

ROTARY CLUB OF PUNE CENTRAL

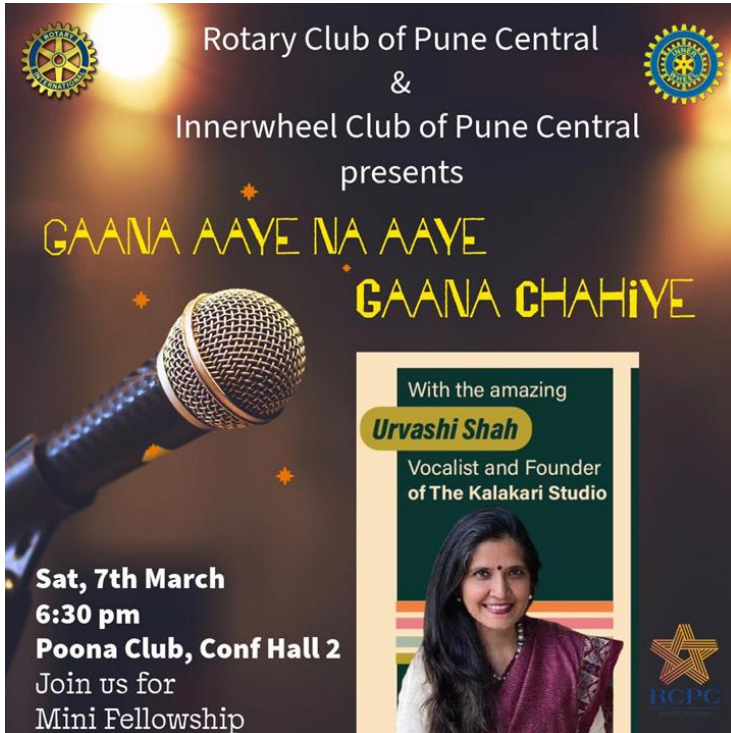
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Meeting on Saturday, 7 March 2026



Rotary Club of Pune Central
&
Innerwheel Club of Pune Central
presents

**GAANA AAYE NA AAYE
GAANA CHAHIYE**

With the amazing
Urvashi Shah
Vocalist and Founder
of The Kalakari Studio

**Sat, 7th March
6:30 pm
Poona Club, Conf Hall 2**
Join us for
Mini Fellowship

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Every year, to celebrate International Women's Day, RCPC organizes a joint meeting with the Inner Wheel Club of Pune Central.

This year, our Inner Wheel friends have planned a delightful and entertaining evening for all of us:

➤ **"Gaana Aaye Na Aaye... Gaana Chahiye!"**

Urvashi Shah, an expert in hindustani classical music will be taking an interactive and fun-filled session where you will learn the art of singing right!



Says Krishna.....
krsnarti@gmail.com

Singing a tune or two, rather humming is a virtue that everyone possesses. Some do it in the open in concerts, and some do it in closed groups.

"Singing a different tune" means to drastically change your opinion, attitude, or way of talking about something, usually switching from a previous stance to one that is more agreeable, compliant, or reversed. It often implies a shift caused by new circumstances, such as being forced to face consequences.

What we are facing today in the world close and around us is a different time. Different tune. Time has never rushed so fast as we keep our eyes glued to the television, our phones, to seek updates how wildly is the war-bug spreading. The challenges that it has

unleashed is phenomenal. Some are worried about the Nifty crashing. Some are confused over the gold prices. Never a time is right to seek and build peace.

I hope the Rotarians around the world are doing their part to build efforts of peace and conflict resolution. I refrain from making a political commentary. I sign off with the sign of peace. May peace prevail.

Krishna



Club Meeting on 22 February 2026

The RCPC Club meeting held on 22nd February 2026 was a special one for two reasons.

1. It was a breakfast meeting – the first of its kind, held at Residency Club. Yes! The breakfast was sumptuous.
2. Rtn. PP Cmde Ajay Chitnis was the key speaker, and he delivered a brilliant talk on the topic “Indian Navy at 75”, offering insights into its legacy, achievements and strategic significance.



121 years of Rotary International



On 23rd February 2026, we join a global community of over 1.4 million members to celebrate the 121st Anniversary of Rotary International.

Founded on February 23, 1905, by Paul Harris, Rotary has grown from a single meeting in Chicago into a worldwide force for good.



Trip to Mahabaleshwar – Friday 27th Feb to Sunday 1st March



An exhilarating 2 nights – 3 days picnic at Mahabaleshwar saw members of RCMP having fun, games, music, trips around. The stay at the Tranquil Resort, was nothing short of magical relief from the daily humdrum of life.

Club meetings challenge

Conference Hall 1 at Poona Club will not be available for the next six months. We will have access only to Conference Hall 2, and that too subject to availability.

As Saturday evening venues are considerably expensive at other places, it will not be feasible for us to continue holding all meetings on Saturdays within our current budget.

President Lekha Nair said that we will need to adjust our meeting days and/or timings to ensure we can conduct meetings at a reasonable cost.

Rotaract Club at Symbiosis AI Institute, Lavale

A successful Orientation Program was conducted for the newly forming Rotaract Club at Symbiosis AI Institute, Lavale.

31 enthusiastic Rotaractors attended the session, and 15 more are likely to join.

The session was highly engaging, with valuable insights shared by our esteemed Rotary members thereby laid a strong foundation for the new club. Rtn. Vaishali Karwa spoke about Rotaract in general, its purpose, structure and the opportunities. Hon. Secretary Rtn. Krishna Kumar encouraged the Rotaractors to judiciously plan and execute meaningful service projects. President Rtn. Lekha Nair spoke about Rotary and elaborated on RCPC, explaining how it can support and strengthen the Rotaract Club in multiple ways. DRCC Rtn. Sanjay Karwa gave an in-depth overview of the Rotaract District, BOD structure and many more topics and the importance of the larger platform available to the members.



Visit from our Partner Rotary Club of Palo Alto

Members from our Partner Club, Rotary Club of Palo Alto, (Rtn Stans Kleijnen and Rtn Joop Verbaken) who are collaborating with us on the Global Grant Project Gift of Sight, visited H.V. Desai Eye Hospital on Saturday to see the project impact firsthand.

We were also delighted to have with us a visiting Rotarian from Norway, President Kjetil Tron of Rotary Club of Trondheim. Our sincere thanks to Rtn. Col. Julius Rocque for graciously hosting him during his stay.

A special appreciation to PP Rtn. Ravi Kapoor for organizing the visit to H.V. Desai Hospital and ensuring our guests had a meaningful and well-coordinated experience.



Cervical Cancer Mukh Abhiyan

Heariest Congratulations to Rtn Jignesh Patel and Jivika Foundation for launching the Cervical Cancer Mukh Abhiyan in Pune along with PMC. The Hon'ble Mayor inaugurated the event. Rotary is also one of the partners in this project.



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Inauguration of Projects of RY 2024-25 at Mulshi

Classrooms for 11th and 12th Jr College started in Senapati Bapat School donated by Rtn. Arun Jindal



2 Classrooms at Vinzaidevi School, Tamhini donated by Rtn. Yogesh Shah



Entrepreneurship program

Entrepreneurship program conducted for college students by Rtn Raman Nanda. Handbooks sponsored by RCPD distributed.



RCPC and NIIT Foundation

Rtn. Minal Kering visited the NIIT Foundation at their Bibewadi centre today.

Rtn. Narendra Sanghvi also joined in for a motivational interaction with the teachers.

- Minal conducted a 2.5 hours interactive session for the teachers today, on "Problem solving and decision making, for successful and impactful education, in a social service setup.
- Real life cases and on the ground, reality-based issues were discussed during the interaction, with fact based approaches and practical tips to help and empower students, for informed decision making.



Member achievements



Our member, Rtn Raman Nanda gave a talk to 15 women entrepreneurs in a program organised by the Rotary Club of Pune Pride



Our Rotarian Sunil Deshmukh's book 'Videshmukhi' featured in the Maharashtra Times!

Single use plastic-free Rahimatpur initiative

Contributed by Rtn. Surendra Shroff

Rahimatpur, Satara district of Maharashtra, is one of India's oldest municipal bodies. But it has undertaken one of the India's boldest movement 'Single Use plastic-free Rahimatpur'. It is not a slogan. It is the journey that on 15th January 2026.

On the request of Dr Rajendra Shende Ex UNEP Director this w/shop was arranged at Rahimatpur. Dr Shende was in Paris in UNEP as a director for 30 years. He is a recipient of Nobel Peace prize for his thesis on Stopping Ozone layer which was damaged due to Environment degradation.

He is from Rahimatpur and now has settled down at Bawdhan

District environment conference - 14th and 15th March 2026

RC Pune central is a co-host in this 2- day District Environment Conference to be held on 14th and 15th March at MIT -WPU Kothrud.

You all are requested to attend in large numbers. Renowned speakers will be talking on some very relevant environmental topics.

Registration Link: <https://eventglint.com/e/pune/circular-economy-872175>

Skill school at Saraswati Vidya Mandir, Kothrud



Contributed by Rtn. Narendra Sanghvi

Skill School in Saraswati Vidya Mandir, Kothrud. This initiative will be of joint activity of Rotary Club of Pune Central, School and Chaitanya Software Technologies. Formal opening will be announced shortly.

Project Setu – deaddiction program

Addicted people in adjoining villages of Triveni Ashram are being identified and start of programme for the deaddiction starts on 8Th March. If you are interested to join please contact Rtn. Jeevan Mahaldar or Rtn Aseem Srivatsav

THE ART OF LIVING
in collaboration with Rotary Club of Pune Central

PROJECT SETU

The Bridge to Freedom

Breaking the Cycle of Addiction
Addiction is more than an individual struggle; it impacts loved ones. The journey to recovery requires expert, holistic support.

OUR HOLISTIC RECOVERY PATH

- ✓ **The Preparation:** An initial, appropriate detoxification
- ✓ **Sudarshan Kriya®:** A world-renowned rhythmic breathing technique
- ✓ **Serene Setting:** A 2-week immersive wellness program

Take the First Step Today.
Block a slot for your loved one.

Give a missed call to : 94232 05228 | 98228 86686
From Addiction to a Substance-Free, Healthy Life

Khadakwasala School implementation on

Khudge Khadakwasala school implementation in full force.



Condolences



Gaurav Mohile, beloved son of our Rtn. Shirish and R'ann Gaury Mohile, passed away on 3rd March in Los Angeles due to cancer-related complications.

Sincere condolences to the Mohile family on this irreparable loss.



One of our ex-Rotarian's son, Harsh Nalin Shah passed away on 8th Feb 2026. Heartfelt condolences to the Shah family.

What to expect in the coming weeks

- **March 15** — Sunday Brunch Meeting. Guest Speaker – Rtn. Lal Goel, Charter President of Rotary Club of Organ Donation International, will talk on the Topic “Role of NGOs in Organ Donation”
- **March 21** — Eid a-Fitr Holiday.
- **March 29** — Sunday Brunch Meeting

Celebrations



Rtn / R'Ann

Rtn. Dr. Ramesh Sachdeva
Rtn. Sunil Shah
Rtn. Shashi Raj Talwar
R'Ann Manvir Mukhopadhyay
Rtn. Raman Nanda
R'Ann Radhika Shroff
Rtn. PP Raja Kharadkar

Birthday

March 08
March 09
March 09
March 13
March 15
March 19
March 21



Member and Spouse

Rtn. PP Rakesh and R'Ann Suchi Bhargava
Rtn. PP Polly and R'Ann Yasmin Patel
Rtn. Nandita and Mr. Neelimkumar Khaire
Rtn. Lalit and R'Ann Vidhu Vij
Rtn. Kanwal and R'Ann Urvashi Guliani

Wedding Anniversary

March 1
March 09
March 16
March 28
March 29