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*CLUB PRESIDENT* Rtn. Siddha D. Sardessai



Theme of the Month : HAND OVER The perfect Handover is when parents perform the "kanyadaan" ritual. In a deep meaning, a father is handing over responsibility of his daughter's happiness to his son-in-law.

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# CLUB PRESIDENT

Rtn. Siddha D. Sardessai 2022-2023

'm excited to be addressing you as your Club President in its Silver Jubilee Year on our monthly bulletin "the Dream". If you know me, you know I like making everything just a little bit fun. And if you don't know me, well, I hope you will come to know and love my approach to service - which is to do everything with a whole lot of energy & a smile.

One person may look at all that needs to be done in this world and feel overwhelmed. But when you are a Rotarian, you are never just one person. You have a whole team of Rotarians behind you! I want you to know that throughout my year as your President; and beyond, I will always be on your team. I will always be here to cheer you on. You want to make big changes, so do I - and together we can! I couldn't be more proud to be a Rotarian, working with all of you, every day, to meet the needs of others. However, sometimes the problems seem so big, it's hard to know where to start. How do we make the big changes needed to see a difference in our world?

We do it by changing ourselves. We do it by first changing our hearts, then our minds. And new actions will follow. We will lead by example. That is how we change the world. Change is never easy. However, once we recognize the need to change our hearts, we can change our minds. And then it happens.

We change. And we create change. This is how we make a difference in our world. Architects, Engineers, Doctors, Accountants, Businessmen and other professionals are hardwired to make things. But at Rotary, the concept of making things takes on a special meaning. We see the world a bit differently and work to make things better - and prove that a good idea combined with passion and motivation can lead to things that change the world.

Your support is affirmation that what we do here at Rotary Club of Panaji Mid-Town is important and worthy of recognition. If our 25-year legacy of Service above Self is indeed prologue, then our future looks bright. I look forward with great anticipation to see all that we can accomplish in the months to come. Rotary Club of Panaji Mid-Town is committed to actively raising the quality of life for the under-privileged since 1998 through its various community service projects. This Rotary year 2022-23 is our Silver Jubilee Year. The Club has 5 flagship projects:

#### SAKSHARTA

This is our education grants project. Rotary Scholars from professional colleges are recommended by their respective colleges and selected on the basis of merit by our committee and are supported upto their graduation.





#### **SUDHARTA**

This is our disability corrective surgery project where we admit patients with various forms of disability ranging from limb lengthening to congenital absence of tibia. Each patient undergoes numerous surgical operations to correct their physical defect and lead a normal life.

#### SAHAYATA

This is our Home Care Nursing School project in association with Matruchhaya. This is a 100% charity school. At Sahayata, youth are given free education & training, gainfully employed and raised to respected level in community. Your loved one can now get trained nursing care in the comfort of your home.





#### **SWACCHATA**

This is our Wash in Schools (WINS) project where we construct health and sanitation facilities to the students in schools. Toilet blocks and Washing units are being developed in schools that don't have these facilities.

#### SANJEEVANI

During this pandemic, we created a bank of 26 Oxygen Concentrators that are being lent to needy patients (even non-covid) for supporting them with handy oxygen. And now, we are increasing our scope by including wheelchairs, fowler beds, and other requisites to further the project and rechristen it as Sanjeevani.



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# **BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2022-2023**

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- President elect
- Vice President & Nominee
- Immediate Past President
- Secretary
- Joint Secretary
- Treasurer
- Sergeant-at-arms
- Silver Jub. Celebrations Chm. : Manoj Caculo

Silver Jub. Project Chm.

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- : Siddha Sardessai
- : Rajiv Shirodkar
- : Dattatray Kamat
- : Sunil Mone
  - : Sachin Bhandare
- : Kedar Kenkre
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- - : Milind Shankhwalkar
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: Shivan Desai

: Tanmay Kholkar

: Bhupesh Shah

: Rajesh Dessai

: Manu Anand

:Mahesh Patil

: Vasant Agshikar



# CLUB SECRETARY

Rtn. Sachin Bhandare 2022-2023

#### Namaskar,

y fellow Rotarians, Anns and the Friends of Rotary, it's been a moment of pride to take the responsibility of "Club Secretary" for its Silver Jubilee year. I am sure, the expectations are high but I am certain, with your support, we shall excel in all directions.

This year with young and experienced board we shall definitely make "IMAGINE ROTARY" theme of the year worth remembering with some unique cum innovative projects and grand fellowships. Being in the 25th year of our club we are not setting any targets to be in the race but whatever we accomplish through projects, participation and people, we are determined to touch hearts with difference.

Rotary

We celebrate Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav as Indians, let's come together to celebrate the Silver Jubilee year of our Club with the same spirit and enthusiasm. "Success is the sum of small efforts repeated day in and day out."



# Installation ceremony | 2 July 2022

The Installation Ceremony of Rtn Siddha Sardessai as the President and the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Panaji Mid-Town for the Silver Jubilee year 2022-23 was held at a glittering function on Saturday, 2nd July 2022 at Raythatha Hall, Panjim Gymkhana.

The Chief Guest for the ceremony was Ambassador Dr Deepak Vohra.

Speaking at the occasion, he highlighted how India has progressed over the years in the fields of climate change, energy and natural resources and today is being recognised by the other countries as a World leader. He stressed on the vision for India in 2025. "We are not Indians because we are born in India, but because India lives in us" he remarked. In his opening remarks, IPP Rtn Sunil Mone spoke about the highlights of his tenure while IPS Rtn Sanjiv Dessai presented a report of the activities for the Rotary year 2021-22.

President Rtn Siddha Sardessai expressed his honour to lead the Club in its Silver Jubilee year and mentioned that this is going to be a year of Celebration. "I look forward to an exciting year of service, which will witness enhancement of our projects and with every member getting more involved. I am confident that we will continue to do even better in our endeavour to serve the community. Let us, with renewed energy, take forward the legacy and mantra of 'Service Above Self'" he said.

Club Secretary Rtn Sachin Bhandare listed the programs scheduled for the month of July, while Rtn Milind Shankhwalker proposed the Vote of Thanks. The event was anchored by Annet Ananya Prabhu Verlekar and Annet Samah Sardessai.

We thank Rajesh Desai for hosting us a sumptuous dinner. The starters and buffet was delicious. Thanks also to Nandan Kudchadkar for sponsoring the much needed spirits. And to Manoj Caculo for sponsoring the Chief Guest's travel, to AuduthTimblo and Vincent Ramos of Taj Resort & Convention Center for hosting our Chief Guest, to Milind Shankhwalker for the printing of all artwork.

3 new members- Rahim Virani, Matin Naik & Bhargav Dessai were inducted into the Club. We conferred Honorary Membership on Dr. Deepak Vohra and Rtn Gaurish Shirodkar. And also re-conferred Honorary Membership on Srinivas Dempo, Nandan Kudchadkar, KL Rahul and Kirti Azad.

# New Members | 2 July 2022















President: Vaidehi Sawaikar



Secretary: Kannya Naik



Treasurer: Pauravi Dessai

### Installation of Interact club at Dr K B Hedgewar High school Cujira | 15 July 2022

Installation of the Interact Club President & BoD at Dr KB Hedgewar High School was held at the school premises in the presence of school Principal and coordinators on 15th July 2022. Ann Swati Shetye installed Ms Vaidehi Sawaikar as the President of the Interact Club. 20 students from Standards 8th and 9th have been enrolled into the Interact Club. All the members were pinned by the Anns of the Club. Interact club this year is a talented group having various skills in field of painting, drama, singing and sports. President informed about various projects like field trip, RYLA, interactive sessions that have been planned for the club



# Installation of Interact club at Our Lady of Rosary High School,

Dona Paula | 16 July 2022

Installation of the Interact Club President & BoD at Our Lady of the Rosary High School was held at the school premises in the presence of school Principal and coordinators on 16th July 2022. Ann Sheetal Karkare installed Ms Tasnim Nizami as the President of the Interact Club. 24 students from Standards 8th and 9th have been enrolled into the Interact Club. All the members were pinned by the Anns of the Club. President of the Interact club Ms Tasnim Nizami in her acceptance speech spoke about some of the projects which the club has planned for the year.



President: Tasnim Nizami



Secretary: Kezia Dias



Treasurer: Vivianna Ferrao

# Ideation session | 5 July 2022

The 2nd Weekly Meeting of the Club on 5th July, was an ideation Meeting where the President informed the Club on the focus and thrust areas of the Silver Jubilee Year envisaged by the team. The projects & events of the week gone by and the projects & events forthcoming were announced. Members were felicitated on their birthday & anniversary during the first two weeks of July. It was an interactive meeting where members gave their opinion and ideas on the Silver Jubilee Year activities.





#### Certification Ceremony of Sahayata | 12 July 2022

Certification Ceremony of the 13th and 14th batches of Sahayata Home Care Nursing Training Centre was held on 12th July 2022 at Terminal Banquets, Panaji. Chief Guest Shri Sadanand Shet Tanavade handed over the certificates of graduation to the 20 students.

#### Guest Speaker Arch Jimmy Devasia | 19 July 2022

At the 4th Weekly Meeting of the Club on 19th July, we invited Architect Jimmy Devasia to speak on "Sketching Urbanity". "When a comparatively tiny unique culture like ours receives intense attention from much larger cultures moving in, it is in imminent danger of being overwhelmed. In such times, it becomes important to remind ourselves as to what makes Goa, Goa, and try to reinforce it," he said. Members present were kept very enthralled by the sketches which depicted different moods, cultures, people and places.





#### Speaker Rtn Gaurish Kamat | 26 July 2022

"Where the needs of the world and your talent cross, there lies your vocation" Our own member, Rtn Gaurish Kamat was invited to speak on his Vocation at the 5th Weekly Meeting on 26th July. He briefed the members on his vocation and gave insights into his foray from one vocation to another and presented his upcoming Technology Park project at Verna.

#### Board Meeting:

The Board Meeting for the month of July was held on 29th July 2022 at 'The Yellow Chilli' at Dona Paula hosted by Rtn. Milind Shakwalkar and Rtn. Sachin Bhandare.

#### Trust Meeting:

The 1st Charitable Trust meeting of the rotary year 2022-2023 was held on 29th July 2022 at the office of Rtn. Siddha Sardessai



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President Rtn Siddha Sardessai of the Rotary Club of Panaji Mid-Town in his welcome address highlighted the 5 flagship projects of the Club namely Saksharta (Educational Grants to deserving students), Sudharta (Disability Corrective Surgery Project), Sahayata (Home Care Nursing), Swachhata (Providing Sanitation Facilities) and Sanjeevani (Healthcare equipments to needy patients).

Project Chair for Sahayata, Rtn Santosh Shetye gave insights into the working of Sahayata while Dr Shashikala Sahakari informed about the role of Matruchaya and Rugnashray.

Shri Sadanand Shet Tanavade in his address praised the efforts of Rotary Club of Panaji Mid-Town where people unite and take action to create lasting change in the World.

Matruchhaya's Sahayata Home Care Nursing Training Centre, is a community service project initiated by Rotary Club of Panaji Mid-Town in partnership with Matruchhaya



Trust & corporates supporting community development. The school gives training in Home Care Nursing to eligible students free of cost. This is a 6-month residential course & includes 3 months of practical training at Goa Medical College. Minimum eligibility to join the course is 8th Standard pass & students must be between 18 years to 45 yrs of age. On completion of course 100% placement is assured.

Rtn Milind Shankhwalker proposed the Vote of Thanks.





# Lunch for the inmates of Sneh Mandir | 01 July 2022

Great Beginnings start with Auspicious Blessings. As we geared up for the Club's Silver Jubilee year, we started by seeking blessings of the elderly inmates and hosting a lunch at Sneh Mandir, an old age home at Bandora. There are 87 inmates along with 83 staff, volunteers and nursing students. A basket of fruits was also handed



over to the organization. Rtn Siddha Sardessai and Rtn Milind Shankwalkar sponsored the event.

#### Mahila Ashram Anjuna 12 July 2022

Fresh vegetables and fish was donated to Gomantak Mahila Ashram at Anjuna. We have invited our members to donate food supplies on the occasion of birthdays or any special days in the family. Rtn Rajiv Shirodkar donated on the birthday of his mother. Gomantak Mahila Ashram is a Trust serving the aged women and aiming towards their rehabilitation, ensuring independency through various initiatives. Total strength of the Ashram is 35 including 28 inmates.



#### **Ration supplies to National Association for the Blind**

The Club has initiated a project to supply continuous rations to the National Association for the Blind (NAB) of a value of Rs. 5,000/- per month. Members have come forward to donate the same. This month Rtn Ashok Menon donated on the occasion of Ann Anitha Menons birthday, also Rtn Anand Palan donated towards the same.





### Annual Tree Plantation drive | 10 July 2022

The members of Rotary Club of Panaji Mid-Town planted 40 saplings at Dabhal on 10th July. These saplings will be managed and nurtured by NV Ecofarm. 39 pax of the Midtowners family attended The Tree Plantation Drive.



The project was followed by fellowship and lunch hosted by Ann Smita and Rtn Mahesh Patil at their farm. Everyone enjoyed taking a dip in the natural stream and the adventures like zip line and rock climbing among others.



We thank Ann Smita & Rtn Mahesh Patil for being wonderful hosts. Thank you to all those who participated with great enthusiasm.





Rotary Club of Panaji Mid-Town brings to you a Photography Contest in association with Prasad Pankar's CMYK Academy of Photography. This is an Opportunity for Photographers to shoot cover photographs for our Monthly Bulletin "the Dream".

The theme for each month and the Contest Rules are attached herewith. The winning photograph along with the name of the Photographer will be featured on the cover page of "the Dream".

The winner will receive a certificate, a gift voucher and a free-course at the CMYK Academy of Photography.

So what are you waiting for? Pick up your Lens and shoot.



For more details, email: DreamCoverPic@gmail.com or WhatsApp: 73788 51217

# Photography contest for the cover page of The Dream Magazine

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#### Mementos

This year, in the spirit of giving and community service, our Club has decided to do something different. The Club is adopting the practice of gifting a menstrual hygiene kit to a Girl Child in rural area on behalf of each Guest Speaker at our weekly meeting or any event of the club as part of our endeavour to Empower a Girl Child. Instead of a token memento, the Guest Speaker will receive a certificate stating the same. This campaign was initiated at our 3rd weekly meeting. Chief Guest Shri Sadanand Shet Tanavade and Special Guest Dr Shashikala Sahakari were handed over a Certificate of Appreciation mentioning the same



### Felicitations to Chartered Accountants on CA Day 1 July 2022

On 1st of July, 6 Chartered Accountants of the Rotary Club of Panaji Midtown's family (Rotarians, Anns & Annets) were felicitated on the occasion of Chartered Accountants' Day. President, Secretary & Vocational Service Director Rtn Ashok Menon visited their homes/workplace and felicitated them with a Certificate. Rtn Ashish Verlekar, Ann Swati Shetye, Rtn Kedar Kenkre, Ann Gauri Kenkre, Annet Tanvi Parekh and Mr Anup Borkar were felicitated.







# Felicitations to Doctors on Doctors Day | 1 July 2022

11 Doctors of the Rotary Club of Panaji Midtown's family (Rotarians, Anns & Annets) were felicitated on the occasion of Doctors' Day on 1st July. President, Secretary along with Vocational Service Director Rtn Ashok Menon visited their homes/workplace and felicitated them with a Certificate.

Rtn Vinaykumar Pai Raikar, Rtn Deepchand Bhandare, Ann Dalia Bhandare, Ann Seema Sud, Ann Smruti Desai, Ann Tosha Kurade, Annet Neel Lawande, Annet Nazlene Vas, Annet Aishwarya Menon, Annet Bhumika Chabbra and Annet Anushka Adwalparkar were felicitated



#### D G Installation:

We attended Rtn Venkatesh Deshpande's installation as District Governor at Belgaum on 3rd July 2022

#### Jashn-e-Josh

We attended the event at Pune on 22nd July 2022 where R | President Jennifer E Jones was the Chief Guest





#### Ladies Nite | 16-17 July 2022

Ladies Nite was held over the weekend of 16-17 July at Mercure Goa Devaaya Retreat- a luxury resort located on the pristine island of Divar. Saturday Nite saw a solo band performance by Imtiyaz which brought out the dancing shoes of all members. Sunday morning was spent in exploring the scenic village while visiting the heritage places around the island. 65 members of

the Midtown family had a great time bonding with each other. We look forward to many more events like this. Missed all those who could not make it, hope to see you all for all future events.



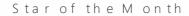
### Teams

This year, we have created 4 Teams within the club, namely - Team Harris, Team Loehr, Team Schiele and Team Shorey. The names denote the names of the 4 founders of Rotary. Teams have been devised to promote team spirit and a sense of belonging to the club and to infuse the member with the spirit of camaraderie, cohesion and competitiveness. Points are given for attendance, contribution and participation. Every month, the Team Standings are announced and a Rotary cap given to the Leader of the Team. We have noticed a sharp increase in attendance and participation.



# The scores for the month of July:







Rtn. Rajesh Dessai

Star of the Month is awarded to a member who participates and contributes to the Club in a big way. A pin in the shape of a star is given to the member who is declared a Star of the Month. This is creating a good buzz & members are keen to stand out and be counted. Rtn Rajesh Desai was declared Star of the month for July.

# Single-use plastic ban campaign | 15 July 2022

Government has imposed a ban on single-use plastics on items ranging from straws to cigarette packets to combat worsening pollution in a country whose streets are strewn with waste. On account of the same Rotary club of Panaji Mid-town have partnered with the Goa State Pollution Control Board and Mahavir Plastics for a campaign against the Single Use Plastic. Our logo is prominently seen on the posters that adorn the electricity poles at the Tourist places near Old Goa



#### **Public Image: (Print Media)**

We received good publicity on social as well as print media for the Installation Ceremony and the Certification Ceremony of the 13th & 14th Batches of Sahayata Home Care Nurses.







Chairman of EDC Ltd, Sadarand Shet Taravade handing over the certificate of graduation to one of the students of Matruchhayo's Sahapita Home Care Nursing Training Centre.

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# Certificates given to students of home care nursing



# BULLETIN EDITOR



Rtn. Mahesh Patil 2022-2023

his is a milestone year for Rotary Club of Panaji Midtown as it being a silver jubilee year for us. We had glorious 24 years serving the community with a legacy of Service above Self. The relentless striving and incredible achievements of the past presidents and their teams, has reached to this stage of not only successful completion of two and half decades but emerged as one of the most vibrant and respected club in the district.

Incoming president rolling out his own magnificent plan for the forthcoming year with a sense of vigour and excitement and special events for the silver jubilee year. I'm sure all the members are excited for the celebration line-up though the year.

The year began with a glittering installation ceremony and followed by tree plantation and ladies night which was an overnight stay. This edition of The Dream highlights the projects undertaken to begin the Silver Jubilee year with a bang. An action packed month and newer initiatives have brought us all together and I'm sure that coming together is just the beginning of a magnificent year in our Club's Silver Jubilee year.

This year we have organised a

photography contest for the cover page of The Dream magazine in association with Prasad Pankar's CMYK academy of Photography and Winning photograph of the competition will be featured on the cover page. So as you see, the cover will feature very creative photographs based on the theme of the month. I request all to participate and get an opportunity to feature on the cover page.

Finally, as the editor, with the support and the push of the President and Secretary, I would like to take The Dream magazine to greater heights. My sincere thanks for this incredible opportunity.



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