

METROPOLITAN

Rotary



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

R.I.
District
3131



Rotary Club
of
Pune Metro

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From the President's Desk



Dear Metropolitans,

I am extremely happy and fortunate in meeting you as the President of Rotary Club of Pune Metro. I am thankful to the Nomination Committee and all Metropolitans for trusting me and I will give my best to serve the society to maintain and uplift our Club's tradition and discipline.

I joined Rotary in August 2017. During my year as Secretary in 2019-20 I could gain knowledge of various Avenues. This gave me the confidence to work for the Club. I am fortunate to have Rtn. Shekhar Mehta as the Rotary International President, who dreams big to bring smiles to the faces of needy people. He does not like status-quo in Rotary membership. As a leader he is both approachable and adapts easily to the changing situations. He is a team player and people love to work with him. Rtn. Pankaj Shah as the DG RID 3131 is very dynamic in his approach and believes in thorough planning and efficient execution. The focus areas are Membership, Literacy, Women's Empowerment and Rotary Foundation.

The RI Theme 'Serve to Change Lives' is most appropriate in current situation where Healthcare and Service are needs of the hour.

Over the years, our Club has established a robust strategic planning process ensuring that every President looks beyond the Rotary Year and thinks of how our Club can continue to do its best. Our Club has always believed in great team work and I am happy to say that I have a strong BOD team with me.

I am happy to inform that we, along with RID 3131 Membership team have completed the basic formalities of setting up our first Satellite Club of young entrepreneurs and it will be formally announced this week. We have also started substantial work in other areas.

Bye for now. See you all in the next issue of our bulletin.

Yours in Rotary

Rtn Sneha Subhedar

July Programs:

1st July: 'Tession Khallas' -
Puppet Show by
Chaitrali Majgavkar,
Celebration of
Doctors' and C.A.s' Day
(Subject to Lockdown Situation)

15th July: Zoom meeting

29th July: Members' Program

Kalayatri Meghmalhar (Group of members for July Programs):

Rtn Shrish Lawate
Rtn Neelkanth Joshi
Rtn Pradnya Gokhale
Rtn Nayana Joshi
Rtn Shilpa Chaudhari

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Editorial Team: Rtn PP Dileep Paranjpye, Rtn PP Jayant Bokil, Rtn Rajesh Ingale, Ann Neelima Bodhani

Know your President:



RCPM President Sneha Subhedar has completed post graduation in Commerce from Pune University and also obtained post graduate diploma in Computer Applications from Symbiosis. She has been a teacher of accountancy, costing, economics and management in Commerce field. As a Computer Science teacher she has taught Programming Techniques, Systems Analysis, Computer Languages C and C++ for several years. While working as a Computer lecturer she has also appeared in a BBC serial on education. She has featured in the coffee table book 'Festivals of Maharashtra' published by Sakal newspaper. She has also learned Kathak dance. From her interests and active participation in poetry, acting, anchoring and dance, she got opportunity in professional acting. There are two TV serials to her credit as also several small roles in Hindi and Marathi movies. She has also performed in Ladies Bharud Group in India as well as in England and Sri Lanka. Being socially active, she has come in contact with people from various social strata. Rtn. Sneha joined Rotary in 2017-18 and served as Secretary in RY 2019-20 and Director International Service in RY 2020-21.

Anna Uday Subhedar is an Engineering graduate from COEP and has done post graduation in Industrial Management from Symbiosis. He has worked in Tata Motors in various capacities. He is fond of reading, management, ghazals and music. He was also an executive committee member of the Tata Motors cultural wing 'Kalasagar' for 10 years. They are blessed with two sons. Elder son Jashan is a C. A. and his wife Pooriya is MD Homeopathy. Younger son Suraag is a Sound Engineer and has his band named LEFT TURN. They have a one year old grandson named Jay.



From the Editor's Desk

Hello friends,

Greetings to you all as we start a new 'Peak to Peak' journey in the new Rotary year; a journey that we will undertake to move from success to success, serving humanity and serving to change lives. Hearty congratulations also to the outgoing team of RCPM for their dazzling performance, grand success and outstanding achievements. Club has been No.1 almost till end of the year, and won so many awards at District level. And a warm welcome and best wishes to the incoming President and the new team.



I am very happy to present the first issue of Metropolitan July'2021, the first month of Rotary year. It is also the beginning of rainy season. Refreshing greenery is all around us. Let us start working towards our goal '**Serve to Change Lives**' with the same enthusiasm.

In the last year and half, Covid19 pandemic has played havoc with lives everywhere. The world needs people who are willing to work to heal the wounds. Rotarians can lead by example. The quote '**हे विश्वाचि माझे घर, ऐसी मती जयाची स्थिर**' meaning "One who firmly believes that the entire world is his home", is certainly a very apt for us. As Rotarians we recognize this universal spirit. As Metropolitan, we have always retained it in our hearts and followed this ideal.

Creating an interesting and informative Bulletin is enjoyable work for me. I hope the readers too will enjoy these bulletins. The Club Bulletin being a very effective means of external and internal public image, it should be like a mirror. All projects, programs and activities of the club along with District and RI projects are to be included in it. At the same time personalities and capabilities of members should also be reflected by it. For this, I invite all members to contribute to the contents of our bulletin. Poems, travelogues, interesting experiences, useful tips etc are most welcome. I am very keen to get contributions from new members. That will be their best introduction in the Club; it will develop fellowship and help them to assimilate in the group.

August month in Rotary calendar is dedicated to membership development. RI President Elect Shekhar Mehta has set us a target to increase Rotary worldwide membership by 1 lac. This bulletin can surely play a role in assimilation of new members.

Once again a very warm welcome and best wishes to our incoming President and the new team.

Rtn. Shobhana Paranjpye

Doing good for others is not a duty, it's a joy

Incoming RI President Shekhar Mehta: Profile and Vision:

Rtn. Shekhar Mehta of Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanagar, is the President Elect of Rotary International for 2021-22. An accountant by profession, he is the Chairman of Sky-line Group, a real estate development company. He is also a director of Operation Eyesight Universal (India), and a trustee of Shelter Box, UK. These organizations work for goals of ending blindness and disaster relief respectively. He has helped build nearly 500 homes for families affected by the 2004 tsunami, pioneered a program to perform over 1500 life-changing heart surgeries and is the architect of TEACH Program, promoting literacy through thousands of schools.

A Rotarian since 1984, RIPE Shekhar has served Rotary as Director, Member or Chair of several committees, Zone Coordinator, Training Leader, Member of The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers, and District Governor. He is also the Chair of Rotary Foundation (India).

He has received Rotary's 'Service above Self' award and The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Awards. He and his wife Rashi are Major Donors and members of the Bequest Society.

Here are some key points from Rtn. Shekhar Mehta's interview in June '20 just after his election as RI President.

On being elected as the Rotary International President, he said that service to mankind has no goals to be achieved, only milestone to be crossed. He feels his responsibilities have grown from India to the world.

Speaking further, he said "The 4-Way Test is basic for what Rotarians Think, Speak and Do. A Rotarian should always be fair in dealings. The 4-Way Test implores us to be ethical and truthful all our life"

His vision for Rotary in his Presidential year is to increase the stagnant membership by one lac. He wants Rotary India with its 1.6 lac members, to be the No.1 NGO in the country. These may appear farfetched goals, but can be achieved when Rotary is focused on them. Each member should work to bring one member. Bringing new members is the members' responsibility and ensuring that they stay, is the Club's responsibility. For this, clubs should keep them engaged, give them responsibility. The on-line meetings have an indirect benefit – club attendance has increased! This must be used to engage people and ensure retention.

He informed that Rotary India has offered to Government of India to do 10% of their work in certain areas through own funds. GOI plans to rejuvenate 100000 water bodies, Rotary has offered to do 10000 of these. This requires building check dams to block rain water and allow it to percolate into the ground. It will improve water availability from one or two months in the year to over 6 months. Farmers can take 2 crops in a year, hand pumps get water, and cattle get more feed, increasing their productivity. This costs just about 4-5 lacs. To build 10000 check dams, each district needs to do only 40 per year, the cost of which is equivalent to about 2 Global Grants. Rotary India will plant 30 crore trees in the next 5 years. Mr. Nitin Gadkari has allowed Rotary to plant them along highways.

Focusing on literacy, he said that Rotarians must aim to see that children, who have been out of school in the last 18 months, do not drop out. India has 25 crore illiterate adults who have missed schooling. Rotary should work on adult literacy to make India 100% literate.

He wishes to overhaul India's education system, reduce India's water and sanitation problems by 10% each. The last case of Polio in India was during PRIP Kalyan Da's tenure. As an Indian, he hopes that the last polio case worldwide can be achieved during his tenure.

He informed that Rotary India has contributed Rs.105 crore to the PMCARES Fund in these difficult times. Another 95 crore was used for work at the grass-root level like distribution of 50 lac food packets, masks, medical equipment, ventilators or ambulances between March and June 2020. Rotarians handed over many hospitals owned by them to the authorities for Covid patients. Rotarians will continue help wherever they can.

He said his work will be his bio-data. His life's purpose now is helping others. Everyone can do it in small or big way by helping to restore eyesight, provide artificial limbs, support heart surgeries etc. The opportunities are endless. The biggest gift everyone is given is the power to change lives."

We are proud to have another Indian to lead Rotary International. His vision makes it clear that Rotary will have a very successful year 2021-22.



The big secret in life is that there is no big secret

Message from DG Pankaj Shah



Dear President,

Heartiest Congratulations on being chosen as Club Leader for the year 21-22.

Pandemic has severely impacted our lives, but we have always risen to the occasion, adapted to the situation and given our best so we could “*Serve to Change Lives*” following the principle of “*Service Above Self*”. We as a team would definitely do wonders in our respective roles as leaders as we work by following the principle “*Keep it Simple!*”

Lot is to be worked on to take Rotary Programs to each and every member of the Club. Equally Important is that they reach Non-Rotarians as well. We need to grow membership; our Rotary International President has given a wonderful formula of “*Each One Bring One*” which we have to sincerely implement. We expect that your club has a positive growth at the end of year.

Rotary Foundation through its various programs has worked for community at all times. May it be eradicating polio from the world, supporting world through COVID (Disaster) Grants, or various service projects under Six Areas of Focus where now “**Supporting Environment**” is added as 7th Area. We should also support our own Rotary Foundation by contributing to **Annual Program Fund**, Polio Fund, Endowment Fund and various other options. Amount can be of your choice but contribute handsomely and ensure that your each and every member contributes. **100% contribution from each and every member of club is expected.**

Our Rotary International President’s emphasis is on “*Empowering Girls*”. He also expects us to Celebrate “*Rotary Days of Service*” which will establish stronger Synergy amongst Rotary Clubs, Rotaract, Interact and Non-Rotary World. It’s a sincere request to include this in your yearly plan. Plan an Impact Making Project, ensuring proper Public Image, which will definitely help Rotary Grow- “*Do More Grow More*”. Our Vision is “*Rotary to be most preferred choice of all stakeholders*” At District Level we have adapted a new system of empowering enthusiastic Rotarians & Rotaracters to work in various committees of their choice thus developing new leadership with specific focus on women leadership working at various key positions. Request you to develop leadership accordingly in your club level as well by involving members in activity of their choice, understanding new ideas shared by them and acting upon the same. When Rotary Work is done with Passion, Dedication, even while “*Keeping It Simple!*”, you will realize that “*Nothing is Impossible !!*”

Always with you as your team member. So, we say “**Action Speaks Better Than Words**”.
Now the Action Begins.....

Rtn Pankaj Shah
District Governor 21-22, RID 3131

Stay committed to your decisions but remain flexible in your approach



Message from DGN Dr Anil Parmar:

It gives me immense pleasure to communicate with you all in these Challenging times of Unprecedented Crisis due to COVID-19.

At the Outset my Congratulations to President Sneha Subhedar and BOD Members 21/22 on being installed as President and BOD Members of a Prestigious Club RC Pune Metro.

My Congratulations to Outgoing President Makarand and Team 20/21 for a great year in spite of the Challenges and unprecedented Covid Crisis.

He has invited me to meeting of RIPN Jennifer Jones meeting with ANN ARBOR Club and I was proud to hear her mention RC Pune Metro and RID 3131 as partners for Global Grant and my Club has also agreed for being a partner in a Global Grant being done by RC Pune Metro.

As per the Theme of year 20/21 ROTARY OPENS Opportunities we definitely got Opportunity to meet in new ways, More opportunities to reach out to Community and More Opportunity to interact and be present at Multiple Occassions in a Single Day with the help of Technology.

The year gone been Unique and I am sure we are going to get Stronger out of this. With Vaccination catching speed I am sure we will all meet Physically soon.

Friends Current Membership trends are a Challenge for RID 3131 and Membership development and Retention should be our Highest Priority.

Our District has a very Strong history of TRF Giving and I appeal to all Rotarians to contribute atleast 100 USD to APF Every year (EREY) and more if possible to continue and increase the Quantum of Service to Community through The Rotary Foundation.

DG Pankaj and FL Priya have taken the lead and I congratulate them both for the Generosity and Strong desire to help the Community at large.

DG Pankaj, Myself and DGN Manjoo are strong Proponents of Strategic Planning at District as well as Club Level and would request all Rotarians to actively participate in Strategic Planning and come up with Action Plans and Roadmap for Respective Clubs.

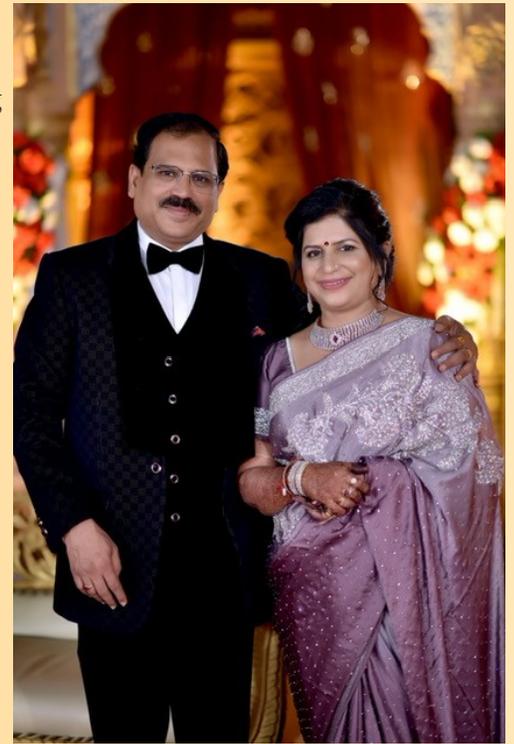
DG Pankaj and his Team has been working with Zeal in these Challenging times and All Clubs and Presidents are energised with the Motivational and Well planned training Events arranged Virtually by DG Pankaj and Team 21/22.

Hema and Myself take this Opportunity to Wish President Sneha and whole team a Great Rotary Year 20/21 and I am sure RC Pune Metro will achieve Greater Heights in RY 21/22 and do more to SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES.

I take this Opportunity to thank all Rotarians of RC Pune Metro for the Love and Affection Showered on me over the years.

Yours in Rotary,

Rtn. Dr. Anil Parmar,
District Governor 22/23, RID 3131
Past President, Panvel Doctors Association
Consulting Physician,
Nikam Parmar Hospital, Panvel
Mobile no.9322218978



Prepare and prevent is better than repair and repent

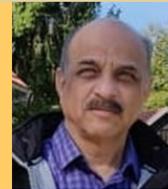
Our Board of Directors 21-22:



Secretary Surekha Deshpande's energy was evident when she took over as the Director – Youth Services last year. With educational background in economics, she has worked as Technical Writer for IT Solutions and various allied fields for over 30 years. Although she describes herself as 'retired'; she now advises Insurance companies and also finds time for baking, traveling, dancing, and listening to music..



Joint Secretary Rtn. Rajendra Majali is a man with multifarious qualifications like Engineering, Management and Marathi, currently Principal Consultant for Infosys. He has been a successful convener of many important projects in RCPM and has also been active in the District. He enjoys sports, reading and cooking. Ann Arusha is an Educationist has been RCPM's Joint Secretary and Bulletin Editor, besides being a successful convener of many projects. She loves music, cooking and gardening.



Treasurer Rtn. Girish Ranade, an Electronic design engineer and entrepreneur, is the Owner Director at Futura Apsol Pvt Ltd. He enjoys sharing technical experiences along with his other hobbies badminton, music and reading. Spouse Anagha is a Homeopath and also looks after production and finance as Owner Director at Futura Apsol. Her hobbies include painting, music and badminton.



Director Club Admin PP Bhavana Chahure is an Architect, Interior Designer and a Nature Lover. As President of RCPM in 2018-19 she took the Club to second position in the District. Earlier, she was the Club's Sergeant at Arms, Director – Young Generation, Joint Secretary and Secretary. This year, she has been appointed as Assistant Governor. Her hobbies include Reading, Painting, Gardening and interacting with people. She has been active in all the projects of Rotary. Her spouse Anna Milind Chahure retired as the Commissioner of Income Tax. He participates in Rotary activities and loves to play Bridge. They have one daughter Shreya who is a doctor and is preparing for post graduation..



Director Service Projects IPP Mukund Chiplunkar is a Chemical Engineer from IIT Bombay. A rank holder throughout his educational career, he has worked in consultancy and in petroleum fields for over 3 decades. Now based in Pune as a freelance consultant, he also participates in social work, charity, financial planning etc while enjoying multifarious activities like computers and internet, meditation, trekking, sports and music. Ann Mugdha, a science graduate takes care of the soft aspects of the family. Widely traveled around the world, she enjoys music, dance, drama, cooking and reading. Their daughter Chaitali and son Shailesh are Masters in their respective fields Physiotherapy and Engineering. Both are happily married.



Director Service Projects Rtn. Jayant Keskar is a Chartered Accountant with over 35 years of work experience that includes implementing ERP, Business Intelligence solutions and in Commodity Trading in India and many other countries. His hobbies are travelling and reading. Spouse Ann Radhika Keskar holds MSc in Organic Chemistry along with B.Ed. She has worked in education field for 30+ years at senior secondary level. She has worked as subject expert for Central Board of Education and at senior level in a school awarded as the Best School in the Middle East. Jayant and Radhika have two sons.



Director Foundation 21-22 and RCPM's first Major Donor PP Madhav Tilgulkar is a Petroleum Engineer and consultant with 30 years work experience in India, Iran, Nigeria and Georgia. In the past 8 years in RCPM, he has been the Director for Membership, Youth Services, TRF and also Project Convener. RCPM's first project on foreign soil was done by him. He received the Best President Award in the District, has headed many committees and has been Asst. Governor. Ann Neha is a home makers and winner of many awards in cookery competitions. Besides winning the Best Ann Award in RCPM she has also completed the tough Car Rally conducted by District 3131.

Efforts are better than promises



Our Board of Directors 21-22



Director Membership PP Padma Shahane is a practicing Chartered Accountant. A top rank holder in M.Com. she has served RCPM and the District in many capacities. Besides having been the President in 2010-11, she has also been the Treasurer, Jt. Secretary, Director – Service Projects and Director – Community Service of our Club. She is also active in the District, heading teams on Literacy, Women’s Empowerment, Women in Rotary and many others. Anna Shekhar Shahane is a practicing Chartered Accountant. His interests include Sports, Cooking and Spiritual Reading. PP Padma and Shekhar have one son, Varad.



Director Young Generation Rtn. Amita Nene has wide ranging qualifications including CMA, MBA and PG in Child & Family Counseling. She has long experience of working in all these specialties, professionally as well as voluntarily. She also creates educative videos and very interesting blogs on these subjects and also on cuisines. Spouse Sachin Nene is an aviation specialist and global traveler. Their twin children Tanaya and Ashmit are ready to enter junior college. They are accomplished in sports and performing arts.



Director IT Rtn. Rajendra Erande (Rajan) is an IT Professional with experience of leadership positions for IT systems in large corporates, management of large projects, e-governance and has won awards for his outstanding work. Many of us would have used the IT system of Pune Municipal Corporation under his charge. The first Safe City project was also headed by him. Besides holding leadership positions in numerous Professional Institutions, Rtn. Rajan is also interested in Badminton, Table Tennis and Chess. Ann Snehal has done M.Com and is experienced in education and corporate finance. Her interests include music, as well as drawing and spiritual activities.



Director Public Image Rtn. Nayana Joshi is a qualified Commercial Artist and runs her own Digital Marketing Agency producing Websites, Brochures and Videos. In RCPM, she has been the Bulletin Editor, Director of Public Image, Projects, Club Administration and New Generation as also Treasurer and Club Secretary. Her hobbies include reading, traveling and trekking. Anna Rahul is also a commercial artist and has his own media production agency. Their son Annet Akash is an Entertainment Technologist, daughter in law Monika is a Pharmacist. They are blessed with 2 grandsons Neil 6 yrs and Nivaan 3 yrs.



Bulletin Editor Rtn Shobhana Paranjpye has done M.A. in Philosophy and Advanced Diploma in Computer Programming languages. She has been a Maths and Arts & Crafts teacher at High School level and also taught Computer Applications at PG Diploma level. Currently she leads the National Editorial team for E-Bulletin **Ekal Shakti** published by Rashtriya Mahila Samiti of Friends of Tribals Society. Spouse Rtn. PP Dileep, is a mechanical engineer from IIT Kanpur and Bombay, has worked in petrochemical and engineering industries. He later moved to Engineering education. In Rotary he has been Club Secretary, President and District Secretary Synergy. Their two sons, Sameer and Alok; both IIT engineers, live in US with their families.



Director International Avenue and PE Rtn Vivek Kulkarni, an IIT Kharagpur Civil Engineer with Master’s in Industrial Management from IIT Chennai, has worked at senior positions in many famous organizations in highly specialized fields. He has travelled all over the world. An active member of RCPM, he has served as Project Convener, Bulletin Editor, Treasurer and Secretary. Analyzing financial & stock markets is his hobby. Ann Madhavi, a Chartered Accountant and Music Visharad, teaches Accounting at various levels including blind students. In RCPM, she effortlessly carries out responsibilities connected with Club programs. Their son Arjun, MBA is married to Vinita and works at Mumbai.



Club Trainer Rtn. PP Abhay Sontakke is a Dental Surgeon par-excellence. A Charter Member of RCPM, a Multiple PHF and member of Paul Harris Society, he has served as the Director of several avenues. He has been the leader of Committees for Events, International Service, Awards, Interact, and Service Projects and has also served as Assistant Governor. He was Rotary’s volunteer for Service Project in Madagascar. He enjoys tennis and classical music. Ann Sangita is an Insurance Professional and a Past President of Inner Wheel. A Multiple Paul Harris Fellow, she enjoys badminton.

The will must be stronger than the skill

Rotary Knowledge

What is a Global Grant ?

Global Grant (GG) Project of The Rotary Foundation (TRF) GG Project is an ingenious framework or mechanism devised by TRF to induce Rotary Clubs worldwide to accomplish the following:

- Induce Clubs to execute big-sized strategically-focused, high impact projects
- Promote cooperation amongst Clubs, thereby making them aware of social issues in different areas and increase synergy internationally.

As the Clubs can leverage their small donations or giving to Foundation by three/ four times, promotion of donation to Foundation becomes easier and large amounts of funds can be mobilized by world-wide contributions.

For the time being let us leave aside how or why the contributions multiply as it is a subject of separate article, let us concentrate on areas of focus and other requirements. As it happens with any body that funds a project, it comes with some strings attached. The conditions are:

- Project outlay should exceed US \$ 30,000/-
- There must be an international partner Club participating in the Project.
- International partner Club and Rotary District to which the Club belongs, must contribute 30% or more of the total project outlay.
- Requirements or need analysis must be properly documented in Community Assessment Form.
- Outcome of the Project should be transformational. The project should be sustainable, i.e., beneficiaries should be able to maintain the activities after grant funding ends. Methodology for measurement of the outcome should be defined as per Project scope.
- Training should also be included as a part of Project scope.
- Almost all components of cost should be via firm quotations. On approval of the Project, the Purchase Orders should be issued according to quotes submitted or uploaded.

Strict requirements with respect to monitoring, reporting, follow-up, stewardship, fiscal discipline and close out.

All these procedural requirements make it a challenging engagement in Rotary, for the Rotarians planning to do serious social service. For others, it may put you off as a considerable hassle. As a conclusion I would say that every Rotarian must be involved in a GG Project every few years. You learn a lot at personal level while doing near-professional social service project for your community.

Contributed by PP Rtn Mukund Chiplunkar

Quiz Time...

Travel Bug, where are you ?



Can you identify this magnificent natural landmark?

Please send your answers to the editor on personal WhatsApp (9011059472). Names of winners would be published in the next issue of Bulletin.

A hint: This is in USA!!

Smile-a-while..

When in Spain.....



Afternoon siesta is a popular 'sport' in Spain!!
Does it strike a chord with Pune-kars?



Whatever your opinion about VIPs, this sign only means 'Doorway' for them in Spanish!!

The comeback is always stronger than setback