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Theme of the Month :
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Those who help in building our infrastructure that fuels our economic growth are the real community builders. Rotary needs to come forward to help these construction workers and provide sustainable solutions to poverty

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CLUB PRESIDENT

Rtn. Siddha D. Sardesai
2022-2023

Rotary Club of Panaji Mid-Town is deeply saddened by the passing away of our Charter member and Past-President Rtn Keshav Kamat, who was affectionately called Babu. Just last month, he initiated the Club's Women Empowerment projects through the Smita Keshav Kamat Charitable Trust. He has been doing this consistently for the last decade spending over a lakh of rupees every year.

Babu passed away with a massive cardiac arrest while having lunch at a restaurant. Unfortunately we don't have any trained personnel in public places that can administer first aid and try to save lives. Cardiac Arrest can happen to people at any time or place; they must be treated immediately. If CPR (Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation) is performed immediately, it can double or triple the chance of survival from an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest.

In memory of loving Babu Kamat, the Club has initiated a project of training citizens for CPR. Cardiac Arrest is witnessed by a bystander in approximately 37% of cases. That bystander could be you! Being trained in CPR provides the knowledge, confidence and skills to stay calm in a medical emergency and help a person in need. Ordinary people can do extraordinary things when they have the skills, confidence and bravery to step-up and help a stranger in need!

This project aims to train individuals like you and me and make them prepared to make a difference in their community by being ready to jump into action anywhere a cardiac arrest happens. We will be training our Rotary family and a few friends of Rotary who are always around to help.

In addition a certification program in CPR will be conducted to a couple of employees from restaurants, hotels,

offices and shops. Workplace safety is vital for any business, to ensure help is available in the workplace if a Cardiac Arrest should occur. When workers have First Aid and CPR training, they help reduce workplace accidents and can even save lives at work. Investing in CPR training for employees shows workers that the company cares about their health and well-being.

You will live on in our lives and hearts Babu.

November will see the Grand all-Goa inter-school quiz competition. We have received a good response so far and we look forward to an awesome never-before-seen contest that will be at par with any highly reputed quiz competition. With Annet Sanat Pai Raikar as our Quiz Master, I am sure that the Final Glow Rotary Quiz Bowl Goa will be a must-participate calendar event of any quiz loving student.

So let's gear up to embrace November

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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.



SWACHHATA - 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.



THE FOUR-WAY TEST of the things we think, say or do

- Is it the TRUTH?
- Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- Will it build GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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CLUB SECRETARY

Rtn. Sachin Bhandare
2022-2023

As we embarked in the second quarter of this Rotary Year, we looked back at the quarter that ran so quickly. With meetings and projects we even tried to get our extended family together with a family events every month as well as some trips like the ladies night to the trip on INS Vikramaditya. I would like to thank you all for the response and help we received from one and all for the first quarter and m definitely looking the same and more for upcoming months.

"Big things often have small beginnings" 2nd quarter of our Rotary year began with a slow note. A month with not many activities, not many projects but it was a good time for us as a team to focus on areas need to work upon and build a strong base for our upcoming events and projects.

Our eye camp for the men on wheels from Kadamba Transport Corporation and an eye opener discussion with Dr R Venkadesh, on neglected health aspects was enlightening. In both we could know the necessities and requisites in our daily life's.

October a month to begin with festivities, the time for our annual Diwali Dhamaka, a time to meet and greet the extended families. And this time too, we did well by hosting a grand event to welcome the festival of Diyas with traditional dresses and colorful flower decore. Moving ahead, what better way it could be it than to present loads of fruit baskets to Matruchaya and Sneh Mandir as a token of love.

I would like to share my experience for this month to you. As Rotarians we do many things to help those in need. Recently I supplied an oxygen

concentrator to a needy from our OC bank. I could see the fear, desperation and helplessness in the person right from the time a request was made for the same till the delivery. But once the concentrator was delivered and demo'ed I could see a sigh of relief and hope. At the patients service was a hospital bed with "Rotary Club of Panaji Mid-Town" label which made me feel proud and happy to see our work reaching to the needy when in agony.

We have grand things lined up in coming months, from All Goa Quiz Competition for schools to CPR training for various sections of community to celebrating world Disability day with a different fervor. Requesting all and one to be a part in the journey. "Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much."

Club Assembly | 4 October 2022

15th Weekly Meeting was a Club assembly and held at Terminal Banquet hall on 4th October at Terminal Banquets. Discussions and decisions taken up in the BOD meeting held of the month September were informed to the members. Projects and events planned for the month of October were intimated. Team standings along with STAR of the MONTH were announced for the month of September.



Guest speaker – Dr R Venkadesh 11 October 2022

16th Weekly meeting was held on 11th October at Terminal Banquets. The Guest Speaker at the occasion was Dr. R. Venkadesh (Sr Physiotherapist) who spoke on "Well-being and Physiotherapy". He appraised the crowd on the different aspects of postures to various techniques to correct the same. The members were overwhelmed with the Guest speaker practically guiding at normal flaws that are seen in the patients and are at times neglected. Dr Venkadesh in his presentation touched upon techniques of physiotherapy and corrective measures.



Diwali Dhamaka | 18 October 2022

17th weekly meeting was held as Diwali get together - a family event. It was the best time for the Rotarians and their families to meet, greet and enjoy the evening. DJ made attendees tap their toes. The members dressed colourfully in traditional Indian costumes made sure the event was there to be remembered for many. Monthly cake cutting was held at the function.



Board Meeting:

4th board meeting was held at Copperleaf restaurant on 21st October to review the months activities carried for the month of October and to decide on the plans for the month of November.

Weekly Meeting

Weekly Meeting of 25th October 2022 was cancelled on account of Diwali celebrations.



All Goa Drawing & Painting Competition by Disha Charitable Trust: | 1 October 2022

All Goa Drawing & Painting Competition was held on 1st of October at Club Tennis de Gaspar Dias. RC Panaji Mid-Town along with other clubs and business houses hosted the competition. 30 special schools and nearly 400 students participated in the event coming from every nook and corner of Goa. Students participated in the competition were from various special schools across Goa. The competition was held in categories from group-1 to group-6 wherein children colouring and imagination was tested to drawing to the sceneries and nature. Mayor of

Corporation of City of Panaji Shri Rohit Monserrate was the Chief Guest at the occasion and Commissioner for Disabilities (Govt of Goa) Shri Guru Pawaskar was the Guest of Honour.

It was amazing to see the childrens imagination with respect to the colour, outlook towards their surrounding. There was entertainment in the form of Bubble Show, Mascots and Dancing organised for the children at the Prize Distribution. The students loved dancing with the mascots Mickey and Minnie.



DG Appreciation Awards

8 October 2022

We attended the DG Appreciation Awards "Prashansa" held at Taleigao Community Center on 8th October 2022 where our club received 17 awards as under:

- Excellence in Community Service
- Excellence in Public Image
- Excellence in Club Service
- Excellence in Youth Service
- Excellence in Club Bulletin
- Excellence in Vocational Service
- Rtn Santosh Shetye- Assistant Governor
- Rtn Sunil Mone- Club President
- Rtn Sanjiv Desai- Club Secretary
- Rtn Bhupesh Shah- Club Service - Inter & Intra district Friendship Exchange
- Rtn Milind Shankhwalkar- Club Service – Membership
- Rtn Sandip Nadkarni- Community Service - Environment Protection
- Rtn Sandip Nadkarni- Community Service - Water Management & Rain Water Harvest
- Rtn Mahesh Patil- Community Service - Tree Plantation
- Rtn Manohar Atchut Kamat- Community Service - TEACH E-Learning
- Rtn Charles Damian Bonifacio- Community Service - Task Force Chair
- Rtn Dr Deep Bhandare- Community Service - Polio & Disability Corrective Surgeries

A big shout out to IPP Rtn Sunil Mone and IPS Rtn Sanjiv Desai and the team that deservedly received the appreciation at the hands of IPDG Rtn Gaurish Dhond for the exemplary work carried out in the Rotary year 2021-22.





Eye Check up for employees of Kadamba Transport: | 11 October 2022

An eye check up camp in association with all the Rotary clubs of Panaji (Rotary Panaji Parivar) and ASG Eye hospital was conducted at the Department of Transport Office, Panaji. Check up was held for mainly

the bus drivers of the corporation. About 125 drivers and workers of Kadamba Transport Corporation were checked primarily for the eyesight. The drivers who need further medical attention were identified and have

been asked to visit the hospital for further tests and follow ups.





Diwali Dhamaka

Club's Diwali Dhamaka has always been colourful & fun. And this year too it was an evening to meet and greet the members for our Midtowners family, recollect the past sweet memories and welcome the beginning of festive season.

The members, Anns and Annets came all set to party with eye-catching attires'. Anns dressed in vibrant Sarees to Chudidars to match Rotarians rich Kurtas. The venue was well lit with Diya's everywhere and Marigold strings being hung all across, making it a perfect setting for Diwali nite.

DG appreciation certificates were presented to last year's Board members for their dedication to serve for the change. Some of the members along with IPP Rtn Sunil Mone were nostalgic while receiving the certificate as Sunil Mone Re-iterated his experiences working with shoulder to shoulder with them.

Club's Samuhik cake cutting ceremony is an event in itself. Members, anns and annets cut a customary cake with the members of their extended families. A special toast was raised for Rtn Babu

Kamat, remembering him and celebrating his life and times in Rotary.

Specially crafted Diyas made by special students of Disha Charitable Trust were given to the attendees as a return gift for the festival season.

“ There is now a great,
silent and deep void in
the Rotary Club of
Panaji Mid-Town ”

|| Om Shanthi ||



Rtn Keshav (Babu) Kamat
Charter Member
President, 2000-2001



SA SHARTA

EDUCATION SUPPORT PROJECT

A life changer

We present here an article from Nikhil Naik, one of the Rotary scholars from 2005-2009 batch. The article is reproduced verbatim in his own words to capture emotions of the scholar. The reader will appreciate how the Rotary scholarship changed the life of the Rotary scholar by allowing him to focus on academics freeing him from the stress of monies to fund his education. The article also brings out the multiplier effect of the scholarship on changing the life of the kin and the community.

The fees of the Nikhil's education were sponsored by Shivanand Salgaocar, an industrialist from our state.

It was time when I passed out my 12 std examination with flying colours in 2005 and everyone looked at me with a hope to achieve something big. My family wanted me to become doctor and few others dreamt of scientists. I personally had a love for computers and magic of computation had triggered my curious mind to know more how it actually works. With high hopes I went ahead with engineering in computer science as my career.

In all these dreams I had to look back at my financial condition. My father was driver in Kadamba. He met with accident disabling both of his legs and couldn't work. My mother was housewife. With three siblings we were growing with monthly pension of my father. My dreams of engineering could put big burden on my father. In this situation I didn't know how to move ahead to pay high fees of engineering.

I decided to apply for Scholarship and my college introduced me to Rotary club Scholarship. Me and 2 other classmates were selected by our principal Narsimha Rama Somyaji, who later presented our case to Rotary Club and Vijay sir for scholarship. Vijay sir being a kind person met us personally to know more about our background and family and finally approved our scholarship. It was a ray of hope for my dreams to come true. Rotary club gave me full scholarship for my all education needs. Worry of economic condition faded from face and I moved with full confidence. I could participate in college level activities

without worry. I didn't want to lose this once in life opportunity and studied well with full focus. This great help boosted my confidence, it reflected in campus interviews and engineering percentile. I got placed in Indias leading software company TCS in 2008 and passed out engineering degree in year 2009 with 66%.

My engineering journey equally boosted confidence in my siblings. My sister completed B.Com to achieve her dreams. My brother completed ITI in machinist and was later selected to work in multinational company in Abu Dhabi. One of my cousin completed ship building course and working in MPT.

After this I was fortunate to work in multiple Investment Banking companies like Goldman Sachs, HSBC and Barclays. Currently I am working in Barclays Investment Bank as assistant vice president. This was all possible for me because of confidence given by Rotary scholarship. Thank you Rotary club and Vijay sir.

Nikhil Naik
(Rotary Scholar)

MISCELLANEOUS:

Release of Club's Monthly Bulletin "THE DREAM"

The Club's Monthly Bulletin "THE DREAM" was released at the hands of Honorary Member Rtn Nandan Kudchadkar at the 17th Weekly Meeting held on 18th October 2022.



Samuhik Cake Cutting

A samuhik cake cutting function was organised for the Rotarians, Anns & Annets who celebrate their birthdays in October and a gift given to the birthday boys by Lounge Terminal at the family meeting held on 18th October 2022.



DG Appreciation Awards

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District Literacy Seminar - Sakshratay 2022-23

We attended the District Literacy Seminar - Sakshratay 2022-23 for Goa Clubs held at Terminal Banquets on 16th October 2022.

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THE Joy of Giving

ANNADATA | 21 August 2022

The basic need of a human being is food. Rotary Club of Panaji Mid-Town initiated Project Annadata to provide monthly ration support to organizations that are working for the under-privileged section of the society. As of now, we have two organizations with us: National Association for the Blind and Keshav Seva Sadhana.



Monthly ration supplies to Keshav Seva Sadhana, Bethoda

The Club has initiated to supply continuous rations to Keshav Seva Sadhana, Bethoda of a value of Rs. 10,000/- per month. Friend of Rotary- Adv Nitin Sardessai has committed to donate Rs. 5,000/- per month for a period of one year. Our Club members have committed to match the contribution so that the amount doubles up. This month, along with the contribution from Adv Nitin, Rtn Gauresh Nayak donated for the Rations.



Monthly ration supplies to National Association for the Blind (NAB)

The Club has initiated 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, and this month Rtn Bhupesh Shah donated for the rations.

Fruitful Diwali at Sneh Mandir

On the occasion of Diwali, the Club donated fruits to the inmates of the old age home at Sneh Mandir in Ponda. Bananas, Papaya, Oranges and Apples were handed over to the managing committee on 28 October 2022.



Fruitful Diwali at Matruchhaya

On the occasion of Diwali, the Club donated fruits to the inmates of the orphanage at Matruchhaya in Ponda. Bananas, Papaya, Oranges and Apples were handed over to the managing committee on 28 October 2022.



Mackerel Curry (Bangdyachi Uddamethi)

Ingredients - mackerel (3-4)

Coconut-1

Haldi powder-1/2tsp

Red chillies 3

Udad dal

Methi seeds

Pepper corns-3-4

Raw rice -small tspoon

Oil

Onion -2

Method:-

Heat oil in a pan then fry pepper corns, udad dal methi seeds & raw rice for smtime

Then remove this in a plate then in same oil add onion & coconut & roast it well after this grind this to a smooth paste with little tamarind

Next heat a pan add oil & fry one onion til golden brown then add haldi chilli powder & fry for smtime add sm salt to it then add water & let it boil.

Then add the ground paste & add fish to it & let it boil add salt according to taste

& It's ready to serve.



Ann Madhavi Kamat



International trip to Croatia

Croatia had been on my travel list ever since my brother had been to the country in 2017. I was in awe of the beautiful pictures and scenic view of the country. When my parents told me about the Rotary trip to Croatia, I was a little sceptical, but agreed to join them. And I have to say, I'm glad I did.

On our flight from Frankfurt to Dubrovnik, the view from the Airplane window itself was phenomenal. Blue waters with yachts cruising past, countless beautiful islands, limestone mountains, cliffs and bays.

Our first city was Dubrovnik. A quiet little city with a very rich historical heritage. Our Hotel was right at the city centre, and everything was

walking distance for us.

The evening we landed, we went for a stroll to the Sunset beach. We walked along the trail of limestone houses, spotting picture perfect spots and alleys, and watched the beautiful sunset over the Adriatic Sea. We witnessed the sun slowly setting over the horizon, giving the whole beach a golden hue, with rockets zooming past in the sky. It was gorgeous!

We visited the Old town of Dubrovnik. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is known as the Pearl of the Adriatic. A wealth of sites lies within the walls of the pedestrian-only Old Town. There is a sense of awe which descends when you set eyes on the beauty of the old town. The city's limestone streets, baroque

buildings and the endless shimmer of the Adriatic.

This old town is a very famous filming location. So many movies and TV series, right from James Bond to Star Wars have been shot here. My all time favourite television series, Game of Thrones was also shot here. For me, I was in King's Landing! And I couldn't be happier. It was one thing off my bucket list. Some of us went for the GoT tour, which covered everything from the Red keep to Cersie's Walk of Shame. We went to the Fort Lovrijenac, which had the most incredible view of the whole town of Dubrovnik. It was breath taking.

We enjoyed day trips to the countries of Bosnia and Montenegro. We



visited many small cities with magnificent histories. We went to the Bay of Kotor via an enjoyable boat, spotting the Lady of the Rocks. All thanks to Suchi aunty for this excellent suggestion. Kotor in Montenegro was a beautiful city as well. Street entertainers with their guitar, old churches, pizza places and cute boutique stores. It had it all. The men also happened to find a boutique store with the perfect white shirts there, courtesy Nandan uncle! We also spotted the famous city walls. Mostar in Bosnia had old town Turkey vibes. With mosques, and add the historic bridge of Mostar. The cuisine over here was different from the rest of the cities we visited. It was mostly mouth-watering kebabs and pita bread. Street shopping here was fun. I bought a bunch of trinkets and aesthetic mosaic items here.

The second city we stayed at was the city of Split. It is the second largest city in Croatia, is a mix of modern life and ancient history. Split is the party and tourism capital of Croatia.

The highlight of Split is the Diocletian Palace. It was built as the retirement home for Roman Emperor Diocletian in fourth century AD. This is also a UNESCO site. It's not just a Palace or a museum, this is the city's living heart. It forms about half the Old Town of Split! Its labyrinthine streets

are packed with people, bars, shops and restaurants. The narrow streets hide passageways and courtyards – some deserted and eerie, others thumping with music from bars and cafes – while residents hang out their clothes overhead, kids kick footballs against the ancient walls, and people sit in their windows watching the action below. It was literally 'living in a palace'.

One of our best nights in Croatia was in the Palace courtyard. Sitting on the courtyard steps outside the palace church, enjoying the soft live music, and sipping our drinks. We even danced on the music, and taught the Croatian locals Garba, courtesy Sneha aunty and my mom. It was indeed an amazing evening!

We also visited Hvar Island. The journey from Split to Hvar, on the cruise ship had its own charm. It's a well known fact that the water quality in Croatia has been the top in Europe for years. The waters off the coast of Hvar are in a league of their own, with crystal clear water brushing pristine beaches. The Hvar town is one of the most picturesque towns I have ever seen. There is no count to the number of photos we took there! Pathways lined with lavender vines leading to secluded coves, houses with their own vineyards, all worthy of exploration. Hvar had one of the

greatest wines made in Croatia. I will not forget the fun we had while playing Lagori at the Fort in Hvar.

Another unique experience we came across is the Sea organ in Zadar. It is an architectural experimental musical instrument, which plays music by way of sea waves and tubes located underneath a set of large marble steps. Witnessing the beautiful sunset, while hearing the music created by the waves was truly peaceful. We also enjoyed the trippy Sun Salutation light show at Zadar, created by solar energy captured during the day by solar panels. We turned it into our own little disco, starring Mr Yatin Parekh, in lead role, and Vini Keni as director.

The best place we visited in Croatia was the Plitvice Lakes National Park. It was remarkably beautiful and a real Croatian jewel. Stunning landscapes, beautiful pathways, lakes, cascades, waterfalls, it was a wonderful experience! Though we did not get to witness the waterfall at its peak season, the park itself was incredible.

Our last city in Croatia was Zagreb! The capital of Croatia. This was my favourite city. Because it was finally cold! It was the only city where we could use the jackets we got with us. Not only that, the hustle bustle of this city was different from the rest. We took the tramway to go to the city centre from our hotel, where the most interesting restaurants, bars and shopping areas were. On our city tour day, it even rained here. But it just made everything a little more beautiful.

Food in Croatia was amazing! Right from lamb steaks to seafood platters, we tried it all. The seafood in particular was delicious. Mussels, raw oysters, their gigantic prawns, black risottos, the food was amazing. And

of course, the bread with olive oil. Croatia had a variety of olive oils. Croatians can't do without it! One of our favourite restaurants, and I'm sure everyone would agree was Fish Bar in Dubrovnik, where Smita aunty celebrated her birthday. I especially loved the ambience of this place. Dining under the orange trees. Split had some incredible restaurants as well. Curry bowl, the Sri Lankan restaurant in Zagreb is also worth mentioning! Our go-to option when we were missing our Indian flavours a bit too much.

Croatia is famous for its dry wines. The alcohol percentage in Croatian wines go up to almost 25%. One of the best wines we tasted there was the Grappa wine and the Plavac Mali. We visited the Brakovic Winery, where we tried various local house wine, served with crackers, cheese and olive oil. I personally loved the Wine Liqueur! Prasad uncle had the best variety of wines in Croatia. So the best person to take advice from!

Our bus journeys were entertaining as well, right from our impromptu singing sessions, to storytelling, to the personal jokes, to Allen, our guide's stories about Croatian culture, politics and history, to the many many special snacks all the way from India, accompanied by mini fellowships. Even the scenic views from the bus ride were mesmerising.

Everyone on the trip brought something to the table. A special mention to Nandan uncle for making the special itinerary and making sure everyone has a good time. Prasad uncle for the informative talks and the laughs. Ranjana aunty for her singing and dancing. Manoj uncle for entertaining us at the evening fellowships. All the incredible singers on the bus ride, including Ashok Menon uncle and Manohar uncle. All the photographers, including Rajiv uncle, Bonnie uncle and my dad. A

special thanks to Vini Aunty for entertaining us and making all of us pose for her reels! Everyone definitely enjoyed their moment of fame. For those of you who haven't seen our reels, check out the Sareespeak Instagram page!

Bhupesh Uncle deserves a round of applause for planning this trip so well! I really appreciate the thoughtfulness with which he planned the itinerary. It catered to everyone. Allen, our tour guide, was delightful, and so informative. He kept us entertained the whole time. We were very lucky to have someone so experienced, friendly and knowledgeable. He told us everything we needed to know about the rich heritage and dynamic culture of the places we went to. Not to forget, our bus driver Drego, ever smiling and always helpful! Everything was well organised and well managed.

On a closing note, I would like to add an interesting fact which most people won't be aware of. According to historical sources, there is connection between Goa and Croatia. Centuries ago the Croatian city of Dubrovnik was a prominent trading town and in the quest for textiles and spices, traders from Dubrovnik made their way to Goa, eventually forming a

little colony and building their own Church. It was the quest for Indian spices and textiles that brought traders from Dubrovnik to Goa. They settled where the Gandaulim village stands today. This was in the 1500s. The Church they built was a replica of the original St. Blaise Church back in their hometown of Dubrovnik. The Church in Goa, which also includes a bell brought from Dubrovnik, still stands. Interesting, right?

All along the Croatian coastline, we saw various bays and well developed marinas. Hoping to see something on those lines in Goa soon. It will definitely help to boost tourism activities here.

Limestone buildings with pretty foliage, orange trees, gelato places, aesthetic restaurants and cafes, and the scenic beauty! From dreamy islands to the pebbled beaches and the beautiful national park, Croatia was indeed beautiful. This was my first trip with the Rotary club. And I thoroughly enjoyed myself! Everyone was so kind and always ready to help. The Rotary club not a Club, it's a family. I had heard it before, but experienced it for the first time. Thanks everyone, for making my trip to Croatia so memorable!

Tanvi Parekh



Team

Once again with a wafer thin margin, this month saw Team Shorey maintain their lead for the second month in tandem. We expect the other teams now to charge themselves up to be in the reckoning. The team culture has been promoting team spirit and a sense of belonging to the club and to infuse the members with the spirit of camaraderie, cohesion and competitiveness.

Harris	Loehr	Schiele	Shorey
Shivan Desai	Mahesh Patil	Dhruv Madan	Ashok Menon
Ameet Suctancar	Anand Patil	Ajit Dahi	Ben Saldanha
Dinar Tarcar	Ashish Worlekar	Buddha Mangulkar	Bhargav Desai
DW Kamat	Bhupesh Shah	Jahangir Taleyarkhan	Deep Bhadare
Ganesh Ishwar	Charles Bonifacio	Jee Manjarambas	Gavind Tiwari
Gaurish Kamat	Gajanan Karkare	Madhura Nemkar	Jacob John
Haroon Ibrahim	Gaurish Nayak	Matin Naik	Jagmohan Chhabra
Ilyas Naroo	Girish Raghav	Manoj Cacake	Manohar Kamat
Kedar Dhume	Kedar Konkre	Neelam	MG Chandrashekar
Keshav Kamat	Mahesh Adwalpalkar	Namita Tripathi	Nilesh Desai
Kiran Shirsat	Manu Anand	Nararathi Vaz	Prasad Koni
Milind Shankhwalkar	Prakash Kapadia	Nilesh Lawande	Rajesh Dessai
Rahim Virani	Sangra Desai	Nilesh Sawade	Rajiv Chandan
Rajiv Shirodkar	Shekhar Sardesai	Nitesh Nadi	RD Bhide
Sumit Sethia	Suraj Kudchadkar	R Ashok	Sandeep Nadkarni
Tanmay Kholkar	Vijay Hede	Sandeep Mukherjee	Sangam Kulkarni
Vasant Agshikar	Vinaykumar Raihar	Sandeep Wankar	Santosh Shetye
Yogesh Nadkarni	Vinendra Mehta	Santosh Moha	Tushar Sawkar
		Vinaykumar	Yatin Parekh

The scores for the month of October:



Star of the Month



Rtn Bhupesh Shah

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 Bhupesh Shah was declared Star of the month for October.

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Fellow Rotarians

This month of October is for Economic and community development.

Rotary has always lent a helping hand to all those who approached them with genuine needs. Be it

educational institutions who didn't have enough funds to raise their infrastructure for the benefit of the students or intellectually brilliant students who couldn't afford to pay fees for a better professional course in any educational institution. Rotary has always uplifted the community and moved with the times.

The personal hygiene and sanitation programs with schools through our WINS project under SWACHATA has got a good response from school authorities and the happy students. The corporates who

helped us achieve this through their CSR activities too benefit from this contribution to the society at large.

Many students who are unable to pay their professional college fees are helped by rotary through their Saksharta project who in turn contribute and aid more students to be independent.

On this happy note I take your leave. Until next month be safe and make a change in another's life

With best compliments



Better Everyday