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TODAY 22nd November 2025



Rotary 
Club of Pune Central
presents

MAHARASHTRIAN FELLOWSHIP

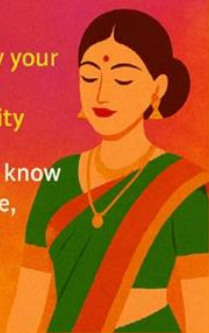
Enjoy a fun filled evening with music,
dance and the Maharashtrian veg & non
veg cuisine.

Saturday, 22nd November @ 6.30 PM

POONA GOLF COURSE TERRACE, YERWADA

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Drinks are sponsored by your
own Rotarians from
Maharashtrian fraternity

Do not miss an event to know
Maharashtrian culture,
tradition and cuisine



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*“Rotarians are very
much more
favorably disposed
toward action than
they are toward
words.”*

~Paul P. Harris

Rotary Club of Chicago
November 1912



Speaking of which

It is the month of giving. Speaking of which....

Give. So that you shall receive. Give your time. Your enthusiasm. Your presence. Your money. To those who need it most. Have you ever considered how much time we spend in front of the TV, or the mobile phone? It is unbelievable how we are frying our brains ourselves.

I am haunted by the misinterpretation of one of the greatest poems ever written. Here it goes.

Leisure by William Henry Davies:

What is this life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.

No time to stand beneath the boughs
And stare as long as sheep or cows.

No time to see, when woods we pass,
Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass.

No time to see, in broad daylight,
Streams full of stars, like skies at night.

No time to turn at Beauty's glance,
And watch her feet, how they can dance.

No time to wait till her mouth can
Enrich that smile her eyes began.

A poor life this if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.



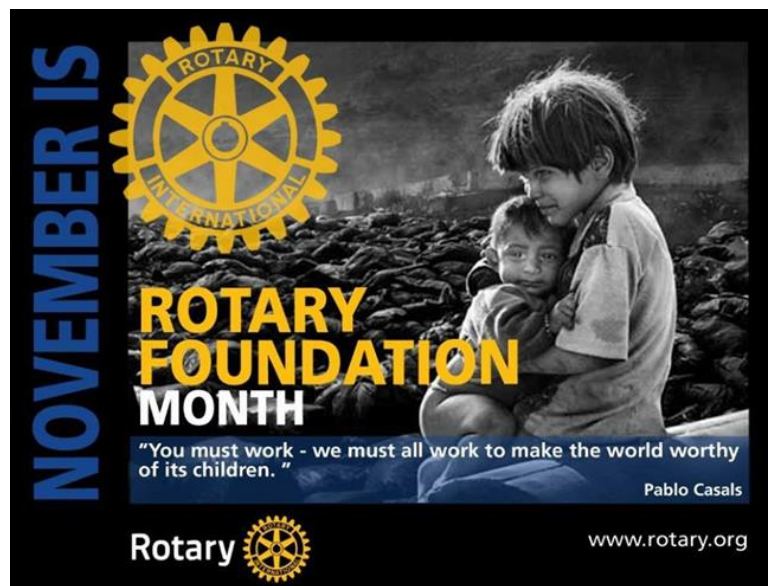
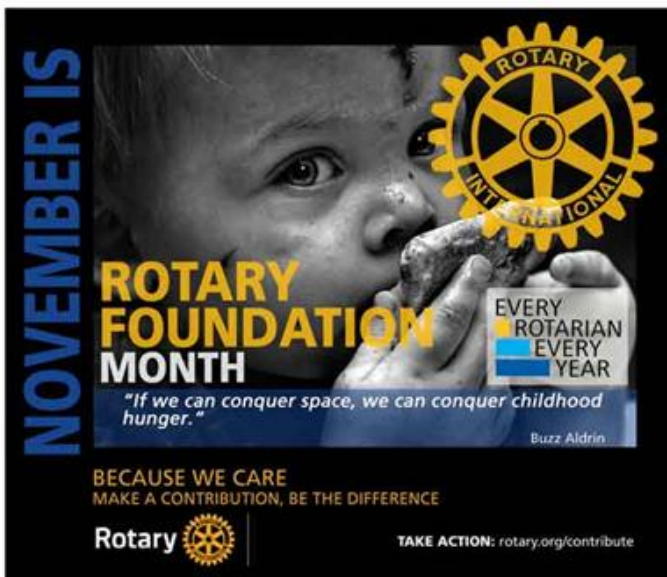
What Poet William Davies says is true, for sure. We are so much taken by the business of our daily life, that we rarely find time to relax, enjoy nature and be one with it. That is for sure.

But amidst this din and confusion, and the desire to chill, we must somehow be able to include giving as part of it. Rotarians are special people. We find time for others. For the community that is deprived of the basics to exist. And that is where the balancing of our lives comes in.

Keep giving, fellow Rotarians, for in giving you shall receive the blessings that you so desire and cherish.

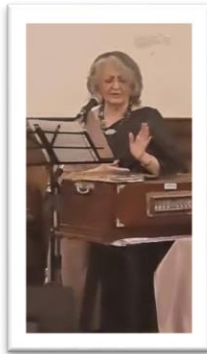
Says Krishna.....

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@ the club meeting on 1st November 2025

Ghazal exponent, Ms. Rochana Dahanukar presented a memorable performance on the occasion Rtn PP Dr Anand Bhatia's 85th birthday celebrations.



*Rotary changes us
and those we serve.
I believe we can change the
world one life at a time.*

Paul Harris



@ the club meeting on 9th November 2025

Join us for

Club Assembly

Rotary Club of Pune Central
Rotary Year 2025-26

Let's connect, review our journey so far, and shape the exciting months ahead together!

Followed by Mini fellowship




Sunday, 9th November | 11:00 a.m.
Poona Club, Conference Hall 1

The Board of Directors presented their project updates to the Assembly on 9th November 2025, in the instalment 1 followed by a mini fellowship.

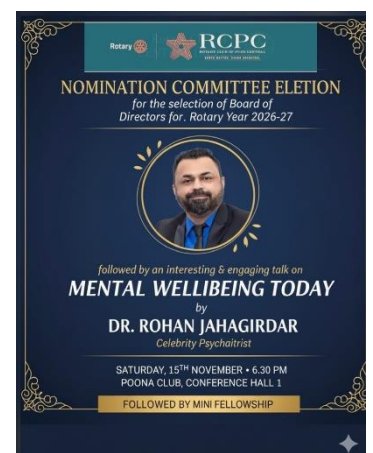


It was an impressive beginning by the various functional Directors and their teams. It is our duty, as members, to lend a hand. Hand out a connection. Connect the dots with corporate leaders. Lead the initiatives through spirit, time, networks and money.

@ the club meeting on 15th November 2025

On 15th November 2025, the Nomination Committee team members were announced, who have been tasked with the election of the Board of Directors for the Rotarian Year 2026-27.

At the meeting Dr. Rohan Jahagirdar gave an insightful talk on "Mental Wellbeing Today", which was well received by the members.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE ELECTION
for the selection of Board of Directors for Rotary Year 2026-27

followed by an interesting & engaging talk on
MENTAL WELLBEING TODAY
by
DR. ROHAN JAHAGIRDAR
Celebrity Psychiatrist

SATURDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER • 6:30 PM
POONA CLUB, CONFERENCE HALL 1
FOLLOWED BY MINI FELLOWSHIP

Interactors of Interact club of Dasve Public School

Rtn Vaishali Karwa says: Proud of our Interactors of Interact Club of Dasve Public School for creatively reusing plastic bottles into beautiful planters... truly living the spirit of the Four R's! This initiative reflects innovation, responsibility and a genuine commitment to the environment.



Rtn. Deepak Bharadia's mission continues



Enroute his my Mission Bharat Expedition, Rtn Deepak Bharadia was invited for a Speaking engagement at Rotary Club of Jalgaon Gold City (Club ID : 52843 | Dist ID : 3030) where he also exchanged the RCPC Club Flag.

Medical Project update

On 4th and 5th November 2025, a 2-day Eye Check Camp was organised at Moledina High School by Rtn Oni and R'Ann Nafisa Kakajiwala. This was a joint Camp by RCPC and Inner Wheel Club. Medical Director, Rtn Vidya Saraf visited the Camp.

Total checked: 506 students + 18 staff
Normal: 425
Glasses required: 81
Referred for further examination: 27
Reading glasses dispensed: 5



Eye check-up – follow up

The Interact Club of Jagriti School for Blind Girls, Alandi, which planned a Kerala trip for some of their students, their very first experience of this kind. The initiative truly reflects the spirit of inclusion and empowerment that Rotary stands for. The Twinning Programme 2025 video beautifully captures the essence of collaboration, cultural exchange and youth engagement.



The visit included joint service projects leadership workshops and interactive sessions that strengthened bonds between partner clubs and youth participants.

We are proud that our Rotary Club members also contributed actively to this visit, ensuring its success through their support and involvement. Together we continue to live the Rotary ideal of Service Above Self and inspire our youth towards meaningful action and global fellowship.

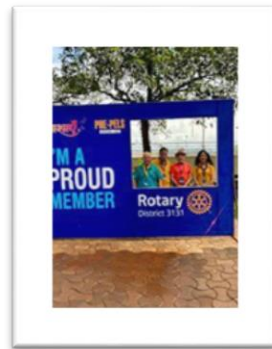
Soliderathon by the Merchants



On 9th November 2025 morning R' Ann Kalpana Merchant and Rtn. PP Suhas Merchant participated in CME SOLDIERATHON (5K category). It was a very well organised event & they had a great time in the very beautiful CME campus.

President Elect 2 days Learning Seminar at Khandala

A very informative, inspiring and motivational PRE-PELS was conducted in Khandala. Rtn. PE Comm Parvin Malhotra attended the event.



The Shroffs – RCPCians with a true Rotarian Spirit

We are proud to share that Rtn. Surendra and R'Ann Radhika Shroff have become Major Donor Level 1 to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) by contributing USD 8871 ~ Rs 789519! (Total Contribution to TRF to be Major Donor is \$10000).

Though he hasn't been keeping well, Rtn Surendra Shroff still came personally to our Club Assembly to hand over the cheque. We appreciate his wonderful gesture that truly reflects his deep commitment and love for Rotary. We wish him good health and express our heartfelt gratitude for his generosity and inspiration to us all.



Earth Ambassadors

The Interact Club of Dasve Public School Lavasa organised the Earth Ambassadors Event on 14th November, where students actively participated by setting up and managing food stalls as part of their learning experience. This wonderful initiative encourages teamwork, responsibility, and environmental awareness among our young learners.

Appreciations to the Principal and staff for their commendable efforts in guiding the students.



RCPC Picnic – 27th February 2026 – 1st March 2026 @ Mahabaleshwar

Tranquil Resort & Spa Mahabaleshwar

20 Well Appointed Rooms

Resort with facilities such as Swimming Pool, Spa and Open Lawn

Check in - Friday, 27th February
Check Out - Sunday, 1st March

ENTIRE RESORT OF 20 ROOMS TO BE BOOKED EXCLUSIVELY BY RCPC

TARIFF IS FOR TWO NIGHTS ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY INCLUSIVE OF BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER & EVENING HIGH TEA

RCPC PICNIC- RY 2025-26

12 Nos - Deluxe Room/ Vintage Cottage
Rs.26000/- Per Room on Double Occupancy

6 Nos - Premium/ Superior Room
Rs.27000/- Per Room on Double Occupancy

2 Nos - Tranquility Suite Room
Rs.28000/- Per Room on Double Occupancy

Alcohol, Soft drinks, Room Service & Use of Spa is excluded

Rooms will be allotted on First come first basis

REQUEST CONFIRMATION BY 15TH NOVEMBER

RCPC is organising a picnic to Tranquil Resort & Spa, Mahabaleshwar from Friday, 27th February 2026 to Sunday, 1st March 2026. Contact Rtn. PP Uday Dharmadhikari for further information. Don't miss this opportunity for bonding with our RCPCians.

Interactors from Dasve Public School



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Appeal for Donation – The Rotary Foundation –

Rtn. President Lekha Nair's note to all for an act of generosity:

For over 100 years, The Rotary Foundation has been turning generosity into action—investing over \$4 billion (₹35,400 crores) in life-changing, sustainable projects across the globe. The Foundation supports Rotary members in promoting health, education, peace, clean water, environmental protection, and efforts to reduce poverty in communities both local and global.

Your Support Can Make a Real Difference

Just \$0.60 (₹53) can protect a child from polio

\$50 (₹4,425) can provide clean drinking water and help prevent disease

\$500 (₹44,250) can support school programs that teach kindness, respect, and help create a safe and friendly learning environment for children

These contributions go directly to projects that change lives every day.

How to Donate via Rotary.org?

To support our club directly through The Rotary Foundation, please follow these simple steps:

Visit www.rotary.org. Click on "Donate". Select "Annual Fund – Share".

Choose your Country. Click "Continue as Guest". Enter our Club Number: 21813 (Rotary Club of Pune Central, India). Complete the form and make your donation.

Your contribution matters. Donate today and help us build healthier, safer, and stronger communities—locally and around the world.

The fragrance always remains in the hand that gives the flower.

– Ancient Indian Proverb



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

We continue our conversation with Rotary Anns. This time, I present you R'Ann Dipti Chitnis, a picture of elegance, poise and quiet demeanour. Read on.

Meet R'Ann Dipti Chitnis



Padmashri P B Chitnis, your late father, was one of the rare talents of India. Tell us about him, his contributions to India, and how it was to be raised in the family.

If you had asked my father this question, he would have said that he was simply a Govt Employee doing his job diligently, nothing special. He was a very private person, whose natural artistic skills had been honed at the JJ School of Art, Mumbai. He encouraged my brother and me to read a lot and bought a lot of books - all kinds, autobiographies to fiction, and history to romance. He played a big role in rounding off my personality and made me a voracious reader. Growing up in a home like this, we thought success was a part of his hard work, and, though we were very proud of him, it was limited to the four walls of the house.

You donated his Padmashri recently for the heritage preservation in Nashik recently.

How did it feel to do so? The Padmashri Medal was at my brother's house in Nairobi. After he passed away in 2023, I requested my sister-in-law to give it to me, which she did, in late 2024. I felt that rather than keeping it in the locker, it should be preserved for posterity. I had the good fortune to visit the India Security Press (ISP), at Nashik in February 2024, and saw that the Chief General Manager's Office had several historical photos and mementos. That's when the idea germinated in my mind, that my father's contribution to the ISP could be well documented if the Padmashri Medal and the citation could be placed in the office. I proposed this to the CGM, and he readily agreed. I got the medal, the parchment and the photograph of him receiving it from the President enclosed in a glass case and presented it to the CGM in December 2024, in the presence of senior officials of the press and representatives of the workers. It was widely reported in the local media. I felt that the medal had found its appropriate place in history, and would remain in my father's karmabhumi, as an inspiration to future generations of employees of the ISP. It gave a tremendous sense of satisfaction, as I felt that I had done the right thing.

Tell us about your academic background, growing up in a quiet city of Nashik and then Pune.

I studied in St Philomena's Convent, a small and beautiful school, cosmopolitan and multi -religious in character, which inculcated a deep respect for all religions in me. After that I did my graduation in English Literature, at the Nasik Road College, followed by a PG Diploma in Mass Communication from Sophie Polytechnic, Mumbai.

Your husband, Cmde Ajay Chitnis is himself an achiever, with gallantry awards. His father was also the recipient of recognitions. With all the celebrity achievers in the family, how did it influence the members of the family?



Left to Right:

Rtn Cmde PP Ajay Chitnis' father on the left with President V V Giri.

Rtn Cmde PP Ajay Chitnis' with President Gyani Zail Singh.

Padmashri P B Chitnis (Dipti's fathers) with President V V Giri

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Both my daughters are achievers in their own field, and sincere hard work is what matters to both. Though they remember both their grandfathers, what they remember more, is the fact that they had to change schools often, in fact they studied in 9 different schools. This rounded off their personality.

Tell us about your involvement in Rotary, especially RCPC and what does it mean to you?

Rotary has opened so many doors to me. I have seen people's lives very closely, that I could not even imagine in my wildest dreams. A small gesture on our part can make a big difference in someone's life. The joy in their demeanour and the smile on their lips, in our presence, is the greatest satisfaction that I derived from Rotary. I am eternally thankful to RCPC for giving my husband a shot at the presidency, which brought me closer to people from different walks of life.

Your hobbies?

Sports, music and nature are my passion. Traveling was the fulfilling part of my life within India and outside to great destinations around the world. I have been a voracious reader right from an early age. I took great interest in non-fiction, such as history, geography, philosophy, war etc.

How was moving around the country to various postings during your husband's Naval tenure

Moving around the country was another major highlight of my life. Living in Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Delhi, Vizag, and various other places was a great opportunity to meet so many people who became friends forever. Our country is a vast spread of treasure, culture and variety.

**Sometimes you think you know someone,
but maybe it's impossible to really know
everything about a person, even someone
you love. Maybe good people – the very best
people – are just better at keeping secrets.**

Julianne MacLean

What to expect in the coming weeks

- **November 29** — Committee meeting Day
- **December 6** — To be announced
- **December 14** — Sunday Brunch Meeting
- **December 20** — Annual General Meeting

Celebrations



Rtn. IPP Brig. PK Muralidharan Raja	November 9
R'Ann Sweety Kalra	November 10
Rtn. Dr. Ashok Bhave	November 11
Rtn. PP Dr. Ramesh Dumbre	November 11
Rtn. Arun Jindal	November 11
R'Ann Beena Shroff	November 11
R'Ann Madhuri Narvekar	November 17
Rtn. Aruna Rathi	November 18
Rtn. Yogesh Shah	November 18
Rtn. Anil Bora	November 19
R'Ann Anagha Shah	November 19
Rtn. Sanjay Karwa	November 22
Rtn. Parvin Malhotra	November 24
Rtn. PP Vijai Sarkar	November 25
Rtn. Dr. Saroj Bande	November 26
Rtn. Lalit Vij	November 26
R'Ann Nafisa Kakaiwala	November 30



Rtn. Nitin and R'Ann Sonia Rajore	November 24
Rtn. Dr. Ashok and R'Ann Dr. Sheila Bhave	November 26
Rtn. Narendra and R'Ann Kamini Sanghvi	November 27
Rtn. Girdharilal and R'Ann Usha Sakhrani	November 30
Rtn. Rahul and R'Ann Darshana Katariya	November 30