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SPECIAL ISSUE ON RCPC NON-MEDICAL PROJECTS



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**Community economic
development**

A note from Rtn. Jeevan Mahaldar: Director – Non-Medical Services



Dear Fellow Rotarians & Rotary Anns,

This special issue of Central Turf, the RCPC Bulletin, is dedicated to Non-Medical Projects that we are working on. As Director of Non-Medical Services for RCPC, it is my effort to update you on the work of my team members and at the same time, inspire you to contribute your time, participation, money, and / or positively influence the good work, by connecting us to those who could help us deliver the results.

I have always believed that true happiness comes from improving the lives of others. Having witnessed social inequalities from a young age, I have developed a deep sense of responsibility toward community welfare. This personal commitment eventually led me to the Rotary Club of Pune Central, where I found a platform aligned perfectly with my values of service, integrity, and compassion. And I sincerely hope this feeling is contagious and spreads like wildfire.

Under the non-medical projects, we lead initiatives across water & sanitation, education, women empowerment, environmental sustainability, and de-addiction support. For me, each project is not just an activity but a meaningful opportunity to restore dignity, create opportunity, and build stronger communities.

I believe that service must be sustainable, transparent, and measurable. We work closely with schools, villages, partner NGOs, and government bodies to ensure that every intervention leaves a lasting impact. Whether it is enabling clean drinking water in rural schools or creating income opportunities for women, we approach each task with empathy and long-term commitment. I firmly believe that transformational change requires collective effort. Rotary provides the structure—but it is the generosity of members, corporates, and well-wishers that allows these projects to grow in scale and impact.

I humbly invite:

- Rotarians to support and participate in ongoing community initiatives
- Corporate partners to collaborate through CSR and strategic community programs
- Individuals to contribute towards projects that directly touch lives

Every contribution—small or large—helps a child learn better; helps a family access clean water; a woman secure financial independence, or a youth break free from addiction. We remain deeply committed to Rotary's motto: "Service Above Self" —and continue to work towards a future where compassion and action come together to create lasting change.

Rtn. Jeevan Mahaldar
Director – Non-Medical Services
RY 2025-26
Rotary Club of Pune Central

Speaking of which.....

Rotary Club of Pune Central's non-medical projects are diverse, focusing on community needs like

Water sanitation & hygiene
Basic education
Protecting the environment
Community development

Empowering the community around us through personal donations, CSR funding, physically getting involved in delivering these projects are some of the key pillars of making non-medical projects of RCPC a success.



Says Krishna.....

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Each of these projects touch the heart and minds of the people we reach out to. These are sustainable projects that have high impact – both measurable and non-measurable.

This special issue of Central Turf is aimed at bringing to your attention the work being done in the non-medical segment of RCPC services to the community. If you wish to be part of this movement, please spare a moment and contact Rtn Jeevan Mahaldar – our Director for Non-Medical Services – for RY 2025-26.

So don't wait. **Make time. Make the effort. Make a difference.**

VISIT THESE
PROJECT
SITES

GET
INSPIRED

JOIN THE
TEAM

MAKE A
DIFFERENCE

Water, sanitation & Hygiene (WASH)



"Water, water everywhere, nor any drop to drink" is a famous line from Samuel Taylor Coleridge's poem, The Rime of the Ancient Mariner, describing sailors surrounded by undrinkable ocean water and dying of thirst

The phrase is a metaphor and refers to things that are abundantly available around us yet are inaccessible or useless. Like: polluted water. It highlights the irony existing in our society – with scarcity amidst plenty, a real global issue with freshwater access despite vast ocean volume.

Water, sanitation & hygiene plays a pivotal role as a key focus area in RCPC.

1. The major projects in the segment that RCPC is working on are:
2. Dam Repair Project in Satara
3. Water for Life: Empowering Junnar Tribal villagers.
4. Installing water filtration units in schools
5. Borewell recharging in Junnar village
6. Distribution of sanitary napkins
7. Donating items like water bottles, cleaning material and equipment to women inmates in Yerwada Jail.

Dam Repair & Restoration Project in Satara

Project	Satara Dam Project
Project Value	Rs 22 lakhs (Commitment received Rs. 12 Lakh)
Status	Site Visited. Work will start in April 26
Project Funding status	Received Rs 1 Lakh donation
Donors	Rtn. PP Ebe Chaney, Rtn. PP Ajay Dubey, Rtn. Sharad Kumar, Rtn. Rakesh Makhija, Rtn. Gurvinder Singh Patheja, Rtn. Cawas Pundole, Rtn. Girdharilal Sakhrani
Highlight	Made an application for the Jal Shakti awards and
Project leader for RCPC	Rtn. Giri Sakhrani



Empowering Junnar tribal villages with accessible water

Project	Accessible water for tribal villages
Project Value	Rs 11 lakhs (Committed Rs 9.1 Lakhs)
Status	Work in Progress
Project Funding status	Received Rs 3.65 Lakh donation
Donors	Rtn. PP Ajay Dubey, Rtn. PP Dr. Ramesh Dumbre, Rtn. Sharad Kumar, Rtn. Dr. Kamalkishore Malpani, Rtn. Cawas Pundole, Rtn. Kripashankar Rajappa, Rtn. Reshma Sambare, Rtn. PP Abhay Shah, Rtn. Prabhat Singh
Project leader for RCPC	Rtn. Reshma Sambare



Clean and safe drinking water in schools

Project	Installing water filters in 6 schools
Project Value	Rs 3.50 Lakhs
Status	Commenced. 5 schools completed.
Project Funding status	Received Rs 3.0 Lakh donation
Donors	Rtn. Vinay Biyani, Rtn. Sanjay Karwa, Rtn. Akshay Kejriwal, Rtn. Krishna Kumar, Rtn. PP Sanjiv Kumar, Rtn. Jeevan Mahaldar, R'Ann Radhika Malhotra
Project leader for RCPC	Rtn. Jeevan Mahaldar and Rtn. President Lekha Nair



Agarkar School for girls,



Barve Primary School



ZHEP school



Camp Education Society school

Distribution of Sanitary Napkins

Project	Women hygiene assistance with sanitary napkins
Project Value	Rs 3.3 Lakhs
Status	for 30 Schools,4,000 beneficiaries
Project funding Status	It is directly funded and fully committed by Rtn. PP Madhu Rathi
Project leader for RCPC	Rtn. PP Madhu Rathi



Distribution of water bottles, cleaning material and equipment etc

Project	Yerwada women inmates well-being
Project Value	Rs 88,000/-
Status	Completed.
Donors	Rtn. Madhvi Kshetry and Inner Wheel Club of Pune Central
Project leader for RCPC	RCPC and Inner wheel Club of Pune Central joint project.



Basic Education & Literacy



Nelson Mandela said, "**Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world**" and Malala Yousafzai said, "**One child, one teacher, one book and one pen can change the world,**" highlighting universal access as crucial for progress, freedom, and individual growth, moving from darkness to light and fostering critical thinking for everyone.

The major projects in the segment that RCPC is working on are:

1. Robotics Lab
2. Green PCs in Schools
3. Computers in ZP Schools
4. Printing Braille books for the blind
5. Photocopier for school
6. Skilling of construction workers
7. AI awareness in rural schools
8. School building for Mahatma Gandhi School
9. Supporting ITI
10. Vocational skill training for rural schools
11. Mental health awareness
12. Digital interactive boards for ZP school
13. Supporting young girl boxers
14. Asha school in NDA
15. ZP Language Lab (French)

Robotics Lab

Project	Robotics Lab in Chaitanya English School
Project Value	Rs 10.9 Lakhs (30% commitment by School)
Status	Completed. Inauguration on 17 th January 2026
Project funding Status	Received Rs 5.20 lakhs
Donors	Rtn. PP Rakesh Bhargava, Rtn. PP Ajay Dubey, Rtn. PP Sanjiv Kumar, Rtn. Pravin Nadkarni, Rtn. Nitin Rajore, Rtn. Yogesh Shah
Project leader for RCPC	Rtn PP Sanjiv Kumar, Rtn PP Ravi Kapoor, Rtn Pravin Nadkarni



Green PCs in schools

Project	Equip rural schools with Green PC
Project Value	Rs 30 Lakhs (Rs 4 lakhs for monitors and keyboards)
Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work in Progress. - Necessary approvals received from PMC - School identification completed as per need assessment study.
Project funding status	Rs 25 lakhs confirmed (balance DDF)/ Rs 92,000 received for monitors and keyboards. Global Grant Application Submitted
Donors	Rtn. Pravin Nadkarni, Rtn. Ajay Dubey, Rtn. Nitin Rajore, R'Ann Suchi Bhargava
Project leader for RCPC	Rtn Pravin Nadkarni

Computers in ZP Schools

Project	Fund computers for ZP schools in Daund
Project Value	TBA
Status	2 refurbished Computers donated by Rtn Nitin Rajore in Daund and 10 Computers donated in Chiplun by Rtn Pradeep Dharane
Project funding status	Completed
Project leader for RCPC	Rtn Vinay Biyani for Daund RCC Ghorpodi gaon for Chiplun

Printing Braille books for the blind

Project	Print 300 books for the blind
Project Value	Rs 29,000
Status	Completed .
Project funding status	Rs 29,000 received
Donors	R'Ann Archana Biyani and R'Ann Abha Jha, Rtn. Pankaj Mehrotra
Project leader for RCPC	Rtn. Pankaj Mehrotra



Photocopier for Dasve School

Project	Providing a photocopier machine for Dasve school
Project Value	Rs 62,000
Status	Completed
Project funding status	Rs. 31,000
Donors	Inner Wheel Club of Pune Central
Project leader for RCPC	Rtn. Lata Agarwal and Inner Wheel Club of Pune Central



Skilling of construction workers

Project	Working with CREDAI for skilling construction workers
Project Value	Rs 3 crores
Status	Global Grant application in process
Project funding status	Rs 1.1 crores committed (balance through CSR/ Global grants)
Donors	Rtn. PP Suhas Merchant and Rtn. Ashish Goyal
Project leader for RCPC	Rtn PP Ravi Kapoor

AI Awareness in Rural schools

Project	Awareness programs in AI at Rural schools
Project Value	Rs 1 lakh
Status	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Done at Nande School, Mulshi 2. On 10-11-25 conducted AI introduction n career guidance / Skill talk for about 100 students at Anand Goan high school. 3. On 12-11-25, Khondur high school on Lavasa rd. Introduction about career guidance n AI by NIIT foundation. NIIT team of 2/3 persons. 4. Chatrapati Shivaji maharaj school at paud Conducted AI n cyber security by NIIT foundation.
Project leader for RCPC	Rtn Narendra Sanghvi



Nande School ,Mulshi



Kondhur High school, Lavasa



School building for Mahatma Gandhi School

Project	Contribution for construction of school building for Mahatma Gandhi School
Project Value	Rs 60 lakhs
Status	Looking for CSR Sponsorship
Project funding status	Received Rs. 35 Lakhs
Donors	Rtn. Sunil Asher, Rtn. PP Ajay Dubey, Rtn. Yogesh Shah, Inner Wheel Club of Pune Central
Project leader for RCPC	Rtn. Sunil Asher



Supporting ITI

Project	Supporting technical institute in Male
Project Value	Rs 25.5 Lakhs
Status	Completed
Project funding status	Rs 20 Lakhs (directly funded). Additional funding by Rtn Madhu Rathi Rs 5.5 Lakhs towards building painting
Donors	Rtn. PP Madhu Rathi, Rtn. Nitin Desai
Project leader for RCPC	Rtn. PP Madhu Rathi



Vocational skill training in schools

Project	Vocational skill training in schools
Project Value	Rs 2.5 lakhs
Status	1 Kit Donated as Pilot. School mapping in Progress 2. Jai Hind school Kasudi ,Daund
Project funding status	Rs 1.5 Lakhs received
Donors	Rtn. PP Rakesh Bhargava, Rtn. Madhvi Kshetry, Rtn. Jeevan Mahaldar, R'Ann Dr. Deena Malpani, Rtn. Kripashankar Rajappa, Rtn. Narendra Sanghvi
Project leader for RCPC	Rtn Narendra Sanghvi, Rtn Jeevan Mahaldar



Mental Health

Project	Mental Health awareness at Schools
Project Value	Rs 1.7 Lakhs
Status	Monthly sessions for students, parents and teachers are ongoing
Project funding status	Received 1.7 lakhs
Donors	Rtn. Narendra Sanghvi
Project leader for RCPC	Rtn Narendra Sanghvi



ZP School, Kirkitwadi , Mulshi



Dnyanada School, Kirkatwadi

Digital interactive boards

Project	Interactive flat panel displays for Mulshi school
Project Value	Rs 2 Lakhs
Status	Installed at 1 unit to ITI , Male 2 units to Senapati Bapat school
Project funding status	Rs 2.41 lakhs received
Donors	Rtn. PP Ebe Chaney, Rtn. Nitin Rajore, Rtn. PP Madhu Rathi
Project leader for RCPC	Rtn. PP Madhu Rathi



Supporting Asha school at NDA, Khadakvasla

Project	
Project Value	5 lakhs
Status	Supporting salary of Consultant Psychologist
Project funding status	Commitment received
Donors	Rtn. Arun Jindal
Project leader for RCPC	IPP Rtn. PK Muralidharan Raja



ZP Language Lab

Project	Sponsoring pen drives for language learning
Project Value	Rs 75,000
Status	Completed. Supporting ZP school children to learn French language
Project funding status	Rs 50,000 received
Donors	Rtn. Anil Bora and Rtn. PP Ravi Kapoor
Project leader for RCPC	Rtn PP Ravi Kapoor



Alexa Doll

Project	Alexa dolls for 5 ZP schools along with learning kits
Project Value	
Status	1 Alexa doll given to AMPARC Gramin Vidya Vikas Kendra, Bhambarde (Taluka Mulshi, District Pune)
Project funding status	Rs. 30,000 Received
Donors	Rtn. Narendra Sanghvi
Project leader for RCPC	Rtn Narendra Sanghvi



Ideal Study App

Project	Distribution of Ideal Study mobile App
Project Value	Rs. 2,500
Status	Study App for Tenth Standard students
Project funding status	Completed
Project leader for RCPC	Rtn Reshma Sambare



Deaddiction Program

Project	Deaddiction program for youth
Project Value	-
Status	MoU signed with Art of Living Foundation Inauguration scheduled on 8th March 2026
Project funding status	Under study
Donors	Rtn. Deepak Bharadia, Rtn. Vailshali Karwa, Rtn. PP Dr. Nasir Kazi, Rtn. Jeevan Mahaldar, Rtn. Cawas Pundole, Rtn. Yogesh Shah, Rtn. Aseem Srivastav
Project leader for RCPC	Rtn Aseem Srivastav

Career Counselling

Project	Career guidance counselling program
Project Value	-
Status	RCPC conducted a two-hour interaction with the 9th and 10th-grade students of MGS The career guidance roadmap was explained, including Q&A on challenges, opportunities, and growth. A 90-minute evaluation of 50 students followed it.
Project funding status	
Project leader for RCPC	Rtn. Dr Jitendra Sandu Psychologist R'Ann Dhanashree Sandu



Protecting the Environment



Earth provides enough to satisfy every man's need, but not every man's greed.

Mahatma Gandhi

It is our duty, our responsibility to do everything to protect the environment around us. This attitude should ideally begin from our homes and should include our community, our environment. RCPC stays true to this commitment.

The major projects in the segment that RCPC is working on are:

1. Perne hill restoration
2. Coastal cleanup

Perne Hill Restoration project

Project	Reforestation of Perne Hill
Project Value	Rs 1 cr (through CSR) RCPC Commitment: Rs 1.2 Lakhs
Status	Phase 1 completed
Project funding status	Rs 30,000 received
Project leader for RCPC	Rtn Jeevan Mahaldar, Rtn PP Ravi Kapoor , Rtn Vaishali Karwa



Coastal cleanup

Project	Coastal cleanup initiative
Project Value	Rs 75,000
Status	Project in progress
Project funding status	Rs. 65,000 Received
Donors	Rtn. Oni Kakajiwala, Rtn. PE Parvin Malhotra Rtn. Pankaj Mehrotra, Rtn. Shireesh Nadkar
Project leader for RCPC	Rtn PE Cmde Parvin Malhotra



Community Economic Development



To build a strong community, we must support the dreams and growth of our small businesses. You don't build a business, you build people, then people build the business.

Zig Ziglar

A selfless, inclusive approach towards development means including our community in the process. RCPC stretches its hands out to reach the community and help grow the underprivileged.

The main projects we have undertaken are:

1. Pune rural entrepreneurs' program
2. Paper bag making

Pune Rural entrepreneurs Program

Project	Entrepreneurship Training for rural youth
Project Value	Rs 50000
Status	Handbooks created. Initial meetings done.
Project funding status	Rs. 50,000 Received
Donor	Rtn. Cawas Pundole
Project leader for RCPC	Rtn Raman Nanda



Paper bag making

Project	Workshop for making paper bags
Project Value	30000
Status	1 workshop completed conducted at Dasve school, Lavasa
Project funding status	Funds available
Project leader for RCPC	Rtn Surendra Shroff

