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EVENT OF THE DAY: VOCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

13th January 2025

Rotary Club of Poona
Invites you to the Weekly meeting for

The Vocational Excellence Award
to be presented to
Dr. Kalyani Mandke

Followed by her talk on the topic :
To Hear for Life

Venue: Conf Hall no 2, Poona Club
Fellowship: 6:30 to 7:00 pm
Meeting: 7:00 to 8:00 pm
Followed by Mini Fellowship
Guest Charges : ₹ 350 pp
Madira on payment
Dress Code: Semi Formals

Rotary Club of Poona is honoured to confer upon Dr. Kalyani Mandke, the Vocational Excellence Award, for using her professional expertise to approach NGT and compel the authorities in curbing music played in high decibel volumes during the festivals.

Profile of Speaker

Dr. Kalyani Mandke is a Clinical Audiologist and Director Mandke Hearing Services, Pune, with over 40 years of clinical experience.

She has served on national bodies of the National and Hearing Association & Cochlear Implant Group of India and the American Speech & Hearing Association in various capacities.

She is the recipient of 15 different awards and has a diversified work experience at National and International levels.

Her mission has been to enrich the concept of Audiology and Aural rehabilitation at the grassroot level.

EVENTS OF LAST WEEK - WOW INDIANS!

A stranger walking into Conference Hall 2 of Poona Club on the evening of January 6, 2025 would have wondered if he had strayed into a stand-up comedy club instead of the weekly meeting of Rotary Club, Poona! Peels of laughter reverberated around the room as the guest speaker Dr. PNN Iyer walked up and down the aisle with a mic in hand reel in off one joke after another!

Dr. Iyer, the current president of Rotary Club of Poona Downtown, is an economist, professor, consultant, musician and linguist who can deliver speeches in eight different languages! The topic of his talk this evening was Wow...Indians! Though the talk was meant to be and was predominantly in English, Dr. Iyer moved back and forth between Hindi, Punjabi and Malayali for greater effect. In his inimitable style combined with his keen observation he zeroed in on the peculiarities of language, mannerisms and articulation skills of different communities and gave it all a humorous twist to explain how Indians as an ethnic group have attained a position of prominence all over the world.

With his deep insight into human nature and the ability to spot the quirky yet endearing qualities in people, Dr. Iyer recounted the various factors responsible for the Indian success story, namely, a very high level of



EVENTS OF LAST WEEK CONTD.

intelligence, capacity for hard work, willingness to adjust to varied climate patterns, lifestyles and working conditions, peace loving nature and adherence to family values.

Amidst the uproarious laughter we marvelled at the way we have progressed from being intimidated by and feeling inferior to the white skinned Caucasians to a position of helming some of the leading international corporations. Indians are the backbone of Silicon Valley. According to media reports the appointment of Indians to key positions in the soon to be inaugurated Trump administration is being looked upon as a threat by certain sections of American society who have dubbed it an 'Indian invasion'. This is the WOW factor that Dr. Iyer expounded upon skillfully through humour.

A vote of thanks proposed by Rtn. Pradeep Govil ended the laughter filled evening with many a demand for more!

By Rtn. Mandakini Tata



ROLE OF ASSISTANT GOVERNOR

Assistant Governors: From the Rotary Code of Policy (17.030.1.)

Assistant governors are appointed by the governor-elect to motivate and support a group of designated clubs to thrive.

Duties for assistant governors may include the following:

1. Visit each club regularly to discuss the club activities, resources, and opportunities
2. Support clubs in setting and achieving goals, finding solutions to challenges, resolving conflicts, and meeting their district and RI administrative requirements
3. Serve as a liaison between clubs and district committees
4. Assess clubs' ability to thrive and mentor club leaders on strategies to make their club successful
5. Encourage clubs' involvement in district activities and committees
6. Keep the governor informed on progress of the clubs
7. Stay up to date on Rotary initiatives
8. Share status of clubs with successor
9. In collaboration with the district membership committee and district Rotaract representative, assist in promoting, organizing, establishing, and supporting new and different types of clubs

Minimum criteria in selecting assistant governors include:

1. Active member in good standing in a club in the district for at least three years
2. Served as president of a club for a full term, or as a charter president for at least six months

ROLE OF ASSISTANT GOVERNOR (CONTD.)

Additional criteria in selecting assistant governors should include:

1. Knowledge of clubs, district and Rotary including relevant policies and Rotary's online tools
2. Demonstrated leadership skills and qualities including, listening, communication, motivation, accessibility, integrity and being proactive
3. Regular participation in district events

Assistant governors may be appointed on an annual basis for a one-year term, subject to reappointment for a total of three years. It is recommended that no past governor serve as an assistant governor. Districts are responsible for determining any financial support provided to assistant governors.

By PDG Vivek Aranha



Assistant Governor Prachi Pandya visited and interacted with the BoD at Manisha Terrace on 6th January.

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SUNDAY MUSING

2025 - Be Cautiously Optimistic

Stock prices are fluctuating more than usual, creating both risks and opportunities for investors. Stocks are down and down and hitting new lows. Many are down by over 30%+. While some investors may find this unsettling, it is important to remember that market volatility is a normal part of the investment cycle. The market volatility presents a unique opportunity to create a strong core portfolio, a mix of well-established large-cap stocks, along with mutual funds to balance stability with growth potential. Invest for the long term but don't fall for the most overrated, illogical and unaccountable narrative "Buy and forget". All direct stocks investment needs to be monitored (not price) on regular basis and corrections should not be averaged or bought blindly.



2025 will be the year of stock pickers. Go for professional advice and/or stick to mutual funds investments under supervision.

Happy Investing !!

By PP Jaideep Parekh

Programmes Ahead:



20th Jan - DG Visit

27th Jan - TRF & Global Grants by PP Kailash Monga

3rd Feb - 'Humour in Rotary' by PDG Deepak Shikarpur

Dates	Birthdays & Anniversaries	Dates	Birthdays & Anniversaries	Attendance Report 6th Jan 2025	Count
13-Jan	Rtn Priyanshu Gaurav	17-Jan	R/ Ann Pushpa Jayapalan	Rotarians	44
13-Jan	R/ Ann Vibhavari Sheode	17-Jan	Rtn Narendra Pal Singh & R/ Ann Inder Pal Kaur Bakshi	Anns	23
14-Jan	R/ Ann Turan Desai	18-Jan	R/ Ann Leela Taparia	Spouses	01
15-Jan	Rtn Jayashree Kuber	19-Jan	R/ Ann Laxmi Kapoor	Guest Speaker & Guests	08
				TOTAL	76