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## TOPIC OF THE DAY - WOW... INDIANS!

6th January 2025

**Rotary Club of Poona**

**Guest Speaker : Dr. PNN Iyer**  
(President RCP Downtown)

**Topic: Wow ... Indians !**  
- A Hilarious take

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  
Madira on payment  
Dress Code: Semi Formals

RCP Downtown President Dr PNN Iyer is an Economist who rose to responsible positions in MNCs in India & abroad.

He has widely travelled on business to 66 countries & was instrumental in 34 international collaborations.

He is now a corporate consultant, coach & mentor apart from an MBA Professor & PhD guide.

Dr. Iyer has been a voluntary blood donor 77 times. He is very involved in child adoptions, 118 kids so far.

He is a musician and a prolific, humorous speaker in 8 languages on diverse subjects.

'Wow... Indians!' Is about why Indians are the first choice expatriates & what makes them global favourites.



## EVENTS OF LAST WEEK - A.G.M.

The weekly meeting on 30/12/2024 combined business with pleasure. It was the last meeting of the year 2024 and also the last meeting of the first half of Rotary year 2024-25. It was the day of the club's annual general meeting convened for taking stock of the club's performance during the just finished half year and for discussing plans for the remaining half year. The meeting was followed by a super sumptuous dinner hosted by Rtn Kailash Monga for celebrating his landmark birthday

The meeting began with President Amar Krishna's detailed account of the highs and lows of the first half of the year and plans for the second half.

President Amar was followed by President Elect Rohit Mittra. He presented a list of names of members of the newly elected next Board Of Directors, along with the allocation of portfolios and projects planned for



## EVENTS OF LAST WEEK CONTD.

his term in office. Chairpersons of the various Avenues presented their respective reports of projects completed as well as projects in the pipeline.

Food and beverages for the entire evening were sponsored by 'birthday boy' Rtn. Kailash Monga to commemorate his completion of seven and a half decades of philanthropy, photography, contract bridge to name but a few of his multifarious interests and activities.

Thus ended an evening that made all those present proud to be members of Rotary Club Of Poona, the oldest Club in the city and a leading club for our discipline, dedication, adherence to rules, observance of protocol, camaraderie and last but not the least the gusto with which we celebrate all important occasions.

Long live RCP!

Here is wishing everyone a happy, healthy, peaceful, zestful and productive 2025!

*By Rtn Mandakini Tata*



## LET'S WALK THE TALK

Dear Members,

This is an earnest appeal to you all. Besides registering yourself for the event please do reach out to your friends, colleagues, relatives, vendors, customers and impress upon them to register for this event.

*Talk to them, tell them about our cause*

This just not an ordinary Cyclothon/Walkathon/Marathon but an event to raise funds for helping the under-privileged with Paediatric Heart Surgeries, Paediatric Medical Equipment, Toilet Blocks for Girl Students in Rural Schools, Medical Care of Juvenile Diabetics, and Providing Artificial Limbs to Amputees.

Register, Join and Attend. Strength lies in numbers and the numbers present on the ground will help us realise our goals. Be part of this event and make a difference.

PP Jaideep Parekh  
Project Chairman  
The Ultimate Move -A -Thon

Associate sponsor: An initiative by Rotary club of Poona. Powered by:

**PubMatic**  
Presents  
**THE ULTIMATE MOVE-A-THON**

SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> FEB. 2025 | BMCC GROUND | REPORTING TIME: 4.30AM

**CYCLOTHON**  
APPROX. 40 KMS & 3.5 HRS

**HALF MARATHON**  
APPROX. 10 KMS & 2 HRS

**WALKATHON**  
APPROX. 3 HRS & 5 KMS

**REGISTRATION FEES ₹800/-**

FREE FITNESS & HEALTH CHECK UP, SCIENTIFIC WARM UP EXERCISES, JOG, PHOTOBOOTH, LUCKY DRAW CONTEST, REGISTERED PARTICIPANT WILL GET T-SHIRT, BIB, MEDAL, E-CERTIFICATE & FOOD PACK.

**CONTACT FOR REGISTRATION 89563 94202**  
Registration Link : <https://www.eventgint.com/e/moveathon2025-40915>  
 (CONTACT US FOR A BULK REGISTRATION DISCOUNT)

Funds will support - Paediatric Heart Surgeries & Paediatric Medical Equipments, Care of Juvenile Diabetics, Toilet Blocks for Girl Students in Rural Areas & Artificial Limbs to Amputees.

Sponsored by: LET'S COME TOGETHER TO INSPIRE A HEALTHIER LIFESTYLE AND UPLIFT THOSE IN NEED.

## R.I. TRUSTEE'S MESSAGE

January 2025

January marks a fresh start, a time to take stock of what we have achieved and plan for future success. It is important to remember that we are in the middle of a major year for fund development. The Rotary Foundation has set an ambitious goal to grow Rotary's Endowment to \$2.025 billion by this year, 2025. This will only be possible through the generous support of every person reading this message. January is also Vocational Service Month, when we recognize how vital each member's professional calling is to the work Rotary accomplishes.



During the Arch Klumph Society weekend in October, Gay and I were inspired by the diverse vocations represented among some of our most generous supporters. They included teachers, engineers, health care professionals, and builders. Uniting them was a shared commitment to building a better world through The Rotary Foundation.

So many of us bring the insight of our professions into Rotary through Vocational Service. The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers exemplifies this. These Rotary members use specialized skills to guide project planning, grant applications, and evaluations, ensuring the projects you fund and implement are sustainable and effective. The work of The Rotary Foundation, from safe water initiatives to literacy programs, depends on regular giving by our members. One convenient solution for many is Rotary Direct, which provides a simple way to make monthly, quarterly, or annual contributions. This empowers Rotary to plan effectively, respond promptly to urgent needs, and continue transforming lives.

The Paul Harris Society, which honors those who contribute \$1,000 or more annually, also strengthens the Foundation. Paul Harris Society members, like Klumph society members and Rotary Direct contributors, embody the spirit of sustained giving. When setting your personal goals for this year, remember that by supporting The Rotary Foundation, you extend your impact worldwide. Every contribution — no matter the size — adds to the momentum driving meaningful change. So, as we enter 2025, let us reaffirm our commitment to The Rotary Foundation.

By combining our efforts and our giving with others in our great organization, we can truly say that no matter our vocation or location, we are contributing to a global force for good. Thank you for all you do.

Mark Daniel Maloney  
Trustee Chair 2024-25

## ROTARY MARATHI SAHITYA SAMMELAN

It was the First Ever 'Rotary Marathi Sahitya Sammelan 2024- 25' organised by RC Pune Heritage at the Yashwantrao Chavan Natyagruh on the 4th and 5th of January. PDG Dr Deepak Shikarpur was a keynote speaker on the topic 'AI cha Sahityavar Parinam Hoyil Ka?' & Rtn Jayashree Kuber recited her poem for the Kavi Sammelan.



### Dates Birthdays & Anniversaries

6th Jan	Rtn Aarti Thacker
9th Jan	Rtn Sahab Saran
11th Jan	R/Ann Deep Saluja
12th Jan	Rtn Vasant S Kanitkar

### Programmes Ahead:

**13th Jan** - Vocational Excellence Award to Dr. Kalyani Mandke  
**20th Jan** - DG Visit  
**27th Jan** - Talk by PP Kailash Monga

### Attendance Report 30th Dec 2024

	Count
Rotarians	49
Anns	20
Spouses	01
Guests	01
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>71</b>