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The torchbearers of Rotary Club of Pune Central

"The worst challenge is taking it as 'my year' rather than 'our year'. We should hand over the baton of Rotary to our successor and continue assisting to take the organisation forward." — *Jeremy Hurst, RI Director*

A portrait of Lekha Nair, a woman with dark hair, wearing a blue and yellow saree with a gold border. She is standing and smiling, with her hands clasped in front of her. A name tag is visible on her left side.

Lekha Nair

President RY 2025-26

My Rotary journey began almost 10 years back from Nashik, in the Rotary Club of Devlali. Having an Army background, my circle was restricted

to only people connected to Defence forces. Hence, what attracted me to Rotary was the opportunity to make a meaningful difference in society while connecting with people from diverse civil backgrounds. I joined RCPC in 2019 and over the past few years, the Club gave me a platform for learning and leadership. The friendships and experiences I have gained through Rotary have enriched my life in many ways.

Professionally, I started my career as a software engineer, then joined the Indian Army as a short service commissioned officer in the Corps of Signals. Post the Army assignment, I have been working in the social sector implementing projects in skill development and community empowerment.

I am also an entrepreneur by accident, now running a restaurant in Koregaon Park, named Beetroot Bistro.

I am happy that I got the opportunity to serve as President of Rotary Club of Pune Central. While I am only the third woman President in the Club's history, I would not like this role to be viewed through the lens of gender. Instead, I consider it a privilege and responsibility to lead a club with a rich legacy, strong traditions, and an exceptional membership that has consistently made a meaningful impact on the community.

My goal as President was not merely to continue what was already being done well, but to bring fresh thinking and a renewed sense of engagement. One of the major accomplishments of our year has been strengthening the club's Committee culture. Also, we focused on implementing some impactful projects and making the Club activities and initiatives more participating.

The Rotary theme, "Unite for Good", reflected our belief that collective effort creates the greatest impact.

As I look ahead, I believe RCPC has tremendous potential to grow in both scale and impact. We are blessed with talented members, a strong reputation, and a history of meaningful service. However, there are areas that deserve focused attention. Member engagement, particularly among newer Rotarians, remains critical. We must ensure that every member finds purpose, opportunities for involvement, and a sense of belonging. We also need to continue attracting younger committed professionals while preserving the values and traditions that have defined our club for decades.

The future of Rotary lies in remaining relevant to changing times while staying true to our core ideals. Technology, communication, strategic partnerships, and innovative project design will play increasingly important roles.

In today's world, marked by increasing social divides, environmental challenges, mental health concerns, and economic uncertainty, Rotary's role has never been more important.

As we reflect on the past, celebrate the present, and look toward the future, I remain optimistic about both RCPC and Rotary. The best chapters of our story are yet to be written, and I am confident that together we will continue to Unite for Good and create a lasting impact in our communities.



Commodore PK Malhotra IN (Retd) President RY 2026-27

I am a Naval
Aviation Engineer,
management

professional, and technical leader with over three decades of exemplary service in the Indian Navy. I hold a B.E. (Mechanical Engineering) from MITS, Gwalior (1969), an M.E. from INS Shivaji, Lonavala (1971), and completed the Advanced Aeronautical Engineering Course at the Air Force Technical College, Jalahalli (1973).

As a professional, I am a Chartered Engineer and Fellow of several prestigious aeronautical and Management institutions. I proudly pioneered several technical and operational achievements throughout my naval career resulting in huge savings and improvements.

I hold the unique distinction of being the only Air Engineer to have headed both **Naval Aircraft Repair and Overhaul Yards**—at **Goa, responsible for Russian-origin aircraft and helicopters**, and at **Kochi, responsible for Western and indigenous aircraft and helicopters**. I was selected as Co-Chairman of the Aviation Conference commemorating 100 Years of Aviation, chaired by Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. I am a writer and speaker and have presented my papers and thoughts at various prominent organisations. I am fluent in English, Hindi, Russian, and Gurmukhi. Having said all this, I am humbled by my association with Rotary where the only language spoken is service, camaraderie and friendship.

As the oldest President being installed at RCPC for RY 2026-27, the overarching goal would be to position RCPC as a club that is **high-impact, future-ready, member-centric, and widely respected for its leadership in service and community engagement**. While continuing our legacy projects and traditions, the emphasis would be on creating systems, leadership pipelines, and partnerships that ensure enduring impact beyond a single Rotary year.

My vision of PE for RY 2026–27 can be summarised into:

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| 1. Strengthening Membership and Engagement | 6. Financial Sustainability and Resource Mobilization |
| 2. Enhancing Community Impact | 7. Leveraging Technology and Innovation |
| 3. Youth Development and Leadership | 8. Leadership Continuity and Institutional Strength |
| 4. Increasing Visibility and Public Image | 9. Preserving Fellowship and Rotary Values |
| 5. Building Strategic Partnerships | |

The objective for RY 2026–27 would not simply be to execute another successful Rotary year, but to ensure that RCPC emerges more connected, more visible, more impactful, and better prepared for the future than ever before—while proudly carrying forward the strengths, traditions, and accomplishments established by earlier stalwarts. **“Building on Legacy, Creating Lasting Impact.”**

A portrait of Krishna Kumar, President Elect RY 2026-27. He is an older man with white hair, a beard, and glasses, wearing a white shirt and a dark vest. He is sitting outdoors with trees in the background.

Krishna Kumar

President Elect RY 2026-27

I have used the themes of Rotary since the year

2000 until RY 2026-27 to create my message. I have nothing else to add. Let us be the torchbearers. And pass on the flame of compassion, love, humanity, empathy and hope to the lineup of brilliant Rotarians, those present and those yet to come!

The Blueprint of Our Legacy

Fellow Rotarians, our journey into the new millennium began with a clear mandate to **Create Awareness, Take Action** because we recognized that **Mankind is Our Business**. Armed with this purpose, we set out to **Sow the Seeds of Love** and were always ready to **Lend a Hand** to those in need. As we paused to **Celebrate Rotary** and its centenary, we renewed our sacred oath of **Service Above Self** and found the courage to **Lead the Way**. We proved that when **Rotary Shares**, we possess the unique power to **Make Dreams Real**, always remembering that **The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands**.

Expanding Our Global Reach

With the turn of the decade, our mission grew to **Building Communities, Bridging Continents**. We learned to **Reach Within to Embrace Humanity** and foster sustainable **Peace Through Service**. Our impact multiplied the moment we chose to **Engage Rotary, Change Lives** and vowed to **Light up Rotary** in every dark corner of the globe. Each of us strove to **Be a Gift to the World** through a life dedicated to **Rotary Serving Humanity**. By consistently **Rotary Making a Difference**, we managed to **Be the Inspiration** for the next generation of leaders.

A Vision Fulfilled

In recent years, we proved that **Rotary Connects the World** and ensures that **Rotary Opens Opportunities** for everyone, everywhere. Our collective drive to **Serve to Change Lives** allowed us to **Imagine** a world free from polio, poverty, and despair. By refusing to give up, we managed to **Create Hope in the World** and ultimately unveil the true, undeniable **The Magic of Rotary**.

Let us all be **UNITED FOR GOOD** and **CREATE LASTING IMPACT**

**4TH JULY. INSTALLATION DAY.
MARK THE CALENDAR. GRACE THE OCCASION.**

**CREATE
LASTING
IMPACT**



Rotary Club of Pune Central



**President Rtn. Lekha Nair
& Board of Directors
of Rotary Year – 2025-26**



have pleasure in inviting you to the

INSTALLATION
of

President Rtn. CMDE PARVIN MALHOTRA

along with

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ROTARY YEAR – 2026-27


**SATURDAY,
4TH JULY**


**6.00 PM
ONWARDS**


POOCHA HALL


**ROYAL CONNAUGHT
BOAT CLUB**

*Please do not miss and welcome the
President & BOD – RY 2026-27*

ROTARY YEAR – 2026-27

ROTARY CLUB OF PUNE CENTRAL CELEBRATES JULY 2026: MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH

NURTURE THE FUTURE, SAVE A LIFE.

Rotary's Commitment:
Improving Access to Quality
Healthcare Ninthers
for Mothers and Children.

JOIN US IN OUR KEY INITIATIVES:

**Healthy
Pregnancies:**
Antenatal Care
& Nutrition

**Safe
Childbirth:**
Skilled Medical
Assistance

**Thriving
Children:**
Immunization &
Pediatric Care

YOUR PARTICIPATION CREATES LASTING IMPACT.

GET INVOLVED! VOLUNTEER, SPONSOR, OR DONATE.

REACH OUT. MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

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LASTING
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The Rotary Monthly theme calendar provides a foresight into creating Club plans that possibly fit in as we travel along the year.

While these serve as a guideline, it also provides a motivational impetus to the work we do.

Spreading the idea through bulletins, social media platforms, emails, at the weekly meetings, actually reinforces our thought, and therefore our actions.

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Rotary Monthly Theme Calendar 2026-2027

July 2026

**Maternal and
Child Health**
1 July: Beginning of
the Rotary year

August 2026

**Membership and New
Club Development**
15 August: Interact Club
Excellence Award nominations
are due

September 2026

**Basic Education
and Literacy**

October 2026

**Community Economic
Development:**
Rotary Alumni Reconnect Week
(Celebrated Monday through
Sunday during the week of 7
October)
24 October: World Polio Day

November 2026

**Rotary
Foundation**
2 November: World Interact Day
World Interact Week
(Celebrated Monday through
Sunday during the week of
5 November: Interact's
anniversary)

December 2026

**Disease Prevention
and Treatment**
15 December: Last day for
early registration discount for
the Rotary International
Convention

January 2027

**Vocational
Service**
Mid-January: International
Assembly, Orlando, Florida,
USA

February 2027

**Peacebuilding and
Conflict Prevention**
23 February: Rotary's
anniversary

March 2027

**Water, Sanitation,
and Hygiene**
World Rotaract Week
(Celebrated Monday through
Sunday during the week of
13 March)
13 March: Rotaract's anniversary
31 March: Pre-registration
discount ends for the Rotary
International Convention

April 2027

Environmental
30 April: Rotary International
Convention registration and
ticket cancellations are due

May 2027

Youth Service

June 2027

**Rotary Fellowships
Month**
Rotary International
Convention
26-30 June: Rotary
International Convention,
Barcelona, Spain
30 June: Club Excellence Award
nominations are due

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**ROTARY
TRANSITION
MONTH**

"To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often"

Winston Churchill

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Club of Pune Central



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BLOOD DONATION — CAMP —

Donate Blood. Save Lives.
Be a Hero.



VENUE:

Poona Club
Conference Hall 2



DATE:

1st July 2026



TIME:

9.30am onwards.



TO SUPPORT CHILDREN
SUFFERING FROM
THALASSEMIA



*Your donation gives them
hope, health and a future.*



**GIVE BLOOD
GIVE LIFE**



**TOGETHER, LET'S
SAVE MORE LIVES!**

Be there. Donate. Make a difference.



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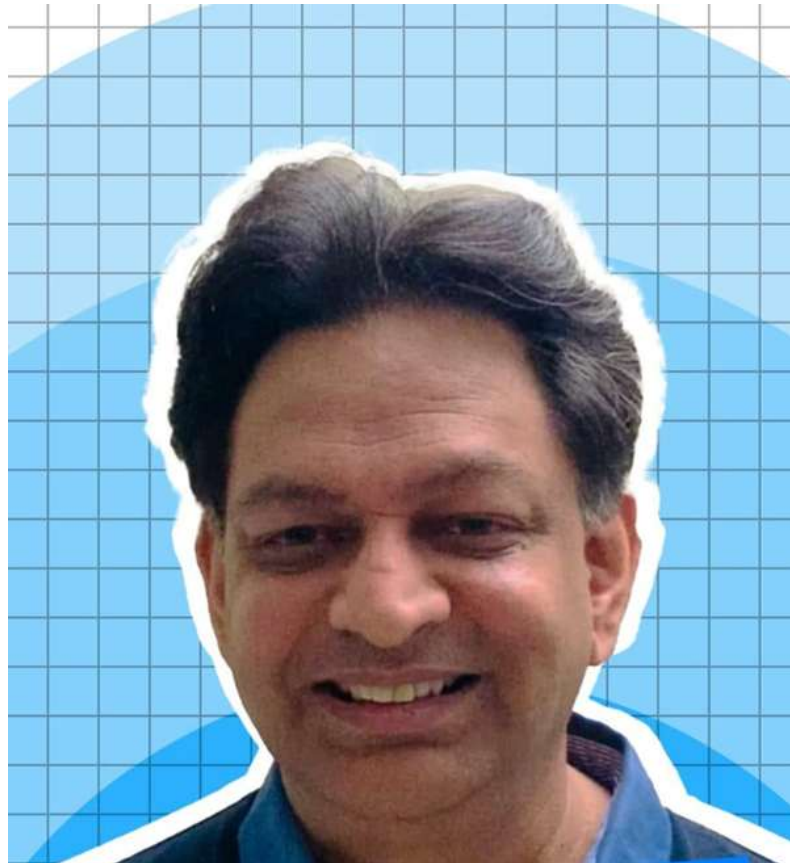


Cleanup Drive by Sea Scouts and Guides at Lohagad Fort

yesterday. RCPC supports these cleanup drives..
thanks to PE Cmdr Parvin Malhotra's initiative.



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and Acquisitions For Value Creation

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A transformative approach to mergers and acquisitions,
emphasizing positivity and inclusivity in business culture.

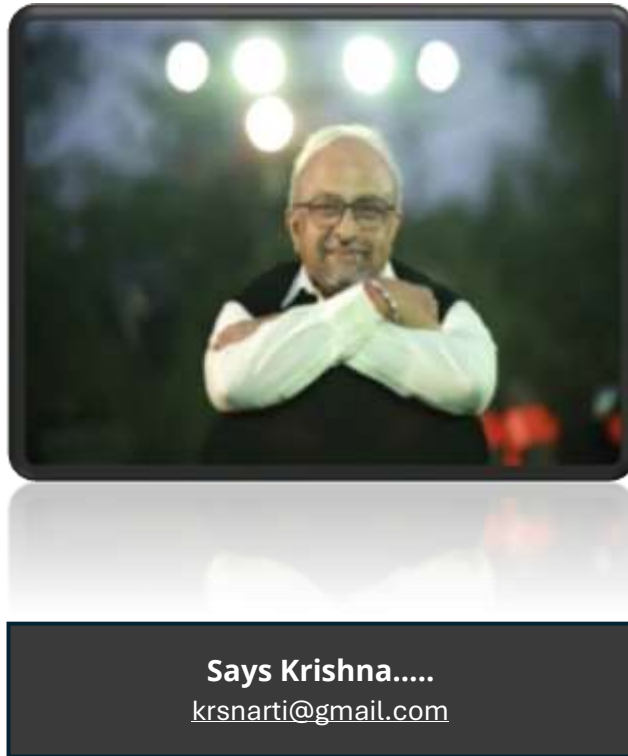
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Speaking of which



As we cross the finish line of this Rotary year, passing the baton feels a lot like surviving a wild tandem bicycle ride.

Picture two riders pedalling furiously uphill, sweat dripping, steering through potholes, and wondering who forgot to check the brakes. Suddenly, the top of the hill appears, and it is time to swap seats while the bike is still moving. You scramble to the back row, take a massive gulp of water, and hand the front handlebars over to a military man who knows how to navigate.

That is exactly the kind of tactical precision we are looking forward to next year. I am officially stepping off the hot seat and handing the editorial compass to our incoming Editor, Lieutenant Colonel Julius Rocque, with the brilliant Geeta Krishna riding shotgun as Sub-Editor. Colonel, the red pen is yours, and Geeta, please ensure he stays on course!

Thank you all for a hilarious, unpredictable year—over to the new crew for the next adventure.

Au Revoir!