



Rotary Club of Pune Lokmanyagar

Tejovalaya



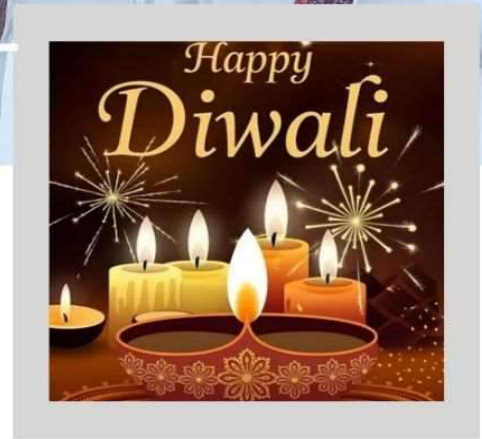
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Teachers Training



Winston Churchill: "We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." - Directly echoes the philosophy of Rotary, of selfless giving and service above self.



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Rtn. Avinash Tarawade
President

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Dear Rotarians and Friends,

What an incredible journey it has been so far! As we approach the end of the first six months of this Rotary year, I am filled with pride and gratitude for all that RCPL has accomplished. Each one of you has contributed to our club's growth, innovation, and success, making RCPL shine brighter than ever before.

Looking ahead, we have a remarkable calendar of events that promises inspiration and opportunities for fellowship. January 2025 marks our much-awaited District Conference, a celebration of ideas, learning, and camaraderie. Let us attend in large numbers and make the most of this feast of speeches and knowledge sharing. It is an excellent chance to connect with Rotarians across the district and take home valuable insights to strengthen our club.

In April, we will welcome our District Governor's official visit to RCPL. This visit is our opportunity to showcase our club's might—our impactful projects, vibrant unity, and commitment to making a difference. Let us work diligently and present RCPL as a beacon of Rotary ideals. Together, we can demonstrate how we embody Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self" while celebrating our diversity and camaraderie.

As we step into the next half of this Rotary year, let's embrace our mantra: Innovate, Do More, Grow More. Whether it's through impactful community service, meaningful fellowship, or creative initiatives, let's strive to set new benchmarks of excellence. Our collective efforts can truly transform our vision into reality and bring more glory to RCPL.

Thank you for your passion, dedication, and unwavering support. Together, we are building a legacy that will inspire generations to come. Let us march forward with renewed energy and make 2025 a landmark year for RCPL.

Warm regards,

Rtn. Avinash Tarawade
President, RCPL





November: A Month of Giving and Growth

The essence of November resonates with the spirit of giving, and Rotary Club of Pune Lokmanyagar (RCPL) upheld this tradition with commendable zeal. This month was marked by initiatives that celebrated the Rotary ethos of service, learning, and fostering leadership, leaving an indelible mark on our journey.

One of the standout moments of November was the successful participation in PELS (President Elect Leadership Seminar) by our President-Elect, Rtn. Hrishikesh Bagade. His active engagement provided invaluable insights into the responsibilities and opportunities that come with leading our club. This seminar not only equipped him with tools for effective leadership but also inspired a vision for the future of RCPL, ensuring continuity and innovation in our endeavors.

In alignment with Rotary's commitment to education, RCPL organized a teachers' training program, designed to empower educators with a fresh outlook aligned with the New Education Policy (NEP). This initiative not only enhanced teaching methodologies but also reflected our belief in the transformative power of education. By equipping teachers with modern tools and perspectives, we are investing in the future of countless young minds.

Adding another feather to RCPL's illustrious cap was the installation of the newly formed Interact Club at Princeton School. This event was a proud milestone, symbolizing our dedication to nurturing young leaders and fostering a culture of service among students. The enthusiasm of the Interactors and their mentors reaffirms our faith in the next generation to carry forward the values of Rotary.

As we reflect on these accomplishments, let us remember that giving is not limited to material contributions but extends to sharing knowledge, building communities, and creating opportunities for growth. November has indeed been a testament to RCPL's unwavering dedication to these ideals.

Let us continue this spirit of giving and strive for even greater heights in the months ahead. Together, we are making a difference—one initiative at a time.

Warm regards,

Rtn Vilas Ravande, Editor, RCPL Bulletin



RI & Dist News



PE Attends PRE-PELS



Rotary Foundation THE MAGIC OF ROTARY

RID 3131 PRESENTS

POWER PLAY THE ROTARY FOUNDATION SEMINAR

30th November 2024 Marigold Banquets, Bavdhan, Pune **4 PM Onwards**

Chief Guest - Rtn. M. Muruganandam
Rotary International Director Elect 2025-27

PDG Pankaj Shah ARIIC & DLF 2024-25 | Rtn. Shital Shah District Governor 2024-25 | PDG Dr. Shailesh Palekar DRFC 2022-25

Registration Charges
Rs. 1,399/- Till 20th November
Rs. 1,599/- Post 20th November

PDG Dr. Girish Gune - Chancellor
Rtn. Unmesh Risbud - District Secretary Gen'l & Meetz

Host Club - Rotary Club of Pimpri
Host Club President - Santosh Giranje
Convener - Dr. Manish Pharande

District TRF Team & District Events Team, RY 2024-25

An Initiative by **ROTARY CLUB OF PEN**

Let's celebrate the joyous first journey of our special children in the new bus generously donated by 'Sandoz Company' through the NGO 'Aarambh'.

At: AAI DAY CARE Centre , Pen.
Date: 19 November 2024.
Time : 3pm Onwards.

CHIEF GUEST	GUEST OF HONOUR
IPDG	PDG
Rtn. Manjoo Phadke	Rtn. Dr. Shailesh Palekar
PRESIDENT	SECRETARY
Rtn. Sanyogita Temghare	Rtn. Madhubala Nikam

we celebrate the joyous first journey of our special children in the new bus generously donated by Sandoz Company through the NGO Aarambh. This memorable event is a testament to the collective efforts and commitment toward bringing positive change to their lives.

We Rotary club of Pen take immense pride in being part of this significant milestone as we welcome these children and look forward to sharing this cherished moment with you. President:- Sanyogita Temghare Secretary:- Madhubala Nikam



With my batchmate governor, IPDG Geetha at 3182's foundation seminar

DIST. MEMBERSHIP TEAM INITIATIVE

Share Market Investments are NO LONGER MEN'S ARENA

Share Market & Financial Planning FOR WOMEN

Tea/Coffee, Snacks & Lunch **₹99 ONLY**

Open for all women in Rotary & prospective lady members

Speaker **MANISH SHUKLA**
ABSL MF REGIONAL HEAD (WEST OF RAJASTHAN & GOA)

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24 NOV. 2024
TARAWADE
11:30 AM

Host Club: **Sibyewadi Pune**

Co-Host Clubs:
Rotary Club of Pune Camp
Rotary Club of Pune Far Est
Rotary Club of Pune Sahawas

Contact: Rtn. Smeeta Nitole (+91 98228 1212) | Rtn. Suchita Jagwani (+91 98231 22282)

WOMEN IN ROTARY EVENTS: Rtn. Dr. Jignosh Pandya (Director)



Womens career got lift from Rotary Dist 3131

Top 8 Reasons to Donate to The Rotary Foundation

At the 1917 convention in Atlanta Georgia, outgoing Rotary president, Arch Klumph, proposed setting up an endowment for the "purpose of doing good in the world." That proposal and his initial contribution of \$26.50 put in motion a powerful force that has transformed millions of lives around the world."

#1 Orders of Magnitude – The Foundation SHARE program allows smaller clubs to do larger projects that they could never become involved in on their own; by banding together and including DDF and the World Fund match into the budget, large projects are possible.

#2 Recognition Points – Donations to the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund and PolioPlus give members and clubs recognition points that can be used to acknowledge club members and community members, too, for their volunteer work.

#3 Tax Deduction – who doesn't love a tax deduction!

4 End Polio Now! We're just a few years away from total eradication.

#5 Quality – The Rotary Foundation has received its 9th straight 4-star rating from Charity Navigator

#6 Accountability – About 90 cents of every dollar donated to TRF goes directly to work on the ground.

#7 Influence the Future – Donors to the Rotary Foundation are a special group of people who are supporting the next generation of children from across the globe.

#8 Change the World – Isn't that what Rotarians do?

This month, as we celebrate The Rotary Foundation, let's recognize it for what it is: one of the world's best humanitarian organizations.

Many charities, relief organizations, and nonprofits do the same type of work, and the public associates them with the causes they work on. But I wonder how many people know that Rotary supports those same causes — seven of them in fact — which we call our areas of focus.

If they want clean water, good health, and a sustainable future for our planet, they support what our Foundation does. If they envision a world where peace, full literacy, and economic opportunities for communities to support themselves exist, they also believe in Rotary's mission. And if they want to see mothers and their babies thrive, their vision aligns with the work we do.

And we have a lot of work in progress through the Foundation. Polio eradication is changing the world, one drop of vaccine at a time. Rotary Peace Centers are training peacebuilders to reduce violence and resolve conflict. And through Foundation global and district grants, we are improving lives in a real way.

The way we work also sets us apart. We have global reach, with more than 48,000 field offices in the form of Rotary and Rotaract clubs. We emphasize good stewardship of your funds and efficient implementation of your projects. And we always aim for sustainable solutions.



Meetings



Unveiling Bharat



Rotary
 Day:
Fri, 15th Nov 2024
 Time:
7:00 to 9:30 pm Meeting
 7:00 to 7:15 pm Admission
 7:15 to 7:30 pm Rotary Business
 7:30 to 8:15 pm Unveiling Bharat
 8:15 to 8:30 pm Wrap-up
 Followed by Dinner
 Venue:
 V.K. Bhoir Mook Badhir Vratyalaya
 37, Fulega Complex, 35th, Sector 15, Khar
 Sponsoring: ... Convener: ... Admin Director: ... Secretary: ...



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काश्मीर before अँड After ३७०



Meetings

Installation –Interact Club – Princeton School



Movie time 🎬 with our Vidyavikas school. Children's enjoy Movie in the Theatre 1 st time. With breakfast, gifts, cake 🍰 and Bus ride. Most Incredible things that he meets The Sambhaji actor.- Anoop Singh.



13.11 Rtn. Rishikesh Bagade
25.11 Rtn. Hitesh Chavan

Projects

Teachers Training



At the Jadhavar College Training Seminar by Rotary Club of Pune Lokmanyagar



Morning walk & Project



Plastic collection .Save Environment

The Rotary Foundation: Doing good in the world

The Rotary Foundation has been named the “best charity in the world” by charity watchdogs. Not only do the funds you donate end up directly funding projects, making it efficient, but it’s also effective. This is because of Rotary’s unique ability to leverage the “local experts” on the ground – Rotarians in countries where the work is happening.

History of The Rotary Foundation

The first contribution to The Rotary Foundation was \$26.50 in 1917, that’s \$536.00 in today’s dollars. The contribution came from a Kansas Rotarian named Arch Klumph; you can now become a member of the Arch Klumph Society by contribution \$250K.

Life without The Rotary Foundation

Roy told a story from his year as District Governor, when our District participated in two Group Study Exchanges, including one with India which we subsidized with funding from The Rotary Foundation. Participants in that exchange created relationships that led to significant projects in India, including the construction of 100 water wells, also funded with support from The Rotary Foundation. Roy calculated that each of these wells serve 500 people, meaning that 500,000 people now had access to fresh water because of The Rotary Foundation. Without The Rotary Foundation, this project could not have happened!

Marlene echoed that her life would not be the same with Rotary. She is known as “The Rotary Foundation Woman of Rice Lake,” and she is proud of that title. Had she instead opted to join a different local club, she never would have had the local and international service experiences that she has had. Marlene talked about the difference The Rotary Foundation is making through PolioPlus, recalling how frightening it was when three students in her small rural school contracted polio. She is grateful to have traveled to Africa and India to participate in global immunization efforts, where she saw the power of supporting the local healthcare workers who are key to successful immunization work.

Grants and how the Rotary Foundation works

There are two types of grants, (1) Global Grants and (2) District Grants. Global Grants provide more money and must be international, require a host club in the country where the work will be done, and must align with one of six areas of focus: peace and conflict prevention/resolution; disease prevention and treatment; water and sanitation; maternal and child health; basic education and literacy; or economic and community development. District Grants are smaller (up to \$3K/club, \$12K total, so \$24K project) and can be done anywhere. Contributions to the ANNUAL FUND are invested for three years, then split between the WORLD FUND, which funds Global Grants, Peace Centers, etc. and the DISTRICT DESIGNATED FUND, which is controlled by our local District and funds the District Grant Program, Group Study Exchanges, Scholarships, etc. Having the funds sit for three years enables us to fund administrative expenses out of earnings so that 100% of dollars contributed are used to fund projects.

Your “Charity of Choice”

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Rotary-led water conservation program awarded US\$2 million to help farmers in India

New Delhi, India (May 28, 2024) — With limited irrigation facilities in India, many farmers are dependent on rainfall, leaving them vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. Extreme weather events like droughts, floods, and storms affect soil fertility, crop yields and livestock production – all of which have led to reduced productivity and income for farmers.

To improve water resource management and farming practices in India, a Rotary club-led initiative is making significant strides to help farmers improve their harvests, increase yields, and raise their incomes to help them enhance conditions for their families and create more resilient communities.

Rotary members, experts and technical advisors will collaborate with local and national governments to strengthen farmers' capacity at the community level in four states – Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, and Maharashtra.

The program aims to:

increase groundwater tables by 10-15 percent each year

extend the area of cultivation by 20-30 percent by increasing the availability of water

improve the incomes of approximately 60,000 farmers by an estimated 25-30 percent

introduce drip irrigation to reduce soil erosion on 4,113 hectares (more than 10,000 acres) of land by planting native plants and fruit trees

"In a country where only 50 percent of the arable land is irrigated, I have seen the plight of farmers who pray fervently to the rain gods so that they may have enough bountiful harvest and enough income to survive till the next crop. I have seen the distress in families of the marginalized farmers in years of failed monsoons. Making more water available is the panacea for the more than half of the population that subsists on agriculture", said Sudhanshu Pachisia, Club President of the program sponsor Rotary Club of Delhi Premier.

Throughout India, Rotary clubs have supported the construction of rainwater harvesting structures and improved irrigation, which allow farmers to harvest crops more than once per year and increase yields.

'Partners for Water Access and Better Harvests in India' is Rotary's fourth Programs of Scale recipient – an annual competitive grant process that awards US\$2 million to an evidence-based program that aligns with one of Rotary's causes and has the capability for scaling-up to help more people. The programs are sponsored by Rotary members in collaboration with local communities and partner organizations.

"Congratulations to the Rotary Club of Delhi Premier and their partners for taking action on their vision to empower rural communities in India to improve their crops and increase their yields through water security and climate-resilient practices," said Rotary International President Gordon McInally. "With these life-saving and sustainable innovations, farmers can now begin to plant the seeds for a healthier and more hopeful future."

Rotary members throughout the world develop and implement sustainable, community-driven projects that fight disease, promote peace, provide clean water, support education, help mothers and children, grow local economies and protect the environment. Over the last 100 years, US \$5.5 billion has been awarded through The Rotary Foundation – Rotary's charitable arm that helps clubs work together to perform meaningful, impactful service.

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Rotary and partner quotes Bharat Pandya, Trustee, The Rotary Foundation said, "As People of Action focused on increasing impact, Rotary members invest in relationships, make decisions grounded in evidence, and mobilize their networks to create solutions that last. Programs of Scale is an effort to implement sustainable projects that empower our communities and create measurable impact. I'm very proud that this year's Program of Scale has been awarded to Rotary Club of Delhi Premier in India for addressing the issue of water scarcity and its impact on agriculture and livelihoods of farmers. The grant will help the club in bringing a change, advancing environmental sustainability, and ensuring a brighter future for rural communities in India."

Mayank Gandhi, Managing Trustee at Global Vikas Trust said, “I congratulate the Rotary Club of Delhi Premier for getting this prestigious grant to help the farmers of India. We know that it is the poorest of the poor that bear the greatest brunt of the climate crisis, and we at Global Vikas Trust believe that the only way to transform their lives is by sustainable agriculture at scale. We have been planting trees and working on water conservation for several years now, and through this association with Rotary, we hope to help thousands of farmers in one of the worst-hit areas of India, which is drought-prone, poverty-ridden and reports some of the highest numbers of farmer suicides. We look forward to working together on this collaboration and hope that we can impact the lives of farmers significantly in the long term.”

Mr Sharad Jaipuria, Chairman PHD Rural Development Foundation said, “PHD Rural Development Foundation in partnership with Rotary looks forward to empowering farming communities in remote rain-fed rural India. The partnership will focus on climate resilient agricultural practices to improve the socio-economic conditions of 30,000 farmers, with 45 percent being women, by diversifying to high value crops like fruit plantations and multilayer vegetable farming, along with groundwater recharge by generating a water potential of more than 10.45 million Cubic feet through sustainable natural resource management. The project will be executed in an integrated community participatory approach in collaboration with the Government; with the community being one of the key stakeholders.”

Prasanna Khemariya, CEO, Self-Reliant Initiatives through Joint Action (SRIJAN) said, We are pleased announce SRIJAN's partnership with the Rotary Club of Delhi Premier to empower women farmers and foster sustainable livelihoods in Jhansi and Niwari districts. Through our combined efforts in water conservation, climate-smart agriculture, and livelihood initiatives, we aim to benefit 1500 women farmers and facilitate the plantation of 7000 trees. This project will create eight crore litres of water potential, transforming 700 acres of agricultural land. Together, we are committed to driving positive change and creating a resilient, prosperous future for rural communities.”

About Rotary: [Rotary](#) brings together a global network of volunteer leaders dedicated to tackling the world’s most pressing humanitarian challenges. Rotary connects 1.4 million members of more than 46,000 Rotary clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas. Their work improves lives at both the local and international levels, from helping those in need in their own communities to working toward a polio-free world. For more information, visit [Rotary.org](#).

About Global Vikas Trust (GVT): GVT is passionately committed to transforming the Indian economy back to its Golden Era by multiplying farmers' income through sustainable agriculture at scale, which includes working on water conservation. #India Can Wait No More!

About PHD Rural Development Foundation: PHD Rural Development Foundation, formed under the aegis of PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industries, New Delhi, India established in 1981 is proactively working towards transforming lives of less privileged and low-income communities in Rural India through integrated Environment, Social and Economic Development programs. PHDRDF reaches out to more than 1.5 L people every year PAN India through its various Community Centric initiatives including Water Management, Education, Healthcare, Livelihood, Environment and Training & Skill Development. PHDRDF with support from various Corporates, Public Sector Undertakings, and International Bodies as a part of their CSR & charitable activities co-creates shared values through participatory approach of all stakeholders to impact lives of people at the bottom of the pyramid.

About SRIJAN: SRIJAN (Self-Reliant Initiatives through Joint Action), with more than two decadal of its existence has positively impacted more than 2,80,000 families across 3000 villages in four states (namely, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Chhattisgarh) thereby securing and strengthening their livelihood opportunities. SRIJAN is committed to promoting self-reliance among the most marginalized communities in rural India. Through well-designed community-owned interventions around themes like Integrated natural resource management, climate-smart agriculture, and biodiversity conservation, SRIJAN empowers rural families to enhance their livelihoods sustainably. Furthermore, by implementing community-led processes, establishing community institutions, promoting water-use efficiency, conserving local biodiversity, and providing access to the market through Value Chain Development, SRIJAN ensures holistic development for rural communities, especially women. Endowed with the firm belief that collaboration and convergence are necessary for development, SRIJAN works closely with the local grassroots democracy local administration for appropriate targeting and a last-mile delivery of the government-sponsored schemes. Recognized for its impactful work and supported by a range of donors, SRIJAN continues to drive positive change by fostering resilient agriculture practices, strengthening access to natural resources, and promoting environmental Sustainability in rural communities across central belt of the country.

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Awards & Accolades



Happy to share RCP lokmanyagar was recognised in the Suraksha awards on 15th November. This is for our work done during pandemic with the PSP ,(Pune security professionals) and under DEI (employment to transgenders in the corporate world)



Rtn. Milind Pandit
Received award for
exceptional performance



Rtn. Vilas Organised Musical Tombola at RC Nigdi



स्वप्न पहा आणि त्यांचा पाठलाग करा, कारण स्वप्नांशिवाय यश हे अधूरे आहे.