

## ROTARY CLUB OF PUNE CENTRAL

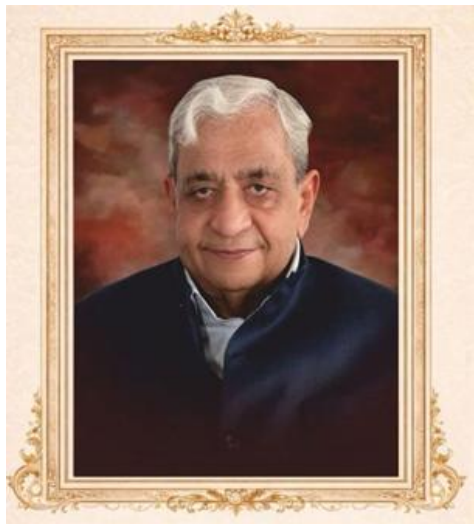
## CENTRAL TURF

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**In Loving Memory: Rtn. Nitin Bhai Desai**

It is with profound sadness and deep respect that the Rotary Club of Pune Central mourns the passing of our esteemed and beloved member, Rtn. Nitin Bhai Desai. His departure leaves a huge void in our club and in the community, he served with extraordinary compassion and dedication.

Rtn. Nitin Bhai was more than a Rotarian; he was a visionary humanitarian whose life reflected the true essence of Service Above Self. An inspirational leader and a generous philanthropist, he exemplified Rotary's highest ideals through his unwavering commitment to service and transformative impact.

As a distinguished member of the Arch Klumph Society (AKS) Level 3 - Foundation Circle, Rtn. Nitin Bhai's contributions to The Rotary Foundation were monumental, with a total giving of USD 14,10,571 (approx. ₹13 Cr) towards Annual Fund, Endowment, Global Grants (Cataract surgeries, Toilet Blocks and critical healthcare infrastructure). His philanthropic spirit elevated our club's global footprint and empowered countless lives through sustainable service.

Locally and nationally, his leadership as Chairman and Managing Director of Desai Brothers Ltd was transformative. Through his generous CSR support, he enabled large-scale eye care services for underserved populations. In 2023 he was awarded the prestigious Panyabhushan Award recognising his philanthropic work.

Within our club, Rtn. Nitin Bhai's influence was equally profound. He was a pillar of support for major RCPC initiatives that propelled the Club's standing globally.

Beyond numbers and awards, Rtn. Nitin Bhai's legacy is etched in the lives he touched; in restored sights and in the hearts of those he served with humility and grace.

Our deepest condolences go out to his family and friends. As we grieve his loss, we also celebrate a life that made the world undeniably better.

May his soul rest in eternal peace. Om Shanti.



Says Krishna.....

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The passing of Rtn Nitinbhai Desai marks the end of an era, filled with legacy building. His example of community services has few comparisons.

**Speaking of which**, community service naturally builds peace and resolves a lot of conflicts within society. February, being the month of peacebuilding and conflict prevention month, is so relevant in these days of unparalleled conflicts across the globe, in almost every continent. This is nothing short of a cold world war.

As Rotarians, we can contribute to the peacebuilding by engaging with our community and contributing effectively in alleviating their challenges.

**Be it water, education, or basic amenities.**

It is also relevant to mention here about the inauguration of the peace centre at Symbiosis International university, Lavale. We must do more. Let us think of creating peace circles across Pune. These peace circles will create a ripple effect and create concentric circles of wisdom. Wisdom lies in listening. Listening to the people in our community. And creating a chart of action. We as Rotarians can then engage with the authorities to inspire action.

Let us do our bit.

Krishna

*We refuse to accept conflict as a way of life*

**February is  
Peacebuilding and  
Conflict Prevention Month**

**Rotary's Four Roles in Promoting Peace**

**Rotary and its members are:**

- **Practitioners:** Our work fighting disease, providing clean water and sanitation, improving the health of mothers and children, supporting education, and growing local economies directly builds the optimal conditions for peaceful societies.
- **Educators:** Our Rotary Peace Centers have trained more than 1,700 peace fellows to become effective catalysts for peace through careers in government, education, and international organizations.
- **Mediators:** Our members have negotiated humanitarian ceasefires in areas of conflict to allow polio vaccinators to reach children who are at risk.
- **Advocates:** Our members have an integral role as respected, impartial participants during peace processes and in post-conflict reconstruction. We focus on creating communities and convening groups that are connected, inclusive, and resilient.

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## Eye Check up camp held on 13 February 2026



An eye checkup camp was held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026, at Lady Zubeida English Medium and Urdu medium schools, Ramtekdi, Hadapsar by Rtn Oni Kakajiwala and R'Ann Nafisa. A total of 399 students were checked out of which 88 were referred for further investigation and 15 were identified as needing glasses.



We commend both Rtn. Oni Kakajiwala and R'Ann Nafisa for their untiring and consistent community work by organising these eye checkup camps.

## Eye checkup camp for adults



An eye checkup Camp for adults was organised at Disha Institute by Rtn Oni and R'ann Nafisa Kakajiwala on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026. A total of 228 individuals were scanned out of which 80 patients were given ready readers on the spot and 61 were prescribed spectacles for refractive error.

# Peace centre at Symbiosis International University inaugurated

The 8th Rotary Peace Center in the World and 1st in India was inaugurated on 26th January 2026 at the Symbiosis International University, Lavale by RI President Rtn Francesco Arezzo.

A number of events were organised and following of our members attended some of them – Rtn PE Cmde Parvin Malhotra, Rtn PP Rakesh Bhargava, Rtn PP Ravi Kapoor, Rtn Sanjay Karwa & Rtn President Lekha Nair.



## RYLA at Mulshi

RYLA 25-26 was organised at Mulshi on 16th Jan 2026 for students of Class 9th and 10th. This event was fully sponsored by Rtn PP Madhubhau Rathi. New Gen Director Rtn Vaishali Karwa coordinated the event.

New gen Committee members Rtn Rajesh Yadav and R'ann Vidhya Kripashankar were also the guest speakers besides others.



RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) is an intensive, 3- to 10-day training program for young people ages 14-30 designed to develop leadership skills, communication, teamwork, and personal growth. Organized by local Rotary clubs and districts, it aims to foster service-oriented leadership through workshops, seminars, and camps.



## DPS plantation drive

The DPS students successfully conducted a plantation drive as part of their environmental initiative. The activity highlighted the importance of tree plantation and sustainability

Such efforts reflect environmental responsibility and positive youth leadership.



## Rotaract Club of Christ University, Lavasa wins all the way

We are proud to share that the Rotaract Club of Christ University, Lavasa was awarded the 'Most Disciplined Club' at Aurion – The 18th District Conference of Rotaract, held on 31st January and 1st February, under Rotaract District 3131. The award recognises the consistent participation, punctuality, and discipline demonstrated by our club members. The conference saw participation from 50 Rotaract clubs across different zones, with 250+ Rotaractors.

Heartiest congratulations to Palak Khandelwal on being crowned Ms. Aurion after excelling in three skill-testing rounds. A proud achievement for our club and its members!



# Centenary Celebration Of Anjuman's Peermohamed Campus

Contributed by: Rtn. Dr. Nasir Kazi

PP of RCPC & Seniorsmost member of Local Managing Committee (LMC) of Peermohamed Campus.

We, the members of Rotary Club of Pune Central are well aware of the activities of Anjuman's Peermohamed Campus at Bund Garden Road. Our club is closely associated with it for many years and is carrying out many New Generation and other projects.

Peermohamed Campus celebrated its Founders' Day on 31st January 2026 marking a very significant milestone of 100 years of dedicated service in the field of education and social welfare of girls.

Peermohamed Campus was founded in 1925 through the compassion and generosity of two brothers - Valimohmed and Dostmohmed Peermohamed. The VM & DM PM Muslim Girls Orphanage was established to take care and educate Muslim orphan girls. This institution has provided a safe and nurturing home, essential care and education for fostering holistic development of generations of girls coming from underprivileged strata of society.

Later, in 1960, its sole trusteeship was transferred to Anjuman-I-Islam of Mumbai. It is a very big educational organization having many institutions catering to various educational courses all over Maharashtra. The aim of both these campuses is - "बेटी बचाओ, बेटी पढ़ाओ और बेटी बसाओ".



MUSLIM GIRL'S ORPHANAGE

After taking over the reins of administration, Anjuman-I-Islam ushered in a phase of growth and development in the campus. It established Pre-Primary, Primary & High Schools in both Urdu and English mediums. A Junior College and a Polytechnic Institute with vocational courses for girls were started. These institutions are started for empowering future generations of girls through education and skills. There was construction of the Noorah-Al-Bassam Hall in 1988 with support from the Bassam family from Kuwait. Income generated from renting this hall has contributed significantly in supporting the activities of the Orphanage.

Mr. Haseeb Faquih, Executive Chairman of LMC, welcomed all invitees and presented short history of the campus & contributions of the generous donors in the phenomenal growth of the campus.

The Centenary Celebration event was marked by inauguration of the renovated hall by the Chief Guest, Mr. Iqbal Chaney who himself has donated fully a large amount for its renovation. He spoke from his heart about noble service of the campus and committed himself for more involvement with the campus in future.

This event was presided over by Dr. Zahir Kazi, President of Anjuman-I-Islam, Mumbai and the Padmashri Awardee.

In his informative speech, Dr. Zahir recounted the revolutionary changes made in the lives of students coming from all the deprived communities irrespective of their caste, creed & religion by the Pune Campus and the parent Mumbai campus.

Dr. Zahir gave innumerable examples of campus students achieving great success in their professional lives. These students are spread all over the world and they remember very well the great change in their lives brought by education imparted



Noorah-Al-Bassam Hall



presentation.

to them from these campuses. Groups of Alumni are formed in many countries, and they contribute with great generosity for furthering the life changing activities of students of these campuses.

During this event, talented students from the Campus presented a mesmerizing production titled "A Century of Care", depicting inception of Pune Campus starting with six orphan girls and its evolution to the present enormous number of thousands of girls in various fields of education. The audience was spellbound by the

This event was attended by many guests, overflowing the hall. They appreciated the excellent organization of this amazing event and departed wishing a great success in the humanitarian mission of the Peermohamed Campus.

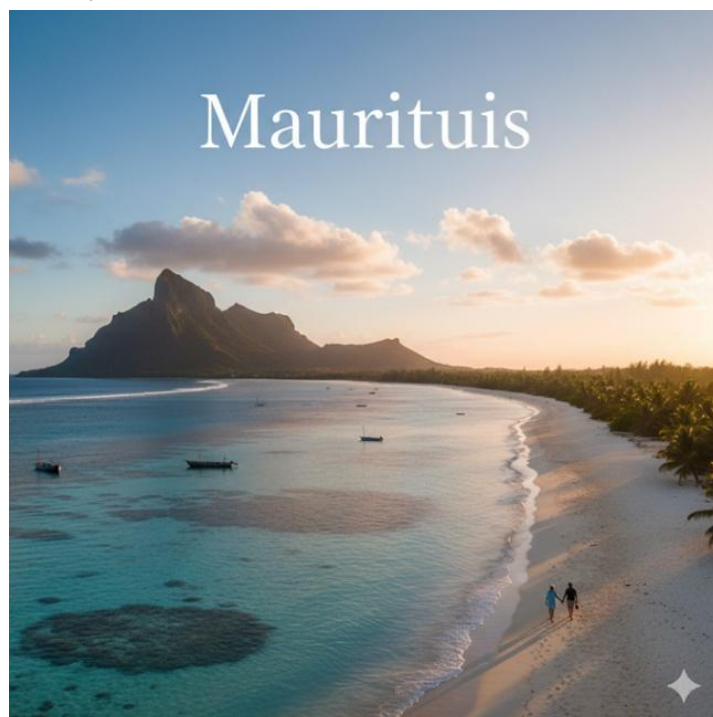
A large contingent of RCPC members led by President Lekha Nair was present on this occasion. It included Rtn PE Parvin Malhotra, Rtn PN Krishna Kumar & Aarati, Rtn PP Brig. Raja, Rtn PP Munir Chinoy, Rtn PP Sanjiv Kumar, Rtn Dr. Kishor & Dr. Deena Malpani, Rtn Pankaj Mehrotra, Rtn Nitin Rajore, Rtn Sanjay & Rtn. Vaishali Karwa, Rtn Julius Rocque, R'Ann Jasma Asher, Rtn Dr. Sheetal Todkar, Rtn Rajesh Yadav and Rtn PP Dr. Nasir Kazi & R'Ann Noorjahan Kazi. All these Rotarians appreciated greatly the program and left determined to get more involved with Peermohamed Campus with additional projects from our club for these students. It will definitely make great improvements in their lives fulfilling RI's motto of this year - "UNITE FOR GOOD".

## ***RCPC International trip to Mauritius***

The International Service Committee is organising a trip to Mauritius with a visit to the local Rotary Club of Flacq.

We have finalised the dates and already there are 8 confirmations. The organising team comprises of Rtn Delshad Karanjia, Rtn PP Ajay Chitnis & Rtn PP Rakesh Bhargava. Rtn Sneha Jain is putting the trip together.

Dates: - April 13th to 17th (4 nights 5 days).



# Rotary Guide to Communicating with Impact

Rotary District 9214

Building Trust · Inspiring Action · Strengthening Fellowship



## Why Communication Matters

Effective communication is the heartbeat of Rotary. It builds trust, drives participation, and amplifies our mission of Service Above Self.

## The Eight Pillars of Effective Communication

1. **Clarity** – Use simple, direct language.
2. **Consistency** – Align with Rotary branding and tone.
3. **Transparency** – Share successes and challenges openly.
4. **Empathy** – Speak to real experiences: joy, pride, hope.
5. **Engagement** – Encourage dialogue, not just announcements.
6. **Respect** – Honor diverse voices and perspectives.
7. **Timeliness** – Share updates early and often.
8. **Feedback** – Listen, respond, and adjust.

## Messaging That Resonates

- **Purpose** – What are we doing?
- **Emotion** – Why does it matter?
- **Empathy** – Show understanding of members' realities.
- **Specifics** – Where, when, how?
- **Invite** – Clear call to action.
- **Gratitude** – Appreciate contributions.



## Branding Toolkit: Your Communication Backbone

Rotary provides a Branding Toolkit in the Rotary Brand Center that ensures every message looks and feels authentically Rotary.

### What It Offers

- **Official Logos** – Club, district, and Rotary International logos in multiple formats.
- **Templates** – Flyers, brochures, social media posts, newsletters, and event signage.
- **Messaging Guide** – Language that reflects Rotary's values and voice.
- **People of Action Campaign** – Ready-to-use visuals and stories that highlight Rotary's impact.
- **Brand Guidelines** – Rules for logo placement, colors, fonts, and tone.
- **Customizable Tools** – Create personalized club logos, business cards, and promotional materials.

### Why It Matters

- **Professionalism** – Clubs present a polished, credible image.
- **Consistency** – Unified branding builds recognition and trust.
- **Efficiency** – Templates save time and reduce design errors.
- **Identity** – Reinforces Rotary's global reputation while allowing local flavor.

## Rotary Communication Tips

- Start with **Brand Center templates**, then adapt to local context.
- Always check **logo placement and photo accuracy** before publishing.
- Use **inclusive visuals**—representing women, youth, and persons with disabilities.
- Pair **professional design** with **warm messaging** to balance credibility and hospitality.
- Train leaders to model **branding discipline**—every flyer, speech, and post should reflect Rotary's identity.

## Final Thought

Communication is not just about words—it's about **identity, culture, and impact**. By combining the **Eight Pillars of Communication** with the **Rotary Branding Toolkit**, clubs can ensure every message builds trust, inspires action, and strengthens fellowship.

## What to expect in the coming weeks

- February 22 — To be announced
- February 27 to March 1 — Mahabaleshwar Picnic
- March 7 — Ladies Night
- March 15 — Holi Holiday

## Celebrations

### Rtn / R'Ann

Rtn. Pradeep Dharane  
Rtn. Charudatta Kulkarni  
R'Ann Smita Pingale  
Rtn. Ajit Kumar Singh  
R'Ann Komal Shah  
Rtn. Darshan Rathod  
Rtn. Kanwal Guliani  
R'Ann Renu Mahaldar  
Rtn. Jignesh Patel  
R'Ann Alka Srivastav  
Rtn. Pradeep Supnekar  
Rtn. Prakash Gugle  
Rtn. PP Dr. Nasir Kazi  
R'Ann Bharati Dumbre  
R'Ann Noorjahan Kazi  
Mr. Amit Khivansara  
Rtn. Sunil Asher  
Rtn. Dr. Kamalkishore Malpani  
Rtn. PP Munir Chinoy

### Birthday

February 01  
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February 26

### Member and Spouse

Rtn. Darshan and R'Ann Urmi Rathod  
Rtn. Pankaj and R'Ann Neelam Mehrotra  
Rtn. Dr. Gururaj and R'Ann Dr. Sadhana Lachyan  
Rtn. Akshay and R'Ann Uma Kejriwal  
Rtn. Dr. Ramesh and R'Ann Shubh Sachdeva  
Rtn. PP Ravi and R'Ann Jyoti Kapoor  
Rtn. Vineet and R'Ann Rohini Jain  
Rtn. Sunil and R'Ann Madhuri Deshmukh  
Rtn. PP Neeraj and R'Ann Seema Handa  
Rtn. Anubhav and R'Ann Jalpa Tewari  
Rtn. Dr. Kamalkishore and R'Ann Deena Malpani  
Rtn. Sagar and R'Ann Shilpa Khandelwal  
Rtn. Sunil and R'Ann Anagha Shah

### Wedding Anniversary

February 02  
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