

From the Desk of the Editor ..

Hello friends and welcome again to the new issue. Diwali has gone while the Christmas and the New Year 2022 is round the corner.

In this issue you will read about some sentimental moments shared by the Bijoors, a fellowship done in a different style and a number of awards received by our club.

The typical Indian parents want to raise their children in a disciplined manner, educate them well and put them on the right track of their life. Shreyas Shetty has started his career on that path.

Our club is now getting into the high gears, executing larger projects (such as Community Cold Storage). An enhanced support is now expected from the members in the form of contribution to Rotary Foundation.

Get ready to welcome the New Year 2022 ..!!

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From the desk of the President

Dear Friends

Hope everyone had a wonderful Diwali celebration and a well deserved holiday / break. Post Diwali, we are bit rusty and not in much of an action. Hope the break must have rejuvenated all and ready to go with more vigour.

We need to push our big ticket project, Community Cold storage. It has gained momentum now, and the Bhumi Poojan (Ground Breaking ceremony) has been planned very soon. This is one of the very ambitious project of our club in recent history and I seek everyone's active participation in raising the required fund for the project.



Not to forget our other service projects on Literacy, Community development, Medical projects and Youth activities, I urge all the avenue directors / chairs to take it forward as per the plan.

I congratulate and thank all those who have contributed to Rotary Foundation in this foundation month (November 2021).

As per the tradition of our club and keeping continuity in mind, the process of BOD formation for the RY 22-23 is already initiated and very soon the team will be in place.

Our Districts 3131 Showcase event, the District Conference is being held on 29th and 30th January 2022. The details have already been circulated . Let us enrol in big numbers.

Season's Greetings !!

30th October: Andgaon Clothes Distribution

Visiting Andgaon every year, at Diwali time, is almost a ritual. So even this year we visited Andgaon village and distributed the clothes collected from our members and Rotaractors. Villagers had already gathered even before the RCKP team reached and were eagerly waiting. This year our club had a fairly large quantity of clothes and everyone picked up the clothes of their choice. They probably got more than they expected.



It was a happy moment to see our contribution reaching the deserving beneficiaries and those who need it most. Many many thanks to Mahesh, Purnima, Satish, Harry and Bijoor for taking time out to make a long visit. A big 'Thank You' to all our generous donors who came forward and supported to make this event happen.



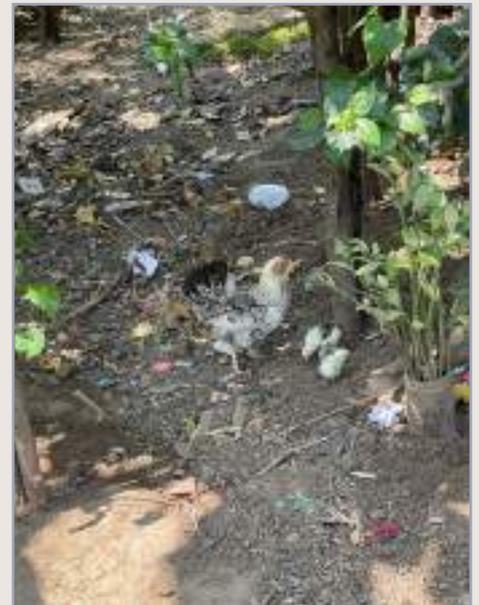
30th October: Andgaon Clothes Distribution



30th October: Andgaon - The less known side ...

This time our people made it a point to visit the **vasti** also, where the Andgaon villagers stay. They observed that it is a small hamlet with very few basic amenities. It is entirely a different world where people still don't have proper housing and even basic facilities. Visit to such places brings out the stark reality and makes one think that what one is doing is too little and there is so much more to do, and there is another world waiting for your generosity.

The pictures on this page say it all ...!!



How we Feel ..

That's why we join Rotary ..!!

After the Andgaon School visit, Rtn. Niranjn and Ann Vijaya Bijoor became very sentimental and this is how they expressed their feelings:

It was indeed a memorable experience. We, once again, realized the value of giving. If one wants to be larger than life, one should give. Love has nothing to do with what you are expecting to get. It is only concerned with what you are willing to give, and that is everything ..!! The smile and the happiness that we saw on the faces of these children, shall remain etched in our hearts forever.

This is our second visit to Andgaon school and we are determined to make this an annual feature now on, in our life. The visit to the basti was indeed an eye opener. It was heart wrenching to see the conditions in which these people are surviving. We pray to God to give us the strength, and the means, to ameliorate the conditions of these people as much as possible .. !!

Thank you very much Rotary for giving us this opportunity ..

Thank you so much Niranjn and Vijaya. We feel even the Rotary should thank you both for having such sensitive and generous members. The magic of Rotary relationship works both ways .. !!



31st October: Service Projects / PI Seminar

On 31st October a **Service Projects and PI Seminar** was held by our District 3131 under the name Dil Chahta Hai.

Service Project and Public Image Directors need to be innovative and hard working to be effective in their roles. Many such directors were felicitated and their work showcased during the seminar.

There were some proud moment as our Club received the *Overall Best Performance Award for all Service Avenues* till date, under *Special Recognition* from DG Pankaj.

We also received the award for *Best Performance in Community Service and Development Activities*.

Both awards were in the Category *Club with 31-60 Members*.

Our President Rathnakar Dedicated the awards to the RCKP team for their whole hearted involvement and commitment in all the activities.



11th November: Milk - Facts and Fallacies

On November 11th Dr. Dinesh Bhosale, a well known Veterinarian, associated with many NGOs who help in upliftment of Rural population, engaged us in an interesting lecture on Milk Facts and Fiction.

Dr. Bhosale started with the A1 and A2 proteins in cow's milk, discussed the constitution of the buffalo milk and advised that if in doubt prefer the buffalo milk.



He further touched upon issues such as problems of antibiotics, pesticides and metal residuals in the milk and kits available to detect these residues. He also discussed the types and reasons behind adulterations in the milk and milk products.

Dr. Manisha Bhosale gave a presentation about WARI, a Women Farmers' Production company. This company makes village products like pure cow's milk ghee and sells directly to consumers under the brand name WARI.

Although a bit technical and a little involved at times, the members did find the lecture interesting and educative.



18th November: Fruit Forest

For those who are worried about climatic changes, the lecture on the topic of Fruit Forest, by Mr Kishan Rao Parcha, on 18th November must have brought some solace.

He started by discussing and comparing the Covid situation in the USA and India and logically concluded that the primary cause for large cases in USA was reduced immunity. Readymade and processed food is the primary cause of this reduced immunity. Added to that is the severe and unpredictable impact of climatic changes on the food production.

To adapt to the new normal, we need to change our food habits and methods of food production, processing and consumption. Two types of foods qualify to be wholesome, nutritious and tasty: Fruits and Tubers.

Mr Parcha, as his contribution to this remedy, has started a **Fruit Forest** in Chinna Mandava village of Khamman district of Telangana state, over nearly 100 acres. Kudos to him for such a great effort.

This indeed was a totally different topic for discussion and our members made the session truly interactive.

Mr Parcha has a B. Tech. in Electrical Engineering and has varied interests in natural farming, soil and water conservation and training of farmers. He was awarded (in 2016) by Directorate of Rice Research, Government of India for designing a weeder, named as Mandavai Weeder.



19th November: Mangalagaur Fellowship

The theme for the fellowship on 19th November was very different and novel.

Mangalagaur is a festival of women, celebrated in a Maharashtrian household, for the first five years after a wedding. On every Tuesday of this month, the newly wedded bride prays to the Goddess Annapurna for a happy marriage and her husband's longevity. Tests of strength and stamina, there are over 50 varieties of short, swift mangalagaur dances, performed to rhyming couplets and often executed without any accompanying music.

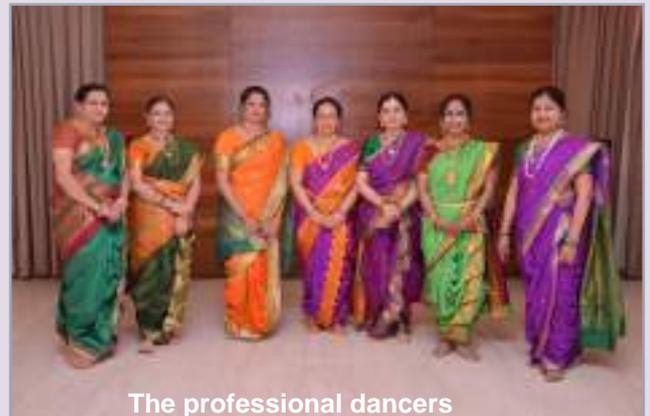
The idea to have such dances in a fellowship was initiated by Ann Anuradha (Bhagwat) and was fully supported by Rtn Purnima. We actually invited a group of professional Mangalagaur dance performers. Our own Anns of course participated with enthusiasm, Ann Anuradha (Bhagwat) leading them.



The Hosts



Come, Let's Play



The professional dancers

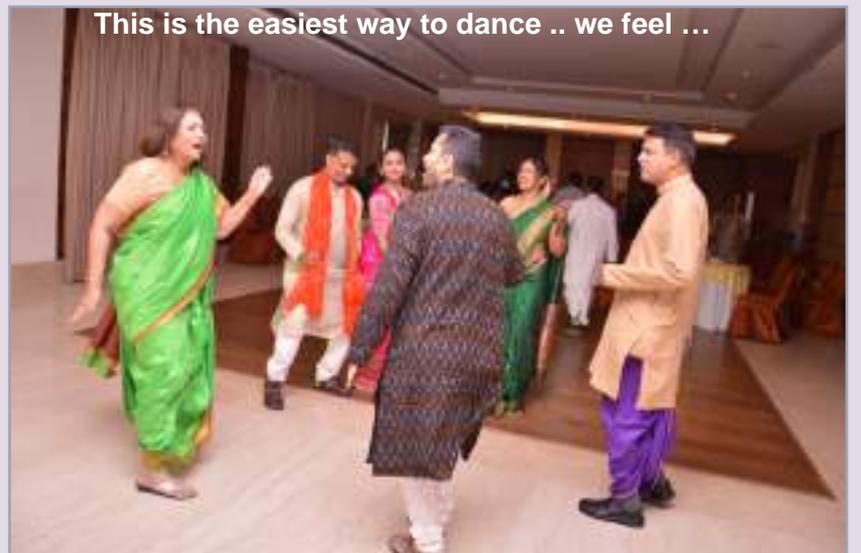
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On the right track ..



The Bar Council of Maharashtra and Goa gets some young blood as Shreyas, son of our President Rathnakar, successfully completed his graduation in Law and got enrolled as Advocate.

Congratulations to Shreyas and the proud parents. We wish all the very best to Shreyas in his future career. Our President now has access to free legal advice 24/7 ...!!

Another Award for the Club ..



Our club received the RI FOUNDATION BANNER for 100 percent giving, 100\$ per capita. Our IPP Rtn. Harry George was one of the proud recipients. Kudos to Harry ...!!

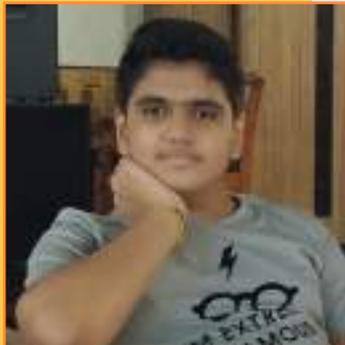


RI FOUNDATION BANNER Winners

Happy Birthday ..!!



Rtn. Aditya Kumar -
6th December



Annet Ishan
Deshchougule - 11th
December



Annet Ayush
Naushad - 13th
December



Ann Anita Hadke -
25th December



Annet Col. Navinder
Bevli - 26th
December



Rtn. Veeraj Shah -
-30th December



Happy Anniversary ..!!



Rtn. Swarupa and Mr
Kunal Tembwalkar - 3rd
December



Rtn. Sanjay and Ann
Preeti Gupta - 7th
December



Rtn. Ramkrishna and
Ann Anuradha Bhagwat
- 12th December



Rtn. Satish and Ann
Manisha Deshchougule
- 18th December

Happy Anniversary ..!!



Rtn. Niranjana and Ann
Vijaya Bijoor - 26th
December



Rtn. Shani and Mr
Naushad - 26th
December



Rtn. Harry and Ann
Mary George - 27th
December



Rtn. Sanjay and Ann
Anuradha Danait - 29th
December

Company Matters .. !!

Sit for 10 minutes in front of a **housewife** - you will feel life is **too difficult**.

Sit for 10 minutes in front of a **drunkard** - you will feel life is **very easy**.

Sit for 10 minutes in front of a **sadhu or sanyasi** - you will feel like **gifting away everything in charity**.

Sit for 10 minutes in front of a **leader** - you will feel all your studies are **useless**.

Sit for 10 minutes in front of a **life insurance agent** - you will feel that it is **better to die**.

Sit for 10 minutes in front of a **traders** - you will feel your earnings are **too meagre**.

Sit for 10 minutes in front of a **scientists** - you will feel the **enormity of your own ignorance**.

Sit for 10 minutes in front of a **good teachers** - you will feel like **wanting to become a student again**.

Sit for 10 minutes in front of a **farmer or a worker** - you will feel **you are not working hard enough**.

Sit for 10 minutes in front of a **soldier** - you will feel your own services and sacrifices are **insignificant**.

And lastly ...

Sit for 10 minutes in front of a **good friend** - you will feel your life is a **heaven ...!!**

Company Matters!! 😊😊😊

