



GOVERNOR'S MONTHLY LETTER 2025 - 2026



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RI President 's Message

LET ACTION DEFINE US

At last month's International Assembly, President-elect Olayinka "Yinka" Hakeem Babalola called on members of the Rotary world to live out our presidential message for the 2026–27 Rotary year: Create Lasting Impact.

This February, as we observe Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month, we have an opportunity to channel Yinka's call to action into real change. Peace is not simply the absence of war. A life free from conflict but marked by hunger, instability, or the inability to care for one's family is not true peace. Peace requires liberty, opportunity, and respect for human dignity. Yet fear often blocks that path — fear of change, of cultural loss, of people we don't understand.

Fear isn't defeated through avoidance or aggression. Knowledge is the first step toward peace. Rotary embraces this idea. Our Rotary Peace Centers and their peace fellows, along with other peace education initiatives, demonstrate how knowledge builds trust and helps communities find solutions to conflict. In Colombia, decades of conflict have left deep wounds. The 2025 Rotary Foundation Programs of Scale awardee, Pathways to Peace and Prosperity, partners with the United Nations World Food Programme to expand opportunity, improve conflict resolution, and connect people with social services. Its goal is to break cycles of violence, poverty, and food insecurity so peace can take root.

In Maharashtra, India, People of Action honoree Swati Herkal built peace through prosperity. Her project confronted farmers' declining soil health, rising debt, and illness caused by chemical fertilisers. She and her Rotary partners launched a regenerative agriculture programme that revitalised the land, lowered costs, and restored stability. More than 1,100 farmers now participate and over 50 villages have adopted the model.



Rotary also advances peace by restoring dignity. In Chad, Rotary Peace Fellow Domino Frank discovered that more than 1,500 women who fought in a rebellion had been erased from reintegration programmes. His advocacy led to Chad's first Rotary Foundation global grant and the creation of Corridors of Peace. More than 100 women — triple the goal — completed literacy and vocational training and formed a cooperative to support their families. From Colombia to India to Chad, the lesson is clear: Peace is not a dream. It is the result of sustained action with a focus on true, lasting impact.

To replicate these successes, Rotary clubs can take three steps: Learn from peace fellows and other peace experts in our organisation, apply a peacebuilding lens to community assessments, and prioritise impact over ceremony.

In a world filled with fear, Rotary cannot be satisfied with half-measures and empty words. If we are truly people of action, then action must define us.

Together, we can Create Lasting Impact — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

Francesco Arezzo
President, Rotary International

From the Desk of the District Governor

Dear Rotary Family,

February is dedicated to Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention - a cause that lies at the very soul of Rotary. Peace is not just the absence of conflict; it is the presence of understanding, dignity, and opportunity.

Rotary works for peace in meaningful ways. Through Rotary Peace Fellowships, we support fully funded master's and certificate programs that prepare leaders to prevent and resolve conflicts. At the grassroots, we build peace by addressing root causes such as poverty, inequality, and lack of education. We also strengthen communities by training leaders in dialogue, mediation, and conflict resolution, so issues are resolved before they turn into disputes.

14th February is Valentine's Day, and this year, let's celebrate it differently as a Gratitude Day. Click a selfie with your spouse, friend, mentor, or family member anyone who has supported you on your Rotary journey. Send it to your Club President first; we will take it forward and celebrate this day with love, warmth, and gratitude across the district.

On 15th February, Mahashivratri, devotees observe fasting, meditation, and self-discipline to seek inner peace and clarity. These practices reflect Rotary's work quietly strengthening lives, bringing balance, and creating harmony in communities. I wish you all a blessed Mahashivratri.

23rd February holds special significance for all Rotarians. It marks Rotary's Birthday, commemorating the first Rotary meeting in 1905, and is observed as World Understanding and Peace Day.



I encourage clubs to mark this occasion with meaningful service by hosting a Positive Peace workshop using the Rotary Positive Peace Academy curriculum, or partner with schools to introduce mediation and anti-bullying programs. Small conversations today can prevent big conflicts tomorrow.

I thank each one of you for the enthusiasm, fellowship, and energy you brought to our District Conference at Goa. The spirit of togetherness we experienced there is exactly what peace looks like in action.

Let us commit to ending disputes, building understanding, and nurturing peace within our district and within our own lives. Together, let us continue to Unite for Good.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Rtn. Dnyaneshwar Shewale

District Governor 2025-26 (RID 3030)



Excerpts from RI President's Representative's Speech



I am indeed honored to be given the opportunity to serve as the Representative of RI President FrancESCO Arezzo. And you have my sincere assurance that I will be dedicated to the Principles and Ideals of Rotary in this role, the same way I have demonstrated my commitment over the past few years in my Rotary Career ever since I was first inducted into this great service organization.

Confrence Dnyasagar is adding Value, Color and Meaningful by our chief guest the Rotary Icon - RID K.P.Nagesh - A dynamic and a True Rotary Leader who is amidst us today as chief guest and will deliver his address shortly

He is the man who gave Two RI Zone institute at Bangalore and Delhi, both were outstanding zone institute.

This year we are working under the leadership of an extraordinary Rotary International President FrancESCO. The first time I met FrancESCO, in Lead 2025 at Chennai along with our Director MMM, he gave me a feeling as if we had been knowing each other for years. That is the magic of his personality.

Our RI President FrancESCO wants us to Unite for Good in the world by our actions.

DistrictGovernor,Dnyaneshwar is Uniting for Good in his governorship with many projects is reasonably excellent to witness.

The district 3030 has set clear targets for the year:

- * 135 clubs by 30 June 2026.
- * 6,400 Rotarians by year-end
- * 13 new clubs already chartered
- * Noteworthy District Initiatives

District 3030 has consistently delivered impactful service through long-term and scalable projects, particularly in:

Education: Support to schools and colleges, scholarships, teacher training, digital learning initiatives, and institutional strengthening.

Health and Hygiene: Blood donation drives, preventive health camps, menstrual hygiene awareness, sanitation and clean drinking water projects.

Environment: Tree plantation, water conservation, plastic reduction initiatives, and increasing emphasis on sustainability-driven Rotary action.

Community Engagement: Strong partnerships with local institutions, civic bodies, Interact and Rotaract expansion, and youth leadership development.

PUBLIC IMAGE:

Rotary Connects People: Rotary public image has to be highlighted. Impress the public what Rotary is doing, what could be done with Rotary.

A service project well carried out is considered one of the finest public relations messages of Rotary.

TRF:

- a). Foundation is the engine that drives the Rotary machine.
- b). Through TRF we have eradicated the Polio-First. Our second goal is to support our Foundation by Every Rotarian-Every Year.
- c). Our Third goal is to ensure the grants program by proper planning and carrying out sustainable educational and Humanitarian projects. Here, I remember the words of Winston Churchill" we make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give". Truly speaking the strength of our Foundation is in our hands.

TRF Contribution 4th to place-2nd place Matching Grants, Polio Eradication, Literacy Programmes, Humanitarian programs, Water and Sanitation: School & Public places water facility like borewell, TRF Contribution All district in India has contributed a lot for this progress.

MEMBERSHIP:

We have talked so much about membership in recent Rotary years, we need younger members, we need more women, with more members we can build stronger clubs.

Every Worthy leaders assigned with different portfolio must act, touch and transform your assigned duties to lead your district to keep your district name, Your name and ofcourse DG. Dnyaneshwar name to fly high in Rotary.

Good Leaders are like magnets I want all of you to be like magnet, because magnet attracts instantly, magnet acts fastly. I want all of you to be like magnet to do your duties and attract rotary & its members.

Rotary has so much to offer. We have to show it to public how they integrate. Service does require time to time is precious for all of us and no one has enough time of these days. So we need to ensure that all the time we spend with rotary is worthwhile and it is never wasted.

Forward-Looking Vision

Your district is currently working on a district reorganisation roadmap, aimed at ensuring long-term sustainability, leadership accessibility, and deeper Rotary penetration. The proposed reorganisation seeks to create balanced districts with focused growth, enabling future leadership teams to set and achieve larger, more impactful goals.

This year, our message is Unite for Good. "Unite" speaks to the strength we find in each other. When we unite our talents and resources - not only among our clubs but across partners, organisations, and communities - we expand our reach. And when we do so consistently over time, we create lasting change. Rotary service. cannot be measured only in annual goals, we need to work beyond.

Fellow Rotarians, Be it a governor, President of the club or RI President your year of office is only one year, you have to ensure that your year bears a history, that is your responsibility in Rotary. You are the link in a chain, Your job is to be a strong link and to connect what was done before you, to what can be done after you.

This is a real testimony that District 3030 is significantly making a difference to serve the humanity is praiseworthy. Similarly I can see that you are making a difference in doing better projects - That is the hallmark of Uniting for Good in Rotary - This is what the Theme means.

Dear friends I have seen the district events in your GML which was held all in a row as per the designated months fixed by Rotary International. July you had the installation. August to December you had series of Seminars on the designated months and now the annual get-to-gather The District Conference named Dnyasagar to bring pride to District Governor Dnyaneshwar

This year we are going to celebrate our Rotary's 121st Anniversary on feb 23rd & our Foundation is stepping into 109th year of Doing Good in the World. Our RI Directors Rtn KPN and MMM their team is extremely doing well.

Your Dynamic Dist Governor Rtn.Dnyaneshwar for him Rotary is his biggest Family and Rtn. Rajendra Dharankar conf chair has taken all efforts and pains to give all of you the very best of Rotary Experience in this conference. So keep enjoying the rest of the days celebrating your dist conference as the dist Conference could be considered as a micro R.I convention at the dist level. On seeing the programme brochure I could see all the Programmes & sessions are metiaculously Planned, I hope we all will have good Friendship, Thought Provking speeches from the outstanding speakers, Good Balanced Programmes, Popular Entertainments, above all Fantastic Venue in this International Beach destination, so no doubt this conference will be an outstanding one in your dist 3030.

SAD DEMISE OF PRESIDENT RTN DILIP DIGHE



Rtn Dilip Dighe President of R C Nasik Road, who fell from the Hotel stairs at Goa left for heavenly abode suffering severe Brain Hemorrhage. He was aged 63 and retired from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited. He joined Rotary in 2021 and was very famous across dist 3030 for his handicraft items specially Hand Made Greetings. In the Goa Conference also his hand Crafted Cards were given to all the Speakers by DG Nana Shwale. This is a great loss to the Rotary Fraternity . May his soul rest is Peace !!

PP Rtn. Gyaanesh Verma

District Conference – Goa



I am pleased to present the Secretary's Report on our club members' participation at the District Conference held at Goa on 24th and 25th January. Our members attended and participated with great enthusiasm and commitment, representing our club with pride and spirit.

The District Conference proved to be a grand success, offering an enriching blend of knowledge-sharing, inspiration, fellowship, and celebration of Rotary values. The wholehearted participation of our members and Annes contributed to a meaningful and enjoyable

We are especially proud that our club member Sandhya Sundararaman released the Digital GML (Governor's Monthly Letter) during the conference. This was a historic first for the district, marking a significant milestone in embracing digital communication and innovation.

Additionally, Rtn. P. P. Sundarraman Sir was entrusted with the responsibility of looking after the Chief Guest, RIPR PDG J. Jesiah Villavarayar, who is also the Vice President of the All India Chambers of Commerce and Industry (AICCI). This responsibility was carried out with utmost dedication and courtesy.

The conference featured an outstanding panel of eminent speakers whose sessions left a lasting impact on the delegates:

- RID K. P. Nagesh– Inspired Rotarians with visionary thoughts on leadership, impactful service, and strengthening Rotary's relevance and reach.
- Mr. D. Sivanandhan – Retired 1976-batch IPS officer, former DGP Maharashtra and Mumbai Police Commissioner; rebuilt Mumbai's security post 26/11, dismantled the underworld, founded Mumbai Roti Bank, and authored books on leadership.
- Mr. Jay Prakash Kabra– HR Consultant and Motivational Speaker, shared insights on human potential, ethics, and personal motivation.
- Captain Yogendra Singh Yadav, Param Vir Chakra awardee – Youngest recipient of India's highest wartime gallantry award, hero of Tiger Hill, Kargil War 1999, survived 17 bullet wounds, retired as Subedar Major (Honorary Lieutenant), a symbol of bravery and selflessness.
- Ms. Mittal Patel– Social and environmental activist, working with marginalized and nomadic communities in Gujarat.
- Mr. Nitin Bangude Patil– Marathi public speaker, motivational orator, writer, and history scholar, known for historical dramas like "Shambhuraje" and youth empowerment.
- Mr. Rishi Nanda, "The Spiritualist" – Corporate trainer and author bridging epic Indian wisdom with modern leadership, 2025–26 Karamveer Chakra Bronze Awardee, co-author of Break Your Leadership Chakravyuh.
- Ms. Anjali Bhagwat Olympian shooter – Represented India internationally, with many International medals in her kitty that includes Asian Championships and Commonwealth Games ' trophies
Her achievements are a testament to discipline, focus, and excellence.
- Mr. Shreyas Talpade – Actor and performer, shared reflections on creativity, perseverance, humility, and giving back to society. Inspired youth with lessons on overcoming challenges, pursuing passion, and positive storytelling.

Fund Raising

During the conference, RI director K P Nagesh raised an Endowment Fund for the district by motivating the members to contribute towards the fund. In a time span of 6 minutes he collected \$50000, Which was equally matched by Rtn. Ravi Shankar Dakoju, thereby creating an endowment fund of \$100000. The interest of this endowment fund will be utilised for various projects of the clubs. This amount will remain to the credit of individual members who have contributed

- DG Rtn. Nana Shewale Sir contributed USD 10,000

Thank you.

Rtn. Subhashchandra More

Secretary RC DEOLALI

GOA MUSINGS



Club projects



Cloth Distributions and School Notebooks distribution in rural area of Gondhe Village by RC Nasik Road



Distribution of Sports Uniforms to the students of ZP School Manoli RC Nasik Grapecity



Kite festival at RC Pachora Bhadgaon



Kite Safety Awareness Drive at Gangapur Naka Signal, Opposite Dongare Vasati Gruha Ground, Nashik - RC Nashik Road



Squint Eye Correction Camp by RC Deolali



POCSO Act Awareness Lecture By RC Pachora Bhadgaon



The Rotary Club Pachora Bhadgaon donated 2 wheelchairs and 2 stretchers to Pachora Railway Station



Rotary Club of Manmad Magic Celebrates Children's Day at Ashram School with Distribution of Educational Material



Rotary Club of Manmad Magic Conducts 12th Free Eye Check-up and Cataract Surgery Camp at Anka Banjara Tanda



Rotary Club of Nagpur Green City organized an awareness seminar on Child Sexual Harassment at Sarwashree High School, Dighori



Rotary club of Nasik East held it's annual Vocational awards function



Vocational Award R C Nasik Road

Project of Rotary Club of Akola:

HOLD MY HAND

Rotary a great provider of Community Health Care 1100 free cataract surgery being provided to the poor and needy people by Rotary Club of Akola during the year 25-26. Rotary Club of Akola organized a mega eye camp in the old city of Akola for poor and low-income families. More than 300 old patients were examined and out of them 150 patients were selected for free cataract surgery. Rtn. Dr Manish Harshe, the surgeon specialist for cataract surgery carries out cataract operations on the patients at Shri Dammani Eye Hospital at Akola. The said hospital is under the administrative care of Rtn Sabhapati Shula who always provides the services of the hospital for patient care to Rotary. All the patients shall be operated on for cataract surgeries by the end of November 2025.

Another camp was held at village Gaigaon which covered patients from the adjoining villages too for free cataract surgery. More than 200 cataract surgery are already performed on these patients, and the work goes on till the target is reached.

The club has acted as a catalyst roping in financial partners, viz. Toshniwal family and Maliwal family of Akola to take care of the financial side of the project.

The club has built a reputation for high-quality patient focused care and remains responsive to the needs of the patients. Our Rotarians put in hard work and provide all the necessary cooperation as required. Rtn Dr Harshe's healing touch enables the poor and old patients to restore their vision strength and live life with dignity and without dependency on others in their day-to-day activities in old age.

The Rotarians attend the camps being held at remote places in villages and despite the heat and absence of basic facilities, talk to each patient at the camp and give personal attention. Every patient leaving the hospital after the surgery with the vision restored showers his/her blessings a Feedback from the patient: "Rotarian President Naryosang explained the procedure. Doctor Harshe made me feel comfortable.

The staff was excellent. Thanks to Rtn Sabhapatiji for Dammani Eye Hospital.

Thank you, Rotary, so much."

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Attached Photo shows Rtn Dr Manish Harshe examining the patient of cataract surgery. Patients at the camp. Other photo shows a few patients after cataract surgery with the Rotarians Sabhapati Shukla President Naryosang and Dr Manish Harshe



Kudos To Rotary Club of Nasik!

We are delighted to share that our Rotary Club has successfully added 3 more new Interact Clubs in this rotary year.

From last more than 8+ years we are handling 170 + interact clubs with vibrant Projects and school activities..

This is a step forward in empowering young leaders and strengthening Rotary's future.

Gratitude to the District team, club members, and all supporters for their guidance and cooperation.

Together, we serve and inspire!

Rtn. Dr. Gaurav Samnerkar

President

Rotary Club of Nasik



Proud Moment for Our District

Namaskar

Jai Hind!!!

The much-awaited Rotary Conference, which we were all eagerly looking forward to, has just concluded successful and that too at a wonderful location like Goa. The conference was conducted in an extremely well-organized and successful manner.

The planning and execution of every activity were perfect. From on-time transportation to the registration counters where everyone was very helpful, the four impressive bodyguards, the warm welcome of each member with dhol-tasha, the selfie points, and the excellent breakfast—everything was truly commendable.

The planning by DG Nana Sir and the dedicated efforts of his entire team deserve special appreciation.

All the speakers were A1, and there was so much to learn from each one of them. The stage was very well organized, and the time management was outstanding.

As for the Gala Night—words fall short. It was simply the best! Each and everything was absolutely perfect.

Heartfelt thanks to DG Nana Sir and the entire Conference Team, with special mention of Rtn Rajendra Dhurandhar—his name itself says it all.

Once again, thank you DG Nana Sir for a super-duper Goa Conference

Rtn Padma

President

RCNGC 25-26



HPV Cervical Vaccine Project by Rotary Club of Chalisgaon in Collaboration Rotary Club of Thane North end

On the occasion of Girls' Day, in collaboration with Rotary Club of Chalisgaon (District 3030) and Rotary Club of Thane Northend (District 3142), HPV (Cervical Cancer Prevention) vaccination program was successfully conducted at Secondary School, Patonda. Gram Panchayat Patonda and Secondary School Patonda provided valuable support for this initiative.

Rotary Club of Chalisgaon President Rtn. Chandresh Lodaya and Secretary Dr. Shrikant Morkar were present at this program. Also, Project Director Dr. Ujwala Deore and Project Head Anil Malpure effectively planned and guided the program.

Former President A. Ravindran, Vice President Mangesh Akerkar, Secretary Avinash Patwardhan and Subodh Ambekar were present and supported this social health initiative.

Sarpanch of Gram Panchayat Patonda Bhau So. Kashinath Sirsath, former Chairman Bhau So. Sanjay Patil and Principal of Secondary School Patonda Mrs. Swati Patil, Supervisor Mrs. Vaishali Shuryavanshi Assistant Teacher Satish Dabhade coordinated the program and the teaching staff provided valuable cooperation.

On this occasion, members of Rotary Club of Chalisgaon Sameer Bhavsar, Hardik Patel, Akshay Bagad, Balasaheb Sonawane, Nilesh Sharma, Himmat Patel, Nitin Patil, Shashikant Dhamne, Bhakti Lodaya, Manisha Morkar, Mamta Sharma, Hemlata Patel, Neha Shah, Sheetal Pallan and Rotary members were present.

This vaccination campaign has created awareness about cervical cancer among teenage girls and has given a boost to preventive health care. The dignitaries present expressed the opinion that such activities implemented by the Rotary Club while maintaining social commitment are very useful for the health of the society.

Chandresh Lodaya



Rotary Club of Manmad

Rotary Club of Manmad Magic Organized First-Ever Women's Cricket Tournament in Manmad Sunday, 7th Creating a new milestone in sports and women empowerment, the Rotary Club of Manmad Magic successfully organized the first-ever Women's Cricket Tournament in Manmad city.

The tournament was held at the Box Cricket Turf on Chandwad Road and commenced at 7:30 a.m., with all matches concluded by early afternoon. The event received an overwhelming response, with 8 women's teams from Manmad participating enthusiastically.

According to Project Heads Dr. Sachin Hadge and Mr. Tayyab Shaikh, the competition was planned with a professional structure to ensure smooth conduct and maximum participation.

The tournament featured attractive prizes, including:

- Winner's Trophy with a cash prize of ₹1,001
- Runner-up Trophy with a cash prize of ₹701
- Woman of the Match award for each match
- Best Batsman, Best Bowler, Best Fielder, and Woman of the Tournament awards

The event was sponsored by Shivam Skin Hair Laser Clinic, led by Dr. Vidya Yogesh Magar, whose support played a key role in the successful execution of the tournament.

Club President Dr. Ravindra Surve and Secretary Mr. Umesh Pathak appreciated the participation of Rotary members and their families, especially spouses, and highlighted that such initiatives reflect Rotary's strong commitment to inclusive community development and women empowerment.

This unique tournament promoted women's participation in sports, boosted confidence, and provided a vibrant platform for local talent, making it a proud and historic initiative for Manmad city.

Regards,

Rtn. Kunal Gaikwad

RC Manmad Magic, Manmad

From the Editor's DeSk



Well, after the euphoria of the conference, I presume all the clubs are back into brass tacks.

I congratulate the committee for the excellent conduct of the conference. Now let us begin our Rotary work with a new commitment and vigor to carry out the good work we have begun. We have 'united for good' and good work is always appreciated.

The month of February is special in the Rotary calendar since it is designated World Understanding Month. The month also includes the anniversary of the founding of Rotary International on February 23 1905, now designated World Understanding and Peace Day.

Rotary's peace initiatives would go a long way in resolving conflicts.

I also thank those who appreciated our efforts to release a digital magazine. Please comment so that we learn where we falter.

Thank you

Yours in Rotary

Sandhya Sundararaman.