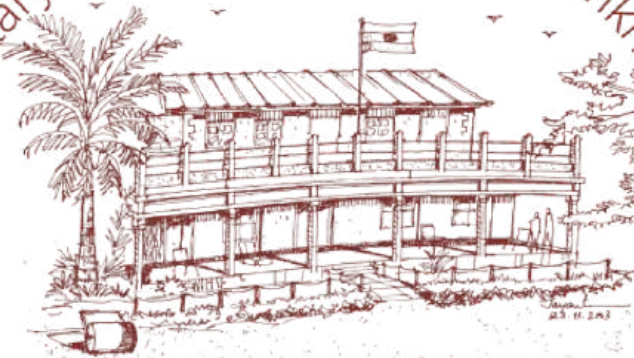




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MESSAGE FROM RI PRESIDENT



Dear fellow Rotary leaders:

As we begin a new year of service, let us not forget the importance of every one of Rotary's members.

We need your leadership now more than ever if we are to make every club and district an irresistible experience. Rotary has a chance to capture the world's attention and realize possibilities beyond our expectations. But we must build on the work that has come before us if we are to reach our goals, such as defeating polio and unlocking the power of girls and women.

Rotary offers people of action a chance to connect and find belonging, and this fellowship gives us the potential to improve our communities and the world. By following Rotary's Action Plan and helping make sure all members feel a sense of belonging in their club, you have a special opportunity to inspire members to new heights of service.

MESSAGE FROM RI PRESIDENT

Our ability to create lasting change begins with our family of Rotary. Together, it is within our power to bring healing in a divided world.

Join me in making Rotary a source of strength for those who need it most, within and beyond our membership. Let this be the year we harness The Magic of Rotary, and let Rotary be known as an organization that takes care of its members as well as the people we serve.

It is within your power to help make Rotary a beacon of goodwill and fellowship in every community.

Remember that your work can and will change the world with The Magic of Rotary.

Warm regards,

Stephanie A. Urchick
Rotary International President, 2024-2025

MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR



My dear Fellow Rotarians,

As the new Rotary year 2024-25 sets in, the magical journey of District 3131 begins with “ROTARY CHATRA CHAYA” project - an initiative that will go a long way in engaging members & enhance the public image of Rotary by providing shelter to poor street vendors. I appreciate all Rotary Clubs for overwhelming response to this unique project.

District 3131 is on the rise & our journey has been progressive & impressive year after another. We have set high benchmark's to our Foundation giving's & to the quantum of service projects we undertake in all 7 Focus areas. Participation of clubs in youth activities & structured programs has been fabulous. Our reach out to corporate for tapping CSR funds for Rotary projects has been phenomenal. As we move ahead, let us all strive to achieve new milestones for 3131.

RI President Stephanie Urchick has unveiled the theme for RY 24-25 “The Magic of Rotary ”.

MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR

It is the magic when we Rotarian's transform lives by providing education to illiterates, change lives when we provide pure drinking water, develop villages and eradicate dreadful diseases like polio. As a true Rotarian, responsibility lies upon us to continue our service for the deprived communities.

We have thoughtfully launched the Playing 11 initiative under District 3131 thrust area. Activities & projects listed in Playing 11 will create huge impact on communities in every corner of our District . The CHAUKAR & SHATKAR initiatives are well informed in District forums and I expect each and every club participate in this super initiative.

Rotary action plan begins with membership. Adding new members and engaging them in Rotary projects will make our clubs vibrant. Be sure that the member experience matters the most in retaining them.

In the end, let me touch upon 4 pillars that will bring the magic of Rotary:- 1) Bringing Youth to Rotary 2) Getting Women in Rotary 3) Tap CSR funds by reaching out to the corporate world & 4) Your wholehearted donation to Rotary Foundation.

Wish you all the best for the rocking and the most happening RY 2024-25 !!!

Top regards and truly yours,
Rtn Shital Shah
District Governor, RID 3131

MESSAGE FROM IMMEDIATE PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR



Dear Rotarians,

This is the first time I am writing as the Immediate Past District Governor (IPDG).

As an immediate Past District Governor, I have had the privilege to know the district from very close quarters and I am so proud of the work done by my core team, district Secretariate, Assistant Governors, District Avenue Directors, their teams and most importantly my batch of 2023-24 Presidents and their club teams to take RID 3131 to greater heights. I have had the honour of witnessing the dedication, passion, and hard work of our Rotarians.

Their invaluable time, exceptional talents and generous donations have significantly enriched our community. I extend my profound gratitude to each one of you for your unwavering support and dedication.

MESSAGE FROM IMMEDIATE PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR

What a fabulous year it has been! What with the history being created in almost every aspect of Rotary, be it value of service projects undertaken in 23-24 (180 crores), New Rotaract Clubs being formed, Membership growth being given to the district by Rotary & Rotaract clubs, RYLASs, Innovative projects, District Thrust areas being served. Talking of district Thrust areas, we have raised funds over 10 crores for 750 Paediatric Cardiac Surgeries, more than 300 borewells being recharged, 300 plus Anganwadis being touched and renovated, 18000 cataract surgeries, 13000 cervical cancer vaccinations, 2000 plus check dams, 121 new Interact clubs out of which more than 35 in affluent schools, 5000 societies being reached out for creating awareness about green initiative, etc. It's almost like you name the avenue and you will see exemplary work being done in each of them.

Our work in The Rotary Foundation (TRF) Total giving (Annual Fund (APF), CSR, Global Grants, Polio together) has taken us to beyond 3 million USD for the first time in the history of RID 3131 to be amongst the top districts in the World! As for the Annual Fund collection is concerned, we are nearer to our 1 million mark than we have ever been in history. Not only that, we stand at No 1 in South Asia for our AF collection.

My home club has always been a beacon of excellence, and I am incredibly proud of the contributions we have made. We have set high standards in service, fellowship, and leadership, and our projects have touched the lives of many. President Rtn. Dr. Umesh Falak has worked hard to lead the way. With his unstinting support and dedication, he has proved to be the best President any Governor could have dreamt of, from the home club.

MESSAGE FROM IMMEDIATE PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Let's take a moment to reflect on some of the major achievements of our club:

1. Rotary Millet Jatra: Our involvement in this initiative showcased our commitment to community service. By collaborating with Rotary clubs across our district, we extended our reach and made a tangible impact on the lives of the millet farmers
2. CSR Awards, Patron Night and the District Conference "Confluence": These events were a testament to our organizational prowess. It was a shining example of what we can achieve when we work together. Our collective effort and dedication made these events, a resounding success.
3. Rotary Innovision 2024- Youth leadership, Mentorship Program and Award ceremony: One of the biggest events of bringing Youth together for developing Innovative Entrepreneurial Thinking and Leadership Skills. 400 students were chosen to undergo entrepreneurial development workshop of 2 days hosted by Indira Group of Institutes as Part 1.30000 youngsters visited our exhibition of innovative science/business models showcased by 300 of our finalists at GMRT in Part 2.
4. Completion of the Happy Schools global grants' projects.

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But our work as Rotarians is never done, and there are always new challenges to address and opportunities to seize. As we look to the future, I encourage each of you to continue embodying the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self."

Together, we have accomplished so much, and I am excited about the possibilities that lie ahead. Let's continue to work together, inspire one another, and make a positive impact on our community and the world.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to the incoming President, Rtn. Avinash Pendse, who is committed to making all-out efforts to set new records in membership growth, service projects and enhance the support for The Rotary Foundation.

I am confident that under his leadership, our club will reach newer heights to become one of the top clubs in the district.

Best wishes

Rtn. Manjoo Phadke

District Governor 2023-24

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT



Dear members of Rotary Club of Pune Deccan Gymkhana, I am happy that you have elected me as a President of our club which has ranked 1st in our District in previous year. With the help of all you we will try to match this performance.

During the current year we will focus on CSR projects and Global grants. Under the guidance of IPDG Manjoo and all other members I am sure we will be able to execute couple of projects.

We will also participate in projects of District 3131.

I am sure it will be a very fruitful year for the club.

Rtn. Avinash Pendse.
President

MESSAGE FROM IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

As I reflect on the transformative year we have shared, guided by the theme "Create Hope in the World" and embracing the magic of Rotary, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for each of you. Together, under the dynamic leadership of DG Manjoo Phadke and with the unwavering support of every club member, we have achieved new heights and surpassed significant milestones.

Throughout the year, our club has been a beacon of change in District 3131. We have undertaken numerous impactful projects that embody Rotary's core values. From our commitment to environmental sustainability through extensive tree plantations to our successful hosting of the District Conference Confluence 24, recognized as one of our district's best conferences, we have made a lasting impact.

MESSAGE FROM IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

I am particularly proud of our club's first CSR grant initiative and the successful completion of four global grants. These projects have not only transformed lives but have also strengthened our community bonds and exemplified Rotary's commitment to humanitarian service.

I extend a special thanks to DG Manjoo Phadke for entrusting me with the opportunity to serve as President Rotary year 23-24. Your guidance and unwavering support have been invaluable in steering our club towards success.

I am also grateful to our mentors, Rtn Vikas Tople and Rtn Shirish Pingale, whose wisdom and encouragement have been instrumental in my personal and professional growth. To the entire Board of Directors and every member of our club, your dedication and hard work have been the driving force behind our achievements.

As we look ahead to the opportunities of the new Rotary year, let us carry forward the magic of Rotary—our passion for service, our dedication to making a difference, and our unwavering belief in creating hope. Together, let us continue to inspire and uplift those in need, embodying the spirit of "Service Above Self."

MESSAGE FROM IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

Thank you for your dedication and tireless efforts in making this past year a resounding success. I am honored to have served alongside each of you, and I look forward to the continued growth and impact of our Rotary family.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Rtn Dr. Umesh D. Falak
Immediate Past President

EDITORIAL



Greetings to all Rotarians!

All of us are excited to welcome Rotary's new year 2024-25. RI President Stephanie Urchick has declared the theme for RY 24-25 “The Magic of Rotary”. DG Shital Shah has promoted different projects, and activities for District 3131 inspired by the very popular game, Cricket. DG expects all clubs to hit CHAUKAR and SHATKAR by participating and completing as many projects and activities as suggested from 11 avenues.

RCPDG is also prepared to participate in long-term projects as test matches, as well as short-term projects as one-day or T20 matches. We will all play under the experienced and dynamic captain, Rtn. Avinash Pendse. Though the players for different matches (projects) may vary, the captain will remain the same for all the matches. To maintain successful and seamless operation, a core team (Board of Directors) is formed, but other members will also be part of the team and may serve as substitutes or impact players depending on the need and his/her competency.

EDITORIAL

Last year the club was led by the young and dynamic leader Rtn Dr Umesh Phalak. To maintain the last year's legacy the new team of directors and office bearers is ready. The team is as follows.....

Designation	Name of Member
President	Rtn. Avinash Pendse
Secretary	Rtn. Nitin Vibhute
IPP	Rtn. Dr. Umesh Falak
President-Elect	Rtn. Sarita Goenka
Exec. Secretary	Rtn. Tanuja Kher
Vice President	Rtn. Vasant Gogate
Treasurer	Rtn. Anita Kaulgud
Foundation	Rtn. Shirish Pingle
Club Trainer	Rtn. Vikas Tople
IT Officer	Rtn. Piyush Shivkumarhhri

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Designation	Name of Member
Director- Club Administration	Rtn. Ketaki Falak
Director Membership	Rtn. Jayant Kolhatkar
Director- New Generation	Rtn. Jayashree Dapodikar
Director-Public Image	Rtn. Sarita Goenka
Director-Service-Non Medical	Rtn. Sharad Disale
Director-Service-Medical	Rtn. Dr. Sarika Ranade and Rtn. Dr. Ravindra Kolte
Director—Event	Rtn. Manisha Yeole
Director- CSR	Rtn. Archana Tople
Director- Sports	Rtn. Anagha Pendse

Designation	Name of Member
Chair – Quality Assurance	Rtn. Jyoti Vibhute
Chair – Literacy	Rtn. Mamata Kolhatkar
Club Bulletin	Rtn. Tanuja Kher

6th July is the installation day on which the new BOD will be ready to set new heights. Thus, count down has begun

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‘Let us Play’

Rtn. Tanuja Kher
Editor