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Maratha History & Its Impact

Vikramsinha Mohite

- * International strategic management, marketing and Logistics professional having over 34 years of experience.
- * Qualified ancient history and culture expert.
- * Mediaeval History enthusiast, analyst and writer.
- * Active in Social work, in the field of Solid waste management and rural education.
- * Worked at a fortune 500 Global logistics company.
- * Currently working as Strategic Logistics, Sales Management Consultant & Advisor.
- Received international awards and accolades for establishing, achieving global standards, quality and outstanding financial performances.
- Handled over Rs 1500 Crores turnover global business establishment in India.
- December 2022 # Presented Paper in a National Conference on "Shivaji's Statecraft" held at Srisailem - AP sponsored by ICHR on topic "Chhatrapati Shivaji's Military Strategy and Tactics"
- July 2023. Established and designed a Permanent Exhibition gallery on " Maratha Military History" for Military Officers at Maratha Light Infantry Regiment Center - Belgaum.
- December 2023 : Participated and set up Maratha Naval History gallery at Sindhudurg, visited by Rajnath Singh - Defence Minister, General Chouhan - CDS, Admiral Hari Kumar, Lt Gen Vinod Khandare Sr Advisor to Defence Ministry and approx 800 Naval officers.
- Published a book titled "Kshatratej" detailing Maratha Political philosophy, its source and pioneering work by Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and Commander in Chief Hambirrao Mohite.
- July 2024 - Was felicitated by Former President Ramnath Kovind at New Delhi, for translation and editing work of Marathi books into English, based on the complete 180 years of Maratha History.

14 October 2024

Rotary Club of Poona

Topic: Maratha History and its Impact

Guest Speaker:
Vikramsinha Mohite

Venue: Hall # 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

Know Your Rotarian



The weekly meeting on September 30th 2024 saw the revival of a feature that had become defunct for a while. 'Know your Rotarian' is an important component of the process of initiation of newly inducted members. As stated by PP Deepak Thacker, it is a process of assessing the strengths and inclinations of the newcomers and a tool for discovering and grooming potential future leaders. PP Deepak expertly led four Rotarians and two Anns through a frank discussion of their educational backgrounds, work experience, aspirations and expectations for their future as members of the club.

First on the list was Rtn Col. Virendra Kapoor who is a celebrated author of 25 books, some of which have been translated into regional and foreign languages. He is also a motivational speaker. Rtn Virendra commented on the tremendous creative energy which is palpable in our meetings. He made a particular mention of the talented, active and enthusiastic Anns. He expressed his willingness to help whenever help is needed particularly in image building and publicity.

Ann Lakshmi Kapoor is an educationist and an award winning sports person. She expressed her desire to get involved and help wherever possible. Next on the list was our resident poet Rtn Arun Nayar who has regaled us with his poetry recitations on a few occasions. He is a renowned hotelier who has spent 53 years in the hotel industry. He is a singer, a keen gardener, an educationist in the field of hospitality management and a motivational speaker. He has demonstrated his willingness to get involved and help by his enthusiastic participation in the recent events. He expressed a hope that more young people will get come forward to get actively involved in future.

Rtn Arun was followed by Rtn Rani Choudhury who is a distinguished educationist. She has been the Principal of senior secondary schools for 30 years and a Director of Delhi Public School for about 20 years. She hopes to meet like minded people and join them in helping in areas that could use her expertise.

Last but not the least were the young Rtn Sachin Motwani and Ann Shilpa. Sachin is a business person who runs a wine business but has not succumbed to the temptation of imbibing the brew! He expressed his willingness to be of help in any area that needs help. The charming and vivacious Ann Shilpa candidly admitted that after having concentrated on being a homemaker so far she is now ready to explore possibilities outside the home and was looking forward to being an active member of the club. She has already given us a glimpse of her talent by participating in the variety entertainment programs presented by the Anns on various occasions. The program ended with a vote of thanks and a hope that 'Know your Rotarian' will become a regular feature of our weekly meetings.



.....By Rtn Mandakini Tata

Karunya Caregiver Project

Five years ago with the help of the Rotary Club of Poona and the Missionaries of Christ Jesus I started Karunya Caregiver Project.

Karunya is a sanskrit word meaning Compassion Caring Love and Service.

There were many such Caregiver Providers in the city of Pune already in existence.

It was my vision that our trainees would be both **State of the Art but also State of the heart**. They should serve by seeing the face of God in every patient.

Today I am overjoyed to State that Karunya is the best Caregiver Service Provider in Pune.

..... Rtn Dr Col Colin Louzado



Tree Plantation— Environment Friendly Initiative

Tree Plantation was organised at 'Agnibaaz', opposite Phoenix Mall, at very short notice.

Alongwith Army personnel and volunteers of NGO '51A' - we were able to plant about 115 saplings of 1-2 feet tall in a very protected environment.



DANDIA RAAS-24 : A GRAND CELEBRATION

“Ooo hallooo”rang out loudly in the vibrant setting as friends, families and fellow Rotarians excitedly gathered together in the festive and lively ambience of our yearly Fund Raising Event – Dandiya Raas held at the Poona Club on the 4th of October.

Women and young girls dressed in colourful *ghagras* and young men in *kedias* twirled and swayed in rhythm to the catchy tunes of the garba well coordinated by the dynamic MoC Prashant and his team from PS Academy. The quintessential soundtrack kept everyone on their toes for a good three hours, only to be briefly interrupted by the announcement of the lucky draw. The rhythmic clicking of the dandiya's added to the fervour as Moc Prashant announced that prizes would be awarded to the best dancers!

Our judges indeed found it extremely difficult to select the winners amongst the talented audience. It was a pleasant surprise to find the RYE inbound students enjoying themselves and one even managed to bag a prize for best dancer! The young strapping lads from the AFMC dressed in colourful garb too could be seen matching step for step with the choreographers.

An hour into the event and the appetizing aroma at the food counters started to draw large crowds, hungry after the energetic dancing, where an assortment of cuisine, cold beverages and dessert awaited them. It was much later at 10 pm that the music stopped and the judges handed over the list of awardees to President Maj Gen Amar Krishna and Rtn PP Maithili. Chief guest DG Shital Shah and First Lady Ragini Shah were then requested to hand over the prizes to the winners.

We wrap up this year's successful event which could not have been possible without the generous contributions of our sponsors like Venkys who've been sponsoring year after year and this year we were fortunate to have many more. And not forgetting the efforts and hard work put in by Chairman of the Dandiya team PP Maithili, the judges and her team of volunteers. A signature fund raising event of the Rotary Club of Poona, the Dandiya Raas was started by our very own Rtn Praful Shah in the year 1998 and is a much awaited and loved event for the members. Bidding farewell for now, we look forward to organising yet another in the following year too.

..... By Rtn Trupti Gowariker



“Ooo hallooo”

DANDIA RAAS-24 : GLIMPSES



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THANK YOU SPONSORS



Dandiya Raas-24—A Report

Dear members,

With the post event article in Lokmat, (See next page) covering our Dandiya Raas, my task, as the Dandiya Raas Committee chair is complete.

On behalf of my entire team, I would like to thank all of you for supporting the event by the way of donating, sponsoring, participating & some of you for taking responsibilities of various duties during the event.

A short report of **Dandiya Raas-24**, event is as follows -

Attendance

- ◇ Total attendance at the event was **600+** (as per the coupons in the lucky draw box)
- ◇ Attendance by our own club members - **88** (Rotarians / spouses)

Funds

Event Sponsorship- For the first time, we have received **₹1.35 lacs from various sponsors**, other than our title sponsor Venky's. (₹13.35 including Venky's). We also received sponsorship worth **₹24 k by Dhananjay Chanawala, Panchgani & Rtn Vijayantii Khaladkarr, for Lucky Dip & Competition Prizes & gifts.**

Pre & post Event coverage by Daily Lokmat

Event Expenditure- venue, set-up, security, printing, photographer, Anchor etc- **₹1.20 lacs**

Donations from our members & their contacts, about **₹5.50 lacs** including the committed amounts
Donations received for **Passes - ₹41.5k**

Acknowledgements

I, would like to specially thank the following, for their exceptional support in making the event successful -

PDG Deepak Shikarpur for getting us sponsors, both for the event & the gifts.

Rtn Daljeet Kaur Raizada for getting maximum participants through sale of passes, getting an event sponsor & connecting us to the dashing Anchor Prashant, of PS Acaademy & his team.

Ms Pratika Poorswani our media person, who made the catchy event promotion film.

Annette Rahul Gowariker who designed the vibrant event poster.

The Competition Judges - R/anns Turan Desai, Parul Parekh, Leela Taparia, annette Rinki Raizada & Mr Navin along with Rtn Daljeet for accepting the difficult task of judging the various competitions.

Caterer Mr Satish for sponsoring 100 food coupons worth ₹300/- each for our members.

Rtn Dr Kapil Desai for his consistent follow-up year on year, and getting in the cheque from Venky's

We can proudly say, that this year, we have set a new benchmark, for the Rotary Club of Poona, as we have been getting great reviews & compliments on how well organised & Vibrant our event was.

Finally, I would like to thank President Gen Amar Krishna & PP Ramgopal Rao, Dir Fund Raising & PI, for trusting me with the responsibility of this event.

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Maithili Manakawad
Chairman- Dandiya Raas

लोकमत

‘रोटरी क्लब ऑफ पूना’तर्फे ‘दांडिया रास’चे आयोजन

‘लोकमत’ असणार माध्यम प्रायोजक

लोकमत न्यूज नेटवर्क
पुणे : दरवर्षी नवरात्र उत्सवात आयोजित होणाऱ्या प्रतिष्ठित दांडिया रास कार्यक्रमाची रोटरी सदस्य व पुण्यातील तरुणाई अत्यंत उत्कंठतेने वाट पाहत असते. ही परंपरा राखत यावर्षी सुद्धा रोटरी क्लब ऑफ पूना यांच्याकडून शुक्रवारी (दि. ४) पूना क्लब (सिनेमा हॉल) येथे संध्याकाळी ७ वाजता भव्य दांडिया रास कार्यक्रम आयोजित करण्यात आला आहे. यंदाचा हा दांडिया रास कार्यक्रम मुख्य प्रायोजक वेंकीज ग्रुप यांच्या सहकार्यातून तसेच सहप्रायोजित म्हणून चंदूकाका सराफ, केअर पीएमएस व धनंजय चनावाला यांच्या योगदानातून होणार आहे.

‘लोकमत’ या कार्यक्रमाचा माध्यम प्रायोजक आहे.

खूप वर्षांपूर्वी म्हणजे १९९७ साली रो. प्रफुल्ल शहा व त्यांचे सहयोगी यांनी पुढाकार घेऊन नवरात्र उत्सवाचा सांस्कृतिक ठेवा जतन करून सणाचा उत्साह व आनंद द्विगुणित व्हावा या हेतूने या कार्यक्रमाची सुरुवात केली. या कार्यक्रमाला रोटेरियन व नॉन रोटेरियन अशा सर्वांना आमंत्रित करण्यात आले आहे. दांडिया रास कार्यक्रमात भाग घेण्यासाठी अनेक आकर्षक भेटवस्तू व लकी ड्रॉ ठेवण्यात आला आहे. शाळा व महाविद्यालयीन युवक-युवती देखील यात सहभाग घेऊ शकतात. असे आवाहन मैथिली मनकवाड यांनी केले.

लोकमत

‘दांडिया’मध्ये तरुणाईने केली धमाल रोटरी क्लब ऑफ पूना; परदेशी पाहुण्यांची प्रमुख उपस्थिती

लोकमत न्यूज नेटवर्क
पुणे : दरवर्षीप्रमाणे यंदाही रोटरी क्लब ऑफ पूनातर्फे रास दांडियाचे आयोजन करण्यात आले होते. शुक्रवार (दि. ४) रोजी पूना क्लब येथे कार्यक्रम मोठ्या उत्साहात पार पडला.

मागील वर्षीप्रमाणे यंदाही तरुणाई मोठ्या संख्येने उपस्थित होती. तसेच यंदाचे आकर्षण ठरले ते कार्यक्रमातील परदेशी पाहुणे. तरुणाईने मोठ्या उत्साहात सहभाग नोंदवत रास दांडियाचा आनंद लुटला. या कार्यक्रमाला रोटरी डिस्ट्रिक्ट ३१३१ चे प्रांतपाल शीतल शाह व त्यांच्या पत्नी रागिणी शाह तसेच रोटरी क्लब ऑफ पूनाचे अध्यक्ष मे. जनरल अमर कृष्णा यांच्या हस्ते विविध गटातील उत्कृष्ट दांडिया सादर करणाऱ्या, तसेच वेशभूषा व लकी ड्रॉ विजेत्यांना भेटवस्तू आणि



रोटरी क्लब ऑफ पूना तर्फे भव्य रास दांडिया उत्साहात

पारितोषिके देण्यात आली.

यावर्षीच्या कार्यक्रमाचे विशेष म्हणजे सर्वांनी पारंपरिक वेशभूषा केली होती. तसेच याप्रसंगी नेत्रदीपक सजावट, रंगीबेरंगी चमकणारे दिवे, डीजेवर वाजणारी भन्नाट गरबा व दांडियावर आधारित गाणी यामुळे वातावरणात एक जोश निर्माण झाला होता. कार्यक्रमाला मुख्य प्रायोजकत्व वेंकीज चिकन यांचेकडून व सहप्रायोजक चंदूकाका सराफ, केअर

पीएमएस यांच्या योगदानातून सहकार्य लाभले. या कार्यक्रमाचे माध्यम प्रायोजक लोकमत होते. प्रफुल्ल शाह, इवा इन्फोसिस, डायव्हर्सिटी इंटिरिअर्स, रेडस्टोन हिल्स. पारितोषिके व गिफ्ट धनंजय चनावाला (पांचगणी) व संस्कृती साडीज यांनी स्पॉन्सर केले. कार्यक्रमाचे संयोजन रो. मैथिली मनकवाड व त्यांचे सहकारी यांनी मेहनत घेतली.

MISCELLANEOUS



The Rotary Foundation receives highest rating from Charity Navigator for 16th consecutive year

The Rotary Foundation has received the highest rating — four stars — from Charity Navigator, an independent evaluator of charities in the U.S.

The Foundation earned the recognition for adhering to sector best practices and executing its mission in a financially efficient way, demonstrating both strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency.

“We are delighted to provide the Rotary Foundation with third-party accreditation that validates their operational excellence,” said Michael Thatcher, president and CEO of Charity Navigator. “The Four-Star Rating is the highest possible rating an organization can achieve. We are eager to see the good work that the Rotary Foundation is able to accomplish in the years ahead.”

Contribution to Rotary Foundation

The Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) recognition acknowledges individuals who contribute \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation. This recognition comes in the form of a Certificate and a Lapel pin which all Rotarians aspire to have it at the earliest and feel proud.

This is first level recognition while many members continue to contribute to Rotary Foundation and grow much higher to become major donor with donation of \$ 10,000 and more. Further, it's equally important and a matter of proud for any club to be 100% PHF CLUB

This matter was discussed at length and set up a goal to be 100% PHF CLUB by end of Rotary Year 2024-25 and to enable bal. 20% of existing members to acquire PHF recognition current BOD approved the scheme wherein a member contributes only \$200 while balance required 800 recognition points are made up by the club.

We, therefore, appeal to members to contribute \$200 to "The Rotary Foundation" and acquire PHF recognition for self, spouse or children/ grandchildren and help R C Poona to achieve status of 100% PHF Club.

Please note that all donations to Rotary Foundation qualify under Section 80G of the Income Tax Act.

.....By **Rtn Pradeep Govil**

Birthday / Anniversary	Dates	Programmes Ahead	Attendance Report 30 Sep / 04 Oct 2024	Count
R/ Ann Shilpa Motwani	15-Oct	21 Oct : Unveiling of ‘The Move-A-Thon’+ (Wheels & Heels) One Cause, One Dream 28 Oct : Diwali dinner 04 Nov : Rotary KBC with Nitin Dhamale	Rotarians	49/49
R/ Ann Parul Parekh	18-Oct		Anns	25/31
Rtn Mukund Atre	19-Oct		Spouses	01/01
			Visiting Rotarians	—
			Guests	600
			TOTAL	75/681