

**TODAY's Programme : Rtn Narendra Dravid to speak on 'Why Learn Brahavidya'.**

Bio-Data of Rtn PP Narendra Dravid, Rotary Club of Pune Metro (Est.1996)

*BE Mech, MBA, HR and Master NLP and Counseling*

Narendra Dravid is Past President of RC Pune Metro and joined the club in 1996. He was President of the Club in the year 1998-99 and then served in Rotary District 3130 as :

Avenue Chairman RYE

Counsellor and Co-ordinator RYE 4 yrs

Avenue Chairman International Service.

Assistant Governor

District Secretary Admin.

Asst. District Trainer

Advisor to the Dist Governor.

Member of International RYE Committee.

Participated in Six Rotary International Conventions and was Guest Speaker for RYE at San Antonio USA.

He participated in One Act Play Competition of Rotary for 12 yrs and received Awards more than five times.

He worked with Companies like Wanson India (Thermax), Ltd.

Larsen and Toubro Ltd. dealing in Heavy Earthmoving Machinery. John Deere USA Dealer in India.

Started his own company POWERPAC. Construction & Earthmoving Equipments Pvt Ltd in 1990 and was Sales and Service dealer of Caterpillar Diesel Engines and Gensets and Dealer for TATA- HITACHI hydraulic Excavators.

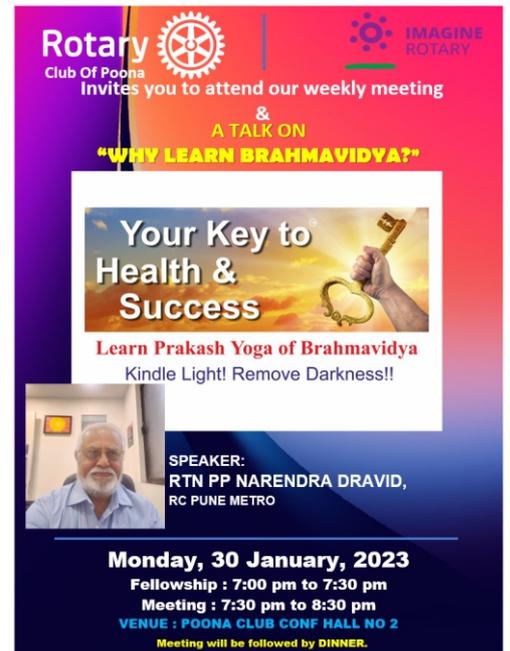
In 2003 He started his Education Consultancy SEICCO Institute of Overseas Education for Students for Study in Foreign Countries. Last 20 years more than 2500 students have been counseled, prepared and sent abroad for study or migration.

He served as Chairman of Indo-American Chamber of Commerce, Pune Branch and Executive Council Member of Builders Association of India, Pune Chapter for three years. He has very widely travelled abroad for Business and Rotary.

From 2004, he joined Brahavidya Sadhak Sangh and became Spiritual Teacher in 2010 for Basic Study and in 2014 Spiritual Teacher for Advance Study. He conducts Brahavidya Basic as well as Advance Classes of Prakash Yog in English and Marathi. Classes are Online or Offline and Residential Camps at Lonavala or Shantivan Resort near Pune. He has trained many Basic teachers for teaching Brahavidya's Prakash Yog during the last 10 years.

His wife Kavita Dravid was Inner Wheel President in 1998-99 and actively worked in Rotary Club.

His Son Sandeep Dravid has been to Brazil as RYE student and participant in RYLA at San Antonio USA. He is BE E&TC from UK and MBA HR from Pune University and actively involved in SEICCO Overseas Education & Immigration Consultancy.



Rotary Club Of Poona  
Invites you to attend our weekly meeting  
&  
A TALK ON  
"WHY LEARN BRAHMAVIDYA?"

**Your Key to Health & Success**  
Learn Prakash Yoga of Brahavidya  
Kindle Light! Remove Darkness!!

**SPEAKER:**  
RTN PP NARENDRA DRAVID,  
RC PUNE METRO

**Monday, 30 January, 2023**  
Fellowship : 7:00 pm to 7:30 pm  
Meeting : 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm  
VENUE : POONA CLUB CONF HALL NO 2  
Meeting will be followed by DINNER.

**How one can have healthy and happy life at any age?**

**It is observed that people want good health and long life but they don't follow the Laws of life. Basic things with which people live life are Breath and Thought. One has to learn how to breathe properly and how think rightly. If people don't learn these two things then they are affected by related illnesses.**

**Some people live long and healthy life while some die early. Why does this happen?**

**The only reason is our ignorance about life's truth.**

**Brahavidya's Prakash Yog gives you solutions to all our problems of health, happiness and success.**

**(The speaker is an accomplished Rotarian and a Spiritual teacher.**

**Please do not miss this opportunity to get to know more about this ancient science of Brahavidya.**

## Report of Last Meeting of 23rd Jan. 2023

Being a very experienced and accomplished Rotarian, PDG Sangram Patil stressed upon the vision and mission of Rotary, and highlighted what is expected of us as Rotarians – to impart our skills for the betterment of other members of our society and ourselves also. This can be achieved by providing service to others, promoting integrity, advancing world understanding and spreading goodwill and peace. He stressed upon the four priorities of Impact, Reach, Engagement, and Adaptation. He explained the need to have synergy between the three important pillars of Rotary - Membership, Public Image and Rotary Foundation. He highlighted the continued importance of using the spirit of the Rotary 'Four Way Test' in all our dealings, as motivated Rotarians.

January being the Rotary Month for Vocational Service, he explained how we should leverage Vocational Service and our individual expertise to serve our communities. He stressed the need to use the District Resource network to spread our expertise to areas even beyond our local communities, which will again, enable to improve ourselves also.

Overall the Address by PDG Sangram was very impactful, encouraging and motivating.

The Speaker was introduced very well by Rtn PP Narpati Luthra. The Vote of Thanks was delivered by Rtn Manohar Jagdale, Director for Vocational Service.

## JOSH : District 3131 Conference at AAMBY VALLEY

District Rotary 3131 had its Annual Conference JOSH for the year 2022-23, from 20th to 22nd January at the beautiful, scenic AAMBY VALLEY near Lonavala.

Thanks DG Rtn Dr. Anil Parmar & First Lady Rtn. Dr. Hema Parmar along with their energetic Team Josh and strong Host Club New Panvel for yet another memorable event of the year 2022-23.

The highlights of the conferences were...Fantastic logistic management, Excellent food, scintillating stage/auditorium, Amazing Speakers, mammoth attendance, Branded Venue.

PDG Dr Bharat of Jamshedpur Rotary Club of the Rotary International President's Representative (RIPR). And RID PDG Dr. Mahesh Kotbagi flew in all the way to attend this event

District achievements of the year 2022-23 were presented in great details by DG Dr. Anil and deservedly so. 'Making of Josh' by Rtn. Dr. Shailesh Palekar, 'Imagine Rotary' by RIPR Dr. R Bharath, 'Maximizing the Most from the Conference' by Rtn. Dr. Mahesh Kotbagi set the ball rolling for the JOSH and it didn't stop in regard to knowledge, inspiration and entertainment for more than one thousand registered Rotarians. District Directors of Rotary Business and different avenues presented their performance record for the year.

Soldiers in War & Peace - A conversation with Retd Chief of Army Staff Gen Manoj Narawane was intimate and gave a sense of security and pride. It covered key issues like India's defense preparedness, private sector entry into defense manufacturing, role of women in Army, need for larger expenditure in Army etc. Every rupee spent on Defense is investment in form of income, profits, wages, bonus for workers, employees working in the Indian manufacturing companies: Some Quotable Quotes from General's talks were interesting : *\*Agar Hum Adrishya Hai To Samjhiye ki Aasardar Hai\**... *\*If you don't see us, understand we are doing our job\**... *\*Adrishya Lekin Sarvatra Vidyaman\**... *\*Know your enemy more than you know your spouse\**. He is of the view that violence is not the answer to our problems but we need to be fully prepared for war to ensure peace.

*\*Gappa-Tappa\** with lovely- bubbly *\*Mumbai -Pune-Mumbai\** pair of Mukta Barve and Swapnil Joshi was literary feast. Both are matchless in talent, popularity and performance. Listening to both of them together was like watching two fluent stroker-maker batsmen play on the crease. Swapnil's opening remark on the Rotary audience sitting before him, describing them as *\*KarmaGyan, BoudhikGyan, Aani Aarthbhan Aasleli Mandali\** and Mukta's concluding monologues from her iconic Marathi play *\*Char-Chaugh\** were two great pieces of calibre and class.

My life journey & DIE - Listening to Transgender Gauri Sawant and her journey from Bhawani Peth, Pune was harrowing, heart-wrenching experience for the audience. She is fighting for the rights of transgenders on equality and respect and winning battles in SC.

Dare to Dream - talk by differently abled Divyanshu Ganatra opened eyes of many in the auditorium. Eyes matter but it's the vision that changes the world.

Talk on Women Power by Dr. Medha Samant from Annapurna Parisar and Dr. Sarika Kulkarni from RAAH Foundation was an eye opener and perfect example of Women Empowerment by Women. Motivational talk by *\*Tarak Mehta Ka Ulta Chashma Fame\** Shailesh Lodha was lesson in commitment and passion.



## JOSH contd.:

Calling the Shots by Dilip Vengsarkar in conversation with DRFC PDG Rtn. Shailesh Palekar was nostalgic for cricket lovers and DV was as simple and straight in his talk as he was in facing fiery English seamers at Lord's in 1986.

Innovation is the Key to Success - The Apple Co-founder Steve Jobs is one of the most famous drop-out from college in history. \*JOSH\* Organizer gave us an opportunity of hearing another drop-out from high school, Anna Durai, an amazing auto driver from Chennai. He has appeared 8 times in Ted-Talks. What does he do besides driving auto make Anna Durai, the most sought-after auto-wala in Chennai. Simple policy in Customer Satisfaction of treating Customer as God he follows in letter and spirit and that too in his auto make him an Income tax payer also. Availability of Magazines, newspapers, charging points, network connectivity, OTT platforms, Refrigerator, breakfasts, use of AI, conducting contest and prizes make him truly amazing. Why few people only can think out of box because we have fewer drop-outs in the society and the rest will never go out-of-box as they are product of box-like education system that defy logic and innovation.

Rubaru with Shailesh Lodha – the informal chat with the famous personality of 'Tarak Mhta ka Ulta chashma' fame, was inspiring, humorous & had the audience glued to the seats.

The Fellowship Night with a dress code theme of INCREDIBLE INDIA - Dinner/ Cocktail/ Fellowship bonhomie on Open Air Lawns of Town Square was an affair to remember for its unique theme, with Rotarians in colourful attire and cheerful moods. Famous singer Alok Katdare made musical night melodious too by his electrifying singing.

In between the Celebrity speakers were short sessions of Rotary business, various presentations of the events and District activities like a presentation of the ALL WOMENS' CAR RALLY, where the attending participants performed the Flash Mob.

Similarly, the serving Presidents (CoPs) presented a dance number on a Retro theme, which drew whistles & applause and a Once more. The RYE students impressed the audience with their energetic performance

Conference concluded on 22nd January evening, with the completion of election process of DGN for the year 2025-26 and announcing the results.

Congratulations Rtn. Santosh Marathe on his Election as DGND.

**Report by President  
Maithili Manakawad**



## PAUL HARRIS FELLOW (PHF)

Dear Rotarians & spouses,

You have heard many times about the joy of giving to Rotary. You also know very well that every rupee we give comes back multi-fold, in form of World Fund, District fund and enable us to carry out large impact making projects.

Your donations to the Rotary Foundation, directly support Rotary-led service projects that provide clean water, promote peace, develop communities, save mother & children - one day, will soon eradicate polio .

Because of our past donations, R C Poona is doing such projects for long time. Some of our Global Grant projects have been going on for 3 to 4 years. Our club was 100 percent PHF Club during the Rotary year 2014-2015. This year too, we would like to achieve this status.

It is a matter of pride for every Rotarian to be a PAUL HARRIS FELLOW by contributing USD 1000 to TRF.

The Good news is, that our Dist 3131 has announced a scheme, where a Rotarian can become a PHF by simply donating an amount equal to USD 400 to become a PHF & he/she can also make his spouse or a family member a PHF by donating an amount equal to USD 250.

The District will match the remaining 600 & 750 points.

This is to encourage all members to Donate to the Foundation & I urge all of you to avail this opportunity.

If all club members are PHF then we get recognition from RI as ?? percent PHF club.

For your contribution or for further details, pls contact Rtn PP Mukund Atre @98228 76576

Thanks

**- Rtn Col GS Kohli  
Director International Services**

# February is "Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention" Month



## Rotary Information

The month of February in Rotary is dedicated to "Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution."

Promoting peace has been one of the primary features of Rotary. Interestingly, when the UNO was formed in 1945, Rotary Club was one of the 42 delegates from the USA to participate.

Because of its active contribution towards Peace and Conflict Prevention, UNESCO has given RI the highest consultative status to a non-governmental organization.

In 1988, RI created Peace Forums as a 3 year program, naming it Search for Peace.

This was further refined in 1990 and renamed The Rotary Peace Program.

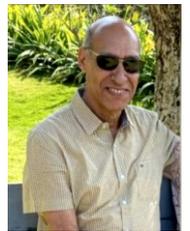
Under this flagship program, Rotary provides scholarships for Peace Fellows to enrol in Peace Programs in the existing universities.

The Rotary Peace Centres, located in the universities around the world, develop leaders to become catalysts for peace in their localities.

These Rotary Peace Fellows are leaders promoting national and international cooperation, peace and the successful resolution of conflict through service activities.

For the Peace Fellowship, RI has joined hands with 7 universities to provide Master's Degree in international relations, public administration, sustainable development, peace studies and conflict resolution.

RI has recently started a new program called Mediators Beyond Borders International ( MBBI ). It's a global network of innovative practitioners to help build a Rotarian's capacity towards peace and conflict prevention.



-Rtn Ashok Perti



## Upcoming Program

**06th Feb** : Induction of New Members

**13th Feb** : "Sharks of Steel" by Rtn Cdr Girish Gonkar

**20th Feb** : DG Visit

**27th Feb** : To be decided (Zoom Meeting)

## Birthdays / Anniversaries

30-Jan Rtn. Ravindra D. Gosavi

31-Jan R/ Ann. Fawia Albuquerque

4-Feb Rtn. Gurcharan Singh & R/ Ann. Deep Saluja

4-Feb Rtn. Dr Aashiesh & R/ Ann. Sonal Tavkarr

5-Feb Rtn. Vishwas Kirpekar



### Attendance Report

**Jan. 23rd, 2023**

<b>Rtns</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Anns</b>	<b>08</b>
<b>Spouse</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>Guests</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>