



Rotary
DISTRICT 3030



ज्ञान वार्ता



Governor's Monthly

Letter 2025 - 2026



Francesco Arezzo
RI President



Dnyaneshwar Shewale
District Governor



October Volume - 4

RI President 's message



October is Rotary's Community Economic Development Month, a time to spotlight our efforts to help communities build thriving, sustainable future. This month's observance aligns perfectly with the Rotary core value of leadership.

Leadership means empowering people to guide their own progress. That is precisely what Rotary's economic development projects aim to achieve.

Take, for example, a recent initiative in southern India in which Rotary members unlocked the power of women of the Adivasi tribal groups through sewing training to earn a living and regain social inclusion. Historically, widows and abandoned women in this region lose social standing and are shunned by society or blamed for their misfortunes. Opportunities to support themselves or obtain training are minimal.

This year, the Rotary Club of Windsor Roseland, Ontario, partnered with clubs in Districts 3203 and 3234 in India — and with the Indian organisation Sevalaya Trust — to provide sewing machines and training to 80 Adivasi women. They learned to stitch saree blouses, kurta tunics, and salwar suits, enabling them to support themselves and their families. Each woman received a certificate for completing the programme, and the sewing machine-provider offered free long-term maintenance for the machines. The project offered vital income and dignity to women ostracised by society after widowhood.

This story is one example of Rotary leadership in action: local people guiding solutions that address their community needs. Our role is not to deliver charity or to impose outside models, but to foster self-reliance by investing in leadership, skills, and sustainable enterprise.

This October, I invite Rotary members worldwide to reflect on economic leadership in their communities. Who is stepping forward to lead local economic initiatives? Where is untapped talent that could be supported with training or mentorship? How can your club catalyse opportunity through partnerships with local businesses, vocational schools, or savings groups?

Leadership is not always about being visible. Sometimes it means listening, working collaboratively, and amplifying the voices of others. That approach lies at the heart of Rotary's philosophy and our lasting impact on economic development.

By building capacity — whether through microcredit groups, vocational training workshops, or entrepreneurship programmes — we enable communities to lead their own transformation. When people take ownership of their progress, change becomes sustainable.

Let us lead with good intention and provide support with heart. By nurturing local leadership, we can create opportunities that ripple through communities, empowering individuals, families and societies.

Together, we can support economies that work for everyone and enact community development projects that last.

Francesco Arezzo

President, Rotary International

From the Desk of the District Governor



Dear Rotary Family,

October in the Rotary calendar is dedicated to Economic and Community Development- a pillar of lasting progress. Our efforts this month should focus on projects that foster long-term economic prosperity and strengthen community well-being. When communities thrive, families are secure, opportunities multiply, and dignity flourishes.

This year's Rotary theme, "Unite for Good", guides us to work collectively for positive change. Economic and Community Development Month gives us the perfect platform to collaborate on initiatives that empower people. I encourage clubs to introduce microcredit programs for the underprivileged, helping them create their own sources of income and stability. Such initiatives do more than provide financial support, they spark hope and independence.

October also brings Rotary Alumni Reconnect Week, a chance to reach out to our former members and program participants. Their experiences and renewed engagement can strengthen our impact and enrich our Rotary family.

This festive month reminds us of values we hold dear:

Dashera celebrates the victory of good over evil—a reminder that collective action and courage always triumph.

Diwali, with its many celebrations—Dhanteras, Naraka Chaturdashi, Lakshmi Puja, Govardhan Puja, Bhai Dooj, and Chhath Puja—teaches us about light over darkness, generosity, family bonds, and gratitude. In many ways, these traditions mirror the fellowship, compassion, and service of Rotary.

As we light our homes and hearts this season, let us also light the path for those who need opportunity and support.

Looking ahead, November is Rotary Foundation Month. Let's prepare ourselves to honor and strengthen the Foundation—the very engine that powers our service projects worldwide.

Wishing you and your families a blessed Dashera and a joyous Diwali filled with light, harmony, and togetherness.

Yours in Rotary Service,
Rtn. Dnyaneshwar Shewale
District Governor 2025-26
Rotary International District 3030

Rotary DIST 3030 UNITE FOR GOOD

5th OCV OF YEAR 2025-26
 Rotary Club of Chandrapur Smart City
 Date 13/09/2025

Key Points
 • 2 New Members added

SERVICE ABOVE SELF
 District Public Image Team 25-26

Rotary DIST 3030 UNITE FOR GOOD

9th OCV OF YEAR 2025-26
 Rotary Club of Amrawati Indrapuri
 Date 19/09/2025

Key Points
 • 3 New Members added

SERVICE ABOVE SELF
 District Public Image Team 25-26

Rotary DIST 3030 UNITE FOR GOOD

12th OCV OF YEAR 2025-26
 Rotary Club of Nagpur Green City
 Date 26/09/2025

Key Points
 • 4 New Members Added • Polio Fund of 11000 Received

SERVICE ABOVE SELF
 District Public Image Team 25-26

Rotary DIST 3030 UNITE FOR GOOD

ROTARY CLUB OF NASIK NASHIK
 PROJECT: MENTAL HEALTH FOR TEACHERS

Rtn Ram Pagare Club President
 Rtn Adv Virendra Lonari Non Club Secretary Projects
 Rtn Yogesh Ahire Non Club Secretary Admin

PROJECT LEADER: Rtn. In. Shil. Nagarkhede
DATE: 15 Sept 2025
VENUE: Ashoka Medicover Hospital Auditorium, Nashik
NO. OF MEMBERS PRESENT: 36
NO. OF BENEFICIARIES: 125
FOCUS AREA/ AVENUE: Basic Education & Literacy

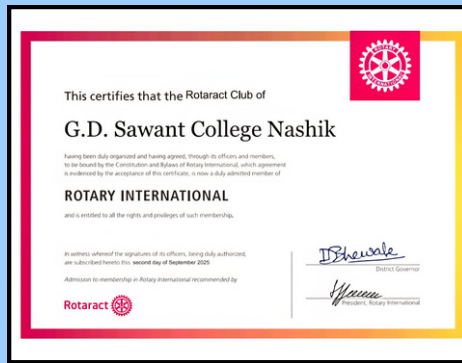
SERVICE ABOVE SELF
 District Public Image Team 25-26

Rotary DIST 3030 UNITE FOR GOOD

14th OCV OF YEAR 2025-26
 Rotary Club of Nagpur Horizon
 Date 27/09/2025

Key Points
 • 10 New Members Added

SERVICE ABOVE SELF
 District Public Image Team 25-26



New Rotaract club, RC Nasik Midtown

CLUB PROJECTS

Rotary DIST 3030 UNITE FOR GOOD

Rotary Club Akola North

Rtn. Dnyaneshwar Shevale
 Rtn. Francisco Anzures

HPV Vaccination drive for Physically Challenged Schools
 Distribution of basic Sanitation requirements for students

No of Beneficiaries: 100
 Area of Focus : Disease Prevention and treatment Sanitation & Hygiene

President: Rtn. Dr. Shradha M. Agrawal
Secretaries: Rtn. Mahesh Bhatkar Rtn. Snehal Doshi

SERVICE ABOVE SELF
 District Public Image Team 25-26



Diagnostic camp for Osteoporosis RC Nagpur Metro



Past president Rotary club Umarched Dr. Dhanajay Vyavhare exchanged flags with Rotary club San Jose president Matt breaker san jose, California, USA on 30th July 2025.



जेडीसी बिटको हायस्कूलमध्ये इंग्रजी क्लबची स्थापना रोटरी क्लब ऑफ नाशिक विमानतळ



Netradhan Pakhwada, Rotary club of Nagpur Ishanya



OCV AKOLA EAST



RC Smart city Chandrapur OCV



रोटाकिड स्माईल द्वारा शकुंतला विद्यालयात रंगभरण स्पर्धा, Rotary Club of Jalgaon



Musical Night Rotary Club of Akola East



Nagpur Green City, OCV



RC Hinganghat distributed 51 bicycles to needy Girls of 10 different schools at the hands of PDG Raje Sangram Singh ji Bhosle. PP Jitendra Kedar (Co chair Conference)



Health Check Up Camp organised by Rotary Club Of Chandrapur during 5 days of Mahakali Mohatsav



Renovation of washroom and distribution of Groceries, fruits at Snehangam school by RC Nagpur Green City



RC Nashik road and RC Airport and RC Vision Next Dandiya night



Rotary Club of Malegaon City, Collection of Waste to Make Organic Fertiliser



रोटरी क्लब ऑफ नागपूर होरायझनने दुर्गम भागात राहणाऱ्या ग्रामस्थांना सौर कंदील दान केले



Tree Plantation drive by Rotary Club of Manmad Magic



Rotary Club of Nagpur North recently organised an industrial visit for Interactors of Classes 8 to 10 of The Achievers School



Rotary Club of Pachora Badgaon, program on World Literacy Day



RYLA organised by RC Amt Ambika
Chief Guest PDG Kishorji Kedia &
Guest of Honour DGN Kishorji Rathi
 motivated youth. Around 90+ participants attended RYLA 2025.



लैंगिक शिक्षण, सुरक्षा आणि व्यक्तिमत्व विकास
यावरील मार्गदर्शन सत्र”
(मुख्य कॉस्टीबेल पोलीस सौ. जिजा चव्हाण यांच्या
मार्गदर्शनाखाली, १०० विद्यार्थ्यांसाठी आयोजित)
 Rotary club of Nashik Smart City



रोटरी क्लब ऑफ अकोट द्वारे शिक्षकांचा सन्मान



Dental, General Health and Hand wash Camp, Rotary Club of Jalgaon
 Royals



रोटरी क्लब उमरखेड मार्फत महिला साठी मोफत
शिलाई मशीन प्रशिक्षण देण्याचा प्रोजेक्ट



NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

DESHDOOT Times
 ...watching north maharashtra

Rotary Club of Deolali honours teachers

NASHIK: The Rotary Club of Deolali honored educators for their outstanding contributions in the field of education at a programme held at Ajmera Hall, Lam Road, on September 12, 2025.

Adarsh Vidya Mandir, Sonita Patil, principal, English School, Vihigam, Poonam Francis, principal, Deolali High School, Bhusali, Gullabai, principal, Sabhash Gajjar School, Hatid madam, Sonita Jain, principal, Keshavnagar High School, Vaidalya No. 1, Vimala, principal, Madhuri More, principal, Nutan Vidya Mandir, Deolali Camp, Bhagat, Kewal Shewale, keshd Bharatnath Madam, Vidyalaya and Mina Patil, teacher, St. Patrick Convent High School, Deolali Camp were honored.

Rajashri Jadhav, principal, Nanda Patil, principal of Rangshri Jadhav High School, was present as the chief guest.

Secretary, The Rotary Club of Deolali congratulated these exemplary educators on their achievements.

RCNN cleans Futala Lake bank

Extending its social service, the Rotary Club of Nagpur North (RCNN) conducted a cleaning drive to beautify Futala Lake and its surroundings. RCNN was joined by Interact Club of Delhi Public School, Lava, in the 'shramdaan' activity. The students were guided by their teachers in the initiative. The drive focused on preventing immersion of 'nirmalya' directly into the Futala Lake water and ensuring proper disposal of plastic waste generated during the visarjan of Ganesh idols. Rotarians including RCNN secretary Swapnil Band, Interact Club chair Arunadh Sathe, and Ashish Pedhekar participated alongside the students, collecting waste and spreading awareness about environmental conservation.

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रोटरी क्लब ऑफ चंद्रपूर कडून डायलिसिस मशीन भेट

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जळगाय भावृती

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WHS exchange program promotes cultural exchange and international life experiences

LUCAS DAVIS

graphics manager

The exchange program at WHS allows students the opportunity to attend a new school in a new country, with a new host family. In looking at the exchange program, Brent Rice, The Rotary District 6650 Youth Exchange Co-Chair, said, "If you are interested in other cultures and languages, there is no better way than to experience them firsthand."

According to Rice, its purpose is to promote cultural exchange, build a global network of friends, and provide students with the experience of life in another country. This year, WHS is hosting Akshara Patil from India and Amaro (Mamo) Butron-Carrasco from Chile.

Akshara states that the reason she joined the program was, "to come to another country and study and explore the culture, the people and the language."

Overall, Akshara says that WHS is really fun, but notes it is very different to what she has experienced back home.

In addition, Akshara also notes that she expects to grow as a person and move toward her career goal, which is to study law. One of the activities in which she is looking forward to getting involved is the Drama Club and said she is really excited to see what the program looks like here and hopes to be in the upcoming musical.

In looking at why he chose to be involved in the exchange program, Mamo stated, "A majority of my family did the exchange program. A personal goal for Mamo this year is to learn the English language and advance his career in law."

Mamo notes that his first impression of WHS was a bit of fear due to the language barrier.

However, Mamo notes he is excited about meeting new people and trying new things, which includes doing cross-country and hanging out with his friends after school.

Rice shares Akshara and Mamo's transition to WHS has been successful.

"I'm impressed with each of them," Rice admits, "and look forward to getting to know them better throughout the year."

For any families interested in hosting Akshara or Mamo later in the school year or future students should contact Brent Rice at brentrice@live.com or brentrice@ssnet.com.

LEKMAT-TIMES

Educators honoured during 'Guruvandana'

Rotary Club of Nashik West Launches 'Gauri Shiksha Doot' Initiative

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TheHitavada

RCNV extends follow-up care through Sparsh camp

AFTER the successful Sparsh medical camp conducted at Wadga, 30 patients identified for further treatment and surgeries are now receiving care at Shalinatti Meghe Research Centre under the guidance of Dr. Nareesh Gill.

Among them, seven patients are undergoing surgeries for hernia, fistula, and hydrocele, while two patients are being treated for infertility issues. The treatment is free of cost.

A team from the Rotary Club of Nagpur Vision (RCNV), including Dr. Girish Chhabrani (Director Medical), Vicky Mulchandani (Director Non-Medical), and Dr. Vaani Chhabrani visited the patients, who expressed heartfelt gratitude towards Rotary for this compassionate initiative.

RCNV has extended sincere thanks to Dr. Nareesh Gill for his dedicated service, which continues to bring hope and healing to those in need.

तरुणभारत

रोटरी क्लब अन् प्राहक पचायतकडून पूर्यस्त विद्यार्थ्यांना शैक्षणिक साहित्य वाटप

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DNYAN-SANSKAR : NEW MEMBER'S ORIENTATION SEMINAR

On the 14th of September, 2025, Nashik Enclave conducted a New Member's Orientation Seminar – Dnyan Sanskar, for all New members inducted in Rotary Clubs of Nashik. The event was attended by 105 delegates and was conducted free of cost for all participants, hosted by Nashik Enclave.

The event was a true interface for New Members to Rotary with learning along with Fellowship. On behalf of Enclave, President Rtn Ram Pagare welcomed the delegates. PDG Rtn Dada Deshmukh guided as the forum leader. Dist Sec (Events) Rtn Nilesh Partani motivated the participants explaining the Mission and Vision of Rotary; Senior Rtn Jayesh Sanghvi with his experience relayed the History of Rotary and our District in his own exemplary ways; Rtn Alka Singh took a session on the Holy grail of Rotary – The Four Way Test, and explained the benefits of it in an easy to understand way; AG Rtn Dr Nitin Surana explained the Structure of Rotary in simple ways for the New Members to understand; Rtn Vishwesh Suvamkar conveyed the importance of Club administration and How New Members can support various aspects of Club Administration; Enclave Chair Rtn Kunal Sharma took the session on Opportunities in Rotary and conveyed the importance of Personal, Professional and Social advantages that a Rotarian can take away from being a part of Rotary; Rtn Paresh Chitnis took the all important session on Rotary.org, sign in processes, learning centre and myRotary.

We had 3 Panel discussions. AG Rtn Mohan Bhawe moderated the session on Avenues of Services & Focus Areas in Rotary; AG Rtn Murali Raghavan moderated the session on Public Image and Membership Growth; AG Rtn Santosh Bhatt served as a moderator on Protocols and Rotary Etiquettes. All distinguished panelists were Club Presidents and Club Secretaries from all Rotary Clubs in Nashik. The event also had a short session on RYLA by Rtn Dilip Chavan and Conference Chair Rtn Rajendra Dharankar promoted the all important Rotary Conference Dnyan Sagar. AG Rtn Balasaheb Sadgir did the felicitations on behalf of Enclave and Enclave Advisor Rtn P.B. Guraddi presented the vote of thanks. AG Rajendra Mhamunkar took charge of the Registration process and handed over the Certificates of completion of the New Members' Orientation Seminar to all the participants. AG Rtn Deelip Kale and Club Sec Rtn Varsha Porje maintained a flawless flow of the event as MoCs.

The event was a true spirit of handholding and collaboration by everyone in Enclave and as an Enclave Chair, I am proud of our entire Enclave team and with the support of all individuals, we could present a fabulous event and huge learning as was conveyed by the participants at the end of the event. Thank you everyone who were a part of this Nashik Enclave event and thus making DNYANCLAVE NASHIK all the more vibrant.

Rotary Dist 3030 **UNITE FOR GOOD**

DNYANCLAVE NASIK (2025-26)

Rtn. Dnyaneshwar Shewale District Governor 2025-26 **Rtn. Francesco Arezzo** RI President 2025-26

DNYAN SANSKAR ज्ञान संस्कार

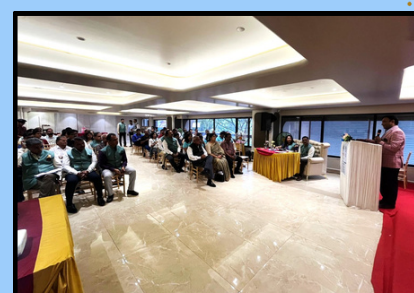
NEW MEMBERS' ORIENTATION SEMINAR

Sunday 14th September 2025 - NASIK

Enclave Advisor | **Enclave Chair** | **Enclave Secretary**
Rtn Parut Guraddi | **Rtn Kunal Sharma** | **Rtn Swati Chavan**

AG Rtn MURALI RAGHAVAN | AG Rtn Dr NITIN SURANA | AG Rtn SANTOSH BHATT | AG Rtn DILIP KALE | AG Rtn MOHAN BHAVE
 RC NASIK | RC DEOLALI | RC NASIK JANASTHAN | RC NASIK WEST | RC NASIK AMBAD
 RC SINNAR | RC NASIK NORTH | RC NASIK CANADA CORNER | RC NASIK AIRPORT | RC NASIK SMART CITY
 RC GONDDESWAR SINNAR | RC NASIK CITY | RC NASIK MIDTOWN | RC NASIK GODAVARI | RC NASIK NEXUS
 RC IGATPURI GREENCITY | RC NASIK SUPREME | RC NASIK UDAYANI

AG Rtn BALASAHEB SADGIR | AG Rtn RAJENDRA DHARANKAR | AG Rtn ARJUN PWAR
 RC NASIK ROAD | RC NASIK GRAPFCITY | RC NASIK RIVERSIDE
 RC NASIK VISION NKT | RC NASIK NINE HILLS
 RC NASIK EAST | RC NASIK INSPIRING GLORY



PDG डॉ. माधव (नाना) चौधरी – प्रेरणादायी प्रवास



बालपण व वैद्यकीय शिक्षण

२४ ऑक्टोबर २०२५. हा दिवस एक वेगळेच महत्त्व घेऊन येतो आहे. कारण याच दिवशी रोटरीचे ज्येष्ठ नेते, समाजोपयोगी वैद्यकीय सेवेचे आधारस्तंभ आणि प्रेरणादायी व्यक्तिमत्व Past District Governor डॉ. माधव (नाना) चौधरी ९७ वर्षांचे होतील. त्यांच्या जीवनकथेतील प्रत्येक टप्पा आजच्या युवा रोटरी सदस्यांसाठी प्रेरणादायी आहे.

मुंबईतील GS Medical College आणि KEM हॉस्पिटल मधून MBBS व MS (General Surgery) पूर्ण केल्यानंतर, त्यांनी इंग्लंडमधील लंडन आणि एडिनबरा युनिव्हर्सिटीमधून FRCS केले.

त्यांच्या कुटुंबात वैद्यकीय सेवा ही परंपरा होती. धन्वंतरी योगी डॉ. काका साहेब चौधरी यांनी आकोल्यात हॉस्पिटल सुरू केले होते, आणि नाना यांनी त्या परंपरेत सर्जन म्हणून वैद्यकीय सेवेला पुढे नेले.

समाजोपयोगी वैद्यकीय सेवा:

GS Medical College मधील घोषवाक्य “Non Sibi sed Omnibus” (Not for self but for all) त्यांच्या जीवनदृष्टीचा पाया ठरला.

सार्वजनिक हॉस्पिटलमध्ये सर्जन व प्राध्यापक म्हणून कार्य करत असताना त्यांनी समाजोपयोगी दृष्टिकोन आत्मसात केला. त्यांनी दहा ते पंधरा हजारांहून अधिक शस्त्रक्रिया विनामूल्य केल्या. तसेच डोळ्यांच्या अनेक शिबिरांचे आयोजन केले त्यामुळे त्यांना “डोळ्यांचे डॉक्टर” म्हणून संबोधले जायचे.

रोटरी प्रवासाची सुरुवात

१९५८ मध्ये रोटरी क्लब अकोल्याचे चार्टर प्रेसिडेंट महाजनी यांनी त्यांना व्याख्यानासाठी बोलावले, आणि तिथूनच त्यांचा रोटरी प्रवास सुरू झाला. लवकरच त्यांनी अकोला रोटरी क्लबमध्ये सदस्यत्व स्वीकारले. “Service Above Self” या तत्त्वज्ञानाने प्रेरित होऊन त्यांनी रोटरी कार्यात सक्रिय सहभाग घेतला.

District Governor म्हणून नेतृत्व:

District Governor म्हणून त्यांनी “Care of Eyes” हा आठ भागात उपक्रम सुरू केला. ग्रामीण भागात रोटरीचा प्रसार करण्यासाठी RVC (Rotary Village Club) व RCC (Rotary Community Corps) या संकल्पना राबवल्या. आरसीसी निधी व्यवस्थापनासाठी त्यांनी अभिनव मॉडेल तयार केले –

- स्थानिक क्लब: ३५%
- स्थानिक RCC: १५%
- सेंट्रल फंड: ५०%

या मॉडेलनुसार अनेक गावांमध्ये आरोग्य, शिक्षण आणि सामाजिक उपक्रम राबवले गेले.

आंतरराष्ट्रीय स्तरावरील कार्य

जागतिक पातळीवरही त्यांचे योगदान उल्लेखनीय आहे. रोम येथील रोटरी कन्व्हेंशनमध्ये त्यांना स्पीकर म्हणून आमंत्रित करण्यात आले. मंचावर त्यांच्यासोबत सर जॉन विल्सन (Royal Society for Commonwealth Blindness) उपस्थित होते.

१९७५ मध्ये अमेरिकेतील आंतरराष्ट्रीय रोटरी अधिवेशनात “Rotary Cares for Those Who Cannot See” या महत्त्वपूर्ण कार्यक्रमात त्यांनी मार्गदर्शन केले.

तसेच RI President Conference मध्ये अनेकदा भारताचे प्रतिनिधित्व केले आणि जगभरातील रोटरी सदस्यांना प्रेरित केले.

वैद्यकीय संशोधन व छंद

वैद्यकीय व्यवसायात त्यांनी मेटाबॉलिक डिसऑर्डर्स, नॉन-कम्युनिकेबल डिसीजेस, लठ्ठपणा आणि मधुमेह यावर संशोधन, उपचार व जनजागृती केली. ते मातृसेवा संघाशी जोडले गेले आणि तिथेही विनामूल्य सेवा दिली.

सेवेबरोबरच त्यांना फोटोग्राफी, ब्रिज, अध्यात्म, गीता आणि ज्ञानेश्वरीचे गाढे अध्ययन यांचा छंद आहे. त्यांचे “एक तरी ओवी अनुभवावी” हे ज्ञानेश्वरी वर आधारित पुस्तक ढवळे प्रकाशनाने प्रकाशित केले. आणि “लय भारी” यांसारखी वैद्यकीय पुस्तके लिहिली. “लय भारी” या पुस्तकात दहा आजारांवरील उपाय दिले आहेत, ज्यात ओबेसिटी आणि डायबेटीस यावर विशेष मार्गदर्शन आहे.

विशेष म्हणजे, त्यांनी हिंदीतील 'मधुशाला' (हरिवंशराय बच्चन) ह्यांच्या पुस्तकाचा मराठी अनुवादही केला, जो अमिताभ बच्चन यांच्या संमतीने प्रकाशित झाला.

प्रेरणादायी व्यक्तिमत्त्व:

Dr. चौधरी हे भारतातील सिनिअर मोस्ट Governor आहेत. वैद्यकीय कौशल्य, समाजोपयोगी सेवा, निस्वार्थ भावना आणि रोटरी नेतृत्व यांचा सुंदर संगम त्यांच्या व्यक्तिमत्त्वात दिसतो.

त्यांचा अनुभव म्हणजे, व्यवसाय, कुटुंब आणि समाज या तिन्ही आघाड्यांवर समतोल साधून निस्वार्थ सेवा करणे, हेच खऱ्या अर्थाने जीवनाचे समाधान आहे.”

बदल स्विकारण्याची वृत्ती:

त्यांना एक खंत आहे, रोटरीची कल्पना अमेरिकेतून आली; भारत प्रगत असूनही अशी स्वतंत्र संस्था इथे जन्माला आली नाही. तरी ते बदल स्विकारण्याचे महत्त्व अधोरेखित करतात आणि म्हणतात:

“जग बदलत आहे तसे रोटरीतही बदल होत आहेत. Council of Legislation प्रमाणे सर्व बदल स्वीकारणे गरजेचे आहे.”

Past District Governor डॉ. माधव (नाना) चौधरी यांचे जीवनकार्य रोटरी आणि समाजासाठी प्रेरणादायी आदर्श आहे.

त्यांच्या कार्यातून वैद्यकीय कौशल्य, सामाजिक बांधिलकी आणि नेतृत्वाचा उत्तम संगम दिसतो.त्यांना निरामय वाढदिवसाच्या उदंड शुभेच्छा!



-मुलाखत: PP Rtn. अपर्णा मारावार,
सह-संपादक, ज्ञानवार्ता

“EFFECTIVE RETENTION TECHNIQUES FOR ROTARY CLUBS”

Yesterday's RI Zones 4, 5, 6 & 7 Master Class on “Effective Retention Techniques for Rotary Clubs” was attended by a vibrant audience of Rotarians eager to enhance club engagement and sustain membership growth. PDG Angsuman Bandyopadhyay (Website Chairman) welcomed the speaker, PDG Gurjeet S. Sekhon (Member, RI Membership Growth Committee 2025–28).

Session Highlights:

Membership Retention Challenges

PDG Gurjeet highlighted that while Rotary faces attendance challenges in the Western world, India's key issue is retention, with 34% of new members leaving within the first year and 32% in the second year. Two-thirds of new members are lost in just two years, making retention a critical focus.

Understanding Member Needs

Members often leave due to a lack of connection or perceived value. Clubs should tailor programs, offer diverse opportunities, and foster a sense of belonging. Listening to members and acting on feedback is essential to building trust and loyalty.

Retention Strategies

Strengthen onboarding, mentorship, and orientation for new members.

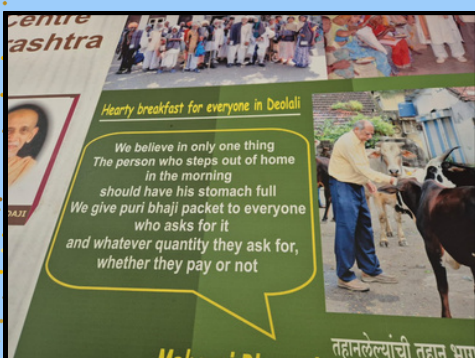
Promote fellowship, appreciation, and recognition to keep members engaged.

Adapt to changing times with flexible club structures and varied opportunities.

Encourage member participation by assigning roles and involving them in community-based projects.

This session offered actionable strategies to improve retention, enhance engagement, and build vibrant Rotary clubs.

NOBODY SLEEPS HUNGRY IN DEOLALI



Feeding the needy

Rotary Club of Deolali celebrates 28 years

NASHIK: The Rotary Club of Deolali recently celebrated 28 years of dedicated service through its well-known Puri Bhaji Centre, a community initiative that has become a symbol of compassion and care in the region.

The centre was founded nearly three decades ago by Rotarians Maharaj Birmani and Ronnie Bhamant, with the vision of serving nutritious meals to those in need. Since then, it has not only fed countless people but also stood as a living example of the Rotary motto, "Service Above Self."

Over the years, the Puri Bhaji Centre has distributed an impressive 1.15 crore meal packets to underprivileged citizens. This remarkable feat is now set to be entered in the Guinness Book of Records, underscoring the tireless commitment and teamwork of the Rotary Club of Deolali.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Purbkar Joshi, Rotary Club president, expressed gratitude for being able to serve the community for nearly three decades, emphasizing that the achievement belongs to every member who contributed along the way. Secretary Subhash More highlighted the importance of collective efforts and invited more people to join in the mission of service.

As part of Rotary International, a global network of 1.4 million Rotarians across more than 46,000 clubs, the Rotary Club of Deolali continues to strengthen its commitment to humanitarian work and community welfare.



The Rotary club of Deolali has been serving the community for 28 years. A community initiative that has become a symbol of compassion and care for the needy. The project of distributing Puri Bhaji to the needy and poor was conceived by PP Rtn. Maharaj K Birmani, an IITan from Karagpur. Maharaj a dedicated Rotarian, while researching on his high tech security systems supplying to almost more than 100 countries was also researching on how to improve the living conditions of the poor and needy. It was at this time somewhere in the nineties he was influenced by the spiritual guru Swami Chidanandaji Swamiji's thoughts on feeding the poor and that had a great impact on him. Initially he started a medical center where anyone needing medical assistance was given free medicines under doctor's advice. At the same center he used to distribute free milk and bananas to the poor daily. He was not satisfied with the result he was looking for. After much study and consultation with doctors and dietitians, he came to the conclusion that nutrition was the only solution to improve health. With this in mind, he discussed with the club members as to what can be done to feed the needy and poor. Various options were discussed and finally the idea of puri bhaji was conceptualized. However, its implementation was not so easy. In the month of May 1996 a trial was done with supply of 4 puries and 50 grams of potato bhaji. It became popular amongst the poor. But soon came the difficulties. Local hoteliers and street vendors started opposing and made threatening calls to Rtn. Maharaj. But Rtn. Maharaj being a Maharaj by heart met the aggrieved people and explained to them the cause and made them understand that this would in no way hinder their business. Then things started to change. The project was officially launched during the tenure of Late past President Dr. Arun Swadi. Puri Bhaji was distributed free to the poor who could not afford to pay. And for others, Rs.3 was charged. The Rotary Shrama Parihar project is a thoughtful initiative aimed at supporting unskilled laborers and their families by providing them with nutritious food. Here are some key aspects of the project:

- As volume increased quality was never compromised. The center produce and distribute around 1000 packets daily, with 300 given for free and 700 sold.

- Nobody should sleep hungry in Deolali. This was Maharaj's intention. Any one asking for any quantity would be given regardless of the fact that they paid or not. Almost 1000 packets are produced and distributed then and there every day. It is a continuous process where the puris are rolled by 8 ladies and immediately fried by 2 ladies and it comes to the counter where the puris and bhajis are packed and delivered to the needy and poor. The project became a success and in a span of 2 years the medical center run by Rtn. Maharaj was closed down. Nutrition had taken care of health and hence there was no need for medicines.

Years rolled by and another center was started in a nearby village, Sansari Gaon in the same style and once again it was successful and beneficial for the villagers in and around the place

Though the cost of packets increased from Rs.3 to 5 to 7 and presently to Rs.10, now it is 5 puris instead of 4 earlier. Even now the poor are being given free of charge.

The center has achieved a feat that till 24th September 2025, it has distributed 115 lakh packets which is likely to be in the Guinness Books of World records.

The project has received Rotary international award for Alleviation of Hunger.

It is by no means an easy task to run a project of this magnitude. Thanks to Rtn.Maharaj and R.Ann.Roma Birmani. Except for 2 days in a year the center is open for 363 days and that too for 28 Years. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the center demonstrated remarkable resilience and dedication to serving the community. A special feature of the center is that many locals and sometimes people from Nashik would come here to donate puri Bhaji packets in memory of their departed parents and also on their birth anniversaries. On such days additional sweets or Bananas are given free to all. Also every Thursday and Saturday bananas and chikkis are given free to all.

The center also feeds cows and stray dogs every day.

I have been witness to this project as a Rotarian, from the very first day of its inception till date. Believe me, it requires special skill and dedicated hands at the center, with people having a compassionate heart and patience to serve.

This is a wonderful tribute to Maharaj and R.Ann Roma's selfless service! Their dedication to the community is truly inspiring, and it's clear that their efforts have made a lasting impact.



Past Assistant Governor Rtn.J.Sundararaman.
Rotary Club Of Deolali.

ROTARY'S IGNITION PROGRAM IN EDUCATION (RIPE)

"Ripening Minds, Empowering Communities"

रोटरी क्लब जळगाव नेहमीच समाजातील गरज ओळखून तिच्यासाठी कार्यरत राहिला आहे. शिक्षण हा समाजपरिवर्तनाचा कणा आहे, पण आज अनेक मुलं प्राथमिक शिक्षणातच मागे पडताना दिसतात. ५वी ते ७वीतील शेकडो विद्यार्थी आपले नाव लिहू शकत नाहीत, साध्या बेरीज-वजाबाकीच्या क्रियाही करू शकत नाहीत. अशा विद्यार्थ्यांचा आत्मविश्वास कमी होतो आणि ते हळूहळू शिक्षणापासून दुरावतात.

याच समस्येला उत्तर शोधण्यासाठी रोटरी क्लब जळगावने २०२५-२६ मध्ये एक महत्वाकांक्षी प्रकल्प हाती घेतला – Rotary's Ignition Program in Education (RIPE).

प्रकल्पाची वैशिष्ट्ये

११ शाळा निवडून त्यातील ३०० विद्यार्थी या प्रकल्पात सामील केले.

शिक्षणासाठी ११ पदवीधर महिला शिक्षक व १ समन्वयक कार्यरत आहेत.

प्रत्येक शिक्षक आपल्या शाळेत दर आठवड्याला २ तास remedial coaching घेतो.

विद्यार्थ्यांच्या प्रगतीचे नियमितपणे मूल्यमापन केले जाते.

दुहेरी परिणाम

RIPE हा प्रकल्प केवळ मुलांच्याच नव्हे तर समाजाच्याही आयुष्यात बदल घडवतो.

1. विद्यार्थ्यांचा लाभ – ३०० मुलांना वाचन, लेखन व गणितातील प्राथमिक कौशल्ये मिळत आहेत. हळूहळू त्यांचा आत्मविश्वास वाढत असून शालेय निकालातही सुधारणा दिसू लागली आहे.

2. महिला सक्षमीकरण – ११ गृहिणींना अध्यापनाची संधी मिळाली आहे. “आपणही समाजाला काहीतरी देऊ शकतो” ही जाणीव त्यांना नवा आत्मविश्वास देत आहे.

निष्कर्ष

RIPE म्हणजे केवळ remedial coaching नव्हे, तर विद्यार्थ्यांना अभ्यासाची गोडी लावणे व त्यांना आत्मविश्वास देणे होय. एक परिवार सक्षम करण्याची पहिली पायरी आहे. या उपक्रमातून ३०० मुलांचे शैक्षणिक आयुष्य बदलते आहे आणि समाजातील महिलांना शैक्षणिक क्षेत्रात अर्थपूर्ण योगदानाची संधी देत आहे.

रोटरी क्लब जळगावचा हा प्रकल्प Rotary cares, Rotary acts, Rotary transforms या विश्वासाला मूर्त स्वरूप देतो.

रो. गिरीश कुळकर्णी

अध्यक्ष,

रोटरी क्लब जळगाव



ROTARY CULTURAL FESTIVAL (SEASON 2) @ NASHIK – 13TH SEPTEMBER, 2025 TO 18TH SEPTEMBER, 2025



A Six day Public Image bonanza was organized at Parshuram Saykhedkar Natyagruha, Shalimar, Nashik. Approx 4000 audience attended the event which was organized to showcase the work being done by Rotary all across the world.

The dignitaries conveyed The Basics of Rotary International, its work and its heritage to the audience, most of whom were non-Rotarians. Rotary Enclave joined hands with a top Cultural and Social organization - Baba's Theaters, Nashik, who were celebrating their Silver Jubilee year.

In these six days six different events were arranged from evening 06:30 pm to 09:30 pm: viz-a-viz Zee Marathi Musical Show; Madan Mohan Hindi Musical Show by Cherry Berry Live, Mumbai; Marathi Drama by AG Rtn Deelip Kale and Team; The Golden Era Hindi Musical show by The Golden Voice Studios; Hindi Drama by Anshu Singh from National School of Drama,

Delhi and Marathi Musical Show "Aapli Aawad" by Amol Palekar.

Leaders of District 3030 graced the event on various days for the Inaugural and formal Programs. This included DG Rtn Dnyaneshwar Shewale, PDG Rtn Dada Deshmukh, PDG Rtn Asha Venugopal, Dist Sec Rtn Nilesh Partani, Dist Sec Rtn Prerana Bele, Industrialist Rtn Dhananjay Bele, IFRM Chair Rtn Awtar Singh panfair among several others.

On this occasion 17 Presidents of Nashik Enclave were felicitated by the Festival Committee for their Good work in the society. Rtn Gaurav Samnerkar- RC Nasik, Rtn Dr Dhananjay Ahire - RC Nasik Ambad, Rtn JJ Pawar - RC Nasik Midtown, Rtn Dr Jaideep Somwanshi - RC Nasik Vision Next, Rtn Ashish Chandak - RC Nasik North, Rtn Abhijay Rao - RC Nasik Canada Corner, Rtn Sanjay Kulkarni - RC Nasik Riverside, Rtn Dimple Sachde - RC Nasik Nexus, Rtn Navita Parakh - RC Nasik East, Rtn Kailash Sonwane - RC Nasik Nine Hills, Rtn Mugdha Nagpurkar - RC Nasik Smartcity, Rtn Rahul Shinde - RC Sinnar Gondeshwar, Rtn Rupesh Zatkare - RC Nasik Godavari, Rtn Anjali Mehta - RC Nasik Grapecity, Rtn Dilip Dighe - RC Nasik Road, Rtn Deepak Bhure - RC Nasik Airport, Rtn Ram Pagare - RC Nasik West were felicitated.

On this occasion the Blood Collection Van donated to Jankalyan Blood Bank by RC of Nasik Ambad and The Traffic Awareness Van made by RC of Nashik Airport were displayed at the Venue giving a very good visibility to Rotary work. The Event was planned and executed by Event Professional PP Rtn Gyanesh Verma from RC Nasik Road in association with Enclave Chair Rtn Kunal Sharma, AG Rtn Deelip Kale & Rtn Ashwini Sardeshmukh.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



We have already stepped into the 4th month of the Rotary calendar. The festive season has begun and clubs are busy with project initiatives on the one hand and festive celebrations on the other. Our hands are full and along with this, let's emphasize the importance of ethical standards in business and professions, fostering a culture of integrity and respect. Our Rotary clubs continue to make a tangible difference in people's lives through health camps, literacy drives, and environmental sustainability initiatives.

As we reflect on our achievements, we're reminded of Rotary's extraordinary impact over the past 120 years, from eradicating polio to promoting peace and supporting education.

As we move forward, we continue to uphold Rotary's values and strive to make a positive impact in our communities. Together, we can achieve greatness and leave a lasting legacy of service.

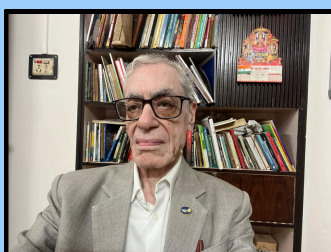
Share your stories, ideas, and experiences with us, and let's inspire each other to make a difference. I also congratulate the winners of Rotary Rapid Fire Quiz. Signing off as I wish you brighter spirits to uphold the cause of Rotary.

Warm regards,

Sandhya Sundararaman

Editor, Rotary Governor's Monthly Letter

LETTER TO THE EDITOR



I Read the GML issue the other day. Found it interesting. Only through such issues we Rotarians come to know how much community service work is being done in the District. The tremendous effort put in by the Editorial team is highly commendable and we, the members of Rotary club of Akola highly appreciate it.

We look forward to its continuous appearance in the coming months. We would have liked hard copy also of GML in our hands to browse through it again to think and take inspiration from various project ideas reported therein. Congratulations to the Editorial Team once again.

RTN. PP. Radheshyam Modi, Rotary Club of Akola

Rotarian Radheshyam Modi, apart from having led his club had also been IYE Chairman for 3 years. He is 87 years old and still actively involved in club activities

Rtn Radheshyam Modi

QUIZ RESULT

Amongst several entries received for the Rapid Fire Rotary Quiz, following 3 were found all correct, to bag prize.

1. Ravindra Shukla, RC Bhusawal;
2. Vibha Patil, RC Nasik Road;
3. Aparna Marawar, RC Nashik Smart City.

Hearty congratulations!

Vishwas Sahasrabhojane. Centennial Governor,
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