotary means to him.....***

Rotary club provides an incredible opportunity to deepen my roots in the community by serving and giving back. It's an opportunity to work on and contribute to projects I'm passionate about such as improving education, physical health, and the quality of our environment. While doing so, I'll have the opportunity to bond with other like-minded individuals and learn from their experiences to enhance my own perspectives.

# Charudatta Kulkarni

## Present profession / business?

I am into business and am a Director at Precision Precast Solutions Pvt. Ltd., a company specializing in Structural Engineering, Precast Concrete Engineering, Modelling and Detailing, as well as software development related to these fields.

## Career path - until now

I was born and brought up in a small village, Kukane, in Ahmednagar district, where I completed my schooling up to the 10th standard. I moved to Pune for higher education in 1987—completed my junior college at S. P. College, pursued graduation in Civil Engineering at the prestigious College of Engineering, Pune (COEP), and went on to earn my Master's degree in Engineering from Sardar Patel College of Engineering, Mumbai. I am one of the co-founder of **Precision Precast Solutions Pvt. Ltd. (PPS)**, an engineering consultancy that recently celebrated **21 years of excellence**. PPS serves clients across the globe in structural design, BIM modelling, and detailing, with expertise in precast concrete, industrial & Oil and Gas, residential, commercial, and infrastructure projects.

## Passionate about?

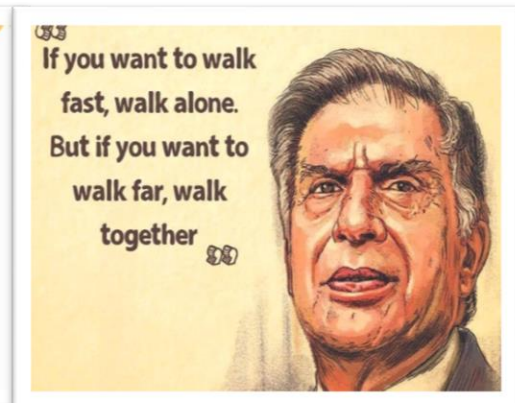
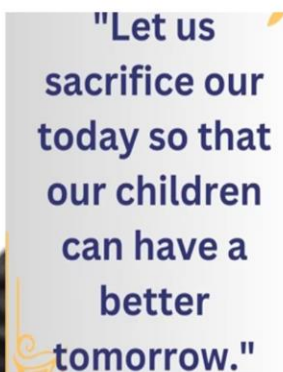
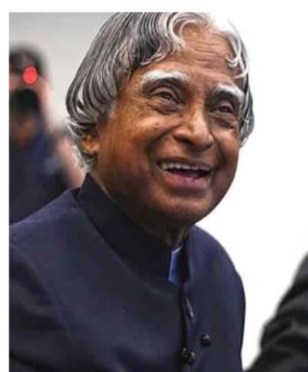
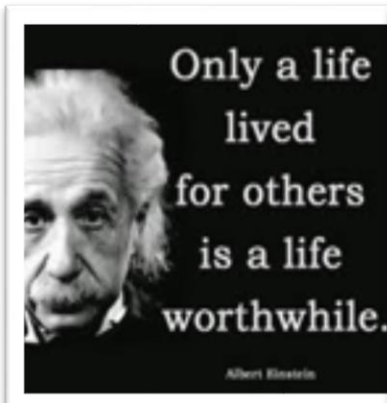
I am passionate about travel, spirituality and mediation. Travel gives an opportunity to explore different cultures & practices across the globe and spirituality/mediation provides peace of mind which helps me in personal as well professional life.

## Family:

I am supported by my wife, **Jyoti**, who serves as a Chief Engineer in PWD, Government of Maharashtra and currently on deputation to Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) as a Chief Engineer & State Quality Coordinator for whole Maharashtra State. I am blessed with two sons—**Sudhanshu** who just completed his bachelor's in civil engineering & master's in engineering with Project Management specialisation from University of New South Wales (UNSW), Sydney, Australia and **Abhiram**—pursuing his bachelor in Economics at Durham University, UK.

## Rotary means to him.....

Rotary means connecting with people from different walks of life who have lot of accomplishments in their personal & professional lives. It would help me to understand different philanthropic activities of Rotary & how systematically it approaches & contributes to different causes in the society and be a part of this . I am personally associated with some philanthropic activities in education (adopting & supporting bright underprivileged students to support their education @ COEP and also support some educational institutes which works for differently abled children in Konkan area). I am also part of an NGO Kidney Warriors Foundation (KWF) which works for Kidney patients having end stage kidney disease and who are either on dialysis or post-transplant. I contribute financially as well as help in counselling by sharing my personal experiences.



## Mangesh Hardas



### *Present profession / business?*

I co-founded Precision Precast Solutions Pvt Ltd (PPS) in 2004. The company primarily focuses on precast concrete solutions, offering services in engineering design, Building Information Modeling (BIM), and detailed engineering drawings. Over the years, we have also established several other firms under our umbrella, covering a broad spectrum of engineering services, including structural steel, reinforced concrete, and timber construction.

Our companies are actively involved in structural engineering design projects both in India and internationally, serving clients in the USA, Europe, and the Gulf region. This extensive scope allows us to deliver innovative and technically precise engineering solutions across diverse construction sectors.

### *Career path - until now*

I hold a Civil Engineering degree from Malaviya Regional Engineering College, currently known as Malaviya National Institute of Technology and post-graduation from University of Roorkee (renamed as IIT Roorkee) and I began my research on earthquake-resistant structures as a senior research fellow before enrolling as a PhD student. This eventually evolved my career as a professor. I completed Diploma in Advanced Computing from C-DAC Pune and switched jobs as a Project Manager before starting on my own.

### *Passionate about?*

Professionally, I am passionate about high quality and automation in my chosen area. Because of the worsening living conditions, I have developed a passion for the environment outside of my work. I love swimming and sports as well.

### *Family:*

Born in Jaipur to a teacher's family, discipline and seeking knowledge were nonnegotiable. We were three siblings. My family comprises of my wife, Smita who is an ex-employee of SBI and my daughter, Shreya who is pursuing her post graduation in Computer Science.

### *Rotary means to him.....*

Rotary is a global community striving to provide solutions for betterment of everyone's lives. I see Rotary fitting into my life as a platform to apply my skills and resources for long term community development. I would like to network with other Rotarians and try to engage with them.

6. Share your favourite personal photo.

## Hon. Member - Dr. Suhas Madhukar Warke, IPS – Addl. Dir. Gen of Police



Presently serving as Addl. Director General of Police & Inspector General of Prison & Correctional Services in Pune, Dr. Suhas Madhukar is an MBBS from Pravara and an IPS Officer from the batch of year 2000. He holds a Masters in Police Management, LLB and a diploma in Cyber Law.

Dr Warke, has been trained in various academies in Mussoorie, Hyderabad, Kolhapur and also interestingly at FBI Academy, Quantico, USA.

He hails from Jalgaon and has been posted in various places in Maharashtra and has served as Joint Commissioner of Police (Crime), Mumbai. Known for his strong administrative skills and diverse academic background, Dr. Warke has also worked in areas related to civil rights and the prevention of atrocities against women and children.

Dr. Warke has been awarded Presidents Police Medal for Meritorious Service on the occasion of Independence Day - 2015 and the DG Insignia - 2016. He loves to play badminton, tennis, and practices yoga.

His wife Deepika has done B Pharmacy and LLB and works as Advocate, independent consultant.

They have two sons, Soham - 22 yrs - done BS Computer science and Data science from University of Wisconsin Madison, USA, presently doing M S - computer science at University of Southern California & Aryan - studying BS Computer Science at University of California Irvine

Dr. Warke's father Madhukar Warke, from Jalgaon, was also Rotarian. He was secretary/ president and also district 314 trophies chairman. Dr. Warke is passionate about serving people and has worked closely with Rotary since childhood- polio campaign, distribution of Diwali sweets in slums, medical camps, etc

## *Krishna Kumar's tête-à-tête with Rotary Anns – Episode II*

**We continue our conversation with Rotary Anns....Meet R'Ann Dr. Sita Bhatia, the powerhouse behind Rtn. PP Dr. Anand Bhatia, who completed 85 years of his birthday and over 5 decades of married togetherness!**

### *Meet R'Ann Dr. Sita Bhatia*



***Tell us about your Doctorate qualification and how you put it to work. You have a long successful career as a Human Rights specialist. How do you see it in the Indian context?***

As I am in the academic profession, obtaining Doctoral Degree was imperative for the purposes of promotions etc.

To begin with, I am a graduate in Political Science and Public Administration from Fergusson College and did my Masters and master's in philosophy from University of Poona (SSBPU). My career as Professor began in Poona College and Wadia College. After that I joined Indian Law Society's ILS LAW College which bestowed on me a rich intellectual legacy of which I am proud today. This helped me connect political science and law. I pursued my Doctoral Thesis in Media Laws and its impact under the guidance of Prof Kshire and Prof. S P Sathe, a Constitutional and legal luminary. It was under his patronage that I joined Public Interest Groups like People's Union for Civil Liberties (PUCL), Discussion Group etc. and became their secretary.

I had the opportunity to attend and organize various seminars/workshops/meetings of Social and Political Activists and others.

Frequent discourses and dialogues with them had tremendous influence in my perception, thinking and values.

Very soon I was promoted as a Vice-Principal and it gave me a lot of administrative experience. Simultaneously, I also became a member of Indian Law Society and also its Governing Council for nearly two decades.

I did Diploma in Human Rights and Law from International Institute of Human Rights, Strasbourg, France and as part of Diploma I could visit Nazi Concentration Camp on the Borders of France and Germany. I also did 2 Certificate Courses on Human Rights and Law and Restorative Justice from Central European University CEU, Budapest - Hungary.

I have worked extensively on Disability Rights under National Human Rights Commission, Delhi, when International Convention on Rights of persons with disabilities was being drafted.

Then worked on Three YEAR Project sponsored by British Council on Human Rights and its Education under which I had the opportunity to meet NGOs, Social activists, tribals and others at the grassroots level. I also did my research in SOAS University in London for the same.

And even for Rotary Club I along with my college colleagues conducted various legal literacy camps both in urban and rural areas for women, girls and others and also in interact clubs in schools.

My doctoral work has been published. I have also written for Halbury's Laws of India on Media, Technology and Communication volumes 24 and other publications. I also did my LLB from SSBPU and LLM from University of Mumbai, in Human Rights and International Laws from the University of Mumbai. In my retirement years I still take special Diploma in Human Rights and Laws...Autonomous Diploma of the Indian Law Society.

***Tell us about your present work.***

" Once a teacher always a teacher". After my retirement I took lectures for few years and now special Diploma in Human Rights and Laws online as mentioned earlier. I am member of Deccan Education Society, Indian Law society and have to attend its regular meetings. The rest of my time I devote to my family here and abroad and watch a lot of international serials which I could never do or watch movies!

***You have been attending Rotary meetings and functions diligently. What role does Rotary play in your personal life?***

We joined Rotary in the year 1995/ 96 sponsored by late Dr Polly Umbranikar. We made a lot of good friends here. I did a lot of work for the Rotary, that is inter clubs, Rotaract Clubs, RAYLA, Literacy camps, placement cell for youth for which we got the District Award, Inter Collegiate Drama Competitions etc.

Rotary became our social life, and we enjoyed it ...even today.

It gave me a platform to meet and interact with different people, listen to expert speakers, enjoy entertainment programmes. For many years in Rotary, I worked in the programme committee with Dr. BSKS Chopra and others.

***Tell us about your family***

My parents are from. Karachi and after, partition they settled in Delhi and my father who was in a government job came to Pune and since then we all are in Pune, where I was born and raised.

We are blessed with one son Rajiv, and 2 daughters – Natasha and Sarita, both happily settled in San Francisco. We have 4 granddaughters and a grandson. Sarita is a Dental surgeon and now trying to practice in San Francisco. Natasha has her Boutique in Indian Bridal wears. Our house is like a head quarter for all the children and grandchildren, and we are very happy and busy with them. We give space to all in our relationships, which becomes the basis of love and respect.

***What is the one thing you wish to change in our society today?***

I would very much wish to change the perception - that is we all must strive for GENDER EQUALITY, GENDER JUSTICE AND SAFETY.

As an academican in the areas of human rights. constitution and laws, etc. My observation is that though India has come a long way in post British Era in terms of rule of law, democracy, competent and independent judiciary, security forces etc yet there is high degree of violation of the laws, crime against humanity especially vulnerable groups of people. It is something to worry about. The authorities and society must adopt zero tolerance of violence/crime against women, children and others if India wishes to be a developed country.

**Anne Brunier**

Nicknamed "Rotary Ann" after accompanying her husband on a train with 1,200 Rotarians in 1912.



The year was 1914 when San Francisco Rotarians boarded a special train to attend the Rotary Convention being held in Houston. In those days few wives attended Rotary events, and until the train stopped in Los Angeles, the only woman aboard was the wife of Rotarian Bru Brunnier. As the train picked up additional convention-bound delegates, Mrs. Ann Brunnier was introduced as the Rotarian's Ann. This title soon became "Rotary Ann."

By the way, did you know that the children of Rotarians are called Rotarv Annets?

**The Origin of Rotary Anns**

## *What to expect in the coming weeks*

- **November 9** — Club Assembly – Sunday Brunch Meeting
- **November 15** — Nominating Committee Election
- **November 22** — Maharashtra Fellowship
- **November 29** — Committee meeting

## *Celebrations*



### **Rtn / R'Ann**

Rtn. Nitin Desai  
Rtn. Sagar Khandelwal  
Rtn. Dhanashree Sandu  
Rtn. Manjiri Supnekar

### **Birthday**

November 1  
November 2  
November 5  
November 7