

# ROTARY CLUB OF PUNE CENTRAL

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Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2026 @ Poona Club

**Rotary**   
Club of Pune Central

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*invites you to an insightful talk on*

# Thalassemia

— by —

## Dr. Nita Munshi

Director – Ruby Hall Clinic  
President – Thalassemia Society,  
Pune Chapter



 Saturday, 2nd May

 6:30 PM

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 Poona Club,  
Conference Hall 2

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 *Followed by Mini Fellowship* 

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Says Krishna.....  
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### The Power of "Plain Speak"

May is Youth Service Month.

As we enter May 2026, Rotary International turns its collective focus toward our most dynamic Fifth Avenue of Service: Youth Service Month. This is a time to celebrate the vibrant energy of Interact, Rotaract, and Youth Exchange. But more importantly, it is a month to listen.

There is a refreshing clarity in how the youth of today communicate. While we seasoned Rotarians might sometimes get lost in the intricate "why" of a project, today's young leaders are remarkably focused on the "how" and the "now." Their communication is direct, hands-on, and—perhaps most impressively—entirely to the point. They aren't interested in the fluff; they are interested in the impact.

When we mentor through programs like RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards), we often find that learning is a two-way street. Their perspective on society is stripped of the "that's how it's always been done" cynicism. Where we see obstacles, they see a simple logic for change. They view global challenges—be it environmental sustainability or digital literacy—not as insurmountable mountains, but as problems that require a straightforward, collaborative solution.

This May, our commitment to "Unite for Good" finds its most honest expression in our local communities. By connecting with young people, we aren't just "building the future"; we are empowering a generation that values authenticity above all else. Whether it's a high school Interactor leading a local cleanup or a Rotaractor launching a community health initiative, their "plain speak" is exactly the catalyst Rotary needs, to stay relevant and effective.

Let us use this Youth Service Month to drop the jargon, roll up our sleeves, and match the directness of our young partners. In their simple, uncomplicated approach lies the very magic of Rotary's future.

Krishna



by Rtn Lt Col Julius Rocque

## DG'S OFFICIAL VISIT TO RCPC on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2026

DG Rotarian Santosh Marathe's official visit to RCPC, along with AG Rtn Maithili Mankawad, was a memorable event. The strong turnout of members, both Rotarians and Rotary Anns, was a show of strength.

New members would have immensely benefited from the visit because the DG and AG's talk had several layers of observations that were useful and provoked thinking.

DG Rtn. Marathe also felicitated the donors for TRF Donations.

1. Rtn. Yogesh and R'Ann Hina Shah (Major Donor Level 2)
2. Rtn.. Surendra and R'Ann Radhika Shroff (Major Donor Level 1)

The DG also found an opportunity to interact with new Rotaractors from Symbiosis Artificial Intelligence Institute and also met new members of RCPC.



# Felicitation of RCPC Major donors

District 3131 felicitated all the RCPC major donors in the presence of the RI Director in an event held on Saturday, 25th April 2026.

Congratulations to

- Rtn Pravin and R'ann Monica Nadkarni for becoming Major Donors Level 3.
- Ms Rishica Nadkarni for becoming Major Donor Level 2
- Rtn Yogesh and R'ann Hina Shah for becoming Major Donors Level 2
- Rtn Surendra and R'ann Surendra Shroff - Major Donor Level 1
- Rtn Delshad Karanjia for becoming Major Donor Level 1 .
- Rtn Ajay Dubey for contribution for Endowment

Rtn. Pravin Nadkarni, Rtn Delshad Karanjia, and President Rtn Lekha Nair attended the event.



# Article by Rtn PP Arvind Saraf - The Four Way Test

I've been a Rotarian for 20 years, with ~12 years in active leadership roles.

Across a 30+ year corporate journey, I've seen many frameworks.  
But one continues to stand out — for its simplicity and power.

The Four-Way Test. Just 24 words. Timeless.

What makes it exceptional?

It doesn't instruct. It questions.

It nudges us toward self-reflection — something leaders need more than ever today.

A quick rewind to its origin...

In 1932, Herbert Taylor, a member of the Rotary Club of Chicago (and later RI President, 1954–55), created The Four-Way Test while trying to save a failing aluminium company.

No complex turnaround blueprint.

Just a simple ethical filter for every decision.

It worked.

Rotary later adopted it — and today, it stands as one of the most enduring guides to integrity.

Let's revisit the four questions:

1. Is it the TRUTH?

In a world of "adjusted narratives," truth is no longer assumed — it must be chosen.

👉 Trust begins where distortion ends.

2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Decisions optimized only for speed or profit rarely sustain.

👉 Fairness ensures outcomes matter for everyone, not just a few.

3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Business is built on relationships, not transactions.

👉 Goodwill compounds — just like capital.

4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Not just profitable. Not just efficient.

👉 True leadership creates value beyond self.

What I find remarkable is its universality.

Across cultures, industries, and generations — it resonates.

A simple thought:

In boardrooms, strategy reviews, and everyday decisions — what if we ran everything through this lens?

Not as compliance.

But as conviction.

Because in the end:

👉 Clarity doesn't come from complexity. It comes from principles.

Next time you face a tough decision — pause.

Ask these four questions.

You might be surprised how quickly the answer becomes clear.

#Leadership #Ethics #Rotary #DecisionMaking #Trust #CorporateGovernance #PerformanceManagement

Regards,  
Arvind Saraf

**“ THE FOUR-WAY TEST ”**  
A roadmap we need now more than ever

- 1 IS IT THE TRUTH?**  
It doesn't instruct. It *questions*.  
» Forces self-reflection — the most undertaken as *sahi* in today.
- 2 IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?**  
Decisions today are often optimized for speed or profit.  
» Fairness reminds us: outcomes matter *for sabhi*, not just a few.
- 3 WILL IT BUILD GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**  
Business is built on relationships, not transactions.  
» *Goodwill* compounds — just like *seva*.
- 4 WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED?**  
“Of the things we think, say, or do.”

In 1932, The Four-Way Test was developed by Herbert Taylor, Rotary Club of Chicago member and 1954–55 RI president to guide his attempt to save a faltering aluminum company. Rotary later redepicted it, and it underscores Rotary's value.

## Trip to Mauritius - an exchange visit

RCPCians returned from a wonderful trip to Mauritius; an exchange visit between our club (RC Pune Central) and the Rotary Club of Flacq. They were elated with the visit and brought back several memories.



## Vocational visit to Western Naval Command – Mumbai – 26 April 2026

A big thank you to Rtn. PP Cmde Ajay Chitnis for organizing an unforgettable vocational visit to the Western Naval Command on Sunday, 26th April 2026.

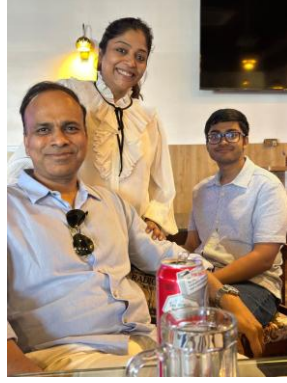
From the early morning departure from Pune to the final farewell, the RCPC group was met with exceptional hospitality. The highlights included guided tours of the Guided Missile Stealth Frigate - INS Trishul and a submarine - INS Sindhuratna, along with an insightful visit to INS Shikra, the Naval Air Station. Our hosts patiently shared their expertise, and the day concluded with a delicious lunch in the beautiful setting of the IMSC. We extend our deepest respect and a sincere salute to the officers who spent their Sunday guiding us with such enthusiasm and clarity.

Reflecting on the day, Cmde Ajay Chitnis shared:

**"The success of this trip belongs to everyone who participated. Despite the 4:15 a.m. start, closed food malls, long walks in the sun, and the adventurous descent into a submarine, everyone remained positive. From navigating hangars to climbing the ATC tower and managing security checks, your uncomplaining spirit made it all worthwhile. Special thanks to President Lekha for her full trust in my planning, and to Gajanan for being a constant pillar of strength."**







# Project update – She Can and She Will!

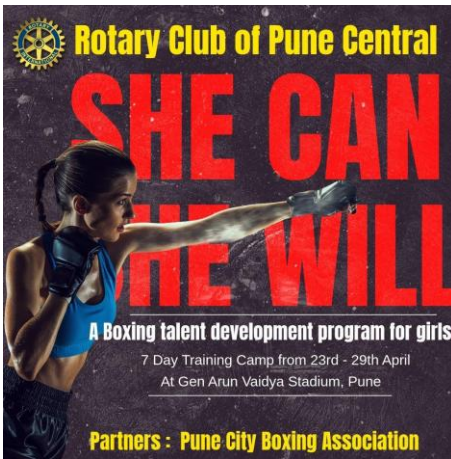
A seven days Boxing training camp for 60 girls was held at Gen Arun Vaidya Stadium from 23 - 29th April 2026. On 30th April, the 7th day competition bouts were held amongst the participating girls. 16 boxers were shortlisted for specific support in terms of kit and diet and boxing training during the next one year, to prepare them to reach a podium finish at the State and National Boxing Championships.

The final bouts for selection and Certificate distribution Ceremony held was attended by Pres Lekha Nair, IPP Brig Raja, PP Cmde Ajay Chitnis and Col Julius Rocque.

Convener - Rtn IPP Brig PKM Raja and all the donors from RCPC were the inspiring force behind this event.

Rtn Yogesh Shah gave a major contribution for the project.

The other donors were: Rtn Sanjiv Kumar, Rtn Shireesh Nadkar, Rtn Kanwal Guliani & Rtn IPP Brig Raja.



## Archery competition for girls

An archery competition for girls was held at Savitribai Phule Prashala (SPP) in Bhavani Peth on 24th April 2026. RCPC sponsored the Archery equipment.

BAFL Foundation (supported by our Club for Archery training for Girls) held the tournament.

25 Archers from 3 schools participated.

A special thanks to Rtn Shireesh Nadkar, who has been coordinating with BAFL for this sports project of RCPC.



## *Jagriti school Valedictory Event*

The Jagriti Blind School for girls, Alandi, Summer Camp valedictory function was held on 24th April 2026. This was sponsored by RCPC n Innerwheel Club of Pune Central.

The visually challenged students demonstrated synchronised yoga. The Chief Guest was Ms Alpana Yadav, IRS, completely blind, and interviewed by Sakina Bedi. It was truly inspirational to hear her story.

In attendance were Rtn's Anil Bora, Pankaj Mehrotra, Col LM Sathe, and Rtn. PP Cmde Ajay Chitnis.



### *What to expect in the coming weeks*

- **May 10** — Sunday Brunch Meeting
- **May 16** — To be announced.
- **May 23** — Committee Meeting day
- **May 30** — Joint Club Meeting

## Celebrations – May 2026



### **Rtn / R'Ann**

R'Ann Malini Kara  
 Mr. Sonjoy Kshetry  
 Rtn. PP Dr. Madhavi Vaze  
 R'Ann Salma Imran Gauri  
 Rtn. Nitin Rajore  
 Rtn. Dilip Karnik  
 Rtn. PP Narayandas Rathi  
 R'Ann Sujaya Raja  
 Rtn. President Lekha Nair  
 R'Ann Neena Talwar  
 Rtn. PP Sukhminder Kalra  
 R'Ann Sheetal Asawa  
 R'Ann Sonia Rajore  
 Rtn. Dr. Subhash Pallod  
 Rtn. Cawas Pundole  
 Dr. Suhas Vaze  
 Rtn. Oni Kakajiwala  
 Rtn. Shernaz Irani  
 R'Ann Nilima Shah  
 R'Ann Alka Nanda  
 Col. Laxman Sathe

### **Birthday**

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 May 30



### **Member and Spouse**

Rtn, PP Cmde Ajay and R'Ann Dipti Chitnis  
 Rtn, Gurvinder Singh & R'Ann Mohini Patheja  
 Rtn. Dr. Balasaheb and Rtn. Dr. Saroj Bande  
 Rtn. Minal and Mr. Pankaj Dontamsetty  
 Rtn. Rakesh and R'Ann Malini Kalra  
 Rtn. Gautam and R'Ann Rinku Nehra  
 Rtn. Ramesh and R'Ann Jyotsna Arora  
 Rtn. Sharad Kumar and R'Ann Abha Jha  
 Rtn. PP Jinendra and Rtn. Amita Munot  
 Rtn. Arun and R'Ann Beena Shroff  
 Rtn. Charudatta and R'Ann Jyoti Kulkarni  
 Rtn. PP Uday and R'Ann Savita Dharmadhikari  
 Rtn. IPP Brig. PK Muralidharan and R'Ann Sujaya Raja  
 Rtn. Krishna and R'Ann Aarti Kumar  
 Rtn. Rakesh and R'Ann Roma Makhija  
 Rtn. Ajit and R'Ann Deepali Singh  
 Rtn. Reshma Sambare and Stuart McCracken

### **Wedding Anniversary**

May 1  
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