

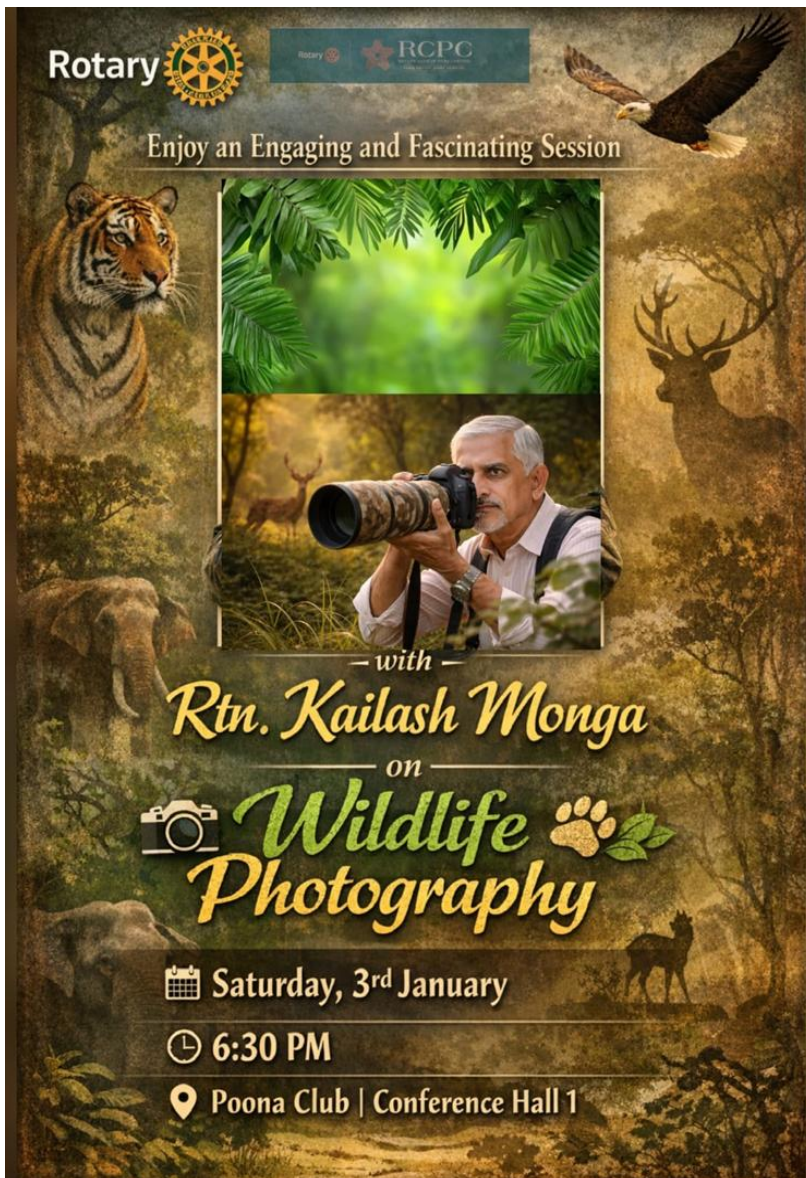
# ROTARY CLUB OF PUNE CENTRAL



## CENTRAL TURF

*The Bulletin*

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*Meeting on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2026*



Rotary  

Enjoy an Engaging and Fascinating Session

*with*  
**Rtn. Kailash Monga**  
*on*  
**Wildlife Photography**

 Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> January  
 6:30 PM  
 Poona Club | Conference Hall 1

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### On Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2026


An evening you wouldn't want to miss!  
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## Speaking of which .....



Says Krishna.....  
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### Need I say more?

Frankly speaking, except for the celebration we do to ring in the new and ring out the old year, we wake up feeling the same. Just another Gregorian day, isn't it?

Let us look at it with the Rotarian pair of eyes.

We pick the threads of the previous day, and march right ahead with the same sense of zealous spirit.

And do what needs to be done.

I wish you a great 2026. Stay on course. Keep smiling.

### A New Year

Still holding on,  
to what's gone?  
An event of the past  
or one that didn't last?

Having thoughts for food?  
in a pensive mood.  
Chopping Time's dried wood  
While still it stood?

Wishing that Life's Tree  
flourished with glee  
And housed families of honey bee  
Hey! There goes 2025 free!!

Don't keep worrying  
All you need is to keep smiling  
One's gone but The next is Arriving  
Just Turn Around, its COMING!!!



@ the club meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2025



Christmas celebration at the RCPC meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2025, was delightful and brought cheer to all present! Carols rent the air sung by a team of young students and was wonderfully organised by Rtn. Julius Rocque.



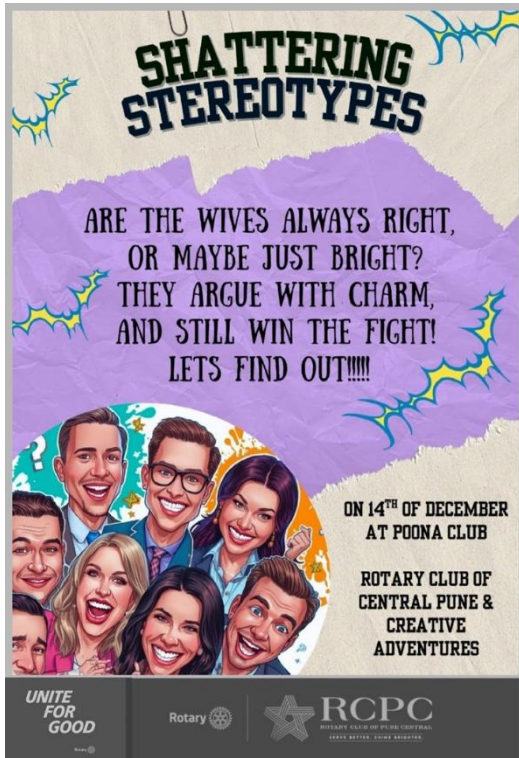
**The brief history of Christmas Carols**

Christmas carols have a rich history that goes back centuries. Many early carols were written in Latin, German, or English. They were passed down through generations as sacred music and for seasonal celebration.

The tradition of singing Christmas carols began as part of communal celebrations in medieval Europe. These were part of Winter Solstice celebrations. People often performed carols in public squares, joining in to sing and dance, blending worship with festive cheer. It was only later that carols were sung in church, performed by choirs during services, and became closely associated with Christmas.



# @ the club meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025



A fun filled event organised by R'Ann Sonia Rajore. The evening turned out to be one that brought a lot of smiles and laughs on curious faces.

## Moment of Pride for RCPC



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JAL YODHA

**INVITATION LETTER**

Dated : Monday, 22 December 2025

**Shri Padmakar Bhide and Giri Sakhrani**  
Rotary Club of Pune Central B3/102, Yogi Park, Koregaon Park  
Pune Maharashtra 411001

Dear Sir

Your exemplary work in the field of **Water Conservation and Water Security** is making a significant contribution to addressing the growing **Water Crisis** and strengthening the foundation for future generations and **sustainable development**.

Based on the recommendation of our esteemed **Jury Panel** and your nomination, we are honoured to invite you to attend the **Jal Yodha Samaroh**, where you will be formally felicitated.

The ceremony will be held in **New Delhi**, and the exact date and time will be communicated to you in due course.

**Note** : Members of the Reception Committee will be in touch with you for the coordination.

**Ameya Sathaye**  
Editor-in-Chief, Sarkaritel.com

**Ambassador Pradeep Kapur, IFS Retd**  
Chairman, Jury Committee

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### NOTE FROM RTN. PRESIDENT LEKHA NAIR

We are immensely proud to share that our member Rtn. Giri Sakhrani and Mr. Padmakar Bhide (our project implementation partner) have been jointly conferred the prestigious Jal Yodha Award for their outstanding work on the Satara Dam Project. The Award will be given in New Delhi soon.

This award recognizes exceptional contributions towards water conservation and sustainable water management. Their dedication, leadership, and on-ground impact truly reflect Rotary's spirit of Service Above Self.

Congratulations to both our Jal Yodhas for bringing honour to the club and for their inspiring commitment to creating long-term solutions for our communities.

Also special thanks to our member Rtn Col Julius Rocque who was instrumental in applying for the award on behalf of the Rotary Club of Pune Central.

### RESPONSE FROM RTN. GIRI SAKHRANI

- At the outset, thank you all for the messages sent to me individually
1. thanks to our anchor donors, who have supported this project since inception  
Rtn PP Ebe Chaney - Rtn Rakesh Makhija - Rtn PP Ajay Dubey
  2. All Rotarians who have contributed for this project
  3. Rtn PP Ajay Chitnis who recommended this project to Rtn Col Rocque
  4. Col Rocque for taking this forward
  5. Our non-medical directors over the years
  6. our current and past presidents, since the inception of this ongoing project

We have 3 dams posed to us for this year..

#### **A. Leakage repair B. Desilting C. Deep CCT**

The beneficiaries have all confirmed 25% contribution. A trip has been planned on 16 Jan to check these sites. I would be glad to take you along. And finally, the more money we get from you, the more work we can do on ground and more the number of people whose lives we will touch. Thank you all for your continued support and cooperation

## Eye Camp at Vidyapith High School

An eye checkup camp was organised by Rtn. Oni and R'Ann Nafisa on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at Vidyapith High school Pune University Campus, Ganesh Kind.

Also, an eye checkup camp was held at Shishuvihar school at Pune University by the dedicated duo. A total of 348 students were checked.



## Annual General Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2026

At the annual general meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2026, an amendment to the bye-laws of RCPC was approved.

### **“ARTICLE 14” AMENDMENTS OF BYE-LAWS OF ROTARY CLUB OF PUNE CENTRAL”:**

#### **Existing clause:**

“No member will ordinarily be nominated to the Board of Directors for a period exceeding Four (4) years in any six (6) years period, except for the years the member is elected to serve as President Elect, or served as President or Immediate Past President.”

#### **Approved Clause:**

“No member will ordinarily be nominated to the Board of Directors for a period exceeding Four (4) years in any six (6) years period, except for the years the member is elected to serve as President Elect, or served as President or Immediate Past President.

**This restriction shall not apply to the Director – CSR and Global Grant Projects.”**

The AGM began with Rtn. Yogesh Shah presenting the Club and Charity Trust Accounts for the year ended June 30, 2025. Their presentation highlighted the financial health and transparency of the Club, emphasizing the need for continued support from members to achieve our service goals. The accounts were unanimously approved by the members present.

## Announcement of RY 2026-27 Board of Directors

President Lekha Nair announced the much-anticipated leadership team for Rotary Year 2026-27 under President Elect Rtn Cmde Parvin Malhotra.

- **President: Rtn. Cmde Parvin Malhotra**
- **Director Club Service and Hon. Treasurer: Rtn. Aseem Srivastav**
- **Hon. Secretary: Rtn. Lt. Col. Julius Rocque**
- **Director Community and Vocational Service – Non-Medical: Rtn. Jeevan Mahaldar**
- **Director Community and Vocational Service – Medical: Rtn. Reshma Sambare**
- **Director New Generation: Rtn. Sunil Deshmukh**
- **Director International Service and TRF: Rtn. Sanjay Karwa**
- **Director Membership and Assimilation: Rtn. Giri Sakhrani**
- **Director CSR and Global Grant: Rtn. PP Ravi Kapoor**
- **Director Programmes and Fellowship: Rtn. PP Parmod Kumar Bhalla**
- **President Nominee and Director Public Image and Digital Club: Rtn. Vailshali Karwa**
- **President Elect, Vice President and Director Special & District Event Coordination – Rtn. Krishna Kumar**
- **Immediate Past President: Rtn. Lekha Nair**

The announcement was met with enthusiasm and a commitment to support the new leadership in their endeavors.



## International Picnic to South Korea

A group of our RCPC Rotarians has planned a visit to South Korea during the first week of April 2026. The trip will span approximately 9 days. For further details, please reach out to Rtn. PP Sukhi Kalra



## Cadre Visit CS2400346 Cataract Surgeries at HV Desai Hospital



Cadre visit to inspect the progress on the ground took place on Friday, 19th December 2025. Accordingly, cadre member - Rtn Dr. Pallav Agarwal, MS, Apollo Laser Eye Hospital, Moradabad RID 3100 visited the project site, i.e. H. V. Desai Eye Hospital. **Cadre Visit CS2400346 Cataract Surgeries at H V Desai Hospital**



Rtn. Pres. Lekha Nair and Rtn. PP Ravi Kapoor from RCPC attended the meeting. Introductions were followed by a presentation on the H. V. Desai Eye Hospital and its activities by Dr. Amod Gogate, associate director of the hospital.

This was followed by a tour of the hospital to see the infrastructure facilities. Two patients treated under this project were interviewed by the cadre.

## Christmas celebrations for Special Needs Children



A Christmas party for orphans, children with special abilities and cancer affected children was held on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at the amphitheatre of The Poona Club. It was organized with zest and zeal by RCPC and the Inner Wheel club of Pune Central and it hosted over 200 children with fun, games and festive cheer.



*Get Inspired. Stay Inspired.*

**Rotary**  **WORLDWIDE MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY**

As of 30 November 2025

Global Rotary Totals	
Start of year (1 July 2025)	<b>1,124,681</b>
Current (30 Nov 2025)	<b>1,169.035</b>
Net Growth	<b>+44.354</b> mebers

 **Key Global Insights**

- Positive membership growth for first 5 monthths of 2025-26
- Asia (Zones 4-7 & Asia Pacific) continues to be the largest contributor to global growth
- Africa shows strong acceleration and emerging leadership
- North America & Western Europe still facing declines, but stabilization signs visible

 **Top Performing Regions**

- USA & Canada (Zones 26-33): comined negative growth in several districts
- Western Europe (Zones 13, 17,18): continued membership challenges

 **Takeaway Message**

- ▶ Rotary is growing again worldwide, reaching oever 1.169 million members, driven by:
  - ✦ Strong leadership
  - ✦ Club flexibijity engament & attraction of young professionals

**TOGETHER, WE ARE BUILDING A STRONGER ROTARY.  
SERVICE ABOVE SELF.**



**Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member**



**What It Means**

A **Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member** personally contributes **US\$100 or more each Rotary year to the Annual Fund.**

**Recognition Opportunities**

These contributions also count towards **Paul Harris Fellow** , **Multiple Paul Harris Fellow**, **Paul Harris Society**, **Major Donor** and **Club recognition banners.**



Dear Rotarians ,  
Be a Rotary Foundation Sustaining member by contributing 100 \$ or more every year .

-Appeal from the RCPC Foundation Committee.

## Krishna Kumar's tête-à-tête with Rtn. PP Madhusudan Rathi

*When it comes to speaking with stalwarts who are not only high achievers, but also are high contributors, it becomes a trifle challenging. You cannot afford to miss a word, let alone a sentence, when they are offering the story of their life. Here is a wonderful interview with Rtn. PP Madhusudan Rathi.... A complete and total experience of an accomplished man of action.*

### *Tell us about your early years.*



I was born on 13th August 1940 in Vambori, Ahmednagar district, to my parents, Shri Laxminarayan and Smt. Sunderbai Rathi. My father's family was from Pune.

I grew up in Raviwar Peth, Pune and lived in a large joint family. During summer holidays, I would visit my maternal grandmother (Nani) in Shingve Tukai with my mother for nearly a month. It was a small village without electricity, water supply, or toilets. We used lanterns (kandils) for lighting at night, and shops used gas-powered lamps (gas batti) fueled by kerosene. Being full of energy and disliking idleness, I often went to the farm with my Mamaji. I would plough the fields using bullocks and a traditional plough (nangar). Water was drawn from wells using a bullock-driven moat. I enjoyed all these farm tasks, even milking cows!

### *How about your education?*

I graduated in B.Sc. from S.P. College on Tilak Road. Later, I pursued a Diploma in Mechanical Engineering from Cusrow Wadia Institute, which I completed in 1965.

### *Tell us about your family.*

I got married to Purna in 1965 and it was a turning point in my life as I adopted many of her progressive values. We have 2 children. Adit did his bachelor's in engineering from MIT, Pune, and later obtained a master's in industrial engineering from Ohio State University, USA. On his return, he joined the family business.

Preeti earned a Bachelor's degree in Home Science (Textiles) from SNDT, Pune. She worked briefly in Bombay and, in 1996, went to Los Angeles for a one-year course in Textile Design.

I have 2 grandsons, Arnav and Oviyan, who both completed their graduation in the USA and have now joined the family business.



### *You had an interesting work life. Tell us about it.*

I joined the Rathi family business in April 1965, starting with Rathi Engineering Works, which at the time manufactured steel tanks, grills, and steel windows. It was a small enterprise. I gradually introduced more advanced chemical engineering equipment such as reaction vessels, mixers, dryers, and screw conveyors. Our primary customer was Sudarshan Chemical Industries (SCI),

which was rapidly expanding. Being part of the Rathi Group, SCI gave us continuous orders from their Pune, Roha, and Mahad factories, and most of their equipment was manufactured by us.

After my marriage in September 1965, I had the opportunity to travel to the USA and work at Lovejoy Inc.

After returning to India, in 1968, I decided to manufacture standardized couplings and began visiting pump manufacturers. I entered the coupling market, starting with L225-size couplings suitable for 100 HP motors. I adopted Lovejoy USA's manufacturing processes on a smaller scale and approached Kirloskar Brothers, who supported us. As demand grew, I introduced C-type couplings and expanded the product range. Pump manufacturers became our core customers.

With this began my work journey. Distribution was our key strength and we built a strong dealership network of over 100 dealers across India, covering even the smallest regions.

In 1983, we established our presence in Australia and that marked the beginning of our exports. We expanded beyond L-type couplings to Disc-o-flex, RC, Tyre, RFC, Cardanshaft couplings, stub shafts, alignment shims, Bi-fit pulleys, spring mountings, and combi-mountings—many of which were reverse engineered from competitor samples. These innovations were introduced globally, with Australia as the catalyst. Following a setback in Australia, I started my own company Rathi Polybond Pty Ltd., in 2003 to preserve our presence in Australia. Initially, we operated under Lovejoy India Pvt. Ltd., later renamed Rathi Transpower Pvt. Ltd. Our market share steadily grew, and by 2023, we became Australia's No. 1 coupling supplier. At one point, I was managing many companies simultaneously.

Lovejoy name. I registered the Lovejoy trademark in India in 1979, making me the legal owner of the brand in the country. By then, we had become the preferred coupling supplier for the Indian pump industry, with customers depending on our quality and consistency. In the 1970s, I secured patents for our jaw couplings (patent numbers 108782 and 131188), giving us 16 years of legal protection. This allowed us to establish a strong market presence without competition. After the patent period ended, smaller players began copying our products, but OEMs continued to trust and rely on us. By 1979, I had registered both the Lovejoy and Rathi trademarks, preventing brand confusion. By 2023, we had become a ₹105 crore company with two manufacturing plants—one in Pune and the other in Kolhapur.

Australia served as a launchpad for further international distribution. As demand for various coupling types grew, we expanded our product range to include every major coupling type used globally. I began appointing distributors worldwide, covering regions in Eastern countries (Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Korea, Taiwan), the West (Europe, UK, USA, Canada), the South (Kenya, South Africa, Brazil), and the Gulf (Dubai, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Doha, Kuwait). Eventually, we entered Chile and Peru, making Rathi Couplings a globally recognized name.

In 1998, I founded Rathi Europe GmbH. This helped us establish a foothold in the European market. In October 2023, we sold Rathi Transpower Pvt. Ltd. (India), along with our Australian and European businesses, to Ringfeder—a global company. This ensured a sustainable international future for RTPL. I initially began manufacturing rubber components to

support the coupling business. Around 1980, we started making small rubber parts like spiders under the name Rathi Rubber Products. Eventually, we renamed the company Polybond India Ltd. and relocated to Alandi in new buildings. We diversified into industrial mountings and rubber-to-metal bonded parts. A technical collaboration with GMT (Germany) provided essential know-how for rubber-metal bonding and industrial mountings. We also began exporting these

products alongside couplings.

But in the early 1990s we had a serious reorganisation of all the businesses. In 1990, my son Adit joined the business and expanded the business significantly. When I turned 75, Adit urged me to retire and took over Rathi Transpower Pvt. Ltd.

### ***Jagat Clinic is a legacy you have created. Tell us about it***

Our ancestral property at Raviwar Peth, where the family lived since 1932, was transformed into **Jagat Clinic**, a diagnostic center for the underprivileged. The original cloth shop had closed after my grandfather's death, and the house was empty as the family moved out. I was entrusted with the project. The name **Jagat Clinic** is a tribute to my grandfather, Jagannath Rathi. It falls under the **Jagannath Rathi Charity Trust**.

Since the family separation, I've independently managed the clinic. I added ophthalmology services, a new sonography machine, and upgraded all labs testing equipment. We now serve 2,000–3,000 patients per month, including 500 sonographies. Our pricing model follows a **"no profit, no loss"** principle, offering the lowest rates in Pune. We proudly serve the lower-middle-class population in and around Raviwar Peth.

**Finally, we would love to know about your Rotary journey, which is very inspiring.**

From the beginning, I was drawn to social service. I first joined **Jaycees International** (1968–1973), then later the **Rotary Club**.



I was a member of **Rotary Club Pune South** for 10 years. In 1984, I moved to **Rotary Club Pune Central**, where I remain active to this day. I served as **President** during the year **1998–1999**.

I've held nearly every position in the club and am its longest-serving member, with **over 41 years of service**.

**My Contributions:**

I've donated over **USD 100,000** to the **Rotary Foundation**. I'm a **Paul Harris Fellow – Major Donor Level 4**. I actively execute projects every year, especially those involving education and women's hygiene. Since 2016, I have led a project called **Sangini**, distributing **~3 lakh sanitary napkins** annually to **30 schools** for underprivileged girls.

**How have you documented your legacy?**

Here are some books I published, focused on Vipassana and documenting our family legacy:

1. **“Dukha Mukti ki Sadhana”** Originally compiled with great effort by my father, Bhausahab. I updated and republished it for distribution across Vipassana centres and libraries across India.
2. **“Karmayogi Shri Laxminarayan Rathi”** A biographical tribute to my father, published primarily for family members and his professional acquaintances.
3. **“Jagannath Rathi Family, Business Memoirs”** Published during COVID, this book traces the roots, evolution, and structure of the Rathi family. Its purpose is to inform future generations about our history, values, and business journey.

**How would you summarise your exciting life so far?**

My life reflects the journey of a simple boy from Vambori who, through hard work, support from family, and deep commitment to quality and service, built a fulfilling life—personally, professionally, and spiritually. From ploughing fields in Shingve Tukai to exporting couplings across the globe, from family unity to philanthropic service, every chapter has been an integral part of who I am. I remain deeply grateful to my wife Prema, my children Adit and Preeti, and everyone who has walked alongside me on this remarkable path.

**नये संकल्प**

नव वर्ष आया, नई रोशनी लाया,  
हर मन में उम्मीदों का दीप जलाया।  
बीते कल की छाया को पीछे छोड़,  
आज ने भविष्य से हाथ मिलाया।

रोटरी की राह, सेवा की पहचान,  
निस्वार्थ कर्म ही इसका अभिमान।  
जहाँ जरूरत है, वहीं हाथ बढ़े,  
मानवता में ही सच्चा सम्मान सजे।

नया साल कहे—चलो साथ चलें,  
दुख की दीवारें मिलकर बदलें।  
शिक्षा, स्वास्थ्य, शांति का संदेश,  
हर कोने में गूँजे, हर परिवेश।

आओ संकल्प लें, यह वर्ष बने,  
सेवा, सद्भाव, सहयोग के रंग रचें।  
रोटरी के संग, मानवता के नाम,  
नववर्ष हो मंगलमय, यही पैगाम।

**R'Ann प्रतिभा सुभाष देवी**

## Meet our new members

### Ajit Kumar Singh



A Chartered Engineer graduated from NIT – Jamshedpur, India, has an expertise and wide-ranging experience of more than 28 years, frequent to project knowledge & processes with required tools and technique in design & establishment of various industrial, warehouses, life and leisure projects and other infrastructure and commercial space development. His expertise ranges across various sector like automobile, FPP, Chemical, semi-conductor, pharma, steel etc. and has delivered various project in PAN INDIA.

He is the founder-director of Advert Designs Pvt Ltd which is engaged in providing architectural, structural & MEP Engg. design services and project management consultancy along with authority approval and build to suite advisory for various sector and working PAN INDIA.

Ajit is passionate about cultural activities such as music & film making, cricket, and reading. He owns a film post-production studio called "Aks Movie and Music Opc Pvt Ltd".

He is married to Deepali who is Entrepreneur who is a Mechanical Engineer having earlier experience of manufacturing of Refrigeration and air-conditioning compressor spare parts and later on joined her husband and became founder director of Advert Designs Pvt Ltd and contributing to design and project management. Being ultra-perfectionist, she is ensuring that all the assignment related to MEP design and Interior design for any space should get done incorporating all the functional requirement without missing any utilities.

### Rajeshwari Sharma



Rajeshwari Sharma is a renowned Kathak dance exponent, teacher, and choreographer, and the founder of the Sancharee Organisation of Performing Arts, Pune. Born in Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh, she began her journey in Kathak at a young age. Driven by deep dedication and discipline, she pursued advanced formal training at Kathak Kendra, New Delhi, from 1995 to 2002, where she completed her Diploma, Honors, and Post-Graduation in Kathak.

In 2003, she founded Sancharee, not merely as a platform for performance, but as a living medium to carry forward the profound essence of Kathak as a holistic art form. Her artistic work is rooted in two significant dimensions. The first is Spiritual Kathak, where dance becomes a pathway for inner awakening and higher consciousness, reflected in acclaimed productions such as Ashtavakra Maha Geet, Kankali, and Bulleh Shah. The second is Pure Kathak, through which she is deeply committed to preserving the classical purity, grammar, and traditional aesthetics of the form.

Rajeshwari Sharma has devoted her entire life to dance. Through years of rigorous practice, contemplation, and creative exploration, she has developed a unique artistic vision that integrates classical Kathak with the elevation of human consciousness. Today, she is recognized as the only artist globally working consciously to uplift and expand higher human consciousness through the medium of classical Kathak.

Extending her role as a dedicated guru, she also reaches a global audience through her YouTube channel, which features over 1,000 instructional and educational Kathak videos, making authentic training accessible to students worldwide.

Rajeshwari Sharma continues to inspire students, audiences, and practitioners with her unwavering commitment to tradition, while fearlessly exploring the spiritual and transformative dimensions of Kathak.

She is married to Ajay Sharma, is a renowned astrologer, thinker, and creative practitioner, blending the worlds of theatre and astrology in a unique and transformative way. Born in Pathankot, Punjab, he was drawn to theatre early in life, studying under the mentorship of Dr. M. Sayeed Alam and later completing a course at the National School of Drama. His theatrical journey allowed him to explore human emotions and character deeply.

## ***Dr. Sheetal Todkar***



Dr. Sheetal Todkar is an experienced Ayurvedic Medical Practitioner with a strong background in healthcare management. She holds a B.A.M.S. degree, a Post Graduate Diploma in Hospital & Healthcare Management (PGDHM), and EMS certification. Dr. Todkar is a member of the General Practitioner's Association and NIMA.

She has gained significant experience working at Ruby Hall Clinic in Pune, specializing in emergency medical services, and further honed her management skills at Symbiosis Institute of Health Care. Throughout her career, Dr. Todkar has participated in various seminars, including the National Seminar on Medicolegal Systems in Healthcare, and several conferences related to healthcare management, risk management, and public health.

Dr. Todkar has also been actively involved in health checkups, breast cancer awareness camps (2008-2013), and the Pulse Polio Immunization Programme with the Rotary Club of Pune Midtown. In addition, she has contributed to social causes like the construction of school toilets and the installation of mammography equipment at Tarachand Hospital, Pune, in collaboration with NGOs. She is a trustee of Shrisha Kanhaiyalal Multipurpose Trust, supporting tribal education and forest conservation in Dhule.

In her personal life, Dr. Todkar enjoys travel, cooking, yoga therapy, and is dedicated to various social causes. She is married to Dr. Hemant Todkar, a well-known ophthalmologist in Pune with over 20 years of experience. They have two children: Sanika, who holds a B.A. and a diploma in Performing Arts, and Prithvi, who is currently pursuing MBBS.

Dr. Sheetal Todkar's commitment to both medicine and social service continues to make a significant impact in her community.

## ***Jayant Hazra***



Jayanta Hazra is the Head of Supply Chain at Höganäs India Pvt. Ltd.. He is an accomplished professional with over 25 years of diverse experience in Supply Chain Management, imports and exports, warehousing, logistics, operations, and quality management. He currently serves as the Head of Supply Chain at Höganäs India Pvt. Ltd., where he provides strategic leadership and has a proven track record in formulating, developing, and implementing effective supply chain strategies.

His expertise spans across industries such as Powder Metallurgy, Aluminium, Iron, and Steel, where he has successfully managed production and quality operations. Throughout his career, Mr. Hazra has focused on driving operational excellence and business growth, constantly seeking new challenges and opportunities to optimize processes and contribute to organizational success.

Jayant holds an MBA in Supply Chain Management, a Bachelor of Engineering (B.E.) in Metallurgy, and a Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) in General Studies.

He is married to Ms. Sunanda, a homemaker, and they have a daughter who is in the 4th year of her MBBS studies, along with a son who is currently preparing for his XII exams. They also have a Persian cat named Odin in their family.

## Shekhar Sinha



Shekhar Sinha is an accomplished entrepreneur, published author, and a visionary Managing Partner of Good Search Knowledge Network Pvt. Ltd. With a wealth of experience in leadership, mentorship, and business strategy, he has shaped the success of his venture and his team with his innovative approach and deep understanding of human potential. His published paper in a peer reviewed journal which is quoted at different agricultural universities worldwide won him a recommendation to do his PhD at Cornell International Institute for Food, Agriculture and Development (CIIFAD). However, he chose to start his own venture in talent management space and that's where his major professional contribution lies.

With extensive experience as a CXO and board recruitment advisor, Shekhar is well-regarded for his expertise in executive search and talent management. His strategic advice and insights have been sought after by organizations looking to enhance their leadership teams.

A master storyteller, Shekhar has an innate ability to weave captivating anecdotes that resonate with diverse audiences, making him a sought-after motivational speaker. His stories are not only entertaining but also serve as powerful tools for teaching life lessons on leadership, compassion, resilience, and growth.

As an eternal student of biases, Shekhar is fascinated by human behaviour and decision-making processes. He delves deeply into the psychology of biases and teaches individuals to become more self-aware, guiding them to make better, more informed decisions in both their personal and professional lives. His passion for self-awareness has made him a sought-after mentor and coach, helping countless individuals understand themselves better and reach their true potential.

Beyond his professional pursuits, Shekhar is also a philanthropist, actively supporting social causes that create a positive impact in the community. He believes that serving the *Jiva* is the best way of serving the *Shiva*. Shekhar is part of the program management committee of TiE Women and is passionate advocate of women entrepreneurship.

An avid reader and fitness enthusiast, Shekhar believes in continuous learning and maintaining a healthy balance between mind and body. His commitment to personal growth and holistic well-being is a core part of his success. He loves playing squash, lifting weights and Swimming.

### Education

Shekhar is an Economics Graduate and holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Rural Management from prestigious Institute of Rural Management popularly known as IRMA. IRMA's mission is to promote sustainable, ecologically friendly and equitable socio-economic development of rural people through professional management and he hopes that structured training he has received at IRMA will help him serve well as a prospective Rotarian. He feels his own competence and his circle of influence can be of help in supporting programs around education, leadership development and on CSR initiatives.

### Family Overview

Shekhar's family provides unwavering support for his professional pursuits. Archana, Shekhar's wife, stands as his steadfast pillar. She is creative and artistic herself and enables him to channel energy into career growth, community contributions, and personal development. Archana and Shekhar are blessed with two children Atharva and Ved. Archana is the "Rock of Gibraltar," offering emotional and practical backing that aligns with all 3 boys with often conflicting interests.

To conclude - Shekhar's remarkable blend of leadership, storytelling, and self-awareness has made him a respected figure in the business and personal development world. His journey is a testament to the power of resilience, learning, and giving back.

## What to expect in the coming weeks

- **January 11 — Building emotional resilience through Yoga - Talk by R'Ann Vidhya Kripashankar**
- **January 17 — 42nd RCPC Club Birthday followed by Fellowship Dinner**
- **January 24 — To be announced**
- **January 31 — Club Assembly**

## Celebrations

### Rtn / R'Ann

R'Ann Abha Jha  
 Rtn. Ankit Maheshwari  
 R'Ann Ruby Jhunjhunwala  
 Rtn. Gautam Nehra  
 R'Ann Dr. Sita Bhatia  
 Rtn. PP Polly Patel  
 Rtn. Arun Shroff  
 R'Ann Hutokshi Pundole  
 Rtn. Surendra Shroff  
 R'Ann Jasma Asher  
 Rtn. Prabhat Singh  
 Rtn. Shirish Mohile  
 R'Ann Shilpa Khandelwal  
 Rtn. Basant Almal  
 R'Ann Teena Goyal  
 R'Ann Jyoti Kapoor  
 R'Ann Jalpa Tewari  
 R'Ann Reshma Desai  
 R'Ann Anjali Kharadkar  
 Mr. Ajay Sharma

### Birthday

January 01  
 January 02  
 January 03  
 January 07  
 January 08  
 January 08  
 January 10  
 January 10  
 January 14  
 January 15  
 January 18  
 January 21  
 January 22  
 January 23  
 January 23  
 January 23  
 January 24  
 January 26  
 January 30  
 January 31



### Member and Spouse

Rtn. Nitin and R'Ann Shweta Vijaivergia  
 Rtn. Basant and R'Ann Savita Almal  
 Rtn. Behzad and Mr. Histas Randeria  
 Rtn. Surendra and R'Ann Radhika Shroff  
 Rtn. Ashish and R'Ann Teena Goyal  
 Rtn. Prakash and R'Ann Saroj Gugle  
 Rtn. PP Amitabha and R'Ann Manvir Mukhopadhyay  
 Rtn. Jignesh and R'Ann Disha Patel  
 Rtn. PP Dr. Anand and R'Ann Dr. Sita Bhatia  
 Rtn. PP Ebe and R'Ann Nargis Chaney  
 Rtn. Cawas and R'Ann Hutokshi Pundole

### Wedding Anniversary

January 19  
 January 21  
 January 24  
 January 24  
 January 28  
 January 28  
 January 28  
 January 28  
 January 30  
 January 31  
 January 31

