



ROTARY CLUB OF PUNE CENTRAL



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Today.....

Today, our third meeting of the new Rotary Year with **Air Marshal (Retd.) Shirish Baban Deo** PVSM, AVSM, VM, VSM, ADC was the Vice Chief of the Air Staff (VCAS) of the Indian Air Force. He will talk on **“Traitors and Treason in Indian context”**.



He assumed the office of Vice Chief on 31 December 2016 served in the same capacity till his retirement on 30 September 2018.

Air Marshal Deo was born in Nagpur, Maharashtra and is an alumnus of Defence Services Staff College, Wellington.

Air Marshal Deo was commissioned into the fighter stream of the Indian Air Force on 15 June 1979. He has clocked more than 4000 hours of operational and training flying experience. He held several key operational and administrative appointments at various stages of his service including Fighter Combat Leader; A2 qualified instructor and Directing Staff at TACDE; Chief Operations Officer of a front-line forward base; Commanding Officer of Air Force Station Jodhpur; Director General Air Operations at Air Headquarters; Air Officer Commanding of COBRA Group; AD Commander; Air-I at Headquarters; Central Air Command; Air Officer Commanding in Chief of Eastern Air Command and Air Officer Commanding in Chief of Western Air Command.

Air Marshal Deo has been awarded several medals: the Param Vishisht Seva Medal, the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal, the Vishisht Seva Medal, and the Vayu Sena Medal. He was also appointed as Honorary ADC to the President of India on 1 January 2016.

Air Marshal Deo is married to Mrs. Anjna Deo and they have a son, Karan Deo, who is a squadron leader in the Indian Air Force. His younger brother, Justice Rohit Deo, is elevated as a Judge of the Bombay High Court on 5 June 2017.

Details of Zoom Meeting :

Join Zoom Meeting : <https://zoom.us/j/98234745097?pwd=RmszM5aaHlFa0xSWlh4aWJCcHZqUT09>

Meeting ID: 982 3474 5097

Password: 584742

Please do join for this interesting talk with **Air Marshal (Retd.) Shirish Baban Deo** on Zoom.

I look forward to meeting all of you on Zoom on today at 6pm. **(6.00 pm to 6.30 pm Pre-meeting fellowship and meeting called to order at 6.30pm)**



The week that was

From Rtn. Lekha Nair.....

Pre-fellowship started at 6 PM on Zoom where many members joined and interacted with each other on various topics. Post pre-Fellowship, the meeting was called to order by Pres. Amitabha Mukhopadhyay and all members and guests were welcomed to the meeting.

President Amitabha updated all members about the Vaccination on Wheels Project status. 32,500 plus vaccines have been administered as on 7th July. The Project under Rtn Jignesh Patel is getting an overwhelming response. The club was also informed about the feat of Soham Pandit from Shirur taluka whose name was entered into the Guinness Book of World Records for making 100 most-light-weight satellites. Rtn. Anil Bora on behalf of RCPC presented Soham with a brand new Samsung Tab as an appreciation and encouragement of his work.

All members were asked to pay their annual subscription dues by 31st July.

The cover page of the CentralNet of RCPC was unveiled and President informed that the hard copy of the CentralNet would be sent to members by end of July.

We wished happy birthday to Rtn. Shrikant Sarda and happy wedding anniversary to Rtn. Dr. Rajiv and R'Ann Madhuri Narvekar.

The guest speaker for the session was Ms. Seemantinee Khot who spoke on the interesting topic of '**Rurbanization**'. Seemantinee, who is a farmer by choice is a sustainable development professional. In her talk, she focused on the recent trends of the urban and rural making inroads into each other's territory.

Seemantinee, with her huge first-hand experience and extensive research in the domain gave new insights to the members about the rising trend of younger urban citizens moving to rural areas and contributing to its economy. She invited the members to visit her farmhouse located in Velhe in the outskirts of Pune city. Some even expressed interest to cycle to her farm.

Seemantinee could take only a few questions due to shortage of time and the members were left wanting to know more.

Next Week meeting will be held on Saturday, 17TH July 2021 on ZOOM at 6.00 PM.

Guest Speaker - Air Marshal Shirish Deo will talk on "Traitors and Treason in Indian context"



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From Rtn. PP Arvind Saraf



From the desk of Club Trainer – Arvind Saraf

Supported by Trainers' Panel

PP Suhas, PP Raja, PP Prakash, PP Madhubhau, PP Rakesh

Hi Friends,

Greetings from the Club Trainer and Trainers' Panel!

We had a Focused Group Training on "Club Administration" with Club Trainers' Panel on the evening of Sunday 11th July! From Trainers' Panel PP Suhas, PP Raja, PP Prakash and PP Madhubhau were present along with me.

The attendees were Rtn. PP Ebe Chaney, Rtn. Amitabha, Rtn. Lekha, Rtn. Vimal, Rtn. Nitin Vijaivergia, Rtn. Prasanta, Rtn. Dr. Arti Khatter, Rtn. Uday Dharmadhikari, Rtn. Brig. PK Muralidharan Raja, Rtn. Vidya Saraf.



Training strategy agreed for this year was to have "Training on Demand" with a strategy of an Icebreaker Session followed by Focused Training on specific topics. We did have a good Icebreaker Session on 16th May. Thereafter as required by the President focused training on "Club Administration" was planned per below details.

	Topics as requested by President	Trainer	Trainer
1	Program	Rtn. PP Prakash Gurbaxani	Rtn. PP Madhu Rathi
2	Bulletin	Rtn. PP Suhas Merchant	Rtn. PP Arvind Saraf
3	Weekly Meetings	Rtn. PP Madhu Rathi	Rtn. PP Raja Kharadkar
4	BOD Meetings	Rtn. PP Suhas Merchant	Rtn. PP Madhu Rathi
5	Club Assemblies	Rtn. PP Suhas Merchant	Rtn. PP Raja Kharadkar
6	New Member Induction	Rtn. PP Raja Kharadkar	Rtn. PP Arvind Saraf
7	Fellowship incl. BOD Dinners	Rtn. PP Prakash Gurbaxani	Rtn. PP Raja Kharadkar

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Feedback from the President: "I write this email to express my sincere thanks for 11th July training session. I had the opportunity to exchange notes with a couple of other participants of 11th July programme. All of us felt that the session was extremely enriching and at the same time very engaging. From my perspective I find the session meeting two objectives - firstly, as a training programme this was the most engaging session I have attended in the last couple of years. Secondly, the session also helped us interact in a smaller group and gave us opportunity to discuss with the training panel members who have actually helped to build this club. Believe me, in this time of pandemic and lock down, there could not have been a better Rotary engagement than this session."

Rtn. Surendra Shroff

Charity for the COVID project

Mr. Surendra Shroff is a very proud Rotarian today. His eight-year-old granddaughter who stays in Santa Clara, California, U.S.A has done something remarkable.

She and her two friends participated in a charity event in June this year. They had a stall named Three Princess Lemonade where they sold oranges plucked from their bungalow trees and also lemonade made from fresh lemons. In two hours, they collected \$ 100. This was a good learning experience for them regarding charity events through observing the display banners and interacting with visitors.

CISCO, where his daughter works, contributed \$100 and the \$200 was remitted to Rotary International.

These proceeds, his daughter Sushama Shroff has transferred as charity for the COVID project of Rotary Club of Pune Central to Rotary International directly as per receipts sent here.

These are the photographs of the three girls and their stall.



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From Rtn. Dr. Sarang Rote

Donated N95 Face Masks

The first carton of N95 face Mask was gifted to Dr Parikshit Gogate, Community Eye Care foundation. Each contains carries 600 masks.

Rotary club of Pune Central donated 18000 - N95 masks to the KEM Hospital through TKT Greentek pvt ltd facilitate by R'ANn Nafisa Kakajiwala and Rtn Oni Kakajiwala.

Also, Rotary club of Pune Central will donate 6000 - N95 masks to Rtn. Jignesh Patel for Vaccine-On-Wheels project and Two cartons (1200 nos) of N95 masks were handed over to the chairman Shri Anil Gujjar of Sane Guruji Hospital.



From Rtn. PP Ravi Kapoor

GG2122528 – RCPC Pediatric Cardiac Surgery and Maternal Health Project - 'Virtual Gift of Life' ceremony

You would recall that we had undertaken a **global grant funded project (GG2122528) to carry out pediatric congenital heart disease corrective surgeries at the Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Hospital, Kharghar.** The Rotary Club of Fort Wayne, USA is the overseas partner club in this project which is intended to give a new life to 40 children afflicted with congenital heart disease. The beneficiary children belong to the economically weaker sections of society.

The primary objective of the project was to sponsor Pediatric Cardiac surgery for children born with Congenital Heart Disease (CHD) and provide Ante-Natal Care for maternal health and nutrition to pregnant women to prevent the occurrence of CHD. The project addresses the treatment and prevention of one of the major causes of infant mortality in India.

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The project has benefited children from the economically weaker sections of society suffering from CHD, who do not have access to adequate medical facilities and also cannot afford the expensive surgery. It also benefits pregnant women who do not have access to proper Ante-Natal care and do not get proper nutrition.

The hospital provides Paediatric Cardiac surgery at a negotiated fixed price of Rs 1,50,000 which includes preoperative test, post-operative care (in ICU if required), and follow up visits. It also covers the cost of hospital stay and food for the parents accompanying the children. The entire cost is funded from donations. The beneficiaries do not have to pay for the treatment.

The project caters to all types of paediatric cardiac operations and Catheter interventions like ASD / VSD / PDS device closures, PAPVC, Intra Cardiac Repair for TOF, Aortic Valve Repair, AV Canal Repair, Arterial Switch and balloon dilations.

Total Project cost of this Global Grant is USD 98,000 (INR 71 Lakhs)

Total Beneficiaries of this project is about 40 children and 230 pregnant women.

Most of the surgeries having been completed, the hospital arranged a **'Virtual Gift of Life' ceremony with some of the children (and their parents) who have benefited from this project.**

Besides a virtual tour of the hospital and its facilities, the program also included interactions with the Chairman and one of the Trustees of the institution, the medical team and the hospital management team.

The program were attended by Rtn. Pres. Amitabha Mukhopadhyay, Rtn. IPP Ajay Dubey, Rtn. PP Jinendra Munot, Rtn. PE Uday Dharmadhikari, Rtn. PP Narayandas Rathi, Rtn. Aruna Rathi, Rtn. Vinay Biyani, Rtn. Nitin Rajore, Rtn. PP Ravi Kapoor, Rtn. Pankaj Mehrotra, Rtn. Rooma Dubey and Rtn. PP. Dr. Aruna Umranikar.

Also, from Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Hospital, Kharghar, Mr. Vivek Gaur – Trustee Member, MR. C Sreenivas Chairman, Ms. Sowmya Jandhyala and Doctors were present.



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From Rtn. PP Raja Kharadkar



From Rotary Connect Committee or RCC

Past Presidents Raja, Prakash, Neeraj and Arvind

Rotary : global home for LGBT members and friends

During a breakout session on “Welcoming the LGBTQ Community in to the Family of Rotary” during the 2017 Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, Michelle Wilson, a member of the Rotary Club of Athens Sunrise, Ohio, had a question. “I asked, ‘Why doesn’t Rotary have a group for LGBT+ people?’” When she added, “We should start one,” she says, “the response was overwhelming.”

Before the session had even ended, Sean O’Hara, a member of the Rotary Club of Lake Charles Happy Hour, Louisiana (and later the fellowship’s first president), had opened a Facebook group for LGBT people (lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender). Wilson left the meeting with a stack of business cards from people who wanted to be part of the new group. The LGBT Rotarians and Friends Fellowship was born.

In between regular Zoom events held in English, Spanish, and Portuguese, members like Wilson — who is the group’s current president — are talking to clubs about promoting diversity and telling the story of being LGBT in Rotary.

The fellowship is seeking to work with clubs on projects that support the LGBT community and to offer resources to clubs that want to be more diverse and welcoming to all.

From Rtn. PP Ebe Chaney, Chairperson - Membership Recruitment Committee

कुँआ का मेंढक कुँआ में ही क्यो रेहता है।

If the founding fathers of our club, way back in 1984, had not broken out of Rotary’s elitist mould and gathered a large number of people from diverse backgrounds RCPC would have been like any other then Rotary clubs. They had a vision to create a club with a difference. Our member diversity has differentiated us.

There were so many wonderful people I would never have, ordinarily, met. They truly enriched my life.

Let this enrichment be an ongoing process. Let each one of us contribute to amass this wealth. Let’s each one of us pledge to give at-least one prospective lead to the Membership Recruitment Committee before August 2021.

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From Rtn. P K Malhotra.....

Children of today don't even know that in our days you could be beaten for any of the following reasons:

1. Crying after being beaten
2. Not crying after being beaten
3. Crying without being beaten
4. Standing where elders are seated
5. Sitting while elders are standing
6. Walking around aimlessly where elders are seated
7. Eating food prepared for visitors
8. Refusing to eat
9. Coming back home after sunset
10. Eating at the neighbour's home
11. Generally being too moody
12. Generally being too excited
13. Loosing a fight with your age mate
14. Winning a fight with your age mate
15. Eating too slowly
16. Eating too quickly
17. Eating too much
18. Not finishing your food
19. Finishing your food and Scraping your plate
20. Eating and talking
21. Sleeping while the elders had already woken up
22. Looking at the visitors while they are eating
23. Stumbling and falling when walking
24. Looking at an elder eye ball to eye ball
25. When an elder talking to you and you blink
26. When an elder is talking to you and you stare and not blink
27. When you look at an elder through the corner of your eye
28. When your mates are playing street football and you join them
29. When your mates are playing and you don't join them
30. When you don't wash your dish after eating
31. When you wash your dish improperly
32. When you almost break your dish
33. When you break your dish 34. When you bite your nails.
34. When you don't bathe
35. When you bathe too quickly
36. When you take too long to bathe
37. When you're beaten in school for misbehaving
38. When a car almost knocks you down
39. When a car knocks you down and you don't die!

Some of these reasons for beating a child may appear far-fetched today but they sure did happen and they were the norm that shaped the adults of today.

Kudos to our parents.

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What to expect in the next two weeks.....

- **24 July:** Our own member Rtn. Jignesh Patel will talk on "Vaccine-On--Wheels"
- **31 July:** "Blossoming in Isolation " by our own member Rtn. PP Prakash Gurbaxani

Birthdays and Anniversaries...



Rtn / R'Ann

R'Ann Nirmala Keluskar
R'Ann Neelam Mehrotra
Mr. Pankaj Mathur

Birthday

July 18
July 21
July 23



Member and Spouse

Rtn. Rajeev and R'Ann Rashi Sharma

Wedding Anniversary

July 19