

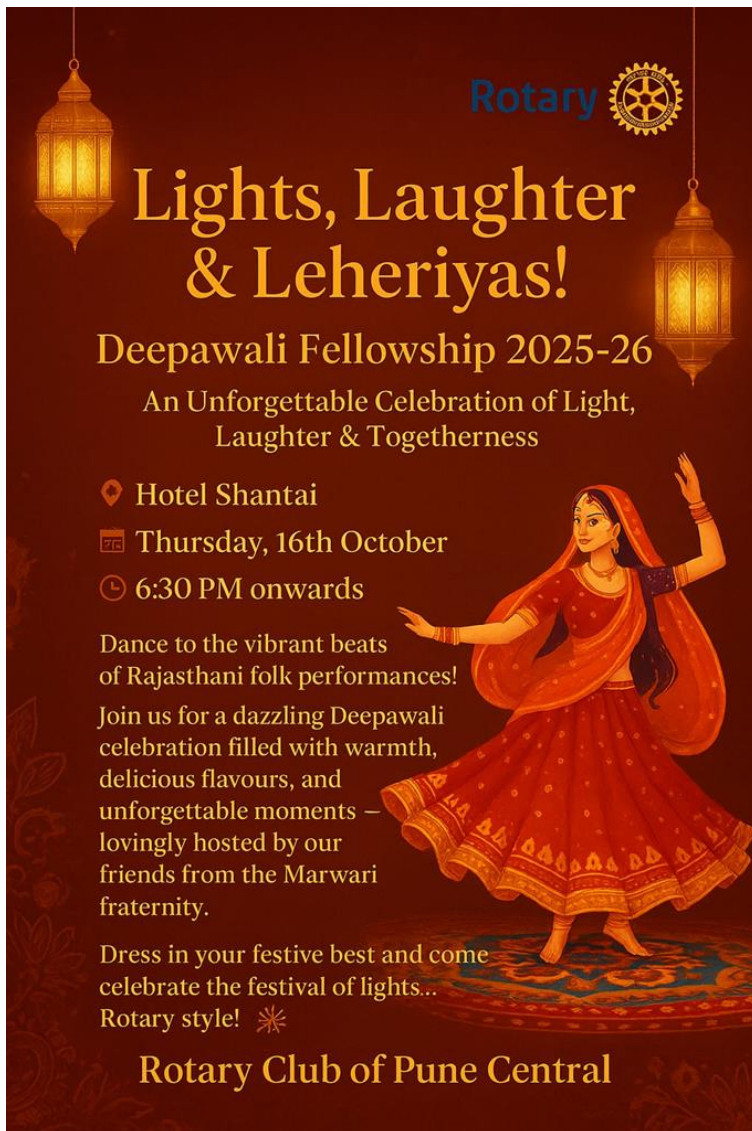
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Diwali Celebrations on Thursday 16th October at Hotel Shantai






Rotary 

Lights, Laughter & Leheriyas!

Deepawali Fellowship 2025-26

An Unforgettable Celebration of Light, Laughter & Togetherness

-  Hotel Shantai
-  Thursday, 16th October
-  6:30 PM onwards

Dance to the vibrant beats of Rajasthani folk performances!

Join us for a dazzling Deepawali celebration filled with warmth, delicious flavours, and unforgettable moments – lovingly hosted by our friends from the Marwari fraternity.

Dress in your festive best and come celebrate the festival of lights... Rotary style! ✨

Rotary Club of Pune Central

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THURSDAY, 16TH OCTOBER

Come join us for an evening sparkling with joy, friendship, music, and festive magic! Let us celebrate Deepawali in style. Filled with warmth, delicious flavours, and unforgettable moments. PP Rtn. Madhu Rathi brings you a feast featuring a spread of mouthwatering delicacies to make the night truly special.

The celebrations come alive with an exciting entertainment programme organised by Rtn. Vaishali Karwa & team, showcasing vibrant Rajasthani folk performances and the colourful spirit of the season!

COME WITH YOUR SPOUSE DRESSED IN THE

Speaking of which

Deepavali is here. Do you feel the same way as I do: ***the year just went by while we were busy jotting down things to do!***

Time is a healer. It is a stealer too. How many of us are daily victims of procrastination? We postpone the most important things. For tomorrow. Maybe another day even. Meeting people is one of those “things to do” that we leave it for another day. Somehow there are more people around us than there ever were. But seldom we meet known faces. They zip past in cars, maybe. Or they stay at home. The walk to the place of worship, or grocers, the favourite restaurant or even the bank, is now too much work. These now show up straight to our door. Blinkit. Amazon. Swiggy. Zomato. FB. IG. And more. I hear that even God gets delivered to our phones and TV in the form of live relays. Then who are the people on the road?

So the physical meeting of RCPC at the Poona Club comes as a breath of fresh air. Smiling faces,

encouraging claps, motivating voices.

Friends, keep showing up. Week after week. It is great to see you all. Bring in cheer and joy.

The Diwali celebration of RCPC at Shantai is surely going to be a memorable one. Join the forces. Force the joining.

Happy Deepavali everyone! Keep smiling.



Says Krishna.....

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Condolences

We regret the passing of 3 veterans of RCPC.

- Senior past **Rtn. Padmanabh Datar** passed away on 5th October after a brief illness at the age of 87.

He was a charter member of RCPC. His late wife Mangala Datar was inducted in RCPC as first lady Rotarian.

- Past member **Rtn. Naren Jain** passed away recently. He was a valued member of our club and contributed actively to its mission and activities.
- **Rtn. Anil Indulkar**, a past member of Rotary Club of Pune Central, passed away on 11th Oct. He was the father-in-law of Rtn. PP Rakesh Bhargava's son, Rishabh. Mr. Indulkar had recently developed an aggressive form of blood cancer and had been undergoing treatment in the USA since March.

Our condolences to all the families, near and dear ones.

@The Club Meeting on Sunday, 12th October 2025



On 12th October 2025 we experienced a spectacular storytelling session - "Lost & Found - The Heroine's Journey" rendered impeccably by TEDx Speaker and celebrated storyteller, Ms. Usha Venkatraman at Poona Club Conference Hall 2 followed by Mini Fellowship.



Vocational Services

Led by Rtn. Vaishali Karwa

In our efforts to have students to get exposure to Industry alongside their academia, Rtn Nitin Rajore has been gracious enough to support us by enabling a visit for 40 Mechanical engineering students from a couple of institutes to Krishanveer Forge Ltd.

We have been supported by the Rotaract Council through Rtn Sanjay Karwa

Installation Ceremony of Interact Club of Cancer Bulletin Board

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Installation ceremony of new Community based Interact Club

The installation of the Interact club was done on 11th October 2025. The Interact Club members strive to ignite hope, raise awareness, and act against cancer. Through their efforts they share vital information, promote early screenings, and encourage open conversations to reduce stigma. Together they are building a world where cancer no longer feels insurmountable, one step at a time.

Members who attended the installation ceremony:

Pres. Rtn. Lekha Nair, Rtn. PP Ravi Kapoor,
Rtn. Vaishali Karwa and R'Ann Salma Gauri

Medical Project Update

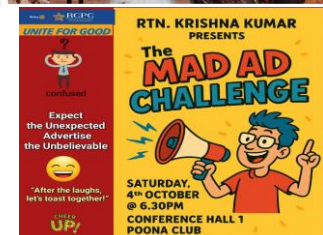


The RCPC Medical committee made a visit today to the KEM hospital to start work on the implementation of a Milk Expression Room in the Neonatal ICU.

The project is through CSR funding of Rs 11 lakhs from FIBE of Rtn. Ashish Goyal.

The meeting was attended by - Medical Director – Rtn. Vidya Saraf, CSR Director – Rtn. PP Ravi Kapoor; Medical Committee members - Rtn. PP Dr. Anand Bhatia and Rtn. PP Dr. Aruna Umranikar.

Mad Ad Challenge – fun meeting on 4th October 2025



A fun-filled evening marked the RCPC meeting on 4th October 2025 at the Poona Club. Rtn. Krishna Kumar engaged the members in a Mad Ad Challenge, where the teams were given products and were asked to present a brand launch ad for the product the only condition being it should be hilarious. And the Rotarians rose up to the challenge brilliantly.

Eye check-up – follow up



The community eye care effort of RCPC continues unabated. During the follow up visit to Manovikas School, Ghorpadi gaon, 13 children were checked out of which 9 need glasses.

Yerwada Prison Project - A Jt Initiative



Rotary Club of Pune Central (RCPC) and Inner Wheel Club came together to support the female inmates of Yerwada Prison by donating water bottles, wall clocks, and cleaning aids. (This was a need projected by the inmates themselves)

The project was executed in collaboration with the India Vision Foundation, an organization dedicated to prison welfare and rehabilitation.

Present during the handover were Rtn. Madhvi Kshetry, who contributed towards the donated items on behalf of RCPC, President Lekha Nair and from the Inner Wheel Club of Pune Central, President Nusrat Sharif and R'Ann Deepa Dharane.

Interact News – MYNAH 2025



The

Interact District Assembly of RI District 3131 for Zone IV – MYNAH, a grand synergy event co-hosted by the Rotary Club of Poona, Rotary Club of Pune Central, and Rotary Club of Poona Downtown, was successfully held on Sunday, September 29, 2025, at The Rosary School & Jr. College from 9 am to 1 pm, despite incessant rain.

At the hands of DG Santosh Marathe, felicitations and awards were presented to the best Interact Clubs in Zone IV. A proud moment for our Club and schools, as our two Interact Clubs received consolation trophies:

- Anjuman Islam Peer Mohammed English Medium School
- Anjuman Islam Peer Mohammed Urdu Medium School

The event was graced by esteemed dignitaries: Chief Guest District Governor Rtn. Santosh Marathe, PDG Vivek, AG Zimra Israel, Guest of Honour & District Director for Youth Service Rtn. Tina Rattrra, President Rohit Mittra, President Lekha Nair, President Aditi Bhende, and PAG Rtn. Sanjay Kher.

The Assembly featured two enriching sessions: Cyber Safety by Adv. Vaishali Bhagwat
Storytelling & Inspiration by Mr. Arvind Mittal, master storyteller and ex-Rotarian from Hyderabad.

A special highlight was a musical presentation by challenged Interactors from Jagruti School, Alandi, on the theme “Traffic in Pune”, which left the audience deeply moved and appreciative.

Members attending from RCPC: President Rtn. Lekha Nair,

Rtn. Vaishali Karwa, R'Ann Vidhya Kripashankar
New Interact Club: Dasve Public School Lavasa, Jagruti School for Blind Girls; Anjuman Islam English and Urdu Medium Schools.

Visit to H V Desai Hospital

A visit to H. V. Desai Hospital was done on 11th October 2025, where our Global Grant Project (GG2574823 – Cataract Surgeries and Medical Equipment) is being implemented.

Under this project, 600 cataract surgeries will be completed in the coming days. A presentation was done by the CMD Dr. Rahul Deshpande and his team, and was attended by RCPC President Rtn Lekha Nair, Rtn. PP Ravi Kapoor, Rtn. Krishna Kumar, Rtn. Vidya Saraf and R'Ann Archana Biyani



Upcycling session and Workshop



Our club successfully hosted the Upcycling Session & Workshop, conducted by Rtn. Rajendra Kumar Saraf, District Environment Director (Environmental Engineer). The session was well received by students, faculty, and Rotarians alike.



Let us continue to encourage such initiatives that inspire young minds to adopt eco-friendly practices and contribute towards a greener future.



The students actively participated in the workshop and came up with several innovative products using upcycled materials.

Their creativity and enthusiasm added great value to the session and truly highlighted the importance of sustainable practice

Members attending the workshop

Rtn Rajendra Kumar Saraf, President Rtn Lekha Nair,

Rtn. PP Dr Anand Bhatia, Dr Mehta, R'Ann Kalpana Merchant, R'Ann Jyotsna Saraf & Rtn. Vaishali Karwa

Coastal & Riverbanks Cleanup Valedictory function held on 20 Sep 25



As Rtn. PE Comm Parvin Malhotra describes it: *Clean oceans and rivers are a requirement because they are the lifelines of our planet. They provide us with drinking water, food, and livelihoods, while also regulating climate and supporting countless species. Polluted waters harm marine and human life, spread diseases, and destroy ecosystems that take centuries to build. Healthy rivers and oceans ensure safe water for communities, sustain fisheries, boost tourism, and help maintain the balance of nature. Simply put, without clean oceans and rivers, both people and the planet*

cannot survive or thrive. "Clean oceans and rivers are not a luxury, they are a necessity"

The event was well covered in several newspapers.



Krishna Kumar's tête-à-tête with Rotary Anns – Episode I

It is time to have a conversation with R'Anns. Here is the first episode of the same. We hopefully get to know the hidden stars of RCPC.

Meet R'Ann Indu Tyagi Ketan



Q. You are an accomplished expert in strategy and marketing with a trailblazing career, topped with multi-functional skills. Tell us more about it.

I did my master's in biomedical engineering & then started a business consulting journey in healthcare sector. My career has been an evolving journey through the intersections of strategy, advisory, and consumer insights. I've had the privilege of working with diverse industries and markets — each experience refining my understanding of what drives brands, businesses, and people. Solving complex business issues, Over the years, I've also built a multi-functional skill set that extends beyond marketing into business transformation, leadership communication, and innovation management. What truly drives me is connecting insights to impact — transforming data into direction and ideas into tangible growth stories. My entrepreneurial journey has evolved me to see the world from a very different lens; it also made me evolve as a human.

Q. Your domain expertise is Market research. How do you see the relevance of research vis-à-vis growth and economic development of India?

Market research is the heartbeat of informed decision-making. In India, where the economy is young, dynamic, and diverse, research is not a luxury — it's a necessity. It bridges the gap between perception and reality, helping businesses, policymakers, and innovators understand what India really wants. With the nation's rapid digitalization and evolving consumer base, research enables smarter investments, better products, and more inclusive policies. In essence, research doesn't just measure growth — it drives it. We have also observed that the buying behaviour & requirements of Indian companies are changing & evolving. Buying has increased so is the importance towards advisory & data driven conclusions.

Q. AI now is a cheap alternative for many, and research has become much more accessible to the everyone. How do you see the advent and the future of AI?

AI has democratized access to information, enabling anyone with curiosity to explore data-driven insights. However, while AI can process, summarize, and predict, it still lacks human context right now — the essence of great research. The future lies in collaboration between human intelligence and artificial intelligence — where AI handles speed and scale, and humans provide logic & human curation. I see AI not as a threat but as a powerful partner in evolving the research landscape.

Q. You have acquired major qualifications from reputed overseas universities. Keeping in mind the huge noise about Indian immigrants in most western countries, and the measures taken by countries in the West to reduce Indian talent inflow, what do you think is the future looking like?

The narrative is definitely evolving. While certain policies may appear restrictive, the world still values competence and innovation. Indian professionals have consistently proven themselves in leadership, entrepreneurship, and academia. I see the future as more balanced — with India emerging as both a talent hub and a global opportunity centre. Increasingly, professionals are returning to contribute to India's growth story. The shift will be from "brain drain" to "brain circulation," where knowledge and expertise flow

in both directions. At the end if talent remains here it will support growth of our R&D & technology ideations. The world moves in circular formats today there is restriction 5 years down the line there will be massive changes again, both in outflow from India as well as inflow from outside world in India considering the growth rate.

Q. Are we as India well equipped and ready to take on and match western education like LSE, or Harvard, etc? What is preventing us from going that direction?

India is rich in intellect, innovation, and intent — what we need more of is ecosystem alignment. Western universities excel because they integrate research, industry, and pedagogy seamlessly. India's education system is evolving in that direction, but the gap lies in academic freedom, interdisciplinary thinking, and mentorship culture. If we nurture curiosity over conformity, we can not only match but redefine global education standards. Also, the government intervention, funding is always required, if we compare Indian R&D investment on education is lowest.

Q. What are your views about Rotary and the work it does? How do you fit in?

Rotary has always inspired me for its spirit of service beyond self. It's one of the few platforms that truly blends professional excellence with humanitarian purpose. For me, Rotary represents community leadership in action — where empathy, collaboration, and integrity converge. I see myself fitting in naturally because those values resonate deeply with my own principles — to create impact not just in boardrooms but in communities. I have started to understand how the projects are operated & also discovered few areas of my interest to support & connect with community, I like doing work in education, health & human evolution.

Q. What would Indu be doing if not Market Research?

If not market research, then nothing but spiritual education, Yogic wisdom & Prana. Exploring & narrating the deeper levels of spirituality in terms of ancient Vedantic philosophy like Upanishads & the core meaning of it, why we exist & what for, from the perspective of Dharma. why life even exists. Enhancing the health of human mind body & soul. I even run a small initiative called Ashtaang support in their meditation & education journey in spirituality.

Meet R'Ann Veena Deepak Bharadia

Q. You were a homemaker and now turning into an entrepreneur. Tell us more about it and your business venture.

- For years, my focus has been on creating a beautiful and functional home for my family. This business is a natural extension of that passion. My husband Deepak has always encouraged me for learning more. This new business is a huge step for me. It's not just about selling things; it's about building something of my own, something I can be proud of. My venture is an extension of Meine Bharat, where X'ntials is the cherry on top for the company. I'm excited to bring my curated selection of premium artifacts, decor, kitchen & wad rope accessories to others who appreciate quality and design.

Q. You are into AOL. Tell us how that has changed or influenced your life.

Deepak has been an Art of Living devotee for 14 years and consistently follows them. One day he took me to Delhi for World Cultural Festival which is a huge event of people gathering throughout the world, WCF was celebrated for Art of Living's 35th anniversary and held thousands of artists on 7- acre stage, one of the world's largest to host 36,000 musicians and dancers. I was shocked when I realised that there's some



miracle in Gurudev's presence where people are bound to come all over the world to celebrate the diversity and unity for "One- world family". Deepak explained and guided me into it and I started understanding why this is really important and helpful for me. I did my Happiness Program, where i learnt Sudarshan kriya, meditation and breathing techniques and it made me realise that this helps in Personal growth, Life-work balance and many more benefits. This got me influenced by Art of Living.

Q. Tell us more about your earlier life in Karnataka and what Pune means to you.

I was born and brought up in Raichur, Karnataka a very small place. I had a very big joint family of 30 members living under the same roof with lots of love and respect, where my father owns his own Cotton business. My life there was very simple. I was socially & spiritually active and I had that freedom to live my life to the fullest. I completed my degree as B.com and was engaged soon. After marrying Deepak and knowing that he was a hardworking person and not having a stable life like mine because, even he belonged to a small place Gulbarga, Karnataka and has travelled a lot because of my father-in-law's job. They finally got settled down in Pune after so many ups and downs. Pune felt so different because of its culture and surroundings. It was a total 180-degree flip to my life where i was not used to this culture. It means a lot to me because this city life is really different place, I have gone through many adjustments to fit in this lifestyle and now I am glad and thankful that today I am at the position of being an Independent woman.

Q. What does Rotary mean to you, and do you see yourself becoming a member of Rotary to be able to serve the community better?

For a long time, my identity was tied to my family and home. Being a part of Rotary has given me a new purpose outside of that. It's a place where I can contribute my ideas, and where I've found a new sense of self. It's truly empowering to know that the work we do together is changing lives, and that's a legacy I'm proud to be a part of because it teaches Community Engagement, Personal Growth & Service Opportunities. To me, Rotary is about service above self. I would love to be a member here in the Rotary club in the future.

Q. Your children are on their way to becoming independent individuals and sooner or later, you will find the need to explore yourself as an individual. What does the future Veena Bharadia look like?

-Being a mother of two kids who are slowly growing into individuals where I no longer need to keep an eye on them is making me free from where I was not able to full fill my dreams and wishes. Talking about my future self I truly want to live my life to the fullest and want to follow all my dreams. Living with AND Life with all 7 aspects of life will be most important to me in the future.

What to expect in the coming Weeks

- **October 18**— No Meeting – Diwali Holiday
- **October 25** — Tree Plantation – Visit to Perne Hill Site
- **November 1** — Gazal Program
- **November 8** — Club Assembly – Sunday Brunch Meeting
- **November 15** — Nominating Committee Election
- **November 22** — Maharashtra Fellowship
- **November 29** — Committee meeting



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 R'Ann Kamini Sanghvi
 R'Ann Nargis Chaney
 R'Ann Kalpana Merchant

Birthday

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Member and Spouse

Rtn. Juhi and Mr. Pankaj Mathur
 Rtn. Shirish and R'Ann Gaury Mohile
 Rtn. PP Dr. Nasir and R'Ann Noorjahan Kazi

Wedding Anniversary

October 6
 October 21
 October 25

